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Dear Sirs

On behalf of all authors, I am submitting for consideration in Oecologia Australis for the special issue of "Survey, ecology and species management in Protected Areas", the manuscript entitled “Bird assemblages at the southern limit of the Brazilian Atlantic Forest: a comparison between two forest physiognomies at the Aparados da Serra National Park”.

We believe the paper will be suited as a Original Article for your journal because here we evaluated how differences in two forest physiognomies influence the community of birds in the southernmost portion of the Atlantic Forest with emphasis on one important National Park in Brazil, the Aparados da Serra National Park.

I hereby declare that the work has not been published or accepted for publication, nor is being considered for publication elsewhere, either in whole or in part, all authors and relevant institutions have read the submitted version of the manuscript and approve its submission, and all persons entitled to authorship have been so included. Bird captures were made under approval by the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul Research Commission (COMPESQ/IB/UFRGS) and Ethics Committee (CEUA/UFRGS) and under license from the competent federal agencies SISBIO (capture license 49050 ) and CEMAVE (4026/1).

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Thank you very much for your time and attention.

Yours sincerely,

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