

## PERU; 11 – 18 SEPTEMBER 2007 - MAMMAL LIST

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### Introduction:

I took the regular 9 day Manu Biosphere Tour by Manu Expeditions. The food was good, the guide was good and the trip was relatively successful. The only thing that I wanted to mention (which by the way is **not** the company's fault) is that this is a regular tour which is suited for families and people with all different interests, so it's not a "hardcore" birding or mammal watching experience, but rather an excellent tour of the Manu Biosphere with the hopes of finding animals and birds along the way. Although the guides are extremely knowledgeable and are extremely good spotters, not all the participants are on the same page as far as wildlife spotting "etiquette" if you will. And by that I mean people are there to have fun, not just to see animals. The point is that people talk on the trails, sometimes not very quiet and you can't do anything about it. For this particular reason, we did not see almost any species on the trails when the entire group was hiking. Luckily, we saw many species from the boats and observation platforms to \*almost\* make up for that. Nonetheless, 15 confirmed species in 9 days with a 'not hardcore' tour was pretty satisfying.

### Itinerary

11/9	Cusco > Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge by bus
12/9	Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge > Boca Manu
13/9	Boca Manu > Salvador Tented Camp
14/9	Salvador Tented Camp
15/9	Salvador Tented Camp > Boca Manu
16/9	Boca Manu > Manu Wildlife Center
17/9	Manu Wildlife Center
18/9	Manu Wildlife Center
4/9	Manu Wildlife Center > Cusco by plane

Long-Nosed Bat sp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several seen hanging off the roof at the observation tower at Cocha Otorongo</li> <li>• A few hanging off the roof of the platform where you go onto the catamaran at Cocha Blanco</li> </ul>
Brown Capuchin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cock of the Rock Lodge Trail (Introduced, I believe)</li> <li>• Several groups along Manu River</li> <li>• Cocha Salvador trails (often seen along with Red Howlers, Common squirrel, and Black Spider monkeys)</li> <li>• Manu Wildlife Center – Most trails</li> </ul>
White-fronted Capuchin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From Catamaran on Cocha Salvador</li> <li>• Every day around the Manu Wildlife Center, very active during the day</li> </ul>
Dusky-Titi Monkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A decent size group at the southern end of Cocha Blanco</li> </ul>
Black Spider Monkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several groups along Manu River</li> <li>• Cocha Salvador trail</li> <li>• Manu Wildlife Center – Collpa trail</li> <li>• Basically everywhere all the time. All you have to do is look.</li> </ul>
Common Woolly Monkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road descending from Cock-of -the-Rock Lodge.</li> <li>• Trail near Cocha Otorongo (Only occur on the Western side of the Manu River in that area, for some reason)</li> </ul>
Red Howler Monkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Along Madre de Dios on the way from Cock of the Rock Lodge to Boca Manu</li> <li>• On a clay-lick on bank of Manu River</li> <li>• On Cocha Salvador trail</li> <li>• Cocha Otorongo, right next to observation tower</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cocha Blanco</li> <li>• Heard daily, creepy noises wake you up around 5:30</li> </ul>
Night Monkey*	Heard only, at Cocha Salvador Camp (Luckily I've seen them before)
Common Squirrel Monkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several groups along Manu River, usually with Brown Capuchin</li> <li>• A huge group (&gt; 50~60) on Cocha Otorongo trail</li> <li>• On "island" on the way to Macaw Clay Lick</li> </ul>
Pygmy Marmoset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With Emperor Tamarins, viewed from Catamaran on vines on North side of Cocha Salvador – They were extremely hard to observe, and unfortunately not everyone in the group saw them. Definitely one of the highlights of the trip for me.</li> </ul>
Saddleback Tamarin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 along Madre-de-Dios on the way from Cock-of-the-Rock to Boca Manu</li> <li>• 1 on Madre-de-Dios across the river from Boca Manu, right before entrance to Manu River</li> <li>• &gt;10 at Manu Wildlife Center, on Collpa trail, right after bridge over small stream at edge of lodge</li> <li>• Several crossed the stream one day and hung out for a few hours on the planted trees at the actual lodge.</li> </ul>
Emperor Tamarin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mixed in with Pygmy Marmosets, viewed from Catamaran on Cocha Salvador</li> <li>• Boca Manu Lodge (Not the actual name of the lodge - I think it's called Madre-de-Dios Lodge), at breakfast, vegetation on edge of lodge</li> </ul>
Giant River Otter	A group of 3-4 on the West side of Cocha Salvador, seen both in the water and on a log eating fish.
Brazilian Tapir	Prolonged views of a single Tapir at Clay lick. I think our guide (who was by the way excellent the whole time except for this instant) fell asleep and did not turn on the red lamp, so the tapir was lit by the constant flashes of everyone's continuous picture taking, which made it a somewhat peculiar experience: after waiting around for 3.5 hours, all you get to see are flashes of the magnificent animal. But it was amazing nonetheless.
Capybara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One seen briefly along Madre de Dios River, as we were rushing to get to Boca Manu before dark, from Cock-of-the-Rock lodge</li> <li>• Excellent views of 2-3 along Manu river in the rain, en route back to Boca Manu</li> <li>• At opposite end from parrots and macaws at the Macaw Clay Lick – 3 individuals, in and out of the vegetation and the water.</li> </ul>
Brown Agouti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief sightings inside the Manu National park, along the trails near Cocha Salvador and Cocha Otorongo</li> <li>• Unconfirmed sighting by <i>me</i> on Cocha Salvador trail (it was either a brown agouti or a giant tinamou crossing the trail briefly)</li> <li>• Hanging around the gardens at the Manu Wildlife Center</li> <li>• On Grid Trail at the Manu Wildlife Center (I would say grid X, but I'm not positive)</li> </ul>
South Amazon Red Squirrel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Viewed by a few members of the group at Cocha Salvador Camp</li> <li>• Manu Wildlife Center, right as you cross the bridge over the small stream at the edge of the lodge at the entrance the <i>that</i> system of trails (collpa etc.)</li> <li>• Bambu growth on Riverside Trail at the Manu Wildlife Center</li> </ul>
Unidentified Mammal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manu Wildlife Center – right as you cross the bridge over the stream, in vegetation where Red Squirrel seen previously, could have been a tayra, but it ran away before I got any decent look, so it could have also been another squirrel (not that they look alike, but I barely only saw a glimpse of the tail, which for a hundredth of a second reminded me of a tayra, but I think it was too quick to even comprehend.</li> </ul>