

Jan 9. Bryan, Texas to Houston. Mary + I left house at 2:30pm + arrived at Maya's at 4:00. Had supper with Maya + Gary Barnett; + retired for night about 9:30pm. at their house.

Jan 10 Houston Tx to San Jose, Costa Rica - Up at 5 am, quick breakfast, + off to Houston Internatl (Bush) Airport by 5:50 am. Through security controls, by 7:00 am; flight = Continental 1102, gate change; so had to move. - Finally left at 10am, when flight schedule was 9:25. Arrived San Jose at 1:00 pm, through customs by 1:45; taxi to Bougainvillea Hotel, arriving 2:15; room very nice. We rested for short period + walked the sac garden of froes + flowers behind hotel. The brochure says coordinates are 09 58 58 N - 84 04 24 W at 3910 ft.; my GPS says 09 58 51.5 N - 84 04.43.9 W at 4030 ft. Ate at 4:00pm; quick sandwich; made arrangements to be picked up by Dalia's driver at 6:30; at her house by 7:15; very good supper of salad, fish, file Mignon; veggies, wine, flan; helado; + xmas cake. Talked with her until 9:30; + returned to hotel. She may locate a driver with vehicle to take us around? In bed by 10pm.

Jan 11 Bougainvillea Hotel, Santo Domingo, C.R. up at 6:00 am breakfast at hotel, then to Enbioparque for 2 hrs (3km down road) nice attempt to capture the various climates of C.R. We saw "Atrapamosque" plant; the Fly plant I have 2x2 sides of from Carara; and many others - went downtown + walked thru parks to Natl. Museum, then back to pickup point at Hotel Tulum; then back to our hotel - spent some time on telephone with Dalia + rental agency; trying to figure out if it was worth

Jan 11 it to have a driver take us where we wanted to go. The driver was \$50⁰⁰ day + meals + room; we couldn't handle that much at this time. The contact person is Maxwell Gole at 257-4171, ext. 130 - offered a a good rate \$22⁰⁰ 7 day, incl. insurance. We will go to Avis tomorrow at Airport + rent the vehicle. Called M.G. + told them; we each will share the cost. Eat at 6pm in hotel. In sack by 9pm.

Jan 12 San Jose CR. to La Fortuna. up at 5:50am; breakfast in hotel; a rufous-collared sparrow on lawn, Great Kiskadee in tree, clay-colored robin on ground, brown violet-ear hummer in tree. Breakfast + on road to Avis Rental by 8:30am; \$5000⁻ for Taxi, LEFT AVIS at 9:15 for San Ramon + N to Fortuna, arriving there at 12:15pm. Rainy + nebula on route through San Lorenzo, La Tigra + Fortuna. settled in Lodge at 12:45, lunch soup + salad for 7000⁻ (2); + on to room (25\$). somewhat like El Viejo camp; no insulation, stained walls; but with elect., hot H₂O, AC?, + ref. + TV. The coordinates here are 10° 30' 12.1" N - 84° 41' 42.9" W - ± 1503 ft, elev. Hope to walk trail this afternoon. Walked part of Zip-line trail. Saw few birds Blue-gray Tanager; wren. Found 2 juv. anoles on pump house at hill top. will try to ID + take tails

Jan 13, 8 km N. Fortuna; Hotel Avenida Pacifico; CR Chestnut billed Tanager + Red-loved Parrot above room; balm; many birds calling in fog; Avenida D-photo at 6:15am; top in cloud; We went to Fortuna at 5:30pm yesterday + bought fruit, canned goods; bread, etc; too expensive to eat here! We spent 18,225⁻ on food there. Continental breakfast is free!

Jan 13 Arrived at Arenal Nat. Park at 9 am; paid 6⁰⁰ @
(=11,065 C); found trail around volcano that took us
through grass 15' high to small dark forest about 200m
before it stopped at a large Lava flow. Mary couldn't
climb the rocks in the flow, so we turned back +
M + G. went to end of trail, another 2 km. We saw
King vulture over Lake, Black vulture, white-throated
magpie jays, before trail, + Maya saw Great Curassow
on other side of V. flow, along with Coati, Capuchins,
+ armadillo. We all saw a pair of chestnut-headed
Oropendolas, seed eaters, + grassquits. Returned to
motel by noon, ate sandwich, + drove to "Cataraca"
area, but 6⁰⁰ was too much to just view the falls. Drove
back into Fortuna + got gas, postcards; money at
bank; + cold drink. Returned to Hotel at 3:30 pm.
I checked trail for lizards but saw none. The very
1st Digital photo of Arenal was 10° 28' 21" N - 88° 44' 14.6" W
at 8:40 am; 1876 ft, today; Later I took digital photos
from all sides of volcano; at one point, it coughed +
spew rocks, gas, + steam. I made GPS reading at
Forest near lava flow - 1900'; 10° 27' 05.8" N - 84° 43' 32.2" W
+ another at entrance to trail 10° 27' 36.7" N - 84° 44' 07.4" W
1950.7 ft. Mary saw a Crimson-collared Tanager at the
cabin. We plan to eat out tonight at an outdoor restaurant
about 5 km away. It is now 5 pm. The 2 Anoles I
caught are Norops limifrons subad. ♂ + ♀; I removed tails
+ turned them loose on grounds. Drove to outdoor
restaurant, ate Corvina + rice with salad. returned
to Room by 7:20 pm. In sack by 8:00 - TV until 9 pm,
opened curtains to see mountain volcano; in clouds

Jan 14

Paraiso Arenal Hotel - up 5:30 am, much cloud, by 6:45 very heavy rains, let up some by 8:30 am; Mary saw rufus-tailed Tanager in flowers, we also saw C-C robins, G-B tanagers, variable seed eater, grayish saltator, hummer's zip by, all in rain. Fog. It may not clear before 11 am. other birds seen but difficult to ID; some "banaguits," flycatchers, Maya saw rufus rumped Tanager. Leaving at 10 am for dam area of Lago Arenal. Much rain, mudslide closed road to Tilaran for tomorrow, will find an alternate route thru upata + Las Cañas to Monte Verde. Mary + Gary took walk thru "15 bridges" at or just below dam on Lago Arenal. Mary + I stayed with vehicle + starting point to walk. They returned at 12:40 pm; ate lunch, + drove to 9 km run thru dirt road to "Snake Zoo" at village of Castillo at head end of lake. I paid 7 bucks to see an exhibit that needed lots of work. For poisonous snakes they had B. ~~sp~~, A. numifor, B. ophycorops, B. nasuta, L. mita, C. dussus, M. allenii; non-poisonous D. corais, C. lineatus, O. fuliginosus, O. genus, L. chaetulla, M. melanolomus (2 types) one mis-IDed as Sentaculus; S. pullatus, P. poecilonotus, Boa, Corallus annulatus, L. triangulum; also S. malacithecus, Anolis lemurinus, B. plumifrons, Alia mossbergi, D. pumilo, P. annae? P. collichyca, S. beudanti, C. serpentina, R. arcolata, R. funerea; Clelia clelia; + a dead M. nigrocapillus. We returned to Cabana by 3:30 pm. will eat somewhere towards Fortuna tonight + try to leave by 8:30 am tomorrow. Saw Tropicbird Kingbird at "Bridges"; We drove into Fortuna for supper at 6 pm - Ate at a Mexican restaurant just on the N. side of Town - very good food, paid 24,500 @ for Fish + steak, plus Mary's glass of wine.

15 Jan Fortuna to Monteverde; Cam raining, + rained on & off all night - Up at 6:00, ate breakfast, LEFT in rain at 8 rained most all night - arr. Fortuna at 8:15 gased up at 35024-31; drove to La Tanque 038; to Manterrey 054, Guatupo 079, Umpala 119; on route 6; Bijagua 142; 1040 ss! - 850317, 1459 ft; 10:26am, reached Hwy 1 (Pan Am Hwy) 176; Las Cañas 187; Tilaran 102818-845759, 1824 ft, 203; gased car for 10000¢ reached Sta Elena - Monte Verde at 101847-844841; 4756 ft., at 2:30pm; 246. checked into Hotel Belmar; rooms 28/29. Walked very windy streets with mist + rain, ate lunch at 4:-4:30 at Johnny's Pizza, Mary + I got ice cream cones at Ice Cream parlor; walked down hill until Mary thought it was far enough. We returned to hotel about 5:30, had game of pool; then to room. Mary + Gary went to bank + supermarket + bought me loaf of bread. It's dark outside now, + very cool.

16 Jan. Monte Verde/Sta Elena. Up at 6am; 6:30 breakfast at Maravillas Cafe; downtown?, very good pancakes with fruit. Back to hotel until 10am; made 6-7km trip to Sta Elena Cloud Forest Reserve (8⁰⁰@) several trails up + down, very wet + muddy. We were able to see 1 Podocarpus + 1 Magnolia as indicator species. Made 2 1/2 hr walk, returned to town about 1:30; stopped at Serpentarium, No Lachesis or live coral snakes, but much of the common local snakes; Senticulus, Lampropeltis, Xenodon, Leptophis, ^{2 sp} Conopsis, Erythrolamprus, Oxybelis (2 sp) Spilotes, Mastigodryas, Drymarhion, Pliocercus; poisonous snakes =

Jan 16 *B. asper*, *nummifer*, *Schegolei*, *nigrovirens*, *ophreomegas*,
bilineatus. saw dead *M. allen*, *nigrocinctus*, *multibosell*
Liz = *C. cristatus*, *A. lemurina*, *A. polylygia*, *A. oxylophus*,
B. basiliscus, *B. plumifrons*, *I. pueris*, *B. marinus*, *D. pumilio*,
D. acutus, *P. callidus*, *H. abracata*; *Boa*, *E. poratus*,
C. annulatus C. - Back to hotel by 3pm; Gary & Maya
went to internet cafe for 2 hrs., returned by 5pm; a
ate at Morpho cafe at 6:30 - Returned to hotel by
8pm. Mary is becoming less of a frail walker. It
was difficult for her to make the steps up & down
in the muddy conditions. Her knees are becoming
weaker. This may be her last trip to sites other than
cities & towns where getting around isn't difficult.
now 8:40 & time to sleep. Really windy today! ^{Rainy} too

Jan 17 Monte Verde / Sta Elena
Up at 6am, drive to "Stellas" for breakfast; To Monte Verde
Reserve at 8am; raining, so we turned around & returned to
hotel by 10am. Mary, Gary & I decided to climb Cerro Amigo,
a small mountain 5723' elev, trail at hotel. We left at
10:40am, the trail went up, up, up; only near the top did
it level out for 50' or so. It was wet, muddy, & treacherous.
Made it to the top by 11:52am; nothing there, clouds, rain,
returned to hotel by 12:40pm. My legs could tell it was
a steep walk. Ate p.w. sandwich for lunch; showered, &
Mary, Maya, Gary, played several games of billiards at
hotel. Drove to Palmiras for supper, then to Monte
Verde Lodge for slide show at 6:15pm. Of all people,
Dick LaVal was the presenter. I served on his Ph.D.
comm. when he did his study of the bat genus *Cordulia*.
Back to hotel by 7:30pm.

Jan 17 We plan to leave between 6:30-7am for Jaco; on the Pacific Ocean south of Carara. Got gas for 19 Liters, 6700¢. I showered & shaved earlier, so I am ready to leave. In forest we saw yellow-crowned Euphonia, long-tailed woodcreeper?, & a purple throated Mountain Gem (hummer)

Jan 18 Monte Verdo to Jaco. left hotel at 7am, breakfast at Miravillas; left town at 8am, via Guacimil 23 km to Guacimil; pavement starts 2km S.; reach'd Hwy 1 (Pan Am Hwy) 10km down road; stopped at Rio Aranjuez for drink: 460 ft., 1006 03 N - 84 48 33 W; drove thro Tarcoles to see old hotel (new locks new) then photos of crocos in river, then to Maviscos restaurant for lunch; reaching Jaco & Arana Pacific hotel by 1:00pm. Gary got the rooms; & electricity is currently OFF; we are in rooms 11, 12. I saw *Ctenosaura*, Iguana, *B. basiliscus* in front of room; & *Gonatodes vittatus*. Ate supper downtown; good but pricey. back to room by 7pm. bought mask with fur on brain for Mike. Walked Motel walls after dark, a few geckos near lights; collected tail of one for tissues & 2 whole.

Jan 19 Jaco-Carara-Jaco - up at 6am; breakfast at motel at 7am. Did not reach Carara until 8:45am, Freddy was waiting. We took new & old trails back to where we worked in 1988. nothing & everything changes.
*Lost my GPS unit. "Garmin 2", left it on top of car while on trail; now gone! oh well, I must

Jan 19 Guy a new one. We saw King Vulture at Lapa "Esquinla" carcasses on Quebrada Bonita. Also saw White-Shouldered Tanager, Scarlet Tanager, Long-tailed Flycatcher, Scarlet Macaws, B. Vultures; B. Pelicans, + others. ate at 6:30pm in Jaco; great Fish supper. Back to motel by 8:00; watched horror show "Carrie" until 9:00pm.

Jan 20 Up at 6:15am; took 2 photos of Hemidactylus sp in our closet. Began packing for trip to San Jose. This is our last day in Costa Rica. We stay in the Hampton Inn tonight, after returning car to Avis. We hope to stop at Zooavis on way to San Jose. We made it to Hampton Inn by 10:15am; can't get room until 2pm. We retraced 12km down Pan Am Hwy to Zooavis, + spent 8⁰⁰am @ to visit zoo. by 12:30 we ate at a cafe where Mary, I + Laurcenio ate 5 yrs ago. Food very good + reasonable. Returned to H. inn by 2pm; checked in + Gary + I returned car to Avis. Somewhere between the restaurant + Avis + Motel, I misplaced my sombrero! oh well, it's not the first time I have lost hats on trips - too many things to remember all of them. We ate at Trc Brothers Italian restaurant in San Jose + Paul returned to motel at 8pm. TV, then bed.

Jan 21. San Jose CR to Houston, TX. Up at 5:45am; at. at 6:30; TV some, shower, + attempted money exchange, got only 35 Am. We need to leave here at 11am to return to Airport. All went well, arrived HIAF at 6:00pm, out by 7:00; home by 9:30pm. Great Trip for tourism!!