

CONSERVIAN BAHAMAS LIVE-ABOARD SCHOONER MAY 2018 EXPEDITION: Shorebird Habitat Conservation

***COME JOIN US FOR THE CARIBBEAN ADVENTURE
OF A LIFETIME!***

Conservian, BirdsCaribbean, Bahamas National Trust, & partners continue on-the-ground protective & restorative measures to limit human-caused disturbance & control invasive Australian pine at key shorebird/seabird sites.

We need your help to protect beach-nesting birds, nests & young. Conservian is seeking a weekly crew of 8-10 enthusiastic volunteers for our Bahamas shorebird habitat conservation project in May 2018 aboard our 75ft research schooner. Cost for the week is \$1,350. Includes bunk, onboard meals, water, & ground transportation associated with project. Crews fly to the Bahamas each week to designated airports for shuttle transport to schooner. A valid passport is required. Airfare & insurance are not included.

Project Partners: BirdsCaribbean, Bahamas National Trust, International Conservation Fund of Canada, USFWS/NMBCA, LightHawk, Dow AgroSciences, Grand Bahama Nature Tours, Optics for the Tropics, Grand Bahama Port Authority, Bahamas Public Parks & Beaches Authority, Bahamas Environment, Science & Technology Commission, Rand Nature Center, Abaco Friends of the Environment, Treasure Cay Community Center, Royal Bahamas Police Force/Marine Support.





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2018 MAY EXPEDITION SCHEDULE & LOCATIONS:

Choose one week or more!

Week 1: Joulter Cays & N. Andros- May 6-13 (Nassau Int Apt)

Week 2: Northern Exumas- May 13-20 (Nassau Int Apt)

Each week includes 7 nights aboard the schooner



Project Crew Activities:

- Protect, post & sign shorebird & seabird sites
- Collect new data on nesting shorebirds, seabirds & habitat
- Locate & protect shorebird & seabird nests & downy young
- Control invasive Australian pine on beach habitats
- Work with local volunteers to accomplish the above goals
- Snorkel 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 sand beaches, boat to little cays & meet new friends. We will work in both populated and remote areas.



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 communally onboard a schooner for a week & riding in small boats to access survey sites.

All contributed time & schooner fee costs count toward our required in-kind grant match to support this important conservation work.

To join our conservation pirate crew please contact Margo Zdravkovic at MargoZ@Coastalbird.org Go to Coastalbird.org for short video and more information on our 2018 expedition. Go to CoastalBirdConservation on Facebook for more information on Conservian's coastal bird conservation work.

