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GREATER COUCAL *CENTROPUS SINENSIS* FEEDING ON THE COMMOM MYNA *ACRIDOTHERES TRISTIS* - A CASE REPORT FROM HYDERABAD, ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA

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On 12 July 2013 we spotted Greater Coucal at near old veterinary college, Acharya N.G Ranga Agricultural University, Rajenderanagar, Hyderabad 17.325968° N and 78.408926°E (Plate. 1) in the afternoon (14:27 hrs between 14:45 hrs) it was raining. Initially seen a young Common Myna perching on shrub (*Latana camera*) attacked and severely injured on neck region by Greater Coucal (Fig 1). After enthusiastic observation we realize that it was trying to feed on Myna. So we withdrew to about 10 meters to give it space for taking photographs to document the key observation. After about 10 minutes it felt we were less of a threat and slowly Greater Coucal taken to Myna up the tree to feed. Had great to observe the movements on feeding guild of this bird (Fig 2A and 2B).

CONCLUSION:

In the Indian sub-continent feeding guild of Greater Coucal no literature found but showed some results it diet insects lizards (www.wikipedia and Ali, S. 2002) reptiles like snakes Saw-scaled Viper *Echis carinatus* (Venugopal, 1981). We are not assured that the observation of feeding on bird, but our

observation is future reference. However the same species from another region may behave differently.

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Fig.1. Common Myna attacked (severely injured on neck region) by Greater Coucal





Fig. 2A and 2B. Greater Coucal feeding on Common Myna



Plate.1. Location map