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NEOTROPICAL MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION ACT FUNDS MoSI PROGRAM

The Institute for Bird Populations' proposal to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requesting funding for MoSI from the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (NMBCA) has been approved. The MoSI (Monitoreo de Sobrevivencia Invenal - Monitoring Winter Survivorship) Program is a cooperative effort among organizations, researchers, and bird banders in Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean, and is designed to address monitoring, research, and management goals. The NMBCA funds will provide partial support for (a) the operation of MoSI stations during the three winters of 2004-05, 2005-06, and 2006-07, (b) the verification and analysis of data from those stations, and (c) the reporting of the results from those analyses. We obtained \$71,000 for MoSI cooperators from the NMBCA which will be distributed at the rate of \$340 per station per winter during the three winters. However, IBP is committed to raise an additional \$63,000 from private sources to distribute to MoSI cooperators at the rate of \$300 per station per winter. Thus, in summary, IBP will provide a total of \$640 per winter (\$340 from the NMBCA and \$300 from private sources) for each MoSI station that operated during the winter of 2004-05 or will operate

during the winters of 2005-06 or 2006-07. The most important factor leading to the approval of our proposal was the vastly improved capacity for research, monitoring, and management of Neotropical migratory birds that has been created by the MoSI Program through the growing network of dedicated partners throughout Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean. For more information on the MoSI program contact, in Central America: Salvadora Morales <mailto:smorales@birdpop.org>; in Mexico: Claudia Romo de Vivar Alvarez <mailto:clarovial@birdpop.org>, or visit <http://www.birdpop.org>

CONSERVATION OF WATERBIRDS OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

This project is managed by BirdLife International, with support of the Waterbird Conservation Council, with help of NGOs in Central and South America and the Caribbean. The project is financed by the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act along with matching funds from over 30 involved partners. Some of the contributions of this project will be: 1) Summarize knowledge related to waterbird conservation in the region (species distribution, conservation status, threats, conservation projects, etc.), 2) A database and maps of priority sites for waterbirds in the Neotropics, 3) Finalize and start conservation plans for waterbirds, at a regional level for Central America and the Caribbean, 4) Translate into Spanish the Waterbird Conservation Plan for North America, among other activities. The project will have a time frame of two years. For more information contact Rob Clay, Coordinator, Guyra Paraguay (BirdLife in Paraguay), <mailto:waterbirds@guyra.org.py> or <mailto:rob@guyra.org.py>

GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER CONSERVATION WORKSHOP

This is the first workshop solely focused on Golden-winged Warbler (*Vermivora chrysoptera*) conservation throughout its range (breeding and wintering grounds). It will take place in Siren, Wisconsin, USA from August 10-12, 2005. The workshop is presented by the Golden-winged Warbler Working Group, with major funding from Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative and American Transmission Company. During this workshop we will initiate development of a conservation strategy for this species of high management concern through research, education, and management. The workshop objectives are to: increase awareness of Golden-winged Warbler conservation status throughout its range; examine the evidence for possible causes for Golden-winged Warbler declines and explore some of the issues related to reversing those declines; identify gaps in knowledge and develop priorities for coordinated Golden-winged Warbler research, explore management opportunities for reversing Golden-winged Warbler declines in the context of regional all-bird conservation; develop a conservation plan for Golden-winged Warblers that includes research, management strategies, regional coordination, and monitoring; and develop a coordination plan for information sharing and conservation action follow-through. If you have any information on the breeding or wintering grounds of this species please contact: Tom Will, Partners in Flight Midwest Regional Coordinator, U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Division of Migratory Birds 1 Federal Drive Fort Snelling, MN 55111-4056, email: mailto:Tom_Will@fws.gov, or visit the workshop web page at: <http://www.grantsburg.k12.wi.us/gwwa>

MODELING THE SOUTH AMERICAN RANGE OF THE CERULEAN WARBLER CONFERENCE

The conference will take place at Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Quito, Ecuador, November 1-3, 2005. This conference will bring together conservationists, ornithologists, and planners to develop models of the distribution of the Cerulean Warbler (*Dendroica cerulea*) in its non-breeding range in order to chart a future course for its range-wide conservation. The conference will consist of a series of workshops on the following topics: integrating existing GIS coverage of land use, conservation areas, climate and terrain in the Andes of Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia; summarizing the specific criteria for determining the localities in which Cerulean Warblers are likely to occur in Northern South America; identifying priority localities for searching for Cerulean Warblers; organizing a range-wide monitoring survey or atlas of Cerulean Warbler occurrence in South America, and integrating the conservation of resident South American and other migratory North species with the conservation of Cerulean Warbler habitats in Northern South America. Conference sponsors include El Grupo Ceruleo, a part of the Cerulean Warbler Technical Group; United States Forest Service; Office of International Programs; National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; The Nature Conservancy; Migratory Bird Program; and National Council for Air and

Stream Improvement (NCASI). For more information, please contact Paul Hamel, <mailto:phamel@fs.fed.us>, or Dave Mehlman, <mailto:dmehlman@tnc.org>

NEW WEBSITE FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF BIRD SONGS FROM TROPICAL AMERICA

Its main goal is to collect recordings from Central and South America, such that they can be used to help identification of recordings. The identification is done using easy characteristics such as length of the song, number of notes, speed, but this may also be combined with information such as habitat, elevation, country, etc. This is possible because The Chicago University Press has given permission to use the databases by Parker et al (1996), from "Neotropical birds: Ecology and conservation" (Stotz, et al. 1996). Everyone is encouraged to submit recordings to increase the scope of the collections. The ownership of these recordings remains with the recordists, and it will always be possible to remove them from the site, if they choose to do so. Note that at this moment the collection is still small, since we have only combined our own recording libraries. There are some 160 species. We hope that over time it will turn out to be a useful and enjoyable resource, and we also hope that it will generate a bit of honest web community effort. Visit: <http://www.xeno-canto.org/>

BIRDLIFE INTERNATIONAL'S ANNUAL REPORT ON BIRD CONSERVATION STATUS

BirdLife International's annual evaluation of how the world's bird species are faring shows that the total number considered to be threatened with extinction is now 1,212, which when combined with the number of near threatened species gives a total of exactly 2,000 species in trouble - more than a fifth of the planet's remaining 9,775 species. Of the species currently in trouble, 179 are now categorized as Critically Endangered, the highest level of threat. BirdLife's revisions to Red List categories and the associated documentation were released on their website and will be incorporated into the 2005 IUCN Red List. Visit: <http://www.birdlife.org/datazone/species/index.html>

PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED COLOMBIAN HUMMINGBIRD

A grant from Swarovski is enabling the American Bird Conservancy and ProAves Colombia to create a new reserve for the critically endangered Colorful Puffleg (*Eriocnemis mirabilis*) in the Cauca region of Colombia. The Colorful Puffleg is one of the hemisphere's most threatened hummingbirds; the World Conservation Union (IUCN) considers the species' situation as dire. An extreme habitat specialist, found only in wet montane forests on the Pacific slope of the west Andes, it is already very scarce (with its population estimated at 50-250 individuals). The bird is further threatened by logging, grazing, habitat-clearing for crops, and other threats. ProAves is in the process of negotiating the purchase of 5,000 acres of land that would protect core populations of the Colorful Puffleg and another critically endangered species, the Munchique Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina negreti*). Surveys at the site have revealed 16 other threatened bird species, two endangered frog species, and high levels of endemism in other flora and fauna. The Alliance for Zero Extinction has declared the property an essential site for conservation. A five-year management plan for the site has been developed, and accommodations for visitors are in place. ProAves Colombia is expected to restore, manage, and protect the site while the Colorful Puffleg population is studied and monitored, hopefully to bring this species back from the edge of extinction. For more information visit: <http://www.proaves.org>

ENCOURAGING STUDY OF RARE BIRDS IN COLOMBIAN OAK FORESTS

The Eastern Andes of Colombia are a priority area for bird conservation due to its high level of endemism combined with a lack of protected areas and limited knowledge about its biota. Four endangered species Mountain Grackle (*Macroagelaius subalaris*) (Critical), Black Inca (*Coeligena prunellei*) (Endangered), Rusty-faced Parrot (*Hapalopsittica amazonina*) (Endangered), and Gorgeted Wood-Quail (*Odontophorus strophium*) (Critical) have been downgraded to Vulnerable. Of particular interest are stands of the endemic Humboldt oak, many of which have been logged. ABC, under its William Belton Small Grants Program, provided funding to ProAves Colombia to study the status of four oak forest birds, ranked by IUCN-World Conservation Union as globally Endangered or Critically Endangered. The four species, Mountain Grackle, Black Inca, Rusty-faced Parrot, and Gorgeted Wood-Quail, depend at least seasonally on oak forests. However, between 66% and 85% of their historic ranges have now been converted to agriculture. Yet despite this dire habitat

situation, the investigators turned up some encouraging results. From 151 counting points at five sites in the area, the team observed Black Inca at 27 localities, seven of which were previously unknown; Rusty-faced Parrot was found at 29 localities; Mountain Grackle was found at 22 localities; and Gorgeted Wood-Quail was detected at 20 localities - more than were initially expected. The study concluded that all four species should be reclassified as Vulnerable. Care is necessary, however, as downgrading a species ranking can impact the attention and funding it receives. The goal of evaluating the status of species is to use the best available information so conservation can be prioritized for the species most in need. For more information visit: <http://www.proaves.org>

WEB NEWS

SAO NEWSLETTER NEW WEB PAGE: <http://www.sao.org.co/publicaciones/boletinsao/Boletin%20sao.htm>

NEW WEBSITE FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF BIRD SONGS FROM TROPICAL AMERICA:
<http://www.xeno-canto.org/>

UPDATE TO WORLDBIRDINFO WEBSITE at: <http://worldbirdinfo.net>

SWAROVSKI E-BULLETINS ON THE NWRA SITE at: <http://www.refugenet.org/birding/birding5.html>

"MIGRATORY BIRD & WETLAND NEWSLINK," June issue at: <http://birdsandwetlands.com/>

IMPORTANT BIRD SITES

- For information, photos and video of the re-discovery of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker visit:
<http://www.birdingamerica.com/Ivorybill/ivorybilledwoodpecker.htm>,
<http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/rapidpdf/1114103v1.pdf>, <http://www.nature.org/ivorybill/>,
<http://www.ivorybill.org/video.html>, <http://www.sciencemag.org/sciencepress/recent.shtml>

- Royal Cinclodes *Cinclodes aricomae*: Population in decline, estimated at 250 individuals; species spread out in 2575 km² among Peru and Bolivia. Complete report in BirdLife International's website:
http://www.birdlife.net/datazone/search/species_search.html?action=SpcHTMDetails.asp&sid=9773&m=0

- Wavepad: for sound editing, available at: <http://nch.com.au/wavepad/index.html>

- Spectrogram: version 5, available at: <http://www.electronics-lab.com/downloads/pc/003/>

- Bruja de Monte Web page at: <http://www.brujademonte.com/>

FUNDING

WILLIAM BELTON SMALL GRANTS FUND

In 2006, ABC's William Belton Small Grants Fund will provide grants to projects advancing the conservation of bird trigger species at Alliance for Zero Extinction (AZE) sites in Latin America and the Caribbean, and secondarily to projects for the conservation of critical and endangered bird species as defined by BirdLife International at other sites in the region. Only projects fitting one of these criteria will be considered for funding. Recent projects include protection of the Trinidad Piping-Guan, conservation of the Chestnut-bellied Hummingbird in Colombia, and status, distribution, and threats to the Cozumel Thrasher. Expeditions to look for "lost species" will also be considered. Proposals are due by 15 October 2005 and final decisions will be made 1 December 2005, with funds available 15 January 2006. Most grants will be for less than

\$5,000 but larger grants may be considered. The program is run in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with the participation of conservation groups forming part of the Alliance for Zero Extinction. For additional details, contact Dr. Robert Chipley or Dr. George Wallace, through <http://www.abcbirds.org/international/index.htm>. For AZE Bird Sites in the Americas, visit: http://www.abcbirds.org/international/aze_bird_sites.htm

TRAINING / JOB OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEER FOR FIELD WORK (2) needed from 28 Jul to 24 Sep 2005 to study the phylogeography of the Speckled Hummingbird in the Andes. This trip will cover the Andean cloud forest of Peru and Bolivia, we will be sampling the impressive elevational gradient from the Andes (4000 m) to the subtropics (1300m). **FIELD ASSISTANT** duties include extracting birds from mist-nets (experience required), videotaping hummingbird's hovering flight and help with overall traveling and camping duties. We will be working everyday since the time is a constraint. Accommodation conditions will vary from camping grounds to hostel sites depending on the places we will sample. You need to cover your flight tickets to Cusco (via Lima). All the expenses will be covered once in Peru. If interested please send me an email with your resume and please provide name, phone numbers, and email addresses of two references to JAIME CHAVES <mailto:jachaves@ucla.edu>

BIRDERS NEEDED IN UTILA, HONDURAS

Experienced Bird Bander (1), Avian Surveyor (1), and Field Assistant (1) needed from August 29 through November 30 to study the stopover ecology of passerines in Utila, Honduras. Bander must have experience banding large volumes of birds and be familiar with the aging and sexing of North American eastern breeding species. Surveyor must be able to identify same birds (including color-banded birds) by both sight and sound. Field Assistant will extract birds from mist-nets and relocating color-banded birds. Knowledge of both Spanish and English is preferred. All positions will assist with data entry and additional research activities as needed. All individuals are required to work 7 days per week and have the ability to work well with others in a challenging and exciting environment that includes hot weather, biting insects (e.g. sand flies) and tight living quarters. The Bander will receive U\$2000, the Surveyor will receive U\$1750, and the Field Assistant will receive U\$1500 for the season. Shared housing will be provided. Utila is located on the Caribbean coast of Honduras and is renowned for its world-class diving and its mangrove forests. Send or e-mail letter of interest, resume, and names, phone numbers, and emails of 3 references to Sheri Glowinski, 118 College Dr. Box 5018, Dept. of Biological Sciences, The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS 39406, <mailto:sheri.glowinski@usm.edu>

HAWK COUNTERS NEEDED IN VERACRUZ, MEXICO

Experienced Hawk Counters (2) needed at Veracruz, Mexico to monitor the world's largest hawk migration flyway during fall 2005, from 20 August to 20 November. Pronatura Veracruz, a Mexican non-profit organization is conducting the long-term monitoring Veracruz River of Raptors project that documents the migration of most of North American raptor species, as well as a numerous aquatic bird migration. Positions require enthusiastic individuals very well skilled on long distance hawk identification, counting huge multi-species flocks and very persistent sky scanning. Spanish is not necessary but interest on learning it is. The weather is hot and humid with a few windy/rainy days. The work schedule is 8am to 6pm daily, two days on and one off, rotating randomly between two count sites. Pronatura Veracruz will cover housing (rustic conditions, without luxuries but not badly uncomfortable, sharing rooms and preparing our own meals) as well as a stipend in Mexican pesos, equivalent to around US\$580 per month, to cover your food and transportation during work related activities. We will not cover the cost of airfare but if you contact us, we can help in the search for financial assistance for the airfare. Application deadline is 20 July 2005. Please send cover letter, resume, phone number and email addresses of 3 references to Rafael Rodriguez, Pronatura Veracruz. Diego Rivera 49, Fraccionamiento Coapexpan. Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico 91070. <mailto:vrrmonitoreo@pronaturaveracruz.org>

BIRD GUIDES NEEDED IN COSTA RICA

Ornithologist guides needed for Costa Rica's premier birding lodge, Rancho Naturalista. Two full-time positions begin December 2005 or early January 2006 and conclude in April 2006. Part-time positions are available during the remainder of the year, with the term negotiable but a minimum of two months. One part-time guide will be resident during each part of the slow season, beginning July 2005. Rancho Naturalista is at 900m (3000ft.) on Costa Rica's Caribbean slope. Over 400 bird species have been recorded on the property and adjacent sites. The lodge's property is largely pre-montane Caribbean rainforest with a good network of trails. Other habitats include wooded pastures and regenerating plantations. Fruit feeders, hummingbird feeders, and natural hummingbird bathing pools attract many species to the lodge area. Rancho Naturalista is famous for outstanding food and hospitality.

Responsibilities: Ornithologist Bird Guides lead visiting guests, showing them the birds and interpreting their behavior and ecology from an ornithological perspective; includes leading day trips to other birding sites; limited hosting duties. Qualifications: Preference will be given to applicants with both ornithological and birding backgrounds; must be able to learn the local birds quickly, including identification by sight and sound, behaviors, and habitat distribution; Good people skills desirable; must be able to hike steep trails and guide for 12-hour days if needed. Full-time positions require weeks of field birding without days off, but the part-time positions during the slow season usually have many days without guests. Thus graduate students could use Rancho Naturalista as a field site for research conducted on the days with no guests to guide. Spanish is helpful but not needed. Compensation: \$1000 per month (full-time positions) or \$40 per day of guiding (part-time positions), full room and board, and transfers to Costa Rica's international airport. Tips are received from many guests and vary with guide's performance. To apply, contact KATHLEEN H. ERB, Telephone: 001 506 554 8101, <mailto:ranchonat@racsa.co.cr>

JOPPA FLATS INTERNATIONAL INTERN PROGRAM

The Joppa Flats International Intern Program, offered through the Joppa Flats Education Center of the Massachusetts Audubon Society, is designed to enhance the professional skills of naturalist guides from Latin America. Through participation in this program, international guides will increase their knowledge of North American birds, North American birdwatchers, and English terminology related to guiding, while improving their field trip leadership skills. We envision that this intern program will encourage collaboration between the intern's organization, Massachusetts Audubon, and other conservation organizations. Each session of the Joppa Flats International Intern Program is intended to be one month in duration. The sponsoring organization (e.g., tour company, lodge, etc.) is responsible for obtaining the necessary travel documentation (e.g., passport, visa, etc.), all costs associated with round trip transportation between the intern's home and the Joppa Flats Education Center, the intern's normal wages, spending money for food and personal items, and any medical costs. The Joppa Flats Education Center will provide lodging with a local host family, local transportation during the program, and training. The Center will also provide the intern with field guides to North American birds, area checklists, and other educational materials. For an individual to be considered for the International Intern Program, he/she must have the following qualifications: 1) A sponsoring organization willing and able to fulfill the financial requirements; 2) a basic proficiency in conversational English; and 3) a current position as a naturalist guide working for a conservation organization, a tour company, nature preserve, eco-tourism lodge, etc. The program fee will be negotiated prior to the program based on the sponsoring organization's ability to pay (e.g., for-profit vs. not-for-profit organizations, availability of grant funding, etc.). To learn more about the Joppa Flats International Intern Program, please contact Bill Gette, Sanctuary Director, <mailto:bgette@massaudubon.org>

BIOACOUSTICS COURSE: RECORDING TECHNIQUES FOR RESEARCH AND MONITORING OF BIRDS THROUGH SOUND.

The workshop will be presented during the four days (17-20 November) during the activities of the IX Congress of the Mesoamerican Society for Biology and Conservation (21-25 November). This workshop intends to train participants in recording techniques using analogue and digital recorders, as well as in the use of specialized software for digitalizing and elaborating sonograms, and the knowledge of techniques that

allows monitoring of avifauna in their areas of work. Although the emphasis of this workshop is on birds, the techniques are useful in monitoring other groups like mammals and anuran amphibians. The technical and practical part will be held through morning and evening sessions in the Natural Reserve Pico Bonito. The practical session will consist of recording bird sounds in the field, primarily with analogue and digital recorders. Experience with bird identification through sound is important, but not indispensable. There is a maximum space of 20 participants. Participation in the course costs U\$200 (does not cover transportation, housing or food). For more information contact the course coordinator, Fernando González-García, Departamento de Ecología y Comportamiento Animal, Biblioteca de Sonidos de las Aves de México, Instituto de Ecología, A. C. , Apartado Postal 63, Xalapa, Veracruz, México, 91000. Phone: 228-8421800 x 4109, Fax: 228-8187809, <mailto:gonzalef@ecologia.edu.mx> Web page: www.ecologia.edu.mx/sonidos

MEETINGS

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

123rd STATED MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION. The American Ornithologists' Union will meet in Santa Barbara, California, from 23 - 27 August 2005, at the invitation of the University of California - Santa Barbara. The meetings will be held on the University of California - Santa Barbara campus. The conference will consist of symposia, workshops and roundtables, contributed oral presentations, and poster sessions. For more information visit: <http://www.aou.org/2005meeting/>

THE 11TH MEETING ON ARGENTINE ORNITHOLOGY will take place from 7-10 Sep 2005, in the Argentine Museum of Natural History "Bernardino Rivadavia", in Buenos Aires. The conference is organized by Aves Argentina/ Asociacion Ornitológica del Plata. During the 4 day conference participants will be informed on research topics in ornithology and current work in Argentina and other countries, in plenary sessions, symposia, oral presentations, posters and other complementary activities. To obtain the first circular, with information about inscription, plenary sessions, confirmed symposia, datelines for summaries, and an invitation to present new topics for symposia, please contact <mailto:rao@avesargentinas.org.ar>

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 in developing 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.udep.edu.pe> , Telephone: 51 - 73 502431

IX CONGRESS OF THE MESOAMERICAN SOCIETY FOR BIOLOGY AND CONSERVATION, La Ceiba, Honduras, November 21-25, 2005. During the Congress, and with participation of the Mesoamerican community, current and relevant issues will be presented and discussed. The work presented and discussed during this event will be relevant for scientists, indigenous communities, decision makers and community representatives. The academic program will include oral presentation sessions, poster sessions, key-note

conferences and symposia, courses and workshops. For more information visit the Society's website at: <http://www.socmesoamericana.org>

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>

IV NAOC: THE 4TH NORTH AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGICAL CONFERENCE. October 2-7, 2006. The conference will feature a rich scientific program, symposia, plenary lectures, business meetings of societies, and social activities. Pre-and post-conference activities will include training workshops, and birding, culture, and nature tours. For updates and more information, visit: <http://www.naoc2006.org/>

24TH INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS, Hamburg 2006. See the 2nd Circular for details at <http://www.i-o-c.org>. If you should have problems in visiting the website, you can get the 2nd Circular by e-mail from <mailto:info@i-o-c.org>

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

ECOLOGICAL GUIDE TO THE GRAN SABANA CANAIMA NATIONAL PARK - VENEZUELA

The book provides an ecological guide to the Gran Sabana, the eastern sector of Canaima National Park in Venezuela. The park is known as one of the planet's greatest natural treasures. It contains 192 pp, color photos, and maps. Published in Venezuela, Edited by Otto Huber, Gonzalo Febres and Hugo Arnal. Available at: <http://www.nhbs.com/xbscripts/bkfsrch?search=134255>

BIODIVERSITY, ECOSYSTEMS, AND CONSERVATION IN NORTHERN MEXICO

This book describes the biodiversity and biogeography of northern Mexico, documents the biological importance of regional ecosystems and the impacts of human land use on the conservation status of plants and wildlife. It should become the standard source document for the conservation status of species and ecosystems in this region, which is of unusual biological interest because of its high biodiversity and highly varied landscape and biological zonation. Edited by Jean-Luc E Cartron, Gerardo Ceballos and Richard Stephen Felger. For full details/to order online: <http://www.nhbs.com/xbscripts/bkfsrch?search=152841>

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