

Parrot Working Group (Continued)

dence with members of the Working Group. The plan for a status report of the West Indian psittacine fauna prepared by the local residents did not fare well. I received information only from correspondents in the Bahama Islands and Dominica. I plan to harass the Working Group members into fulfilling their commitments until we compile enough information to produce a meaningful document.

Most of 1992, however, was spent preparing the two-part workshop on parrot conservation which was part of the Society's annual meeting, held in Puerto Rico from 31 July to 5 August 1992. A total of 50 individuals, representing academic, non-government organizations, and government institutions, participated in the workshop. The Bahama Islands, Cayman Islands, Cuba, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas (U.S. Virgin Islands), St. Lucia, Trinidad, Canada, United States, Mexico, Venezuela, and Brazil were represented. The first part of the workshop was a special symposium on parrot conservation held on Tuesday, 4 August, at El Convento Hotel in Old San Juan. A total of 11 papers were presented on Caribbean and South American psittacines.

The second part of the workshop was an all-day practical workshop held at the Caribbean National Forest on Wednesday, 5 August. Several presentations on psittacine census methods, management of breeding populations, habitat management, and forest planning were included. Additionally, a two-hour field demonstration in the western section of the Forest was conducted in which participants were able to observe the use of tools, safety techniques for climbing trees, observation blinds, and methods of improving natural cavities. Afterwards, a typical Puerto Rican luncheon was prepared for participants at La Mina House, adjacent to the captive facility for the endangered Puerto Rican Parrot. The aviary section of the workshop had to be shortened because of severe weather.

Because of the length of the workshop, we were forced to delay the meeting of the Working Group. However, I informed all Group members of my intention to publish the proceedings of the workshop. By mail, I will provide all the speakers who presented papers with the deadline and format for submitting either an extended abstract or a complete manuscript. A manuscript will also be prepared on the material presented in the practical demonstrations. The publication will probably be a cooperative effort of the Society of Caribbean Ornithology, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Institute of Tropical Forestry (U.S. Forest Service). I hope to have the publication ready by next year's Society meeting in Cuba.

Finally, after consulting with our Cuban colleagues, we agreed that there will possibly be a half-day workshop on psittacines during the Society's 1993 annual meeting in Cuba. More information on this workshop will follow.

NOTICES

ROBERT L. NORTON CONTINUES AS REGIONAL EDITOR FOR *AMERICAN BIRDS*

Robert L. Norton is continuing as West Indies Regional Editor for *American Birds*. He would appreciate receiving observations and records at his new address:

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Gaithersburg, Maryland 20870, U.S.A.

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

The West Indian island of Dominica is home to two endangered psittacines, the Imperial Parrot and the Red-necked Parrot. Recent conservation efforts have been successful in increasing the Red-necked Parrot population to about 500 individuals. However, the increased population is now posing a threat to the citrus crop in Dominica. Anyone with experience with or ideas on how to deal with parrot "depre-dations" on citrus crops is asked to immediately contact: Mr. Felix Gregoire, Acting Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Roseau, Dominica, West Indies. Telephone: 809-448-6105

OBSERVATIONS OF BLUE AND RED CATTLE EGRETS IN THE WEST INDIES

Several reports have been received of Cattle Egrets in the West Indies marked on the wings with light blue or red. These birds were intentionally marked with dye as part of a study of their movements among islands. Dr. Joe L. Corn of the University of Georgia is conducting a study of an introduced disease-carrying tick which may be dispersed through egret hosts. In 1991, Dr. Corn dyed egrets on Antigua light blue, and red on another island. He has received sighting reports from several islands, and even as far north as Florida. If you have observed such color marked birds, please contact Dr. Corn with full information at:

S.E. Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study
College of Veterinary Medicine
University of Georgia
Athens, GA 30602
U.S.A.

OPPORTUNITIES

Two to four Field Assistants are needed 1 March or April to mid-August 1993 for a study of brood parasitism by the Shiny Cowbird in Guánica Forest, a dry subtropical forest in southwestern Puerto Rico. This research focuses on the effect of forest openings on parasitism rates within the forest, and the breeding ecology and impact of parasitism on the Puerto

Opportunities (Continued)

Rican Vireo, a single island endemic. Assistants will mist net and band vireos and cowbirds, radio-track cowbirds, search for nests, and conduct behavioral observations and surveys. Experience identifying birds by sight and sound is helpful; applicants must be willing to learn native avifauna, and enjoy working outdoors and living in a rural hispanic town. All local expenses (room, board, incidentals) will be provided. Also, a stipend for transportation may be available. Please contact Bethany L. Woodworth; Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior; University of Minnesota; 318 Church Street, S.E.; Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455; U.S.A. Telephone: 612-434-1217 (day or evening); email: BETHANYW@vx.cis.umn.edu. Phone calls are encouraged, but applicants may send letter describing qualifications, if they prefer.

MEETINGS OF INTEREST

27-29 January 1993 - "The Effects of Oil on Wildlife," third international conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S.A. (Eileen Muller or Joyce Ponsell, Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research, Inc., 110 Possum Hollow Road, Newark, Delaware 19711, U.S.A. Telephone: 302-737-9543).

19-24 March 1993 - 58th North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference, Washington, D.C., U.S.A. (Wildlife Management Institute, Suite 725, 1101 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005, U.S.A.).

15-17 April 1993 - Second conference on Orientation and Navigation—Birds, Humans and Other Animals, Wadham College, Oxford University, England. [The Royal Institute of Navigation, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AT, England).

29 April-1 May 1993 - The Wilson Ornithological Society, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada. (Alex Middleton, Zoology Department, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario N1G 2W1, Canada).

7-9 May 1993 - Association of Systematic Collections, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. (ASC, 730 11th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001, U.S.A. Telephone: 202-347-2850, fax: 202-347-0072).

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.).

Meetings (Continued)

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.).

29 June-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).

21-26 June 1994 - The American Ornithologists' Union, The Cooper Ornithological Society, and The Wilson Ornithological Society, joint meeting, University of Montana, Missoula, Montana, U.S.A.

Early July [tentatively] 1994 - Animal Behavior Society, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A.

21-27 August 1994 - XXI International Ornithological Congress, Vienna, Austria. (Interconvention, A-1450 Vienna, Austria).