

# AAV Members Conservation Projects List

<b>Name</b>	<b>A Study of different releasing techniques for a captive population of northern bald ibis (<i>Geronticus eremita</i>) in the region of La Janda (Cádiz, Southern Spain)</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>6</b>
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<b>Region</b>	Morocco, Syria		
<b>Species</b>	Northern bald ibis ( <i>Geronticus eremita</i> )		
<b>Description</b>	<p>1. BACKGROUND</p> <p>The Northern Bald Ibis (<i>Geronticus eremita</i>) has declined dramatically over the past 50 years and is classified as critically endangered (Collar et al. 1994) the highest threat category according to IUCN criteria (BirdLife 2000). With about 318 birds remaining in the wild (El Bekkay, 2003), the Souss-Massa region near Agadir (SW Morocco) holds the last known breeding population of the species. In April 2002 a small colony, formed by 7 adults, was discovered in Syria (Serra et al. 2002). The future of this eastern population is uncertain as only 5 adult birds returned to Syria colony in 2004 census (Serra per. Com.). The species has disappeared from the European Alps more than 400 years ago and from Turkey in 1989 (Akçakaya et al. 1992), despite a semicaptive population is found nearby Birecik. Hunting, direct persecution by humans, lost of foraging areas and pesticide poisoning (especially in the Turkey population the last decades) are the main reasons for this decline (Cramp &amp; Simmons 1977, Hirsch 1977).</p> <p>In 1999, an 'International workshop on a the strategy for the rehabilitation of the Northern Bald Ibis' hold in Agadir (Morocco, 8-12 March) remarked the necessity of performing studies on releasing techniques to attain a non-migratory and viable population of this species in another area. In cooperation with IUCN/SSC Reintroduction Specialist Group, the workshop developed specific guidelines for release/reintroduction program assuming that reintroduction is perhaps the main strategy to avoid extinction. In order to ensure the international co-operation, it was decided to create the International Advisory Group for Northern Bald Ibis (IAGNBI) that is working since then.</p>		

In July 2003, a committee meeting of the International Advisory Group for NBI (IAGNBI) was held in Innsbruck (Austria). Between the Statement of the conservation priorities for the Northern Bald Ibis was that any released guidelines developed by IAGNBI must be regularly updated in the light of experience and ongoing research and must be followed during any and all programmes involving released / reintroduction of this species. The "Proyecto Eremita" revised its release methodology plans in view of the outputs from the Innsbruck meeting.

In January 2004, a Species Action Plan (SAP) for the conservation of the Northern Bald Ibis was held in Madrid (Spain). In this meeting the main threats affecting the conservation of the Northern bald Ibis in its current sites were identified.

## 2. OBJECTIVES

"Proyecto Eremita" aims to evaluate the efficacy of different releasing techniques (hand reared and parent reared under different conditions) in La Janda area, Southern Spain, following the release guidelines developed by IAGNBI. The success of this study will be assessed by the establishment of a sedentary, self-sustained, free-flying colony in this area during the time of the project.

These releasing techniques have been discussed by IAGNBI and revised in the light of the fruitful discussion carried out at the Innsbruck meeting in July 2003.

## 3. VETERINARY ISSUES

Miguel A. Quevedo DVM, is one of the two veterinary members (with Andrew Cunningham) of the IAGNBI. Concerning "Proyecto Eremita" is the veterinary responsible of the birds used in this study. Those procedures will be based on the "Veterinary Protocol in the Reintroduction of Northern Bald Ibis (*Geronticus eremita*)", Kirkwood J.K & Quevedo M.A. 1999. Birds coming from Zoo Botánico Jerez have been under veterinary surveillance since 1991 offering appropriate conditions for this project. This captive population has been closely monitored since then and can be considered as "in quarantine" over such a long period of time. There will be established surveillance of released birds to monitor for any signs of disease or mortality during the project. Dead birds will be thoroughly analysed (post mortem study).

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<b>Region</b>	Louisiana, USA		
<b>Species</b>	Whooping crane, Mississippi sandhill crane		
<b>Description</b>	I currently work as a relief veterinarian where I assist the senior veterinarian at the Audubon Center for Research of Endangered Species in New Orleans. This center has a great program for breeding and raising of whooping cranes and Mississippi sandhill cranes.		

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**Species** Raptors; wild birds

**Description** Helps Austin-area wildlife rescue groups (primarily birds of prey).

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**Name** Biochemical Aging of Birds # 29

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**Species** Bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*); black vulture; psittaciformes; double-crested cormorant

**Description** Since 2002 there has been an effort to develop a technique to estimate the age of adult birds. We have correlated the accumulation of a protein crosslink called pentosidine in skin collagen to the chronological age of various bird species. The ability to estimate age has many implications for wild and captive bird populations.

**Name** Box Turtle Reintroduction Research # 9

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<b>Region</b>	PA, USA		
<b>Species</b>	Box turtle		
<b>Description</b>	2003-2007: Monitor and manage health of box turtles in this reintroduction research project in Oil City, PA. A Rana iridovirus outbreak was also studied.		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Egyptian Vulture Project</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>15</b>
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<b>Region</b>	Italy		
<b>Species</b>	Egyptian vulture (Neophron percnocterus)		
<b>Description</b>	For the conservation and restocking of this endangered species. This project is the biggest collection of Neophron percnocterus in the World. I'm the Chief Veterinarian and I spend about 30 hours per month. The breeding flock is composed of about 30 adult vulture. The chicks are parent-reared, released by hacking and their migration are tracked by GPS system.		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Iowa Tribal Eagle Sanctuary</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>14</b>
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<b>Region</b>	OK		
<b>Species</b>	Bald eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus); golden eagle (Aquila chrysaetos)		
<b>Description</b>	I work with the Iowa Indian Tribe in Perkins, Oklahoma. Last year, they built a large aviary which serves as an eagle sanctuary as well as the ability to rehab eagles. This is the first of its kind and is patterned after the Zuni eagle sanctuary in New Mexico. So far, they have 5 bald and golden eagles and are doubling the aviary to allow for		

more birds. Hopefully, they will be able to house approximately 20-30 eagles in the next few years. I provide all the veterinary care, etc. for the sanctuary.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Lesser Scaup Research</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>19</b>
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<b>Region</b>	MT		
<b>Species</b>	Lesser Scaup ( <i>Arthya affinis</i> )		
<b>Description</b>	I participate in a study involving lesser scaup (ducks) females nesting in Red Rocks National Wildlife Refuge in Montana. Provided veterinary guidance for IACUC and procedural concerns. I placed and taught another veterinarian how to place intra-abdominal transmitters. Trained individuals how to administer and monitor isoflurane anesthesia. Also trained graduate student how to draw blood from the jugular vein. Will be participating in future blood draws. Blood being analyzed for vitellogenin, lipoproteins, prolactin, isotopes, and environmental contaminants.		

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<b>Region</b>	Italy		
<b>Species</b>	Raptors		
<b>Description</b>	For the captive breeding and conservation of endangered species of raptors. This is a new project since 2007, and I'm the Chief Veterinarian.		

**Name** **Maui Forest Bird Recovery Project** **#** **18**

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**Species** Po'ouli (Hawaii honeycreeper)

**Description** This operation was involved in attempts to capture the last of the Po'ouli. Scott was one of the veterinarians involved in the project. He assisted with capture, banding, and handling of the native and invasive species, and provided medical care as needed. No date span specified.

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**Name** **Orinoco Goose Nest Box Project** **#** **23**

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**Region** UNKNOWN

**Species** Orinoco goose

**Description** Co-founder. Fund field conservation of various species. Currently funding nest box project for Orinoco goose.

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**Name** **Osprey and Barn Owl Reintroduction** **#** **11**

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**Region** PA, USA

**Species** Osprey (Pandion haliaeetus); barn owl (Tyto alba)

**Description** Osprey and barn owl reintroduction medical advisor 2006-2007.

**Name** **Peregrine Falcon Conservation Program** **#** **10**

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**Region** PA, USA

**Species** Peregrine falcon (falco peregrinus)

**Description** Helped monitor health and collect biological data for research projects on newly hatched birds from 4 nesting sites, 2001-2007.

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**Name** **Puerto Rican Amazon Parrot Recovery** **#** **30**

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**Region** Puerto Rico

**Species** Puerto Rican Amazon

**Description** Full-time job with the USFWS breeding Puerto Rican Amazons in captivity for release in the wild in the Caribbean National Forest and other historical habitat and ensure the recovery of one of the most endangered psittacines in the world.

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**Name** **Raptor Rehabilitation in Louisiana** **#** **2**

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**Region** Louisiana, USA

**Species** Raptors, various wild birds

**Description** I currently assist the local rehabilitation group with their rescue operation, and evaluate and treat sick or injured birds prior to sending them to the rehabbers. A majority of our injured birds are raptors at this point.

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**Name** **Recovery Plan for the Orange-Bellied Parrot** **#** **27**

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**Region** Hobart; Tasmania; Australia

**Species** Orange-bellied parrot

**Description** This project is in participation with the Tasmanian state government, Department of Primary Industries and Water, Biodiversity Branch.

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**Name** **Schubot Center Projects** **#** **4**

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**Region** Peru, Argentina

**Species** Various, Macaw spp., poultry, Humboldt penguin, crowned eagle

**Description** The Schubot Center at Texas A&M has several ongoing conservation projects. My colleague, Dr Don Brightsmith is largely responsible for them. Current projects include:

1. Studies on nutrition and nesting behavior in wild macaws at Tombopata in Peru.
2. Studies on the spread of Salmonellosis to wild parrots from domestic poultry.
3. Studies on the spread of poultry diseases to Humboldt penguins on the coast of

- Peru.  
 4. Market surveys of avian diseases in Peru  
 5. Studies on the health of crowned eagles in Mendoza Argentina.  
 6. Sponsorship of the Neotropical raptor Conference in Iguazu, Argentina in 2006  
 7. Sponsorship of the Neotropical Ornithology Conference in Venezuela in 2007.  
 8. Member of the International Consortium on Eagle conservation.

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<b>Species</b>	Torrent duck		
<b>Description</b>	Founding member and veterinary advisor. Field work and educational project development for the Torrent duck.		

<b>Name</b>	<b>Waterfowl Conservation Center</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>21</b>
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<b>Species</b>	Waterfowl		
<b>Description</b>	Founding member and veterinary advisor. Rearing and health studies (diagnostic screening modalities) for endangered waterfowl.		

<b>Name</b>	<b>White-Wing Wood Duck Species Survival Program</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>20</b>
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**Region** UNKNOWN

**Species** White-wing wood duck

**Description** Veterinary advisor. Develop health protocols for captive population, research mycobacteria.

**Name** **Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership (WCEP)** # 26

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**Region** WI, FL, IL, IN, KY, TN, GA, Eastern USA

**Species** Whooping crane (*Grus americana*)

**Description** Project started in 1999 with the first releases of whooping cranes occurring in 2000. As of 2007, 56 whooping cranes have been trained to fly with ultralight aircraft, which have been used to successfully teach the birds a migration route from Wisconsin to Florida and back. 17 additional birds are being trained for this year's ultralight-led migration, which starts in October.

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**Name** **Wildlife Rehabilitation in Cordova, Tennessee** # 7

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**Region** Tennessee, USA

<b>Species</b>	Wild birds		
<b>Description</b>	We are a licensed wildlife rehabilitation facility that treats 15-25 injured wild birds weekly. We also are the primary veterinary provider for the Mid-South Raptor Center. We are also the home of the Exotic Animal Rescue League, a humane society-type organization that takes in and places unwanted pet birds and other exotic pets. We also work with shipping companies like FedEx when animals are shipped improperly or illegally.		
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<b>Region</b>	PA, USA		
<b>Species</b>	Wild turkey (Malleagris gallopavo)		
<b>Description</b>	Provided veterinary services and technical assistance for blood sampling and disease testing of wild turkey for translocation to other states 2006-2007.		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Wildlife Middle East News</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>24</b>
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<b>Region</b>	Middle East		
<b>Species</b>	Wildlife; raptors		
<b>Description</b>	Founder of Wildlife Middle East News, a technical bilingual (English-Arabic) newsletter to improve the management and conservation of wildlife in the Middle East. Distributed to approx 2000 regional and international members. See <a href="http://www.wmenews.com/">http://www.wmenews.com/</a>		
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**Region**

Hobart; Ferntree; Tasmania; Australia

**Species**

Wedge-tailed eagle; peregrine falcon; brown falcons; brown goshawk; gray goshawk; swamp harrier; psittacines; black swan

**Description**

James Harris is a veterinary practitioner in companion birds, wildlife, and raptors. Spends at least 30% of his clinical time in the triage, medicine, and surgery of native species including rehabilitation of raptors (wedge-tailed eagles) and black swans.

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**Name** **Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Murcia, Spain** **#** **8**

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**Region**

Murcia, Spain

**Species**

Raptors, wild birds

**Description**

I'm a veterinarian working now in a private practice. I work mainly with exotics but I see some dogs and cats too. Since the year 1998 until 2006, I was working at the Veterinary Hospital of Murcia's University in Spain, and from 2002 to March-2006 I was involved in The Wildlife Rehabilitation Center "El Valle" in Murcia. There I worked mainly with birds of prey and tortoises, although we worked with a lot of birds. I dedicated about 3-4 hours/day for 2-4 days per week. In the Center worked another vet all the day, 3 technicians (8 hours/day each one) and the director of the center (veterinarian too, 2-3 hours/day and the rest at the university).

**Name** **Wildlife Rehabilitation in Florida** **#** **25**

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**Region** FL

**Species** Wild birds; raptors

**Description** My name is Dr. Erin Holder and I own FloridaWild Veterinary Hospital. We are currently approximately 50% avian and exotic, 40% small animal and 10% wildlife. We are located in Volusia County, Florida. Our doors opened in May, 2004. Since our opening, FloridaWild has been responsible for all of the wildlife work for the County. We do this at no charge because it is our passion. With the help of our wildlife rehabilitator, Kathy Paynter, we have placed hundreds of Sandhill Cranes, Owls, Hawks, Woodpeckers, Scrub Jays, Doves and many other birds back into the wild. It is so greatly rewarding to watch these magnificent animals take flight again.

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**Region** Tulsa, OK, USA

**Species** Wild birds

**Description** 25 years ago, I worked with wildlife rehabilitators in the Tulsa area. Well, after 25 years, all of the original group is gone with me as the lone survivor. This means that every veterinarian, the wildlife departments, the library information department, etc. tell anyone with baby birds, raptors, injured wildlife, etc. to bring them to me at Forest Trails Animal Hospital. Thank goodness, I have the help of about a dozen rehabilitators in the area to take the birds after we evaluate the situations. I estimate that we deal with approximately 500-600 birds/animals each year. During baby bird season we end up with about 5-6 each day. Right now we are having a "special" on kestrels and raccoons. We've had at least 6-7 kestrels in the last couple of weeks. I provide medical care, surgery, etc. at no charge. Between that and the fact that we have estimated that we answer about two hours of questions on the phone daily, we have a pretty solid commitment to wildlife conservation. It definitely makes us well

known in the northeastern Oklahoma area. Some of what I have mentioned can be seen by "googling" Paul Welch, DVM or Dr. Paul Welch.