

Reports from WPT branches

Canada

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The Canadian World Parrot Trust has expanded its funding through 1999 - 2000 with continued support for the Cuban Parakeet and Cuban Parrot project headed by Dr. James Wiley of Grambling State University, Louisiana, USA. The goals of this study are to determine the Cuban Parakeet and Cuban Parrot's status and distribution in Cuba and the Isla de la Juventud.

In addition we have commenced a program to raise funds for research in the Morne Diablotin National Park, Dominica, West Indies. This project is being run by Dr. Paul Reillo, Rare Species Conservatory Foundation (RSCF), and is centred around the Sisserou (*Amazona imperialis*), Dominica's national bird and symbol. We were fortunate to receive a large donation from the Highbury Foundation, British Columbia, which helped in the funding of this project. World Parrot Trust, UK is also providing financial support to this program. Program details can be found in *PsittaScene* Vol. 12 No.1 February 2000 and on the CWPT web site.

We have also started funding for the RARE Center for Tropical Conservation's new Conservation Education Campaign (CEC) follow-up program, focusing on target

Amazon parrot species in The Bahamas, Cayman Islands, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent, Dominica, The Bay Islands and Bonaire. Over the past decade, RARE Center-supported Conservation Education Campaigns (CECs) have been successfully implemented in over 20 countries around the world, focusing on several significant parrot species and leading to expanded environmental awareness and education, the establishment of protected areas, the passage of wildlife protection legislation, and other conservation benefits.

We operated booths at the Western Canadian Parrot Symposium in May in Victoria, British Columbia and the Eastern Canadian Parrot Symposium in Toronto, Ontario in November 1999. In addition we participated in customer appreciation days at various Ontario Super Pet stores and look forward to continuing this through 2000.

We will be attending the Western Canadian Parrot Symposium in May 2000 where we hope to raise further funds for the RSCF and RARE projects. Look for a Symposium update in the August issue of *PsittaScene*.

The Canadian World Parrot Trust web site is currently undergoing a facelift and has been relocated at: <http://www.canadianparrottrust.org>



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