

Hyacinth Macaw
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WORLD
PARROT
TRUST



LEAVE A **LEGACY** FOR PARROTS

A bequest in your Will is an investment in conservation that secures the future for parrots and their habitats.



A pair of Scarlet Macaws
— part of a breeding and
reintroduction program in
Costa Rica — teach their
wild-hatched youngster
how to forage for food.

Photo © Elaine Henley

Charismatic and incredibly intelligent, parrots are among the most diverse species on the planet.

It's no wonder people identify with these special birds. Like us, they can live almost anywhere on the planet; from dry scrub islands and tropical rainforests to snow-capped peaks. Like us, they may travel great distances in search of comfort, food and companionship. And like us, many choose their mates for life - **lives which can last for years equal to, and even exceeding, our own.**

People have long been captivated by parrots. Sadly, this fascination comes at a cost: every year, thousands of birds are trapped and sold into the pet trade. Trapping for trade and habitat loss are the main reasons that nearly ***one in three parrot species is at risk of extinction in the wild.***

By remembering the World Parrot Trust in your Will, you are helping to ensure future generations have the opportunity to discover the beauty of these amazing creatures as they are in the wild, not as a distant memory.

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If man can save the parrots,
he may yet save himself.

~ Mike Reynolds,
World Parrot Trust Founder



HOW YOUR GIFT WILL HELP PARROTS

Your gift means we'll be able to continue our efforts to ensure parrots have ongoing protection in the wild and receive the care and compassion they deserve to live well in captivity, by:

- Helping authorities stop illegal trapping and assisting in rehabilitation efforts
- Restoring wild populations through protection of critical nest sites and reintroduction programs
- Aiding recovery efforts in the wake of natural disasters
- Preserving critical habitats by establishing protected areas and restoring dwindling tracts of forest
- Raising community awareness through programs that illustrate the importance of protecting local parrot populations and their habitats



...and much more, as the need arises.

**WHEN YOU SUPPORT THE WPT, YOUR LEGACY WILL
LIVE ON IN MORE MEANINGFUL WAYS THAN YOU
CAN IMAGINE. IT MAY MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE
IN THE WORLD, EVEN TO ONE PARROT...**

...A PARROT LIKE BANANAS.

Bananas, an endangered Timneh Parrot, was first noted as having gone missing from a nest cavity that was being monitored by researchers in West Africa. Their worst fears were realised when they saw fresh marks around the cavity and went to check on the nestling inside...**and saw that he was gone.**

The discovery triggered a search but remarkably, five days later, he was anonymously returned to the field staff. With little experience or resources the scientists were now faced with caring for a weakened, hungry chick. They adopted a menu used by former trappers: cooked rice with palm oil, ground roasted peanuts and what quickly became the baby's favourite, bananas.



With advice from the WPT and the University Institute of Portugal they fed the chick until he was strong enough to be returned to the nest. Against all odds, the parents returned and began feeding him again.

Thanks to dedicated individuals and organisations coming together for conservation, **Bananas was able to grow up and join his flock, flying free out in the big, wild world.**

OUR COMMITMENT TO PARROTS

The World Parrot Trust brings together wildlife conservation and welfare specialists from around the world to direct and put into action effective programs to protect parrots. Thousands of individuals spend countless hours sharing their deep commitment, knowledge and experience.

It is because of this support — and the generosity of many individuals, sponsors, and funding agencies — that we can carry out the important work of *helping more than 80 species of parrot in 43 countries since 1989.*

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

- ✓ We are grateful for any contributions received and will ensure your gift is handled with due care and respect.
- ✓ We understand that your family and loved ones will always come first. You have the right to revise your bequest at any time to reflect your circumstances if they change.
- ✓ We will ensure your gift is put to the best possible use to provide the greatest impact for parrots.

The Chattering Lory has been trapped to near extinction on a number of islands in Indonesia.

It is just one of the many at-risk parrot species your legacy could help to protect.

Photo © Richard Carey

MAKE A LASTING DIFFERENCE TO PARROTS: WPT'S LEGACY CIRCLE

WPT's Legacy Circle is our way of thanking you for your kindness. When you inform us of your bequest, you will have the opportunity to be acknowledged, receive special communications, and be updated on current project activities that demonstrate how your gift will help to provide a lasting legacy to parrots.

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Without charities like the WPT, the world would be facing an ecological disaster. Through our endeavours to help, by our donations and final gifts, we can try and leave the planet in a better position to face an uncertain future and avoid more creatures facing extinction. I would ask anyone that takes an interest in the environment and the natural world to leave a lasting gift in their will so we can hopefully leave these wondrous creatures with a better place to spend their long and wonderful lives.



~ Peter Molesworth
with Fountainebleu and Macy

Loving my [Umbrella Cockatoo] Kiri as I did, I wanted to give something back to help gain the knowledge towards maintaining the wild populations. And realising how little I had known about parrots and their upkeep in captivity, I also supported WPT aims to improve the lives of companion parrots. WPT was the organisation which met both my areas of interest. As time has gone on, the work towards conservation of parrots in the wild has become more important to me, because a healthy parrot population represents a healthy ecosystem. We are all more aware of the damage that humans do, and anything which mitigates against it is working for the wider good.



~ Janet Miller
with Annie

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NEXT STEPS:

JOIN OUR LEGACY CIRCLE

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Decide what gift best suits your wishes.

Your Will is completely personal to you, so it is important that you feel comfortable with your decision. For more information on including the World Parrot Trust in your planned giving, visit our website at **parrots.org/legacy**, email us at **legacy@parrots.org**, or give our UK office a call at **+44 (0) 1736 751026**.

2

Consult your lawyer.

It is important to ensure your enduring legacy is accurately and legally reflected in your Will. Give us a call or visit our website at **parrots.org/legacy** for suggested wording you and your solicitor may consider for inclusion in your bequest.

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Let us know!

If you have included the World Parrot Trust in your Will, please let us know so we can properly acknowledge your support, and keep you informed on current and future projects.

Thank you for considering the parrots!

Every gift, large or small, makes a difference. Thank you for helping to protect parrots and the places they live, now and into the future.



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