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5 October 1984

to bed at 03:00, woke up at 06:00, picked up traps and caught nothing, processed bats and rodents from the 4th, finished at 13:30, Joe and I drove into Roboré to get gas and food. We met Carmen and her relatives and they helped us get fresh fruit, some gas, and taken took us to the river (Rio Roboré) where their swimming hole is. It was really pretty with a big waterfall coming down the side of the cliff next to the river. Got our first bath in 9 days. Got back to camp at 19:00, Sydney and Justin were already in bed, ate dinner and went to bed at 20:30.

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Woke up at 05:30, ate breakfast and packed up. Headed for the 'Chaco' area west of Roboré, drove in to Santiago de Chiquitos and gave Colonel Castes a list of the animals we had caught, then drove to Roboré, then headed south.

16.9	plaza at Roboré	11:00
20.0	Laquera on right as leave town	
23.7	turned right at fork	
26.2	took the right fork	
29.7	take the <sup>right</sup> fork	
30.7	wooden cattle guard	
34.1	sign to Hacienda San Roque (right turn)	
36.5	steel cattle guard, road heads 290°	

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- 42.4 right turn, new road headed 290°
- 45.0 start of habitat with much fewer trees.
- 48.8 road to right, go straight
- 49.9 metal cattle guard
- 54.0 road off to the right, smaller road to the left, turned left west 1.5 Km and set up camp.

This area is very flat, the soil is sandy, but it is a very fine sand like it could be wind deposited. There are very few trees in the area. The ground cover is about 90% wire and shrubs, the area has also been burned and much burnt material is still standing, but there probably were some large trees. In the area that have not been burned recently you can not possibly walk through because of the wires. The leaves on the plants are fine thin and large and do not look like the leaves found on arid adapted plants. I think it must rain here a lot at some times of the year. There is some areas that may approach 40% of the cover being grass. Very few of the plants have any thorns. There is also a few scattered palm trees.

Joe, Sydney, and I set out about 330 shrew and snap traps. Some in the area that was recently burned and mostly wire, and some in the area that was burned earlier and has some grass.

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There are a lot of bees in camp drinking the milk in cups and feeding on the skulls. There is also a large number of flies. Even though nobody is allergic to bee stings it could make skinning fairly dangerous. Even while writing you might have 2 bees at a time crawling on your hands. Finished setting traps at 17:30. got dark by 18:45, all the bees and flies left. Only a few mosquitoes so the nights are really peaceful.

Went to bed at 21:00. Joe and I slept out under the mosquito net. This located is

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29.5 km W Robore, 18°19'S, 60°02'W, el. 475m.

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woke up at 05:45, checked traps, caught 1 Akodon in the grassy area and 2 Andalagomyx in the burned area with the vines.

Decided that since the trap success was so low that we would move camp. Pulled tissue on the dead Akodon and packed up, left camp at 09:00, drove back to the main road turned west and continued NW on the road another 7.3 km.

set up camp in a grove of trees, with a barbed wire fence around it that must have been used as a small corral. Got here by 09:30, by noon had lots of bees and flies, had to wear our headnets just to sit around

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had to put some insect repellent on my hands to keep the bees off.

This area is very similar to the best place except there are scattered hardwood trees about 30ft tall. The area has been burned but not recently, all the trees have dark (black) trunks. There is no grass in this area, approaching 50% in most places. Some of the trees are broad leaved while some have leaves like mesquite.

Decided to process the two live mice tonight to avoid working in the insects. So we are doing bookkeeping things. Set out about 300 rodent traps in the fields. Sydney found a cahuechi burrow and had caught a cahuechi by 17:30. We set out another 10 sets for cahuechi before it got dark. Caught one more cahuechi before dark. This is a very small *Ctenomys* about 100 gms. also set out 2 conibeartigs in large burrows along the road.

This looks is

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? Km N, 38 Km W Robere, 18°18'S, 66°07'W, d 550m

had caught 2 *Ctenomys* before dark.

Joe and I processed the animals and went to bed at 00:00h