

## **In the Field with Karen Strier and the Endangered Northern Muriqui: A Webinar**

Tuesday June 7, 12:30pm EST--Karen Strier, Ph.D. will report live via webinar from the Atlantic Forest of southeastern Brazil and her WINGS Flag Expedition, *Saving the World's Most Peaceful Primate: Behavior, Ecology & Population Demography of the Northern Muriqui*. This webinar is for high school students, college students and adults, and is free of charge. Interested participants can register at <http://www.wingsworldquest.org/make-a-date-with-discovery/>

Dr. Strier will join us from the northern muriqui reserve that she has been researching, protecting and enhancing for 33 years. She will teach us about the peaceful, egalitarian societies in which the northern muriqui live; how they became one of the world's most endangered primates; and her research and progress to date. WINGS WorldQuest is hosting and presenting this webinar to inspire universal conservation efforts with Dr. Strier's holistic approach to this long-term project.

Dr. Strier is a Research Professor with Department of Anthropology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an international authority on the endangered northern muriqui monkey, which she has been studying in the Brazilian Atlantic Forest since 1982. Dr. Strier and her research team have made significant discoveries about the behavioral ecology, reproductive biology, and life histories of muriquis that have advanced our scientific understanding of primates in general, and contributed directly to the conservation and management of this critically endangered species.

Dr. Strier commenced this conservation expedition on May 23, 2016, and aims to explore her recent observations that may be indicative of a new founding population off of the reserve—a discovery that would mark groundbreaking advances in muriqui conservation. Strier was selected from a number of applicants to carry a WINGS WorldQuest flag on this journey to spotlight her life-long commitment to this project, progress that has allowed the population to increase seven-fold, and a new chapter in muriqui conservation that this new founding population reveals.

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