

Project Update: May 2018

There are some big developments with our work as we transition into the 3rd year of our project. We are continuing to add sites to our forest restoration programme as well as maintaining previously installed plots. As an extension to our field experiments measuring the contributions of birds to natural seed dispersal and regeneration, we recently reached an agreement to collect and supply seeds from native tree species to supply a local nursery managed by Plan Yaque, which will allow us to use data from our studies to make ecologically appropriate choices for planting efforts. Additionally, the Rodriguez family (owners of our partner organisation Rancho Baiguato) has designated us as the stewards of their environmental foundation, Verde Soy, with the principle objective of establishing a wildlife sanctuary on a large private property in the mountains of the Cordillera Central as a base for conservation projects and long-term research.

Las Auyamas Perches



Recently, we visited a farm site identified in 2017 with Plan Yaque technicians to install artificial perches. Several other new sites have been identified for new restoration plots for our study.

Golden Swallow Boxes



As part of our work with Rancho Baiguatè and the foundation Verde Soy, we are attempting a pilot study of nest box installation for golden swallows at a remote private property ("La Fellita") in the mountains of the Cordillera Central. We set up several nest boxes at sites where we recently observed birds in our surveys and will monitor these until the conclusion of this year's breeding season.