

Field Guides Iquitos, Peru Tour
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Bret Whitney and I recently scouted and led an Iquitos, Peru tour for Field Guides along with Luis Mayanchi, our local guide. While the emphasis was birds, of which we saw close to 400 species, we also saw some neat mammals, many of which we found with our thermal scopes. We spent July 23-30 scouting out sites ahead of the tour, as it had been over 10 years since Bret had led the tour and it was my first time there. We then met our group of 9 clients in Lima and returned to Iquitos for the tour, which ran July 30-August 12. We visited Allpahuayo Mishana Reserve, several river islands on the Rio Amazonas and Rio Napo, Explorama Lodge, Explornapo Lodge, and the Amazon Conservatory for Tropical Studies (ACTS), where we spent most of our time exploring forest trails and the incredible canopy walkway. Our bird list will appear on the Field Guides website <https://fieldguides.com/bird-tours/peru-iquitos/> in a few weeks. Here's a list of the mammals we saw. Thanks to Fiona Reid and Rob Voss for help with identifications—any additional help will be greatly appreciated!

Mammal List

Bishop's Slender Opossum *Marmosa bishopi* Two seen on the terra firme trails near Explornapo Lodge.

Brown-eared Woolly Opossum *Caluromys lanatus* Seen on a night walk at Allpahuayo Mishana Reserve.

Brown Four-eyed Opossum *Metachirus nudicaudatus* We found one walking along on the ground near ACTS.

Greater Sac-winged Bat *Saccopteryx bilineata* Several were seen clinging to a trunk with huge buttresses at Isla Yarina across the Rio Napo from Explornapo.

Fruit-eating Bat sp. *Dermanura sp.* One was found under a tent of drooping leaves at Allpahuayo-Mishana Reserve.

Greater Bulldog Bat *Noctilio leporinus* Seen at dusk over the water near Iquitos.

Proboscis Bat *Rhynchonycteris naso* Seen on trunks over the water near Explornapo.

Dark Fruit-eating Bat *Artibeus obscurus* We found three different individuals in different areas all hanging a couple meters off the ground at night behind Explornapo.

Western Pygmy Marmoset *Cebuella pygmaea* Seen twice at their gum tree near Ceiba Tops Lodge.

Black Mantle Tamarin *Saguinus nigricollis* The tamarins we saw around ACTS and Explornapo on the left bank of the Rio Napo.

Red-mantle Saddle-back Tamarin *Saguinus fuscicollis lagonotus* Seen at Allpahuayo Mishana and Explorama Lodge on the right bank of the Rio Napo.

Red-crowned Titi *Plecturocebus discolor* Seen at Allpahuayo Mishana and ACTS.

Yellow-handed Titi *Cheracebus torquatus* Outstanding views at Allpahuayo Mishana Reserve and ACTS. This was the first time Bret had seen them at ACTS.

Ecuadorian Squirrel Monkey *Saimiri cassiquiarensis* Seen around Explornapo and ACTS.

Southern Two-toed Sloth *Choloepus didactylus* Seen at night from the ACTS canopy walkway.
Ferreira's Spiny Tree Rat *Mesomys hispidus* Seen behind ACTS in terra firme a few meters off the ground.

Yellow-crowned Brush-tailed Rat *Isothrix bistriata* We saw one several times peeking out of a tree cavity along Quebrada Grande near ACTS. We also saw one at night at Allpahuayo Mishana Reserve.

Black Agouti *Dasyprocta fuliginosa* Seen a couple times on the trails around ACTS.

Kinkajou *Potos flavus* Seen high in the canopy at Allpahuayo Mishana Reserve.

Amazon River Dolphin *Inia geoffrensis* We saw surprisingly few given the amount of river we covered.

Tucuxi *Sotalia fluviatilis* We only saw a couple right outside Iquitos.



Presumably both these photos are of Bishop's Slender Opossum *Marmosa bishopi*. Both were seen 2 meters off the ground near Explornapo. The one on the left is likely a juvenile. Photos by Micah Riegner.



Brown Four-eyed Opossum *Metachirus nudicaudatus* (left) and Brown-eared Woolly Opossum *Caluromys lanatus*. Photos by Micah Riegner.



Dark Fruit-eating Bat *Artibeus obscurus* and *Dermanura* sp. under a tent of folded leaves. Photos by Micah Riegner.



Western Pygmy Marmoset *Cebuella pygmaea* seen near Ceiba Tops Lodge and Red-mantle Saddle-backed Tamarin *Saguinus fuscicollis lagonotus* at Allpahuayo Mishana Reserve. Photos by Micah Riegner.



Yellow-handed Titi *Cheracebus torquatus* (left) and Red-crowned Titi *Plecturocebus discolor* seen at ACTS. Photos by Micah Riegner and tour participant Eric Vanderwerf.



Yellow-crowned Brush-tailed Rat *Isothrix bistriata* (left) and two unidentified rodents, all seen near ACTS. The mouse in the middle was so tiny it could have sat on a quarter. The mouse farthest to the right was at least 5 meters off the ground in terra firme. Photos by Micah Riegner.



It's always a good idea to watch your step while out heat-scoping! Here's a juvenile Bushmaster *Lechesis muta* that was right along the trail behind Explornapo. Photo by Micah Riegner.