

Amphibians and Reptiles

Wednesday, March 15
(morning session)

Learning Objectives

- Provide an overview of the importance of endemic Caribbean and Jamaican amphibians and reptiles as indicator species, lifestyle and threats to their existence
- Train participants to identify regional amphibians and reptiles

6:15 a.m. Meet in hotel lobby for bus departure for Field Trip to Long Mountain

7:00 a.m. Introduction to Amphibians and Reptiles

8:00 a.m. Practical session –
Field Techniques, and Amphibian and Reptile Identification

9:00 a.m. Coffee Break

9:30 a.m. Lab session

10:30 a.m. Return to Hotel

Presenter: Dr. Peter Vogel

Dr. Vogel is involved in various biodiversity projects including studies of the Jamaican Iguana, the island's two Amazona parrots, communities of amphibians, reptiles and birds in the Cockpit Country, the Blue and John Crow Mountains, and south coast dry forests. An important element of these projects is to assess threat factors, and to identify and implement conservation measures. The projects are carried out in close collaboration with relevant institutions and experts from Jamaica and overseas. Dr. Vogel has also served extensively on boards of environmental NGO's. He is currently an executive member of BirdLife Jamaica, the Jamaican Iguana Research and Conservation Group, and the Game Bird Research Committee.