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With my wife we spent October 2017 in Bolivia : about one week for Santa-Cruz de la Sierra and Kaa Iya and the rest with a rented car on the altiplano.
If it was a very good trip for friendly local peoples and landscapes, it was not good for mammals watching and particularly bad for cats ! A total of only 15 species for a journey of 1 month !

Kaa Iya : In his trip report, Félix Serrano López explains very well all problems that you can have in this park. The new director of Kaa Iya NP gave Marcos of Amboro tour (the agency we choose instead of Nick's adventures) much trouble to get the authorisation to enter the park. We only get it the evening before our trip ! Arrived, we were not allowed by the persons in charge of the gas pipe line to have night drive the first night and morning ! So we have night and morning walks. The second day the car was authorized !
During our long walks, on the track only foot prints of foxes and **Tapir** : we saw from very far these 2 species and it was all for mammals the first day !
With the car the second day we have good sight of a **Crab-eating fox** and a **Giant Armadillo**.

Giant Armadillo : Kaa Iya

During our drive back we saw quickly : a troop of **Paraguayan Howlers**, 2 **Tayra,** 1 deer, 2 **Brazilian Rabbits**.

For information : From the car, west of San Jose de Chiquitos, in 1 hour , I noted more than 30 mammals killed on the road : many foxes, armadillos, at least 3 Lesser Anteaters, perhaps a Manned Wolf, and 1 Tayra alive crossing in front of the car.

Botanical garden of Santa Cruz : 3 **Brown throated three toed sloth**, one squirrel too hurry to be identified, 3 **white-eared Titi** and 1 **White-fronted capuchin**.

Altiplano : many **Vicugna** particularly East and South Uyuni, **Southern Viscacha** on cliffs and around enters of old mines.

Cordillera Central : 1 squirrel sp West Samaipata, many cavies (perhaps **Southern Mountain Cavy**) specially along the road to Toro toro NP and 1 **Andean Fox** (East San Isidro).

Southern Mountain Cavy : Toro toro