



Nedra Klein and Assistant, John Gerwin, collecting in the Sierra de Bahoruco, Dominican Republic, June 1998. Photograph by Kate Wallace.

EL PITIRRE ISSUE TO BE DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF DR. NEDRA KLEIN

To honor Nedra Klein, The Society Of Caribbean Ornithology will dedicate a 2002 issue of its bulletin, *El Pitirre*, to her memory. We are soliciting contributions on topics in which Nedra was keenly interested, such as systematics, zoogeography, and conservation of Caribbean passerines, particularly from islands where Nedra worked (i.e., especially The Bahamas, Cuba, and Dominican Republic). Articles that highlight the contributions she made to the study of an island's avifauna and its conservation, along with any personal reflections, are particularly sought. Please send ideas and/or contributions to *El Pitirre*'s Editor, Jim Wiley at jwwiley@mail.umes.edu or 1120 Trigg Hall, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD 21853, USA, by **12 April 2002**.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE SOCIETY AT ITS THIRTEENTH MEETING

NEDRA KLEIN

The Society of Caribbean Ornithology, with its more than three hundred members from all over the wider Caribbean region, North America, and Europe, wishes to express its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Nedra Klein.

Dr. Klein's research on the birds of the Caribbean Islands significantly increased our knowledge of their biology and taxonomy but most importantly, helped us to appreciate and conserve our fragile ecosystems.

She assisted in the training of many Caribbean nationals at every opportunity and nurtured the love of ornithology among many aspiring biologists in the Caribbean.

Nedra was a colleague, mentor, and friend to SCO. Her tireless participation and smiles at our meeting are memories that we will never forget. SCO had been privileged to work with Nedra and we mourn her loss.

WHARF + HARBOR + POWER PLANT: GUADELOUPE GRAND CUL-DE-SAC MARIN, FRENCH WEST INDIES (2001)

The Society of Caribbean Ornithology resolves not to support the proposal to construct a "loose coal sorting and treating complex," added with a power plant, within the Ramsar site of Grand Cul-de-Sac Marin, managed by the National Park of Guadeloupe. This project would coincide with a designated Biosphere Reserve, and would result in running great risks of marine pollution and aesthetic degradation in a sensitive zone for marine ecosystems and bird reproduction. The risk of pollution is worsened by natural hazards, such as hurricanes and earthquakes. This industrial project, obviously, is utterly incompatible with Ramsar convention and Biosphere Reserve, the aims of which are to afford a sustainable development while protecting natural ecosystems. Building this complex would imply canceling the Biosphere Reserve, unless a zone of strictly equivalent ecological value is given as a compensation.

The Society requests that the French authorities seek a suitable alternative site outside of the Ramsar site/Biosphere Reserve boundary. This alternative site should take into account the ecological and aesthetic values, and human safety, so that the integrity of the Ramsar site/Biosphere Reserve of Guadeloupe be retained.

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