

Guyana: Unspoiled Wilderness Species List | February 6-18, 2026 with Naturalist Journeys



Compiled by host Laura Koehne with local guide Garey Sway. Our clients included John, Pierre, Danalee, Paula, and Ron.

SUMMARY: An amazing wildlife tour across Guyana. We began in Georgetown, exploring the Mahaica river and Atlantic coast. We then flew south, stopping at Kaiteur Falls before continuing on to Surama Village. Then it was onto the Iwokrama Rainforest before spending the remainder of our tour in the open savannah. We logged 302 bird species, including highlights such as the Hoatzin, Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock, and a juvenile Harpy Eagle. We also observed 14 mammal species including many of the iconic species of the region: Giant Anteater, Sloths, and even a surprise Jaguar sighting!

BIRDS: 302 species were recorded. Details are included below.

The eBird link below details the 302 species of birds our group observed during the tour. 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 wildlife we were fortunate to observe during the trip.

MAMMALS: (14)

Giant Anteater *Myrmecophaga tridactyla* - One seen in the savanna from the road. We got to watch this incredible mammal for about ten minutes. A real highlight!

Pale-throated Three-toed Sloth *Bradypus tridactylus* - Seen at Atta Rainforest Lodge

Linnaeus's Two-toed Sloth *Choloepus didactylus* - Spotted two days while at Atta

Red-rumped Agouti *Dasyprocta leporina* - This small capybara-like rodent was seen at Atta.

Proboscis Bat *Rhynchonycteris naso* - We spotted these cute little bats frequently along the Burro Burro river

Guianan Red Howler-Monkey *Alouatta macconnelli* - These charismatic primates were seen frequently along the Mahaica river, and in the forest at Surama.

Weeper (Wedge-capped) Capuchin *Cebus olivaceus* - Spotted a group moving through the trees at Surama

Brown Capuchin *Sapajus apella* - We saw a small group along the bank of the Rupununi.

Giant Otter *Pteronura brasiliensis* - Excellent views of two otters crossing the river in front of our boat, and then diving for fish in the Mahaica River. We spotted a couple more otters at a distance during our boat trip on the Rupununi.

Common Red Brocket Deer *Mazama Americana* - One deer in the trees along the bank of the Burro Burro

Tayra *Eira barbara* - We spotted these large mustelids several times throughout our tour. Paula and Garey got a quick look at two that seemed to be fighting in the trees while at Surama. The rest of us didn't see them but we certainly heard their strange, cat-like cries. The next day we saw one cross the road during our drive to Atta. We encountered two more while walking in the forest just outside Atta.

Wooly False Vampire Bat (or Big-eared Wooly Bat) *Chrotopterus auritus* - Seen flitting through the air at dusk along the road while at Atta

Jaguar *Panthera onca* - An incredible surprise while birding on the road just outside Atta Lodge. The cat was a great distance away, but we watched as it moved across the road then walked towards us along the side for a few moments before disappearing into the Iwokrama rainforest.

Greater Capybara *Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris* - We had several sightings of Capybaras during the savanna portion of our tour around Minari, including during our lunch in Brazil.

REPTILES: (12)

Peter's Lava Lizard *Tropidurus hispidus* - Seen around the lodge at Surama and at Minari.

Green Iguana *Iguana iguana* - One seen in the parking area at our last lunch in Brazil.

Black Caiman *Melanosuchus niger* - We saw several of these impressive crocodilians in the Rupununi River during our boat trip.

Spectacled Caiman *Caiman crocodilus* - These smaller, sometimes yellowish caiman were seen multiple times during our Burro Burro river Rupununi river boatrides, as well as in a pond en route to Minari Ranch.

Cane Toad *Rhinella marina* - We spotted a few of these large toads in the road during our night drive at Surama.

Golden Rocket Frog *Anomaloglossus beebei* - We saw two of these tiny yellow frogs inside the Giant Tank Brommeliads at Kaiteur National park- the only place in the world where they are found!

Fer de Lance *Bothrops Atrox*- Found coiled up right in the middle of the forest trail while at Surama. Luckily spotted before anyone stepped on it. A beautiful snake and a very memorable moment! Garey used a long branch to move the snake off the path.

Mata Mata Turtle *Chelus fimbriata*- This huge, prehistoric looking turtle swam right alongside our boat while on the Burro Burro River.

American Pygmy Gecko - A tiny lizard no more than a couple inches long. It was found in the road so we moved it into the grass to give it a fighting chance.

Green Garden Lizard - a local name for a common green lizard seen at Atta.

Red-footed Tortoise *Chelonoidis carbonarius*- Spotted on the road near Atta and carried to the side.

Common Basilisk Lizard *Basiliscus basiliscus* - Garey spotted this lizard right in our path on our walk back from the pond of *Victoria Amazonica*. Known for running across water, the lizard we saw stood stock still, refusing to show any sign of movement no matter how close we got. We snapped a few photos and went on our way, as we had clearly given the poor guy quite a fright.

Other:

Four-eyed Fish (of the genus *Anableps*) - Seen along the seawall on the first day of the tour. This bizarre fish has eyes raised above the top of its head, and these eyes are divided horizontally into two parts, so that they can see both above and below the water at the same time. They were a favorite of Pierre and Danalee.

Pink-footed Tarantula *Avicularia avicularia* - This large spider became a familiar friend while at Surama. It stayed in the dining area for most of the duration of our stay. About as cute as a spider gets. Pink toes!