

## EDITORIAL

In 1937, John Stanley Beard, a young British Forest Officer, came to Trinidad and studied the vegetation of Trinidad and Tobago as well as the vegetation in the Windward and Leeward Islands. He produced many papers and monographs which are still in use today. His monograph on "The Natural Vegetation of Trinidad" although now somewhat out of date is still regularly quoted in the scientific literature. Doreen Jodhan and Michael Oatham discovered that Dr. and Mrs. Beard and their eldest daughter were living in Perth, Australia and were able to interview them. We are pleased to carry a summary of that interview.

Two of the studies reported in this issue of the Journal have come from observations made in countries other than in Trinidad and Tobago. One in Grenada by Paul and Yasmin Comeau describes the vegetation around Lake Antoine, Levera Pond and Grand Étang. The other article by Mathew Cock reports on his observation on butterflies in Nevis. We welcome articles from other areas in the Caribbean.

Jason Teixeira and Michael Oatham record their observations on the effect of bamboo on surrounding vegetation, while Quesnel *et al.* discuss the potential use of hemiepiphytes in the revegetation of barren sites.

The annual Christmas bird counts for the period 1991-1996 are recorded in this issue and hopefully the authors will begin an analysis of the data collected. Hans Boos provides some interesting notes on the local names of two species of crabs.

This issue of the Journal carries reviews on six books. However, all but one of the books, were published after the 1999-2000 edition of the Journal was issued and as we wanted to keep our book reviews current, all are included in this issue.

A lengthy review paper on some aspect of our flora/fauna/environment promised in our last issue did not materialize, but we hope it can still occur in future issues of the Journal. Starting with this issue, the Journal will be published annually.

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## THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB

The Trinidad and Tobago Field Naturalists' Club was founded on 10th July 1891. Its name was incorporated by an Act of Parliament (Act No.17 of 1991). The objects of the Club are to bring together persons interested in the study of natural history, the diffusion of knowledge thereof and the conservation of nature.

Monthly lecture meetings are held at St. Mary's College, on the second Thursday of every month, while field excursions are held on the last Sunday of every month except December.

Membership is open to all persons of at least fifteen years of age, who subscribe to the objects of the Club.

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