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THE RESPLENDENT QUETZAL AND THE ENDEMIC BIRDS OF GUATEMALA'S CENTRAL HIGHLANDS: COMMUNITY BASED CLOUD FOREST CONSERVA- TION AMONG THE Q'EQCHI' MAYA

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Take a journey deep into the cloud forest and learn about the elusive Resplendent Quetzal and its natural history. On the way, we'll learn about many other species of birds endemic to the highlands of northern Mesoamerica. We'll discover the connection between the cloud forests and the birds that visit us each year. We'll explore the ecology of the cloud forest and see how the cloud forest works. As we leave the cloud forest we'll see why cloud forest conservation is both a huge challenge as well as a high priority. And why a community based approach to conservation is necessary.

About the speaker: As co-directors of Community Cloud Forest Conservation, Rob and his wife Tara work to protect the cloud forests of Guatemala's central highlands through community development, education and reforestation. Rob is an enthusiastic birdwatcher. He has connected his passion for birds with his love of languages through the study of Q'eqchi' Maya avian nomenclature and Q'eqchi' ethno-ornithology

CCFC works to protect cloud forests and alleviate poverty through reforestation, environmental education, and eco-tourism in forty remote, rural Q'eqchi' Maya villages that border the cloud forests of Guatemala's central highlands. CCFC's current projects include: Food Security and Conservation Upper Cahabon Watershed funded by Heifer Project International, Kids and Birds: Environmental Education through Avian Biology funded by US Fish & Wildlife and Cornell Lab and Agroecology and Conservation Work-Study Scholarships funded by individual donors.

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