



BirdLife brings PEP to the Pacific

Globally, one in eight bird species is threatened with extinction, including 192 who are Critically Endangered. The Pacific region hosts 44 (23%) of the most threatened bird species in the world. The BirdLife International Pacific Partnership is working together in an innovative programme to prevent any more species going extinct, through the BirdLife Preventing Extinctions Programme (PEP). PEP is a global programme incorporating all of BirdLife's work on threatened species. It builds on two new communities: Species Guardians – the people and organisations best placed to carry out the necessary conservation work; and Species Champions – individuals, institutions and companies who are financially supporting the conservation action of the Species Guardians. In the Pacific, Species Guardians have been appointed for five Critically Endangered (CR) species: in French Polynesia, SOP-Manu (BirdLife in French Polynesia) has become the Species Guardian for Polynesian Ground-dove, Fatu Hiva Monarch, Tahiti Monarch and Tuamotu Kingfisher; while in Fiji, NatureFiji-MareqetiViti is the Species Guardian for Fiji Petrel. Conservation action is being implemented for these five CR species, funded by the British Birdwatching Fair, the BirdLife International Community Conservation Fund, the Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund, among others. However, more species still need Guardians, and Champions! Visit www.birdlife.org/extinction for more information.