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Recent sightings :

Mudumalai WLS — TRK Yoganand; A. Manimekalan; V. Gokula; P. Kannan and B. Rajasekhar (in litt./Pers. comm.).

Siruvani RF — TRK Yoganand and C. Venkataraman (Pes. comm.).

Indira Gandhi WLS - Karian Shola — Pers. obs., R. Kannan, Krys Kazymierezak, Divya Mudappa (Pers. Comm./in litt.).

Anagundi Shola (Sanjeeva Pande — Feb. 1995; 3 birds)

Anamaiai (Urulikkal) — A Prabhakar (Pers. Comm.)

Sengaltheri-Kalakkad/Mundanturai — Pers. obs.; *Kakkachi* — T. Ganesh and Soubhadra Devi.

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Recent sightings :

Wynaad WLS — Pers. obs., P.K. Uthaman, A.V. Manoj, TRK Yoganand (Pers. Comm.).

Nilambur/New Amarambalam — TRK Yoganand (Pers. Comm.); NEST Survey, 1993.

Silent Valley NP — Pers. Obs., C.A Abdul Bashir and P.O. Nameer (1993).

Siruvani RF — J. Joshua (Pers. Comm., 1995).

Parambikulam WLS — NEST Survey, 1994.

Nelliampathy RF — P.S. Sivaprasad (Pers. Comm.).

Sholayar R.F. — Anakkayam — Pers. Obs.; *Pathadippalam (near Sholayar Dam)* — Manoj V. Nair (in litt., 1994).

Peechi Vazhani WLS — NEST Survey, 1991.

Chimmoni WLS — NEST Survey, 1992; Prabhakar, Pers. Comm.

Munnar (30 kms from) — M.S. Koshi (in litt., 1994).

Periyar Tiger Reserve — K.K. Neelakantan (JBNHS 72; 544-548, 1975); A Robertson and M.C.A. Jackson (1992; Birds of Periyar)

Goodrickal/Pachakkanam — Pers. Obs.; C.A. Abdul Bashir (Pers. Comm., 1992); A. Robertson (Pers. Comm., 1992).

Trivandrum area — Arippa — Pers. Obs., Manoj V. Nair and C. Sushanth Kumar (Pers. Comm.), *Neyyar/Peppara* — Manoj V. Nair and C. Sushanth Kumar (Pers. Comm.).

Blue-throated Flycatcher, Indian Great Reed Warbler, Common Rosefinch and Lesser Golden-backed Woodpecker — Four New Species in the Indian Institute of Science Campus, Bangalore.



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It was the morning of 14th October 1994 when we (LS, NA, VG, MR, AL and AH) saw a male blue-throated flycatcher (*Muscicapa rubeculoides*) amidst the greenery of a garden in the IISc campus. This species has been observed in Bangalore only thrice before (BWFCB, 1994).

On 27th February 1995, we (LS, VG and MR) were walking past a small piece of marshland when to our surprise there was an Indian great reed warbler (*Acrocephalus stentoreus*) sitting on a Lantana bush. The habitat and the call led us to believe that it was not a great reed warbler (*Acrocephalus arundinaceus*) or a thick billed warbler (*Acrocephalus aedon*).

The 12th of April 1995 was a really bright day for us. We (SV and VG) were indeed excited to spot two males and a female of the common rosefinch (*Carpodacus erythrinus*) resting high up on a *Casuarina* tree, and what is more, all three birds stayed put for a whole hour giving us ample opportunity to confirm our identification. The males were crimson on their heads and breasts while the female was dull brown with streaks on her breast.

A lesser golden-backed woodpecker (*Dinopium benghalense*) was heard calling on the 1st of May 1995 by one of us (LS).

We would like readers to add these four species in addition to the white browed bulbul sighted recently (Gadagkar *et al* 1994) to the check list of birds of the IISc campus.

Some corrections to the earlier checklist of birds of the IISc campus (LS): The cattle egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) Status code: x C) was missed in the earlier note (Shyamal, 1994). Species not seen by me were to be shown by an asterisk and these are lesser whistling teal, blackeared kite, longlegged buzzard, woodcock, green pigeon, rufous turtle dove, red turtle dove, little brown dove, blackcapped kingfisher, collared sandmartin, white headed myna, common iora, large grey babbler, booted tree wabbler and orphean warbler. The following five species are to be indicated by the code "rb" instead of "r" — paraiah kite, blue rock pigeon (*Columba livia*), spotted dove, house crow and jungle crow.