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30th June 1984.

Dear Dr Hussain,

While going through your paper 'Some notes on the ecology and status of the Orangerumped Honeyguide (Indicator xanthonotus) in the Himalayas', co-authored with Dr Salim Ali, I came across a passage which rang a bell. On page 568 you mention about the Honeyguide preening itself after feeding on the wax combs, without rubbing the base of its tail with the beak.

In the small newsletter which our society brings out (MAYURA), (Birdwatchers' Society of Andhra Pradesh), we had carried a small note last year by Dr A Shiv Raj, titled 'Community Preening behaviour in Babblers', where he records a flock of babblers attacking a snake - I quote " .. seven babblers collectively attacked a running green snake measuring about 2 ft. in length and about 1" thickness. All the birds attacked the snake all over the body, but more on the head and tail. The birds were pecking the snake and using their beaks for preening. This preening and pecking continued for nearly 20 min. while the snake struggled to escape. The final blow came when one of the birds pierced the abdomen with its beak and pulled out the intestine. At this moment the snake died and the birds left. ... I presume that the birds used the oily substance present under the skin of the snake for preening. Further, it appears that the oily substance may protect the feathers, since the birds looked shiny, soon after preening."

I write this for your information.

Yours sincerely

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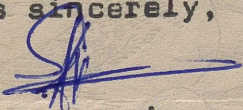
Dear Mr. Pittie:

Many thanks for your letter of 30th June.
I apologise for the delay in replying to the same.
I was away on field trips hence the delay.

I am glad that you found our paper on Honey-
guide interesting. Your information on preening
behaviour in Babbler is quite interesting. I have
not come across such a behaviour in other birds.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


S.A. Hussain
Project Scientist

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To

Dear Ashish

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Best wishes ³ for a Happy
New Year 1985

From

Hussain



Greeting sent

Sarus Crane (*Grus antigone*) Sārus

Largest of our cranes, the Sarus is a resident of Northern and Central India. These cranes are believed to pair for life: legend having it that if one is killed, the other dies of a broken heart. Consequently they are revered and protected, moving fearlessly near villages and fields.

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13 January, 1997

Mr S A Hussain
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Dear Hussain Sahab

Greetings for the New Year !

I enclose a photograph, sent to me by Rahul Perera of Sri Lanka, some time ago, with a request to do what I will with it! Well, I thought the best thing would be to send it along to you, as you are in it!

How are things after the tumultous PASOC ?

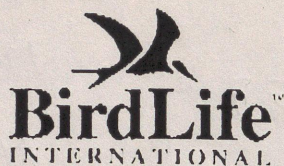
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Dear Asheesh bhai,

Fax: 040 315683

BirdLife Partnership in India

You may recall that we had several discussions in Coimbatore about the possible course of action for bird conservation activities in the region. As you are also aware BirdLife International is looking for a suitable Partner in India to work together in the regional as well as global level. Our last meeting was rather inconclusive due to various reasons.

It is becoming increasingly apparent to all concerned that there is a need some sort of rallying point but also to foster a greater alliance for bird conservation issues in the South Asian region as a whole. While Japan in East and SE Asia has played a major role in inspiring other countries in that region, it will be most appropriate that we complement it by setting up a rallying point in South/West/Central Asia, since we share many species of birds in the region. In South Asia we should now set up a perfect foil to complement Japanese giant. It is towards achieving this goal that RSPB and BirdLife are jointly endeavouring to foster Partnerships in the region.

Dr. Dieter Hoffman, Director, International Operations of RSPB and Dr. Adrian Long of BirdLife Secretariat are planning to come to India in September this year to hold discussions for possible way forward. I have suggested that they meet as many players in India as possible and finally visit BNHS.

They are planning to reach Bangalore on 5/9/97 and to Coimbatore on 8/9/97 and then on to Mumbai on 10/9/97.

In Bangalore we can have a meeting with Zafar and others and it will be good if you and perhaps Siraj bhai also come over to Bangalore to join in the discussions. I have some funds to cover both your 1st class return train travel and accommodation and other expenses in Bangalore. Since 6-7 is a week-end it may be convenient to you.

Please let me know if you and Siraj bhai can make it to Bangalore so that I can go ahead with the arrangements.

With warm regards,

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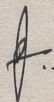
Dear Hussain Sahab, Greetings!

This is to confirm my visit to Bangalore for the meeting on 6-7 September 1997. I will reach B'lore on 4th / 5th & stay with in-laws. Mr Siraj Taher also confirms his participation and will send you his itinerary separately.

If possible, please mail / fax me further details and agenda for the meeting.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely



P.S. Note change in telephone & fax numbers.

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18 September 1997

Dear Asheesh & Siraj bhai,

Thank you very much for responding to my call and coming to Bangalore. I hope you had comfortable journey back home.

As promised I am giving below the details about the IOC 1998 in Durban, South Africa. Please circulate this in your newsletter as well as inform all your birding colleagues.

All the best,

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of S A Hussain

S A Hussain.

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Dear colleagues:

PLEASE NOTE MY ADDRESS, PHONE/FAX AND E-MAIL ADDRESSES AS GIVEN ABOVE.
I WILL BE HAPPY TO RENEW MY CONTACTS WITH YOU ANYTIME
ALL THE BEST AND REGARDS

S A HUSSAIN

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Dear colleagues,

For practical and other reasons I am moving to the HQ city of our district.

Kindly note the new address and Telephone/Fax number.

I would request that all mailing lists may kindly be ammended accordingly.

My new address and telephone number, WHICH WILL BE EFFECTIVE FROM THE END OF JUNE 1999, will be as follows:

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I will be out of India from 13 May to 15 June 1999.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Best and warm regards

S A Hussain.

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Dear friends,

Greetings from India.

I have finally shifted to Mangalore. My new address and telephone number is attached herewith for your kind information.

Please forgive this brief message.

Regards

Hussain

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Dear friends,

Bird Bibliography by Aasheesh Pittie.

Two important points I forgot to mention (though the thought was there) in the review posted earlier..

1. The Bibliography covers the following countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, , India, Maldiv Islands, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, in addition to Tibet.

2. The feature that is very useful is the facility for cross referencing by subject, area, species and authors as well as specifics like, taxonomy, biometrics, moult, behaviour, breeding, migration, conservation, ecology , folklore and many others.

Apologies the lapse on my part.

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