

# Fabio L. Tarazona



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## About Yourself:

I was born in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, where I spent most of my early life. I did my undergraduate studies at the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus, where I completed a major in Biology, and a second major in Agronomy. Currently, I am a graduate student at New Mexico State University, pursuing a degree in Wildlife Sciences. I enjoy mostly enjoy the outdoors, hiking, bird watching and traveling.

## Career Experiences:

I first learned about the NRCT program when I was an undergraduate at UPRM, where I quickly interviewed for the program. Thanks to this program I have been able to participate in research experiences at Puerto Rico, New Mexico and Belize. My first internship experience focused on looking at anthropogenic effects on daily nest survival of grassland birds at the Nutt grasslands of New Mexico. After this experience I quickly learned that field ecology and ornithology were my passion. After that, I have been able to work on different research projects that have focused on conservation efforts for different avian species.

## Plans after Graduation:

Although my plans may change, I would like to work for the U.S. Forest Service or the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Ideally, my job would allow me to conduct research that would have direct conservation and management applications. I would also like to contribute in the education and guidance of students who might be interested in pursuing a career in wildlife by allowing them to participate in ongoing research projects.

## Skills:

Familiar with using Global Positioning System, development of maps using Geographic Information System, camping and hiking skills, operation of 4 x 4 vehicles, identification of native species of birds by song, good skills on handling, care and husbandry of birds.

## Accomplishments/ Clubs/ Other:

- NRCT Member
- North American Parrot Society
- Sociedad Ornitológica Puertorriqueña
- FWCE Graduate Student Organization
- The Wildlife Society- New Mexico Chapter