

Journey to the Galapagos

Species List | Oct 30-Nov 7, 2025

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Our journey began with two options for the first day: birding in the high-elevation grasslands of the Antisana Ecological Reserve, where condors soar over the windswept páramo, or exploring the historic heart of Quito with a private guide.

From there, we spent six days aboard the very comfortable 90-foot catamaran *Treasure of Galápagos I*, traveling through the western islands of the archipelago. Our daily routine was nearly unvarying; after a plentiful breakfast, we set out—either hiking ashore for close encounters with the islands’ remarkable birds, reptiles, and marine mammals, or choosing to snorkel, kayak or take a relaxed panga ride along steep lava cliffs in search of additional wildlife.

Following lunch and a welcome siesta, we ventured out again, exploring a new landing site or shoreline. The crew relocated the vessel after dinner or while we slept, ensuring no daylight was lost to repositioning.

The Galápagos delivered on every promise: a once-in-a-lifetime immersion into landscapes and wildlife found nowhere else on Earth.

BIRDS 84 species were recorded of which 1 was heard only (Tawny Antpitta) and 17 were endemic (all found in the Galápagos).

The eBird link below details the 84 species of birds our group observed during the tour, both in Antisana and the Galápagos. If you’re new to eBird, be sure to click “Show All Details” on the right side of the list to expand the report and reveal where and when each of the birds were seen and how many.

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Following is a list of the mammals, reptiles, insects, fish and other marine life we were fortunate to observe during the trip.

MAMMALS: (4)

Galápagos Sea Lion *Zalophus wollebaeki*

Galápagos Fur Seal *Arctocephalus galapagoensis*

Andean Tapeti *Chelonoidis vicina*

White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus*

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS: (8)

Santa Cruz Giant Tortoise *Chelonoidis porteri*
Cerro Azul Tortoise *Chelonoidis vicina*
Green Sea Turtle *Chelonia mydas*
Marine Iguana *Amblyrhynchus cristatus*
Galápagos Land Iguana *Conolophus subcristatus*
Galápagos Lava Lizard *Microlophus albemarlensis*
Santa Cruz Lava Lizard *Microlophus indefatigabilis*
Striped Galápagos Snake *Odocoileus virginianus*

Winged Insects: (2)

Large Painted Locust *Schistocerca melanocera*
Spotless Lady Beetle *Cycloneda sanguinea*

REEF FISH: (15)

White-tipped Reef Shark *Triaenodon obesus*
Diamond Stingray *Dasyatis brevis*
Marbled Ray *Taeniura meyeri*
Spotted Eagle Ray *Aetobatus narinari*
King Angelfish *Holacanthus passer*
Yellowtailed Surgeonfish *Prionurus laticlavus*
Panamic Sergeant Major *Abudefduf troschelii*
Yellowtail Damselfish *Stegastes arcifrons*
Azure Parrotfish *Scarus compressus*
Large Banded Blenny *Ophioblennius steindachneri*
Galápagos Triplefin Blenny *Lepidonectes corallicola*
Galápagos Mullet *Mugil galapagensis*
Ocean Sunfish *Mola mola*
Balloonfish *Diodon holocanthus*
Bullseye Puffer *Sphoeroides annulatus*

CRUSTACEANS: (1)

Sally Lightfoot Crab *Grapsus grapsus*

ECHINODERMS: (5)

Chocolate Chip Sea Star *Nidorella armata*
Blue Sea Star *Phataria unifascialis*
Red Sun Star *Heliaster cumingi*
Green Sea Urchin *Lytechinus semituberculatus*
Slate Pencil Urchin *Eucidaris thouarsii*