

Project Update: December 2020

We have completed the collection of samples and preliminary identification of plant species in all 47 plots established within the home ranges of the target golden-headed lion tamarin troops. This enabled us to set up a phenology trail across those plots that will be used to monitor the monthly flowering and fructification stage of plant species often consumed by the lion tamarins. I share with you some pictures that illustrate these activities including a lucky encounter with a white-tailed trogon (*Trogon viridis*) busily feeding its healthy chick captured by my field-assistant while we were marking the phenology trail.

2. After the routine capture performed by trained members of Project BioBrasil (main ally of my project), we are now getting used to the new dye markings left on the tails and arms of lion tamarins that make it possible to distinguish the individuals in the field. In addition to that, we are collecting our first data on behaviour and first faecal samples. So, this is a month of putting to the test and adjusting our methodology to make the most of the focal sampling during the troops' daily follow-ups. For this point I also share a picture of a lion tamarin displaying the tail markings taken by a member of Project BioBrasil.

3. This week, some pictures I have taken over the time I have worked with Project BioBrasil will participate in an exposition in Colonia de Una. This activity will take place in the square of this small community and will give us the opportunity to talk more with locals about their views on conservation and the golden-headed lion tamarins. I can send you photos of this event in future messages.









