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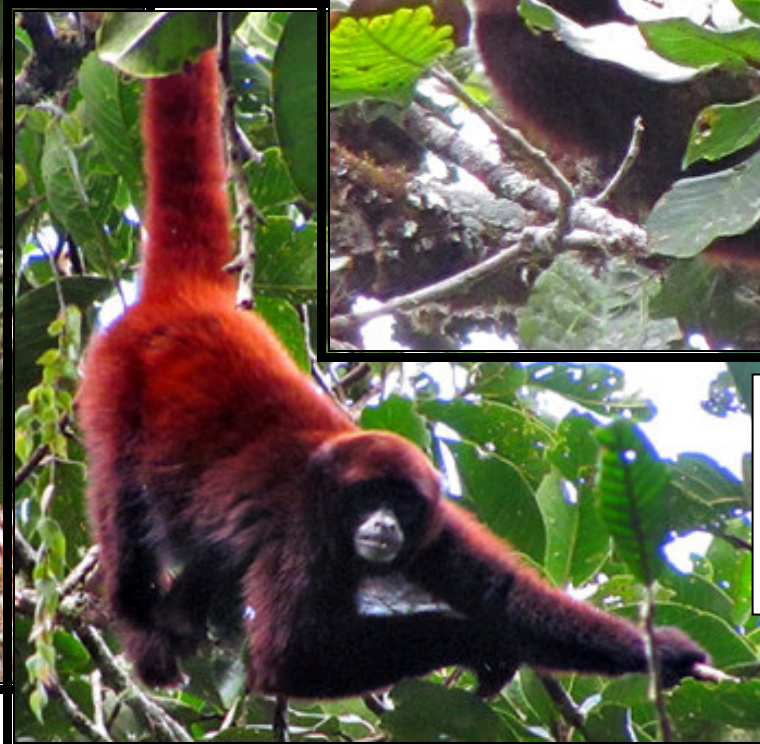
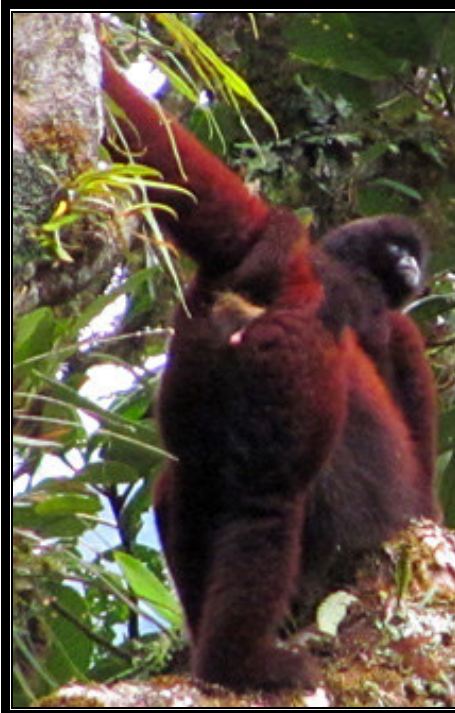
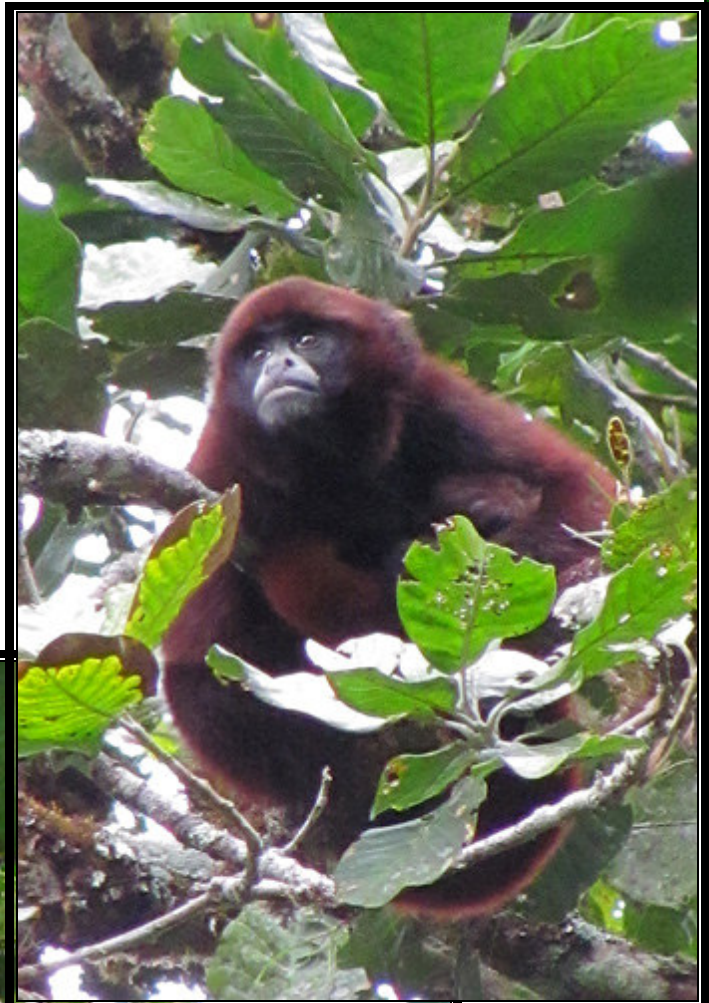


The second year report of our
Yellow Tailed Woolly Monkey Project is now available on the web:
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Research in La Esperanza

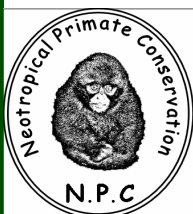
Our research of the two endemic primate species of the area, *Oreonax flavicauda* and *Autos miconax* is progressing and many interesting results about their behaviour and ecology are being gathered.

At the end of March, Community Conservation intern Keefe Keeley, who volunteered at our La Esperanza project for two months to help with the *Oreonax* behavioural study, attended the Midwest Ecology and Evolution Conference at Iowa State University to present a talk on the Behaviour, Natural History, and conservation of the yellow tailed woolly monkey. This talk detailed the research and conservation efforts of our La Esperanza project which we are coordinating with Community Conservation. The talk was well received and we hope that this will result in useful follow ups thanks to the participation in this conference.



Yellow tailed woolly monkeys in the forests of La Esperanza.

Photos: Keefe Keeley



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A Visit to Alto Huyllabmba

In January NPC was privileged to visit the Alto Huyllabmba Conservation Concession run by Peruvian NGO Amazonicos Para la Amazonia. This new 110,000 ha. protected area in San Martin is home to a great diversity of wildlife, including the yellow tailed woolly monkey, the flagship species of our own conservation project in La Esperanza. This work was part of a survey to determine the actual distribution of this Critically Endangered species. We would like to congratulate AMPA on the amazing work they are doing for the conservation of Peru's wildlife and especially we would like to thank AMPA's Cesar Flores and Melanio Valdéz, for their help in realizing this trip, as well as Abel Florindez, Miguel Valdéz and Don Manuel Peche for showing us the forest.

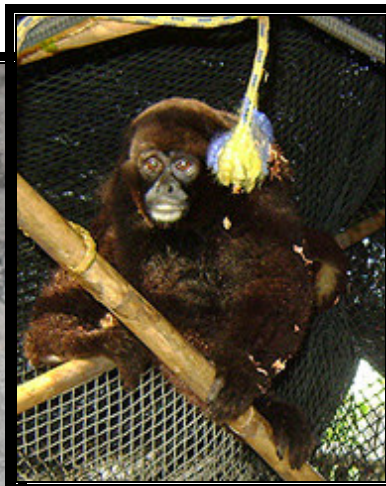


Alto Huyllabmba. Photo: Sam Sane

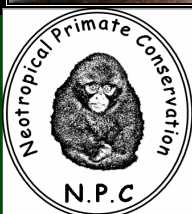
Fight against wildlife trafficking

On 12th February we helped in the confiscation of a sub-adult yellow tailed woolly monkey that was kept tied in a private garden in the town of Pedro Ruiz Gallo. The confiscation was made by Jose Humberto Delgado from the *Administracion Technica de Flora y Fauna Silvestre - Amazonas* with the help of the local police and the public prosecutor. The team did a very efficient and professional job and the monkey was safe in the IKAMA Peru rescue centre less than 24 hours after we first became aware of him in captivity. The monkey was kept by an old lady who did not deliberately harm him. However after spending almost 10 months in very unsuitable conditions he was in a very poor state. We hope that he will soon recover with the great care that he is receiving at IKAMA Peru.

The same team of authorities also confiscated a tamarin monkey, an Andean night monkey, capuchins, macaws, parrots and a boa constrictor. This excellent work by the authorities is helping the region to take a big step forward in eliminating the illegal wildlife trade. NPC is currently designing a quick reference guide for wildlife authorities to easily identify the most trafficked species in North-Eastern Peru, as part of our long term work to help the authorities tackle the illegal wildlife trade.



Rescued *Oreonax flavicauda* and *Autos miconax*. Photos: Noga Shanee



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Reforestation

We recently divided the trees from our native species tree nursery in La Esperanza, Peru to all the people who worked to maintain it during the past year. We also gave trees to three local schools and helped the children plant them. Local resident Victor Guevara has offered to work voluntarily as coordinator of the nursery. This type of initiative, taken by local people, is helping to ensure the sustainability of the project as local people begin taking over its management.



Tree planting in two nursery schools.
Photos: Noga Shaneé and Audrey Gaultier

Second Volunteer Expedition

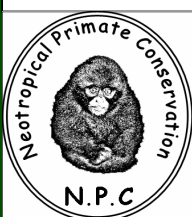
NPC is pleased to announce the opening of registration for the second volunteer expedition program.

Two 6 week long expeditions are planned for this year: mid-October to end of November; and December to mid-January. No qualifications or skills are necessary apart from a basic level of spoken Spanish, a good level of physical fitness and good adaptation to hard/basic living conditions.

Volunteers will be involved in our Yellow Tailed Woolly Monkey Project in Peru and will be able to help us in on-site reforestation, education and investigation.

For more information about this and regular up-dates and news please visit our website:

www.neoprimate.org/volunteering



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