

Y.W.C.A. Asoka Road, New Delhi, India

Sept 19, 1929;

Dear Dr. Wood:

October 9, 1929

Miss L. D. Green,
Y.W.C.A. Asoka Road,
New Delhi,
India.

My dear Miss Greene:-

In reply to yours of September 19th, I would strongly advise you, before proceeding further in the matter of the bird book, to examine carefully all similar works on the subject. Write to your bookseller and ask him to send you copies. I think you will find that several popular and similar books have recently appeared.

I have no plates made from the pictures you speak of; and in any event they would not be available for reproduction, as the libraries to which I gave them do not allow their use for that purpose.

I am afraid you will find that coloured pictures of any value are very costly, and unless you can find some institution or government willing to stand the expense of publication, your scheme will be difficult to carry through. However, MacMillan's will be able to give you the estimates so that you will know where you stand.

Wishing you all success, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

DR. CASEY WOOD,
ZOOLOGICAL LIBRARY,
BRITISH MUSEUM, (NATURAL HISTORY),
CROMWELL ROAD, S.W.7.

I have written to Mac Millan's of London to ask whether it is advisable to bring out the text of the book right away and then an illustrated edition when I succeed in getting the pictures made.

I would also be glad to have your advice on this subject.

It will be a great joy if I can succeed in putting this project through. Then I would like to get out a series of small copies of all the plates for use in schools.

I am, yours Sincerely
(Miss) L. D. Greene.

Y.W.C.A. Asoka Road , New Dehli, India

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Dear Dr. Wood:

You may be surprised to hear from me but if you remember my interest in the birds of India you will not wonder at my writing to you for advice and help in a project that I have on hands.

For some time I have felt the great need of a popular book on birds which would enable young people and others who have no technical knowledge of the subject to identify the most common birds that they see on every hand.

My plan is to have a colored plate for each bird that I present, and with this plate and the simple description of the text I hope to stir up enthusiasm on this subject and spread information .

Now, I tried to secure permission to use some pictures that ~~they~~^{you} have but they refuse the permission.

So, I am hoping to get out a set of new ones, and it occurred to me that some of the pictures I want may be in that set you secured for the Smithsonian Institute and that it might be possible for me to have copies made by some artist and so get the plates.

I will enclose a list of the birds I want so that you may be able to tell me whether it will be possible for me to get copies of them .

I shall be most grateful if you can advise me in this matter.

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(Miss) L. D. Greene.

of pictures of Indian birds desired.

- The Purple Sunbird.
- The Tailor Bird.
3. Weaver Bird.
4. Golden Oriole.
5. Blackheaded Oriole.
6. Indian Roller.
7. Whites Eyes.
8. The Pied Wagtail.
9. Brown-backed Robin.
10. Brown Rock Chat.
11. Magpie Robin.
12. Shama.
13. The Red Waxbills.
14. Blain Brown Munias.
15. The Coppersmith.
16. The Common Green Barbet.
17. The Golden-backed Woodpecker.
18. Little Brown Dove.
19. Ring Dove.
20. Common Little Kingfisher.
21. White-breasyed Kingfisher.
22. Indian Pied Kingfisher.
23. The Rose-ringed Parrot.
24. The Alekandrine Parrot.
25. Common Mina.
26. Bank Mina.
27. Pied Mina.
28. Brahmini Mina.
29. Rose-colored Starling.
30. Spotted Mina or HillmStarling.
31. The Common Swallow.
32. The Hoopoe.
33. Pond Heron or Paddy Bird.
34. Common House Crow.
35. The Indian Corby.
36. The Treepie.
37. Koel.
38. Brain-fever Bird.
39. Pied Crested Cuckoo.
40. The Seveh sisters.
41. Larhe Grey Babbler.
42. Red-vented Bulbul.
43. Yellow-vented Bulbul.
44. Red-cheeked Bulbul.
45. White-browed Fantail Flycatcher.
46. Grey-headed Flycatcher.
47. Paradise Flycatcher.
48. The King-Crow or Drongo.
49. Little Green Bee-eater.
50. Blue-tailed Bee-eater.
51. Butcher Bird.
52. Common Grey Hornbill.
53. Adjutant.
54. Little Spotted Owlet.
55. The Red-wattled Lapwing.

*I wish to
all these
Secure
pictures.*

Yours most respectfully,

(Miss) Lily Dexter Greene

Y.W.C.A Asoka Road , New Dehli. India.

July 18, 1929.

Dear Dr. Wood:

Perhaps you will remember that I came to " Maidens Hotel" when you visited Dehli in 1926 and we had a good bit of conversation about birds and especially those of India. Now I do not know that you are in U.S.A. for you may be on the other side of the world but I hope this letter may reach you in due time. At that time I was gathering notes on the very common birds of India and have since been writing them up and plan to have them published under some such title as "Familiar Feathered Friends ".

There are many books on the subject but most of them or rather technical to be of service to the ordinary observer and there are few that are well illustrated.

Now I am writing to you to know whether it would be possible for me to have copies of those pictures you secured for the Smithsonian Institute so that I could have colored blocks made from them to use in my book , and also for a set of bird cards that I want to prepare for the use of the children in schools and for a set of slides to be made for use with a magic lantern.

There are pictures galore but such daubs and I understood from your article concerning those you secured that they are works of art with colors that are true to nature. If you have had prints made or if you can in some way help me to secure prints of those that I want I will be most grateful.

Will you also tell me where you think I could have this work done to the best advantage---I want a good type and good paper and I want the color of the binding to be in green and gold with the Little Green-bee-eater in green and bronze on the cover . I do not want a cheap looking book!!

I shall wait eagerly for your reply to these rather ambitious requests and I am sure you will be glad to help in any way you can.

I am,

Yours most respectfully,

(Miss) Lily Dexter Greene .