

Costa Rica Monteverde & More! | Species List

Main Tour: March 18 – 28, 2025

Caribbean Side Post Tour: March 27 – 30, 2025

with Naturalist Journeys



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This tour of Costa Rica covered the Monteverde cloud forest area with an extension to the La Selva Biological Station and the Sarapiquí area's Caribbean lowlands, providing a vast array of habitats for viewing birds, nature, and the breathtaking scenery. We enjoyed three boat trips and stayed at an excellent variety of lodges that provided delicious meals including Costa Rican specialties. All of the participants contributed to the number and variety of species that the group observed.

BIRDS: 330 species were recorded, 20 were heard only, 1 Endemic species and 16 Regional Endemics were seen.

The eBird link below details the species of birds seen during the tour. Click "Show All Details" on the right side of the list to reveal where and when each of the birds were seen and how many times.

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Following is a list of the mammals, reptiles and amphibians, and butterflies that were observed during this trip.

MAMMALS: (16)

Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth *Bradypus variegatus*—Seen at five different locations to the delight of the group

Hoffmann's Two-toed Sloth *Choloepus hoffmanni*—Seen twice on the extension to La Selva for a nice comparison with Three-toed Sloth

Proboscis Long-nose Bat *Rhynchonycteris naso*—Seen on the visit to the Pierella Gardens

Honduran White Bat *Ectophylla alba*—Shown to the group by the guide at the Pierella Gardens

Greater Sac-winged Bat *Saccopteryx bilineata*—Seen on the wall at the Pierella Gardens

Pygmy Round-eared Bat *Lophostoma brasiliense*—Seen roosting in a hollowed out termite nest at Pierella Gardens

Common Tent-making Bat *Uroderma bilobatum*—A group seen roosting under a large leaf at the Pierella Garden

Central American Agouti *Dasyprocta punctata*—Seen at four locations usually crossing the trails

Variagated Squirrel *Sciurus variegatoides*—Seen almost daily at many locations

Central American Spider Monkey *Ateles geoffroyi*—Family with young seen near the cabins at the Cano Negro Lodge

White-faced Capuchin *Cebus capucinus*—Seen on the walk from Cerro Lodge

Mantled Howler Monkey *Alouatta palliata*—Heard daily in the early morning at Cano Negro and Selva Verde Lodges

White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus*—Seen twice during drives while traveling
Common Raccoon *Procyon lotor*—Seen at the Cano Negro lodge
White-nosed Coati *Nasua narica*—Seen on a drive at Monteverde
Tayra *Eira barbara*—Pair seen crossing the road near the Curicancha Reserve

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS: (19)

Spectacled Caiman *Caiman crocodilus*—Seen on the boat trips at Cano Negro National Wildlife Refuge
American Crocodile *Crocodylus acutus*—Seen on the Tarcoles River and nice comparison with a caiman on the Cano Negro boat trip
Black River Turtle *Rhinoclemmys funerea*—Seen on the boat trip on the Sarapiquí River
Mesoamerican Slider *Trachemys venusta*—Seen on a pond at the Pierella Garden
Asian House Gecko *Hemidactylus frenatus*—Heard or seen at most of our lodges
Black Spiny-tailed Iguana *Ctenosaura similis*—Seen twice at Monteverde
Green Iguana *Iguana iguana*—Seen in trees on all boat trips
Brown Basilisk *Basiliscus vittatus*—Seen only once, driving from Cerro Lodge
Green Basilisk *Basiliscus plumifrons*—Seen from the boat on the Sarapiquí River
Middle American Ameiva *Holcosus festivus*—Seen on walk at Carara National Park
Fer-de-lance *Bothrops asper*—Seen twice, this dangerous snake was first found on the night walk at Celeste Mountain Lodge and again on walk at La Selva.
Red-eyed Tree Frog *Agalychnis callidryas*—Found on night walk at Celeste Mountain Lodge
Masked Tree Frog *Smilisca phaeota*—Seen on night walk at Celeste Mountain Lodge
Strawberry Poison Dart Frog *Oophaga pumilio*—This very small frog was seen on walk at La Selva Biological Station
Green-and-black Poison Dart Frog *Dendrobates auratus*—Great photos on our walk at Carara National Park
Giant Toad *Rhinella horribilis*—Seen on the Tarcoles River trip
Slender-nose (brown) Anole *Anolis fuscoauratus*—Seen on a restaurant floor and at La Selva
Smoky Jungle Frog *Leptodactylus pentadactylus*—Seen in Monteverde
Green Vine Snake *Oxybelis fulgidus*—Seen on a tree during walk to the waterfall at the Tenorio Volcano National Park

BUTTERFLIES: (26)

Pale-banded Crescent	White Peacock
Orange-patched Crescent	Common Blue Morpho
Andy's Crescent	Blue-frosted Banner
Long-tailed Skipper	Malachite
Glassy-winged Skipper	Sapho
Dun Skipper	Blue-and-white Heliconia
Cassius Blue	Whitened Bluewing
Great Southern White	Spot-banded Daggerwing
Zebra Longwing	Waiter Daggerwing
Juliette	Crimson Patch
Hermes Satyr	Cloudless Sulphur
Caroliina Satyr	Red-spotted Admiral
Mauve Bolia	
One-spotted Bolia	