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Pillcopata,
Parque Nacional del Manu



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2/3, 10/11.

Leaf-mimicking Katydid, *Typophyllum mortuifolium*

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Raptrix sp.

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Liturgusa maya

6/7.

Oxyopsis sp.

8, 9.

South American Dead Leaf Mantis, *Acanthops falcata*





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Lewlyn.



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Cusco, Flora del Carretera a Manu

14.
Ericaceae sp.

16.
Ericaceae sp.

17.
Lupinus altimontanus

19.
Agalinis lanceolata



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Lima, Paso La Araña

22/23, 24, 25.

Inca Tern, *Larosterna inca*

26.

American Oystercatcher, *Haematopus palliatus*

27.

Blackfish Oystercatcher, *Haematopus ater*

28, 29.

Turkey Vulture eating an Inca Tern,
Cathartes aura, *Larosterna inca*





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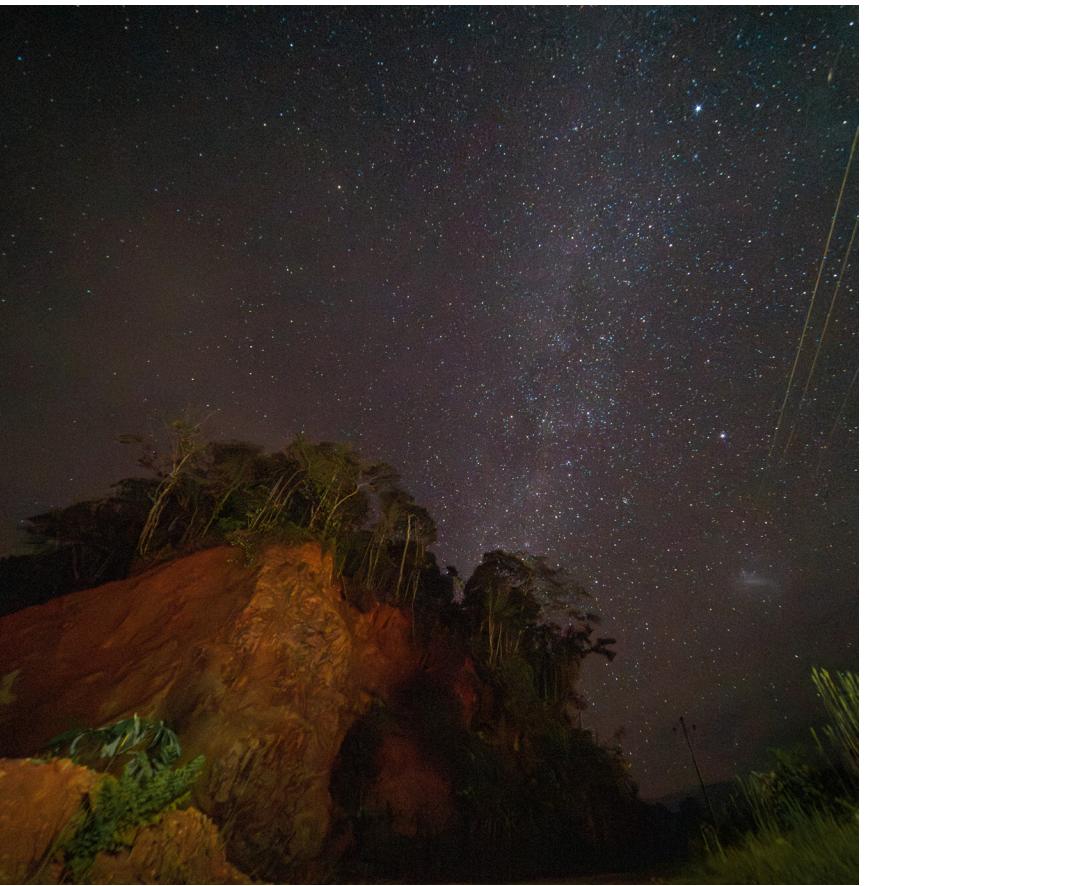
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长途驱车，我和吕泽逸不得不聊点什么才得以逃避睡意。大部分时间我们讲无厘头的好笑话语以及制定行程计划，偶尔也有能被我放进书里的主题

我曾在苏州动物园与斑鳖有过一面之缘，也在那一瞬与“灭绝”这个时间的深坑相互凝视。我们曾观察的物种在这个客观存在的词汇之后消逝，这个概念在任何角度上都显得可悲。但我有时也会质疑自己的观点，自问为什么保护，又因何先入为主地对“灭绝”感到哀伤。

“物种消亡”是中性描述，跟“地上有块石头”一样不具褒贬之意。物种分化使得祖先的后代们占据了不同的生态位，部分基因的湮灭便成了生命与自然博弈时可以承受的成本。

但“活下去”是所有生物的本能，我敬畏它。

那么在保护物种多样性上，有没有更深刻而自治的动机呢？我不打算援引老话，唯独在生态学讲座上听到的这一句，让我心有戚戚焉：“我们不必吝啬承认，人类社会道德对生物多样性的贡献。”

当下时代的我们已经有能力、且正在种群以上的层面影响着这个星球上的生命。了解并支持保护工作使我感到充实，并多少缓解了我对部分人类历史的愧疚感。但不管你以什么样的身份参与其中、是否对它们充满热情，只希望这段文字能给你带去一些不同的思考。

将此书献给我们所有人。

On the long drive, Zeyi and I had to talk for a bit to avoid sleep. Mostly we talked about inane jokes and trip planning, but occasionally there was a topic that I could put in this book.

I had a brief encounter with the Yangtze giant softshell turtle at the Suzhou Zoo, where I gazed into the abyss of extinction. The notion of a species we have observed passing away in the wake of this objective word. But I sometimes question my own perspective, asking myself why I seek to preserve, and why I am so innately saddened by the term "extinction".

Extinction is such a neutral description, as neutral as "a rock on the ground". Speciation has led to different ecological niches being occupied by the offspring of ancestors, and the loss of some of the branches has become a cost that life can afford to pay in the game against nature.

Nevertheless, survival is the instinct of all living things, and I am in awe of it.

Is there a deeper and more self-evident motivation for the conservation of biological diversity? I'm not going to quote an old saying, but I was struck by this one I heard in an ecology lecture: "Ethical is one of the reasons to contribute to the biodiversity conservation - people should not cause their extinction."

We in the current era have the ability to, and are, influencing life on this planet at a level beyond the level of populations. Knowing about and supporting conservation efforts enriches me and somewhat relieves the guilt I feel about parts of human history. But no matter what you are involved in and whether you are passionate about them or not, I am only hopeful that this text will give you something different to think about.

Dedicate this book to us all.

