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### Rocklands Wildlife Sanctuary

Society members attending this summer's meeting in Kingston, Jamaica, may be interested in visiting the Rocklands Wildlife Sanctuary at Anchovy, near Montego Bay on the northwest coast of Jamaica. Ms. Lisa Salmon, long-time bird lover and conservationist, opens her bird feeding station on her patio for public viewing daily from 3 p.m. to half-hour before sunset. Admission is about US\$3.00. Visitors will be treated to endemic white-chinned thrushes, Jamaican orioles, streamertails, and orangequits, among others. For further information, write Lisa Salmon, Rocklands Wildlife Sanctuary, Scarlett Road, P.O. Box 48, Anchovy, Jamaica.

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### Second Symposium on Forests of Puerto Rico, University of Puerto Rico - Ponce, 2-3 November 1989 By Francisco J. Vilella

During the first week of November 1989, a symposium was held at the Ponce campus of the University of Puerto Rico to celebrate the 70 years since the establishment of the Guánica Forest and to present research findings of projects conducted at Guánica over the years. A total of 20 papers was presented during the course of the symposium. The sessions were held in one of the main auditoriums of the University and audience attendance was excellent throughout the Symposium.

The tone of the symposium was set by Miguel Canals' outstanding presentation on the present threats and development trends at Guánica in a paper titled "Development Pressures and the Future of the

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Guánica State Forest as an Effective Conservation Unit." Among the most interesting papers presented were several on the work conducted over a number of years. Peter Murphy presented a paper titled "Dry Forests of the Tropics; Guánica in Context," which gave a good perspective of how the Guánica Forest compares with other dry tropical forests around the world. John Faaborg and Wayne Arendt presented an excellent summary of their work with bird populations at Guánica in a paper titled, "Rainfall Correlates of Bird Population Fluctuations in a Puerto Rican Dry Forest: Summary and Update of a 15 Year Study." A most illuminating paper on the historical aspects of land use at the Guánica Forest and its impact on the present distribution of plants was presented by Frank Wadsworth in a paper titled, "Algunas Plantaciones Forestales en el Bosque Estatal de Guánica."

Other papers presented preliminary results on several aspects of the community and population ecology of plants and animals at Guánica Forest. Examples of these were Enrique Hernández-Prieto's paper on the ecological aspects of the bird community at Guánica Forest, and a joint paper presented by Vincente Quevedo and Susan Silander on the endangered plant species at Guánica. Two papers on the habitat use and nest site selection of the Puerto Rican nightjar were presented by Francisco Vilella. The symposium ended on an optimistic tone and the audience gave a standing ovation to the organizers, particularly to Professor Migdalia Alvarez, for a job very well done.

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### Workshop on Wildlife Biology Microcomputers

A workshop on the use of microcomputers in wildlife biology will be held at Colorado State University (Fort Collins), 30 July-3 August 1990. Aspects covered will include statistical analysis using SAS and the use of spreadsheets for population modeling. Enrollment is limited to 20 and tuition is US\$500 for the week. Contact: Gary C. White, Department of Fishery and Wildlife Biology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado 80523 U.S.A. Telephone: 303-491-6930.

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### Tudy Dod Now Living in California

Annabelle "Tudy" Stockton de Dod, 1989 recipient of the Society's Distinguished Ornithologist Award, and Donald Dod recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at Berkeley, California, where they retired from the Dominican Republic in



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1988. Tudy and Don are keeping busy with Caribbean projects, including trips back to the Dominican Republic for Don's orchid work. They would enjoy receiving correspondence from friends at their new address: 2918 G Regent Street, Berkeley, California 94705 U.S.A.

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### News of Society Members

Wendy (Lee) Van Barneveld is now Resident Director of the Hofstra University Marine Laboratory, P.O. Box 90, St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica.

Dr. Fred Schaffner has left the National Audubon Society and is presently employed as a Research Biologist with the Terrestrial Ecology Section, Scientific Research Area, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 5887, Puerta de Tierra, Puerto Rico 00906.

Dr. Jose L. Vivaldi has accepted the position of Management Assistant at the U.S. National Park Service, Box 712, Old San Juan, Puerto Rico 00902.

Society President Jorge A. Moreno has succeeded Jose Vivaldi as Chief of Terrestrial Ecology with the Puerto Rico Department of Natural Resources.

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### International Piping Plover Census

The 1991 International Piping Plover Census is being planned by piping plover recovery teams in the United States and Canada, and will include a census of wintering piping plovers in the Caribbean. The team members request that anyone working in or travelling to Caribbean beaches, mudflats, and sandflats report sightings of piping plovers to Susan Haig, South Carolina Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, Lehotsky Hall, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina 29634, U.S.A.

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### Assistance Requested in Preparation of New Field Guide

Dear colleagues:

This note is to inform you that I and several other coauthors are compiling a new, completely illustrated guide to the birds of the West Indies. Not only will this book serve as a field guide, but it will also have major components aimed at focusing interest on the

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conservation of the region's unique avifauna. To make this guide as complete and up to date as possible, we are soliciting several categories of information which you may be able to provide:

- reliable, unpublished bird records that alter the known status of a species. This may vary from the observations of vagrant species, updating the status of endangered forms, or documentation of increases or decreases in population levels;
- interesting information about the most unique species on your island (folklore, unusual behavioral characteristics, and so on);
- nest descriptions of poorly known species; and
- renditions of calls and songs of local species.

Please send any information to: Herb Raffaele, Room 860 (ARLSQ), Office of International Affairs, Fish and Wildlife Service, 18th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C., USA 20240 (Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and the Cayman Islands); or Robert Norton, c/o National Parks Trust, Ministry of Natural Resources, Roadtown, Tortola, British Virgin Islands (Bahamas and Lesser Antilles); or Jim Wiley (in conjunction with Orlando Garrido of Cuba), 1863 Ciprian Ave., Camarillo, California 93010, USA (Cuba and Hispaniola).

I should also inform you that the largest component of the revenues eventually generated through the sale of this book will go toward promoting bird conservation in the region. Most of the remainder will finance production of the art work.

I thank you in advance for your support of this effort and I look forward to your assistance. I believe that your help in making this book a quality product will ultimately prove a significant contribution toward the conservation of the West Indies' avifauna.

Herb Raffaele

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### Meetings of Interest

29 April - 3 May 1990 - Society for Ecological Restoration, 2nd Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois. Abstracts due by 15 January. (William R. Jordan III, University of Wisconsin Arboretum, 1207 Seminole Highway, Madison, Wisconsin 53711, U.S.A.)

7-11 May 1990 - Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections, 5th annual meeting, Chicago, Illinois. (David Willard, Bird Division, Field Museum of Natural History, Roosevelt Road at Lakeshore Dr., Chicago, Illinois 60605, U.S.A.; telephone 312-922-9410, ext. 269)