

Project Update: January 2009

With the arrival of spring (September 2008) in Argentina the Bird's World Week was celebrated and I have presented my RSG project to bird watchers and people interested in the subject.

During November 2008, 450 seed traps of different design were installed in 3 areas burned in 1999 (150/area). A half was placed below perches, to evaluate the perch effect of dead standing trees in post-fire decolonization, and the other half was placed in bare soil.

Seeds coming from fox feces collected during the 07-08 summer, germinated in growth chambers, and in January the 6th, those seedlings were transplanted in a field essay placed in an area burned in 1996. Seedlings were planted in two different microsities (bare soil and below shrubs) with herbivore enclosures. This essay was installed to evaluate which microsite is suitable for the seedling's recruitment and thus compare the dispersal efficiency of birds and foxes.

