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## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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Dear readers:

On March 20-24, 2002, the III International Partners in Flight congress was held at the Asilomar State Park Conference Grounds. More than 600 people attended the conference, including more than 100 participants from outside the United States, and hundreds of talks and posters were presented. This was a great opportunity to hear about not just all the good work done on landbird monitoring, research, education and planning by different government and non government organizations inside the United States, but also to realize how important it is to build partnerships with other countries in the region to assess bird conservation priorities. Canada, Mexico and other countries from Central America, the Caribbean and South America were also

demonstrating their progress to achieve the same goal that brought research and managers together to this meeting: bird conservation

Another piece of good news is that the proceedings of this congress will be published in the near future.

Finally, I would like to congratulate C. John Ralph, Terry Rich, Sandy Scoggin, and so many others especially Point Reyes Bird Observatory Staff for their hard work on putting together this outstanding event.

José M. Zolotoff-Pallais  
Editor

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
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#### CUBAN ORNITHOLOGIST WINS WHITLEY AWARD

The Whitley Laing Foundation offers a wide range of awards for nature conservation projects world - wide. The 2001 Whitley Award was granted to Cuban ornithologist Lourdes Mujica Valdés. She specializes in studying the ecology of aquatic birds associated with rice cultivation and natural wetlands. Farmers in the wetland areas near the two most important wetlands in the country, the Zapata Swamp and the Biramas Swamp, are concerned about crop losses presumed to be caused by birds, whereas conservationists are concerned about the implications of agriculture management techniques for the health of the bird community. Lourdes' work with farmers is aimed at showing that waterbirds can be beneficial to the farmer because they eat insects, among other benefits. Cuba is in the middle of a waterbird migratory corridor, such as the Atlantic and Mississippi flyway, and it hosts some of the last significant populations of a number of Caribbean bird species, such as the West Indian Whistling Duck (*Dendrocygna arborea*). For further information contact: The Whitley Laing Foundation, 139 Elgin Crescent, London W11 2JH, UK, Tel: +44 (0) 20 7229 7554, Fax: +44 (0) 20 7229 7578, <mailto:info@whitleyaward.org>

#### NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT CIPAMEX

On November 22, 2001, the general assembly of CIPAMEX voted for its new Board of Directors for the 2002-2005 period in the city of Morelia, Michoacan, Mexico. The new members are: Mauricio Cervantes Abrego (president), José Luis Alcántara Carvajal (vice-president), José Manuel Galindo Jaramillo (secretary), Claudia Macías Caballero (treasury), Griselda Escalona Segura (vocal), and José Eduardo Morales Pérez (vocal). For further information contact: José Manuel Galindo Jaramillo, Comisión para la Cooperación Ambiental, Oficina de Enlace en México, Av. Progreso # 3, P.B., Col. Del Carmen Coyoacán, México, D. F. 04110, México, Tel: (5) 659-50-21, Fax: (5) 659-50-23, <mailto:jmgalin@cec.org>

#### THE IMPORTANT BIRD AREA (IBAs) PROGRAM IN ARGENTINA

In the year 2000 Aves Argentina/AOP started the Important Bird Areas Program sponsored by BirdLife International, with the support of Vogelbescherming Nederland, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, and the Convention on Migratory Species. The prioritized biome that has been selected to start the inventory of IBAs was the temperate and subtropical grasslands. In a 500,000 Km<sup>2</sup> area 200 potential IBA sites have been already detected due to the presence of highly endangered species, 22 of which have been actually classified as IBAs. The conservation value of these areas is very high, taking into account that on average there are between 5 and 9 endangered, or almost endangered, Neotropical species on each site. Among the resident species that are globally endangered are: Strange-tailed Tyrant (*Alectrurus risora*), Saffron-cowled Blackbird (*Xanthopsar flavus*), and the Black-and-White Monjita (*Heteroxolmis dominicana*). The conservation of these sites is seriously hindered by the rapidly progressing conversion of land use and large development projects. For further information contact: Adrián S. Di Giacomo, Coordinador Nacional del Programa IBAs, <mailto:digiacom@avesargentinas.org.ar>

## HELP NEEDED FOR BIRD PROJECT IN MEXICO

The project is sponsored by the Institute for Bird Populations (IBP) and is being carried out in Oaxaca, Mexico, by several Mexican institutions, such as Serbo A.C., Huatulco National Park, the Santo Domingo Etnobotanical Garden in Oaxaca City, and Mancomunados, a community - based group located in Sierra Juarez. The author is collecting mist-netting data birds for demographic studies. He is willing to collaborate by providing feathers samples to genetic and isotope projects in exchange for information on the origin of the winter bird populations in Oaxaca. For further information, or to provide data, contact: Manuel Grosselet, Serbo AC, Tel: 01 951 5141734, Fax: 01 951 5160098, <mailto:birdinnet@yahoo.com.mx>

## HARPY EAGLE HATCHED IN CAPTIVITY IN PANAMA

The Harpy Eagle hatched on January 24, 2002 in the Neotropical Raptor Center of the Peregrine Fund - Panama, being the first individual in Central America to hatch in captivity and bred from captive parents. The parents arrived in Panama approximately four months ago. Once the newly - hatched chick learns how to hunt, it will be released into the wild in Panama as part of the Harpy Eagle conservation and research program that is conducted by the Peregrine Fund – Panama. The Fund's Harpy Eagle program is sponsored by the National Environmental Authority of Panama (ANAM as initialed in Spanish), the Panama Canal Authority (ACP as initialed in Spanish), the Ecological Police, the City of Knowledge Foundation, and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). For further information contact: Jack Cafferty, Program Executive, The Peregrine Fund, 566 West Flying Hawk Lane, Boise, ID 83709, USA, Tel: (208) 362-3716, <mailto:jcafferty@peregrinefund.org>; Jeff Cilek, The Peregrine Fund, Tel: (208) 362-3716; or Leonardo Salas, The Peregrine Fund, Panama, <mailto:lsalas@fondoperegrino.org>; or visit: <http://www.peregrinefund.org/press/harpy022402.html>

## CARIBBEAN BIRD FESTIVAL INCLUDING THE FIRST CARIBBEAN ENDEMIC BIRD DAY

The Society of Caribbean Ornithology (SCO) aims to raise the profile of the region's unique bird life through a series of events and activities open to Caribbean inhabitants of all ages and backgrounds. The SCO Endemic Bird Day will be one major event that, in combination with Earth Day (in April) and International Migratory Bird Day (in May), will form a month of activities under the banner of the Caribbean Bird Festival. The activities will be celebrated for a month, starting with Earth Day on April 22 until 22 May 2002, or as a single day within this period, depending on the plans of each local committee. If you are interested in participating please contact any of the coordinators: Dominican Republic (Kate Wallace, <mailto:wallacekate@hotmail.com>), Bahamas (Carolyn Wardle, <mailto:cwardle@batelnet.bs>), Bermuda (Andrew Dobson, <mailto:adobson@warwickacad.bm>), Jamaica (Herlitz Davis, <mailto:jambird@yahoo.com> and Leo Douglas <mailto:leodouglas@cwjamaica.com>) and Puerto Rico (Adrienne Tossas, <mailto:agtossas@hotmail.com>).

## BIRDLIFE INTERNATIONAL RECEIVES FUNDS FOR CUBAN WILDERNESS PROJECT

The British Bird Watching Fair (BBWF) presented BirdLife International on February 15 with a check for a record £135,000 British pounds (\$193,000 USD), from last year's Fair for BirdLife International's "Eastern Cuba: Saving a Unique Caribbean Wilderness" project. The check was accepted by the Director & Chief Executive of BirdLife International, Dr. Michael Rands. The funds raised will be used to improve the existing protected areas network in eastern Cuba and secure their long-term conservation, and help catalyze national and regional Important Bird Area (IBA) programs as previous BBWF-funded projects have in Brazil and Vietnam. For further information contact: Michael Szabo, Communications Manager, BirdLife International, Wellbrook Court, Girton, Cambridge, CB3 0NA, United Kingdom, Tel: + 44 1223, 277 318, Fax: + 44 1223 277 200, <mailto:Michael.Szabo@birdlife.org.uk>; or visit: <http://www.birdlife.net/news/>

## THE AMERICAN BIRDING ASSOCIATION TO MANAGE THE BIRDER'S EXCHANGE PROJECT

The American Birding Association (ABA) is pleased to announce that it has begun to run the highly successful bird conservation project, Birders' Exchange, since February 25. Birders' Exchange collects new and used field equipment and distributes it, free of charge, to conservationists, researchers, and educators working to conserve Neotropical migrant and resident birds in Latin America and the Caribbean. Birders' Exchange was founded in 1990 by the Manomet Center for Conservation Science (MCCS). Since 1990, Birders' Exchange has

sent 1,800 binoculars, 1,025 field guides, 275 backpacks, 150 cameras, 200 scopes, 150 tripods, and other tools to more than 350 programs in over 30 Latin American and Caribbean countries. ABA has made clear that it will continue to develop and expand the program, based on the vision set forth by the MCCS. For further information contact: Dr Paul Green, Executive Director, American Birding Association, President, ABA Sales, PO Box 6599, Colorado Springs CO 80934-6599, USA, Tel: (719) 578-9703 Ext 226, Fax: (719) 578-1480, <mailto:paulgrn@aba.org>; or visit: <http://www.americanbirding.org/bex>

#### SHOREBIRDS BENEFIT FROM MEXICAN COASTAL WETLANDS PROJECT

A broad-based group of partners is collaborating on an integrated bird conservation plan including the development of ecotourism and sustainable oyster farming in the Santa María Bay and Guerrero Negro wetlands in Mexico, some of the most significant wetlands along the entire North American Pacific Coast. Birds benefiting include Snowy Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus*), American Avocet (*Recurvirostra americana*), Elegant Tern (*Sterna elegans*), Least Tern (*Sterna antillarum*), Blue-footed Booby (*Sula nebouxii*), and Western Sandpiper (*Calidris mauri*). Participants include: American Bird Conservancy, Autonomous University of Sinaloa, Commission for Environmental Cooperation, Conservation International, Culiacan, DUMAC, Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences, Mitsubishi Corporation, Municipality of Angostura, Municipality of Navoato, Prairie Pothole Joint Venture, PRONATURA, The Packard Foundation, SEMARNAP, Sinaloa Foundation for Biodiversity (FUSIBIO), Tec de Monterrey, Televisión Three, and the USFWS Division of Bird Habitat Conservation. For more information contact: Jim Corven <mailto:jcorven@manomet.org>.

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#### WEB NEWS

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AMERICAN BIRD CONSERVANCY'S FULL LIST OF REDISCOVERED BIRD SPECIES, at: [http://www.abcbirds.org/international/last\\_seen.htm](http://www.abcbirds.org/international/last_seen.htm). ABC is interested in encouraging expeditions to search for bird species that have not been recorded recently, but that may still exist and be protected in the wild. ABC's web site has a list of species in chronological order from the most recently recorded species that may still exist in the wild.

NEW WEB PAGE DEDICATED TO POLYLEPIS CONSERVATION, at: <http://www.abcbirds.org/international/polylepis.htm>. The site contains video clips of Royal Cinclodes (*Cinclodes aricomae*) and White-browed Tit-Spintail (*Leptasthenura xenothorax*), two of the most endangered species from Peru's polylepis forests.

LIST OF HIGH PRIORITY SITES WHERE MULTIPLE ENDANGERED OR CRITICALLY ENDANGERED BIRD SPECIES OCCUR, at: [http://www.abcbirds.org/international/sites\\_and\\_actions.PDF](http://www.abcbirds.org/international/sites_and_actions.PDF). ABC is also interested in hearing from groups and individuals working on conservation projects for the most endangered bird species and most fragmented habitats in Latin America and the Caribbean.

"FINAL REPORT ON THE BIOLOGICAL IMPACTS OF THE JESSICA OIL SPILL ON THE GALAPAGOS ENVIRONMENT", at: <http://www.darwinfoundation.org/jessicareport.html>

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE PEREGRINE FUND, consider joining the efforts to conserve birds of prey at: <http://www.peregrinefund.org/secure/member.html>

HARPY EAGLE DECLARED NATIONAL BIRD IN PANAMA, for more information visit: [http://www.elpanamaamerica.com.pa-archive-03132002-top\\_pix.html.url](http://www.elpanamaamerica.com.pa-archive-03132002-top_pix.html.url)

MACAL RIVER VALLEY UPDATE: at <http://www.stopfortis.org>

NOTES ON THE BIRDS OF CENTRAL OAXACA, PART I: PODICIPEDIDAE TO LARIDAE, by John M. Forcey. You can download a copy at: <http://www.huitzil.net>

NEW PUERTO RICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY (PROS) WEB SITE, at: <http://www.avesdepuertorico.org>

THE RAPTOR INFORMATION SYSTEM DATABASE at: <http://ris.wr.usgs.gov>

MARKING PROCEDURES, at: <http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/GuideToUse/marking.htm>

ON-LINE GUIDE TO GRADUATE STUDIES IN ORNITHOLOGY, at: <http://www.ummz.lsa.umich.edu/birds/studies.html>

WEB SITE: SHOREBIRDS : PRAIRIES TO PATAGONIA, at: <http://www.manomet.org/WHSRN/Prairies/>

#### BIRD WEB SITES OF INTEREST:

- Information on mist nets at: <http://www.afonet.org/english/mistnets.html> and <http://www.avinet.com>
- Photographs of rare birds in the Lesser Antilles and Trinidad and Tobago at: <http://www.geocities.com/secaribbirds>
- The Peregrine Fund: [http://www.peregrinefund.org/E\\_news/012402.html](http://www.peregrinefund.org/E_news/012402.html)

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#### FUNDING

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#### IUCN/FORD FOUNDATION SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

Through a grant from the Ford Foundation, the IUCN Sustainable Use Team is offering small grants to promote scholarly contributions from individuals from developing countries in the field of sustainable use of biological systems. The aim is to promote the authority of science from developing countries and foster opportunities for scholarly exchange. The program will run until the end of June 2002. Priority will be given to proposals that address the complex connections between people and nature, exploring the concept of sustainability. Grants will be for a maximum of \$2000. Applications will be reviewed on a quarterly basis. Quarterly application deadlines will be used in the review process: March 31, June 30. For further information on the application procedure contact: Ruth Barreto, IUCN/Ford Foundation, Small Grants Coordinator, IUCN Sustainable Use Team, 1630 Connecticut Ave., Third Floor Washington, DC 20009, USA, Tel: (202) 518-2063, Fax: (202) 387-4823, <mailto:rbarreto@iucn.org>

#### RUFFORD SMALL GRANTS FOR CONSERVATION PROJECTS

The Rufford Small Grants are available for nature conservation projects, and are awarded by the Whitley Laing Foundation. The grants are aimed at small conservation programs, including pilot projects. They are not designed to provide a small part of the funding for a large undertaking. The project requiring funding must be directly linked to fieldwork and Rufford Small Grants may not be used to pay the costs of attending conferences or for tuition fees. Undergraduate projects are not eligible. The Rufford Small Grants Facility offers 30 grants each year, up to a value of £5,000 (\$7000 USD) per grant. Applications can be made at any time, with quarterly deadlines at the end of January, April, July and October. There are no interviews. Grant recipients are expected to produce formal or informal progress reports during the course of the project, and copies of any papers published should be forwarded. A formal written report must be submitted to the Whitley Laing Foundation within 12 months of receiving a Rufford Small Grant. For further information contact: The Whitley Laing

Foundation, 139 Elgin Crescent, London W11 2JH, UK, Tel: +44 (0) 20 7229 7554, Fax: +44 (0) 20 7229 7578, <mailto:info@whitleyaward.org>

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#### TRAINING / JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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#### WORKSHOP ON SOUND RECORDING

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology will offer a course on sound recording, which will take place at the San Francisco State University's Sierra Nevada Field Campus in the Tahoe National Forest, California, June 1-8, 2002. Topics includes the selection and application of audio recorders and microphones; recording theory; metering; recording techniques; and documentation for sound recordings and an introduction to microcomputer-based sound analysis. Workshop fee: \$695.00 USD (includes tuition, class materials, ground transportation, food and lodging). Enrollment application and deposit deadline is April 18, 2002. Balance is due by May 8. Participation is limited to 20. Participants should plan to bring a recording system and tape. A limited number of sound recording systems are available for loan to participants. For further information contact: Macaulay Library of Natural Sounds, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, NY 14850, USA, Tel: (607) 254-2404; Fax (607) 254-2439; <mailto:macaulaylibrary@cornell.edu>; or visit: <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/lns/>

#### IV COURSE ON MANAGEMENT OF TROPICAL WILDLIFE AREAS

The course is offered by the Organization for Tropical Studies (OET as initialed in Spanish), and will take place in Costa Rica, August 4 - September 21, 2002. It is aimed at directors and other field staff that have technical or administrative responsibilities over wildlife areas in Latin America and the Caribbean. The deadline to submit an application is April 26, 2002. The course will be taught in Spanish. For further information contact: Javier Mateo-Vega, Coordinador Programa de Política Ambiental, Organización para Estudios Tropicales (OET), Apartado 676-2050, San Pedro de Montes de Oca, Costa Rica, Tel: (506) 240-6696, Fax: (506) 240-6783, <mailto:edamb@ots.ac.cr>; or visit: <http://www.ots.ac.cr>

#### COURSE ON FIELD TECHNIQUES IN TROPICAL ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION

The course will be offered at the Bocas del Toro Biological Station, Isla Colón, Panamá, by the International Center for Tropical Ecology and by the Saint Louis Zoo, from August 13 to September 2, 2002. The course is aimed at undergraduate students, ecologists, biologists, and conservation and natural resource management professionals from Central America and Mexico. The deadline to apply is May 5, 2002. Three \$50 USD scholarships will be offered to applicants from Panama, however, other scholarships may be offered to students who show interest in participating but cannot afford to attend. For further information contact: Patricia McDaniel, Ph.D., Field Course Coordinator, Research Asst. Professor, Department of Biology, University of Missouri-St. Louis, 8001 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, MO 63121, USA, Tel: (314) 516-6200, Fax: (314) 516-6233, <mailto:pmcdan@jcn1.com>; or visit: <http://icte.ums1.edu/courses/McDaniel/>

#### HAWK MOUNTAIN SANCTUARY INTERNSHIPS

Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1934, whose mission is to foster the conservation of birds of prey worldwide and their Appalachian environments. The Sanctuary offers internships in education, research, and monitoring. Interns work together with staff members on projects at the Sanctuary and gain hands-on experience in their chosen fields. Open to undergraduates and graduate students, college graduates, and others interested in careers in conservation. Applicants must speak English, have at least two years of college course work, and exhibit a willingness and ability to interact with the public. Spring 2002 and 2003 internships start on March 15 and end on July 10; and the fall internships begin on August 15 and end on December 5. For further information on the education and research internships, or to apply, contact: Dr. Keith L. Bildstein, Director of research and education, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, 1700 Hawk Mountain Road, Tel: (610) 756-6961, Fax: (610) 756-4468, <mailto:bildstein@hawkmountain.org>. For

more information on the Monitoring internships, or to apply, contact: Laurie Goodrich, Senior Naturalist at the Sanctuary, <mailto:goodrich@hawkmountain.org>; or visit: <http://www.hawkmountain.org>

#### OPENING FOR A BIRD BANDER AT A MONITOR STATION IN COSTA RICA

The Primary bander will be at a bird monitoring station at a coastal Caribbean town beginning mid-April through the end of May 2002. The candidate should have had extensive experience operating a capture station. Airfare to and from San José, Costa Rica and a stipend of \$10 USD per day will be provided if needed. All volunteers will be staying at the Caribbean Conservation Corporation, Estación Biológica, in the coastal Caribbean town of Tortuguero. The project has five monitoring stations near the village which it has run for eight years for resident and migrant species. Please send an indication of your interest and any questions to Dr. C. John Ralph, U.S. Forest Service, Redwood Sciences Laboratory, 1700 Bayview Drive, Arcata, California 95521, USA, Tel: (707) 825-2992, Fax: (707) 825-2991, <mailto:cjr2@humboldt.edu> or <mailto:cralph@fs.fed.us>

#### DIVISION DIRECTOR (BRAZIL, VENEZUELA, PARAGUAY AND COLOMBIA) NEEDED BY THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

The duties include, among others, to offer orientation on conservation strategies and to ensure the availability of resources and capability to tackle the conservation priorities within the division. The Director will report directly to the Management Director of the Conservation Region and will supervise the staff of the operational unit and of the division. The successful applicant must possess a minimum of five (5) years of experience as a leader in the conservation field; a wide knowledge of conservation issues; leadership, communication and organizational skills; and the ability to work with a group. Fluency in both written and oral English and Spanish are required, and knowledge of Portuguese is desired. For further information, or to apply, contact: Sara Meyer, Human Resources, The Nature Conservancy, 1313 5th Street SE #320, Minneapolis, MN 55414, USA, <mailto:Smeyer@tnc.org>

#### PROJECT DIRECTOR NEEDED FOR LATIN AMERICA PROGRAM AT POINT REYES BIRD OBSERVATORY

The LAP Project Director will work with the Terrestrial Program Director and other senior staff, and responsibilities will include: 1) organizing and conducting training workshops; 2) managing ongoing monitoring and research projects; 3) recruiting and managing field interns; 4) collaborating with partners and expanding partnerships; 5) helping raise funds to grow the program. Qualifications include: a good understanding of all aspects of terrestrial bird monitoring; fluency in written and spoken Spanish; at least 2 years experience of running on-the-ground projects in Mexico or Central American countries; teaching and/or training experience; advanced degree or equivalent in relevant discipline; excellent writing skills; strong interpersonal and leadership skills; proven computer skills; ability to meet deadlines and manage multiple tasks simultaneously; and a strong commitment to conservation through science. Location of position may be flexible; biologists from Mexico and Central America are encouraged to apply. To apply please submit electronically a cover letter detailing your interest and qualifications, resume or curriculum vitae, 2 writing samples and 3 references (names, addresses and phone numbers and/or e-mail addresses). Deadline to apply is April 22, 2002. For further information, or to apply, contact: LAP Project Director Search, PRBO, 4990 Shoreline Highway, Stinson Beach, CA 94970, USA, Fax: (415) 868-9363, <mailto:Latinamericajobsearch@prbo.org>

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#### MEETINGS

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23<sup>rd</sup> INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS, August 11-17, 2002. The meeting is to be held in Beijing, China, under the auspices of the International Ornithological Committee. The Congress features ten plenary lectures, 40 symposia, round-table discussions, oral presentations, and poster presentations. For further

information, or to obtain a copy of the brochure, contact: Liu Feng, Assistant Secretary General, 23<sup>rd</sup>. International Ornithological Congress, mailto:[infocenter@ioc.org.cn](mailto:infocenter@ioc.org.cn), or visit: <http://www.ioc.org.cn>

III NORTH AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL CONFERENCE, September 24-30, 2002. The meeting will be held at the Intercontinental Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. The Conference will consist of symposia, workshops and roundtables, contributed oral presentations, poster sessions and a session about birds of the Caribbean with the Society of Caribbean Ornithology. For further information on the conference contact: Tom Sherry, mailto:[tsherry@tulane.edu](mailto:tsherry@tulane.edu) or Kimberly Smith, mailto:[kgsmith@uark.edu](mailto:kgsmith@uark.edu). For more information on the symposia, workshops or roundtables contact: Dr. Phil Stouffer, Co-Chair, Scientific Program Committee, 3rd NAOC, Department of Biological Sciences, Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, LA 70402-0736, USA, Tel: (985) 549-2191, Fax: (985) 549-3851, mailto:[stouffer@selu.edu](mailto:stouffer@selu.edu); or visit: <http://www.tulane.edu/~naoc-02/>

SATELLITE TELEMETRY SYMPOSIUM, September 24-30, 2002, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. The Raptor Research Foundation (RRF) is proposing a symposium entitled Satellite telemetry studies of birds for the 3rd North American Ornithological Conference (NAOC). This will be a joint meeting of the American Ornithologists Union, The Cooper Ornithological Society, the Society of Canadian Ornithologists /Societe des Ornithologistes du Canada, the Raptor Research Foundation, and the Society of Caribbean Ornithology. For more information contact: Dr. Ken Meyer, Avian Research and Conservation Institute, 411 N.E. 7 St., Gainesville, FL 32601, USA, mailto:[meyer@arcinst.org](mailto:meyer@arcinst.org).

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NEOTROPICAL RAPTORS AND HARPY EAGLE, October 24 - 27, 2002 Panama City, Panama. The Peregrine Fund and Fondo Peregrino - Panamá invite you to join scientists, conservationists, resource managers, falconers, representatives of zoos, government and non-governmental organizations, and other persons and institutions with an interest in research and/or conservation of birds of prey in Latin America and the Caribbean to participate in a meeting to share knowledge, interests, and concerns and help develop a network of practitioners in the fields of raptor conservation, research, captive-breeding, and falconry. For further information contact: Neotropical Raptor Conference, The Peregrine Fund, 5668 West, Flying Hawk Lane, Boise, Idaho 83709, USA, Tel: 208-362-3717, Fax: 208-362-2376, mailto:[tpf@peregrinefund.org](mailto:tpf@peregrinefund.org) or visit: [www.peregrinefund.org/nrconference.html](http://www.peregrinefund.org/nrconference.html)

SYMPOSIUM ON TERRESTRIAL VERTEBRATES IN TIDAL MARSHES: EVOLUTION, ECOLOGY, AND CONSERVATION BIOLOGY, November, 2002 at Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Laurel, Maryland, USA. Papers on related species and subspecies would be considered if they provide insight into the biology and conservation of their salt marsh relatives. To aid us in establishing a tentative table of contents for the proceedings and schedule for the conference, contact Russ Greenberg at the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center mailto:[antbird@erols.com](mailto:antbird@erols.com), Tel: (202) 673-4908. Individuals interested in receiving updates on the meeting send a blank mailto:[join-mire@rana.er.usgs.gov](mailto:join-mire@rana.er.usgs.gov).

VII NEOTROPICAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS, October 5-11, 2003. The congress will take place in Puerto Varas, Chile. The scientific program will include plenary lectures, concurrent symposia sessions, oral papers, poster sessions, and round-table discussions. In addition, special evening sessions with talks and films are planned. English and Spanish will be the working languages of the congress. Details about the Scientific Program will be announced in future issues on the journal *Ornitología Neotropical* and in the VIIth Congress web page [www.geocities.com/nos\\_congress\\_vii/](http://www.geocities.com/nos_congress_vii/). A formal Call for Papers will appear also in the April OSNA Newsletter. The Proceedings of the VII Neotropical Ornithological Congress will be published after the congress as a special issue or supplement of *Ornitología Neotropical*. The VIIth Neotropical Congress Officers are as follows: President: François Vuilleumier, [vuill@amnh.org](mailto:vuill@amnh.org); Secretary General: Luis Espinosa G., [legpvar@entelchile.net](mailto:legpvar@entelchile.net), Congress Organizer for North America: M. Victoria McDonald, [vickiem@mail.uca.edu](mailto:vickiem@mail.uca.edu); Co-chairs of the Scientific Program Committee: Jaime Jimenez, [jjimenez@ulagos.cl](mailto:jjimenez@ulagos.cl), and Cristina Y. Miyaki, [cymiyaki@usp.br](mailto:cymiyaki@usp.br); Proceedings Committee: Editor: Raymond McNeil, [Raymond.McNeil@umontreal.ca](mailto:Raymond.McNeil@umontreal.ca); and

Assistant to the Editor: Ivan Lazo, [bubo@entelchile.net](mailto:bubo@entelchile.net). For more information visit:  
<http://www.neotropicalornithology.org>

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PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE  
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#### NEW COLOMBIAN ORNITHOLOGICAL MAGAZINE

The newly formed Colombian Association of Ornithology (ACO as initialed in Spanish) has begun the publication of the Colombian Ornithological magazine. The yearly cost for Latin American subscribers is of \$45 USD. To subscribe contact: Olga Lucia Rudas, Comité Motor ACO, Calle 127 A # 52-32, 2°Piso, Bogotá, Colombia, Tel/Fax: 571 6245423, <mailto:avesbogota@multi.net.co>; or visit: <http://www.avesbogota.com>

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