

Caribbean. Consideration would have to be given to how a unified program could be established in the region. This project would be expensive and time consuming and has to be considered a long term commitment. In the meanwhile, banding efforts could be concentrated on certain migrants, such as the White-crowned Pigeon (*Columba leucocephala*), White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*), and Mourning Dove (*Zenaida macroura*).

The next meeting of the Working Group will take place during the August 1991 annual meeting of The Society of Caribbean Ornithology in St. Lucia. It is hoped that a symposium on the status and distribution of columbids in the Caribbean will be included in the meeting schedule.

Any other persons who are interested in working with the Group or who have suggestions about its focus should contact Ann M. Haynes-Sutton, Marshall's Pen, P.O. Box 58, Mandeville, Jamaica.

NEW BIRD PUBLICATIONS FROM THE FRENCH WEST INDIES

M. Édouard Benito-Espinal, renowned resident ecologist and ornithologist in Guadeloupe and Martinique, has announced the availability of several new publications on the birds of the Lesser Antilles. These valuable contributions to the knowledge of the region's birds are available as follows:

Oiseaux des Petites Antilles/Birds of the West Indies, by Édouard Benito-Espinal, (1990). Les Editions du Latanier, Guadeloupe. A guide book of birds of the Lesser Antilles, focusing on those of Martinique and the Guadeloupe Archipelago. Available at 100 French francs (about US\$17) from: Editions du Latanier, Anse des Lézards, 97133 Saint-Barthelemy, French West Indies.

A l'écoute des Oiseaux de Guadeloupe et de Martinique [Songs of the birds of Guadeloupe and Martinique], by Patricia Hautcastel and Max Guerin, under the direction of Édouard Benito-Espinal. Guidebook, 2 audio tapes, and 40 color slides of resident birds. Available at 500 French francs (about US\$ 83) from I.G.E.R.O.C., B.P. 795, 97173 Pointe-à-Pitre cédex, Guadeloupe, French West Indies.

A l'écoute des Oiseaux de Guadeloupe et de Martinique [Songs of the birds of Guadeloupe and Martinique], by Patricia Hautcastel, Max Guerin, and Eric Igabille, under the direction of Édouard Benito-Espinal. Single audio tape, with printed notes on species covered.

Available at 100 French francs (~US\$ 17) from I.G.E.R.O.C. (as above).

Informative 40 x 60 cm color posters produced by the Institut Guadeloupéen d'Etude et de Recherche Ornithologique de la Caraïbe (I.G.E.R.O.C.). One of the "Gligli," or American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*), the other of the "Grive Gros-bec," or Streaked Saltator (*Saltator albicollis*) of Martinique.

For further information, see the following reviews of these products.

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Oiseaux des Petites Antilles/Birds of the West Indies.—Édouard Benito-Espinal. 1990. Saint-Barthelemy, Guadeloupe, French West Indies, Faune & Flore des Tropiques, Les Editions du Latanier. 128 pp., 74 color plates, 3 maps, numerous tables and black-and-white line drawings of bird distribution. ISBN 2-9502284-5-3. Cloth 100 French francs (~US\$17).—This small (11 x 22 cm), attractive volume is packed with valuable information on the birds of the Lesser Antilles. The text is presented in bilingual form, with each section or species account having an English translation (by Sandy Schopbach) of the original French text. In his foreward, Benito-Espinal notes that until this volume arrived, the Lesser Antillean avifauna has been largely neglected, aside from James Bond's *Birds of the West Indies*, and Father F.R. Pinchon's *Les Oiseaux* (1976). This volume fills the void with its extensive coverage of the region's avifauna. In a preface, Dr. Fortuné Chalumeau describes the value of the volume to our knowledge of birds in the region, and to conservation efforts. Benito-Espinal then gives an overview of the birds of the region, as well as suggestions for bird-watching. The species covered include most of those nesting in Martinique and the Guadeloupean archipelago, as well as many that migrate to or through these islands. The author states that, "although this book essentially refers to the birds of Guadeloupe and Martinique, it may be used throughout most of the West Indian archipelago where, on the whole, the same species live." Presented in the Introduction are conventions used through the guide and a presents a map of the Lesser Antilles, including the islands from Anguila south to Grenada. This is followed by a section on the islands of Guadeloupe and its dependencies, and Martinique, wherein Benito-Espinal discusses the