

Project Update: January 2008

The first phase of our project was focused on the autumn migration season and involved daily mist-netting and transects from September-November 2007. This intense period of field work resulted in the capture of 1399 migrants of 48 species, whilst 66.5 km of transects revealed 15 and 47 species of migrant in mangrove savannah and forest habitats respectively.

The abundance and variety of species recorded passing through the study area highlights its importance to Neotropical migrants during their autumn migration. Notable amongst the captures and sightings, were three captures of the Near-threatened Golden-winged Warbler, nine migrant species previously unrecorded in NE Belize and a sighting of the near-threatened Olive-sided Flycatcher. In addition to field work, dissemination of our results has begun principally through our project website, whilst educational activities included a visit from the Corozal Community College environment group and talks and demonstrations to volunteers associated with our host organisation, Wildtracks.

