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NEW INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR AT THE AMERICAN BIRD CONSERVANCY

American Bird Conservancy (ABC) is pleased to announce that George Wallace has joined the ABC team as Director of International Programs. George Wallace also becomes co-chair (with Megan Hill) of the PIF International Working Group and reviewer of La Tangara. Active in bird conservation for 20 years, George most recently served as Executive Director of the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory, a close and longstanding ABC partner. Prior to that, he worked for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as a Nongame Wildlife Biologist and later as Bird Conservation Coordinator. George has also worked for Bird Studies Canada, The Nature Conservancy, Point Reyes Bird Observatory, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. George attained his Ph.D. in Biology at the University of Missouri. George's ornithological experience includes work on the ecology of wintering Nearctic-Neotropical migrants in Cuba, migration monitoring in

Canada and California, research on plumage maturation and breeding behavior of the Ruby-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus calendula*), and research on seabird breeding ecology in California and Antarctica. Contact: George Wallace mailto:[gwallace@abcbirds.org](mailto:gwallace@abcbirds.org). For information on ABC's international program see <http://www.abcbirds.org>.

#### CUBA OFFERS TO WORK WITH THE U.S. TO CONTAIN WEST NILE VIRUS DISEASE TRANSMITTED BY MIGRATORY BIRDS

Ornithologists have long noted that migratory birds do not respect political boundaries and that their conservation is a responsibility of all countries that share breeding, wintering and stopover habitats of these species. Recently, the Cuban government recognized this when it became the first Latin American country to propose international collaboration to conduct research directed at controlling the West Nile Virus disease that is transmitted by migratory birds. For further information contact: Eduardo Santana C., IMECBIO, Universidad de Guadalajara; and Dept. of Wildlife Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, <mailto:esantana@cucsur.udg.mx>; or visit: <http://www.granma.cu/ingles/agosto02/vie23/35nota-i.html>

#### CONDORS TO BE RELEASED IN MEXICO

(AP). Biologists began ferrying six California condors to Mexico, flying the endangered birds by plane on the first leg of a journey to a remote mountain site where five will be released this fall. Three of the birds were flown by private plane from Burbank to Tijuana, Mexico. From Tijuana, the birds were to continue on by plane and truck to a remote and rugged site in the Sierra de San Pedro Martir, where they will remain in a mountaintop pen for several weeks. Once acclimated, five of the condors, all juveniles, will be released to fly over what was once the southernmost extension of a range that stretched from Mexico to Canada. Condors have been absent from Mexico for at least 50 years. The goal of the \$40 million recovery program is to establish two wild populations and one captive population of condors, each with 150 birds, including a minimum of 15 breeding pairs apiece. Since condors range so far, biologists will consider the Mexican colony part of the California population, with which it is expected to mix. For more information visit: <http://www.lazoo.org/condor/index.html>

#### IMPORTANT BIRD AREAS PROGRAM IN PUERTO RICO

Since 2002 the Puerto Rican Ornithological Society (PROS) is in charge of implementing in Puerto Rico the Important Bird Areas (IBA) program, a global initiative of the BirdLife International Partnership. Current activities are being funded by a grant from the MacArthur Foundation. On August 10, 2002 PROS held a workshop to launch the program among local and federal government agencies, like the Puerto Rico Department of Natural Resources, US Fish and Wildlife Service and US Forest Service, as well as interested non-governmental organizations. Participants provided comments on a preliminary list of important sites for the island, helped identify data sources, design a work plan, and nominated members for a technical committee. We are currently organizing a second workshop for September 7, 2002 at which we will have talks about the diversity and distribution of the island's avifauna, the IBA program and how PROS members and the general public can contribute. Those interested in learning more about the IBA program in Puerto Rico or nominating sites to our list of candidate IBAs can contact PROS through our web page <http://www.avesdepuertorico.org>, or through our local coordinator Adrienne G. Tossas, <mailto:agtossas@hotmail.com>. The Puerto Rican IBA program is part of a Caribbean-wide initiative to identify and conserve the most important sites for the region's birds. National programs are currently underway in Jamaica (BirdLife Jamaica), Cuba (five collaborating institutions); Dominican Republic (Grupo Jaragua), Bahamas (Bahamas National Trust) and the UK Overseas Territories. For more details of this wider Caribbean program please contact David C. Wege at <mailto:david.wege@birdlife.org.uk> or visit: <http://www.birdlife.net>

#### NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PUERTO RICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Puerto Rican Ornithological Society (SOPI, as initialed in Spanish) had their Annual Meeting on July 20 2002. On that day the members elected the new 2002-2003 board: Jose A. Salguero-Faria, President; Dr. Rafael Rodriguez Mojica, Vice-president; Darlene Rodriguez Mojica, Secretary; and Francisco Rosario, Treasurer. Unfortunately Mr. Rosario won't be able to finish his term and in his place Mr. Carlos Ramos will serve as the

interim treasurer. The treasurer will be elected on the next extraordinary meeting which will take place next September. For further information contact: Jose A. Salguero-Faria, President, SOPI, <mailto:jsalguero@csagroup.com>

OPERATION RUBYTHROAT RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
Hilton Pond Center for Piedmont Natural History near York, South Carolina, has received a major grant of \$180,000 from the National Science Foundation to involve students and teachers in ten countries in hummingbird research. Their main nature education outreach initiative "Operation RubyThroat: The Hummingbird Project" is now affiliated with The GLOBE Program, and the NSF monies are aimed at helping them recruit teacher and student participants and to publishing their findings about hummingbirds on the Internet and in refereed journals. This initiative is also supported by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. For further information contact: Research Program, c/o Bill Hilton Jr., Executive Director, Hilton Pond Center for Piedmont Natural History, 1432 DeVinney Road, York, South Carolina 29745, USA, Tel: (803) 684-5852, Fax: (503) 218-0845, <mailto:research@hiltonpond.org>; or visit: <http://www.hiltonpond.org/ThisWeek020722.html>.

#### FUTURE PUBLICATION OF BOOK ON BIRDS OF OAXACA

A group of authors, including Manuel Grosselet, is compiling information to publish a book on the Birds of Oaxaca, which will include a description for each bird family in this highly diverse Mexican state. This book will be distributed in each of the 7381 schools in Oaxaca. Mr. Grosselet is also asking for help for researchers to cover birds families and other topics (geology, vegetation, endemics, among others) related to the birds of Oaxaca. For further information contact: Manuel Grosselet, <mailto:birdinnet@yahoo.com.mx>

#### AMERICAN BIRDING ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES DIRECTORY

The "Opportunities for Birders" directory published by the American Birding Association has been a PIF-related project run by ABA for a number of years. ABA will be publishing its twelfth annual directory in February 2003. Before the end of this year, ABA also will post the directory on the web. More than 3,500 people each month read the web directory. The directory will list bird-related volunteer opportunities in the US., Canada, Latin America, and elsewhere. To include your PIF-oriented projects in the 2003 directory, ABA will need listings by October 25. There is no charge for a listing. Preferences for receiving your submissions are (in order), by completing the form on ABA's website, <http://americanbirding.org/opps/voldiindex.htm>; by E-mail as attached files; on floppy disk by mail. For more information contact: Paul Green, <mailto:paulgrn@aba.org>

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#### WEB NEWS

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ADVERSE EFFECTS OF ACID RAIN ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE WOOD THRUSH *Hylocichla mustelina* IN NORTH AMERICA, by Ralph S. Hames, Kenneth V. Rosenberg, James D. Lowe, Sara E. Barker, and Andre A. Dhondt (2002). To download a pdf copy visit: <http://www.pnas.org/cgi/content/abstract/172700199v1?ijkey=P.R3XMXEPaMsc>

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2002 EDITION OF AMBIEN-TEMA, published by Alianza para Bosques at: <http://www.eco-index.org>

THE BRAZILIAN ORNITHOLOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE (CBRO) WEB SITE, now up-to-date at: <http://www.ib.usp.br/cbro>.

CONDOR ON LINE. The Condor is now available and searchable for free on-line on the Cooper Ornithological Society homepage at: <http://www.cooper.org>

NEW WEB SITE OF THE BIRDS OF NICARAGUA, at: <http://www.avesnicaragua.org> The web site is the first of its kind and reflects the ornithological work done by researchers and their results and conservation efforts. The webs site also includes a series of articles made by researches in the past 100 years, some that you can download and data from museums collected in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century that you can also download.

FOR INFORMATION ON THE WEST NILE VIRUS VISIT:

<http://www.cfe.cornell.edu/erap/WNV/default.cfm#birds> or  
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/birdspecies.htm>

THE RAINFOREST ALLIANCE INTRODUCES ONLINE CONSERVATION PROJECT DATABASE, THE ECO-INDEX at: <http://www.eco-index.org>. The Eco-Index is a bilingual online database of conservation projects underway right now in Mexico and Central America. Users will find information on over 300 projects of more than 200 organizations. Project profiles list objectives, accomplishments, anticipated achievements, monitoring and evaluation methodologies used, and perhaps most importantly, lessons learned.

LINK TO A SET OF PROTOCOLS BY THE BRITISH TRUST FOR ORNITHOLOGY FOR RECORDING AND DESCRIBING COLOR BANDS (AND OTHER SIMILAR MARKERS), at:

<http://www.btoipmr.f9.co.uk/eucmark.html>

MYSTERY OIL SPILL COATS COAST OF SOUTH AMERICA at: <http://www.ifaw.org/page.asp?unitid=661>

BIRD WEB SITES OF INTEREST:

- Enjoy Birds – software at: <http://www.enjoybirds.com/>
- For feather identification visit: <http://www.ups.edu/biology/museum/wingphotos.html>
- Global Temperature Record 1850-2001 at: <http://www.cru.uea.ac.uk/cru/info/warming/>
- Atlas of biodiversity maps human impact at: <http://ens-news.com/ens/aug2002/2002-08-01-01.asp>
- The Horicon Marsh Bird Club web page at: <http://www.horiconmarshbirdclub.com>

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SANDPIPER TECHNOLOGIES EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE 2003 FIELD SEASON

The company specializes in video equipment for wildlife research and offers free use of rental fleet to undergraduate and post graduate students. Implemented in 1997, this program includes equipment grants to students in the U.S. and Canada, and equipment discounts and cash grants to students and universities worldwide. Applications are accepted year-round, but students needing equipment for the 2003 spring/summer season should apply by December 1, 2002. Applicants must describe their project and how they plan to use the equipment, describe the size of the critter to be studied and the habitat, specify the length of the field season, and the preferred equipment schedule, include complete contact information for yourself and your advisor. For more information contact: Ann Christensen, Sandpiper Technologies, Inc. 535 W. Yosemite Ave. Manteca, CA 95337, USA, <mailto:Ann@Sandpipertech.com>

MILLENNIUM ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

This effort is sponsored by the Global Environmental Facility, the United Nations Foundation, the David and Lucille Packard Foundation, the World Bank, Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research, Food and agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rockefeller Foundation, United Nations Development Program, United Nations Environment Program, US National Aeronautics and Space Administration, US

Geological Survey, and the Governments of Norway, China, Japan and the United States. The Fellowship Program is designed to increase the number of early career scientists with background in biophysical and social sciences (including economics) involved as authors in The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) reports due to be completed in late 2004. The MA reports are being written by teams of leading scientists from a range of disciplines and from many parts of the world; the selected MA Fellows will work and interact as full members of these teams. Through their involvement in the MA, the Fellows will gain understanding of the major environmental, social and economic issues and pressures facing our world, up-to-date information on the state of ecosystems and the consequences of changes in ecosystems for human well-being, and the information necessary for decision-making and action. Applications are invited from scientists having completed at least a Masters degree and/or enrolled in a PhD program or those who have completed their PhD in the last five years. The potential applicants must be able to attend two one-week meetings over a 12 month period starting from October/November 2002 and have time to be active authors in the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment report until at least mid-2004. This will mean an additional time commitment of four weeks equivalent. The two one-week meetings will consist of a two-day workshop (which will cover the need and usefulness of assessments, the differences between assessments, critical reviews and research and the MA progress to date), followed by a five-day meeting of the authors preparing the chapters in the MA reports. The Fellowships will cover the cost of return economy class travel to the meetings and a subsistence allowance for the duration of the meetings only. Closing date: 28 October 2002. For further information, please contact Dr Habiba Gitay Capacity Building Coordinator, Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, Tel: +1 703 281 2866, Fax: +1 202 522-3292, <mailto:gitay@millenniumassessment.org> or visit: [www.millenniumassessment.org](http://www.millenniumassessment.org)

#### CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR BP CONSERVATION PROGRAM FUNDING AVAILABLE & TRAINING

This initiative is organized by BirdLife International, BP and Fauna & Flora International (FFI). The program currently works through training and financial awards primarily targeting university students. In 2003 the Program will grant 20 first year awards and six follow-up awards. The amount of the awards has increased to between US\$7,500 to US\$17,500 for first time awards and up to US\$35,000 for follow-up awards. Project teams applying for funding need to submit an application by October 31, 2002. All projects applying for awards must fulfill the following criteria: Address a conservation priority of global importance, have a strong association with the country where the project will take place (local people participating in all stages of the project, association with a university, NGO and/or relevant government department). The majority of the team must be university students (under or post-graduates in full or part-time study). Full details of criteria and submission procedure can be found on our web site: <http://conservation.bp.com>. Email applications and enquiries to: <mailto:bp-conservation-programme@birdlife.org.uk>  
Also see: [http://www.fauna-flora.org/press\\_pub/press\\_releases\\_bp.htm](http://www.fauna-flora.org/press_pub/press_releases_bp.htm), <http://www.wing-wbsj.or.jp/birdlife>

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#### TRAINING / JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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#### APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR THE RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM

The Research Training Program is a ten-week summer, May 24 - August 2, 2003, research and study curriculum exclusively for currently enrolled undergraduate students. Serving the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History community since 1980, the Research Training Program actively facilitates the education, training, and encouragement of natural history researchers by hosting opportunities for students to explore natural history science, and pursue meaningful research projects with mentoring Smithsonian professionals in the biological, geological, and anthropological disciplines. Application deadline is February 1, 2003. For further information, or to apply, visit: <http://www.nmnh.si.edu/rtp/>

## VOLUNTEER FIELD BIOLOGISTS NEEDED FOR LONG POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY'S FALL MIGRATION MONITORING PROGRAM

Located on the north shore of Lake Erie, Long Point is one of the last wild areas left in southern Ontario. It is internationally recognized as a World Biosphere Reserve and supports a fantastic diversity of habitats, plants, and animals. During migration huge numbers of landbirds (and monarch butterflies) are funneled down Long Point. Founded in 1960, Long Point Bird Observatory (LPBO) is North America's oldest bird observatory. The core program is centered on monitoring populations of migrating birds through daily census and banding routines at three field stations. Volunteer Field Biologists staying for 1 month or more have food and accommodation fees waived. Short-term volunteers are required to pay a nominal fee covering housing, on-site travel and food. All participants will experience intensive and diverse training in field ornithology techniques in a truly beautiful part of Canada. Up to 14 long-term (1 month minimum) volunteer Field Biologists are required for the fall 2002 field season (August 12 to November 15). Previous ornithological work is preferred but not required, but a strong interest is a must. For applications or more information contact: Keith Larson, Landbird Programs Coordinator, Long Point Bird Observatory, P.O. Box 160, Port Rowan, Ontario, N0E 1M0 (519) 586-3531, <mailto:lpbo@bsc-eoc.org> or visit: <http://www.bsc-eoc.org>

## FIELD RESEARCHERS NEEDED TO HELP INVESTIGATE EVOLUTION OF LIFE HISTORY TRAITS OF NEOTROPICAL PASSERINES IN EL PARQUE NACIONAL YACAMBU, VENEZUELA

The project is part of a long-term project designed to examine variation in life history traits among latitudes. The field season will run from early March until the end of June 2003. Duties include nest searching and monitoring, videotaping of parental activities at nests, measurement of egg mass and nestling growth and development, and mist-netting and banding of adult birds. Experience finding and monitoring passerine nests and ability to work in inclement weather conditions that include frequent rain are required for the position. Compensation will include 400 USD per month (paid in local currency), housing for the duration of project, and significant help with travel expenses to the study site. Review of the applications will begin on the October 1, 2002 and proceed until all positions are filled. Please send a cover letter stating interest and relevant experience and a resume with contact information for three references to: Ron Bassar, Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, University of Montana, 205 Natural Science, Missoula MT 59812, USA, Email to: <mailto:rdb@selway.umt.edu>

## POSITION OPEN FOR OTS ACADEMIC DIRECTOR

The Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS), a consortium of 65 universities and research institutions, invites applications for a senior leadership position. The academic director oversees a growing portfolio of field-based courses in Costa Rica, Brazil, Peru, Panama, Mexico and South Africa for graduate students, undergraduates and professionals. Responsibilities also include programmatic fund-raising and administering a research fellowship program. Applicants should hold a Ph.D. and have at least five years of relevant education experience. The position is based at OTS' North American office at Duke University and reports directly to the OTS CEO. Candidates must send: 1) letter of application with details of administrative and educational experience, 2) curriculum vitae, and 3) names and contact information of three references to Dr. Gary Hartshorn, OTS President and CEO, Box 90630, Durham NC 27708-0630. For further information visit: <http://www.ots.duke.edu>

## POSITION FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC COUNTRY PROGRAM DIRECTOR AVAILABLE AT THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

The Nature Conservancy has the position of Dominican Republic Country Program Director now open, located in Santo Domingo. The Dominican Republic Country Program Director provides strategic leadership and vision for The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to achieve its conservation goals in the Dominican Republic. The Director develops and works with a team of staff and partners to implement strategies to conserve priority sites and to secure private and public funds for conservation; participates in and supports planning activities by securing, coordinating and aligning resources, capacity, and programs to address the most critical division-wide portfolio threats and strategies. She/he represents TNC for audiences in-country, including volunteers,

government agencies and officials, community leaders and other partners. For further information visit:  
<http://nature.org/cgi-bin/zope.psgi/careers/natureorg/20020723163056.html>

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## MEETINGS

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NEOTROPICAL RAPTORS AND HARPY EAGLE, October 24 - 27, 2002 Panama City, Panama. The Peregrine Fund and Fondo Peregrino - Panama 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>

PARTNERS IN FLIGHT PAN-AMERICAN ROUNDTABLE, 10:00 AM, 13 December 2002 at The Nature Conservancy, 4245 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia, USA. A forum for the discussion of bird conservation in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Roundtable is organized by the American Bird Conservancy in coordination with the International Working Group of Partners in Flight. The meeting is open to everyone with an interest in bird conservation in Latin America and the Caribbean. This Roundtable will feature news and updates on the latest developments in bird conservation and two panel discussions: The Alliance for Zero Extinction: A site-based approach to species conservation. This panel will present and discuss this newest initiative to prevent species extinctions; Avitourism and Conservation: What can birders, birding, and the business of bird-watching do for bird conservation in the Neotropics? If you are interested in contributing to the Roundtable and/or for additional information, contact George E. Wallace, American Bird Conservancy, P.O. Box 249, 4249 Loudoun Avenue, The Plains, VA 20198 USA; Tel: 540-253-5780; Fax: 540-253-5782; <mailto:gwallace@abcbirds.org>

26<sup>th</sup> WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL BIRD STRIKE COMMITTEE, Warsaw, Poland, May 5-9 2003. The meeting will address collisions between aircraft and birds, hosted by the Bird Strike Committee Poland. The first conference details and forms can now be downloaded from the International Bird Strike Committee website at: <http://www.int-birdstrike.com>. Abstract(s) and speaker/reviewer suggestions are needed as early as possible, in order to select keynote, plenary and working group speakers and to set up a challenging program (deadline 1st November 2002). Forms and mail address are on our website. For more information contact: International Bird Strike Committee, Chairman's Office: Royal Netherlands Airforce c/o Luit Buurma STL/AOO/SNEB, PO Box 20703 2500 ES, The Hague Netherlands, Tel: + 31 70 3396346, Fax: + 31 70 3396347, <mailto:luitbuurma@worldmail.nl>

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 Center 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. 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 *Ornitologia Neotropical*. 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: eeIvan Lazo, <mailto:bubo@entelchile.net>. The official webpage for registration, accommodation, other local information, travel, and tour information is: <http://www.nocchile.cl>

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#### PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

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#### THE RED DATA BOOK OF THE BIRDS OF ECUADOR

Thanks to an effort of thirteen ornithologists and eleven organizations led by the Ecuadorian non-profit organization SIMBIOE, the Red Data Book of the Birds of Ecuador was launched in May. Using the new IUCN criteria, the book identifies 250 species of threatened birds -approximately 10% of the total avifauna, in Ecuador, a country broadly known as a "bird paradise". According to the book, four species have already disappeared from the country and other 16 are critically endangered. The areas with highest risks are those located in the coastal region and the main threat is deforestation. Each species has a brief description of its distribution, current conservation status, main threats, conservation measures taken and proposed. Almost all birds are represented in outstanding plates. For further information, please contact SIMBIOE ([simbioe@andinanet.net](mailto:simbioe@andinanet.net)) or Tarsicio Granizo, Editor (<mailto:tgranizo@tnc.org>).

"INTRODUCING BIRDS OF THE BAJA CALIFORNIA PENINSULA", edited by Richard A. Erickson and Steve N.G. Howell, a new ABA Monograph as part of the series Monographs in Field Ornithology, and published with additional support from LSA Associates, Inc., Point Reyes Bird Observatory, and Western Field Ornithologists. Cost: \$39.95 USD. The new Baja monograph are available through ABA Sales at: <http://www.americanbirding.org/abasales>. For further information contact: Kenneth P. Able, Department of Biological Sciences, University at Albany, SUNY Albany, New York 12222, USA.

"BIRD TRACKS AND SIGNS", by Mark Elbroch. Stackpole Books; 480 pages. Observant can discover what birds are where by examining tracks, trails, and a variety of bird sign: discarded feathers, feeding leftovers and caches, pellets, nests, droppings, and skulls and bones. This fully illustrated guide presents thorough and straightforward instruction for identifying bird families or individual species by careful examination of the unique sign they leave behind. Cost: \$ 31.95 USD. For more information visit: <http://www.americanbirding.org/abasales/salecatal.htm>

"VOICES OF NEW WORLD PARROTS". The Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Macaulay Library of Natural Sounds has published the audio guide, Voices of New World Parrots. This three-CD set features the characteristic sounds of virtually all of the New World parrots-some 140 species are included, encompassing

many distinctive forms. The guide features a wide range of vocal signals and includes as many call types for each species as have been recorded. Accompanying the CD is a 54-page booklet that discusses the importance of wild parrot research, vocal and flight characteristics, and parrot sound recording techniques. To assist with in-the-field identification two pages of black-and-white illustrations depict the typical silhouettes of each New World parrot genus in flight. Retail for \$39.95 and is available online at the Cornell Lab Birding Shop <http://www.withoutbricks.com/clo>, from Wild Birds Unlimited at Sapsucker Woods (877) 266-4928, from the American Birding Association (800) 634-7736 (USA and Canada) or (719) 578-0607 (international), and from the Los Angeles Audubon Society Bookstore (323) 876-0202.

"JACAMARS TO WOODPECKERS", Volume 7 of the Handbook of the Birds of the World, edited by Josep del Hoyo, Andrew Elliott and Jordi Sargatal. 2002. Lynx Editions. Barcelona. This volume completes the coverage on passerine birds. 20 plates illustrating extinct birds. To order a copy visit: <http://www.hbw.com>

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RECENT LITERATURE  
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NOTE: For thorough searches of the ornithological literature consult ROL in the web at:  
<http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/ROL> (# 83 now posted)

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Cleere, N., & J. Ingels. 2002. First record of the Rufous Potoo *Nyctibius bracteatus* and in-flight drinking by the Semi-collared Nighthawk *Lurocalis semitorquatus* in French Guiana. **Bulletin British Ornithologists' Club** 122(2): 154-155.

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