

ABC DECEMBER 1998 CONSERVATION GRANT AWARDS WILL EMPHASIZE PARROTS

American Bird Conservancy (ABC) announces that it will give special attention to proposals for neotropical parrot conservation projects during its December 1998 Small Grants round. ABC has produced a list of priority species for conservation action, and proposals addressing the needs of these species are particularly encouraged. The list of species is based on the needs identified in the forthcoming IUCN Parrot Action Plan and can be obtained, together with application forms, by e-mail at: abc@abcbirds.org or by regular

mail from American Bird Conservancy, 1250 24th St., NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20037. As usual, ABC will also consider proposals for bird conservation programs not relating to parrots. The deadline for receipt of proposals is 27 September, 1998. The aim of these grant awards is to stimulate *in situ* field conservation projects in Latin America undertaken by or involving Latin American conservation groups and individuals. Most grants will be for amounts well below the maximum of \$5000.

PARROT DATA E-MAIL CLUB

I have the pleasure of announcing the new Parrot Data E-mail Club. The objective of the Parrot Data E-mail Club is to collect and report data and news about parrots and psittaculture in the wild as well as in the aviculture-protected environment. The Club, however, will not deal with pet birds or cage birds. If you have interest in the Club, please let me know. The subscription is free. I would be pleased to send you some test mail. All mail will be sent as BCC (blind copy holders). You

are most welcome to send me news about or related to parrots.

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DATES SET FOR 1999 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF CARIBBEAN ORNITHOLOGY

The 1999 Society meeting will be held 29 July through 5 August 1999 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Further details will be available in forthcoming issues of the bulletin.