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DPNR HOSTS BIRDSLEUTH CARIBBEAN EDUCATOR'S TRAINING WORKSHOP

Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources announces that the Division of Fish and Wildlife has partnered with the St. Croix Environmental Association (SEA) and the Horsley Witten Group to host the BIRDSLEUTH CARIBBEAN EDUCATOR'S TRAINING WORKSHOP on Tuesday, April 5th and Wednesday, April 6th on St. Croix, outdoors at the Southgate Coastal Reserve.

This exciting two-day workshop will provide educators with the knowledge, skills, and materials needed to engage young people in the natural world and build their science skills through fun hands-on activities about our amazing birds.

Some of the workshop highlights include:

- How to identify and learn about Caribbean birds
- How to get students involved in citizen science and real data collection about birds
- Hands-on fun group activities and games for classrooms
- Fantastic resources for educators to take away from the workshop for their students
- Educators will receive a certificate from the workshop and associated teaching materials

If you are an educator on St. Croix and are interested in signing up for this **FREE** workshop, contact Jade (jademalgarin@gmail.com) or call (787) 370-1116 or visit: bit.ly/BirdSleuthSTX

“The Department thanks all of our local partners and educators for helping make this workshop a success and to help us train the next generation of wildlife biologists and bird enthusiasts in the Virgin Islands”, said Commissioner Oriol.

“This is the first time the BirdSleuth Caribbean Educator's Training Workshop is being offered in the Virgin Islands through funding from Fish and Wildlife, and in the future, we intend on expanding this training to include sites in other districts to allow educators from both St. Thomas and St. John to participate”, noted Dr. Nicole Angeli, Director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

This event is also organized and supported by Birds Caribbean and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.