

CONSERVIAN BAHAMAS LIVE-ABOARD SCHOONER EXPEDITION: Shorebird Habitat Conservation



Conservian and partners will begin the first program in the Bahamas to implement on-the-ground protective & restorative measures to limit human-caused disturbance, & control invasive Australian pine at key Piping Plover, shorebird, & seabird sites. Project partners include: BirdsCaribbean, Bahamas National Trust, Dream Catcher Coastal Sailing Adventures, International Conservation Fund of Canada, LightHawk, Grand Bahama Nature Tours, Grand Bahama Port Authority, Grand Bahama Island Power, Abaco Friends of the Environment.

COME JOIN US FOR THE CARIBBEAN ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME! Conservian is seeking a weekly crew for our Bahamas shorebird habitat conservation project in May 2016 aboard the 75ft schooner "Dream Catcher". Cost for the week is \$1,150. Includes your bunk, onboard meals, water, & ground transportation associated with project. Crews will fly to the Bahamas each week to designated airports for shuttle transport to schooner. A valid passport is required. Airfare & insurance are not included.



EXPEDITION SCHEDULE: *Choose one week!*

Week 1: Grand Bahama Island- May 2-9

Week 2: Great Abaco, north-May 9-16

Week 3: Great Abaco, south-May 16-23

Week 4: Berry Islands & Joulters Cays-May 23-30

Each week includes 7 nights aboard the Dream Catcher

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Project Crew Activities:

- **Protect, post & sign shorebird breeding & migratory sites**
- **Collect new data on nesting shorebirds & habitat**
- **Locate & protect shorebird nests & downy young!**
- **Control invasive Australian pine on beach habitats**
- **Work with local volunteers to accomplish the above goals**
- **Snorkel or dive reefs in gin clear waters**
- **Learn sailing crew skills**
- **Fish for dinner catch of the day!**

Our days will be filled with much adventure!

We will sail blue Caribbean waters, visit white sandy beaches, boat to little islands, & meet new people. Crew will assist with field & shipboard duties; including sailing, cooking and cleaning. We will work in both populated and remote areas. We will rotate duties so that everyone will have time to see sights on their own.



IMPORTANT: Applicants must be responsible, adventurous, in good physical condition, enjoy working in teams & be capable of walking several miles during warm weather on Bahamas beaches. Applicants must be comfortable living onboard a schooner for a week & riding in small boats to access survey sites.

All of your contributed time & schooner fee costs count as in-kind match to make this important conservation work a reality.

To join our conservation pirate crew please contact Margo Zdravkovic at MargoZ@Coastalbird.org

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