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As I have had a few enquiries in response to my previous mention of it, I have attached below some brief details on the new Birding Guide to India, especially with regard to availability.

Regards

Gehan

A Birdwatchers' Guide to India by Krys Kazmierczak and Raj Singh
Price GBP 18.75 (without postage & packing)
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Bedfordshire
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Ashish has raised an interesting issue. I guess generally speaking any publisher will only consider a local edition (natural history or otherwise) if there is money to be made or they have the personal motivation to consider a local edition on more philanthropic grounds.

1998 and 1999 will see at least two Indian sub-continent bird books and at least one on Sri Lanka which are driven by UK based publishing and authorship teams. Where is the new generation of Salim Ali's?

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Friends,

Once again, I must express my dismay at the incredibly high pricing of books on India's natural history, which happens when we publish abroad. Surely there should be some ethics about this, which forces publishers/authors to print in India so that such books are more widely available? Are the publishers thinking of an Indian reprint? This is not a comment on the authors, pl. do not misunderstand. But certainly this book is way out of reach of the common birdwatcher, myself included, and that is hardly a way of popularising the subject.

Ashish