

# A Year Thank

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# A Year of Victories for Parrots — Thanks to You

Parrots are extraordinary — not just for their beauty and intelligence, but also for the deep connection they have to their ecosystems and in our cultures. Yet despite their importance, their future in the wild is uncertain. Many species face crisis-level threats, from habitat loss to exploitation for the wildlife trade. With so many in danger from multiple threats, there is a real need to take action for their survival.

Since our founding in 1989, the World Parrot Trust, together with our dedicated partners, has worked tirelessly to protect these remarkable birds. It's a vast and challenging mission — one fueled entirely by our love for parrots and the unwavering support of people like you.

This year, your generosity has driven real, measurable progress in conserving some of the world's most endangered parrots. Every rescue, every release, every step forward in research and active protection is because of you. Please join us in celebrating some important conservation and welfare victories.

With gratitude,



Alison Hales, Chairperson



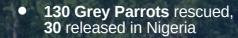
Jamie Gilardi.

Jamie Gilardi, Executive Director

# YOUR IMPACT

The World Parrot Trust and our partners achieved powerful wins for parrots across the globe. Here are just a few highlights of what you made possible:

# Parrots Rescued & Released



- 600+ parrots aided by new Mobile Vet Unit in DRC
- 148 parrots released in West Papua

# Combating Illegal Trade

- Forensic tool developed to fight parrot trafficking
- Captive-breeding study exposed risks, shaped policy
- 137 Red-and-blue Lories rescued from illegal trade

# Nesting & Breeding Success

- 14 Military Macaws fledged in Mexico; up from last year
- 44 nest boxes installed for Yellow-naped Amazons
- 119 Puerto Rican Amazon chicks fledged this year

# Research & Welfare



- Night vision counts mean more accurate Grey Parrot numbers
- 12 Kea monitoring stations installed to map threat hotspots
- Welfare program expanded: facilities & training for rescues

Chicks successfully fledged, parrots released back to the wild, laws strengthened.

Together, we're not just saving parrots, we're shaping a positive future for them worldwide.



#### STRENGTHENING EFFORTS TO **END TRADE IN TIMNEH PARROTS**

Fighting illegal trapping and giving better care to confiscated Timneh Parrots are happening thanks to WPT and Liberia's Centre for Environment, Forest Conservation and Research (CENFOR), which trained law enforcement officers in Zwedru —one of the country's trafficking hotspots. At the workshop, Col. Edward Appleton, Forestry Development Authority, gave a talk on Liberian wildlife law while WPT's Dr. Steven Janssen provided hands-on training in first response parrot care. Officers from the Special Wildlife Investigation Unit (SWIU) and the Wildlife Crime Task Force (WCTF) received practical training at the Libassa Wildlife Sanctuary, working with confiscated Timneh Parrots in need of important health checks. This vital effort — made possible with aid from the Wild Chimpanzee Foundation EU, WPT, and Focused Conservation — is giving frontline teams the skills they need to give Timneh Parrots caught in illegal trade a second chance.

#### **NIGHT VISION AS A TECHNIQUE** TO MONITOR WILD ROOSTS

A new night vision tool will help survey wild parrot populations more precisely. Many species, like the Grey Parrot, come together to roost at night in their hundreds, but counting them remains a challenge. With support from the Conservation Leadership Programme, WPT's Nigeria Coordinator Ifeanyi Ezenwa tested a new night vision tool at a Grey Parrot roost at dusk. Using tripod-mounted cameras and advanced software, the team captured accurate counts of the birds, producing data that will guide critical conservation efforts.

## **RESCUED PARROTS FLY FREE IN NIGERIA**

Thanks to quick action, more than 130 Grey Parrots were brought to safety from the wildlife trade. After the birds were confiscated by Nigerian Customs, WPT's Ifeanyi Ezenwa coordinated their transfer to Pandrillus Drill Ranch, where new aviaries funded by WPT has allowed the parrots to recover. WPT veterinarian Dr. Steven Janssen oversaw health checks and trained staff in proper care before 30 were sent back to freedom. The remaining 100 remain in care, to be released at a later date.

The event, covered on national television, was endorsed by the Ministry of the Environment and National Park Service and blessed by His Royal Majesty Attah Otu Fredaline Akandu, Paramount Ruler of Boki. This successful outcome was possible only through the joint efforts of WPT and local partners, including Pandrillus Drill Ranch, Green Fingers Wildlife Conservation Initiative, Focused Conservation, and the Nigerian Conservation Foundation.

## A MOBILE LIFELINE FOR AFRICA'S PARROTS

Parrots rescued from the cruelty of trapping are getting the help they need — faster. The WPT has launched a Mobile Veterinary Unit, led by Dr. Steven Janssen, to help the countless wild parrots that are victims of illegal trade. Those that are rescued are often in poor condition and because of this, the new unit was activated to provide rapid care where needed. In the Democratic Republic of Congo, it has helped support the efforts of the Dingi Rescue Centre, run by WPT partner Lukuru Foundation, which has already cared for more than 600 parrots. Concerted joint efforts also made it possible to repatriate 112 Grey Parrots seized from trade in Turkey, ensuring they received health checks and safe rehabilitation at Dingi Rescue Centre.

"Thanks to you, more than 600 rescued parrots are receiving lifesaving care — and hundreds have already flown home to the wild."

— Dr. Steven Janssen, WPT Veterinarian

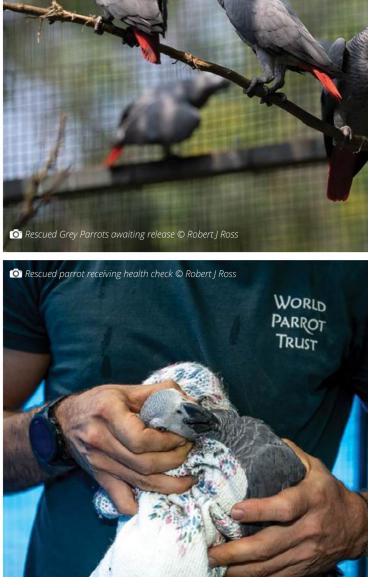
# HIGHLIGHTS AT A GLANCE

**130 Grey Parrots** rescued. **30** released in Nigeria

600+ parrots treated by new Mobile Vet unit in DRC

**100+ Grey Parrots** repatriated from Turkey to DRC

**Night vision counts** revealing more accurate **Grey Parrot numbers** 



#### HIGHLIGHTS:

# **INDONESIA**

Indonesia's parrots face immense pressure from the wildlife trade, but thanks to you, hope is returning. Together with dedicated partners, WPT carried out the largest-ever parrot repatriation to West Papua, gathered critical data on Red-and-blue Lories, and improved care for confiscated birds. Your support is not only saving parrots today; it is also building lasting systems to protect them for the future.



# RED-AND-BLUE LORIES: NEW DATA GUIDES CONSERVATION STATUS

The number of Red-and-blue Lories remaining in the wild is now much better understood: a much-needed survey by the WPT and its in-country partners in 2024 found fewer lories left in the wild than previously thought. Further research is needed to confirm the socio-economic impacts on the birds, and their overall rate of decline.

Trade remains an active and significant threat. One hundred and thirty-seven Red-and-blue Lories have been confiscated and received by official facilities In North Sulawesi in recent years, including a spike of 93 birds in 2023 and a seizure in 2024. WPT and collaborators Tasikoki Wildlife Rescue Centre and Sampiri Information Centre continue to provide urgent care for confiscated birds, while gathering data needed to shape their future protection.

# HIGHLIGHTS AT A GLANCE

**137 Red-and-blue Lories** rescued from illegal trade

**Largest release:** 148 parrots returned to West Papua

Welfare program expanded: facilities & training for rescues

# BACK TO WEST PAPUA: THE LARGEST PARROT RELOCATION TO DATE

At the end of 2024, the World Parrot Trust and partner Tasikoki Wildlife Rescue Centre ensured that 148 parrots confiscated from illegal trafficking were returned to their native West Papua. The operation was the largest of its kind thus far: 61 Sulphur-crested Cockatoos, 64 Black-capped Lories, 22 Papuan Eclectus and one Rainbow Lorikeet.

The birds had undergone extensive rehabilitation to regain their health and flight skills so they could return to freedom. In December of last year, after a final health check and adjustment period, the birds were released into the protected forest surrounding Malasigi village. For the community it was an experience that held great cultural significance and inspired pride and hope.

"Because of you, 148 parrots flew free in West Papua — one of Indonesia's largest parrot releases — and hundreds more are being rescued from the wildlife trade."

— Angela D'Alessio, WPT Indonesia Manager







Top (l&r): Black-capped Lories pre-and post-release © Bal Singh

Bottom: Staff and volunteers at Tasikoki WRC prepare parrots for relocation to West Papua © Bal Singh

# HIGHLIGHTS: **NEOTROPICS** Across Latin America and the Caribbean, parrots face mounting pressures, from shrinking habitats to persistent illegal trade. In these areas, hard-working field staff and communities are protecting birds from trapping, providing safe nest sites, and carrying out releases to build populations. Thanks to these local champions, groundbreaking programs, and the unwavering support of the global parrot conservation community, there's meaningful progress.

# PROTECTING MILITARY MACAWS FROM TRAPPING IN MEXICO

Endangered Military Macaws are getting vital support in a small corner of Mexico. WPT is partnering with local conservationist Francisco Ibarra and his team at the Santuario de Las Guacamayas to safeguard Military Macaws, which are at serious risk from deforestation and illegal trapping. To replace lost nesting trees, 30 nest boxes have been installed, housing 70 chicks to date — including 14 this season alone. Visitors to the Sanctuary also learn about the threats facing macaws, turning conservation into action to boost the birds' survival.

#### PUERTO RICAN AMAZONS: A BANNER BREEDING SEASON

Once nearly lost to trapping and deforestation, the Puerto Rican Amazon is making a remarkable comeback. WPT partner Puerto Rican Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER) celebrated a milestone last season with 119 chicks fledged — 72 in the wild and 47 in captivity. Breeding has increased: for the first time, there are now more wild nests than captive ones. Success at the Río Abajo aviary allowed chicks to be transferred to reinforce wild populations at Maricao and El Yunque, helping secure the future of this critically endangered parrot.

"With 44 new nest boxes and over 80 residents engaged in their protection, Yellow-naped Amazons now have a safer future—thanks to your support."

— Dr. Noelia Volpe, WPT Yellow-naped Amazon Coordinator

# GIVING YELLOW-NAPED AMAZONS SAFE BREEDING SITES

These iconic and highly endangered parrots have more chances to successfully breed, thanks to WPT's Dr. Noelia Volpe and local residents on Roatán, Honduras. Dr. Volpe launched a pilot program to increase chances for the birds to safely raise more chicks and engage the community to protect them from trappers. Together, they've installed 44 nest boxes on private land, with 81 community members engaged in monitoring the birds. The program shows promise; the birds are showing interest in the new nests.

# SCARLET MACAWS: STRENGTHENING WILD POPULATIONS

Breeding-for-release is helping to recover dwindling Scarlet Macaw populatons in Central America. WPT partner Pro-ALAS in Honduras is reversing the birds' trade-driven decline with their specialised breeding-for release program, where over 120 have flown free. WPT funds from supporters provided food, supplements, and medicine for their breeding centre, while also helping to build key local partnerships. Together, these efforts laid the groundwork for a successful release in Gracias, giving these macaws a new chance to soar free.

Top left: Yellow-naped Amazon inspects a nestbox © Green Island Challenge Top right and bottom: Captive bred Scarlet Macaws join the local wild population during the 12th Annual Guacamaya Fest in Honduras. © Pro-ALAS





# HIGHLIGHTS AT A GLANCE

**70 Military Macaw chicks** fledged from **30 nest boxes** with 14 this season alone

**44 nest boxes installed** for Yellow-naped Amazons

**119 Puerto Rican Amazon** chicks fledged

**81 community members** engaged in protecting local parrots in Honduras



#### HIGHLIGHTS:

# OCEANIA

In Oceania region, parrots face threats from deforestation and invasive predators. In response, the World Parrot Trust is working with local communities, conservationists and government agencies to safeguard some of the region's most vulnerable parrots. These collaborative efforts, from remote Rimatara Island to the alpine landscapes of Aoraki/Mount Cook, involve science-driven monitoring, habitat protection, rescue and rehabilitation, and public education.



# PROTECTING KUHL'S LORIKEET BREEDING SITES

Proactive searches are keeping non-native predators from harming Kuhl's Lorikeets and their chicks, which now survive on just four islands. WPT and partner Association Rima'Ura are keeping the tiny lorikeets safe on Rimatara island, with supporters funding biosecurity checks on incoming cargo, training, and community education to stop rats from arriving and devastating nests.

# KĀKĀ CONSERVATION: RESCUE, RELEASE AND RELOCATION

Dozens of these endangered parrots are being directly saved thanks to in-country efforts. The large, forest-dwelling Kākā, endemic to New Zealand and offshore islands, is greatly affected by forest clearing, window collisions, and predation by non-native species that include stoats and Black rats. To lessen the threats, the WPT and its affiliate New Zealand Parrot Trust are working with local NGOs, bird rescue centres, zoos, government officials and Māori conservationists to bring these parrots to mainland sanctuaries for protection. In 2025, WPT supported the transfer of seven captive-bred Kākā to two sanctuaries to boost the genetic diversity of their populations, and aided the rescue and release of 25 Kākā injured in window strikes. The WPT is also helping New Zealand researchers use satelite tags to better understand the seasonal movements of Kākā across the island landscape.

⊙ Opposite page, top left: A Kea perches atop a rock © Luis Ortiz-Catedral Top right: Researchers banding a Kea © NZ Department of Conservation Bottom right: A wild Kākā shows its colours © Corey Raffel

# PROTECTING AND MONITORING CURIOUS KEA

Thanks to a collaborative effort between the WPT, New Zealand Parrot Trust, the Kea Conservation Trust, and the Department of Conservation, nearly 300 endangered Kea are being tracked to help improve conservation efforts for them.

Kea have faced a challenging history in their interactions with humans that have often led to threats to their survival. Understanding their seasonal movements is key to driving conservation planning and identifying threat hotspots. In the last year, a determined field team captured wild Kea and installed tiny tags in their leg rings. A dozen tag readers across South Westland and Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park are helping the team log visits and map the Kea's movements. These achievements showcase the power of united conservation, resulting in smarter protection for this beloved alpine parrot.





"Thanks to your help, scientists can track wild Kea and pinpoint threat hotspots turning data into smarter, life-saving protection."

— Luis Ortiz-Catedral, WPT Oceania Regional Director

# HIGHLIGHTS AT A GLANCE

7 captive-bred Kākā transferred to sanctuaries to **boost genetic diversity** 

12 Kea monitoring stations mapping threat hotspots

**25 juvenile Kākā** rescued & released after window collisions



#### HIGHLIGHTS:

# WORLDWIDE

Parrots around the world face challenges that jeopardise their well-being and survival in both their native countries and in domestic environments. These dangers are wideranging, from individual welfare issues to the devastating effects of the wildlife trade. In partnership with expert individuals and organisations, the World Parrot Trust is challenging these threats with education, advocacy and research to safeguard the most vulnerable parrots.



## **NEW FORENSIC TOOL GIVES OFFICIALS BETTER EVIDENCE TO FIGHT TRAFFICKING**

A novel investigative tool will now aid the fight against trade. Distinguishing between captive-bred and wildsourced parrots is a major challenge for law enforcement agencies. Because of this, the vast and robust legal trade in captive-bred parrots is often exploited by wildlife traffickers to illegally launder wild parrots. Thankfully, with new technology there is renewed hope for combatting the issue. The WPT is working to develop and put into use a new, non-invasive forensic tool that could be game-changing in the fight to end the trafficking of Grey Parrots and other vulnerable species. WPT has partnered with researchers at the University of Colorado - Boulder to develop a technique that can distinguish captivebred from wild-sourced parrots using a single faecal sample. The method involves using next-generation DNA sequencing to look at the gut bacteria of parrots in trade.

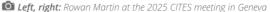
Early results show that gut bacteria profiles are highly distinctive—offering law enforcement a powerful, noninvasive way to fight the illegal trade in Grey Parrots and other vulnerable species.

"Because of you, science, policy, and advocacy are working together to protect parrots worldwide."

— Dr. Rowan Martin. WPT Director for Africa and Bird Trade Programmes

## **NEW FINDINGS QUESTION CAPTIVE-BREEDING AS A CONSERVATION STRATEGY**

A pioneering review of captive parrot breeding has shed new light on its effects on illegal trade. Across the world, huge numbers of parrots are bred in captivity for the pet trade, a practice that is often promoted as a way to protect wild birds. But new evidence shows it may actually fuel demand for parrots taken from the wild. The WPT and World Animal Protection (WAP) reviewed this practice in a major study published in *Conservation Biology*. Research exposed serious risks, red flags and knowledge gaps, with the authors urging caution against expanding parrot farming. The findings gained global attention and, with Nature Uganda and the Ugandan Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities, shaped a public event as Uganda drafts new wildlife breeding guidelines.





## PARROT TRADE FRONT AND **CENTRE AT CITES MEETING**

The WPT represented CITES-protected parrots, which continue to be threatened by international trade, at the 2025 CITES Standing Committee meeting in Geneva. Dr. Rowan Martin, WPT's Director for Africa and Bird Trade programs, called for stronger protections for Grey Parrots in the DRC. WPT co-hosted a side event with Pro Wildlife and the Born Free Foundation to examine breeding programs and define true conservation breeding. Joining remotely, Jack Haines, WPT's Neotropics Manager, highlighted how translocations can safeguard species. The WPT is working with CITES Parties to strengthen safeguards, promote compliance, and ensure conservation policies truly protect parrots.

Grey Parrots intercepted from illegal trafficking © WPT





# HIGHLIGHTS AT A GLANCE

Forensic tool developed to fight parrot trafficking

Captive-breeding study exposed risks, shaped policy

2025 CITES advocacy pushed for stronger protections for parrots

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With your help, parrots are reclaiming the sky — and their future.

"In Nigeria, Grey Parrots once trapped by traffickers now fly free a powerful symbol of resilience and revival. Each release shows what's possible when compassion meets action: a true second chance at life in the wild."

— Dr. Steven Janssen,



This past year has shown the extraordinary resilience of parrots and the **power of collective action**. Across Africa, the Neotropics, Oceania and beyond, communities, scientists, governments and donors have together achieved milestones once thought impossible—from landmark legal victories to international training networks and pioneering scientific breakthroughs.

Around the globe, species that once teetered on the edge of

Yet these gains remain fragile — in Liberia, Timneh Parrots face shrinking forests. In the Marquesas Islands, Ultramarine Lorikeets could be wiped out if invasive predators arrive by cargo boat.

# Every gain we celebrate is a reminder of what we stand to lose.

We are building community pride around endangered species — from festivals in Bolivia that celebrate Blue-throated Macaws to schoolchildren fundraising for Ultramarine Lorikeets. We are forging partnerships with governments in the DRC defending their ban on Grey Parrot trapping, and with global allies who are investing in long-term conservation.





# LEAVE A LEGACY FOR PARROTS

By including the World Parrot Trust in your will, trust or beneficiary designation, you are creating a personal legacy that will have a lasting impact for parrots.

A bequest is a gift that ensures that the WPT can continue its critical work to protect parrots, and the places where they live, now and into the future. Every legacy donation we receive — large or small — is put to work helping to save parrots.

Let your dedication to parrots live on.

For more information on including WPT in your planned giving opportunities:

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