

Distribution of the Quetzal in Honduras

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I studied the Quetzal (*Pharomachrus mocinno*) on behalf of the Department of Wildlife and Environmental Resources, Honduras from October 1977 to November 1980, in part to determine its nationwide distribution. Quetzals were reported from the following mountains by American Peace Corps volunteers who responded to a questionnaire regarding the distribution of the species (numbers are those used in Fig. 1). The questionnaire requested rural-living volunteers to interview residents of the locality regarding the presence of Quetzals. These residents are very knowledgeable concerning the species of wildlife present.

The locations of the mountains are indicated in Fig. 1 by number. *Ocotepeque*: (1) Montaña Montecristo; *Yoro*: (2) Montaña de Pijol, (3) Montaña de Yoro; *Intibuca*: (4) Montaña Pacayas, (5) Montaña Pamina; *Cortes*: (6) Montaña Cusuco, (7) Montaña San Ildefonso; *El Paraiso*: (8) Montaña Yuscaran; *Francisco Morazan*: (9) Montaña La Tigra, (10) Montaña El Chile, (11) Montaña de la Flor, (12) Montaña de Uyuca; *Copan*: (13) Montaña San Jose and/or Montaña San Antonia; *Olancho*: (14) Sierra de Algalta, (15) Montaña de Almendares; *Lempira*: (16) Mon-

taña de Celaque; *Atlantida*: (17) Montaña Pico Bonito. The following Quetzal locations also were reported, but no literature or map reference to them could be found either in Honduras or in the United States. *Santa Barbara*: Montaña Paso Viejo; *El Paraiso*: Montaña Jogon; *Francisco Morazan*: Montaña de Palo Alto. This could reflect local names for the mountains.

The above are additional Quetzal locations to those reported by Monroe (1968). He listed the following. *Santa Barbara*: (18) Montaña Santa Barbara; *Ocotepeque*: (19) Montaña El Chorro; *Francisco Morazan*: (20) Montaña Monsetat; *Lempira*: (21) Montaña de Puca; *La Paz*: (22) Montaña La Cruz; *Comayagua*: (23) mountains south and east of the plain of Comayagua.

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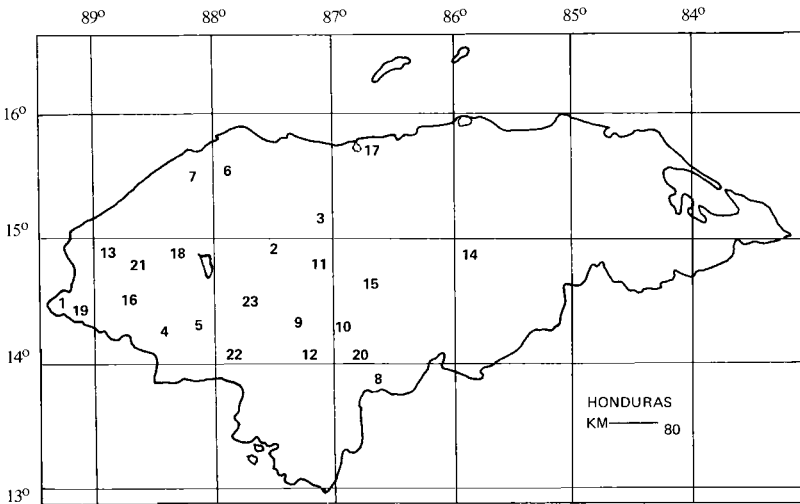


Fig. 1. Map of Honduras showing the distribution of the Quetzal. Map locations are coded in the text.