

## **Project Update: October 2005**

Thanks to the RSG and the help of many volunteers, during the last three years we finished the reforestation of a valley of 30 hectares in the highest and most inaccessible mountains of Córdoba where we planted around 6000 *Polylepis* seedlings, re-vegetated many erosion gullies, fixed trails, put up 6 signposts with nature conservation messages and maintained fences to keep free ranging livestock out of our restoration area.

Little by little and with a lot of work we have transformed this beautiful but very degraded valley into an example of what can be done to restore these little known mountains from where over 2 million people depend upon for drinking water. In an effort to promote other people to start similar conservation projects we prepared a two day workshop which we gave in 6 rural schools of the area, providing environmental education materials, slide shows, walks and *Polylepis* seedlings to plant. RSG also provided funds for 3 research projects for biology students. The RSG really made a difference for many of us as it enabled us to do so many nice activities in conservation which we hope to continue doing for the rest of our lives. Many thanks, Daniel Renison and collaborators.