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Alnight and I left Santiago at 16:30 and drove into Roburé to wait for Syd and Justina. They arrived at 1:30 the next morning. To bed at 3:00.

5 Oct

Up at 6:00, the sun and flies drive you out of the sack here. We processed the bats from 3-4 October + the rodents from yesterday until 1300 when Alnight and I drove to Roburé to get gas, food and make arrangements ~~at~~ ^{at} the train station to put the truck on on the 10th. Alnight and I went with some folks we'd met the night before to the local swimming hole on the Rio Roburé and took a bath. Returned to camp at 18:30h.

6 Oct

Don Cruz Yorio came up early this morning to see us off. We broke camp and headed down the hill by 8:00h. Drove into Santiago to give Colonel Costas our species list from the area (he requested one, Remsen had also made him one), but he was not in so we left it with his adjunct. Drove around the corner to the little tienda on the corner and bought a few things and got the address of the store owner's daughter in Kansas City. Left Santiago at 09:00 and drove into

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Roberé (takes 1 hour), had a couple
refrescos (it's hot today) and headed out
of town south west towards Taparas.

Road log

16.9 Playa Roberé 11:00h

20.0 Laguna

23.7 take right fork

26.2 small road leaving left, stay right

29.7 take right fork

30.7 pass wooden cattle guard, Dwight and I
didn't recall so we turned around to try
the left fork.

31.7 take the left fork

32.2 cattle guard

32.6 Ranch

33.1 turn around, this is the wrong road,
back to first

34.7 take right fork again

35.7 wooden cattle guard

39.1 Hacienda San Roque

41.5 cattle guard - our road is headed at 270°
(or so we think)

47.4 right turn (swing to the right) check
compass reading 290° again

50.0 start of different habitat (drier,
shorter more scrubby).

53.3 road to right - stay on main

54.9 cattle guard

59.9 road to right and left, turn left
to find camping spot.

5 km
extra for
this road

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60.8 Camp near deep bricked up well and small abandoned camp. We unload the gear and within an hour there was an incredible swarm of bees around camp.

Spent the afternoon setting out all our rat traps (snags & shermans) in the surrounding area which is primarily a dense woody shrubby vegetation. Sections of the area has burned within the last several years. The soil is very sandy and there are no rocky areas nearby. There are scattered palm trees and deciduous trees also. The vegetation looks very ~~decimated~~ as many plants have shriveled leaves. The area looks at first glance like chaparral but none of the plants have thick leathery leaves.

Syd found a Tolypetes (3 banded armadillo skull) near camp. This spot is ~ 3 km from the location of on the road where I thought and I found the Chaetophraetia when we drove down from Tajaros. It was hot this afternoon (over 90° I would estimate).

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Up at 5:30 and checked traps. Pretty low density of rats here, we caught only 3 critters, 2 Abrodon and 2 Andelgnys^{sp.}. The bees were out again, en masse. We decided to make camp farther west to a vegetation with more grass and density. Packed up

BOJUA: Santa Cruz Dept., 29.5 km W Robore
18° 19' S, 62° 02' W, el 475 m

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the gear and drove the 1 km back to the main road and turned west, drove 9.3 km down this road and found a spot to pull off (old corral) and set up camp. Here the vegetation is less dense and there are more grasses present.

The bees are still with us. In the afternoon we set out traps around the area and Syd found some *Cabochi* burrows and caught 1 immediately. We then set more *Mastomys* in the *Cabochi* burrows up and down the ~~the~~ roadway shoulder. These *Cabochi* are much smaller (Syd says a new species for Bolivia and possibly a new species for science). These may weigh about 100 grams and their burrows are barely large enough for me to stick my hand into. (Maybe 2 inches in diameter). Dwight and I processed the *Cabochi* (2, Dwight caught another) and the rats from the night before. Nearly full moon tonight.

8 Oct

Up at 5:30. Checked traps and took 1 more *Stenomys*, 9 *Abodon*^{and}, 1 *Cercomys*. The *Cercomys* is the first specimen for Bolivia. We took a young individual. I set more *Mastomys* in the morning while the others processed. We're run