



The superb Long-whiskered Owlet - our inevitable bird-of-the-trip... again! (Pete Morris)

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Three years ago I wrote “Our Northern Peru tour has become a real blockbuster over the years!”. Well unbelievably, it’s got even better with yet more specialities added in! It is one of those tours that really has evolved over time, with more and more goodies being added as knowledge has increased, and since my last tour a couple more localized endemics have joined the ranks!

The only downside is that there really is a lot to pack in now, but hey, who’s going to complain when the total list was well over 750 species (776 including a few likely to be split allospecies) and the top birds included Long-whiskered Owlet, Scarlet-banded Barbet, Cordillera Azul Antbird, Pale-billed Antpitta and Painted Manakin. I have highlighted these five as, just a few years ago, these species were not even on the radar! Now they are most definitely a reality! The barbet no longer takes a week long tough expedition – just a few



This superb and showy Paint-billed Crake was much admired (Pete Morris)

hours muddy drive! Other toughies, such as Rusty-tinged, Chestnut, Rufous-breasted (Leymebamba) and Ochre-fronted Antpittas and a number of rare hummingbirds have become much easier to see, whilst old favourites such as White-winged Guans, Marvelous Spatuletail and Peruvian Plantcutter are still doing us proud! Of particular note on this tour were the 16 species (if one splits Marañon Screech Owl) of owl and sixty-one species of hummingbirds, whilst our group favourites included such diverse species as a very showy Paint-billed Crake, amazing Striped and Stygian Owls, the exquisite Marañon Crescentchest, a gorgeous Scarlet-breasted Fruiteater at point blank range, and some superb Grey-breasted Mountain Toucans. In fact we had an extremely high hit rate with the specialities; just reward for our efforts!

Many of the group had asked if we could run a pelagic trip during the tour, and as a result we began, for those that wished, with a trip down to Paracas, a few hours south of Lima. Unfortunately, marine rules now prevent pelagics from Callao in Lima, so Paracas was the next best option. During the afternoon transfer down we



Tschudi's Nightjar was a welcome addition on our pre-tour excursion (Pete Morris)



A few from the pelagic... Chilean Skua, (American) Black Tern and Peruvian Diving Petrel (Pete Morris)

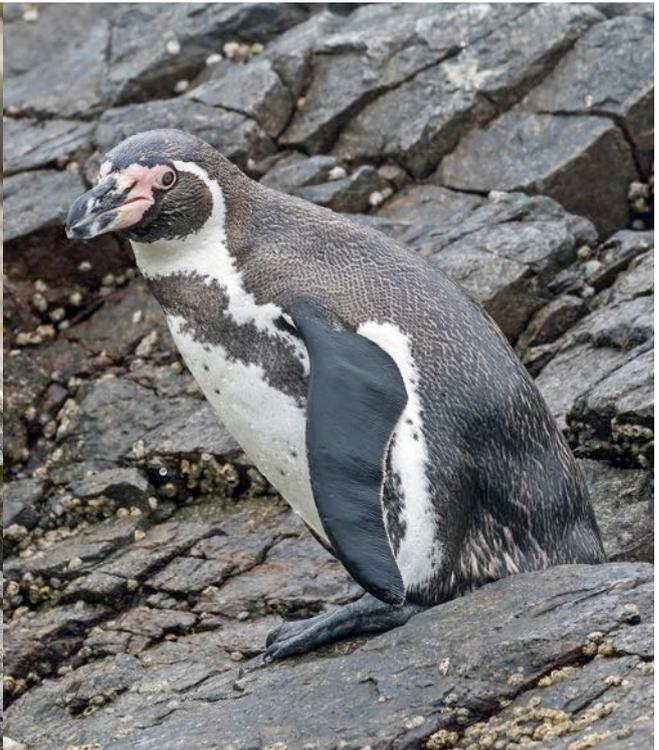
made a stop at some roadside scrub where we soon disturbed a number of Lesser Nighthawks, and amongst them we also found a single Tschudi's Nightjar, our target, and a Drab Seedeater. Further on, at dusk, we stopped in another area, and here we achieved some excellent views of more singing Tschudi's Nightjars, allowing us to appreciate just how different the song is to Band-winged Nightjar, the montane species with which, until recently, it was lumped.

The following morning we were up early and out on the ocean. As is typical here, the weather was grey and gloomy as we sped out away from the shore towards the cool waters of the Humboldt current. As we headed out to sea, we soon found good numbers of Peruvian Boobies and Inca Terns, followed by Elliot's Storm Petrels and Sooty Shearwaters. As we headed on, it some became apparent that Peruvian Diving Petrels were incredibly common, and we went on to see several hundreds. Once we stopped and threw some fish offal overboard, we attracted in more birds. Good numbers of Elliot's Storm Petrels were joined by a few Wilson's Storm Petrels, Pink-footed Shearwaters became reasonably numerous and were joined by a single White-chinned Petrel and a Chilean Skua. Of note were a couple of Peruvian Terns, and we went on to see some smart groups of Swallow-tailed Gulls, a single Sabine's Gull, a single American Black Tern and both Red and Red-necked Phalaropes. Extra interest was added by a couple of lovely Humpback Whales which came right around the boat!

Closer to the coast we visited some islands where we enjoyed great views of the endemic Peruvian Seaside Cinclodes as well as brilliant views of breeding seabirds including Peruvian Boobies, thousands of Guanay



More pelagic highlights included Swallow-tailed Gulls, Elliot's Storm Petrel and Pink-footed Shearwater, whilst closer to land we added Peruvian Seaside Cinclodes and Humboldt Penguins (Pete Morris)



Cormorants, colourful Red-legged Cormorants and Peruvian Pelicans, amazing Inca Terns, and small numbers of Humboldt Penguins alongside thousands of South American Sea-Lions. We also managed to find a couple of Blackish Oystercatchers on our way back to the harbour.

To be honest, it was a slightly disappointing result, with no albatrosses and not the variety of storm-petrels we had hoped for, so we set about making amends. First we headed for a small valley where, after a bit of scrambling, we found the hoped-for localized Slender-billed Finch, as well as the soon-to-be-split Rufescent Flycatcher (how can that be a Bran-coloured Flycatcher?). Oasis Hummingbird, Pied-crested Tit-Tyrant and Collared Warbling Finches were among the other species present. We then made our way to Pantanos de Villa, on the outskirts of Lima, and spent the last hour or so of the day here. The coastal lagoons were teeming with life! American Cliff Swallows buzzed around, hundreds of Wilson's Phalaropes spun around, Western and Least Sandpipers and American Oystercatchers fed along the shore, and amongst the throngs of gulls were some gorgeous pink-hued Franklin's Gulls, and a somewhat out of place Andean Gull. In the reeds we found multi-hued Many-coloured Rush Tyrant and Wren-like Rushbird as well as a Least Bittern for some. One last stop produced a gorgeous pair of Peruvian Thick-knees just before sunset, and we then headed for our comfortable Lima hotel where the pre-tour extension ended.



Some great post-pelagic birding yielded goodies such as Rufescent (Bran-colored) Flycatcher, Slender-billed Finch and some amazingly obliging Great Grebes (Pete Morris)





Gorgeously Pink Franklin's Gulls and Peruvian Thick-knee rounded off our pre-tour adventures! (Pete Morris)





A few of our early goodies! Clockwise from top left: Peruvian Plantcutter, Pearl Kite (Jono Irvine), Peruvian Pipit and Coastal Miner (other three pics by Pete Morris)



The main tour began at Chiclayo in the northwest of the country the following morning, where most of us arrived somewhat bleary-eyed after a rather early flight! There was no time to lose and we headed straight out to the famous Bosque Rafan Reserve. Here, the major prize was the endangered Peruvian Plantcutter, which appeared before we were even all out of the bus and we went on to see several very well. The supporting cast wasn't bad either as targets soon fell one by one. The localized endemic Rufous Flycatcher was much appreciated and other goodies included a number of dry forest specialists such as Tumbesian and Grey-and-white Tyrannulets, smart Fasciated and Superciliated Wrens and the localized Cinereous Finch, as well as our first Pacific Pygmy Owl, numerous Peruvian Sheartails, a smart pair of Pearl Kites, Pacific Parrotlets, conspicuous Long-tailed Mockingbirds, and noisy Scrub Blackbirds.



The lovely, but sadly rare, Peruvian Tern (Pete Morris)

We also visited some coastal habitats including dunes where we found our first Coastal Miners, the recently split Peruvian Pipit and a fine Lesser Nighthawk, whilst the nearby wetlands were alive with common waterbirds. Of note were at least three Peruvian Terns which gave stunning views, a Magnificent Frigatebird, Tricoloured Heron, Baird's Sandpiper and Red-necked Phalarope (all of which were write-ins) and the scarce Snowy Plover, as well as Royal, Elegant and Common Terns. We then made our way to Chaparri, pausing at a reservoir en route where Savanna Hawks and Western Ospreys were numerous, and large numbers of waterbirds included flocks of migrant Baird's Sandpipers on their way south. It has to be said that the journey to the lodge that evening was one of the less enjoyable bits of the tour... the road was in a pretty poor state of repair following some earlier storms.

After a good sleep, we found ourselves back on the entrance road, which didn't seem quite as bad or quite as long! We were heading for the nearby forest at Casupe, and even before we had arrived at our starting point, we had found our first goodies in the form of the smart Scarlet-backed Woodpecker and the cracking Guayaquil Woodpecker. Birding along a lightly-used gravel road, we were able to add a number of Tumbesian specialities to our list. Localized Grey-and-gold and Three-banded Warblers obliged and interesting flycatchers included Pacific Elaenia, Tumbes Pewee and the often tricky Grey-breasted Flycatcher. Some showy Grey-



Not visually impressive, but localized! Pacific Elaenia and Grey-breasted Flycatcher (Pete Morris)



More Tumbesian specials... Clockwise from top left : Tumbes Sparrow, White-tailed Jay and the lovely Tumbes Tyrant (Pete Morris), and Pacific Hornero (Jono Irvine)



chinned Hermits buzzed around us, but before too long, some low hoots drew us into the undergrowth, initially without much luck. However, after a fair bit of searching and manoeuvring, we found our quarry – the rare and sneaky Ochre-bellied Dove, which showed well as it bobbed its tail whilst keeping a careful eye on us. Further searching yielded a colourful flock of Red-masked Parakeets, lovely Plumbeous-backed Thrushes, a sneaky Rufous-necked Foliage-gleaner, a gorgeous Elegant Crescentchest, a pair of Chapman's Antshrikes, our first Speckle-breasted Wren, and, as we paused for breakfast, a smart pair of white-eyed Ecuadorian Trogons posed in the scope.

We spent some time in the heat of the day watching the birds around the lodge. Here, charismatic White-tailed Jays, endemic Tumbes Sparrows, Long-tailed Mockingbirds, Pacific Horneros and a gang of Croaking Ground Doves attended for the food that was on offer. Nearby, smart and confiding White-headed Brushfinches showed from the kitchen, and we soon found stunning Tumbes Tyrants, smart Collared Antshrikes and



The stunning Elegant Crescentchest gave some great views (Pete Morris)

inquisitive Collared Warbling Finches. We also got some great views of the now well established White-winged Guans. Later in the afternoon we returned to the desert, which, although quiet at times, gradually revealed its secrets. Here we found skittish Sulphur-throated Finches that sat up in the scope, plenty more Cinereous Finches, Parrot-billed Seed eaters (surprisingly few this year!) and good numbers of Short-tailed Woodstars. Our dusk vigil yielded little, but after dinner we did manage to find an extremely confiding and cute West Peruvian Screech Owl which posed at length, rounding the day off nicely.

The following morning, we set off early and again paused at the nearby reservoir where this time we managed to find some Black-faced Ibises from the very localized population which clings on in this area. Also present was our first smart Aplomado Falcon. The journey to Bosque de Pomac seemed to take an age, though was broken when we stopped for a lovely flock of Chestnut-collared Swallows. Once at Bosque de Pomac, we



The brilliant Chestnut-collared Swallows entertained on a rather dusty journey (Pete Morris)



Two more top quality endemics: Rufous Flycatcher and White-winged Guan (Pete Morris)



fairly quickly found some confiding Tumbes Swallows as well as another fantastic pair of Rufous Flycatchers, Short-tailed Field-Tyrant, more Coastal Miners and a variety of other dry forest species. Continuing on, a small wetland yielded a pair of Plumbeous Rails, and we eventually made our way to the remote Quebrada Frejolillo, our destination for the afternoon. This starkly attractive canyon is perhaps the best stake out for White-winged Guans, and although we'd already listed them, we were more than happy to see many more properly wild birds, showing very well. Above us, a King Vulture circled and an impressive juvenile (Montane) Solitary Eagle drifted overhead. Walking the scenic canyon we encountered a number of other desired species. Plumbeous-backed Thrushes posed, smart Baird's Flycatchers and Sooty-crowned Flycatcher both showed well, a smart Ecuadorian Piculet posed, White-winged Brushfinch and Black-capped Sparrows skulked in the undergrowth, and we finally found the Tumbesian endemic Tumbes Hummingbirds. On the drive out we made another attempt to look for nightjars, but sadly failed again!



More goodies from the northwest... Clockwise from top: Marañon (Collared) Antshrike; a surprise Chestnut-crowned Antpitta; the rare Little Inca Finch; the stunning Marañon Crescentchest (all Pete Morris); and a Sechura Fox (Jono Irvine)



The following morning we made our way straight up to the top of Abra Porculla and took in the fresh morning air. As is often the case here, the birds were a little slow to get going (or was that us?), though fortunately a fine field breakfast gave us the energy to keep going. It took some time before we found our main prize, the quiet and localized Piura Chat-Tyrant, and even then, they remained fairly elusive. A showy Chestnut-crowned Antpitta was a great surprise, and other goodies in the remaining patches of vegetation included noisy Line-

cheeked Spinetails, chunky Black-cowled Saltators and furtive Grey-browed, White-winged and Bay-crowned Brushfinches and some showy Speckle-breasted Wrens. As the temperatures rose, and bird activity really dropped, we made our way to Jaen. After a break and lunch, we made our way to a small reserve on the outskirts of town. Here, we admired the gorgeous Marañon Crescentchest and had a lengthy but ultimately successful search for the elusive Little Inca Finch. Other goodies included Spot-throated Hummingbird, the local 'Shumba' form of Collared Antshrike (soon to be split as Marañon Antshrike), our first Marañon (Tropical) Gnatcatchers and, after dark, we finally found an obliging male Anthony's (or Scrub) Nightjar.

Not surprisingly, we were up early the following morning in search of more Marañon specialities. Our brief pre-dawn session yielded stunning views of the *roboratus* form of West Peruvian Screech Owl (a potential split as Marañon Screech Owl) and a fine Common Potoo. Very soon the sun was rising and more goodies appeared including Marañon Spinetail and a fine Yellow-cheeked Becard. Further on the 'Chinchi' form of Neck-laced Spinetail and the distinctive Marañon (Northern) Slaty Antshrike both performed, a trio of Hook-billed



A fine male Anthony's (or Scrub) Nightjar and the Marañon form of West Peruvian Screech Owl (Pete Morris)



Kites entertained and we also found the smart endemic Buff-bellied Tanager and stunners such as Dull-colored Grassquit and Drab Seedeater were admired! Further back, we again admired the Common Potoo and found both Great and Lined Antshrikes, some relatively obliging Blue Ground Doves and a singing Ecuadorian Ground Dove, our only one of the tour.

Having packed up, we left Jaen and drove through the scrubby desert. We paused for lunch where we were serenaded by Yellow-tailed Orioles and continued on towards Pomacochas. The rushing rivers along the roadside held stately Fasciated Tiger Herons, and, before arriving at our destination of Pomacochas, we took a side road where we soon found more hoped-for birds including two other potential Marañon splits, namely Marañon (Speckle-breasted) Wren and Marañon (Black-capped) Sparrow, our first Marañon Pigeons (though in flight only) and some superb Marañon Thrushes. A less than celubrious dinner followed, though at least we washed it down with a couple of beers!



More specialities! Clockwise from top left: the Marañon form of Black-capped Sparrow (Marañon Sparrow); the smart Marañon Thrush; the endemic Russet-mantled Softtail and Grey-browed (to be split from Plain-tailed) Wren (Pete Morris)



The following day was to be a 'big one' as a potentially tough walk lay between us and our quarry – the spectacular Pale-billed Antpitta. A pair of White-throated Screech Owls got the adrenalin going even before first light, and as it turned out, the uphill slog wasn't too bad, and we made it (reasonably) comfortably. The antpittas were a little tricky to start with, but after a few false starts, we ended up with some amazing encounters, culminating with a territorial dispute which unfolded in front of our eyes! Pale-billed Antpitta was right up there in our favourites!! Other special mentions should go to the endemic Russet-mantled Softtail, a friendly group of Un-



San Lorenzo yielded some great birds including Pale-billed Antpitta and Unstreaked Tit-Tyrant (Pete Morris)

streaked Tit-Tyrants and some fabulously entertaining Grey-browed (to be split from Plain-tailed) Wrens. As we poked around in the bamboo, we found a number of other interesting species, including several Violet-throated Starfrontlets, Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner, Black-capped Tyrannulet, Brown-backed and Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrants, Ash-colored Tapaculo and colourful Grass Green Tanagers and Blue-backed Conebills to name a few, and on the way back down we saw a somewhat confusing immature White-throated Hawk.

After a rest and a lunch, we made our way to the nearby Huembo that afternoon. As soon as we walked into the reserve we found a fine showy Speckle-chested Piculet, before settling down at the hummingbird feeders. Here, we were soon entertained by numerous Chestnut-breasted Coronets, Violet-fronted Brilliants, White-bellied Hummingbirds and Andean Emeralds. It took a while, but finally a fine male Marvelous Spatuletails buzzed in like a miniature drone. Initially the visits were quite brief, but we hung around for a while and were rewarded with several great views of this absolutely amazing creature! Our first Silver-backed Tanager showed up and a few other goodies entertained us before it was soon time to move on, this time to the famous Abra Patricia Reserve.



The incomparable Marvelous Spatuletail (Pete Morris)



The fabulous Yellow-scarfed Tanager and cute Rufous-breasted (Leymebamba) Antpitta at Abra Patricia (Pete Morris)

The brilliant Ecoan Owlet Lodge at Abra Patricia is set in some wonderful montane forest, and we initially had a couple of days to explore the area. Before first light, a female Swallow-winged Nightjar appeared, and a Rufous-banded Owl called and flew over. The feeders held Fawn-breasted Brilliants, Collared Incas, stunning Emerald-bellied Pufflegs, Long-tailed Sylphs, amazing Sword-billed Hummingbirds and numerous White-bellied Woodstars. Some time was spent birding the road which cuts through a great range of altitudes. Here, White-capped Dippers were found along the river, Andean Solitaire drew attention to itself by its ethereal song and we found Andean Cock-of-the-Rock and a lovely Scarlet-breasted Fruiteater. We also found some great mixed flocks in between the frequent showers. Sometimes the action was frantic, but we soon began amassing a good list as the mixed flocks held Versicoloured Barbets, Rufous-rumped Antwren, Marble-faced and Variegated Bristle-Tyrants, migrant Blackburnian Warblers and a vast array of tanagers including Yellow-throated and Ash-throated Bush Tanagers, the scarce Rufous-crested Tanager, the bulky Hooded (briefly) and Blue-winged Mountain Tanagers, and colourful Yellow-throated, Orange-eared, Saffron-crowned, Flame-faced, Spotted, Metallic-green, Green-and-gold, Golden-eared, Blue-browed and Silver-backed Tanagers. On our first morning the frequent heavy rain drove us right down to lower elevations where species such as Ecuadorian Tyrannulet and Olivaceous Greenlet obliged.

On our first afternoon we visited another area of more stunted forest where we had a pretty small list of targets. Fairly quickly we found the localized Bar-winged Wood Wren, before some subtle calls lead us to the rare Cinnamon-breasted Tody-Tyrant which also showed very well. The scarce Royal Sunangel (there are not



Two stunted forest specialities: the rare Cinnamon-breasted Tody-Tyrant and the smart Bar-winged Wood Wren (Pete Morris)



A couple more of the stunning owls seen... White-throated Screech Owl and Cinnamon Screech Owl (Pete Morris)

too many blue hummers) also showed up, completing our line up, and Rufous-tailed Tyrant was an added bonus. That evening, we focused on the star bird of the area, the Long-whiskered Owlet, which though far from straightforward is now a realistic target. It took a scramble through some mossy forest and a bit of a tense wait, but we were successful on our first attempt, and all enjoyed wonderful views of this little stunner peering down at us from its moss-laden branch! Once we had this little beauty fixed in the spotlight beam, the bird of the trip was decided! A major success, and we even went on to get some wonderful views of a Cinnamon Screech Owl nearby... not a bad evening's work, even if dinner was a little late.

An early morning around Abra Patricia was also highly productive. After a slow start (which did include a Hooded Tinamou on the trail!) things hotted up. A Chestnut Antpitta at point blank range was a major highlight, and soon afterwards we were watching the gorgeous endemic Rusty-tinged Antpitta feeding in front of us. A great double and a hard act to follow! We also spent some time on both mornings birding around the lodge and on the adjacent trails, and species found here included a superb Rufous-breasted (Leymebamba) Antpitta, the lovely Lulu's Tody-Tyrant, Black-throated Tody-Tyrant, and the fabulous Yellow-scarfed Tanager. Mixed flocks held Lacrimose Mountain Tanagers and Drab Hemispingus, while a wonder along the trails pulled in a few more goodies including Streak-headed Antbirds, the endemic Rufous-vented Tapaculo, Peruvian Tyrannulet, and a smart pair of White-collared Jays. Sadly the noisy White-capped Tanagers which taunted us refused to do more than show in flight which was quite unusual for this usually showy species. On our second afternoon in the Abra Patricia area we visited another area nearby. Here the feeders held a couple of new hummingbirds in the form of Buff-thighed Puffleg and buff-booted Peruvian Racket-tails but the real star of the afternoon was the fabulous male Ochre-fronted Antpitta which showed so brilliantly at length and at point-blank range... Definitely another of the tour's champagne moments!!



Antpittas, glorious antpittas... Rusty-tinged Antpitta, Chestnut Antpitta and two shots of the gorgeous Ochre-fronted Antpitta (Pete Morris)





A few of the hummingbirds of Abra Patricia (clockwise from top left): Sword-billed Hummingbird, Bronzy Inca and Chestnut-breasted Coronet (Jono Irvine) and Buff-thighed Puffleg, Andean Emerald and White-bellied Woodstar (Pete Morris)





The feeders at Aguas Verdes yielded Cinereous Tinamou, Rufous-breasted Wood Quail and Little Tinamou (Pete Morris)



We headed straight for Aguas Verdes early the following morning, where some new feeders gave us the chance to see a few new species that may otherwise prove tricky! As is always the case, not everything appeared as hoped-for. Cinereous and Little Tinamous did show brilliantly, Orange-billed Sparrows hopped around us, furtive Black Agoutis came in, and, eventually, a Rufous-breasted Wood Quail put in an appearance. Meanwhile, at the nearby hummingbird feeders, we found several territorial Many-spotted Hummingbirds, some gorgeous Blue-fronted Lancebills, several chunky Grey-breasted Sabrewings, Golden-tailed Sapphires, Sapphire-spangled Emeralds, impressive Wire-crested Thorntails and diddy Little Woodstars. Nearby, the endemic Huallaga Tanager also showed well and we found Burnished-buff Tanager (a write-in for the tour), our first flock of dazzling Paradise Tanagers, smart Guiara Tanagers, and a pair of Dark-breasted Spinetails. At lunch nearby we encountered some showy Lemon-browed Flycatchers and a Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner, whilst slightly higher, we were again on the lookout for mixed flocks. After a while we found our main quarries, the scarce Equatorial Greytail and the strange-looking Grey-mantled Wren as well as Olive-chested and Ornate Flycatchers, Canada Warbler and snazzy White-winged Tanagers.

We then embarked upon the longish drive to Moyobamba, which was fairly uninspiring, other than the obligatory ice cream stop, and we also made a stop at an area of paddyfields. Here we found more good and localized

species including the uncommon Pale-eyed Blackbird, Black-billed Seedfinch, some fabulous Masked Ducks, a smart pair of Spotted Rails and, at dusk, a calling Striped Owl which was sadly only seen in flight.



Masked Duck (Pete Morris) and Spotted Rail (Jono Irvine) near to Moyobamba.

Waqanki Lodge was our focus for the Moyobamba area. It has come on to the birding scene in recent years, and offers access to a number of tricky species. We enjoyed a couple of mornings picking up as many of these as we could! The localized and recently described Varzea Thrush showed after some effort, and it took a really concerted effort before everyone had seen the stunning and recently described Painted Manakin! Other species here included our first Mishana Tyrannulet and the lovely little Fiery-capped Manakin as well as Bluish-fronted Jacamar, and tiny little White-bellied and Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrants. Mixed flocks included such goodies as Lafresnaye's Piculet, Red-stained Woodpecker, Cerulean Warbler, Yellow-crested Tanager and Foothill Antwren, whilst other antbirds included Plain-winged Antshrikes, a gorgeous Spot-backed Antbird, a smart Common Scale-backed Antbird, and Peruvian Warbling and Spot-winged Antbirds. Some fine Golden-collared Toucanets, a Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift on the nest, Sooty-headed Tyrannulet, Buff-rumped Warblers, Wing-barred Piprites, Euler's Flycatchers and Yellow-green Vireo added to the variety, and a fine Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle, a new species for the reserve, was a surprise! Unfortunately the skulking Chestnut-throated Spinetail was heard at length but only glimpsed by some of us.



The beautiful and elusive Painted Manakin (Jono Irvine) and this smart Spot-backed Antbird both showed well at Waqanki Lodge (Pete Morris)



Rufous-crested Coquette and Band-bellied Owl were two more of the stars in the Waqanki Lodge area (Pete Morris)

Hummingbirds were also a focus, and between the verbena hedges and the hummingbird feeders (where we were a bit washed out by a torrential storm) we found another set of goodies including the rare Black-throated Hermit and the gorgeous Rufous-crested Coquette as well as the more widespread Great-billed Hermit, White-chinned Sapphire, Violet-headed Hummingbird and Amethyst Woodstar. Nightbirding nearby yielded a fine Band-bellied Owl, and in the open country near the entrance we teased out some dapper little Russet-crowned Crakes into view

On one afternoon we birded various other habitats in the vicinity of Moyobamba. Here we were delighted to see a fantastic roosting Stygian Owl at our first stop, followed by Point-tailed Palmcreeper, Sulphury Flycatcher and a Bat Falcon. Our final stop of the afternoon was somewhat unplanned however. The heavy rain had made some of the roads a little tricky, and as the leading bus slid off the road, it was apparent there was no quick exit!



A look around Moyobamba brought us this Bat Falcon and a fine Point-tailed Palmcreeper (Pete Morris)



This stunning Stygian Owl, near to Moyobamba, was another favourite (Pete Morris)

We continued on foot, finding Little Woodpecker, Rusty-backed Antwren and Black-faced Tanagers, and just before dusk, a pair of Cinereous-breasted Spinetails. Then, as the Masked Ducks on the nearby pond began to emerge and display, a pair of Spot-tailed Nightjars put on a magnificent display, perching on the stunted vegetation and even drinking in front of us, and, as if on cue, the rescued bus appeared, ready to take us back for dinner!



Although they both begin with 'm', Manuel and mud did not mix too well. A nice baptism for Gunnar's new van!! (Pete Morris)

All too soon it was time to move again, and as we headed south towards Tarapoto we made a few stops, the most productive of which saw us watching some remarkable Oilbirds right by the road! Surely the easiest Oilbirds in the world?! We then spent the late afternoon birding the dry forests of Quebrada Upaquihoa. This turned out to be a very productive stop that even produced a few surprises including a fine Pheasant Cuckoo and an unexpected Amazonian Royal Flycatcher. Other specialities included Northern (Huallaga) Antshrike, a lovely pair of Southern Chestnut-tailed Antbirds, a couple of Band-tailed Manakins and the localized Sulphur-bellied Tyrant Manakin. At dusk, we even found a showy Tropical Screech Owl and an Ocellated Poorwill which liked to stay concealed most of the time! It was a late and bumpy ride to Bellavista, but this was all forgotten when not one but two stunning Striped Owls were fixed in the spotlight beam!



The amazing roadside Oilbirds (left Jono Irvine, right Pete Morris), and a stunning Striped Owl (Pete Morris)



Until recently, one needed to make a rather demanding and difficult week long expedition in order to see the spectacular Scarlet-banded Barbet. Well, things have changed a little now, and we were once again up early the following morning, though this time we had switched to special high-clearance jeeps, a necessity to get us along the terrible road to Plataforma. We were once more relatively lucky as the road was not too bad, and after a few slides and a bit of fun, we arrived at the village in good time. We also made a few stops along the way and these proved to be productive. The first stop was at a small cocha where Yellow-billed and Large-billed Terns were fishing, bizarre Hoatzins jumped clumsily through the riverside bushes, colourful Oriole Blackbirds flew back and forth, Pied Plovers and even a smart Sunbittern foraged around the edge and we also found Least Grebes, Snail Kites, Limpkins and Black Skimmers. Higher up, we paused at some foothill forest where Mishana and Red-billed Tyrannulets gave great comparative views, and we also found Western Striolated Puffbird, Yellow-billed and White-fronted Nunbirds and White-lored and Rufous-bellied Euphonias. Higher still, some chunky White-necked Puffbirds posed and a rare Grey-tailed Piha gave us some great views. We arrived at the village and the new hotel in time for lunch.



Some drab goodies of the southeast (clockwise from top left): Red-billed Tyrannulet and the similar Mishana Tyrannulet, Sulphur-bellied Tyrant-Manakin and a fine Grey-tailed Piha (Pete Morris)





Scarlet-banded Barbet delighted us in the end! (Pete Morris)

We had the best part of two days to explore the Plataforma area, and our initial explorations fairly quickly located the hoped-for Scarlet-banded Barbet. Well that was the good news... The bad news is that the pair vanished before most of the group had seen them, and our vigil, until close to dusk, yielded no more sightings. We did see a few new bits and bobs, such as Rose-fronted Parakeets, Olive-sided Flycatcher and Golden-naped Tanager, but overall, it was pretty quiet. That evening our spirits were lifted by an endearing Foothill (Napo) Screech Owl, which showed beautifully.

As is so often the case, the forest in the Plataforma area has been pretty much decimated, and reaching the remaining fragments requires some effort. On the first morning we began by searching for Strong-billed Woodcreeper close to the lodge before making our way down an interesting trail to some lower altitude forest. Here, our main target was the recently discovered Cordillera Azul Antbird at one of very few accessible territories. After a rather tense wait, the distinctive song was heard, and after a hasty repositioning, a fabulous male walked past us in antthrush-like fashion, giving stunning views! The same area yielded a number of other species including Blue-rumped (Milky-rumped) Manakin, White-throated Spadebill, an unexpected Riparian Antbird, a sneaky Short-tailed Antthrush, Moriche Oriole, Long-tailed Tyrant and, best of all, an immaculate male Scarlet-breasted Fruiteater.



Scarlet-breasted Fruiteater was one of the most stunning birds of the trip! (Pete Morris)

After a pause for lunch, we hauled ourselves along the muddy ridge trail in our quest for Scarlet-banded Barbet, but without success (except for one lucky group member), meaning the inevitable... we were going to have to do it again the following day! This we duly did, and finally, at almost the eleventh hour, a fabulous pair of Scarlet-banded Barbets did show up and posed at length in the scope, thus completing our main objective! We of course saw a number of other great species whilst looking, and these included a fabulous Yellow-throated Spadebill and the poorly-known White-fronted Tyrannulet, whilst mixed flocks held goodies including Versicolored Barbets, Rufescent (split from Russet) Antshrike, Ash-browed Spinetail, the localized Yellow-breasted Antwren, Bronze-green Euphonia, Blue-naped Chlorophonia, more Blue-browed Tanagers, Golden-collared Honeycreepers and Yellow-whiskered Bush Tanager and other species in the area included Ferruginous Pygmy Owl, Chestnut-tipped Toucanets, the impressive Red-necked and Smoky-brown Woodpeckers, a chunky Amazonian Umbrellabird, and the sneaky Yungas Manakin.



Strong-billed Woodcreeper (Pete Morris) and Short-tailed Antthrush (Jono Irvine), both at Plataforma.

After a final lunch at Plataforma, we said our fond farewells to our amiable hosts, and headed back down the hill, pausing for a Blue-crowned Trogon as we went. It had been a productive stay, but as the heavens opened once more, I think it is fair to say that we were pleased to be on our way, and grateful that gravity was on our side as we slid back down the atrocious road. Eventually the rain abated and we added a few new species. Red-throated Caracaras were a surprise, and Plumbeous Kites and a Crane Hawk were found sitting out. As we hit the agricultural areas, we started noting Plain-breasted Ground Doves, but it was a showy pair of Paint-billed Crakes that really stole our hearts! A brief stop at the cocha added Collared Plover, Solitary Sandpiper and Lesser Yellowlegs, before we made our way all the way back to Tarapoto, via more mud, for a comfortable overnight!

The Tarapoto area gives access to a number of foothill Amazonian birds that are really peripheral to this tour, and we had a morning to target a few goodies. Unfortunately, the weather was not really on our side with heavy rain thwarting our progress. We made our way straight to the Aconobikh Reserve where we were able to shelter and watch the hummingbird feeders. Here, the localized Koepcke's Hermit and stunning Gould's Jewelfronts both entertained and we were delighted to find the rare Black-throated Brilliant. The trails were wet, dark and quiet, though we did enjoy the lovely Golden-headed Manakin lek. We then explored the roadside forest where we found the much-wanted Dotted Tanager as well as some other scarce birds which included a Western Woodhaunter, smart Rufous-winged Antwrens, Cliff Flycatchers, Dusky-capped Greenlet and the flock-leader, the smart Slaty-capped Shrike Vireo. We then returned to Tarapoto for lunch before heading north once more, this time pausing for the late afternoon at Morro Calzada. This turned out to be a good plan as new species came rapidly. Pearly-vented and Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrants appeared in quick succession, Yellow



Rufous Nightjar showed incredibly well at Morro Calzada whilst the usually skulking Eastern Woodhaunter was obliging at Tarapoto (Pete Morris)

Tyrannulets appeared, Crimson-crested Woodpeckers hammered away, Wedge-tailed Grass Fiches gave super views, and, at dusk, we had superb views of the chunky Rufous Nightjar! We did however lose one of the vehicles to clutch failure, but soldiered on regardless!

We'd slightly re-jigged our plan to give us another opportunity to drive over Abra Patricia. An early start with a replacement vehicle wasn't all plain sailing, as what should have been a quick and routine stop for Sick-le-winged Guans resulted in a rescue mission!! In the lower regions we did manage to find many of our hoped for goodies such as a stunning Golden-headed Quetzal, sneaky Northern White-crowned Tapaculos, Subtropical Caciques and a surprise and much-appreciated Red-ruffed Fruit Crow. After breakfast we continued on and found more of our targets including the stunning Vermillion Tanager as well as Grey-hooded Bush-Tanagers, Sepia-brown Wren and, finally, Inca Flycatcher. We also had another look along the trails at Owllet Lodge, this time finding Variable Antshrike and the localized Olive Tufted Flycatcher which showed very well indeed along-



A couple of quality birds from Abra Patricia: Olive Tufted Flycatcher and the smart Vermillion Tanager (Pete Morris)

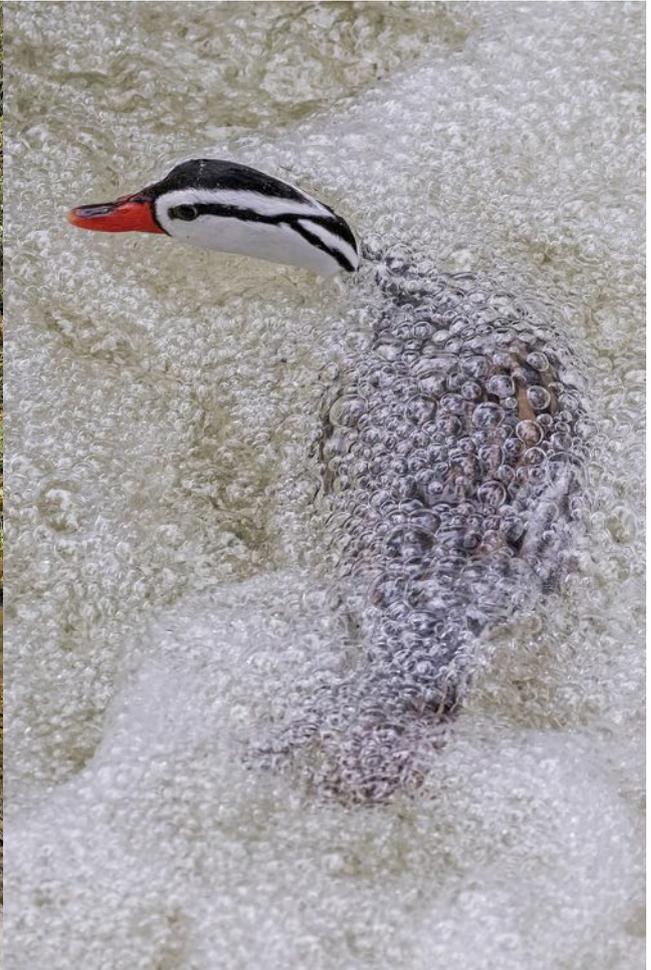
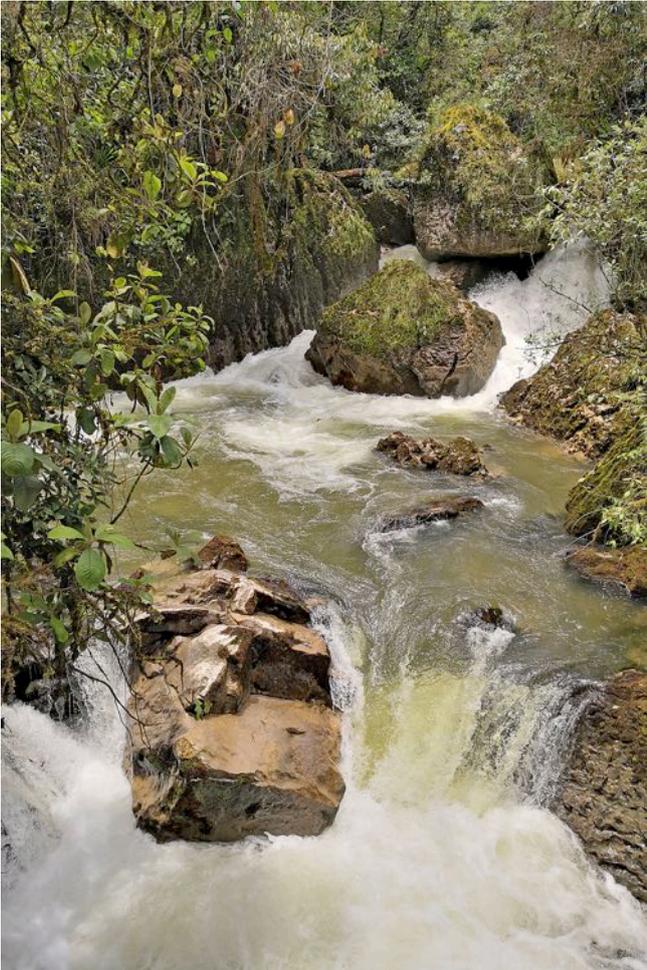
side a surprise Flavescent Flycatcher. We had to keep moving though, and popped in to Pomacochas Lagoon. Here a couple of surprises awaited, as we found Puna Snipe and Subtropical Doradito as well as Andean Lapwing and a few other bits and bobs. We then had the longish drive to Leymebamba, and made a couple of nightbirding stops and a dinner stop along the way. We did not find all we hoped for, though did find a Parauque and an obliging pair of Koepcke's Screech Owl before a rather late arrival into Leymebamba.



Tropical Screech Owl (left) and the similar though much more restricted Koepcke's Screech Owl (Pete Morris)

We spent much of the following day exploring higher areas above Leymebamba. Here, in a scenic canyon we soon added the hoped-for Torrent Ducks. Rainbow Starfrontlet and Purple-throated Sunangels obliged, colourful Black-throated Flowerpiercers showed well, and after a bit of a hunt, we found the smart Maroon-belted Chat-Tyrant and the stunning Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan. Roadside flocks held gorgeous Rufous-chested Tanagers as well as a showy Buffy Tuftedcheek, White-banded Tyrannulets, Barred Becards and Russet-crowned and Citrine Warblers and noisy Northern Mountain Caciques showed a few times. We then headed a little lower down for lunch, where we found Green-tailed Trainbearers, Baron's Spinetail, Rufous-capped Antshrike, a stunning Rufous-winged Tyrannulet and Yellow-breasted Brush Finch. After lunch we explored higher up initially, finding Yellow-billed Teals and Streak-throated Bush Tyrant amongst others, before again turning our attention to lower areas. Most of our quarries were sadly absent, though we did have an unexpected encounter with a Large-footed Tapaculo.

The following day saw us at high altitude at first light, breathing in somewhat thinner air and feeling in need of gloves. A showy Blackish Tapaculo grovelled in the roadside bushes, Shining Sunbeams and Great Sapphirewings sallied out, and several gorgeous Coppery Metaltails entertained. We soon tracked down some



The Leymebamba Canyon and a Torrent Duck in the canyon (Pete Morris), and a stunning Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan (Jono Irvine)



singing Many-striped Canasteros, and eventually the sneaky White-chinned Thistletail also obliged. Sedge Wrens jumped about in the bunch grass which also held Paramo Pipits, and we spent some time tracking down the smart Moustached Flowerpiercer, though sadly we could not tease out the calling Rufous (Fulvous) Antpittas.

It was then time to keep moving as we headed down endless hairpins into the impressive Balsas Canyon. As the mercury rose, we paused to admire endemic Marañon Pigeons (giving much better views than our earlier sighting). We then struggled for a while, before moving to another area by the river. Here, more pigeons were in evidence, and we finally found a group of delightful Yellow-faced Parrots feeding, as well as Black-necked Woodpecker. After a fine lunch, we crossed to the other side of the canyon and began making our way up the other side. Here a stop in suitable habitat yielded several dapper Buff-bridled Inca Finches and an Andean Tinamou for some. We continued on towards Celendin, pausing higher up the canyon to admire a couple more Marañon endemics, namely the smart and showy Grey-winged Inca Finch and the impressive Chestnut-backed Thornbird, and still had time to watch a mixed flock of swifts before heading into Celendin, admiring an colourful sunset as we went!



The two must-see Inca finches of the Balsas Canyon! Grey-winged and Buff-bridled Inca Finches (Pete Morris)

We were once again out for dawn, this time exploring the remnant patches of vegetation around Cruz Conga. I say vegetation, as forest would be far to grand a term to describe the tiny conifer plantations and isolated bushes and patches of streamside vegetation that remain in this otherwise denuded landscape! Amazingly however, the birds we were looking for have clung on in this area, and after a bit of a battle, we managed some good looks at the rare Cajamarca (Rufous) Antpitta. In the same forest patches we also found a surprise group of smart Plain-tailed Warbling Finches, a male Tit-like Dacnis, more Baron's Spinetails, attractive Black-crested and Tufted Tit-Tyrants and Baron's (Yellow-breasted) Brushfinches. In the more open areas we scrutinized the large tyrant flycatchers, soon racking up excellent views of both White-tailed and Black-billed Shrike-Tyrants as well as one or two Cream-winged Cinclodes. Heading over the higher ground, we also found Rufous-webbed Tyrants along the roadside. The afternoon we spent at the Rio Chonta canyon. It proved to be a tricky afternoon as the hoped-for comets once again failed to materialize. We did find numerous White-

winged Cinclodes along the river, a stunning Jelski's Chat-Tyrant, Rusty-capped Tit-Spinetails, Peruvian Sierra Finches and some showy Black Metaltails, but the general lack of flowers was not encouraging.

The following morning we headed towards San Marcos, where after a battle, we finally got some good views of the rare and impressive Great Spinetail, which was surprisingly sneaky this year in the bromeliad clad shrubbery. After a fine breakfast, we headed back towards Cajamarca, and returned to the Rio Chonta. This time we were in luck, as fairly soon after arriving a fine, full-tailed male Grey-bellied Comet fluttered round some flowers and posed in the scope, and further along the valley we found a fine Striated Earthcreeper feeding on the ground. Flushed with success, we then realised that we still had time for one last mad twitch! We jumped in the buses, passed through Cajamarca, drove up another hill and scrutinized some more remnant patches of vegetation where fairly soon we found the bonus bird... the scarce endemic Unicolored Tapaculo. Not the most colourful way to round off the birding, but it would have to do!

We then drove back down to Cajamarca where we could relax! A fine lunch in a pleasant hotel near the airport gave us time to reorganize and look back on what had been an amazing, action-packed and bird-filled adventure. With so much to offer, this is unquestionably one of those not to miss trips, and we made sure we got our fair share!!



A stunning Jelski's Chat-Tyrant in the Rio Chonta Valley (Pete Morris)



Seeing the new Cordillera Azul Antbird (this is a male) this well was beyond our wildest hopes! (Pete Morris)

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR

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).

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

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

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

Species only seen on the optional pre-tour extension are marked with the symbol (P).

Conservation threat categories and information are taken from *Threatened Birds of the World*, BirdLife International's magnificent book on the sad status of the rarest 10% of the world's avifauna, and updates on the BirdLife website: <http://www.birdlife.org/datazone/home>

(EW) = Extinct in the wild, **(CR)** = Critically Endangered, **(EN)** = Endangered, **(VU)** = Vulnerable, **(NT)** = Near Threatened, **(DD)** = Data Deficient.

For polytypic species, the subspecies seen on the tour, where known, is placed in parentheses at the end of the species comment. Generally, species listed with trinomials are not currently split by the IOC.

The species names and taxonomy used in the report mostly follows Gill, F & D Donsker (Eds). **2018. IOC World Bird List (v 8.2)**. This list is updated twice annually and is available at <http://www.worldbirdnames.org>. Please note, this was the current version when the report checklist was created. Some alternative names are given in parentheses.

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A typical field breakfast (Pete Morris)

BIRDS

- Hooded Tinamou** *Nothocercus nigrocapillus* (VU) One seen along the trail at Fundo Alto Nieve. Others heard.
- Cinereous Tinamou** *Crypturellus cinereus* Excellent views of a few at the feeders at Aguas Verdes [*inconspicuus*].
- Little Tinamou** *Crypturellus soui* Several seen very well at the feeders at Aguas Verdes.
- Brown Tinamou** *Crypturellus obsoletus* (H) Heard around Abra Patricia a couple of times [*obsoletus-group*].
- Tataupa Tinamou** *Crypturellus tataupa* (H) One heard at Tamborapa. Also heard at Plataforma [*inops*].
- Andean Tinamou** *Nothoprocta pentlandii* (NL) One for some in the Marañón [*ambigua*].
- Torrent Duck** *Merganetta armata* Great views of several along the river in the Leymebamba canyon [*leucogenis*].
- Comb Duck** *Sarkidiornis sylvicola* A group of c30 seen at Tinajones Reservoir. Also seen around Bellavista.
- Cinnamon Teal** *Spatula cyanoptera* Common at Pantanos de Villa and again at Tinajones Reservoir [*orinoma*].
- White-cheeked Pintail** *Anas bahamensis* Common at Pantanos de Villa and at Tinajones Reservoir [*rubrirostris*].
- Yellow-billed Teal** *Anas flavirostris* A flock seen well high up in the Leymebamba canyon [*oxyptera*].
- Masked Duck** *Nomonyx dominicus* Great views at a couple of sites in the Moyobamba area.
- Andean Duck** *Oxyura ferruginea* First seen at Pantanos de Villa [n nominate].
- Speckled Chachalaca** *Ortalis guttata* Seen a few times, the first around Moyabamba [n nominate].
- Andean Guan** *Penelope montagnii* Seen along the San Lorenzo Ridge and then better in the Leymebamba canyon.
- White-winged Guan** *Penelope albigennis* (CR) A few seen well at Chaparri, and great views of c10 at Quebrada Frejolillo.
- Wattled Guan** *Aburria aburri* (H) (NT) Heard distantly at Plataforma.
- Sickle-winged Guan** *Chamaepetes goudotii* A couple of brief sightings near Abra Patricia [*tschudii*].
- Rufous-breasted Wood Quail** *Odontophorus speciosus* (NT) Great views of one at Aguas Verdes.
- Humboldt Penguin** *Spheniscus humboldti* (P) (VU) A few around the Islas Ballestas during the pelagic off Paracas.
- Wilson's Storm Petrel** *Oceanites oceanicus* (P) A few during the pelagic off Paracas.
- Elliot's Storm Petrel** *Oceanites gracilis* (P) (DD) c100 during the pelagic off Paracas.
- White-chinned Petrel** *Procellaria aequinoctialis* (P) (VU) One seen during the pelagic off Paracas.
- Sooty Shearwater** *Ardenna grisea* (P) c50 during the pelagic off Paracas.
- Pink-footed Shearwater** *Ardenna creatopus* (P) (VU) c50 during the pelagic off Paracas.
- Peruvian Diving Petrel** *Pelecanoides garronii* (P) (EN) 1000s during the pelagic off Paracas.
- Least Grebe** *Tachybaptus dominicus* At least three seen on the small cocha near to Bellavista [*brachyrhynchus*].
- Pied-billed Grebe** *Podilymbus podiceps* A few distantly at Tinajones Reservoir [*antarcticus*].



A surprise Magnificent Frigatebird (Jono Irvine) and a breeding Peruvian Booby from Paracas (Pete Morris)

- Great Grebe** *Podiceps major* Amazing views at Pantanos de Villa; also at Santa Rosa and Tinajones Reservoir [nominate].
- Wood Stork** *Mycteria americana* c10 seen distantly at Tinajones Reservoir.
- Black-faced Ibis** ♦ *Theristicus melanopis* Decent scope views of 5 at Tinajones Reservoir.
- Puna Ibis** *Plegadis ridgwayi* Small numbers along the coast and at Tinajones Reservoir.
- Fasciated Tiger Heron** *Tigrisoma fasciatum* A few seen, the first scoped on the way to Leymebamba [salmon].
- Least Bittern** *Ixobrychus exilis* (NL) (P) One for some at Pantanos de Villa.
- Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax* A few along the coast and a few others later in the trip [hoactli].
- Yellow-crowned Night Heron** *Nyctanassa violacea* (P) A few seen at Pantanos de Villa.
- Striated Heron** *Butorides striata* A few at Pantanos de Villa. Several in the Moyobamba/Bellavista areas [nominate].
- Western Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis* Common and widespread.
- Cocoi Heron** *Ardea cocoi* Several noted at various wetlands.
- Great Egret (American G E)** *Ardea [alba] egretta* Common at many wetlands.
- Tricolored Heron** *Egretta tricolor* One on the wetlands at Santa Rosa was a surprise [nominate].
- Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea* Small numbers at many wetlands. Common in the Moyobamba/Bellavista areas.
- Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula thula* Common at many wetlands [nominate].
- Peruvian Pelican** *Pelecanus thagus* (NT) Common along the coast, around Paracas and again of Santa Rosa.
- Magnificent Frigatebird** *Fregata magnificens* An immature along the coast at Santa Rosa was a surprise!
- Peruvian Booby** ♦ *Sula variegata* Common on the pelagic of Paracas and many off Santa Rosa.
- Red-legged Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax gaimardi* (P) (NT) Several around the Islas Ballestas during the pelagic off Paracas.
- Neotropic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* Common and widespread [nominate].
- Guanay Cormorant** *Leucocarbo bougainvillii* (P) (NT) Abundant around the Islas Ballestas during the pelagic off Paracas.
- Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura* Common and widespread.
- Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus* Common and widespread.
- King Vulture** *Sarcoramphus papa* One seen circling by the entrance to the Quebrada Frejolillo.
- Western Osprey (American O)** *Pandion [haliaetus] carolinensis* At least six on the shores of Tinajones Reservoir.
- Pearl Kite** *Gampsonyx swainsonii* Excellent views of a pair at Rafan [magnus].
- Hook-billed Kite** *Chondrohierax uncinatus* Great views of 3+ at Tamborapa. Also seen well in the Marañon Canyon [nominate].
- Swallow-tailed Kite** *Elanoides forficatus* Several good views, especially in the Plataforma area.
- Black-and-white Hawk-eagle** *Spizaetus melanoleucus* Excellent views at Waqanki Lodge: a surprise, and new for the site!
- Cinereous Harrier** *Circus cinereus* One seen near to Chaparri.
- Plumbeous Kite** *Ictinia plumbea* A few seen well in the Plataforma area.
- Snail Kite** *Rostrhamus sociabilis* A few seen, the first in the paddyfields near to Moyabamba [nominate].
- Crane Hawk** *Geranospiza caerulescens* Great views of a perched bird on the drive out of Plataforma [nominate].
- Savanna Hawk** *Buteogallus meridionalis* At least 10 on the open grassy areas near Tinajones Reservoir.



Two quality raptors... Hook-billed Kite and Crane Hawk (Pete Morris)

- Solitary Eagle** *Buteogallus solitarius* (NT) An immature seen at the Quebrada Frejolillo [nominate].
- Roadside Hawk** *Rupornis magnirostris* Common and widespread [occiduus].
- Harris's Hawk** *Parabuteo unicinctus* Only three seen, the first at Chaparri [harris].
- Variable Hawk** *Geranoaetus polyosoma* Three seen, the first on the way to Bosque de Pomac [nominate].
- White-throated Hawk** *Buteo albigula* Immature birds seen at San Lorenzo and near to the pass at Abra Barro Negro.
- Short-tailed Hawk** *Buteo brachyurus* Excellent views of a light phase adult at Quebrada Upaquiua [nominate].
- Sunbittern** *Eurypyga helias* Nice scope views of one on the small cocha near to Bellavista.
- Russet-crowned Crake** *Laterallus viridis* One seen briefly at Tamborapa then seen well again at Waqanki Lodge.
- Rufous-sided Crake** *Laterallus melanophaius* (H) Heard in the paddyfields near to Moyobamba [oenops].
- Grey-necked Wood Rail** *Aramides cajaneus* Seen well on the road during the drive to Plataforma [nominate].
- Paint-billed Crake** *Neocrex erythrops* Amazing views of a pair in the paddyfields near Bellavista. Incredible!! [nominate].
- Spotted Rail** *Pardirallus maculatus* Great views of a pair in the paddyfields near to Moyobamba [nominate].
- Blackish Rail** *Pardirallus nigricans* (LO) One in the paddyfields near to Moyobamba.
- Plumbeous Rail** *Pardirallus sanguinolentus* Heard along the coast and a pair seen well near to Olmos [simons].



Wilson's Phalaropes were common at Pantanos de Villa; this Paint-billed Crake was a star performer! (Pete Morris)

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinica* Several seen well in the Moyobamba/Bellavista areas.

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata* Very common at several wetlands [*pauxilla*].

Andean Coot *Fulica ardesiaca* Two forms: nominate on the coast; *atrura* in the wetlands at Santa Rosa.

Limpkin *Aramus guarana* A few in the paddyfields near Moyobamba and at the cocha near to Bellavista [nominate].

Peruvian Thick-knee *Burhinus superciliaris* Amazing views at Pantanos de Villa, and another at Santa Rosa.

Blackish Oystercatcher *Haematopus ater* (P) A pair along the Paracas Peninsula during the pelagic off Paracas.

American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus* Common along the coast [nominate].

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus* Common in many wetlands [nominate].

Andean Lapwing *Vanellus resplendens* Just a handful seen, the first at Laguna Pomacochas.

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola* A few seen at Santa Rosa [*cynosurae*].

Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus* A few seen at Pantanos de Villa and Santa Rosa.

Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus* A few seen at Pantanos de Villa and Santa Rosa [*peruvianus*].

Snowy Plover *Charadrius nivosus* (NT) Excellent views of three along the beach south of Santa Rosa [*occidentalis*].

Collared Plover *Charadrius collaris* Three on the small cocha near to Bellavista.

Pied Plover *Hoploxypterus cayanus* Seen on both visits to the small cocha near to Bellavista.

Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana* Plenty in the Moyobamba/Bellavista areas [*peruviana*].

Whimbrel (Hudsonian W) *Numenius [phaeopus] hudsonicus* Common along the coast.

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* Common along the coast [*morinella*].

Sanderling *Calidris alba* Several along the coast. Seen at Pantanos de Villa and Santa Rosa [*rubida*].

Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii* A single at Santa Rosa and then good numbers around Tinajones Reservoir.

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla* A few seen at Pantanos de Villa and Santa Rosa.

Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri* (P) One seen well at Pantanos de Villa..

Puna Snipe *Gallinago andina* Two or three seen at Laguna Pomacochas [*rubida*].

Wilson's Phalarope *Phalaropus tricolor* (P) 100s seen well at Pantanos de Villa .

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus* A few on the pelagic, one at Pantanos de Villa and one at Tinajones Reservoir.

Red Phalarope *Phalaropus fulicarius* Good numbers on the pelagic off Paracas, and one at Santa Rosa.

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* Common and widespread in small numbers.

Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria* One on the small cocha near to Bellavista.

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes* At least three on the small cocha near to Bellavista.

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* First seen in the Canete Valley, also at Tinajones Reservoir etc.

Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger* A couple of juveniles at the small cocha near to Bellavista [*cinerascens*].

Swallow-tailed Gull *Creagrus furcatus* (P) Great views of at least 10 on the pelagic out of Paracas.

Sabine's Gull *Xema sabini* (P) Just one seen on the pelagic out of Paracas.

Andean Gull *Chroicocephalus serranus* A surprise single at Pantanos de Villa and 20+ between Celendin and Cajamarca.

Grey-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus* Very common along the coast and at Tinajones Reservoir.

Franklin's Gull *Leucophaeus pipixcan* Good numbers along the coast including a very pink bird at Pantanos de Villa.

Grey Gull *Leucophaeus modestus* Small numbers along the coast. Some good looks at Santa Rosa.

Belcher's Gull *Larus belcheri* Good numbers seen well along the coast.



The smart Belcher's Gull was common along the coast (Pete Morris)

Kelp Gull (Kelp) *Larus dominicanus* Very common along the coast [nominate].

Royal Tern (American R T) *Thalasseus [maximus] maximus* A few in the large mixed gull/tern flock at Santa Rosa.

Elegant Tern *Thalasseus elegans* (NT) Several seen well in the large mixed gull/tern flock at Santa Rosa.

Yellow-billed Tern *Sternula supercilialis* Up to a dozen or so on the small cocha near to Bellavista.

Peruvian Tern ◊ *Sternula lorata* (EN) At least four on the pelagic, then excellent views of four at Santa Rosa. A great showing!

South American Tern *Sterna hirundinacea* A few on the pelagic out of Paracas, and several at Santa Rosa.

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo* Two or three scruffy individuals in the flock at Santa Rosa [nominate].

Black Tern *Chlidonias niger* A single on the pelagic out of Paracas was a surprise [*surinamensis*].

Large-billed Tern *Phaetusa simplex* Just one seen on the small cocha near to Bellavista.

Inca Tern ◊ *Larosterna inca* (P) (NT) Very common during the pelagic off of Paracas.



A couple of great terns! The snazzy Inca Tern and the rare Peruvian Tern (Pete Morris)



Chilean Skua *Stercorarius chilensis* (P) A single on the pelagic out of Paracas.
Rock Dove (Feral) *Columba livia* 'feral' Introduced vermin.
Scaled Pigeon *Patagioenas speciosa* A couple scoped up at Aguas Verdes.
Band-tailed Pigeon *Patagioenas fasciata* Several, the first at Abra Porculla. Biggest numbers at Abra Patricia [*albilinea*].
Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis* Plenty seen in the lowlands near to Bellavists.
Marañon Pigeon ◇ *Patagioenas oenops* Seen briefly north of Pedro Ruiz, then excellent views in the Marañon Canyon.
Plumbeous Pigeon *Patagioenas plumbea* Heard at a number of sites, and seen well at Plataforma [*pallescens*].
Ruddy Pigeon *Patagioenas subvinacea* Seen more than heard. First seen below Abra Patricia [*ogilviegranti*].
Plain-breasted Ground Dove *Columbina minuta* Great views of several near to Bellavista [nominate].
Ecuadorian Ground Dove ◇ *Columbina buckleyi* A singing bird seen around km2 along the Tamborapa Road [*dorsti*].
Ruddy Ground Dove *Columbina talpacoti* Common in the lowlands, especially in the southeast lowlands.
Croaking Ground Dove *Columbina cruziana* Fairly common in the dry country. First seen near Nuevo San Andres.
Blue Ground Dove *Claravis pretiosa* A few seen along the Tamborapa Road.
Bare-faced Ground Dove *Metriopelia ceciliae* Several in the Canete Valley, also at Rio Chonta near to Cajamarca.
White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi* Fairly common and widespread. First seen at Casupe [*decolor*].
Grey-fronted Dove *Leptotila rufaxilla* (H) Only heard at the Aconobikh Reserve near to Tarapoto [*dubusij*].
Ochre-bellied Dove ◇ *Leptotila ochraceiventris* After a bit of a struggle, some great views to the tape at Casupe.
White-throated Quail-Dove *Zenrygon frenata* (H) Heard several times in the forest at Plataforma.
Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata* Fairly common and widespread [*hypoleuca*].
West Peruvian Dove *Zenaida meloda* Common in the west.
Hoatzin *Opisthocomus hoazin* Excellent scope views at the small cocha near to Bellavista.
Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani* Common and widespread in the humid lowlands of the east.
Groove-billed Ani *Crotophaga sulcirostris* Common and widespread in the dry lowlands of the west.
Striped Cuckoo *Tapera naevia* Several heard and one seen well at Bosque Yanahuanca near to Jaen.
Pheasant Cuckoo *Dromococcyx phasianellus* Great views of a singing bird at Quebrada Upaquiuhua. A nice bonus!

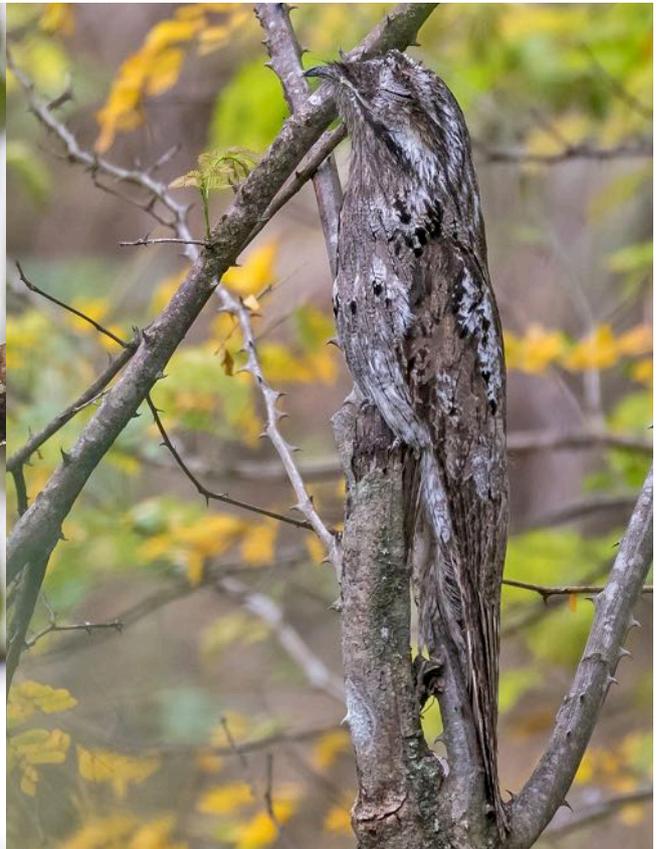


This Pheasant Cuckoo was a most welcome surprise whilst the endemic Marañon Pigeon showed well (Pete Morris)

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana* Small numbers seen at a few sites [nominate].
American Barn Owl *Tyto furcata* Heard in the paddyfields near Bellavista and one briefly on a journey [*contempta*].
Tropical Screech Owl *Megascops choliba* Great views of a rufescent individual at Quebrada Upaquiuhua [nominate].
West Peruvian Screech Owl ◇ *Megascops [roboratus] pacificus* Great views of one at Chaparri.
West Peruvian Screech Owl ◇ (Marañon S O) *Megascops [roboratus] roboratus* Excellent views of near to Jaen.
Koepcke's Screech Owl ◇ *Megascops koepckeae* Great views of one near to Leymebamba [nominate].
Cinnamon Screech Owl ◇ *Megascops petersoni* Excellent spotlight views of one.
Foothill Screech Owl ◇ (Napo S O) *Megascops [roraimae] napensis* Brilliant views of a rufous bird at Plataforma.
White-throated Screech Owl *Megascops albogularis* Brilliant views of a pair on San Lorenzo Ridge [*remotus*].



We did well for 'nightbirds' on this trip. More favourites included Foothill Screech Owl from Plataforma; a West Peruvian Screech Owl from Chaparri; a Common Potoo from Jaen and Ferruginous Pygmy Owl from Plataforma (Pete Morris)





The second of the wonderful Striped Owls seen on our journey to Bellavista (Pete Morris)

- Rufous-banded Owl** *Strix albitarsis* Heard at close range and seen briefly by some at Abra Patricia [*opaca*].
- Band-bellied Owl** ♦ *Pulsatrix melanota* Great spotlight views of one near Waqanki Lodge [nominat].
- Ferruginous Pygmy Owl** *Glaucidium brasilianum* A few heard, and a couple seen well at Plataforma. [*ucayalae*].
- Pacific Pygmy Owl** *Glaucidium peruanum* Plenty seen well, the first at Rafan on the first morning.
- Long-whiskered Owlet** ♦ *Xenoglaux loweryi* (EN) Excellent spotlight views of one near Abra Patricia. A true mega!
- Burrowing Owl** *Athene cunicularia* Seen at Pisco on the extension, and again in the dunes at Santa Rosa [*nanodes*].
- Striped Owl** *Pseudoscops clamator* Stunning views of two roadside birds near Bellavista. Mega birds [nominat]!
- Stygian Owl** *Asio stygius* Excellent views of a roosting bird near to Moyobamba [*robustus*].

Oilbird *Steatornis caripensis* Great views in the Canyon on the drive to Tarapoto, and another found in a tree later!

Common Potoo *Nyctibius griseus* Excellent views near to Jaen. Others heard and another seen at Plataforma.

Lesser Nighthawk *Chordeiles acutipennis* Several roosting birds seen, including at Santa Rosa, others seen at dusk [*exilis*].

Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis* Just one seen, and a few others heard [nominate].

Anthony's Nightjar ◊ *Nyctidromus anthonyi* After some effort, great views of a male spottit near to Jaen.

Tschudi's Nightjar ◊ *Systellura decussata* (P) Seen well at a day roost and in the evening on the pre tour extension.

Swallow-tailed Nightjar *Uropsalis segmentata* A female at Abra Patricia was seen briefly close by; assumed to be this species.

Spot-tailed Nightjar *Hydropsalis maculicaudus* Brilliant views of a pair near to Moyobamba.

Ocellated Poorwill *Nyctiphrynus ocellatus* One seen at Quebrada Upaquiuhua near Tarapoto [nominate].

Rufous Nightjar *Antrostomus rufus* Stunning views of two different males at Morro de Calzada.



Lesser Nighthawks gave some exceptional views (Pete Morris)

Chestnut-collared Swift *Streptoprocne rutila* Seen on a few occasions, the first near Abra Patricia [*brunnitorques*].

White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris* Most impressive were the flocks near the oilbirds canyon [*subtropicalis*].

Short-tailed Swift (Short-tailed) *Chaetura brachyura* A few were seen at Quebrada Upaquiuhua [nominate].

White-tipped Swift *Aeronautes montivagus* Seen a few times but studied on the drive out the Marañon Canyon [nominate].

Andean Swift *Aeronautes andecolus* A few seen in the Canete Valley. Also at the Rio Chonta.

Neotropical Palm Swift *Tachornis squamata* Plenty seen in the Moyobamba/Bellavista areas [*semota*].

Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift *Panyptila cayennensis* One on the nest at Waqanki and one in the Marañon Canyon swift flock.

Green Hermit *Phaethornis guy* Small numbers, including at least three at Aguas Verdes [*apicalis*].

Great-billed Hermit *Phaethornis malaris* A couple at the feeders at Waqanki Lodge [*bolivianus-group*].

Koepcke's Hermit ◊ *Phaethornis koepckeae* Great views at the feeders at the Aconobikh Reserve near to Tarapoto.

Reddish Hermit *Phaethornis ruber* One seen briefly at Waqanki Lodge [nominate].

Black-throated Hermit ◊ *Phaethornis atrimentalis* Excellent views at Waqanki, especially at the feeders [*riojae*].

Grey-chinned Hermit *Phaethornis [griseogularis] griseogularis* Good views of one at Afluente, below Abra Patricia.

Grey-chinned Hermit (Porculla H) *Phaethornis [griseogularis] porcullae* Great views at Casupe, and one at Abra Porculla.

Green-fronted Lancebill *Doryfera ludovicae* One seen fairly briefly along the road below Abra Patricia [nominate].

Blue-fronted Lancebill ◊ *Doryfera johannae* Seen well at the feeders at Aguas Verdes [nominate].

Grey-breasted Sabrewing *Campylopterus largipennis* Particularly common at feeders at Waqanki and Aconobikh.

White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora* Common at Waqanki and Aconobikh [nominate].

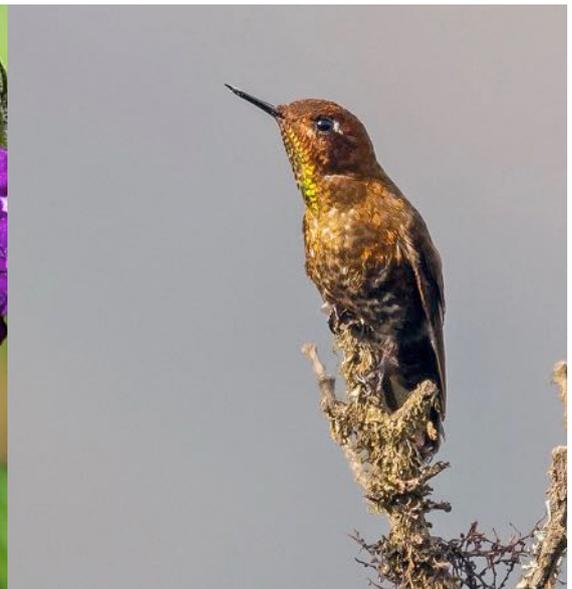
Lesser Violetear *Colibri cyanotus* First seen well at the feeders at Huembo near Pomacochas [*crissalis*].

Sparkling Violetear *Colibri coruscans* Pretty common and widespread [nominate].

Black-throated Mango *Anthracothorax nigricollis* Just one at the feeders at Waqanki Lodge.



We saw so many great hummers! Here, female (left) and male Collared Inca, a fine male Coppery Metaltail (all Pete Morris), and a feeding female Little Woodstar (Jono Irvine)



- Violet-headed Hummingbird** *Klais guimeti* Best views were in the Verbena at Waqanki Lodge [*pallidiventris*].
- Rufous-crested Coquette** ◇ *Lophornis delattrei* Excellent views around the Verbena and feeders at Waqanki [nominate].
- Wire-crested Thorntail** *Discosura popelairii* A few seen including at Aguas Verdes, Afluente and Plataforma.
- Blue-tailed Emerald** *Chlorostilbon mellisugus* One seen in the Verbena at Waqanki Lodge.
- Fork-tailed Woodnymph** *Thalurania furcata* Small numbers seen at most lower elevation sites in the east [*jelskii*].
- White-chinned Sapphire** *Hylocharis cyanus* One seen well in the Verbena at Waqanki Lodge [*rostrata*].
- Golden-tailed Sapphire** *Chrysuronia oenone* Common at feeders in the southeast section of the tour [*josephinae*].
- Tumbes Hummingbird** ◇ *Leucippus baeri* One seen well at Quebrada Frejolillo.
- Spot-throated Hummingbird** ◇ *Leucippus taczanowskii* First seen in the Marañon Canyon.
- Many-spotted Hummingbird** ◇ *Taphrospilus hypostictus* Best views were at the feeders at Aguas Verdes.
- White-bellied Hummingbird** *Amazilia chionogaster* Best views were at the feeders at Huembo [nominate].
- Amazilia Hummingbird** *Amazilia amazilia* Common and widespread in the west [nominate].
- Andean Emerald** *Amazilia franciae* First seen at the feeders at Huembo near Pomacochas [*cyanocollis*].
- Sapphire-spangled Emerald** *Amazilia lactea* Several, the first at the feeders at Aguas Verdes [*bartletti*].
- Speckled Hummingbird** *Adelomyia melanogenys* Most of those seen were in the Abra Patricia area [nominate].



Yet more hummers! Gould's Jewelfront, Koepcke's Hermit, a hovering Fork-tailed Woodnymph and Violet-fronted Brilliant (Pete Morris)



- Black-throated Brilliant** ◊ (B-breasted B) *Heliodoxa [schreibersii] whitelyana* A cracking young male at Aconobikh.
- Gould's Jewelfront** ◊ *Heliodoxa aurescens* Great views of several at the feeders at the Aconobikh Reserve.
- Fawn-breasted Brilliant** *Heliodoxa rubinoides* A few, the first around the lodge at Abra Patricia [*cervinigularis*].
- Violet-fronted Brilliant** *Heliodoxa leadbeateri* Common at several feeders, the first at Huembo.
- Chestnut-breasted Coronet** *Boissonneaua matthewsii* Common and dominant at several feeders, first at Huembo.
- Shining Sunbeam** *Aglaeactis cupripennis* Great views of several between Celendin and Cajamarca [nominata].
- Mountain Velvetbreast** *Lafresnaya lafresnayi* Brief singles along the San Lorenzo Ridge and at Leymebamba [*rectirostris*].
- Bronzy Inca** *Coeligena coeligena* Small numbers in several areas, especially at feeders, the first at Huembo, [*obscura*].
- Collared Inca** *Coeligena torquata* A striking bird, seen especially well at Abra Patricia [*margaretae*].
- Violet-throated Starfrontlet** ◊ (Huanuco S) *Coeligena [violifer] dichroua* A few briefly on the San Lorenzo Ridge.
- Rainbow Starfrontlet** *Coeligena iris* Great looks on flowers near to the museum at Leymebamba [*fulgidiceps*].

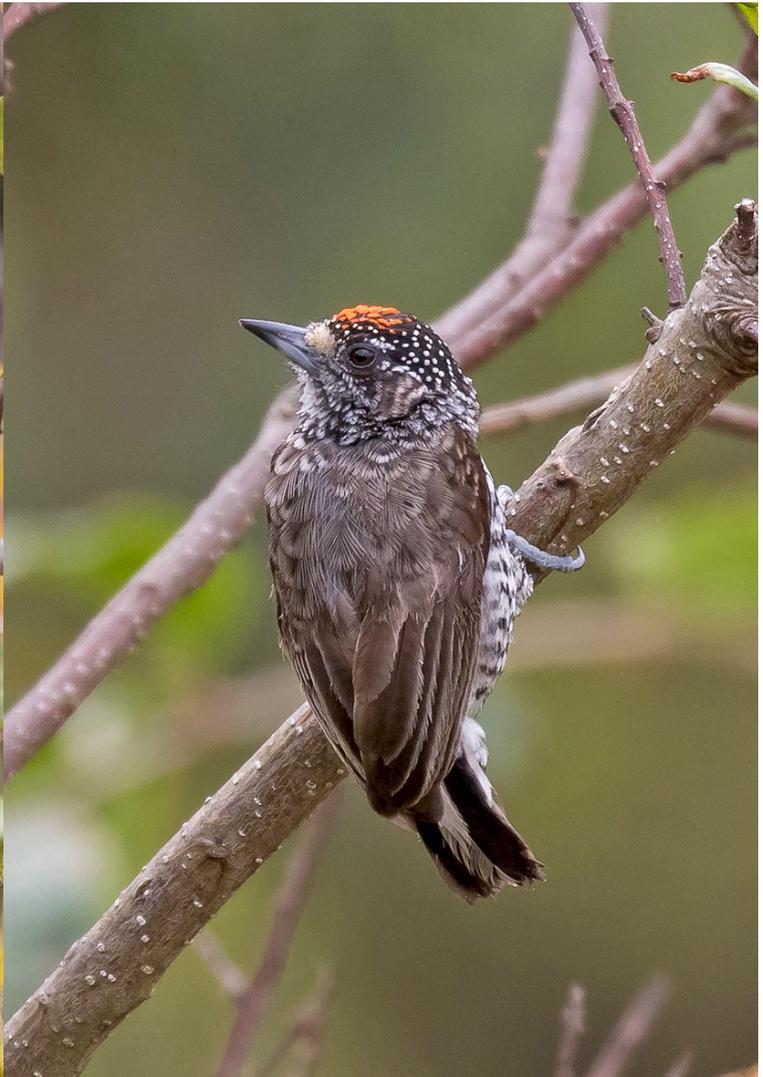


Peruvian Racket-tail is a few notches higher up in the glamour stakes than the localized Tumbes Hummingbird (Pete Morris)

- Sword-billed Hummingbird** *Ensifera ensifera* A few seen, especially obliging at the feeders at Owlet Lodge.
- Great Sapphirewing** *Pterophanes cyanopterus* Some nice looks at Abra Barro Negro. Impressive [*peruvianus*!]
- Amethyst-throated Sunangel** *Heliangelus amethysticollis* Only seen well along the San Lorenzo Ridge [**decolor**].
- Purple-throated Sunangel** *Heliangelus viola* Best was the male seen well at Leymebamba.
- Royal Sunangel** ◇ *Heliangelus regalis* Two males and a female seen reasonably well near Abra Patricia [nominate].
- Emerald-bellied Puffleg** *Eriocnemis aline* Best were the birds around the lodge at Abra Patricia [*dybowskii*].
- Buff-thighed Puffleg** ◇ *Haplophaedia assimilis* Great views on the feeders at Fundo Alto Nieve [*affinis*].
- Peruvian Racket-tail** ◇ *Ocreatus peruanus* A few, including amazing views on the feeders at Fundo Alto Nieve.
- Green-tailed Trainbearer** *Lesbia nuna* A few seen in the montane scrub at Leymebamba [*pallidiventris*].
- Tyrian Metaltail** *Metallura tyrianthina* First seen well along the San Lorenzo Ridge [nominate].
- Coppery Metaltail** ◇ *Metallura theresiae* Great views of several around Abra Barro Negro.
- Black Metaltail** ◇ *Metallura phoebe* A couple seen well along the Rio Chonta near to Cajamarca.
- Grey-bellied Comet** ◇ *Taphrolesia griseiventris* A fine male seen well along the Rio Chonta. Phew!
- Long-tailed Sylph** *Aglaiocercus kingii* Best views were around the lodge at Abra Patricia.
- Marvelous Spatuletail** ◇ *Loddigesia mirabilis* Stunning views of an amazing male buzzing round like a drone at Huembo.
- Long-billed Starthroat** *Helimaster longirostris* One seen at the feeders at Aguas Verdes.
- Oasis Hummingbird** ◇ *Rhodopis vesper* (P) One seen perched up in the Canete Valley [nominate].
- Peruvian Sheartail** ◇ *Thaumastura cora* Plenty in the Canete Valley and again, including full-tailed males, at Rafan.
- Amethyst Woodstar** *Calliphlox amethystina* Excellent views of a male in the Verbena at Waqanki Lodge.
- Purple-collared Woodstar** *Myrtis fanny* Several in the Canete Valley and in the northwest. Best at Abra Porculla [nominate].
- Short-tailed Woodstar** ◇ *Myrmia micrura* Several in the scrub at Chaparri and Bosque de Pomac where a male seen briefly.
- White-bellied Woodstar** *Chaetocercus mulsant* Common at several feeders, but mostly females. First at Abra Patricia.
- Little Woodstar** ◇ *Chaetocercus bombus* A couple of females seen well at Aguas Verdes.
- Golden-headed Quetzal** *Pharomachrus auriceps* Great views of a male below Abra Patricia. Others heard [nominate].
- Crested Quetzal** *Pharomachrus antisianus* (H) A couple heard in the Abra Patricia area.
- Ecuadorian Trogon** ◇ *Trogon mesurus* Great views of a pair at Casupe.
- Green-backed Trogon** *Trogon viridis* A few seen and heard, the first at Waqanki Lodge.
- Blue-crowned Trogon** *Trogon curucui* A couple heard and one seen near to Plataforma [*peruvianus*].



The stunning scenery from Abra Porculla, a smart Speckle-chested Piculet and a fine male Ecuadorian Trogon (Pete Morris)



Masked Trogon *Trogon personatus* A male seen well at Abra Patricia [*personatus*].
Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata* A few seen, the first in the wetlands at Santa Rosa [nominate].
Bluish-fronted Jacamar *Galbula cyanescens* A couple seen, at Waqanki Lodge and at Quebrada Upaquiuhua.
White-necked Puffbird *Notharchus hyperhynchus* Three seen well on the drive to Plataforma [nominate].
Western Striolated Puffbird ◊ *Nystalus obamai* A pair seen well on the drive to Plataforma.
Black-fronted Nunbird *Monasa nigrifrons* A few seen including great looks at Quebrada Upaquiuhua [nominate].
White-fronted Nunbird *Monasa morphoeus* Three seen on the drive up to Plataforma from Bellavista [*peruana*].
Yellow-billed Nunbird *Monasa flavirostris* A pair seen well on the drive up to Plataforma from Bellavista.



Western Striolated Puffbird and White-necked Puffbird were both encountered on the way up to Plataforma (Pete Morris)

Scarlet-banded Barbet ◊ *Capito wallacei* (VU) Briefly on our first day at Plataforma, then great views on the last morning. Phew!
Gilded Barbet *Capito auratus* A few heard and also seen at Tarapoto [*punctatus*].
Lemon-throated Barbet *Eubucco richardsoni* (H) Heard briefly on the drive to Plataforma.
Versicolored Barbet ◊ (Blue-cowled B) *Eubucco [versicolor] steerii* (NT) Several great views at Abra Patricia and Plataforma.
Chestnut-tipped Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus derbianus* A few nice looks at Plataforma.
Chestnut-eared Aracari *Pteroglossus castanotis* The default aracari. Plenty on the drive back from Plataforma! [nominate].
Golden-collared Toucanet *Selenidera reinwardtii* After hearing several, great looks at Waqanki Lodge.
Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan *Andigena hypoglauca* (NT) Stunning, seen brilliantly in the Leymebamba canyon [*lateralis*].
Channel-billed Toucan (Yellow-ridged T) *Ramphastos [vitellinus] culminatus* (VU) A few heard, seen well at Morro Calzada.
White-throated Toucan (Cuvier's T) *Ramphastos [tucanus] cuvieri* Seen well in the canopy at Aconobikh.
Lafresnaye's Piculet *Picumnus lafresnayi* Seen briefly at Afluente, then better looks at Waqanki Lodge.
Ecuadorian Piculet ◊ *Picumnus sclateri* Excellent views of one in the Quebrada Frejolillo [*porcullae*].
Speckle-chested Piculet ◊ *Picumnus steindachneri* (EN) Great views at Huembo; others along the road below Abra Patricia.
Yellow-tufted Woodpecker *Melanerpes cruentatus* Best was the one at the nest just by Waqanki Lodge.
Little Woodpecker *Veniliornis passerinus* Seen well a couple of times in open country near to Moyobamba [*agilis*].
Scarlet-backed Woodpecker *Veniliornis callonotus* Some great looks, especially at Casupe and Chaparri [*major*].
Red-stained Woodpecker *Veniliornis affinis* Three seen including a pair seen well at Waqanki Lodge [*hilaris*].
Smoky-brown Woodpecker *Leuconotopicus fumigatus* A couple seen, the first in a mixed flock at Plataforma.
White-throated Woodpecker *Piculus leucolaemus* (H) Heard at Waqanki Lodge, but did not respond.
Golden-olive Woodpecker *Colaptes rubiginosus* Only really seen well at Quebrada Frejolillo [*rubripileus*].
Crimson-mantled Woodpecker *Colaptes rivolii* (NL) Surprisingly, just one, for some, at Abra Patricia.
Black-necked Woodpecker ◊ *Colaptes atricollis* Great looks in the Canete Valley and the Marafion Canyon [nominate].
Spot-breasted Woodpecker *Colaptes punctigula* (H) Heard on a couple of occasions [*guttatus*].
Andean Flicker *Colaptes rupicola* Several seen well from Leymebamba to Cajamarca [*cinereicapillus*].



Guayaquil Woodpecker and Black-necked Woodpecker (or Flicker) were two of many great woodpeckers seen! (Pete Morris)

- Lineated Woodpecker** ◊ (Dusky-winged W) *Dryocopus [lineatus] fuscipennis* Just one, seen well at Chaparri.
- Red-necked Woodpecker** *Campephilus rubricollis* Great looks at three at Plataforma [*trachelopyrus*].
- Crimson-crested Woodpecker** *Campephilus melanoleucos* A female seen well at Morro Calzada [nominate].
- Guayaquil Woodpecker** ◊ *Campephilus guayaquilensis* (NT) A pair at Casupe, then excellent views at Quebrada Frejolillo.
- Black Caracara** *Daptrius ater* Just one seen, in the paddyfields near to Moyobamba.
- Red-throated Caracara** *Ibycter americanus* A couple from the 4WDs on the way back from Plataforma were a surprise.
- Mountain Caracara** *Phalco boenus megalopterus* Plenty seen well, especially between Celendin and Cajamarca.
- Northern Crested Caracara** *Caracara cheriway* A few seen, the first near to Chaparri.
- Yellow-headed Caracara** *Milvago chimachima* Surprisingly few seen, with just a couple around Moyobamba [*cordata*].
- Laughing Falcon** *Herpetotheres cachinnans* Heard at Quebrada Frejolillo, seen by some near Bellavista [*fulvescens*].
- Buckley's Forest Falcon** ◊ *Micrastur buckleyi* (H) One head distantly at Morro Calzada, near to Moyobamba.
- American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius* Several seen on journeys [*peruvianus*].
- Aplomado Falcon** *Falco femoralis* One scoped at Tinajones Reservoir. A few others later in the trip [*pichincae*].
- Bat Falcon** *Falco ruficularis* Best views were of the one near Moyobamba [nominate].
- Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus* Singles seen on the way to Chaparri and again at Tinajones Reservoir [*cassini*].
- Cobalt-winged Parakeet** *Brotogeris cyanoptera* Common, including good views perched at Waqanki [nominate].
- White-capped Parrot** *Pionus seniloides* First in the Leymebamba canyon and good views around Abra Barro Negro.
- Blue-headed Parrot** *Pionus menstruus* Fairly common in the southeast [nominate].
- Scaly-naped Amazon** *Amazona mercenarius* Only seen going over at Abra Patricia [nominate].
- Pacific Parrotlet** ◊ *Forpus coelestis* Plenty seen well, the first at Rafan.
- Yellow-faced Parrotlet** ◊ *Forpus xanthops* (VU) Scope views of 4 feeding near Balsas in the Marañon canyon.
- Rose-fronted Parakeet** ◊ *Pyrrhura roseifrons* At least three seen at Plataforma, seen briefly in the scope [nominate].
- Golden-plumed Parakeet** *Leptosittaca branickii* (H) (VU) Heard along the Chido Trail at San Lorenzo.
- Cordilleran Parakeet** *Psittacara frontatus* (NT) Several flying birds including at Bosque Yanahuanca near Jaen [nominate].
- Mitred Parakeet** *Psittacara mitratus* Plenty of flyovers and good perched views in the Leymebamba Canyon [*chlorogenys*].
- Red-masked Parakeet** ◊ *Psittacara erythrogenys* (NT) Not too many seen with the best views of a group scoped at Casupe.

White-eyed Parakeet *Psittacara leucophthalmus* Quite a few, especially around Moyobamba, where first at Waqanki Lodge.

Coastal Miner ◊ *Geositta peruviana* Great looks at Santa Rosa and again at Bosque de Pomac [*paytae*].

Striated Earthcreeper ◊ *Geocerthia serrana* Eventually, some great views in the Rio Chonta Valley [nominate].

Cream-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes albiventris* A couple seen well between Celendin and Cajamarca [nominate].

White-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes atacamensis* Excellent views of several vocal birds along the Rio Chonta [nominate].

Peruvian Seaside Cinclodes ◊ *Cinclodes taczanowskii* (P) At least 3 around the Islas Ballestas during the pelagic.

Pacific Hornero ◊ *Furnarius cinnamomeus* Pretty common in the northwest; first seen around the lodge at Chaparri.

Rusty-crowned Tit-Spinetail ◊ (Streak-c T-S) *Leptasthenura [pileata] cajabambae* Great views along the Rio Chonta.

White-chinned Thistletail ◊ (Peruvian T) *Asthenes [fuliginosa] peruviana* Great views at Abra Barro Negro.

Many-striped Canastero *Asthenes flammulata* Several heard and one seen well at Abra Barro Negro.

Rufous Spinetail *Synallaxis unirufa* Great views at Owllet Lodge, Abra Patricia [*ochrogaster*].

Azara's Spinetail *Synallaxis azarae* Many heard. Seen well especially in the Abra Patricia area [*infumata*].

Dark-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis albigularis* A pair seen very well near Aguas Verdes. Others heard [nominate].

Cinereous-breasted ◊ Spinetail *Synallaxis hypospodia* A pair seen at dusk near to Moyobamba.

Chestnut-throated Spinetail ◊ *Synallaxis cherriei* (NT) Heard (at length!) and seen by some at Waqanki Lodge [*saturata*].

Marañon Spinetail ◊ *Synallaxis maranonica* (CR) Great views of a couple of pairs near to Jaen.

Necklaced Spinetail ◊ *Synallaxis [stictothorax] maculata* A few seen well in the northwest, the first at Rafan.

Necklaced Spinetail ◊ (Chinchipe S) *Synallaxis [stictothorax] chinchipensis* Great views of several near to Jaen.

Great Spinetail ◊ *Siptornopsis hypochondriaca* (VU) Proved tricky, but eventually showed well near San Marcos.



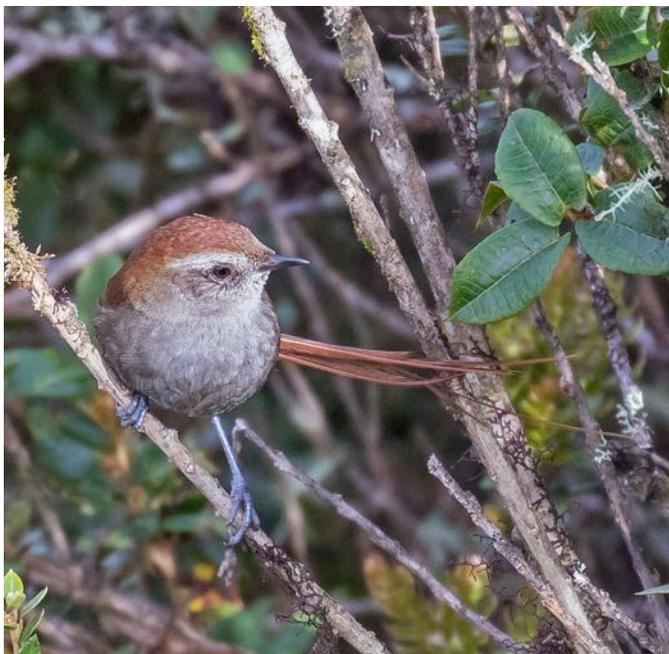
Furnarids are not everyone's favourites! Here, White-winged (left) and Cream-winged Cinclodes and Chinchipe Spinetail (Pete Morris)



Ash-browed Spinetail *Cranioleuca curtata* (VU) Seen a couple of times in mixed flocks at Plataforma [cisandina].
Line-cheeked Spinetail *Cranioleuca [antisiensis] antisiensis* Several seen around Abra Porculla [palamblae].
Line-cheeked Spinetail ◊ (Baron's S) *Cranioleuca [antisiensis] baroni* First seen well near Leymebamba museum.
Russet-mantled Softtail ◊ *Thripophaga berlepschi* (VU) Excellent views along the Chido trail at San Lorenzo.
Rufous-fronted Thornbird (Marañon T) *Phacellodomus [rufifrons] peruvianus* Seen at several sites, the first near Jaen.
Chestnut-backed Thornbird ◊ *Phacellodomus dorsalis* (VU) A pair seen well very in the Marañon Canyon.
Wren-like Rushbird *Phleocryptes melanops* (P) A couple at Pantanos de Villa. Heard on the main tour [brunnescens].
Equatorial Greytail ◊ *Xenerpestes singularis* (NT) Excellent views of a pair at Afluente below Abra Patricia.



The scarce Equatorial Greytail, the smart Streaked Tuftedcheek and the localized White-chinned Thistletail amply demonstrate the variation in the furnarid family (Pete Morris)



Pearled Treerunner *Margarornis squamiger* A few seen in mixed flocks at San Lorenzo and Abra Patricia [peruvianus].
Streaked Tuftedcheek *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii* Seen at San Lorenzo and very well above Leymebamba [medianus].
Point-tailed Palmcreeper *Berlepschia rikeri* Great views of one in palms near to Moyobamba.
Montane Foliage-gleaner *Anabacerthia striaticollis* A few seen in the Abra Patricia area [montana].
Lineated Foliage-gleaner *Syndactyla subalaris* (H) Heard at Plataforma but unfortunately refused to show [mentalis].
Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner *Syndactyla rufosuperciliata* One seen singing at dawn at San Lorenzo [cabanisi].
Rufous-necked Foliage-gleaner ◊ *Syndactyla ruficollis* (VU) Just one seen at Casupe. Surprisingly quiet this year!
Eastern Woodhaunter *Hyloctistes subulatus* Brilliant views of one below the tunnel at Tarapoto [nominata].

Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner *Philydor rufum* One seen very well near to the bridge at Aguas Verdes [*bolivianum*].

Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner *Automolus ochrolaemus* (H) A few heard at Quebrada Upaquiua [*turdinus*].

Dusky Leaf-tosser ◊ *Sclerurus obscurior* One at close range at Plataforma but hard to see in the dark undergrowth [*peruvianus*].

Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans* First seen near to Jaen and several around Abra Patricia [*guayae*].

Plain-brown Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla fuliginosa* Just one seen at Waqanki Lodge [*neglecta*].

Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus* Seen well below Abra Patricia and at Waqanki Lodge [*amazonus*].

Strong-billed Woodcreeper ◊ *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus* See note.

Tschudi's Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus chunchotambo* (H) Only heard at Waqanki Lodge [nominate].

Buff-throated Woodcreeper (Lafresnaye's W) *Xiphorhynchus [guttatus] guttatoides* One on the drive to Plataforma.

Olive-backed Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus triangularis* A few in mixed flocks in the Abra Patricia area [nominate].

Streak-headed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii* First seen at Chaparri, also at Quebrada Frejolillo [nominate].

Montane Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger* A few seen, the first around Owlet Lodge [*warscewiczii*].

Rufous-rumped Antwren *Euchrepomis callinota* A male seen in a mixed flock along the road below Abra Patricia.

Rufescent Antshrike ◊ *Thamnistes rufescens* Seen well a couple of times in mixed flocks at Plataforma.

Foothill Antwren *Epinecrophylla spodionota* Great views of a male in a mixed flock at Waqanki [*sororia*].

Ornate Antwren (Western O A) *Epinecrophylla [ornate] ornata* (H) Heard at Waqanki Lodge [*saturata*].

Stripe-chested Antwren *Myrmotherula longicauda* Excellent views at Quebrada Upaquiua [*pseudoaustralis*].

White-flanked Antwren *Myrmotherula axillaris* Pairs seen in mixed flocks at Waqanki Lodge and near Tarapoto.

Slaty Antwren *Myrmotherula schisticolor* A female seen at Plataforma [*interior*].

Rusty-backed Antwren ◊ *Formicivora rufa* Good views of a male just outside Moyobamba [*urubambae*].

Yellow-breasted Antwren *Herpsilochmus axillaris* (VU) Excellent views in mixed flocks at Plataforma [*puncticeps*].

Rufous-winged Antwren *Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus* Good scope views of one by the Tarapoto tunnel [*frater*].

Plain Antvireo *Dysithamnus mentalis* A female noted on the drive up to Plataforma [*tambillanus*].

Collared Antshrike ◊ *Thamnophilus [bernardij] bernardii* Great views at Chaparri [nominate].

Collared Antshrike ◊ (Marañon/Shumba A) *Thamnophilus [bernardij] shumbae* Seen well at Bosque Yanahuanca.

Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus* A male at Quebrada Upaquiua, but we got distracted by the cuckoo [*radiatus*].

Chapman's Antshrike ◊ *Thamnophilus zarumae* First seen at Casupe. Also seen well at Abra Porculla.

Lined Antshrike *Thamnophilus tenuipunctatus* (VU) A pair seen well near to Jaen. Heard elsewhere [*berlepschi*].

Uniform Antshrike *Thamnophilus unicolor* (H) Heard a couple of times at Abra Patricia [*caudatus*].

Plain-winged Antshrike *Thamnophilus schistaceus* A female seen briefly in a mixed flock at Waqanki Lodge [*capitalis*].

Northern Slaty Antshrike ◊ (Marañon A) *Thamnophilus [punctatus] leucogaster* Great views near to Jaen.

Northern Slaty Antshrike ◊ (Huallaga A) *Thamnophilus [punctatus] huallagae* Excellent views at Quebrada Upaquiua.

Variable Antshrike *Thamnophilus caerulescens* Great views of a pair at Owlet Lodge, Abra Patricia [*melanchrous*].

Rufous-capped Antshrike *Thamnophilus ruficapillus* Excellent views of a male above Leymebamba [*jaczewskii*].

Fasciated Antshrike *Cymbilaimus lineatus* (H) A couple heard, the first at Waqanki Lodge [*intermedius*].

Great Antshrike *Taraba major* Two forms: *transandeanus* near to Jaen and *melanurus* at Quebrada Upaquiua.



The Marañon form of Northern Slaty Antshrike and the nominate Collared Antshrike (Pete Morris)

Common Scale-backed Antbird *Willisornis poecilinotus* Good views of a female at Waqanki Lodge [*lepidonota*].

Streak-headed Antbird *Drymophila striaticeps* Seen well at Owllet Lodge, Abra Patricia, but as skulking as usual!

Peruvian Warbling Antbird *Hypocnemis peruviana* Seen on both visits to Waqanki Lodge [*saturnata*].

Yellow-browed Antbird *Hypocnemis hypoxantha* (H) Heard (I think!) below the Tarapoto Tunnel [nominated].

Southern Chestnut-tailed Antbird ◊ *Sciaphylax hemimelaena* Excellent views at Quebrada Upaquiua [nominated].

Northern Chestnut-tailed Antbird ◊ *Sciaphylax castanea* (H) Heard at Aguas Verdes, while we were at the hide.

Blackish Antbird *Cercomacroides nigrescens* (H) Several heard, and eventually good looks at Plataforma [*aequatorialis*].

Riparian Antbird *Cercomacroides fuscicauda* See note.

Cordillera Azul Antbird ◊ *Myrmoderus eowilsoni* Brilliant views of a stunning male at Plataforma. Only discovered in July 2016

Spot-backed Antbird *Hylophylax naevius* Excellent views of a stunning singing male at Waqanki Lodge.

Spot-winged Antbird *Myrmelastes leucostigma* Great views of a couple including an obliging male at Waqanki.

Black-faced Antbird *Myrmoborus myotherinus* (H) Heard at the Aconobikh Reserve near to Tarapoto [*elegans*].

White-browed Antbird *Myrmoborus leucophrys* (H) Heard at Quebrada Upaquiua, but refused to show [nominated]!

White-backed Fire-eye *Pyriglena leuconota* (H) Heard distantly below us below Abra Patricia [*castanoptera*].

Rufous-breasted Antthrush *Formicarius rufipectus* Heard and seen briefly at Plataforma [*thoracicus*].

Short-tailed Antthrush *Chamaeza campanisona* A singing bird was seen well by some at Plataforma [*olivacea*].

Undulated Antpitta *Grallaria squamigera* (H) Only heard distantly from Abra Barra Negra [*canicauda*].

Scaled Antpitta *Grallaria guatemalensis* (H) Heard a few times at Plataforma, but never close by [*regulus*].

Chestnut-crowned Antpitta *Grallaria ruficapilla* Great views of one on a landslip area at Abra Porculla.

Pale-billed Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria carrikeri* (NT) Great views of 4 different birds at San Lorenzo. Another of the trip highlights!

Rusty-tinged Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria przewalskii* (VU) Brilliant views of one coming to worms at Abra Patricia.

Rufous Antpitta ◊ (Fulvous A) *Grallaria [rufula] obscura* (H) A couple heard below Abra Barra Negra but no luck.

Rufous Antpitta ◊ (Cajamarca A) *Grallaria [rufula] cajamarcae* See note.

Chestnut Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria blakei* (NT) Stunning views of one at very close range at Abra Patricia.

Ochre-fronted Antpitta ◊ *Grallaricula ochraceifrons* (EN) Amazing views of an incredibly confiding male at Abra Patricia.

Rusty-breasted Antpitta ◊ (Leymebamba A) *Grallaricula [ferrugineipectus] leymebambae* Superb views at Abra Patricia.

Chestnut-crowned Gnatcatcher *Conopophaga castaneiceps* (LOH) Heard only briefly at Abra Patricia.

Ash-colored Tapaculo *Myornis senilis* We tried a few times and eventually saw one well at San Lorenzo.

Northern White-crowned Tapaculo *Scytalopus atratus* Decent views of two males below Abra Patricia [nominated].

Rufous-vented Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus femoralis* We eventually saw one well along the trails at Abra Patricia.

Trilling Tapaculo *Scytalopus parvirostris* (H) One heard along the Chido Trail at San Lorenzo, but no luck.

Unicolored Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus unicolor* A couple showed well in scrappy habitat near Cajamarca. Late bonus!

Neblina Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus altirostris* (H) Heard as usual at Abra Barro Negro, but, as usual, no luck!

Blackish Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus [latrans] intermedius* Great views of one above Leymebamba.

Large-footed Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus macropus* One heard and seen briefly low down in the Leymebamba Canyon.

Marañón Crescentchest ◊ *Melanopareia maranonica* (NT) A real stunner, seen superbly well near to Jaen.

Elegant Crescentchest *Melanopareia elegans* Great views at both Casupe and Chaparri. [*paucalensis*].

Wing-barred Piprites *Piprites chloris* One seen well at Waqanki Lodge [*tschudij*].

White-fronted Tyrannulet ◊ *Phyllomyias [zeledoni] leucogonys* Great looks at Plataforma.

Sooty-headed Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias griseiceps* One seen extremely well at Waqanki Lodge.



Two scarcities... White-fronted Tyrannulet (Pete Morris) and the elusive Cajamarca Antpitta (Jono Irvine)

Plumbeous-crowned Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias plumbeiceps* Seen briefly at Abra Patricia and heard at Plataforma.
Black-capped Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias nigrocapillus* Great views of one at San Lorenzo [nominat].
Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet *Tyrannulus elatus* Seen at Waqanki Lodge and on the way to Plataforma. More heard.
Forest Elaenia *Myiopagis gaimardii* Excellent views of one at Morro Calzada [nominat].
Pacific Elaenia ◇ *Myiopagis subplacens* Several seen very well at Casupe.
Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster* A few seen, the first along the Tamborapa Road near to Jaen [*semipagana*].
White-crested Elaenia *Elaenia albiceps* One seen briefly along the road to Chozgon, just north of Pedro Ruiz.
Lesser Elaenia *Elaenia chiriquensis* One seen roosting in the paddyfields near to Moyobamba [*albivertex*].
Highland Elaenia *Elaenia obscura* Great views near to the museum at Leymebamba [nominat].
Sierran Elaenia *Elaenia pallatangae* Several seen, the first along the Chido Trail at San Lorenzo [*intensa*].



There were plenty of tyrant flycatchers to keep us entertained!! Clockwise from top left, Highland Elaenia, Lemon-browed Flycatcher, the scarce and attractive Rufous-winged Tyrannulet and Black-capped Tyrannulet (Pete Morris)



White-lored Tyrannulet *Ornithion inerme* Decent views of one below the tunnel at Tarapoto.
Southern Beardless Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum* Common in the northwest, first seen at Casupe [*sclateri*].
White-throated Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus leucophrys* Surprisingly, just two seen at Abra Barro Negro.
White-tailed Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus poecilocercus* (H) Heard along the Leymebamba Canyon.
Rufous-winged Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus calopterus* Brilliant views of one at the Leymebamba Museum.
White-banded Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus stictopectus* Great views of several in the Leymebamba Canyon [nominat].
Black-crested Tit-Tyrant ◇ *Anairetes nigrocristatus* Great views between Celendin and Cajamarca.
Pied-crested Tit-Tyrant ◇ *Anairetes reguloides* (P) A couple seen well in the Canete Valley [*albiventris*].
Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant *Anairetes flavirostris* Excellent views of a pair along the Rio Chonta [*huancabambae*].
Tufted Tit-Tyrant *Anairetes parulus* Seen well at the roadside between Celendin and Cajamarca [*aequatorialis*].

Unstreaked Tit-Tyrant ◊ *Uromyias agraphia* Stunning views of a small group at San Lorenzo [*plengei*].
Torrent Tyrannulet *Serpophaga cinerea* A few noted, the first along the river near to Abra Patricia [nominate].
Mouse-colored Tyrannulet *Phaeomyias murina* A singing bird was seen at Waqanki Lodge [*wagae*].
Tumbesian Tyrannulet ◊ *Phaeomyias tumbezana* Two forms: *inflava* first at Rafan; *maranonica* at Abra Porculla.
Yellow Tyrannulet *Capsiempis flaveola* A pair at Morro Calzada were the only ones [*cerula*].
Subtropical Doradito ◊ *Pseudocolopteryx acutipennis* Great views of one at Lake Pomacochas - a nice bonus!
Rufous-headed Pygmy Tyrant *Pseudotriccus ruficeps* A few heard and one seen at Abra Patricia.
Ringed Antpipit *Corythopis torquatus* (H) One heard very briefly at Plataforma [*sarayacuensis*].
Tawny-crowned Pygmy Tyrant *Euscarthmus meloryphus* Fairly common. First seen well at Rafan [*fulviceps*].
Grey-and-white Tyrannulet ◊ *Pseudelaenia leucospodia* Common. First seen well at Rafan.
Red-billed Tyrannulet ◊ *Zimmerius cinereicapilla* (VU) Great views of one on the drive to Plataforma; others heard there.
Mishana Tyrannulet ◊ *Zimmerius villarejoi* (VU) Great views at Waqanki and on the way to Plataforma; others heard there.
Peruvian Tyrannulet ◊ *Zimmerius viridiflavus* First seen at Abra Patricia and fairly common thereafter.
Variiegated Bristle Tyrant *Pogonotriccus poecilotis* A couple seen in mixed flocks below Abra Patricia.
Marble-faced Bristle Tyrant *Pogonotriccus ophthalmicus* Seen a couple of times below Abra Patricia [nominate].
Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes ventralis* Excellent views of one at Abra Patricia [*angustirostris*].



More flycatchers... Black-crested Tit-Tyrant, the scarce Subtropical Doradito, the tiny Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant and White-banded Tyrannulet (Pete Morris)



Ecuadorian Tyrannulet ◊ *Phylloscartes gualaquizae* (NT) Quite common in flocks around Afluente, below Abra Patricia.
Streak-necked Flycatcher *Mionectes striaticollis* A few seen along the road below Abra Patricia.
Olive-striped Flycatcher *Mionectes olivaceus* Several seen below Abra Patricia [*fasciaticollis*].
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus* (H) Heard a couple of times, first at Waqanki Lodge [nominate].
Sepia-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon amaurocephalus* (H) One heard at Quebrada Upaquihua [*peruvianus*].



The fun of getting to and from Plataforma! (Pete Morris)

- Slaty-capped Flycatcher** *Leptopogon superciliaris* Several in mixed flocks, especially below Abra Patricia [nominate].
- Inca Flycatcher** ◊ *Leptopogon taczanowskii* (NT) After much searching, great views of one below Abra Patricia.
- Flavescent Flycatcher** *Myiophobus flavicans* Excellent views of one along the trails at Abra Patricia [nominate].
- Olive-chested Flycatcher** *Myiophobus cryptoxanthus* Great views of a roadside bird near Afluente below Abra Patricia.
- Bran-colored Flycatcher** ◊ (Mouse-grey F) *Myiophobus [fasciatus] crypterythrus* Several seen well in the northwest.
- Bran-colored Flycatcher** ◊ (Rufescent F) *Myiophobus [fasciatus] rufescens* Great views of one in the Canete Valley.
- Ornate Flycatcher** *Myiobittacus ornatus* Good views of a pair at Afluente below Abra Patricia [*phoenicurus*].
- Many-colored Rush Tyrant** *Tachuris rubrigastra* (P) A couple seen well at Pantanos de Villa [*libertatis*].
- Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant** *Hemitriccus striaticollis* Great views of one at Morro Calzada [nominate].
- Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant** *Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer* Best views were at Morro Calzada [*rufipes*].
- Black-throated Tody-Tyrant** *Hemitriccus granadensis* One finally submitted at Abra Patricia [*pyrrhops*].
- Cinnamon-breasted Tody-Tyrant** ◊ *Hemitriccus cinnamomeipectus* (VU) Brilliant views of one near Abra Patricia.
- Buff-throated Tody-Tyrant** ◊ *Hemitriccus granadensis* (VU) (HLO) Heard briefly at Plataforma.
- White-bellied Pygmy Tyrant** ◊ *Myiornis albiventris* Nice views of one at Waqanki Lodge.
- Short-tailed Pygmy Tyrant** *Myiornis ecaudatus* One showed very well along at Waqanki Lodge [nominate].
- Scale-crested Pygmy Tyrant** *Lophotriccus pileatus* Best views were along the road at Afluente [nominate].
- Lulu's Tody-Flycatcher** ◊ *Poecilatriccus luluae* (EN) Excellent views of this smart endemic at Owllet Lodge, Abra Patricia.
- Black-and-white Tody-Flycatcher** *Poecilatriccus capitalis* (H) Heard briefly at Waqanki Lodge, but sadly no luck.
- Common Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum cinereum* Two forms: *sclateri* around Jaen and *peruanum* at Waqanki etc.
- Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum* (H) Heard only at Waqanki Lodge [*neglectum*].
- Olivaceous Flatbill** (Western O F) *Rhynchocyclus [olivaceus] aequinoctialis* One seen at Waqanki Lodge.
- Yellow-olive Flatbill** *Tolmomyias sulphurescens* Just one seen, at Casupe [*aequatorialis*].
- Zimmer's Flatbill** *Tolmomyias assimilis* One seen in the forest patch above Aguas Verdes [*obscuriceps*].
- Olive-faced Flatbill** *Tolmomyias viridiceps* A few seen, the first noted at Waqanki Lodge.
- White-throated Spadebill** *Platyrinchus mystaceus* Great views for some at Plataforma [*zamorae*].
- Yellow-throated Spadebill** ◊ *Platyrinchus flavigularis* Brilliant views of one along the trail at Plataforma [nominate].
- Cinnamon Flycatcher** *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus* Several seen, the first in mixed flocks around Abra Patricia.
- Cliff Flycatcher** *Hirundinea ferruginea* Seen well along the road below the Tarapoto Tunnel [*sclateri*].
- Euler's Flycatcher** *Lathrotriccus euleri* Some responsive birds seen well at Waqanki Lodge [*bolivianus*].

Grey-breasted Flycatcher ◊ *Lathrotriccus griseipectus* (VU) Excellent views of at least three at Casupe; others heard.
Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans* A few seen along various rivers, the first on the journey to Pomacochas [*angustirostris*].
Olive Tufted Flycatcher ◊ *Mitrephanes olivaceus* Superb views of a pair at Abra Patricia.
Olive-sided Flycatcher *Contopus cooperi* (NT) Plenty of migrants seen in the Plataforma area.
Smoke-colored Pewee *Contopus fumigatus* A handful seen with best views in the Leymebamba Canyon [*zarumae*].
Western Wood Pewee *Contopus sordidulus* Fairly common at Plataforma where their call was a familiar sound [nominate].
Eastern Wood Pewee *Contopus virens* Just one calling bird on the drive up to Plataforma.
Tumbes Pewee *Contopus punensis* A few seen well at Casupe and others heard. Also in the Marañón Valley.
Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus obscurus* See note.
Rufous-tailed Tyrant *Knipolegus poecilurus* A pair seen well near Abra Patricia [*peruanus*].
Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant *Agriornis montanus* Excellent views between Celendin and Cajamarca [*insolens*].
White-tailed Shrike-Tyrant ◊ *Agriornis albicauda* Excellent views with the above species [nominate].
Streak-throated Bush Tyrant *Myiotheretes striaticollis* The first pair were high up in the Leymebamba canyon [nominate].



The scarce White-tailed Shrike-Tyrant showed well. Below, Inca Flycatcher and Barred Becard were both heard more than seen (Pete Morris)





Two smart chat-tyrants... the localized Maroon-belted Chat-Tyrant and the cracking Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant (Pete Morris)

- Smoky Bush Tyrant** *Myiotheretes fumigatus* A pair seen well along the Chido Trail at San Lorenzo [cajamarca].
- Rufous-webbed Bush Tyrant** ◊ *Polioxolmis rufipennis* Great views of a pair between Celendin and Cajamarca [nominate].
- Tumbes Tyrant** ◊ *Tumbezia salvini* (NT) Excellent views of two different individuals at Chaparri. A real cracker.
- Jelski's Chat-Tyrant** ◊ *Silvicultrix jelskii* Stunning views of an obliging individual along the Rio Chonta Valley.
- Maroon-belted Chat-Tyrant** ◊ *Ochthoeca thoracica* Plenty seen well in the Leymebamba Canyon [angustifasciata].
- Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant** *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis* Seen extremely well, first at San Lorenzo [centralis].
- Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant** *Ochthoeca fumicolor* First seen along the Chido Trail at San Lorenzo [brunneifrons].
- White-browed Chat-Tyrant** *Ochthoeca leucophrys* Only seen between Celendin and Cajamarca [dissors].
- Piura Chat-Tyrant** ◊ *Ochthoeca piurae* (NT) A couple at Abra Porculla showed reasonably well but did not hang around.
- Long-tailed Tyrant** *Colonia colonus* Only seen in the big clearing at Plataforma [niveiceps].
- Short-tailed Field Tyrant** *Muscigralla brevicauda* Briefly on the journey to Bosque Pomac and then seen well there.
- Piratic Flycatcher** *Legatus leucophaeus* Many heard and a few seen, the first at Waqanki Lodge [nominate].
- Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis* Two forms noted: *grandis* around Jaen; nominate elsewhere.
- Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus* Small numbers at several sites; common towards the end of the trip [nominate].
- Lemon-browed Flycatcher** *Conopias cinchoneti* (VU) Seen very well around Aguas Verdes and Afluente [nominate].
- Baird's Flycatcher** ◊ *Myiodynastes bairdii* A few seen at Casupe and Quebrada Frejolillo.
- Streaked Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes maculatus* Just a handful seen, the first near to Abra Patricia.
- Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua* Many heard but few seen, including one near Plataforma [nominate].
- Sulphury Flycatcher** *Tyrannopsis sulphurea* A pair seen well in Moriche Palms near to Moyobamba.
- Snowy-throated Kingbird** *Tyrannus niveigularis* A single briefly for some at Casupe.
- Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus* Common and widespread, especially in the southeast [nominate].
- Rufous Casiornis** *Casiornis rufus* (LO) One seen very briefly at Quebrada Upaquiua near Tarapoto.
- Rufous Flycatcher** *Myiarchus semirufus* (VU) Great views of one at Rafan, and great views of a pair at Bosque de Pomac.
- Dusky-capped Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tuberculifer* Only one seen near to Pedro Ruiz.
- Short-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus ferox* Just one seen in the paddyfields near to Moyobamba [nominate].
- Pale-edged Flycatcher** *Myiarchus cephalotes* Excellent views of one near Abra Patricia [nominate].
- Sooty-crowned Flycatcher** ◊ *Myiarchus phaeocephalus* One seen well at Quebrada Frejolillo [nominate].
- Brown-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tyrannulus* Only seen in the dry scrub near to Jaen [nominate].
- Bright-rumped Attila** *Attila spadiceus* (H) Heard below the tunnel at Tarapoto [nominate].
- Red-crested Cotinga** *Ampelion rubrocristatus* Good views of three individuals along the Chido Trail at San Lorenzo.
- Peruvian Plantcutter** ◊ *Phytotoma raimondii* (VU) Excellent views of a couple of pairs at Rafan.
- Green-and-black Fruiteater** *Pipreola riefferii* Several heard and a couple seen briefly, the first at Abra Patricia.
- Scarlet-breasted Fruiteater** ◊ *Pipreola frontalis* An immature male at Abra Patricia, then a stunning male at Plataforma.
- Andean Cock-of-the-rock** *Rupicola peruvianus* Several seen well along the road below Abra Patricia.
- Screaming Piha** *Lipaugus vociferans* One heard from the vehicle on the drive back down to Bellavista.
- Grey-tailed Piha** ◊ *Snowornis subalaris* (NT) Brilliant views of one at Plataforma. A couple more heard there.
- Purple-throated Fruitcrow** *Querula purpurata* (H) Heard at the Aconobikh Reserve near to Tarapoto.
- Red-ruffed Fruitcrow** *Pyroderus scutatus* Great views of one scoped along the road below Abra Patricia [masoni].

Amazonian Umbrellabird *Cephalopterus ornatus* Nice views of one along the ridge trail at Plataforma.

Sulphur-bellied Tyrant-Manakin ◊ *Neopelma sulphureiventer* Excellent views of one at Quebrada Upaquihoa.

Yungas Manakin ◊ *Chiroxiphia boliviana* Several heard at Plataforma where we only saw a female briefly.

Golden-winged Manakin *Masius chrysopterus* A female was seen well below Abra Patricia [*peruvianus*].

Blue-rumped Manakin ◊ (Milky-rumped M) *Lepidothrix [isidorei] leucopygia* (NT) Excellent views at Plataforma.

Band-tailed Manakin ◊ *Pipra fasciicauda* A female was seen well at Quebrada Upaquihoa near Tarapoto [*purusiana*].

Painted Manakin ◊ *Machaeropterus eckelberryi* At least three males eventually seen well at Waqanki Lodge.

Fiery-capped Manakin ◊ *Machaeropterus pyrocephalus* Another sneaky manakin which we saw well at Waqanki [nominate].

Golden-headed Manakin *Ceratopipra erythrocephala* Best views were the males at the lek Aconobikh [*berlepschi*].

Amazonian Royal Flycatcher *Onychorhynchus coronatus* A great surprise to see one at Quebrada Upaquihoa.

Whiskered Myiobius *Myiobius barbatus* A single seen at Quebrada Upaquihoa near Tarapoto [nominate group].

Black-tailed Myiobius *Myiobius atricaudus* See note.

Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata* A few noted, the first at Aguas Verdes [*fortis*].

Yellow-cheeked Becard ◊ *Pachyramphus xanthogenys* Excellent views of a male near to Jaen [*peruanus*].

Barred Becard *Pachyramphus versicolor* Great views of a male in the Leymebamba Canyon. Others heard [*meridionalis*].

White-winged Becard *Pachyramphus polychopterus* (H) Heard a number of times but somehow not seen.

Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis* Two forms: *virenticeps* was at Quebrada Frejolillo *saturata* elsewhere.

Slaty-capped Shrike-vireo *Vireolanius leucotis* Heard a few times, seen well near Tarapoto [nominate].

Brown-capped Vireo *Vireo leucophrys* A few seen well, the first in mixed flocks at Plataforma [nominate].

Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus* Widespread – many seen. All assumed to be Chivi Vireos.

Yellow-green Vireo *Vireo flavoviridis* Several seen well at Waqanki Lodge.

Dusky-capped Greenlet *Hylophilus hypoxanthus* Excellent views of a singing bird near Tarapoto [*flaviventris*].

Olivaceous Greenlet *Hylophilus olivaceus* (NT) Singing birds seen twice, the first at Afluente below Abra Patricia.

Tawny-crowned Greenlet *Hylophilus ochraceiceps* (H) Its shrill call was heard at Waqanki Lodge [*ferrugineifrons*].

White-collared Jay ◊ *Cyanolyca viridicyanus* (NT) Excellent views along the trails at Owllet Lodge, were the best [*jolyaea*].

Violaceous Jay *Cyanocorax violaceus* Heard and seen from the platform at the Aconobikh Reserve [nominate].

White-tailed Jay ◊ *Cyanocorax mystacalis* Common in the northwest: many great views at Casupe and Chaparri.

Inca Jay *Cyanocorax yncas* Two forms: *longirostris* around Jaen, nominate in the east.

Inca Jay [*longirostris*] *Cyanocorax yncas* First seen along the Tamborapa Road near to Jaen.

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia* (P) A few seen at Pantanos de Villa [nominate].

Tumbes Swallow ◊ *Tachycineta stolzmanni* A few seen very well at Bosque de Pomac.

Grey-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea* Several seen, the first along the coast south of Lima.

Blue-and-white Swallow *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca* Several seen well, the first south of Lima.

Brown-bellied Swallow *Notiochelidon murina* Several seen at Abra Barro Negro, and on the drive to Cajamarca [nominate].

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* Small numbers at a few sites [nominate].

Barn Swallow (American B S) *Hirundo [rustica] erythrogaster* A few at Pantanos de Villa; others later in the tour.

American Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota* (P) At least one seen well at Pantanos de Villa.



The beautiful White-collared Jay showed well, as did the scarce Tumbes Swallow (Pete Morris)

Chestnut-collared Swallow ◊ *Petrochelidon rufocollaris* Great views of a flock on the way to Bosque de Pomac [nominate].

Black-capped Donacobius *Donacobius atricapilla* Nice looks at one in the paddyfields near Moyobamba [*nigrodorsalis*].

Fasciated Wren ◊ *Campylorhynchus fasciatus* Several seen in the northwest, the first at Rafan.

Thrush-like Wren *Campylorhynchus turdinus* A distinctive voice! Seen around Moyobamba and Plataforma [*hypostictus*].

Grey-mantled Wren ◊ *Odontorchilus branickii* Brilliant views in flocks at Afluente and at Plataforma [nominate].

Sepia-brown Wren ◊ *Cinnycerthia olivascens* Reasonable views of a couple of noisy birds below Abra Patricia [nominate].

Grass Wren *Cistothorus platensis* Several heard and a one seen in the grasslands at Abra Barro Negro [*aequatorialis*].

Plain-tailed Wren ◊ (Grey-browed W) *Pheugopedius [euophrys] schulenbergi* See note.

Coraya Wren *Pheugopedius coraya* (H) Heard at Plataforma but we had bigger fish to fry [*amazonicus*]!

Speckle-breasted Wren ◊ *Pheugopedius [sclateri] paucimaculatus* Seen well at Casupe and at Abra Porculla.

Speckle-breasted Wren ◊ (or Marañon W) *Pheugopedius [sclateri] sclateri* Excellent views of a pair near to Jaen

Buff-breasted Wren *Cantorchilus leucotis* (H) Heard at Quebrada Upaquiuhua near Tarapoto [*peruanus*].

Superciliated Wren ◊ *Cantorchilus superciliaris* Several seen in the northwest, after the first at Rafan [*baroni*].

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon* Two forms: *audax* along the coast; *puna* elsewhere.

Mountain Wren *Troglodytes solstitialis* A few seen well, the first at Abra Patricia. Nominate?

Grey-breasted Wood Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys* Plenty heard and seen well at Abra Patricia [nominate].

Bar-winged Wood Wren ◊ *Henicorhina leucoptera* (NT) Great views in the stunted forest near Abra Patricia.

Southern Nightingale-Wren *Microcerculus marginatus* One briefly at Waqanki Lodge. Many more heard [nominate].

Tropical Gnatcatcher *Polioptila plumbea* Two forms: *bilineata* in the northwest; *parvirostris* at Quebrada Upaquiuhua.

Tropical Gnatcatcher (Marañon G) *Polioptila [plumbea] maior* Plenty seen in the Jaen area and in the Marañon Canyon.

Long-tailed Mockingbird *Mimus longicaudatus* Two forms: nominate along the coast; *maranonicus* in the Marañon Canyon.

Andean Solitaire *Myadestes ralloides* A great songster; several seen well below Abra Patricia [*venezuelensis*].

Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus fuscater* A couple seen, others heard in the Leymebamba Canyon [*caniceps*].

Sclater's Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus maculatus* (H) One heard singing at Plataforma, but no response [nominate].

Swainson's Thrush *Catharus ustulatus* Several, especially around Waqanki Lodge and Plataforma [*swainsoni-group*].

White-eared Solitaire *Entomodestes leucotis* (H) One heard at close range at Owlet Lodge, but soon moved on.

Great Thrush *Turdus fuscater* Common in higher elevation wet forests [*gigantodes*].

Chiguanco Thrush *Turdus chiguanco* A couple at Abra Porculla; common between Celendin and Cajamarca [*conradi*].

Glossy-black Thrush *Turdus serranus* Its dull song was commonly heard, and two seen at Abra Patricia [nominate].

Plumbeous-backed Thrush ◊ *Turdus reevei* A cracking thrush, seen well at Casupe and Quebrada Frejolillo.

Marañon Thrush ◊ *Turdus maranonicus* Excellent views of 3 near Pedro Ruiz. Also seen in the Marañon Canyon.

Pale-breasted Thrush *Turdus leucomelas* One seen near to Moyobamba [nominate].

Black-billed Thrush (Floodplain T) *Turdus [ignobilis] debilis* Quite numerous in the lowlands of the southeast.

Hauxwell's Thrush *Turdus hauxwelli* (H) Heard loudly at Quebrada Upaquiuhua near Tarapoto, but refused to show.

Varzea Thrush ◊ *Turdus sanchezorum* With some effort we saw one on two occasions at Waqanki Lodge.

White-necked Thrush *Turdus albicollis* A single seen along the trail at Waqanki Lodge [*spodiolaemus*].

White-capped Dipper *Cinclus leucocephalus* Seen well at Abra Patricia and in the Leymebamba Canyon [nominate].

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* (introduced) A few seen in various towns [nominate].



White-capped Dippers showed along several rushing rivers (Pete Morris)

Peruvian Pipit *◇ Anthus peruvianus* After some searching, great views of one in the dunes at Monsefu.

Paramo Pipit *Anthus bogotensis* Seen at the highest point at Abra Barro Negro [*immaculatus*].

Lesser Goldfinch *Spinus psaltria* A few near to Jaen and in the Marañon Canyon [*colombianus*].

Hooded Siskin *Spinus magellanicus* First seen near Paracas; common between Celendin and Cajamarca [*paulus*].

Purple-throated Euphonia *Euphonia chlorotica* Several seen well after the first in the Jaen area [*taczanowskii*].

Thick-billed Euphonia *Euphonia laniirostris* A couple seen around Casupe [*laniirostris-group*].

Golden-rumped Euphonia *Euphonia cyanocephala* Seen by some at Plataforma and above San Marcos [nominate].

White-lored Euphonia *Euphonia chrysopasta* A couple seen well on the journey to Plataforma [nominate].

Bronze-green Euphonia *Euphonia mesochrysa* A few seen, with best views at Plataforma [*media*].

Orange-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia xanthogaster* Several seen, the first at Abra Patricia [*dilutor*].

Rufous-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia rufiventris* One seen well on the journey to Plataforma [nominate].

Blue-naped Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia cyanea* A female seen in a mixed flock at Plataforma [*longipennis*].

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis* Common and widespread [*huancabambae and peruviansis*].

Yellow-browed Sparrow *Ammodramus aurifrons* A few seen, the first near to Aguas Verdes [nominate].

Tumbes Sparrow *◇ Rhynchospiza stolzmanni* Excellent views, especially at the feeders at Chaparri Lodge.

Orange-billed Sparrow *Arremon aurantirostris* Several seen well at Aguas Verdes [*spectabilis*].

Black-capped Sparrow *Arremon [abeillei] abeillei* A couple seen at Casupe and another at Quebrada Frejolillo.

Black-capped Sparrow *◇ (Marañon S) Arremon [abeillei] nigriceps* Great views of a pair near Pedro Ruiz.

Chestnut-capped Brushfinch *Arremon brunneinucha* Excellent views of two at Abra Patricia [*frontalis*].

Grey-browed Brushfinch *Arremon assimilis* Two at Abra Porculla were our only ones [*nigrifrons*].

Yellow-breasted Brushfinch *Atlapetes latinuchus* A few seen well, the first at San Lorenzo [nominate].

Yellow-breasted Brushfinch *◇ (Baron's B) Atlapetes [latinuchus] baroni* Several between Celendin and Cajamarca.

White-winged Brushfinch *Atlapetes leucopterus* Seen at Casupe, Quebrada Frejolillo and Abra Porculla [*dresseri*].

White-headed Brushfinch *◇ Atlapetes albiceps* Best views were from the kitchen window at Chaparri Lodge.

Bay-crowned Brushfinch *◇ Atlapetes seebohmi* A pair scoped from the road at Abra Porculla [nominate].



A few ground-grovelers... White-headed Brushfinch, Orange-billed Sparrow and Chestnut-capped Brushfinch (Pete Morris)

Common Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus flavopectus* Several seen in the Abra Patricia area [*hiaticolus*].

Yellow-whiskered Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus parvirostris* A couple seen well in a mixed flock at Plataforma [*medianus*].

Yellow-throated Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus flavigularis* A few in mixed flocks below Abra Patricia [nominate].

Ashy-throated Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus canigularis* Seen well in mixed flocks below Abra Patricia [*signatus*].

Peruvian Meadowlark *Leistes bellicosus* First seen at Bosque Yanahuanca and common later in the trip [nominate].

Yellow-billed Cacique *Amblycercus holosericeus* (H) One heard along the Chido Trail at San Lorenzo [*flavirostris*].

Russet-backed Oropendola *Psarocolius angustifrons* Seen in several areas; first in lower areas below Abra Patricia.

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus* A few seen around Waqanki Lodge [*maculosus*].

Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela* Common in the southeast of the country [*flavicrissus*].

Subtropical Cacique *Cacicus uropygialis* A few were seen well from the roadside below Abra Patricia.

Northern Mountain Cacique *Cacicus leucoramphus* Quite sneaky, but good views in the Leymebamba canyon [*peruvianus*].

Yellow-tailed Oriole *Icterus mesomelas* Several seen well near to Jaen and in the Marañon Canyon [*taczanowskii*].

White-edged Oriole ◊ *Icterus graceannae* Several seen well in the northwest at Chaparri and Quebrada Frejolillo.

Orange-backed Troupial *Icterus croconotus* One near to Moyobamba and a couple more near Bellavista [nominate].

Epaulet Oriole (Moriche O) *Icterus [cayanensis] chrysocephalus* Just one seen well at Plataforma.

Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus* Just a couple of flyovers, the first near to Quebrada Upaquiua [nominate].

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis* First seen around Chaparri [*occidentalis*].

Scrub Blackbird ◊ *Dives warczewiczi* A few seen along the coast and in the northwest [*kalinowskii*].

Oriole Blackbird *Gymnomystax mexicanus* A few seen around the small cocha and ricefields near to Bellavista.

Pale-eyed Blackbird ◊ *Agelasticus xanthophthalmus* Great views of a pair in the paddyfields near to Moyobamba.

Yellow-hooded Blackbird *Chrysomus icterocephalus* (P) A few at Pantanos de Villa where introduced [nominate].

Cerulean Warbler *Setophaga cerulean* (VU) A couple in mixed flocks at Plataforma and another near Tarapoto.

Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitiauyumi* Two forms: *pacifica* in the northwest; *alarum* in the southeast.

Blackburnian Warbler *Setophaga fusca* Several seen including some smart males, the first below Abra Patricia.

Citrine Warbler *Myiothlypis luteoviridis* A group seen well in the Leymebamba Canyon [*striaticeps*].

Black-crested Warbler *Myiothlypis nigrocristata* Best views in the high areas between Celendin and Cajamarca.

Buff-rumped Warbler *Myiothlypis fulvicauda* A pair were seen well in the river at Waqanki Lodge [nominate].

Grey-and-gold Warbler ◊ *Myiothlypis fraseri* Good views at Casupe and another seen at Abra Porculla [nominate].

Russet-crowned Warbler *Myiothlypis coronata* After hearing a few, great views in the Leymebamba Canyon [*inaequalis*].

Three-banded Warbler ◊ *Basileuterus trifasciatus* Great views at Casupe and many more at Abra Porculla [nominate].

Three-striped Warbler *Basileuterus tristriatus* Several in mixed flocks below Abra Patricia [nominate].

Canada Warbler *Cardellina canadensis* A total of eight seen, the first near to Afluente below Abra Patricia.

Slate-throated Whitestart *Myioborus miniatus* First at Abra Porculla, then in mixed flocks such as at Abra Patricia.

Spectacled Whitestart *Myioborus melanocephalus* See note.

Tooth-billed Tanager *Piranga lutea* A total of seven seen, the first at Casupe [nominate].

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra* A few seen in the southeast, the first at Plataforma [nominate].

White-winged Tanager *Piranga leucoptera* Some smart birds seen at Abra Patricia and Plataforma [*ardens*].

Red-hooded Tanager *Piranga rubriceps* (H) Heard at Leymebamba but sadly no joy.

Red-crowned Ant Tanager *Habia rubica* Seen briefly by some at Waqanki Lodge.

Olive Tanager *Chlorothraupis frenata* (H) Heard briefly at dawn along the road at Tarapoto.

Golden Grosbeak *Pheucticus chrysogaster* A few seen in the northwest; plenty between Celendin and Cajamarca [nominate].

Red-capped Cardinal *Paroaria gularis* A couple seen in the paddyfields near to Moyobamba [nominate].

Black-faced Tanager *Schistochlamys melanopis* A few seen, the first near to Moyobamba [*grisea*].

Magpie Tanager *Cissopis leverianus* First seen at Aguas Verdes and then plenty in the Plataforma area [nominate].

White-capped Tanager *Sericossypha albocristata* (VU) Frustrating at Abra Patricia as a noisy group refused to show well.

Rufous-crested Tanager *Creurgops verticalis* A pair showed well in a mixed flock below Abra Patricia.

Superciliaried Hemispingus *Hemispingus superciliaris* Seen well at San Lorenzo and in the Leymebamba Canyon [*insignis*].

Oleaginous Hemispingus *Hemispingus frontalis* Seen well a couple of times below Abra Patricia [nominate].

Drab Hemispingus *Hemispingus xanthophthalmus* A few seen in mixed flocks near Owllet Lodge at Abra Patricia.

Grey-hooded Bush Tanager ◊ (Golden-bellied T) *Cnemoscopus [rubrirostris] chrysogaster* c8 below Abra Patricia.

Rufous-chested Tanager *Thlypopsis ornata* Great views in the Leymebamba Canyon. A real cracker [*media*].

Buff-bellied Tanager ◊ *Thlypopsis inornata* Great views of these excellent birds, first near to Jaen.

Yellow-crested Tanager ◊ *Tachyphonus rufiventer* A pair showed well at Waqanki Lodge.

White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus* Small numbers at several sites, the first near to Jaen.

Huallaga Tanager ◊ (Black-bellied T) *Ramphocelus melanogaster* A few seen well in the Aguas Verdes area.

Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo* Most common in the southeast [nominate].

Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus* See note.

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum* Widespread in small numbers [*melanoptera*].

Blue-capped Tanager *Thraupis cyanocephala* Best views were the first ones seen at Huembo [nominate].

Blue-and-yellow Tanager *Thraupis bonariensis* Just three seen, the first at Abra Porculla [*darwini*].

Vermilion Tanager ◊ *Calochaetes coccineus* Brilliant views of a couple of stunners below Abra Patricia.

Hooded Mountain Tanager *Buthraupis montana* Just one, flying across the valley calling below Abra Patricia [*cyanonota*].

Lacrimose Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus lacrymosus* A few in mixed flocks at Abra Patricia [*caerulescens*].

Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus igniventris* First seen at San Lorenzo [*ignicrissa*].
Blue-winged Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus somptuosus* A cracking species, seen well below Abra Patricia [nominate].
Grass-green Tanager *Chlorornis riefferii* A few seen well, the first along the Chido Trail at San Lorenzo.
Yellow-throated Tanager *Iridosornis analis* A couple of seen well in mixed flocks along the road below Abra Patricia.
Yellow-scarfed Tanager ◊ *Iridosornis reinhardtii* A real stunner, seen well by Owllet Lodge at Abra Patricia.
Orange-eared Tanager *Chlorochrysa calliparaea* A stunner, seen in mixed flocks at Abra Patricia and Plataforma [*bourcierii*].
Turquoise Tanager *Tangara mexicana* A handful noted around Aguas Verdes, Waqanki and Plataforma [*boliviana*].
Paradise Tanager *Tangara chilensis* A cracking bird, present in many flocks at lower and mid elevations [nominate].
Green-and-gold Tanager *Tangara schrankii* Seen at lower elevations below Abra Patricia and at Plataforma [nominate].
Golden Tanager *Tangara arthus* Common but splendid! A few in many mixed tangara flocks [*aequatorialis*].
Saffron-crowned Tanager *Tangara xanthocephala* Many seen well along the road below Abra Patricia [nominate].
Golden-eared Tanager *Tangara chrysotis* Seen well near to Afluente, below Abra Patricia and again at Plataforma.
Flame-faced Tanager *Tangara parzudakii* What a bird! Seen well along the road below Abra Patricia [*urubambae*].
Yellow-bellied Tanager *Tangara xanthogastra* A few seen well, the first at Waqanki Lodge [nominate].
Spotted Tanager *Tangara punctata* Small numbers seen in mixed flocks along the road below Abra Patricia.
Dotted Tanager ◊ *Tangara varia* A generally tricky bird which showed exceptionally well below the Tarapoto tunnel.
Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola* Most common at Plataforma where plenty in the mixed flocks [*catharinae*].



Grass Green Tanager and the rare and localized Dotted Tanager (Pete Morris)

Burnished-buff Tanager *Tangara cayana* A write-in on the tour, seen well above Aguas Verdes [nominate].
Golden-naped Tanager ◊ *Tangara ruficervix* See note.
Metallic-green Tanager *Tangara labradorides* Surprisingly, just one in a mixed below Abra Patricia [*chaupensis*].
Blue-browed Tanager ◊ *Tangara cyanotis* Surprisingly conspicuous: great views at Abra Patricia and Plataforma [*lutleyi*].
Blue-necked Tanager *Tangara cyanicollis* Quite common at lower altitudes; first seen at Afluente [*caeruleocephala*].
Masked Tanager *Tangara nigrocincta* Just three noted, the first couple around Aguas Verdes.
Beryl-spangled Tanager *Tangara nigroviridis* A few seen in mixed flocks around Abra Patricia [*berlepschi*].
Blue-and-black Tanager (Silver-crowned T) *Tangara [vassorii] branickii* Great looks at Abra Patricia, and a few others.
Silver-backed Tanager *Tangara viridicollis* Another great tanager seen well in the Abra Patricia area [nominate].
Swallow Tanager *Tersina viridis* A couple at Morro Calzada were the only ones surprisingly [*occidentalis*].
Black-faced Dacnis *Dacnis lineata* Several seen well. Smart males but confusing females!
Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana* First seen in the Aguas Verdes / Afluentes areas [*glaucogularis*].
Purple Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes caeruleus* Another one first seen in mixed flocks below Abra Patricia [*microrhynchus*].
Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza* Several seen well at lower elevations [*caerulescens*].
Golden-collared Honeycreeper *Iridophanes pulcherrimus* A female, then a male, in flocks at Plataforma [nominate].
Guira Tanager *Hemithraupis guira* A smart tanager, only seen at Aguas Verdes [*huambina*].
Tit-like Dacnis *Xenodacnis parina* A male seen near to Saturno, between Celendin and Cajamarca [*bella*].
Cinereous Conebill *Conirostrum cinereum* Plenty along the coast and in the higher drier areas later in the tour [*littorale*].
Blue-backed Conebill *Conirostrum sitticolor* A handful seen, the first pair at San Lorenzo [nominate].
Capped Conebill (Blue-c C) *Conirostrum [albifrons] atrocyaneum* Just one seen as we crossed Abra Barro Negro.
Rusty Flowerpiercer *Diglossa sittoides* A handful seen including a male at Abra Porculla [*decorata*].

Moustached Flowerpiercer *Diglossa mystacalis* Some good looks as we crossed Abra Barro Negro [*unicincta*].
Black-throated Flowerpiercer *Diglossa brunneiventris* Seen at several sites, first above Leymebamba [n nominate].
White-sided Flowerpiercer *Diglossa albilatera* A few noted including tame birds at the Owllet Lodge feeders [*affinis*].
Bluish Flowerpiercer *Diglossa caerulescens* (NL) Seen by some at Abra Porculla.
Masked Flowerpiercer *Diglossa cyanea* Just a few in the moss forests, the first at Abra Patricia [*melanopsis*].
Red Pileated Finch *Coryphospingus cucullatus* Several obliging birds were seen around Jaen [*fargoii*].
Peruvian Sierra Finch *Phrygilus punensis* Great views of several along the Rio Chonta Valley [*chloronotus*].
Ash-breasted Sierra Finch *Phrygilus plebejus* A few at several high altitude sites, the first at Abra Porculla.
Plumbeous Sierra Finch *Phrygilus unicolor* Seen by some high up above Leymebamba.
Cinereous Finch ◊ *Piezorina cinerea* Great looks in the north west, the first at Rafan.
Slender-billed Finch ◊ *Xenospingus concolor* (P) (NT) Great views of a pair in the Canete Valley. Very showy indeed!
Grey-winged Inca Finch ◊ *Inca spiza ortizi* Stunning views near to Hacienda Limon in the Marañon Canyon.
Buff-bridled Inca Finch ◊ *Inca spiza laeta* A few seen well above Balsas in the Marañon Canyon.
Little Inca Finch ◊ *Inca spiza watkinsi* (NT) Excellent views of one at Bosque Yanahuanca near to Jaen.
Plain-tailed Warbling Finch ◊ *Poospiza alticola* (EN) A surprise to have great views of a small flock near to Saturno.
Collared Warbling Finch ◊ *Poospiza hispaniolensis* Common along the coast, and several seen at Chaparri.
Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola* Best views were at the feeders at Chaparri Lodge [*valida*].



Collared Warbling-Finch favoured the arid areas whilst Wedge-tailed Grass Finch was found near to Moyobamba (Pete Morris)

Grassland Yellow Finch (Misto Y F) *Sicalis [luteola] luteiventris* Seen briefly at Santa Rosa and Lake Pomacochas.
Sulphur-throated Finch ◊ *Sicalis taczanowskii* Great views of small numbers along the road into Chaparri.
Wedge-tailed Grass Finch *Emberizoides herbicola* Great views of a couple in open country at Morro Calzada [*sphenurus*].
Slate-colored Grosbeak *Saltator grossus* (H) One heard at Plataforma [n nominate].
Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus* Common in the southeast after the first near to Afluente [n nominate].
Greyish Saltator *Saltator coerulescens* Just one seen by the small cocha near to Bellavista [*azarae*].
Black-cowled Saltator ◊ *Saltator nigriceps* Several seen well during our morning at Abra Porculla.
Golden-billed Saltator *Saltator aurantiirostris* Seen well between Celendin and Cajamarca [*iterates*].
Streaked Saltator *Saltator striatipectus* Several seen, especially around Jaen and in the Balsas Canyon [*flavidicollis*].
Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina* Good numbers, especially in the paddyfields near to Bellavista [*peruviensis*].
Black-and-white Seedeater *Sporophila luctuosa* 100s in the paddyfields near to Bellavista.
Yellow-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila nigricollis* A few seen just north of Pedro Ruiz [*inconspicua*].

Parrot-billed Seedeater ◇ *Sporophila peruviana* Only along the entrance to Chaparri, where a male was scoped [*devronis*].
Drab Seedeater *Sporophila simplex* ◇ Best views were along the Tamborapa Road near to Jaen.
Chestnut-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila castaneiventris* A male seen in the paddyfields near to Bellavista.
Chestnut-throated Seedeater *Sporophila telasco* A few seen in the north west including 4 at Bosque Yanahuanca.
Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch *Oryzoborus angolensis* Just a single by the roadside at Taropoto [*torridus*].
Black-billed Seed Finch ◇ *Oryzoborus atrirostris* Great views of a pair in paddyfields near Bellavista [nominated].
Band-tailed Seedeater *Catamenia analis* Common along the Rio Chonta Valley [*insignis*].
Plain-colored Seedeater *Catamenia inornata* A few seen at higher elevations, the first at Abra Barro Negro [*minor*].
Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola* At least 3 forms: *pacifica* (northwest), *magnirostris* (Marañon Valley), *dispar* (east).
Dull-colored Grassquit *Tiaris obscurus* First seen well along the Tamborapa Road near to Jaen [*pacificus*].



The smart and endemic Plain-tailed Warbling Finch was another most welcome surprise (Pete Morris)



The Humpback Whales off Paracas were lovely to see (Pete Morris)

MAMMALS

Black-eared Opossum *Dedelphis marsupialis* (NL) Seen by some at Chaparri.

Saddle-backed Tamarin *Saguinus fuscicollis* A few seen at Aguas Verdes and at Morro Calzada.

San Martin Titi Monkey *Callicebus oenanthe* This localized primate was seen at Quebrada Upaquihoa.

Tapeti (Tapiti, Brazilian Cottontail) *Sylvilagus brasiliensis*

Black Agouti *Dasyprocta fuliginosa* Some confiding individuals at Aguas Verdes.

Guayaquil Squirrel *Sciurus stramineus* A few seen in the northwest.

Sechura Fox *Pseudalopex sechurae* A few seen well in the northwest.

South American Sea-Lion *Otaria flavescens* (P) Plenty on the pelagic.

Humpback Whale *Megaptera novaeangliae* (P) Great views of two on the pelagic.

White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus* (NL) One for some at Chaparri.



Black Agouti and Collared Peccary (Pete Morris)



A few of the other creatures... The impressive Poison Dart Frog (*Ameerega trivittata*) and a bizarre flower-mimic spider from Tarapoto, and an impressive hawk moth from Moyobamba (Pete Morris)



NOTES TO THE SYSTEMATIC LIST

The most up to date referenced taxonomic list referred to in the Tour Report is that of the IOC World Bird Names. (Gill, F and Donsker, D Eds). 2018. IOC World Bird Names v8.2. Available at <http://www.worldbirdnames.org>

Strong-billed Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus*

Excellent views of a pair at Waqanki Lodge. The birds here seem to have a faster than normal song compared to others, and may conceivably represent a new form. There has been a rumour that a new woodcreeper species, colloquially-known as Plataforma Woodcreeper, is still to be described from this site. However, my research suggests that the bird to be described is the foothill form of Long-tailed Woodcreeper, which also occurs in Ecuador. Whether there are two woodcreepers waiting to be described remains to be seen, though the Strong-billed Woodcreeper complex probably needs a complete re-evaluation anyway!

Riparian Antbird *Cercomacroides fuscicauda*

A singing male was eventually coaxed into views at Plataforma. Seen reasonably well by some of us, it appeared virtually uniform dark slate grey. At c1200m, it was much higher than the usual altitudinal range, but the song was spot on for this species, plumage fits as the white fringes are often faint in this form, and they are known from lower down nearer to Belavista, so maybe a displaced bird??

Rufous (or Cajamarca) Antpitta *Grallaria [rufula] cajamarcae*

It took a lot of effort but good views eventually! This was only about 50km in a straight line from where we heard Fulvous Antpitta! The calls are so fundamentally different that they must be different species. The range of this form is small, and nearly all of the natural habitat within its range has already been destroyed. Fortunately however, they do seem to be quite adaptable, hanging on in the smallest bits of vegetation, even non-native vegetation.

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus obscurus*

I believe that four forms of this species were seen during the tour. The nominate *obscurus* was seen along the coast south of Lima, the form *cocachacrae* was presumably the form in the Paracas area, the form *piurae* was common and widespread in the northwest, and the form *ardens* was the subspecies was seen around Cajamarca.

Black-tailed Myiobius *Myiobius atricaudus*

A couple of myiobius seen in mixed flocks at Waqanki Lodge were assumed to be this species. They appeared correct for this species and no other myiobius should be present at this altitude [*adjacens*].

Plain-tailed (or Grey-browed) Wren \diamond *Pheugopedius [euophrys] schulenbergi*

Brilliant views of a couple of singing groups along the Chido trail at Abra Patricia. This form is highly distinctive both morphologically and vocally and surely merits the specific rank which some authorities already give it.

Spectacled Whitestart *Myioborus melanocephalus*

A cracking bird of the high moss forests, we saw two forms of this attractive species. The nominate form, *melanocephalus*, the common form of the Eastern Andes, was first seen around Abra Barra Negro, whilst the form *griseonuchus* was the form first seen around Cruz Conga.

Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus*

Two distinctly different forms noted. A few of the form *quaesita* were seen in the northwest, the first near to Olmos, whilst the very distinctive white-winged Amazonian form, *caerulea*, was very common after our first sightings around Aguas Verdes.

Golden-naped Tanager *Tangara ruficervix*

Another smart tanager, seen well at Plataforma. HBW/BirdLife split off the form concerned, *amabilis*, as part of a separate species, Rusty-naped Tanager *T. fulvicervix*.

APPENDIX 1

TOP 10 BIRDS OF THE TOUR

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|-----------------------|---|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1st | LONG-WHISKERED OWLET | 6th | Paint-billed Crake |
| 2nd | PALE-BILLED ANTPITTA | 7th | Striped Owl |
| 3rd | SCARLET-BANDED BARBET | 8th | Maranon Crescentchest |
| 4th | Marvelous Spatuletail (below, Jono Irvine) | 9th | Ochre-fronted Antpitta |
| 5th | Cordillera Azul Antbird | 10th | Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan |

A total of 32 species received at least one vote!





A last look at the Marvelous Spatuletail and a fine sunset over Celendin (Pete Morris)

