

Sailana 1987

26/6/87 sunny | rained briefly in the evening

Very slight green - traces of sprouting. Only rain that too brief - day before.

No floricans.

27/6/87 sunny mostly

No florican

28/6/87 mostly sunny morning rained heavily in the afternoon

No floricans

29/6/87 clear sky | sunny

No floricans

30/6/87 clear sky |

6.00 p.m. 1st of season R.h. main flushed landed

close to footpath back of R.h. small part disappeared
among butea on crop/breed borders.

Head and neck mostly buff - seemed like button breast
as well. Belly blackish/dark. Couldn't notice plumes
- either not present or just sprouting.

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1/7/87 cloudless sunny

No florican seen

2/7/87 Mostly sunny - clouded in the evening slight drizzle

No floricans seen

3/7/87 cloudy most of day - no rain

No floricans

4/7/87 cloudy most of day - no rain - windy

No floricans.

5/7/87 cloudy most of day windy

No floricans.

6/7/87 mostly cloudy - rained ^(drizzled) night 6/7-

No floricans.

7/7/87 cloudy damp to wet ground. Evening rained well for about 1/2 hr.

Morning c. 8.30 am flushed 1 ♂ back part of R4
flew low and landed beyond temple in wellwood
and clump of butea/bheed amidst crop field. Flushed
again flew landed in bheed patch/butea beyond

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fields near Adwanya Mango-grove.

Butt on head and neck - seemed like black streaks - Plumes present - fairly long.

No florican upto nachu.

8/7/87

cloudy day with some sunshine.

Morning c. 7.30 a.m.

2 ♂ floricans c. 50m apart flushed from R.5 disappeared from sight beyond R.4 small part. Could not relocate.

Evening couldn't locate floricans. R.1,2 - R.2 Northern face now completely ploughed up.

9/7/87

Slightly cloudy sunny windy

Morning: No floricans located R.5, R.4 upto Nachu.

Evening: No floricans R.2, R.3.

10/7/87

Sunny slightly cloudy windy

No sign of floricans.

11/7/87

Sunny windy few clouds.

Morning: 1 ♀ in patch of Bheed just opposite Hanuman temple. Flew landed in B.P.C near Adwanya

Evening: 1 ♂ flushed from R.4 S.P. near Hanuman temple disappeared in direction of B.P.C Adwanya.

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12/7/87 Sunny windy no rain clouds.

Also sign of florican near Adwaya B.P.C etc.

13/7/87 Began sunny then clouded up - no rain, ^{very} light drizzle.

Morning Hazariga :- same condition Maulakha.

Nathan's son said he saw a ♂ display once when he came with cattle to graze.

Evening :- Maulakha R.4, R.5, Crop Area Nanchu
No florican seen

14/7/87 Sun Cloudy heavy rains after 3.00 p.m.

Morning R.4, R.5, R.6, Plantation, R.3

No luck for florican

while

Evening, heavy rain flushed 1♂ in B.P.C opposite Hanuman temple landed R.4 small part back. Sheltering from rain seemed more or less complete breeding plumage.

15/7/87 Morning Sun/cloudy

1♂ flushed from B.P.C behind R.4 couldn't re locate.

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16/7/87

Sunny / cloudy

Morning + evening R. 4, 5 crop area

no luck for floricans.

17/7/87

cloudy rained in the night

Morning 1 ♂ in B.P.C Adwanya - where other birds seen to land when flushed from main bleed.

displaying - displayed 8-10 times while foraging between 8:30 - 8:45. then foraging. c. 9:15 people passed on either side of bleed patch ♂ seen running to hide then couldn't relocate.

Almost complete breeding plumage. only 2 patches of buff visible on sides of head at base of plumes. Plumes also not very long and not so easily visible.

(♂ possibly the same one seen a few times earlier.

Possibly sits very tight in B.P.C hence not flushed on earlier attempts) Think I heard (more ♂ display.

Evening:- Sunny / clear.

5:15 ->

5:45 in crop field of sprouting soyabean and maize adjacent to Adwanya B.P.C saw 2 ♂ and 2 ♀ foraging all apart 20-60m away from each other.

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- 1 ♂ then chased 1 ♀ in C.D. snapped head 1-2 times
♀ abruptly ran off. ♂ stopped and sat down for a few
moments.
- 6:00 same ♂ chased same ♀, again ♀ ran off, ♂ ran
in neck-raised posture in opp direction before resuming
foraging
- 6:05 other ♂ and ♀ foraging at the other end of crop
field 30-40 mts apart.
- 6:10 1 ♀ (courted one) lost track of. ♂ (counter) moving
towards B.P.C. where ♂ displayed in morning.
- 6:13 ♂ displayed corner of crop adjacent B.P.C.
- 6:15 2nd ♂ foraging slight butt one head. seems smaller
than 1st ♂: Both ♀s foraging
- 6:19 ♂ displayed.
- 6:21 displaying ♂ (counter) on edge of crop doing that odd
'tail flicking' (like 86 ♀). Tail cocked and jerkily
upendly posterior repeatedly
- 6:30 Both ♀ foraging
♂ foraging still 'flicking' tail
2nd ♂ foraging
- 6:31 people coming flicher ♂ hid
- 6:36 flicher ♂ foraging not flicking tail anymore
STCA then displayed
other foraging
- 6:40 ♂ displayed same place
6:41 displayed

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6.45 displayed same place
 6.47 " " "
 6.51 " "
 6.53 " "
 6.54 " "
 ↓ then started foraging
 ↓ display/foraging

7.10 second ♂ foraging both ♀ o.u.s.
 7.15 Both ♂ foraging coming closer
 7.18 Both ♂ standing looking at each other 20-30 m apart.
 7.20 1st ♂ started running pursued by first.
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 7.25 still chasing partner to peck occasionally
 7.28 Both foraging
 7.30 foraging
 //Kaku saw lost in plantation//

18/7/87 Cloudy then cleared up.

Morning:-
 In area of yesterday activity R.4-R.5
 and plantation no luck.

Kheema's report

19/7/87 No rain

2 ♀, 2 ♂

20/7 ~~2~~ no rains

1 ♂

21/7 ~~2~~ no rain

1 ♂

22/7 No rain

No floricans sighted

23/7 No rains yet

ground green - s(+).cm grass in well protected areas grass ~~to~~ crops good condition still

24/7 Rained briefly in night (-/23/7) no rains

Kheema's report

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25/7 ~~1~~ no rain

1 ♂ ~~same~~ same area B.P.C adwanya

26/7 No rains
— no floricans

27/7 No rains
1 ♂

28/7 No rains incessant wind

In B.P.C adwanya area of earlier activity
No luck. Towards sailana bordering trees
next to adwanya among tawish crops
maize / soyabean / sowhar, (well fed?)
1 ♀

29/7 No rains
1 ♂ in jowhar inbetween B.P.C
Adwanya couldn't relocate
1 ♀ in yesterdays area

30/7 No rains
No floricans seen.

31/7 No rains
1 ♀ in 28/29/7 area. (copied grasses
and to a lesser extent crops beginning to dry

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1/8/1987 No rain
no floricans seen

2/8/87 No rain
1 ♀ in same area flushed landed
beyond small patch of trees in crop. Couldn't
relocate flew ~~500~~ c. 75 mts.
Presumably ♀ hangs around this area.
looks like a drought year. A disaster
season.

Evening! - kbeema flushed 1 ♂ and 1 ♀ not very
far apart. near area of morning's action.

3/8/87 No rain.
1 ♀, 1 ♂ apart flushed ⁱⁿ near Adwanya crop area.

Evening no floricans sighted

4/8/87 No rain. the withering grass is well advanced,
grassland only remnants of green, the rest grazed
and dried out.
Morning 1 ♀ in adwanya D.P.C. flew landed
c. 100 + mts away.

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5/8/87 cloudy ~~At night~~ most of day rained well in the night.

Morning flushed ♀ adwanya B.P.C. made wide circle and landed in crop not 100m from where flushed.

1 ♂ located in same crop patch. Gave chase in C.D. after a while snapped head few times. moved well away from ~~area of~~ observation point.

♂ definitely immature. Butt still on sides of head.

when neck craned in C.D. the neck feathers were not much fluffed up. ♂ also appears to be a bit small.

Evening - very briefly in field - no luck

6/8/87 morning - cloudy - day rain - at night briefly.

1 ♀ flushed from crop flew short distance low over crops then landed in tallish maize.

Evening - cloudy -

R.G., 2 trees no florican

7/8/87 cloudy rained briefly at night.

Morning! - saw 1 ♂ in Adwanya B.P.C. displayed

3 times in bleed patch before displaying behind Butea. Appears like earlier ♂

Evening! - No luck. Keema flushed 1 ♂ from crop.

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8/8/87 cloudy morning cleared up full moon.
Morning + Evening
In field no luck.

9/8/87 ~~sun~~ cloudy / sun / brief drizzle

Hazariya :- grass better than Naulakha. No luck

Evening :- cloudy

6:00 1st displaying ~~at~~ in crop at edge
of Adwanya B.P.C. S.S.D.

6:25 FD.

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9:00 F.D interspersed by banks of S.S.D.
moved into Adwanya B.P.C. lost to eye
still displaying.

10/8/87 Morning cloudy / cool.

6:10 ♂ displaying from crop field soya/maize

6:25 ♀ X - XXXX

6:30 X P X - XX -

6:35 - X - X -

sun comes through partly

6:39 hid momentarily (noise source of disturbance)

6:40 raised head from behind plants then STCA

6:41 - x - x - x -

6:45 xx - xx -

6:50 + x x x

7:00

6:55 P x x - x P -

7:00 - entered BPC pamed STCA

7:02 - o.u.s. in B.P.C.

sun again behind clouds.

● ~~relocated~~ (couldn't relocate)

10/8 Evening cloudy

In area of action no luck

11/8 cloudy | sun | cloudy

Morning & evening extensively scoured areas of

● activity - no luck.

12/8 cloudy | sun | cloudy

v. brief drizzle in the morning

No luck in area of activity.

Crops fairly advanced stages of withering
some fields almost entirely gone.

13/8 Sunny / cloudy No rain.

Morning and Evening

1 ♂ displaying in same crop Scitana Adwanya border.

14/8 Sunny / cloudy no rains

Morning and Evening

1 ♂ displaying in same crop field.

15/8 Sunny / cloudy no rains

Morning + Evening

1 ♂ in same crop field displaying

16/8 Clouding up.

1 ♂ displaying in crop field both times.

17/8 Rained after 5 p.m heavily

Crop ♂ displayed Morning and Evening

Another ♂ seen in crops in the morning

18/8 ~~re~~ Sunny / cloudy no rain.

Morning crop ♂ displaying

Evening not heard.

19/8 Sun | cloudy no rain
No floricans seen

20/8 Rained
No floricans seen

21/8 sun | cloudy no rains

Morning 1 ♂ displaying
Evening 1 ♂ displaying in same crops
another ♂ flushed in crop field

22/8 Rained
Morning & evening
1 ♂ displaying in crop

23/8 Rained
Morning
1 ♂ displaying in crop fields
Evening
1 ♂ displaying in crops
1 ♂ flushed from bleed near road.

24/8 Rained
Morning: 1 ♂ seen in bleed.

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25/8 Rained through night and day

Morning - no floricans seen

Evening - no floricans seen

26/8 Rained through day

Morning & evening

no floricans seen

27/8 cloudy - no rains

Morning - Hazy

grass 5 + cm

No floricans seen.

theema saw 1 ♂ R.4 small part

Evening sun came out briefly

extensively searched R.4 R.5 R.6 crop areas

No floricans sighted.

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28/8/87

cloudy day no rain

Morning:- combed crop fields and bleed extensively but couldn't locate floricans.
Kheema said he heard one male display twice near the Mohua tree adjacent to the Sailana-Adwaya-beyond tar road a just beyond the Sailana Adwaya crop or display site.

Evening:- Extensively searched entire area including Mancha. Spent 1/2 hr near Sailana Adwaya crop then at Adwaya crop. Floricans absent it would seem; neither heard nor saw them.

29/8/87

Cloudy drizzling lightly almost throughout day.

Morning:- florican not sighted.

Evening:- flushed 1♂ from grass bund between crops next to tallish jowhar/folder patch. Flew far 300+ mts landed towards Mancha adjacent to ~~Sailana~~ Adwaya B.P.C.

On 2, 3, 4, 5, other crop areas no luck.

Saw curlew today.

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30/8/87

cloudy rain / drizzly most of day

Morning R-4, R-5, part of crop areas

no luck

Evening. Extensively scoured R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5

crop areas. Finally saw 1 florican in

flight sex(?) (♂??). Couldn't relocate.

31/8/87

cloudy rain in the morning.

Morning: - No luck in Naulakha

Evening: - Hazariya extensively searched area but couldn't hear/see any floricans.

Must be present as grass is at least 8cm.

Pathan said he saw floricans the previous day.

1/9/87

morning cloudy - evening clear sun / cloudy

Morning: - Naulakha no luck

Evening: - In Adwaya B.P.C and crop area of earlier action 1 ♂ displaying while foraging. No florican seen in crop main bleed.

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2/9/87 Morning cloudy; sunny/cloudy; sunny

Morning Naulakha

No floricans sighted.

Evening

Aamba plantation Sheopur beech.

No floricans sighted. Chowhidhaam sight 1 ♂ +

1 ♂ irregularly in Sheopur crop areas.

3/9/87 Morning sunny clear

No luck in Naulakha

Evening

Kheema didn't see any florican.

4/9/87 Morning ~~overcast~~ sunny

no luck.

Evening sunny

no florican seen

5/9/87 Morning sunny

1 ♂ flushed from Adhanya crop

No display heard

Evening Hazarviha

1 ♂ displaying frequently. Territory appears to be freshly established last 2-3 days as no jumping spot seen and where jumping

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just faintly discernible.

6/9/87 Morning sun / cloudy / sunny

Maulakha crop areas:-

1 ♂ flew up from Adwanya crop and landed close to Adwanya / sailana crop fields.

Another ♂ located displaying on edge of Sait crop adjacent to Adwanya o.p mound.

Evening kheema saw 1 ♂ (displaying) and 1 ♀ in R-2 BPC. ♂ apparently been present for some time now.

Evening :- shiharwadi Badshah ke bheed.

Grass same condition as Maulakha. Couldn't locate any floricans.

(kheema saw 1 ♂ in Adwanya BPC crop displaying).

7/9/87 Morning sun / cloudy / sunny windy.

1 ♂ flew in from towards Adwanya B.P.C and landed in crop, c. 100 mts from where man was ~~was~~ deweeding. Spent time foraging and displaying. Another ♂ flew in from direction of Sailana / Adwanya crop (Mehboob heard display there likely same ♂) and landed in crop near Hanuman temple. 1st ♂ got flushed by farmer and landed in Adwanya B.P.C.

7/9/87 Evenly sunny

R-2, R-3, R-4, Plantation No floricans seen.

8/9/87 Morning sun/cloudy

Hazarliya no floricans located

Naulakha faintly heard rattles on R-2 back part
(possibly frogs)

Kheena saw 1 ♂ display on R-4 small part
near 2 trees.

Evening:- sunny

Naulakha no florican on R-4 s.p but 1 ♂
displayed from B.P.C Adwanya. Couldn't
see/hear ♂ at sailana / Adwanya crop fields.

9/9/87

Morning sun clear

Went to Dhamnod ka bheed - big atleast
Naulakha size. grass same as Naulakha
It is one hump on the ground in the shape
of ~~and~~ extended thumb and forefinger. Couldn't see
florican.

Kheena saw 1 ♂ foraging display in Bheed patch
in front of Hanuman temple.

Evening - sunny

No florican heard in Adwanya crop

No florican heard in Bheed area R-4 etc

No florican heard R-2 back part.

10/9/87 sunny hot.

Morning & Evening :- No floricans seen/heard.

11/9/87 In Dahod grassland.

12/9/87 sunny/hot.

Evening :- 1 ♂ displaying from R-4 S.P near
2 trees.

13/9/87 Sunny/hot.

Morning :- florican not seen.

Evening :- ♂ florican displaying from R-4 sp
same as yesterday.

14/9/87 Sunny/hot.

Morning :- ♂ florican displaying from R-4 sp

Evening :- ♂ florican displaying from R-4 sp.

15/9/87 sunny / hot.

Morning:- Hazarviya

located 2 ♂s, one displaying near where last seen. Another flew in and landed some 40-50m from it. 1st ♂ displayed few more times before rushing towards other ♂ presumably to engage in combat. Both lost to eye in tall grass.

1 ♀ florican seen by chowhidhars.

Naulakha.

1 ♂ displaying at 2 trees.

Another ♂ also displaying, ~~has~~ has made an appearance on R'y lower part near where the nest and ♂ were last year.

Mauchu.

1 ♂ displaying in a stand of tall grass.

Evening.

Naulakha:-

No males seen / heard.

16/9/87 Sun

Morning 1 Mauchu:- 1 ♂ displaying from short soya field next to stand of tall grass

Evening in Naulakha didn't hear / see florican.

17/9/87 Mon sunny -

Morning & Evening

1 ♂ displaying from R.H. side near 2 trees.

Naucha ♂ seen both times.

18/9/87 Sunny

Morning no florican seen.

Evening ♂ displayed from R.H. side.

Naucha 1 florican present.

19/9 sunny.

Morning:- 1 ♂ displaying R.H. side.

Evening florican not seen.

20/9 Morning and Evening - sunny

No floricans located.

21/9 Morning and Evening

No floricans located.

22/9 sunny

Morning:-

Naulakha no floricans seen.

Hazaviya 1 ♂ displaying

23/9/87 Sunny.

Morning:- Shikarwadi, Badsha ke bheed, Shikarwadi eastern corner.

No floricans seen.
grass flowering but short.

Evening:- cloudy / rained

2 display heard at R & s.p.

24/9/87 Sunny.

Morning & Evening
No floricans seen

25/9/87 sunny

Morning & Evening
No floricans seen

26/9/87 sunny

Morning & Evening
No floricans seen

27/9/87 Sunny

Morning & Evening
No floricans seen

28/9/87 Morning & Evening

Floricans not located

29/9/8

Sunny

Morning Hazarina.

No floricans seen. Chowhidkhar, ~~be~~ heard

1 or 2 displays earlier:- grass still green

Evening

Naulakha no florican seen.

And so ends the third season.