

## Project Update: October 2009

During the winter season (June, July and August 2009) it was hard to work in the field because of the poor vocalizations of this species outside the breeding period, so I waited until the rainy season when birds start to search for a mate. I started again in September 2009 to continue the work in Santa Isabel, though I still did not find the yellow-rumped antwren in this locality. I found that this humid montane region of Cochabamba is one of the richest regions for bird biodiversity and the best place to start conservation work, so I had a meeting with the people of Sarna Moko and with their leader Marlon Villca to exchange proposals about conservation projects in this locality. My team work is going to help these people to look for funds to supply a lodging place that they are constructing for ecotourism purposes. The following step is to continue working with these people to deliver a bird species list that I found in this place. I am working on an album of bird images and designing a poster for them since we believe that this place is very propitious for the observation of birds. I will continue the research work in this place during the following months in order to increase the work effort for searching for the yellow-rumped antwren and to help the people to finish the ecotourism lodge.



Left: A panoramic view from the top of Sarna Moko (calling too Santa Isabel), where the people is using the land for agricultural purposes. © Marybel Crespo. Right: Sarna Moko's humid montane forest, where the local people is looking for ecotourism. © Marybel Crespo.



My team preparing the nets that we used for increased the effort of the researching work.  
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