

Project Update: April 2010

There have been many developments in 2010 and we have achieved our main goals concerning training, environmental education and dissemination of our findings. A key development was the formation of a partnership with Ana Maria Gonzalez of Saskatchewan University, Canada, who will analyse feathers collected from migrants in Colombia in order to determine their origins in North America. The partnership allowed us to run a third monitoring station, La Victoria (1100 m elevation), that has proved extremely successful. Between March and April 2010 a series of posters explaining the phenomenon of migration and how the Sierra Nevada's resources are critical to migratory success, were displayed in Quebrada Valencia reserve and were seen by over 1,000 visitors. Training in bird ringing involved 25 individuals, including three students from the nearby University of Magdalena. We have also been promoting migratory birds and our findings through our blog (<http://avesmigratoriascolombia.wordpress.com>) that has now received over 4400 hits.

