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NOTES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP MEETING AT ASILOMAR

The Partners in Flight International Working Group held an informal meeting on March 23, 2002, as part of the Asilomar Third PIF International Conference. The following items were discussed: 1) *Optics for the Tropics*. For more information contact: Joni Ellis, mailto:joni@wild-florida.com or visit: www.opticsforthetropics.org; 2) *Request for Support to Cuban Ornithologists*. For more information, contact Eduardo Santana, mailto:esantana@cucsur.udg.mx; 3) *Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act Update*. For more information, visit: <http://www.fws.gov>; 4) *Updates from Mexico, the Caribbean and Central America*: SE PIF sponsored a happy hour social event for those interested in Caribbean bird conservation. Contact EJ Williams at: mailto:ej_Williams@dnr.state.ga.us. Mexico is reviewing its list of threatened/endangered bird species and CIPAMEX has almost completed a book of the conservation biology of birds in Mexico and a new board of directors was elected for CIPAMEX. For more information, contact Jose L. Alcántara at: <mailto:jlaclant@colpos.mx>. The US, Canada, and Mexico are negotiating a tri-lateral agreement in support of

bird conservation. For more information contact: <mailto:dpashley@abcbirds.org>. SW Willow Flycatcher studies in Central America. For more information contact Chris Eberly at: <mailto:ceberly@dodpif.org>. The Caribbean is starting their Endemic Bird Day and general Bird Conservation Festivals, for more information contact Eric Carey, SCO President at: <mailto:ecarey@bahamas.net.bs>. The Park Flight program brings together migratory bird conservation in US National Parks and protected areas in Mesoamerica. For more information contact Carol Beidleman at: <mailto:beidlemanc@aol.com> or Ingrid Arias: avesnfwf@guate.net; 5) *La Tangara*: Jose Manuel Zolotoff, the editor, reminded people to subscribe to this electronic newsletter and to send in their announcements and articles. Contact Jose Manuel at: <mailto:zolotoff@ibw.com.ni>; 6) Trade and Migratory Birds and update on the Guacamayas Sin Fronteras. For more information contact Eduardo Iñigo at: <mailto:eeiz@cornell.edu>; 7) *International Migratory Bird Day*: IMBD materials are now available in Spanish. Contact Sue Bonfield at: <mailto:sbonfield@aol.com>. To obtain a full version of this notes contact: Terry Rich, PIF National Coordinator, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, ID 83709, USA, Tel: (208) 378-5247, Fax: (208) 378-5262, mailto:terry_rich@fws.gov

FOUR NEW BIRD RECORDS FOR NICARAGUA AND THE REDISCOVERY OF THE GOLDEN-CHEEKED WARBLER (*Dendroica chrysoparia*)

The presence of 106 bird species was determined during the evaluation field trip of the Important Bird Area in El Jaguar, Jinotega, Nicaragua, 4 of which represented new records for the country: Bay-Headed Tanager (*Tangara gyrola*), Plain Antvireo (*Dysithamnus mentalis*), Green-crowned Brilliant (*Heliodoxa jacula*) and Veery (*Catharus fuscescens*). Another important record was the presence of the Golden-cheeked Warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*), a globally threatened species, whose last observation in Nicaragua was recorded in 1891. Two observations were recorded for this species, both at 4265 ft. over sea level. On April 4, 2 individuals of Golden Cheeked Warbler were observed on a vegetation patch with secondary growth, in combination with coffee plantations and bushes that varied between 13 and 16 feet in height, surrounded by cloud forest trees up to 82 ft. in height. Male and female were observed feeding on trees up to 16 feet in height. The observed individual had not only the postocular list but lacked the ventral yellow markings, which distinguishes it from Black-throated Green Warbler (*Dendroica virens*). The second observation was recorded on April 7, a female that was feeding on the canopy of a variety of (*Quercus* spp) with a mixed flock of Blackburnian Warbler (*Dendroica fusca*), Black-throated Green Warbler (*Dendroica virens*), Chesnut-side Warbler (*Dendroica pensylvanica*) and Black and White Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*), among others. Moreover, 33 species of migratory birds were observed during the evaluations. For further information contact: Salvadora Morales or Alejandra Martínez, Fundación Cocibolca, Apartado Postal C-212, Managua, Nicaragua, Tel: (505) 248-8234, Fax: (505) 249-4144, <mailto:fcocibol@ibw.com.ni>

DR. WILLIAM CALDER PASSED AWAY

Dr. William Calder, who worked at the University of Arizona, passed away after being diagnosed with leukemia. As described by Eduardo Santana Castellón, from the Manantlán Institute for the Ecology and Conservation of Biodiversity (Mexico), Dr. Calder carried out pioneer work in bird ecophysiology. During the last two decades his work concentrated on hummingbirds, especially on *Selasphorus rufus*. He supported conservation work in Sonora and Jalisco, Mexico, and was key to the formation of a hummingbird monitoring and banding program in Sierra de Manantlán. Those who knew him in the field were able to see his human nature and his uninterested efforts to promote ornithology and conservation of the environment.

IMPORTANT BIRD AREAS PROJECT IN URUGUAY

Aves Uruguay has been able to identify 11 IBAs in their first analysis, which includes areas throughout the country. For the year 2002 the research will continue to study of new ones as well. There is the proposal for a National IBAs Workshop during August that will include technicians and government authorities with the purpose to reach a national agreement and to receive support from government organizations for this research. For further information contact: Gabriel Roche, Coordinador Programa AIAs, Aves Uruguay, <mailto:gupeca@adinet.com.uy>

OPTICS FOR THE TROPICS PROGRAM

Optics for the Tropics is a partnership formed by Southeast Partners in Flight working group, Eagle Optics and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). The goal of the program is to provide optical equipment for ornithologists in the wintering grounds. Donations, partnerships and grants provide the necessary funding for the program. At the International Partners in Flight Conference held in Asilomar, California, a raffle for a painting of an Antpitta and a Golden-winged Warbler by Robin Schiele of Guatemala raised \$7,380, and half of this amount was a matching grant by NFWF. If you have partnership programs you would like to see benefit from this program, contact: Joni Ellis, <mailto:joni@wild-florida.com>, or visit:

<http://www.opticsforthetropics.org>

SEVEN NEW WETLANDS ADDED TO THE LIST OF RAMSAR SITES FOR NICARAGUA

Since February 2002, the Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources (MARENA in Spanish), Nicaragua added the following areas to the list of important international wetlands: 1) Cayos Miskitos Marine Biological Reserve and its immediate surroundings, the coastal fringe, located in the northeast side of the North Atlantic Autonomous Region and with an area of 85,000 hectares; 2) Deltas of the Royal Estuarine and the Apacunca Plains, with an area of 81,700 hectares. This represents a key ecosystem for the life cycles of a diverse number of marine and estuarine species; 3) Lake Apanás-Asturias, in Jinotega, with a 5,226 hectare surface area. The lake provides shelter to different bird populations of migratory ducks, such as Blue-winged Teal (*Anas discors*) with flocks up to 3000 individuals; 4) Río San Juan Wildlife Refuge. Localized in the southeast region of the country, the refuge presents an area extension of 43,000 hectares; 5) The Bluefields Bay Wetland System. With an extension of 86,501 hectares, its importance lies in its role as the biggest natural resource site in the southern Caribbean area of Nicaragua; 6) San Miguelito Wetland System. With a 43,475 hectare extension, it is popular for the presence of numerous bands of Lesser Scaup (*Aythya affinis*), which can reach numbers up to 5,000 individuals during the first months of the year; 7) Tisma Lagoon System, with a 16,850 hectare area extension, it shelters bands of Blue-winged Teal (*Anas discors*) that can reach numbers up to 20,000 or more individuals. For further information contact: Martín Lezama-López, Departamento de Ciencias Ambientales, Facultad de Ciencias, Tecnología y Ambiente, Universidad Centroamericana, Managua, Apdo. 69, Nicaragua. <mailto:mlezama@ns.uca.edu.ni>

WEB NEWS

THE ATLANTA JOURNAL/CONSTITUTION ONLINE ARTICLES on songbird migration titled, "A Perilous Migration." The series features interesting interactive graphics and a educational story on the perils facing songbirds during migration at: <http://www.accessatlanta.com/ajc/projects/songbirds/flashindex.html>

BIRD SURVEYS: EXPEDITION FIELD TECHNIQUES, by Colin Bibby, Martin Jones and Stuart Marsden, available at: <http://conservation.bp.com/advice/field.asp>

E-MAIL DISCUSSION GROUPS OF THE WORLD WORKING GROUP ON BIRDS OF PREY & OWLS, to join send an Email without text to: <mailto:Raptor-Conservation-subscribe@yahoogroups.com>

NEOTROPICAL CENTER FOR WETLAND TRAINING, at: <http://www.biouls.cl/cneh/>

NEW WEB SITE ON MEXICAN BIRD SONGS, at: <http://www.ecologia.edu.mx/sonidos>

NEW ISSUE OF "ECOSISTEMAS", a full electronic journal in the fields of Ecology and Environmental Sciences and a tool for environmental education at: <http://www.aet.org>

ORNITHOLOGICAL COLLECTION OF THE ZARAGOZA SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES
ZOOLOGY MUSEUM, UNAM, by Jorge E. Ramirez-Albores, Guadalupe Ramirez and Alfredo
Bueno at: <http://www.huitzil.net>

PARTNERS IN FLIGHT NEWSLETTER, April 2002, at: <http://www.partnersinflight.org>

SANDPIPER TECHNOLOGIES. For a list of available equipment and proposal requirements visit:
<http://www.Peeperpeople.com>

"SHADE-GROWN COFFEE: Helping an Industry Turn Over a New Leaf" by April Pojman, at:
<http://www.freshcup.com/current/inside/shadegrown.html>

US INTEGRATED BIRD CONSERVATION WEB SITE, at: <http://www.nabci-us.org>

NEW WEB PAGE OF AICAS-BLI, at: <http://conabioweb.conabio.gob.mx/aicas/doctos/aicas.html>

WINGING NORTHWARD SHOREBIRD WEBSITE, available in Spanish at <http://shorebirds.pwnet.org> .

BIRD WEB SITES OF INTEREST:

- Help save the Allpahuayo-Mishana Reserve. For more information visit:
http://www.proactnow.org/pepe_alvarez-alonso/
- Environmental directory, at: <http://www.environmentaldirectory.net/>
- New web page discussing bird migration and conservation, at: <http://pages.prodigy.net/neobird>
- Data base of literature on birds at: <http://www.nrel.gov/wind/avianlit.html#order>

FUNDING

NFWF ANNOUNCES CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR SUSTAINABLE MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation announces its Request for Proposals under the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Program in partnership with the U.S. Agency for International Development. This Request for Proposals represents a change in the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Program that will focus on enhancing the sustainability of organizations experienced in migratory bird conservation. More information and application forms are available at <http://www.nfwf.org>. Proposals are due on August 1, 2002. For more information contact: Eloise Canfield, Tel: 202-857-0166, <mailto:atcanfield@nfwf.org>

ENVIRONMENTAL FULLBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Organization of American States (OEA as initialed in Spanish) and Fulbright are pleased to announce the second year of their Fulbright scholarship program which will offer a total of 24 grants for master and doctorate programs in the United States to applicants from the Western hemisphere. US residents or citizens are excluded from this program. The applicants should submit proposals for studies in the areas of natural sciences, social sciences and public policy that examine sustainable development in a multidisciplinary framework. The deadline to apply is June 28, 2002. For further information on application procedures contact: Fay Henderson de Díaz, Director Program Relations and Administration, LASPAU: Academic and Professional Programs for the Americas, 25 Mount Auburn Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138, USA, Tel: (617) 495-5255 / (617) 495-0511, mailto:fay_henderson@harvard.edu

2002 CANON NATIONAL PARKS SCIENCE SCHOLARS PROOGRAM FOR THE AMERICAS

The Canon National Parks Science Scholars Program is pleased to announce its 2002 competitions. The program is collaboration between Canon U.S.A. Inc. and the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the US National Park Service. The program will be awarding eight US\$78,000 scholarships to Ph.D. students throughout the Americas to conduct research critical to conserving the national parks of the region. Research projects in the biological, physical, social and cultural sciences are eligible, as well as projects in a new category technology innovation in support of conservation science. Applications must be received by July 1, 2002. For information about the program and a copy of the Application Guide contact: Marina Sansostri Ratchford, Senior Program Associate, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Latin America and the Caribbean Project, 1200 New York Ave. NW, Washington DC 20005, USA, Tel: (202) 326-6490, Fax: (202) 289-4958, <mailto:mrratchfo@aaas.org>; or visit: <http://www.nature.nps.gov/canonscholarships/>

TRAINING / JOB OPPORTUNITIES

INTERNHIP AT DUCKS UNLIMITED

Ducks Unlimited, Inc. is seeking an Intern for the Latin American and Caribbean Program in the conservation department at the National Headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee, USA. Responsibilities include assisting the Latin American and Caribbean program with project follow-up, keeping contact with colleagues in Latin America and the Caribbean, elaboration of agreements, fund-raising proposals and other related program issues. Candidate will serve as one of the primary contacts for conservation inquiries. A wildlife, wetlands, natural resources, or earth science background is desired. Strong interest in Latin American and Caribbean wetlands and waterfowl is a must. Ideal candidate will have strong communication skills in English and Spanish. Master of Science degree is preferred. Knowledge of Portuguese language is a plus. To apply send resume (maximum 2 pages) and cover letter in either English or Spanish. For further information, or to apply, contact: Dr. Montserrat Carbonell, Director, Latin American & Caribbean Program, Ducks Unlimited, Inc., One Waterfowl Way, Memphis, TN 38120, USA, <mailto:mcarbonell@ducks.org>

THESIS OPPORTUNITY IN CHIAPAS

If you are interested in conservation and agriculture, El Colegio de la Frontera Sur/CONACYT is looking for students to develop a study that will involve birds, their presence in farms of the high regions of Chiapas, Mexico, and their impact on herbivorous insect populations, as part of their project "Pest management an traditional knowledge in the highlands of Chiapas and Guatemala. For further information contact: Dra. Helda Morales, Departamento de Agroecología, Sistemas de Producción Alternativos, México. Tel: 9676781883 ext. 4217, <mailto:hmorales@slc.ecosur.mx>

THESIS OPPORTUNITY FOR OWL PROJECT IN CHIAPAS

The purpose of the research project "Distribution, abundance, and habitat association of owl species in the highlands of Chiapas", is to evaluate the distribution and abundance standards of endemic and threatened owls in the mountain areas of Chiapas, Mexico. The applicant will establish research plots in key areas, conduct habitat studies using GPS, will handle databases and will analyze the information. To apply send resume, cover letter and two references, by email. For further information, or to apply, contact: Paula L. Enriquez, Conservation Ecology Group, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z4, <mailto:plnriqu@interchange.ubc.ca>; or Jose Luis Rangel, El Colegio de la Frontera Sur, Tel: 01-967-81883 Ext. 5114, <mailto:jlrange@slc.ecosur.mx>

MEETINGS

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT. The seminar will take place on August 8-24, 2002, and will be hosted by the University of Montana in collaboration with Colorado State University and the University of Idaho. Participants will discuss and see examples of innovative approaches to critical protected area management issues, including resource assessment and planning tools, techniques to address visitor interests and impacts, and mechanisms to reconcile resource protection with development pressures. For further information contact: Dr. James A. Burchfield, Tel: (406) 243-6650, <mailto:jburch@forestry.umt.edu>; or visit: <http://www.fs.fed.us/global/is/ispam/welcome.htm>

23rd 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, 23rd. International Ornithological Congress, <mailto:infocenter@ioc.org.cn>, or visit: <http://www.ioc.org.cn>

18TH. INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON FOREST AND NATURAL RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT. The seminar will take place August 25 - September 12, 2002, and it will be hosted by Colorado State University's College of Natural Resources. In the past, over 414 managers from 112 nations have attended this seminar, which focuses on strategies and methods to develop, manage, and conserve natural resources for the sustained delivery of goods and services to meet the full range of human needs. The deadline to submit an application is June 14, 2002. For further information contact: Ms. Ann Keith, Tel: (970) 490-2449, <mailto:IFS@cnr.colostate.edu>; or visit: <http://www.fs.fed.us/global/is/isfam/welcome.htm>

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> or Kimberly Smith, <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>; 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>

SEMINAR ON WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

The seminar will take place from September 27 - October 13, 2002. Jointly offered by the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point and the USDA Forest Service International Programs. The seminar combines instruction with discussions to engage participants on critical global and regional watershed management issues. For further information contact: Dr. Earl Spangenberg, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, College of Natural Resources, Stevens Point, WI 54481-3897, USA, <mailto:espangenberg@uwsp.edu>; or visit: <http://www.fs.fed.us/global/is/watershed/welcome.htm>

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> or visit: <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>, Tel: (202) 673-4908. Individuals interested in receiving updates on the meeting send a blank email to: <mailto:join-mire@rana.er.usgs.gov>.

6TH WORLD CONFERENCE ON BIRDS OF PREY AND OWLS, May 18-25, 2003. The conference is hosted by The World Working Group on Birds of Prey & Owls (WWGBP), and will take place at the Hotel Agro Conference Centre in Budapest, Hungary. Deadline to submit an abstract is deadline March 1, 2003. For further information contact: WWGBP, P.O. Box 52, Towcester NN12 7ZW, England, Tel/Fax: ++44-1604-86 23 31, <mailto:WWGBP@aol.com> or <mailto:robin.chancellor@virgin.net>; or visit: <http://www.Raptors-International.de> or <http://www.egroups.com/group/raptor-conservation>

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. Deadline for proposals for Symposia, Workshops, and Round-tables is August 1, 2002. Symposium, Workshop and Round-table organizers will be notified by the end of September 2002 whether their proposal is accepted. Oral Contributions, and Posters abstracts must be received no later than March 5, 2003. Submit the proposals and abstracts by e-mail to either of the Scientific Program co-chairs. The Proceedings of the VII Neotropical Ornithological Congress will be published after the congress as a special issue or supplement of Ornitología Neotropical. The official webpage for registration, accommodation, other local information, travel, and tour information is: <http://www.nocchile.cl>. The VIIth Neotropical Congress Officers are as follows: President: François Vuilleumier, <mailto:vuill@amnh.org>; Secretary General: Luis Espinosa G., <mailto:legpvar@entelchile.net>, Congress Organizer for North America: M. Victoria McDonald, <mailto:vickiem@mail.uca.edu>; Co-chairs of the Scientific Program Committee: Jaime Jimenez, <mailto:jjimenez@ulagos.cl>, and Cristina Y. Miyaki, <mailto:cymiyaki@usp.br>; Proceedings Committee: Editor: Raymond McNeil, <mailto:Raymond.McNeil@umontreal.ca>; and Assistant to the Editor: Ivan Lazo, <mailto:bubo@entelchile.net>. For more information visit: <http://www.neotropicalornithology.org>

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

FIELD GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF THE MACHU PICCHU HISTORICAL SANCTUARY, PERU, by Barry Walker. Illustrated by Jon Fjeldsa. Published by the Peruvian National Trust for Parks and Protected Areas. Includes introductory chapters covering bio-geography, threatened species and conservation issues. Full color map and annotated checklist of bird species also included. 31 full color plates illustrate over 420 species and detailed text covers all birds recorded in the Machu Picchu area (428). Both English and Spanish editions available. Price \$25USD plus package and posting. At present available only in Peru from: PROFONANPE National Trust Fund for Natural Protected Areas. In Lima: Av. Prolongación Arenales # 722 Miraflores Lima ;

Peru, Tel: 511-210-1010. In Cusco: Programa Machu Picchu - PROFONANPE, Av. José Gabriel Cosío # 308 Urb. Magisterial Primera Etapa, Cusco; Peru, Tel: 051-084-238627 and 051-084-229423. Mail Orders to: Manu Expeditions, P.O Box 606, Cusco, Peru, <mailto:Adventure@ManuExpeditions.com>

"VOICES OF NEW WORLD PARROTS" - CD, by Ted Parker. Published by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, this three-CD audio guide contains characteristic sounds of 140 New World parrot species. It includes a 54-page booklet that discussed the importance of wild parrot research, black and white illustrations of parrots in flight, and a field key for observers. Price: \$39.95 USD. For information on how to purchase this guide, please visit: <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/audiopromos/parrots.html>

RECENT LITERATURE

NOTE: For thorough searches of the ornithological literature consult ROL in the web at: <http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/ROL> (# 82 now posted)

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