

comes from Tudy's recollections of her personal experiences with the species. Many of the Dod's adventures include their close friend and another expert on the avifauna of the Dominican Republic, Dr. George B. Reynard.

Tudy's ornithological accomplishments in the Dominican Republic are many, and her persistence as a pioneer and champion of conservation is evident throughout her stories. Here she tells of how she and Don relentlessly tracked down the elusive Stygian Owl (*Asio stygius*), their re-discovery of the Least Pauraque (*Siphonorhis brewsteri*), and the discovery of a new race of Chat Tanager (*Calyptophilus frugivorus neibae*). Through each of the accounts, Ms. Dod imparts new information on the little-known birds of the Dominican Republic. She tells of the apartment-style nesting of the Palm Chat (*Dulus dominicus*), the only representative of a family found nowhere else. She describes the interesting behavior of the little-known White-necked Crow (*Corvus leucognaphalus*), now extirpated from Puerto Rico and found only in the Dominican Republic. We learn of myths surrounding some of the country's birds, including the *campesinos'* prejudices against the Common Potoo (*Nyctibius gris*) and Stygian Owl, both of which are considered witches by country people. The final story is not of a bird at all, but of the strange Hispaniolan solenodon (*Solenodon paradoxus*). A glossary of terms (mostly Spanish) is followed by a list of birds of the Dominican Republic with their status in the country.

For those of us who have spent time in the field with the Dods, the book will bring back memories of the *long* rough drives in their Volkswagon bus to Zapotén and Sierra de Neiba, as well as the interesting working relationship of this unique couple. For others, it will allow them to accompany the Dods on their travels through the Dominican Republic in search of its little-known avifauna. I recommend it as much for these charmingly told tales as for the information presented on the country's birds.—James W. Wiley.

ANNUAL SCO MEETING

JULY 30—AUGUST 8, 1993

PLAYA GIRON, CUBA

The annual meeting of the Society of Caribbean Ornithology will be held at Playa Giron, near Zapata Swamp, in Cuba from August 1-6, 1993. Travel dates from Florida to Cuba and back will be July 30 and August 8 or 9, 1993. All travel for United States citizens will be handled by Marazul Tours Inc. (250 W. 57 St., Suite 1311, New York, New York 10107; telephone 212-582-9570, outside NY state - 800-223-5334, FAX 212-541-6102).

The working languages for the conference will be English and Spanish. No simultaneous interpretation will be provided. Two workshops will be conducted, "Cuban and other Columbid Populations." and "Avian Conservation in the Caribbean." Abstracts for papers should be submitted to Jim Wiley, 2201 Ashland St., Ruston, Louisiana 71270, U.S.A.

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The format for abstracts is available on request.

The travel and meeting schedule is as follows:

July 30 Check-in at 6:00 A.M. at Haiti Trans Air ticket counter at Miami International Airport for charter flight which departs at 8:30 A.M. Arrive José Martí Airport, Havana, at 9:30 A.M. Charter carrier will collect \$28 (U.S. departure tax and Cuban landing fee) from each participant at check-in.

August 8 Scheduled check-in at 9:00 A.M. in Havana. Departs 11:30 A.M. Arrive Miami 12:30 P.M.

There are flights (except on Saturdays) in the morning from Miami to Havana and at mid-day from Havana to Miami. Marazul may be able to accommodate alternative arrangements.

Conference Schedule:

Friday, July 30 Arrival. Transfer to Havana hotel.

Saturday, July 31 Free day in Havana.

Sunday, August 1 Departure for Zapata Swamp.

Registration and Welcome Reception.

Monday, August 2 Opening Ceremony.

Presentations/Business Meeting.

Tuesday, August 3 Paper sessions/Business Meeting.

Video Session.

Wednesday, August 4 Paper sessions.

Plenary Session.

Thursday, August 5 Columbid and Avian Conservation Workshop.

Closing Ceremony and Farewell Dinner.

Friday, August 6 Optional Excursions.

Return to Havana.

Saturday, August 7 Free day in Havana.

Sunday, August 8 Departure.

Program Costs (paid to Marazul Tours, Inc.):

Arrangements include round-trip airfare from Miami to Havana, visa, accommodations in Havana and Playa Giron (Zapata Swamp), breakfast and one meal daily, transfers, and transportation to and from the Zapata Swamp.

\$720 per person in single room

\$650 per person in double room

Land arrangements only (excluding round-trip airfare from Miami and visa fee):

\$520 per person in single room \$450 per person in

double room

Conference Registration Fee (to be paid on arrival in Havana): \$70 per person. There will be additional fees for the banquet and field trips. Presently, their costs are unknown, but should be similar to fees charged at past SCO meetings. Participants should be prepared to pay their registration fee and additional fees in cash. No personal checks or credit cards (from U.S. banks) will be accepted.

For registration forms, please contact Marazul Tours (address and telephone numbers above). Space is limited, so do not wait until the last minute.

We hope to see you in Cuba!

LETTER TO ISLAND REPRESENTATIVES

Dear Representative:

The Society of Caribbean Ornithology is putting together final plans for the programme for the Cuba meeting (1–5 August 1993). I am writing to remind you that, as the representative of your island, it is very important for the success of this meeting, and the planning of future meetings, that you come to Cuba.

There will be a workshop, suggested title "Avian Conservation in the Caribbean," as well as a Columbid workshop focusing on legislation and enforcement needs. Thus, the thrust of the meeting is a strong conservation message, supported by the paper sessions. We propose developing a regional strategy for conservation needs to ensure projects have a greater degree of continuity from year to year.

We urge that you come prepared to discuss the problems of your territory and to bring a feasible project relevant to local needs which the Society can support and which you and local members can implement.

Yours sincerely,
Patricia Bradley
Secretary

THE 5TH SYMPOSIUM ON THE NATURAL HISTORY OF THE BAHAMAS

JUNE 11-14 1993
BAHAMIAN FIELD STATION
SAN SALVADOR, BAHAMAS

The objectives of this Symposium are:

- to provide a forum for the presentation of the results of current natural scientific research being conducted throughout the Bahama archipelago.
- to provide an informal setting for the stimulation of contacts and cooperation between scientists working in the Bahamas and similar areas.
- to promote the growth of knowledge in the general area of Bahamian terrestrial and marine sciences.

The format of the Symposium will consist of mornings and evenings devoted to papers and discussions, with afternoons spent on field trips. The papers will be published in a Symposium Proceedings volume. One or more poster sessions are also planned.

For further information, contact:

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P.O. Box 2488
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MEETINGS OF INTEREST

7–12 June 1993 – **The Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections**, annual meeting, Royal British Columbia Museum, Victoria, British Columbia. (Grant Hughes, Royal British Columbia Museum, 675 Belleville St., Victoria, British Columbia, V8V 1X4, Canada. Telephone: 604-387-5706).

12 June 1993 – **Symposium on Archives in Natural History Collections**, at The Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections conference. (Liz Taylor, Royal British Columbia Museum. Telephone: 604-387-3701 or 604-356-8791).

8-13 June 1993 – **The American Ornithologists' Union**, Fairbanks, Alaska, U.S.A. (Edward C. Murphy, Institute of Arctic Biology, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska 99775-0180, U.S.A.).

11-14 June 1993 – **The 5th Symposium on the Natural History of the Bahamas**, Bahamian Field Station, San Salvador, Bahama Islands. (Dr. Donald T. Gerace, Executive Director, Bahamian Field Station, Ltd., P.O. Box 2488, Port Charlotte, Florida 33949, U.S.A. Telephone: 813-743-7954).

24-30 July 1993 – **Animal Behavior Society**, University of California, Davis, California, U.S.A. (Benjamin Hart, Department of Physiology, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis, California 95616, U.S.A.).

1-6 August 1992 – **The Society of Caribbean Ornithology**, Cienaga de Zapata, Cuba. (Catherine Levy, 2 Starlight Ave., Kingston 6, Jamaica).

15–21 August 1993 – **International Union of Game Biologists XXI Congress**, Halifax, Canada. Theme, "Forest/Wildlife and Biodiversity...Toward the 21st Century." (I.D. Thompson, Forestry Canada, Box 6028, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada A1C 5X8. Telephone: 709-772-4903, fax: 709-772-2576 [Canada code=1]).

15-21 August 1993 – **Asia-Pacific Symposium on Mangrove Ecosystems**, Hong Kong. (Linda Yam, Conference Secretariat, Research Centre, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Clear Water Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong).

10-12 September 1993 – **Association of Field Ornithologists** annual meeting, Shoals Marine Laboratory, offshore from Portsmouth, New Hampshire. (Greg Butcher, American Birding Association, P.O. Box 251, Etna, New York 13062. Telephone: 607-254-2412).