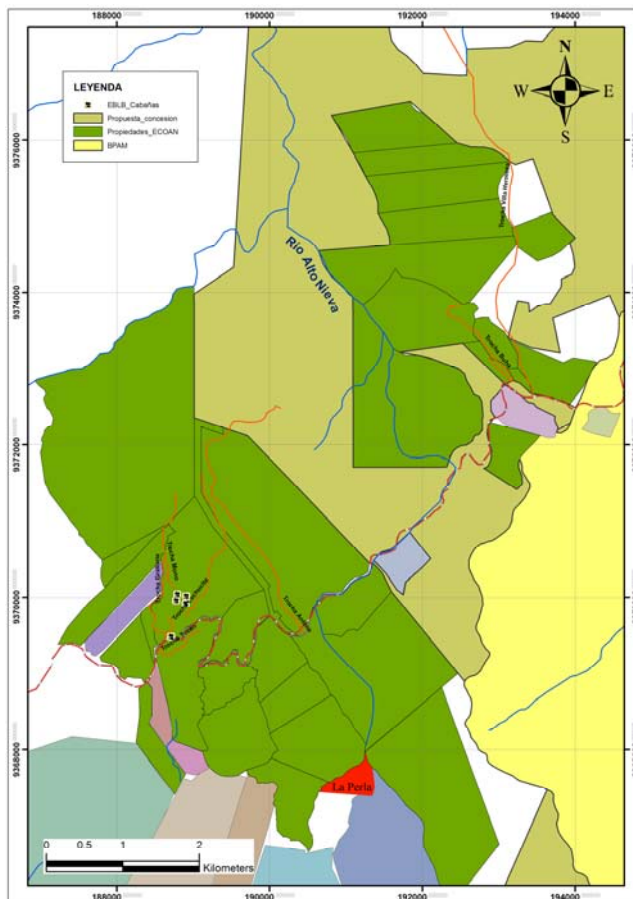


La Perla Acquisition, Abra Patricia Reserve in Peru

A Tropical Forest Forever Fund Grant

Continuing with our efforts to protect wintering grounds for nearctic/neotropical migrants, our Tropical Forest Forever Fund, awarded a grant of \$25,000 to American Bird Conservancy and ECOAN to acquire a significant forest addition to the Abra Patricia Reserve in Peru: the La Perla tract (shown in red on the map below). The Abra Patricia-Alto Nieva Private Conservation Area is located at mid-altitude in the foothills of the Andes, in the Peruvian Yungas where bird diversity is among the highest on Earth. The reserve protects parts of the upper watershed and headwaters of the Amazon River which is threatened by accessibility through a major paved road as well as the construction of new roads, bringing logging, agriculture, and cattle ranching as well as poaching of wildlife and orchids. A total of 6,690 acres has been acquired for this reserve to protect habitat for migratory and threatened bird species including the endangered Long-Whiskered Owlet and the Ochre-fronted Antpitta. The reserve is owned and managed by ECOAN, the Andean Ecosystem Association which works to conserve birds and other wildlife and their ecosystems in the Andes of Peru.



The American Bird Conservancy and ECOAN are in the final stages of acquiring the core tracts of forest needed to complete the Abra Patricia Reserve and the 86-acre La Perla tract is a significant addition. It is located on the southern edge of the reserve and has about 60% forest cover.

The World Bank and World Wildlife Fund rank the Peruvian Yungas ecoregion among the richest ecosystems in the world with at least 7,000 species of flowering plants and an exceptional concentration of endemic plant and animal species. The northeastern section of the Peruvian Yungas comprised habitat for 317 resident bird species including 23 that are considered globally threatened.

In addition to the endangered Long-whiskered Owlet and Ochre-fronted Antpitta, other endemics include the endangered Royal Sunangel, the rare and poorly known Cinnamon-breasted Tody-Tyrant, and the endangered Ash-throated Antwren.



Long-whiskered Owlet , photo from ECOAN
February 2007, Abra Patricia Reserve

Neotropical Migrants

Broad-winged Hawk
Swainson's Hawk
Black-billed Cuckoo
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Chimney Swift
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Western Wood-Pewee
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Alder Flycatcher
Sulfur-bellied Flycatcher
Red-eyed Vireo
Yellow-green Vireo
Black-whiskered Vireo
Purple Martin
Bank Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Veery
Gray-cheeked Thrush
Swainson's Thrush
Blackburnian Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Canada Warbler