



# SOUTH RUPUNUNI CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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SRCS Newsletter

## Fourth Field Visit: Shulinab Village

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### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

The South Rupununi Conservation Society (SRCS) would like to extend our thanks to all Rangers and participants for a successful fourth field visit. A total of four Red Siskins were banded with purple legbands to denote birds captured and released around Shulinab Village.

We would like to thank Shulinab Village Council for their support during this field visit, and further to thank the DTC for their ongoing support.

We hope that you will enjoy these photos of our fourth field visit.



*Clockwise, from top left: (1) A pair of Male and Female Siskins spotted collecting food for young; (2) Ranger Abraham Ignace with a female Red Siskin; (3) Ranger Maxi Ignace with a male Red Siskin; (4) SRCS Members Abraham Ignace, Maxi Ignace, Leroy Ignacio, and Nicholas Fredericks inspecting a recently banded Siskin.*



## Birds Sighted

### on this Field Visit:

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|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (01) Undulated Tinamou   | (16) Least Nighthawk             | (34) Rusty-Margined Flycatcher | (52) Plumbeous Seedeater    |
| (02) Muscovy Duck        | (17) Nacunda Nighthawk           | (35) Black-capped Donacobius   | (53) Chestnut Seed-finch    |
| (03) Greater Egret       | (18) Gray-rumped Swift           | (36) Forest Elaenia            | (54) Tropical Parula        |
| (04) Turkey Vulture      | (19) Ruby-topaz Hummingbird      | (37) Greenish Elaenia          | (55) Yellow Oriole          |
| (05) Black Vulture       | (20) Sooty-capped Hermit         | (38) Great Elaenia             | (56) Red-breasted Blackbird |
| (06) King Vulture        | (21) White-chested Emerald       | (39) Pale-eyed Pygmy Tyrant    | (57) Eastern Meadowlark     |
| (07) Swallow-tailed Kite | (22) Glittering-throated Emerald | (40) White-headed Marsh-tyrant | (58) Finsch's Euphonia      |
| (08) Savannah Hawk       | (23) Ringed Kingfisher           | (41) Burnish-buff Tanager      | (59) Red Siskin.            |
| (09) Black Hawk-Eagle    | (24) Amazon Kingfisher           | (42) Tropical Kingbird         |                             |
| (10) American Kestrel    | (25) Golden-spangled Piculet     | (43) Bare-Eyed Thrush          |                             |
| (11) Limpkin             | (26) Yellow-throated Spinetail   | (44) Cayenne Jay               |                             |
| (12) Common Ground-dove  | (27) Buff Throated Woodcreeper   | (45) Hepatic Tanager           |                             |
| (13) Blue Ground-dove    | (28) White-fringed Antwren       | (46) House Wren                |                             |
| (14) Pale-vented Pigeon  | (29) White-bellied Antbird       | (47) Grassland Sparrow         |                             |
| (15) White-tipped Dove   | (30) Tropical Gnatcatcher        | (48) Palm Tanager              |                             |
|                          | (31) Vermillion Flycatcher       | (49) Crested Tanager           |                             |
|                          | (32) Amazonian Scrub Flycatcher  | (50) Blue-black Grassquit      |                             |
|                          | (33) Variegated Flycatcher       | (51) Yellow-bellied Seedeater  |                             |

*Did you know that there are over 26 species of hummingbird sighted in the South Rupununi, and a total of 38 species recorded in Guyana? A hummingbird's wings beat very rapidly, from 12 to 100 beats per second (during courtship rituals). They are able to accelerate to speeds of over 15 meters per second, fly backwards, and even fly upside down.*



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*Clockwise, from top left: (1) A Red Siskin nest in a Caiambe tree. (2) Rangers Jane Wilson and Nicholas Cyril recording field observations; (3) A White-chested Emerald and (4) Glittering-throated Emerald, two of the four hummingbird (or *piimudi* in Wapishana) species encountered on this field visit. (5) Rangers Harold Isaacs, Angelbert Johnny, and Frank Johnny setting up a mist-net. (6) Rangers discussing observations and completing a group write-up post-field visit (7) SRCS Bird Specialist Asaph Wilson, with Rangers Nicholas and Samuel Cyril, measuring the mass of a male Red Siskin.*

**Note: The endangered Red Siskin (*Sporagra cucullata*) is officially protected by the South Rupununi Conservation Society. The SRCS is currently researching its ranges in the South Rupununi, to be included as a proposed Important Birding Area (IBA).**