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Dear Dr Desai,

I read with great interest your note entitled "Rare visits of some wetland birds to some tanks of Dharward (Karnataka State, India)," in the *Newsletter for Birdwatchers* [2001, 41(5): 64].

As you may know, I compile a bibliographic index on the avifauna of the Indian region. This is an ongoing project with over 19,500 references to date.

I am interested in getting copies (reprints or xerox) of the 3 papers authored (with others) by you and listed in the References section of the above-mentioned note. I would be extremely grateful if you could send them to me. I will of course be only too happy to pay for the postage, etc.

In the same note, the record of the Great Whitebellied Heron *Ardea insignis* worries me. It is too far out of its range (NE India). The only other record is one from Point Calimere (which also I doubt). It might be worthwhile to check this one out in greater detail.

With best wishes and regards,

Yours truly,



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Dear Shri. Pawteesh,

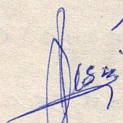
Pl. find herewith xerox-copies of two articles on the 'avi-fauna of Dharwad region' sent to SACON, Coimbatore (S. India). An article of similar interest from the adjacent city Hubli has ~~also~~ been recently published in the journal "MYFOREST"; a copy of it is also enclosed herewith.

My search on the white bellied heron Ardea insignis is <sup>in</sup> full swing. This year, owing to severe drought almost tanks around Dharwad & Belgaum have gone dry. Hence we have been looking for this bird in the tanks of W. & S. Maharashtra for photographic evidence. Till we have one on hand, I must exercise restraint and continue the search. I'll do it.

For any more information on  
the subject, pl. feel free to write  
to me.

With best wishes and regards  
and "A HAPPY NEW YEAR",

Sincerely yours,



(R. N. Desai)