

To,  
Zafar Futehally,  
Bangalore

April 5th, 1996

Dear Mr. Futehally,

Thank you very much for your reply. I have sent a request for subscriptions for NLBW over our Indian Natural History mailing list (internet) whose members include students, expatriates and US citizens interested in Indian wildlife. A student called Vivek Tiwari has expressed an interest and will be getting in touch with you, shortly.

I got another message from Pam Rasmussen at Smithsonian who wrote about the difficulty of finding old issues of NLBW in the USA. It seems the library at Smithsonian will be interested in buying/paying for the entire collection of 40 years of NLBW, if that was possible. If copies of old issues are not available, would it be possible to xerox the issues for this purpose? This would be really convenient because Smithsonian is a central location where everyone could refer to old issues. Please let me know if this is going to work for you.

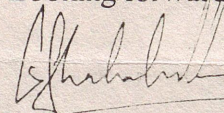
A colleague and I are putting together a master list for the Palni Hills and found that several articles have been published in NLBW, which we require. Can you let me know whether there is a complete collection of NLBW in New Delhi or elsewhere from where friends can xerox the relevant pages and send them to me?

The articles are as follows:

- \* 1. Narayana, T.V. 1979a. 19(10):2-5.
- \* 2. Narayana, T.V. 1979b. 19(11): 5-8.
- \* 3. Narayana, T.V. 1979c. 19(12): 3-6
- \* 4. Unknown. 1974. 14(8): 1-5.
- \* 5. Futehally, Z. 1984. 24(5-6): 2-3
- \* 6. Futehally, Z. 1989. 29(5-6): 1-2.
- \* 7. Futehally, Z. 1989. 29(9-10): 1.
- \* 8. Santharam, V. 1990: 30(9-10): 9
- \* 9. Steele, A. 1990. 30(7-8): 9
- \* 10. Surendran, K.K. 1984. 24(7-8):11.

\* *Would you know of other papers on Palnis birds published elsewhere?*

Looking forward to your reply. Thank you.



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31st May 1996

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Replied on 13/6/96. See under  
Shahabuddin, Ghazala in  
"Friends" file. f.

My dear Aasheesh,

I enclose a copy of a letter from Ghazala Shahabuddin. Do you think you can help Ghazala and also consider producing a volume for Smithsonian incorporating past issues? You might earn some dollars for your effort.

I would be grateful if you could kindly write to Ghazala Shahabuddin, with a copy to me. I am also copying this to Sridhar in case both of you need to coordinate your plans.

Yours sincerely,

*Zafar Futehally*  
Zafar Futehally

Encl: Copy of Ghazala  
Shahabuddin's letter  
dated 5 Apr 96.

c.c. Mr. S. Sridhar,  
C/o Navbharath Enterprises,  
Seshadripuram,  
BANGALORE - 560 020 (with copy of letter of 5.4.96)

c.c. Ghazala Shahabuddin,  
Box 90328,  
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U.S.A.

Dear Ghazala,

I hope Aasheesh Pittie and S. Sridhar can work out something. Your article on the Palnis has been published in the latest issue of the Newsletter. I hope you have received it.

Yours sincerely,

Z.F.

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Respectfully

Ref. No: 523264

31st May 1996

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Mr. S. Brishan,  
V/o Navarathna Enterprises,  
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I have received it. I have Ashbeesh Pittle and Ghazala can work out something. Your article on the Pains has been published in the latest issue of the Newsletter. I hope you have received it.

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Yours sincerely,

12 June, 1996

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Dear Ghazala,

I have a letter from Mr. Zafar Futehally (dt. 31.5.1996) alongwith yours of 5.4.1996, addressed to him, in which you request photocopies of some papers from the *Newsletter for Birdwatchers*.

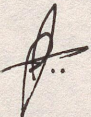
I have had all of them photocopied and am enclosing them for you.

There are quite a few papers published in the *Journal of the Bombay Natural History Society* and *Stray Feathers* on the Kodaikanal and Palnis area, which you might be interested in. I doubt very much that I will be able to send you photocopies of these.

Have you seen a copy of my *A Bibliographic Index to the Ornithology of the Indian Region, Part I*, which was published early this year, and contains all papers on ornithology from the *JBNHS* (vols. 1 - 90) and *Stray Feathers* (vols. 1 - 10) ? It is cross referenced on geographical (political) area and species. If you are interested, it is for US \$ 14.95 plus US \$ 4.00 postal charges (air mail). You could send a Demand Draft payable on any bank in Hyderabad or Bombay for the above amount, and I will mail the book to you.

If you could send me the address of Ms. Pamela Rassmussen at Smithsonian, I could write to her directly regarding old issues of the *Newsletter for Birdwatchers*.

Looking forward to hearing from you, with best wishes,



encl: Photocopies of 10 papers as per request in letter dt. 5.4.1996.

cc: Mr. Zafar Futehally, # 2205 Oakwood Apartments, 8th Main 3rd Block, Koramangala, Bangalore 560034.

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19th June 1996

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My dear Aasheesh,

Thank you very much for writing  
to Ghazala Shahabuddin. My only comment  
is that she is a Miss and not Mr. and  
altogether a very worthwhile person.

I hope there will be a suitable  
response from the Smithsonian.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Zafar Futehally

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30 June, 1996

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Dear Ghazala,

At the outset, I am terribly sorry for mixing genders ! Mr. Futehally promptly wrote back correcting me !


I write for photocopies of 2 papers from your 'References' list at the end of the note 'Observations on mixed species flocks of birds in the Palani hills' in the *Newsletter* vol. 36 no. 2 pages 31-32. Could you send me 'xeroxes' of the following papers ?

**Kotagama, S W, P Karunaratne, A Ratnayake and N D de Zoysa (1986): Faunal studies in the Sinharaja rainforest II. Study on mixed-species foraging bird flocks. *Proceedings of the 42nd Annual Session of Sri Lanka Association for Advancement of Science.***

**Partridge, L & R. Ashcroft (1976): Mixed species flocks of birds in a hill forest in Ceylon. *Condor* 78(4): 449-453.**

Hope you have received mine of 12-6-1996 by now !

Best wishes,



Dear Aasheesh,


9/24/96

Apologies for this delayed response to your 2 letters but I was away in Venemela since early May and got back only 2 days ago.

Thanks so very much for all the articles - we should be ready with the birdlist v. soon and will send it to the JBNHS.

I have e-mailed Pam Rasmussen today and given her your complete address and phone number so she can contact you about the old issues of NLBW. She is indeed very keen to have a complete set in Smithsonian for reference. It would be great to have a reference collection in the USA for people like me, away from the country.

I enclose copies of the 2 articles you asked for. Once again, apologies for the delay.

  
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Best wishes,

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**Subject: Re: Mysore Amateur Naturalists**

**Date:** Tue, 24 Nov 1998 17:02:46 -0500 (EST)

**From:** Ghazala Shahabuddin <gs2@acpub.duke.edu>

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

Dear Aasheesh,

Thanks for the address. I will be writing to MAN shortly. On behalf of an NGO in the USA called Association for India's development, I am looking for small NGO's in India that are working in the fields of environmental education/health/literacy/water conservation as there is now money available for grants. If you happen to think of any other deserving groups, please let me know. The grants are typically a few thousand \$ each.

However, I also write to you in connection with a project idea of my own. I am writing a proposal dealing with the development of protocols for assessment of tank health in Tamil Nadu. The idea being that increasing pollution and siltation are likely to be reflected in bird diversity and breeding in these tanks. I wanted to find out if you know of some useful literature (scientific/semi-scientific) dealing with tanks in TN and their bird life. I know of one study done in Vedanthangal that was published in JBNHS but now I cant remember the year. Information or references on tanks in Karnataka will also be useful.

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Vedanthangal & T.N.  
Vedaranyam & T.N.  
Waler & T.N.  
Waterbirds & T.N.  
Waterfowl & T.N.  
Wetlands & T.N.

Hi!

**Subject: Hi!**

**Date:** Wed, 25 Nov 1998 21:06:53 +0530

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

**To:** gs2@acpub.duke.edu

Dear Ghazala,

I have extracted some citations from my database, which I hope will be of use. The keywords I used were TAMIL NADU (in addition to the following). VEDANTHANGAL, VEDARANYAM, WADER, WATERBIRDS, WATERFOWL, WETLANDS.

I have not edited the file attached, but am sure you'll be able to understand the citations. If there is a specific area or species you'd like references on, do ask. Comments on the bibliography are welcome!

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Best wishes and regards!


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**Subject: Kolar birds**

**Date:** Tue, 14 Sep 1999 21:24:35 -0700 (PDT)

**From:** ghazala shahabuddin <ghazalafarzin@yahoo.com>

**To:** aasheesh@hd1.vsnl.net.in

Dear Aasheesh,  
Trust things are going well for you.

I have packed up from the USA after a PhD and I am in the process of finding an academically oriented job.

I write to you on behalf of a friend of mine, Chitra Krishnan. She wants to do a small sub-project on water birds in her PhD thesis. She is investigating the criteria for site selection for tanks in Kolar district, constructed in medieval times. She thinks that bird and fish diversity may have been as important criteria for site selection as water storage capacity.

I wanted to ask you if you know of anyone working on waterbirds in Kolar district that Chitra can contact. Then also, I was trying to track down a reference on Vedanthangal that came out in JBNHS in the 80's (not sure) that drew up a neat connection between distance to the tank and nutrient content of water that is used in agricultural fields. I just can't remember the author or the year and was wondering if you remember this paper. Long shot but I thought I would ask anyway...

Thanks as always,

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**Subject: Kolar birds & Vedanthangal**

**Date:** Thu, 16 Sep 1999 12:54:10 +0530

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

**To:** ghazalafarzin@yahoo.com

Dear Ghazala,

Good to hear from you after a long break! I think your friend is on the right track. Read something about her enquiries in the Bangalorebirds list. They are the guys who may guide her properly.

Regarding Vedanthangal, I do not have the reference you're looking for in my Index. But perhaps what you are looking for did not have any birds in it and so was not indexed by me. Sorry!

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Best wishes and regards!

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