

Project Update: April 2019

We have made six field trips for the project. The first field trip was between June 12th and July 1st 2018, the second one between July 16th and August 11th, the third one between September 30th and October the 7th, the fourth one between October 28th and November 25th, the fifth between February 3rd and 10th 2019 and the sixth between April 7th and 15th 2019. We have covered all the 186 count points at the three sectors of the study area. Now we have population data of the three species and information on all habitat variables. We had some problems of logistics but in general, the work has been going without setbacks. There are two field trips left, one in May 2019 and the last one in July 2019 to show the results to the community of the zone.

During those field trips Natura Foundation (NGO) has paid for peasants' guidance at the work site and also has helped me with food costs for myself and the field assistant. The scholarship for research of the National University of Colombia paid for plane tickets for the last three field trips. Taking this into account I had to spend the Rufford Grant money on many things like transportation from Bogotá to the environmental compensation area, materials like printed maps, batteries and pencils, fixing equipment like the bird song broadcast recorder and the gasoline for a power plant and for motorcycles of the peasants in order to mobilise at zone 1 and the afternoon sample at Zone 2 and 3.