

# Guyana Unspoiled Wilderness Species Report | Feb 12-23, 2026 With Naturalist Journeys



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We had an exceptional trip to Guyana. We started in Georgetown at the Botanical Garden and National Park with lots of species and lots of photo ops. We enjoyed a boat trip on the Mahaica River where we saw several Hoatzins, the national bird of Guyana. From there we traveled into the interior of Guyana and stayed 3 nights at 3 lodges: Atta, Surama, and Manari. Atta is located in the protected Iwokrama forest, Surama included both beautiful forest and some savannah, and Marani was mostly savannah. The 3 different habitats provided us with opportunities to see a variety of species each day.

A few of the highlights were:

- A boat trip to see a Harpy Eagle that had recently left the nest
- Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock on a lek
- Close encounter with a Rufous-winged Ground-Cuckoo

We ended up with **348** species seen and a few more heard only. Here is an eBird link showing all the species and locations we visited. 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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## **Mammals: (13)**

**Giant Anteater** *Myrmecophaga tridactyla* – 1 spotted as we drove across the savannahs in the early morning toward Karasabai

**Weeper (Wedge-capped) Capuchin** *Cebus olivaceus* – Only one seen that was a pet at a rest stop

**Neotropic Otter** *Lontra longicaudis* – An adult and juvenile going from puddle to puddle in the nearly dry river at Surama Lodge

**Red-rumped Agouti** *Dasyprocta leporina* – a couple seen from the vehicle on early morning drives

**Capybara** *Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris* – A bunch around JR Ranch Pond in the evening

**Proboscis Bat** *Rhynchonycteris naso* – Lots along the river on our trip to the harpy nest. Also roosting in the building at Karasabai

**Guianan Spider Monkey** *Ateles paniscus* – a few were seen distantly from the canopy tower at Atta Lodge

**Guianan Red Howler Monkey** *Alouatta macconnelli* – Saw on several occasions, but perhaps the best view was from the boat on the Mahaica River where we had 3 in a low tree near the river

**Brown Capuchin** *Sapajus apella* – a few were spotted at Moco Moco Village

**White-lipped Peccary** *Tayassu pecari* – we ran into a herd at Atta Lodge as we walked to the canopy tower, then later had them wander underneath the tower giving us time to watch them extensively from above

**Tayra** *Eira Barbara* – wonder sighting of a tayra ripping into a bees nest high on a vine near Surama Lodge  
**West Indian Manatee** *Trichechus manatus* – at least two were seen well in the pond at the Georgetown National Park on our first evening  
**Crab-Eating Fox** *Cerdocyon thous* – Saw twice, both times before sunrise while we were driving

**Reptiles, Amphibians, and Others: (11)**

**Giant Ameiva** *Ameiva ameiva*

**Peter's Lava Lizard** *Tropidurus hispidus*

**Striped Forest Whiptail** *Kentropyx calcarata*

**South American Spotted Skink**

**Electric Eel** *Electrophorus electricus*

**Spectacled Caiman** *Caiman crocodilus*

**Golden Rocket Frog** *Anomaloglossus beebei*

**Smoky Jungle Frog** *Leptodactylus pentadactylus*

**Red Snouted Treefrog** *Scinax ruber*

**Red-footed Tortoise** *Chelonoidis carbonarius*

**Green Anaconda** *Eunectes murinus*