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Dear

Thank you for your letter of 22nd December enclosing notes about birds in various habitats.

I would like to have some clarification. In the list of Birds in sandy arid biotope you have mentioned the baya. What does the baya feed on in this area. I thought that the baya did require a certain amount of greenery and water to survive.

I wonder whether it is possible for you to send me a list of the birds which are restricted to desert areas. The list which you have sent include many birds like the blackwinged kite, sparrow hawk, peregrine falcon and others which are found in many areas outside the desert. An exclusive list will be valuable from my point of view.

Incidentally I have to give a talk about birds residing in our forests. Have you any published information or references which you can give me. I will be most grateful for your early reply.

With kind regards and wishing you all the best for the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

(Zafar Futehally)

