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After the storms

How BirdsCaribbean helped the region's birds after last year's hurricanes



BirdsCaribbean sprang into action, calling on US-based bird-feed suppliers, who responded generously. Lizzie Mae Bird Seed donated 10,000lb of seed, and several companies donated or discounted nectar feeders, which were shipped to 18 islands.

BirdsCaribbean started a fundraising campaign on the Mightycause crowdfunding site. "Over 500 generous donors from around the world responded and we raised about US\$126,000," says Executive Director Lisa Sorenson. "We used some funds to buy and ship the bird feed; other funds are being used to help partners recover from losses and undertake restoration projects."

BirdsCaribbean dealt with endless paperwork to arrange the multi-island shipments.
Volunteers in Miami and across the islands worked hard to ensure that shipments reached every island, even at damaged ports.

Once the supplies arrived, local partners and volunteers held giveaway events, and many schools received feeders. New feeders were jammed with hungry birds, and many people fed birds for the first time, delighted to help their feathered friends, even when they themselves had a tarp for a roof and no electricity.

Hurricane Maria decimated once-lush Dominica. Director of Forestry, Wildlife and Parks, Minchinton Burton, thanked

BirdsCaribbean: "Your timely and generous support assisted us in being able to respond in a tangible manner to some of the urgent needs of the birds, particularly our two endemic parrot species, whose habitat was severely impacted."

On St John, VI Ecotours reported: "People are so excited to be able to do something immediately helpful for the birds. Thank you for bringing a little happiness and hope."

Green Mango Hummingbird

The giveaway of feeders, nectar and seed sparked tremendous interest, noted Executive Director of the Anguilla National Trust, Farah Mukhida: "The initiative raised the profile of our birds as well as enthusiasm amongst residents. Anguillans are excited about being able to help our special birds recover."

BirdsCaribbean's shipments brought hope to hard-hit Puerto Rico. Para la Naturaleza and Sociedad Ornitológica Puertorriqueña Inc (SOPI) distributed 800 hummingbird feeders and seed. "These feeders were not only beneficial to the birds but also to the people, who could find a little solace in the beauty of nature," SOPI's Nathaniel González said. "In these trying times we can always turn to nature to know that everything shall pass and that we can look forward for a better future."

To all those who supported our effort, BirdsCaribbean is enormously grateful. And the birds thank you all, too!



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HELPING NATURE:

THE NUMBERS

After Hurricanes Irma and Maria, BirdsCaribbean shipped...

4,201

10,000

1,850

bottles of nectar concentrate

100

tube feede

It's estimated that BirdsCaribbean helped...

60+

species of birds

Green Mango Hummingbird in flight THANKS TO EMMA LEWIS AND USA SORENSON (BIRDSCARIBBEAN), VISIT WWW.BIRDSCARIBBEAN.ORG, FOLLOW VS ON PACEDOOK (SEARCH "CARBEAN BIRDS"), TWITTER AND INSTACRAM (BIRDSCARIBBEAN), RINDSCARIBFAN IS A NON-PROFIT DREAMINATION COMMUTTED TO CONSIRENCIA REAL BIRDS.