

“Sometimes when a king is forced out, the city

Ecuador

Out on a Limb

“Keith is a real monkey, always climbing around in the trees,” says the Smithsonian Institution’s Jason Hall about University of Florida colleague Keith Willmott—seen navigating a fallen limb to net metalmark butterflies. Friends since high school and butterfly fanatics for at least as long, they have discovered over 50 new species while surveying the butterfly fauna of Ecuador. “We want to know what’s out there—to study the insects’ taxonomy and evolution,” Hall says. “Ultimately we want to conserve Ecuador’s biodiversity.”

