

## Project Update: September 2011

Fieldwork is going to be finished in both cloud forest locations Altos de Pipe, Miranda State and Yacambú National Park, Lara State. Data from the project are especially interesting because in both locations the most important fruit removers are two species of small omnivore birds. Nevertheless, large frugivorous birds were the main removers of tree species with biggest fruits. These results highlight the importance of complete assemblages for conservation of cloud forest from the Tropical Andes hotspot. On the other hand, few species of trees captured the bird interactions in both locations, acting as magnet trees for birds. These species need to be promoted in restoration programs and protected in Yacambú National Park. They are important food resources for the blood-eared parrot (*Pyrrhura haemotis*), an endemic and threatened species from Venezuela. These results would not be possible without the help of all the students who enthusiastically participated as field assistants. The last months have been busy in order to prepare the workshop with the rangers which will be conducted on October. Nevertheless, we also participated in the celebration of Instituto Nacional de Parques that is in charge of Yacambu National Park with talks for the local community. Also, a scientific talk with the preliminary results of the project is going to be presented at the Neotropical Ornithological Congress in Cusco, Peru in November.

