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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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Dear readers:

I welcome all the new readers for the Email version. Hopefully you will find this method quicker and less expensive than the printed version. I hope you enjoy this format.

I will like to wish all the best to Megan Hill on her new quest with RARE Center. I thank her for all her support for the establishment of the different chapters of PIF-Mesoamerica. I am very grateful for all the trust and opportunities that she gave to many ornithologists from the region to participate in different training events; on behalf of all of us, thank you Megan!

Cheers

Jose M Zolotoff-Pallais  
Editor

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
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#### STATUS INFORMATION OF RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRDS NEEDED

Current information about the status of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds (*Archilochus colubris*) in the Caribbean Region is needed for "Operation RubyThroat: The Hummingbird Project" of the GLOBE program. Checklists of the Caribbean Region do not indicate abundance, specific locations, or time of year. Any first hand (or even second hand) knowledge about Ruby-throated Hummingbirds at these locales is appreciated. Send information to: 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 <mailto:hilton@rubythroat.org>

#### COLOMBIAN NATIONAL BIRD OBSERVERS NETWORK

The Colombian National Bird Observers Network results from the work done by the Regional Ornithological Societies, the Instituto Alexander von Humboldt and the whole ornithological community in Colombia. The Colombian National Bird Observers Network is one of the initiatives stated in the Colombian National Strategy for the Conservation of Birds. Its main purpose is to contribute to the knowledge of birds and bird conservation in Colombia, through cooperation, communication, training and information exchange. This network becomes one of the most important tools created lately to preserve the avifauna in Colombia. For more information about the initiative contact: Juan David Amaya, Coordinador Red Nacional Observadores De Aves, Programa Biologia de La Conservacion, Instituto Alexander von Humboldt, Calle 37 No. 8-40 Mezzanine, Bogota, D. C., Colombia, Tel: (57-1) 6086900 ext 203, Fax (57-1) 288 9564, <mailto:jdamaya@humboldt.org.co> or visit: <http://www.humboldt.org.co>

#### WATERBIRD CATEGORY CHANGES IN 2004 IUCN RED LIST

BirdLife International is currently reviewing and revising information on Globally Threatened Birds, to feed any category changes into the 2004 IUCN Red List. Waterbird species are currently being considered for revised threat categories. To facilitate this process, sets of web-based discussion forums have been set up, in collaboration with Wetlands International. Browse through the topics to see the changes being proposed and the information being requested, and then post up any comment or information pertinent to the proposed reclassification. This can also be done by email if preferred. You can also suggest any other species that may need reviewing and reclassifying. If you have contributed relevant information or comment on a species, you will be explicitly credited in the account for that species. Visit: <http://www.birdlife.net> and follow the link to the forums.

#### WEST NILE VIRUS DISCOVERED IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

A team of ornithologists from the University of Kansas recently discovered the West Nile virus in bird populations in the Dominican Republic, the first confirmed cases of the virus in the Caribbean. The research team, composed of the University of Kansas Natural History Museum and Biodiversity Research Center and public health authorities in the Dominican Republic, announced that five blood samples from birds collected in November contained antibodies for the virus. The presence of the antibodies in samples from a remote area on the north coast of the Dominican Republic indicates local transmission of the virus. The recent discovery of the virus in the Dominican Republic indicates that migratory birds may have carried the virus from the eastern United States, where a major West Nile virus outbreak has been going on for the past four years. However, the

virus antibodies were detected in resident birds, not migratory birds. Health authorities in Dominican Republic are monitoring cases of West Nile fever, but to date none has been confirmed. One of the negative effects of West Nile virus in the Dominican Republic is its potential impact on endangered bird species. Five endangered bird species live exclusively on the island of Hispaniola, and about 40 others live exclusively on other Caribbean islands. For more information contact at the Dominican Republic's National Center for Tropical Disease Control: Guillermo Gonzalez, (809) 307- 6555, <mailto:malaria@centennialrd.net>, at the University of Kansas: Mark Robbins, <mailto:mrobbins@ku.edu> or Oliver Komar, <mailto:okomar@ku.edu>

#### CAUTION ON WEST NILE VIRUS IN NICARAGUA

On May 15<sup>th</sup> the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (MARENA as initialed in Spanish) passed a directive to several protected areas to watch closely for any migratory bird deaths. The directive was ordered by the Ministry of Health due to the confirmed presence of West Nile virus in El Salvador. At the present all ornithological researchers in the country are been contacted to start building awareness for this potential problem. For more information contact Jose M Zolotoff-Pallais, Research Director, Fundacion Cocibolca, Coordinator of "Grupo Aves Nicaragua", POBox C-212, Managua, Nicaragua, Tel: 505-2488235, Fax: 505-2494144, <mailto:zolotoff@ibw.com.ni>

#### UPDATE OF GLOBALLY THREATENED BIRDS OF BIRDLIFE INTERNATIONAL

The update of the book "Globally Threatened Birds" of BirdLife International has the goal of including the most recent information on species on the Red List of Threatened Species of IUCN 2004 and to establish bird conservation priorities. An important component of the project is the launch of discussion forums on BirdLife's web page. The discussion forums will help determine the species that should be proposed as threatened and contribute comments or new information on proposed revisions. The discussion forums are organized by region and species groups. The forums can be visited as a guest, but to offer a comment or contribute information you will need to register. The update focuses on species with a threat status that needs revision or a first evaluation. BirdLife is the official authority that feeds information to the Red List of IUCN. To see the forum visit BirdLife's main page at: <http://www.birdlife.net> For questions or suggestions contact Stuart Butchart <mailto:stuart.butchart@birdlife.org.uk>

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#### WEB NEWS

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**DATABASE OF NEOTROPICAL ORNITHOLOGISTS:** The database has contact information for 586 ornithologists in the Neotropics, with data on specialty and geographic study sites at: <http://www.huitzil.net/botn.pdf>

**MAPS AVIAN DEMOGRAPHIC DATA NOW AVAILABLE ON-LINE:** These data include apparent survival rate estimates from Cormack-Jolly-Seber models, annual changes in the numbers of young and adults captured, indices of reproductive success, and breeding status lists for individual MAPS stations. The NBII/MAPS Avian Demographics Query Interface is found at: <http://www.birdpop.org/nbii/default.asp>

**BIRD MIGRATION FILM FROM SONY PICTURES** at: [http://www.sonyclassics.com/wingedmigration/index\\_flash.html](http://www.sonyclassics.com/wingedmigration/index_flash.html)

**MIGRATION OF BIRDS BETWEEN CUBA AND FLORIDA** at: <http://www.badbirdz.com/spring2003index.htm>

**USDA FOREST SERVICE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS** at <http://www.fs.fed.us/global/wsnew/welcome.htm>

BIRDSCAPE. The magazine has information on conservation work being done for birds and other wildlife sharing their habitats at: <http://birdhabit.fws.gov>.

RAVEN SOUND ANALYSIS PROGRAM NOW AVAILABLE: The first public version of Raven for Windows, an interactive sound recording and analysis application designed specifically for bioacousticians, is now available online at: [www.birds.cornell.edu/Raven](http://www.birds.cornell.edu/Raven)

WEST NILE VIRUS INFORMATION at: <http://www.audubon.org/bird/wnv/> and <http://www.cfe.cornell.edu/erap/WNV/>

WETLANDS, BIODIVERSITY AND THE RAMSAR CONVENTION, edited by A. J. Hails, is being published to the Ramsar Web site in ten parts at: [http://www.ramsar.org/lib\\_bio\\_1.htm](http://www.ramsar.org/lib_bio_1.htm)

LIST OF COMMON NAMES OF THE BIRDS OF MEXICO at: <http://www.ibiologia.unam.mx/cnav/nc.html>

EDITORIAL REGULATIONS FOR THE BOOK "AVIFAUNAS ESTATALES DE MEXICO" at: <http://www.huitzil.net/aeindice.htm>

"BIO-CORRIDOR" OF PROTECTED LANDS IN CENTRAL AMERICA at: [http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2003/16may\\_biocorridors.htm?list80134](http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2003/16may_biocorridors.htm?list80134)

THE CANADIAN COUNCIL ON ANIMAL CARE (CCAC). Guidelines on: the care and use of wildlife have now been published on the CCAC at: <http://www.ccac.ca>

FREE ONLINE SAMPLE ISSUE OF CONSERVATION BIOLOGY at: <http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/servlet/useragent?func=synergy&synergyAction=showTOC&journalCode=cbi&volume=16&issue=6&year=2002&part=null>

AVIFAUNAS OF TWO DRY FOREST SITES IN NORTHERN OAXACA, MEXICO at: <http://www.huitzil.net>

AVIAN COLLISION AND ELECTROCUTION AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY at: [http://www.energy.ca.gov/reports/avian\\_bibliography.html](http://www.energy.ca.gov/reports/avian_bibliography.html)

ELECTRONIC LIST AVES ECUADOR: Share experiences, observations, news and information on the birds of Ecuador. If you want to join the list send an empty message to: [aves\\_Ecuador-suscribe@gruposyahoo.com](mailto:aves_Ecuador-suscribe@gruposyahoo.com)

GLOBALLY THREATENED BIRDS: INDICATION PRIORITIES FOR ACTION. This booklet summarizes a global analysis of the information contained in "Globally Threatened Birds". Download this booklet at: [http://www.birdlife.net/gtbirds/GTB\\_Booklet.pdf](http://www.birdlife.net/gtbirds/GTB_Booklet.pdf)

WEST NILE VIRUS: What ornithologists and bird banders should know at: <http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/WNV.html>

#### BIRD WEB SITES OF INTEREST:

- Enjoy Birds software for the identification of birds included in the AOU check-list. You can identify by illustrations or by sounds at: <http://www.EnjoyBirds.com>
- Borror laboratory archive fully digitized with over 27,916 recordings of animal sounds, at: <http://blb.biosci.ohio-state.edu>
- New articles from Huitzil at: <http://www.huitzil.net>

- Recent Geographic Trends in Neotropical Avian Research at: <http://elibrary.unm.edu/Condor/files/issues/v100n04/p0764-p0768.pdf>
- Bird taxonomy, distribution and nomenclature at: <http://worldbirdinfo.bribieisland.net/>

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## FUNDING

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### ABC WILLIAM BELTON SMALL GRANT

In 2003, ABC's William Belton Small Grants Fund, in partnership with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, will provide support for projects to conserve Endangered and Critically Endangered bird species in Latin America and the Caribbean. Conservation projects at sites identified by the [Alliance for Zero Extinction](#) as essential for the conservation of Endangered and Critically Endangered bird species will be given highest priority for support. Grant requests can include funding requests for the development and implementation of conservation plans, the development of new protected areas, community development projects to protect key habitats, and other locally-based efforts to protect the sites identified. Expeditions to search for "Lost Species" will also be considered. For consideration, please submit letter of inquiry by e-mail to [Dr. Robert Chipley, mailto:rchipley@abcbirds.org](mailto:rchipley@abcbirds.org) prior to 15 July 2003. The project description should include the total cost of the project and the amount requested from American Bird Conservancy. Work must be carried out by nationals of Latin American and Caribbean countries. A full proposal will be requested from those groups whose inquiries fit the program's priorities most closely. Most grants will be for less than \$5,000. Final decisions will be made in December 2003. Please go to: [http://www.abcbirds.org/international/small\\_grants\\_2003.htm](http://www.abcbirds.org/international/small_grants_2003.htm) for more details.

### GRANTS FOR THREATENED SPECIES PROJECTS IN TROPICAL ANDES

The program is planned in its first phase for a three-year period and will grant a number of scholarships which basic amount is equivalent to \$1,100 dollars, with a maximum amount of up to \$2500 dollars according to the characteristics and conditions of each country. The new small grants program for the study and/or conservation of threatened species in Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia, has an emphasis in Critically Endangered species. Approximately 50 grants are available. With 23 Critically Endangered species and 68 EN bird species in the region - there is plenty of possibilities for projects. Application deadline is April 30 and September 30. For more information visit: <http://www.andescbc.org/>

### ABA YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The American Birding Association (ABA as initialed in English) continues to provide scholarship support to help young birders attend birding camps and conferences all across North America. In 2002 alone ABA sponsored 16 young birders for a total of nearly \$9000.00 to help them attend birding events in Colorado, Minnesota, Arizona, and Maine. For information and details on how to apply go to: <http://www.americanbirding.org/programs/eduscho.htm>

### ABA/LEICA YOUNG BIRDER OF THE YEAR CONTEST

This annual contest runs from April through September and registrations will be accepted as late as June 14 for this year. ABA has added a new module, bird photography, in addition to the original three modules (field notebook, illustration, and essay) for participants. Prizes include optics, bird books, and sponsorships. For more information visit: <http://www.americanbirding.org/programs/ygbcomp.htm>

### WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE COLLABORATION PROGRAM

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) announces the Women's International Science Collaboration (WISC) Program. Small grants (\$4,000-5,000) will provide travel and living support for a U.S. scientist and, when appropriate, a co-PI to visit a partner country to develop a research program. Funds can also be used to support a second visit to the partner country or for a foreign partner to travel to the U.S.

Men and women scientists who have their Ph.D.s or equivalent research experience are eligible to apply. Applicants who have received their doctoral degrees within the past six years will receive special consideration, as will scientists applying to work with colleagues in less frequently represented countries and regions. Graduate students (Ph.D. candidates) are also eligible to apply. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Application deadline is July 15, 2003. For further application information and region-specific guidelines, visit: <http://www.aaas.org/international/wisc/> or the NSF website <http://www.nsf.gov>

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#### TRAINING / JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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**GLOBE TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE THROUGH OPERATION RUBYTHROAT**  
Operation RubyThroat--administered by Hilton Pond Center for Piedmont Natural History--is the first GLOBE protocol that involves animal behavior observations. Hilton will hold a GLOBE/Operation RubyThroat Teacher Training Workshop. If you have at least six teachers at a school or within a school district who would like to be trained in the GLOBE hummingbird protocols in time to use them during 2003, contact Hilton to arrange a three-hour workshop after school, on a Saturday, or during the summer. Teacher participants receive site identification codes that allow any student at their schools to submit hummingbird data to the GLOBE Web site. A \$20 fee per teacher helps offset costs of materials and travel; an additional fee may be requested for travel and/or lodging for more distant sites. By participating in Operation RubyThroat, you and your students will join others from the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and all seven Central American countries as they monitor migration and feeding and nesting behavior in Ruby-throated Hummingbirds. For more information contact Hilton via: <mailto:info@rubythroat.org>. You can view the GLOBE hummingbird protocols at: <http://www.globe.gov>. Obtain more information about hummingbirds from the Operation RubyThroat Web site at <http://www.rubythroat.org>. Please also visit the Web site for Hilton Pond Center at: <http://www.hiltonpond.org>.

#### ABA/LEICA YOUNG BIRDERS WORKSHOP IN COSTA RICA:

This special event has been planned and designed with Holbrook Travel to maximize the birding educational experience for young birders. It is being held July 26-August 2, 2003 in Costa Rica. Register now as the capacity is limited to 21 participants. For more details and information please visit <http://www.americanbirding.org/programs/ygbconf.htm>

#### BIODIVERSITY MONITORING PROJECT MANAGER/VERTEBRATE ECOLOGIST NEEDED AT LA SELVA BIOLOGICAL STATION, COSTA RICA

The Tropical Ecology Assessment and Monitoring program (TEAM) of the Center for Applied Biodiversity Science at Conservation International has funded a 5-10 year comprehensive landscape research program for monitoring selected taxa and ecosystem processes at the La Selva Biological Station and adjacent Braulio Carrillo National Park in Costa Rica. The Project Manager will direct field operations of this effort, and will also conduct independent research on birds and/or mammals using data developed during this project. Requisite qualifications: Ph.D. in vertebrate field biology, preference will be given to tropical avian ecologists; native fluency in spoken and written Spanish is an absolute requirement; substantial competence in written English, as well as basic competence in spoken English; good physical condition and capable of long walks over steep and slippery terrain; administrative skills; and experience in tropical field ecology. To apply, send: complete curriculum vitae, reprints of two of the applicant's publications most relevant to this project, letters of recommendation from two scientists familiar with the applicant's professional qualifications and experience and a letter of interest to: In Costa Rica: Organizacion para Estudios Tropicales (OET), 450 mts al Oeste del Colegio Lincoln, Moravia. Frente a Servicentro Los Colegios, San Jose, Costa Rica (tel. 506-240-6696). For non-Costa Rican applicants: David B. Clark, OTS, Interlink 341, P.O. Box 025635, Miami, FL 33102, USA. For more information contact: David B. Clark, Research Professor of Biology, University of Missouri-St. Louis and La Selva Biological Station, Puerto Viejo, Costa Rica. Tel. 506-766-6565-ext. 146, Fax. 506-766-6535, <mailto:dbclark@sloth.ots.ac.cr>

## MIGRATORY BIRD COORDINATOR NEEDED

The International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies is seeking an experienced individual to assist state fish and wildlife agencies with the implementation of bird conservation activities. Among other obligations the coordinator will assist state fish and wildlife agencies with the initiation, development, and implementation of state bird conservation programs; will coordinate bird conservation workshops, meetings, and training activities. Among the qualifications: Degree in wildlife management, zoology, biology, or other similar field; an advanced degree is desirable; excellent writing/editing skills; keen attention to detail; knowledge of U.S. birds and their habitats. Application deadline is June 13, 2003. To apply: send resume, cover letter, writing sample (1-2 pages), and 3 references to: Naomi Edelson, International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, 444 N. Capitol St., NW, Suite 544, Washington DC 20001 or fax at 202/624-7891 or <mailto:iafwa@ssso.org>

## CONSERVATION DIRECTOR FOR WORLD WILDLIFE FUND-MEXICO PROGRAM NEEDED

The director will be responsible for the development, planning, instrumentation, monitoring and evaluation of the conservation portfolio of WWF-Mexico Program, will be in close collaboration with ecoregional programs and the Mexican Forests Program. The director will be responsible for establishing and maintaining professional relationships with governmental and non-governmental entities, as well as with institutions relevant with the work WWF does in Mexico. Among the required qualification are a PhD (or Master of Science and at least 6 years of job experience) in ecology, biology, or environmental studies, and least 10 years experience in conservation matters focused in project management, supervision of personnel and field projects. It is essential that the individual have experience in institutional and management formation, as well as being technically capable and competent in the field of conservation biology. Knowledge of Spanish and English, written and spoken is essential. Deadline is June 15, 2003. To apply send cover letter, detailed resume and three personal references to: Gerencia de Finanzas y Administracion, World Wildlife Fund Programa Mexico, Av. Mexico #51, Col. Hipodromo Condesa, Mexico, D.F. 06100 Mexico, Fax: 52 (55) 5286 5637, <mailto:wwfmex@compuserve.com.mx>

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## MEETINGS

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14<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF CARIBBEAN ORNITHOLOGY, July 21-26, 2003, Tobago Hilton Hotel, Island of Tobago. The meeting will host its usual assortment of scientific sessions, but there are also several interesting workshops planned. These include the following: 1) Media Workshop: to involve both media representatives as well as persons who want to learn how to effectively use the media for public education and support; 2) Avitourism as a business; 3) Invasive species in the Caribbean; 4) Conflicts between Birds and Agriculture. If you are interested in attending, make arrangements soon as airline flights and hotel accommodation are limited. For more information visit: <http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/SCSCB/index.html>

THE RAPTOR RESEARCH FOUNDATION, 2003 annual meeting, Sep 3-7, 2003, Hilton Hotel in Anchorage, AK. Hosted by the Alaska Bird Observatory. Abstracts for oral and poster presentations on any aspect of raptor biology, ecology, conservation, or management are welcome. Details and instructions will be posted on-line as they become available at: <http://www.alaskabird.org>. An all-day INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON THE ECOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT OF NORTHERN GOSHAWKS (*Accipiter gentilis apache*) will be held in conjunction with the conference. The goal of the symposium is to assemble researchers and managers from around the world for an exchange of information with which to assess the current state of knowledge on northern goshawks. Topics of special interest are: 1) population ecology and demographics; 2) linkages between habitat and demographic performance; and 3) landscape level management, but submissions dealing with any aspect of Northern Goshawk ecology and management will be considered. For information regarding the goshawk symposium, contact Dr. Clint Boal, Texas Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit,

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 79409-2120 <mailto:clint.boal@ttu.edu> For information regarding the conference, contact Nancy DeWitt, Alaska Bird Observatory, P.O. Box 80505, Fairbanks, AK 99708 Tel: 907-451-7159; <mailto:birds@alaskabird.org>

2003 MEETING OF THE WATERBIRD SOCIETY, September 24-27, 2003, Cuiaba, Mato Grosso, Brazil. The program will consist of symposia and contributed papers and posters. If you would like to sponsor a symposium please contact Betty Anne Schreiber <mailto:SchreiberE@aol.com>. Further details on submitting contributed papers and posters will be on the society web site, accessible through BIRDNET on the web <http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/>. For further information about the meeting, please write to: Silvia del Lama <mailto:dSDL@paoer.ufscar.br>. For further information about the symposia, please write to: Betty Anne Schreiber <mailto:SchreiberE@aol.com>

VII NEOTROPICAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS, October 5-11, 2003. The congress will take place in Chile's Puyehue National Park. 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. 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 deadline for abstracts and other submissions is 30 June 2003. The official web page 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>.

VII CONGRESS OF THE MESOAMERICAN SOCIETY FOR BIOLOGY AND CONSERVATION, November 3-7, 2003. The congress will be held at the Convention Center of Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas, Mexico. It's the most important Mesoamerican forum on biodiversity conservation. There will be oral and poster presentations, as well as magisterial conferences, symposia, courses and workshops. For more information consult the Society's web site at: <http://www.socmesoamericana.org>

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PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE  
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"BIRDS OF VENEZUELA, 2<sup>ND</sup> ED.," by Steven L. Hilty. 2003. Princeton University Press. 896 pp., 67 color and b/w plates, 44 color photos, 20 line illus, 1,378 maps, 6" x 9" format. ISBN: 0-691-09250-8 (paper, \$55.00); 0-691-02131-7 (cloth, \$99.50). This completely new text, accompanied by more than 800 bibliographic entries covers all 1,381 known species and their subspecies from the Caribbean coast to the jungles of the Amazon, from the Andes to the Gran Sabana plateau-nearly 40 percent of all bird species in South America. Detailed range maps plot collection localities and sight records for almost all species. Plumage

descriptions are provided for each bird, as is extensive information on voice, behavior, and status. Introductory chapters cover physical geography, climate, biogeography, vegetation and habitats, conservation, migration, and the history of ornithology in Venezuela. A gallery of forty-four color habitat photos and color habitat and relief maps completes the opening section. Princeton University Press Website at: <http://www.pupress.princeton.edu>

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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)

#### Contents of Cotinga No 19

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