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FOR PARROTS

Nearly one-third of all parrot species are at risk of extinction, with still more under considerable threat. The main dangers to these charismatic birds, trapping for the wild bird trade and the loss of key forest habitat, are driving serious declines in wild populations.

Since its inception in 1989 the World Parrot Trust has led or supported conservation and welfare projects in 43 countries for more than 80 species of parrot. With the help of generous supporters, WPT works with researchers, in-country organisations, communities and local governments to shape positive and long-lasting change.



Our deepest thanks to you...

After more than 30 years in action, we here at the WPT might have thought we'd seen all the ups and downs the world had to throw at us — political upheavals, economic booms and busts — and through it all, we and our partners have made enormous progress in parrot conservation and welfare.

Over the years your unwavering support has kept us going forward.

Also thanks to you, we've successfully navigated what we hope will be the worst of the pandemic and are thrilled to be getting back up to speed as the world reopens. This Impact Report features some of the year's highlights as we continue to expand our efforts for the world's most endangered parrots. We hope you'll enjoy and take pride in these updates from around the world — **our successes are yours, too.**

-The World Parrot Trust family









Jamie Gilardi, Executive Director

USING RESEARCH TO

SAVE PARROTS

NEW RESEARCH ON YELLOW-NAPED AMAZONS HIGHLIGHTS THEIR POPULATION CRISIS

Yellow-naped Amazons (Amazona auropalliata) are found in a narrow range of Pacific coast from central Mexico through to northern Costa Rica, and Honduras and Nicaragua on the Atlantic coast.

Their populations continue to decline and with fewer than 2500 remaining they are highly endangered due to illegal trapping and habitat loss. Without intervention they could disappear from the wild. WPT-supported surveys are helping researchers discover how endangered the remaining population is.

Monitoring wild numbers by counting existing roosts and searching for new ones is ongoing. Recent efforts by WPT's collaborators have laid bare the necessity of uplisting this species to a 'Critically Endangered' status with the international conservation authority IUCN, and has highlighted the need for increased conservation actions to save the species.

The higher listing encourages authorities to increase safeguarding protections and promote stronger actions for a more positive survival outcome for these birds.

Your support makes it possible for important research to continue.



FINDING HOPE FOR PARROTS

CAUGHT IN ILLEGAL TRADE

UNCOVERING THE EXTENT OF ONLINE ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING AND TAKING ACTION TO END IT

The prevalence and popularity of social media has opened up opportunities for parrot dealers to promote sales, many of which are illegal. Much of this trade is hidden in plain sight with traffickers exploiting legal trade or using vague language to avoid detection. These dealers are causing the most endangered of these birds to decline even faster.

WPT has been at the forefront of ending online parrot trafficking, conducting research to better understand the nature of the threat and working with online platforms to prevent and remove harmful content. Groundbreaking work carried out with the Universities of Exeter and Oxford has revealed the vast scale of trade in birds from West Africa and identified new opportunities for detecting online wildlife trade, with implications that reach far beyond parrots.

Working directly with some of the largest social media companies, WPT staff and a small team of volunteers are ensuring that now-

prohibited illegal wildlife sales are rapidly removed. In collaboration with the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organised Crime, WPT investigators have revealed the thriving domestic market for Grey Parrots (Psittacus erithacus) in Nigeria, Kenya and other African countries leading to commitments from locally-based platforms. As well, our advocacy work with the Alliance to Counter Crime Online has involved meetings with international officials including the UK Secretary of State for the Environment.

Thanks to your generosity, hundreds of parrots are rescued from trade each year.



RETURNING PARROTS

TO THE WILD

RESCUE AND REHABILITATION EFFORTS ARE SAVING ILLEGALLY TRAPPED BLUE-FRONTED AMAZONS

Globally, thousands of parrots are surrendered to local rescue and rehabilitation centres each year as a result of seizure from illegal trade.

The Blue-fronted Amazon (Amazona aestiva), native to Brazil, Bolivia, Paraguay and Argentina, has been hard-hit by illegal trapping, causing population declines and local extinctions.

In Brazil, the WPT supports rescue and rehabilitation efforts by providing much-needed veterinary expertise, supplies and equipment for dedicated local organisations working to combat the deadly effects of trapping.

This work is also helping other threatened parrot species return to historical ranges where they no longer exist.

Your help has been vital to parrot rehabilitation and rewilding efforts.



REBUILDING

WILD POPULATIONS

ENSURING PUERTO RICAN AMAZONS CONTINUE TO RECOVER

The Puerto Rican Amazon (Amazona vittata) is Critically Endangered in the wild due to near-continuous threats from severe weather events and past deforestation. By 1971 its population had plummeted to an alarmingly low 16 birds. Without help, this iconic species may disappear for good.

WPT, in collaboration with the Puerto Rican Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (PRDNER), has provided ongoing help to the parrot's recovery at the facility based at Río Abajo, providing the team with funding for nest box materials, and climbing and other equipment.

Recently a WPT-sponsored biologist has helped to install nest boxes to replace lost nesting trees and aided in the development of a new, protected release site. Because of this support, and the outstanding work of the Río Abajo, PRDNER

and US Fish and Wildlife teams, the population is now at almost 700 individuals.

As of mid-2021 there were 33 captive-bred chicks at Río Abajo and 60 chicks being monitored in the project's wild nests, raising hopes of a banner breeding year.

Your support is helping endangered parrot populations rebound.



REACHING OUT TO

LOCAL COMMUNITIES

FOSTERING LOCAL APPRECIATION FOR WILD PARROTS RESUMES IN HONDURAS

People play an important role as stewards of the earth's natural resources. WPT has long fostered the sharing of priorities with local communities which have a common aim in conserving parrots. The way to achieve this is through outreach, education and protecting wild populations.

WPT partner PRO-ALAS' mission is the four 'R's: rescue, rehabilitation, reproduction and reintroduction of Honduras' most at-risk birds, particularly the Scarlet Macaw (*Ara macao*). In late June of 2021, PRO-ALAS presented the vibrant and colourful Guacamaya Fest 2021 at the Copán Ruinas Heritage site after streaming the event online during the pandemic the previous year. During the festivities six Scarlet Macaws were released to the Copán Ruinas valley to begin their lives in the wild, the eighth such release to take place there.

The now-yearly Guacamaya festivities have become extremely popular and have served as a catalyst for bringing local people together and changing attitudes about macaws, parrots and conservation in Honduras.

Thanks to you, community awareness is seeing positive results for parrots.



THANK YOU!

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The critical conservation work we do is only possible thanks to the people like you who empower WPT efforts around the world.

Your generosity ensures we can continue to protect and restore wild spaces for parrots, support in-country breeding-for-release programs, engage local communities to help parrots and people coexist, fight the wild bird trade, advocate for better care of companion parrots worldwide, and more.

We are endlessly humbled by
— and grateful for — your
concern for the parrots.

I support WPT because of my love of parrots and their dedication to them and their environment. Habitat loss combined with illegal wildlife trade is a problem that must be stopped.

~ Susan Cheever



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~ Tiffin B. Kramer

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~ Susan Markowitz

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