

Project Update: May 2015

Seedlings of *B. alicastrum* that germinated in June and July 2014 were tagged and monitored in permanent quadrats underneath parental trees, bat tents and other dispersal sites. Germination was monitored weekly in June 2014, and seedling survival was monitored monthly during the following 9 months. During this period, other relevant data was collected about the sites and seedlings. Seedling density was also quantified around the dispersal sites and in transects underneath parental trees. In March 2015, the monthly monitoring was completed. This was the most important stage of the project. The seedlings will be monitored again in September 2015 after leaf fall and fructification of *B. alicastrum* trees. The next stage of the project will continue to focus on the educational objectives of the project.



Left: *Dermanura watsoni* in a bifid tent found in one of the study sites. Right: One of the permanent quadrats underneath a bat tent that was monitored for germination and seedling survival.