



THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

Month in Review – May/June 2014

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May 2014

Lagoon Bouffe was the destination for the May field trip which featured a short walk to the tassik. This lake of mud had members puzzling over the appearance of dead fishes and mysterious animal tracks before the rain came down in force.



The rains come down at the Lagoon Bouffe tassik.

After a quick visit to a nearby oilfield camp, the group went to look for exposed Amerindian middens on the east coast.

The May lecture series featured Marc de Verteuil of Papa Bois Conservation who presented on shark conservation in Trinidad and Tobago. Papa Bois Conservation has launched a multi-year campaign that seeks to make T&T a shark sanctuary and implement a ban on the export and landing of shark products from local shores.



Papa Bois Conservation talks about shark conservation in T&T.



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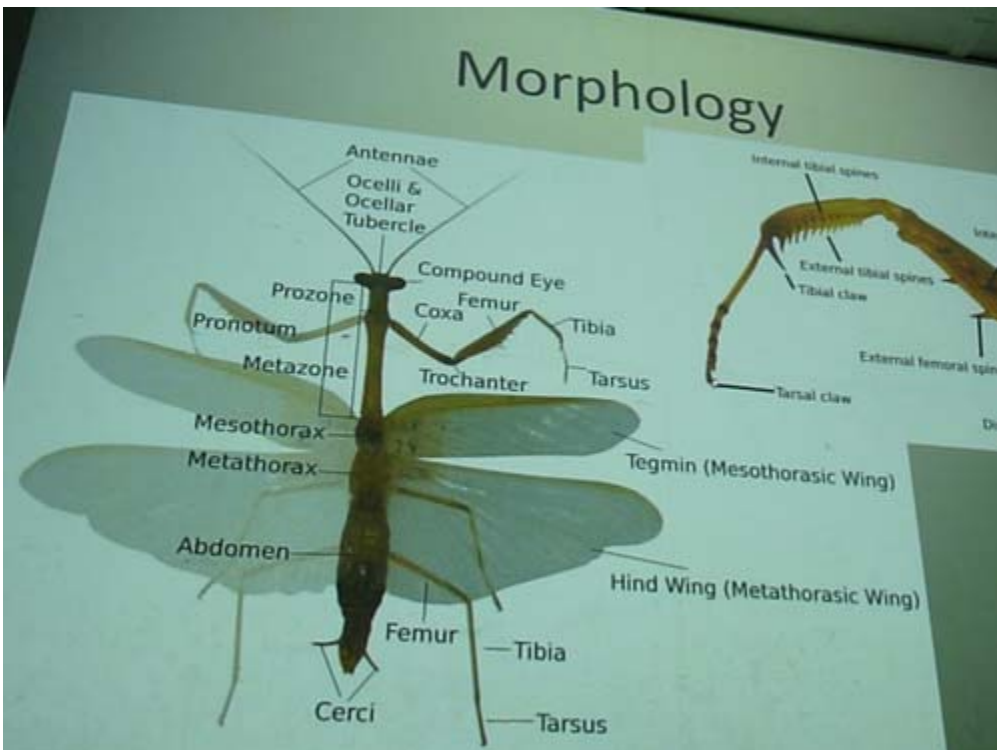
The Club participated in the Horticultural Society's annual flower show at the Queen's Park Savanna from 10th May to 1st June. The three day event drew lots of curious onlookers as a range of printed material was on display.



The Club display at the Horticultural Society show.

June 2014

June's lecture was by Mark Greener who presented on the "Mantises of T&T" (not manatees!). Mark outlined the many families that are present on the island and emphasized the need for further research in this area, particularly on Tobago.



Mark Greener's lecture on the mantises of T&T.

While June's club trip to Tobago has been rescheduled to July, the herpetology and bird groups kept members busy with trips to the south west peninsula and Arena Dam respectively.

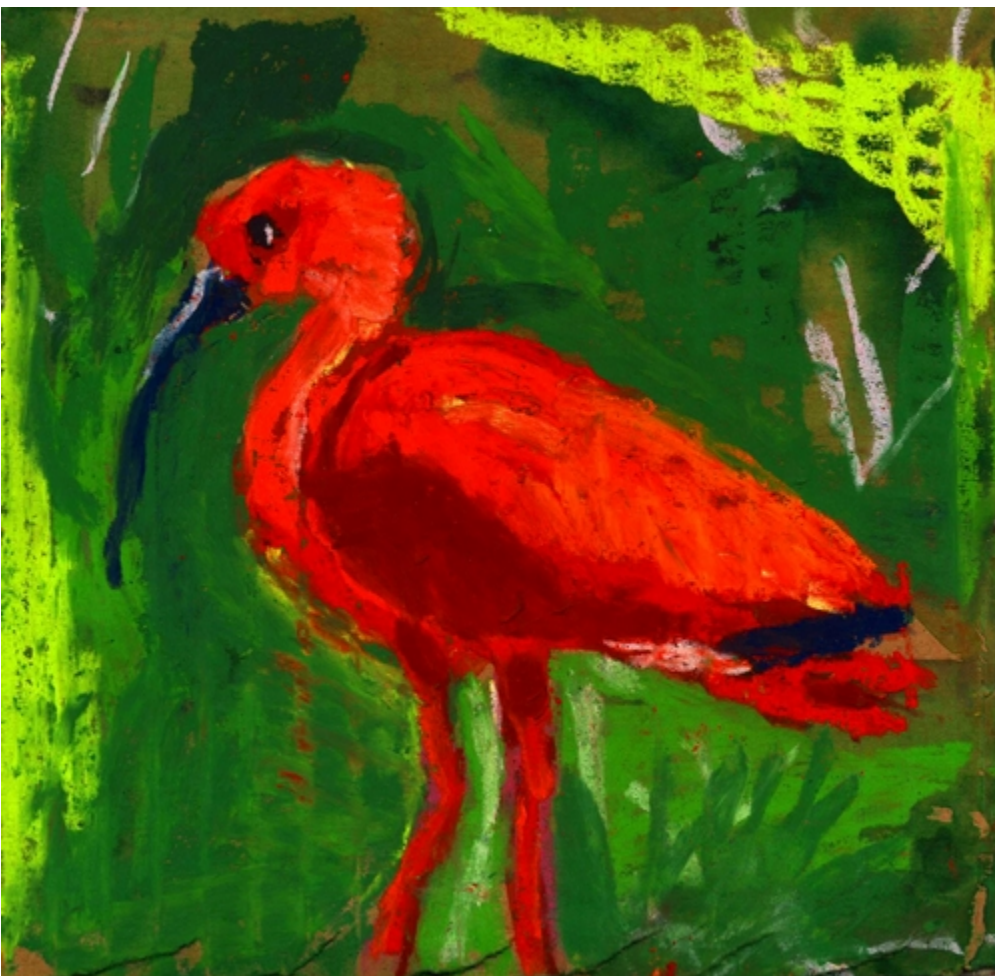


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The herpetology group/University of Glasgow gets down and dirty in Los Blanquiales.

Not to be outdone, the art group visited the Pointe-a-Pierre Wildfowl Trust for a day of drawing, painting, photographing and just enjoying what the environment had to offer.



Amy Deacon's depiction of our national bird.

Members were also busy with two exhibitions this month with both the T&T Orchid Society show and the National Fruit Festival (both three day events!) occurring simultaneously from 20th to 22nd June.



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The Club display at the T&T Orchid Society show.



Dan gets the crowd going at the National Fruit Festival. (Photo courtesy the Tableland Pineapple Farmers Association Co. Ltd.)

(Note the "Month in Review" will change to "Quarter in Review" from July)