



## TOGETHER, FOR PARROTS

The World Parrot Trust is a wildlife conservation group dedicated to protecting parrots.

These birds belong to one of the most threatened families on Earth, with 1 in 3 species at risk of extinction.

As a leader in parrot conservation and welfare, WPT works with researchers, in-country organisations, communities, and governments to craft effective solutions that save parrots.

To date, WPT has led or supported conservation and welfare projects in 43 countries for more than 70 species of parrot.

Read a few of the many actions you made possible this past year.

### **MANY WAYS TO** HELP STOP TRADE

Tragically, each year large numbers of wild parrots are trapped in Africa to supply global markets. Tackling this complex threat demands a multi-faceted approach, and WPT works hard on numerous fronts to end harmful trade. This year, our investigations have lifted the lid on how social media is used to promote illegal trade, and highlighted numerous opportunities to improve regulation and enforcement. We've ensured this research is published in leading journals and that it is understood by key decision-makers, and this year important decisions have been made to regulate international trade in species such as Jardine's (or Red-fronted) parrots, as well as Greys and Timnehs.

On the front-line we've continued to help parrots rescued from illegal trade, providing support for rescue centres and enforcement staff ranging from the construction of new aviaries, to the provision of veterinary care and emergency-response training for park rangers. This year WPT has supported rescued parrots in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Guinea and Angola.

cued Grey Parrot surveys it



Since 2011 WPT has had the unique opportunity to collaborate with Macaw Mountain Nature Park and Reserve, co-launching an effort to return free-flying Scarlet Macaws to Copán's famous Mayan archaeological park. The local government, Chamber of Commerce and Tourism of Copán, and the government of Honduras are all active supporters of the restoration effort.

Macaw Mountain has overseen the surrender of many former companion and confiscated birds to the facility and has nursed them back to full health. Other parrots have been captive-born and raised there, and after stringent pre-release tests, many of them have been set free in Copán, in the valley, and on islands off Honduras. Now, happily, several of the released macaws have started breeding and raising chicks on their own.

Macaw Mountain's close ties with and access to WPT's experience, advice, and technical and financial assistance have resulted in several successful macaw and Amazon parrot reintroduction programs throughout Honduras.

What began as a "bird park" with a strong focus on environmental education has evolved into Honduras's primary avian rescue and release facility.

~ Lloyd Davidson, Macaw Mountain, Honduras

Released Scarlet Macaws fly at liberty over the Copán ruins in Honduras,

Photo © London Velasquez



## NEW STUDIES IN AFRICA

Field activities with partners in Africa have celebrated a series of firsts: studies of Timneh parrots have seen Guinea-Bissau become the first country to publish a national status assessment for the species, while in Sierra Leone new surveys have uncovered at least one significant population outside of existing protected areas. The first scientific studies of breeding behaviour and diet have also been produced, and there was great excitement when WPT field staff caught on camera, for the first time, Timneh Parrots mating in the wild.

Surveys for Grey parrots in Nigeria have begun to build a picture of the status and threats to the species, identifying several areas where illegal trapping occurs, and highlighting the potential importance of plantations for protecting roost and breeding sites. Further south, surveys of remote woodland areas in Mozambique and Zimbabwe have enabled a detailed assessment of the habitat needs of

Lilian's Lovebirds, and revealed this species has a much narrower distribution than previously thought.

In 2018, research conducted by WPT's Africa Conservation Programme has seen the publication of nine research papers in leading peer-reviewed journals.

Conducting field studies in Sierra Leone. Inset: Wild Timneh Parrots in Guinea-Bissau. Photos © Rowan Martin

# RENEWING THE FRAGILE FOREST

Bonaire is a small island off the north coast of Venezuela that receives high amounts of heat and wind. The pervasively arid climate has produced dry forest on a good portion of the small isle. In spite of this it is home to the Yellow-shouldered Amazon (Amazona barbadensis), listed by the IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature) as Vulnerable.

WPT has been working on Bonaire for nearly 20 years, and since 2010 with Echo, an organisation working to protect the Yellow-shouldered Amazon and its habitat.

In 2014, the team built a new native plant nursery to grow seedlings of the trees that once thrived on Bonaire. This nursery was doubled in size in 2016, and during the past year 4,335 native trees were planted into planned reforestation areas. Thirty-five hectares of these parcels were fenced to protect them from domestic animals introduced decades ago, still roaming free on the island.

A wild Yellow-shouldered Amazon forages for fruits.

Inset: Young volunteers plant native trees, vital to the future survival of the parrots.

Photos © Echo





## HELP FOR PUERTO RICAN AMAZONS

When WPT staff arrived in Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, there was surprise at the open views of the landscape and shock at the destruction that caused it. WPT was there to assist in ongoing recovery efforts at Río Abajo, and the Puerto Rican Amazon project.

Armed with funds generated by hundreds of deeply concerned supporters, they purchased batteries and other equipment and assembled the means to run emergency incubators and brooders to nurse chicks, and cameras and recorders for monitoring wild nests. WPT also brought equipment for climbing, and provided the training to use it. Finding sturdy enough trees to practice on that were not damaged by the storm was difficult, but still proved to be possible.

The best news of all — a good portion of the wild population and the entire captive breeding group at Río Abajo made it through the crisis. And, even though the birds had their lives turned completely upside down, some still had enough reserves to get on with the most important activity of all: breeding.

A wild Puerto Rican Amazon chick thriving after Hurricane Maria.

Inset: Forests immediately after the storm.

Photos © Tanya Martinez

### A SAFE PLACE FOR **PARROTS TO LAND**

The Kiwa Centre in the United Kingdom was born of an emergency welfare situation: over 170 macaws and other parrots were in need of rescuing from severe neglect. Joe Davenport, whose previous pet macaw Kiwa was being kept in dreadful conditions, contacted WPT to help spearhead an effort to rescue and re-home the distressed birds.

Thanks to Joe, and a dedicated group of volunteers from Paradise Park, Paignton Zoo and two veterinary clinics, today the birds are safe and thriving in expansive aviaries in a purpose-built facility in the UK. After disease screening and months of recovery, eight of the Scarlet Macaws were transferred to Dudley Zoo to act as ambassadors for their species, and 20 Red-and-green Macaws will wing their way to Argentina to take part in a rewilding program, in an area where they haven't been seen in over a hundred years.

It was a real treat for me, seeing my childhood friend Kiwa – after being locked up in a small space for so many years – start to make these little flights. They weren't big, just from one branch to another, but using her wings again. It was so rewarding to see her – and all the other rescued birds – starting to figure it out.

> ~ Joe Davenport Kiwa Centre, United Kingdom

Rescued macaws enjoying plenty of fresh air and sunshine at the Kiwa Centre.

Photo © Alison Hales





## You make our work possible.

People have many different reasons for supporting parrot conservation and welfare: it's the right thing to do, it makes us feel good, or we just love parrots for what they are: diverse, beautiful, and intriguing birds.

Whether through donating, volunteering or simply advocating on their behalf, by taking action you are helping to save some of the most endangered animals in the world.

Thousands of people like you — individual donors, members, foundations, corporate contributors, partners and sponsors empower WPT efforts around the world.

This generosity has helped our in-country researchers and partners collect new data on ecology and trade threats, rehabilitate confiscated and rescued parrots, restore and protect critical habitat areas, engage local communities in helping parrots and people coexist, and advocate for better care of companion parrots worldwide.

Over the years interacting with our parrots we have come to appreciate them for their intelligence, emotions and love... We have also come to realize that many parrots have suffered unspeakably for their beauty and talents...We support the World Parrot Trust for all [they] do in education for bird owners, stopping the importation of wild-caught parrots...and working to end the poaching of wild birds.

~ Bob Dulski



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**Hyacinth Macaw, Brazil** (Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus) Photo © Corey Raffel

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