

Diego Calderón-Franco

Born in Medellín, Colombia (1980)

English and Spanish

Biologist (2007) from Universidad de Antioquia



Birding Experience

I started birding in 2000 when I enrolled in biology studies at the Universidad de Antioquia. I did loads of bird inventories, expeditions to remote little-known areas, and field work as main researcher and also as a field assistant for colleagues and friends in birds and mammals projects. Then, I started to carry out my own projects and to record bird sounds mainly in the Andes. Birding was a priority for me and never spent a weekend in the city and was always in the field (jejeje, checking my old field notebooks from those days, I can see field trips annotations every weekend... very cool times!). After so much birding in the

Andes, I started to visit areas in the Caribbean and Urabá lowlands, the Chocó jungles in the Atlantic, lots in the Interandean Valleys and then the Amazon, Llanos and Pacific Chocó. I have seen around 900-1000 bird species in Colombia and I am afraid that roughly some 1400-1500 in the entire world. Besides Colombia, I have been seriously birding and doing fieldwork in Ecuador, Venezuela, Honduras, Mexico and Ireland, plus a little bit birding in N Peru and N Brazil, Chile and USA. I have been guiding birding tours since 2007, my own company (COLOMBIA Birding) is getting known and achieving good will; we have several people that has come, is coming, and will come for birding with us... check more info at www.colombiabirding.com and in the lines below.

Affiliations

Neotropical Ornithological Society (NOS).

Neotropical Bird Club (NBC).

Antioquia Ornithological Society (SAO).

Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation (ATBC).

Bird Watchers National Net of Colombia (RNOACOL).

Bulletin Board for the Dissemination of Information on Neotropical Birds from the Louisiana State University (NEOORN).

Birds Collections National Net of Colombia (RCAA).

Neotropical Ornithological Society Electronic List (NOS-L).

The Scientific Discussion of Ornithology (ORNITH-L).

Formerly also American Ornithologist's Union (AOU), British Ornithologists' Club (BOC), and Cooper Ornithological Society (COS).

Some Research Experience

- **Exploration of Colombian areas:** Central Andes little known areas expeditions granted by IdeaWild and Optics for the Tropics (2001-2005); Perijá mountains endemic threatened avifauna granted by CI (2004); Expedition to C/E Andes highlands with IAvHumboldt (2005).

- **Bird sounds:** Woodcreepers recording in Orinoco and SE Venezuela with Dr. Curtis Marantz (2008); Bird sounds recording in C Andes of Colombia in Rio Blanco reserve (2006, 2007); Reviewer of "A Guide to the Bird Sounds of the Colombian Andes" (2007, 2008); 60 hours of bird sounds recordings in the C Andes for IAvHumboldt (2005).

- **Manakins stuff:** Display behavior of Blue-rumped Manakin in SE Ecuador with Dr. Marina Anciães (2003); Sexual selection of Golden-winged Manakins in Ecuador with Dr. Marina Anciães (2003).

- Other projects: Co-editor of Boletín SAO (2004 up today); Cerulean Warbler migration stopover habitats in Honduras for Dr. Melinda Welton, TNC, and USDAFS (2007); Cerulean Warbler behavioral and ecological study in W Andes of Colombia granted by TNC, USDAFS and Optics for the Tropics (2005, 2006); Microstructure of feathers and systematics in University College Dublin with Dr. Gareth J. Dyke (2006, 2007) and in the Smithsonian Institution with Dr. Carla J. Dove (2007).

Main Attended Meetings

National Ornithological Meeting (ENO) - Colombia - 2000, 2003, 2004, 2007.

VII Neotropical Ornithological Congress (NOC) - Chile - 2003.

VII Chilean Ornithological Congress - 2003.

Andean Plants Systematics Course - Colombia - 2004.

I Colombian Ornithological Congress (ICOC) - 2004.

IV North American Ornithological Conference (NAOC) - Mexico - 2006.

Cerulean Warbler Summit II - USA - 2007.

VIII Neotropical Ornithological Congress (NOC) - Venezuela - 2007.

Selected Publications

Álvarez-López, Humberto, Diana E. Arzuza, Diego Calderón-Franco, Paula C. Caycedo, Felipe A. Estela, Luis G. Naranjo, Luis Miguel Renjifo, Loreta Rosselli and F. Gary Stiles (eds.). 2004. Memorias I Congreso de Ornitología Colombiana. Asociación Colombiana de Ornitología, Santa Marta, Colombia.

<http://www.ornitologiacolombiana.org/MemoriasICOC/indexmemor.htm>

Calderón-F., Diego. 2005. Notas acerca de un nido del Mango Pechiverde *Anthracothorax prevostii hendersonii* (Trochilidae) en la isla de San Andrés en el Caribe Colombiano. *Ornitología Colombiana* 3: 92-96.

Balchin, Chris, Calderón-F., Diego and Donegan, Thomas. 2006. A potpourri of recently described species from the Neotropics. *Neotropical Birding* 1: 24-37.

Cadena, Carlos Daniel, Sergio Córdoba-Córdoba, Gustavo A. Londoño, Diego Calderón-F., Thomas E. Martin and María Piedad Baptiste. Nesting and Singing Behavior of Common Bush-Tanagers (*Chlorospingus ophthalmicus*) in South America. *Ornitología Colombiana* 5: 54-63.

Delgado-V., Carlos-A. and Diego Calderón-F. 2007. La dieta de la lechuza común *Tyto alba* (Tytonidae) en una localidad urbana de Urabá, Colombia. *Boletín SAO XVII*: 94-97

Andrés M. Cuervo, Paulo C. Pulgarín, Diego Calderón-Franco, José M. Ochoa-Quintero, Carlos A. Delgado-V., Alejandro Palacio, Jorjany M. Botero, & Wilmar A. Múnera. In Press (*Ornitología Neotropical*). Avifauna of the northern Cordillera Central of the Andes, Colombia.

Cuervo, Andrés M., Pulgarín, Paulo C. and Diego Calderón-F. In Press (*The Condor*). New distributional bird data from the Cordillera Central of the Colombian Andes, with implications for the biogeography of northwestern South America.

