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Dear Readers:

I would like to thank you for the enormous interest you've shown in our new web page of La Tangara through your visits, with an average of 800 hits per month and the electronic subscription of more than 150 new subscribers to the newsletter. For 2005, my intention is to improve the site, so I welcome suggestions for the improvement of ornithological communications in the region.

The Symposium for Bird Conservation in Mesoamerica hosted by Partners in Flight was held in Managua, Nicaragua in November of this year. We hope we have made concrete steps for improving bird conservation in the region. When there is the will, and people and organizations united, we can reach mutual goals and develop new successful conservation activities.

May you all have happy holidays and it is my greatest wish that we all have a prosperous and successful new year.

Cheers,

Jose M. Zolotoff-Pallais
Editor

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPOSIUM ON BIRD CONSERVATION IN MESOAMERICA: STRENGTHENING THE PARTNERS IN FLIGHT NETWORK

As part of the activities of the VIII Congress of the Mesoamerican Society for Biology and Conservation, held November 15 - 19, at the Crowne Plaza, Managua, Nicaragua, FUNDACION COCIBOLCA organized the bird conservation symposium with the following objectives: 1) To consolidate the alliance between institutions and people in Mesoamerica interested in bird conservation through the reorganization of the existing alliance of *Compañeros en Vuelo* (Partners in Flight); 2) to identify working and coordinating mechanisms for the group; 3) to present the results of research and conservation projects in the Mesoamerican region. The event had 60 participants representing government, private institutions, independent consultants, and students dedicated to bird conservation in the Mesoamerican region, as well as institutions of the United States. As part of the agreements reached, national working groups will be reestablished and Jose M Zolotoff-Pallais will be the interim regional coordinator, and he will travel to Washington DC in March 2005 to present the organizational and functional structure of the Mesoamerican group to the Partners in Flight Western Working Group. The symposium was carried out with funds from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and support from Partners in Flight USA. For more information contact: José M Zolotoff-Pallais, Symposium Coordinator and Scientific Advisor for FUNDACION COCIBOLCA, <mailto:zolotoff@ibw.com.ni>

KEY HABITAT IS PROTECTED IN MEXICO THROUGH EASEMENTS

The Llano de Soledad, Nuevo Leon, Mexico extends for 18,000 ha, it is ecologically important because it maintains open grasslands used by the Mexican prairie dog (*Cynomys mexicanus*). This colony is one of the most extensive, continuous and important found in North America. The Mexican Prairie Dog is a source of food for a number of migratory raptors such as Golden Eagles (*Aquila chrysaetos*), Ferruginous hawks (*Buteo regalis*) and Burrowing Owls (*Athene cunicularia*). The importance of the site for shorebirds resides in the fact that it offers habitat for about 500 Mountain Plovers (*Charadrius montanus*) during their non breeding station and for a small isolated population of the same species that breeds there. Furthermore, in Llano de Soledad a count of up to 6,000 Long-billed Curlews (*Numenius americanus*) has been recorded which represents between 15-30% of its world population. The endemic Worthen's sparrow (*Spizella wortheni*) is also found here. On October 2, 2004 a Contract of Usufruct, or conservation easement, was signed to conserve for 20 years 3,264 ha of lands in Llano de Soledad, communally owned by the Carbonera Community, Municipality of Galeana, Nuevo Leon. The community received an incentive of \$55,000 dollars which will be used to solve some of the community's problems. The easement is basically a legal mechanism that permits the use and enjoyment of land transferring the rights of utilization of resources of a parcel or of common use to a person or organization, in this case for a period of 20 years. The process of nominating the site as a "Site of International Importance" of the WHSRN is in progress. For more information contact: Miguel Ángel Cruz, Pronatura Noreste, <mailto:mcruz@pronaturane.org>

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ZELEDONIA

Central America does not have an ornithological journal where researchers can share topics of regional interest. Although Zeledonia, the newsletter of the Ornithological Association of Costa Rica (AOCR as initialled in Spanish), concentrates on the avifauna of the country, it would like to open spaces for regional topics. For this we are inviting researchers to send contributions on ornithological and conservation topics of regional interest related to the birds of Costa Rica. The journal is published in June and November; articles must be received at least by the previous month. The journal circulates in an electronic version in the webpage of AOCR <http://www.zeledonia.org> and in print for members of AOCR and institutions and organizations in the country and region. Contributions must be no greater than 12 pages, double spaced, with complete bibliography. Contributions are submitted to a complete editorial and scientific review. To submit contribution or for more information, contact: Roy May, <mailto:roymay@pensamientos.com>

BRUCE PENINSULA BIRD OBSERVATORY HELPS MoSI EFFORTS IN NICARAGUA

The Bruce Peninsula Bird Observatory (BPBO) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the birds of the Bruce Peninsula in Canada. Its goal is to promote and foster the study, appreciation and conservation of birds and their habitats on the Bruce Peninsula. BPBO is actively involved in monitoring, research and education projects. To date BPBO has raised more than \$700.00 Canadian Dollars for the Monitoring Over-wintering Survival of Migratory Birds (MoSI) Program in Nicaragua. MoSI is a cooperative effort among organizations, researchers, and bird banders in Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean aimed at evaluating the quality of winter habitats for migratory landbirds. Nicaragua is entering its third year in the MoSI program and has 7 stations covering habitats from cloud forests to rustic coffee plantations. The BPBO's contributions will aid the MoSI efforts in Nicaragua by helping to buy needed equipment, like bird bands for resident birds, cover field expenses and transportation costs. For more information on the MoSI efforts in Nicaragua and Central America, contact: Salvadora Morales, ALAS, Regional Coordinator MoSI Central America, <mailto:salvadora@avesnicaragua.org>. For more information on BPBO visit: <http://www.bpbo.ca/>

MoSI DATA ANALYSIS WORKSHOP

The MoSI Data Analysis Workshop took place during the VIII Congress of the Mesoamerican Society for Biology and Conservation held in Managua, Nicaragua. The Workshop was organized by Alianza para las Areas Silvestres (ALAS) of Nicaragua with support from Partners-in-Flight Mesoamerica. The purpose of the workshop was to train MoSI station coordinators and volunteers in the operation of the MARK program. The course was given by Jim Saracco from the Institute for Bird Populations, California, and was attended by representatives of MoSI stations from: Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Panama. For more information on the workshop, or the MoSI program, contact: Salvadora Morales, ALAS, Regional Coordinator MoSI Central America, <mailto:salvadora@avesnicaragua.org>.

WEB NEWS

NOAA'S CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTRE has a monthly update of the forecast for El Niño at: http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis_monitoring/enso_advisory/index.html

BIRD SOUND RECORDINGS: The site now has listings of recordings for 7590 species at: <http://www.birrding.freemove.co.uk>

COLLECTION OF BIRD RELATED INTERNET SITES at: <http://www.worldtwitch.com/links.htm>

THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF THE AUK is now available on-line at: <http://www.aou.org/auk/content.php3>

SHORT VIDEO ON MONITORING RAPTOR MIGRATION OF THE PANAMA AUDUBON SOCIETY, AND HAWK MOUNTAIN SANCTUARY at: <http://www.albatrosmedia.net>

CIPAMEX web page at: <http://www.cipamex.org.mx>

WILDLIFE MATERIALS INTERNATIONAL Inc at: <http://www.wildlifematerials.com>

NOVEMBER 2004 ISSUE OF THE "ALL-BIRD BULLETIN" with NABCI (North American Bird Conservation Initiative) news at: <http://www.nabci-us.org/news.html>

IMPORTANT BIRD SITES

- Abstracts for the 2004 Journal Ecology and Evolutionary Research available at: <http://www.evolutionary-ecology.com/>
- Training workshop helps conserve dry forests
http://www.birdlife.org/news/news/2004/12/darwin_peru.html
- Road to ruin for rare parrot http://www.birdlife.org/news/news/2004/12/st_vincent.html
- Telonics, Inc. at: <http://www.telonics.com/literature/products.html>

FUNDING

AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS UNION STUDENT MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

The Council of The American Ornithologists' Union (AOU) is pleased to announce the continuation of its program of student membership awards in the form of free, three-year AOU memberships to qualified undergraduate or graduate students interested in pursuing a career in ornithology. To qualify, students must: Have no current or prior membership in the AOU; provide a brief resume or curriculum vitae describing the current degree program, the expected date of completion and the candidate's academic and/or work experience, and interests in ornithology; provide a brief letter of sponsorship from an academic advisor from the institution in which the student is currently enrolled. Membership grants will provide full membership in the AOU (including subscription to The Auk) for three consecutive years and are not renewable. Students should send materials prior to 1 January 2005 to receive their first issue of The Auk in January 2005. The AOU reserves the right to limit the number of grants provided during one academic year to 200. There are no geographic restrictions on these awards. Send materials to: Dr. Erica Nol, Chair, AOU Membership Committee, Biology Department, Trent University, Peterborough, ON K9J 7B8, Canada <mailto:enol@trentu.ca>

THE 2005 CANON NATIONAL PARKS SCIENCE SCHOLARS PROGRAM FOR THE AMERICAS

The Canon National Parks Science Scholars Program is pleased to announce its 2005 competition. The program is a collaboration among Canon U.S.A., Inc., the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the US National Park Service. Thanks to a generous commitment by Canon U.S.A., Inc., the program will be awarding eight US\$78,000 scholarships to Ph.D. students throughout the Americas to conduct research critical to conserving the national parks of the region. Research projects in the biological, physical, social and cultural sciences are eligible, as well as projects in a new category—technology innovation in support of conservation science. Applications must be received by 2 May 2005. For information about the Canon National Parks Science Scholars Program and a copy of the Application Guide, please visit the website at: <http://www.nature.nps.gov/canonscholarships/>

NORTH STAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSMITTER GRANT PROGRAM

North Star Science and Technology, LLC and American Bird Conservancy announce the 3rd annual North Star Science and Technology Transmitter Grant Program. There are two major changes in the program effective this year: 1) The grant program will award more transmitters, a total of eight (8) satellite transmitters (Argos Platform Transmitter Terminals (PTTs), to one or two recipients (8 PTTs to one project or 4 PTTs to each of two projects); and 2) The program is now open to projects throughout the world. PTTs are powerful, cutting-edge tools for the study of bird migration that greatly extend the range over which individual birds can be tracked. Studies using PTTs can teach us much about avian biology and contribute invaluable data for bird conservation. North Star is providing the PTTs in the spirit of giving back to the research community that they serve, with the condition that the resulting data are available for use in an Earthspan's (<http://www.earthspan.org>) educational program entitled, "Eye of the Falcon," which uses satellite tracking data to teach young people about bird migration and conservation. American Bird Conservancy (<http://www.abcbirds.org>) will handle the proposal submission process, review proposals, and select the winning projects. Please see <http://www.northstarst.com> for more information and proposal

guidelines. Deadline for proposals is February 2, 2005. Any further questions about the program can be directed to George E. Wallace, American Bird Conservancy, <mailto:gwallace@abcbirds.org>, Tel: 540-253-5780 Fax: 540-253-5782.

TRAINING / JOB OPPORTUNITIES

PARK FLIGHT INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS IN US NATIONAL PARKS

The Park Flight Migratory Bird Program works to protect migratory birds that share their habitat between US and Latin America in National Parks and Protected Areas through activities such as bird monitoring, outreach and education programs, and opportunities for technical assistance and cooperation. The Park Flight Program is a partnership between the National Park Service (NPS), National Park Foundation, American Airlines, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the University of Arizona. The program includes internships for Latin American professionals from Mexico and Central America. Working through the NPS International Volunteers in Parks Program, Latin American biologists and educators assist with Park Flight efforts in National Parks in the U.S.A. These international internships give the opportunity for an exchange of knowledge and experience including science, culture and language. The internships begin from May to August, and usually last two to three months. To apply the required skills are: experience with bird banding and/or outreach and education, and at least an intermediate English speaking level. Some training is provided, and interns are asked to give presentations about bird conservation in their countries. Candidates must be able to apply the skills gained in the U.S. to bird conservation efforts in national parks or protected areas in their home countries. The program covers expenses of: airfare, housing, necessary equipment, a required J-1 visa, and medical insurance during their internship. Park Flight makes all the necessary arrangements. Interns receive US \$700.00 a month for food and other expenses. In 2005, there will be at least six internships available including at the following U.S. national parks: Point Reyes National Seashore, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Parks in California; Bandelier National Monument and other parks in New Mexico; and North Cascades National Park in Washington. Specific dates will be available later, and there may be additional internship opportunities at other parks. Interested and qualified candidates from Mexico and Central America should send a CV (Spanish is okay), with a cover letter in English, by January 31, 2005, to the program coordinator, Carol Beidleman, <mailto:BeidlemanC@aol.com>

INTERNSHIP FOR MEXICAN, CENTRAL, AND SOUTH AMERICAN BIOLOGISTS

The Willamette National Forest's Neotropical Migratory Bird Program will host a Latin American biologist during the summer and fall of 2005. As during the past seven years, the program will link our Forest's internship program with an internship work experience through the Institute for Bird Populations in Pt. Reyes, California. Between May 1 and August 8, the selected intern would participate in the Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship program and be part of a two-person team operating mist-netting stations on the Willamette National Forest in Oregon. Once that work is completed, the Willamette National Forest would provide an additional month of training and work experience, based on the interest and needs of the individual. In 2005, the intern will stay an additional 2 months through the end of October to organize and implement environmental education activities for schools and local organizations. A good comprehension of English, knowledge and some experience with birds, experience with and a strong interest in natural resource education, public speaking, and the ability to work outdoors are required. Roundtrip airfare, housing and a per diem allowance will be covered. Application deadline is January 15, 2005. The complete application information can be found at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette/admin/volunteer/index.html>. For further questions, contact Ruby Seitz, McKenzie River Ranger District, phone: (541)822-7256, fax: (541)822-7254, <mailto:ruseitz@fs.fed.us>.

DUCKS UNLIMITED - MEXICO SEEKS BIOLOGIST

Ducks Unlimited of Mexico, A.C. is soliciting an interested person in working in the conservation of aquatic birds and wetlands, especially that has field experience and is willing to reside in Nuevo Leon. If you are interested send CV along with a phone number where you can be located, to Ing. Gabriela de la Fuente de Leon, <mailto:gdelafuente@dumac.org>

HOME STUDY COURSE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Cornell University Laboratory of Ornithology is pleased to invite applications for the first annual Home Study Course Scholarship Program (HSC). The HSC in Bird Biology plays a vital role in the Lab of Ornithology's education mission by helping disseminate the fundamental scientific foundations of avian biology to the interested public and to people who can apply such knowledge directly to their own professional development. The primary goal of this program is to provide the Home Study Course to individuals actively engaged in bird/biodiversity conservation, research, and science education related work that are challenged by access to funding for professional development activities. Recipients of the Home Study Course in Bird Biology Scholarship will receive all of the necessary course materials, a one-year membership to the Lab of Ornithology that carries special benefits and includes our Birdscope newsletter and award winning magazine Living Bird, full support from the Course Instructor, and the opportunity to submit exams and earn a Certificate of successful completion. Scholarship applications will be accepted at any time and should consist of the following items: Your full name and address, your position/title, the name of the organization that you are affiliated with, and how you heard about our scholarship program; a cover letter detailing your affiliation, stating that you are applying to the HSC Scholarship Program, and a short 'bio' telling us a little bit about your personal and professional self; a Curriculum Vitae or Resume; an approximately one to three page proposal describing your current bird/biodiversity conservation and/or education efforts and how the knowledge and training provided by the HSC will help you achieve these goals; one or more letters of recommendation, including appropriate contact information. Send application/materials to: <mailto:hstudy@cornell.edu> or to: Home Study Course Scholarship Program, ATTN: APPLICATIONS Cornell Lab of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, NY 14850-1999. For more information visit: <http://birds.cornell.edu/homestudy/HSCScholarshipInfo.html>.

POSITION AVAILABLE FOR A CONSERVATION SPECIALIST

Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences seeks a conservation specialist to work closely with the director of the Coordinating Office of the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network (WHSRN). Duties include the management of WHSRN's information base; communicating with and supporting WHSRN councilors and partners; participating in site-based conservation planning activities; and other tasks as assigned. Working knowledge of standard database, word-processing, presentation, and GIS software is required, as is a degree in a biological/ecological field or equivalent experience. Experience in avian conservation partnerships and the ability to communicate in Spanish are highly desirable. Competitive salary and benefits; free rustic housing available. Send resume, cover letter, and list of three references <mailto:WHSRNjob@manomet.org>, or to: WHSRN-CS, MCCS, Box 1770, Manomet, MA 02345, USA.

WILDLIFE TECHNICIANS NEEDED IN PUERTO RICO

Two Wildlife Technicians are needed to work on field tropical biology project in Puerto Rico, Feb - Jul 2005. Techs will assist Master's student in conducting field research including artificial nest experiments and bird censuses. Project is examining rates of predation on artificial avian nests and assessing the influence of nest location, nest type, and habitat type on nest predation, as well as using motion-sensitive cameras to capture incidence of predation. Fieldwork involves strenuous hiking over steep, uneven terrain, and long field days in a humid environment. Desired qualifications include previous ornithological field experience, background in wildlife biology or related field, and capability of performing physical tasks. Applicants should be in good physical condition, willing to work unusual or inconsistent hours, self-motivated, enthusiastic, and able to work alone or as part of a team. Ability to drive a manual transmission and some knowledge of Spanish is preferred. Benefits include \$1200 monthly stipend, housing, and field gear. Travel to and from Puerto Rico will be reimbursed upon completion of the field season. To apply send cover letter, resume, and

at least 3 references (with phone numbers and email addresses) who can attest to the quality of your field skills. For more information or to apply, contact Jessica Gleffe, <mailto:jdgleffe@unity.ncsu.edu>

DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION ADVOCACY

The American Bird Conservancy's (ABC) advocacy programs advance the organization's mission by informing and educating policy-makers and resource managers about bird conservation needs and solutions, and influencing government agencies and multilateral institutions regarding policy, resource allocation, and international conventions. The Director of Conservation Advocacy leads ABC's efforts to improve policy affecting birds in the U.S. and assists in related efforts throughout the Americas. The Director of Conservation Advocacy provides management and oversight for ABC advocacy programs and staff, and leads in developing ABC policy positions, projects, and programs. Position Requirements are: 1) An advanced degree preferably in law, policy, or a natural resources field; 2) At least five years of experience in advocacy or policy-related work pertaining to wildlife conservation or environmental issues; 3) Excellent oral and written communications skills; 4) A talent for leadership; 5) Demonstrable success in supervising staff, managing programs, effectively advancing multiple projects at the same time, and completing complex projects; 6) Ability to work both independently and as part of teams; 7) Fundraising background, skills, and interest desirable. Deadline for applications is January 14 2005. To apply send resume, writing sample, and three references to: American Bird Conservancy, P.O. Box 249, 4249 Loudoun Avenue, The Plains, VA 20198, or send to: <mailto:mmorr@abcbirds.org>

MEETINGS

WATER BIRD 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>

INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT CONGRESS. Costa Rica, February 21-25, 2005. The congress is part of the XX Anniversary Celebration of the Regional Wildlife Management Program. You can send abstracts of posters or oral presentations to: mailto:congreso_prmvs@yahoo.com with copy to: <mailto:congreso@una.ac.cr>. For more information visit: http://www.una.ac.cr/vida_silvestre

STUDENT CONFERENCE ON CONSERVATION SCIENCE 2005. Cambridge, March 22-24, 2005. For more information visit: <http://www.zoo.cam.ac.uk/scs/>

ECUADORIAN ORNITHOLOGY MEETING. Universidad San Francisco de Quito, in Cumbayá, Quito, Ecuador, March 3 - 5 2005. The meeting will be, for many, a first opportunity to communicate with other colleagues, and for some, the moment to fortify and reestablish cooperation links, which is why we are giving priority to discussion and conversation sessions. In the three day meeting we have planned keynote addresses, talks focused on the themes to be discussed, oral contributions, and poster sessions, round tables and special events. Field trips will also be available immediately after the meetings. For more information contact the Organizing Committee at: mailto:reunion_aves_ec@yahoo.es

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

RAPTORS OF MEXICO (AVES RAPACES DE MEXICO) By Fernando Urbina Torres and illustrated by Guillermo Morales Gonzalez. This book was produced with the support of CONABIO, of the Fund for the Modernization of Superior Education of the Secretary of Public Education, and the Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Morelos. It provides information on 85 raptor species that live in Mexico. The guide consists of various chapters that range from distribution of raptors in Mexico and their migration, to the topography of a bird of prey and endangered species. In the description of each species information is provided on its size, details on plumage and shape of the body and head, as well as data on its reproduction, vocalizations and distribution. For more information or to purchase the book, contact: Fernando Urbina Torres, Laboratorio de Ornitología, Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Morelos, Av. Universidad No. 1001. Col. Chamilpa, Cuernavaca, Morelos CP. 62210. Tel: (777)3297029, <mailto:urbina@cib.uaem.mx>

BIRD SONGS AND CALLS OF THE FLORA AND FAUNA PROTECTION AREA – CHICHINAUTZIN BIOLOGICAL CORRIDOR By Claudia Romo de Vivar Alvarez and Fernando Urbina Torres. The CD was produced with the support of CONABIO and the Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Morelos. This production contains songs and calls of 45 bird species of the Chichinautzin Biological Corridor, recorded from May to September 2001 in the locations of Tlalnepantla, San Andrés de la Cal, Chamilpa, Huertas de San Pedro and Lagunas de Zempoala. The CD has a list of scientific and English names following the AOU list (1998), and also includes a list of common names used in the region. For more information or to purchase the CD, contact: Fernando Urbina Torres, Laboratorio de Ornitología, Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Morelos, Av. Universidad No. 1001. Col. Chamilpa, Cuernavaca, Morelos CP. 62210. Tel: (777) 3297029, <mailto:urbina@cib.uaem.mx>

MANUAL FOR MONITORING MIGRATORY BIRDS IN COLOMBIA

The Manual for Monitoring Migratory Birds is a document that gathers concepts and techniques for the study and conservation of these species emphasizing the work that can be done from Private Reserves. It also includes detailed descriptions of the activities implemented for capacitating groups of local young people, and the text narrates through their experience and vision the development of the process. This document constitutes the first material produced for Colombia in Spanish, written in simple language and oriented to a wide public, for which it constitutes a valuable tool for national ornithology. The manual is the product of the project: "Fortifying Local Capacities for the Conservation of Neotropical Migratory Birds in the Network of Natural Reserves of the Civil Society of Colombia" of the Colombian Network Association of Natural Reserves of the Civil Society, World Wildlife Fund WWF- Colombia, and the Association for the study and conservation of aquatic birds of Colombia "Calidris". The Manual for monitoring migratory birds in Colombia is available on line and can be downloaded from:

<http://www.resnatur.org.co/publicaciones/?orden=aleatorio>. For more information contact: Isadora Angarita Martínez mailto:aves_migratorias@hotmail.com or <mailto:isadorangarita@telesat.com.co>

"WHERE TO WATCH BIRDS IN PERU"

New birding guide to Peru by Thomas Valqui. Copies are \$29 plus \$3 shipping & handling. Please visit <http://www.tvalqui.com/> for more information and reviews or email us at: <mailto:widdowson@saber.net>

RECENT LITERATURE

Issues in Cotinga 21: <http://www.neotropicalbirdclub.org/contents.asp?IssueID=21>

First description of the nest and vocalizations of the Peruvian Antpitta *Grallarica peruviana* with a northward range extension; Notas sobre la historia natural, distribución y conservación de algunas especies de aves amenazadas del suroccidente de Ecuador; More distributional data on Ecuadorian birds; Notes on the breeding biology of Ladder-tailed Nightjar *Hydropsalis climacocerca* in Bolivia; Additional notes on eight bird species from Belize; Description of the nest, egg and nestling of Watkins's Antpitta *Grallaria watkinsi*;

Further observations of birds from Colima and adjacent Jalisco, Mexico; Catálogo de especímenes recientes de aves de las sierras Juárez y San Pedro Mártir, e inmediaciones, noroeste de Baja California, México; First record of Black-throated Blue Warbler *Dendroica caerulescens* for Ecuador; New information on plumage, nesting, behaviour and vocalisations of the Bolivian Swallow-tailed Cotinga *Phibalura flavirostris boliviana* from the Apolo area of Madidi National Park, Bolivia; Notes on nesting in the Bronzy Jacamar *Galbula leucogastris* in Peru; First record of wintering Swainson's Warbler *Limnothlypis swainsonii* in Chiapas, Mexico; First sight record of Alpine Swift *Tachymarptis melba* for South America, in French Guiana; Feeding observations on Scarlet Macaw *Ara macao* in Costa Rica; Primer registro de *Arenaria interpres* para Bolivia; Yellow Warbler *Dendroica petechia cruciana* successfully nesting in a man-made, disturbed location; New records concerning range and altitudinal distribution of Tropical Mockingbird *Mimus gilvus* in Ecuador .

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