

## **Bilingual Parrot Conservation Corps Mini-Projects 2024-2025 Summary**

The Parrot Conservation Corps (PCC), created and supported by One Earth Conservation, promotes locally led mini-projects focused exclusively on parrot conservation. In 2024–2025, PCC participants presented in a special online event 21 inspiring mini-projects from 13 countries across 4 continents, showcasing the global commitment to parrot conservation. From Guatemala to Kenya, Mexico to Italy, these projects addressed challenges unique to each region, combining local knowledge with scientific guidance. Through this participatory approach, the PCC empowers individuals and communities to become active stewards of their natural heritage.

Each project:

- Addresses specific threats to wild parrots.
- Collaborates closely with local communities.
- Combines scientific guidance with local knowledge.
- Strengthens grassroots conservation capacity.

The projects covered a wide range of approaches:

- **Environmental education** led the way, with 11 initiatives engaging communities, schools, and children to learn about parrots and their habitats.
- **Research and conservation** played a critical role, exploring species protection, ecological monitoring, and innovative strategies to safeguard parrots in the wild.
- Some projects leveraged **social media and creative media**, including documentaries and art contests, to raise awareness and inspire action across borders.
- Others explored **ecotourism as a tool for conservation**, demonstrating how sustainable community initiatives can directly benefit both people and parrots.

## **Stories from the Parrot Conservation Corps Mini-Projects**

Each project tells a unique story, such as:

- **In Guatemala**, José Alfredo Ajcet Ajquijay worked with local schools to teach children about the importance of protecting Chocoyos parrots, thereby inspiring a new generation of conservationists.
- **In Mexico and Cameroon**, Alicia González Rodiles Villarreal and Ninying Benedicta Ngwuh launched campaigns to safeguard African Grey Parrots, combining field research with community engagement.
- **In Honduras**, Marta Solórzano and her team created educational materials to introduce local students to the rich diversity of psittacids (parrots) in their region, turning classrooms into hubs of conservation awareness.
- **In Italy, Paraguay, Switzerland, and France**, a collaborative documentary created by Leonardo Gaci Scaletti, Cristian David Torres Morel, Sheila Di Battista, and Zulema Estefania Solis Muñoz discussed the threats to wild and

captive parrots worldwide and brought the stories of parrots and humans together, showing how cultural perspectives shape conservation efforts across continents.

- **In Kenya**, Irene-Rose Madindou studied hybridization in lovebirds, contributing valuable research to protect wild populations.
- **In Mexico**, Arturo Peralta Jiménez explored ecotourism as a tool to conserve scarlet macaws, connecting local communities with sustainable livelihoods that benefit both people and parrots.

### **Educational Resources (Bilingual in English and Spanish)**

The PCC shares educational materials created by PCC members from different countries, including:

- Children's books
- Scientific guides
- Interactive activities

These resources reflect the cultural, linguistic, and ecological diversity of the participants and their communities, inspiring education, awareness, and action for parrot conservation. You can explore educational materials created by PCC members from around the world. All materials are organized by type and country, making it easy to explore local initiatives, educational resources, and conservation outcomes.

These resources are the result of collaborative work between conservationists, educators, and local communities. Sharing them spreads awareness, knowledge, and love for parrots worldwide. *Please credit the creators of these materials when you share them with others.* Click the links below to access these materials, including the ability to download some PDF files, and start learning!

### **Featured Resources**

#### ***Children's Books***

- **Honduras:**
  - [\*Coloring Psittacines: A Feathered Beauty \(Spanish: Coloreando psitácidos: una belleza con plumas\)\*](#) (3 pdf files, in Spanish) – Fabián Irías
  - [\*Psittacines of Honduras\*](#) (in Spanish) – Marta Solórzano
- **Africa & Mexico:**
  - [\*Protect the African Grey Parrots\*](#) (4 pdf files, in Spanish) – Alicia González Rodiles Villarreal & Ninying Benedicta Ngwuh

#### ***Bird Guides & Conservation Tools***

- **Argentina:**
  - [\*Parrots and People Sharing a Territory: A Guide to Learning and Teaching from Conflicts\*](#) (in Spanish) – Daiana N. Lera

- **Guatemala:**
  - [Guide to Observational Monitoring of Parrot Nests](#) (in Spanish) – Moisés Daniel Pérez Díaz & Ana Lorena Lobos Morales

Across all projects, the PCC model combines scientific guidance with local knowledge, empowering individuals and communities to take action in their own backyards. From hands-on environmental education to cutting-edge research and creative outreach, these mini-projects demonstrate that small, locally-led initiatives can create global impact. Through these efforts, communities are not just protecting parrots, they are making a difference while nurturing a lasting connection to nature, ensuring vibrant ecosystems for generations to come.

### List of mini projects presented on May 17, 2025:

[Click here to watch the recording of the May 17, 2025 event](#)

Name	Country	Project	Category
1. José Alfredo Ajcet Ajquijay	Guatemala	"Environmental Education and Conservation: Species Conservation. Reasons to Protect Chocoyos"	Environmental education
2. Alicia González Rodiles Villarreal, Ninying Benedicta Ngwuh	Mexico-Cameroon	"Protect the African Grey Parrots"	Environmental education
3. Aurelia Elizabeth De La Parra Martínez	Mexico	"Getting to know the parrots in my community"	Environmental education
4. Daiana Noelia Lera	Argentina	Parrots and people sharing a territory: A guide to learning and teaching from conflict within the framework of Comprehensive Environmental Education	Environmental education
5. Saraí Anaya Valera, Elisabeth Zeppetbauer-Psitamex	Austria, Mexico	"Defending Tomorrow, Multicultural Festival for Biodiversity, Vienna, Austria"	Environmental education
6. Maryury Yorlery Aleman Avilez	Honduras	"Green Days with the Lords of the Mountains"	Environmental education
7. Marta Irene Solórzano Bautista	Honduras	"Educational materials project: Psittacids in Honduras"	Environmental education
8. Kendy Doblado Lagos, Heymi Fabiana Arias Anariba	Honduras	"Getting to know the psittacids of the Juana Lainez hills, Tegucigalpa"	Environmental education
9. Karin Mancía	Guatemala	"Workshop on the Yellow-naped Parrot ( <i>Amazona auropalliata</i> ) and its conservation importance in Zone 14"	Environmental education

10. Ana Lorena Lobo Morales, Moisés Daniel Pérez Díaz	Guatemala	"Observational Nest Monitoring Guide for Protected Area Personnel"	Environmental Education-Conservation
11. Ricardo Baxin Xolio	Mexico	"Complementary activities to strengthen the work of the Scarlet Macaw Reintroduction project in Los Tuxtlas, Mexico during 2024"	Environmental Education-Conservation
12. Sunny Snow	United States-México	"Local Children's Art Contest featuring Endangered Parrots of Mexico"	Environmental education
13. Rocío Bahía	Argentina	"Between cachañas and humans: reconnecting connected worlds"	Environmental Education-Conservation
14. Marcial Moisés Tenorio Rivera	Nicaragua	"Lapas in danger of disappearing (Macaws-Psittacidae)"	Environmental education
15. Pierre Medina-Proyecto Santa María	Mexico	Community Monitoring: "Urban Parrots in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico"	Urban Ecology and environmental education
16. Astrid Mariela Narciso Chávez	Guatemala	"Documentary on parrot species that live in Guatemala"	Social media
17. Leonardo Gaci Scaletti, Cristian David Torres Morel, Sheila Di Battista, Zulema Estefania Solis Muñoz	Italy, Paraguay, Switzerland/France	"Parrot, a short documentary about the relationship between humans and parrots"	Social networks-Education
18. Christian Tomas Chinchilla Putzeys, María José Toralla Jiménez	Guatemala	"Creation of a program for the conservation of the scarlet macaw ( <i>Ara macao cyanoptera</i> ) in Chiquimula, Guatemala"	Conservation
19. Irene-Rose Madindou	Kenya	"Interspecific hybridization between <i>Agapornis fischeri</i> and <i>Agapornis personatus</i> in Kenya"	Conservation-Research
20. Ángel Matias Silvera	Paraguay	"Bringing information about the parrots of Paraguay"	Conservation-Research
21. Arturo Peralta Jiménez	Mexico	"Preliminary assessment of the potential of ecotourism as an alternative to contribute to the conservation of the scarlet macaw ( <i>Ara macao cyanoptera</i> ) in the Los Tuxtlas region, Veracruz"	Ecotourism-Conservation