

contact adequate funding sources. (Ideas for proposals are welcome!). For example, PARTNERS IN FLIGHT and the United States Bureau of Land Management might provide partial funding, especially if we are willing to include non-game migratory birds in this sampling scheme.

There is a need to conduct intensive and extensive long-term studies in the Caribbean. Therefore, we must provide training opportunities for the interested amateurs of the different islands. It is good to know, for example, that the Gosse Bird Club of Jamaica conducted a Christmas Bird Count in 1990. Indeed, the exercise can be repeated during different seasons and years on the same (and perhaps new) counting areas, especially (although not necessarily) if the same interested volunteers are available. Of course, all these efforts will be more productive if a standard sampling scheme is developed, and the counts are conducted by trained personnel. The data, then, could be used to generate sound management and research recommendations. These data, of course, can be made available to interested investigators, for example, in the study of long-term population trends in the different islands, or the Caribbean as a whole.

Funding is our first priority. But we must write the correct words to the right people.

Thank you for your attention. Please contact me as soon as possible.

DRAFT OF SOCIETY'S CONSTITUTION TO BE SENT TO MEMBERS

A draft of the Constitution for the Society of Caribbean Ornithology was completed by the Executive Committee during a meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico, 28-29 February 1992. The draft Constitution will be mailed to Society members along with the 1992 Annual Meeting package. Members are urged to respond by signed mail ballot to Dr. Alexander Cruz by 15 May 1992.

ALLAN KEITH STEPS DOWN AS SOCIETY'S TREASURER

Allan Keith has reluctantly left the position of Treasurer for the Society of Caribbean Ornithology, citing the need to attend to many other commitments and the demands of his professional career. Allan provided the Society with four years of outstanding service, and he will be missed.

Dr. Rosemarie Gnam has accepted the position as interim Treasurer until the summer of 1993.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

As of 1 April 1992, Dr. Kelly Brock will begin a curatorial internship at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. Her new address is:

Department of Mammals
National Zoological Park
Washington, D.C. 20008

Ms. Lourdes Mugica Valdes, of the Department of Biology, Universidad de La Habana, Cuba, is working on her Master of Science degree at Simon Fraser University. Lourdes expects to complete her degree in 1993. Until then, she can be contacted at:

Department of Biological Sciences
Simon Fraser University
Burnaby, British Columbia V5A 1S6

Dr. José A. Ottenwalder has received his doctoral degree from the University of Florida, Gainesville. Congratulations José!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Puerto Rican Parrot Field Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is requesting volunteers to provide assistance from June through August 1992. The project is in the rain forests of eastern Puerto Rico. The field work will require working long hours (16-18 hours maximum) in wet, steep, and hazardous terrain. Ability to work with minimum supervision is required.

Primary responsibilities include: monitoring Puerto Rican Parrot (*Amazona vittata*) reproductive activity from observation blinds, monitoring parrot activities and movements from lookout platforms in the canopy of the rain forest, collecting wild foods for the captive parrot population, and providing assistance at the Field Office aviary, where the captive flock of Puerto Rican Parrots is housed. At the aviary, volunteers will assist in the construction of nest boxes, preparation of parrot breeding cages, preparation of food for the captives, and general aviary maintenance.

Airfare, transportation, lodging, and a small weekly stipend will be provided by the Field Office. Volunteers with previous tropical experience will be considered as first choice. Ability to minimally communicate in Spanish, as well as basic knowledge of avian biology and animal behavior, are required. Applicants should send a resumé and two letters of recommendation to:

Dr. Francisco J. Vilella
Field Coordinator
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Puerto Rican Parrot Field Office
P.O. Box 488
Palmer, Puerto Rico 00721

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

PEWEES IN THE CARIBBEAN. Many thanks to several members for study copies of their photographs or tapes of *Contopus caribaeus*. I would now greatly appreciate receiving close-up photos or tape recordings of calls or songs, particularly *Dawn Songs*, of the Lesser Antillean Pewee (*C. latirostris*), especially from St. Lucia. I will be glad to pay for them, or for tape, film, or postage costs.

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