

# CONSERVATION COUNTERPARTS

by Mike Parr, Washington, D.C.

Conservation Counterparts is designed to help conservation-minded North Americans partner with, and raise funds for conservation groups and projects in Latin American and the Caribbean. The program is run by American Bird Conservancy (ABC), in cooperation with Partners in Flight, and aims to conserve wild birds and their habitats throughout the Americas. Migratory birds recognize no national boundaries and are the perfect means of developing international cooperation

Photo by Karl S. Berg



*Wild Great Green Macaws at a nest site.*

Photo courtesy of Eric Horsman



for conservation.

We are all concerned about the fate of the rainforests, and of our migrant birds as they head south in the fall. Conservation Counterparts provides the opportunity for you to take positive action to make a difference right now. Each of the projects presented is being conducted by a reliable, respected group, and will help both resident and migrant birds as well as other wildlife.

The projects are spread across the Americas, and include a wide range of conservation initiatives from species

*Great Green Macaws*

## CONSERVATION COUNTERPARTS



**Bosque Protector**

## CERRO BLANCO

protection, to organizational support, habitat management, ecological investigation, and the training and development of individual conservationists.

In addition to a fundraising target for each project, this article describes volunteer opportunities (where they are available) and also provides information on visiting the projects where this is possible. If you wish to participate at this level, ABC can put you directly in touch with the group concerned (we are unable to accept liability for any issues relating to volunteer activity or travel). We hope you enjoy reading about these initiatives and look forward to hearing from you soon.

The first focus is on the Great Green Macaw Project. Other projects will follow in subsequent issues.

### **Great Green Macaw Project, Cerro Blanco, Ecuador**

A program to conserve the Great Green Macaw in the Cerro Blanco protected forest, western Ecuador. The project is being carried out by Fundacion Pro-Bosque and will establish an education center and program for local schools, evaluate artificial nest box designs, conduct aerial surveys to identify areas suitable for nesting macaws, monitor and protect nests, and sample macaw DNA to clarify the population status. Funds required: \$33,250.

A volunteer biologist with South American experience is needed to help carry out field surveys of Yellow-cheeked Amazons, and Red-masked Conures in the reserve. Four volunteer

field assistants are also needed to help with nest site monitoring and nest box placement for Great Green Macaws. Park guards can lead groups of 2-4 people to observe macaw nest sites between July and October (depending on accessibility of nests). Funds raised for this project will be matched by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.



Support is urgently needed, and Conservation Counterparts makes involvement easy.

Do please call Mike Parr at 1-888-BIRDMAG with any questions about Conservation Counterparts. Mike can also be reached by E-mail at [mparr@abcbirds.org](mailto:mparr@abcbirds.org).

American Bird Conservancy, 1250  
24th Street NW, Suite 400,  
Washington, D.C., 20037  
Tel: (202) 778 9666  
Fax: (202) 778 9778  
E-mail: [abc@abcbirds.org](mailto:abc@abcbirds.org)

North-South Partnerships for  
Bird and Wildlife Conservation



## **NEKTON® Products for Birds**

When Only  
The Best Will Do!  
Top Quality Vitamin  
Supplements and  
Special Diets



**Guenter Enderle Enterprises, Inc.**  
27 West Tarpon Ave., Tarpon Springs, FL 34689  
Phone: 727-938-1544 · Fax: 727-938-1545  
e mail: [nekplus@att.net](mailto:nekplus@att.net)