Canopy Tower in Soberania National Park 4 days 14 Mammals

7/25/14

We arrived at the Canopy Tower from Panama City at about 12:30pm. Within 30 minutes of being there a nice group of **Geoffroy's Tamarins** showed up and we got great looks at several of them from inside the tower. There were also a couple of Brown-throated Three-toed Sloths that were easy to see and photograph from the tower. All four days we were here you could hear the Mantled Howler Monkeys in the forest. They never got close enough to the tower while we were there to see them.







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We walked down Semaphore Hill Road in the morning and saw a Central American Agouti, a Three-toed Sloth and a Hoffmann's Two-toed Sloth. Towards the bottom of the road we got some good looks at the Mantled Howler Monkeys, including a mother carrying a baby. In the afternoon at the tower we saw both types of sloths. Early that evening I found a Little Mastiff Bat in the Tower. At about 8pm I looked out at the Cecropia Tree and found an Allen's Olingo.

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This morning we headed out to the Ammo Dump Ponds. I was hoping to see the Lesser Capbaras that are sometimes seen there. We dipped on those. We did see a Variegated Squirrel.

After lunch we went out with a guide to the Chagres River and Gamboa Rainforest Resort. This is another location where you can try for the Lesser Capybara. Again we dipped on this species. We did see a White-faced Capuchin Monkey and Western Night Monkeys on La Chunga Trail in the Gamboa Rainforest Resort. The Night Monkeys were in a hollow tree that our guide was familiar with. He walked us over to it and two Night Monkeys stuck there heads out of a hole in the tree. We also saw a Threetoed Sloth and Variegated Squirrel there. On the way back to the Canopy Tower we stopped at the wooden bridge on Semaphore Hill Road to look for Lesser White-lined Bats. They were very easy to find. There were at least 10 lined up on one of the wooden beams on the underside of the bridge. At about 8pm we saw Spectral Bats circling the tower. I also got another look at the Allen's Olingo from inside the tower. This evening we went for a night drive to look for mammals. It was not a very productive night. The only mammal we saw was a **Hoffmann's Two-toed Sloth**. We did get great looks at a couple of good birds, Great Tinamou and a Common Potoo.

7/28/14

We left the Canopy Tower at 10am, but before we left the **Geoffroy's Tamarins** came back to the tower for another visit!

Other Places in Panama:

We were in Panama for 15 days. The last 4 days we were at the Canopy Tower. The rest of the time was spent doing paleontology work. So we were not looking for living mammals. Along our way looking for fossils we did see a few other mammals.

Metropolitan Nature Park in Panama City: Variegated Squirrels, Red-tailed Squirrels, Three-toed Sloths and Central American Aguoti

Chagres National Park at Lake Alajuela: Three-toed Sloths and Agouti

Pipeline Road: Three-toed Sloths, Two-toed Sloths and Agouti

Punta Culebra in Panama City: Two-toed Sloths, Crab Eating Raccoons

Total Mammal List:

- 1. Hoffmann's Two-toed Sloth
- 2. Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth
- 3. Lesser White-lined Bat
- 4. Spectral Bat
- 5. Little Mastiff Bat
- 6. Geoffroy's Tamarin
- 7. Western Night Monkey
- 8. White-faced Capuchin Monkey
- 9. Mantled Howler Monkey
- 10. Variegated Squirrel
- 11. Red-tailed Squirrel
- 12. Central American Aguoti
- 13. Crab Eating Raccoon
- 14. Allen's Olingo