

## Singing Quail Habitat Saved at Sierra Gorda

GCBO is happy to announce another land acquisition through our **Tropical Forest Forever Fund** in support of our partners at the Sierra Gorda Biosphere Reserve in Querétaro, Mexico. In February 2010 we provided \$15,000 to help purchase 98 acres of land that lies between two of the most valuable core areas of the Reserve, Cañada de las Avispas and Barranca de Paguas. This area is covered by pine-oak and cloud forests that support habitat for many



species of endangered and/or endemic flora and fauna including the Bearded Wood-Partridge and the Singing Quail. As an endemic to cloud forests, the Singing Quail counts on the Reserve as its most important long-term refuge since this forest is one of the few remaining compact areas not affected by clearing and fragmentation. Other bird species in the area include Crested Guan, Thicket Tinamou, Pale-billed Woodpecker, Bronze-winged Woodpecker, Collared Forest-Falcon, Bat Falcon, Bumblebee Hummingbird, White-eared Hummingbird, White-crowned Parakeet, Blue-crowned Motmot, Mountain Trogon, Mottled Owl, Spot-crowned Woodcreeper, Olivaceous Woodcreeper, Pine Flycatcher, Tufted Flycatcher, Blue Mockingbird, Brown-backed Solitaire, Golden-browed Warbler, and Hooded Grosbeak. Through this purchase, activities such as poaching, fire, and grazing that have impacted the diversity of the area will be eliminated, which will allow regeneration and protection from further fragmentation of this important biological corridor. This property will be added to the Private Reserve Network in the area of Hoya Verde which already operates successfully in the reserve. It is also adjacent to another tract of land

previously purchased with Tropical Forest Forever Funds last year. To learn more about the Sierra Gorda Biosphere Reserve please visit their [website](#).

Google Earth coordinates = 21 30.56' N, 99 11.42' W

