

M. BREW (1992)

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HERTFORDSHIRE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY
RARE BIRDS COMMITTEE - RECORD FORM

Species: BLACK CAPPED KINGFISHER.

No. of birds: 1 Sex: / Age: /

Place seen: 20,000 LAKES (OTHERWISE DESCRIBED AS 10,000 AND 2000 LAKES) NEAR SAURAHYA. Grid reference:

Date(s) seen by you: 30.12.92.

Time(s) seen: APPROX 11-12 AM

Total duration of observations: ABOUT 5 MINS First/last dates, if known: 30.12.92.

Observer (CAPITALS): M.C. BREW.

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Other observers (CAPITALS): A REPRESENTATIVE OF TRAILMIX OUTFITTERS, GUIDE SERVICE, SAURAHYA. (I THINK HIS NAME WAS BRAHMA MAHATO)

Finder of bird(s): M.C. BREW

Identified by: M.C. BREW Optical aids/distance: 50-75 YDS. 10x40 BINS.

Previous experience of species or similar species: WHITE BREASTED KINGFISHER (SMYRNA) SEEN FREQUENTLY. B.C. KINGFISHER SEEN AT BHARATPUR, INDIA DECEMBER 1991.

Weather conditions: BRITIT & SUNNY.

Was bird trapped for ringing?: NO Date: /

Ringer: / Ring number: /

If dead, where is specimen held?: /

Any photographs of bird?: NO Name & address of photographer: /

Is the record 100% certain?: YES.

Any who disagree?: /

DESCRIPTION:

VERY DISTINCTIVE BIRD WITH BLACK CAP
EXTENDING FROM BASE OF BILL, BELOW
EYE TO NAPE. A COMPLETE WHITE
COLLAR AROUND NECK WITH WHITE THROAT
EXTENDING DOWN CENTRE OF BREAST.
SIDE OF BREAST AND FLANKS
ORANGE FADING TOWARDS CENTRE OF
BREAST. WINGS AND MANTLE A
DEEP BLUE/MARGENTA COLOUR. IN FLIGHT
BIRD SHOWED A WHITE WING PATCH AT
BASE OF PRIMARIES, HEAVY RED BILL.

WHITE BREASTED KINGFISHER (SMYRNA)
SEEN NEARBY AND SO ABLE TO
COMPARE TWO BIRDS. ABOUT SAME SIZE.

B.C. KINGFISHER WAS PERCHING
ON STUMP OF WOOD PROJECTING OUT OF LAKE.
IT DIVED INTO WATER A COUPLE OF TIMES
BEFORE FLYING OFF. I RETURNED TO
SITE ABOUT AN HOUR LATER BUT
BIRD WAS NOT SEEN.



Include detailed description of the bird(s) preferably based on notes taken at the time before reference to books. Also include details of circumstances of the observation, including the bird's behaviour etc. Attach original field notes if possible and additional sheets if required. Send the completed form to the Recorder: