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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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To, The Hony. Editor, The Indian Forester, P.O. New Forest, Dehra Dun (Uttarakhand).

Sub: Albino Wild Elephant Spotted in Corbett Tiger Reserve

Dear Sir,

It was really an exciting moment, when I spotted first time, an Albino Wild Elephant, grazing in the Dhikala Grassland of Corbett Tiger Reserve on 28th May 2009. After several moments of anxiety, I could confirm that it was an albino wild elephant which was so far not reported from India.

In the second half of 29th May 2009 it rained very heavily. Same Albino Elephant was spotted again during the natural bath in the rains. Heavy rains revealed her skin in natural colour. The Albino elephant was female of about 45-50 years old and was having a calf of approx. 2 years. She left the grassland in the evening of 30th May and moved towards Moota Saal.

Later Dr. Christy Williams, who was staying in Dhikala, reconfirmed the presence of Albino wild elephant in Corbett Tiger Reserve.

Yours Faithfully Sd/-Anil Kumar Sharma Sr. Journalist & Wildlifer 16, Adveta Nand Road, Rishikesh (Uttarakhand).