

Costa Rica

I've been to Costa Rica 4 times Nov '02, Mar '03, Oct '05, and Oct '08. I visited other areas, but the only area I remember well enough for a mammal trip report is Corcavado National Park.

Corcavado National Park - I've visited this park three times, once in the dry season and twice in the wet season. The dry season was nice because it didn't rain and the river crossings were easier. The wet season produced a lot more wildlife. Each time I hiked in from La Leona to Sirenia and camped a few days. I hiked out Los Patos during the dry season. For some reason the afternoon is prime time for most diurnal species here. Night walks were only good on the third time. I think mostly because of effort and better lights.

Mammal List

Baird's Tapir <i>Tapirus bairdii</i>	Common. All of them near Sirenia have collars.
Red Brocket Deer <i>Mazama americana</i>	I saw one each trip on the airstrip at Sirenia.
White-lipped Peccary <i>Dicotyles pecari</i>	I only saw these on the third trip, but saw them every day then.
Collared Peccary <i>Tayassu tajacu</i>	Only seen on the third trip, but seen daily.
White-nosed Coati <i>Nasua narica</i>	Very common.
Greater Bulldog Bat <i>Noctilio leporinus</i>	Every night at the river N of Sirenia.
Western Red Bat <i>Lasiurus blossevellii</i>	A sickly one briefly landed on the airstrip and then flew off.
Central American Agouti <i>Dasyprocta punctata</i>	Seen every day.
Northern Tamandua <i>Tamandua mexicana</i>	Seen most days.
Common Opossum <i>Didelphis marsupialis</i>	Only seen on the last trip, but seen every night then.
Central American Woolly Opossum <i>Caluromys derbianus</i>	Two were seen on a night hike of the third trip.
Mexican Mouse Opossum <i>Marmosa mexicana</i>	One seen a night hike.
Mantled Howler Monkey <i>Alouatta palliata</i>	Seen every day.
Central American Spider Monkey <i>Ateles geoffroyi</i>	Seen every day.
Red-backed Squirrel Monkey <i>Saimiri oerstedii</i>	Seen every day.
White-faced Capuchin <i>Cebus capucinus</i>	Seen every day, except third trip where we saw none.

