

Diurnal PRIMATES of Tiputini Biodiversity Station

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Humboldt's Common woolly monkey (chorongo) *Lagothrix lagothricha poeppigii*

- Large, dark cinnamon to brown in color, brightly reddish in mature males, robust limbs and prehensile tail, round head, black face, darker arms.
- Found in groups of 10-25, commonly 13-15.
- Active brachiation noise and chirping is useful to locate.



White-bellied spider monkey (makisapa)

Ateles belzebuth belzebuth

- Large; long, thin limbs; pelage variable: black or brown dorsal with pale/tan ventral areas & limbs.
- Individual facial patterns on mohawk peak of fur on head & patches of color on forehead and/or cheeks vary.



- Active, fast travelers.
- Feeding groups of 2-6.
- Sleeping groups of 20.
- Fission-fusion social system.



Red howler monkey (coto/aullador)

Alouatta seniculus

- Large, dark red-orange color, dog-like face, prehensile tail, males have enlarged chin.
- Found in groups of 4-8 in canopy.
- Slow moving, more often heard than seen.
- Walk on branches.



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White-fronted capuchin monkey (machín/capuchino)

Cebus albifrons

- Medium size; reddish or tannish browns, but lighter underneath with pale limbs and tail; dark head cap and pale cheeks to ear; semi-prehensile tail coils when walking.
- Groups of 2-9, often mix with Squirrel monkeys, but are larger, browner and lack black tip on tail.
- Found mostly at eye level but use entire subcanopy.
- Active and intelligent.



Equatorial Saki (mono volador/mono saki/parahuaco)

Pithecia aequatorialis

- Medium size; very dark, long, thick coat & hanging big, bushy tail, bouffant hair-do.
- Sexually dimorphic -males dark with lighter face, black back, and white eyebrows; females grayer with white around muzzle and fluffier than males.
- Groups of 1-3 • Found in mid to upper canopy and tend to be quiet and cryptic.



Common squirrel monkey (barizo/mono ardilla)

Saimiri sciureus

- Small and slender with short hair and light brown color, white mask around eyes, dark muzzle and tail tip tuft; not prehensile.
- Tend to be active, often vocal, move around a lot.
- Found in groups of 40-60 (up to 100).
- Spotted in vine tangles ~10m up.
- At times will mix with capuchins.



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Golden-mantle tamarin (chichico/chambira/tamarindo)

Saguinus tripartitus

- Small body with golden shoulders & mantle, black face with white muzzle.
- Found in pairs up to 10.
- Prefer understory in vine tangles around 5m.
Sometimes found with the Titis.
- Active and agile, quick jerky movements.
- Often vocalize a high pitched bird-like whistle.



Dusky titi monkey (cotoncillo rojo/songo songo)

Callicebus discolor

- Small monkeys with grey dense fur on tail and back, reddish limbs & chest.
- Small face with white straight uni-brow.
- Found in groups of 2 - 5, most often breeding pair with offspring.
- Prefer low vine tangles, often quiet, cryptic & slow moving.
- Vocalizations bird-like except for the unique, loud male and female duet.



Pygmy Marmoset (leoncillo)

Cebuella pygmaea

- Tiny; tawny coat.
- Long, ringed tail.
- Swift movements but stay near gummy sap source tree (look for holes on trunk).

