

# **November 2022 Newsletter**

#### **Image of the Month**



I call this image "Playful Parakeets". This was captured during my October trip to Costa Rica's south Pacific region. I was busy flying my drone getting shots for the trip video when my wife said to come take a picture of these parakeets. I only was able to grab two pictures really quickly before they flew off, but I love how this captured the playful interaction of these social birds.

YouTube Trip Video

## **Featured Artist**

This month's featured Costa Rican artist is also my oldest friend in Costa Rica. I met Ariel Yznardo on my first day in the country, eleven years ago this week! Ariel is a multi-talented artist but his specialty is as a composer. We've collaborated together over the years on everything from album covers to making software support videos.

Ariel scored the independent Italian film <u>*Citta d' Oro*</u> together with an ensemble of Costa Rican musicians. He has been working on other projects that will be announced soon.



Ariel composed this track for me, you can listen to it on Sound Cloud.

Ariel's Website

## **Fascinating Fact**

There are an estimated 10,712 species of plants found in Costa Rica. Of those, almost 10% are introduced species. Some of Costa Rica's most famous plant species are introduced, such as coffee plants and mango trees. 22% of the 1,048 introduced species have established themselves and now have stable populations here.



How many plant species can you spot in this picture?

## News and What's to Come

Not much news to share. November is a slow month photographically, gearing up for a busy stretch in December and January.

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