

Project Update: June 2014

Wildlife Guide – Data collection and photography

One of the key products of the current project is a Wildlife Guide for the Darién region of north-west Colombia and the neighboring region of Urabá. The guide is not only expected to stimulate interest in visiting tourists and provide a source of income for local guides but also generate a sense of pride in the communities where we are working. Despite interacting with their local wildlife on a daily basis, many individuals rarely appreciate the beauty and uniqueness of the natural World surrounding them. We hope that the Wildlife Guide will change this. The success of the guide depends on having quality images of the region's wildlife and during May and June 2014 we carried out surveys with a view to gathering data on the species present and photographing as many as possible. The surveys recorded an excellent range of species from critically endangered monkeys to rarely seen forest dwelling birds.



Photo 1: Cotton-top tamarin – a critically endangered species with surviving populations in the Urabá region of north-west Colombia.



Photo 2: Rufous-vented ground cuckoo - a rarely glimpsed forest specialist.