



*Junin Grebe; a very elegant species (Eustace Barnes).*

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The Central Peruvian avifauna is relatively poorly known, for a country that has received so much attention of late, especially given the continuous stream of new taxa discovered in the region. So, the time is right to get on board and enjoy this fabulous tour. So, for this tour, first the stats; 505 species, 123/165 diamond rated species and 55 write-ins. The highest overall total recorded for this tour, but not one involving any 'wader padding' or random stop 'rainforest padders' or indeed a swathe of widespread cloud forest birds. This being due to heavy rains and 'habitat modification' at some sites. Time to reaffirm the mission statement and say that the tour was simply better than ever, our expectations far exceeded and although the future is bright for this dynamic tour, time is short for some species. A great trip and a great group.



*The legendary DSP at home on his bog (Jono Irvine).*

Highlights A to Z.; outstanding views of Tawny-throated Dotterel with young and assorted furnarids on day 1, great moments with a pair of Lesser horned Owls at dawn, Russet-bellied Spinetail and Great Inca Finch on day 2, magical experiences with White-cheeked Cotinga and a family of Koepcke's Screech Owls in the breath taking scenery of the Cordillera Blanca on day 3, Ancash Tapaculo at our feet and walking amongst the gigantic *Puya raimondii* in Huascarán National Park on day 4, two mega sessions at Bosque Unchog with Bay-vented Cotinga, Golden-backed Mountain Tanager and Rufous-browed Hemispingus on days 5 and 7, Rufous-backed Inca-Finch and Junin Rail day 8, a spectacular morning at high altitude with the critically endangered Junin Grebe on day 9, Creamy-bellied Antwrens, Black and chestnut Eagle, a cooperative Lanceolated Monklet and Foothill Eleania day 10. Then Bosque Shollett was superb with a pair of Chestnut-crested Cotingas wowing the troops. At the beautiful Ulcumano lodge a Crested Quetzal made our day in those bromeliad festooned cloud forests and was a tour favourite. Moving on, the Satipo area was great. Barred Fruiteater was a tour favourite but the Junin Tapaculo, 'Pasco' Antpitta and *weskei* form of Marcapata Spinetail your leaders' favourites. The Andamarca road gave us a spectacular day with Black-spectacled Brush-finch, 'Mantaro' Wren, a pair of Peruvian Treehunters and a male Purple-backed Thornbill at breakfast! That can't be beaten! A session in the pajonal with Eye-ringed Thistletail and Fire-throated Metaltails all around us was also very memorable, White-bellied Cinclodes and Diademed Sandpiper Plovers at Marcapomacocha along with Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe and Puna Tinamou made for a great morning but the pair of Rufous-breasted Warbling Finches the same day made the day exceptional. Not an easy day to follow in the future. Penguins in the surf, Tschudi's Nightjars at a day roost and Slender-billed Finch en route to Paracas reads well. Our Islas Ballestas pelagic with Waved Albatrosses and a Markham's Storm-Petrel gave us a suitable finale to a great trip. NO FEEDERS and NO SEMI-DOMESTICATED ANTPITTAS, this was birding, birding at its best.



*The incomparable Golden-backed Mountain-Tanager at Bosque Unchog (Eustace Barnes).*

On the down side. The unavoidable and the depressing, in brief; firstly it rained torrentially at Bosque Unchog, Villa Rica and Satipo much reducing our cloud forest birding. When I say rain think of monsoon-like conditions. Then, secondly, the Paty trail is no more, having been replaced with a broad drivable track. Thirdly, *Hydrangea paniculata* production is replacing the cloud forsts on the Carpish ridge at an alarming rate. Oh, and fourthly, the Junin Grebe population continues to decline.



*White-bellied Cinclodes (left) and Russet-bellied Spinetail (right) Two rare furnarids (Eustace Barnes).*



*Peruvian Thick-knee in the cane fields at Lampay (Eustace Barnes).*

So, to the daily bird-bothering account. An easy start! Departing the miserable discomfort of the Manhattan Inn at 7am, we picked our way through the sprawling ‘pueblos juvenes’ and endless traffic to escape Lima and make our way to Lomas de Lachay. Always a pleasant location at which to start the tour, and so it was to prove, as we found ourselves in the early morning sunshine watching a Cactus Canastero. Actually the little blighters were still asleep when we arrived at 8.45 and I had to tap the nest at 9.00! Greyish Miners and a pair of Thick-billed Miners were on show along with a few pairs of Burrowing Owls and the usual sky full of Black-chested Buzzard Eagles. Jono spotted and we then pinned down a small group of Raimondi’s Yellow Finches it was time to move on. The entrance track was excellent. We immediately found an adult Tawny-throated Dotteral with three chicks. Outstanding! It is very unusual for this species to breed in southern Peru, it being an uncommon austral migrant. Adri did remark that he had seen them easily in 1988, with my old friend Richard Schofield. This was followed by a few Least Seedsnipe and numerous Coastal Miners scuttling about in the sandy loma. Burrowing Owls again popped up to check us out along with yet more sub-adult Black-chested Buzzard Eagles. A large female Aplomado Falcon tore down the entrance road like a stealth bomber resulting in all bird life vanishing for a few seconds. Peregrines were also much in evidence and we probably saw three or four during our stay.



*Cactus Canastero (left) and Peregrine Falcon (right) at Lomas de Lachay (Eustace Barnes)*

Then it was time to get stuck in to the hummers, as they buzzed about in the flowering shrubs. Peruvian Sheartail, Oasis Hummingbird and Purple-collared Woodstar were abundant. Mountain Parakeets called all around us, affording the near-legendary walk-away views. The seeding vegetation was full of Rufous-collared Sparrows, Collared Warbling Finches, Hooded Siskins and more Vermillion Flycatchers. I spotted an Andean Tinamou which cleared off too soon for anyone else to get on it. Then it was lunch time and Manuel produced a good stab at spag bol, before we headed off north for some sub-urban birding.



*Sub-adult Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle at Lomas de Lachay (Jono Irvine).*



*The cactus clad canyon at Lomas de Lachay (Eustace Barnes)*

We took a short break in Huacho, exploring some agricultural areas on the edge of town; finding Pacific Parrotlet, a flock of Cordilleran Parakeets, a single Dusky-headed Parakeet, Streaked Saltator, a male Tooth-billed Tanager and a small flock of Saffron Finches. Quite what the Dusky-headed Parakeet was doing there I am not sure but there are now many introduced species established on the coast.



*Kildeer (left) and Kildeer chick (right) (Eustace Barnes)*

Time to move and so we roared up the Pan American to our final site of the day near Fortaleza. We immediately found a field full of Peruvian Thick-knees and had a good look at them. This was a favorite for Adri and Peter. In thick riparian woodland and at the tune of Pacific Pygmy Owl we lured out a number of trip birds, including Southern Beardless Tyrannulet, Tawny-crowned Pygmy-tyrant, a pair of Baird's Flycatchers, Tropical Kingbirds and a beautiful trio of Bran-coloured Flycatchers of the form *rufescens*. The latter now split (at long last) as Rufescent Flycatcher. As we worked along the river we found a pair of Kildeer with young and several Spotted Sandpipers, Scrub Blackbirds, West Peruvian and Eared Doves and numerous Cordilleran and White-winged Parakeets.



*Baird's Flycatcher; a rare species this far south (Jono Irvine).*

The light was fading and so we headed off to our splendid family run Hospedaje a short distance away. Given what we had achieved during the day it was something of a miracle that we arrived in daylight.



*Collared Warbling Finch (Jono Irvine) (left) and 'Rufescent Flycatcher (Eustace Barnes) (right) at Lampay.*



*The endangered Russet-bellied Spinetail (Eustace Barnes).*

Climbing the Fortaleza valley the following morning we bumped into a lively pair of Lesser Horned Owls by the highway. Always good to see this formidable predator so well. Not far away we screeched to a halt as a Great Inca-Finch crossed the road. We then lured out several more individuals of this pretty little finch: a sort of fancy Junco. We climbed up, only to be stopped just short of our spectacular breakfast stop with a shredded tyre! That was puncture number two, except this time the tyre was utterly destroyed. We walked and left Manuel to fix, first the logistical inconvenience and then breakfast. Which he did. We on the other managed a goodly haul of species starting with Bay-crowned Brush-finch and Bronze-tailed Comet, both of which turned out to be abundant. We also saw Golden-billed Saltator, Golden Grosbeak, Blue and yellow Tanager, Cinereous Conebill, Mourning Sierra-finch and Plain-coloured Seedeater along with numerous Chiguanco Thrushes. There were a few Bare-faced and Black-winged Ground Doves, White-tipped and Eared Doves in profusion and most of us managed to see several Andean Tinamous. Except Peter who managed to avoid them for the rest of the trip, unfortunately. No sign of Manuel so I thought we should climb upslope a little to keep the troops fit. Well worth it, we found our target species; the endangered Russet-bellied Spinetail. While enjoying fab views of this rare furnarid we also picked up a stunning Pied-crested Tityrant. What seemed to be distant thunder turned out to be rumbling stomachs and so we quickly descended for a splendid breakfast picking up Rufous-crowned Tit-spinetail, Canyon Canstero, a splendid Black-necked Woodpecker and a Smoky-brown Woodpecker in the same tree on the way. A fantastic morning.



*Enjoying breakfast in the high Andes (Eustace Barnes).*

We then headed to Conococha for some easy lakeside birding. That is when my brain usually switches to flight-mode. However, Conococha is a superb lake for Silvery and White-tufted Grebes, which we saw in good numbers along with literally hundreds of Giant Coot. Also present, were Yellow-billed Teal, Yellow-billed Pintail, Puna Teal, Andean Duck, loads of Crested Ducks and several hundred Andean Geese, Puna Ibis and Andean Gulls. Around the lake edge there were Cream-winged Cinclodes and Andean Negritos. As the White-winged Cinclodes was being cooperative we were able to make a nice comparison.



*White-winged Cinclodes at Conococha (Jono Irvine).*



*Spot-throated Hummingbird (Jono Irvine) (left) and Pale-tailed Canastero (Jan Hillman) (right) at Pueblo Libre.*

Then it was time to fly; lunch (trucha con arroz o papas fritas, como siempre), then Huaraz for a new tyre. All that was managed in short order giving us enough time to get to Yungay to explore the fast disappearing inter-montane desert north of town. Said intermontane habitat is being converted to blueberry production for the Chinese market, on an industrial scale. We found the Pale-tailed Canastero as they are currently known. They were all home and poured out of their shambolic nest to see us. Then Spot-throated Hummingbirds, Collared Warbling Finches and a pair of Yellow-billed Tit-tyrants made for a nice finale to another full day.



*The Cordillera Blanca in all its splendour (Eustace Barnes).*

Then it was our big day in the Cordillera Blanca. All the signs were propitious; it had rained/snowed the day before, cloud hung low over the peaks and it was windless. Blanca part 1 found us ploughing through a nice selection of birds, including the abundant Tit-like Dacnis, delightfully attired Plain-tailed Warbling-Finch, essence of sartorial elegance the Rufous-eared Brsuh-Finnch, sombre Black Metaltail and other more sub-fusc denizens of these temperate forests. The magnificent lakeside polylepis groves held Baron's Spinetail (I think its lumped this week in to Line-cheeked Spinetail), Peruvian Sierra-Finch, Black-throated Flowerpiercer and Great Sapphirewing. Jelski's Chat-Tyrant only appeared for a nano-second but it was time to get the lead out and cross Abra Portachuela, the continental divide, and descend into the Marañon drainage.



*Rufous-eared Brush-finches (Jono Irvine).*

We did stop to admire the scenery, surrounded as one is in the Cordillera Blanca by 7000m peaks, the highest of which is Huascarán. I think, without bias, we can safely say this place is the most spectacular site for birding anywhere. Doubtless aficionados of the Himalaya would differ on that point.



*White-cheeked Cotinga (left) and Giant Conebill (right) (Jono Irvine)*



*Tawny Tit-Spintail at 4700m (Jono Irvine)*

We then worked through dozens more Titi-like Dacni, Rufous-eared Brush-finches, Plain-tailed warbling-Finches and Baron's Spintails in our search for the White-cheeked Cotinga; that dapper cotingid, polylepis obligate and a big target for this tour. We spied small numbers of Thick-billed Sksin, Striated Earthcreepers, several pairs of Giant Conebills and a huge Variable Hawk (ex-Puna Hawk) but no Cotinga! Time for breakfast; I believe it says something like.. ' the first of many sumptuous field breakfasts'...in the revised itinerary write up. Well, its not just flowery prose.



*Peruvian Sierra-finch (Jono Irvine)*

Then, back up the hill to rework a favoured hangout of the aforementioned creature, and in no time we heard its grating croak. The bird materialised in front of us and we all enjoyed great views of the bird as it sat in the top of a small gynoxy thinking about the day ahead. We on the other hand, with the rest of the day mapped out some months ago, headed off up the hill in search of our remaining goodies. Tawny Tit-Spintail, cracking views of Stripe-headed Antpitta, and another Ancash Tapaculo. The hummers were good. We saw Giant Hummingbird, Blue-mantled Thornbill, Shining Sunbeam and several more Black Metaltails.



*Koepcke's Screech Owl at a favourite patch of polylepis (Eustace Barnes)*

Late lunch was good, the scenery unbeatable but the Koepcke's Screech Owls made it even better. So, further reducing the need for night birding and lot less tiring. You need to pace yourself on these trips.



*Black-billed Shrike Tyrant (left) and American Kestrel (right) (Eustace Barnes)*

A late lunch at one of the more picturesque spots on the tour; a grassy meadow by a glacial torrent surrounded by giant polylepis trees set against the snow-capped peaks. A magical location. Then it was time to wend our way out of the valley and back to Caraz for a celebratory meal accompanied with some very good Peruvian wine and artisanal beers. The Intipalka Malbec was a favorite, as was the Tanant. Still must not make it sound like we were having too much fun, this is serious work.



*Puya raimondii in Huascarán National Park. (Eustace Barnes).*

What next? Oh yes, day four, a travel day. Setting off at 5am we headed to Huanunco, crossing the Cordillera Blanca in to the Marañón valley. More mega scenery and more birds, not your usual travel day. There were a few birds and we had a nice breakfast session watching Giant Coot building a nest and several pairs of Silvery and White-tufted Grebes busily engaged on a weed choked lagoon by the road. We picked up Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant, Peruvian Sierra-Finch, Streak-throated Canstero before heading off for selfies next to the 15m *Puya raimondii*. What a sight! Then we wound on through ever more spectacular valleys giving us vistas of the Cordillera Huay-huash and the southern Cordillera Blanca climbing to 4850m before we descended into the upper Marañón and so crossing the continental divide again. A Green-headed Hillstar, numerous pairs of House Wrens poking about in the vegetative issue, clinging to the rocks, Viscacha and flurries of Cream-winged Cinclodes kept us entertained in the rain until we reached the bofedales. Then we found ourselves being investigated by an Ancash Tapaculo while searching through the otherwise occupied d'Orbigny's Chat-Tyrant, Black Siskin and White-winged Diuca-Finch. Yes that was the Huascaran National Park.



*Ancash Tapaculo with almost nowhere to hide (Eustace Barnes).*

Once on the tarmac, we made good time until we reached the Marañón at Tingo Chico. Only 70km to Huanuco I heard myself saying while thinking....'yes, at 18km per hour that is probably four hours of tedium'... 18km per hour because, over the years of travelling on country roads, I worked out the average speed one makes along narrow winding roads that are no more than sealed cart tracks. After what seemed like several lifetimes we arrived to the untidy, noisy muddle that is Huanuco; a glorified transit station for truckers heading to Pucallpa in the Selva. Once we escaped the fumes, dust and chaos of Huanuco we headed to our rural hideaway and home for four nights. A long day, but it meant that much travelling to and from the city was then avoided and we were within easy reach of all our sites without the need to negotiate the traffic, dawn and dusk and on site in a peaceful country hotel.

Putting the dust and trucks behind us we ascended to Bosque Unchog, tucked away in the paramos, for a very memorable day. It had rained, the diggers had been out and there was mud, mud, mud and many rocks strewn across the road and hillsides. The campesinos were happy to see us, the school children waved and we eventually made it to KM 0.00, to start our paramo hike in the rain. Should have stayed in bed or done the accounts. Nothing moved a muscle, not even a vocal chord, until 10.30 or so. The rain did then gradually subside and the birds began to sing. We did then start to walk to the sites but Keith and Elaine retreated to the bus as the cold, wet and altitude were making the going tough.



*A magnificent portrait of the endemic Bay-vented Cotinga (Jono Irvine).*

Coppery Metaltails were first out, to be followed by a Bay-vented Cotinga, which permitted good views. Then a flock, holding Pearled Treerunner, Golden-collared Tanager, Moustached Flowerpiercer and the incomparable Pardusco; a fine endemic. The forest fragments were quiet as the grave and no Golden-backed Mountain-Tanager. All tour leaders are remembered for their last dip, and, so not wishing to be recalled for a Peruvian dip, we headed back to Manuel. The bus had been left at precisely that point where I had seen our target species on several occasions. I had only just started a very welcome coffee when a Golden-backed Mountain-Tanager crossed the road and headed uphill. It then repeatedly crossed the valley carrying food, presumably driven by the exigencies of reproduction allowing some great views of this spectacular endemic.



*The demure Pardusco (left) and Brown-flanked Tanager (right) (Eustace Barnes).*

Time to go and so began the descent. The road was a mud-slide and we took it slowly. Luckily the weather had broken and much appreciated afternoon sunshine was slowly drying the road and firing up bird activity. We quickly connected with a pair of Brown-flanked Tanagers, a Tufted Tit-Tyrant, Spectacled Whitestart, Grey-browed and Slaty Brush-Finches. Paul spotted a Curve-billed Tinamou wandering along a field edge which gave stellar views. Not sure what a stellar anything amounts to but it is surely good. So, we headed back to base for the list, celebratory drinks and an outline of the long-planned pain and suffering to be endured with good grace and equanimity by the troops in the following days.



*Coppery Metalltail – we all got the same photo (David Turner).*



*Golden-collared Tanager (Jan Hillman) (left) and Yellow-scarfed Tanager (Eustace Barnes) (right).*

Next up, the Carpish ridge and the magnificent mossy cloud forests that cover the ridge, populated with the contorted forms of ancient trees, festooned with myriad species of orchids and bromeliads. I think that is what it says in the brochure. Stopping just past the tunnel, we took to the old highway to bird the remaining patches of the aforementioned cloud forests in a sea of Hydrangeas. This being planted to feed the local demand for fresh flowers. So, that's right, forests that protect slopes from land slides, maintain water sheds and house a stunning biodiversity is being stripped from the hillsides to satisfy a demand for cut flowers! Still we are suffering the endless tedium of incurable Brexi-shambles so why should I be surprised at Peruvian eco-shambles.



*The often obliging, Unstreaked Tit-Tyrant (Eustace Barnes).*



*Bobolink (left) and Golden Grosbeak (right) (Eustace Barnes).*

Anyway, the birds were great. We kicked off with a couple of mixed flocks. Barred Becard often betrays the presence of such flocks which held Montane Woodcreeper, Pearled Treerunners, a large party of Peruvian Wrens, Spectacled Whitestarts with young, White-browed and Drab Hemispinguses, a Blue-capped Tanager, White-tailed and White-banded Tyrannulets and Citrine Warblers. Rufous Spinetail and Streak-headed Antbird (ex Long-tailed) were taped in to general approval. A Bay Antpitta and then a Chestnut Antpitta were also extracted. Tschudi's Tapaculo did perform eventually, making a successful visit with the 'we need to be taped out brigade'.



*Crimson-mantled Woodpecker (left) and Montane Woodcreeper (right) (Jono Irvine).*



*Yungas Pygmy Owl in his montane holdfast, what was left of it (Jono Irvine).*

We were proceeding as planned a Yungas Pygmy Owl called and we soon had great views of this fearless tiny killer. Then a Jelski's Black Tyrant was spotted by Paul; a rare species. This having been split from Andean Tyrant, giving Peru yet another endemic. This is a tricky species to see and another B-BQ lifer. A good find.



*A female Jelski's Black Tyrant – in fact we found several (Eustace Barnes).*



*Grey-breasted Mountain-Toucan at the Carpish tunnel (Eustace Barnes).*

Then Smoky Bush Tyrant, Unstreaked Tit-Tyrant, Violet-throated Starfrontlet, Amethyst Sunangel and Tyrian Metaltail fell in quick succession. Time was pressing, we retraced our steps and made for the well known Paty Trail. A trail made famous by Ted Parker and various LSU expeditions and used by tour groups and birders ever since. We arrived to find Grey-breasted Mountain-Toucans a-plenty.



*White-cheeked Solitaire (Eustace Barnes).*



*Spotted Barbtail (left) and Sierran Eleania (right) (Jono Irvine).*

A large flock kept us busy before we reached the trail head giving us White-collared Jay, Crimson-mantled Woodpecker, Rufous-chested Tanager, Beryl-spangled and Flame-faced Tanagers, Citrine Warbler, Black-eared and White-browed Hemispingus, Montane Woodcreeper, Grey-breasted Wood Wren, Mountain Wren, Tricoloured Brush-finch and a superb White-cheeked (not eared) Solitaire, amongst a long list of others. We dragged ourselves away from this manic activity to get to the trail proper below the football pitch only to find that, where there had been a fine trail descending through nice sub-tropical forest, there was now a road that had completely destroyed the forest. We saw nothing!



*Slaty Brush-Finch (left) and Jelski's Black Tyrant (right) (Jono Irvine).*



*Yellow-scarfed Tanager; a spectacular tanager (Jono Irvine).*

Unchog revisited. We took our 4X4 camionetas up the mud slide, arriving in good time. It was not raining and so off we strode. I stopped to tape in a pair of Grass Wrens. In position, we picked up the, now overdue, Rufous-browed Hemispingus, several Coppery Metaltails, another pair of Bay-vented Cotingas, several Parduscos, Golden-collared Tanager, Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager and a couple of Pearled Treerunners.



*Grass-green Tanager (Jono Irvine).*

Rufous-browed Hemispingus epitomises the 'sit and wait site-based' birding strategy, it works, as it always does. Check the trip lists. It looks laid back but it works, is time efficient and not tiring, but it is hard to stand still. Time and again I hear from drivers how some leaders have no patience. The bird is not found after two minutes at site one, and off they go to another site, only to return to the first site some time later. I call this the 'Headless-chicken' strategy. It looks busy but it is aimless and very tiring. Some people like it. Next was indeed Rufous-browed Hemispingus, site two. Several of the group wanted to visit a lower forest patch I had mentioned, and so off we set, just as it started to rain. It was wet, but incredibly no one complained.



*The pretty Ochraceous-breasted Flycatcher (Eustace Barnes)*

Once we reached the forest it was still raining and activity was low. We walked slowly along the nice level trail, finding first a small group of Ochraceous-breasted Flycatchers. Then we worked a flock finding White-browed Hemispingus, Golden-collared and Yellow Scarfed Tanagers. Retracing our steps we came across another flock that held more White-browed Hemispingus, Peruvian Wrens, Plush-capped Finch and a second Rufous-browed Hemispingus. Again this bird did not respond to tape but was seen fossicking about in dense bamboo. We then worked our way upslope in the torrential rain to search for Large-footed Tapaculo. It called and Tim and I saw it briefly, but the bird was having none of it in the rain and retreated to a respectable distance, frustratingly out of sight. A little further on we found a family group of Kalinowski's Chat-Tyrants (ex Crowned C-T). After this, it really was time for lunch and so we made our way back in the rain to be greeted with more views of the Golden-backed Mountain-Tanager which Jono and David managed to photograph.



*One of the most beautiful raptors,; the Swallow-tailed Kite (Jono Irvine).*

Driving back to our comfortable digs we did stop to search out Black-crested Tit-Tyrant, which we found fairly quickly. We also found a Lesser horned Owl but failed to see an Undulated Antpitta which called from a dense hedge row for a while. Then the light went and we really did have to head back.



*Record shots of Oriole Blackbird (left) and Rufous-backed Inca-Finch (right) (Eustace Barnes).*

So, that was Bosque Unchog and the now ruined Paty Trail. Our next stop was Junin, but before we departed we did some birding around the hotel. This turned out to be quite interesting. We found Blue-grey and Palm Tanagers, Yellow-bellied Seedeaters, Oriole Blackbird, a pair of Bobolinks, several Fasciated Wrens and Plain-breasted Ground-Doves. An interesting area where one finds an odd mixture of species. I had heard an Ash-throated Crake calling just after dawn. It seemed unlikely and I was unable to get a response a little later so maybe I was mistaken but it is a very distinctive call. At a small marshy pond Tim spotted a Subtropica Doradito and I picked up a pair of Blue-tailed Emeralds. Time then forced the issue of getting a move on, as is so often the case on these gargantuan bird races.

We headed off, a quick stop at Huariaca for Rufous-backed Inca-finch and White-bellied Hummingbird before we climbed up to Junin and the cold, forbidding steppic landscapes of the Puna. We met up with Cesar to arrange our Lago Junin extravaganza the following day. We checked the boat, agreed terms and set off in search of the generally elusive Junin (Black) Rail. It duly appeared for 0.163 nano seconds, after which the weather took a turn for the worse and it began to rain. It did not stop raining until 4.40 the following morning. I had, somewhat optimistically, hoped we might be able to see the rails at night, when they are much more obliging but a long cold afternoon and torrential rain would have put me in the dog house with the troops, if I had gone through with it. Another time perhaps.



*Ornate Tinamou is not uncommon around Junin (Eustace Barnes).*

A big day in prospect. Rain, rain, rain all night long. Sounds like a song, a song of despair. At the appointed hour off we set, with light drizzle in the air. Once we reached Ondores, picked up the ebullient and ever cheerful Cesar it was clear with a low cloud base. At Pari we wandered about the old colonial church and deserted village adding European Rabbit, Andean Cavy and Ashy Chinchilla Rat to our paltry mammal list. Then another splendid field breakfast before squeezing in to the boat and scooting out to the centre of Lago Junin (Who-neen). Chilean Flamingoes abounded, Andean Coot, Common Gallinule, Crested Duck, Yellow-billed, Cinnamon, Puna and Blue-winged Teal along with hundreds of Puna Ibis kept us entertained.

Once on the lake proper we did find our critically endangered quarry; the elegant Junin Grebe. There were also a few Silvery Grebes where there used to be hundreds. Perhaps the introduced Salmon-sized Trout eat their chicks? Anyway, we watched the poor creatures and mused on their seemingly inevitable demise in the face of multiple anthropogenic pressures: acid mine drainage, mine effluent, sewage outfall, agro-chemical residues, miscellaneous domestic waste, feral dogs and cats and the introduced Rainbow Trout. A new census has just been completed by ECOAN (the Andean conservation group in Peru) and we will see how many Grebes are left. In any event, far fewer than the 450 estimated by Government Agencies! 40 maybe less!



*Lago Junin; a vast watery world (Eustace Barnes).*



*Aplomado Falcon. A great photo. (Jono Falcon).*



*One of the last Junin Grebes (Jono Irvine)*

We checked out the Andean Avocets at a favoured spot and the resident Dark-winged Miners, finding Cordilleran Canastero and more Ornate Tinamous in the process. Again, it was time to head off. We said our goodbyes to Cesar, promised to return and headed back to the muddy misery of Junin. Lunch was planned and we headed to our favorite restaurant, run by Huancayanos, and rather amusingly named the Restaurant Wanka. Needless to say it provided the troops with a welcome humorous distraction from our surroundings.



*Our favourite restaurant (left) and the troops in Huascarán National Park (right) (Eustace Barnes).*

Suitably fed and refreshed we headed off to Villa Rica in the lower sub-tropics. We crossed the puna seeing more Puna Ibis and small herds of Vicuna. The latter a species now largely recovered from the persecution of the 1980's when Sendero Luminosa and other revolutionary groups nearly extirpated this species. A brief stop at 3335m produced a White-tufted Sunbeam at a new site for this species.



*Plain-breasted Earthcreeper (left) and Black-breasted Hillstar (right) (Jono Irvine).*

Then a precipitous descent to San Ramon where we saw good numbers of Plumbeous Kites and a single Greater Yellow-headed Vulture before the light finally went and we climbed up to Villa Rica for a more pleasant two night stay. Paul and Jono had been counting the Torrent Ducks and Fasciated Tiger-Herons in the white water torrent. As it was, back home and in the tropics: land of birds, bugs and rain.



*Wow, an amazing spectacle! Displaying Fasciated Tiger Heron underneath the highway (Jono Irvine)*



*Creamy-bellied Antwren (left) and Swallow Tanager (right) (Jono Irvine).*

Villa Rica was certainly pleasant and coming with both a more agreeable climate and a restaurant worthy of the name. Our full day in the area was very productive, with visits to several 'cafetales' and Laguna Oconal. We quickly found the endemic Creamy-bellied Antwren and enjoyed great looks at that.



*Lanceolated Monklet (Eustace Barnes).*



*Snail Kite (left) and Foothill Eleania (right) near Villa Rica (Jono Irvine).*

The cafetales are always surprisingly birdy, given the near total destruction of the understorey and removal of all larger trees. Message to all those shade-grown coffee purchasers who imagine coffee produced in this way is environmentally friendly. It is not, it is just one step away from bio-annihilation.



*A nice shot of Least Grebe with young at Lago Oconal (Jono Irvine).*

Laguna Oconal gave us Least Grebe with young, Purple Gallinule, Limpkin, Grey-necked Wood-Rail, Cocoi Heron, Great and Snowy Egret, Little blue Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, Striated Heron, Snail Kite, Black-necked Stilt, Pectoral Sandpiper and so on. Around the lake edge we picked up Social Flycatcher, Short-crested Flycatcher, Red-capped Cardinal, Doncobius, Smooth-billed Ani and a variety of other padders. A pair of Southern Lapwings with young marched around as if they owned the place.

Also present were a few Bluish-fronted Jacamars, Olivaceous Greenlets, Blue-headed Parrots and several Squirrel Cuckoos. One site we visited yielded that enigmatic denizen of the luxuriant upper-tropics, the diminutive Lanceolated Monklet. This was a much appreciated find and one I was glad to dig out at a most unlikely looking spot; replete with eucalypts, pines and other exotics. We also found Russet-backed Oropendolas, Yellow-rumped Caciques, Greyish and Buff-throated Saltators, Common Tody-Flycatchers, Olive-faced Flatbills, the recently split Inambari Woodcreeper, Yellow-tufted Woodpeckers, a couple of Plain Antvireos all flitting about. It should be said that we were chasing the BQ record for write-ins. That being 110, on the 2016 Central Peru tour. We were only on 40 and so it was looking unlikely with the rain hampering our cloud forest birding.

Our final session at the ominously named La Loma del Diabolo was useful in the write-in department. There were more Creamy-bellied Antwrens and a pair of Blackish Antbirds. They performed, and I believe photographic evidence was obtained. An immature Black and chestnut Eagle drifted across the hill being mobbed by Swallow-tailed and Plumbeous Kites. A pair of Chestnut-backed Antshrikes, Ash-browed Spinetail and a Montane Foliage-gleaner were skulking about in a vine tangle, keeping us entertained a while. The find of the afternoon was undoubtedly a Foothill Eleania which I had been looking/listening for. I don't think it really impressed the troops. Paul and Jono had been on the Northern Peru BQ bootcamp extravaganza and took it for granted but even they looked at little askance at this paltry offering. The rest of the group were dreaming of Lanceolated Monklets and cotingas, as was I, although I couldn't find any.



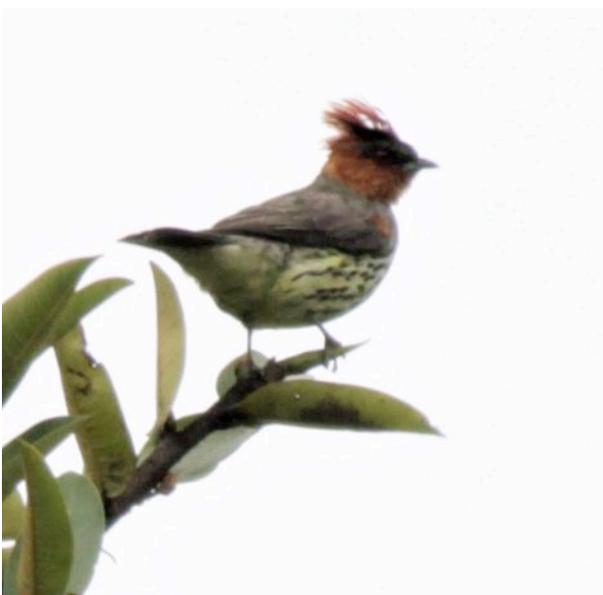
*Yellow-vented Woodpecker at Bosque Shollett (Jono Irvine).*

Next up, Bosque Shollett. Up and off at 4am in the pouring rain. It had rained all night and it not stop until 10am. Pre-dawn, the sky was lit up with lightening and thunder rumbled around the hills until sometime after dawn. No Cloud-forest Screech-Owl or any other night birds, needless to say. We had breakfast, watched the lightening, told rude jokes and solved a great many of the world's problems. This did not include the issue of Donald Trump. It was indeed cold and very wet and looking like being a birdless day. Still, more pleasant than the best of conditions on Canvey Island or at Trump tower.



*Hook-billed Kite on territory (Eustace Barnes).*

First to rattle in to view was a pair of Yellow-vented Woopeckers. This is a rare species in Peru and it was a surprise to find them here. We also found a pair of Hook-billed Kites and a White Hawk. Actually Paul spotted the White Hawk; he was on permanent raptor detail and very good at it



*Chestnut-crested Cotinga at Bosque Shollett (Eustace Barnes).*

A single Jelski's Black Tyrant put in an appearance as well as yet more White eared/cheeked Solitaires. It was slow going but we were gradually picking up a good selection of sub-tropical species. It would seem that the wet season had started early and that many species had young. As a consequence there was no vocalisation and birds were not in active mixed flocks. However, they were at fruiting trees and we staked out one such tree, finding a pair of Chestnut-crested Cotinags, Blue-winged Mountain-Tanagers and a pair of Black and blue Tanagers. Sit and wait site-based birding paying off for the umpteenth time.

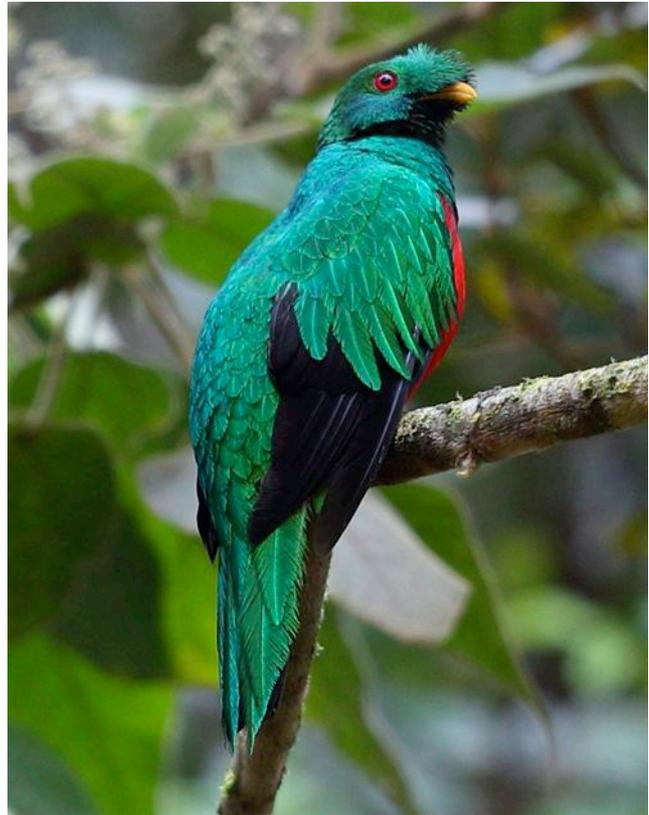
It was late, we moved on for a fashionably late lunch in the very smart Oxapampa. We needed puncture number 4 sorting out before we climbed up to the lovely Ulcumano lodge. The clouds were clearing, temperatures rising and it was thirsty work watching our man fix that puncture. Then up to Ulcumano for a pleasant, if somewhat brief stop. Eduardo, the host, is a most charming person and doing a great job at this marvellous lodge set in the hills above town. Good food, good accomodation, showers that work and birds. That's what we need every day. It did mean Elaine did not want to leave, either to move on or go birding. Quite understandable, they do a fantastic job and the alternative is hard work.



*Black-banded Owl at Ulcumano (Jono Irvine).*

Our night birding session was not so successful. It was full moon and so bright we did not need torches in the forest interior! The owl, the Cloud-forest Screech Owl came in but would not leave his/her dense sanctuary for fear of being eaten by the Rufous-banded Owls hooting away below us. So we called it a night and headed back to the comfort of our lodgings for a good nights sleep, or at least half a nights sleep. We were caught in our tracks when a Black-banded Owl appeared and gave great views over the road. This is an extraordinary altitude for this species at 2335m. Not dissimilar to the elevation at which the 'San Isidro' Owl is found in Ecuador. So, interesting, given that they breed here according to Eduardo.

It was the best breakfast of the tour and it set us up for a solid morning of birding around the lodge. We saw a couple of Highland Eleanias and a singing Glossy-black Thrush around the lodge clearing. Walking the entrance track we soon connected with a nice male Masked Fruiteater; a much wanted and rather beautiful endemic. Along the track we found a pair of Lineated Foliage-gleaners, the immaculate Spotted Barbtail and a group of Grey-breasted Wood-wrens. The birds here having a song reminiscent of Inca Wren. While I was outlining the potential for taxonomic revision in this species, a Rufous-vented Tapculo bounced across the bank in front of us. A small mixed flock gave us Rufous-chested Tanager, Yellow-throated Tanager and a nice pair of Blue and black Tanagers.



*A Quetzal morning. Golden-headed Quetzal (left) and Crested Quetzal (right) (Jono Irvine).*

Retracing our steps and walking well below the lodge we found a pair of Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulets, a stunning male Crested Quetzal and Adriaan spotted the female Masked Trogons that I had been taping in. The Quetzal was new for Eduardo as well as for much of the group. A fabulous looking creature, as the pictures confirm. Then it was time to pack, have another magnificent meal and make tracks for Satipo. We could have stopped to pad the list with tropical write-ins but Paul was feeling pale and we blasted through to Satipo for an early night; a somewhat hair raising journey for some I think. Lewis Hamilton could learn a thing or two from the Peruvians and Manuel in particular.

We were due to spend a couple of nights at Apalla above Satipo but circumstances forced us to change plans and we ended up staying in Satipo for three nights. This did mean longer drive times but *cest la vie*, as they say. Our first day on the Satipo road began with a torrential storm that again forced another rethink. When it starts to rain at 4am you know its not just a short shower. Anyway, we headed off after breakfast for the lower subtropics where, luckily, the rain eased off at around 9am. Stopping at 1200m we connected with a nice flock in which Lemon-browed Flycatchers, Yellow-crested Tanagers, Swallow Tanager, Slaty-capped Flycatcher, Cusco Warblers and others swirled around us. A male Wire-crested Thorntail perched up for us. A couple of Andean Cock-of-the-Rock obliged with good views along with a Rufous Motmot. Then the rain really took hold and I considered it best to head towards the Mantaro drainage where, once past Apalla, it was somewhat better. We searched out the *weskei* form of Marcapata Spinetail which proved more time consuming than usual. This is clearly a distinct species from the nominate found in Cusco and, indeed formerly at Marcapata. I think the forest there has been completely cleared now.



*Barred Fruiteater; a tour favorite (Eustace Barnes).*

We then climbed to the first pass and worked through a few small flocks that held Grass green Tanager, Lacrimose and Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanagers, Citrine Warblers and a superb Barred Fruiteater. Working our way to a carefully selected lunch stop we managed to see the *gettyae* form of Large-footed Tapaculo which is now considered a full species; the Junin Tapaculo. It is quite distinct in a number of ways. In the first place, it is more numerous and more 'catholic' in its choice of habitat, occurring in bamboo and on densely vegetated slopes away from streams and it sounds quite distinct. Then it was time for lunch, prepared by our recently acquired cook, and all round logistics magician, Julio. Manuel had to leave us in Satipo for family reasons. After lunch we descended a little to search out another new species. This time an antpitta, previously assumed to be a disjunct population of Chestnut Antpitta. As it rather charmingly states in Schlegel et al, 'the form in Pasco seems to sing a different song..' That's right, a very different song; a single chiming note instead of a long trill. Today, such finds are called new species and not lumped in whatever it most closely resembles. It does surprise me that the field scientists from LSU would say such a thing but maybe one of their arch rivals from academia found it. Academia being something of a hotbed of jealous rivalries. Anyway, after a short tussle we extracted the aforementioned from its chosen thicket and managed to get some pics.



*'Chestnut' Antpitta; this one has a single chiming note as its song, not a long trill! (Jono Irvine).*

The clouds closed in and suddenly we were engulfed in thick fog. We began our descent, finding a few Torrent Ducks, White-capped Dippers and Fasciated Tiger Herons on the swollen torrent roaring down the valley. We then only managed couple of Andean Motmots and a small flock of *Chlorospingus parvirostris*. I use the scientific name because Ridgely and Tudor call it Yellow-whiskered Bush-Tanager, stating that the old name Short-billed Bush-Tanager did not make sense. Then Schulenberg et al from LSU put out their field guide retaining that old english name and those of many other species, then long discarded. LSU modernisers have belatedly opted for an update, calling species in the genus *Chlorospingus*, *Chlorospingus*. The form *Parvirostris* then being named the Short-billed *Chlorospingus*. Great, but it is no more short-billed than Yellow-whiskered so if we are going to engage in this sort of petty nonsense may I suggest a couple of better english names; the Riparian *Chlorospingus*, using an accurate habitat based epithet or White-eyed *Chlorospingus* reflecting on a more obvious diagnostic field character. The field being somewhere these guys rarely venture in to.

So, observations on pointless academic squabbles aside, it was then time to head to the Mantaro drainage for yet another day working through a selection of recently discovered taxa. Where else in the world can you go and say you are working through recently discovered taxa? Nowhere. There are five such taxa above Satipo and two at Plataforma at the moment, three if you count the Scarlet-banded Barbet. That, of course, if just where birders can get to, so there are many more new taxa to come from Peru, without a doubt.



*First bird of the day! Peruvian Treehunter (Eustace Barnes).*

The Andamarca road and a totally mega day from start to finish. Departing pre-dawn we arrived in good time for great birding followed by another sumptuous field breakfast. The first bird of the day was Peruvian Treehunter, of which we were able to watch a pair at point blank range for as long as we wished. Although this spectacle did not fire the troops for long a male Purple-backed Thornbill dazzled them for longer.



*Shining Sunbeam (left) and Purple-backed Thornbill (right) (Eustace Barnes).*

Then the melodic cacophony of syncopated duetting from the 'Mantaro' Wrens erupted from the bamboo thickets beneath us and entertained us over breakfast.



*Mantaro Wren (left) and Andean Flicker (right) Jan Hillman).*

After breakfast, we searched out the more colourful Black-spectacled Brush-Finch, which was interrupted by the mayoress of Andamarca who stopped to welcome us, get photos and discuss the prospect of our having tea in Andamarca. We suspected our photos would appear in the local paper. Imelda Gringa warmly welcoming eminent scientists from prestigious overseas institutions for an important statutory engagement with local dignitaries in the region etc etc.. I know it may seem ridiculous but this is Peru and this is how they operate.



*A truly bizarre episode; the mayoress and all of her office with the troops in the Andamarca valley (Eustace Barnes).*



*Black-spectacled Brush-Finch (Jono Irvine)*

So, we had to make a fresh start on the Brush-Finches which this time took us away from the road, thereby avoiding inquisitive locals. The Brush-Finches performed very well and we were on our way. Or we would have been, but for puncture number five and the onset of torrential rain. We descended to Andmarca to fix the tyre, lunch and sit out the rain. Once we had the tyre fixed the rain stopped and off we went in search of other goodies, starting with Creamy-crested Spinetail. What a stunning Furnarid. Then it was on to the 'Mantaro' Thornbird. A decidedly dull looking Furnarid, but still another new taxon for the trip.



*Creamy-crested Spinetail (Eustace Barnes).*

That was that and so we headed back to the pajonal for a final session. Once positioned, we saw first the chattering denizen of the elfin pajonal; the Eye-ringed Thistletail. The most dapper of a rather dowdy genus. Then Fire-throated Metaltail came in to see us and flew all around us in furious territorial display; a great name for a rather dull little bird. Sounds like a mythical beast out of Norse legend. Then the rather moth-eaten Millpo Tapaculo. Another day concluded in style. It was a wrap, we battened down the hatches and made haste for Satipo down the rocky high-way in the torrential rains.



*Fire-throated Metaltail (left - Jono Irvine) and (right - Eustace Barnes).*



*Eye-ringed Thistletail (Eustace Barnes).*

Another day, another long drive. Departing at 5.40 we headed back towards Tarma arriving at 10.10 in time for a coffee and a quiet break. We could have stopped to crank up the write-ins list but it rained hard all the entire way. At this time of year (the wet season) the rains have a monsoonal quality. We suffered no delays but there was evidence of huge land slides and long sections of the highway were covered in a thick layer of mud. Our minimal birding up to this point gave us Neotropical Palm Swift, Yellow-headed Caracara, Giant Cowbird, Black-fronted Nunbird and a splendid Bat Falcon. All very good but we had bigger fish to fry, so to speak.



*White-bellied Cinclodes at Ticlio bog late afternoon (Eustace Barnes).*

We reached Ticlio bofedale, after a splendid lunch at La Oroya, and began our search for yet more adjectives to describe both birds and scenery. We failed, but we did see a number of White-bellied Cinclodes. What a superb bird and one of the more threatened of all the high elevation species. I must apologise to the group of engaging in a bit of 'headless chicken' birding at this point. Marching about all over the bog for no good reason and no return was inexcusable. It is something we all lapse in to when tired or worrying unnecessarily. Moving on, we made for a bofedale above Chinchán where we found our first Diademed Sandpiper-plover on his favorite bog. What a bird! Once we had spent a good deal of time watching this lovely wader we headed to San Mateo for the night.

A big day in prospect. Marcapomacocha and the Santa Eulalia valley, surely one of the most exhilarating days birding anywhere. The legendarily, once near mythical enigmatic and indeed elusive denizen of high Andean bofedales (bogs) was next. I know expectations were high, maybe because someone had read a trip report and passed on the sales pitch. Anyway, after breakfast at Chez Julio's in the truck stop car park, we were on our way. Stopping at the Andean Swallow nest site we enjoyed watching them along with Black Siskin, Plain-breasted Earthcreeper and a couple of Black-breasted Hillstars. Up the hill we found Junin Canastero and then returned to our DSP site. Walking the bog together, this time we all saw three birds picking about on the bog, looking somewhat bemused at our reappearance.



*Diademed Sandpiper-plover (Eustace Barnes).*

We then headed off to the main bog. On the way we were treated to the sight of a pair of Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe feeding on the hillside. At the bog there were a few Grey-breasted Seedsnipe, Dark-winged Miners, Puna Ground-Tyrant and a single Olivaceous Thornbill. The latter not giving great views as it flew around and over us. We then found another pair of White-bellied Cinclodes which performed admirably. It was time to get to the highest pass, where we stopped to look at Slender-billed Miner and then Puna Tinamou, of which there were three. Excellent views and all the planned targets bagged up we descended in to the Santa Eulalia valley.



*Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe (left) and Grey-breasted Seedsnipe (right) Eustace Barnes).*



*Andean Swallow (left) and White-bellied Cinclodes (right) Eustace Barnes).*

At our first stop on the descent we found Black Metaltail, Black-throated Flowerpiercer, Pied-crested Tit-Tyrant, Stripe-headed Antpitta, Striated Earthcreeper, Rusty-crowned Tit-spinetail and Rusty-bellied Brush-Finch. A good stop, that involved no walking.



*Junin Canastero (left) (Eustace Barnes) and Stripe-headed Antpitta (right) (Jono Irvine).*

Then we took a narrow ledge, called a 'country road', along a cliff for twenty kilometers or so to our next site. A hair raising journey, to say the least. I thought we might come across nesting Condors. We did, however see one or two prospecting for nest sites. On arrival, once recovered from that traulma we set about looking for our final target of the day. There were many more Rusty-bellied Brush-Finches, Mourning and Ash-breasted Sierra-Finches, Greenish Yellow-finches, Golden-billed Saltators, Cinereous Conebills and a couple of the now very rare Rufous-breasted Warbling-Finches. Outstanding. Then lunch, then another look at the Warbling-Finches and offsky. Down, down, down the rocky high-way to Santa Eulalia where it was time to celebrate having having had a spectacular day.



*The endangered Rufous-breasted Warbling-Finch (left) (Jono Irvine) and Bright-rumped Yellow-Finch (right) (Jan Hillman).*

We had packed two days of birding in to one. This meant that the following day we did not have to climb the dusty highway to San Pedro de Casta. Good news for all and a day demanding suitable celebration. A perfect reaffirmation of the need for careful planning and patience. It was just one target after another at known sites. It all looked so easy, perhaps even laid back.



*Crested Duck at Lago Junin; a great shot (Jono Irvine)*

That was the Andes and the advertised itinerary, with a few modifications. After a nice breakfast in the hotel grounds, prepared by our very own Manual we were forced to join the traffic to cross Lima on our way to the Pantanos de Villa and thereafter Paracas for the unadvertised section of the tour. The traffic was diabolical and it took the full two hours promised to get to the scrappy reserve.

Once on site, we found Chestnut-throated Seedeater, Grassland Yellow-finch and Yellow-headed Blackbird. On the water White-tufted, Pied-billed and Great Grebes were in languid siesta mode. There was an Osprey and several Harris' Hawks amongst the hundreds of Black Vultures. Little else detained us and so we headed to the beach where birding is usually OK. There were hundreds of Franklin's Gulls, Hudsonian Whimbrel, American Oystercatcher, Kildeer with young, a few Lesser Yellowlegs, a Peruvian Thick-knee, Puna Ibis, Andean Duck, Andean Coot and a few Belcher's Gulls.



*The dapper Inca Tern (left) and Belcher's Gull (right) (Eustace Barnes).*

Out to sea there were hundreds of Peruvian Pelicans, Peruvian Boobies, a couple of Guanay Cormorants, many more Great Grebes and a few Elegant Terns. As we were about to leave, a Cabot's Tern flew across giving us one more write-in.



*Red-legged Cormorants at home (Eustace Barnes)*

We took our leave of this less than enticing locale and headed south to Pucusana. We made for a pleasant quiet watch point from where we watched Humboldt Penguins fishing, Inca Terns buzzing about and several Red-legged Cormorants. As I have said, without bias, on many occasions, this is the most spectacular of all the cormorants. Likewise the Inca Tern, not only is it the best named tern but is with doubt the prettiest and most stunning. A couple of Peruvian Seaside-Cinclodes concluded that nice little session and off to lunch we went for Jalea, Tequenos and Causa rellena.



*Lesser Nighthawk (left) and a fine Plumbeous Rail (right) (Eustace Barnes).*

On the Pan American Sur we did make a brief stop. Tramping about in dead and dying plantation vegetation we put up, first a couple of Lesser Nighthawks and then the smaller, paler Tschudi's Nightjar. We enjoyed point blank walk-away views of these demure denizens of the xeric coastal climes, securing photographic evidence of the event. A great session, that obviated the need for a nocturnal excursion later on that day



*Tschudi's Nightjar on a day roost (Jono Irvine)*

Then our final and more extended session at Canete, where Manuel enjoyed an altercation with a moto-taxi driver who crashed into the van. We then crashed into some riparian vegetation to see Slender-billed Finch, 'Rufescent' (Bran-coloured) Flycatchers, a pair of Pied-crested Tit-tyrants, a small flock of Mountain Parakeets, a Black-necked Woodpecker and a family of Plumbeous Rails. It was time to wrap things up and head off to our spectacular Casa Andina hotel in Chinchán. I didn't know the town existed but it was a pleasant enough place to end the tour.



*Swallow-tailed Gull (left) and Blackish Oystercatcher (right) (Eustace Barnes).*

The pelagic. Well, I had been downplaying expectations throughout the tour. Now that the port authorities have devised a new set of permissions to take boats out to the continental shelf from Callao, the business has shifted to Paracas. A total pain, but 'par for the course' with the chronic bureaucratism that so afflicts Peru. So, we were set to take a speed boat out from Paracas instead and no one, so far, had seen any of the pelagic targets. Setting off at 5.15am, and heading for the continental shelf 50km off shore, we saw at least three Waved Albatrosses and a Markham's Storm-Petrel along with good numbers of Peruvian Diving Petrels. The 'sea' looks the same to us, but it is not. Sitting at prime locations is what it is all about at sea. That has a ring to it, maybe its just the same as with all other birding. The Paracas pelagic is not as good as the Callao pelagic, but we managed an acceptable list. We saw Pink-footed and Sooty Shearwaters, Wilson's and Elliott's Storm-Petrels, three Swallow-tailed Gulls and a few Red (Grey) Phalaropes. The Islas Ballestas were spectacular, as usual, with all the Peruvian Boobies, Humboldt Penguins, Red-legged and Guanay Cormorants and huge numbers of Inca terns and Southern Sea Lions.



*Peruvian Booby (left) and a fine Peruvian Pelican (right) (Eustace Barnes).*



*Elliott's Storm-Petrel (left) and a Humboldt Penguin (right) (Eustace Barnes).*

It was a very enjoyable pelagic.



*One of our Waved Albatrosses; a great photograph (David Turner).*

What a trip. It was time to go and so we headed back to our hotel for a welcome shower and a great lunch before heading back to Lima in good time for our flights. We did have a brief session with those clip board cretins from SUNARP who wanted original operator permits and not photocopies! I gave them a piece of my mind and then a number to call. They did not call it, but hurriedly let us go. Anyway, thanks are due to Manuel and Julio for providing such excellent field logistics and to the group who suffered the demands of the tour with equanimity and even enthusiasm on occasion. I was regularly reminded of our eight mile walk in torrential rain at 3600m with good humour. So, back to Cambridge and less entertaining work.



*Junin Grebe (David Turner)*

#### **Top Ten species of the tour.**

- Diademed Sandpiper Plover – one of the best waders. The best place to see it.
- Golden-backed Mountain Tanager – check the photos. The only place to see this bird.
- Junin Grebe – critical now. A very elegant species. Not long to go for this one.
- Chestnut-cresyted Cotinga – a very good tour to see this species. One of two places to see this bird.
- Barred Fruiteater – a good performance. Always a popular bird.
- Waved Albatross – superb views. An unexpected find at Paracas.
- Yellow-scarfed Tanager – another popular species. One of the best looking tanagers.
- Lanceolated Monklet – never easy to find. A good area to see it.
- Black-breasted Hillstar - this species performed so well it could have been the favorite.
- Purple-backed Thornbill – another surprise. Such a splendid species no wonder that gets the vote.

The White-cheeked Cotinga got no votes! What a travesty! Rufous-breasted Warbling-Finch, Junin Rail, Red-legged Cormorant, the 'Pasco' Antpitta were all favorites. The Puna Tinamou, both Seedsnipe and White-bellied Cinclodes at Marcapomacocha made for an amazing day but no votes! Too many to choose from.



*Rufous-breasted Warbling-Finch diving for cover as Black-chested Buzzard Eagle skimmed across the slope (Jono Irvine).*

## SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR

The species names and taxonomy used in the report mostly follows Gill, F & D Donsker (Eds). **IOC World Bird Names**. This list is updated several times annually and is available at <http://www.worldbirdnames.org>.

Species which were heard but not seen are indicated by the symbol (H).

Species which were only recorded by the leader are indicated by the symbol (L).

Species which were not personally recorded by the leader are indicated by the symbol (NL).

Species marked with the diamond symbol (◊) are either endemic to the country or local region or considered 'special' birds for some other reason (e.g. it is only seen on one or two Birdquest tours; it is difficult to see across all or most of its range; the local form is endemic or restricted-range and may in future be treated as a full species).

**Brown Tinamou** *Crypturellus obsoletus* (H) Heard Carpish,

**Ornate Tinamou** *Nothoprocta ornate* Fairly common at Junin and Cordillera Blanca.

**Andean Tinamou** *Nothoprocta pentlandii* One at Lomas de Lachay and several in the Fortaleza valley.

Curve-billed Tinamou *Nothoprocta curvirostris* One below Bosque Unchog was seen very well.

Puna Tinamou ◊ *Tinamotis pentlandii* Three at Marcapomacocja. Fantastic!

Torrent Duck *Merganetta armata* One at Llanganuco and several above Satipo..

Andean Goose *Chloephaga melanoptera* Common in the Andes.

Crested Duck *Lophonetta specularioides* Commonly seen.

Puna Teal *Spatula puna* Ditto.

Cinnamon Teal *Spatula cyanoptera* A couple on Lago Junin.

Blue-winged Teal *Anas discors* A couple of Lago Junin and three on Lago Oconal..

White-cheeked Pintail *Anas bahamensis* Villa Marshes.

Yellow-billed Pintail *Anas georgica* A declining species.

Yellow-billed Teal (Sharp-winged T) *Anas [flavirostris] oxyptera* Common. What are they doing with this bird?

Andean Duck *Oxyura ferruginea* Common at Llanganuco. Split at present.

Speckled Chachalaca *Ortalis guttata* Common at Laguna Oconal.

Andean Guan *Penelope montagnii* One seen at Carpish and one at Apalla.

Humboldt Penguin ◊ *Spheniscus humboldtii* Three at Pucusana from the Mirador were great.

Wilson's Storm Petrel (A) *Oceanites oceanicus* Pelagic

Elliot's Storm Petrel ◊ (White-vented S P) *Oceanites gracilis* We saw a few on the pelagic

Waved Albatross ◊ *Phoebastria irrorate* Pelagic speciality.

Markham's Storm Petrel ◊ (IT) *Oceanodroma markhami* Pelagic target that we found.

Sooty Shearwater *Ardenna grisea* Pelagic bird.

Pink-footed Shearwater (A) *Ardenna creatopus* Ditto.

Peruvian Diving Petrel ◊ *Pelecanoides garnotii* Pelagic. Common Islas Ballestas.

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps* One pair at Pantanos de Villa.

Least Grebe *Tachybaptus dominicanus* Common on Lago Oconal.

White-tufted Grebe *Rollandia rolland* Several at Conococha.

Great Grebe *Podiceps major* Common at Pantanos de Villa.

Silvery Grebe *Podiceps occipitalis* A delightful species of the high elevation lakes.

Junin Grebe ◊ *Podiceps taczanowskii* YES! Up to five on Lago Junin. A major tour highlight.

Chilean Flamingo *Phoenicopterus chilensis* Seen at Conococha and Junin.

Puna Ibis *Plegadis ridgwayi*. Fairly common in the Andes.

Fasciated Tiger Heron *Tigrisoma fasciatum* A few on our journey to Villa Rica and others above Satipo..

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* Yes.

Striated Heron *Butorides striata* Common.

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* Also common.

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi* A couple on Lago Oconal.

Great Egret (American G E) *Ardea [alba] egretta* A few in the lowlands.

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* Common at Lago Oconal.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula* Seen here and there.

Peruvian Pelican ◊ *Pelecanus thagus* Common at Pantanos de Villa.

**Peruvian Booby** ◇ *Sula variegata* A few off sea at Pantanos de Villa.

**Red-legged Cormorant** ◇ *Phalacrocorax gaimardii* Common at Pucusana.

**Neotropic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* A few in the Fortaleza valley and elsewhere.

**Guanay Cormorant** ◇ *Leucocarbo bougainvillii* A pair at Pantanos de Villa.

**Anhinga** *Anhinga anhinga* Several seen Lago Oconal.

**Limpkin** Common at Lago Oconal.

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura* Common.

**Greater Yellow-headed Vulture** *Cathartes melambrotus* One seen near San Ramon.

**Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus* Common.

**Andean Condor** *Vultur gryphus* A few in the upper Santa Eulalia valley.

**Western Osprey (N)** *Pandion halieatus* One in the Fortaleza valley.

**Swallow-tailed Kite (American S-t K)** *Elanoides forficatus* Common Carpish tunnel and around Villa Rica..

**Black-and-chestnut Eagle** *Spizaetus isidori* One seen Carpish tunnel area, one Villa Rica, one Ulcumano..

**Snail Kite** *Rostrhamus sociabilis* A couple at Laguna Oconal.

**Hook-billed Kite** *Chondrohierax uncinatus* Seen around Villa Rica.

**Plumbeous Kite** *Ictinia plumbea* common near San Ramon.

**Roadside Hawk** *Rupornis magnirostris* A few.

**Harris's Hawk** *Parabuteo unicinctus* Common at Pantanos de Villa.

**Variable Hawk** *Geranoaetus polyosoma* Several.

**Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle** *Geranoaetus melanoleucos* Common at Lomas de Lachay.

**White Hawk** *Pseudastur albicollis* One at Bosque Shollett.

**Broad-winged Hawk** *Buteo platypterus* One Carpish and others elsewhere.

**Short-tailed Hawk** *Buteo brachyurus* A single bird at La Loma del Diabolo.

**Rufous-sided Crake** *Laterallus melanophaius* (H) Heard Lago Oconal.

**Junin Rail** ◇ (Black R) *Laterallus [jamaicensis] tuerosi* Another great endemic seen at Junin.

**Plumbeous Rail** *Pardirallus sanguinolentus* A common species.

**Purple Gallinule** *Porphyrio martinica* Common at Lago Oconal.

**Common Gallinule (Laughing Moorhen)** *Gallinula galeata* Abundant Junin.

**Andean Coot (Slate-coloured C)** *Fulica ardesiaca* Seen in the Andes and on the coast.

**Giant Coot** *Fulica gigantea* Several hundred at Conococha.

**Grey-necked Wood-rail** *Aramides cajanea* A pair seen on Lago Oconal.

**Limpkin** *Aramus guarauna* Several on Lago Oconal.

**Wattled Jacana** *Jacana jacana* Common on Lago Oconal.

**Peruvian Thick-knee** ◇ *Burhinus superciliaris* A flock of 20 near Fortaleza, one Pantanos de Villa, one Canete..

**Blackish Oystercatcher** *Haematopus ater*

**American Oystercatcher** *Haematopus palliatus* Common at Pantanos de Villa.

**Black-necked Stilt** *Himantopus mexicanus* A few noted.

**Andean Avocet** *Recurvirostra andina* Five seen Lago Junin.

**Andean Lapwing** *Vanellus resplendens* It is well named; both splendid and Andean.

**Southern Lapwing** *Vanellus chilensis* A pair with young at Lago Oconal. When did they get here?

**Killdeer** *Charadrius vociferus* One pair with young.

**Diademed Sandpiper-Plover** ◊ (D Sandpiper-P) *Phegornis mitchellii* Several at Marcapomacocha.

**Tawny-throated Dotteral** ◊ (A) *Oreopholus ruficollis* A pair with young at Lomas de Lachay. That made my day.

**Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe** ◊ *Attagis gayi* A pair at Marcapomacocha.

**Grey-breasted Seedsnipe** *Thinocorus orbignyianus* A few at Marcapomacocha.

**Least Seedsnipe** *Thinocorus rumicivorus* Lomas de Lachay.

**Whimbrel (Hudsonian W) (H)** *Numenius [phaeopus] hudsonicus* Common at Pantanos de Villa.

**Hudsonian Godwit (N)** *Limosa haemastica* Three on Lago Junin.

**Ruddy Turnstone (N)** *Arenaria interpres* Seenb Paracas.

**Sanderling (N)** *Calidris alba* One at Pantanos de Villa.

**Baird's Sandpiper (N)** *Calidris bairdii* Seen Lago Junin.

**Pectoral Sandpiper (N)** *Calidris melanotos* One at Lago Oconal.

**Semipalmated Sandpiper (N)** *Calidris pusilla* Seen Lago Junin.

**Puna Snipe** ◊ *Gallinago andina* A single bird at Huascarán NP.

**Red Phalarope (N)** *Phalaropus fulicarius* Pelagic. All at sea.

**Spotted Sandpiper (N)** *Actitis macularius* Seen Lampay near the coast.

**Lesser Yellowlegs (N)** *Tringa flavipes* Seen.

**Greater Yellowlegs (N)** *Tringa melanoleuca* Seen.

**Black Skimmer** *Rynchops niger* Paracas harbour.

**Swallow-tailed Gull** ◊ (IT) *Creagrus furcatus* Pelagic bird.

**Andean Gull** *Chroicocephalus serranus* A smart gull.

**Grey-headed Gull (G-hooded G)** *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus* Coastal denizen.

**Laughing Gull (N)** *Leucophaeus atricilla* One or two at Pucusana.

**Franklin's Gull (N)** *Leucophaeus pipixcan* Common at Pantanos de Villa.

**Belcher's Gull** ◊ *Larus belcheri* A few at Pantanos de Villa.

**Kelp Gull** *Larus dominicanus* Seen along the coastal strip.

**Cabot's Tern** *Thalasseus sandvicensis* A single bird at Pantanos de Villa.

**Elegant Tern** *Thalasseus elegans* Common at Pantanos de Villa.

**Black Tern (N)** *Chlidonias niger* Pelagic

**Inca Tern** ◊ *Larosterna inca* Common at Pantanos de Villa and Pucusana.

**Pomarine Jaeger (N) (P Skua)** *Stercorarius pomarinus* Pelagic bird.

**Rock Dove (introduced)** *Columba livia* Sorry, has to be added.

**Spot-winged Pigeon** *Patagioenas maculosa* One at Junin was a surprise.

**Band-tailed Pigeon (White-necked P)** *Patagioenas [fasciata] albilinea* Seen Llanganuco onwards.

**Plumbeous Pigeon** *Patagioenas plumbea* (H) Heard at Villa Rica.

**Ruddy Pigeon** *Patagioenas subvinacea* A few at La Loma del Diabolo.

**Plain-breasted Ground Dove** *Columbina minuta* Common near Huanuco.

**Croaking Ground Dove** ◊ *Columbina cruziana* Common on the coast.

**Bare-faced Ground Dove** *Metriopelia ceciliae* A few.

**Black-winged Ground Dove** *Metriopelia melanoptera* Seen in the Fortaleza valley.

**White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi* Common in the Fortaleza valley.

**White-throated Quail-Dove** *Zenstrygon frenata* (H) Heard Carpish.

**Eared Dove** *Zenaida auriculata* Common.

**West Peruvian Dove (Pacific D)** *Zenaida meloda* Common on the coast. Also now established in Satipo.

**Smooth-billed Ani** *Crotophaga ani* Common around Lago Oconal.

**Groove-billed Ani** *Crotophaga sulcirostris* Coast.

**Squirrel Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana* Commonly recorded.

**Koepcke's Screech Owl** ◇ *Megascops koepckeae* Three together in the Cordillera Blanca.

**Cloud-forest Screech Owl** *Megascops marshalli* (H) Unfortunately, despite two attempts we only heard it.

**Lesser Horned Owl** *Bubo magellanicus* A pair in the Fortaleza valley, one below Unchog..

**Rufous-banded Owl** *Strix albitarsis* (H) Heard at Ulcumano.

**Black-banded Owl** *Strix huhula* What a bird. We saw this one very well at Ulcumano at 2235m!

**Yungas Pygmy Owl** ◇ *Glaucidium bolivianum* One seen near Carpish tunnel.

**Pacific Pygmy Owl** ◇ (Peruvian P O) *Glaucidium peruanum* Common on the west flank.

**Burrowing Owl** *Athene cunicularia* Several sites.

**Lesser Nighthawk** *Chordeiles acutipennis* Common at KM75 on the Pan-Americana sur.

**Tschudi's (Band-winged N) Nightjar** ◇ *Systellura (longirostris) descussatus* Several north of Canete.

**Swallow-tailed Nightjar** *Uropsalis segmentata* Seen very briefly at Ulcumano by some.

**Chestnut-collared Swift** *Streptoprocne rutila* Seen below San Ramon and at Ulcumano.

**White-collared Swift** *Streptoprocne zonaris* A large flock in the upper Fortaleza valley.

**Grey-rumped Swift** *Chaetura cinereiventris* Common species.

**Chimney Swift** *Chaetura pelagica* One at Fortaleza.

**Andean Swift** *Aeronautes andecolus* Small numbers.

**Lesser Violetear** *Colibri cyanotus* Common at Villa Rica.

**Sparkling Violetear** *Colibri coruscans* Several Fortaleza.

**Black-throated Mango** *Anthracothorax nigricollis* At Villa Rica.

**Wire-crested Thorntail** *Discosura popelairii* At Santa Rosita.

**Blue-tailed Emerald** *Chlorostilbon mellisugus* A pair near Huanuco.

**Fork-tailed Woodnymph** *Thalurania furcata* At Villa Rica and elsewhere.

**Spot-throated Hummingbird** ◇ *Leucippus taczanowskii* Seen Pueblo Libre.

**Sapphire-spangled Emerald** *Amazilia lactea* Seen near Villa Rica.

**White-bellied Hummingbird** *Amazilia chionogaster* Seen near Huarica.

**Green-and-white Hummingbird** *Amazilia viridicauda* At Villa Rica, where not uncommon.

**Amazilia Hummingbird** ◇ *Amazilia amazilia* Certainly.

**Green-fronted Lancebill** *Doryfera ludovicae* Ulcumano lodge car park seems to be good for this species.

**Speckled Hummingbird** *Adelomyia melanogenys* One seen.

**Shining Sunbeam** *Aglaeactis cupripennis* Seen in the Cordillera Blanca.

**White-tufted Sunbeam** ◊ *Aglaeactis castelnaudii* One or possibly two seen 3300m above Tarma.  
**Andean Hillstar** ◊ (Green-headed H) *Oreotrochilus [estella] stolzmanni* Seen Cordillera Blanca.  
**Black-breasted Hillstar** *Oreotrochilus melanogaster* Five together at Ondores.  
**Bronzy Inca** *Coeligena coeligena* At Ulcumano.  
**Collared Inca** *Coeligena torquata* Yes a few.  
**Violet-throated Starfrontlet** ◊ *Coeligena violifer* Also, a few seen.  
**Great Sapphirewing** *Pterophanes cyanopterus* A lovely species.  
**Giant Hummingbird** *Patagona gigas* Several.  
**Amethyst-throated Sunangel** *Heliangelus amethysticollis* Yes.  
**Emerald-bellied Puffleg** ◊ *Eriocnemis aline* One on the Paty trail.  
**Rufous-booted Racket-tail** *Ocreatus addae* Very briefly near San Pedro on the Satipo road.  
**Green-tailed Trainbearer** *Lesbia nuna* (LO) One Cordillera Blanca  
**Bronze-tailed Comet** ◊ *Polyonymus caroli* Common Fortaleza.  
**Purple-backed Thornbill** *Ramphomicron microrhynchum* A stunning male in the Mantaro drainage.  
**Tyrian Metaltail** *Metallura tyrianthina* Yes. The form *smaragdinicollis* and shortly to be split.  
**Coppery Metaltail** ◊ *Metallura theresiae* Common at Bosque Unchog.  
**Fiery-throated Metaltail** ◊ *Metallura eupogon* Several at my stakeout.  
**Black Metaltail** ◊ *Metallura phoebe* Fairly common in the Cordillera Blanca.  
**Purple-backed Thornbill** What a bird!  
**Olivaceous Thornbill** ◊ *Chalcostigma olivaceum* A struggle at Marcapomacoha.  
**Blue-mantled Thornbill** *Chalcostigma stanleyi* Several in the Cordillera Blanca.  
**Long-tailed Sylph** *Aglaiocercus kingii* At Villa Rica a couple.  
**Oasis Hummingbird** ◊ *Rhodopis vesper* Common Lomas de Lachay  
**Peruvian Sheartail** ◊ *Thaumastura cora* Ditto.  
**Purple-collared Woodstar** *Myrtis fanny* Also common at Lomas de Lachay.  
**Golden-headed Quetzal** *Pharomachrus auriceps* At Ulcumano.  
**Crested Quetzal** *Pharomachrus antisimensis* At superb male at Ulcumano. New for Eduardo and another write in.  
**Masked Trogon** *Trogon personatus* At Ulcumano.  
**Andean Motmot** *Momotus aequatorialis* At several sites.  
**Rufous Motmot** *Barythengus martii* One seen above Satipo was a surprise.  
**Bluish-fronted Jacamar** *Galbula cyanescens* At Villa Rica.  
**Lanceolated Monklet** ◊ *Micromonacha lanceolate* At Villa Rica. We looked hard for this one.  
**Black-fronted Nunbird** *Monassa nigrifrons* Common in the lowlands.  
**Black-throated Toucanet** *Aulacorhynchus atrogularis* At Villa Rica.  
**Chestnut-eared Aracari** *Pteroglossus castanotis* At Villa Rica and Satipo.  
**Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan** *Andigena hypoglauca* Six seen at Carpish.  
**Ocellated Piculet** *Picumnus dorbignyanus* At Villa Rica.  
**Yellow-tufted Woodpecker** *Melanerpes cruentatus* At Villa Rica and Satipo.  
**Yellow-vented Woodpecker** *Veniloirnis dygna* At pair at Bosque Shollett, caught me off guard.

**Smoky-brown Woodpecker** *Leuconotopicus fumigatus* A pair in the upper Fortaleza valley.

**Crimson-mantled Woodpecker** *Colaptes rivolii* A single bird at Carpish.

**Black-necked Woodpecker** ◊ *Colaptes atricollis* Fortaleza valley day two.

**Andean Flicker** *Colaptes rupicola* A few seen by some of us in the Cordillera Blanca.

**Lineated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus lineatus* (H) Heard at Villa Rica

**Mountain Caracara** *Phalcoboenus megalopterus* A smart species.

**American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius* A personal favorite. A very pretty falcon.

**Aplomado Falcon** *Falco femoralis* One at Lomas de Lachay, several in the high Andes.

**Orange-breasted Falcon** ◊ *Falco deiroleucus* One seen briefly by some.

**Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus* Many individuals seen at Lomas de Lachay

**Mountain Parakeet** *Psilopsiagon aurifrons* At Lomas de Lachay and in the Fortaleza valley.

**White-winged Parakeet** *Brotogeris versicolurus* Now in the Fortaleza valley

**Plum-crowned Parrot** *Pionus tumultuosus* At Apalla in the fog.

**Blue-headed Parrot** *Pionus menstruus* At Villa Rica and Satipo.

**Scaly-naped Amazon (S-n Parrot)** *Amazona mercenarias* (H) Heard only!

**Pacific Parrotlet** *Forpus coelestis* common on the coast north of Lima.

**Cordilleran (Scarlet-fronted) Parakeet** *Psittacara frontatus* Common.

**Mitred Parakeet** *Psittacara mitratus* (H) Heard at Ulcumano.

**White-eyed Parakeet** *Psittacara leucophthalmus* At Villa Rica

**Dusky-headed Parakeet** *Aratinga weddellii* One at Huacho. Are they established on the coast?

**Common Miner** *Geositta cunicularia* We saw these at Junin.

**Slender-billed Miner** *Geositta tenuirostris* Several Marcapomacocha.

**Greyish Miner** ◊ *Geositta maritima* At Lomas de Lachay.

**Coastal Miner** ◊ *Geositta peruviana* Ditto.

**Dark-winged Miner** ◊ *Geositta saxicolina* Junin and Marcapomacocha.

**Thick-billed Miner** ◊ *Geositta crassirostris* a pair at Lomas de Lachay.

**Buff-breasted Earthcreeper (Plain-breasted E)** *Upucerthia [validirostris] jelskii* Yes.

**Striated Earthcreeper** ◊ *Geocerthia serrana* Common in the Cordillera Blanca.

**Cream-winged Cinclodes** *Cinclodes albiventris* Common.

**White-winged Cinclodes** *Cinclodes atacamensis* One pair taped in.

**White-bellied Cinclodes** ◊ *Cinclodes palliatus* Marcapomacocha and Ticlio.

**Peruvian Seaside Cinclodes** ◊ (Surf C) *Cinclodes taczanowskii* Pucusana.

**Tawny Tit-Spinetail** *Leptasthenura yanacensis* A good sized group in the Cordillera Blanca.

**Rusty-crowned Tit-Spinetail** ◊ *Leptasthenura pileata* Several.

**Andean Tit-Spinetail** *Leptasthenura andicola* (LO) Cordillera Blanca.

**Eye-ringed Thistletail** ◊ *Asthenes palpebralis* An easy species to find.

**Canyon Canastero** ◊ *Asthenes pudibunda* Fortaleza valley.

**Streak-throated Canastero** ◊ *Asthenes humilis* Common

**Cordilleran Canastero** *Asthenes modesta* Seen at Junin.

**Pale-tailed Canastero** ◊ *Asthenes huancavelicae* Nailed at Pueblo Libre  
**Line-fronted Canastero** ◊ *Asthenes urubambensis* One Cordillera Blanca.  
**Many-striped Canastero** *Asthenes flammulata* Common Cordillera Blanca.  
**Junin Canastero** ◊ *Asthenes virgate* Marcapomacocha.  
**Cactus Canastero** ◊ *Pseudasthenes cactorum* We made their day at Lomas de Lachay.  
**Rufous Spinetail** *Synallaxis unirufa* Seen Carpish.  
**Azara's Spinetail** *Synallaxis azarae* heard Carpish and seen elsewhere.  
**Cabanis's Spinetail** *Synallaxis cabanis* (H) Heard below Mariposa.  
**Russet-bellied Spinetail** ◊ *Synallaxis zimmeri* Common upper Fortaleza at the new secret stakeout.  
**Marcapata Spinetail** ◊ *Cranioleuca [marcapatae] weskei* At Apalla.  
**Creamy-crested Spinetail** ◊ *Cranioleuca albicapilla* A nice group near Andamarca.  
**Ash-browed Spinetail** *Cranioleuca curtata* At Villa Rica a couple seen.  
**Line-cheeked Spinetail** ◊ (Baron's S) *Cranioleuca [antsiensis] baroni* A nice Spinetial.  
**'Mantaro' Thornbird** ◊ (Streak-fronted T) *Phacellodomus striaticeps ssp nov* A few near Andamarca.  
**Wren-like Rushbird** *Phleocryptes melanops* Recorded Junin.  
**Spotted Barbtail** *Premnoplex brunnescens* At Ulcumano not uncommon.  
**Pearled Treerunner** *Margarornis squamiger* Found at Unchog and Carpish.  
**Lineated Foliage-gleaner** *Syndactyla subalaris* A couple of pairs at Ulcumano lodge.  
**Montane Foliage-gleaner** *Anabacerthia striaticollis* At Villa Rica several seen.  
**Peruvian Treehunter** ◊ *Thripadectes scrutator* A nice pair near Huancamachay.  
**Streaked Xenops** *Xenops rutilans* At Villa Rica a couple seen.  
**Inambari Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes fatimalimae* Common around Villa rica.  
**Montane Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger* A few at Carpish.  
**Stripe-chested Antwren** *Myrmotherula longicauda* At Villa Rica.  
**Creamy-bellied Antwren** ◊ *Herpsilochmus motacilloides* Several seen in the coffee plantations around Villa Rica.  
**Plain Antvireo** *Dysithamnus mentalis* At Villa Rica  
**Chestnut-backed Antshrike** *Thamnophilus palliatus* A pair at Villa Rica  
**Streak-headed Antbird** ◊ *Drymophila striaticeps* A very cooperative bird at Carpish.  
**Blackish Antbird** *Cercomacroides nigrescens* At Villa Rica we saw a pair.  
**Undulated Antpitta** *Grallaria squamigera* (H) Heard only at Bosque Unchog.  
**Stripe-headed Antpitta** ◊ *Grallaria andecolus* A cracking pair in the Cordillera Blanca.  
**Bay Antpitta** *Grallaria capitalis* Seen Carpish.  
**Rufous Antpitta** ◊ (Fulvous A) *Grallaria [rufula] obscura* (H). Heard only at Unchog.  
**Chestnut Antpitta** ◊ *Grallaria blakei* Seen Carpish.  
**'Pasco' Antpitta** ◊ (Chestnut A) *Grallaria sp nov* A superb experience with this new species.  
**Millpo Tapaculo** ◊ *Scytalopus sp. nov.* A couple of this perky little fellow seen.  
**Rufous-vented Tapaculo** ◊ (Peruvian R-v T) *Scytalopus femoralis* At Ulcumano.  
**Tschudi's Tapaculo** ◊ *Scytalopus acutirostris* Several seen.  
**Ancash Tapaculo** ◊ *Scytalopus affinis* Well yes.

**Neblina Tapaculo** ◊ (Elfin Forest T) *Scytalopus altirostris* One seen by some of us.  
**Junin Tapaculo** ◊ *Scytalopus gettyae* One seen well above Apalla.  
**Large-footed Tapaculo** ◊ *Scytalopus Macropus* One seen briefly by some of us.  
**White-crested Elaenia (Peruvian E)** *Elaenia [albiceps] modesta* Yes.  
**Highland Elaenia** *Elaenia obscura* At Ulcumano.  
**Sierran Elaenia** *Elaenia pallatangae* A smart Elaenia.  
**Foothill Elaenia** *Myiopagis olallae* Found near Villa Rica at La Loma de Diabolo.  
**Subtropical Doradito** *Psuedocolopteryx acutipennis* Seen briefly near Huanuco.  
**Southern Beardless Tyrannulet** *Camptostoma obsoletum* At Lampay.  
**White-throated Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus leucophrys* A few in the Cordillera Blanca.  
**White-tailed Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus poecilocercus* A few.  
**White-banded Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus stictopterus* Common.  
**Black-crested Tit-Tyrant** ◊ *Anairetes nigrocristatus* A pair at Cochabamba.  
**Pied-crested Tit-Tyrant** ◊ *Anairetes reguloides* A cracker.  
**Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant** *Anairetes flavirostris* Another cracker.  
**Tufted Tit-Tyrant** *Anairetes parulus* A few noted.  
**Unstreaked Tit-Tyrant** ◊ *Uromyias agraphia* A pair at Carpish.  
**Tawny-crowned Pygmy Tyrant** *Euscarthmus meloryphus* Several Fortaleza.  
**Peruvian Tyrannulet** ◊ *Zimmerius viridiflavus* Recorded Carpish.  
**Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet** *Phylloscartes ventralis* Recorded at Ulcumano  
**Streak-necked Flycatcher** *Mionectes striaticollis* Seen Villa Rica and Satipo road  
**Slaty-capped Flycatcher** *Leptopogon superciliaris* Recorded along the Satipo road  
**Inca Flycatcher** ◊ *Leptopogon taczanowskii* Seen below Carpish tunnel.  
**Bran-colored Flycatcher** *Myiophobus [fasciatus] rufescens* A good split.  
**Ochraceous-breasted Flycatcher** *Nephelomyias ochraceiventris* A gang of four at Unchog.  
**Ornate Flycatcher** *Myiotriccus ornatus* (H) Villa Rica  
**Many-colored Rush Tyrant** *Tachuris rubrigastra* Recorded at Lago Junin.  
**Scale-crested Pygmy Tyrant** *Lophotriccus pileatus* Recorded at Villa Rica.  
**Common Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum cinereum* Common around Villa Rica and Satipo.  
**Olive-faced Flatbill** *Tolmomyias viridiceps* Recorded at Villa Rica.  
**Cinnamon Flycatcher** *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus* A common species.  
**Cliff Flycatcher** *Hirundinea ferruginea* One in the upper Santa Eulalia valley.  
**Black Phoebe** *Sayornis nigricans* Seen Huanuco and Satipo..  
**Smoke-colored Pewee** *Contopus fumigatus* Recorded Carpish.  
**Western Wood Pewee (N)** *Contopus sordidulus* Recorded at Villa Rica  
**Olive-sided Flycatcher** *Contopus borealis* A few noted near Villa Rica.  
**Tumbes Pewee** *Contopus punensis* Several Fortaleza.  
**Scarlet Flycatcher (A)** *Pyrocephalus rubinus* Yes.  
**Scarlet Flycatcher** *Pyrocephalus rubinus* – **sooty phase**. A good split? Is this lumped in *rubinus*?

**Andean Negrito (White-winged N) *Lessonia oreas*** A nice species.  
**Jelski's Black Tyrant** ◊ (Plumbeous T) *Knipolegus signatus* Brilliant to find this species at Carpish.  
**Rufous-tailed Tyrant *Knipolegus Poecilurus*** Recorded at Bosque Shollett.  
**Taczanowski's Ground Tyrant** ◊ *Muscisaxicola griseus* A small group in the Cordillera Blanca.  
**Puna Ground Tyrant** ◊ *Muscisaxicola juninensis* Marcapomacocha and Ticlio.  
**White-fronted Ground Tyrant *Muscisaxicola albifrons*** Marcapomacocha and Ticlio.  
**Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant *Agriornis montanus*** A few.  
**Streak-throated Bush Tyrant *Myiotheretes striaticollis*** Seen Bosque Unchog and above Apalla..  
**Smoky Bush Tyrant *Myiotheretes fumigatus*** One seen Carpish.  
**Rufous-webbed Bush Tyrant *Polioxolmis rufipennis*** A few.  
**Kalinowski's Chat-Tyrant** ◊ (Peruvian C-T) *Silvicoltrix spodionota* ◊ Three seen Bosque Unchog.  
**Jelski's Chat-Tyrant *Silvicoltrix jelskii*** ◊ A single bird seen very briefly at Llanganuco.  
**Maroon-belted Chat-Tyrant (M-chested C-t) *Ochthoeca thoracica*** (H) Heard at Carpish.  
**Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis*** A couple seen in the Cordillera Blanca.  
**Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca fumicolor*** A nice bird.  
**D'Orbigny's Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca oenanthoides*** A nice Chat-Tyrant.  
**White-browed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca leucophrys*** Common.  
**Long-tailed Tyrant *Colonia colonus*** Recorded at Villa Rica  
**Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus*** Recorded at Villa Rica  
**Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis*** Recorded at Villa Rica around Lago Oconal.  
**Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus*** Recorded in Satipo in the rain.  
**Lemon-browed Flycatcher *Conopias cinchoneti*** Recorded at Villa Rica and Satipo.  
**Golden-crowned Flycatcher *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus*** Recorded at Bosque Shollett.  
**Baird's Flycatcher *Myiodynastes bairdii*** A pair in the Fortaleza valley.  
**Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus*** Seen around Villa Rica.  
**Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*** A common species.  
**Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer*** Recorded at Villa Rica.  
**Short-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus ferox*** Recorded at Lago Oconal.  
**Red-crested Cotinga *Ampelion rubrocristatus*** A couple at Bosque Unchog.  
**Chestnut-crested Cotinga** ◊ *Ampelion rufaxilla* Recorded at Bosque Shollett. Excellent.  
**White-cheeked Cotinga** ◊ *Zaratornis stresemanni* YES. Superb.  
**Bay-vented Cotinga** ◊ *Doliornis sclateri* Several at Bosque Unchog.  
**Barred Fruiteater *Pipreola arcuate*** Recorded above Apalla.  
**Masked Fruiteater** ◊ *Pipreola pulchra* Recorded at Ulcumano.  
**Andean Cock-of-the-rock *Rupicola peruvianus*** Recorded at Satipo.  
**Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata*** Found around Villa Rica.  
**Barred Becard *Pachyramphus versicolor*** A few. Flock leaders in the temperate zone.  
**White-winged Becard *Pachyramphus polychopterus*** Recorded at Villa Rica.  
**Olivaceous Greenlet *Hylophilus olivaceus*** Not uncommon around Villa Rica.

**Rufous-browed Peppershrike** *Cyclarhis gujanensis* (H) Not searched for.  
**Brown-capped Vireo** *Vireo leucophrys* Recorded at Villa Rica  
**Red-eyed Vireo** *Vireo olivaceus* Recorded at Villa Rica  
**White-collared Jay** *Cyanolyca viridicyanus* A nice bird. Seen Carpish.  
**Violaceous Jay** *Cyanocorax violaceus* Seen.  
**Inca Jay** *Cyanocorax yncas* Recorded at Satipo and Ulcumano.  
**Blue-and-white Swallow** *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca* A common bird.  
**Brown-bellied Swallow** *Notiochelidon murina* A common species of the high Andes.  
**Pale-footed Swallow** *Notiochelidon flavipes* Several Carpish.  
**Andean Swallow** *Haplochelidon andecola* Marcapomacocha.  
**White-banded Swallow** *Atticora fasciata* Recorded at Satipo.  
**Southern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* Recorded at Villa Rica  
**Barn Swallow (N)** *Hirundo rustica* Loads at Lachay.  
**Fasciated Wren** ◊ *Campylorhynchus fasciatus* Common Huanunco.  
**Peruvian Wren** ◊ *Cinnycerthia peruana* Common Carpish.  
**Grass Wren** *Cistothorus platensis* Several Bosque Unchog.  
**'Mantaro' Wren** ◊ (Plain-tailed W) *Pheugopedius euophrys* The noisy little blighters.  
**Coraya Wren** *Pheugopedius Coraya* (H) Villa Rica  
**House Wren (Southern H W)** *Troglodytes [aedon] musculus* Ubiquitous.  
**Mountain Wren** *Troglodytes solstitialis* Seen Carpish.  
**Grey-breasted Wood Wren** *Henicorhina leucophrys* Seen Paty trail.  
**Black-capped Donacobius** *Donacobius atricapillus* Seen at Laguna Oconal.  
**Long-tailed Mockingbird** ◊ *Mimus longicaudatus* Coast.  
**Andean Solitaire** *Myadestes ralloides* Seen Satipo road and heard Paty trail.  
**Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush** *Catharus fuscater* (LO) Above Satipo.  
**Swainson's Thrush (N)** *Catharus ustulatus* Recorded at Ulcumano by one person.  
**White-eared Solitaire** ◊ *Entomodestes leucotis* A couple on the upper Paty trail.  
**Great Thrush** *Turdus fuscater* Cordillera Blanca and humid sites on the east flank..  
**Chiguanco Thrush** *Turdus chiguanco* Common.  
**Glossy-black Thrush** *Turdus serranus* Recorded at Ulcumano.  
**Black-billed Thrush** *Turdus ignobilis* Common.  
**White-capped Dipper** *Cinclus leucocephalus* Recorded above Satipo.  
**House Sparrow (introduced)** *Passer domesticus* Spreading.  
**Peruvian Pipit** ◊ *Anthus peruvianus* One at Lomas de Lachay.  
**Paramo Pipit** *Anthus bogotensis* A pair at Bosque Unchog.  
**Hooded Siskin** *Spinus magellanicus* Very common.  
**Black Siskin** *Spinus atratus* Seen Junin area.  
**Thick-billed Siskin** ◊ *Spinus crassirostris* A few in the Cordillera Blanca.  
**Purple-throated Euphonia** *Euphonia chlorotica* Recorded near Satipo.

**Thick-billed Euphonia** *Euphonia laniirostris* Recorded in Satipo.  
**Bronze-green Euphonia** *Euphonia mesochrysa* Recorded at Villa Rica  
**Orange-bellied Euphonia** *Euphonia xanthogaster* Recorded below Apalla.  
**Rufous-collared Sparrow** *Zonotrichia capensis* A very dapper passerine.  
**Yellow-browed Sparrow** *Ammodramus aurifrons* Common around Oxapampa.  
**Grey-browed Brushfinch** *Arremon assimilis* Yes, several places.  
**Tricolored Brushfinch** ◊ *Atlapetes tricolor* Small flock on upper Paty trail.  
**Rufous-eared Brushfinch** ◊ *Atlapetes rufigenis* A smart brush-finch.  
**Black-spectacled Brushfinch** ◊ (B-goggled B F) *Atlapetes melanopsis* A pair in the Andamarca valley.  
**Slaty Brushfinch** *Atlapetes schistaceus* Seen Bosque Unchog.  
**Bay-crowned Brushfinch** ◊ *Atlapetes seebohmi* Abundant in the upper Fortaleza valley  
**Rusty-bellied Brushfinch** ◊ *Atlapetes nationi* Marcapomacocha day.  
**Common Bush Tanager** *Chlorospingus flavopectus* Yes.  
**Yellow-whiskered Bush Tanager (Short-billed B-T, Short-billed Chlorospingus)** *Chlorospingus parvirostris* Yes..  
**Ashy-throated Bush Tanager** *Chlorospingus canigularis* A couple noted near Huanuco.  
**Bobolink** *Dolichonyx orythorus* A couple near Huanuco.  
**Yellow-hooded Blackbird** *Chrysomus icterocephalus* Several At Villa marshes.  
**Peruvian Meadowlark** *Leistes bellicosus* A common bird.  
**Russet-backed Oropendola** *Psarocolius angustifrons* Recorded lowlands.  
**Dusky-green Oropendola** *Psarocolius atrovirens* Recorded at Bosque Shollett.  
**Crested Oropendola** *Psarocolius decumanus* Recorded at Satipo.  
**Yellow-rumped Cacique** *Cacicus cela* Recorded at Santa Rosita.  
**Northern Mountain Cacique** *Cacicus leucoramphus* (H) Heard above Apalla.  
**Oriole Blackbird** *Gymnomystax mexicanus* Seen near Huanuco.  
**Giant Cowbird** *Molothrus oryzivorus* (LO) In the rain.  
**Shiny Cowbird** *Molothrus bonariensis* Lima.  
**Scrub Blackbird** *Dives waczewiczi* Arid valleys and coast.  
**Tropical Parula** *Setophaga pitiaiyumi* Noted at Villa Rica  
**Blackburnian Warbler (N)** *Setophaga fusca* One seen Paty trail.  
**Citrine Warbler** *Myiothlypis luteoviridis* Common.  
**Russet-crowned Warbler** *Myiothlypis coronate* Seen Carpish.  
**Cuzco Warbler** *Myiothlypis chrysogaster* Very common above Satipo.  
**Slate-throated Whitestart** *Myioborus miniatus* Recorded at Villa Rica  
**Spectacled Whitestart** *Myioborus melanocephalus* Very common.  
**Tooth-billed Tanager (Highland Hepatic T)** *Piranga lutea* Who named this bird? Several seen on the coast.  
**Black-backed Grosbeak** *Pheucticus aureoventris* Seen near Andamarca.  
**Golden Grosbeak (Golden-bellied G)** *Pheucticus chrysogaster* A good split.  
**Magpie Tanager** *Cissopis leverianus* Recorded at Villa Rica.  
**White-browed Hemispingus** ◊ *Hemispingus auricularis* Common where found.

Superciliaried Hemispingus *Hemispingus superciliaris* Several noted.

Oleaginous Hemispingus *Hemispingus frontalis* Carpish.

Black-eared Hemispingus *Hemispingus melanotis* Common at Carpish.

Rufous-browed Hemispingus ◊ *Hemispingus rufosuperciliaris* Two seen at Bosque Unchog.

Drab Hemispingus *Hemispingus xanthophthalmus* A few at Bosque Unchog.

Grey-hooded Bush Tanager *Cnemoscopus rubrirostris* Several noted.

Rufous-chested Tanager *Thlypopsis ornate* At Carpish.

Brown-flanked Tanager ◊ *Thlypopsis pectoralis* Seen below Bosque Unchog

Yellow-crested Tanager *Tachyphonus rufivertex* Seen above Satipo.

Pardusco ◊ *Nephelornis oneilli* Fairly common at Bosque Unchog.

Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo* Common at Villa Rica

Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus* A Lima bird. Also Huanuco and lowlands.

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum* Seen Huanuco.

Blue-capped Tanager *Thraupis cyanocephala* Seen Bopque Unchog.

Blue-and-yellow Tanager *Thraupis bonariensis* Several.

Hooded Mountain Tanager *Buthraupis montana* Noted Bosque Unchog.

Golden-backed Mountain Tanager ◊ *Buthraupis aureodorsalis* One seen several times Bosque Unchog.

Lacrimose Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus lacrymosus* Seen Bosque Unchog.

Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus igniventris* Common.

Blue-winged Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus somptuosus* Recorded at Villa Rica a few seen.

Grass-green Tanager *Chlorornis riefferii* Seen Carpish.

Buff-breasted Mountain Tanager *Dubusia taeniata* Seen Bosque Unchog.

Chestnut-bellied Mountain Tanager ◊ *Delothraupis castaneovertris* Seemingly common at Bosque Unchog.

Golden-collared Tanager ◊ *Iridosornis jelskii* A few at Bosque Unchog.

Yellow-scarfed Tanager ◊ *Iridosornis Reinhardt* A few at Bosque Unchog and several at Carpsih.

Yellow-throated Tanager *Iridosornis analis* Seen Ulcumano lodge.

Fawn-breasted Tanager *Pipraeidea melanonota* A single bird at Carpsih.

Saffron-crowned Tanager *Tangara xanthocephala* Recorded at Bosque Shollett.

Flame-faced Tanager *Tangara parzudakii* A few at Carpish.

Spotted Tanager *Tangara punctate* Recorded at Satipo.

Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola* Seen above Satipo.

Blue-necked Tanager *Tangara cyanicollis* Recorded at Villa Rica

Beryl-spangled Tanager *Tangara nigroviridis* A few at Carpsih.

Blue-and-black Tanager *Tangara vassorii* A few at Bosque Unchog.

Silver-backed Tanager *Tangara viridicollis* Recorded at Ulcumano.

Swallow Tanager *Tersina viridis* Again common around Villa Rica.

Tit-like Dacnis ◊ *Xenodacnis parina* A stunner. Common Cordillera Blanca.

Cinereous Conebill *Conirostrum cinereum* A common bird.

Blue-backed Conebill *Conirostrum sitticolor* A single bird at Bosque Unchog.

**Capped Conebill** *Conirostrum albifrons* A few at Carpish.

**Giant Conebill** ◊ *Oreomanes fraseri* Several pairs.

**Moustached Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa mystacalis* A few at Bosque Unchog.

**Black-throated Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa brunneiventris* A nice species.

**Masked Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa cyanea* A few at Carpish.

**Scarlet Tanager** *Piranga olivaceus* Seen near Villa Rica.

**Summer Tanager** *Piranga rubra* Seen near Villa Rica.

**White-winged Tanager** *Piranga leucoptera* Seen near Villa Rica.

**Peruvian Sierra Finch** ◊ *Phrygilus punensis* Nice.

**Mourning Sierra Finch** *Phrygilus fruticeti* A dry valley bird.

**Plumbeous Sierra Finch** *Phrygilus unicolor* A common species.

**Ash-breasted Sierra Finch** *Phrygilus plebejus* Ditto.

**Band-tailed Sierra Finch** *Phrygilus alaudinus* One at Lomas de Lachay.

**White-winged Diuca Finch** *Diuca speculifera* A couple in the Cordillera Blanca.

**Great Inca Finch** ◊ *Incaezpiza pulchra* A few in the mid-Fortaleza valley.

**Rufous-backed Inca Finch** ◊ *Incaezpiza personata* A number of pairs near Huariaca.

**Slender-billed Finch** *Xenospingus concolor* Common Canete valley.

**Plain-tailed Warbling Finch** ◊ *Poospiza alticola* Cordillera Blanca.

**Rufous-breasted Warbling Finch** ◊ *Poospiza rubecula* Upper Santa Eulalia valley. Up to three seen.

**Collared Warbling Finch** ◊ *Poospiza hispaniolensis* Abundant Lomas de Lachay. Several Pueblo Libre.

**Bright-rumped Yellow Finch** *Sicalis uropigyalis* A large number at Ondores.

**Greenish Yellow Finch** *Sicalis olivascens* Near San Pedro de Casta.

**Grassland Yellow Finch** *Sicalis luteola* A common species around Junin.

**Raimondi's Yellow Finch** ◊ *Sicalis raimondii* A few at Lomas de Lachay.

**Saffron Finch** *Sicalis flaveola* A common bird on the coast now.

**Red-capped Cardinal** *Coryphospingus cucullatus* Seen at Laguna Oconal.

**Buff-throated Saltator** *Saltator maximus* Recorded at Villa Rica and Satipo.

**Greyish Saltator** *Saltator caerulescens* Recorded at Satipo and Villa Rica.

**Golden-billed Saltator** *Saltator aurantiirostris* A smart Saltator.

**Streaked Saltator** *Saltator striatipectus* A few in the Fortaleza valley.

**Blue-black Grassquit** *Volatinia jacarina* A common bird.

**Yellow-bellied Seedeater** *Sporophila nigricollis* A few at our hotel near Huanuco.

**Drab Seedeater** ◊ *Sporophila simplex* Seen Santa Eulalia.

**Chestnut-bellied Seedeater** *Sporophila castaneiventris* Recorded at Villa Rica

**Chestnut-throated Seedeater** ◊ *Sporophila telasco* Recorded Villa Marshes.

**Chestnut-bellied Seedfinch** *Oryzoborus angolensis* Seen near Satipo. A rapidly declining species.

**Band-tailed Seedeater** *Catamenia analis* Yes.

**Plain-colored Seedeater** *Catamenia inornata* Very common in the Cordillera Blanca.

**Bananaquit** *Coereba flaveola* A single bird in Lima and others near Villa Rica.

**Plushcap (Plush-capped F) *Catamblyrhynchus diadema*** A few at Bosque Unchog.

**MAMMALS.**

**Andean Saddle-backed Tamarin *Saguinus leucogenys*** A single troop seen at Villa Rica

**Bolivian Squirrel *Saimiri ignitis*** Recorded at Villa Rica

**Northern Mountain Viscacha *Lagidium peruanum*** A few seen Cordillera Blanca.

**European Rabbit (Common R) (introduced) *Oryctolagus cuniculus*** One seen at Pari

**Brown Rat *Rattus norvegicus*** One in reception scurrying across the desk, at our luxurious hotel in Huanuco.

**Ashy Chinchilla Rat *Abrocoma cinerea*** Several seen at Pari.

**Montane Guinea Pig *Cavia tschudii*** Common in the Andes.

**South American Sea Lion *Otaria flavescens*** Common at Paracas.

**Vicuna (Vicugna) *Vicugna vicugna*** A few near Junin.

**Common Bottlenose Dolphin *Tursiops truncates*** Seen Pucusana and Paracas.