

Birds & Mammals of Ecuador's Andes Species List | March 5 – 18, 2026 with Naturalist Journeys



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This tour took us from the Northern to the Southern Hemisphere and across the Continental Divide. We covered the Inner Andean Valley, Western and Eastern Slopes of the Andes, plus the Amazon Basin. We saw seedsnipes in the Elfin Forest above 14,000 feet and Harpy Eagles at 300 feet in the Amazon. We birded in three of the four regions of Ecuador: Costa, Sierra, and Oriente as we marveled at mountain toucans in the cloud forest and listened to the call of Howler Monkeys in the Amazon.

The group got to experience antpittas, cock-of-the-rocks, and hummingbirds galore at some of the most amazing lodges in Ecuador. We bounced our way to places such as Mashpi-Amagusa Reserve and enjoyed small Ecuadorian Antpittas coming in for a worm snack at the foot of Pichincha Volcano, towering over us at 15,696 feet. The geography of Ecuador is what makes the birding here so magical, but it's the people that make the tour so special.

BIRDS 427 species were recorded.

The eBird link below details the 427 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 birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians we were fortunate to observe during the trip.

MAMMALS: — (18)

SLOTHS AND ANTEATERS: Pilosa — (1)

Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth *Bradypus variegatus* — (1) from the Kapok Tree canopy tower.

PRIMATES: Primata — (6)

Golden-mantle Saddleback Tamarin *Saguinus tripartitus* — (1) We had some quick views as they moved across the lake above our canoes. In the Napo/Yasuni region.

Napo Saki Monkey *Pithecia napensis* — (2) We had two opportunities to view these amazingly unique monkeys. On two different days while paddling the creek we came upon them. One even had a young one with it. Both in the Napo/Yasuni region.

Maranon White-fronted Capuchin *Cebus yuracus* — (4) Viewed on all 4 days of our trip to the Napo/Yasuni region.

Humboldt's Squirrel Monkey *Saimiri cassiquiarensis* — (1) Viewed while paddling the creek as they moved along. Napo/Yasuni region.

Colombian Red Howler Monkey *Alouatta seniculus* — (4) There was not a day that went by while in the Napo/Yasuni region we did not hear these monkeys. They were our daily wake-up call from off in the distance, asking us to explore further into the jungle.

White-bellied Spider Monkey *Ateles belzebuth* — (1) Seen on one occasion paddling the creek in the Napo/Yasuni region.

RODENTS: Rodentia — (5)

Red-tailed Squirrel *Sciurus granatensis* — (8) Common on both slopes of the Andes. Seen almost daily.

Western Dwarf Squirrel *Microsciurus mimulus* — (1) Seen at Masphi-Amagusa Reserve.

Southern Amazon Red Squirrel *Sciurus spadiceus* — (1) Seen from the Harpy Eagle Tower.

Central American Agouti *Dasyprocta punctata* — (4) Common at the feeders at Sachatamia. Also got to see a mother and young at Angel's.

Black Agouti *Dasyprocta fuliginosa* — (3) A welcome guest at San Isidro Lodge.

Andean Rabbit *Lagidium viscacia* — (2) Seen both days around the grounds at Papallacta Hot Springs.

BATS: Chiroptera — (3)

Greater Bulldog Bat (AKA Fishing Bat) *Noctilio leporinus* — (1) Seen fishing while on an evening paddle from the Napo lodge. We had some amazing views of them in the lights of our flashlights as they fished.

Southern Long-nosed Bat *Leptonycteris curasoae* — (4) Saw each day as we returned to the Napo Lodge. They roosted under the dock there. Also had nice views of them as they roosted on a tree near the Harpy Eagle Tower dock.

Tent-making Bat *Uroderma bilobatum* — (1) Seen on our way back from the Kapok Tree Tower.

CANINES, FELINES, AND ALLIES: Carnivora — (2)

Giant Otter *Pteronura brasiliensis* — (2) We had such a special moment with the pack of river wolves on two different days at Napo. The first day we spent over 30 minutes slowly floating along their route in the river as they squeaked and chatted. As they moved along the river one even carried a pup in its jowls.

Spectacled Bear *Tremarctos ornatus* — (2) Words cannot describe the joy and excitement of seeing these bears. Seeing 6 all in one location, sometimes almost all out in the open at once, was truly life altering.

EVEN-TOED UNGULATES: Artiodactyla — (1)

Andean White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus* — (1) Seen on the road up the radio towers where we saw the seedsnipe.

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS: — (6)

Black Caiman *Melanosuchus niger* — (4) Daily encounters at the Napo

Yellow-headed Sideneck Turtle *Podocnemis unifilis* — (1) Seen along creek at Napo

Northern Caiman Lizard *Dracaena guianensis* — (1) Seen along creek at Napo

Amazon Thornytail-Iguana *Uracentron flaviceps* — (1) Pair seen in pipe on the Kapok Tower.

Ecuador Poison Frog *Ameerega bilinguis* — (2) Seen on the Kapok Tower trail and from the trail on the way to the clay lick.

Caecilian Genus *Siphonops* — (1) Seen on the trail to the Kapok Tower.