

Disk Two (64 min 31 sec) is a natural concert of Antillean frogs, birds, and insects, arranged in 15 tracks of charming sunrise and night choruses in various forest and freshwater pond locations, including in Dominica, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Grenada, and St. Vincent. These natural symphonies, so appreciated especially by Édouard Bénito-Espinal, range in length from less than two minutes to passages as long as 13½ minutes.

The two-CD set is available through Frémeaux & Associés at the address listed above, or by contacting the distributor by telephone ([33] 01-43-74-9024) or

fax ([33] 01-43-65-2422).

Oiseaux des Antilles is well produced and useful as a guide to the vocalizations to the region's birds. The natural symphonies included on the second CD are to be enjoyed during moments of contemplation and recollection of visits to the islands by those of us who need a "fix" of island nature as we face a cold computer screen.—JAMES W. WILEY, Maryland Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, 1120 Trigg Hall, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD 21853, USA; e-mail: jwwiley@mail.umes.edu

REGIONAL SOCIETY

THE PUERTO RICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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The Puerto Rican Ornithological Society (PROS) is a non-profit organization incorporated under the Laws of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Our main interests are the study, protection, and enjoyment of the native avifauna. It is the only organization committed to the conservation of Puerto Rican birds. Founded in 1995, it comprises more than a hundred members of all backgrounds and ages.

The Board of Directors consists of the President (Leopoldo Miranda), Vice-President (Sergio Colón), Treasurer (Beatriz Hernández), Secretary (Sondra Vega), and two advisors (José Colón and Raúl Pérez-Rivera). The budget is based on annual membership fees and special activities, such as the sale of Mark Oberle's book, *Puerto Rico's Birds in Photographs*.

One of our main education tools is a bimonthly publication, *El Bien-te-veo* (Adrienne Tossas and Ramón Del Moral, Editors). This bulletin includes field observations of our members, summaries of research projects conducted in the island, short articles, announcements, recent ornithological literature, and a special section for kids. Also, the PROS has a list server and web page (<http://home.coqui.net/sopi/>), which is regularly visited by students, visiting birdwatchers, environmentalists, and nature lovers. It includes photographs and sounds of the island's birds, articles, past bulletins, and information on new memberships.

The PROS organizes symposia focusing on different subjects each year. This year's symposium was on hunting in Puerto Rico. Participants included researchers, environmental groups, hunters, representatives of the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER), and a politician. In addition, we regularly organize field trips to important bird sites, such as Cabo Rojo Salt Flats, Tiburones Swamp, and shade coffee plantations in the central mountain range. Rare, accidental, and new species have been recorded in these field trips. At present, we are actively monitoring shorebird populations. A recently created Shorebird Monitoring Network includes 17 volunteers who conduct monthly surveys at 12 locations.

Among the activities planned for this year are two workshops: one on ducks and the other on shorebird monitoring. The duck workshop will be organized by the PROS, along with personnel of the DNER. With these activities, we intend to improve the identification skills of our members so they can participate in existing monitoring programs, as well as to promote avian conservation.

Any person interested in Puerto Rican birds can become a member of the PROS. To join, send your annual membership fee (\$15.00 individual membership, \$6.00 student, \$25.00 family, \$50.00 institution) to: PROS, PO Box 1112, Ciales, Puerto Rico 00638.