

## Project Update December 2025

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**Project Title:** The Role of Evolutionary Potential to the Conservation of Frugivorous Birds and Its Implications for Seed Dispersal in the Atlantic Forest

### **Update:**

We successfully conducted part of the planned outreach activities with the group of participating students. The activity was an incredible success: the students were highly engaged, participating in recording bird information and the release process. Due to their interest, I added several ornithological books and provided training on bird observation using binoculars. The Serra do Japi team guided the students through the trails, and other researchers in the area shared insights into their own work. It was a very enriching experience for everyone.

A video made by one of the students is available via this link: <https://www.instagram.com/p/DRfFb4BETr1/>. I also have more photos and videos recorded by the recipient NGO, the Serra do Japi team, and myself. I am currently organizing and preparing this additional material for sharing. Given the sensitivity and the necessary care required for disseminating images of birds being handled, this process takes time to ensure the highest quality and scientific dissemination standards. I will share these materials once they are properly arranged.

On two separate planned field visits, light rain caused the bus company to refuse to ascend the dirt road. The cancellation was a disappointing experience for the students, who were prepared for the fieldwork. I was unable to reschedule a new field date this year, but we can make this possible in January.

I am beginning the exploratory data analysis, and I will be in touch with more detailed results once they are available.