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PARTNERS IN FLIGHT PAN-AMERICAN ROUNDTABLE

The most recent Partners in Flight Pan-American Roundtable was held 13 December 2002 at The Nature Conservancy in Arlington, Virginia. The Roundtables are organized by the American Bird Conservancy in coordination with the International Working Group of Partners in Flight. The meeting featured two panel discussions, one on Avitourism and its role in bird conservation in the Neotropics, featuring Andy Drumm, The Nature Conservancy (moderator); Ted Eubanks, Fermata, Inc.; Eduardo Nycander, Rainforest Expeditions; Megan Epler Wood, founder International Ecotourism Association, and another on The Alliance for Zero

Extinction: A site-based approach to species conservation, featuring Mike Parr, American Bird Conservancy; Eric Dinerstein, World Wildlife Fund-US; Thomas Brooks, Conservation International; Cheri Sugall, World Parks. Updates were provided by: Paul Baicich and Betty Peterson, American Birding Association, on Birders' Exchange; Carol Beidleman, National Park Service, on Park Flight; Steve Latta, PRBO Conservation Science, on the PRBO International Program; Rob Clay, Guyra Paraguay, on Guyra Paraguay activities; Antoinette Condo, US Department of State, on an upcoming meeting to discuss a hemispheric strategy for migratory bird conservation; Jennifer Wheeler, US Fish and Wildlife Service, on aquatic bird conservation planning in Central America and the Caribbean and International Migratory Bird Day 2003; Mike Kreger, US Fish and Wildlife Service, on CITES conference developments; George Ledec, World Bank, on Honduran Emerald conservation; and George Wallace, American Bird Conservancy, on Monitoreo de Sobrevivencia Invernal (MoSI) for David DeSante, Institute for Bird Populations. Over 70 people from 30 organizations and agencies attended. Thanks to everyone for their participation and for making the meeting a great success. Minutes will be posted by 1 February 2003 on the American Bird Conservancy website: <http://www.abcbirds.org/pif/PIF%20Minutes.htm>.

#### ENDANGERED PARROTS SCORE MAJOR VICTORY IN LONG BATTLE FOR PROTECTION

Members attending the 12th Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES) of Wild Fauna and Flora voted recently to increase protection for three species of endangered parrots, thanks to efforts of Cornell Lab of Ornithology scientists and the support of more than 100 nations. The outcome of the United Nations-sponsored meeting, held on November 12 in Santiago, Chile, means that commercial trade of the Yellow-naped Parrot (*Amazona auropalliata*), the Yellow-headed Parrot (*Amazona oratrix*), and the Blue-headed Macaw (*Ara couloni*) has been banned. Formerly, trade in these species was allowed by permits with restricted quotas. Now, because of these species' declining populations, the birds will receive full conservation protection. For more information about the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, including its Neotropical Bird Conservation Program, call (800) 843-2473; outside the U.S. call (607) 254-2473; write to Cornell Lab of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, NY 14850; or visit: <http://birds.cornell.edu/>

#### WORKSHOP ON STOP-OVER SITES FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS IN MEXICO

The workshop was co-organized by Pronatura Veracruz and the Gulf Wings (GW) Project of the Migratory Bird Program of the Nature Conservancy (TNC). The activity took place in the Center of Coastal Investigations La Mancha, Institute of Ecology, Xalapa, Veracruz, during September 12 - 16, with the purpose of advancing the identification and protection of important resting sites for migratory birds (mainly land birds) along the Mexican coast of the Gulf of Mexico. The goals of the workshop were to identify, for the 5 coastal Mexican states of the Gulf of Mexico: routes and times of migration, priority resting sites for conservation, research needs and the identification of key researchers in the area. Seven formal presentations (in PowerPoint) were shown in the two and a half days of meetings: 1) Conservation design (David Mehlman, TNC Migratory Bird Program); 2) Migratory Birds and Important Bird Areas (AICAS/IBAs) in Mexico (José Luis Alcantara, Colegio de Postgraduados-CIPAMEX); 3) The eco-regional plan for wetlands in Los Petenes-Celestun-El Palmar (Eduardo Galicia); 4) Global climate change will affect the Atlantic slope of Mexico (Kevin Winker & Rose Meir, University of Alaska Museum); 5) Conserving stopover sites for migratory land birds: A conceptual framework resulting from an expert workshop (B. Abel, C. Duncan, D. Ewert, S. Mabey, D. Mehlman, R. Sutter & M. Woodrey); 6) The North American Bird Conservation Initiative: Towards its international "on the ground" implementation (Humberto Berlanga, NABCI); and 7) Pronatura's avian conservation activities on the Gulf of Mexico (Octavio Cruz, Pronatura Veracruz). The presentations are available to download from the ftp site of TNC at: <ftp://ftp.tnc.org>. For more information contact: Charles Duncan, TNC, <mailto:cduncan@tnc.org>

#### WORKSHOP ON THE OPERATION OF MoSI STATIONS IN MEXICO

The MoSI (Spanish acronym for Monitoring of Over-wintering Survivorship) workshop took place October 20-23 in the state of Morelos, Mexico. The purpose of the course was to learn about the establishment and operation of MoSI stations, as well as advanced sexing and ageing techniques of land birds. This is an initiative of the Institute for Bird Population. The workshop had the participation of 17 biologists with bird banding experience, who do field work in Chihuahua, Sinaloa, Jalisco, State of Mexico, Aguas Calientes, Tabasco, Morelos, Distrito Federal, Guerrero and Chiapas. The instructors included Fernando Urbina Torres, David F.

DeSante, Peter Pyle, Amy McAndrews, Jorge Montejó Diaz and Claudia Romo de Vivar Alvarez, the MoSI Program coordinator in Mexico. As a product of the active participation of the assistants and of the people who have shown interest in the MoSI program, the 2002-2003 period will include the establishment and operation of 16 monitoring stations in Mexico, as well as the formal consolidation of the MoSI group in Mexico. For more information contact: Claudia Romo de Vivar Alvarez, MoSI Program Coordinator in Mexico, <mailto:clarovial@yahoo.com.mx>

#### COLOMBIA DESIGNATES ITS FIRST IMPORTANT BIRD AREA

The Ecoparque Los Besotes was designated as the first Important Bird Area in Colombia during a ceremony in Valledupar (north of the country in Cesar Department) on November 8, 2002. The event was attended by local government and environmental authorities, and nearly 100 Colombian birdwatchers and ornithologists who gathered during the XV National Ornithological Meeting. Los Besotes, with an area of 500 hectares, is located in the municipality of Valledupar county about 9 km from the city. The land belongs to the Los Besotes Ecological Foundation-Fundebes, the Municipality of Valledupar and the Department's Environmental Corporation (Corpocesar). There are more than 150 species of birds in the area with outstanding examples being a wild population of Andean Condors (*Vultur gryphus*) (there are only about 50 left in the country), Blue-billed Curassow (*Crax alberti*), Military Macaw (*Ara militaris*), and the White-lored Warbler (*Basileuterus conspicillatus*) - all threatened in the country. Other interesting records in the park include several felines (jaguar, puma and ocelot), tapir (*Tapirus terrestris*), and several species of monkeys. The recognition of this site as an IBA helped to obtain money from the local government for acquiring an additional 1000 hectares. The Colombian IBA program is coordinated by the Alexander von Humboldt Biological Resources Research Institute and BirdLife International. For more information contact: Loreta Rosselli, Instituto Alexander von Humboldt, Cra. 7 No. 35-20, Bogota D.C., Colombia; Tel: (57-1) 6 08 69 00/01/02; <http://www.humboldt.org.co>, Angelica Estrada, Manager, IBA Program, BirdLife International; Vicente Cardenas E5-75 y Japon 3er Piso, Quito, Ecuador; Tel: (593) (2) 2277497, 2277399, 2453645, Fax: (593) (2) 2277059; <mailto:ehma@birdlife.org.ec>

#### REQUEST FOR INPUT ON LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN WETLANDS

Dr. Lucas Fernandez, coordinator of the XVII CYTED Wetlands Network has announced that the Iberoamerican Network is preparing a monograph on Latin American and Caribbean wetlands. Specialists are invited to submit: research results from regional wetlands studies, conference presentations from professors having participated in the Network's recent training course, and presentations from course students. Please contact Mr. Fernandez in La Habana, Cuba for more details. <mailto:fernandez@geprop.cu>

#### PANAMA'S METROPOLITAN NATURAL PARK RECEIVES DONATION FROM AMERICAN CONSERVATIONISTS

As a part of the Birders' Exchange Program, the American Birding Association recognized Fidelino Jimenez's outstanding work at Metropolitan Natural Park (PNM as initialed in Spanish) with the donation of binoculars. Jimenez is one of the guides who works with English-speaking visitors at PNM. The donation was given by Raul Arias de Para, President of Canopy Tower Ecolodge, who represented the American Birding Association. The objectives of the Birders' Exchange Program are to supply equipment and materials to those who work with birds and their habitats, and increase the flow of information on bird conservation initiatives and education on the subject throughout the continent. All donations to PNM are tax deductible. For more information on PNM contact: Yiscl Yangüez, Jefa de Relaciones Publicas, Tel: (232-5552/5516/6713/6723).

#### NEWS ON THE MARINE BIRDS CAMPAIGN: CONTEST OF IDEAS OF SEO/BIRDLIFE

The Marine Birds Campaign of BirdLife International is successfully developing its activities in Latin America. During 2002, conservation projects were developed in Argentina (Aves Argentinas), Brazil (Projeto Albatroz ) and Chile (UNORCH), with funds originating from the British Bird Watching Fair organized in the United Kingdom in the year 2000, distributed by SEO/BirdLife (partner in Spain). There was also the organization of a workshop on the conservation of albatrosses and petrels in Punta del Este, Uruguay in September 2001 that gave birth to the South American Strategy for the Conservation of Albatross and Petrels (ESCAPE as initialed

in Spanish) which some countries are developing or have already adopted. However, the most notable achievement is the organization in Spain of a contest among fishermen with the purpose of generating new ideas and proposals for methods of avoiding marine bird by-catch during long line fishing. This contest has a grand prize of 18,000 euros (\$18,900 US) and is open to individual fishermen around the world, but with special interest in Spanish and Portuguese speaking contestants. Ideas may be presented in any format until March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003. An International Panel of Judges formed by experts in marine birds and professional fishermen will select the winner, which will be awarded in a public presentation in Spain in June 2003. Any person from any country may participate; all that is required is knowledge of long line fishing and marine birds, and a good idea. For more information contact: Itziar Olmedo, Communications Officer, Americas Regional Office, BirdLife International, Address: Vicente Cardenas E5-75 y Japon, 3er Piso, Phone: + 593 (2) 245-3645, 227-7399, 227-7497, C.P. 17-17-717, Quito, Ecuador, Fax: (593-2) 2 277-059, mailto:[birdlife@birdlife.org.ec](mailto:birdlife@birdlife.org.ec)

#### PARK FLIGHT GRANTEE WORKSHOP IN HONDURAS

The workshop was organized by the Park Flight program, a partnership between the National Park Foundation, and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and National Park Service, November 4–10, 2002 with the purpose of increasing the knowledge and coordination of bird monitoring programs in national parks in the U.S. and protected areas in Mesoamerica, and to help integrate monitoring and educational efforts between institutions. The results of the workshop were the establishment of a monitoring network between the U.S. and Mesoamerica, as well as the donation of binoculars from Optics for the Tropics for each country. For more information contact: Ingrid Arias, mailto:[avesnfwf@guate.net](mailto:avesnfwf@guate.net).

#### CERULEAN WARBLER WORKSHOP

The US Fish and Wildlife Service and US Geological Survey recently held the “Cerulean Warbler Summit” to develop coordinated conservation research and actions for the conservation of this threatened migratory bird. A similar awareness-building workshop will be held in South America in early 2003. For more information, contact Deanna Dawson of the FWS, mailto:[ddawson@fws.gov](mailto:ddawson@fws.gov) (for US information) or Megan Hill, mailto:[hill@nfwf.org](mailto:hill@nfwf.org), for South American workshop information.

#### CREATION OF A DATA BASE FOR CARIBBEAN, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS

You are welcome to be part of the new database of Ornithologists working in the Caribbean, Central and South America. The database is co-sponsored by the American Bird Conservancy and will improve the communications between bird conservationists. The objective of this database is to improve the communications between bird conservationists. If you wish to see an example of how the database works, please consult the Mexican version on-line at: <http://www.huitzil.net/baseornitologos.html>. Information needed includes: Full name, mailing address, phone, fax, E-mail, country (where you work with birds), specialty in ornithology and species, or group of species, worked with (in the past and currently), names of the specific areas of study in every country worked (past and present, and if you can send geographic coordinates of every site, that will be perfect). For more information or to send information contact Dr. Raul Ortiz Pulido, Laboratorio de Ecología de Poblaciones, Centro de Investigaciones Biológicas, Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Hidalgo, A.P. 69, Pachuca, Hidalgo, 42001, México, <mailto:ortizrau@uaeh.reduaeh.mx>

#### MANANTLAN INSTITUTE OF ECOLOGY WINS MEXICO'S NATIONAL NATURE CONSERVATION AWARD

On 27 November 2002, the President of Mexico, Vicente Fox Quesada, presented the “Recognition for Nature Conservation” to the Manantlan Institute of Ecology and Conservation of Biodiversity (IMECBIO) of the University of Guadalajara. This newly instituted national award was created by the National Commission of Natural Protected Areas of the Mexican Federal Government. The IMECBIO, represented by the three directors/chairs that have led the institution during the past 14 years - Enrique Jardel, Eduardo Santana and Luis E. Rivera, won in the category “academia/research.” The award is named “Efrain Hernandez Xolocoztli” in honor of the distinguished Mexican botanical researcher, who pioneered the study and conservation of wild and

cultivated plants and defended the conservation of traditional knowledge and agricultural systems. For more information contact Terry Rich, mailto: [terry\\_rich@fws.gov](mailto:terry_rich@fws.gov)

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WEB NEWS  
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THE ORNITHOLOGICAL COUNCIL HAS JUST PUBLISHED A FACT SHEET ON THE USE OF RADIO TELEMETRY IN ORNITHOLOGY at: [http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/Radio\\_tracking.html](http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/Radio_tracking.html)

THE COFFEE CONNECTION. Article on the bird implications of shade-grown coffee farms in Mexico at: [http://www.fortune.com/indexw.jhtml?channel=artcol.jhtml&doc\\_id=21040](http://www.fortune.com/indexw.jhtml?channel=artcol.jhtml&doc_id=21040).

DISCOVERY OF A SPIX'S MACAW IN THE USA. Full report in English - on the news page at the Blue Macaws website: <http://www.bluemacaws.org/news.htm>

DUCKDATA. USFWS has a web site where you can search all the literature available on North American waterfowl at: <http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/library/duckdata/>

FOUNDING SOURCES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS at: <http://www.econfondos.net>

UPDATED DATABASE OF ORNITHOLOGISTS WORKING IN MEXICO. In this database you can obtain study areas and contact information for 448 ornithologists working in Mexico at: <http://www.huitzil.net/Basedeornitologos.html>.

NOTES ON THE BIRDS OF CENTRAL OAXACA, PART III: HIRUNDINIDAE TO FRINGILLIDAE by: John M. Forcey at: <http://www.huitzil.net>

SATELLITE TRACKING OF OSPREY MIGRATION at: <http://http://www.birdsofprey.org>

YUCATAN BIRD FESTIVAL at: <http://www.yucatanbirds.org.mx/eng/>

#### BIRD WEB SITES OF INTEREST:

- Sound recordings and photographic images of many species of birds from around the world at: <http://www.mangoverde.com/birdsound/index.html>
- Vulture web site at: <http://www.vultures.homestead.com/>
- The Spanish Ornithological Society (SEO/BirdLife) publishes "Ardeola" at: <http://www.seo.org/ArdeUKPresentacion.asp>
- Birds of Venezuela at: <http://www.birdvenezuela.com>
- The Internet Bird Collection at: <http://www.hbw.com/ibc/>.
- Website on Neotropical Wetlands at: <http://www.biouls.cl/cneh/>

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## FUNDING

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### NEOTROPICAL MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION ACT GRANTS FOR FY 2003

In 2000, the Congress of the United States passed the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act. The purposes of the Act are to perpetuate healthy populations of Neotropical migratory birds, assist in the conservation of Neotropical migratory birds by supporting conservation initiatives in the United States, Latin America, and the Caribbean, and provide financial resources and to foster international cooperation for those initiatives. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manages a grants program to implement the terms of this legislation. Eligible projects for grants are: protection and management of Neotropical migratory bird populations; maintenance, management, protection, and restoration of Neotropical migratory bird habitat; research and monitoring; law enforcement; and community outreach and education. Projects may be located in the United States and in all countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, with the exception of Cuba. Projects in Canada are not eligible for funding. Projects may be up to two years in duration. Federal funds requested under the Act must be matched 3:1 by non-Federal funds. The maximum award for FY2003 will be US\$250,000. Proposals may be submitted in English, Spanish, and Portuguese. All proposals must have an English summary. Proposals are to be submitted only in Microsoft Word format no longer than 10 pages including maps and the budget. Project proposal deadline is January 31, 2003. Send proposals as electronic mail attachments to <mailto:neotropical@fws.gov> or, send it on a computer disk to: NMBCA Program, Division of Bird Habitat Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MAIL STOP MBSP – 4075, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203, USA. Do not send printed materials.

### PAN-AMERICAN ADVANCED STUDIES INSTITUTES PROGRAM (PASI)

The "Pan American Advanced Study Institutes" (PASI) Program is a joint initiative of the Department of Energy (DOE) and the National Science Foundation (NSF). Pan American Advanced Studies Institutes are short courses of two to four weeks duration, involving lectures, demonstrations, research seminars and discussion at the advanced graduate and post-doctoral level. PASI aims to disseminate advanced scientific and engineering knowledge and stimulate training and cooperation among researchers of the Americas in the mathematical, physical, and biological sciences, and in engineering fields. Whenever feasible, an interdisciplinary approach is recommended. Proposals submitted in response to this program announcement/solicitation should be prepared and submitted in accordance with the general guidelines contained in the NSF Grant Proposal Guide (GPG). The complete text of the GPG is available electronically on the NSF Website at: <http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?gpg>. Paper copies of the GPG may be obtained from the NSF Publications Clearinghouse, telephone (301) 947-2722 or by e-mail from <mailto:pubs@nsf.gov>. Cost sharing is not required in proposals submitted under this Program Solicitation. No indirect costs are allowed. The award to any one institute may not exceed \$100,000. These awards will not support salaries although a reasonable stipend for a graduate student to assist with the organization of the PASI pre- and post-meeting will be allowed. Proposals must be submitted by the following date(s): Full Proposal Deadline(s) January 30, 2003; Future deadlines: January 15 of each year. General inquiries regarding this program should be made to: Eduardo L. Feller, Senior Staff Associate, Directorate for Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences, Office of International Science and Engineering, 935 N, telephone: (703) 292-8710, fax: (703) 292-9067, <mailto:efeller@nsf.gov>; Harold J. Stolberg, Program Coordinator, Directorate for Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences, Office of International Science and Engineering, 935 N, telephone: (703) 292-8706, fax: (703) 292-9175, <mailto:hstolber@nsf.gov>; Richard Kelley, Department of Energy, Office of Basic Energy Science, SC-13, telephone: 301-903-6051, <mailto:richard.kelley@science.doe.gov>; Don Freeburn, Department of Energy, Office of Basic Energy Science, telephone: 301-903-3156, <mailto:Don.Freeburn@science.doe.gov>.

### COS STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS

Limited funding will be available to defray travel expenses for undergraduate and graduate students attending the Cooper Ornithological Society (COS) meeting at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ, April 30

thru May 3, 2003. Students must be members of COS and present an oral or poster paper at the meeting to be eligible for the award. Students must be senior authors, but papers may be co-authored with other students or non-students. A travel award will be granted only after the presentation is accepted for the annual meeting by the program committee (to be accepted to the program, submit abstract as directed in circular). To apply for the travel award, submit: 1) a 2-page resume; 2) detailed listing of anticipated transportation expenses; 3) a 3-page (including references) expanded abstract of your paper or poster covering objectives, methods, major results, and scientific significance; and 4) a letter of recommendation from your advisor. Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications via e-mail (please ask your advisor to e-mail their recommendation separately) but hard copies (5 copies, no Faxes) will also be accepted. Send materials by February 18, 2003 to: Dr. Matthias Leu, USGS-BRD, Forest and Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center, 970 Lusk St., Boise ID, 83706, Tel: (208) 426-2598), <mailto:mleu@usgs.gov>

#### THE JOSEPH GRINNELL STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD

The fourth annual Joseph Grinnell Student Research Awards will be presented by the Cooper Ornithological Society at the 2003 annual meeting to support beginning research efforts of new Ph.D. graduate students. Up to two \$1000 awards are designated to support basic research in any aspect of avian biology. Projects that deal with conservation issues in avian biology should be directed to the Mewaldt-King Research Awards Committee of the Cooper Ornithological Society. Students may not submit a proposal to both award committees in the same year. Proposals must be post-marked or received by the Joseph Grinnell Award Committee on or before February 14, 2003. Only graduate students originally enrolled in a doctoral program after August 2001 are eligible for the award. Faxes and electronic submissions are not acceptable, except for applications or letters originating outside the continental United States, in which case they can be faxed to 909-787-4286 or <mailto:camerong@citrus.ucr.edu>. For more information contact Dr. Cameron Ghalambor, Chair Grinnell Awards Committee, Department of Biology, University of California, Riverside, CA 92521, <mailto:camerong@citrus.ucr.edu>

#### NORTH STAR'S FIRST ANNUAL TRANSMITTER GRANT PROGRAM

North Star Science and Technology, LLC has teamed with American Bird Conservancy to initiate a new grant program that will award a total of six satellite transmitters (Argos Platform Transmitter Terminals (PTTs), to one or two recipients (6 PTTs to one project or 3 PTTs to each of two projects). PTTs are powerful, cutting-edge tools for the study of bird migration that greatly extend the range over which individual birds can be tracked. North Star is providing the PTTs in the spirit of giving something back to the research community they serve, with the condition that the resulting data are available for use in an educational program entitled, "Eye of the Falcon," which uses satellite tracking data to teach young people about bird migration and conservation. American Bird Conservancy will handle the proposal submission process and convene a panel of experts to review proposals and select the winning projects. Please see <http://www.northstarst.com> for more information and proposal guidelines. Deadline for proposals is February 15, 2003. Any further questions about the program can be directed to 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>

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#### TRAINING / JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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#### INTERNSHIP FOR MEXICAN, CENTRAL, AND SOUTH AMERICAN BIOLOGISTS

The Willamette National Forest's Neotropical Migratory Bird Program will host a Latin American biologist during the summer of 2003. As during the past five years, the program will link the Forest's internship program with an internship work experience through the Institute for Bird Populations in Point Reyes Station, California. Between May 1 and August 8, the selected intern will participate in the Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship (MAPS) program and be part of a two-person team operating mist-netting stations on the Willamette National Forest. Once that work is completed, the Willamette National Forest will provide an

additional month of training and work experience, depending on the interest and needs of the individual. Roundtrip airfare, housing, and a per diem allowance will be covered. Application deadline is January 13, 2003. A good comprehension of English and the ability to work outdoors are required. For more information or for a full application information packet contact: Ruby Seitz, McKenzie River Ranger District, Willamette National Forest, Oregon, USA, Tel: (541)822-7256, Fax: (541)822-7254, <mailto:ruseitz@fs.fed.us> or Sara Martin, Institute for Bird Populations, P.O. Box 1346, Pt. Reyes, CA 94956-1346, USA, <mailto:smartin@birdpop.org>, Tel (415)663-1436, Fax: (415)663-9482 or visit: <http://www.birdpop.org>

#### **BIRD MONITORING TECHNIQUES TRAINING WORKSHOP AT TORTUGUERO, COSTA RICA**

Interested students and biologists are invited to attend a Bird Monitoring Techniques Training Workshop at the Caribbean Conservation Corporation (CCC), Estacion Biologica, Tortuguero, Costa Rica from February 17 to 21, 2003. Standard bird banding and censusing techniques will be covered including: skills necessary to operate a mist-net capture station, bird censuses techniques, standard reference materials and protocols. This will be an introductory level course, but participants should possess a good ornithological background. Accommodations and meals will be provided by the CCC, in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service Redwood Sciences Laboratory, the Point Reyes Bird Observatory, and the University of Costa Rica. Travel from San José to Tortuguero will be provided. Participants should be able to provide their own travel and accommodations to San José, Costa Rica. Number of workshop participants will be limited. For information about the Tortuguero Integrated Bird Monitoring Program, go to <http://www.rsl.psw.fs.fed.us/pif/crintern.htm>. To apply, please send a brief letter of interest to Pablo Herrera <mailto:paherrera@fs.fed.us> or Dr. C. John Ralph, <mailto:cjr2@humboldt.edu>, Fax: (707)825-2901, or mail: Redwood Sciences Laboratory 1700 Bayview Drive Arcata, CA 95521 USA by January 15, 2003.

#### **BREEDING BIRD CENSUS ASSISTANT POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT LONG POINT**

Located on the north shore of Lake Erie, Long Point is one of the last wild areas left in south central Ontario. The region is an internationally recognized World Biosphere Reserve and supports a fantastic diversity of habitats, plants, and animals. For the 2003 field season three field assistants are needed to work on the Breeding Bird Census (BBC) project (20 May to 5 July). They will receive free accommodation and food, as well as intensive training from the LPBO staff on site. BBC assistants must have excellent skills in identification of eastern birds by sight and sound; this project is ideal for those who want to improve upon their bird song identification. LPBO has established 15 10-hectare plots in various vegetative communities across the dunes and marshes of Long Point, with four or more sampled each year. Assistants rise very early and commute by ATV or boat to arrive at their study sites at dawn. Over the next few hours they map the locations of all singing birds, look for nests, and try to determine the number of bird territories on the plot. Ten or more visits are made to each study site, enabling assistants to refine their estimates of the numbers of birds breeding. Previous ornithological work conducting point counts, spot mapping or nest searching is required. Email or mail your resume, three references and completed application which can be downloaded from our website <http://www.bsc-eoc.org/lpbo/LPassist.html> to: 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>. Visit our web site <http://www.bsc-eoc.org> for more information about Bird Studies Canada and Long Point Bird Observatory. Applications will be reviewed beginning January 15.

#### **VOLUNTEER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS NEEDED FOR LONG POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY'S SPRING AND FALL MIGRATION MONITORING PROGRAM.**

The core program is centered on monitoring populations of migrating birds through daily census and banding routines at three field stations. Volunteers staying for at least 1 month receive food, housing, on-site travel, and training. Short-term volunteers are required to pay a fee covering food, housing, on-site travel, and training. All participants will experience intensive and diverse training in field ornithological techniques. Up to 14 long-term (4 "banders-in-charge" and 10 banders/trainees) are required for each spring (15 March to 15 June) and fall (1 August to 15 November). Previous ornithological work, banding, and bird identification skills are required. A limited number of internship positions are available for those interested in learning the skills necessary to band and operate a banding station. International applicants with good English skills are

encouraged to apply. Email or mail your resume, three references and completed application which can be downloaded from our website ([www.bsc-eoc.org/lpbo/LPassist.html](http://www.bsc-eoc.org/lpbo/LPassist.html)) to: 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>. Visit our web site <http://www.bsc-eoc.org> for more information about Bird Studies Canada and the migration-monitoring program at Long Point Bird Observatory. Applications will be reviewed beginning January 15.

#### EXPERIENCED HAWK COUNTERS (3) NEEDED IN VERACRUZ, MEXICO

Three positions are available to monitor the world's largest hawk migration flyway during fall 2003 (20 August to 20 November). Pronatura Veracruz, a Mexican non-profit organization is conducting the long-term monitoring Veracruz River of Raptors project that documents the migration of most of North American raptor species, as well as a large aquatic bird migration. Positions require enthusiastic individuals very well skilled in long-distance hawk identification, counting huge multi-species flocks, and very persistent sky scanning. Spanish is not necessary but interest on learning it is. Weather: Hot and humid with a few windy/rainy days. Work schedule from 8am to 6pm daily, two days on and one off, rotating randomly between two count sites. Pronatura Veracruz will cover housing (rustic conditions, without luxuries but not uncomfortable, sharing rooms and preparing our own meals) as well as airfare and a stipend in Mexican pesos, equivalent to around US\$580 per month, to cover your food and transportation in and around Veracruz during work related activities. Please send cover letter, resume, phone number and email addresses of 3 references to Rafael Rodriguez, Pronatura Veracruz, Antonio Ma. de Rivera 12-2 Centro, Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico. 91000, <mailto:rdguezmr@hotmail.com>. Deadline: March 30, 2003.

#### HARPY EAGLE HACK SITE VOLUNTEER

The Peregrine Fund is a nonprofit organization working to conserve birds of prey and their habitats worldwide. Successful applicants will be provided with the rare opportunity to monitor and look after young Harpy Eagles prior to and after they are released in the forests of Belize. Specific Responsibilities: 1) Monitor, feed, radio track and ensure the well being of young Harpy Eagles during the entire process of release; 2) Communicate with Raptor Release Coordinator and local partners on a regular basis; and 3) Keep detailed field notes of the eagles' behavior, movement patterns, interactions with other species, etc. Qualifications and Experience: 1) Biologist or Biology student with basic Neotropical flora and fauna knowledge; 2) Knowledge of raptor biology and ecology desirable; 3) Knowledge of radio tracking techniques, use of GPS, compass and maps, and experience with four-wheel-drive vehicles is desirable; and 4) Willing to commit to the release project for a minimum of 6 months. Volunteer is expected to cover his/her travel costs and accommodation (may be only a tent) and board will be provided. Candidates should send a cover letter, resume, and names and contact information of three references to: Raptor Release Coordinator, The Peregrine Fund/ Fondo Peregrino PTY 3150, 4440 NW 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave Miami, FL 33166, USA, <mailto:fpp@fondoperegrino.org>

#### FIELD RESEARCH ASSISTANTS NEEDED IN ARIZONA

Up to 16 positions are required: 8 intern nest searchers, 2 band resighters, 3 intern mist-netters, 1 target-netting supervisor, and 2 mist-netting supervisors needed for a long-term research program designed to examine the evolution of life-history traits as well as the influence of predation rates, habitat structure, and microclimate on nest site selection in birds. Field assistants will have the opportunity to gain experience in many of the field techniques used in avian research such as: nest-searching, mist-netting, target-netting, territory-mapping, re-sighting, vegetation surveys and video-taping nests. The study site is located in north central Arizona in the Coconino National Forest at 8,000 ft. elevation. The field camp is remote and requires tent living (you must provide your own tent), and pay is \$650/mo (all intern positions) or \$1100/mo (supervisor positions). The project runs from May 1st to July 24-31st. Those applying for the mist-netting supervisor positions must have a minimum of three months banding experience, preferably with MAPS protocol. Review of applications will begin January 25, 2002 and will continue until positions are filled. Please email or surface mail: cover letter stating your interest in the project and relevant experience, resume, and 3 letters of recommendation to Lainie Berry, Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, Natural Sciences 205, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812, USA Tel: 406-243-5342, <mailto:lainieb@selway.umt.edu>

## FELLOWSHIP FOR CONSERVATION PROFESSIONALS FROM LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Next summer the Quebec Labrador Foundation, Atlantic Center for the Environment will again conduct a four-week fellowship program on land conservation and stewardship for conservation professionals from countries in the Caribbean and Latin America. Applications are now being accepted for both sponsored and un-sponsored participants. The fellowship program will be open to individuals working as leaders, staff or volunteers with a Latin American or Caribbean institution (NGO or relevant government agency) active in the areas of biodiversity conservation, marine/coastal protected areas, landscape conservation, or rural community development. Applicants should be able to work well in a group and participate actively in discussions. Since all discussions will be in English and it is not feasible to provide interpreters, proficiency in English is required. Application deadline is March 15, 2003. Details are available on: <http://www.qlf.org/documnts/LCFL2003.pdf> or for more information contact: Brent Mitchell, Director Stewardship, Quebec-Labrador Foundation, Atlantic Center for the Environment, 55 South Main Street Ipswich, Massachusetts 01938 USA, Tel: 978.356.0038 x408, Fax: 978.356.7322, <mailto:brentmitchell@qlf.org> or visit: <http://www.qlf.org>

## JOB POSTING FOR STATION MANAGER IN COSTA RICA

One year renewable contract for a Station Manager for Caño Palma Biological Station, located in the lowland rainforest of Tortuguero, Costa Rica. The station is accessible by boat only and the Manager will live in relative isolation, although there is a caretaker that lives on the property. Caño Palma is operated by Canadian Organization for Tropical Education and Rainforest Conservation, (COTERC), a registered non profit charity in Ontario, Canada. The applicant should be fluent in English and Spanish, and have a sound ecological background. An ability to maintain and repair small engines is important, as well as a working knowledge of small boats and motors. The Manager will be encouraged to aid the community in sustainable development and restoration of projects in the region. He/she will act as the local liaison for park, municipal, local authorities and government officials. Regular correspondence and reports will be sent to the COTERC Board of Directors in Canada. Remuneration is US \$300.00 per month. Interested applicants should submit a Resume: Fax to 905 831 4203 or mailed to COTERC, Box 335, Pickering, Ontario, L1V 2P9 Canada or <mailto:coterc@interhop.net>.

## THE PEREGRINE FUND SEEKS NEOTROPICAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The Peregrine Fund works to conserve birds of prey and their habitats worldwide. The Neotropical Program Director provides direction and oversight for The Peregrine Fund's programs throughout Latin America and the Caribbean and coordination with The Peregrine Fund's other international and national (U.S.) programs. The Neotropical Program Director will be based at our Panama headquarters, the Neotropical Raptor Center, near Panama City. Responsibilities: 1) Work with the International Programs Director, President, and other staff to develop and direct raptor conservation and research projects in Latin America and the Caribbean; 2) Administer and supervise The Peregrine Fund's Neotropical Program and Neotropical Raptor Center in Panama, including liaison with government and non-government organizations throughout the region; 3) Help raise funds both locally in the Neotropics and in the U.S.; and 4) Provide proposals and reporting for all grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements, among others. Qualifications and Experience: 1) Advanced degree in the biological sciences or related field with knowledge of conservation, ornithology and/or conservation needs of birds of prey in the Americas; 2) At least five years senior level experience in conservation is desirable, preferably in Latin America or the Caribbean; 3) Proven ability to develop, manage, and evaluate conservation and research projects; 4) Knowledge and experience in raptor biology, ecology; and 5) Experience and success in fund raising for conservation and research projects. Applicants should send cover letter, resume, and names and contact information of three references to: International Programs Director, The Peregrine Fund, 5668 West Flying Hawk Lane, Boise, ID 83709, U.S.A, <mailto:tpf@peregrinefund.org>

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## MEETINGS

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### 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Cooper Ornithological Society will hold its 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting from 30 April through 03 May, 2003 in Flagstaff, AZ at the duBois Conference Center. In addition to regular paper sessions and social activities, there will be symposia/workshops on Ecology and Management of the Yellow-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*), Shrubland Bird Ecology and Conservation, and Estimating Avian Abundance. Deadline for abstracts is 1 March 2003. See the Annual Meeting link at the web site for all details at: <http://www.cooper.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>. 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](mailto:luitbuurma@worldmail.nl)

6<sup>TH</sup> 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 Ornithologia 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: Ivan Lazo, <mailto:bubo@entelchile.net>. The official webpage for registration, accommodation, other local information, travel, and tour information is: <http://www.nocchile.cl>

NORTH AMERICAN DUCK SYMPOSIUM to be held in Sacramento, California in November 2003. Continuing in the tradition of the 1st North American Duck Symposium, held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 1997, and the 2nd Symposium held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in 2000, the conference program will include invited plenary papers by internationally recognized speakers, contributed oral and poster paper session and evening workshops. Our goal is to provide a forum for managers, researchers, students and other concerned individuals to share their concerns, ideas and solutions to the issues facing North American ducks in the new century. More information can be found at <http://www.ducksymp3.com>. Abstract deadline: May 1, 2003

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