

List of bats register at high altitudes in Río Abiseo National Park

Lista de murciélagos registrados a altas altitudes en el Parque Nacional Río Abiseo

Mónica Romo *¹

<https://orcid.org/0000-0001-7111-6340>
romomonica@gmail.com

Mariela Leo ²

<https://orcid.org/0000-0001-7111-6340>
mleo@apeco.org.pe

*Corresponding author

1. Investigadora independiente.
2. Peruvian Association for Conservation of Nature (APECO).

Citación

Romo M, Leo M. 2023. List of bats register at high altitudes in Río Abiseo National Park. Revista peruana de biología 30(4): e25047 001 - 008 (Diciembre 2023). doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15381/rpb.v30i4.25047>

Presentado: 25/03/2023

Aceptado: 04/11/2023

Publicado online: 07/12/2023

Editor: Dennisse Ruelas

Abstract

We present a list of bats collected above 2000 meters in Río Abiseo National Park. Sixteen bat species belonging to the Phyllostomidae and Vespertilionidae families were collected during four expeditions between 1987 and 1990. Twelve species were found within expected altitudinal ranges, but four exceeded their previously reported maximum altitudinal ranges. A comparison with other bat lists from other localities at similar altitudes is presented.

Resumen

Se presenta una lista de murciélagos colectados por encima de los 2000 m en el Parque Nacional Río Abiseo. Dieciséis especies de murciélagos pertenecientes tanto a las familias Phyllostomidae y Vespertilionidae fueron colectadas durante cuatro expediciones realizadas entre 1987 y 1990. Doce especies fueron encontradas dentro de los rangos altitudinales esperados, pero cuatro excedieron su altitud máxima previamente reportada. Se presenta una comparación con otras listas de murciélagos de otras localidades a altitudes similares.

Keywords:

Bats, elevational distribution, montane forest, Andes, Chiroptera, Río Abiseo National Park.

Palabras clave:

Murciélagos, distribución altitudinal, bosque montano, Andes, Chiroptera, Parque Nacional Río Abiseo.

Introduction

With 189 species of bats (Pacheco et al. 2021), Peru has the third-highest bat species diversity after Indonesia and Colombia (217 species, Ramírez et al. 2021). The Yungas, especially mid to upper elevation on the east slope of the Andes, are high-endemism areas for several taxa, such as mammals and bats (Pacheco 2002, Pacheco et al. 2007a). Therefore, it is not unexpected that in Peru, out of the nine endemic species of bats (Pacheco et al. 2021), three (*Mormopterus phrudus*, *Eumops chiribaya*, and *Anoura javieri*) occur above 2000 m a.s.l., in a restricted range in one or two departments. Bat faunal inventories for montane forest sites provide important comparative information for understanding bat community structure. However, only five montane forests — Vilcabamba (Emmons et al. 2001, Solari et al. 2001), Manu (Pacheco et al. 1993), Yanachaga (Vivar 2006), and Pampa Her-

mosa (Refulio 2015), and Carpath (Pacheco & Noblecilla 2019) — have been sampled at altitudes including 2000 m and above, comparable to those of Río Abiseo National Park. Along the montane forest of the eastern slopes of the Andes in Peru, the forest limit exhibits considerable variation. Generally, the Andes are lower further north in the Cordillera Blanca and connect at lower altitudes with the Ecuadorian Andes in the Huancabamba depression zone (Hoffstetter 1986). Bat species diversity and abundance decline with altitude, a phenomenon analyzed and discussed by Graham (1983, 1990) and Patterson et al. (1996). Both authors noticed a wider altitudinal range in highland bats compared to birds. Likewise, Graham (1983) suggested that bat speciation probably occurred in the lowlands, whereas cloud forest populations have had less opportunity for allopatric speciation. Also, ecological and physiological factors such as temperature reduction, resource abundance, and habitat complexity may have prevented successful emigration to the highlands. Regarding the bat fauna of Río Abiseo National Park, a complete bat inventory has not been published yet. Here, we present the species list for bats found above 2000 m a.s.l. in the western zone of Río Abiseo National Park, headwaters of the Montecristo River, and the eastern slope of the Andes, which was a primarily undisturbed area at the time surveys were undertaken and still nowadays.

Material and methods

We evaluated nine localities: Pampa del Cuy, Los Chochos, Puerta de Monte, Río Colorado, Río Montecristo, La Playa, Las Papayas, Los Pinchudos, and Las Palmas which are located on the south side of the Montecristo River sub-basin in the Huicungo District, Mariscal Cáceres Province, San Martín Department, Peru (Table 1). The Montecristo River reaches the Abiseo River part of the Huallaga basin. All of them are located between 2000 and 3380 m a.s.l., corresponding to the Holdridge zones of pluvial montane tropical forest (bp-MT) around 2500–3800 m a.s.l. and pluvial lower montane tropical montane forest (bp-MBT) around 2300–2600 m a.s.l. Rains are

abundant and range between 1000–4000 mm per year. Between June and August, the possibility of days without rain increases; in these months, the nights can be clear and therefore colder, often reaching the freezing point in the grasslands, with the formation of frost (Young & Leon 1988, 1990). Young and Leon (1988) briefly describe these localities and their vegetation as follows:

Pampa del Cuy (3190–3380 m a.s.l.) and Los Chochos (3100–3400 m a.s.l.). These U-shaped glacial valleys are characterized by grasslands with occasional patches of elfin forest along their side slopes. They are close to the continuous forest that begins at elevations below 3200 m. The grasslands predominantly consist of species from the genera *Calamagrostis*, *Cortaderia*, *Festuca*, and *Stipa*, but in some parts, they are mixed with some shrubs, such as *Loricaria sp.*, a common species. Trees from various genera, such as *Brunellia*, *Escallonia*, *Gynoxys*, *Hedyosmum*, *Hespermeles*, *Miconia*, and *Weinmannia* occur in the patches of elfin forest.

Puerta de Monte (3190–3275 m a.s.l.). The sampled area is contiguous to Pampa del Cuy and serves as a transition area to the “entrance” to the continuous forest. The bamboo genus *Chusquea* is dominant in some parts of this locality as well as many shrubs. Trees in this area reach heights from 5 to 15 m and they may be covered by mosses, lichens, and ferns.

Río Colorado (2800–2945 m a.s.l.), Río Montecristo (2720 m a.s.l.), La Playa (2660 m a.s.l.), Las Papayas (2600 m a.s.l.), Los Pinchudos (2650 m a.s.l.) and Las Palmas (2000–2400 m a.s.l.). These localities are part of the very humid montane forest. The understory of the continuous montane forest is composed of small trees and shrubs, bamboos (*Chusquea scandens* and four other species), and tree ferns (*Cyathea* and *Sphaeropteris atahuallpa*). Other plants that make up the understory include herbaceous, climbing orchids of *Pleurothallis* and *Stelis* genera. Trees reach 20–25 m tall. The locality Las Palmas is a much richer forest with a high diversity of tree genera, such as *Cecropia*, *Clusia*, *Ficus*, *Nectandra*, and *Solanum*, and shrubs such as *Piper*.

Table 1. Sampling localities in Río Abiseo National Park, sampling effort, and capture rate.

Locality	Altitude (m a.s.l.)	Latitude/ longitude	Sampling effort (net/night)	Ind. captured	Species captured	Capture rate (ind/net/ night)
Pampa del Cuy (PCuy)	3190 – 3380	7°39'0"S, 77°30'0"W	55	42	5	0.76
Los Chochos (Cho)	3100 – 3400	7°38'41.49"S, 77°28'52.6"W	18	15	5	0.83
Puerta de Monte (Mon)	3190 – 3275	7°39'28"S, 77°28'9.98"W	9	5	2	0.56
Río Colorado (R.C.)	2800 – 2945	7°39'52.45"S, 77°27'19.22"W	4	10	2	2.50
Río Montecristo (RM)	2720	7°39'48.2"S, 77°26'33.10"W	9	21	2	2.33
La Playa (Pla)	2660	7°39'42.55"S, 77°26'7.84"W	17	56	3	3.29
Las Papayas (Pap)	2600	7°56'13" S, 77°21'18" W	4	17	5	4.25
Los Pinchudos (Pin)	2650	7°39'3.816"S, 77°24'49.10"W	1	4	1	4.00
Las Palmas (Pal)	2000-2400	7°33'S, 77°23'W	15	83	10	5.53
TOTAL			132	409		

Sampling was done over four expeditions by Mónica Romo, Mariella Leo, and Abigail Bravo during July and August 1987, July 1988, August 1989, and July and August 1990. Mistnets of 6, 12, and 20 m wide were set, making a total sampling effort of 132 nets/night and 409 individuals captured. Only 250 of the captured bats were collected, the uncollected bats being mostly those of common species already well represented. The sampling effort for each locality is shown in Table 1. The nets/night go from 1 net/night in Los Pinchudos to 55 nets/night at Pampa del Cuy, the most sampled locality. The capture rate refers to the number of individuals divided by nets/night in each locality and is referred as ind/net/night. At each locality, mist nets were placed inside the forest and at the forest edge, along transverse and longitudinal lines (in Pampa del Cuy and Los Chochos), near lagoons, or across streams or rivers (in Pampa del Cuy, Puerta de Monte, Río Colorado, Río Montecristo, and Las Palmas). Open nets were sometimes more evident because of the excessive humidity or the moonlight. Nets were left open from 18:00 to 22:00 h. Some specimens were captured directly from daytime roosts (near Las Papayas and in Los Pinchudos cave).

Specimens were collected and then preserved following the methodology proposed by Nargorsen and Peterson (1980). Most individuals collected were identified in the field using keys for identification, such as Pine (1972), Handley (1984), Davis (1980), Shump and Shump (1982), and LaVal (1973). Additionally, we compared side by side our specimens with those housed in the Museo de Historia Natural of the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos. Individuals from *Micronycteris* were identified by comparison with specimens housed in the U.S. National Museum of Natural History (USNM, Washington). It is important to acknowledge that subsequent systematic studies have utilized several specimens, resulting in changes to the names initially attributed to them when the research was conducted, consequently, the nomenclature of these species has been revised and updated. This was exemplified in the cases of *Anoura aequatoris* (Pacheco et al. 2018) and *A. fistulata* (Mantilla-Meluk et al. 2014). Study skins were prepared, and additional specimens were initially fixed in a 10% formaldehyde solution, which was later replaced with 70° alcohol. All specimens are deposited at MUSM and in Appendix 1 are listed the respective catalog numbers, localities, and sex. We follow the taxonomic nomenclature used in Mantilla-Meluk et al. (2014) and Pacheco et al. (2018, 2021).

Results

We collected 250 specimens belonging to 16 species of the Phyllostomidae (12 species) and Vespertilionidae (four species) families (Table 2). Four species (*Sturnira bidens*, *Histiotus montanus*, *Lasiurus blossevillii*, and *Myotis oxyotus*) exceeded the altitudinal range previously recorded for Peru, while one (*Sturnira aratathomasi*) is the third record of this species for the country (see McCarthy et al. 1991, Pacheco & Hocking 2006).

As expected, fewer bats were collected (0.76, 0.83, and 0.56 individuals/net/night) in the localities where grasslands occur (Pampa del Cuy, Los Chochos, and Puerta de Monte) upper 3190 m a.s.l. than in the forested localities below 2945 m a.s.l., and more and more bats as the altitude was lower. (2.50, 2.33, 3.29, 4.25, 4, and 5.53 ind/net/night) (Table 1). The nets in Colorado (2800 – 2945 m a.s.l.) and Montecristo rivers (2720 m a.s.l.) had a capture rate of 2.33 to 2.55 ind/night /net, and the forest sites (2000–2650 m a.s.l.) had a capture rate of 3.29 to 5.53 ind/night/net. The locality with more specimens (83) and species (10) captured was the lowest altitude locality of Las Palmas (2000–2400 m a.s.l.). Following are some notes related to altitude distributions and extension of the altitudinal range of noteworthy records:

- *Sturnira aratathomasi* Peterson and Tamsitt, 1968. This is one of the few specimens for Peru as it has only been collected in two other localities: one individual in La Peca, Department of Amazonas, at 3165 m a.s.l. (McCarthy et al. 1991) and three in Cconoc, Department of Apurimac (Pacheco & Hocking 2006).
- *Sturnira bidens* (Thomas, 1915). This record in Abiseo slightly extends the altitudinal range for Peru to 2945 m a.s.l., compared to the altitudes mentioned before (Graham 1983: 1700–2800 m a.s.l. Patterson et al. 1996: 1990 – 2835 m a.s.l.).
- *Histiotus montanus* Philippi and Landbeck, 1861. This species had been recorded in Peru, up to 3220 m a.s.l. (Patterson et al. 1996), but in Abiseo it has been collected up to 3280 m a.s.l.
- *Lasiurus blossevillii* (Lesson & Garnet, 1826). This species was found in a diurnal roost, a bush in a ravine area at 2600 m a.s.l. This is apparently, the first record of a diurnal roost for this species in South America.
- *Myotis oxyotus* (Peters, 1867). Only one individual was collected at 3380 m a.s.l., which is above the previously known altitudinal range in Peru between 1050–3120 m a.s.l. (Patterson et al. 1996).

Discussion

This list of species from high altitudes above 2000 m records some species that have expanded in altitude, but mainly reflects the need for more specimen collections, especially of rare or difficult-to-collect species, such as *S. aratathomasi* that were only collected in two other localities in Peru: one individual in La Peca, Amazonas Department, at 3165 m a.s.l. (McCarthy et al. 1991) and three in Cconoc, Department of Apurimac (Pacheco & Hocking 2006). Also, three of the four altitudinal range expansion records for Peru correspond to species of Vespertilionidae.

The importance of these collections for enhancing the knowledge of the biodiversity and systematics of species is evident. For example, when *Platyrrhinus* specimens were collected in Abiseo between 1987 and 1990, *P. dorsalis* was considered a species complex (Carter & Rock

Table 2. Bats recorded between 2000 and 3500 m a.s.l. in Río Abiseo National Park and other localities in Peru. Superscript: a= Graham (1983), Koopman (1978), McCarthy et al. (1991), Patterson et al. (1996), Solari et al. (2001), Pacheco and Hocking (2006), Medina et al. (2012) or other authors mentioned below. b=localities abbreviations: Cuy-Pampa del Cuy, Cho-Los Chochos, Mon-Puerta de Monte, RC-Río Colorado, RM-Río Montecristo, Pla-La Playa, Pap-Las Papayas, Pin-Los Pinchudos, Pal-Las Palmas. c= extension of altitudinal range. Abbreviations of localities with bats above 2000m and reference d= RANP Río Abiseo National Park (this work). e= ONP Otishi National Park 2050-3350 m a.s.l. (Emmons et al. 2001). f= MNP Manu National Park 2000-3350 m a.s.l. (Pacheco et al. 1993). g= YNP Yanachanga Chemillen National Park 2050-2780 m a.s.l. (Vivar 2006). h= Pampa Hermosa 2333-2900 m a.s.l. (Refugio 2015). i= Carpish 2400-3000 m a.s.l. (Pacheco & Noblecilla 2019). j= Pacheco et al. (2018). k= Arias et al. (2016). l= Pacheco et al. (2007).

Species	Altitudinal range in Peru ^a	Altitudinal range in Abiseo (m a.s.l.)	N	Localities in Río Abiseo National Park ^b	Other localities and species above 2000 m a.s.l.					
					RANP ^d	ONP ^e	MNP ^f	YNP ^g	PH ^h	Car ⁱ
PHYLLOSTOMIDAE										
<i>Carollia brevicauda</i>	200–2377 ^h	2045–2080	2	Pal	x			x	x	
<i>Carollia perspicillata</i>	350–2250	1800					x			
<i>Anoura aequatoris</i>	1138–3100 ^k	2045–2250	4	Pal	x					x
<i>Anoura caudifer</i>	300–2870	2250	2	Pal	x			x		
<i>Anoura cultrata</i>	600–2800 ^j									x
<i>Anoura fistulata</i>	1150–2285 ^j	2045–2285	9	Pal	x					
<i>Anoura geoffroyi</i>	700–3600	2195–3500	20	Cuy,Cho,RM,Pal	x		x	x	x	
<i>Anoura javieri</i>	1900–3450 ^j						x			
<i>Anoura latidens</i>	300–2700 ^e							x		
<i>Anoura peruana</i>	1200–2000 ^k									x
<i>Micronycteris megalotis</i>	200–2900	2600	4	Pin	x				x	
<i>Artibeus cinereus</i>	300–2445							x		
<i>Anoura glaucus</i>	200–2780 ^e						x	x	x	x
<i>Enchisthenes hartii</i>	200–3540									x
<i>Platyrrhinus albericoi</i>	1480–2460					x			x	
<i>Platyrrhinus ismaeli</i>	800–3600	2045–2650	15	Pla,Pap,Pal	x		x			
<i>Platyrrhinus masu</i>	400–2700 ^e							x	x	x
<i>Platyrrhinus nigellus</i>	600–2640	2100–2170	2	Pal	x	x			x	x
<i>Sturnira aratathomasi</i>	1925–3165	2000–2100	2	Pal	x					
<i>Sturnira bidens</i>	1700–2835	2000–2945 ^c	34	RC,RM,Pla,Pap,Pal	x	x		x		x
<i>Sturnira erythromos</i>	1000–3600	2000–3380	128	Cuy, Cho, Mon, RC, RM, Pla, Pap, Pal	x	x	x	x	x	x
<i>Sturnira magna</i>	200–2300									
<i>Sturnira oporaphilum</i>	2750–2751 ^l	1800–2800				x		x	x	x
VESPERTILIONIDAE										
<i>Eptesicus andinus</i>	200–3600	3300–3380	9	Cuy,Cho	x	x				x
<i>Eptesicus brasiliensis</i>	200–3600						x	x		
<i>Eptesicus furinalis</i>							x			
<i>Histiotus montanus</i>	600–3200	3280–3380 ^c	12	Cuy,Cho	x	x				
<i>Lasiurus blossevillii</i>	200–2400	2600 ^e	2	Pap	x					
<i>Myotis keaysi</i>	1100–3500	2600–3300	4	Cho,Pap	x	x	x	x		x
<i>Myotis nigricans</i>	200–3300							x		
<i>Myotis oxyotus</i>	1000–3120	3380 ^e	1	Cuy	x					x
TOTAL (31 species)			250		16	8	9	13	9	13

1973) but later studies using specimens from various localities helped clarify its taxonomic status (Velazco and Solari 2023, Velazco 2005).

Comparable localities in Peru, such as the Yanachaga (Vivar 2006), Carpish (Pacheco & Noblecilla (2019), Otishi (Emmons et al. 2001), Pampa Hermosa (Refulio 2015) and Manu (Pacheco et al. 1993), have registered thirteen, thirteen, eight nine, and nine species, respectively, compared to sixteen species in Río Abiseo. The cumulative tally of species across these localities is 31 but considering additional localities above 2000 m (Graham 1983; Koopman 1978, McCarthy et al. 1991, Patterson et al. 1996, Solari et al. 2001, Pacheco & Hocking 2006, Medina et al. 2012, Bernabé 2019), it is plausible that the actual count of bat species thriving above this altitude could potentially extend to 34. One of the causes of the difference in number among localities might be due to different collecting efforts. Additional localities should be surveyed better to understand the Peruvian bat diversity inhabiting above 2000 m. Leveraging recent advancements in acoustic methodologies could significantly enhance our capacity to amass a comprehensive understanding of bats.

Considering altitudinal climatic variation, forest boundaries along the Andes vary slightly and, consequently, the altitudinal limits of bat species may differ along the Andes. For example, forest boundaries and U-shaped valleys in Abiseo and northern Peru occur at lower elevations than the same formations in southern Peru (Young & León 1991). However, this fauna faces intense human pressure from colonization, leading to accelerated deforestation and severe erosion (Young & Valencia 1992). Additional studies of bats in the Andes would help understand the interaction of high environmental variability and human disturbance on a bat community structure and distribution.

Literature cited

- Arias E, Pacheco V, Cervantes K, Aguilar K, Álvarez J. 2016. Diversidad y composición de murciélagos en los bosques montanos del Santuario Nacional Pampa Hermosa, Junín, Perú. *Revista Peruana de Biología* 23(2):103-116. <https://doi.org/10.15381/rpb.v23i2.12381>
- Arias E, V. Pacheco. 2019. Dieta y estructura trófica de un ensamblaje de murciélagos en los bosques montanos del Santuario Nacional Pampa Hermosa, Junín, Perú. *Revista Peruana de Biología* 26(2):169-182. <https://dx.doi.org/10.15381/rpb.v26i2.16375>
- Barclay RM, Brigham RM. 1991. Prey detection, dietary niche breadth and body size in Bats: Why are serial insectivores so small. *American Naturalist* 137(5):693-703. <https://doi.org/10.1086/285188>
- Bernabé K. 2019. Coexistencia de murciélagos frugívoros del Santuario Nacional Tabaconas Namballe, Cajamarca, Perú. Theses Biologist Degree. Ricardo Palma University. <https://repositorio.urp.edu.pe/handle/20.500.14138/2390>
- Carter DC, Rouk S. 1973. Status of recently described species of Vampyrops (Chiroptera: Phyllostomatidae). *Journal of Mammalogy* 54(4):975-977. <https://doi.org/10.2307/1379095>
- Davis WB. 1980. New *Sturnira* (Chiroptera: Phyllostomidae) from Central and South America, with key to currently recognized species. *Occasional Papers*, Museum of Texas Tech University 70:2-6
- Emmons L, Luna L, Romo M. 2001. Mammals of the Northern Vilcabamba Mountain range, Peru. In: Alonso LA, Alonso A., Schulenberg T and Dallmeier F, editors. *Biological and social assessment of the Cordillera Vilcabamba, Peru*. RAP Working Papers 12 and SI/MAB Serie 6. Conservation Internacional, Washington DC. Pp. 105-109.
- Fleming TH. 1988. *Short-tailed Fruit Bat, A Study in Plant Animal Interactions*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Co., Inc. 365 pp.
- Gardner AL. 1977. Feeding habits. In: Baker RJ, Jones JK, Carter DC, editors. *Biology of bats of the New World. Family Phyllostomatidae. Part II. Special Publication from the Museum* Texas Tech University. Pp 293-350.
- Gentry AH. 1982. Patterns of Neotropical Plant species diversity. *Evolutionary Biology* 15:1-85. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-1-4615-6968-8_1
- Giannini NP, Kalko EV. 2004. Trophic structure in a large assemblage of phyllostomid bats in Panama. *Oikos* 105:209-220. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.0030-1299.2004.12690.x>
- Graham GL. 1983. Changes in bat diversity along an elevational gradient up the Peruvian Andes. *Journal of Mammalogy* 64(4):559-571. <https://doi.org/10.2307/1380511>
- Graham GL. 1990. Bat versus birds: comparisons among Peruvian Volant vertebrate faunas along an elevational gradient. *Journal of Biogeography* 17(6):657-668. <https://doi.org/10.2307/2845147>
- Handley CO, Jr. 1984. New Species of Mammals from Northern South America: A Long-tongued Bat, Genus *Anoura* Gray. *Proceedings of the Biological Society of Washington* 97(3): 513-521.
- Herrera LG, Gutierrez E, Hobson KA, Altube B, Diaz WG, Sanchez-Cordero V. 2002. Sources of assimilated protein in five species of New World frugivorous bats. *Oecologia* 133(3):280-287. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00442-002-1036-z>
- Hoffstetter R. 1986. High Andean Mammalian faunas during the Plio-Pleistocene. In: Vuilleumier F, Monasterio M, editors. *High altitude tropical biogeography*. Oxford University Press, American Museum of Natural History. Pp 218-245.
- INRENA 2023. Plan Maestro del Parque Nacional Rio Abiseo 2003-2007. INRENA 220 pp. www.inrena.gob.pe/areasprotegidas/pnrioabiseo
- Koopman KF. 1978. Zoogeography of Peruvian bats with special emphasis of the role of the Andes. *American Museum Novitates* 2651:1-33. <http://hdl.handle.net/2246/2965>
- LaVal RK. 1973. A revision of the Neotropical bats of the genus *Myotis*. *Natural History Museum, Los Angeles County. Science Bulletin* 15:1-54.
- Mantilla-Meluk H, Stiles G, Aguirre LF. 2014. Geographic and Ecological Amplitude in the Nectarivorous bat *Anoura fistulata* (Phyllostomidae: Glossophaginae). *Caldasia* 36(2):377-388. <http://dx.doi.org/10.15446/caldasia.v36n2.47494>
- McCarthy TJ, Barclay L, Albuja L. 1991. Significant range extension of the giant Andean fruit bat, *Sturnira arathomasi*. *Texas Journal of Sciences* 43(4):437-438. <http://bibdigital.epn.edu.ec/handle/15000/4753>

- McNab BK. 1969. The economics of temperature regulation in neotropical bats. *Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology* 31(2):227-268. [https://doi.org/10.1016/0010-406X\(69\)91651-X](https://doi.org/10.1016/0010-406X(69)91651-X)
- McNab BK. 1982. Evolutionary alternatives in the physiological ecology of bats. In: Kunz T, editor. *Ecology of bats*. Plenum Press, New York. Pp 151-200.
- McNab BK. 1983. Ecological and behavioral consequences of adaptation to various food resources. In: Eisenberg JF, Kleiman DG, editors. *Advances in the study of mammalian behavior*. Special Publication no. 7. Lawrence, Kans.: American Society of Mammalogists. Pp 665-697.
- Medina CE, Zevallos H, Lopez E. 2012. Diversidad de mamíferos en los bosques montanos del valle de Kcosñipata, Cusco, Perú. *Mastozoología Neotropical* 19:85-104.
- Nargosen DW, Peterson RL. 1980. *Mammal Collectors' Manual*. Life Sciences Miscellaneous Publications. Royal Ontario Museum. 79 pp.
- Orr T, Ortega J, Medellín R, Sánchez C, Hammond K. 2016. Diet choice in frugivorous bats: gourmets or operational pragmatists? *Journal of Mammalogy*, 97(6):1578-1588. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jmammal/gyw122>
- Pacheco V. 2002. Mamíferos del Perú. In: Ceballos G, Simonetti J (Ed.). *Diversidad y Conservación de los Mamíferos Neotropicales*. Mexico City: CONABIO-UNAM. Pp 503-550.
- Pacheco V, Diaz S, Graham-Angeles L, Flores-Quispe M, Calizaya-Mamani G, Ruelas D, Sánchez-Vendizú P. 2021. Lista actualizada de la diversidad de los mamíferos del Perú y una propuesta para su actualización. *Revista Peruana de Biología* 28(4): e21019. <http://dx.doi.org/10.15381/rpb.v28i4.21019>
- Pacheco V, Hocking P. 2006. Notably range extension of *Sturnira arathomasi* Peterson and Tamsitt 1969 in Perú. *Acta Chiropterologica* 8 (2): 561-566. [https://doi.org/10.3161/1733-5329\(2006\)8\[561:NREOSA\]2.0.CO;2](https://doi.org/10.3161/1733-5329(2006)8[561:NREOSA]2.0.CO;2)
- Pacheco V, Noblecilla M. 2019. Diversidad de mamíferos en el bosque montano de Carpish, Huánuco, Perú. *Revista Peruana de Biología* 26(2): 217-226. <https://doi.org/10.15381/rpb.v26i2.16372>
- Pacheco V, Patterson BD, Patton JL, Emmons LH, Solari S, Ascorra CF. 1993. List of mammal species known to occur in Manu Biosphere Reserve, Peru. *Publicaciones del Museo de Historia Natural, UNMSM, Zool. (A)* 44: 1-12.
- Pacheco V, Salas E, Cairampoma L, et al. 2007. Contribución al conocimiento de la diversidad y conservación de los mamíferos en la cuenca del río Apurímac, Perú. *Revista Peruana de Biología* 14(2):169-180. <https://doi.org/10.15381/rpb.v14i2.1722>
- Pacheco V, Sánchez-Vendizú P, Solari S. 2018. A new species of *Anoura* Gray, 1838 (Chiroptera: Phyllostomidae) from Peru, with taxonomic and biogeographic comments on species of the *Anoura* caudifer complex. *Acta Chiropterologica* 20(1): 31-50. <https://doi.org/10.3161/15081109ACC2018.20.1.002>
- Patterson BD, Pacheco V, Solari S. 1996. Distributions of bats along an elevational gradient in the Andes of southeastern Peru. *Journal of Zoology* 240:637-658. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1469-7998.1996.tb05313.x>
- Pine RH. 1972. The bats of the genus *Carollia*. Technical Monograph of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station N.o 8, Texas A y M University, College Station.
- Ramírez-Chaves HE, Suárez Castro AF, Morales- Martínez DM, Rodríguez-Posada ME, Zurc D, Concha Osbahr DC, Trujillo A, Noguera Urbano EA, Pantoja Peña GE, González Maya GF, Pérez Torres J, Mantilla Meluk JH, López Castañeda C, Velásquez Valencia A, Zárrate Charry D. 2021. *Mamíferos de Colombia*. v1.12. Sociedad Colombiana de Mastozoología. Dataset/Checklist. <https://doi.org/10.15472/k11whs>
- Refugio SM. 2015. Diversidad de murciélagos a lo largo de un gradiente altitudinal en las Yungas de la Cuenca del río Pampa Hermosa Junín, Perú. Bachelor Thesis. Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos Facultad de Ciencias Biológicas. 60 pp.
- Romo M. 1996. Seasonal variation in fruit consumption and seed dispersal by canopy bats (*Artibeus* spp.) in a lowland forest in Peru. *Vida Silvestre Neotropical* 5:110-119
- Shump KA Jr, Shump AU. 1982. *Lasiurus borealis*. *Mammalian Species* (183):1-6. <https://doi.org/10.2307/3503843>
- Solari S, Vivar E, Velasco P, et al. 2001. Small mammals of the southern Vilcabamba region, Peru. In: Alonso LA, Alonso A, Shulenberg TS, Dallmeier F, (Ed.). *Biological and Social Assessment of the Cordillera Vilcabamba, Peru*, RAP Working Papers, 12 and SI/MAB Series, 6. Washington, D.C. Pp. 110-116.
- Soriano PJ, Ruiz A, Arends A. 2002. Physiological responses to ambient temperature manipulation by three species of bats from Andean cloud forests. *Journal of Mammalogy* 83(2):445-457. [https://doi.org/10.1644/1545-1542\(2002\)083<0445:PRTATM>2.0.CO;2](https://doi.org/10.1644/1545-1542(2002)083<0445:PRTATM>2.0.CO;2)
- Velasco P. 2005. Morphological phylogeny of the bat genus *Platyrrhinus* Saussure, 1860 (Chiroptera: Phyllostomidae) with the description of four new species. *Feldiana Zoology* 105. [https://doi.org/10.3158/0015-0754\(2005\)105\[1:MPOTBG\]2.0.CO;2](https://doi.org/10.3158/0015-0754(2005)105[1:MPOTBG]2.0.CO;2)
- Velasco P, Solari S. 2003. Taxonomía de *Platyrrhinus dorsalis* y *Platyrrhinus lineatus* (Chiroptera: Phyllostomidae) en Perú. *Mastozoología Neotropical*, 10:303-319.
- Vivar, E. 2006. Análisis de distribución altitudinal de mamíferos pequeños en el Parque Nacional Yanachaga Chémillén, Pasco, Perú. Master Thesis. Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos Facultad de Ciencias Biológicas. 103 pp.
- Young KR, León B. 1988. Vegetación de la Zona alta del Parque Nacional Río Abiseo, San Martín. *Revista Forestal del Perú* 15:1-15.
- Young KR, León B. 1990. Catálogo de la zona alta del Parque Nacional Río Abiseo. *Publicaciones del Museo de Historia Natural. UNMSM (B)* 34:1-37.
- Young KR, León B. 1991. Floristic diversity on the eastern slopes of the Peruvian Andes. *Candolleia*. 46:125-145. <https://pascal-francis.inist.fr/vibad/index.php?action=getRecordDetail&idt=5121983>
- Young KR, Valencia N. 1992. Los bosques montanos de Peru. *Memorias del Museo de Historia Natural UNMSM* 21:1-9.

Appendix 1. - Specimens collected are deposited in the Museum of the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos (MUSM, Lima).

- Carollia brevicauda* (n=2): PERU: San Martín: Mariscal Cáceres, Huicungo, Monte Cristo River sub-basin, Las Palmas, 7°33'S, 77°23'W (females 7246,7247)
- Anoura aequatoris* (n=4): PERU: San Martín: Mariscal Cáceres, Huicungo, Monte Cristo River sub-basin sites, Las Palmas, 7°33'S, 77°23'W (males 7219, 7223, 7228; females 7214)
- Anoura caudifer* (n=2): PERU: San Martín: Mariscal Cáceres, Huicungo, Monte Cristo River sub-basin, Las Palmas, 7°33'S, 77°23'W (males: 7218; juveniles: 7226)
- Anoura fistulata* (n=9): PERU: San Martín: Mariscal Cáceres, Huicungo, Monte Cristo River sub-basin sites, Las Palmas, 7°33'S, 77°23'W (males 7215, 7216, 7221, 7225; females 7213, 7220, 7217 and juvenile 7224, 7227).
- Anoura geoffroyi* (n=20): PERU: San Martín: Mariscal Cáceres, Huicungo, Monte Cristo River sub-basin, Pampa del Cuy, 7°39'0"S, 77°30'0"W (males 7232, 7233, 7238, 7239; females 7212, 7234, 7235, 7236, 7237, 7240, 7241, 7242, 7243, 7244). Los Chochos, 7°38'41.49"S, 77°28'52.6"W (males 7231; females 7211, 7230). Puerta de Monte, 7°39'28"S, 77°28'9.98"W (males , 7245). Las Palmas, 7°33'S, 77°23'W (female 7229, juveniles: 7222).
- Micronycteris megalotis* (n=4): PERU: San Martín: Mariscal Cáceres, Huicungo, Monte Cristo River sub-basin, Los Pinchudos, 7°39'3.816"S, 77°24'49.10"W (females 7271, 7272, 7273, 7274)
- Platyrrhinus ismaeli* (n=15): PERU: San Martín: Mariscal Cáceres, Huicungo, Monte Cristo River sub-basin, La Playa, 7°39'42.55"S, 77°26'7.84"W (males 7280, 7281, 7283, females 7282, 7284). Las Papayas, 7°56'13" S, 77°21'18" W (female 7294). Las Palmas 7°33'S, 77°23'W (males 7285, 7286, 7287, 7288, 7293; females 7289, 7292; juveniles 7290, 7291).
- Platyrrhinus nigellii* (n=2): PERU: San Martín: Mariscal Cáceres, Huicungo, Monte Cristo River sub-basin sites, Las Palmas, 7°33'S, 77°23'W (males: 7295, 7296)
- Sturnira aratathomasi* (n=2): PERU: San Martín: Mariscal Cáceres, Huicungo, Monte Cristo River sub-basin, Las Palmas, 7°33'S, 77°23'W (males 7305, juveniles 7306)
- Sturnira bidens* (n=34): PERU: San Martín: Mariscal Cáceres, Huicungo, Monte Cristo River sub-basin sites, Pampa del Cuy, 7°39'0"S, 77°30'0"W (male 7297). Río Colorado, 7°39'52.45"S, 77°27'19.22"W (female 7335). Río Montecristo, 7°39'48.2"S, 77°26'33.10"W (male 7304, female 7336). La Playa, 7°39'42.55"S, 77°26'7.84"W (females 7308, 7309, 7310). Las Papayas, 7°56'13" S, 77°21'18" W (males 7331, 7332, 7333; females 7329, 7330, 7334). Las Palmas, 7°33'S, 77°23'W (males 7300, 7311, 7312, 7316, 7317, 7325, 7326; females 7301, 7314, 7315, 7318, 7319, 7320, 7322, 7323, 7324, 7327, 7328; juveniles 7299, 7313, 7321).
- Sturnira erythromos* (n=128): PERU: San Martín: Mariscal Cáceres, Huicungo, Monte Cristo River sub-basin sites, Pampa del Cuy, 7°39'0"S, 77°30'0"W (male 7297,7422, 7423,7424, 7425, 7427, 7428, 7429, 7431, 7432; females 7426, 7430, 7341, 7342). Los Chochos, 7°38'41.49"S, 77°28'52.6"W (males 7421). Puerta de Monte, 7°39'28"S, 77°28'9.98"W (male 7433). Río Colorado, 7°39'52.45"S, 77°27'19.22"W (males 7303, 7434, 7436, 7439, 7440, 7441; females 7435, 7438; juveniles 7437). Río Montecristo, 7°39'48.2"S, 77°26'33.10"W (males 7442, 7443 7444, 7445, 7447, 7448, 7449, 7450, 7453, 7454, 7457, 7458, 7459; females 7451, 7452, 7455, 7456, 7460; juvenile 7446). La Playa, 7°39'42.55"S, 77°26'7.84"W (males 7343, 7344, 7349, 7354, 7355, 7357, 7358, 7359, 7361, 7364, 7365, 7366, 7369, 7371, 7372, 7373, 7374, 7375, 7376, 7377, 7379, 7380, 7381, 7382, 7385, 7386, 7389; females 7298, 7345, 7346, 7347, 7348, 7350, 7351, 7352, 7353, 7360, 7362, 7363, 7367, 7368, 7370, 7378, 7383, 7384, 7387, 7388; juveniles 7356). Las Papayas, 7°56'13" S, 77°21'18" W (males 7415, 7416, 7418, 7420; females 7414, 7417, 7419). Las Palmas, 7°33'S, 77°23'W (males 7338, 7391, 7395, 7397, 7398, 7400, 7401,7403, 7404, 7405,7408, 7409, 7410, 7411, 7413; females 7337, 7339, 7340, 7302, 7390, 7393, 7399, 7402, 7406, 7407, 7412; juveniles 7392, 7394, 7396).
- Myotis keaysi* (n=4): PERU: San Martín: Mariscal Cáceres, Huicungo, Monte Cristo River sub-basin sites, Los Chochos, 7°38'41.49"S, 77°28'52.6"W (females: 7278; juveniles: 7276, 7277). Las Papayas, 7°56'13" S, 77°21'18" W (female 7275).
- Myotis oxyotus* (n=1): PERU: San Martín: Mariscal Cáceres, Huicungo, Monte Cristo River sub-basin sites, Pampa del Cuy, 7°39'0"S, 77°30'0"W (male 7279)
- Eptesicus andinus* (n=9): PERU: San Martín: Mariscal Cáceres, Huicungo, Monte Cristo River sub-basin, Pampa del Cuy, 7°39'0"S, 77°30'0"W (females 7252, 7253, 7254, 7255, 7256, 7257). Los Chochos 7°38'41.49"S, 77°28'52.6"W (female 7248, 7249; juvenile 7251).
- Histiotus montanus* (n=12): PERU: San Martín: Mariscal Cáceres, Huicungo, Monte Cristo River sub-basin, Pampa del Cuy, 7°39'0"S, 77°30'0"W (males: 7267, 7268; females 7258, 7264, 7265; juvenile 7250). Los Chochos 7°38'41.49"S, 77°28'52.6"W (males 7259, 7261, 7262, 7263; females: 7260)
- Lasiurus blossevillii* (n=2): PERU: San Martín: Mariscal Cáceres, Huicungo, Monte Cristo River sub-basin, Las Papayas, 7°56'13" S, 77°21'18" W (males: 7269, 7270).

Agradecimientos / Acknowledgments:

We would like to thank Alfred Gardner for sharing his experience and advice in the field; Abby Bravo for her dedication in the preparation of specimens and care of the collection; our field assistants, the people of Pataz and Los Alisos, for their effort and dedication; and Victor Pacheco and Catherine Sahley for review and comments on the drafts. Mónica Romo states that this research was carried out outside of her professional activities at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and that the views expressed in the publication are her own and not necessarily those of the U.S. Government. This work was done when she was part of the Peruvian Association for Conservation of Nature.

Conflicto de intereses / Competing interests:

The authors declare no conflict of interest.

Rol de los autores / Authors Roles:

MR, ML: Conceptualization; Formal analysis; Investigation; Writing-Preparation of the original draft; Drafting: review and editing.

Fuentes de financiamiento / Funding:

The inventory of mammals in Río Abiseo National Park was made possible by generous support from the Río Abiseo National Park Research Project, University of Colorado, Boulder (1987-90), the David and Lucile Packard Foundation (1987-89), the Pew Charitable Trust (1989-90) and Conservation International (1990). Monica Romo was also supported by a short-term fellowship from the Biodiversity Program-Smithsonian Institution to visit the National Museum of Natural History- Division of Mammals in Washington, D.C., in February and March 1987 and December 1989, under the guidance of Alfred Gardner and Charles Handley.

Aspectos éticos / legales; Ethics / legals:

Collection of bats in Río Abiseo National Park was done with permission from the Directorate for Forestry and Fauna of the Ministry of Agriculture. Animal care approval complied with guidelines for the ethical treatment of the taxa of study mentioned in Nargosen and Petersen (1980).