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## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers:

I want to thank the positive comments on the new web page of La Tangara. I would like to remind all the persons and institutions of Latin America to continue to feed the database so we can consolidate this initiative of uniting all those interested in bird conservation and readers of this newsletter.

Finally I would like to express my happiness on the release of Diego Calderon and Hermes Cuadros. Diego has prepared a note for this newsletter which reflects anecdotes on what he lived, but above all, the unity and support of the international ornithological community during difficult times.

Cheers

José Zolotoff-Pallais  
Editor

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NOTE FROM DIEGO CALDERON

Friends, readers of La Tangara, it is a pleasure for me to address you, the ornithological community that was always aware and supportive of our cause while I was abducted in Serrania de Perija the past months. Recounting our experience, I must start by saying that I traveled to Serrania de Perija the past month of April to meet with Professor Hermes Cuadros, botanist and professor of the Universidad del Atlántico, renowned for his expeditions in the Colombian side of this mountain and for his great knowledge on its flora; and with a local guide José Saurith who has been through the paths of these beautiful lands all his life. On April 18<sup>th</sup>, while we were on the top of this mountain preparing for an ornithological expedition that I would conduct with Colombian researchers during the month of May, we were abducted by an armed group. The 88 days I was abducted in the impressively beautiful mountains of Perija were eternal; daily we looked for and came up with things to do, as to make every day as short as possible, making the situation more tolerable. Aside from drawing insects and plants, making handicrafts out of palm and bamboo, and talking about everything you can possibly imagine, one of the activities that kept my mind distracted was being able to watch the birds of the region, although without my binoculars and restricted to the area around where I slept. Unfortunately a great number of birds were left without identifying with total certainty, but these were vital hours of maintaining my mind away from the huge worries of our situation; the gigantic mixed flocks that passed at least once or twice a day produced in me great joy; framed in the natural and biological facets, they were the most exciting, and at the same time intriguing vision that I had during my time in Perija. How many little known species, and maybe species not yet described by science are in there? Nobody will ever really know until this, and many other places in Colombia, have a climate of tranquility and freedom to be able to explore and enrich ourselves with their wonders.

When I was released I found out about the marches and acts of protest there were because of our abduction, and the amount of people and institutions that supported our cause and expressed their discontent about our retention. This impressed me, everyday I found out about more and more people and institutions that had expressed their support; not only friends and family, but also a great amount of researchers, institutions (especially ornithological), workers and students from my university, besides of an enormous amount of people I did not know, that felt this abduction like their own. I am eternally grateful for the great activities the ornithological community made in the world, protesting and pressuring for our release; the cohesion, strength and capacity of the work demonstrated in this case, has made a fundamental precedent that lets us know that none of us is alone, and that every time one of us is working for scientific knowledge, it is like the whole scientific community is there.

Again, a thousand thanks for your support!

Diego Calderon Franco, <mailto:manakin00@hotmail.com>

### PARTNERS IN FLIGHT - MESOAMERICA SYMPOSIUM DURING THE MESOAMERICAN SOCIETY FOR BIOLOGY AND CONSERVATION CONGRESS, NICARAGUA

The Congress of the Mesoamerican Society for Biology and Conservation to be celebrated this year from November 15-19 in Managua, Nicaragua; will host the Symposium of Partners in Flight – Mesoamerica titled: “Strengthening the network of Partners in Flight.” The objective of the symposium is to strengthen the alliances between institutions and people in Mesoamerica interested in conserving birds, through the reorganization of Partners in Flight and identifying work and coordination mechanisms for the group. During this event the participation of ornithologists of the region is expected to discuss the coordination mechanisms for the group. The symposium will be made possible by funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). For more information, contact symposium organizer, José M Zolotoff-Pallais,

scientific advisor Fundación Cocibolca and National Coordinator for Partners in Flight Nicaragua, Tel: 505-248-8235, <mailto:zolotoff@ibw.com.ni>

#### 40 NEOTROPICAL PROJECTS APPROVED UNDER THE NEOTROPICAL MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION ACT

40 projects in the United States, Latin America, and the Caribbean were approved by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Steve Williams for more than \$3.8 million in funding under the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act. The Act exists to benefit Nearctic-Neotropical migrants which includes 341 species of birds, such as plovers, terns, hawks, cranes, warblers and sparrows, all or part of whose populations breed north of the Tropic of Cancer and winter south of that line. Many of these species are in decline and require immediate conservation action and/or long term stewardship. These projects will protect migratory bird habitat, further research and monitoring efforts, support law enforcement, and develop community outreach and education initiatives. Partners are adding nearly \$16 million to the grant funds to reach the goals of their projects. To find out more about the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act Grants Program visit: [http://birdhabitat.fws.gov/NMBCA/eng\\_neo.htm](http://birdhabitat.fws.gov/NMBCA/eng_neo.htm).

#### CONSERVATIONISTS FIND BIRD THOUGHT EXTINCT

A bird thought by some to be extinct has been discovered on the island of Cozumel off Mexico's Caribbean coast. The rediscovery of the Cozumel Thrasher was announced jointly by the American Bird Conservancy and Conservation International, both based in Washington, D.C. Gavin Shire of the American Bird Conservancy called it "a remarkable rediscovery" considering the bird hadn't been seen for 10 years. The thrasher is found only on Cozumel, where the species numbered about 10,000. Most of them apparently died following Hurricane Gilbert in 1988, the groups said. The Cozumel Thrasher is a brown and white bird about 9 inches long with a long, curved bill. The conservationists said its song "is described as a complex scratchy warbling." The conservation groups said the bird was spotted last month. They said they would send other teams to the area to try to find more of the birds. "This discovery provides us with cause for real optimism that where one exists, others may exist as well," said Brad Phillips of Conservation International. For more information visit: <http://oikos.villanova.edu/cozumel>

#### NATIONAL FISH & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION GRANTS FUNDS FOR IMPORTANT PROJECTS BY WHSRN

The National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) recently announced its support for a Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network (WHSRN) proposal entitled: "Supporting critical sites for shorebirds in the Western Hemisphere". The funds will be assigned to the protection of lands in Mexico, Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina; monitoring activities; analysis of threats and conservation plans in WHSRN sites. The total amount of funds granted is \$552,166. These funds are a crucial step for achieving WHSRN's mission, which is the conservation of shorebirds and their habitats throughout a network of strategic sites in the Americas. The proposed activities are derived from the four identified goals in WHSRN 2004-2008 Strategic Plan. For more information visit: <http://www.manomet.org/WHSRN/strategic.htm>

#### BIRD CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN QUERETARO, MEXICO

The Secretary of Sustainable Development of the state government of Querétaro under the secretary of Environment is developing the project "Conservation based on Bird Watching for locals of the municipality of Pinal de Amoles." The project has the goal of promoting conservation and sustainable development through bird watching, with the goal of improving economical levels of some communities within the municipality of Pinal de Amoles, Querétaro, located in the "Sierra Gorda" Biosphere Reserve. This project consisted of theory-practice sessions with the objective of raising community awareness toward the importance of birds for the conservation of ecosystems; as well as bird ecology, distribution, migration, and conservation of endangered species. The use of binoculars and field guides was taught and walks were done in different ecosystems of the region for bird watching and conservation awareness, as well as to promote ecotourism in regions highly marginalized in the State of Querétaro. Sixteen people benefited from the workshop, and it is expected that they in turn will train more people in the region. More practical sessions are expected with

the objective of registering the great number of migratory birds that come to the area. For more information contact: Alejandro Arellano Sanaphre, Blvd. Bernardo Quintana # 204. Col. Carretas, CP 76050, Querétaro, Qro. México, Tel (52) 442 211 68 00 ext 1344, Fax (52) 442 223 28 30, <mailto:ale220171@yahoo.com>

## WEB NEWS

NEW EDITION OF GLOBAL LEAFLET: FOREST CERTIFICATION available at USDA Forest Service International Program's website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/global>

BRAZILIAN SAVANNAH WILL DISAPPEAR BY 2030. Report raises alarm over destruction of grasslands at <http://info.nature.com/cgi-bin24/DM/y/ePpROGBDQp0C30Pq70Aj>

COMMUNITY LEADERS TRAINED IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND EFFECTIVE WAYS TO TEACH THEIR NEIGHBORS at: <http://www.rainforest-alliance.org/programs/neocomm/newsletter/2004/july04-2.html>

BULLETIN OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IMPORTANT BIRD AREA PROGRAM at: <http://www.geocities.com/ibasdominicanas/documentos/BoletinAICAJulio2004.pdf>

NGO HELPS AMAZONIAN INDIGENOUS MAP AND PROTECT TRADITIONAL LANDS at: <http://www.rainforest-alliance.org/programs/neocomm/newsletter/2004/july04-3.html>

BAND MANAGER VERSION 3.0 is ready for beta-testing. Version 3.0 has Windows menus and other improvements. You can find information on this new version at: <http://www.bsc-eoc.org/download/bandmgr/bmdownload.html>

FIVE SHOREBIRD PROJECTS TO RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE NEOTROPICAL MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION ACT of the U.S. For the full article go to: <http://www.manomet.org/WHSRN/June2004WHSRNews.htm>

ALLIANCE FOR CRITICAL ECOSYSTEMS web page at: <http://www.alpec.org>

NUMBER 1 VOLUME 5 OF HUITZIL available at: <http://www.huitzil.net>

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR OPPORTUNITIES. We invite you to look at four international seminar opportunities for 2005. These seminars stimulate deliberations and problem solving for issues related to three unique areas of natural resource management. The Forest Service supports the seminars with the idea of engaging a global network of natural resource managers in a productive, interactive dialogue on common challenges and solutions. For information on these seminars visit: <http://www.fs.fed.us/global/is/welcome.htm>

MUSEUM BIRD COLLECTION AT: <http://www.museum.LSU.edu/~Remsen/AVECOLlections.html>

## IMPORTANT BIRD SITES

- On-line color chart at: <http://www.anthus.com/Colors/Cent.html>
- For U.S. Wetland News go to: <http://www.aswm.org/br-news.htm>
- USDA Forest Service International Programs invites you to visit our website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/global>.
- New species of Rail discovered at: [http://www.birdlife.org/news/pr/2004/08/calayan\\_rail.html](http://www.birdlife.org/news/pr/2004/08/calayan_rail.html)

## FUNDING

2005 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS UNDER THE NEOTROPICAL MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION ACT. The Act establishes a matching grants program to fund projects that promote the conservation of these birds in the United States, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Projects may include activities to benefit bird populations and their habitats, research and monitoring, law enforcement, and outreach and education. All grant requests must be matched by partner funds at least 3:1. Partner funds from a U.S. federal source may be involved in the project, but are not eligible as match. Please refer to our Web site, <http://birdhabitat.fws.gov>, and click on Neotropical Birds Grants Program for additional information and application materials. Proposals must be sent electronically to us by December 3, 2004.

### LORO PARQUE FOUNDATION SUPPORTS IN-SITU PARROT CONSERVATION AND RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Loro Parque Foundation supports projects which have parrot species as their main focus. Its main interest is to utilize these projects to improve the conservation prospects of threatened parrots and to promote biodiversity conservation. The Loro Parque Foundation supports projects in two categories: "Principal Projects": these tend to be long-term and have a significant proactive input by the Loro Parque Fundación personnel with regard to design, implementation and administration; budgets are usually above €/EUR 20,000 per year. "Small-scale grants": created to address short-term parrot conservation research priorities, with only a small input by the Loro Parque Foundation personnel with regard to design, implementation and administration. The total maximum amount available every year for these types of projects is €/EUR 25,000. The total funds awarded by the Loro Parque Foundation for projects beginning or continuing in 2004 were €/EUR 437,597. Applications for projects to begin in 2005 will be reviewed at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees and Advisors of the Loro Parque Foundation. To be included in the review, applications must be received by the Loro Parque Foundation before Monday 13 September 2004. For application forms and the Guidelines for Applicants, please contact: The Director, Loro Parque Foundation, 38400 Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife, Canary Islands, and Spain. Fax: +34 922 375021; Tel: +34 922 374081; <mailto:environment@loroparque-fundacion.org>

### THE RAMSAR WETLAND CONSERVATION AWARDS 2005

This award recognizes and honors the contributions of individuals, organizations, and governments around the world which are promoting the conservation and wise use of wetlands. The Danone Group (France) will complement the Ramsar Award with the Evian Special Prize, a cash prize of US\$ 10,000, which will be granted to each of the three laureates who will receive the Award at the 9th Conference of the Parties, to be held in Kampala, Uganda. The deadline is 31 October, 2004. For more details go to: [http://www.ramsar.org/key\\_award\\_criteria\\_e.htm](http://www.ramsar.org/key_award_criteria_e.htm)

## TRAINING / JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### VOLUNTEER FIELD ASSISTANT POSITION AVAILABLE.

The research project is on the community ecology and phylogeography of bird assemblages in arid zones of northern Venezuela. The objective of this project is to characterize bird communities inhabiting six arid zones in northern Venezuela at both ecological and genetic levels, in order to generate relevant information for conservation planning in these regions. Field work will involve conducting daily point counts, mist netting, banding, and collecting blood samples. Vegetation sampling will be also carried out to establish habitat associations between vegetation variables and the presence of habitat-specialist bird species in order to develop models that can be used to assess possible effects of land-use changes on the structure and composition of bird communities in these arid zones. The field season will last from September 5th 2004 to August 31st 2005. Work will be conducted 7 days a week during three weeks per month. Each volunteer is expected to participate for a period of at least three weeks. Room, meals and travel expenses within

Venezuela will be covered. All applicants should send their C.V., a letter of intention and a recommendation letter to Adriana Rodriguez-Ferraro, Fax: (58-212) 551 99 59, <mailto:arppf@studentmail.umsl.edu>

#### RAPTOR CAPTIVE PROPAGATION SPECIALIST—NEOTROPICAL RAPTOR CENTER, PANAMA.

The Peregrine Fund (TPF)/Fondo Peregrino—Panama (FPP) operates the Neotropical Raptor Center (NRC) in Panama, a facility designed for captive propagation, research and species restoration of endangered tropical birds of prey. The center's activities are currently focused on the captive propagation of Harpy Eagles (*Harpia harpyja*) and Orange-breasted Falcons (*Falco deiroleucus*), but other species may be added in the future. The Captive Propagation Specialist reports to the FPP Director and TPF International Programs Director, and is responsible for the successful propagation of raptors and operation of the NRC.

Responsibilities include: supervise an assistant propagation specialist and a staff of four to six technicians in food production and facility maintenance; provide and ensure expert care and management for all captive raptors at the NRC and at any related facilities in Panama; oversee and manage raptor propagation at NRC to include: diet, feeding and management of raptors, incubation, hatching, feeding, and rearing of young; provide young captive-hatched raptors to the release program manager at an appropriate age; oversee construction, maintenance, and management of NRC to include buildings, roads, grounds, utilities (routine and emergency), etc.; oversee and ensure necessary species and quantities of high-quality, nutritious, disease-free raptor food exists; ensure captive raptors are held and managed to minimize disease, disturbance, and stress while maximizing security, good health, and reproductive potential; obtain and manage captive raptors to meet the needs for releases and species restoration projects/programs; accomplish and cooperate in research on captive and released captive-hatched raptors. A minimum of four years, paid supervisory experience in a zoological facility with extensive experience with raptors is required. A four-year degree in zoology, biology, animal science or related field from a recognized college or university is required; Masters or Doctorate preferred. Candidate must have a working knowledge and understanding of the Animal Welfare Code of Ethics. Candidate must be fluent in English, preferably conversant in Spanish, and comfortable functioning as an interpreter and spokesperson to visitors. Falconry experience is desirable. Compensation includes a competitive wage, on-site housing, health, and retirement benefits. Please send a cover letter, resume, and contacts for three references to: Dr. Rick Watson, International Programs Director, The Peregrine Fund, 5668 West Flying Hawk Lane, Boise ID 83709, USA, or by e-mail to: <mailto:rwatson@peregrinefund.org>. Applications will be reviewed upon receipt, and the position will remain open until filled.

#### SCIENCE COORDINATOR FOR AUDUBON AT HOME

Audubon At Home is a program within Audubon whose ultimate aim is to create an understanding of ecological processes, and an understanding of how everyday actions have an effect on the health of the environment. For the past three years, the program has worked to create safe and wildlife-friendly habitats in backyards through reduction in the use of pesticides, fertilizers, water, and growing native species, and removing exotic invasive plant species. The focus has been on creating bird-friendly habitats at home and in community landscapes, and the origins of the program are in the BirdCast project that aimed at creating welcoming habitats for migrant species. In the last two years, Audubon has partnered with the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service to complement the NRCS role within the agricultural community. For a full background see [http://www.audubon.org/bird/at\\_home/index.html](http://www.audubon.org/bird/at_home/index.html). Audubon now seeks to hire a Coordinator for Audubon At Home at its Science Office in Bucks Co to lead Audubon Science's involvement in Audubon At Home and work collaboratively with all parts of the Audubon organization to develop the program as a science-based home- and community-focused conservation initiative that engages people in Audubon nationwide. For full information please go to [http://www.audubon.org/nas/hr/job/sci\\_coord-pa.html](http://www.audubon.org/nas/hr/job/sci_coord-pa.html). Submit electronic resume and cover letter to <mailto:dekstrom@audubon.org>

#### ABC'S TROPICAL ANDES PROGRAM COORDINATOR

American Bird Conservancy (ABC) seeks a Tropical Andes Program Coordinator for its "Conserving Biodiversity in the Tropical Andes Program." This program will enhance the protection of a series of large protected areas in Peru and Ecuador via the implementation of management programs at strategically-

located, privately-owned reserves. The program will strengthen the quality of science and conservation of cloud forest habitats in the southern Andes of Peru and northern Bolivia. The program will be implemented in collaboration with ABC's established partners in the region. This is a full-time, three-year position with American Bird Conservancy (ABC) beginning on approximately 1 October 2004 and ending 1 October 2007, with potential for extension. The position is based in either The Plains, Virginia or Washington, DC office of ABC, but with work being done from both ABC offices. The Tropical Andes Program Coordinator will be responsible for managing a major program area of ABC's International Program in coordination with ABC staff and ABC partner organizations. The position requires an outgoing, energetic, confident, and diplomatic individual willing to travel and with strengths in organization, communication, grant tracking, work plan tracking, and meeting deadlines. Position requirements are: A degree in a field complementary to conservation and at least five years as a practicing conservationist in an international setting; Knowledge of wildlife, especially birds; Knowledge of construction and contracting, and land purchase would be strong assets; Diligence and focus, ability to organize, and ability to advance multiple tasks; Ability to work diplomatically to build consensus and advance program objectives with a variety of stakeholders; Excellent communication skills; Proficiency in Spanish and English, written and spoken; Ability and willingness to travel frequently and for several weeks at a time; Ability to meet program deadlines. Deadline for application: 10 September 2004. To apply submit application, cover letter and resume to: Merrie Morrison, Vice President for Operations, P.O. Box 249, The Plains, VA 20198, Tel: 540-253-5780; Fax: 540-253-5782; <mailto:mmorr@abcbirds.org>

## MEETINGS

VI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT IN AMAZONIA AND LATIN AMERICA. Iquitos, capital of the Peruvian Amazon. 5th-10th September, 2004. The conference is organized by The National University of the Peruvian Amazon (UNAP), the Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology (DICE) and the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS). Participation by students, professionals, local communities, NGO's, government representatives and the general public, are welcome. Special emphasis during this conference will be on wildlife conservation and management in Amazonia and Latin America. Discussions and presentations will look at the advances made for conservation, and the design, development, implementation, methods, and management plans for wildlife in Amazonia and Latin America. For further information about the conference; submission of abstracts, workshops, and courses; and information on registration and hotels, visit the conference website at: <http://www.vicongreso.com.pe/>. If you have any questions contact the conference organizers at: <mailto:congresofauna@amauta.rcp.net.pe>

31ST ANNUAL NATURAL AREAS CONFERENCE Chicago, Illinois, USA, October 10 - 16, 2004. Our 2004 annual conference, entitled "Emerging Issues: Possibilities and Perils," will be held near the Great Lakes of the American Midwest. We invite scientists, land managers, academics and others involved in natural land management to attend and present a paper or poster about their work. This year's theme acknowledges the changing nature of the protection and management needs facing Natural Areas in the 21st century. The strategies we employ now evolved from the vision of NAA founders 31 years ago. In 2004, we continue an open and important discussion with increasing emphasis on what we must do to sustain Natural Areas in ever changing landscapes. Presentations, workshops, field trips and social events will help us refine and inspire our collective tasks for the future. The conference will feature presentations on natural areas inventory, monitoring and management, species reintroduction, restoration techniques, invasive species, rare species conservation, prescribed fire, compatible use, effective communication and partnerships. It will also include special forums on: Impacts of emerging disease and the impacts of diseases on natural areas, Preserve system design and implementation, Maintaining wild areas in expanding urban areas, Communicating and educating the public about natural areas issues. For more information about the Natural Areas Association, visit <http://www.naturalarea.org/>

PROTECTING AND RESTORING WETLANDS OF INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE. October 19-20, 2004, Hilton Kansas City Airport, Kansas City, Missouri. Sponsored by: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Ducks Unlimited. To submit an abstract or to obtain further information, contact Sharon Weaver: (518) 872-1804, <mailto:sharon.weaver@aswm.org>. For more information visit: <http://www.aswm.org/calendar/wetlands2004/agenda2004.htm>

VI SYMPOSIUM OF ZOOLOGY, Topes de Collantes, Sancti Spiritus, Cuba, November 15-20, 2004. The symposium is celebrated by the Institute of Ecology and Systematics jointly with the Cuban Zoological Society and other entities involved in the study and preservation of biodiversity. The event will include plenary lectures, Round Tables, Workshops, Oral Presentations, and Poster Exhibitions assessing aspects of Systematics, Ecology, Behavior, Evolution, Monitoring, Conservation, Environmental Education and other areas covered by Zoological Studies. For more information visit: <http://www.geocities.com/zoologiacubana/simposio> and <http://www.geocities.com/zoologiacubana/meeting.htm> or write to <mailto:zoología.ies@ama.cu> or [direccion.ies@ama.cu](mailto:direccion.ies@ama.cu)

VIII CONGRESS OF THE MESOAMERICAN SOCIETY FOR BIOLOGY AND CONSERVATION, Crowne Plaza Convention Center, Managua, Nicaragua, November 15-19, 2004. "Science and Technology for Conservation and Sustainable Development". The academic program will include oral presentation sessions, poster sessions, key-note conferences and symposia, courses and workshops. The deadline for proposals for key-note conferences and symposia, courses and forums is May 30, 2004. Reception for proposals of oral presentation will begin June 1 and end August 30, 2004. For more information contact the Organizing Committee, at: <mailto:congresosmbc@fundar.org.ni> or visit the Society's website at: <http://www.socmesoamericana.org/ev.php>

WATERBIRD SOCIETY AND THE PACIFIC SEABIRD GROUP JOINT CONGRESS. January 19-23, 2005. Portland, Oregon, USA. Every year biologists involved in research on seabirds and individuals interested in the conservation of shorebirds gather and share the results of their work. Details on this congress will be available in September. Anyone interested in organizing a symposium or workshop should contact: Dr. Robert Day, Sub-Director, PSG, <mailto:bday@abrinc.com> or Dr. Francie Cuthbert, Director Scientific Program, WS, <mailto:cuthb001@umn.edu>. For other questions contact the Director of the Organizing Committee: Katie O'Reilly, <mailto:oreilly@up.edu>. For more information on WS: <http://www.waterbirds.org/index.htm>. For more information on PSG: <http://www.pacificseabirdgroup.org/mtg.html>

## PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

HANBOOK OF THE BIRDS OF THE WORLD, VOL 9: Cotingas to Pipits and Wagtails. Edited by: Josep del Hoyo, Andrew Elliott and David Christie, BirdLife International, Lynx Edition. The book has 78 color plates, 440 color photographs, 809 distribution maps. US\$ 165. For more information visit: <http://www.hbw.com/index.html>

CURASSOWS AND RELATED BIRDS, by Jean Delacour and Dean Amadon. Update Chapter by Josep del Hoyo and Anna Motis. Illustrated by Albert Earl Gilbert. This 476 pages book includes Chachalacas, Guans, Curassows, etc. consists of 50 very particular species of birds, typical of Middle and South America, mostly rare and threatened. US\$ 75. For more information visit: <http://www.hbw.com/index.html>

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