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MARCH 2016 INKATERRA GUIDES FIELD STATION

### **ECOLOGICAL REPORT OF INKATERRA GUIDES FIELD STATION**

#### INTRODUCTION

During this month the beginning of bird banding took place in the stations and concessions managed by Inkaterra Association, which is done 2 times a year. The Agroforestry Gamitana Chacra Station was the first place where bird banding was held.

#### **STUDY AREA**

The Agroforestry Chacra Gamitana Station is located on the left bank of the Madre de Dios River, a 1-hour boat ride from the city of Puerto Maldonado. It is right at the mouth of the Gamitana broken, which also ends in an Island with the same name.

Chacra Gamitana is a station where sustainably and organically resources are used through the installation of an agroforestry system, where the goal is to be a model farm that can be replicated by the surrounding towns. In turn, it is also visited by travelers of Inkaterra which teaches through environmental interpreters cultivation techniques and utilization of resources (ornamental, fruit, medicinal timber) in a sustainable way. This place becomes a natural center of attraction for both birds and for mammals, thereby increasing the value of this place.

The study area is comprised by the agroforestry system (old and new Chacra), where the forest is represented by typical plantations such as bananas, citrus, coffee, palm, cocoa, among others. Also it has timber and medicinal trees, making this a place with enough vegetation cover where wildlife can find shelter and food available.

#### METHODS

For the ringing of the birds the method of capturing the bird was used. Mistnets were utilized with the following characteristics:

- Length: 12 and 6 meters (8 and 2 nets respectively)
- Eye mesh size: 36mm

Furthermore, the following items were also used:

- Book of Birds in Peru
- Caliper
- Digital balance
- Ruler
- Different number of rings
- Cloth bags
- Banding pliers
- Plastic bottles

12 mist nets were installed in different directions of the agroforestry system, trying to cover representative areas of it. Half of the mist nets were installed in the transition zone between the forest and agroforestry system and the other half in the middle of it. The number of working days was 3, with 8 hours per day, working during the morning and evening. The intervals of checking the mist nets were every 30 minutes.

When birds are caught they are placed in cloth bags and transported to the point of data collection. Here the rings, provided by the Program CORBIDI, are attached to the birds and thereafter they are released.

#### **RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS**

In general, the work days were mostly sunny from midmorning to midafternoon. The remainder time was mostly cloudy day.

The species caught by family were:

N°	TAXON/ NOMBRE CIENTIFICO	NOMBRE EN INGLES
	COLUMBIDAE	
1	Leptotila rufaxila	Gray-fronted Dove
	TROCHILIDAE	
2	Glaucis hirsutus	Rufous-breasted Hermit
3	Phaethornis hispidus	White-bearded Hermit
4	Amazilia láctea	Sapphire-spangled Emerald
	ΜΟΜΟΤΙΔΑΕ	
5	Momotus momota	Amazonian motmot
	GALBULIDAE	
6	Galbula cyanescens	Bluish-fronted Jacamar
	THAMNOPHILIDAE	
7	Hylophylax punctulatus	
	GRALLARIDAE	
8	Formicarius analis	Black-faced antthrush
	FURNARIDAE	
9	Sittasomus griseicapillus	Olivaceous Woodcreeper
10	Xiphorhynchus elegans	Elegant Woodcreeper
11	Phylidor pyrrhodes	Cinnamon-rumped Foliage-gleaner
12	Dendrocincla fuliginosa	Plain-brown Woodcreeper
13	Furnarius leucopus	Pale-legged hornero
	TYRANNIDAE	
14	Myiopagis gaimardii	Forest Elaenia
15	Ochthornis littoralis	Drab Water-Tyrant
16	Myiozetetes similis	Social flycatcher
17	Rhynchocyclus olivaceus	Olivaceous flatbill
18	Tyranopsis sulphurea	Sulphury Flycatcher
19	Myiarchus tuberculifer	Dusky-capped Flycatcher
20	Terenotriccus erythrurus	Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher
	PIPRIDAE	
21	Pipra fasciicauda	Band-tailed manakin
	VIREONIDAE	
22	Vireo flavoviridis	Yellow Green Vireo
	TURDIDAE	
23	Turdus hauxwelli	Hauxwell's thrush

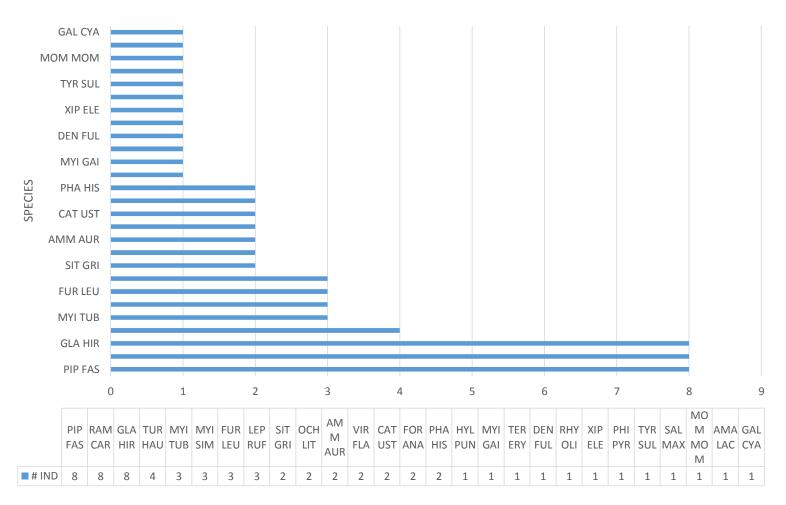
 Table N°1.- Birds caught during bird banding.

24	Catharus ustulatus	Swainson's Thrush
	THRAUPIDAE	
25	Ramphocelus carbo	Silver-beaked Tanager
	INCERTAE SEDIS (POR DEF)	
26	Saltator maximus	Buff-throated saltator
	EMBERIZIDAE	
27	Ammodramus aurifrons	Yellow-browed Sparrow

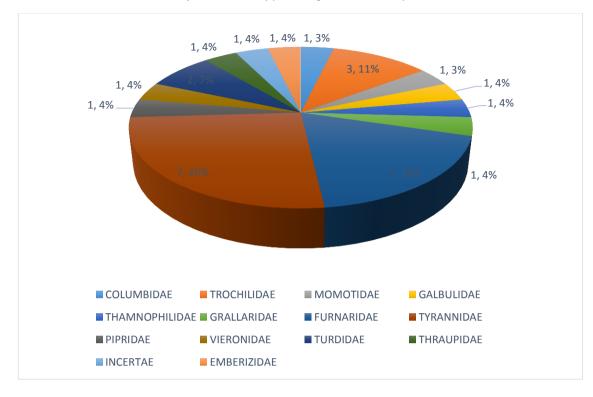
During the three days of work, a slight decrease in the number of catches was observed as usual. The First Day 15 individuals were captured, the second day 12 individuals and the third day 8 individuals.

The number of catches of 3 working days amounted to 66 individuals, of which 12 are not band (Apodiformes and Coraciiformes), the most caught species: *Pipra fasciicauda, Ramphocelus carbo y Glaucis hirsutus* with 8 individual. *Turdus hauxwelli* with 4 individuals, *Myiarchus tuberculifer, Myiozetetes similis, Furnarius leucopus y Leptotila rufaxila* with 3 individuals and Sittasomus griseicapillus, Ochthornis littoralis, Ammodramus aurifrons, Vireo flavoviridis, Catharus ustulatus, Formicarius analis y *Phaethornis hispidus* with 2 individuals. The other missing species (12) were captured just 1 of each.

Graphic N°1.- Numbers of individuals caught by species.



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Graphic N°2.- Family percentage of each bird captured

The Tyrannidae family is predominant in the catches with mist nets.

Of the 66 individuals captured:

- 48 were new (N), ie the specimens have not been caught before, and were then tagged with a ring.
- 6 of them were recaptures (R) who were tagged before.
- 12 specimens (Apodiformes and Coraciiformes) that are not band.



Photo N°5.- Saltator maximus

Photo N°6.- Saltator maximus



Photo N°7.- Momotus momote

Photo N°8.- Momotus momota



Photo N°9.- Ammodramus aurifrons

Photo N°10.- Ammodramus aurifrons



Photo N°11.- Rhynchocyclus olivaceus

Photo N°12.- Rhynchocyclus olivaceus