

Re: Hi!

**Subject: Re: Hi!**

**Date:** Wed, 10 Feb 1999 22:04:58 +0500

**From:** "S.Subramanya" <subbus@bgl.vsnl.net.in>

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

Hi Aasheesh,

Glad to see your message.

Going by the invitation, I plan to be there by 5th night and leave Mumbai on 7th night. I can not be there early, as I have to apply leave at the university. BNHS does not give airfare to make things better! Do let me know if they are paying you airfare!!

Before this, I have to make a trip to Jaipur between 18-27 February on official work.

See you in Mumbai.

Cheers,

Subbi.

At 08:58 PM 09-02-99 +0530, you wrote:

>Dear Subbu!

> What's your Bombay programme for the 2nd meeting of our group??

>Rahmani wrote about a meeting on 6 & 7 March. Pete Wood is also

>attending. I plan to be there from 5 morning to 8th evening. Do let me

>know.

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>Best wishes and regards!

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Trip reports..

**Subject: Trip reports..**

**Date:** Thu, 11 Feb 1999 19:56:23 +0500

**From:** "S.Subramanya" <subbus@bgl.vsnl.net.in>

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

Hi Aasheesh,

Could you please send me the trip report (all species seen, their # and notes, if any on your trip to Kishkinda Dam, Gangawati, RAICHUR DISTRICT on January 3, 1999?

Also, can you send a similar trip report of your visit to Kabini Jungle Lodges (I do not remember the date)?

These will add to my Atlas records

Thanks a milion.

Subbu.

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**Subject: Re: Hi!**

**Date:** Sat, 13 Mar 1999 00:32:42 +0500

**From:** "S.Subramanya" <subbus@bgl.vsnl.net.in>

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

Dear Aasheesh,

It was really great to meet you at BNHS. Thanks for the checklists of your trip to Kishkinda Resort and Hampi. Talking of checklists, do you have a checklist of your visit to Jungle Lodges near Kabini? I would be pleased to receive it, if you have one.

BTW, I have just fished out my sketches (common waders and other odd ones) and will courier them tomorrow.

While in Mumbai, it slipped my mind to mention to you that Harkirat Sangha is willing to contribute his observations to Birding Notes in Pitta from Rajasthan and Punjab. He just needs the guidelines. You can contact him at <sanghaharkirat@hotmail.com>.

Cheers,

Subbu

At 08:34 AM 10-03-99 +0530, you wrote:

>Dear Subbu,

> Given below are the notes from Hampi area. It was great meeting you  
>in Mumbai! Its ok if your email is not working properly. Will hear from  
>you when it does!

[snip]

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**Subject: Re: Sketches**

**Date:** Tue, 16 Mar 1999 06:40:16 +0530

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

**To:** "S.Subramanya" <subbus@bgl.vsnl.net.in>

Subbu!

Yes indeed! And are they great!! Its the generosity of people like you that compels me to drop everything I do and just go on with bird work. Thanks a lot. Your sketches are just great.

S.Subramanya wrote:

> Hi Aasheesh,  
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> Did you get my sketches?  
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> Cheers,  
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> Subbu.  
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Best wishes and regards!

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**Subject:** Your sketches, etc

**Date:** Fri, 07 May 1999 16:33:36 +0530

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

**To:** "Dr S. Subramanya" <subbus@bgl.vsnl.net.in>

Dear Subbu,

Guess this finds you in good health and spirit! Am sending back your sketches with Smriti and the kids, who leave Hyd on 10th night by the Bangalore Express and reach Bangalore on 11th morning. Please call the following number and speak to Smriti and collect the parcel. In case of trouble ask for Amitabh Poddar and convey the message to him. Do you have a phone contact?

Poddar House: 3340144 / 3345144.

I have also enclosed a CD-rom with your sketches scanned on it. It has been done at home. It is in .TIF format and I hope is ok with you.

Please get back when you have received everything in good order.

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Best wishes and regards!

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**Subject: Re: Your sketches, etc**

**Date:** Sun, 09 May 1999 00:08:44 +0530

**From:** "S. Subramanya" <subbus@bgl.vsnl.net.in>

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

Dear Aasheesh,

Great to know that you were able to scan my sketches. Thanks a lot. I shall contact Smriti or Amithab on 11th and will pick up the load. Thanks again. TIF format is OK with me. Can I please pay for the CD?

My computer was hit by CIH virus on Apr 26th and even the back-up discs are corrupted. Have lost nearly 3 months work. I am still struggling to get back on track. I may contact you for some of the 'back-up' files, if my efforts to recover the data from the damaged disc fails.

Cheers,

Subbu.

At 04:33 PM 5/7/99 +0530, you wrote:

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**Subject:** Sketches & YTB....

**Date:** Mon, 24 May 1999 19:31:04 +0500

**From:** "S. Subramanya" <subbus@bgl.vsnl.net.in>

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

My dear Aasheeh,

Thanks for sending my sketches back and for the CDROM. I shall pick it up from Amithab.

I am still at crossroads in getting the data recovered from my old HDD and I still do not have access to all my old material.

As I am working on my YTB paper for publication, could you please send me the two of your previous messages on YTB? One was on its sighting by a group of you in AP (where you had mentioned about the variation in colouration.. Was that in September 1998?), and the other one was your sighting in Kishkinda Fort, Raichur (?). Also, in asking for these messages, I want to know if I can quote these two sightings in our paper with due credits to you and those who were with you during these two outings? Please do let me know.

We still need to work on Col. Sparrow's paper. I shall get to it soon.

Cheers,

Subbu

Re: YTB...

**Subject: Re: YTB...**

**Date:** Mon, 31 May 1999 09:48:54 +0530

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

**To:** "S. Subramanya" <subbus@bgl.vsnl.net.in>

Subbu, sorry for the delay:

Here are the dates. Do you want any further info? You may certainly quote me in your report.

22.11.98 - Umamaheshwaram, Mahbubnagar dist., A.P. - seen.

6.12.98 - Umamaheshwararm - heard.

3.1.99 - Kishkinda Resorts, Raichur Dist., - seen.

9.4.99 - Horsley Hills, Chittoor dist., A.P. - seen.

S. Subramanya wrote:

> Dear Aasheesh,

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> Could you please send the YTB I asked for?

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> Thanks-n-cheers.

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> Subbu.

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> On Mon, 24 May 1999 19:31:04 +0500 I wrote:

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Best wishes and regards!

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Re: YTB...

**Subject:** Re: YTB...

**Date:** Thu, 03 Jun 1999 00:55:57 +0500

**From:** "S. Subramanya" <subbus@bgl.vsnl.net.in>

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

Dear Aasheesh,

Thanks for the info. In addition to this could you please send me:

1. the distance and direction of Umamaheshwararm and Kishkinda Resorts from the nearest city (co-ordinates will help a great deal if you have them)
2. habitat details
3. number of birds sighted at Umamaheshwararm on 22.11.98 and at Horsley Hills.

BTW I collected the sketches and CD from Amithab. Thanks for the scanned images.

Thanks again.

Cheers,

Subbu.

**Subject:** YTBs

**Date:** Thu, 03 Jun 1999 17:36:03 +0530

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

**To:** "Dr S. Subramanya" <subbus@bgl.vsnl.net.in>

Dear Subbu,

Umamaheshwaram: is about 120km due south of Hyderabad. It is closest to Achampet in Mahbubnagar district and is a temple on a ledge of the plateau (Amrabad plateau) which rises suddenly from the plains. It has a mix of moist deciduous and dry deciduous flora. Birds (6-8) were seen flying up the rock face and into the valley below and were usually seen around some unidentified ficus species. Its coordinates are 16:22:0N+78:44:0E.

Kishkinda Resort is 10km south of Gangawati, on the banks of the Tungabhadra. On the opposite bank are the ruins of Hampi. The habitat is typical bouldery country of the deccan plateau. Scattered scrub with cultivation in valleys.

Horsley Hills: we saw 2 birds on a hill-side.

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Best wishes and regards!

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**Subject: Heronries paper: Urgent**

**Date:** Sun, 01 Aug 1999 15:29:36 +0530

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

**To:** "Dr S. Subramanya" <subbus@bgl.vsnl.net.in>

Dear Subbu,

I think the D-day for our AWB census mega-issue of MAYURA is drawing near. With it, so is that for your paper on the Heronries of AP. On the eve of publication I realize that in the transfer of data from one machine to another, I have lost some parts of your paper. Could you send me data regarding the Figures at the end of the paper? I think these are maps. I have one map intact -- the one showing present and past heronries of AP. This is fine and usable. The other 2 are problems.

What is "Number of nesting sites of different species in Andhra Pradesh"? Is ~~is~~ a graph? If yes, please send me a printout. If a map, *it/* details, etc.

The 3rd Figure, "Distribution of major wetlands in Andhra Pradesh", is also missing. Please send the data. Place names and coordinates if possible. Send places only first. I'll check whether I have their coordinates with me. Most probably I will have them.

Your urgent attention is requested for this. I am truly sorry for my irresponsibility and the trouble it is causing you.

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Best wishes and regards!

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Re: Heronries paper: Urgent

**Subject: Re: Heronries paper: Urgent**

**Date:** Mon, 02 Aug 1999 01:15:33 +0500

**From:** "S. Subramanya" <subbus@bgl.vsnl.net.in>

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

Dear Aasheesh,

I have searched all my backups and could only locate the graph (Fig.2). For the list of wetlands of AP, I need to check my old 5 1/4 floppies at the university. I only hope they haven't got corrupted, as they have not been used over the last two years.

If I remember correctly, Siraj worked on the co-ordinates of the wetland sites that I sent you. Please check if he has a copy of the file with him.

Will get back to you tomorrow night.

Cheers,

Subbu

Attn: Mr. Amitabh Poddar**Aasheesh Pittie**

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**From:** S. Subramanya <subbus@macdonald.mcgill.ca>  
**To:** Aasheesh Pittie <aasheesh@hd1.vsnl.net.in>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 10, 1999 8:49 AM  
**Subject:** Coorg..

Hi Aasheesh,

Meena and myself spent about a week in Coorg in the third week of December last year.

I feel, you can conveniently skip Abbey Falls. Not much bird activity, but too many people.

1. Orange County area is good. For that matter, any large coffee estate with good tree cover and well away from towns, should prove good for birds, as it was the case with me (large estates close to Suntikoppa on the way to Kushalnagar, for example or those around Appangal on Madikeri - Bhagamandala route)

2. If you are going to Talacauvery, I would recommend that you trek from there to Bhagamandala by taking a short-cut path, which the locals use. This path mainly passes behind and between coffee estates and lot of birds can be seen.

3. If you are up to a day's outing, then trek to Thodiandamol peak from Kakkabe. You need to start quite early from Kakkabe to get to the peak, so that you can return to Kakkabe by late evening.

4. You can trek from Kakkabe to Iguttappa Temple as well. Roam the coffee estates behind the temple.

5. Nisarghadhama close to Kushalnagar is good for a day's outing (70+species!!). I suggest, you camp for a day at this place (food may not be to your liking).

6. The disturbed forest patch to the right of Harangi Dam (can be reached from Kushalnagar) is reasonably good.

7. Try visiting some estates around Polybeta.

Ask Amithab to get hold of a District map of Coorg, available at Survey of India sales office in Koramangala, Bangalore. It helps.

Hope you find this useful.

Cheers,

Subbu

PS: I will be returning to Bangalore on the 18th morning.