

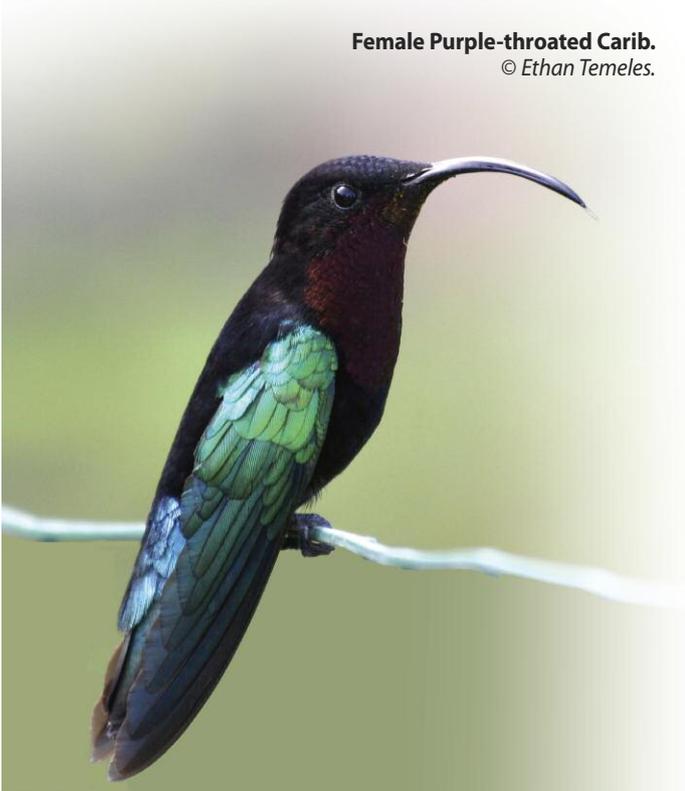
# PEOPLE AND PLACES

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE ABA FAMILY

**Birding welcomes your contributions to “People and Places.” Please e-mail your submissions to Ted Floyd <tfloyd@aba.org>. Submissions must be 125–150 words in length. No want-ads. Other than that, all birding-related news items will be eagerly received.**

## Birding Community E-Bulletin

The *Birding Community E-Bulletin* <<http://tinyurl.com/y7uk7xu>> is a free internet service for all birders interested in timely digests of the latest news and happenings in the birding world. Learn about recent rarities, major discoveries and findings, important conservation news, upcoming events, and other news of interest to birders. News items are short and readable, and many have links to other sites where you can get additional details. *The Birding Community E-Bulletin* is sponsored by the National Geographic Society, and content is generated by well-known birders Paul J. Baicich and Wayne Petersen. This resource is especially helpful to birders who are involved in producing bird club newsletters (print or online), but it is also



**Female Purple-throated Carib.**  
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of use to any birder who simply wishes to be informed. The *Birding Community E-Bulletin* is e-published approximately monthly, and you can sign off at any time.

—submitted by ABA staff

## Hog Island Ornithology Programs—2010

Audubon’s legendary Hog Island is a beautiful, 330-acre setting located in Muscongus Bay on Maine’s central coast. In partnership with the American Birding Association, Hog Island offers summer sessions focused on environmental education, land preservation, and of course ornithology <<http://tinyurl.com/y4nwa7z>>. Youth scholarships are available through the ABA. Hog Island has provided generations of people with the opportunity to participate in leading-edge environmental programs. Since 1936, famed naturalists like Roger Tory Peterson have shared their enthusiasm for the environment and birds with participants of Hog Island’s weeklong summer sessions. Participants experience the birds, learning, laughter, and great meals with some of the country’s best-known birding instructors. Hog Island’s programs are ideal for beginning and experienced birders and teachers, who become part of the Hog Island legacy and help advance the mission to promote environmental stewardship.

—submitted by Daniel Allon

## Hummingbird Mate Attraction

When it comes to attracting a mate, flowers and sweets often do the trick—even for the Purple-throated Carib (*Eulampis jugularis*), a hummingbird species native to the eastern Caribbean. Scientists at the Smithsonian Institution <<http://www.si.edu>> and Amherst College recently discovered that male caribs defend and maintain territories with a high density of nectar-producing flowers. Why? Because it is the quality of this territory—rather than flashy plumage or elaborate courtship displays—that attracts the most females. What the scientists observed was unique among all bird species: Successful male caribs defend territories with nectar supplies that are two to five times greater than their daily needs; furthermore, males protect parts of their territories for the exclusive feeding rights of visiting females. The key to this female-only feeding area is the presence of the lobster claw heliconia—a flower that, due to its structure, only female caribs can feed from.

—submitted by John Gibbons

## Linda Macaulay Honored

Linda Macaulay, wildlife sound recording expert and dedicated philanthropist, was honored with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Arthur A. Allen Award on 8 April 2010 in New York City. During her more than 20-year career in the field, Macaulay has traveled the globe to bring back 5,974 individual bird recordings. Macaulay's expeditions have spanned 50 countries and every continent but Antarctica. She has recorded 2,668 distinct species of birds—more than a quarter of the 10,000 species thought to exist on the planet, including 357 species that have been recorded only by her. Her work in Gabon, West Africa, contributed to the identification of a new species: the Four-colored Bushshrike. Also, she has documented sexual display behaviors in Central America's Yellow-eared Toucanet that had never been observed. Macaulay's contributions are a cornerstone of Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Macaulay Library <<http://tinyurl.com/y3hkeqe>>, the world's largest natural sound and video research archive of animal behavior.

—submitted by John Carberry

## New Hampshire Audubon

In an ambitious effort to spread the gospel of birding far and wide, New Hampshire Audubon is offering innovative educational programs in 2010 and beyond <<http://tinyurl.com/y42z76p>>. Upcoming programs offered by New Hampshire Audubon include “Birding the Connecticut Lakes” and “Bird Watching at the Glen,” both focusing on breeding boreal birds such as Yellow-bellied and Alder flycatchers, Philadelphia Vireo, and Rusty Blackbird. In the winter, coastal birding trips are offered by New Hampshire Audubon; these trips focus on hawks, owls, and seabirds, with a special emphasis on birds' adaptations for harsh winter climates. Headquartered in Concord with other locations in Auburn, Laconia, Manchester, Moultonborough, Hebron, and Temple, New Hampshire Audubon is dedicated to the statewide conservation of birds and their habitats.

—submitted by Tai Freleigh



**Linda Macaulay.** Image courtesy of © Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

## Field Expedition to Sonora

The Sonoran Joint Venture (SJV) and the Western Field Ornithologists (WFO) are jointly coordinating a bird monitoring expedition to the Área de Protección de Flora y Fauna (APFF) Sierra de Alamos y Río Cuchujaqui Biosphere Reserve in southern Sonora, 27 June–3 July 2010. The objective of this expedition is to use the collective expertise of WFO members and SJV participants to collect and record natural history information and baseline monitoring data on birds of conservation interest in the APFF. These data will be used by the reserve staff to manage habitat for the birds of conservation interest. To learn about participating in this effort, check out the website of the

Sonoran Joint Venture <<http://tinyurl.com/y2f8dk4>> or contact expedition organizer Carol J. Beardmore <[carol\\_beardmore@fws.gov](mailto:carol_beardmore@fws.gov)> directly.

—submitted by Carol J. Beardmore

## Hummingbird Rediscovery

The first photo of a living Santa Marta Sabrewing (*Campylopterus phainopeplus*) provides confirmation of the continued existence of this spectacular hummingbird, undocumented for

60 years. The area where the bird was found—the El Dorado Bird Reserve in the Santa Marta Mountains of northern Colombia—had been slated for development in 2006 for vacation homes, but was spared by a last-minute land purchase through funding from American Bird Conservancy <<http://www.abcbirds.org>> and Conservation International (CI), in cooperation with the Colombian conservation organization Fundación Pro Aves, which expertly manages several bird reserves in Columbia. The Santa Marta Sabrewing, classified by the International Union for Conservation of Nature as Endangered, is endemic to the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, and is at high risk of extinction. There have been occasional unconfirmed sightings by birders visiting the reserve and its environs since 2000. These sightings were typically of single birds feeding in the forest canopy.

—submitted by Robert Johns



**Santa Marta Sabrewing.**  
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