

MAMMALS and AMPHIBIANS seen in Colombia

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White-footed Tamarin

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This compilation is an English version for mammals and amphibians. The trip was a birding trip conducted by the Swedish travel agency for birders, Heliangelus Naturresor. The original report is written in Swedish, by the manager of the agency as well as the trip Samuel Hansson. The report in Swedish is available on

<http://www.heliangelus.se/files/Colombia%202013%20II.pdf>

This report also presents a few data on some rather rarely reported mammals that we did not see or could not assess, but may still be of interest to mammal- enthusiasts.

During the first part of the trip we visited the three Andean ridges of central Colombia where we visited: Parque La Florida, Jardín Encantado, Laguna de Tabacal, Cañón del Río Claro, Medio Magdalena, Reserva Natural Arrierito Antioqueño, La Romera, Bolombolo, Reserva Natural Colibri del Sol, Urrao–El Carmen, Reserva Natural Las Tangaras, Jardín, Río Blanco, Nevado del Ruiz.

We then went by air to the Caribbean coast. Our second part we spent near the Caribbean coast as well as some days on Colombia's highest mountain Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta. In

this part we visited Minca, Reserva Natural El Dorado Santa Marta, Parque Nacional Isla de Salamanca, Parque Nacional Los Flamencos.

For our last days we returned to the surroundings of Bogota, where we visited Mundo Nuevo and Guasca.

MAMMALS

Common Opossum

Didelphis marsupialis

One seen 6/3 near Arrierito.

Nine-banded Armadillo

Dasyus novemcinctus

One encountered during spotlighting 19/3 near El Dorado Lodge Santa Marta.

White-footed Tamarin

Saguinus leucopus

A group of six seen 5/3 at Rio Claro.

Lemurine Night Monkey

Aotuslemurinus

On 18/3 the scientific staff saw a group of Lemurine Night Monkeys foraging about ten metres from the balcony of the main building. During late evening 19/3 a group of night monkeys was heard rather loudly moving through the canopy 15 -20 metres above me. I did not manage to see them.

Venezuelan Red Howler

Alouatta seniculus

Three were seen 5/3 and two were heard at Rio Claro. The species was also heard at El Dorado Santa Marta 18 – 20/3.

Red-tailed Squirrel

Sciurus granatellus

At least 13 individuals were seen during the trip; 4/3 Laguna de Tabal, 5 -6/3 Rio Claro, 17/3 Minca and 18 - 20/3 El Dorado Santa Marta.

Andean Squirrel

Sciurus pucheranii

One was seen 7/3 and three were seen 8/3 at Arrierito. One was seen 9/3 at La Romera, one seen 4/3 in Jardin and one seen 15/3 in Rio Blanco.

Western Dwarf Squirrel

Microsciurus mimulus

One was seen 12/3 at Las Tangaras.

Brazilian Guinea Pig

Cavia aperea

One was seen 3/3 at La Florida.

Magdalena Water Rat not assessed

Nyctomys magdalенаe

During late evening of 14/3 I did a bit of night watching in Rio Blanco Nature Reserve on the central ridge of the Andes, owned by the city of Manizales. Our lodge is situated at 2500 metres asl, surrounded by a mown lawn and situated next to a river or creek. The creek is edged with secondary and montane forest vegetations. After midnight I saw a rat initially foraging on the lawn, and eventually gently disappearing in the vegetation next to the creek. Unaware of the existence of *Nyctomys magdalенаe* I identified this rat at as *N. squamiceps*, which I had previously seen in Atlantic rain forest in eastern Brazil.



Savegei's Salamander

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Magdalena giant glass frog

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AMPHIBIANS

Savegei's Salamander

Bolitoglossa savege

One was seen outside El Dorado Lodge Santa Marta 19/3 (Det. Samuel Martinez).

Santa Marta Poison Arrow Frog

Colostethus ruveni

One was seen 18/3 Sierra Nevada, Santa Marta.

Magdalena Giant Glass Frog

Centrolene tayrona

Abundant around El Dorado Lodge Santa Marta 17 - 20/3 (Det. Samuel Martinez)

Santa Marta Pristimantis

Pristimantis sanctaemartae

One was seen outside El Dorado Lodge Santa Marta 19/3 (Det. Samuel Martinez)

EVERTEBRATES

Central American Bark Scorpion

Cenruroides margaritatus

Scorpions were seen at least on two occasions, both at night: Rio Claro 5/3 and near El Dorado Lodge Santa Marta 19/3. The latter was photographed. Photos were sent to people with knowledge about scorpions, for identification. At the Swedish Museum of Natural History, where Mr Julio Ferrer (PhD univ of Stockholm) was working at least during August 2014, states that this species ought to be *Cenruroides margaritatus*, Gervais

Unidentified tarantula

During spotlighting in the evening of 19/3 around El Dorado Lodge, Santa Marta I photographed a tarantula. Efforts to get it determined included contact with two experts on tarantulas in South America; Dr. Caroline Sayuri Fukushima and Dr. Rogério Bertani. Dr Fukushima states: "It is not possible to identify this specimen without examine it. The tarantulas's fauna in Colombia is poorly known"



Central American bark scorpion

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Unid. tarantula at El Dorado Lodge Santa Marta

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