

Project Update: May 2011

I am attaching a new article describing the results of our work with cavity-nesting birds in the Atlantic Forest of Argentina and elsewhere. In this paper we show that natural decay processes, rather than woodpeckers, form most tree cavities used for nesting outside of North America. We highlight the importance of maintaining old trees in which natural decay processes form long-lasting cavities used over many generations of birds.

This week the paper was commented in the Editor's Choice column of *Science*! So I am attaching that short note too.

We remain active in environmental education too, now on our fifth year of visits to rural schools in the Atlantic Forest.

