



Manu Biodiversity Expedition 2018

Gallito de las Rocas, Peruvian Andes-Amazon July 30—Aug 13, 2018

Expedition Report

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Overview

At a glance...

Dates:

July 30 - August 16, 2018

Location:

Gallito de las Rocas conservation area, Cusco Dept., Peru

Team members:

18

Kilometers hiked with all our gear:

13.2

New species records for Gallito de las Rocas:

289





Armed with butterfly nets and mist nets for birds, flashlights with lots of extra batteries for finding herps, and all of the food and gear we'd need to camp in the jungle for two weeks we set out to Gallito de las Rocas, a conservation area near Peru's Manu Biosphere Reserve, where the towering Andes Mountains meet the sprawling Amazon basin. Gallito de las Rocas is situated in the heart of one of the world's most important biodiversity hotspots, yet most of the region's plant and animal groups remain poorly studied, hindering efforts to design effective conservation strategies that maximize biodiversity conservation using limited resources. Before we arrived, not a single biologist had ever set foot anywhere near our campsite, and it was exciting to know that everything we would find—every butterfly, every bird, every reptile or amphibian—would be a new record for science! Keep reading to learn more about our discoveries, and what it all means for biological research and conservation in southeastern Peru.

Butterfly team

Overview

Butterfly team members:

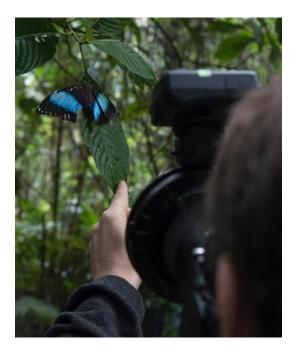
Geoff Gallice, Ph.D. (team leader) Angela Brierly Maria Cahuana

Lepidoptera families surveyed:

8 (Geometridae, Hesperiidae, Lycaenidae, Notodontidae, Nymphalidae, Papilionidae, Pieridae, Riodinidae)

New butterfly records for Gallito de las Rocas:

145 species





Despite some pretty bad weather—it was unseasonably rainy at Gallito de las Rocas during the expedition—our team made some amazing discoveries. We collected a total of 145 butterfly species within an hour's walk from our base camp, in habitats ranging from ridge-top forest, riparian forest, and outside along the river's edge. This latter habitat was one of the most stunning in terms of butterfly abundance—species representing every family were out in droves puddling for salts and minerals (i.e., sweat and pee!) left on the riverside rocks by the expedition team. Everyone was impressed by the spectacle.

One of our most exciting discoveries was the abundance of euptychiine butterflies (Nymphalidae: Satyrinae: Satyrini: Euptychiina) present near the expedition base camp, especially in the forest on the ridge. Southeastern Peru is the world center for diversity of this group, and we hope to make even more interesting finds in subsequent years—stay tuned for lots of new distributional records and likely even new species!

Bird team

Overview & highlights

Bird team members:

Micah Scholer (team leader) Gloria Jilahuanco (team leader) Angela Brierly Renee Albrecht Sami Anderson Anthony Scholer

Mist net hours:

335

Bird species registered at Gallito de las Rocas:

111

Birds banded at Gallito de las Rocas (species):

107 (45)

Total bird species observed during expedition (all sites):

135

Notable records:

Solitary eagle
Torrent duck (at 800 masl)
Andean cock-of-the-rock (common)
Sunbittern (nesting)
Hummingbirds (15 species)





Peru is a 'mega-diverse' country—due to its location at the equator and at the juxtaposition of the Andes mountain with lowland Amazonia, more species of plants and animals can be found here than almost anywhere else on earth. And Gallito de las Rocas is right at the heart of this diversity! Our inaugural bird survey was a great success, with 111 bird species recorded for the area, and 107 individual birds representing 45 species fitted with bands.

In addition to conducting a baseline inventory of the birds found within the reserve, another major goal of this expedition (and of future expeditions) is to monitor individual birds and population trends. For example, how long do birds live? Surprisingly very little is known about this, especially in the poorly-studied tropics. Banding birds, coupled with surveys conducted along a microelevational gradient, will also allow us to monitor changes in bird elevational distributions as the local climate changes, thus allowing us to monitor the effects of climate change on Andean-Amazonian biodiversity.

Herp team

Overview & highlights

Herp team members

Anton Sorokin, M.Sc. (team leader) Ciaran Nagle James Zhu Andy Zhu Evan Papst

Nights spent herping:

Every night

Phillip Bowles

Species of herpetofauna registered at Gallito de las Rocas:

Amphibians—16 Reptiles—13

Frogs swabbed for chytridiomycosis (species):

67 (19)

Notable records:

- Mussurana Clelia clelia
- Bushmaster Lachesis muta
- Cuzco Cochran glassfrog Rulyrana spiculata (rangerestricted & of conservation concern)
- Cochranella nola (conservation concern)
- Oreobates granulosus (range restricted)
- Dendropsophus kamagarini –
 (described/split from D.
 parviceps in early 2018)
- Rose whorltail iguana (Stenocercus roseiventris)



Mid-elevational rainforests of the eastern Andes are extremely biodiverse but poorly studied, and herpetofauna (reptiles and amphibians) is no exception. The elevational distributions of most species, for instance, are essentially unknown, and there are likely even many species awaiting discovery entirely. Gallito de las Rocas is in the epicenter of global biodiversity, and the discoveries during our inaugural survey did not disappoint! The team found a total of 29 species of reptiles and amphibians, including many notable records—range-restricted species, species of conservation concern, and charismatic species such as bushmaster, mussurana, and two species of glassfrogs were among the expedition's highlights.

Sadly, the infectious disease Chytridiomycosis, which is caused by the chytrid fungus
Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis (Bd) and which has affected amphibians worldwide, was present on several frog species that the team swabbed at Gallito. We will monitor the status of the disease during subsequent expeditions and also monitor additional species as they are discovered.

Photo gallery



Flipping the bird! Bird team leader Micah Scholer shows off his bird banding skills with a Yellow-throated Tanager (Iridosornis analis).



Herp team leader Anton Sorokin happily lost in a sea of green in the cloud forest at Gallito de las Rocas.



Butterflies puddle for salts and other—in this case from the expedition team's sweat—at the Rio Waysampia Chico, near base camp.



A semiaquatic lizard, *Potamites* sp., that the herp team found in one of the area's numerous rocky streams.



The expedition leaders (from left to right): Geoff Gallice, Ph.D. (expedition leader & butterfly), Micah Scholer (bird team), Anton Sorokin (herp team), Teodocio Jilahuanco (Gallito concessionaire), Gloria Jilahuanco (bird team & Gallito concessionaire).



Butterfly team member Maria Canahua checks a baited trap in the riparian forest near base camp.

Gallito de las Rocas—Species List

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SUMMARY

Taxonomic group	Species/morpho- species registered to date
Amphibians	16
Birds	111
<u>Insects</u>	145
<u>Lepidoptera</u>	145
Mammals	4
Reptiles	13
TOTAL	289

Class AMPHIBIA—Amphibians

Order Anura—Frogs			
Family	Latin name	Common name	
Bufonidae (True toads)	Rhinella marinus	Rhinella marinus Cane Toad	
Centronelidae	Cochranella nola	Glass Frog	
(Glass frogs)	Rulyrana spiculata	Cuzco Cochran Glass Frog	
Craugastoridae	Oreobates gemcare	Andes Frog	
(Andes frogs)	Oreobates granulosus	Andes Frog	
	Boana sp. 1	Gladiator Treefrog	
Hylidae (Treefrogs)	Dendropsophus kamagarini	Clown Treefrog	
(Osteocephalus helenae	Helena's Treefrog	

Leptodactylidae (Southern frogs)	Leptodactylus knudseni/pentadactylus	Smoky Jungle Frog
(Southern Hogs)	Leptodactylus rhodonotus	Peru White-lipped Frog
	Pristimantis danae	Cusco Robber Frog
	Pristimantis diadematus	Robber Frog
	Pristimantis fenestratus	Robber Frog
Strabomantidae (Terrestrial-breeding frogs)	Pristimantis lindae	Robber Frog
(Terrestrial precama maga)	Pristimantis platydactylus	Robber Frog
	Pristimantis reichlei	Robber Frog
	Pristimantis sp. 1	Unknown Robber Frog

Class AVES—Birds

Order Accipitriformes—Diurnal birds of prey			
Family	Latin name	Common name	
Accipitridae	Harpyhaliaetus solitarius	Eagle, Solitary	
(Hawks, eagles, kites, & allies)	Ictinia plumbea	Kite, Plumbeous	
Cathartidae (New World vultures & Cathartes aura Vulture, Turkey condors)		Vulture, Turkey	
Anseriformes—Waterfowl			
Anatidae (Ducks, geese, & swans)	Merganetta armata	Duck, Torrent	
Apodiformes—Swifts, treeswifts, & hummingbirds			
Apodidae	Chaetura brachyura	Swift, Short-tailed	
(Swifts)	Streptoprocne zonalis	Swift, White-collared	
	Campylopterus largipennis	Saberwing, Gray-breasted	
Trochilidae	Chrysuronia oenone	Saphire, Golden-tailed	
(Hummingbirds)	Doryfera johannae	Lancebill, Blue-fronted	
	Doryfera ludovicae	Lancebill, Green-fronted	

	Eutoxeres condamini	Sicklebill, Buff-tailed	
	Ocreatus underwoodii	Racket-tail, Booted	
	Phaethornis guy	Hermit, Green	
	Phaethornis superciliosus Hermit, Long-tailed		
	Phlogophilus harterti Piedbill, Peruvian		
	Schistes geoffroyi Hummingbird, Wedge-b		
	Taphrospilus hypostictus	Hummingbird, Many-spotted	
	Thalurania furcate Wood-nymph, Fork-taile		
	Threnetes leucurus	Barbthroat, Pale-tailed	
	Caprimulgiformes—Nightjars &	allies	
Caprimulgidae (Nightjars or nighthawks)	Nyctidromus albicollis	Pauraque, Common	
	Columbiformes—Pigeons & do	ves	
	Geotrygon frenata	Quail-dove, White-throated	
Columbidae (Pigeons & doves)	Patagioenas fasciata	Pigeon, Band-tailed	
(Been a series,	Patagioenas plumbea	Pigeon, Plumbeous	
Со	raciformes—Kingfishers, motmots	, & todies	
Alcedinidae	Chloroceryle amazona	Kingfisher, Amazon	
(Kingfishers)	Chloroceryle americana	Kingfisher, Green	
Momotidae	Baryphthengus martii	Motmot, Rufous	
(Motmots)	Momotus aequatorialis	Motmot, Andean	
	Cuculiformes—Cuckoos, anis, &	allies	
	Coccycua minuta	Cuckoo, Little	
Cuculidae (Cuckoos & anis)	Dromococcyx phasianellus	Cuckoo, Pheasant	
(Cuckoos & ams)	Piaya cayana	Cuckoo, Squirrel	
Eurypygiformes—Kagus & sunbittern			
Eurypygidae (Sunbittern)	Eurypyga helias	Sunbittern	
Galliformes—Gamefowl			
	Mitu tuberosum	Curassow, Razor-billed	
Cracidae	Ortalis guttata	Chachalaca, Speckled	
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(Chachalacas, guans, & curassows)					
	Passeriformes—Passerines				
Cinclidae (Dippers)	Cinclus leucocephalus	Dipper, White-capped			
Cotingidae (Cotingas)	Rupicola peruvianus	Cock-of-the-rock, Andean			
Corvidae (Crows, ravens, jays, & magpies)	Cyanocorax violaceus	Jay, Violaceous			
Formicariidae (Antthrushes)	Formicarius analis	Antthrush, Black-faced			
Fringillidae (True finches)	Euphonia xanthogaster	Euphonia, Orange-bellied			
	Automolus ochrolaemus	Foliage-gleaner, Buff-throated			
	Campylorhamphus trochilirostris	Scythebill, Red-billed			
Furnariidae	Glyphorynchus spirurus	Woodcreeper, Wedge-billed			
(Ovenbirds: foliage-gleaners, spinetails, woodcreepers, &	Philydor rufum	Foliage-gleaner, Buff-fronted			
allies)	Simoxenops ucayalae	Recurvebill, Peruvian			
	Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus	Woodcreeper, Strong-billed			
	Xiphorhynchus triangularis	Woodcreeper, Olive-backed			
Hirundinidae (Swallows & martins)	Pygochelidon cyanoleuca	Swallow, Blue-and-white			
Icteridae	Icterus cayanensis	Oriole, Epaulet			
(Blackbirds, orioles, grackles, cowbirds, oropendolas, &	Psarocolius angustifrons	Oropendola, Russet-backed			
caciques)	Psarocolius bifasciatus	Oropendola, Olive			
Parulidae	Myioborus miniatus	Redstart, Slate-throated			
(New World warblers)	Myiothlypis bivittate	Warbler, Two-banded			
Pipridae	Chiroxiphia boliviana	Manakin, Yungas			
(Manakins)	Lepidothrix coeruleocapilla	Manakin, Cerulean-capped			
	Cercomacra nigrescens	Antbird, Blackish			
Thamnophilidae	Cymbilaimus sanctaemariae	Antshrike, Bamboo			
(Antbirds)	Dysithamnus mentalis	Antvireo, Plain			
	Epinecrophylla ornate	Antwren, Ornate			

	Hylophylax naevius	Antbird, Spot-backed
	Hypocnemis subflava	Antbird, Yellow-breasted Warbling
	Myrmeciza hemimelaena	Antbird, Chestnut-tailed
	Myrmoborus leucophrys	Antbird, White-browed
	Myrmoborus myotherinus	Antbird, Black-faced
	Pyriglena leuconota	Fire-eye, White-backed
	Thamnistes anabatinus	Antshrike, Russet
	Thamnophilus schistaceus	Antshrike, Plain-winged
	Chlorospingus flavigularis	Bush-tanager, Yellow-throated
	Chlorothraupis carmioli	Tanager, Carmiol's
	Dacnis cyana	Dacnis, Blue
	Dacnis lineata	Dacnis, Black-faced
	Iridosornis analis	Tanager, Yellow-throated
	Lanio versicolor	Shrike-tanager, White-winged
Thraupidae (Tanagers)	Oryzoborus angolensis	Seed-finch, Chestnut-bellied
(Tanagera)	Paroaria gularis	Cardinal, Red-capped
	Saltator maximus	Sltator, Buff-throated
	Tangara arthus	Tanager, Golden
	Tangara chilensis	Tanager, Paradise
	Tangara schrankii	Tanager, Green-and-gold
	Trichothraupis melanops	Tanager, Black-goggled
Tityridae (Tityras & allies)	Tityra semifasciata	Tityra, Masked
	Cyphorhinus thoracicus	Wren, Chestnut-breasted
Troglodytidae (Wrens)	Microcerculus marginatus	Wren, Scaly-breasted
(Wrens)	Odontochilus branickii	Wren, Gray-mantled
Turdidae	Myadestes ralloides	Solitaire, Andean
(Thrushes)	Turdus nigriceps	Thrush, Slaty
	Leptopogon amaurocephalus	Flycatcher, Sepia-capped
Tyrranidae	Leptopogon superciliaris	Flycatcher, Slaty-capped
(Tyrant flycatchers)	Lophotriccus pileatus	Tyrant, Scale-crested Pygmy
	Mionectes olivaceus	Flycatcher, Olive-streaked

	Mionectes striaticollis	Flycatcher, Streak-necked		
	Myiarchus tuberculifer	Flycatcher, Dusky-capped		
	Myiodynastes chrysocephalus Flycatcher, Golden-crowi			
	Myiodynastes maculatus Flycatcher, Streaked			
	Myiozetes similis	Flycatcher, Social		
	Platyrinchus coronatus	Spadebill, Golden-crowned		
	Sayornis nigricans	Phoebe, Black		
	Tyrannus melancholicus	Kingbird, Tropical		
Pelicanifor	mes—Herons, pelicans, ibises, spo	oonbills, & allies		
Ardeidae (Herons) Tigrisoma fasciatum Heron, Fasciated Tiger				
	Piciformes—Woodpeckers & all	ies		
Capitonidae (New World barbets)	Fubucco versicolor Rarbet Versicolored			
Picidae (Woodpeckers)	Veniliornis affinis Woodpecker, Red-stained			
Ramphastidae	Aulacorhynchus derbianus	Toucanet, Chestnut-tipped		
(Toucans)	Selenidera reinwardtii	Toucanet, Golden-collared		
	Psittaciformes —Parrots			
Psittacidae	Amazona mercenaria	Parrot, Scaly-naped		
(True parrots)	Ara severus	Macaw, Chestnut-fronted		
	StrigiformesOwls			
	Glaucidium brasilianum	Pygmy-owl, Ferruginous		
Strigidae (True owls)	Megascops napensis	Owl, Napo Screech		
(ac cc)	Pulsatrix melanota	Owl, Band-bellied		
Tinamiformes—Tinamous				
	Crypturellus obsoletus	Tinamou, Brown		
Tinamidae (Tinaous)	Tinamus osgoodi	Tinamou, Black		
	Tinamus tao	Tinamou, Gray		
	Trogoniformes—Trogons & quetzals			
Trogonidae	Trogon collaris	Trogon, Collared		

(Trogons & quetzals)	Trogon curucui	Trogon, Blue-crowned
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Class INSECTA—Insects

Order Lepidoptera—Butterflies & moths		
Family	Subfamily	Latin name
		Dalla sp.
		Spargyreus sp.
		Hesperiidae sp. 1
		Hesperiidae sp. 2
		Milanion sp.
Hesperiidae (Skippers)		Mimardaris sela
, , ,		Phocides sp. 1
		Phocides sp. 2
		Pyrrhopyge sp. 1
		Pyrrhopyge sp. 2
		Theagenes albiplaga
Lycaenidae (Hairstreaks)		Lycaenidae sp. 1
	Apaturinae (Emperors)	Doxocopa cyane
		Doxocopa elis
		Doxocopa laurentia
		Callicore lyca
		Diaethria (clymena)
Nymphalidae		Diaethria (neglecta)
(Brush-footed		Epiphile lampethusa
butterflies)	Biblidinae	Eunica carias
	(Tropical brushfoots)	Perisama (comnena)
		Perisama (lebasii)
		Perisama philinus
		Perisama sp. 1
		Perisama sp. 2

	Perisama sp. 3
	Pyrrhogyra edocla
	Temenis laothoe
	Fountainea nessus
Charaxinae	Memphis (arginussa)
(Leafwings)	Prepona dexamenus
	Marpesia chiron
	Marpesia corinna
Cyrestinae	Marpesia furcula
	Marpesia zerynthia
	Brevioleria arzalia
	Godyris zavaleta
	Greta libethris
	Hyalyris sp.
	Hypoleria sarepta
Danainae (Milkwood butterflies)	Hyposcada illinissa
(Milkweed butterflies)	Hypothyris sp.
	Ithomia (salapia)
	Oleria (didymaea)
	Oleria sp.
	Pteronymia sp.
	Altinote alcione
	Altinote dicaeus
	Altinote sp. 1
	Altinote sp. 2
	Altinote sp. 3
Heliconiinae (Longwings)	Dione juno
(66-/	Eueides heliconioides
	Heliconius burneyi
	Heliconius cf. wallacei
	Heliconius numata
	Heliconius telesiphe

	Philaethria dido
	Podotricha telesiphe
	Adelpha alala
Limentidinae	Adelpha (delinita)
(Admirals & sisters)	Adelpha irmina
	Adelpha thessalia
	Dagon pusilla
	Eresia pelonia
	Eresia polina
	Hypanartia cinderella
Nymphalinae	Hypanartia trimaculata
	Nymphalidae sp. 1
	Siproeta epaphus
	Telenassa jana
	Antirrhea taygetina
	Caeruleuptychia (aegrota)
	Caeruleuptychia aetherialis
	Caeruleuptychia glauca
	Caeruleuptychia helios
	Caeruleuptychia sp. 1
	Chloreuptychia (hermeis)
	Chloreuptychia arnaca
Satyrinae	Cithaerias (aurorina)
(Satyrs)	Cithaerias (pyropina)
	Cithaerias sp.
	Forsterinaria nr. stella
	Forsterinaria sp.1
	Harjesia blanda
	Hermeuptychia sp.
	Lymanopoda acraeida
	Manerebia cyclopina
	Manerebia satura

		Pierella hyceta
		Pierella lena
		Pseudodebis (valentina)
		Rareuptychia clio
		Splendeuptychia ashna
		Splendeuptychia aurigera
		Splendeuptychia boliviensis
		Steroma modesta
		Taygetis crameri
		Taygetis sylvia
		Tyagetis (cleopatra)
		Eurytides (serville)
		Mimoides sp.
Papilionidae		Neographium (leucaspis)
		Neographium agesilaus
(Swallowtails)		Neographium sp.
		Parides sp.
		Protesilaus sp.
		Pterourus menatius
		Anteos menippe
	Coliadinae (Sulphurs or yellows)	Eurema (salome)
		Eurema (xantochlora)
		Phoebis neocypris
	Dismorphiinae	Dismorphia (lewyi)
Pieridae (Whites, sulphurs, & orange tips)		Dismorphia lygdamis
		Dismorphia lysis
		Enantia melite
		Lieinix nemesis
		Pseudopieris sp. 1
		Pseudopieris sp. 2
	Pierinae (Whites)	Hesperocharis marchalii
		Melete (lycimnia)

		Melete leucanthe
	Perrhybris pamela	
	Adelotypa sp.	
	Amarynthis meneria	
	Ancyluris sp. 1	
		Ancyluris sp. 2
		Baeotis sp.
		Baeotis staudingeri
	Brachyglenis esthema	
	Detritivora sp.	
	Emesis (mandana)	
		Eurybia dardus
Riodinidae		Euselesia corduena
(Metalmarks)		Hyphilaria parthenis
		Isapis agyrtus
		Ithomeis aurantiaca
		Lyropteryx apollonia
	Mesosemia sp.	
	Necyria bellona	
	Nymphidium sp.	
	Rhetus dysonii	
	Semomesia (croesus)	
	Siseme (neurodes)	
	Siseme alectryo	

Class Mammalia—Mammals

Order Carnivora—Carnivorans		
Family	Latin name	Common name

Felidae (Felids)	Panthera onca	Jaguar
Procyonidae (Racoons, coatis, kinkajous, & olingos)	Potus flavus	Kinkajou
Order Primates—Primates		
Atelidae (Howler, spider, & wooly monkeys)	Lagothrix sp.	Wooly Monkey
Order Rodentia—Rodents		
Cuniculidae (Pacas)	Cuniculus paca	Paca

Class REPTILIA—Reptiles

Order Squamata—Scaled reptiles			
Family	Latin name	Common name	
	Chironius fuscus	Brown Sipo	
	Erythrolamprus aesculapii	False Coral Snake	
Colubridae (Colubrid snakes)	Erythrolampus taeniogaster	Marsh Snake	
	Imantodes cenchoa	Blunt-headed Tree Snake	
	Leptodeira annulata	Cat-eyed Snake	
Dactyloidae (Anoles)	Anolis fuscoauratus	Slender Amazon Anole	
	Anolis punctatus	Spotted Anole	
Dipsadidae (Snail eaters & allies)	Atractus major	Brown Ground Snake	
	Dipsas vermiculata	Vermiculate Snail Eater	
Gymnophthalmidae (Spectacled lizards)	Potamites sp. 1	Unidentified spectacled lizard	
Teiidae (Racerunners, whiptails, & tegus)	Teiidae sp. 1	Unidentified teiid lizard	
Tropoduridae	Stenocercus roseiventris	Rose Whortail Iguana	

(Neotropical ground lizards)		
Viperidae (Vipers)	Lachesis muta	Bushmaster