World Parrot Trust

IMPACT REPORT

2018/19
THANK YOU!

The beautiful and intelligent parrots face great threats, but with your help we achieve much to help them survive and thrive.

Our fight against the illegal trade in parrots continues in many countries including Indonesia, where poaching is extremely damaging to populations already under pressure from habitat loss. The cruel methods used only make us more determined to care for seized birds with the aim of releasing them back to the wild.

And thanks to our partners we have made great strides in protecting and restoring essential parrot habitats, providing food and nest sites for future generations.

Education and research projects are vital too, from talks to school children and advice on companion parrots to cutting edge genetic studies – all of these come within the scope of the World Parrot Trust.

Thank you for showing us that you share our love of the parrot family; your caring has made our work possible.

Alison Hales
Chairperson
RESTORING WILD POPULATIONS

Helping wild parrots to breed successfully can ensure chicks survive to adulthood.

WPT and its in-country partners encourage local people to take part in their native birds’ protection by guarding nests and reporting human interference to field researchers.

In Bolivia, research teams install cameras at nest trees to help monitor activity around the cavity. These measures have helped to deter poachers and track the adults’ attentiveness to their chicks.

When needed, breeding efforts are supported by shoring up deteriorating nest trees, installing artificial nest boxes, protecting nests from flooding, and proactively preventing predators from entering cavities. In addition, underweight chicks are hand-fed to increase their chances for survival.

INSPIRING CHANGE for PEOPLE AND PARROTS

Spreading awareness to people who live among wild parrots has had a positive impact.

WPT partner Pro Alas has been hard at work returning Scarlet Macaws to Honduras and engaging local communities to learn about, develop a kinship with, and protect their native macaws.

Working with local educators, the team has produced a curriculum-based school program, featuring the macaws’ natural history and the threats against them, to hundreds of local students and their parents in Copán Valley.

This past year’s efforts culminated in a momentous sixth Scarlet Macaw release in Copán Ruinas in the presence of a large, supportive audience which included the President of Honduras and gained national media recognition.

WPT is helping to further educational efforts in Bonaire, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Central Africa and Indonesia.

Other recent work

WPT is supporting efforts for Yellow-shouldered Amazons in Bonaire, and Scarlet and Great Green Macaws in Costa Rica and Honduras.
USING RESEARCH to HELP SAVE SPECIES

Science is driving conservation actions to protect parrots.

New research carried out by the WPT and partners has found that Lilian’s Lovebirds are more scarce than previously thought, and that they need specific habitat to survive. The Cathedral Mopane forest they rely on is rapidly being lost through legal and illegal logging for timber and charcoal production.

In 2019 surveys were completed in Zimbabwe and Mozambique, finalising a range-wide assessment for the species.

Other recent work

Similar measures are underway in Bonaire, where over 13,000 native trees were planted between 2015 and 2019 and dozens of hectares of dry forest have been preserved.

Highlights

Cutting-edge genetic research funded by WPT for Blue-throated Macaws and Southern Mealy Amazons will be used for future conservation management strategies.
THANK YOU!
You’ve made a huge difference for parrots.

We couldn’t be more grateful. Your gifts enable us to make encouraging progress on behalf of the world’s parrots.

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~ Carol Frank, legacy supporter
Create a personal legacy that will have a lasting impact for parrots.

A bequest is a gift that ensures that WPT can continue its critical work to protect parrots, and the places where they live, now and into the future. Every legacy donation — large or small — is put to work helping to save parrots. Together, we can ensure wild parrots will continue to grace the skies for future generations.

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