Cost
The cost for the program is ~$2600 and covers lodging, ground transportation, exit fees, meals, and study abroad insurance. Additional costs will include tuition, airfare, and personal expenses.

Course Credit
This program is meant to complement and enhance the Avian Biology, Poultry Science, and Biological Science undergraduate majors; however any student interested in birds, wildlife, conservation, and the environment are encouraged to apply. Students completing this course will receive 6 credit hours in POUL 4150.

Class of 2014

Apply online at:
www.avianbiology.uga.edu

Application Deadline:
February 12, 2016

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**Why Avian Biology?**

The University of Georgia offers many study abroad trips to Costa Rica but this experience offers an all-encompassing introduction to a wide variety of cultural and biological diversity. From the cloud forests of Monteverde to the Southern Pacific Coast of Hacienda Baru, students encounter many of the 860 migrant and native species of birds that Costa Rica has to offer.

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**Arenal Volcano**

Arenal is the site of one of the world’s most continuously active volcanoes. Activities include a hike onto the 1968 lava flow and fantastic views of the volcano itself. Additionally, Arenal is home to La Fortuna Falls. Students have the opportunity to hike to its base and swim in the crisp, clear, and invigorating waters underneath the falls.

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**Heliconias Lodge**

This lodge, located on 175 acres of primary forest, is owned and operated by a group of conservation-minded Costa Rican families. Together, they stopped the land from being deforested and worked to establish the area as a private reserve. The lodge is now an ecotourism project, and the income generated helps support the local community. Activities include nocturnal hikes and canopy bridges, as well as some of the best bird watching in the country.

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**Monteverde**

Located in the central mountainous region of Costa Rica, the cloud forests of Monteverde are home to many beautiful species of flora and fauna. Activities such as guided hikes, canopy tours, and canopy ziplines will allow us to encounter the monkeys, sloths, and high elevation birds of the cloud forest.

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**Ensenada**

Ensenada Lodge, located on the Pacific Coast in the Gulf of Nicoya, offers scenic views of the surrounding mountains and mangroves. There are several hikes around the lodge, including one which leads to a breathtaking overlook and another that follows a trail only accessible at low tide. A boat tour through the many mangroves allows spectacular sightings of coastal birds. We will also have the opportunity for a tour by horseback of the cattle ranch.

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**Caño Negro**

Positioned in the middle of the flyway for migrant North and South American birds, millions of birds travel through Caño Negro National Wildlife Refuge. Students take a boat tour of the waterways at the refuge to view a plethora of bird species and aquatic wildlife including caiman.

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**Hacienda Baru**

Our course travels to the Southern Pacific Coast to access the 815 acre Hacienda Baru National Wildlife Refuge and Lodge. The property encompasses 7km of hiking trails and 3 km of pristine beach. Our stay will include both lowland and rainforest bird watching hikes.