

MAMMALS and REPTILES observed in NORTHERN PERU
Dec 11 2006 – Jan 13 2007

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MAMMALS

Names and systematic order according to: Duff & Lawson Mammals of the World - a checklist

Southern Tamandua *Tamandua tetradactyla* 14/12
One seen along track from Tahuayo Lodge, Iquitos

Guayaquil Squirrel *Sciurus stramineus*
Endemic to Tumbes; SW Ecuador, NW Peru. One seen outside Guan Center in Limon, and one seen at Bosque de Pomac 10/1 & 12/1.

Unidentified Squirrel *Sciurus sp.* 28/12
A medium sized very dark brown or black squirrel was seen moving in trees between 5 and 10 meters off the ground at Aguas Verdes (about 1000 meters above sea level). It strongly resembled a Guianan Squirrel (*Sciurus aestuans*) and therefore initially was believed to belong to this species. *Sciurus aestuans* however is according to literature never confirmed in Peru. Out of the three to four species of *Sciurus*, with a geographical distribution including this area, only two have a non-white belly. These two are: *S ignitus* (Bolivian Squirrel) and *S ingniventris* (Northern Amazon Red Squirrel). The latter is much larger than *S aestuans*, and should reveal at least some pure chestnut, rust-red or orange. According to Emmons, Louise, Neotropical Rainforest Mammals, 2nd edn. description of *S ignitus* best fits our animal, but is not known to occur this dark. Nor is this species confirmed as far west as Aguas Verdes. Emmons also emphasizes a need for further studies on squirrels, probably a revision and possibly also description of *Spec nova* along the north-eastern slopes of the Andes.

Sandy Pygmy Rice Rat *Oligozomys arenalis*
One seen at Chaparri Reserve near Chiclayo.
10/1

Sechuran Fox *Pseudalopex sechurae* 9-12/1

Endemic to Tumbes; SW Ecuador, NW Peru. Three to live seen on Chaparri Reserve during 10 and 11, day as well as during spotlighting at night, and one seen crossing the road at Bosque Pomac on Jan 12.

- Long-tailed Weasel** *Mustela frenata* 24/12
One seen on the road from Celendin to Hacienda Limon.
- South-American Coati** *Nasua nasua* 24 or 25/12
One crossing the road during transportation at medium altitude.
- Long-nosed Bat** *Rhynchonycteris nano* 13/12
A few catching mosquitoes outside Tahuayo Lodge, Iquitos at dawn
- White-lined Sac-winged Bat** *Saccopteryx bilineata* 13/12
Three or four hushed on boat trip near Tahuayo Lodge, Iquitos.
- Black-mantled Tamarin** *Saguinus nigricollis* 16 – 17/12
Several seen and heard along tracks from Explonapo Lodge.
- Dusky Titi** *Callicebus molosch* 14, 17, 18/12
Several seen and heard along tracks from Tahuayo Lodge and Explonapo Lodge, Iquitos
- Boto (Amazon River Dolphin)** *Inia geoffrensis* 12/12
Two seen from boat on Amazon River, at river mouth on our way to Tahuayo Lodge, Iquitos.
- Tucuxi (Grey River Dolphin)** *Sotalia fluviatilis* 13/12
One seen from boat on our way back to Tahuayo Lodge, Iquitos.
- White-tailed Deer** *Odocoileus virginianus* 10/1
One seen at Chaparri Reserve near Chiclayo.

REPTILES

- Amazon Tree Boa** *Corallus hortulanus* 14/12
One in the roof of Tahuayo Lodge, Iquitos.
- Common Lancehead** *Bothrops atrox* 13/12
One near Tahuayo Lodge, Iquitos.

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