

# Two Interesting Photographs from the Pipeline Road, Canal Zone

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*Crested Owl, Lophotrix cristata, on Pipeline Road, May 11, 1974.*

The first photograph, taken from a color transparency, is of a Crested Owl, (*Lophotrix cristata*), photographed by Jaime J. Pujals in undergrowth along the Pipeline Road near Gamboa, C.Z., on May 11, 1974. Shown here, possibly for the first time, is the amazing full extent of the "horns", exaggerated by the broad white superciliary which continues along the inner margin of the ears. None of the extant color illustrations, painted from specimens, show this plumed or long-eared effect. The species, although widely distributed in the American tropics, is little known. The voice is somewhat frog-like.

The second photograph, taken by Pujals on the same date not far away, is of an Oilbird, (*Steatornis caripensis*), perched on a branch of a dead tree. Although the print is not of high quality, the bird can be clearly identified in the original transparency. This is the first record for central Panama; years ago one was mist-netted at night in extreme eastern Darién (Wetmore, A., 1968, *Birds of the Republic of Panama*, 2: 187, Smithsonian Press).



*Oilbird, Steatornis caripensis, on Pipeline Road, May 11, 1974. Photos / Jaime J. Pujals.*

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