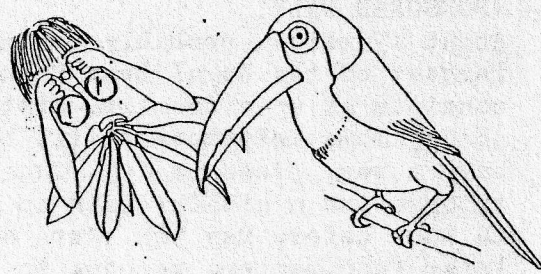


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Since our last meeting in Cambridge, TReeS has grown steadily and the word about Tambopata has spread. Slideshows have been arranged in various parts of the country, and contact with various conservation groups has been established, resulting in considerable interest and some offers of help. A current Operation Raleigh exhibition in Hull (at the Operation Raleigh Support Centre, 47-49 Queensdock Ave, Hull HU1 3DT) includes a considerable section on work at TWR and caught the interest of Prince Charles when he visited it earlier this year.

A promotional pamphlet for TReeS has been prepared and will soon be ready for printing. We need funds urgently to cover printing costs of between two and three hundred pounds; once the pamphlet is available fund-raising and publicity will be able to spread much more quickly. IF YOU HAVEN'T JOINED YET, PLEASE DO SO TODAY - we need your money now to enable us to set up TReeS as a working concern. Just £2-50 membership from each of you, plus a further donation of £2-50 if you can manage it, will give us enough to go ahead with printing.

News from Tambopata

The new main building has been completed at last, replacing the one which was destroyed in last September's fire. The Native Community of Infierno, adjacent to the Tambopata Reserve, was the location for a second course by AMETRA, a group interested in raising health standards by encouraging the use of traditional herbal remedies by the forest people (See TWR Newsletters 1 and 2 for details of AMETRA). Meanwhile the Peruvian Ministry are still considering the proposed expansion of the TWR, so if you haven't yet written to them supporting the expansion, there's still time. The address:- Señor Director, Dirección de Forestal y Fauna, Ministerio de Agricultura y Alimentación, Natalio Sanchez # 220 - Piso 3, Lima, Peru.

Resident Naturalists on the Reserve are preparing another newsletter, so you should hear more news soon.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10th MAY - TAMBOPATA WORKSHOP.

We are running a workshop and giving a slideshow at a charities sale in London (details enclosed). This will be the first time that TReeS has taken part in an event of this sort alongside other conservation groups, so we need your support and participation to make a good impression. It should be an interesting day, with workshops by many different groups about their conservation activities, and slide- and film-shows all evening. Our workshop will probably be mid-afternoon; come ready for a lively discussion about the Reserve's value and its future development. Or simply come and look around for part or all of the day - entrance is free, and there'll be all those books to look at ...

Anyone who would like to spend part or all the day helping to set up and run a promotional stall for TReeS, please contact Sophie Allington on 0438 726868 (evenings) or 01-589-6323 x331 (daytime).

31st May - SPONSORED WALK.

About 17 miles, probably around Richmond Park. Richmond Park is the largest of the Royal Deer Parks, containing red and fallow deer, and consists of an attractive mixture of woodland, wasteland, 'lawns' and ponds. Some information will be available about the park, and we should have a very pleasant day. Those of you living far from London may like to organise a similar walk in your own area on the same day - if so, let me know before May 5th. More details and sponsor forms to TReeS members later (non-members welcome to join in, but join TReeS to stay on our mailing-list!)

Slides

We are compiling a TReeS set of slides which can be passed around for slideshows. If you have slides you would be willing to copy for us, or to lend to us for copying, bring the best of them (or an index if there are a lot) to the meeting on May 10th, where Kevin Morgan will be at our promotional stall sorting through them. Alternatively, contact Kevin at 64 Fairford Gardens, Worcester Park, Surrey KT4 7BJ (Tel. 01-337-2725) after May 12th, by which time he should know what gaps need filling in our collection of Tambopata slides. If you would like to borrow slides for a slideshow in the future, Kevin's the person to ask.

LOGO COMPETITION

Are you original, imaginative, or simply a compulsive doodler? Would you like to see your brainchild on TReeS newsletters, badges, magazine articles and t-shirts? Send your entry for a TReeS logo to Sophie Allington, our artist, at Long Close, Great Wymondley, Hitchin SG4 7ET by May 17th and you could win the Tambopata picture of your choice, blown up to poster size. Don't worry if you're not a great artist; what we're after is the idea for an original, eyecatching, simple design which can be touched up by Sophie.

And Finally...

Let me stress once more our urgent need for funds. Please try to support these events, or arrange some of your own. If you haven't yet paid a subscription to TReeS, please do so. Future mailings will be to fully-paid members only, so this is your last chance! For those of you who have already joined, here's hoping that TReeS will quickly become established as a source of real help for the continued existence and future development of the Tambopata Reserve.

Helen Newing.

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"A contribution to the economic needs of TWR would almost certainly yield a return greater than a similar investment in virtually any other part of the tropical Third World - and I say that after 23 years of residence and work in the Third World."

- Norman Myers, author of "The Primary Source", worldwide conservation consultant, and patron of TReeS.