

May 20 was the date scheduled for our departure back to Nauta by boat and then to Iquitos by bus and then a flight back to Lima. Since we were now used to it, the day started with a 6 am wakeup knock and a 6:30-7:30 skiff ride. Soon we were told by another skiff driver to go to a certain tree. Looking up we saw a wet baby Pigmy Marmoset. Usually nocturnal, this one was out during the day and had fallen into the water and had climbed back up into the tree. The mother wasn't to be seen while we were there. The baby stared at us. Then it looked up for its mother.



It looked tired and resigned to its fate, whatever that might have turned out to be.



The Pigmy Marmoset is the smallest true monkey with a length of 14-16 centimeters (about 6 inches).

Where the Delfin II had been tied up to a tree overnight it was noticed that on a branch of the tree there was an Amazon Tree Boa (*Corralus hortulanus*). When we returned from our early morning skiff trip we found that a crew member had removed the branch along with the snake and placed it in the lounge. We were able to observe it close-up for a long time as we motored to Nauta.



It eventually relaxed, poked out its head, and began to explore the lounge.



References and acknowledgments.

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- 1) **Peru**, *Travellers' Wildlife Guides*, by David L. Pearson and Les Beletsky, (Interlink Books, Northampton, Massachusetts, 2008)
- 2) **Birds of Peru**, Revised and Updated Edition, by Thomas S. Schulenberg, Douglas F. Stotz, Daniel F. Lane, John P. O'Neill, and Theodore A. Parker III, (Princeton University Press, Princeton, New Jersey, 2007)

Some details about which sightings (photos) were made on which skiff excursion or on which day may be in error but this is really of no consequence since all events did in fact occur. The chronology given is mostly accurate.

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