

BREAK THE CAGE

Birds are beautiful to look at and it is always a joy to listen to them sing. **They do not belong in cages.** They belong in the wild where they can fly, sing as loud as they want and in the case of the Lesser Antillean Tanager, eat as many red plums as they want !

Sadly, some birds like are still being snatched from their nests. They are then sold to persons who cannot take care of them. These people buy birds to keep them as pets like parrots or for singing competitions like bullfinches. Sometimes wild birds are kept just for display like the Lesser Antillean Tanager.



The good news is you can help our Caribbean birds stay free and wild! But first let's explore the problem. In this activity develop a better understanding of the problem, form your own ideas and opinions, and think about how your own actions can help to protect birds.

For this activity we want you to think about and answer the following questions under each section. You can read the text on the Lesser Antillean Tanager to help you or check the internet for more information on the illegal wild bird trade.

Natural

Where is the Lesser Antillean Tanager found?

What does it look like?

Social

Who keeps the Lesser Antillean Tanager in cages?

Why do you think people want to keep this bird in cages?

Protection

How can we stop people from buying and keeping the Lesser Antillean Tanager and other birds in cages?