

**2014 IPS BIENNIAL
GENERAL INFORMATION
South Florida, USA,
May 24 – 30, 2014**

Biennial registration is available via the Internet at www.palms.org. See details under Registration Procedures. For those using regular mail in registering, a Registration Form for the 2014 Biennial is included as pages 8 and 9 of this *Supplement to Palms*; it must be completed clearly and returned by the deadline. The early registration deadline is Friday, January 3rd, 2014, with a final registration and payment deadline of Friday, March 14th, 2014. Registrants must be IPS members before registering. Membership is available online for those not already members.

Details about the South Florida Biennial are given in this *Supplement* and will also be placed on the IPS website.

The IPS is not sponsoring any Pre-Biennial Tour or Post-Biennial Tours. However, two different Pre-Biennial events and one Post-Biennial tour are being offered by others. The New York Botanical Gardens (NYBG) is conducting an Amazon Palm Tour, and Caligo Ventures is offering a Natural History Tour of Trinidad and Tobago, both on May 14 – 23, immediately before the 2014 Biennial. In addition, the Florida Keys TREE Institute will conduct a trip to see Palms of Cuba on May 31 – June 8, right after the Biennial. Per the TREE Institute, this event will be fully licensed and permitted so that US residents can attend.

Each of these two events has their own registration procedures, fees and deadlines. The IPS is not handing registrations or information on either of these private events.

Biennial Overview

In 2014, the IPS is returning to its roots: South Florida, USA. South Florida is the birthplace of the Palm Society, the predecessor to the IPS, but the last Biennial to visit Miami was in 1992, just weeks after the region was devastated by Hurricane Andrew. The palms and gardens have made a complete recovery since that fateful August, so visitors will see palms and gardens at their best.

The Biennial will begin in Miami on Saturday, May 24, 2014. Miami in late May is usually sunny and warm but not oppressively humid and hot, so the Biennial participants should expect pleasant weather. The rainy season “officially” begins in June, but brief showers in May are always a possibility. The Biennial will take place before the start of the hurricane season.

The IPS Biennial will highlight the unique cultural blend that is Miami, along with the fantastic diversity of palms, in both public and private collections. Attendees will also get to see many native palms in their natural habitats. As always, seed collecting in parks is strictly forbidden (and subject to fines and/or imprisonment). Visitors must obtain owners’ permission before collecting seeds from gardens.

Local IPS members who wish to attend the Biennial need not book rooms in the Miami hotel; however, ALL attendees must travel together in the chartered busses to ALL destinations. Private automobiles will not be allowed in many destinations on the itinerary, so attendees must be at the hotel in time for daily bus departures. Covered, valet parking is provided at the hotel; there is no self-parking. See additional registration information herein for Florida residents of Palm Beach, Broward, Dade and/or Monroe counties. All Biennial participants not residing in these counties must register for the full Biennial package, including hotels.

The airport serving Miami is Miami International Airport (MIA), and transfers between the airport and hotel are included in the Biennial registration. If attendees use any other airport, such as Ft. Lauderdale (FLL), they will be responsible for their own transportation to and from the airport and hotel.

Day-by-Day Biennial Schedule

<p>The IPS cannot guarantee that the following itinerary will be followed precisely, but the overall Biennial dates will be maintained by the IPS Biennial organizers.</p>
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IPS Biennial May 24 – 31, 2014

Day 0. Friday, 23 May 2014

Members of the IPS Board of Directors should arrive on this day. Biennial participants arriving from great distances are encouraged to also book an extra night, so they will be fully rested when the Biennial begins on Saturday.

Day 1. Saturday, 24 May 2014

Biennial attendees arrive this day. Attendees will be met at Miami International Airport (MIA) and transferred to the hotel. The IPS Board meeting will take place on this day. The welcoming banquet at the host hotel will kick off the Biennial. The banquet will be followed by a presentation from Dr. Patrick Griffith, Director of Montgomery Botanical Center.

- 0630 (6:30am) – Breakfast at hotel
- 0900 to 1700 (9:00am to 5:00pm) – IPS Board of Directors meet
- 1900 to 2100 (7:00pm to 9:00pm) – Welcoming Banquet with presentation by Dr. Patrick Griffith

Day 2. Sunday, 25 May 2014

This will be a long day, starting with a bus ride to Highlands Hammock State Park. This park, about 3 hours by bus from Miami, has the southernmost populations of *Rhaphidophyllum hystrix* and *Sabal minor*, as well as beautiful stands of *Sabal palmetto* and the ubiquitous *Serenoa repens*. A boxed lunch will be provided for a picnic in the park. After lunch, attendees will visit Archbold Biological Station, a working scientific research station in the sand pine scrub habitat of Florida. This unique habitat is where attendees will see the endemic *Sabal etonia*. The day will end with an outdoor barbecue hosted by a well-known palm nursery in Broward County and a late arrival back at the hotel.

- 0630 (6:30am) – Breakfast at hotel
- 0730 (7:30am) – Busses depart for approximate 3-hour bus ride to Highlands Hammock
- 1030 (10:30am) – Visit to Highlands Hammock State Park with a boxed lunch served at the park
- 1345 (1:45pm) – Depart Highlands Hammock
- 1415 (2:15pm) – Tour Archbold Biological Station
- 1545 (3:45pm) – Depart Park (water and snacks on busses)
- 1800 (6:00pm) – BBQ at Searle Bros Nursery with Jeff Searle
- 2030 (8:30pm) – Busses depart for hotel
- 2230 (10:30pm) – Arrive Dadeland Marriott hotel

Day 3. Monday, 26 May 2014

The first destination is just a few minutes from the hotel. We shall tour Pinecrest Gardens, the former site of the venerable Parrot Jungle. The palm collections, originally begun by one of the IPS founders, Nat De Leon, are mature and beautifully displayed in lush, tropical setting. Be sure to see the *Pholidocarpus macrocarpus*, grown from seed sent to Nat De Leon by Hal Moore in 1966.

A few minutes away is Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, where participants will spend the rest of the day. Lunch will be provided in the Garden, and visitors will be able to explore at their leisure one of the epicenters of palm horticulture. The Garden, founded in 1938, comprises 33.5 hectares (83 acres) of palms and other tropical plants, laid out according to a design by renowned landscape architect William Lyman Phillips. Even if you have visited FTBG before, you are sure to see something new. If you have not visited FTBG before, prepare yourself for exceptional palms and gorgeous vistas throughout the Garden. IPS participants will stay after hours to enjoy cocktails as the sun sets, followed by a special banquet and an illustrated presentation by FTBG Director, Dr. Carl E. Lewis.

- 0700 (7:00am) – Breakfast at hotel
- 0910 (9:10am) – Busses depart hotel
- 0930 (9:30am) – Visit Pinecrest Gardens
- 1135 (11:30am) – Depart Pinecrest Gardens
- 1135 (11:35am) – Arrive Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden (FTBG)
 - 1230 (12:30pm) – boxed lunch served
 - 1400, 1500 and 1600 (2, 3 and 4pm) – Tram tours (optional) – one per hour
 - 1730 (5:30pm) – Cocktails at FTBG
 - 1830 (8:30pm) – Catered dinner at FTBG, with Carl Lewis presentation
- 2115 ((9:15pm) – busses depart for hotel
- 2145 (9:45pm) – Arrive Dadeland Marriott hotel

Day 4. Tuesday, 27 May 2014

On this day, the group checks out of our Miami hotel and begins a bus tour to Key West, with two bus groups. The first destination will be Everglades National Park to see *Acoelorrhaphe wrightii* and *Roystonea regia*. Mahogany Hammock and Royal Palm Hammock will be visited sequentially by the two bus groups. The busses will continue south making two more stops. The first set of busses will stop at Bahia Honda State Park to see a population of unusually tall *Coccothrinax*

argentata. The other set of busses will visit a private garden in the middle Keys. Not ordinarily open to tours, this garden features an exceptional collection of palms doing very nicely next to the salt water. On the return trip, on Thursday, the busses will switch, so every bus will visit every destination. All of the busses will arrive in Key West just in time for a group dinner.

- 0630 (6:30am) – Breakfast at hotel
- 0700 (7:00am) – check out and send luggage ahead to Key West hotel
- 0815 (8:15am) – Busses depart Miami hotel
- 1015 (10:15am) – Arrive Everglades National Park 10:15

- Busses A & B – Mahogany Hammock
- Busses C & D – Royal Palm Hammock

Then busses switch destinations

- Busses A & B – Royal Palm Hammock
- Busses C & D – Mahogany Hammock
- 1200 (12:00pm) – Depart for Marathon and Bahia Honda, boxed lunches enroute
 - Busses A & B – Villa Paradiso Garden in Marathon (water and snacks on busses)
 - Busses C & D – Silver Palm Trail at Bahia Honda State Park (water and snacks on busses)
- 1730 (5:30pm) – Arrive and check in at Doubletree Key West hotel, gather luggage; enjoy welcome drinks in lobby
- 1730 (5:30pm) – Arrive at Doubletree Key West hotel.
- 1900 (7:00pm): Key West Dinner; location TBA

• Day 5. Wednesday, 28 May 2014

This is a free day, in which IPS attendees can relax at the hotel, sight-see around the island or take part in other activities (fishing, snorkeling, shopping, museums, etc.). Optional tours can be arranged at the hotel, or visitors can set out on their own. See <http://www.keywesttravelguide.com> for visitor information. Note: Monroe County residents can opt out of the Key West hotel.

- Free day on your own for all Biennial attendees.
- Dinner on your own for all participants.

Day 6. Thursday, 29 May 2014

The IPS group will board the busses for the return trip north, stopping at the sites from Tuesday, as well as two additional private gardens {Is it 2 or 3; as Thursday's schedule lists. These professionally designed gardens, like the previous one, are not normally open to visitors, so Biennial attendees will have a rare glimpse of two stunning private gardens. One is

a 4.5-hectare (11-acre) estate that maintains a large palm collection on a point of land jutting out into the Atlantic. The other is a 2-hectare (5-acre) garden contains many unusual and mature palms. Once back in Miami, the group will meet for dinner, followed by presentation on the palms of Cuba by Paul Craft.

- 0700 (7:00am) – Breakfast at Key West hotel
- 0800 (8:00am) – check out and send luggage ahead to Miami Dadeland Marriott hotel
- 0845 (8:45am) – Busses depart Key West hotel
- 0930 (9:30am) – Punta Roquena private garden on Sugarloaf Key. (All busses; water and snacks provided on busses).
- 1030 (10:30am) – Depart Sugarloaf Key
 - Busses A & B – Silver Palm Trail at Bahia Honda State Park (water and snacks on busses)
 - Busses C & D – Villa Paradiso Garden in Marathon (water and snacks on busses)
- 1230 (12:30pm) – Bait Shack Garden in Marathon. (All busses)
- 1345 (1:45pm) – Depart for Coral Gables
- 1630 (4:30pm) – Check in at Miami Marriott Dadeland Hotel. Enjoy welcome drinks in lobby
- 1900 (7:00pm) – Dinner at Texas do Brazil restaurant, then return to Marriott hotel
- 2000 (8:00pm) – Lecture by Paul Craft at hotel

Day 7. Friday, 20 May 2014

This day will begin by a tour of a private botanical garden just minutes away from the hotel. The garden's creator and owner, Dr. Jeff Block, has created a remarkable garden in suburban Miami.

The final stop on the itinerary is Montgomery Botanical Center, where attendees will enjoy a picnic lunch on the lawn with scenic views of the garden. MBC staff will be on hand to give guided tours of this 48.5-hectare (120-acre) botanical garden's exceptional collection of palms, cycads and tropical conifers. The mature specimens of *Hemithrinax ekmaniana* and *Nypa fruticans* are not to be missed! In the evening, attendees will return to the hotel for the farewell banquet.

- 0700 (7:00am) – Breakfast at Dadeland Marriott hotel
- 0900 (9:00am) – Busses depart Miami hotel
- 0930 (9:30am) – Jeff Block's Garden in Miami
- 1100 (11:00am) – Busses depart Jeff Block's
- 1130 (11:30am) – Montgomery Botanical Center
 - 1200 (12:00 noon) – boxed lunch
 - 1300 to 1700 – Tours at Montgomery
- 1730 (5:30pm) – Depart for Miami hotel
- 1900 (7:00pm) – Farewell Banquet at hotel

Day 8. Saturday, 31 May 2014

- Breakfast at Marriott Dadeland hotel
- Transfers to Miami International Airport will be provided by the IPS.

The 2014 South Florida Biennial is an opportunity not to be missed. Check out the registration materials in this *Supplement* to *PALMS* and online at the IPS web site, www.palms.org. We look forward to seeing you at the IPS Biennial in Miami.

IPS Biennial Registration Form and Payment Information are included on pages 8 to 10 of this *Supplement*, with the required *Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk* on pages 11 to 13.

2014 BIENNIAL General Information:

Registrations are limited to a maximum of 200 persons. Registrations will close when that number is reached. All prices are in US Dollars and only payments in US Dollars will be accepted.

Key Dates for the 2014 Biennial:

January 3 (Friday) Early registration ends; US\$150 Late Fee per person applies hereafter

March 14 (Friday) **Biennial Registration closes**
No Registrations will be accepted by the IPS after this date!

May. 23 (Friday) Early arrival for members of the IPS Board of Directors.
Biennial attendees' arrival, hotel

May. 24 (Saturday) IPS Board of Directors meeting.
All Biennial participants arrive for the Welcome Dinner

It is advisable for attendees traveling from great distances to arrive in Miami no later than Friday, May 23rd, to comfortably adjust to local time. Extra, earlier nights can be booked directly with the hotel if desired.

May. 25 (Sunday) Biennial tours begin.

May. 26 (Monday) Memorial Day, a public holiday in the USA.)

May. 30 (Friday) Farewell banquet.

May. 31 (Saturday) Biennial departure day
Biennial Participants resume their personal travels, either home or onward elsewhere

Memorial Day (26 May) is a public holiday in the USA; moreover, a popular music festival is hosted on Miami Beach during the Memorial Day weekend (24–27 May). Attendees should book early, as airlines may be crowded. Note however that the IPS events do not take place on Miami Beach.

Dates for Optional 3rd-Party Pre-Biennial and Post-Biennial events:

May 14 (Wednesday) NYBG Amazon Palm Tour begins in Manaus, Brazil

May 14 (Wednesday) Caligo Ventures Trinidad and Tobago Natural History Tour begins in Port of Spain, Trinidad

May 23 (Friday) NYBG Amazon Palm Tour ends in Manaus, Brazil

May 14 (Wednesday) Caligo Ventures Trinidad and Tobago Natural History Tour ends in Port of Spain, Trinidad

May 31 (Saturday) TREE Institute Palms of Cuba tour begins from Miami, Florida

June 8 (Sunday) TREE Institute Palms of Cuba tour ends at Miami, Florida

Early Arrivals and Late Departures:

Attendees may choose to arrive earlier or depart later than the above Biennial dates. IPS room rates for the designated hotel will apply up to three days immediately before and after the Biennial and are available to IPS attendees directly through the Miami Marriott Dadeland hotel. Charges for these extended stays are not included in the registration fee and must be paid separately directly by the attendee to the Miami Marriott Dadeland hotel.

Requests for extra lodging nights must be made to the Miami Marriott Dadeland hotel via one of the contacts given below:

Virginia Deleonardo
IPS Event Manager
Direct Phone: 1 305 671-5036
Sales Fax: 1 305 374-4211

Email: virginia.deleonardo@mdmusa.com

Biennial Location: The Biennial will begin and end at the Miami Marriott Dadeland hotel in Miami, Florida. Attendees are advised to ensure that they are compliant with US Visa requirements and to make their airline reservations early.

The IPS cannot guarantee that the itinerary will be followed precisely, but the overall Biennial dates will be honored by the IPS.

Cost of Biennial for Participants who do not reside in Palm Beach, Broward, Dade or Monroe Counties of Florida:

- Early registration per person for double occupancy RECEIVED and PAID by end-of-day January 3rd, 2014, is US\$1,665.
- Early registration per person for single occupancy RECEIVED and PAID by end-of-day January 3rd, 2014, is US\$2,270.
- Registration per person for double occupancy RECEIVED and PAID from January 4th through end-of-day Friday, March 14th, 2014, is US\$1,815.
- Registration per person for single occupancy per person RECEIVED and PAID from January 4th through end-of-day Friday, March 14th, 2014, is US\$2,420.

The Biennial registration fee includes:

- All IPS tours, guides, and Miami airport transfers
- Seven nights hotel accommodations (nights of 24 – 26 and 29 – 30 May at Marriott Dadeland hotel and 27 – 28 May at Doubletree Key West hotel, all inclusive of service charges and city taxes)
- All meals starting with Welcoming dinner on Saturday (May 24th) through breakfast on Tuesday, May 31st – except for lunch and dinner in Key West on Wednesday, May 28th for which participants will be on their own.
- Breakfast every day is included in the cost of the Biennial registrations.

Cost of Biennial for SOUTH FLORIDA RESIDENTS of Palm Beach, Broward, Dade or Monroe counties (only), not needing a local hotel.

Palm Beach, Broward, Dade County Residents (only) not requiring a Miami hotel

- **Biennial Registration** for double occupancy, for registration and payment received by end-of-day, January 3rd, 2014 at US\$1,050.00 per person.
- **Biennial Registration** for single occupancy, for registration and payment received by end-of-day, January 3rd, 2014 at US\$1,225.00 per person.
- **Biennial Registration** for double occupancy, for registration and payment received after January 3rd, 2014, but prior to end-of-day, March 14th, 2014 at US\$1,200.00 per person.
- **Biennial Registration** for single occupancy, for registration and payment received after January 3rd, 2014, but prior to end-of-day, March 14th, 2014 at US\$1,375.00 per person.

Miami hotel lodging is NOT included in the above registrations; which are limited to only Palm Beach, Broward and Dade County residents.

Monroe County Residents only not requiring a Key West hotel

- **Biennial Registration** for double occupancy, for registration and payment received by end-of-day, January 3rd, 2014 at US\$1,450.00 per person.
- **Biennial Registration** for single occupancy, for registration and payment received by end-of-day, January 3rd, 2014 at US\$1,890.00 per person.
- **Biennial Registration** for double occupancy, for registration and payment received after January 3rd, 2014, but prior to end-of-day, March 14th, 2014 at US\$1,600.00 per person.
- **Biennial Registration** for single occupancy, for registration and payment received after January 3rd, 2014, but prior to end-of-day, March 14th, 2014 at US\$2,040.00 per person.

Key West hotel lodging is NOT included in these rates which are available only for Monroe county residents.

Not included in the Biennial registration fee are personal expenses such as laundry, telephone, gratuities, bar charges, extra meals, trip insurance, airfare, and airport charges for all flights to and from Miami.

Also not included in the Biennial registration fee are any hotel costs and meals for early arrivals (earlier than Saturday, May 24th), or for those staying over after the night of Friday, May 30th, or later nights.

Partial Registration: Because a number of attendees will be local residents of Palm Beach, Broward, Dade and Monroe counties, registrations for partial Biennial attendance is being made available to residents of those counties (and only for residents of those counties) at reduced rates as described below.

Those attendees residing locally in Palm Beach, Broward, Dade and/or Monroe counties (only) can elect a partial registration price structure from the following:

1. Full package (both hotels)
2. "No Miami hotel" option, available only for residents of Palm Beach, Broward and/or Dade Counties
3. "No Key West hotel" option, only available for residents of Monroe County,

Detailed costs for these partial registration options are given under Registration Costs section, along with details as to who can apply.

These partial registration prices cannot be expanded into other Florida counties due to IPS minimum hotel room number contractual requirements.

Any other attendees with "special schedules" (i.e., partially attending the Biennial) must pay the full registration fee and arrange their individual transportation to meet the group and to accommodate their specific needs. All attendees will be charged the regular fee regardless of where they plan their accommodations, except for those residing in the aforementioned four South Florida counties.

Air Travel to/from Miami, Florida:

Attendees are responsible for booking and paying for their own flights to/from Miami. It is also suggested you book your flights before you register for the Biennial. The primary airport for the Biennial is **Miami International Airport (MIA)**.

Book now! Be prepared for possibly strict, time-consuming security inspections at all

airports for all flights. Non-US residents should make sure your passport does not expire within six months of the date of return travel from the Biennial.

REFUND POLICY

The IPS must pre-pay non-refundable deposits to some vendors. Therefore, strict refund policies described below apply to the 2014 Biennial. This policy does not apply to any airline tickets or extended lodging booked separately by attendee (outside of the IPS Registration process). For those, check with your travel agent for applicable refund policies.

- Refunds requested on or before end-of-day Friday, January 3rd, 2014: Full refund minus ten percent (10%).
- Refunds requested from Saturday, January 4th, 2014 but before end-of-day March 14th, 2014: 50% refund of amount paid.
- Absolutely no refunds allowed after March 14th, 2014.

Airport Reception and Transportation to Hotel:

Attendees will be met at Miami International Airport (MIA). IPS arrivals will be met at either baggage exits (for US arrivals) or at exits from the customs area (for non-US arrivals) and will be provided free IPS transportation to the Marriott Dadeland hotel in Miami, but only if attendees have informed the IPS Biennial Registration Contact Staff with their flight arrival and departure information at least seven (7) days before their arrival. To do this, please send an email with your flight arrival and departure information to Jim Cain at jim.cain@cain-barnes.com, with copy to Kim Cyr at kimberley.b.cyr@gmail.com.

If you wish to be met at the airport and will be arriving Miami prior to May 24th, you will be responsible for your own airport transfer and for your transport to the Biennial hotel on May 24th.

CONTACTS FOR INFORMATION:

Biennial Registration

Biennial Registration is available on-line. For online registration and payment, visit www.palms.org and select the Biennial Registration link.

If you do not use online Biennial registration, then mail or fax your forms and payment to:

Jim Cain
12418 Stafford Springs Drive
Houston, TX 77077-3910
Email: Jim.Cain@Cain-Barnes.com
Tel: +1 (832) 215-5551
Fax: +1 (281)-556-1084

Specific questions on items relating to your registration and/or your personal travel logistics and/or special needs:

Contact Jim Cain at any of the above, or:

Kimberley Cyr
P.O. Box 60444
San Diego, CA 92166
Email: kimberley.b.cyr@gmail.com
Tel: +1 (619) 518-7402

Website: The IPS website, www.palms.org will provide the capability for **online Registration** beginning in September 2013. Additional links to sites to be visited during the 2014 Biennial will be added to the IPS website as appropriate.

Specific questions on the itinerary:

For specific questions, contact Ray Hernandez of the IPS:

Ray Hernandez
4315 W San Juan St
Tampa, FL 33629
Tel: (813) 766-3561
Email: subtropicrofcaner@hotmail.com

Biennial Hotels (and Contacts):

Attendees will stay at two different hotels during the Biennial. Details for each are given below, along with nights each will be used.

Miami Marriott Dadeland Hotel

9090 South Dadeland Blvd
Miami, FL 33156
Tel: +1 305 670-1035
Fax: +1 305 670-7540

Primary IPS Contact:

Virginia Deleonardo
IPS Event Manager
Direct Phone: 1 305 671-5036
Sales Fax: 1 305 374-4211

Email: virginia.deleonardo@mdmusa.com

Doubletree by Hilton Grand Key Resort

3990 South Roosevelt Blvd.
Key West, Florida 33040
Tel: +1 (305) 293-1818
Fax: +1 (305) 296-6962

Extending Miami accommodations

IPS Biennial Participants wishing to reserve additional nights immediately before or after the Biennial should do this by sending an email with requested dates (nights) and desired hotel to Virginia Deleonardo, the IPS Manager with the Marriott Dadeland Hotel in Miami.

Primary IPS Contact:

Virginia Deleonardo
IPS Event Manager
Direct Phone: +1 305 (671)-5036
Sales Fax: +1 305 (374)-4211

Email: virginia.deleonardo@mdmusa.com

All attendees will be required to arrange their own payment for any such extra nights.

Third-Party Pre- and Post-Tours

The IPS is not sponsoring any Pre-Biennial or Post-Biennial tours for the 2014 South Florida Biennial. However, three different separately sponsored third-party tours have been organized for those interested in adding another palm destination to their Biennial.

There are two such Pre-Biennial options, both for dates of May 14th – 23rd, 2014,:

- **Amazon Palm Tour**, May 14th – 23rd, 2014, sponsored by the New York Botanical Garden
- **Trinidad and Tobago Natural History Tour**, sponsored by the Caligo Ventures

There is one independently organized Post-Biennial Tour:

- **Palms of Cuba**, May 31st – June 8th, 2014, sponsored by the Florida Keys TREE Institute

Information on all three of these events is provided after the **2014 IPS Biennial Registration** form and the corresponding **RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK** form. That is, for full details and descriptions of all of these non-IPS sponsored events – including details on how to sign up for each of them are given starting on more on these, go to page 14 of this *Supplement*.

All inquiries, registrations, etc., for any of these optional third-party excursions should be made directly with the organizing group.

2014 IPS BIENNIAL REGISTRATION FORM

South Florida, USA

COMPLETE BOTH SIDES CLEARLY, AND MAIL OR FAX WITH PAYMENT TO ADDRESS AT BOTTOM OF THIS FORM. DEADLINE for early registrations is January 3rd, 2014, (end-of-day) with Final Registration Deadline is end-of-day March 14th, 2014, with an additional \$150 per person Late Fee included. No registrations will be accepted after March 14th, 2014.

COMPLETE NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

COUNTRY _____ TELEPHONE _____

FAX (if available) _____ EMAIL _____

SIGNATURE(S) _____ DATE _____

I (WE) PLAN TO ATTEND THE **2014 IPS BIENNIAL** AND WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY _____ PERSON(S) [give accompanying number here, with name(s) provided below.]

NAME(S) OF ACCOMPANYING PERSON(S) IS/ARE _____

ALL PERSONS WHO DO NOT LIVE IN SOUTH FLORIDA COUNTIES OF PALM BEACH, BROWARD, DADE OR MONROE COUNTIES, COMPLETE THIS PART OF THE BIENNIAL REGISTRATION FORM: If you are a resident of Palm Beach, Broward, Dade or Monroe counties and **do not need a local hotel**, please go to the Registration Section for **SOUTH FLORIDA RESIDENTS ONLY** further down on this form.

- **Biennial Registration** for double occupancy, for registration and payment received by end-of-day, January 3rd, 2014 at US\$1,665.00 per person. _____
- **Biennial Registration** for single occupancy, for registration and payment received by end-of-day, January 3rd, 2014 at US\$2,270.00 per person. _____
- **Biennial Registration** for double occupancy, for registration and payment received after January 3rd, 2014, but prior to end-of-day, March 14th, 2014 at US\$1,815.00 per person. _____
- **Biennial Registration** for single occupancy, for registration and payment received after January 3rd, 2014, but prior to end-of-day, March 14th, 2014 at US\$2,420.00 per person. _____
- If you wish to book additional hotel room(s) for night of May 24, 2014, and/or earlier prior to the Biennial, please make these bookings directly with the hotel as requested in this *Supplement*

TOTAL OF ABOVE (amount paid / to be billed to credit card) _____

SOUTH FLORIDA RESIDENTS of Palm Beach, Broward, Dade or Monroe counties (only), not needing a local hotel, make the appropriate selections and payments indicated below:

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Miami hotel lodging is ***NOT*** included in the above registrations; which are **limited to Palm Beach, Broward, Dade County residents only.**

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- **Biennial Registration** for single occupancy, for registration and payment received after January 3rd, 2014, but prior to end-of-day, March 14th, 2014 at US\$2,040.00 per person. _____

TOTAL OF ABOVE (amount paid / to be billed to credit card) _____

Key West hotel lodging is **NOT** included in these rates for **Monroe county residents only.**

Do not include payments for dues, books, etc. with registration fees; make them separately.

IPS membership is required prior to registration.

METHOD OF PAYMENT OF AMOUNT ABOVE (CHECK ONE AND COMPLETE):

____ I have enclosed a personal check* or cashier's check or money order (international money order outside the US) in US Dollars made payable to **The International Palm Society** for the total amount indicated above on this IPS Biennial Registration Form and have completed this form in its entirety.
(*Notice: Checks / International Bank Drafts must be payable in US Dollars and drawn on a US Bank)

(OR)

____ I wish to charge the total amount indicated above, payable to **The International Palm Society**, to my: (check selection) ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard Other credit cards are not accepted

Card Holder's Name as it appears on the Card (exactly) _____

Card Number _____ - _____ - _____

Expiration Date ____/____/____ Validation Code (3 digits on the back of the credit card): ____

Card Holder's Signature _____

BIENNIAL REGISTRATION FORM is continued on reverse side.

If faxed, please send both front and back sections, completed.

PLEASE CHECK IF APPLICABLE: I have a

☐ physical handicap condition ☐ special dietary ☐ other special needs that may/will need attention.

Please describe: _____

READ AND UNDERSTAND THE REFUND POLICY STATED IN THIS SUPPLEMENT.

The Refund Policy as written will **strictly** apply.

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY ROOMMATE SELECTION: Unless requested otherwise or registering together, random pairing of roommates will occur with double occupancy with same sex selection and attempts to match non-smokers with other non-smokers. If you wish, please request any rooming preference here:

I WISH TO SHARE A DOUBLE ROOM WITH (other Attendee name): _____

I AM A ☐ Smoker ☐ Non-Smoker

LANGUAGE GROUPING PREFERENCE (for bus tours, etc): If you would like to be placed on a bus with those fluent in a specific language, please specify your preferred language in the space below. No entry is required for English. Similarly, if you wish to be bussed with any specific individuals, please list that information here. _____

T-SHIRT SIZE: Please provide your T-Shirt size(s) for those registering at this time. Ladies should provide Lady's T-Shirt sizes and men should provide Men's sizes.

MAIL OR FAX COMPLETED FORM WITH BIENNIAL REGISTRATION PAYMENT TO:

Jim Cain
12418 Stafford Springs Drive, Houston, TX 77077-3910 USA
Email: Jim.Cain@Cain-Barnes.com
Tel: +1 (832) 215-5551 Fax: +1 (281) 556-1084

I understand that additional information packets will be forwarded to attendees after January 3rd, 2014.

I further understand that it is my responsibility to obtain any required US Visas, if required, for my citizenship, as well as obtain my own health and accident or other insurance needed for these events.

IF FAXED, BE SURE TO FAX BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM!
BOTH SIDES ARE REQUIRED!

IN ADDITION to THIS REGISTRATION FORM

**All IPS Biennial Attendees must INDIVIDUALLY sign and provide
the associated IPS 2014 South Florida Biennial Tours
Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Form**

– either the form on pages 11 to13 or the corresponding online form:

EACH BIENNIAL ATTENDEE MUST INDIVIDUALLY SIGN THE FORM.

Did ALL Biennial Participants INDIVIDUALLY sign this required document?

IF NOT, PLEASE DO SO BEFORE SUBMITTING.

Signing this form is an absolute requirement to participate in any IPS South Florida Biennial events.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE SERVICES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PALM SOCIETY, THEIR AGENTS, OWNERS, OFFICERS, VOLUNTEERS, PARTICIPANTS, EMPLOYEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS OR ENTITIES ACTING IN ANY CAPACITY ON THEIR BEHALF (HEREINAFTER COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS ("IPS")), I HEREBY AGREE TO RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND DISCHARGE IPS, ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, MY SPOUSE, MY CHILDREN, MY PARENTS, MY HEIRS, ASSIGNS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND ESTATE AS FOLLOWS:

1. I acknowledge that the 2014 IPS Biennial Tour to South Florida and all excursions and trips during, before and/or after the 2014 IPS Biennial Tour ("2014 IPS BIENNIAL TOURS") entail known and unanticipated risks that could result in physical or emotional injury, paralysis, death, or damage to myself, to property, or to third parties. I understand that such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the 2014 IPS BIENNIAL TOURS.

The risks include, but are not limited to: hazards of traveling in estuaries and swamps; travel in remote areas; accident, illness or disease in remote places without medical facilities; the forces of nature; travel by air, boat, automobile, or other means of transportation; tidal conditions and currents; exposure to sun, strong winds, heat, cold, storms and lightening; personal injuries; slips and falls while hiking; and rapidly changing adverse weather conditions.

Furthermore, IPS trip leaders and organizers have difficult jobs to perform. They seek safety, but they are not infallible. They might be unaware of a participant's fitness level or abilities. They might misjudge the weather or other environmental conditions. They may give incomplete warnings or instructions, and the equipment being used during the 2014 IPS BIENNIAL TOURS might malfunction.

2. I EXPRESSLY AGREE AND PROMISE TO ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL OF THE RISKS EXISTING IN THE 2014 IPS BIENNIAL TOURS AND/OR PRE-BIENNIAL OR POST-BIENNIAL EVENTS IN WHICH I HAVE ELECTED TO PARTICIPATE. MY PARTICIPATION IN THE 2014 IPS BIENNIAL TOURS IS PURELY VOLUNTARY, AND I ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN SPITE OF THE KNOWN OR UNKNOWN RISKS.

3. I HEREBY VOLUNTARILY RELEASE, FOREVER DISCHARGE, AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS IPS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, INJURIES, LIABILITIES, ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTION, DEMANDS, JUDGMENTS, COSTS, EXPENSES OF EVERY KIND AND CHARACTER INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES, ARISING FROM OR WHICH ARE IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH MY PARTICIPATION IN THE 2014 IPS BIENNIAL TOURS, INCLUDING ANY SUCH CLAIMS WHICH ALLEGE NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF IPS. I FURTHER RELEASE IPS FROM RESPONSIBILITY FOR: (I) ANY ACT OR DEFAULT COMMITTED BY IT; (II) ANY INJURY, LOSS, DAMAGE, ACCIDENT, DELAY OR EXPENSE RESULTING FROM THE USE OF ANY VEHICLE, STRIKE, WAR, TERRORISM, WEATHER, SICKNESS, QUARANTINE, GOVERNMENT RESTRICTION OR REGULATION; (III) ANY ACT OR OMISSION BY ANY HOTEL, AIRLINE, BUS, TAXI SERVICE, STEAMSHIP, RAILROAD, RESTAURANT, THE INTERNATIONAL PALM SOCIETY, AND/OR MEETING PLANNERS MIAMI OR ANY OTHER HABITATS VISITED DURING THE 2014 IPS BIENNIAL TOURS; OR (IV) ANY OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY, OR DAMAGE OR INJURY TO MYSELF, OR TO MY PROPERTY.

4. I understand that the 2014 IPS BIENNIAL TOURS involve exercise and/or hiking and that before participating, I should consult my physician. I ASSUME ALL RISK OF INJURY THAT MAY BE SUSTAINED BY ENGAGING IN THE 2014 IPS BIENNIAL TOURS OR BY OTHERS THAT MAY RESULT FROM MY PARTICIPATION AND I AGREE TO ASSUME ALL RISK OF DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY I OWN OR IS OWNED BY OTHERS THAT MAY RESULT FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN THE 2014 IPS BIENNIAL TOURS.

5. I warrant and represent that I am in good health and that I have no special needs or instructions in regard to my physical condition and that I am able to participate in the 2014 IPS BIENNIAL TOURS without limitation.

6. SHOULD IPS OR ANYONE ACTING ON THEIR BEHALF BE REQUIRED TO INCUR ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS TO ENFORCE THIS AGREEMENT, I AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THEM HARMLESS FOR ALL SUCH FEES AND COSTS.

7. I HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY FOR ANY CLAIM MADE IN CONNECTION WITH MY PARTICIPATION IN THE 2014 IPS BIENNIAL TOURS.

8. I certify that I have adequate insurance to cover any injury or damage I may cause or suffer while participating, or else I agree to bear the costs of such injury or damage myself. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I AM WILLING TO ASSUME THE RISK OF ANY MEDICAL OR PHYSICAL CONDITION I MAY HAVE.

9. I authorize IPS personnel to call medical care for me [and/or my child] and to transport the same to a medical facility or hospital if, in the sole opinion of such personnel, medical attention is needed for me [and/or my child]. FURTHER, I AGREE TO PAY ANY AND ALL COSTS AND EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH ANY SUCH MEDICAL CARE AND/OR RELATED TRANSPORT AND I HEREBY INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS IPS OF AND FROM ALL SUCH COSTS.

10. I irrevocably grant IPS permission to use and own the copyright to any photograph, videotape or other likeness of myself [and/or my child] while participating in the 2014 IPS BIENNIAL TOURS; such material, including publishing my name [and/or my child's name], may be used in any medium for any purpose whatsoever. I hereby also assign to IPS my right of privacy, including without limitation, rights under California Civil Code §3344.

11. In the event that I file a lawsuit against IPS, I agree to do so solely in a federal or state court in the State of California, and I further agree that the substantive law of California shall apply in that action without regard to the conflict of law rules of that state. I agree that if any portion of this agreement is found to be void or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

12. This agreement is binding on my estate, heirs, administrators and assigns.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged during my participation in this activity, I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against IPS on the basis of any claim from which I have released them herein.

I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document. I have read and understand it, and I agree to be bound by its terms.

Signature of first INDIVIDUAL Participant_____

Print Complete Name _____

Address _____

City, State/Province, Country _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Date signed _____

Signature of second INDIVIDUAL Participant_____

Print Complete Name _____

Address _____

City, State/Province, Country _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Date signed _____

[PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S ADDITIONAL INDEMNIFICATION
(Must be completed for participants under the age of 18)]

IN CONSIDERATION OF _____ (PRINT MINOR'S NAME) ("MINOR")
BEING PERMITTED BY IPS TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS ACTIVITIES, I FURTHER AGREE TO INDEMNIFY
AND HOLD HARMLESS IPS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS WHICH ARE BROUGHT BY, OR ON BEHALF
OF MINOR, AND WHICH ARE IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH SUCH PARTICIPATION BY MINOR.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____
Print Name _____
Address _____
City, State/Province, Country _____
Telephone _____ Email _____
Date signed _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION and KEY MEDICAL INFORMATION

The IPS also considers it prudent to have emergency contact information for each IPS 2014 Biennial participant. Please provide contact information of a person **not** traveling with you.

Emergency Contact (EC) Name _____
EC Telephone (with country code) _____
EC Email _____ Relationship _____

The IPS also needs to know if you have any medical condition that could perhaps cause difficulties for you during the IPS South Florida Biennial events. If you know your blood type, please also provide it.

Medical Condition or Illness _____

Blood type (if known) _____

**For New York Botanical Garden
Amazon Palm Tour
immediately before the IPS Biennial
REGISTER NOW
ONLINE AT**

www.nybg.org/botany/vietnampalmtour/

**Amazon Palm Tour
(by New York Botanical Garden)
May 14th – 23rd, 2014**

The New York Botanical Garden is pleased to once again offer a Tour of Palms of the Amazon. This trip is planned for May 14th – 23rd, 2014, immediately prior to the 2014 IPS Biennial to South Florida. For additional information contact Andrew Henderson at ahenderson@nybg.org, or by phone at 718 817 8973, or by mail at The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY 10458, or visit the website <http://www.nybg.org/botany/amazonpalmtour/>.

The following is copied from the NYBG website and is potentially subject to change. Please see "Information Sheet" at <http://www.nybg.org/botany/amazonpalmtour/> for the latest version before registering (at that site.) Registrations for this NYBG event can also be made at the same website.

**AMAZON PALM TOUR 2014
INFORMATION SHEET**

Dates: May 14th – 23rd, 2014 (immediately before the Miami Biennial)

Departure: Manaus, Brazil

Price: US\$2900

Included:

- Transfers to and from airport in Manaus
- Accommodations on board Amazon river boat (double occupancy)
- All meals other than as noted below
- field trips, admissions and guides' services

Not Included:

- Round trip airfare to Manaus, Brazil
- Passport and visa fees
- Brazilian airport departure tax
- Beverages on the boat (there is a bar on the boat)
- Beverages or meals purchased while travelling to or from Manaus or on personal excursions not included in the itinerary
- Tips for local guides and boatcrew

Payment Schedule:

- US\$400 deposit due at time of registration
- US\$1,250 second payment due Friday, December 6th, 2013
- US\$1,250 final payment due Friday, March 7th, 2014

Tour Leader: Dr. Andrew Henderson, New York Botanical Garden

Reservations: A non-refundable deposit check in the amount of \$400 per person is required to reserve a place on the tour. All checks should be made payable to The New York Botanical Garden and sent to Andrew Henderson, The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY 10458-5126. Early reservations are recommended as space is limited to 24 participants.

Cancellation & Refund Policy: The initial \$400 deposit is non-refundable. At the time of receipt of written notice of cancellation, the following additional fees will apply:

- Prior to January 1st, 2014: US\$200.00
- Jan. 2nd to April 30th, 2014: US\$400.00
- May 1st, 2014, and after, 100% of cost

Additional Information: Participants will be sent information on travel arrangements and documents, health requirements, and suggested reading and packing lists. For additional information, please contact:

Andrew Henderson

The New York Botanical Garden
Bronx, NY 10458-5126.

Andrew's Telephone: +1 (718) 817-8973

Email: ahenderson@nybg.org

**Trinidad and Tobago Natural History
Tour for members of the International
Palm Society (by Caligo Ventures)**

May 14th – 23rd, 2014

Caligo Ventures of Portal, Arizona is offering a special trip to Trinidad and Tobago for members of the International Palm Society. This trip is planned for May 14th – 23rd, 2014, immediately prior to the 2014 IPS Biennial to South Florida. Please see following page for additional information about this event.

The following is copied from the Caligo Ventures Information Sheet for this event and is potentially subject to change. Please contact Peg Abbott <info@caligo.com> for the latest information. Registrations for this event should also be made through Peg.

TRINIDAD and TOBAGO NATURAL HISTORY IPS TOUR 2014 INFORMATION

Dates: May 14 - 23, 2014

Participants: Exclusively offered to members of the International Palm Society.

General Overview: Based at the world-renowned **Asa Wright Nature Centre** and Lodge, a 200-acre wildlife sanctuary in Trinidad's rainforested Northern range, participants will travel with expert local guides to visit several unique natural areas on the island. While focusing primarily on the avifauna, your tour has been tailored for general wildlife enthusiasts and will include a visit to one of the most active Leatherback turtle nesting beaches in the world. Participants will also fly to the sister island of Tobago, where your trip will be based at the beachfront **Blue Waters Inn**.

DAY 1 ARRIVAL at Piarco International Airport in Port-of-Spain you will clear Immigration and Customs, meet your driver and transfer to the Asa Wright Nature Centre and Lodge, one of the first not-for-profit ecolodges in the Tropics.

DAY 2 CENTRE GROUNDS / DISCOVERY TRAIL / OILBIRD CAVE.

Morning begins with the raucous noise of the Crested Oropendola and a host of other exotic sounds. A first-time visitor might see 20-30 life birds before breakfast, and 40 species overall. Birding from the veranda of the Asa Wright Nature Centre is one of the world's most pleasant, and exciting, ornithological experiences. Ruby-topaz Hummingbird, Tufted Coquette, Barred Antshrike, Green Honeycreeper are among the many species that can be easily seen.

Our day will start with a guided tour of the several trails that traverse this rich and diverse wildlife sanctuary. On our introductory walk we should see such species as Bearded Bellbird, Trinidad Motmot, Violaceous Trogon, Channel-billed Toucan, Chestnut Woodpecker, White-bearded and Golden-

headed Manakin, Rufous-browed Pepper-shrike, Turquoise and Bay-headed Tanager. The Centre is situated in a typical valley of Trinidad's Northern Range. These sites have been traditional centers of coffee, cocoa, and citrus plantations and many of these plants are still maintained at the Centre. Natural second-growth has taken over and festooned the abandoned plantation vegetation with vines and a host of epiphytes. The whole effect is one of being deep in a tropical rainforest.

After lunch, we will visit Dunston Cave, a beautiful riparian grotto located on the sanctuary, to view the breeding colony of the fascinating nocturnal Oilbird. This is one of the most accessible Oilbird caves in the entire world and access is limited to protect this rare species. On the short hike to the Cave, you could see some of the secretive birds of the deep forest such as Redcrowned Ant-Tanager, Black-faced Antthrush, White-bellied Antbird, and Gray-throated Leafscraper. Along with rich birdlife, we will also have an opportunity to examine the fascinating world of leaf-cutter and army ants, and photograph orchids and other tropical flora

DAY 3 NESTING LEATHERBACK TURTLES AT MATURA.

You'll have a free morning to explore the Centre's trails, take a dip in the natural stream-fed pool, check out the new photographer's blind behind the cocoa-roasting shed, or simply relax and soak in the splendor of the Northern Range. While you're walking the Centre grounds, and driving out of the Northern Range on the Blanchisseuse-Arima Road, stay alert for Swallow-tailed Kite, Common Black Hawk, Ornate Hawk-eagle, Bat Falcon and White-tailed Trogon along with some of the more secretive forest birds such as Silvered Antbird, as well as special tanagers such as Speckled Tanager and Blue Dacnis.

In the late afternoon we will depart for Matura Beach, one of the world's largest and most productive Leatherback Turtle nesting sites. Our hosts are NatureSeekers, an award-winning, community-based organization that has turned a community of one-time poachers and net fishermen into environmental stewards. After a sunset rum punch and picnic dinner, we will stroll this protected 12-mile stretch of undeveloped beach with our local guides, waiting for the giant Leatherback

females to drag themselves onto the sand to lay their eggs, which typically take 60 to 70 days to reach gestation.

DAY 4 ARIPO SAVANNAH & THE ARIMA MARKETS.

This morning's journey to the lowland

Aripo Savannah could provide yet another batch of new species. In the savannah, Plumbeous Kite, Grey-headed Kite, Savannah Hawk, Shiny Cowbird, Giant Cowbird, White-headed Marsh Tyrant, Red-breasted Blackbird, Yellow-rumped Cacique, Blue-black Grassquit, Southern Lapwing, White and Ruddy-breasted Seedeater are likely to be seen. The Aripo Savannah is an area of extremely acidic soil with poor drainage, and is a remnant of what once was a major habitat type of lowland Trinidad. These remnant savannahs are now surrounded by extensively altered landscapes where much sugar cane is grown, as well as small-scale agriculture and housing development sprawl. If we have time, we'll drop by the nearby Wallerfield area, a World War II U.S. air base, to search for Red-bellied Macaw and Moriche Oriole. On the return, we'll make a quick stop in the center of Arima to visit the local markets and pick up some of the local flavor.

DAY 5 NARIVA SWAMP AND BUSH BUSH.

Today we will wind our way out of the Northern Range to Trinidad's east coast and the Nariva Swamp, the largest freshwater herbaceous swamp on the island. Along its edges are "palm islands," where the tall Moriche Palm is common. Here too we will see a unique mangrove community, made up primarily of the stilt-rooted rhizophora mangrove, which often reaches a height of 80 feet. Along the way we will look first in the lowland habitats for such species as Savannah Hawk, Red-breasted Blackbird, Southern Lapwing, White-headed Marsh Tyrant and Greenrumped Parrotlet. In the coastal area we will have an opportunity to look for Pinneated Bittern, Pearl Kite, Azure Gallinule, Wattled Jacana, and Red-bellied Macaw. There is a swimming opportunity here, in the Atlantic, and you may choose to bring a swimsuit. Keep a look out in the surf for the fascinating Foureyed Fish. We will also make a special visit to Bush Bush, a remote island located in the middle of this marshy habitat. In addition to the Red-bellied Macaws and various

parrots, the island is one of the best places in Trinidad to encounter Red Howler and White-faced Capuchin monkeys and, on rare occasions, the silky anteater.

DAY 6 WATERLOO HINDU SITES / CARONI MARSH

After an early breakfast, we will head west, into the marshy lowlands just south of Port of Spain, toward the sleepy seaside village of Waterloo. A center for sugarcane and rice production, Waterloo is an important historical site for many Trinidadians of Indian descent. Waterloo was the official port of entry for many of the Indians brought to Trinidad to work in the rice and sugarcane fields, who have become one of the dominant forces in the island's culture and politics. With our eyes still peeled for rare marsh species, we will stop at the Siewdass Sawdoo Temple in the Sea. Sawdoo's original shrine, built right after World War II was destroyed by the government in support of local sugarcane interests. Undeterred, Siewdass spent the next 25 years building another version in the middle of the water. Sawdoo died before his masterpiece was completed. Ironically, in 1994, the Trinidadian government completed the octagonal temple in the middle of the water to commemorate the 150th anniversary of first Indians arriving in Trinidad. We will also stop to marvel at the fascinating Dravidian style architecture of the Dattatreya Mandir ashram, temple and yoga retreat. Fourteen stonemasons were flown in from India to work alongside local artisans to create the filigree ornaments and life-sized elephant statues at the entrances to the meditation center. Adjacent to the complex stands the an 85-foot shrine to the warrior Hanuman -- reputed to be the largest one of its kind outside of India.

From Waterloo, we will drive to the world-renowned Caroni Marsh sanctuary, a very specialized mangrove forest that contains several genera and species of mangroves, showing classic examples of plant adaptation in this unique brackish water community. We will seek out some of its more specialized denizens — Neotropical Cormorant, Anhinga, Striated Heron, White-checked Pintail, Large-billed Tern, Pied Water-tyrant, Bicolored Conebill, and Red-capped Cardinal. Our day will end with the spectacular flight of Scarlet Ibis returning to their mangrove roosts at

dusk, truly one of the world's most dramatic natural moments. Returning to the boat dock we will search the mangrove-lined channels for the mysterious sounding Common Pootoo.

DAY 7 TRANSFER TO TOBAGO/BON ACCORD MARSHES.

Today we will depart for Trinidad's sister island of Tobago, which forms the final link in the chain of mountain ranges extending from the Venezuelan Coastal Range, on the very edge of the South American Continental Shelf. Tobago's climate and rainfall more closely resembles that of the Lesser Antilles, meaning it is drier and windier like the traditional Caribbean Islands, versus Trinidad which has a climate more akin to the northern portions of South America.

Upon arrival in Crown Point, we will make a quick stop for drinks and then head to the Bon Accord marshes and Hilton Plantation ponds. At these marsh habitats, we will be searching for shorebirds, herons, egrets, and ducks, such as the White-cheeked Pintail and the Masked Duck. We will take a leisurely drive along Tobago's southern coast, skirting the edge of the capital city of Scarborough, stopping en route for some photo opportunities atop the winding, craggy cliffs overlooking the crystalline Caribbean Sea. We will arrive in time for lunch at our home for the next three nights, the lovely Blue Waters Inn, nestled into a cove outside the town of Speyside called Batteaux Bay. You will have the afternoon free to unwind, take a relaxing swim or snorkel off the beach, or grab a cocktail and enjoy the new infinity pool. Blue Waters has a complete dive shop.

DAY 8 LITTLE TOBAGO ISLAND

This morning, weather permitting, we will depart by boat for Little Tobago Island, one of this nation's most important wildlife sanctuaries. As we cross over to the island, the skies will fill with Magnificent Frigatebird and a large variety of terns. We will watch for Leatherback and Hawksbill Sea Turtles and enjoy spectacular views of one of the Caribbean's most beautiful and pristine coral formations, all from the comfort of our glassbottom boat. Upon landing we will explore the island for Chivi Vireo, Brown-crested Flycatcher and Pale-vented Pigeon. In addition, depending on the time of the year, we will explore the nesting colonies of Red-billed Tropicbird, Red-footed Boobies, Brown

Boobies, Sooty Terns and Brown Noddies. We will return to Blue Waters for lunch. If you're interested in an optional afternoon trip snorkeling the offshore reefs at Goat Island and just beyond Batteaux Bay, simply inquire with our boat captain from Frank's Boat Tours and his helpful crew.

DAY 9 ARGYLE WATERFALL AND THE RAINFOREST.

This morning, we will have an early breakfast and then depart, with picnic lunches, for one of Tobago's most famous natural sites: Argyle Waterfall. Later, we will head further up the Roxborough Road into the Rainforest Preserve, where Tobago's best mountain forests are found at elevations exceeding 2,000 feet. Founded in 1764 to prevent widespread logging and deforestation by colonial timber interests, the preserve protects more than one-third of the entire island, and is one of the oldest protected rainforests in the Western Hemisphere.

We will pass among charming quiet villages, to the forested interior at Gilpin Trace to look for White-tailed Sabrewing, once thought to be extinct but rediscovered here in the 1960s. We will also seek out Blue-backed Manakin, Yellow-legged Thrush and other Tobago specialties, such as Red-crowned Woodpecker, White-fringed Antwren and Venezuelan Flycatcher. Time permitting, we'll reach the top of the Roxborough Road, to sample the rocky cliffs and villages on the Northern Coast before we return to Blue Waters.

DAY 9 This exciting and educational tour draws to a close as you depart after breakfast for our return flights to Trinidad and our international departures back to the US.

Itinerary is subject to change due to weather, road condition, access, and other real world factors. The order of the trips may also change. Should a location or region become unviable, we will make every effort to visit an equivalent location or region.

This customized package tour is being offered exclusively by Caligo Ventures to members of the International Palm Society to coincide with the biennial meeting starting on May 23rd in Miami.

PRICING

04 to 08 participants: \$1,995 per-person in DBL occupancy

09 to 16 participants: \$1,925 per-person in DBL occupancy

17 to 20 participants: \$1,875 per-person in DBL occupancy

SGL Supplement: \$345

Tour prices are based on double occupancy. Those not traveling with companions will be assigned a same-gender roommate based on the order of sign-ups. A limited number of single rooms are available for an additional fee of \$345. Please note that request for single accommodations upon registration.

Price includes: Six nights at the Asa Wright Nature Centre in Trinidad; three nights at Blue Waters Inn in Tobago; three meals daily at both lodges; roundtrip airport transfers on both islands; expert guided tours on both islands; roundtrip air-bridge flights between the islands; all local taxes and entry fees. It does not include: international airfare; gratuities for drivers, guides and housekeeping; other incidentals such as bar tabs or laundry.

Please do not purchase your international flights before you contact Caligo Ventures.

For more details, including registration and health forms, and where to send your deposits, contact Peg Abbott at Caligo Ventures and tell her you're an IPS member interested in the special trip May 14-23, 2014.

Peg Abbott

c/o Caligo Ventures

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Portal, AZ 85632

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Toll free in the US and Canada:

(800) 426-7781

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Internet: <http://www.caligo.com>

Palms of Cuba

(by Florida Keys TREE Institute)

May 31st – June 8th, 2014

As described below, all inquiries, registrations, etc., for the Palms of Cuba tour must be addressed to the **Florida Keys Tropical Research Ecological Exchange Institute (TREE Institute)**. This event is not sponsored by the IPS.

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(by Florida Keys TREE Institute)

May 31st – June 8th, 2014

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A visit to Cuba immediately following the 2014 IPS Biennial has been planned. This trip will be conducted by the Florida Keys TREE Institute and, per the TREE Institute, will be fully licensed and permitted so that US residents can attend.

A trip to Cuba is a palm lover's dream. There are roughly 90 taxa of palms native to the 700-mile long island and this trip will take place primarily in the central area where some of the greatest palm diversity occurs. All travel arrangements will be handled by the Florida Keys TREE Institute and the registration fee is all inclusive from Miami except for one dinner to experience on your own in Havana. Experts on the Cuban palms will be on hand at all times to answer questions and provide help in their identification.

A sampling of palms that will be seen in habitat include *Acrocomia crisper*, *Bactris plumeriana*, *Coccothrinax garciana*, *C. litoralis*, *C. miraguama*, *C. moaensis*, *C. pseudorigida*, *C. salvatoris*, *C. species 'Azul'*, *Colpothrinax wrightii*, *Copernicia baileyana*, *C. cowellii*, *C. fallaensis*, *C. hospita*, *C. rigida*, *C. yarey*, *Gaussia princeps*, *Hemithrinax rivularis*, *Pseudophoenix sargentii*, *Roystonea regia* and *Sabal maritima*. A visit to the 600-hectare National Botanical Garden in Havana is also planned. There will also be opportunities to experience the rich culture of Cuba and do some sightseeing in Havana.

Registration fee is:

- US\$3,299.00 per person double occupancy
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