



## OUR TEAM

### JUAN CARLOS OBANDO CHACÓN

*CEO - Wildlife Biologist - Ornithologist*

#### PROFILE:

Juan Carlos is a biologist and certified tourism guide born in Manizales, Colombia. At the age of 12, he began his first birding excursions visiting the ecosystems around his hometown, exploring the cloud forests, the páramos and the coffee region in the heart of the Central Andes where he met for the first time toucans, trogons, quetzals, tanagers, antpittas and hundreds of hummingbirds who powered his passion and love for nature. During his studies he worked in parallel guiding tours in Los



Nevados National Park and the Coffee Cultural Landscape, he has investigated about mutualistic interactions between birds and plants, identification of key species in ecosystems and its relation with production of environmental services. After completing his undergraduate studies, he obtained the first place at the Colombian Ornithology Congress 2013 and recently he achieved the first position to the best research presentation at the Colombian Ecology Congress 2016. Juan Carlos has continued his postgraduate studies on Environmental Impact Assessment of Projects and he has worked as environmental consultant for several universities, engineering companies and NGOs, developing strategies to promote bird and nature conservation and social development in Colombia. Some of his latest contributions are the "Guide to Good Birdwatching Tourism Practices in Colombia"

<https://cutt.ly/Guide-Good-Birdwatching-Practices-Colombia>

and the book "Hummingbirds of Cundinamarca"

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