

**ECUADOR TOUR REPORT –  
27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST –  
11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011**

By tour leader Richard Webb

**Leaders** – Richard Webb and Santiago Molina Proano plus additional local guides.

**Participants** – Tom Barclay, Dominique Brugiere, Chris Grimmett, Roger Halsey, Sheelagh Halsey and Gill Sinclair

**Photos** – Tom Barclay

<b>Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth</b>	<i>Bradypus variegatus</i>	A single from the canopy tower at Napo WC played hide-and-seek with the group for over an hour one morning.
<b>Forest Rabbit</b>	<i>Sylvilagus brasiliensis</i>	3+ San Isidro, 1-3 daily at Papallacta / Coca-Cayambe.
<b>Red-tailed Squirrel</b>	<i>Sciurus granatensis</i>	One Macquipicuna, a total aof 20+ over two days at San Isidro with great variation in appearance.
<b>Central American Agouti</b>	<i>Dasyprocta punctata</i>	As on the recce a single at Macquipicuna.
<b>Black Agouti</b>	<i>Dasyprocta fuliginosa</i>	1-2 on the trail behind the restaurant at San Isidro on the first afternoon.
<b>Proboscis Bat</b>	<i>Rhynchonycteris naso</i>	Up to 50 roosting on posts in the main lake at Napo WC each day.
<b>Greater Fishing Bat</b>	<i>Noctilio leporinus</i>	Small numbers over the lake at Napo WC
<b>Fruit Bat sp</b>		Small numbers over the lake at Napo WC

<b>Spectacled Bear</b>	<i>Tremarctos ornatus</i>	Coca-Cayambe - amazingly four different bears were seen during our four days in the park. On day one a male was unfortunately flushed by the vehicle and sped off across the paramo at an incredible speed. On view for a total of 2-3 minutes before it disappeared into the clouds higher up the opposite hillside. On the third afternoon one spotted almost simultaneously by Gill & Chris about 70 metres from the road ripping a bromeliad apart as we sat watching quietly from the vehicle for 10 minutes. It then disappeared from view and we alighted from the van and took up a position about 50 metres downwind from where it had disappeared while Patricio one of the local guides gently moved to the other side of the hill and manouvered it back into view. We then had great views from to 50 metres for another 30 minutes or so before we eventually had to leave it due to the clouds rolling in again. The following day Dominique hiking to look for tapirs with Patricio had no fewer than 3 separate bears including 2 new individuals.
<b>Giant Otter</b>	<i>Pteronura brasiliensis</i>	Three seen on one of the creeks off the main lake at Napo WC disappeared into a holt after 5 minutes and unfortunately did not reappear and could not be re-located the following afternoon.
<b>Andean (Culpeo) Fox</b>	<i>Lycalopex culpaeus</i>	One seen at close range on the first afternoon at Coca-Cayambe.
<b>Long-tailed Weasel</b>	<i>Mustela frenata</i>	One seen by Dominique at San Isidro.

<b>Golden-mantled Tamarin</b>	<i>Saguinus tripartitus</i>	5+ seen at the back of the lodge at Napo WC on the second morning. Torrential rain prevented us from returning to the lodge early enough to look for them again the following day.
<b>Pygmy Marmoset</b>	<i>Callithrix pygmaea</i>	A single near the warehouse at Napo WC on the first afternoon on our way to the lodge and at least four at a second site near the warehouse the following day.
<b>Common Squirrel Monkey</b>	<i>Saimiri sciureus</i>	Small numbers daily at Napo WC but not as numerous as on the recce. Several good views along the main entrance creek.
<b>White-fronted Capuchin</b>	<i>Cebus albifrons</i>	Two briefly on the main creek at Napo WC on the first afternoon, others heard near the canopy Tower on the second morning and several small groups along the entrance creek on our way out on the final morning but as with the squirrel monkeys not as obliging as on the recce.
<b>Noisy Night Monkey</b>	<i>Aotus vociferans</i>	Napo WC - two seen at a traditional hole in poor light just before torrential rain on the first morning, three emerged from the same hole at dusk on the second evening but views were poor due to the indiscriminate use of flashlights by another boat and brief views in good light on the final morning but time constraints prevented prolonged views. Another seen poorly along a side creek off of the main lake,
<b>Double-browed Titi</b>	<i>Callicebus discolor</i>	Napo WC four seen well near the warehouse on our first full day.
<b>Venezuelan Red Howler Monkey</b>	<i>Alouatta seniculus</i>	Napo WC - scarcer this year. Three distantly from the lodge tower on the first afternoon. Five along the Napo near the clay licks on the first morning and six including young from the canopy tower on the second morning.

<b>White-bellied Spider Monkey</b>	<i>Ateles belzebuth</i>	Napo WC - two seen extremely distantly from the tower at the lodge. A species not seen on the recce.
<b>Common Woolly Monkey</b>	<i>Lagothrix lagothricha</i>	Heard but not seen along the Guacamayos Trail near San Isidro.
<b>Collared Peccary</b>	<i>Dicotyles tajacu</i>	One seen along the main entrance creek at Napo WC in almost the same spot as one seen on the recce and another unexpectedly seen by Chris at San Isidro.
<b>White-tailed Deer</b>	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	Daily counts of 12, 8, 6 and 6 at Coca-Cayambe.
<b>Dwarf Brocket Deer</b>	<i>Mazama rufina</i>	What was probably this species dashed across the road in the van's headlights at Coca-Cayambe shortly after the prolonged views of the Spectacled Bear.

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