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### Conservationists of Tomorrow Focus on Rainforests

The future of the world's tropical rainforests is clearly of as much concern to young people as it is to the professional conservationist. All four winners of this year's International Council for Bird Preservation/Fauna and Flora Preservation Society's Conservation Expedition Competition will be visiting forests to carry out work which will significantly contribute to the forests' protection. The competition sponsored by the world's two oldest international conservation organizations is designed to encourage young expedition teams to develop a conservation theme for their work—and to spark off an interest that might mean they become the conservationists of tomorrow.

The two prizes in the bird category went to expeditions who will work in forests which are as yet unprotected. The forest of the Sozoranga Mountains in Ecuador is possibly the most threatened habitat in that country, and is home to 11 bird species known

only from that area. The University of East Anglia team won first prize for their proposal to survey the area. A Manchester University expedition won second prize for their project to look at the remote islands of Sumba and Buru in Indonesia, also home to a number of unique and threatened birds. Hopefully, the work of both expeditions will stimulate interest in these forests and provide the information necessary for affording the forests some degree of protection.

The forests that will be visited by the winners of the non-bird category are both officially protected but are barely known to science and receive little attention. GREEN, the appropriate acronym for the Ghana Rainforest Expedition Eighty-Nine from Cambridge University and winner of the first prize, will be surveying the Nini-Suhien National Park, one of the last remaining areas of rainforest in Ghana. Second prize goes to the Madagascar Environmental Research Groups' (MERG) expedition to Tsaratanana, one of the largest rainforest reserves in Madagascar. Both expeditions aim to document the status of these areas and their wildlife and to produce the information urgently needed in order to improve management of the reserves.

The winners received their prizes at the Zoological Society of London on May 15, 1989, during an evening of talks and slideshows by previous university expeditions supported by ICBP and FFPS.

The ICBP/FFPS Conservation Expedition Competition is open to young people planning an expedition that will take place outside Europe and North America. There are separate categories for expeditions focusing on birds and for those with a more general proposal; first and second prizes in each category are 1000 and 800 pounds, respectively. The closing date for the 1990 competition is January 31, 1990.

For further information, contact Amanda Hillier, FFPS, 79-83 North Street, Brighton, BN1 1ZA (Tel: 0273 820445) or Richard Grimmett ICBP, 32 Cambridge Road, Girton, Cambridge, CB3 0PJ (Tel: 0223 277318).

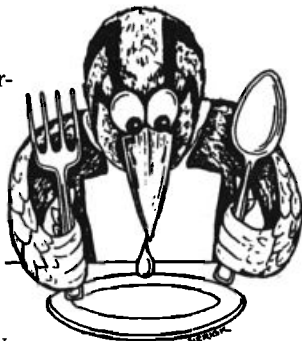
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## International Conservation Conference

The city of Austin, Texas, Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a conference entitled "International Conference of Wildlands and Wildlife Conservation in the Americas." The intent of this conference is to invite conservationists and natural resource managers from the Americas to share information and foster a dialogue on global conservation issues.

The topics and speakers attending this conference are diverse, and there will be great opportunity for discussion and education.

For more information, contact Austin Parks and Recreation Department, Municipal Building, Eighth at Colorado, P.O. Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767 (Butch Smith: 512-499-6763 or Carol Foy: 499-6727).

## Fall Festival

Be sure to visit the seventh annual Wings 'n Water Festival in Stone Harbor, New Jersey, on September 16 and 17, 1989. It's a fabulous fall celebration of New Jersey's coastal environment for the entire family. Meet 150 of the nation's top artists and carvers and view their work. Also enjoy nature walks, environmental exhibits, carving demonstrations, photography shows, and much more.

All proceeds benefit the not-for-profit Wetlands Institute. For further information, contact Wetlands Institute, Stone Harbor Boulevard, Stone Harbor, NJ 08247 (609-368-1211).

## Rare Birds of Oregon

Do you know that there are three Oregon records of a Mongolian Plover (an Asiatic species) verified with photographs? Or that there have been 14 Oregon records of Black-throated Blue Warbler (an eastern North American species)—10 in the fall, three in the spring, and one of a hardy bird that wintered in Oregon? This is the type of information that you can have at your fingertips in a new publication of the Oregon Field Ornithologists.

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