

Subject: Lesser Florican

Date: Tue, 16 Mar 1999 14:45:01 +0200

From: "Dungan Management Services Limited" <dungan@cinergy.co.je>

To: "Asheesh Pittie" <aasheesh@hdl.vsnl.net.in>

Dear Mr Pittie

I am a British birdwatcher, and read with great interest your reports of birds in southern India. I am planning to visit India in August / September this year and am very keen to see Great Indian Bustard and particularly Lesser Florican. Your reports mention sightings last year at the HAL factory near Nashik, and I wonder if this is a good site to see these birds very year?

I wonder if you could give me any information on visiting this, or other sites for these species, and any local birdwatchers who might be able to assist or accompany me to look for them.

Kind regards

Duncan Wilson

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Date: Tue, 16 Mar 1999 21:37:07 +0530

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

To: dungan@cinergy.co.je

Dear Mr Wilson,

Both, the Great Indian Bustard (GIB) and the Lesser Florican are found near Nashik. This is a good place to see them and is easily accessible from Mumbai. You should contact Mr Biswarup Raha at 13 Hemant Vihar, Vir Savarkar Nagar, Off Gangapur Road, Nashik 422005, Maharashtra State, India. His phone numbers are 351309 & 383727.

There are a few other good sites for seeing these grassland birds.

In Andhra Pradesh, the state I stay in, is Rollapadu GIB Sanctuary which is also easily reached by a car in about half a day. Basic accomodation is available at the sanctuary and an over night stay is recommended. The GIB is a sure sighting. Cannot be so sure about the florican. But the Indian Wolf is also a certainty. If you are interested in another endemic, then the Sykes' Crested Lark (*Galerida deva*) is also found here. I could make the arrangements for you, if not take you there myself.

Rajasthan and Gujarat states are the strongholds of these birds. Details regarding accommodation, travel, etc., may be had from Dr A R Rahmani, Director, Bombay Natural History Society, Hornbill House, Dr Salim Ali Chowk, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Road, Mumbai 400023, India. You could e-mail him at the following address, inserting "Attn: Dr AR Rahmani" in the subject field.

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If you'd like more information, please do not hesitate to ask.

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Best wishes and regards!

Aasheesh Pittie

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Subject: Re: Lesser Florican

Date: Thu, 18 Mar 1999 10:02:34 +0200

From: "Dungan Management Services Limited" <dungan@cinergy.co.je>

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

Dear Aasheesh

Thank you very much for this information, which is very useful, and for your kind offer of assistance. I hope I will be able to visit Rollapadu, and will contact you when I have a better idea of my itinerary. In fact, I did try to visit there three years ago when I was last in southern India. Unfortunately, I did not have any information on visiting the sanctuary, and did not get any further than Kurnool!

I am interested in subscribing to your journal, and wonder if this is possible. Obviously, there would need to be a supplementatry subscription fee to cover the cost of overseas postage.

With kind regards

Duncan Wilson

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

To: dungan@cinergy.co.je <dungan@cinergy.co.je>

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Subject: BSAP

Date: Fri, 19 Mar 1999 09:28:44 +0530

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

To: dungan@cinergy.co.je

Dear Mr Wilson,

The Birdwatchers' Society of Andhra Pradesh has a category of Foreign Member, whereby a person living in a non-SAARC country, pays US\$ 15/- per annum. Such a member receives 1 copy of our bi-annual journal, MAYURA, by air mail. The monthly bulletin, PITTA, is not mailed, but copies can be e-mailed to those who have the facility.

You would have to send me a cheque for the above amount, payable to BIRDWATCHERS' SOCIETY OF ANDHRA PRADESH, on a bank in Mumbai or Hyderabad. You can lump annual memberships for a maximum of 3 years and send US\$ 45/- in one go.

Thank you for your interest. If you have further queries about the Society, please do ask.

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Best wishes and regards!

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