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Lilian's Lovebirds (Agapornis lilianae)
WPT has supported population, habitat and ecology
field studies since 2013 in Zambia and Malawi.
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This year hasn't been easy. Almost all of us have had to find creative ways to navigate the extraordinary challenges brought about by the global pandemic.

Your kind support has helped us and our partners carry on the essential work of parrot conservation more or less as normal, despite all the additional constraints. We at the WPT are seeing this year through thanks to good people who have vast reservoirs of generosity and a remarkable ability to adapt to sudden change.

Our Impact Report is a reflection of that support and collaboration. Here we feature some of the year's strong points in hands-on conservation, research and awareness with our thanks to you all for your resolve in helping the world's parrots.

~The World Parrot Trust family



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CONFISCATED PARROTS FIND SHELTER AT KIWA CENTRE

Wild Grey Parrots (*Psittacus erithacus*) remain greatly affected by trapping for the wildlife trade. Greys are still being smuggled, often with heavy casualties, into eastern Europe in a bid to distribute them to buyers in the Middle and Far East.

In 2014 two groups of these illegally trapped birds were intercepted in Hungary and Bulgaria. The World Parrot Trust, as part of its continued effort to stop trade, was asked to assist in their relocation to a suitable facility for rehabilitation.

Eventually, with approval from the governments involved, the birds finally landed at the WPT's Kiwa Centre in the United Kingdom in early 2020 for rehabilitative care while options for their long-term future, including release back to the wild, are considered.

Main and Inset Photos: The Kiwa Greys enjoy the freedom their spacious indoor/outdoor aviary provides.



REBUILDING WILD POPULATIONS

AGAINST THE ODDS, PUERTO RICAN AMAZONS ARE REBOUNDING

Two significant factors, massive deforestation and severe storms, brought the onceflourishing Puerto Rican Amazon (Amazona vittata) wild population down to a scant 16 birds by 1971. Concerted efforts to save these parrots began in 1973 and have continued to the present through some of the worst storms ever recorded, the most recent of them Hurricane Maria. Thankfully, with help from the Puerto Rican Parrot Recovery program and with the protection of remaining forests these stouthearted birds have endured and now there are record numbers in the wild.

This past breeding season was the best in the last 50 years, with 44 chicks fledging to join the wild population. The World Parrot Trust has worked closely with the project by providing funding for equipment, specialised training, and technical support for the field team to help ensure this success.

Main photo: A released adult (pictured with a tracking antenna) and its offspring, Inset: A youngster receives a health check.



USING RESEARCH to **SAVE PARROTS**

NEW RESULTS WILL DRIVE TIMNEH CONSERVATION

Timneh Parrots (*Psittacus timneh*) are globally Endangered due to forest loss and heavy trapping. Thanks to recent surveys of this little-known species by WPT-backed partners in Sierra Leone, it was discovered that while a majority of local people had seen Timnehs in the past year they had also noted a decline in their numbers.

Significantly, fieldwork also found that important numbers persisted in remote areas of coastal mangroves, which may be safer for the birds due to their inaccessibility by poachers. Because of these conclusions the next steps will be to ensure that roosting and breeding sites, which are becoming increasingly rare, receive adequate protection by local people, the government and the international community.

Main Photo: An adult Timneh Parrot. Inset: Dr. Okoni-Williams of the University of Sierra Leone conducts surveys to determine the abundance of Timneh Parrots along the Sierra Leone coast.



RESTORING HABITAT for PARROTS

BONAIRE'S FOREST IS RECOVERING, ONE SEEDLING AT A TIME

Over the last two-and-a-half centuries Bonaire's distinctive landscape has changed dramatically, and the island's native flora and fauna have changed with it. One species that has been greatly affected by the shift is the Yellow-shouldered Amazon (Amazona barbadensis), a parrot that has lost many of its natural food sources and nest sites.

Since 2010 WPT has been backing Bonaire partner Echo, a non-profit organisation dedicated to the protection of the island's distinctive Amazons, in its years-long effort to replant parts of the island in over 50 species of native trees and shrubs. The work, and Echo's education effort, is of great importance to the parrots and other native animals. Over the last 10 years the Bonaire community has planted over 32,000 seedlings provided by the Echo Nursery on 35 hectares directly protected by Echo.

Main photo: Wild Yellow-shouldered Amazon in a native Wayaka tree. Inset: Community members plant native seedlings to rebuild forests.



REACHING OUT TO COMMUNITIES

MACAWS AND PEOPLE BENEFIT FROM AWARENESS PROGRAMS

The survival of released macaws is increasing steadily in Honduras and Costa Rica due in large part to community involvement in the lives of these birds. WPT is closely involved in the work of partners Macaw Mountain (PRO-ALAS) in Honduras, and Ara Manzanillo and Macaw Recovery Network in Costa Rica.

These organisations engage local people in learning about and protecting Great Green and Scarlet Macaws (*Ara ambiguus and Ara macao*), and in turn communities









benefit from the birds' continued presence. Each project does this by collaborating with local landowners, encouraging local ecotourist ventures, providing guided experiences with wild macaws, creating macaw ecology study programs and field trips for local school children, involving local residents in reporting wild macaw sightings, and producing books and other educational materials. Thousands of children and adults have taken part in macaw-related activities, cementing the bond between people and wildlife in the two countries.







Top photos (left to right): Macaw Mountain, Ara Manzanillo and Macaw Recovery Network educational outreach programs. Far right: A group of released Scarlet Macaws at Macaw Mountain, Copán.



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We are so grateful for your continued support of our work to protect parrots.

Your generosity helps us continue to conduct vital research, reach out to local communities where parrots live, work to increase wild populations, and more. Without you and the dedicated local people, organisations and governments we collaborate with, our work would not be possible. You are true champions for the parrots of the world.

I applaud your work. I shared my life with a blue and gold macaw for 51 years. I miss him and want other parrots to benefit from the unconditional love he gave me.

~ Helen Shaskan



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~ Janet Miller, legacy supporter

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~ Peter Molesworth, legacy supporter

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