



SalvaNATURA

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Annual Bird-A-Thon 14-15 October, 2006

Dear friend:

Fall migration has begun, and flycatchers, thrushes, warblers, and other migrants have already arrived at our bird monitoring stations in El Salvador. The stations are funded mostly through our annual birdathon, which takes place in just a few days.

We need concerned persons like yourself, to pledge funds to continue and expand our program's efforts to monitor bird populations and study threatened birds in El Salvador and neighboring countries of northern Central America.

Support from over 250 persons in the last three years has helped us build El Salvador's first permanent bird monitoring stations. This support allowed us to train 3 full-time professionals and more than 20 volunteers who run mist nets every week of the year, at 5 stations in three of El Salvador's national parks (El Imposible, Los Volcanes, and Montecristo). The team has now captured and banded over 7000 birds, including many migratory birds from North America.

One of the bird monitoring stations is located in a shaded coffee plantation, in the buffer zone of Los Volcanes National Park. Here we are gathering valuable data on the ecology of birds in coffee

plantations, to evaluate how this major land use type can be used to conserve avian diversity.

The value of this program is in the constant effort throughout the year. We are learning so much about the habitat use, survivorship, territoriality, migratory behavior, and reproductive biology of over 160 bird species, many of which have never been studied in detail. We also contribute winter survivorship data to the Institute for Bird Populations' MOSI program. This information, over time, will be invaluable for designing effective conservation programs.

Furthermore, the constant presence of biologists in three national parks help local communities to appreciate the immense value of these refuges for birds. All will soon be declared Important Bird Areas, and they are located in the middle of the Mesoamerican biodiversity hotspot.

For our part, we will send several teams of birders into El Salvador's natural areas on the weekend

of 14-15 October, to carry out the bird-a-thon on the ground, attempting to record more than 300 species. The 2004 effort set the record at 296 species. This year we aim to break that mark.

Please let us know today, or as soon as possible, the amount of your pledge.
Lety Andino
Bird Monitoring Coordinator
SalvaNATURA

SalvaNATURA is a non-profit organization and partner with BirdLife International and Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and Rainforest Alliance. SalvaNATURA employs almost 80 people,

including 33 park guards, to protect the environment. It manages two of the largest national parks in El Salvador.

Bird monitoring and other conservation science projects depend on support from concerned individuals like yourself. Please consider making a significant donation this year. Donors of \$50 or more will receive our beautiful 2007 Calendar of bird photos from El Salvador. You can support the birdathon with a lump-sum donation or pledge an amount per species found during the birdathon weekend. See the pledge form on this page for details.

Thank you for supporting SalvaNATURA's birdathon team. Mail, fax or email this form to:

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Do NOT list my name as a donor in the SalvaNATURA annual report or other materials.

I would like to pledge....

A lump sum of \$ _____

Or, an amount per species (use):

5c 10c 25c 50c \$1 \$2 \$5

Other _____

Yes, I wish to receive the 2007 Calendar of bird photos from El Salvador (\$50 or more).

Payment:

Please charge the appropriate amount at the end of the event to the credit card number below.

I am sending payment (a personal check or a money order) in the mail today, to SalvaNATURA.

I am sending payment in the mail today, to The Resource Foundation in New York (which will forward 100% by wire to SalvaNATURA; please indicate "SalvaNATURA birdathon" on your check). The address is

The Resource Foundation
Loren Finnell, Executive Director
P. O. Box 3006
Larchmont, New York 10538
Tel/Fax: (914) 834-5810

Please send me a reminder when the event is over, with the calculated amount of my pledge and a report of the birdathon results; I will send payment then.

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