



The Western Bird Banding Association, The Institute for Bird Populations, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Long-term bird monitoring in the Maya Mountains of Belize

A presentation by Mathieu Charette

Tuesday, December 13, 2021

1pm Eastern/12pm Central/11am Mountain/10am Pacific Time

To investigate the long-term avian biodiversity of the Maya Mountains in Belize, in 2012, we opened the [Toucan Ridge Bird Observatory](#) (TRBO), the avian branch of the [Toucan Ridge Ecology and Education Society](#) (TREES) Research Center in Belize. We work with both Neotropical migrants (from North America) and austral migrants (From South America), as well as Belizean resident birds. Our long-term monitoring focuses on a combination of walking transects, point-count surveys, citizen science programs (such as eBird), and bird banding, often through the MoSI program. We also investigate migratory connectivity through the MOTUS initiative. In this presentation, we will present the results of 9 years of bird banding at T.R.B.O. and information about the development of a bird banding culture and capacity building in Belizean bird banders and the evolution of a National Belize Bird Banding lab.

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