



# AMAZONIAN ABCs

## FUNDAMENTALS OF RAINFOREST ECOLOGY AND FIELD BOTANY

This 2-week field course is intended to provide an introduction and broad overview of Amazon forest ecology and conservation, with a taxonomic focus on plants and a geographic focus on the Madre de Dios basin in southeastern Peru. The overarching theme is the incredible biodiversity of Amazon rainforests, the key factors and processes underlying its creation and maintenance, and the impact of anthropogenic disturbance on these critically important ecosystems. Classroom-style lectures will complement extensive field-based activities and interpretation, and individual and group projects. The basics of tropical plant taxonomy and field botany skills will be imparted through hands-on instruction and practice. The course will be taught at two long-term research sites and field stations in the Madre de Dios River basin that provide access to a variety of representative habitats.

**LOCATION:** Madre de Dios River Basin, Peru

**INSTRUCTOR:** Dr. Varun Swamy

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**APPLICATION DEADLINES:** November 6, 2017 & December 31, 2017.

**LANGUAGE:** English

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