

Project Update: April 2014

Objective 1

To determine the distribution, status and productivity of diurnal raptors

Activities completed so far

- Five field trips were done in several localities inside the Gran Humedal del Norte de Ciego de Ávila in order to locate new count points for raptor detection.
- We located 80 observation points (1 h/point, 8:00-12:00; 15:00-19:00) and three road surveys (>20 km) in natural and human-transformed areas.
- Abundance and occurrence of resident and migratory raptors have been registered.
- Nest search was carried out for the endemic species Gundlach's hawk and Cuban black hawk, and common species like American kestrel and snail kite.



Registering data about nests and habitat of Cuban black hawks and moving to isolated areas for raptor surveys.

Objective 2

To training the protected areas staff and the communities

Activities completed so far

- Initial meetings with representative of each community were done in order to plan logistical requirements to carry out educational activities.
- We have undertaken three workshops in El Yarual, Malezal and Cayo Largo communities and two training sessions for conservation workers in Loma de Santa María and Cayo Coco protected areas.
- Fifteen farmers from three farming cooperatives were contacted to plan workshops.
- Training about natural history of raptors and bird manipulation was carried out in Cuito locality



Meeting with people of community and protected area

Objective 3

To promote the values of raptors in local communities through the development of environmental campaigns

- The second festival was developed in three communities (El Yarual, Malezal and Cayo Largo).
- Conferences about characteristic of raptors, life history and the importance of wetland ecosystem were imparted during the festival.
- Inventory of captive birds had a first stage with interesting results in one city.
- All native species observed in each area were photographed to form the photo gallery which will be used to create educative materials the next months.



Work with children in natural areas. Theatre play during educative festival



Captive endemic Gundlach's hawk in Bolivia city