

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Society of Caribbean Ornithology would like to acknowledge the donation made by the Fairfax Audubon Society (Virginia, USA) of used binoculars and a spotting scope to the Gosse Bird Club (Jamaica). The equipment was received in excellent condition and will help to promote birding activities in Jamaica.

The Fairfax Audubon Society is also interested in helping other Caribbean islands with similar donations (Gary Sielerman, personal communication). For further information contact: Frank F. Rivera-Milán (U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of International Affairs, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 860-ARLSQ, Arlington, Virginia, USA; Tel: 703-358-2103; fax: 703-358-2849; e-mail: Frank.Rivera@mail.fws.gov).

BAHAMA SWALLOW CONSERVATION PROGRAM

One of the Bahama Islands' three endemic species, the Bahama Swallow (*Tachycineta cyaneoviridis*), has been the subject of an experimental recovery effort. Although populations are thought to be stable, little is known of the species' biology and there is concern for its future. The Bahama Swallow breeds only in pine forests in the northern Bahama islands of Abaco, Andros, New Providence, and Grand Bahama. The swallow nests in cavities, usually woodpecker holes in dead pine trees. Unfortunately, pine forests are limited in the Bahamas and those small tracks are under

increasing threat of logging and other uses.

As part of a conservation program for the swallow, 227 nest boxes have been placed at several sites in Grand Bahama, including farm fields, golf courses, mangrove forests, stands of dead pine trees, and an abandoned missile tracking base. This year three of the boxes were occupied, and contained an average of three eggs each. The incubation period was 15 days and the nestling period was about 22 days. One pair raised two broods during the year.

SCO ANNUAL MEETING 2-7 AUGUST 1996 NASSAU, BAHAMA ISLANDS

Society Treasurer, Rosemarie Gnam, and Society Representative for the Bahamas, Carolyn Wardle, recently met in Nassau to continue organizational plans for the 1996 annual meeting of the Society of Caribbean Ornithology. They report the Local Committee consists of about 12 people, including both government and non-government representatives. The Bahamas National Trust [BNT] already has a beautiful design for the 1996 T-shirt, which depicts 6 Bahamian birds in color.

The Local Committee has interest in a workshop on habitat conservation and restoration efforts in the West Indies, as they feel that habitat loss and degradation are the Bahamas'

major conservation threat.

The Society meeting will be held at the South Ocean Resort. Room rates for standard garden-view rooms are \$60 per night, plus tax and room gratuities, or \$30 per person for double-occupancy. There will be a breakfast and lunch package for \$20 per person. The banquet will be held at the hotel for \$30 plus tax per person with a cash bar. Most importantly, there is good birding on the hotel's grounds.

Announcements and Call for Papers for the 1996 meeting will be sent to SCO members in mid-February. We hope you will attend.

WEST INDIAN CONSERVATION PROJECT QUESTIONNAIRE (Concluded)

Number of workers associated with project:

Time-frame of project:

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Please list any recently completed projects on threatened or endangered species in your island that you feel should be included in this directory.

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Other conservation issues you feel need to be addressed:

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CARIBBEAN POSTERS AVAILABLE

The CITES Conservation Treaty Support Fund (CTSF) has just published a beautiful poster entitled "Wild Treasures of the Caribbean," depicting sea turtles, birds, coral, and other endangered species of the Caribbean. The poster ties in with a brochure published by World Wildlife Fund/TRAFFIC USA as part of the "Buyer Beware" campaign that urges tourists and others not to buy endangered species or their products. The poster is beautiful and depicts Caribbean wildlife in a natural setting. Its design was done by the renowned wildlife artist, Mary Helsaple.

The Society of Caribbean Ornithology helped fund the production of this poster as part of the Society's public education effort. The idea for the poster and brochure was conceived at the 1992 CITES Training Workshop for English-speaking Caribbean nations.

Posters will be made available for free to the CITES Management Authorities on each Caribbean island. SCO Island Representatives can contact the CITES Management Authority on their island to help with distribution of the posters. A limited number of posters is available to the public to help raise funds for CITES and our Society. The Society of Caribbean Ornithology will receive a 10% profit from sales of the poster. Society members can obtain the poster by sending a check or postal money order for \$25 (US) to the Conservation Treaty Support Fund (CTSF), 3705 Cardiff Road, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815 USA. Please indicate that you are a SCO member on your order. Discounts are available for wholesale purchases (20 posters or more). For further information, contact George Furness, Jr. at (301) 654-3150 or by fax at (301) 652-6390. PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THE SCO IN THIS FUND-RAISING PROJECT!!!!

SOCIETY OF CARIBBEAN ORNITHOLOGY T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE

The SCO has produced a t-shirt to promote the Society and help raise much needed funds toward the Society's annual operating costs. The t-shirt depicts the Society's logo, the Pitiirre or Gray Kingbird, on a light blue shirt. Large and X-large shirts are available. The cost of the shirt is \$15 (U.S.), which includes shipping costs. Please purchase a shirt today and help support the Society! The shirt makes a great gift for Caribbean birdwatchers. Send your order and a check or postal money order made payable to the Society of Caribbean Ornithology to Rosemarie Gnam, Treasurer SCO, 13 East Rosemont Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301, U.S.A. Please don't miss out on this opportunity to promote the Society!

ORCHIDS OF JAMAICA

BY ANCILE GLOUDON AND CICELY TOBISCH

Orchids of Jamaica brings together over 8 years of methodical collection of plants from various parts of the island and over 30 and 15 years growing experience by Gloudon and Tobisch, respectively. Detailed, clear, and precise descriptions are provided for over one-half of the more than 220 orchid species that occur in Jamaica. All are based on original observations of freshly collected plants. Equally important and welcome inclusions are a glossary, which the amateur orchid collector will find particularly useful, as well as an account of the topography of the island home and habitats of the various genera and species selected by the authors. A series of fine line drawings and over 90 colour photographs are display the natural beauty and splendor of these plants.

Orchids of Jamaica has been written to heighten an awareness of the diversity and beauty of the Jamaican orchid flora and is intended for the specialist and orchid hobbyist alike. The long-awaited book is available through the Jamaica Orchid Society at US\$35.00 per copy; shipping and handling - 20%. Freight will be by surface mail, unless the customer is willing to pay air freight and other charges. You may place your orders by fax at 809-978-6888. For further information, do not hesitate to contact the Society President, Claude Hamilton by telephone at 809-927-6713 or 809-977-2668.