



WORLD PARROT TRUST

# IMPACT REPORT

2015/16

## ABOUT THE World Parrot Trust

The World Parrot Trust (WPT) is a wildlife charity dedicated to protecting parrots, the most threatened group of birds on earth. For over twenty-seven years, the WPT has encouraged collaboration with conservation and rescue organisations for multiple field projects around the world.

Working with in-country partners, WPT moves quickly to help rescue and rehabilitate illegally trapped birds, conduct ground-breaking field research and hands-on conservation programs, advocate for maximum protection for wild parrots, encourage habitat protection and restoration, and support educational programs for both wild and companion parrots.

Since 1989 these efforts have aided 66 parrot species in 42 countries.

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR Executive Director

It is a great pleasure for us to share some of the highlights of our work with partners and collaborators around the world in this Impact Report. At the World Parrot Trust, we are generally so focused on what we must do now and what we should do next, that we don't often take the time to look at where we've been, what we've learned, and what we've accomplished in recent years.

Although we are now and have always had a narrow focus on saving parrots, we hope you too will enjoy exploring just how varied our activities are in practice, from growing and planting trees, to working with government agencies, to rescuing and releasing thousands of parrots caught up in the wild bird trade.

Each of our programs requires a unique set of skills and tools, presenting a challenge to all of us at the WPT and our many partners, both because it forces us to be creative and to learn new techniques, and also to seek partnerships with others who have complementary skills.

For example, our work to save African Greys alone has in recent years included monitoring trade routes, encouraging confiscations, rehabilitation, disease testing, protecting wild populations, use of camera traps and filmmaking, environmental education, and finally building a coalition of supportive governments and NGOs to ensure that all Greys in the wild will be forever protected from legal trade: quite an eclectic combination of activities we're sure you'll agree.

In the end of course, there's one and only one reason we're able to help save so many parrots in so many places. It's the support we receive from parrot lovers like you from all over the world which makes all this progress possible. For your generosity and tireless support, we are deeply grateful, and very much look forward to doing more and more of the same for years to come.

Jamie Gilardi, Executive Director  
World Parrot Trust

## TOGETHER FOR PARROTS

Our supporters are our lifeblood - you enable us to take important actions to save parrots. Without you and the dedicated local people, organisations and governments we collaborate with, our work would not be possible.

Below are efforts from the past 24 months that were achievable thanks to your support:

### Fighting the Effects of Trade:

- Researchers documented essential data on the effects of trade on Grey and Timneh Parrots in Africa. Major effort with partners to back Gabon's CITES Appendix I proposal for African Greys were successful. Trade is now banned, which will save hundreds of thousands of parrots from trapping.

### Habitat Restoration:

- 366 seedlings planted out into reforestation areas in Bolivia.
- Over 13.5 ha of new reforested area established on Bonaire at the Echo project.

### Conservation & Field Research:

- Protective measures to Blue-throated Macaw nest areas to reduce predation, resulting in 8 new chicks fledging into the wild population.
- 78 predator-resistant nest sites established for the Tasman Parakeet.
- Discovery of one of the last known breeding areas for Timneh Parrots in West Africa.

### Rehabilitation & Release:

- Scarlet Macaws released in Honduras and Costa Rica.
- Vinaceous Amazons successfully released to the wild in Brazil.

### Educational Outreach & Advocacy:

- 1,150 people living within Blue-throated Macaw range (including 950 children) educated on the birds' plight in Bolivia.
- Echo 'Parrot Club' attracted over 400 youngsters to learn about the Yellow-shouldered Amazon on Bonaire.
- Over 5,000 youths visited the Macaw Mountain Bird Sanctuary in Copan, home of the Scarlet Macaw.
- Educational materials for companion birds circulated globally in multiple languages, reaching over 2.5 million readers each month (*online and print*).



**22**  
SPECIES

of parrot helped through research and conservation projects



**6,300+**  
YOUNG PEOPLE

educated through local outreach programs



**2.5**  
MILLION

people reached via our print and online media



**54**  
PROJECT PARTNERS



RESTORING  
FORESTS  
ON BONAIRE



**400**  
TREES  
PLANTED



The Yellow-shouldered Amazon (*Amazona barbadensis*) is listed as Vulnerable in the wild due to loss of dry forest habitat, persecution by people and poaching of nestlings.

WPT partner organisation Echo has cultivated thousands of native seedlings in its plant nursery and planted out several hectares of forest to restore vital habitat that the Yellow-shouldered Amazon and other native species need for food and breeding. These planted areas are protected by fencing from feral grazing animals such as goats and donkeys, and hand watered to ensure growing success.



**13.5**  
HECTARES  
of forest  
protected



**500**  
SEEDS

harvested to test and perfect new watering regimes to help ensure success rates



PROTECTING  
NESTS IN  
BOLIVIA

The Blue-throated Macaw (*Ara glaucogularis*) is a Critically Endangered species found only in Bolivia. With its population hovering at a little over 125 individuals, the species requires continued direct efforts to help increase its population.

Actions that help to preserve the species' population include monitoring breeding pairs, protecting nestlings and installing artificial nest boxes. In 2015, after extensive searching, WPT's field team found 3 nests. The nest trees were fitted with metal cones to prevent access by climbing predators, and 8 chicks fledged, a high number for these macaws.



**3,200**  
PLANTS  
grown in  
nursery



**8**  
CHICKS  
successfully  
fledged to join  
estimated  
population of  
125

**90%**  
of communities  
living within  
Blue-throated Macaw  
ranges reached  
through education &  
advocacy programs





*Thank you!*

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I joined WPT because I am passionately devoted to parrot welfare, both companion and in the wild. I know WPT feels the same way about them and has worked hard to translate that devotion into action.

~ Judith R.,  
United States

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The Cockatoos smuggled out of Indonesia in water bottles hit me hard ... seeing how someone could treat these creatures in this way really upset me. Hearing that the WPT was involved ... was a huge relief.

~ Joe Davenport,  
Australia

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WPT is diverse and I appreciate the research in the field it supports, promoting proper companion parrot care, along with a host of other projects.

~ Chris Shank,  
United States

So much of the good work WPT is able to do is thanks to the generosity of our donors. We gratefully acknowledge the commitment of our supporters who provided financial assistance which will help secure a future for parrot species under threat.

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Let your dedication to parrots live on. If you would like to make a planned gift to the World Parrot Trust, visit our website at [parrots.org/donate](https://parrots.org/donate) or contact one of our administrative offices directly.



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