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Long-term Avian Monitoring at Reserva las Tangaras, Ecuador

A presentation by Dusti Becker, Ph.D.

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The Andes of Ecuador, famed for high avian diversity, lack many long-term studies of bird communities. Long-term avian monitoring at **Reserva las Tangaras** (RLT) in the Andes of western Ecuador, began in June 2004 based on mist netting (currently with the MoSI protocol), trapping of hummingbirds, habitat surveys, Christmas Bird Counts, color band re-sighting of Andean Cock-off-the-rock, and other projects. The goal of monitoring at RLT are: 1) to determine patterns of survival in Neotropical montane cloud forest birds; 2) to compare avian community composition in different habitats over time, and in dry versus wet seasons; and 3) to add to basic life history knowledge about Neotropical birds of the region. This webinar will summarize some of our results based on mistnetting efforts.

Dusti Becker, Ph.D., is a retired conservation biologist currently conducting volunteer community-based conservation in Kenya and avian monitoring in the Andes of western Ecuador. Dusti earned her B.S. from the University of Virginia, her M.S. in Environmental Science at Yale University, and completed her Ph.D. in Zoology at University of Alberta. She has studied the Endangered Grevy's zebra in Kenya, Red Squirrels in Canada, monkeys in Costa Rica, and avian communities in Connecticut, Ethiopia, coastal Ecuador, the Andes, and the Amazon. After earning her Ph.D., she served as a faculty member at Indiana University, Kansas State University, and was the Campus Director at the Zuni Campus of the University of New Mexico-Gallup. In 2008, she became the Coordinator of the Maui Forest Bird Recovery Project, focusing on recovery of Endangered Hawaiian birds such as the Maui Parrotbill. Since 2004, with her husband, Dr. Tony Povilitis, she has voluntarily co-directed Life Net Nature, a non-profit conservation organization.

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