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Dear Dr Daniels,

Birds of the Western Ghats

Thank you for your letter of 30 November and for the enclosed articles and slides. I look forward to seeing your chapter in The Birds of India in press with Penguin India Ltd.

Obviously we cannot make a commitment to publish your book before actually having seen the manuscript, but the contents you describe would certainly be of great interest. I am particularly keen on your emphasis on the biogeography, ecology and conservation aspects of the avifauna of the area concerned. An effective identification of possible conservation sites as well as good places for ornithological observation would greatly enhance this work.

I would like to see a brief introduction combined with the prehistory of the avifauna. The history of the ornithology of the area, with a biographical emphasis, would be welcome.

Obviously the guide to bird identification should be comprehensive and form the core of the book. A good species description would greatly enhance this. Salim Ali

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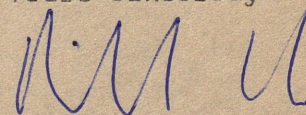
generally refers to Baker, which is seldom available to the reader, so the inclusion of such a description would greatly help identification. Also, an updated guide as to the sightings and status of each species would be an additional attraction. I gather from your research that this should not be too much of a problem for you. I presume you would also supplement your own work with a thorough literature search.

Your illustrations are really lovely and I would like to include as many as possible. Unfortunately, to include 50 plates as you suggest would make the cost of the book, without subsidy, prohibitive. I'm afraid we will have to limit the number of colour pages to 16-24. Obviously you could include several species on each page if you wanted to. If this were done it would be of great advantage to us if you could give us paste-ups of the final artwork for each page, i.e. with your paintings placed together as they would appear on the final printed page. Or, even better, if you could provide slides. We would typeset the captions.

I do not wish to rush you on this project as what we looking for is quality and thoroughness. You should envisage the text being ~~the~~<sup>the</sup> standard reference work for the avifauna of the Western Ghats for a number of years to come, and proceed accordingly.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely



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Dear Dr Daniels,

Birds of the Western Ghats

Thank you for your letter of 14 December and the enclosed MS of your Penguin India article. I enjoyed reading it, particularly the part about birdwatching in the Ghats.

I presume that including the birdlife of the coastal regions would make this book much too unwieldy a proposition. I ask with one eye on the sales potential, as this would obviously make it more attractive to Bombay's ornithologists. On the other hand, I would not want you to lose the current sharp focus of the project, so please do as you see fit.

I look forward to seeing the first part of the MS in due course.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely

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14 May 1991

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Dear Dr Daniels,

Birds of the Western Ghats

Thank you for your letter of 7 May 1991. The part of the field guide you sent me looks very encouraging. I look forward to seeing the rest of the matter in due course.

I have few comments to make at this stage other than to suggest that all birds sizes should be metric (in mm).

I have shown the part of the MS you sent to our production department. They have suggested that the book would be greatly enhanced by the addition of postage stamp sized distribution maps conforming to the outline of the coast and the ghats (i.e. long and narrow). They would obviously be fairly small in size but it should prove possible to include breeding status/winter visitor/summer visitor information and maybe even relative abundance (rare/occasional/common) using a carefully considered black and white coding (hatching, dots, solid black, etc.).

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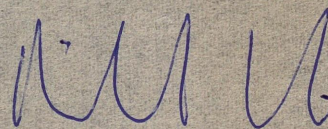
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There is also a product on the market called lettratone which would provide different shades of grey, producing a very satisfactory result. This is not terribly expensive and would give such maps a professional appearance. You would only need to produce one outline for the maps, which could then be used as a standard template throughout. Please do consider whether you would like to include such maps and whether you would be able to provide them. Though it would increase your work somewhat it would have the advantage of turning your book into the first true Indian field guide.

About the illustrations. How many birds are you planning to illustrate? If you decide to go ahead with the maps it would be nice to produce the book in a pocket format approximately (180mm x 125mm), so the illustrations would have to fit in with this. Please also remember the other restrictions about number, etc., I mentioned earlier.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Dr Daniels,

Birds of the Western Ghats

Thank you for your letter of 20 May. I have discussed the matter of the maps with our production people. They suggest that for the size of the book we are considering the map should be approximately 1 inch across by 1 1/2 inches deep. The maps should all be of a standard size, though they can be reduced from up to twice the actual printing size (i.e. 2 inches by 3 inches).

It should obviously show the coastal outline of the area concerned and maybe one or two major coastal cities such as Bombay and Trivandrum. As the distribution of some of the species is confined to the southern ghats or northern ghats alone, it should be possible to include just the appropriate map segment for these species, while following the same template. The towns would help locate which part of the coast was being referred to. Maybe we can discuss these matters further when you are next in Delhi.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

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Dear Dr Daniels,

Birds of the Western Ghats

Thank you for your letter of 9 October.  
I look forward to meeting you when you come to  
Delhi in December.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

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Dear Dr Daniels,

## Birds of the Western Ghats

Thank you for your letter of 19 December '91.  
It was nice to meet you while you were here in  
Delhi.

As I mentioned in my letter of 14 May 1991  
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Rs 1000 per plate. So simply divide the subsidy  
you come by by this amount to estimate the number  
of extra plates we can accommodate. Obviously  
the number of birds on each plate is a matter of  
convenience and aesthetics, so I will leave you  
to use your own judgement in this regard.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Yours sincerely

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Dear Dr Daniels,

Field Guide to the Birds of South-West India

Thank you for your letter of 11 May, and for your earlier one of 24 April.

I enclose a draft agreement for this book. If it looks satisfactory to you, I will send the finalized agreement for you to complete.

As regards the matter of the title, our marketing people feel 'Birds of South-West India' will reach a wider market, particularly, as regards exports, than 'Birds of the Western Ghats'.

I will try and find out how to get hold of the Oriental bird list.

Looking at the maps you have supplied, I have a number of suggestions. Most importantly, upon consideration I think it better to do without the grid lines. We will produce an end-paper map for those who wish to know the physical features, latitudes and longitudes, locations of the major towns, etc. Before

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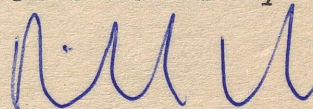
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we proceed further, I think it best that you give us a list of the symbols you will be using to express winter visitor status, residential, breeding, and occasional visitor status, etc. What it is that will be featured on the maps and how these details will be represented needs to be sorted out at this stage.

As for the map template itself, I think, looking at the roughs you have supplied, that it will be easier if you were to work on a 200% enlargement. This will give us a standard reduction when processing. We will produce the template here and supply you with enough outlines for your needs. (Will 500 be enough?)

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M I Hutnik', with a stylized, cursive script.

M I Hutnik

PS I hope you realize that the plates can be reduced in a similar way to the maps and that there is no need to do their actual size. A standard reduction from 200% or 300% larger than actual size will cause us little problem, even if some plates are reduced from 2x and some from 3x.

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Dear Dr Daniels,

Birds of the Western Ghats

Thank you for your letter of 4 June. I will send you the formal agreement once you've settled into your new Madras address. I would rather we didn't lose it between Bangalore and Madras, so I won't risk sending it for the moment.

I hope to be able to send you a sample map in the next week or so. If you complete this using the highlighting ink, etc., we will be able to see how the maps will reproduce in printing.

How are the introductory chapters coming along? The sooner you finish these the better.

I hope you find your new work satisfying.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

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PS Ram Guha put in a good word for you recently!

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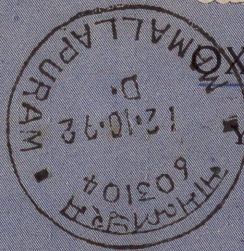
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Dear Dr Daniels,

Thank you for your letter of 17 August and for the enclosed introduction. Sorry that I haven't managed to reply to you earlier. I hope to be able to send you the map templates in the next week or two. Please let me know whether you have success or not in obtaining the Oriental Birds checklist.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

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Dear Dr Daniels,

Birds of the Western Ghats

Thank you for your letter of 16 October and for the copy of your book. It looks very nice. I particularly liked the black and white illustrations, as well as the warblers and flycatchers. I think some of the black and white illustrations are more successful simply because they are not in strict profile, which is a point to be born in mind for your current series. By the way, I was previously unaware that the IIS has its own publishing programme.

I shall see what I can do to find the Oriental Birds Checklist.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

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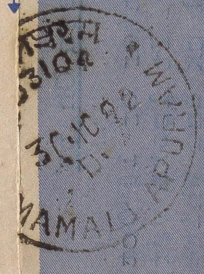
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Dear Dr Daniels,

Field Guide to the Birds of South-West  
India

I enclose, in duplicate, the formal agreement for this. Please sign both copies, have your signatures witnessed, retain the top copy and return the carbon copy to us.

Sorry for the delay in sending this.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

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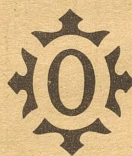
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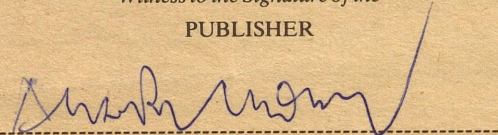
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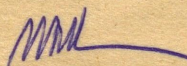
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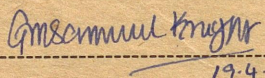
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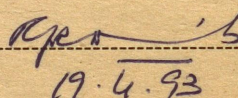


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Birds of the Western Ghats

I believe you are currently working on a manuscript on the Birds of the Western Ghats. We would be interested to know how this project is progressing, what the contents will be, and what publishing plans you may have, if any. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Dr Daniels,

Birds of the Western Ghats

Thank you for your letter of 6 April 1992.  
Sorry that I haven't earlier acknowledged receipt of  
your manuscript. We have had this read by an expert  
who has made a number of pertinent observations I  
hope you will consider.

First, the reader suggests that the title of the  
book would be better as 'Birds of Western India' as  
shorebirds and seabirds are also included.

Secondly, the reader suggests that we follow the  
English names in the list of oriental birds being  
prepared by the Oriental Bird Club. This is particularly  
~~appropriate~~ <sup>appropriate</sup> as this list is used by other titles recently  
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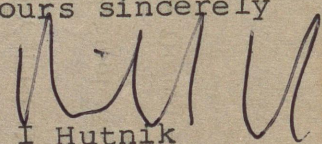
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The reader also has a few queries about field  
identification marks of various species which we should  
look into at a later date.

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With best wishes,

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With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

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Dear Dr Daniels,

Birds of Southwestern India

...

Thank you for your letter of 21 June. I'm afraid the floppies arrived in damaged condition. I'm returning them under separate cover. Please send a second set reinforced and well protected against the vagaries of our increasingly notorious postal system.

I presume the floppies include the new ornithological classifications?

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

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Birds of Southwestern India

....

I have heard that the Inskipps are preparing a handbook of Indian birds. Have you heard anything of this? - somebody suggested to me that you might of. If if you have, do you know whether their publisher is Christopher Helm and, if so, who's handling the book?

Please let me know if you have any information on this.

With best wishes,

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Madras 600113.

Dear Dr Daniels,

Birds of Southwestern India

Very many thanks for dropping in at our office today.

This is to acknowledge receipt of 63 pages of illustrations (30 in colour + 33 in black and white), along with Dedication and Acknowledgements. As mentioned to you, with Mr Hutnik's departure, we will have to reallocate this book to another editor. The editor will be in touch with you as soon as this is done. Work on the TS should begin in a couple of months.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Dr Daniels:

First, I must apologise for the delay in getting an editor assigned to your book on the Birds of the Western Ghats, following Ivan Hutnik's departure. Unfortunately, this coincided with the start of a major office renovation and therefore the disruption to normal procedures has been considerable. In addition, we are in the process of reassigning certain editorial responsibilities, so it may be another two or three weeks before we are able to tell you which editor will be handling the book right through to publication. In the meantime, and in order to expedite editorial and production work once we have allocated an editor to your book, I have taken a thorough look through the manuscript, and there are some points I would like to clarify with you before we start work. I have summarised the points on the enclosed sheets.

For the time being, I will hold on to the copy of the printout we currently have, although you will see that I have asked you to provide a double-spaced printout (editing marks will not be sufficiently clear on the single-spaced version), and I have also suggested a number of other changes, some of which are quite far-reaching (e.g. removal of italic for emphasis, re-positioning of "Race" information, etc.). I hope much of this work can be done by global search-and-replace routines, and won't cause you too many problems. Please supply disks with the corrections in place, and also a fresh printout corresponding exactly to the disks; this



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will make production a lot faster. I am returning the draft map, for you to mark on additional information (if you agree with the enclosed suggestions), and also one of the two version of the Introduction, which I think may be a superseded version. Let me know if you would like me to return the entire printout. Please note that the final printout should be printed on one side of the sheet only. I will hold on to the illustrations. You might like to note that two additional colour plates could be included at very little extra cost; colour plates are printed in groups of four, and currently you have 30. Let us know about this. ||

Finally, there are a few queries about identification which the Press reader raised and which I do not believe have been passed on to you. They are as follows:

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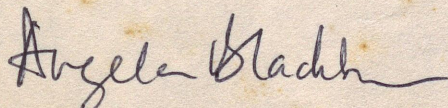
Jungle/white-headed Babbler. Best separation is by call. Behaviour and habitat are not diagnostic.

Booted Warbler has less rounded tail than Blyth's Reed Warbler. Confusion most likely with Chiffchaff.

Yellowbrowed Warbler Ph. inornatus unlikely to be confused with Large-crowned L-Warbler, as crown stripe is faint in Yellowbrowed. Confusion more likely with Ph. trochiloides.

I shall look forward to hearing from you. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



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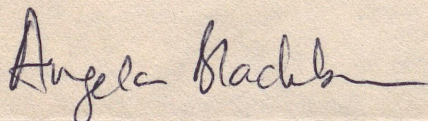
Dear Dr Daniels:

Many thanks for your letter of December 5. I am sorry for the delay in replying, but our reorganization and the reallocation of editorial responsibilities within the department as taken longer than anticipated, and was only finalized yesterday.

We have now asked one of our editors in Bombay, Rivka Israel, to take on the copy-editing of your manuscript, and I am sending it down to her right away. Rivka is one of our best editors and I am sure you will find her an excellent person to work with. Rivka will be in touch with you in due course. If you have any queries about the book in the meantime, do contact her at Oxford House, Apollo Bunder, Post Box 31, Bombay 400 039.

It will be very useful if you could also complete the enclosed Author's Publicity Form and send it to me for our files. It will be very useful in preparing advance publicity for the book.

Yours sincerely



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1993 - PRINCIPAL SCIENTIFIC OFFICER,  
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The first Indian book on birds meant to serve as a field guide illustrated by the author. The book covers detailed discussion on the Biogeography + Ecology of the birds of Southwestern India.

Are there any particular characteristics of your book which you think might help us in promoting it? What, for example, led you to write it?

25) More than 30 years of acquaintance with the birds of Western India + the fact that there were no comprehensive guides to the birds of this region.

Please provide a brief but precise readership profile of those who would be interested in your book.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN BIRDS

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Dear Dr Daniels,

Field Guide to the Birds of Southwestern India

We are sorry about the inordinate delay in publishing your book. We have received the final proofs and I am sending these across to you. Once you return the proofs, we will prepare the CRCs (camera ready copies).

I will send you a definite schedule in a week's time.

In case of any enquiries regarding the content, you could contact Mrs Sarah Israel in Bombay who copy-edited the manuscript.

Let me reassure you that the book will definitely be out by the end of this year.

Regards,

Srividya Sen (Ms)  
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Dear Dr Daniels

Birds of the Western Ghats

Thank you for your letter of 3 May 1996. Srividya Sen, Assistant Editor, Science and Medicine, has written to you on 13 May 1996, and given you the latest status on your book. She has also assured you that the book will be published before the end of 1996. I agree with you that it will be good to release it during the centenary year of Dr Salim Ali.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Dr Daniels,

I hope you would have received  
the proofs by now.

Herewith the production schedule  
as promised.

Regards.

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7 January 1998

Dear Dr Daniels,

**A Fieldguide to the Birds of Southwestern India**

We are planning to reprint this book soon. Could you please let us know by the end of January 1998 whether you want any minor changes/corrections in the book? I emphasize on the word 'minor' since at this stage we can only accommodate a few typographical corrections.

With best regards for the New Year,

Yours sincerely,

Atanu Raychaudhuri  
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### Suggested Changes

Location	Text	Change as
P2, Para 3, line 4	<u>whitebreasted</u> laughing thrush	greybreasted
<b>P5, Para 4, line 5</b>	<b>only 234</b>	<b>324</b>
P5, Para 4, line 10	(54 <u>per</u> cent)	per
<b>P18, line 6 from below</b>	<b><u>NECTARINIIDAE</u></b>	<b>This is a <u>family</u>. Please insert below Dicaeidae.</b>
P29 line 1 from top	<u>Indian</u> Reef Heron	Western Reef Heron
P30 line 8 from top	<u>W</u> estern	lower case
P32 line 5 from top	<u>Wodly</u> necked	Woollynecked
P34 line 1 from top	<u>large</u> whistling	fulvous whistling
P38 line 11 from below	Greater Scaup <u>Duck</u>	delete Duck
P39 line 13 from above	<u>southwestern</u>	'S' upper case
P39 line 2 from below	Western Ghats	Southwestern India
P43 line 19 from below	<u>Legge's</u> baza <u>small yellownaped</u> <u>woodpecker</u>	Jerdon's baza lesser yellownape (816)
P44 line 17 from above	<u>Crested</u> honey	Oriental honey
P45 line 14 from below	<u>feathertoed</u>	mountain
P46 line 1 from above	<u>tawny eagle</u>	Eurasian tawny eagle
P46 line 14 from above	<u>Pariah</u>	block
P47 line 15 from below also p48 line 14 from above	<u>tawny eagle</u>	Eurasian tawny eagle
P49 line 9 from below line 7 from below	Eurasian griffon <u>vulture</u> <u>whitebacked</u>	delete vulture whiterumped.
P50 line 1 & 3 from below	<u>Pale</u> harrier	pallid
P51 line 15 from above	<u>marsh harrier</u>	western marsh harrier
P51 line 16 from below	<u>pariah</u> kite	black kite

P53 line 3 from above	<u>Rednecked merlin</u>	Rednecked falcon
P55 line 4 from above	<u>immature kestrel</u>	immature common kestrel
P64 line 1 from above	<u>forehead, eyes</u>	forehead. Red eyes
P68 line 14 from above	<u>Eastern Golden</u>	Pacific
P70 line 19 from below line 18 from below line 3 from below	<u>lesser sandplover</u> <u>large sandplover</u> <u>Actitis</u>	Mongolian sandplover greater sandplover <i>Xenus</i>
P72 line 4 from below	<u>Whitewashed</u>	white washed
P76 line 6 from above	pale (-)	delete (-)
P80 line 4 from below	<u>stone curlew</u>	Eurasian thick-knee
P83 line 10 & line 14 from above	<u>herring gull</u>	yellowlegged gull
P85 line 3 from above	for <u>western India</u>	southwestern
P92 line 2 from above line 16 from below	<u>facies</u> and <u>status Southwestern</u>	delete . status in . . .
P93 line 15 from below	<u>Lorikeets</u>	Hanging Parrots
P95 line 8 from above	<u>Slender with</u>	slender birds with
P97 line 19 from above	<u>bars entire</u>	bars on entire
P99 line 8 from below	Southwestren	Southwestern
P101 line 2 from above	<u>Barn and</u>	Barn, Bay and
P107 line 15 from below line 5 from below	<u>large tailed</u> <u>longtailed</u>	largetailed largetailed
P109 line 8 from above	<u>house swift</u>	little swift
P111 line 14 from above line 9-10 from below	<u>small blue</u> <u>chichee</u> . . .	common blue italics
P114 line 12 from above	<u>thick heads</u>	thickset
P114 line 18 from above	commoner <u>European</u>	Indian
P115 line 11 from above	Crest .	delete .
P125 line 7 from above	<u>Miraфра</u>	italics

P126 line 3 from below	<u>common</u> swallow	barn
P128 line 14 from above	<u>exubitor</u>	excubitor
P147 line 5 from below	<u>malabaricus</u> Race	malabaricus. Race
<b>P159 line 2 from above</b>	<b>Figure 1</b>	<b>Plate 57</b>
<b>P159 line 11-12 from below</b>	<b>Figure 2</b> <b><u>longer</u> in race rama</b> <b><u>than race caligata</u></b>	<b>Plate 57</b> <b>delete underlined words.</b>
P160 line 1 from above	<u>separats</u>	separates
P162 line 1 from above	<u>next.</u>	next . (see Plate 57).
<b>P164 line 7 from below</b>	<b>Race <u>saularis</u></b>	<b>Race <i>ceylonensis</i></b>
P167 line 6 from above	orangeheader	orange headed
line 14 from above	Resident. Western	Resident. Endemic. Western
P170 line 11 from below	<u>song rendered as</u>	not in italics
<b>P173 line 6 from below</b>	<b>race <u>thunbergi</u></b>	<b><u>simillima</u></b>
<b>P175 line 3 from above</b>	<b><u>Magpie Oriental</u> robin's</b>	<b>Oriental magpie robin's</b>
P180 line 5 from above	<u>common weaverbird</u>	baya weaver
<b>P183 line 2 from above</b>	<b><u>chestnutthroated</u> Petronia</b>	<b>chestnut shouldered</b>

P186 line 10 from above column 2	<u>Ewasian</u>	Eurasian
P186 line 18 & 23 from above column 2	black crowned night Malayan night	take to Herons
P188 line 12 from below column 1	-	add storkbilled
P189 line 14-20 from above column 2	-	realign
P191 line 7 from above column 1	<u>shouldered house</u>	shouldered, house
P191 line 6 from below column 1	<u>ash</u> wood	ashy
P192 line 3 from below column 1	<u>wagail</u>	wagtail