

BOLIVIA AND PARAGUAY 2018

End of June to end of July

During Summer 2018 I did a trip in Bolivia and Paraguay with Mayte Samblas and Natalia Rodrigues. I won't explain all the problems we had during this trip and will mention only the species I saw.

We arrived in Santa Cruz de la Sierra in Bolivia. After getting a Toyota Hilux and the permit to visit KAA IJAA National Park in Bolivia we drove to this park where we stayed 7 nights sleeping at 2 different places Tucavaca and Isoso. Even it was free we had always a ranger during our driving. After that we returned to Santa Cruz, then drove on the way to Paraguay. In Paraguay we went to Defensores del Chaco where we stayed 6 nights (1 at Cerro Leon and the rest at Madrejon). Then we went to Bahia Negra and Fuente Olimpo for 8 nights losing a lot of time for the logistic.

After that we returned for 2 nights in Defensores del Chaco spending 1 night at Madrejon and 1 night at Agua Dulces. Then we left and split near the border of Paraguay. I returned to Santa Cruz by bus.

Drive to Kaa Ijaa

We saw many dead animals stopping only to identify Capybaras and 2 Tamanduas.

Kaa Ijaa National Park

We drove sometimes by day light, mainly in the morning and late afternoon. Each night we drove and spotlighted. Here are the species we saw:

Jaguarundi: 1 laying on the road during the morning.

Jaguar: 1 early morning close to Isoso

Ocelot: 1 seen twice chasing 2 Crab Eating Fox close to Tucavaca

Crab Eating Fox: many

Tayra: 1 outside of the park. 2 black animals seen from far in the park were either Tayra or Jaguarondis.

Azara's Agouti: 2

Gray Brouket Deer (Common Brown Brouket Deer)s: 10+ mainly outside of the park

Giant Anteater: 1 by night close to Isoso.

Three Banded Armadillos: at least 10

Pale Titi Monkey: only 1 group very shy (only 1 was seen)

Tapiti: several

Lowland Tapir: 2 by night (1 ran in front of the car; when we stopped it finally came back close to the car and finally rushed in the forest).

Puma and Giant Armadillo had also been camera trapped near Iroso

Defensores del Chaco National Park

Jaguarundi: 1 crossed the road at 4pm

Jaguar: 2 sightings between Madrejon and Cerro Leon (1 was on a side road). Both time by night and seen very close to the car

Puma: 1 by night etween Madrejon and Cerro Leon

Ocelot: at least 8 sightings

Unidentified cat: maybe an immature Ocelot, but the tail was relatively long

Crab Eating Fox: a few (less common than in Kaa Ijaa

Pampas Fox: only 3

Tayra: 1 south Cruce de Mayo on the way to Defensores

Chacoan Mara: no more than 5 (mainly outside the park)

Gray Brocket Deer (Common Brown Brocket Deer): very few

Lowland Tapir: 1 seen twice

Three Banded Armadillos: 3

Giant Armadillo: old den unoccupied

Pale Titi Monkey: 6 groups like frozen after a cold night (first time we saw them easily) at Agua Dulces

Azara's Night Monkey: 3 at Agua Dulces one morning after a cold night

Black Tailed Marmoset: at least 6 at Agua Dulces Station

Common Vampire: 2 discovered by Mayte in a house at Agua Dulces

Greater Hairy Armadillo: 1 east La Patria outside of the park and a dead one west Villazon in Bolivia

Bahia Negra-Fuente Olimpo

Three Banded Armadillos: 2

Common Red Brocket Deer: 3

Collared Peccary: 1 Bahia Negra, at least 6 between Bahia Negra and Agua Dulces (identification I confirmed with the photos provided me ; at least 4 were seen west of Villazon (Bolivia) not far from the border with Paraguay on our uncessfull attempt to cross the border at this place.

Three Banded Armadillo: at least 2

Giant Anteater: 1 dead

Tapiti: at least 2

Lowland Tapir: 2

Pale Titi Monkeys: 2 groups only heard (this species is very shy, early morning after a cold night is the best way to see them)

I hope this short trip report will be usefull to other mammalwatchers.

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