

Project Update: February 2022

During January and February 2022, one new nest was found in Santa Fe province. In total, 10 active nests have been found in Santa Fe province, from which four failed during the reproductive season (one during incubation period due to a storm, two during chick-rearing period because of the high temperatures registered in northern Argentina in January and one due to unknown reasons). This is, of course, the highest number of simultaneously active nests ever found in this province.

From the remaining 6 nests which were successful, one of them was out of reach and one fledgling flew before we could catch it. In the end, we were able to grab 4 Chaco Eagle fledglings, which were adequately measured, weighed, banded (aluminium rings) and satellite tagged. During the "banding" days, we invited several rural workers, vets, landowners and authorities to join us and see what we do, so as to gain local people to our cause. In fact, the names of the eagles that we tagged were chosen by them. Thus, we are currently monitoring the movements of these 4 fledglings in Santa Fe province. We hope that these 4 fledglings can give us important information on movement ecology and habitat use of Chaco Eagle in this area.

Additionally, we have already downloaded the pictures of the 4 camera traps (and the live camera) that we installed at nests, and of the 3 camera traps that we installed close to rescue ramps at water reservoirs. Soon I will have an update on these activities.

Please see (attached) the pictures of the four eagles (see names and locations below) that, thanks to Rufford Foundation, we have been able to ring and satellite-tag. The remaining nests and reproductive pairs will be written down during next mails.



Sacha (savage or untamed in "quechua" language). Discovered by a vet in "Las Colonias" department, central Santa Fe province.



Ariel. Discovered by us, thanks to data provided by the mayor of Tostado town, "9 de Julio" department, north-western Santa Fe province.



Pelu. Discovered by a landowner near Arrufo town, "San Cristobal" department, north-western Santa Fe province.



Pokatu Pa (tenth miracle in "guaraní" language). Discovered by a young student (also rural worker) near Fortín Charrúa, "Vera" department, northern Santa Fe province.