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# LA TANGARA



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## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

This year has been one of great commitments because I have been selected to represent the Partners in Flight Mesoamerican Working Group (PIF MESO) under two new positions, one as the new regional coordinator and second as co-chair of the International Working Group of Partners in Flight, along with my good friend Carol Beidleman, of the Park Flight Migratory Bird Program. I also had the opportunity of traveling to Washington DC to attend two big events, the Partners in Flight Implementation Committee (in Laurel, Maryland) and the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies - Partners in Flight / Shorebird/ Waterbird Working Group at the 70th North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference (Arlington, Virginia), where I presented the bird conservation priorities at a regional and national level. In this last event, the Partners in Flight Council voted so the Mesoamerican group would have a seat in the discussion table.

It will be a great honor for me to fulfill these two roles and continue working on bird conservation in Mesoamerica, not without first thanking the PIF MESO national coordinators for their support in the organization of the national groups. You can find more on this information in the news section of this issue.

Finally, I have received with great honor, in name of La Tangara, the Partners in Flight Award under the Public Awareness category. I dedicate this recognition to C.J. Ralph, Borja Milá and others that started this idea of regional communication for birds, to them many thanks!

Cheers,  
José Zolotoff-Pallais  
Editor

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MESOAMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN US PIF MEETINGS

In March 2005, the Regional Coordinator of the Partners in Flight Mesoamerica Working Group (PIF MESO) had the opportunity to present in the United States on regional and national priority bird conservation projects in Mesoamerica. Presentations were given to the Partners in Flight Implementation Committee (March 14-15 in Laurel, Maryland) and the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies - Partners in Flight / Shorebird/ Waterbird Working Group at the 70th North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference (March 16-18 in Arlington, Virginia). An important outcome of the North American Conference was an invitation by the Partners in Flight Council to have the PIF MESO Regional Coordinator join the Council. With this invitation, Mesoamerica acquires a seat at the table where international topics are discussed, expanding the Council from previous representation by the United States, Canada, and Mexico. The Mesoamerican regional and national bird conservation needs were also presented to the different agencies with international programs for eventual medium-term support. To follow-up on these commitments and opportunities, a fourth meeting of PIF MESO national coordinators is foreseen during the IX Congress of the Mesoamerican Society of Biology and Conservation in Honduras. This meeting's objective is to create a work plan for the PIF MESO group. A brief analysis on Important Bird Areas in each country will be made to initiate cooperation between PIF MESO and BirdLife International, and a one-day data analysis workshop may be organized by PRBO Conservation Science (Point Reyes Bird Observatory). Currently, the PIF MESO Regional Coordinator is writing a proposal for funding which includes transportation, registration, lodging and food during the days of the Congress. If funding allows, additional participation per country will be sought. For more information on the results of PIF MESO's participation in these U.S. meetings, contact: JM Zolotoff-Pallais, Regional Coordinator Partners in Flight -Mesoamerica, <mailto:zolotoff@ibw.com.ni>

### LA TANGARA RECEIVES PARTNERS IN FLIGHT PUBLIC AWARENESS AWARD

*By Carol Beidleman, Park Flight Migratory Bird Program*

At the 70<sup>th</sup> North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference in March in Arlington, Virginia, José Manuel Zolotoff-Pallais received the 2004 Partners in Flight Public Awareness Award for La Tangara. During his more than five years as editor of La Tangara, his dedication to improving its effectiveness as a communication tool has been resolute and tireless. José Manuel facilitated the transition from a hard copy newsletter to an electronic bulletin, distributed through an e-mail list he manages. During his tenure as editor, the subscriber database has grown to 1,400 subscribers from 23 countries. He has promoted La Tangara at national, regional, and international meetings in order to broaden awareness of its existence and benefits, and to increase subscribership. Through his own initiative, José Manuel has also developed a new La Tangara web page, whose objective is to strengthen the connection between the people and institutions working with birds in the Neotropics. Thanks to José Manuel's innovative spirit, capable editing and project management, and outstanding leadership, La Tangara has become one of the most effective and invaluable

tools in existence for improving communication about bird conservation issues among countries in North America, Mesoamerica, South America, and the Caribbean. We congratulate José Manuel on this well-deserved award! (A picture of him accepting the award is on the Partners in Flight home page at <http://www.partnersinflight.org>)

#### CONSERVATION STATUS OF HARPY EAGLE IN PANAMA

In April, the Harpy Eagle is celebrated as National Bird of the Republic of Panama. This eagle is endangered with extinction, and is seriously threatened by hunting of all types, be it subsistence, commercial, sport or tradition. The hunting of its prey and the destruction of its habitat, illegal trade of individuals, also affect the species. Currently the available habitat for the species in Panama is estimated at 20,897 Km<sup>2</sup>, which is 28% of the national territory. Of these, 32% (6,759 Km<sup>2</sup>), or 9% of the national territory is under some type of protection through the different categories of the National System of Protected Areas (SINAP as initialed in Spanish), being Darien National Park, Chagres National Park and Palo Seco Protected Forest, the most important areas. It is notable that the majority of this habitat coincides with different indigenous territories. The survival of the 209 pairs of Harpy Eagle estimated for Panama will only be guaranteed when a network of reserves is established that includes protected areas, indigenous territories and private land. Also, divulge and promote sustainable and environmental education projects with the communities as the main actors. It would be important to include reforestation projects with native species that this bird uses and even more important will be faithful enforcement of existing laws, where future infrastructure and forest concessions respect the natural environment. This way, we will conserve healthy populations of the species throughout the national territory. For more information contact Karla Aparicio, [k\\_aparicio@yahoo.com](mailto:k_aparicio@yahoo.com), or visit: <http://www.aguilaharpia.org>

#### DUPLICATE JOURNALS FOR EXCHANGE

The Peregrine Fund Research Library has a large number of duplicate ornithological journals for exchange on a 1:1 basis for other journals that we need. Alternatively, but less preferable, we are willing to sell any of our duplicates for a low price. We are trying hard to complete our sets of biological journals from Latin American countries, and we are interested in exchanging duplicates with institutions and individuals in the Neotropical Region. Our duplicates list is posted as a PDF file on our website <http://www.peregrinefund.org> - go to "Research Library" and then to "Journals for Exchange." Our program of supplying free PDF copies of any article in our collection continues, hence our never-ending quest to obtain everything we can for our library. Inquiries may be sent to <mailto:library@peregrinefund.org>.

#### NEWS FROM THE U.S. BIRD BANDING LAB

The U.S. Bird Banding Laboratory (BBL) has just issued the most recent of its Memoranda to All Birders (MTAB), which is full of interesting and important news about bird banding. The March 2005 MTAB, which is the last one that will be sent in print to current banding permit holders, can be found at <http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/BBL/mtab/mtab87.htm#permit>. Future issues will be published on the web and the BBL has also established a listserv called BBLNEWS. Instructions for subscribing are given in the MTAB, or, if you prefer not to subscribe, you will be able to read archived messages at <http://rana.er.usgs.gov/read/?forum=bblnews>.

#### FIRST ECUADORIAN ORNITHOLOGICAL MEETING

The First Ecuadorian Ornithological Meeting was held at Universidad San Francisco de Quito, on 3-5 March 2005. With nearly 140 attendants, 5 plenary talks, 7 talks on specific topics later discussed at workshops, and 31 oral and poster contributions, this first meeting is a landmark step towards the creation of a National Ornithological Network, and to the development of the largely needed National Strategy for the Conservation of Birds. Specific topics discussed included: Conservation Initiatives, Conservation of Threatened Species, Strategies for a National Network of Ornithologists, Bird Tourism, Environmental Education, Migratory Birds and Wetlands, and Bird Conservation in the Galapagos. In addition, three special events were carried out: an illustration exhibition of birds of Quito by J. M. Carrión, a photo show (with photographs of several well-known nature photographers), and a homage to the most notable ornithologists of the last decades (including the late Fernando Ortiz-Crespo). The Neotropical Bird Club donated three

subscriptions which were given as awards for the best contributions. Next meeting will be held in 2006 in Guayaquil. The meeting proceedings are due to be published in April 2005, and will also be available at the meeting web page: <http://www.geocities.com/reunionavesecuador>.

#### TUMBESIA AN RESERVE SECURES FUTURE FOR ENDEMIC BIRDS

Some of the most important areas for endemic birds in South America, the dry forests of La Ceiba and Romeros at the center of the Tumbesian region in Ecuador, have had their future secured. The 1,680 hectare Hacienda Romeros estate, which still retains 80% of its semi-deciduous forest cover, has been purchased as a nature reserve by BirdLife International, in collaboration with Fundación Científica San Francisco (FCSF) and Nature and Culture International (NCI). BirdLife has designated the site an Important Bird Area (IBA), Tumbesia-La Ceiba-Zapotillo Natural Reserve. These forests provide the major stronghold for a number of globally threatened birds including the Grey-cheeked Parakeet (*Brotopogeris pyrrhopterus*) and Blackish-headed Spinetail (*Synallaxis tithys*), both endangered. The new reserve will also protect watersheds on which thousands of families depend and prevent erosion caused by deforestation and overgrazing. Local communities will be involved in sustainable activities using forest resources such as medicinal plants, fibers and fruit. Income will be generated from visitors and a number of local jobs will be created. BirdLife is part of a consortium of conservation groups called Bosques sin Fronteras, which is coordinating conservation action in the region. For more information visit <http://www.birdlife.org>

#### AVE PROJECT

The Specialized Visual Archive (AVE as initialed in Spanish) project is an ambitious initiative proponing to document Venezuelan nature from distinct ambits and through a wide range of visual resources: photography, audiovisual, internet, expositions. A year of field work is planned to photographically register a representative sample of the birds of the Venezuelan Andes, concretely the ones in the national parks in the Andean states. This project hopes to be a first contribution to ornithological knowledge for the general public and will have as a goal an editorial result of high graphic quality and content that will incentive the common citizen to conserve the environment. For this, we seek the help of organisms that can provide us with some of the vital resources for the development of this ambitious idea, it is worth mentioning that the project has 120 species well documented and identified, but our financial resources are ending and we need help. If someone is interested in helping our efforts, please contact: <mailto:fabian@pachamama.com.ve> and <mailto:clemente@pachamama.com.ve>

#### FRANCOIS VUILLEUMIER FUND AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

The goal of the Francois Vuilleumier Fund is to award one or more cash grants per year for thesis studies of Neotropical birds to one or several graduate students from any country in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Committee for the Francois Vuilleumier Fund for Research on Neotropical Birds has awarded funding to three Latin American students for their research on Neotropical birds. This year, seven students applied to the Fund, which provided \$1,000 for student research. The committee offers congratulations to the three Francois Vuilleumier Fund awardees: Marcos Robalinho Lima, University of Brasília, Brazil, Project: "Genetic relatedness of guira cuckoos and reproductive conflict"; Sabrina Amador Vargas, Universidad de Costa Rica, Project: "Impact of artificial feeders on the foraging ecology of hummingbirds in high elevation zones"; Maritza Cortés Labra, Universidad Católica del Norte, Chile, Project: "Energetic costs of diving in the Yunco, *Pelecanoides garnotii*."

#### AVIAN CONSERVATION AND ECOLOGY - CALL FOR PAPERS

Authors are invited to submit articles to Avian Conservation and Ecology - Écologie et Conservation des Oiseaux (ACE-ÉCO). ACE-ÉCO is an open access, fully electronic scientific journal, sponsored by the Society of Canadian Ornithologists and Bird Studies Canada. The journal publishes peer-reviewed, scientific papers pertaining to the conservation, ecology, and status of birds. In focusing on research that is simultaneously pure and applied avian ecology, the journal will complement other publications, such as traditional ornithological journals, conservation publications, general ecology journals and those focused on specific groups of birds. Although ACE-ÉCO is intended in part to enhance the international profile of Canadian ornithology and applied avian science, contributions will be welcomed from all over the world. For

more information, please contact the Managing Editor: [mailto:managing\\_editor@ace-eco.org](mailto:managing_editor@ace-eco.org) or visit <http://www.ace-eco.org>

## WEB NEWS

CLIMATE CHANGE AND WILDLIFE REPORT at: [http://iis-db.stanford.edu/pubs/20784/climate\\_change\\_technical\\_review.pdf](http://iis-db.stanford.edu/pubs/20784/climate_change_technical_review.pdf)

QUAIL CONSERVATION IN THE NEOTROPICS. Proceedings of a Symposium held during the VI Neotropical Ornithological Congress, Monterrey, Mexico, 4-10 October 1999. Available for FREE download at: <http://www.cstbinc.org>

MEXICAN DATA BASE FOR BIRDERS "a VER AVES" at: [http://www.conabio.gob.mx/conocimiento/monitoreo\\_especies/doctos/averaves.html](http://www.conabio.gob.mx/conocimiento/monitoreo_especies/doctos/averaves.html)

THE JANUARY 2005 ISSUE OF "THE AUK" IS AVAILABLE ON-LINE at: <http://www.aou.org/auk/content.php3>

NEOTROPICAL RAPTOR NETWORK at: <http://www.neotropicalraptors.org/index.i.html>

SPANISH-ENGLISH GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED IN ORNITHOLOGY at: <http://www.umsl.edu/studentlife/biograd/Glossary.htm>

TUMBESIAN RESERVE SECURES FUTURE FOR ENDEMIC BIRDS at: <http://www.birdlife.org/news/news/2005/03/tumbesia.html>

## IMPORTANT BIRD SITES

- "Birding", the magazine of the American Birding Association. Complete table of contents are available here <http://americanbirding.org/pubs/birding/archives/index.html>

- Recent articles from the Journal of Zoo and Wildlife Medicine, Volume 35, Issue 4. Complete table of contents and abstracts are available at: <http://www.bioone.org/bioone/?request=get-current-toc&issn=1042-7260>

- Neolit from Revista Brasileira de Zoologia. Articles will be available for download at: [http://www.scielo.br/scielo.php/script\\_sci\\_serial/pid\\_0101-8175/Ing\\_en/nrm\\_iso](http://www.scielo.br/scielo.php/script_sci_serial/pid_0101-8175/Ing_en/nrm_iso)

- Hispaniolan Bird Conservation Program at: <http://www.vinsweb.org/cbd/hispaniolaconservation/index.html>

- To download the last issues of the BirdLife in the Americas Newsletter visit: <http://www.birdlife.org/worldwide/regional/americas/newsletter.html>

## FUNDING

ANNOUNCING AWARDS OF FREE LICENSES FOR "RAVEN" SOUND ANALYSIS SOFTWARE  
Raven is a software application for the acquisition, visualization, measurement, and analysis of acoustic signals. Raven has been developed by the Bioacoustics Research Program (BRP) at the Cornell Lab of

Ornithology to provide a powerful, user-friendly research and teaching tool tailored to the needs of biologists working with acoustic signals. BRP plans to award a small number of free licenses for Raven to researchers in the field of animal bioacoustics. These awards are intended to make Raven available to investigators for whom the standard \$400 license fee would be prohibitive, such as researchers in developing countries and graduate students without access to large research grants. Awards may be for basic research on the functions, mechanisms, development, or evolution of animal acoustic communication systems, or for conservation-oriented applied research. To apply include the following information: Your name, the name of the institution or organization with which you are affiliated, and your position (e.g., graduate student, faculty, staff, etc.); a brief description (no more than 500 words) of your proposed research and how you would use Raven in your work; and an explanation of the financial need for this award; a list of all sources of funding for your research already available, and (separately) other funds for which you have applied or expect to apply in the next three months; a statement that, if selected, you agree to provide BRP with a photograph of yourself that may be used on the BRP website, and to provide at least one update to BRP within a year of the award date on scientific progress made using Raven. Applications should be submitted no later than 6 May 2005. Awards will be announced by 3 June 2005. Award decisions will be made by a committee of BRP scientists and software developers on the basis of scientific merit and financial need. To apply, send information to: [mailto:raven\\_awards@cornell.edu](mailto:raven_awards@cornell.edu). Visit: <http://birds.cornell.edu/raven>

#### BIRDERS' EXCHANGE DONATIONS

Birders' Exchange is an organization that collects used equipment and books to donate to scientists, educators, students and naturalist guides throughout the Caribbean, Central America and South America. We are now accepting requests for material assistance. The following materials are available: Good used binoculars; Spotting scopes with tripods; Field guides and ornithological reference books, including Spanish language editions; Camera equipment; Sound recording equipment; Backpacks. We also accept requests for other types of research and education equipment, such as cameras, slide projectors, and laptop computers. When equipment is not available we try to find donors. Preference is given to organizations engaged in research or conservation work on migrant or resident birds and their habitat preservation. Proposals or inquiries should be sent to: Birders' Exchange, American Birding Association, 720 West Monument Street, PO Box 6599, Colorado Springs, CO 80934, USA. Telephone: 719-578-1480. <mailto:bex@aba.org> For more information and application guidelines visit: <http://www.americanbirding.org/bex>

#### 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/>

## TRAINING / JOB OPPORTUNITIES

#### II COURSE ON ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION OF BIRDS OF THE SOUTH CONE

This is an intensive post grad field course, on bird ecology and conservation in three regions of great ornithological value shared between Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay and Brazil. The goal of the course is to improve the training of young professionals and biological sciences students for the study and conservation of bird communities. The objectives are to give training in methodology and analytical aspects of the ecology of bird communities, provide theoretical knowledge on the ecology of Neotropical birds; provide a regional vision of conservation needs and illustrate how to deal with them; familiarize participants

with the avifauna of important areas for birds; provide an intercultural learning experience, working with ornithologists and conservationists from different countries. The course emphasizes theory and practice of sampling and analyzing methods, with the heterogeneity of natural areas of the region. We will work in three important areas of endemism of birds. The course's lectures will be in charge of Dr. John Blake (University of Missouri - St. Louis), and will have the participation of local ornithologists with ample experience in the environments we will visit. The course dates are from June 11-24, 2005 and there are 14 spaces for students. Deadline to apply is April 30, 2005. For more information contact: Pedro Blendinger, Course Coordinator, <mailto:liey@arnet.com.ar> or visit <http://www.birdecology.com.ar>

#### BIRDLIFE CARIBBEAN COORDINATOR FOR WATERBIRDS

The BirdLife Caribbean Program is seeking a dynamic, self-motivated person to work within a small, dedicated team that is making a real difference to bird conservation across the insular Caribbean through support to Partners in the implementation of national Important Bird Area (IBA) initiatives. Starting in 2000 with IBA identification and documentation, this program has quickly added site conservation actions and education/awareness activities to its portfolio, and has developed into a fully integrated regional bird conservation venture. Responsible to: Caribbean Program Manager (based at BirdLife Secretariat in Cambridge, UK) Overall tasks: Oversee the management of the Neotropical Waterbird Conservation Project in the Caribbean; coordinate a regional migratory bird program; and assist with regional program development and fundraising. Duration: 24 months (initially), Location: Caribbean (location optional). Qualifications: Knowledge and experience of working on Caribbean bird, wetland and biodiversity conservation issues; Proven project management experience including budgets; Experience of working within and building collaborative partnerships; Demonstrated fundraising ability; Capacity to work in both Spanish and English; Willingness to travel. To apply, please email your CV and covering letter to [david.wege@birdlife.org](mailto:david.wege@birdlife.org)

#### VOLUNTEER HAWKWATCH COUNTERS

Volunteers for the Migratory Raptor Conservation Project in Talamanca, Costa Rica are needed for the fall migration season from 15 August to 15 December 2005. Duties include: assisting and working with official counters in identifying and counting raptors, data entry, and flight interpretation to visitors. The project is located in South Caribbean Costa Rica, Talamanca Region, between Puerto Viejo and Cahuita, Limon Province. The Hawkwatch is located in the Kikvldi Indigenous Reserve, a 3500 ha reserve of Primary and Secondary forests and some cocoa plantations. The Kikvldi Hawkwatch started in 2000, and it's the second best place in the world to witness raptor migration (after Veracruz, Mexico) and the only tropical active Hawkwatch, with more than 1 million birds counted per season. It is also the biggest known migration spot for Peregrine Falcons. Observations are made from a 10m tower built at Kikvldi Indigenous Reserve, 210 m.a.s.l., with a 360 degree view over the flyway area. There is a minimum of 1-month participation. Volunteers that stay for the whole season are preferred. Housing is available at nearest town, 30 minute hike to the tower, or at the new lodge built in the Indigenous Reserve. Bird observation experience or previous ornithology fieldwork experience preferred but not required; volunteers must be physically fit and willing to work long hours under hot and humid conditions; maintaining enthusiasm and humor, and being able to work in a team is also very important. Some Spanish knowledge is important but not obligatory. The project provides training in raptor ID and estimating large numbers of migrating birds. This is a great opportunity to increase your fieldwork experience, while working in a great environment, and learning more about conservation efforts with migratory birds in the Neotropics. For more information contact: Alice Gama, <mailto:talamanca.raptors@gmail.com>

#### ISLAND CONSERVATION - SCIENCE WRITER / GRANTS MANAGER

Island Conservation (IC), a science based non-profit organization dedicated to preventing extinctions and protecting natural ecological and evolutionary processes on islands, seeks a: Science writer / Grants Manager - full time. This position works with the Executive Director to raise money from foundations and individuals for biodiversity conservation on islands worldwide; works with IC program managers to manage all grants; and works with IC staff to support conservation efforts by producing and editing written and visual

materials. Please see: <http://www.conservaciondeislas.org/grantwriter.html> for details on the position and how to apply.

## MEETINGS

VII ORNITHOLOGY AND BIRD CONSERVATION REUNION IN BOLIVIA, May 5-7, 2005, Cochabamba, Bolivia. Organized by Asociación Armonía/BirdLife International and The Museum of Natural History Acide D'Orbigny. There will be oral presentation and panels of recent projects related to bird ecology and conservation in Bolivia, works from other countries that share the same ecoregions or biomes with Bolivia will be accepted. Direct questions to: Sebastian Herzog: <mailto:skherzog@compuserve.com>; Rodrigo Soria <mailto:wilbersa@supernet.com.bo>; Asociación Armonía <mailto:armonia@scbbs-bo.com>

27TH MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL BIRD STRIKE COMMITTEE will be held in Athens, Greece from 23-27 May, 2005. Information can be found at <http://www.aia.gr/EN/social/environment/new/body.shtm> or <http://www.int-birdstrike.com/>.

THE COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY 75<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING, June 14-19 2005, on the campus of Humboldt State University, in Arcata on the beautiful Redwood Coast of Northern California. The meeting agenda includes symposia, plenary lectures, scientific sessions, poster presentations, and social events every evening. Attendees are invited to stay in campus dorms situated right next to the Arcata Community Forest. Morning bird walks and more extended field trips, including pelagic trips, will be available. More information will be available soon at the conference website <http://www.humboldt.edu/~cosmeet>

2005 SOCIETY FOR CONSERVATION GIS (SCGIS) ANNUAL CONFERENCE, July 31- August 2, 2005, Monterey, California (USA). The conference will provide a venue to discuss and promote local and global conservation of natural and cultural resources through geospatial technologies as well as provide a venue to establish long lasting and productive partnerships with fellow conservationists. We are busy designing a diverse conference agenda that will explore a variety of issues ranging from the technical applications of GIS in conservation to recurring philosophical and ethical issues faced by conservationists throughout the world. We will also address the role of the Society in the development of the global Conservation Community. For more information visit: [http://www.scgis.org/2005\\_Conference/index.html](http://www.scgis.org/2005_Conference/index.html)

VI NATIONAL CONGRESS OF ORNITHOLOGY, CHICLAYO - PERU, October 9-12, 2005. This event's objectives are to share results and experience on Peruvian ornithology and bird conservation, to strengthen links between ornithologists, and to raise awareness and interest to development ornithological and scientific activities in Peru. Detailed information will be posted at <http://www.darwinnet.org/VICNO/principal.htm> on presentation formats, inscription and costs, and other necessary information. Direct queries to <mailto:vicno@darwinnet.org> or contact: Fernando Angulo, Asociación Cracidae Peru, Organizing Committee, <mailto:chamaepetes@gmail.com>, Telephone: 51 - 74 238748; or Jeremy Flanagan, NCI - Peru, Organizing Committee, <mailto:proaves@mail.udel.edu.pe>, Telephone: 51 - 73 502431.

II CONGRESS OF NEOTROPICAL RAPTORS AND SYMPOSIUM ON RAPTORS OF THE SOUTH CONE, Iguazu, Argentina, June 11-14, 2006. Deadline for submission of presentations and abstracts is February 1, 2006. Abstracts must be written in Spanish, English or Portuguese and must be no greater than 250 words. Oral or poster presentations may be in any of these languages. There will be simultaneous translation during the oral presentations. Reception of proposals for workshops is still open. Deadline for travel grants is February 1, 2006. The Peregrine Fund will concede a limited number of travel grants to Latin-American and Caribbean participants that will present lectures or posters in the conference, and that demonstrate a special need for financial support. Hawk Mountain Sanctuary will support travel grants for participants who present work on migration. For more information on RRN, the II Congress on Neotropical Raptors, the

submission of abstracts and detailed instructions for your preparation, inscription to the event, travel grants, information on Iguazu and Argentina, accommodations, food, visa and transportation, visit the Neotropical Raptor Network's website at: <http://www.neotropicalraptors.org>

## PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

### KAUFMAN GUIDE IN SPANISH

The American Birding Association's Birders' Exchange Program is pleased to announce that Kenn Kaufman's Guide to the Birds of North America is now available in Spanish. If you wish to apply for a donation of Guía de campo a las aves de Norte America, please fill out an application to Birders' Exchange. Applications are available in both English and Spanish on the Birders' Exchange website:

<http://www.americanbirding.org/bex/apply.html>

### NEW MANUAL FOR BIRD GUIDES

Over the past few years Nature Canada, the joint BirdLife Partner in Canada, has been working with a local wildlife NGO in Mexico to promote community based nature tourism opportunities for communities living near sites of key conservation significance. Amigos de Sian Ka'an has considerable experience in environmental education and bird guide training and has been working with local communities for many years. With the success of its bird guide training, there has been a realization that the wealth of material and experiences gained should be brought together in a format that could be shared with others. As a result Nature Canada and Amigos de Sian Ka'an have collaborated on a manual to assist organizers and instructors of bird identification workshops in Latin American rural communities. The material in the manual is based on the experiences of the author, Barbara MacKinnon de Montes, in conducting two and three-day "bird identification and guiding" workshops in rural communities, fishing villages and Mayan forest communities - all within protected natural areas on Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. Hard copies of the manual are available in English and Spanish from Nature Canada ([info@naturecanada.ca](mailto:info@naturecanada.ca)), or it can be downloaded as PDF files at: [http://www.birdlife.org/news/news/2005/03/mexico\\_guides.html](http://www.birdlife.org/news/news/2005/03/mexico_guides.html)

## RECENT LITERATURE

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