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## Second Meeting of the Parrot Specialist Group, Curitiba, Brazil

The International Council for Bird Preservation (ICBP) held its Second Meeting of the Parrot Specialist Group at Curitiba, Brazil, from 13-18 October 1988. Several papers on West Indian parrots were presented, including:

- "Status and conservation of Lesser Antillean parrots," Paul Butler and Peter Evans.
- "Status and conservation of Greater Antillean parrots," James W. Wiley.
- "Breeding biology and conservation of the Bahama Parrot, *Amazona leucocephala bahamensis*," Rosemarie Gnam.
- "Recent conservation efforts for the Puerto Rican Parrot, *Amazona vittata*," Marcia H. Wilson
- "Status and conservation of the Yellow-billed Parrot (*Amazona collaria*) and Black-billed Parrot (*A. agilis*) in Jamaica," Yvette Strong

Nigel Collar and Jorgen Thomsen summarized the conservation needs for the region and presented recommendations for conservation of West Indian parrots. These recommendations and papers presented at the meeting will be published by ICBP in their proceedings of the meeting.

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### Request for Assistance

Help needed for Bahama Parrot - As part of an ongoing conservation project on the endangered Bahama Parrot (*Amazona leucocephala bahamensis*) on Abaco Island, Bahamas, information is needed on feral cat control programs on islands. Bahama Parrots are extremely vulnerable to nest predation by feral cats because of their subterranean nesting habit. In 1988, 53% of the parrot nests in our study area suffered from feral cat predation. The Bahamas National Trust chapter on Abaco is hoping to begin a feral cat control program in 1989 and seeks logistical advice. Please send information to:

Rosemarie Gnam  
Department of Ornithology  
American Museum of Natural History  
Central Park West @ 79th St.  
New York, NY 10024

Piping Plover Sightings Requested - A Piping Plover winter distribution survey was conducted along the Atlantic (Dec.-Mar. 1986-87) and Gulf (Dec.-Mar. 1987-88) coasts of the United States. We believe that most of the Atlantic coast breeding population is overwintering outside of the

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### Request for Assistance (Continued)

United States. Any residents or birders visiting the Caribbean this winter (Oct.-Mar.) are requested to report Piping Plover sightings (date, location, numbers seen, bands) to:

Janice Nicholls  
Department of Zoology-Wildlife  
331 Funchess Hall  
Auburn University  
Auburn, AL 36849-5414 U.S.A.,

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Craig Faanes  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
2604 St. Patrick, Suite 7  
Grand Island, Nebraska 68803  
U.S.A.

This information would be greatly appreciated.

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### Funding Source

The Pan American Continental Section of ICBP offers small grants for avian conservation projects in Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean. Proposals for research, habitat protection and management, and public education will be considered; all projects must have a clear conservation component. Write for details on applications. Pan American Office, ICBP, P.O. Box 1369, Melrose, FL 32666, U.S.A., or Brian Harrington, Manomet Bird Observatory, P.O. Box 958, Manomet, MA 02345-0958. Deadline for application is 1 Feb. 1989.

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### Meetings of Interest

17-22 March 1989 - 54th North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference, Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C., USA. (L.L. Williamson, Wildlife Management Institute, Suite 725, 1101 Fourteenth St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005, USA).

24-26 May 1989 - Institute of Tropical Forestry Golden Anniversary Symposium, A Century of Research at the Institute of Tropical Forestry: Results from the First Half, Themes for the Second, Condado Beach Hotel, San Juan, Puerto Rico. A session on wildlife research will be presented by John Terborgh, Princeton University. Registration fee - U.S.\$50.00. (Julio C. Figueroa, Institute of Tropical Forestry, Call Box 25000, Río Piedras, Puerto Rico 00928-2500).