



# Lined Seedeater Project

Long-term study | Budget: ongoing with small projects

The Lined Seedeater Project is dedicated to exploring long-standing puzzles in evolutionary biology and behavioural ecology using a small migratory neotropical passerine as a model species: the Lined Seedeater. This long-term study is taking place in Florestal, Minas Gerais, in Southeast Brazil. There we are conducting several projects with a wild population of Lined Seedeaters, ranging from understanding the evolution of sexually selected traits to the impact of climate change and human activities on migratory behaviour of tropical birds. The project is coordinated by Dr. Filipe Cunha from the Behavioural Ecology Group at Wageningen University & Research, and Prof. Dr. Leonardo Lopes from the Animal Sciences Lab at Federal University of Viçosa (campus Florestal), Brazil. The project receives students and researchers from all over the world and is committed to producing high- quality and responsible science. The Lined Seedeater Project also promotes cultural and intellectual exchange among students and researchers from diverse backgrounds. The Lined Seedeater Project has existed since 2015 and many new projects are in development for the coming years. Participants in the project can count on a good infrastructure in the field and in the office when collecting their data, and on the extensive network built up by the project over the years. The Lined Seedeater Project is a long-term study with no foreseeable end point. We aim to continue exploring deeper questions in biology and bringing new insights to the fields of evolutionary biology, animal behaviour, and behavioural ecology.

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