

Volunteer Nature Guide

In order to address the ever growing numbers of visitors to the reserve, who wish to gain a general rainforest experience we are looking for a volunteer nature guide to show people around the reserve during our busiest time of year, August to November. We have specialist bird guides but we also require someone with an interest and some knowledge of the biodiversity of the Atlantic rainforest; who can share the wide variety of fauna and flora with visitors.

Key tasks

Your main tasks will be:

- To show visitors birds and other wildlife around the trail network adjacent to the lodge and conservation centre. Point out to visitors some of the endemics birds, mammals, butterflies, dragonflies, frogs, reptiles, orchids, bromeliads, heliconias and the many species of trees.
- Provide visitors with information about the history of the reserve and the tree planting programme.
- Every week a social media post should be produced providing highlights from the week. This will be uploaded onto the REGUA social media sites - Facebook, Twitter or a news update for our website. The post can be a photo with a few words or a short article for our blog.
- Update the Board situated on the veranda at the Lodge with daily sightings.
- Liaise with the Lodge Host on a daily basis to discuss the guest requirements.

Skills required

- Experience of showing visitors around a nature reserve, preferably with some experience abroad.
- To be able to impart information to visitors about the Atlantic Forest and the importance of REGUA's work.
- The ability to learn about the wildlife in the Atlantic Forest.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills. The ability to communicate with people of various nationalities and ages including visitors (mainly English speaking), REGUA staff and volunteers.
- Some knowledge of Portuguese or a willingness to learn a few basic phrases would be a distinct advantage.
- To be able to impart information to visitors about the Atlantic Forest and the importance of REGUA's work.

Minimum commitment

- A minimum three month stay is required, as some time will be required to familiarise yourself with the birds and the trail network.
- Please note due to the nature of this role, working hours will vary depending on the needs of the visitors and frequently including unsocial hours.

If you have any questions please contact Rachel Walls at volunteer@regua.org.

To apply please complete our [application form](#) and email it to Rachel Walls at volunteer@regua.org.