



Guyra Retã Reserve



Guyra Paraguay's Guyra Retã Reserve is located within the San Rafael National Park, one of the principal remnants of Atlantic Forest left in Paraguay. The Kanguery Field Station is located on a hill overlooking the natural grasslands, with trails leading into the forest and to the habitat restoration and reforestation projects that have been undertaken by Guyra Paraguay. However, the real stars of the reserve are the birds. A wide range of Tinamous, seedeaters, finches, pipits, and tyrants are commonly observed in the grasslands, including the

Cock-tailed Tyrant and the Saffron-cowled Blackbird, both threatened species. In the Atlantic Forest, one may observe the Helmeted Woodpecker, the Blue Manakin, and the Chestnut-bellied Euphonia, amongst many other colorful species. Night-birding offers the chance to see some of the many species of nightjars, as well as the Common Potoo, and the chance of owls.

In the Guyra Retã Reserve alone, although only a small portion of the larger San Rafael National Park, there are more than 400 recorded species of bird, including the majority of Atlantic Forest endemics that can be found in Paraguay, and a high percentage of threatened species – both Atlantic Forest and grassland.

Kanguery Field Station

The Kanguery Biological Station has two rooms with bunk beds available for up to eight people. There is a modern bathroom with a hot shower, powered by solar panels, and the staff at the station prepares the meals for the visitors. The facility is new and very well maintained. It is located on a hill overlooking the natural grasslands of the area and there are walking trails nearby. There is also abundant space available for those that prefer to camp. Overall, it is a pleasant experience, being located in the heart of the reserve. However, for those that are looking for less rustic lodging, there are hotels available along the highway to Encarnación.



Guyra Retã -- San Rafael National Park

San Rafael has the most diverse collection of birdlife in all of Paraguay, boasting more than 400 recorded species, including the majority of the Atlantic Forest endemics that can be found in Paraguay, as well as a high percentage of threatened-species – both Atlantic Forest and grassland.

Guyra Retã is just a part of San Rafael, but has recorded more than 300 species. Some interesting grassland species that are easily observed are tinamous, seedeaters, finches, raptors, pipits, and tyrants. The Cock-tailed Tyrant and the Saffron-cowled Blackbird are both threatened species that are possibly found throughout the area. At the right time, it is also possible to see flocks of seedeaters that contain the threatened Marsh and Chestnut Seedeater. Some of the most common birds are the Sedge Wren and the Streamer-tailed Tyrant.



Amongst the birdlife found in the Atlantic Forest, it is easy to spot some colorful species, such as parakeets, tityras, woodpeckers, trogons, toucans, manakins, and tanagers. A very small list of the possible good spots would include:

- Helmeted Woodpecker (a threatened species)
- Surucua Trogon
- Black-throated Trogon
- Toco Toucan
- Blue Manakin
- Chestnut-bellied Euphonia
- Rufous-capped Motmot

Night activities include exploring the area with a spotlight and a 4x4 in order to see nightjars and the Common Potoo.

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