

## JUNE 2024 COSTA RICA SPECIES LOG

# MAMMALS



- Of all the species lists I kept track of throughout the trip (ants, reptiles, amphibians and birds), mammals were by far the most impressive group by number of species and number of bucket-list species seen
- Saw one of my childhood favorite mammals twice, the Northern Tamandua, a relatively rare species in Costa Rica. Also saw all 4 Costa Rican primates, 3 opossums, both sloths, and a variety of species I hadn't seen the last time I visited Costa Rica

## **Species List:**

### **(23 Total Including 17 Lifers!)**

1. **Northern Tamandua**- surprise encounter with an individual strolling across the trail at Arenal Volcano NP; another surprise encounter with an individual feeding on termites on a tree just off one of the trails at Manuel Antonio NP; a handsome and noteworthy target mammal, and a great tick for all of us
2. **Geoffroy's Spider Monkey**- excellent 30-minute observation of a troop of these unique and endangered monkeys at Mistico Hanging Bridges; a target species for Bennett, and an awesome, highlight tick for all three of us!
3. **Collared Peccary**- surprise encounter with a single peccary on a quiet trail in Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, we were able to observe it for 5 minutes before it trotted out of sight
4. **Kinkajou**- one spotted by Octavio via eyeshine on our night walk in La Selva Biological Station, seen from afar in a tree overhanging the Rio Puerto Viejo; our guides spotlighted 3 in the canopy of Monteverde Cloud Forest Biological Reserve on our night tour
5. **Hoffmann's Two-Toed Sloth**- one fell out of a tree on night tour on our first night at Treehouse Hotel! Saw an individual at Don Olivo chocolate tour and another individual our second morning at Treehouse Hotel near reception area
6. **Brown-Throated Three-Toed Sloth**- had a quality, up-close encounter with a famous individual named 'Sunny' feeding on a Cecropia tree at Manuel Antonio NP, saw two other individuals of this charismatic species while in the park
7. **Gray Four-Eyed Opossum**- an adorable, shy individual of this distinctive marsupial spotlighted as it hid in a palm Rio Cotos tributary on night boat tour
8. **Derby's Woolly Opossum**- one seen foraging in a tree on night tour on first night at Treehouse Hotel, another in a tree at La Selva Biological Station during our night walk
9. **Common Opossum**- an individual ran across the road as we were driving back from our night walk at La Selva Biological Station
10. **Mexican Hairy Dwarf Porcupine**- partial observation of an individual spotlighted in the crown of a tree on night tour at Monteverde Cloud Forest Biological Reserve
11. **Central American Squirrel Monkey**- one on a wire in Quepos as we were driving past; a troop of several individuals including a mother and baby encountered on a jungle trail in Manuel Antonio NP
12. **Fishing Bat**- many individuals of this large, agile bat seen flying over the water of Rio Cotos tributary on night boat tour
13. **Proboscis Bat**- Saw a colony of 7-8 under a bridge crossing the Rio Cotos tributary on night boat tour
14. **Lesser White-Lined Bat**- tour guide of a different group in Manuel Antonio NP who had found a colony near the crown of a tree let me use his telescope to observe them
15. **Tent-Making Bat**- using instructions given by a tour guide at Manuel Antonio NP, we were able to locate a colony of these unique bats under a banana leaf
16. **Variegated Squirrel**- Individual foraging around nesting hole at Treehouse Hotel near breakfast area; also seen at Arenal Volcano NP, in La Fortuna at Villa Tucan, and at Tenorio Volcano NP
17. **Tapeti**- two spotted in open areas near research buildings on our night walk at La Selva Biological Station
18. **White-Nosed Coati**- a band of roughly 7-8 coatis running across the trail seen at the end of our hike at Arenal Volcano NP; saw one concealed in vegetation in Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve; saw another one in close proximity on a jungle trail in Manuel Antonio NP

19. **White-Faced Capuchin**- two lively troops of 10+ monkeys seen at Tenorio Volcano NP; dozens of individuals from multiple troops seen in Manuel Antonio NP on different jungle trails
20. **Mantled Howler Monkey**- heard many at Treehouse Hotel; saw one at Tenorio Volcano NP, a troop at Biesanz Beach and a couple troops at Manuel Antonio NP
21. **Central American Agouti**- two individuals of this shy, large rodent seen at Coati Treehouse on the first and second mornings there; one in the forests of Manuel Antonio NP; one crossing the road in Quepos near a hotel, Celia's only observation of this species
22. **White-Tailed Deer**- Two females seen sleeping in different areas of Manuel Antonio NP
23. **Common Raccoon**- one observed running across a trail and into dense scrub at Manuel Antonio NP