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11-2-6, Dasappa hills

11/12
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Vizakhapatnam - 3. AP

Dear Mr Aaseesh,

It was nice meeting you all once again
in Coimbatore. This is basically to renew my
invitation to you all to visit Vizag hills, at
your convenience.

I am seriously contemplating to work
Bonde hills, Ramgiri/udaygiri hills in Orissa, together
with Tikergara forests - all of which I saw earlier
and feel useful, from Zoo-geographic point of view.
If sponsorship is not possible, few of us can pool up
resources. I shall keep you posted.

I wanted to buy your Bibliography
and Hyd survey report. Pl let me know the
price & postage etc.

More in my leisurely next letter.

Yours really
Jey

P.S.D

① Do you have list of birds collected by SDR & party in Southern AP?

② pl elaborate basis for inclusion of Eurastopodus!

Was at my letter. If my memory is right, one of us (SDR/SA/Sahid/SS) heard the same form Wangasara - An un-confirmed sight record! Was there any other record? pl ~~to~~ let me know.

(I would have certainly included it, myself!)

James

Ref. Yours: Dt. 4-12-96.

10 December, 1996

Mr. K S R Krishna Raju
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Dear Krishna Raju,

Thanks a lot for your above mentioned letter, which I received today. At the outset, please call me Aasheesh. No 'Mr.' or anything else, and I (if I may) would like to call you as above.

Your invitation to visit Visakhapatnam is indeed generous and heart-warming. I have been always very keen to 'bird' that area, in a way 'immortalised' by those who have inspired me, yourself included! And this is just not being said for the heck of it. I await further news from you about the proposed study and if time and work allows my participation, I will come whole-heartedly.

I am selling the *Bibliography* for Rs. 150/- plus postage charges of Rs. 15/-. You'll have to send an M.O. or Demand Draft on my name for Rs. 165/-. The *Hyderabad Survey* is being sold for Rs. 100/- plus postage of Rs. 15/-. The payment in either of the above modes will be favoring *Birdwatchers Society of Andhra Pradesh*.

I do not have SDR & party's list of birds collected in southern A.P. Do you ?? Could I get it ? I'd be immensely grateful. Especially if it includes areas and sites worked, as I am working on some sort of a distribution atlas for A.P. (based on sight / collection records from published literature and reliable sightings).

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The *Eurostopodus* record is based upon:

1. Abdulali, H. (1949): Some peculiarities of avifaunal distribution in Peninsular India. *PROC. NAT. INSTIT. SCL. INDIA* 15(8): 387-393. [mentions 'Horsleykonda' in distribution].
2. Your own *Checklist of Birds of Visakhapatnam Region*.
3. Personal communication from Shahid Ali.

Hope to hear from you soon. With best wishes,

Yours sincerely



Recd 11-1-1999

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Cap: Lammasinghi

Dear Aashesh,

Greetings from Lammasinghi. I have been un-successfully combing the area to re-locate the Tree sparrow. On positive note I did see Irena pullea and few other interesting birds around Wangasara / RV Nagar.

I am doing Orissa bird survey from March 99 for about 3 weeks, around Tikerpara and hope to do Bhitarkanika and Chilka lake en-route, if the Navy supports with a Gemini-boat. BWHs is likely to support the Survey and deputee one field collector as the specimens will go there. In addition to the collection I plan to take Survey-census in different habitats, to see how man-altered forest are affecting bird spe richness/abundance.

Can you take few days off and spend few days in the field? You are most welcome to do it, if it fits your schedule. Exact dates will be worked out soon - but tentatively. I plan to be in the field bet. 3-24 March 99.

Pl convey my wishes to Sivraj and others.

Yours sincerely

Jayal
4/1/99

Can you mail me a copy of the
"Nomenclature of the birds ...". I shall
send the amount by MO. after knowing
how much it costs!

Aasheesh Pittie

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Ref: Yours of 4-1-1999.

January 11, 1999

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Dear Krishna Raju,

Greetings to you too!

Your above letter is perhaps the most exciting offer I've received in all my bird-watching years. I am planning to participate in the BNHS-conducted bird-ringing programme, in March-April (Point Calimere and Tirupati)—but your offer takes the cake and is simply too tempting. I had planned to spend 20 days with the BNHS programme. Now if I am not demanding too much, perhaps I could join you for the entire length of your survey?

But before I decide, I need to know more details about the itinerary, financial participation, logistics, etc. If you could send me a letter with these details, I'll be able to confirm my participation.

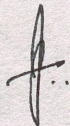
In all fairness to your generous offer, I think it best to let you know a few things about myself. I have almost no experience with bird-ringing, measurements, *etc.* I may be clumsy at extracting birds from a mist-net (though I have done this a few times). I do not know any of the languages spoken in the areas you plan to survey. Neither Telugu, nor Oriya. But I can assist with any type of work and am willing to learn. I am fairly confident with bird identification and am relatively familiar with the ornithological literature of those areas. Anyway, if I participate, I will definitely do some research on the area. I have also never done this type of survey work and so may be a green-horn at it.

I see that you've penned your letter from Lammasinghi, and hope this one of mine reaches you soon. I'd be grateful if you send me a detailed letter with answers to my queries.

Thanking You,

With best wishes and regards,

Yours truly,



K SR Krishna Raju

21/1/98

15/1/99

VIZAG.

Dear Aashresh,

Thanks for your letter of 4th instant. I am glad to note your readiness and am confident of making use of your premise, usefully for the research. This is basically to study the species richness/abundance in different natural and modified eco-systems, in and around Tikepara - Atagath/Satkosia near Angul in Orissa. I will also be doing selective collection of birds, amphibians, reptiles, insects etc. All the specimens will be deposited with BNHS.

I made out a proposal for a grant to the BNHS which, Mr Daniel feels, will materialise soon. Besides Tikepara I want to spend few days each at Bhitarkanika and Chilka. The Navy has promised to arrange a Gemini boat. The dates are fairly tentative in the sense that unless I get sanction letter I can't fix up any dates - though I am hoping to start by about 15-20th March, 99.

Logistically I plan to hire a Jeep (8 seater) (Sumo) for the survey. Bulk of the funds will go for this alone, out of the total budget estimate of Rs 50,000/- . Myself and my brother Mr Gowtham Shankar, Chairman of a Vizag based NGO called 'IDGA' will be putting up 25,000/- and I asked BNHS to match it. In case BNHS can't spare all the Rs 25,000 requested, the balance shortfall will have to be found from few other sources. Any suggestions?

The team consists of myself, Gowtham (Tribals/Conservation), a BNHS field collector, a biologist (Shantaram or any such trained ornithologist) besides three support staffs.

I shall get back to you after your response.

Yours truly
Raju

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Ref: Yours of 15-1-1999.

January 21, 1999

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Dear Krishna Raju,

Thanks for your above letter.

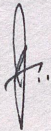
Your itinerary is tempting, but I will feel awkward, as I will not be able to contribute towards the project. You also seem to have a full team.

I think you could apply to OBC (via Dr Rahmani) for a small grant, but time might be a constraint, for you wish to go in March. It's worth a try.

I feel privileged by your offer and am disappointed for having to refuse it. I think I will go to the BNHS' ringing camp after all.

With best wishes and regards,

Yours truly,



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30/VII
19/99

Dear Aasheesh,

28 July 99.

Please refer to our Tele talk. Enclosed herewith one of the un-edited draft of my earlier report on Anahra Bauxite. I hope it will serve the purpose. Pl let me know what line of action is proposed, at your end.

Hope you are mailing me the promised literature on B'owl.

Regards

Maya

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July 27, 1999

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Dear Krishna Raju,

Congratulations! Enclosed is a copy of the papers on *H. blewitti* or if you like *A. blewitti*! I hope it is of use to you.

Impatient to hear the full story, but will wait for the official version!

With best wishes and regards,

Yours truly,

Encl.: a/a.

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Enclosure

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30.VII.1999

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Dear Krishna Raju,

I have received today your above letter & the enclosed report regarding bauxite mining. The same is being forwarded to Mr. Joseph, CF WLM., APFD for action/information. I will keep you posted on this matter. Thank you for your prompt response!

I have in the meanwhile sent you a brochure (funding proposal) recd. from OBC. This & my earlier with encl. regarding B's Outlet have been mailed to your Dasapalla Hills address — which now I see is the APNHS address. Kindly have them collected.

With best wishes & regards

Yours Truly



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Dear Krishna Raju,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirit.

I would like to know a couple of details about two places that are supposedly in Visakhapatnam. Their spelling may be incorrect, as they have been taken from old references.

1. Darakondah
2. Gorge Valley

I'd like to know their coordinates, type of vegetation and accessibility.

I'd be grateful for a quick reply, as I have to forward your answers to a friend.

Thanking You,

With best wishes and regards,

Yours truly,

