

Assistant Bird Guide

As the number of visitors has increased in recent years, our assistant bird guides have helped the reserve by showing visitors around our most popular trails. This enables the local REGUA bird guides to show guests birds in more remote parts of the reserve.

The main birdwatching season is from August to mid-November. Assistant bird guides stay at our volunteer accommodation close to the lodge and meals are provided at the conservation centre.

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
- To liaise with REGUA staff to arrange each day's guiding activities including the logistical requirements such as transportation within the reserve and lunch requirements
- To guide visitors in a professional and responsible manner

Skills required

- A few years birdwatching experience is essential, 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 bird calls essential. You will be given sufficient time to become familiar with bird calls in the first couple of weeks of arriving. We strongly recommend familiarising yourself with calls before you arrive. You will be expected to have your own MP3 player with calls and a set of speakers. We can provide a list of birds you need to become familiar with. Bird calls are available for free download from www.xeno-canto.org
- 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.