

Project Update: May 2015

Recent updates for the Vinaceous Amazon Project include the first release of the year at the beginning of March 2015. Fifteen new birds were set free after careful training and preparation to reinforce the existing population. The release worked smoothly with several birds already foraging on trees around the release aviary during the second day of freedom. Supplemental feeding is always offered in order to guarantee a gradual transition to a more independent state in the following months. After the release some decided to come back to roost inside the release section of the flight or sleep on the trees in the surroundings. After a month 13 birds were still coming back, some returning only once a day to socialise with the others, not showing much interest on the supplemental food still being offered. Some pairs are more prone to explore the area than individual birds and monitoring is ongoing.

