

22 March, 1996

Mr. H. Daniel Wesley
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Dear Mr. Wesley:

As a reader of the *Newsletter for Birdwatchers*, you must be aware of my obsession with indices. Recently I have published Part I of *A Bibliographic Index To The Ornithology Of The Indian Region*, in which I have covered 90 volumes of the *JBNHS* and all the volumes of *Stray Feathers*. This is on the same pattern as the index I have done for a decade of the *Newsletter*.

Now I am working on Part II, which will contain references upto 1993 from various newsletters and journals, including the *Newsletter*. For this I require some help from you.

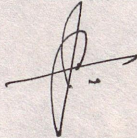
In the latest issue of the *Newsletter*, vol. 36(1): 5-6 (Jan-Feb 1996), there is a reference for your note which I am interested in. Primarily because it has been overlooked by two bibliographers, the Smithsonian Institute and Tim Inskipp. I give it below.

Abdulali, Humayun & H.G. Alexander (1952): *Ardeidae* with red legs. *IBIS*. 94: 363.

I'd be extremely grateful if you could send me a copy of this paper.

Thanking you and with best wishes,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized name, possibly 'H. Daniel Wesley', written over a horizontal line.

H. Daniel Wesley

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26/3/96

Dear Dr. Aarheesh Pite,

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I am sending you a xerox
copy of the paper "Ardeidae with Red legs"
by Humayun Abdulahi and H. G. Alexander.

May I request you to get me
a copy of the Field Guide to birds of
Asia by Japanese Society. The
book promised to me never reached
me somehow. Thank you,

With regards,

Yours sincerely
H. Daniel Wesley

30 March, 1996

Mr. H Daniel Wesley
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Dear Mr Wesley,

Thank you very much indeed for such a prompt response to my request !

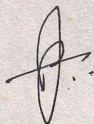
Regarding your request for a copy of *A Field Guide to the Waterbirds of Asia*, I am sorry. I am in no position to help you. I too received my copy direct from Mr. Bharat Bhushan, who was representing AWB in India at that time.

However, I had a similar problem with participants from Andhra Pradesh, who had regularly counted birds for the census, but had not received a copy of the book. I approached Mr. S A Hussain for assistance and he too expressed helplessness. His suggestion was that I write to Dr. Ichida of the Wildbird Society of Japan, who had some copies. Well, I did not write to him. Perhaps you could try your luck !

If I can be of any assistance, please do write. One more thing, I am not a 'Dr.' of anything !!

Thanking you once again,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'D.W.' with a stylized flourish.

Prof. H. Daniel Wesley, M.A., M.Phil.
Retd.

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Date 06/4/96.

Mr. Ashesh Pittie
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Dear Mr. Ashesh,

Thank you for your letter dated 30 March 96.
I am glad that I could be of some help by sending you the
copy of the paper by HA & HGA.

Yes, you could be definitely of help to me
in getting me a copy of "A Field Guide to the Water
birds of Asia". Dr. Jehuda had promised me to get me
a copy of it while I met him at Coimbatore, taking
my address. Perhaps he relied much on the Indian
Distributors to take care of me. I am confident of
getting one with your assistance.

You may not be a Dr. of anything,
but I wish you would have one com. - doctorate.

I haven't seen your 'A Bibliographic
Index to the Ornithology of the Indian Region, Part I'.
I wish very much to have a copy of it. Is it very
costly? With you all the best for the second part
of it.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely
Daniel Wesley

13 April, 1996

Prof. H Daniel Wesley
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Dear Prof. Wesley,

Thank you for your kind letter of 6.4.96.

I am selling my book for Rs. 150/- plus postal charges (sent by registered book parcel) Rs. 15/- ie., Rs. 165/- per copy.

With regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely



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13/12/96

Date 09/12/96

Dear Mr. Ansheesh Bittie,

Thank you for the additions to "A check list of birds of Andhra Pradesh". I have the check list of 495 birds of your state, already. I shall add this to that.

You are, I am sure, in possession of the latest newsletter for bird-watchers and have noted the appeals for improving the newsletter. I join them too being of the same opinion that the newsletter should be more scientific in reporting. And I am of the opinion that the editor is not for making it scientific. If he were, he would have published ^{earlier} my articles entire without omitting tables and graphs. Perhaps, he feels that the newsletter should be just a stepping stone/spring board to serious journals. I intend sending a long 'letter' on the theme, hoping it will be published.

It is heartening to know that there are many bird-watcher clubs in your state. Karnataka and Kerala too have many. Tamil Nadu lags behind. Our state has not been surveyed for bird species thoroughly and as far as I know no ~~one~~ one is at it. I am doing it for the district; it is rather very slow.

Is Mayura a journal? What kind is it? Please give me particulars about it.

I have received an endorsement form

Save the birds, serve the nation.

on behalf of Oriental Bird Club. I would like to contribute
but before that I want to know about it and the journal
and Bulletin brought out by it. Could you enlighten me on
that? Thanks.

One more request. Though I have been observing
and writing about birds, I have not netted them for identi-
fication or for ringing etc. I would like to take a training
in ringing by using net for catching. Is there any such
training given? Information from you is awaited.

How is the PAOC go? Wish I could
attend it.

Trust this finds you quite well, active ornithologically.

With regards,

Zenobia
~~H. Daniel Wesley~~
09/12/98

(H. Daniel Wesley)

Ref: Yours: Dt. 09-12-1996.

15 December, 1996

Prof. H. Daniel Wesley
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Dear Prof. Wesley,

Thank you for your above letter.

The *Newsletter*, as you mention rightly, is not a scientific journal and neither does Mr. Futehally intend it to be one. But if a note / paper is accepted for publication, and substantial parts of it are edited (i.e. removed) before being printed, the editor should write and inform the author and should give him the option of stopping his paper from being printed if the latter thinks so! For such (scientific) work, as far as I know, there are only two journals, that of the BNHS and *Pavo*, published from Baroda. Perhaps you could send your more scientific work to one of them? The ZSI might also be publishing some sort of a journal, but I have not seen it in popular circulation.

Mayura is a newsletter of the Birdwatcher's Society of A.P. Published bi-annually, it contains papers, notes, etc., of observations on birds from the state of Andhra Pradesh only. This was decided when the newsletter was launched, but now there is a debate whether articles from outside Andhra Pradesh should be accepted for publication. I am enclosing a complimentary copy of the latest issue, and a membership form, hoping you will become a member of our Society!

OBC has 2 publications. *Forktail* is its journal, in which papers are published from the entire oriental region - and you might land an issue which may not have any paper on India at all! But it is an excellent journal by any standards and many Indian ornithologists contribute papers to it. OBC's bulletin is called just that, and is published quarterly. It is also an excellent publication with a very interesting mix of contents. At times I feel it is more interesting than *Forktail*! I have been a member of the OBC since its inception, and frankly have enjoyed and benefitted from it thoroughly (even though the sole benefit of this membership are the above publications!).

BNHS has training camps in identification and ringing occasionally and you could write to the Hon. Secretary there to enquire about the next one. It was best when their own bird-banding projects were going on across the country and you could join one as a participant / helper and learn the art from the most proficient people in the business! BNHS might have individual researchers still working in T.N. who could help you, about which you will know from the Hon. Sec., if you write to enquire.

The PASOC meeting at Coimbatore was a success and I missed you there. Though a lot of issues were discussed and resolved, the great benefits for me were the opportunities of meeting so many fellow bird-fanciers and birding in new areas and habitats. In that this meeting was wonderful.

With regards and best wishes for the festive season ahead and wishing you a very happy 1997!

