

Tapir  
Frogs  
Snakes  
Butterflies  
Hummingbirds  
Crocodile\*  
Anteater\*  
Sloth\*  
Ant

All creatures great and small...the wonder of nature calls us into relationship with it. Even the ant bites on my toes have their pesky way of piquing my curiosity! Would that I/we could have the same wonder, curiosity and, ultimately, relationship with those we see as 'other'.

Here's a recap of the evening tour in Tapir Valley Nature Preserve in Bijagua, thanks to G's shutter finger and Donald's amazing senses and knowledge to show us the camouflaged, elusive, and disappearing acts of nature.

\*photos from Río Frío in Los Chiles & La Tirimbina in Sarapiquí

Mamita grazing in the night



Sound of frog music....

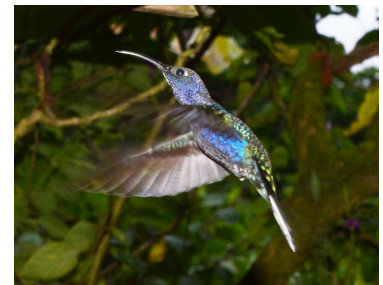


Look up, there's a  
boa constrictor!



Butterflies/moths with stunning makeup

Hummingbirds of many colors



Crocodile, what do you feed your babies?



Anteater in the tree top.  
(but, we didn't get a photo  
of the ants ; )



Sloth sleuth secret: which  
trees do they love?



### Project updates:

**Well #91:** Agua Viva Serves team drilled down to 61.5 meters on day 7. **it's a 'gusher' with approximately 5 liters/second, says G!**

It's 'flushed out & cleaned' with a detergent and will sit for a few weeks to let particulates settle before being tested and distributed to the 10 homes. Success and water taste so sweet...time to celebrate!

**San Isidro water system:** the La Guaria Water Committee gave the **green light** to move forward on a formal agreement between their Development Association and San Isidro's...well worth the 2-hour trek in the truck on those bumpy roads (an easy way for the step counter in my phone to record 9000 steps for the day : ).

### Plan B's hoops are lining up:

- draft MoU ready for review by the communities,
- proposal for analysis of the La Guaria well is ready for approval,
- Global Grant revised budget is coming together with a relatively modest gap ,
- UNA (National University of Costa Rica) team gives their support for Agua Viva Serves staff who are 'trainers-in-training' for facilitating the *Guía* curriculum for the proposed joint water committee, and
- we're in pursuit of an engineer for modeling the distribution system (that will determine unknowns in the budget).

We are looking at our last week in sunny, warm Los Chiles....with **more energy** for the next series of process steps for Plan B, **much gratitude** for the team work that makes these projects possible, and **wondering if we're crazy to leave this weather for ithaca's??**

Be well...and be drawn into relationship with all of creation! Blessings, n & G

***The western settler mindset was "I have rights."  
The mindset of indigenous people is "I have obligations."***  
Stan Rushworth, Cherokee elder.

[Quote from presentation by Doug Tallamy, [Bringing Nature Home: The Importance of Native Plants](#) ...check out this YouTube link]

