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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Unveiling Jharkhand's Nocturnal Avifauna: First Record of Jerdon's Nightjar (Caprimulgus atripennis) From Jharkhand with Spatial Acoustic Evidence from Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary.

Recommendation:

- Accept as it is
- Accept after minor revision.....
- Accept after major revision**
- Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		x		
Techn. Quality			x	
Clarity			x	
Significance		x		

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Detailed Reviewer's Report

This manuscript presents an important first record of Jerdon's Nightjar in Jharkhand, adding valuable distributional data for a poorly documented species in eastern India. However, the manuscript requires substantial revision before it can be accepted. The writing contains numerous grammatical errors, awkward phrasing, and inconsistent terminology (e.g., Camprimulgus vs. Caprimulgus) that detract from scientific clarity. The methodology section lacks sufficient detail—acoustic monitoring protocols, recording duration, and analysis criteria for Kernel density estimation are vaguely described, compromising reproducibility. Several statements, particularly regarding the species' ecological roles as a "guardian of the night" or "sentinel," are speculative and lack supporting data. References are inconsistently formatted, with incomplete citations in the reference list. Additionally, the manuscript contains redundant text across sections (e.g., repeated map descriptions) and formatting issues in coordinates and figure citations. While the acoustic mapping and field observations offer meaningful contributions, the authors must rigorously revise the language, strengthen methodological transparency, streamline repetitive content, and ground ecological interpretations in empirical evidence. With thorough revision addressing these concerns, the manuscript will constitute a valuable contribution to regional ornithology.