

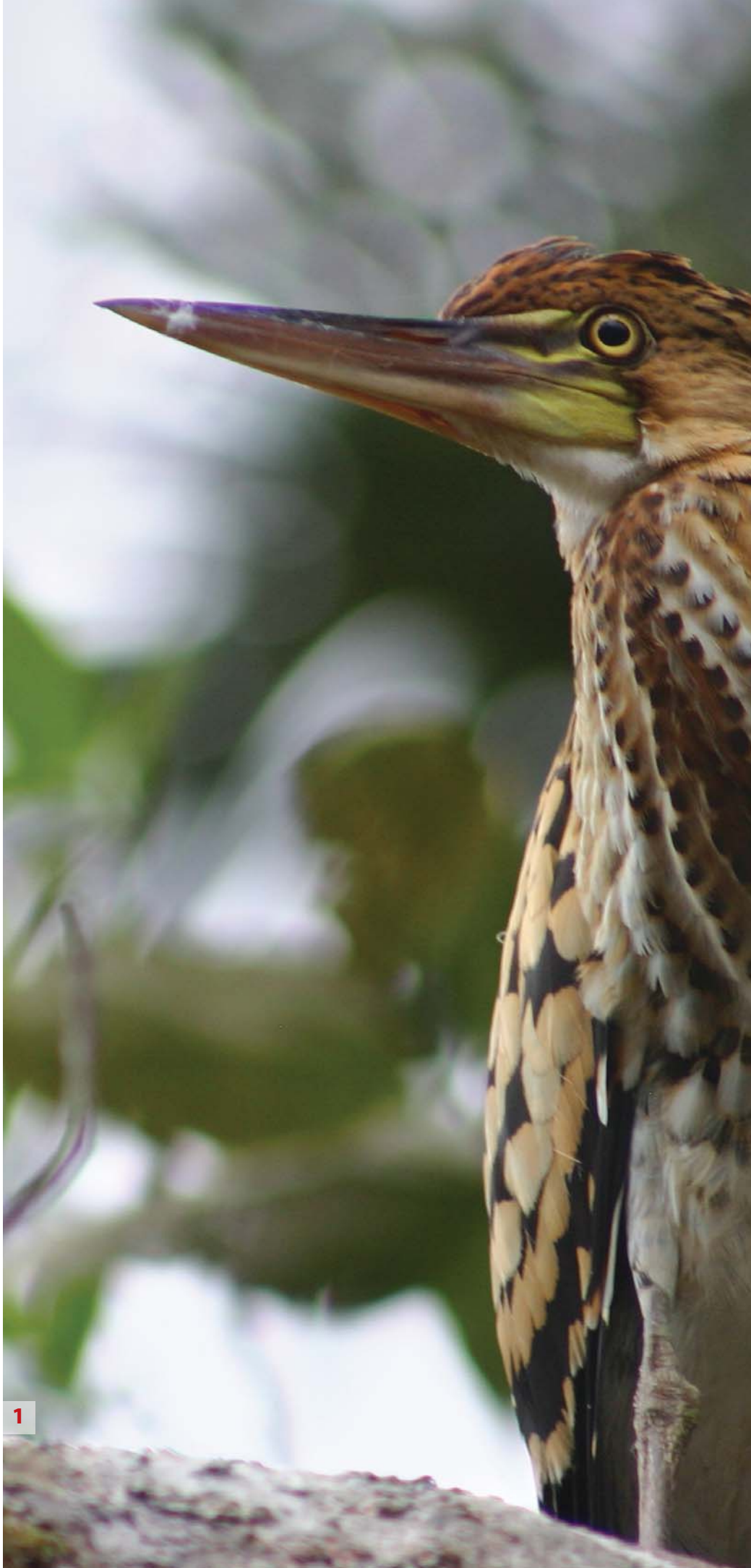


Sarah Powell

For Latin America specialist Sarah Powell it is often the little things that produce fascinating photo results. Here, she picks out three of her favourite images from her travels around South and Central America.

1. Rufescent tiger heron, Ecuadorian Amazon Basin

"It would have been easy to miss this beautiful young tiger heron, camouflaged amongst the branches above us, as we drifted slowly through the narrow canals around Sacha Lodge in the Ecuadorian Amazon basin. Luckily the local guides are always on the lookout for wildlife and quietly manoeuvred our dugout canoe to within a few metres of the nearby bank. I thought that being so much lower might be a disadvantage but I actually like the way that this angle seems to add to the heron's majestic colouring and gives it a sense of superiority."



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2. Squirrel monkey, Costa Rica

"I've always been fascinated by primates and my last trip to Costa Rica provided an amazing opportunity to spot the spider, squirrel, capuchin and howler monkeys that live there. My favourite shot is of one of the colourful little squirrel monkeys found in the grounds of my hotel near Manuel Antonio National Park. Their yellow fur, masked faces and remarkably human hands definitely qualify them as the cutest species! Squirrel monkeys live in quite large groups and are normally shy but a bit of luck and a long zoom helped me to get this picture of one of the more inquisitive monkeys staring straight into the lens."

3. Butterfly at Iguazú Falls, Brazil

"This photograph was taken during my first trip to the spectacular Iguazú Falls, which straddle the border between Argentina and Brazil. Having been so excited to see the impressive falls it really hadn't occurred to me how much wildlife we would see. There are so many butterflies here, many of them vibrantly coloured, that they almost become pest-like after a day. This is my favourite photo from my trip to the Falls. I love the contrasting colours in the picture and the sharp lines of the veins in the butterfly's wing."