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From: "Krys Kazmierczak" <krys@krys.net>
To: "Aasheesh Pittie" <AASHEESH@hd1.vsnl.net.in>
Subject: Re: Hi
Date: Sat, 18 Sep 1999 18:23:19 +0100

Hi Aasheesh,

Nice to see you back on-line again. Normally you just subscribe to OB by sending an email to orientalbirding-subscribe@egroups.com If you ever need to pass the message on that is the subscription address to give.

In this case I'll send you an invitation, which you have to acknowledge with a blank reply. After that you get the welcome message and your membership should be activated. Sometimes there is a slight delay, so it's best to wait a day before sending messages to the group.

There have been a fair number of interesting messages sent in. You might want to send in your WASH announcement to give people time to plan. We're up to 235 members so far.

I'll have a dig around regarding Jerdon and Treron pompadora and get back to you on that one.

No Macronous gularis I assume?

Had a major crisis with the book/publisher. I'm having to reconstitute much of my text after some barbaric editing. Hence I'm pretty fed up at the moment.

All the best

Krys

Subject: Re: Treron pompadora

Date: Sat, 18 Sep 1999 21:58:05 +0530

From: Aasheesh Pittie <AASHEESH@HD1.VSNL.NET.IN>

To: Krys Kazmierczak <krys@krys.net>

Dear Krys,

On a recent trip to Tirupati (south Andhra Pradesh, Eastern Ghats) we sighted a flock of Pompador Pigeons Treron pompadora. We got very good sightings of the birds. This is apparently a new record for the Eastern Ghats as the bird is supposed to be restricted to the Western Ghats! But there seems to be a catch. Baker however informs that Jerdon has seen the bird in Central India and in the Eastern Ghats. Jerdon himself states that he's shot them in these two regions. Details are not given. Do you have any idea where he would have shot them in these places? I think he was stationed mostly in the erstwhile Madras Presidency, which did include the area of Tirupati! No mention is made about these records in subsequent publications. I wonder why. I'm writing a short note for the JBNHS and would be grateful if you could help me here.

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Best wishes and regards!

Aasheesh Pittie

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Subject: Treron pompadora again

Date: Mon, 20 Sep 1999 08:58:29 +0100

From: "Krys Kazmierczak" <krys@krys.net>

To: "Aasheesh Pittie" <aasheesh@hd1.vsnl.net.in>

Sending again

----- Original Message -----

From: Krys Kazmierczak <krys@krys.net>

To: Aasheesh Pittie <aasheesh@hd1.vsnl.net.in>

Sent: 19 September 1999 18:55

Subject: Treron pompadora

Dear Aasheesh,

I forgot to mention that I have added this to my list of things to do the next time I visit the Natural History Museum at Tring. I will have a look for Jerdon's specimens of pompadora affinis and any others which may be of interest from the distributional point of view. Unfortunately, since I was there just a few days ago I have no immediate plans to visit again, so it may be a few weeks.

Cheers

Krys

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Sending again.

----- Original Message -----

From: Krys Kazmierczak <krys@krys.net>
To: Aasheesh Pittie <AASHEESH@hd1.vsnl.net.in>
Sent: 19 September 1999 18:40
Subject: Re: Treron pompadora

Dear Aasheesh,

Your note prompted me to have a look in my notebook from early 1993 when John Anderton and I paid a brief visit to Tirupati. On the afternoon of 10/2/93 we spent a while birding in the Sri Venkateswara N. P. in the company of Mr. Chandrasekaran Pillai, the then A. C. F. (Wildlife), and a fairly large entourage accompanying him. We had an interesting afternoon but the only columbiforms we saw were the ubiquitous Spotted Doves *Streptopelia chinensis*.

The following morning Mr. Pillai kindly took us to some nice forest at a place called Talakona (alt. 550 m. a. s. l.). I can't find it on the maps but as I recall it was somewhere about an hour's drive northwest of Tirupati, but I may be wrong on that. My notebook bears the laconic entry - Treron pompadora 10. I obviously wasn't aware at the time that this species was not supposed to be there, as it were, but I would think it unlikely that I had made a mistake in this case.

- BTW, did you see any other Trerons while you were there.

The afternoon was spent on the road up to the Sri Venkateswara Temple, which did not prove very productive. The following day we moved on to Yercaud after some morning birding in dry scrub near Chittoor.

I think it would be worth asking the Madras and Bangalore birders if they have any records of this species from the area. I don't know if you are aware of the Bangalore Birders mailing list, which has about 66 members. To subscribe send a message to bngbirds-subscribe@onelist.com

I'm afraid I don't know any more about Jerdon's movements and records than you. I tried having a look in his 'Birds of India' but only have Vol 1 and Vol 2, part 1 which don't cover the pigeons. Tim and Carol Inskipp tend to be fairly well up on historical ornithology and it would be worthwhile asking them.

- You could also put out a request on NatHist India to see if anyone else has done any birding in the area. The reason John and I went there was because the Smithsonian was organising a survey of the area and we had been hoping to join them for a few days. Unfortunately, they didn't manage to get permission, so it came to naught. As I recall, Bharat Bhushan was involved at the time. I don't know if he has done any birding there, but he might know if someone else did a preliminary survey.

Hope this is of some help and interest.

If I find out anything else I'll let you know.

All the best

Krys

Re: Treron pompadora

Subject: Re: Treron pompadora

Date: Mon, 20 Sep 1999 16:08:42 +0100

From: "Krys Kazmierczak" <krys@krys.net>

To: "Aasheesh Pittie" <AASHEESH@hd1.vsnl.net.in>

Hi Aasheesh,

Sorry I sent the previous messages a second time but they had been sent back to me marked undeliverable on the first occasion. Now I see they must have gotten through after all. Please let me know if you get any feedback/other sightings.

> Bingo! We saw the Treron pompadora at Talákona too! Thanks for the other
> info., will follow up!
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I was wondering if it might have been the same place where you saw them.

Cheers

Krys

Subject: Ibis

Date: Wed, 22 Sep 1999 18:19:45 +0100

From: "Krys Kazmierczak" <krys@krys.net>

To: "Aasheesh Pittie" <aasheesh@hdl.vsnl.net.in>

Dear Aasheesh,

For some reason I hadn't received any more copies of Ibis since February. I had to chase up the BOU and have now received the two missing issues. Nothing of direct relevance to the Subcontinent except a review by me of the new edition of 'Henry', a review by M. G. Wilson of the Lamsfuss (German) Sri Lanka book, and a short (also received) review of my book. Let me know if you would like me to send you any of these.

Yesterday I received the new slimmed down Grimskipp. It wouldn't be appropriate for me to put anything out on OB, so I guess we'll have to wait until someone else takes the initiative. For your information, the plates are the same and text has been cut right down to fit opposite the plates. Very few vocalisations are given. The maps are now in colour but much smaller, some of them still suffer from getting the shading for 'passage' and 'former distribution' muddled - something which I noticed on a fairly cursory glance through. I think mine will have some advantages but from my point of view it is a shame that there is this direct competitor. The layout dept of Pica Press still isn't ready for me, so I'm still tinkering.

I haven't seen any response from the Bangalore crowd re Treron pompadora. Have you asked Ragupathy Kannan?

All the best

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Subject: Re: Ibis

Date: Sun, 26 Sep 1999 22:36:05 +0100

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To: "Aasheesh Pittie" <AASHEESH@hd1.vsnl.net.in>

Citations as requested:

Kazmierczak, K. (1999) (Review of Henry, 1998, A Guide to the Birds of Sri Lanka. 3rd edn: revised & enlarged.) Ibis 141(2): 333-334.
Wilson, M. G. (1999) (Review of Lamsfuss, 1998, Die Vögel Sri Lankas: ein Vogel- und Naturführer.) Ibis 141(2): 335.

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The other thing is literally just an 'also received', not normally the kind of thing on puts in bibliographies.

Cheers

Krys

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To: Krys Kazmierczak <krys@krys.net>

Sent: 26 September 1999 02:38

Subject: Ibis

> Dear Krys,

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> If you could send me the full citation from IBIS, through email, it
> should suffice. Thanks!

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> Best wishes and regards!

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Subject: Ibis

Date: Sat, 16 Oct 1999 19:00:15 +0100

From: "Krys Kazmierczak" <krys@krys.net>

To: "Aasheesh Pittie" <aasheesh@hd1.vsnl.net.in>

Dear Aasheesh,

Just to let you know I have received the latest Ibis (Oct 99) and am sending you photocopies of Tony Gaston's review of Grimskipp and

Alström, P. and Olsson, U. (1999) The Golden-spectacled Warbler: a complex of sibling species, including a previously undescribed species. Ibis 141(4): 545-568.

The latter is fairly complex and will not make life any easier for us poor birders as the three resultant species found in India are almost impossible to separate in the field except on voice.

I have also just received the latest issue of NLBW. I have always had respect for Lavkumar Khacher's observations and opinions but I must admit I was rather disappointed with his review of Grimskipp. Certainly some of the criticisms are valid but the overall tone seems to have missed the relevance and importance of the book. He almost seems to be recommending sticking to observing the 200-300 common Indian species and ignoring the remaining 1000. Ah well, sigh! Haven't yet had time to read the rest.

All the best

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Subject:

Date: Sun, 14 Nov 1999 12:46:00 -0000

From: "Krys Kazmierczak" <krys@krys.net>

To: "Aasheesh Pittie" <aasheesh@hd1.vsnl.net.in>

Dear Aasheesh,

Hope you're keeping well.

Do you know one of our Indian OBC members by the name of Shri E. Saroj, IRS, Commissioner of Income-tax, Radio Colony, Indore, 452 001?

He has just sent the Club a cheque for GBP 48.50 without any other enclosure, so we don't know what he wants!

He may eventually realise that he has omitted a letter [he will if/when he

gets ours], but it would speed things up if we could find a quicker way of contacting him.

I see our friend KG has stirred things up again. I just feel sorry for Vivek Tiwari who has to deal with it and now has the extra burden of having to moderate all messages to NatHist India.

Is it time for you to put out an announcement on OB re WASH? Have you managed to contact Clive Byers? I have finally managed to get hold of Tim Worfolk. He had moved to Exeter. Unfortunately, he won't be able to help you out. He is too busy with work on HBW at the moment.

Best wishes

Krys

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Re: Various things

Subject: Re: Various things

Date: Sun, 14 Nov 1999 19:33:41 +0530

From: Aasheesh Pittie <AASHEESH@HD1.VSNL.NET.IN>

To: Krys Kazmierczak <krys@krys.net>

Dear Krys,

I am well, thanks. Just getting lazy or going crazy...don't know which!
Love to hear from you. Hope you are well too. Has the book seen light?

I don't know who Mr E Saroj is. I suppose it would be best if you responded to him in your usual manner. Or you send me an E-mail, that I could send by regular post to him here.

Kumar does not ever learn. I had warned him obliquely about this.
Well...

WASH2000 is not progressing at all. Perhaps all due to me. No responses from Indian artists at all. The famed Ranthambhor school group has not even replied. We have just 2-3 artists that have shown interest! Pathetic. Clive has been quite forthcoming with help...but we have not responded seeing the response here. I am planning to speed up things a bit after the 24th of this month. Perhaps will organize it in a small way and then let the concept speak for itself...for a bigger and better show next year.

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Best wishes and regards!

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To: "Aasheesh Pittie" <AASHEESH@hd1.vsnl.net.in>
Subject: Re: Various things
Date: Sun, 14 Nov 1999 22:53:23 -0000

Hi Aasheesh!

> I am well, thanks. Just getting lazy or going crazy...don't know which! > Love to hear from you. Hope you are well too. Has the book seen light?

Not yet. Currently held up at Pica Press. Latest estimate is January.

> I don't know who Mr E Saroj is. I suppose it would be best if you > responded to him in your usual manner. Or you send me an E-mail, that I> could send by regular post to him here.

Don't worry, thanks. It was actually a request from our sales dept. and they have written to him already.

>> Kumar does not ever learn. I had warned him obliquely about this. > Well...

It's a pity. If he had taken just one topic and some time to make a reasoned argument, it might have been useful for everyone.

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Sorry to hear about the poor response. Hope it comes to something in the end. I do, however, think you should keep Clive informed of progress in all fairness, since he needs to plan his trip.

Cheers

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