

40 color slides, which illustrate the species covered in the audio tapes. The slides are in a plastic fold-out sleeve, with a one-page sheet of vernacular (specific for Martinique and Guadeloupe) and scientific names. Each of the slides is attractively labelled with the species' scientific and local names. Most (30) of the slides are different from the plates in Benito-Espinal's guide, and again include a range of styles, from a painting to hand-held captives to beautiful photographs of birds in the wild. In addition to the species illustrated in Benito-Espinal's guide, the House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) is included in this package.

A l'écoute des oiseaux de Guadeloupe et de Martinique.— Patricia Hautcastel, Max Guerin, and Eric Igabille, under the direction of Édouard Benito-Espinal. 1987. Produced by RMP Biological Ltd. and Canatron Electroics, Ontario. Audio tape 100 French francs (~US\$17).—This well-produced tape presents the calls and songs of 41 species of birds from Guadeloupe and Martinique. In addition to the vocalizations on the more recent package of two tapes (see above), the authors include vocalizations of the Caribbean Martin (*Progne dominicensis*). The tape comes with notes on the recordings, and a list of the species (French and English common, local, and scientific names) and a discussion of the islands' avifaunas by Édouard Benito-Espinal. Each species is announced with its scientific name and the number of the track for that species. Typically, more than one vocalization track is presented for each species. Recordings are crisp and clear for the most part, with only moderate background noise of insects and non-target bird species.

Each of these publications is an outstanding contribution to our knowledge and enjoyment of the birds of these poorly covered islands. The low cost makes them even more attractive. M. Benito-Espinal's fine publications, along with Peter Evans' new Book on the birds of Dominica and Allan Keith's forthcoming checklists for St. Lucia and Barbados, add up to something of an exciting renaissance of interest in the avifauna of the Lesser Antilles.—James W. Wiley.

1991 MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF CARIBBEAN ORNITHOLOGY IN ST. LUCIA

The 1991 Annual Meeting of the Society of Caribbean Ornithology will convene in St. Lucia, 4-8 August. Accommodations for attendees have been arranged at the Saint Lucian Hotel. Registration and accommodations should be arranged through Allan Keith, P.O. Box 325, New Vernon, New Jersey 07976, U.S.A.

For air travel from the United States, the following is suggested: fly to San Juan, Puerto Rico, then use American Eagle from San Juan to VIGIE AIRPORT, St. Lucia. Although the flight arrives late in the evening at Vigie, this airport is only about 15 minutes taxi ride (~US\$10) from the Saint Lucian Hotel, rather than the 1-1/2 hour drive (and ~US\$30-40!) from the island's other airport. No official greeter will meet attendees, but there are plenty of taxis and everyone knows the way to the St. Lucian.

Daily Schedule

Sunday, August 4

Business Meeting during the day
Welcome cocktail in the evening

Monday, August 5

9:00 AM — Official opening
9:45-10:00 AM — Coffee Break
10:00 AM -12:00 noon— Scientific Sessions -
presentation of papers
14:00-16:00 PM— Scientific Sessions - presentation
of papers
17:00 PM — Working Groups

Tuesday, August 6

9:00 AM - 12:00 noon— Scientific Sessions -
presentation of papers
14:00-16:00— Scientific Sessions - presentation of
papers
17:00 PM— Working Groups

Wednesday, August 7

9:00 AM - 12:00 noon— Closing Session
14:00-17:00 PM— Workshops
19:00 PM— Banquet

Thursday, August 8

Field Trips:

1. Dry east coast at Ravine La Chaloupe and Anse Louvet to search for rare endemic White-breasted Thrasher (*Ramphocinclus brachyurus*) and St. Lucia Nightjar (*Caprimulgus otiosus*), as well as common species. (maximum — 7 persons)
2. Mahaut - Quillesse rainforest walk to search for St. Lucia Parrot (*Amazona versicolor*), Lesser Antillean Bullfinch (*Loxigilla noctis*), St. Lucia Oriole (*Icterus laudabilis*), Lesser Antillean Pewee (*Contopus latirostris*), and other forest birds. (maximum — 50 persons)

If enough people express interest, trips to St. Vincent or Dominica may be arranged.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Association of Avian Veterinarians announces the availability of 2 scholarships to assist veterinarians from Central or South America in attending its annual conference, 23-28 September 1991, in Chicago, Illinois. Preference will be given to veterinarians who are actively involved in avian medicine or aviculture and have demonstrated an interest in conservation. All applications must be in English and include: 1. Name, address, telephone number of applicant; 2. Veterinary college and year of graduation; 3. Nature of professional activity; 4. Organization memberships (professional, scientific, and conservation); 5. Brief sketch of professional background and statement describing how attending the conference will be of benefit to the avian population with which the applicant works; and 6. Supporting letters of recommendation from local conservation organizations are encouraged. Recipients will be asked to make a short presentation (in English) on avian medicine, aviculture, and conservation in their native countries. Applications are due no later than 15 May 1991; results will be announced on 15 June. Applications should be submitted to Association of Avian Veterinarians—Central Office, Dr. R.B. Altman, Chairperson, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 299, East Northport, New York 11731, U.S.A.

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

Photographs needed: I would be very grateful to receive any close-up photographs or transparencies of Greater Antillean Pewees (*Contopus caribaeus*) from the Dominican Republic or Haiti, particularly, and also from Cuba, the Bahama Islands, or Jamaica. Please write:

Dr. George B. Reynard
105 Midway St.
Riverton, New Jersey 08077
U.S.A.

Field guides needed: Bill Murphy would like to purchase copies of Richard French's "Guide to the Birds of Trinidad and Tobago." The guides will be used for his guided bird tours to the islands. If you have a copy you are willing to part with, please contact:

William L. Murphy
7202 Mathew Street
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770
U.S.A.

NEWS OF SOCIETY MEMBERS

Chandler S. Robbins was presented the 1991 Chuck Yeager Award, sponsored by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The award is presented to a wildlife management or research professional who demonstrates exemplary field work on behalf of fish and wildlife populations. With the award goes a \$15,000 grant to be applied to any conservation project Chan believes worthy of support.

Joseph W. Wunderle, Jr., has accepted a position as Research Wildlife Biologist with the Institute of Tropical Forestry, Southern Forest Experiment Station, USDA Forest Service, Call Box 25000, Río Piedras, Puerto Rico 00928-2500 (telephone: 809-887-6924).

MEETINGS OF INTEREST

16-19 April 1991 - **Management for Biotic Diversity Workshop**, Fort Collins, Colorado, U.S.A. (Richard L. Knight or Luke George, Department of Fishery and Wildlife Biology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521, U.S.A.; telephone: 303-491-6714).

26-28 April 1991 - **Eastern Bird Banding Association** will hold its annual meeting at the Sheridan Inn, Wilmington, Delaware. Host organizations include the Delaware Museum of Natural History and the Delaware Nature Society.

6-11 May 1991 - **Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections**, hosted by the Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. (G.R. Fitzgerald, Canadian Museum of Nature, Earth Sciences (Paleobiology), P.O. Box 3443, Station D, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1P 6P4).

15-19 May 1991 - **Joint annual meetings of the Cooper and Wilson Ornithological Societies**, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, U.S.A. (Gary D. Schnell, Local Committee; Richard N. Conner, Scientific Program Committee, U.S. Forest Service, P.O. Box 7600, S.F.A. Station, Nacagdoches, Texas 75962, U.S.A.).

16-18 May 1991 - **The Association of Systematic Collections**, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, U.S.A. Features a workshop on "Biodiversity and Collections." (ASC, 730 11th St. N.W., Second Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, U.S.A.; telephone: 202-347-2850).