

July 20th 2011

Made it to the first Island locality, SE of Bocas Pt on Suemez.

Weather - light showers and a small breeze.

I've seen two piles of bear scat already and I expect to have some bear encounters at some point on this trip. Not too worried about it though. My crew and I, (Sadie Xarista, Stefan Greinan, Brad Truett) are in high spirits and are excited about tomorrow's catch. I sent Stefan up the river to set while Sadie and myself trapped north and south coastal. There is a lot of pero habitat and many trees that flying squirrels should inhabit. Not much microtis habitat on the coast here so I think it is going to be a pero/shrew morning.

July 21st 2011

As predicted, only shrews and peros were caught today. I've noticed some bear scat around camp so we should be very careful while checking traps around here. The clouds have begun coming in pretty heavy so we will likely get some rain today. This area has blueberries as well as salmon berries throughout so I really hope to get flying squirrel in the morning.

July 22nd

Still no flying squirrel and the boat is scheduled to pick us up at noon today so I have to pull all traps and clean up camp. This morning's catch yielded quite a few peros as well as a couple of shrews from the pit falls. This is the second time on this Island that flying squirrels have eluded me.

Just got a call from dispatch telling us that they are going to pick us up at 3:00pm instead so we have plenty of time to pack up shop.

We just got done moving everything down to the beach for pickup, which was around 200 yds and up slippery slopes to get a call at 2:50pm telling us that the boat broke down and they are going to have to pick us up tomorrow instead.

I guess I get one more try at those squirrels. Setting the squirrel traps was good fun. Had to climb some trees and a few cliffs to get them set but I think it will be worth it. Everyone is a little bummed out that we had to put camp back up though.

July 23rd 2011 Still no flying squirrels but I am leaving the traps up until I get confirmation that they are on their way to get us.