
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.

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.

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

Solutions," sponsored by the Clark Fund. (Edward H. Burt, Jr., Department of Biology, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio 43015).

22-26 March 1991 - **The Wildlife Society Annual Meeting**, Edmonton Convention Centre, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (Harry E. Hodgdon, Executive Director, TWS, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, U.S.A.; telephone: 301-897-9770).

22-27 March 1991 - **56th North American Wildlife & Natural Resources Conference**, Edmonton Convention Centre, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. (L.L. Williamson, Wildlife Management Institute, Suite 725, 1101 14th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005, U.S.A.; telephone: 202-371-1808).

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).

19-23 May 1991 - **Third Annual Conference of**

the Society for Ecological Restoration, Orlando, Florida, U.S.A. Features special session on the tropics. Deadline for abstracts 15 January 1991. (Society for Ecological Restoration, 1207 Seminole Highway, Madison, Wisconsin 53711, U.S.A.; telephone: 608-262-9547).

18-23 June 1991 - **Second Symposium on Zoology**, La Habana, Cuba. (Sr. Rafael Alayo, Second Symposium on Zoology, Palacio de las Convenciones, Apartado 16046, La Habana, Cuba).

3-7 August 1991 - **The Society of Caribbean Ornithology**, St. Lucia, Lesser Antilles. (Jorge Moreno, P.O. Box 5887, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00906; or James Wiley, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southwest Research Group, 2140 Eastman Ave., #100, Ventura, California 93003, U.S.A.).

6-11 August 1991 - **American Federation of Aviculture**, San Diego, California, U.S.A. (AFA, P.O. Box 56218, Phoenix, Arizona 85079-6218, U.S.A.).

13-17 August 1991 - **109th Stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union**, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. (Dr. David Bird, Box 193, Mac-Donald Campus, McGill University, Ste. Anne De Bellevue, PQ H9X 1C0, Canada; Telephone 514-457-2000).

13-16 September 1991 - **Ornithological Atlas Conference**. (Hugh Kingery, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Blvd., Denver, Colorado 80205, U.S.A.).

24-30 November 1991 - **IV Neotropical Ornithology Congress**, Quito, Ecuador. (Humberto Alvarez-Lopez, President; Nancy Hilgert de Benavides, Local Arrangements Committee, Corporación Ornitología del Ecuador, Casilla 9068 S-7, Quito, Ecuador. Telephone: [593-2]-240-642).

27 March - 1 April 1992 - **57th North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference**, Charlotte, North Carolina, U.S.A.

9-12 April 1992 - **The Wilson Ornithological Society** will meet with the Florida Ornithological Society at Kissimmee, Florida, U.S.A.

13-18 June 1992 - **The Animal Behavior Society**, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada. (L. Ratcliffe or P. Colgan, Department of Biology, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario K7L 3N6 Canada).

22-25 June 1992 - Society of Avian Paleontology and Evolution (SAPE) will hold its third symposium at the Forschungsinstitut Senckenberg in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. Those who wish to participate and to receive the next circular of information should notify D.S. Peters, Senckenberg Museum, Senckenberg-Anlage 25, D-6000 Frankfurt/M, Germany.

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