



Birds of the Peruvian Amazon up-close March 21-April 2 2009

Experience the Amazon biodiversity firsthand during an ornithological exploration at a conservation center in Peru

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Join us for ten days of bird surveying and bird-banding as we continue to document the avifauna of this recently established private conservation area. The site covers a large scenic bend in the Tambopata River near its mouth just 9km from the town of Puerto Maldonado in Madre de Dios Province in southeastern Peru. The workshop will include training in bird capture techniques using ground and canopy mist nets and bal-chatri traps. It will also offer a rare opportunity to examine plumage variation by species, age and sex up-close on rainforest birds in the hand. Birds will be individually marked for long-term monitoring and research. We plan to work in different habitat types around the reserve and will leave plenty of time for birding and independent exploration of the reserve's rainforest. A field trip to a nearby palm forest at Lago Sandoval is also included. You can easily extend your stay to visit other parts of Tambopata National Park or other parts of Peru on your own after or before the workshop.

Setting: The workshop will take place at the Centro de Education, Ciencia y Conservacion Tambopata (CECCOT, www.ceccot.org), a young conservation, education and research center dedicated to promote the knowledge and conservation of the region's natural history with a minimal human footprint. The lodge is rustic with thatch-covered cabins, a large and comfortable common area, and excellent food prepared by the owner. Shared cabins, composting toilets and cold water camping showers, limited solar-powered electricity available.

Requirements: serious interest in birds and willingness to stay in very rustic/shared conditions in the rainforest. Good mobility. Yellow fever shot, immunizations and your own travel insurance.

Cost: US\$2200 includes: Roundtrip air-fare to Lima (either from Los Angeles or Miami), in-country transportation and airport taxes, lodging and meals, field trip costs, materials and instructional fees. Group size 9-14.

Not included: excess baggage, immunizations, books and personal equipment.

Payment Schedule: \$900 deposit due 1 Feb, total due 1 March 2009. Cancellation date: 5 Feb 2009 without sufficient registrants (deposits will be refunded)

For more information or to determine availability, contact: **Daniel Froehlich** at danATceccot.org, phone 206-595-2305 or **Ursula Valdez** at uvaldezATceccot.org phone 206-219-9924. You may submit your intent to register by email if you want, but you will not be confirmed until your deposit is received. Registrants will receive a receipt, detailed program information, and reading material upon receipt of deposit.