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DEDICATION

Paul Linus Comeau 1942 - 2012

Paul was a Life Member of the Trinidad and Tobago Field Naturalists' Club (TTFNC) and worked tirelessly on all aspects of the Club's mission.

He was an enthusiastic hiker, often leading the pack and outpacing many of the younger members despite a seemingly frail appearance. It was through this hiking and his knowledge of the forest that he was the lead author of *The Trinidad and Tobago Field Naturalists' Club Trail Guide*. He was also lead editor of the second edition.

For 14 years he served as a member of the Editorial Committee of our Living World Journal and made some valuable suggestions for its improvement. He was a regular contributor to the Journal and authored with his wife Yasmin and Winston Johnson *The Palm Book of Trinidad and Tobago* published by the International Palm Society.

Junior writers could have called on Paul at almost any time for assistance with descriptions of plants. At no time did one feel that the request was a burden to Paul or that one was being intrusive on Paul's time. Paul assisted gladly and in a timely manner. He would also point you towards other relevant literature to facilitate your development.

Paul was always genuine and humble and an avid teacher, happy to share his knowledge with Club members at lectures and on field trips, and was well qualified to do so.

His initial training was in Nova Scotia at Arcadia University after which he did a PhD in Plant Ecology at Durham in the UK. He taught Plant Ecology at the UWI and became intimately acquainted with our plant communities especially the savannahs and the vegetation associated with mud volcanoes. Much of this experience led to his authorship with Julian Kenny and Leslie-Anne Katwaru of *A Survey of the Biological Diversity of Trinidad and Tobago*.

Paul was a dedicated family man, musician and a member of the Lady Fatima R.C. Church in Curepe where he worshipped regularly.

The Editorial team wish to express our condolences to his wife Yasmin and his two sons Andre and Camille.

Graham White
John Lum Young

