



ALAMOS, SONORA, MEXICO

Birding Ruta Sierra Mar in Southern Sonora

Save 2011 Dates for Christmas Bird Counts



Last year, more than 70 birders participated in one or all of the three Audubon Christmas Bird Counts in southern Sonora, ranging from the Sea of Cortez playas to the pine oaks in the foothills of the Sierra Madre. The Navopatia CBC is held along the exquisite Agiabampo Estuary, the Alamos CBC takes place in the forests and arroyos surrounding the charming colonial town of Alamos, and the Rancho Ecológico Monte Mojino CBC is way out yonder in the rugged, remote foothills of the Sierra Madre. The REMM count is a logistical challenge because of the rugged roads and terrain. It requires a 3-day commitment and involves 2 nights of camping. We're ready to return and, with better tactical planning, we hope to surpass our first-year 144 species total. Participating in the REMM count is a great way to see up close the conservation work taking place on Rancho Ecológico Monte Mojino and to meet the wonderful REMM staff. 2011 dates and contact information:

Navopatia CBC, December 23, 2011 / Contact Adam Hannuksela of the Alamos Wildlands Alliance,

ahannuk@gmail.com <http://alamoswildlands.wordpress.com/navopatia-field-station/>

REMM CBC, December 27, 2011 / Contact Suzanne Winckler, suzanne.winckler@gmail.com, or David MacKay, dave_and_jen@solipaso.com

Alamos CBC, December 29, 2011 / Contact David MacKay, info@solipaso.com.

For more details about the counts, read David MacKay's very entertaining post on the first Rancho Ecológico Monte Mojino Christmas Bird Count <http://www.solipaso.com/the-first-rancho-monte-mojino-christmas-bird-count-january-5th-2011>. His posts for the Navopatia and Alamos CBCs are also on the Solipaso website. Matt Brooks, of Tucson Audubon Society, also wrote up his experiences of the REMM count, available at: <http://tucsonaudubon.blogspot.com/2011/01/sonora-christmas-bird-counts.html>

What is REMM's mission?

The mission of Rancho Ecológico Monte Mojino is to foster protection of the tropical dry forest and Río Cuchujaqui watershed in southern Sonora, Mexico. To achieve our mission, we apply scientific research and the knowledge of local people to sustain this unique landscape in an ever-changing world.

Where is REMM?

Rancho Ecológico Monte Mojino encompasses 23,000 acres (9,000 hectares) of contiguous properties containing high-quality tropical dry forest. **REMM** is in southern Sonora east-northeast of the city of Alamos. **REMM** lies within the 92,890-hectare Sierra de Alamos y Río Cuchujaqui Federal Area for the Protection of Flora and Fauna. **REMM's** closest properties are about 11 miles (17 km) east of Alamos; the farthest, about 28 miles (45 km).