

Book Reviews (Continued)

worked on the seabirds of Vieques and Culebra islands for many years and is intimately acquainted with the ecosystems of these islands. The value of this well-designed and beautifully illustrated book goes far beyond the community of Vieques. It will be of interest to all students of West Indian birds.

The main body of the book is divided into four sections: Birds (96 species), Reptiles (15), Amphibians (3), and Mammal (1). Birds occupy the bulk of the book with 191 pages devoted to this group. An additional section ("General Information") includes a bibliography and index of English, Spanish, and Latin names. For each species the bilingual text includes taxonomic information and a description of the species, along with its status, habitat, and additional comments. On the facing page, a full-color photograph of the subject is displayed. Most of these are lovely shots of wild birds.

Unfortunately, only a limited number of copies were produced through an arrangement with the U. S. Navy whereby they would be distributed free of charge to schools, government agencies, and private organizations primarily in

Vieques. Those interested in obtaining a copy should contact Mr. Winston Martínez, U. S. Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Box 3021, FPO Miami, Florida 34051-3021; telephone: 809-865-4429.—JWW.

CHECKLIST OF THE BIRDS OF GUADELOUPE, MARTINIQUE AND THEIR OFFSHORE ISLANDS/ LISTE DES OISEAUX DE GUADELOUPE, MARTINIQUE ET DE LEURS DEPENDANCES by **Philippe Feldmann, Arnaud Le Dru, Claudie Pavis, and Pascal Villard**. A.E.V.A., Petit Bourg, Guadeloupe, French West Indies. 16 pp.—This checklist adds 37 species to the 240 forms recorded in the subject area in the past 50 years. Scientific, French, Creole, and English names are provided for each species, as well as notes on status and distribution in the French West Indies (including St. Barthelemy and St. Martin). Copies can be obtained by contacting A.E.V.A.—Le Toto bois c/o M. Barré, Belair Desrozières, 97170 Petit Bourg, Guadeloupe, French West Indies. Tel./Fax: 590-95-08-19.—JWW.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

The recently formed Neotropical Bird Club publishes its journal, *Cotinga*, twice annually. The West Indies are included in the region covered by the journal, with a section entitled "Neotropical Notebook" devoted to recent records from the Caribbean and other neotropical areas. Recent issues have included reports on the status of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker (*Campephilus principalis*; by Martjan Lammertink) in Cuba and the threatened birds of Cuba project. Each issue contains many color photographs, and a color painting of the Cuban Trogon (*Priotelus temnurus*) appeared on the February 1995 cover. Membership is open to all, and costs US\$24/£12 per year (US\$10 reduced rate for nationals resident in neotropical countries). To join or for further details contact the

Membership Secretary, NBC, c/o The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire SG19 2DL, United Kingdom.

KEY AREAS FOR THREATENED BIRDS IN THE NEOTROPICS, by D. C. Wege and A. J. Long. £22.00. A unique site-based guide to the major threatened bird conservation hotspots in the neotropics, with concise information on the region's priority areas for globally threatened birds. Data are presented site-by-site for each country in a highly accessible format, which includes maps and tables. Available from BirdLife International, Wellbrook Court, Girton Road, Cambridge, CB3 0NA, United Kingdom.

ISLAND REPORT

REPORT FROM THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

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The new Minister and government officers in the Department of the Environment are cooperating fully with the National Trust of the Cayman Islands in their efforts to secure and protect Crown land to the Trust. Due to the human population increase in Grand Cayman (18,000 in 1984 to an estimated 33,000 in 1995) terrestrial avian habitats are increasingly being developed into urban areas and this building boom is not expected to slow in the foreseeable future. The Trust, as the foremost NGO in conservation, has therefore directed its efforts to acquiring and protecting areas of pristine terrestrial and wetland habitat. Some of our recent accomplishments

include:

- 240 acres of dry limestone woodland in central Grand Cayman, the Mastic, have been purchased by the Trust and protected under Trust Laws; further areas will be bought as funds allow and owners are prepared to sell. The Mastic Reserve is breeding habitat for all the endemic species of terrestrial birds. Money has been received from RARE to re-open an historic right-of-way as a walking path through the reserve which, with a trained guide, is revenue-raising with tourists and is an area used to expose young people to