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Mr Aasheesh Pittie
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My dear Aasheesh:

I was indeed happy to receive your kind invitation for your wedding reception here at the Windsor Manor on the 28th of this month. Yes, my wife, daughter and I would be delighted and honoured to attend. I appreciate your personal letter asking us to share your memorable day with you.

On the 27th, if you are keen on contacting me as you mentioned, please call 565591 and 576332 and leave a message for me. I will then try to call you back. It will be nice to get together after that unforgettable 'first meeting' at Hyderabad.

Thanks again and with my warm regards,

Sincerely,

Kumar

Dr Kumar Ghorpadé



All the best in 1986

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Dear Aasheesh:

Greetings for the
new year to you
and family. Many
thanks for all your
help earlier this
year at Hyderabad.
And do remember
and work on our
plan for cooperative
work on Indian Birds.
Do keep in touch.

Cheers! Kumar

Dr. Kumar Ghorpadé

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To:

Mr Aasheesh Pittie
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1st June 1986

Dr Kumar Ghorpade
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Dear DR Ghorpade,

I received a copy of BIRD CALL three days ago and the letter which i had been planning to write for so many days to you, finally got written.

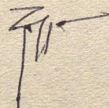
I liked BIRD CALL a great deal and think it is headed in the right direction. The arrival of IORA is awaited with great eagerness now. I have sent a subscription for this journal via M O.

I had come to Bangalore on the 8th of April and was there till the 14th. I missed you by a day in the city, when i was informed you came on tuesday. But i could not get your line even for 3 continuous days when the call was booked on your farm number. I would have loved to met you there. Anyway, i shall, next time!

If you require any help for the journal from this end, do write. Shiv and Binod Choudhury send their greetings. Siraj Taher is in Madras.

All the best,

Sincerely,



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11 JUN 1986

Dear Aasheesh:

Many thanks for yours of June 1st. I am glad you liked BIRD CALL. Thanks also for your subscription to that and IORA. However, with a subscription to IORA you are entitled to receive BIRD CALL free. I can return the Rs 12 or adjust it towards another friend of yours' subscription to IORA if he sends me just Rs 38/-. You can take the Rs 12 from him.

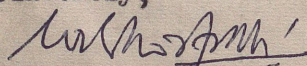
It will be some time before I can promise the inaugural issue of IORA. This depends upon receipt of minimal number of subscriptions and MSS of papers and notes, etc. Yes, you all there can help by motivating your birdwatcher group to mail subscriptions and manuscripts. And, remember BIRD CALL will also depend upon the contributions from its readers. I depend on young, energetic and motivated persons like you to support my effort. The old and experienced are either too lazy or too busy to do anything!

I had recently been to Trivandrum (Kerala) for a few days in connection with project field work. I was impressed with some young birdwatcher friends who joined me enthusiastically on my field jaunts. These are the young colleagues who give me much confidence. As a slightly more experienced and comparatively busy scientist, I can only coordinate all your efforts and give a direction and sense of purpose.

Aasheesh, my American counterpart, Dr David L. Pearson (Pennsylvania State University) and I will be arriving at Hyderabad by IC 562 (dep. 1315 hrs) from Visakhapatnam on July 3rd. We will be there until July 8th when we take IC 526 to Bangalore in the morning. We will be staying at one of the best hotels there and plan to visit the Pakhal and Eturnagaram parks on two of those days. Can you, with the help of your forest contacts, reserve a decent forest rest house at each of these sanctuaries any day from 4-7 July for us? If one or two of you and your friends would like to join us, say from 4-6 July by a rented taxi, you would be our guests. The other day (say 7th) I would like to visit the Narsapur forest we did last independence day. If possible, please write to me c/o Dr N.A.V. Prasad Reddy, 4-66-1A Lawson's Bay, Visakhapatnam 530 017 so as to reach me before July 2nd and inform me about the arrangements you have made.

When I come to Hyderabad this time, we should discuss in detail our strategy for birdwatchers (naturalists) in India. Warm regards and wishes to you all there (is Siraj Taher still at Hyderabad?),

Sincerely,


Dr Kumar Ghorpade

AYYARIA: Monographs in Systematic Entomology.

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF ORIENTAL ENTOMOLOGY 1984 -

IOBA : A Journal of Oriental Ornithology

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Please inform Raj Rater
& others of my visit.
Dave Pearson would give
a slide illustrated talk
on birds to your Society
members with pleasure.

I look forward to meeting
you again and spending
more time with you all.

Love

Dr. Kumar Ghorpadé

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Dear Aasheesh:

● I trust you received my earlier letter regarding our visit to Hyderabad between July 3-8 next month. Dr. D.L. Pearson & myself would be arriving there by IC 562 around 2 p.m. or so on the 3rd. We have bookings at the Hotel Banjara. If you are free, could you kindly meet us at the airport & drive us there where we could make plans for the next 4 days programme? We would like to stay 1-2 nights at the Pakhal FRH & I hope you can make reservations for us there. From Pakhal we may drive to the Eturajaram Sanctuary & return to Pakhal for the night. At Hyderabad I will visit that beautiful Narayanpur for one day. Thanks. Regards,

K. S. Gharpade

Dr. KUMAR GHORPADE

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Dr Kumar Ghoppade
C/o Dr N A V Prasad Reddy
4-66-1A Lawson's Bay
VISHAKHAPATNAM - 530 017

20th June 1986

Dear Dr Ghorpade,

Received your letter of 11th instant, and am extremely glad of your impending visit to hyd and plans regarding Eturnagaram and Pakhal. I have booked the cottages at both the sanctuaries for 5th and 6th July respectively. The tentative program sent to the D F O (Wl Mng), Warangal, is that we arrive at Eturnagaram in the forenoon of 5th and stay the night at the cottage there. The next day we will go to Pakhal. A range officer will be with us to show the way. I may mention that there is a cook at Etur., who will give us good chicken! For Pakhal we will have to purchase some provisions.

Kumar, do you want me to book a room for you at the Banjara or any other hotel here? Please let me know. I will also try and meet you at the airport here.

Mr Taher, who was in Madras when your letter first came, has returned.

Hoping to meet you soon.

Sincerely,

AP

11th July 1986

Dr Kumar Ghorpade
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My Dear Kumar,

This is in continuation of our talk regarding further references for the checklist of birds of Andhra Pradesh that Mr Siraj Taher and I are preparing. I wanted to know if you had a friend in the ZSI who would help us with specimens in the ZSI collections, from AP. You mentioned a Mr Saha who might be helpful. Well, what we would like to know is this:

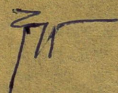
- i) Does the ZSI have specimens of birds from the state of Andhra Pradesh? If yes, then a list of the same with specimen number, date and place of collection and sub-specific name wherever possible.
- ii) If the above is too tedious, we would like to know of any literature in which the above have been listed, so that we can refer to them ourselves.

We will be very grateful if you could write to Mr Saha regarding this.

Kumar, that little woodpecker we saw in Eturnagaram could have been Picoides nanus. The only hitch (if one could call it that) is that the male of this species has a narrow scarlet streak on either side of the occiput. Most probably our bird was a female. You saw ~~with~~^{two} of them together. As the breeding season is ending, the peak being Mar-Apr, perhaps the male was in non-breeding plumage. Whatever, only more visits to Eturnagaram will reveal its true identity. Pushp Kumar, however, tells me that he saw it in the Narsapur forest and was similarly confounded. I will be sending you a list of the birds we saw on this trip, soon.

Even though our trip was marred slightly by the pomposity of David Pearson, we enjoyed it thoroughly. Thanks for making it possible.

Best is fine. Waiting for a reply.
Sincerely,



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P.L. Send the address
of B.C. Chowdhury &
Pushpa Kumar,

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14 JUL 1986

Dear Aasheesh:

This is to thank you and B.C. Chowdhury for a wonderful time at Hyderabad, etc., recently. I was impressed and pleased at the potential both of you exhibited. I am with you all the way from now on!

You must have checked on the pygmy woodpecker and confirmed it as Picoides nanus (Browncrowned PW) from HANDBOOK 4: 231. Please do consider writing 3 articles on our Narsapur, Pakhal & Eturnagaram visits and we could share them between your AP Newsletter and BIRD CALL. The Narsapur one should go in yours with strong appeals to make it into a National Park.

More in a longer letter later. This is again to say 'shukriya'. Warm regards to both of you,
Sincerely,

Kumar

Dr. KUMAR GHORPADE

14th July 1986

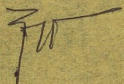
Dr Kumar Ghorpade
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Dear Kumar,

I am enclosing a copy of the birds we saw on our recent trip to Eturnagaram and Pakhal Sanctuaries in Warangal District of Andhra Pradesh, *for your reference.*

If any of the birds you saw have been missed by me, please write.

Sincerely,



17th July 1986

Dr Kumar Ghorpade
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Dear Kumar,

Many thanks for yours of 14th instant. Given below are the two addresses you wanted.

- 1) Mr Binod C Choudhury
C/o The Director
NEHRU ZOOLOGICAL PARK
HYDERABAD - 500 264

- 2) Mr Pushp Kumar (IFS)
Addl. Chief Conservator of Forests (WL & A)
Office of the Principal CCF
Saifabad
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Rest is fine. Working on articles.

Best wishes,

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16th September 1986

Dr Kumar D Ghorpade
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Dear Kumar,

Greetings!

I had recently been on a short holiday to Wellington in the Nilgiris, with my wife and ofcourse did some birdwatching there.

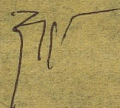
Many of the birds we saw were not reported to be found at the altitudes we saw them at. Examples are the Blackwinged Kite above Coonoor and the Small Blue Kingfisher at Ooty. Do you think an article would be worthwhile on our birding trip to this region of the Nilgiris with some notes on the altitudinal distribution of certain birds ? Please write me your thoughts.

You will not believe this. A wild leopard was caught in a part of Marredpally which is in Secunderabad! Tell you about it when we meet next. When's the next collection trip, by the bye ??

Sorry in delay of the Eturnagaram and Pakhal articles. Working on them. How is the work on IORA coming along ??

Best wishes to all.

Yours truly,



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4 OCT 1986

Dear Aasheesh:

I have had no response yet from Dr S.S. Saha or the Director, Zoological Survey of India, Calcutta. I have sent reminder letters again to them.

Why don't you write up a brief but information packed article on the birds of Warangal District that I could use for BIRD CALL? I will add and modify it for final cyclostyling. This could be a model for the District Avifaunas that I consider imperative if we are to go beyond present knowledge of our bird fauna.

Let me also have titles, authors and publishers of the bird books you want from the U.S.A.

Will write in more detail on your reply. My regards to Mr Taher, Binod, etc. Take care --

Sincerely,

Kumar

Dr. KUMAR GHORPADÉ

20th October 1986

Dr Kumar Chorpade

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Dear Kumar,

Thanks for yours of 14th instant. I hope Dr Saha responds quickly for our list is ready now.

About the article for Bird Call, I know i had promised to send one to you earlier. But now that you have written me, i am going to sit down and do it.

Now about the books. Below is a list of some of the books i want. Whether to get all the books at one go or to divide the list into two or three batches is left entirely to your description. Just inform me when they arrive, if they will come to you, or when you have placed the order and they will come to me. Also please advice mode of payment to you here.

1. 'Estimating Numbers Of Terrestrial Birds' -- By -- C John Ralph & Michael Scott. (From the series "Studies In Avian Biology" No. 6) Published by Cooper Ornithological Society.
2. The Frontiers Of Bird Identification -- Edited by J T R Sherrock.
3. Seabirds: An Identification Guide -- By -- Peter Harrison
4. The Fulmar -- By -- James Fisher
5. The Peregrine Falcon -- By -- D Ratcliffe (Ill. by D Watson)
6. The Gannet -- By -- Bryan Nelson
7. Greenshanks -- By -- Desmond & Maimie Nethersole-Thompson (Ill. by D Watson)
8. The Life of the Robin -- By -- David Lack
9. Bill Oddie's Little Black Bird Book -- By -- Bill Oddie.

I prefer soft-cover editions (paperbacks) where ever avail-

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able. For these will save on postage being less heavy and will also be comparatively cheaper than hard cover ones. If paperbacks are not available, then the hard bound editions will do.

Going back to the article on Warangal, how would you like me to present the bird list. Systematically one below the other or according to families? Then should i give a column type of list and place distribution - like the list i had mailed you of our visit - or just give brief descriptions of the places visited and combine the lists? I personally would prefer this method and the systematic list mentioned earlier.

But please let me know at your earliest about this and the books.

Best wishes and regards,

Yours sincerely

