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Biológica de



**CANUDOS**

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# THE MACAW AND ITS HABITAT

Welcome to the Canudos Biological Station (EBC), one of the four reserves coordinated by the Biodiveristas Foundation!

Here, we want you to feel free to enjoy an extraordinary experience with the Lear's Macaw, our main star, in addition to getting to know some of the more than 180 species of other birds that have already been recorded at the Station.



Ciro Albano

The Lear's Macaw attracts visitors from all over the world to watch its morning flight. The experience of listening to birdsong and seeing the red sand of the cliffs contrasting with the royal blue of the macaws is simply unforgettable!

At EBC, the visits to the imposing sandstone walls are led by the reserve's park rangers, experts and lovers of macaws. The show begins at five o'clock in the morning, when the birds, always in pairs and in an uproar, leave their burrows to look for food – the fruits of the licuri palm tree – at other stops.

After the flight of Lear's Macaws (*Anadorynchus leari*), visitors can walk through the valleys of the EBC, where bird lovers will be able to observe other species of fantastic birds of the Caatinga, such as the endemic species of Parakeet. Blue Crown (*Thectocercus acuticaudatus haemorrhous*), Bat Falcon (*Falco ruficularis*), Royal Vulture (*Sarcoramphus papa*), Black-breasted Eagle (*Geranoaetus melanoleucus*) and much more.

Take the time and take the time to get to know the surroundings of the reserve, in particular the visit to the communities of Rasinho, where you can find beautiful and sustainable handicrafts made with licuri straw. On the way to Rasinho, the visitor can admire the splendid landscape of the northeastern Caatinga - an exclusively Brazilian biome - with its umbuzeiros, favelas, mandacarus, macambiras and xiquexiques. And, still, it is possible to cross the path with the typical and fearless cowboys of the sertão, with their clothes of heavy leather.



João Marcos Rosa

The Biological Station of Canudos also has charming inns for visitors. There are six suites, one double and the others with two singlebedseach. Thereisalsoalivingroomtoserveguests. Delicious morning coffees are served there, with a taste of local cuisine.

The entire infrastructure of the accommodation was built from a socio-environmental perspective. The work prioritized the use of local raw materials, ecological bricks – without burning and, consequently, without CO2 emissions – and local labor.



## SUCCESS CASE

The Biodiversitas Foundation is responsible for protecting one of the most endangered species in the world and, which is considered one of the seven wonders of nature, elected in the Alliance for Zero Extinction – AZE contest. The region of Canudos in the Caatinga of Bahia is the habitat of the Lear's Macaw. In this place, the Canudos Biological Station (EBC) was created with the aim of protecting this fantastic and unique species. It is in the EBC that the walls that serve as a dormitory and nesting area for the bird can be found.

The Lear's Macaw is a species that symbolizes Brazilian strength and resistance very well. The bird was once on the verge of extinction, but thanks to a successful conservation program by the Biodiversitas Foundation and other organizations, it was possible to reverse this situation, with the population increasing from around 60 individuals to more than 2,000 individuals living freely in the area. nature, meaning an increase in the bird's population, 30 times greater, in the period of two decades.



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# CONSERVATION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES

In addition to protecting the last refuge of the Lear's Macaw (*Anadorynchus leari*), in the Caatinga, Biodiversitas protects three other endangered species in the Atlantic Forest biome:

In the **Mata do Passarinho** Private Natural Heritage Reserve (RPPN), the institution protects the Bahian puffed bird (*Merulaxis stresemanni*); the RPPN **Mata do Sossego** is dedicated to the conservation of the northern muriqui (*Brachyteles hypoxanthus*), one of the most endangered primates on the planet, and the **Ninho da Tartaruga** Reserve is home to the paraíba turtle (*Mesoclemmys hoguei*), one of the 25 chelonians (hoofed animals) most endangered in the world.

Biodiversitas' four private reserves together protect more than 3,000 hectares located in the Atlantic Forest and Caatinga biomes!



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# WHAT MOVES US

Taking care of biodiversity is the reason Biodiversitas exists! It is in the name and in the DNA of the institution, whose mission is to promote interaction between the environment and human beings, by seeking the best tools to reconcile nature conservation and economic and social development. The non-profit organization was created in 1988 with the purpose of developing scientific studies and applying them in the improvement and instrumentalization of environmental management in Brazil.

The Biodiversitas Foundation seeks to expand the chances of conservation of endangered fauna and flora species in our country. Its projects, therefore, cover the identification and protection of critical habitats, research and scientific diagnoses, strategic planning and support for public conservation policies. Throughout its history, Fundação Biodiversitas has carried out or been directly involved in more than 500 conservation projects throughout the national territory.

Through serious work and commitment to ethics and socio-environmental responsibility, Fundação Biodiversitas has become one of the most solid and influential institutions dedicated to nature conservation in Brazil. To learn more about our work and projects, visit the website: [www.biodiversitas.org.br](http://www.biodiversitas.org.br)

For more information about the **Birdwatching Tourism Program** at the Canudos Biological Station and scheduling visits, contact the communication office by email: [comunicacao@biodiversitas.org.br](mailto:comunicacao@biodiversitas.org.br) or by telephone: 31 – 3653- 7795 | 99986-8810.



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To the Lear's Macaw continues to color the skies of the Caatinga, make a monthly donation and help more people to observe this rare and exuberant bird over generations!

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[www.biodiversitas.org.br](http://www.biodiversitas.org.br) and click on the link '**DOE AGORA**'

You can also adopt the other species  
that Biodiversitas protects, such as  
**the puffed Bahian bird; the northern  
muriqui monkey; the paraíba turtle.**



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