

ABOUT THE COVER ARTIST

Paul Donahue's artwork has appeared frequently on *Bird Observer's* cover. Some of our readers may also have enjoyed the experience of visiting the rain forest canopy walkway at the Amazon Center for Environmental Education and Research (ACEER) off the Rio Napo in the Department of Loreto in northeastern Peru. This canopy walkway, the world's longest, is the creation of Mr. Donahue and Teresa Wood. Mr. Donahue has also recently begun publishing a free newsletter called *Maine Environmental News*. He can be reached at P.O. Box 554, Machias, ME 04654.

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