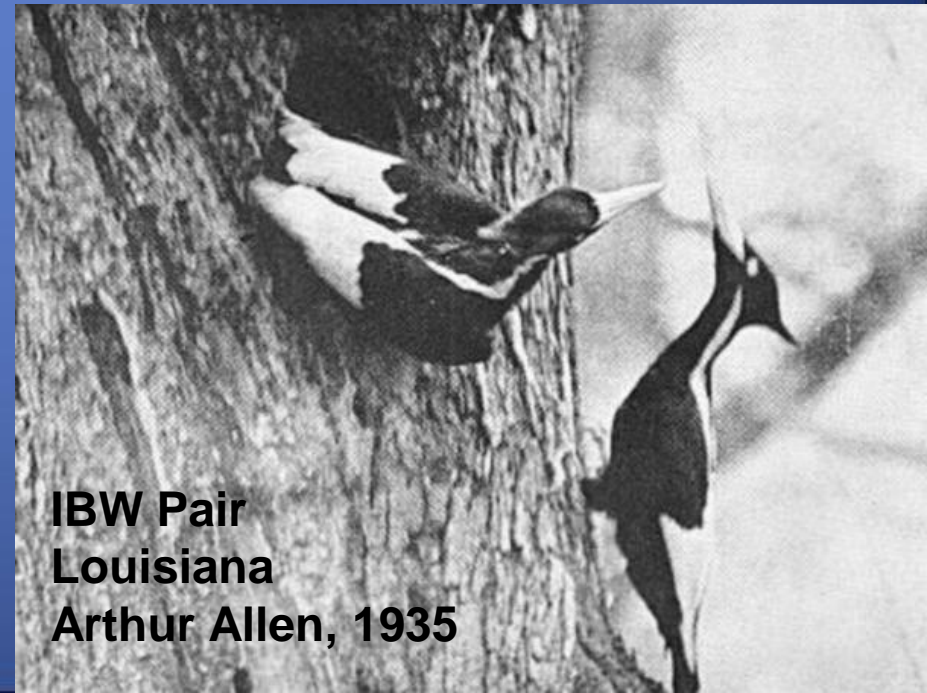


**IBW Fledgling  
Louisiana  
James Tanner, 1938**



**Mission:**

**Find and Protect the Ivory-billed  
Woodpecker in Cuba**



**IBW Pair  
Louisiana  
Arthur Allen, 1935**



## Why in Cuba?

Much more recent sightings compared to last sighting in 1938 in US

As recently as 2009 in Cuba

Promising evidence found during our preliminary exploration, May 2012

**We discovered a recently excavated cavity, possibly a roosting hole**





## Our Principle Investigator:

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### **Books published:**

A field Guide to the Birds of Cuba. (2000). Cornell University Press.

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**Published over 60 scientific papers**





**Regions where Ivory-billed woodpeckers have been recorded in Cuba**

## Historical localities of IBW in Cuba

- 1) Pan de Guajaibon
- 2) Artemisa
- 3) Ensenada de Cochinos
- 4) Emarcadero del Cauto
- 5) Yateras
- 6) Pico Cristal



# Historical Sightings in Cuba

Johannes Gundlach (1838-1895)

John Dennis in 1948: Nesting pair

George Lamb in 1956: 13 individuals

Orlando Garrido in 1968: One individual

Giraldo Alayon and Lester Short in 1986-1987: 2 individuals

Jerome Jackson in 1988: One individual





## **Last reliable sightings by local farmers**

- 1) An individual in 1998 and a pair in 1999**
- 2) An individual sighted in 2009**
- 3) Arturo, our expedition leader , found an old cavity in 2008**





# Our Expedition in 2012































**Our Expedition Discovers  
Recently Excavated Cavity  
that matches the  
characteristic height,  
size and shape,  
of IBW cavities described  
in the scientific literatures**



Encouraged by our promising discovery we will now go forward with a major scientific expedition to search and document the Ivory-billed Woodpecker in Cuba

Finding this Iconic bird will energize our mission to protect the habitats of not only the IBW but also the Critically Endangered Cuban Kite, the Endangered Giant Kingbird, the Endangered Blue-headed Quail-Dove and the Near Threatened Bee Hummingbird



Photo: Arturo Kirkconnell