

A close-up photograph of three ants on a dry, brown leaf. Each ant is carrying a small, bright red flower on its back. The ants are dark brown and have long, thin legs. The flowers are small and have five petals. The background is a textured, brown leaf.

Ants carrying red flowers

at Copan Ruinas, Honduras



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We discuss why leaf-cutting ants are important in Maya mythology in other FLAAR Reports in our “ant series.”

Here I wish primarily to showcase our photographs of ants carrying red flowers, evidently of a jocote tree (?).

I photographed these one day, but was not satisfied with the results so I asked Sofia Monzon to do photography the next morning.







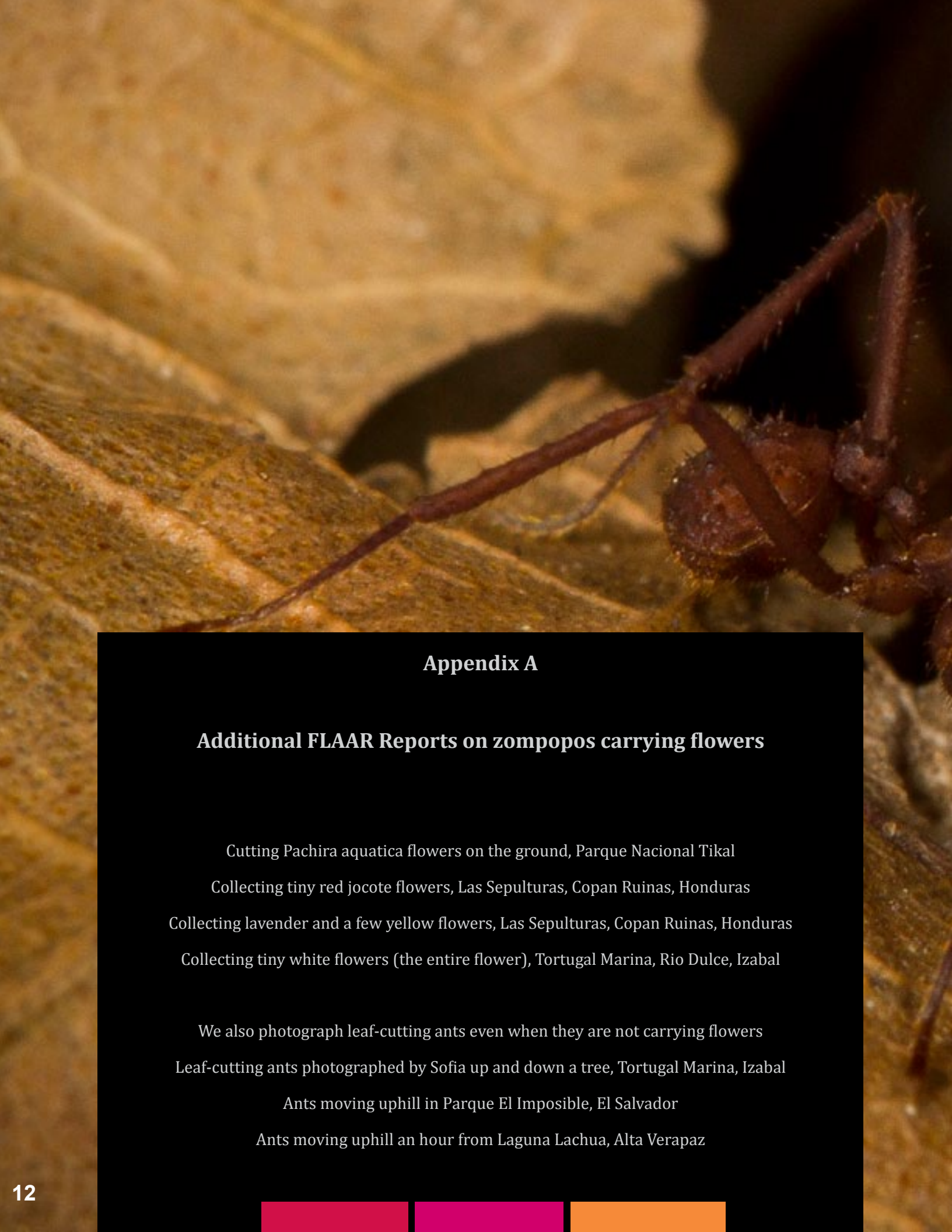












Appendix A

Additional FLAAR Reports on zompopos carrying flowers

Cutting *Pachira aquatica* flowers on the ground, Parque Nacional Tikal

Collecting tiny red jocote flowers, Las Sepulturas, Copan Ruinas, Honduras

Collecting lavender and a few yellow flowers, Las Sepulturas, Copan Ruinas, Honduras

Collecting tiny white flowers (the entire flower), Tortugal Marina, Rio Dulce, Izabal

We also photograph leaf-cutting ants even when they are not carrying flowers

Leaf-cutting ants photographed by Sofia up and down a tree, Tortugal Marina, Izabal

Ants moving uphill in Parque El Imposible, El Salvador

Ants moving uphill an hour from Laguna Lachua, Alta Verapaz





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