

Photospot: Crescent-faced Antpitta

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Crescent-faced Antpitta has long been one of South America's most sought-after antpittas. Seeing it is now easier than ever, thanks to a new feeding station in Caldas, Colombia.

For decades, Crescent-faced Antpitta *Grallaricula lineifrons* had near-mythical status among birders. Even following its rediscovery in the 1970s, it remained hard to see for many years. The advent of feeding stations – a topic covered by antpitta-guru Harold Greeney in his celebratory article on

Grallaridae in *Neotropical Birding* 25 (Greeney 2019) – has changed the feasibility of seeing many species of antpitta. Their number now include Crescent-faced Antpitta. In late 2018 and early 2019, news spread of a new, accessible site where this strikingly patterned forest sylph had been habituated: Hacienda El Bosque, under an



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