

What's new in the project

- A new construction, Jonathan and Hanna Holden, Lot 14, started to build up their house. Congratulations to them!!
- Welcome to Portasol Community to a significant group of new owners: Nisa Sanz and Christine Unold (lot 24), Barret Klutts (lot 12-2nd lot for him) Jerry and Cecelia Nishiguchi (lot 20), Sally Ann Thoms (lot 23), Javier and Daniel Escario (lots AC2, AC3, AC4)



Trogon Massena (male)
Belongs to the Trogonidae family

ACOPOR News and Maintenance Fees Use

Ditch: So far we built 260 meters. The plan is to have 380 meters ready in September.

Guards Training Plan: We are working on a plan which main objective is to train Portasol's Guards in topics related with security.

Trees around Portalón Soccer Field: In September, Portasol's Owner and "Los Tucanes" Children Ecological Club will be planting trees together at the soccer field perimeter. Any news on this will be passing on to you soon

Registration of ACOPOR: ACOPOR Portasol's Community Association, is in the process of being register in the Costa Rican Public Register.

Information given by: Freddy Guzmán, ACOPOR - President

Corporate Social Responsibility

Portasol has been very active working for COPAZA, an Asociation for Peace in the Aguirre Canton. COPAZA is an initiative of the Ministry of Justice which is encouraging communities to prevent drug addiction, prostitution but more than that, promoting the construction or restoration of appropriate infrastructure which can host young people in their different activities such as: sports, arts, skilled trade, concerts, among others.

Quepos, Manuel Antonio, Portalón and Matapalo are some of the communities that belong to Aguirre Canton.



Pictures of "Aguirre al Rojo Vivo". Copaza's first big program in the Quepos Area. From July 1st to July 15th 2007.

In July Portalón's Women Group welcomed a group of small business women of Nogal. A project supported by Chiquita Brands in Puerto Viejo, Sarapiquí. It was a nice exchange of experiences for both groups.



Weather

April-June, three-month period, end of summer and beginning of the rainy season. Showers mostly everyday, during June. All three months characterized by stunning sunsets

These Days !!!

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Words from Portasol's Owners



Greetings from Portasol!!

My name is Katie Bogner and the Portasol construction crew recently (October 2006) completed my new home on Lot 5. It's been an incredibly exciting time for me and my family.

In October, I stayed at my house by myself and did the final inspections with Guillermo and Diego and Juan Raphael (Juan Ra as he is affectionately known!). The crew had to do just a tiny bit of "tweaking", but basically everything was just how I wanted it!! Staying at the house by myself was so wonderful! I got to really feel the spirit of my home and the wildlife and trees around me. Even the 4 hour power outage was exciting to me....so dark!! I tried to light candles, but my matches were too soggy...(note to self: bring a lighter). It was hard to leave mi casa dulce. I tried to hug her and promised to return pronto!

January 28 to March 7, 2007 were the next dates for me and 2 of my daughters and my parents to enjoy our house. Zoe (9) attended the Portasol school and tried to learn a little Spanish also. Kerry (17) brought school work, and actually did some of it! She is a nature lover (like Mom) and was totally fascinated by the insects and lizards, birds, plant life etc. My parents loved the peace and quiet...and the stress free time to spend with the grandkids.

I had 2 experiences with the wildlife that I will never forget: The first happened on one of my morning runs. I noticed some animals coming out of the forest about 10 meters in front of me. I stopped and watched Coatimundis (Pizotes) crossing the road. They kept coming and kept coming....like they were spilling out of the forest. I estimated about 30 of them! After the last one crossed the road, I ran on thinking I could watch them in the forest on the other side, but they had completely been swallowed by the jungle. Amazing! The second happened on my last day at the house as I was watering some newly planted trees. I heard some loud squabbling up in the sky and looking up saw 2 Scarlet Macaws flying over my head. They were just travelling along having a little argument, or maybe laughing at me toiling below! It was totally awesome to see those beautiful birds!

On this trip, I also found that I was allergic to something in the forest...some kind of plant, I think. Now whenever I go walking, I wear long pants and shoes. No more Tevas! Some day I'll get up the nerve to try swiping my skin with different plants to find the culprit...not ready for that yet!

This was also the trip where I met many of the other owners and future neighbors. Such a diverse group of people, but also so "like-minded". I really look forward to getting to know everyone better someday!

I could go on and on about experiences during this 5 week stay...maybe I'll start a "blog"!

June 11 to July 2, 2007 was my most recent visit. I actually had to finish unpacking boxes from my shipment that was delivered March 6. It was really fun having some belongings and furniture from home to use and enjoy in Costa Rica! Mostly, having my own car was the best part! Zoe and I spent lots of time on the beach in Matapalo boogie boarding. Also went to the beach at Manuel Antonio, and took a few trips to Dominical (mostly to buy mamon chinos...Zoe's new favorite fruit). I planted more trees, hung a swing in a really tall tree for Zoe, ran everyday and had coffee every morning with my bird book and binoculars. It takes about 5 or 6 days to unwind from the fast pace at home to the slower, relaxed lifestyle that is what life in Portasol is all about. Once unwound it is total bliss!

More wildlife watching...saw 2 Collared Anteaters...one crossing the road by Lot 11 and one on the road to Matapalo. Both late at night and it really brought it home to me the amount of wildlife we miss while we sleep! I also awoke to a really loud bird one day and grabbed my book and identified a Laughing Falcon...very cool bird...look it up sometime! Saw and heard this fellow several more times during our stay. I haven't mentioned the Toucans which are a daily sight, but still thrilling every time. This time I saw some Aracari also, which are cousins of the Toucan.

During a visit to the Terraza del Sol on Matapalo, I met a couple from Ft. Collins, Colorado. We became fast friends and I invited them to my Blue Moon party on June 30. They already own a lot down on the beach in Matapalo, but fell in love with Portasol and more specifically, Lot 23! Now I found out that they will soon be neighbors. Congratulations, Sally and Jeff!

Silvia asked for a paragraph...I'm sure she didn't expect such a lengthy piece about life at Portasol!

See you all in Paradise...oh, I mean Portasol!

