

### **Project Update: November 2015**

After almost 9 months of sampling, my data are increasing slowly. My focal species appeared in forest patches in October 2015 due to the flourishing of bat flowers, so now I have samples from eight individuals. Recaptures seem to be common, so I added a new forest to my sampling sites. In banana plantations I have samples from 44 individuals. Parallel to the undergraduates that are working with me, I have been training two local people about bats. They are now successful in terms of bat identification and manipulation. I volunteered in Tirimbina's open house in October 2015 in which people from all over the country visited the reserve, and I explained a bit about my research to the visitors. I have two talks planned for the next months, one in December 2015 with banana plantation workers and one in February 2016 with kids from the school in the banana plantation community.



Fig. 1. One the undergraduate students helping with my thesis.