

from the Dominican Republic or Haiti, particularly, and also from Cuba, the Bahama Islands, or Jamaica. Please write:

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105 Midway St.  
Riverton, New Jersey 08077  
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**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  
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### New Books Available

**Birds of Jamaica**, by Society members Audrey C. Downer and Robert Sutton, is now available for about U.S.\$20.00 from Cambridge University Press (Press Syndicate of University of Cambridge, 40 W. 20th St., New York, New York 10011, U.S.A.). The field guide is illustrated with excellent photographs by Yves-Jacques Rey-Millet.

Those members who saw Robert and Esther Tyrrell's beautiful slide show at the Society's Jamaica meeting as well as the many island biologists who helped this husband and wife team in obtaining information and photographs will be pleased to learn that the Tyrrell's new hummingbird book is now available. The 238 page **Hummingbirds of the Caribbean** is published by Crown Publishers, Inc., and can be ordered from

R.A. Tyrrell  
P.O. Box 5926  
El Monte, California 91734-1926  
U.S.A.

for U.S.\$40.00, plus \$2.50 postage for the United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Postage will be higher to other countries and it is suggested that non-United States residents write to the above address to get an estimate of postage cost.

### Announcements

**The Library of Natural Sounds** will conduct a workshop on recording bird sounds, 8-15 June 1991, at San Francisco State University's Sierra Nevada Field Research Station. The course will consist of field recording and lecture sessions, and will use microcomputer based software to analyze recordings and performance of equipment. Topics to be covered are selection and application of recorders and microphones, recording theory, and techniques, metering, and documentation for sound recordings. Participants may obtain 2 college credit hours, at \$60/hr, through San Francisco State's Biology Department. The course fee is \$550, including rustic, but comfortable lodging. Participation limited to 16, enrollment first-come first-served. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 reserves a space; balance due by 17 May. VISA or MasterCard accepted. Participants must have their own recording equipment. For details, contact Greg Budney, Laboratory of Natural Sounds, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, New York 14850, U.S.A.; telephone: 607-254-2404.

**Dr. David Blockstein** received a grant from the Conservation Small Grants Fund of the American Federation of Aviculture in 1990 for his study of Bird Conservation in Grenada.

**Rare Center for Tropical Bird Conservation** received a grant from the Conservation Small Grants Fund of the American Federation of Aviculture in 1990 for educational materials for the Lesser Antilles.

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### Opportunities

**An Assistant Position** is available for an individual with an interest in tropical waterfowl ecology and conservation in a joint project between Ducks Unlimited: Mexico, and the Center for the Study of Tropical Birds. Duties will include field observations and censusing of Masked Ducks in southern Mexico during the spring of 1991. Applicants should be able to communicate in Spanish and have some prior field experience, preferably with waterfowl. No stipend is available, but travel and food and lodging expenses are provided. For additional information, contact The Center for the Study of Tropical Birds, Inc., 218 Conway, San Antonio, Texas 78209-1716, U.S.A.; Fax: 512-828-5911.



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**Opportunities (Continued)**

**Field Assistants needed** for ongoing study of the social breeding behavior of Carib Grackles in central Venezuela. Positions run from June/July to December 1991. Duties include various behavioral observations, monitoring of nests, brood manipulations, measuring and banding, and taking blood samples. Some relevant field experience is required, and an enthusiasm for long hours under hot and humid conditions is essential. Expenses in Venezuela will be covered. Send letter of interest, resume, and references to David Lemmon, Department of Biology, SUNY Albany, Albany, New York 12222, U.S.A.

**Field Assistant wanted** May-November 1991 for a study of nest site competition among several species of birds in Venezuela. Assistant will help with mist netting, banding, nest watches, and censusing. Experience with birds desirable. Applicants should enjoy heat, mosquitos, and slogging through mud. Living expenses in Venezuela will be covered. Please send a letter of interest and resumé with names and telephone numbers of 2 references by 15 February to Catherine Lindell, Harvard University Biolabs, 16 Divinity Ave., Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138, U.S.A.; telephone: 617-495-8792.

**Volunteer Field Assistant needed** for study of clutch size in tropical House Wrens at Monteverde, Costa Rica, 1 April to 15 July 1991. Duties include monitoring nest boxes for nesting activity, censusing individual birds, observing both free-living and caged wrens, and sampling insects. Qualifications include experience working in the field and mist-netting small birds, as well as some Spanish and willingness to live with a rural Costa Rican family. Room and board, up to \$500 travel expenses, plus a fantastic working environment (i.e., guaranteed toucan, quetzal, and monkey sightings) will be provided. Please send letter of interest, resumé, and list of 3 references (including telephone numbers) as soon as possible, and certainly before 1 February, to Bruce Young, Apdo. 10165-1000, San José, Costa Rica; Fax 506-61-1104.

**Two Field Assistants needed** 1 April to mid-August 1991 for a study of the effects of brood parasitism by the Shiny Cowbird on interior forest birds in southwestern Puerto Rico. This ongoing research focuses on the effects of forest edges and forest roads on parasitism rates, and on a comparison of the anti-parasite behaviors of Black-whiskered and Puerto Rican vireos. Study area is dry subtropical forest. Experience identifying birds by sight and sound preferred. Must be willing to learn native

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avifauna. Transportation to and from Puerto Rico, room and board provided. Send letter describing qualifications and interests to Bethany L. Woodworth, Department of Ecology, Evolution and Behavior, University of Minnesota, 318 Church St. S.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455, U.S.A.; telephone: 612-625-0611 or 612-375-9070.

**Bilingual (Spanish-English) position open** to work on two projects: (1) catalyzing and assisting North American groups to support Central and South American conservation organizations with services, equipment and funds; and (2) the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network. Familiarity with current conservation issues, a background in biology, and experience living in Latin America highly desirable. Good organizational and people skills a must. Modest salary plus free housing if single. Starts 1 February 1991. For full job description, write to Latin America, MBO, Box 936, Manomet, Massachusetts 02345, U.S.A.

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**Position Wanted**

**Peruvian Ornithologist** with degree in Forestry and Wildlife Management, currently in Manomet's Field Biology Training Program, experienced in studies of Psittacidae and Falconidae in Peru, is interested in temporary position and opportunity for graduate school. Curriculum Vitae and references available. Can begin in late December 1991. Please write to Alfredo J. Begazo, Manomet Bird Observatory, Box 936, Manomet, Massachusetts 02345, U.S.A.

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**Meetings of Interest**

14-17 January 1991 - **Conservacion de la Biodiversidad Caribeña**. Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo, Santo Domingo, República Dominicana. (Michael Smith, Department of Ichthyology, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York, NY 10024, U.S.A.; and Sixto J. Incháustegui, Departamento de Biología, Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo, Santo Domingo, República Dominicana).

21-24 March 1991 - **Association of Field Ornithologists**, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, U.S.A. Featuring a symposium, "**Avian Conservation: Problems and**