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Dear Ajit,

I cannot thank you enough for the experience of walking through the shola forests of Top Slip and Varagaliyar. I had never had the opportunity earlier and you made it possible so easily ! One would have liked to spend more time of course, but some other time perhaps ! Thankfully no ticks bothered me, though Rishad became a rather accurate target ! Poor chap.

I am sending you the lists of birds which we saw there, with a few queries and doubts.

- What is the name of the shola at Varagaliyar, where we saw the LTMs ?
- Could you send me the coordinates of all the three places which we visited ?
- What is the latin name of the toad (pic. enclosed) cryptically coloured like a dried leaf on the forest floor ?

I hope I am not troubling you too much with these queries. Hope to send you some more pics., of the trip soon.

With best wishes,



encl: a pic. of unidentified toad species.

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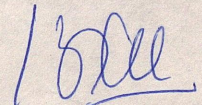
Dear Aasheesh

Thank you very much for your letter dated 7 December, and for the list of birds that you saw. The frog is Rana temporalis and it is common during rain and soon after. The shola in Varagaliyar is called Varagaliyar shola. The lat-longs of the places that you visited are written below.

I enjoyed the field trip with you and others. Next time plan for 3-4 days, rather than one morning!

with regards

Yours sincerely



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Varagaliyar - Top slip $10^{\circ}33'N$ $77^{\circ}21'E$.

Sivuvani - $10^{\circ}56'-58'N$ $76^{\circ}41'-45'$

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