



LEGADO
DAS ÁGUAS
RESERVA VOTORANTIM

A birdwatcher manual



ARE YOU COMING TO BIRDWATCHING AT LEGADO DAS ÁGUAS?

We want to tell you that well-being and safety
– for you and for the birds too – its our priority.



The habitat protection is related to respect of the trail's limit. **Attention to the signs and keep in the permitted areas**, avoiding environment disturbance. Never touch nests, eggs or chicks.



When photographing, **be careful using flash** and at night observation **be careful using artificial lighting**: do not focusing light on the animal and give preference to low-intensity flashlights or those ones with a red filter.



It is essential to maintain distance (at least 15m) from reproductive areas, dormitory or feeding points.



Expressly forbidden to use a drone as a tool for photographing birds, especially in the areas mentioned above. The only exception is scientific research projects.



The use of playback requires caution: good planning by the observer is always recommended, considering the time of year, the period of day and the vocalization type that will be used. **Don't use random voices and avoid warning sounds or predator sounds**, which create stress situations and unnecessary interactions. It is also recommended some **pauses between the playback sessions and attention to birds' behavior**, moving away from the previous point for every new sound reproduction.



In some areas of the reserve - such as in the areas of the Ornate Hawk-Eagle hawk and the Bat Falcon - **playback should be avoided**, considering that this is well-known territory for these species and the probability of finding them is always on high.



Get into the habit of using apps for creating lists like *eBird* or sharing photos and sounds like *WikiAves* and *iNaturalist*, thus contributing data that can be used in scientific research and conservation actions.



In our birdfeeder, it is not allowed to offer any type of food to the birds. The frequency and quantity offered are controlled by our team and supply intervals are important in the natural dynamics of the environment, remembering that fruits are just a complement to the natural diet.

No interventions is allowed in the birdfeeder structure (inserting, removing or cutting branches or installing devices such as supports and cameras without authorization), as it is planned and maintained by our team for the contemplation experience.



If you are a birdwatcher's guide, be responsible for passing on these basic rules of conduct and give preference to small groups, focusing on attention and care – with the birdwatchers and with the birds.

**Any doubts or suggestions?
Call our team on the reception.
We're here to help!**



That material is based on the "Birdwatcher Code of Ethics", a CEMAVE/ICMBio initiative (2021).