The rare and localized Jocotoco Antpitta is certainly the bird that best represent this incredible tour (Eduardo Patrial)

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The 2018 Birdquest Ultimate tour to Southern Ecuador was once again an unforgettable birding experience around the best sites available in the south of this incredibly bird-rich country. Taking from Guayaquil, the largest city in Ecuador, we explored a variety of habitats, spanning from coastal wetlands to arid Tumbesian scrub/dry forest, to rich Andean foothill forest (both west and east of the Andes), to the spectacular High Andes and even to the fringes of the Amazonian avifauna. Tons of birds every day, and in a little over two weeks, including the extension, we recorded a highly impressive 631 species (including the heard only ones). And with that certainly most of the standout species that compose this brilliant tour… the magnificent Long-wattled Umbrellabirds; the peculiar White-tipped Sicklebill and the uncommon Scaled Fruiteater; the
sensational Jocotoco Antpitta, a breathtaking male Ecuadorian Hillstar, stunning White-capped and Orange-throated Tanagers. Perhaps less expected highlights were the tailess Grey-capped Cuckoo at Buenaventura, a group of the rarely seen Red-faced Parrot posing in full view, the fascinating Ocellated Tapaculo and the uncommon Giant Conebill. This of course only scratches the surface. If I were to mention 10 species of owls (including Black-and-white, Spectacled, Band-bellied and Rufous-banded Owls), and an amazing 63 hummingbirds (including Neblina Metaltail, Spangled Coquette, Ecuadorian Hillstar and Esmeraldas Wood), it begins to convey what a mind-boggling avian feast we experienced!

This exciting adventure started in the early morning of January 18th when we left the big city of Guayaquil. We headed south through the lowlands towards our first stay destination, the lovely Umbrellabird Lodge at Buenaventura Reserve located at low elevation on the west slope of Andes (Choco Forest habitat). But before getting there in the afternoon we had few stops on our way, the first at a nice wetland around Manglares Churute which produced a good number of birds. On our way to this site we saw plenty of Snail Kites, Scrub Blackbirds and few Limpkins. At the proper site we had Peruvian Meadowlark, Ecuadorian and Croaking Ground Doves, Black-bellied and Fulvous Whistling Ducks, Pied-billed Grebe, Masked Water Tyrant, Pacific Parrotlet, Pacific Pygmy Owl, Great-tailed Grackle, Horned Screamers, Anhinga, Wood Stork, Streaked Slaty-tailed, Black-cheeked and Scarlet-backed Woodpeckers, Chestnut-throated and Variable Seedeaters, Tawny-crowned Pygmy Tyrant and Savanna Hawk. Continuing south our next stop was by the paved road at Quizas Hoy, the stakeout of Large-billed Seed Finch which in few minutes we were having great views of a pair. Here we also had few more goodies such as Black-lobed Yellowthroat, Mangrove (Yellow) Warbler and the stunning Scarlet-breasted Finch. Still at Quizas Hoy we visited then a good private semi-deciduous forest which offered a very good array of birds, like Brownish Twistwing, Streak-headed and Olivaceous Woodcreepers, Lesser Greenlet, Long-billed (Baron’s) Hermit, Rufous-tailed Hummingbird, Bay-headed Tanager, Hook-billed Kite, Blue-black Grosbeak, a male Summer Tanager, Ecuadorian and Gartered Trogons, Scale-crested Pygmy Tyrant, Ochre-bellied Flycatcher, the endemic Grey-cheeked Parakeet, a pair of Pearl Kite and a very brief look (for some) at one Pacific Royal Flycatcher which actually was our main target species in that forest patch. After that we stopped for lunch and kept driving for about three hours to reach the Buenaventura Reserve. Arriving at the reserve we had to stop for a close perched Grey-backed Hawk and Choco Toucan still before the lodge. A male Orange-crowned Euphonia and Lemon-rumped Tanager were also seen at the same place. A quick look then at the hummingbird feeders at the lodge provided Violet-bellied Hummingbird, Andean Emerald, Green Thorntail, Brown Violetear, Green-crowned Brilliant and White-necked Jacobin. Finishing the day we took the Umbrellabird trail where we had great views of the bizarre-looking males Long-wattled Umbrellabird (unfortunately too dark for good photos), what an amazing species!

January 19th. A full day of birding at Buenaventura Reserve. A nice start just beside the dining room with three Pale-mandibled Aracari and some Rufous-headed Chachalacas in a fruiting tree. A mixed flock came in around few minutes later with Spotted Woodcreeper, One-colored Becard, Blue-necked Tanager, Grey-and-gold Warbler and Silver-throated, Beryl-spangled and Lemon-rumped Tanagers. Just outside on the main road we found the sneaky Bay Wren and Song Wren which provided decent views for some. Then we birded the main road uphill, where we got great views of the amazing Club-winged Manakin (male and female), Scale-crested Pygmy Tyrant, Ornate Flycatcher, the fantastic White-tipped Sicklebill (even perched!), Golden Tanager, Yellow-throated, Common and Ash-throated Bush Tanagers, Tawny-bellied Hermit (a glimpse), Grey-breasted Wood Wren, Olive-striped Flycatcher, the shy Spotted Nightingale-Thrush (seen only by few of us), Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner, amazing views of the uncommon Scaled Fruiteater (a male) and Rufous-winged Tyrannulet, Red-faced Spinetail (a write-in), Streaked Xenops, Plain-brown Woodcreeper, Western Slaty Antshrike and a brief look at a male Golden-winged Manakin. By late morning we reached the top of the reserve mostly to get the Ecuadorian endemic El Oro Parakeet and also the check the feeders of the hummingbirds’ garden. Up there we got great views of a group with about twelve El Oro Parakeets. The walk also provided few other species such as the common Black Phoebe, Slate-throated Whitestart, Swallow-tailed Kite, Orange-bellied Euphonia, Yellow-bellied Seedeater and Rufous-collared...
Sparrow. Finally at the hummingbirds’ garden we had the gorgeous Violet-tailed Sylph, the Choco endemic Velvet-purple Coronet, Brown Inca and Fawn-breasted Brilliant. Back to the lodge for lunch we still glimpsed a White-whiskered Hermit next to the feeders. After lunch we went uphill just a little where we got decent views of a pair Esmeraldas Antbird. After that we passed down the lodge and birded along the road for the rest of daylight. We had a productive time at the lower elevation with Red-rumped Woodpecker, Thick-billed Seed Finch, Bronze-winged Parrot, Speckle-breasted Wren, Barred and White-whiskered Puffbirds, Ochraceous Attila, Buff-rumped Warbler, Orange-billed Sparrow, Olive-crowned Yellowthroat and surprisingly the uncommon Grey-capped Cuckoo which provided long and close views, simply amazing. After dinner we still got superb views of the beautiful Black-and-white Owl just beside the lodge cabins.

January 20th. On this day we had a final early morning of birding at Buenaventura Reserve, covering the forest upper reaches (just above a thousand meters of elevation). There at a specific little corner we went trying for the rare endemic El Oro Tapaculo. On our walk to the site we spotted a nice group of Yellow-bellied Siskin, Three-banded Warbler and the handsome Andean Solitaire. Getting to the site we all sat on the forest floor and waited for the Tapaculo response which came only once after a while, but unfortunately quite distant down in the valley. But while seating quietly we had few species at close range around us such as a pair of Uniform Antshrike, Grey-breasted Wood Wren and when we were just about to leave the site, a Scaled Antpitta – which was calling minutes ago – came in very close and provided everyone very decent views. Crimson-rumped Toucanet was heard in the area but didn’t approach our field of views along the track. Back to our bus we left the Buenaventura around nine thirty am, heading towards our next destination in the extreme south of Ecuador near the town of Macará, the beautiful Jorupe Reserve. On our way we reached valleys of dry scrub habitat (Tumbesian region) where at a site called El Empalme we stopped for lunch and to do some birding for a short time. The heat was severe but at this site we had few goodies including Tumbes Hummingbird, Collared Antshrike, Supercrested and Fasciated Wrens, White-headed Brushfinch plus several Tropical Gnatcatcher, a Pacific Pygmy Owl and Long-tailed Mockingbird. The Tumbes Sparrow responded the tape but gave us a really hard time and it never came out to a view from the bushes. Continuing the drive we reached Macará where we searched for Chestnut-collared Swallow without success. We also tried for Comb Duck which we only had some distant flight views. Finally at the Jorupe Reserve (Urraca Lodge) by late afternoon we enjoyed some birds around the lodge, such as Amazilia Hummingbird [alticola], the gorgeous White-tailed Jay, Golden Grosbeak and a male Guayaquil Woodpecker. Owling after dinner only provided a heard West Peruvian Screech Owl.

Below a sample of birds photographed on our first day and at the impressive Buenaventura Reserve – Umbrellabird Lodge (Photos – Eduardo Patrial):

Crimson-breasted Finch

Brownish Twistwing
Violet-tailed Sylph

Velvet-purple Coronet

Rufous-headed Chachalaca

Grey-backed Hawk

Scaled Fruiteater

White-whiskered Puffbird
January 21st. We spent the whole morning covering the dry forest around the Urraca Lodge at Jorupe Reserve. Early morning by the feeder produced plenty of White-tailed Jay, Whooping Motmot, a nice Yellow-tailed Oriole, Plumbeous-backed Thrush, two Pale-browed Tinamous, White-tipped Dove, female Blue Ground Dove, Rufous-headed Chachalaca and Amazilia Hummingbird. Later a nice walk in the forest provided some other goodies including the threatened and skulking Henna-hooded Foliage-gleaner, Blackish-headed Spinetail, Black-capped Sparrow, Thick-billed Euphonia, Short-tailed Hawk, Ecuadorian Piculet, a pair of Slaty Becard and the fascinating Watkins’s Antpitta. In the late morning we still visit a neighbour area which offered few more good birds to our list – White-edged Oriole, Collared Antshrike, a stunning pair of Guayaquil Woodpecker, Rufous-necked Foliage-gleaner, Zone-tailed Hawk and Bat Falcon. At lunch time we got great views of some Red-masked Parakeet perched. In the afternoon we took our bus and went uphill (about 1500m) and birded a roadside area near the little town of Sozoranga. There we had a productive time with a brief view of one Bay-crowned Brushfinch followed by a much more cooperative White-winged Brushfinch, Chapman’s Antshrike, Smoke-colored Pewee, Tooth-billed (Northern Hepatic) Tanager, Streaked Xenops, Three-banded Warbler and Azara’s Spinetail. A different site above Sozoranga provided the stunning Silver-backed (Silvery) Tanager, Loja Tyrannulet and Line-cheeked Spinetail. Going back down the hill we stopped at a small village (Sabiango) where we finally found a large group of Chestnut-collared Swallow nesting at some buildings. Owling at the lodge was very rewarding with amazing views of a pair Spectacled Owl and the small West Peruvian Screech Owl.

January 22nd. An early departure from Jorupe towards the Utuana Reserve high up on the hills (about 3000m). Before reaching the town of Utuana we had a quick roadside stop for some great birds which included very good views of Black-cowled Saltator, the rare Piura Hemispingus, Fawn-breasted, Silver-backed and Rufous-chested Tanagers and a Plain-breasted Hawk. Rest of morning was spent at the lovely Utuana Reserve (Bosque Hanne) with a nice walk. There we saw the shy Jelski’s Chat-Tyrant, Glossy-black Thrush, the marvellous Black-crested Tit-Tyrant (a pair), some great hummingbirds at the feeders – Speckled Hummingbird, Rainbow Starfrontlet and Purple-throated Sunangel – plus Masked Flowerpiercer, Red-crested Cotinga, Blue-capped and Blue-and-black Tanagers, Slate-throated Whitestart and Three-banded Warbler. Walking our way back we struggled with a very close Undulated Antpitta for about an hour, but we never managed to get a view. Continuing our drive to the next destination, the Tapichalaca Reserve, we stopped for lunch in a gas station at Cariamanga. There at the forest edge we found Chiquanoco Thrush, Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch and the uncommon Bay-crowned Brushfinch which provided superb views. Continuing the very bandy drive we stopped in dry scrub habitat near Catamayo where this time Tumbes Sparrow was very obliging. Back to the road we finally got to the Tapichala Reserve (Casa Simpson Lodge – 2500m) at about six pm under some rain. There we only had some minutes of light to enjoy the hummingbird feeders with Collared Inca, Chestnut-breasted Coronet and Amethyst-throated Sunangel.
Below some of the birds photographed at Jorupe Reserve, around Sozoranga, Utuana Reserve, Cariamanga and Catamayo (Eduardo Patrial):

Pale-browed Tinamou

Watkins’s Antpitta

Collared Antshrike – male

Guayaquil Woodpecker – male

Silver-backed (Silvery) Tanager – male

Black-crested Tit-Tyran
January 23\textsuperscript{rd}. We had an early start at Tapichalaca, we went owling for a while before the sunrise. The weather wasn’t the very good (basically drizzling the whole morning, but something normal here) but we still managed to get brilliant views of a White-throated Screech Owl before breakfast. Later, behind the lodge we walked the narrow trail in forest where we had great sightings of Chestnut-capped Brushfinch, the amazingly tame Chestnut-napped Antpitta at a feeding spot (the species was being fed for some months) and a pair of the uncommon White-capped Tanager which provided superb looks. Back to the lodge we still saw a Chusquea Tapaculo from the porch before we head up to the next site, the Jocotoco ‘sendero’ (trail). Even raining we had a great time at the trail, where we saw Rufous Spinetail, Yellow-bellied and Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrants, Orange-banded Flycatcher, Rufous-headed Pygmy Tyrant, Sepia-brown and Rufous Wrens, Golden-plumed Parakeet, White-throated Quail Dove, Black-throated Tody-Tyrant, Black-capped Hemispingus, Black-crested Warbler, Hooded Mountain Tanager, Spectacled Whitestart, Brown-bellied Swallow, Russet-crowned Warbler, Yellow-breasted Brushfinch, Green-and-black Fruiteater, White-rumped Hawk and of course, the show of two cracki
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ting Jocotoco Antpittas at the feeding spot, absolutely amazing! We stayed watching this rare, extremely localized and most emblematic bird of Ecuador for a long time. Back to the lodge for lunch we had some time to enjoy the feeders with the usual array of hummingbirds, including this time a Long-tailed Sylph and a Masked Flowerpiercer. In the afternoon we drove down the hill to a level about 1500m and birded some good patches of forest around Valladolid. It wasn’t raining and there we got views of Crimson-mantled Woodpecker, Yellow-whiskered Bush Tanager, Rufous-breasted Flycatcher, Inca Jay, Rufous-fronted Thornbird, Maranon and Swainson’s Thrushes, Silver-beaked Tanager, Black-and-white
Becard, Black-faced Dacnis, the stunning Red-headed Barbet, Paradise Tanager, Long-tailed Tapaculo (great views!), Slaty Antwren, Plain Antvireo, Saffron-crowned and Flame-faced Tanagers, Bronzy Inca, Speckled Hummingbird, Montane Foliage-gleaner and Blackburnian Warbler. Back to lodge (and the rain) we had a nice dinner and a good night of sleep.

January 24th. Again with an early start we said goodbye to the wonderful Tapichalaca Reserve and hit the road to reach even higher altitude (3000m) at Cerro Toledo. There we first covered some paramo habitat (above the treeline) but a landslide on the road prevented us to get quicker to the site, so we had to walk the road up for a while. It was windy, cold and misty but at least we got our main target species up there, the localized Neblina Metaltail, first a juvenile and later a full adult. In the paramo up there we also glimpsed Glossy Flowerpiercer and a Mouse-colored Thistletail (for some). Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager and Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant provided good views though. We tried really hard for Masked Mountain Tanager but had not even a single response back. Down to lower elevation we birded the forest along the dirt road, yielding us some goodies such as Paramo Tapaculo, Lacrimose Mountain Tanager (Black-chested Mountain Tanager was glimpsed by some), Blue-and-black Tanager and Mountain and Plain-tailed Wrens. We had a lunch box at Cerro Toledo before heading to lower elevation to some birding stops around Vilcabamba in dry Acacia forest type. Our first stop in near Vilcabamba provided very good views of two Andean Tinamous, Dull-colored Grassquit, a very furtive Elegant Crescentchest (which only provided decent views for some), the uncommon Andean Slaty Thrush that was seen briefly only by some of us, and also Eared Dove, Croacking Ground Dove and some lovely Purple-collared Woodstar. Entering the town we also had a quick stop at a little marsh for Plumbeous Rail which behaved and showed itself very well. After that we continued our drive to Loja (a big city) for overnight.

Some of the birds and scenery photographed at Tapichalaca Reserve, around Valladolid, Cerro Toledo and Vilcabamba (Eduardo Patrial):

- Chestnut-napped Antpitta
- White-capped Tanager – male
White-throated Quail Dove

Jocotoco Antpitta

Marañon Thrush

Chestnut-breasted Coronet

Amethyst-throated Sunangel

Neblina Metaltail
January 25th. We left Loja very early towards the town/city of Zamora, taking at some point (about 1500m of altitude) the famous for birding old Loja – Zamora Road where we spent the whole morning covering different stretches of it. First stop by a fast river produced some White-capped Dipper, Lesser Violetear, Green-fronted Lancebill, a nice pair of Torrent Duck (with a young bird), glimpses of a female Andean Cock-of-the-rock and a Chestnut-tipped Toucanet in flight, Montane Woodcreeper, Yellow-whiskered, Yellow-throated and Ash-throated Bush Tanagers, a nice male White-booted Rackettail, scope views of an Oilbird (a good stakeout provided by Juan – just bird wasn’t at its best place), Marble-faced Bristle Tyrant, Ecuadorian Tyrannulet, Slate-throated Whitestart, Bronzy Inca, a immature Greenish Puffleg, immature Long-tailed Sylph, Inca Jay, Russet-backed Oropendola, Blackburnian Warbler, Spotted and Blue-necked Tanagers, Lafresnaye’s Piculet, Canada Warbler (for some), a gorgeous and obliging male Red-headed Barbet, Olivaceous Siskin (non leader!), Orange-eared Tanager and a Yellow-breasted Antwren. Later we passed Zamora and headed towards our next stay on the Amazonian foothill (about 1000m of altitude) at the amazing area of the Yankuam Lodge and Maycu Reserve. On our way we stopped at our stakeout for the uncommon Black-billed Seed Finch, seeing two males at the site. Lunch was quick stop by the road after that. We got to the Yankuam Lodge around three pm and right after checking in we went close along the main dirt road to reach the fabulous area of Maycu Reserve. There we spent the rest of daylight enjoying some good bird activity where we achieved nothing less than the rare and very local Orange-throated Tanager (stunner!), plus several others such as Green-and-gold, Bay-headed and Paradise Tanagers, the superb male Fiery-throated Fruiteater, Green-backed and Collared Trogons, White-breasted Wood Wren, Green and Purple Honeycreepers, Black-faced and Blue Dacnis, female Flame-crested Tanager, Yellow-backed Tanager, Wing-barred Piprites, Violaceous Jay and some Yellow-rumped Caciques. Indeed another good day!

January 26th was a full day at the Maycu/Yankuam area, and what a day. Morning started still at dark with very good views of Band-bellied Owl. Later in the forest with the first rays of light we saw Lettered Aracari (a nice surprise), Black Antbird, Lined Antshrike, White-browed Antbird, Orange-throated Tanager (again), Masked, Green-and-gold and Paradise Tanagers, Purple Honeycreeper, a pair of Gilded Barbet, Ornate Flycatcher, a male Golden-collared Toucanet, Coraya Wren, Foothill Antwren, Collared Trogon, Rufous-tailed Foliage-gleaner, Gould’s Jewelfron (write-in!), Fork-tailed Woodnymph, Swainson’s Thrush, Canada Warbler, Peruvian Warbling Antbird, Black-and-white Tody-Flycatcher (glimpses), Plumbeous Pigeon, Greater Yellow-headed Vulture, a Hairy-crested Antbird came very close but unfortunately was only heard as
well as the Grey-tailed Piha; also a very good mixed flock by late morning with two Lanceolated Monklet (mega!) and a Turquoise Tanager. Close to the lodge, the bridge over the beautiful Nangaritza River, we also had some White-banded Swallows. Lunch time at the lodge a Verbena bush offered views of Grey-chinned Hermit, Golden-tailed Sapphire, Glittering-throated Emerald and a female Amethyst Woolstar. We began the afternoon with a short boat trip up the fascinating Nangaritza River, where we managed to see few things such as Amazon and Ringed Kingfishers, a nesting female Andean Cock-of-the-rock, Cliff Flycatcher and a Yellow-tufted Woodpecker. Back to the road at Maycu we found Golden-winged Tody-Flycatcher, Long-tailed Woodcreeper, Yellow-bellied Tanager, the striking Lemon-throated Barbet, one Amazonian Umbrellabird, Fasciated Antshrike, another Orange-throated Tanager, Stripe-chested Antwren and Grey-capped Flycatcher. Further ahead at marsh/open area we heard Blackish Rail, Rufous-sided Crane and Dark-breasted Spinetail, and saw some Black-capped Donacobius and Magpie Tanager. And that was the end of a fabulous day in this extremely birdy area.

January 27th. We spent the whole day in the Yankuam area on this day. We passed through the Maycu Reserve to bird another forest patch further ahead near Shaime, yielding us some nice some very nice bird: starting with much better views of a pair of Black-and-white Tody-Flycatcher, Wedge-billed Woodcreeper, Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo, Long-tailed Tyrant, Black Caracara, Slate-colored Grosbeak, Black-faced Antbird (superb views of a male displaying), Golden-winged Tody-Flycatcher, Masked Crimson Tanager, White-throated Tyrannulet, Fulvous Shrike-Tanager and only heard Northern Chestnut-tailed Antbird. Driving back to Maycu we had a good spot where we found Red-billed Tyrannulet, Olive-chested Flycatcher, Chestnut-eared Aracari and Scaled Pigeon. At the proper Maycu we finish our morning with a fabulous mixed flock containing Gilded and Lemon-throated Barbets, White-throated Woodpecker, Lafresnaye’s Piculet, Yellow-bellied and Green-and-gold Tangers, Speckled Spinetail at eye level, Magpie Tanager and another great look at Orange-throated Tanager. Black-fronted Nunbird was also seen within the flock by some of us. After an early lunch at Yankuam we loaded the bus and took our way to the next stay, also by the Amazonian foothills, the adorable Copalinga Lodge very close to the town of Zamora and next to the Bombuscaro River and Podocarpus National Park (about 1200m of altitude). There were two stops before Zamora, a quick one for Blackish Rail (two scoped from the roadside), and another at a bridge next to La Saquea, where we got Mottle-backed Elaenia, White-banded Swallow and Red-pleated Finch. Late afternoon was finally enjoyed at Copalinga. The hummingbird feeders provided several Violet-fronted Brilliant, Many-spotted Hummingbird, Sparkling Violetear, Golden and Golden-eared Tanagers and Green Honeycreeper. Then a short walk on the forest trail took us to the feeding station of the shy Grey Tinamou [kleei]. With help of a small hide we saw two calm Tinamous only a couple meters in front of us, just superb! A steady Black-streaked Puffbird was enjoyed later close to one of the lodge cabins. Back to the feeders around the dining room we enjoiyed the last rays of light with few more goodies showing well such as Speckled Chachalaca, Black-throated Toucanet [cyanolaemus], Golden-tailed Sphire, Violet-headed Hummingbird (at the Verbena flowers) and a few tame Sickle-winged Guans. Night birding close by provided nice looks at two Blackish Nightjars.

January 28th. We spent at least an hour birding the grounds of Copalinga Lodge in the early morning, which rewarded fantastic views of Golden-faced Tyrannulet, a couple Little Woodstars (male and female) and a full-plumaged male Spangled Coquette around the Verbena feeding at very close range and also posing perched. For the rest of morning we had a good walk along the main trail at Podocarpus National Park. Bird activity here is clearly lower comparing to the Yankuam area, but not less rewarding when offering chances for some different and special target birds. About four hours in the park offered us a nice assemblage of birds: Olive-sided Flycatcher, Andean Motmot, a nice young male Andean Cock-of-the-rock, great views of Ecuadorian Piedtail, White-backed Fire-eye, the uncommon and very nice Fulvous-breasted Flatbill, the uncommon Ecuadorian endemic White-breasted Parakeet (two spotted while feeding quietly and hiden in a tree canopy – scope views were great!), a striking male Blue-rumped Manakin (female as well), the rare Orange-crested Flycatcher (a couple) and few more common species. Coppery-chested Jacamar was heard calling just once, but not showing at all. Back to Copalinga for lunch we checked the usual hummingbird/tanager species around the feeder. Later the afternoon session occurred along the old Loja – Zamora Raod, a stretch close to Zamora where we stayed covering an altitude around 1500m. There we got
a good bird activity after four pm, with good looks at the uncommon Olive Finch, the lovely Lemon-browed Flycatcher, Bronze-green Euphonia, Montane Foliage-gleaner, Yellow-throated Bush Tanager, Torrent Tyranulet, the sought-after Coppery-chested Jacamar (great views!), Yellow-cheeked Becard and some Red-billed Parrots. Overnight was at Copaling Lodge.

January 29th. On this day we made our way back to Loja in the afternoon. The entire morning was along the old Loja – Zamora Road, first at about 1700m at a different side road and site, and later heading down back the proper road to Zamora and Copalinga for lunch. First site provided Ash-browed Spinetail, Smoky-brown Woodpecker, Golden-crowned Flycatcher, Rusty-winged Barbtailed, Blackish Antbird, a group in flight of White-breasted Parakeet, White-winged and Orange-eared Tanagers, Yellow-throated and Ash-throated Bush Tanagers and despite all the effort to get a view, we only managed to hear Chestnut-tipped Toucanet (it never came close enough), Musician Wren and surprisingly (write-in) a Chestnut-crowned Gnateater. Other stops at little lower elevation gave us some entertaining: Bronzy Inca, Broad-winged Hawk and a good mixed flock with Montane Foliage-gleaner, Blackburnian and Canada Warblers, Guira Tanager, the nice Plain-mantled Wren, Yellow-breasted Antwren, a pair of Chestnut-vented Conebill (uncommon here), some Yellow-bellied, Paradise and Bay-headed Tanagers and glowing male Andean Cock-of-the-rock that has flown across the road. After delicious lunch at Copaling we drove towards and stopped at higher altitudes at Podocarpus National Park and surrounding. First stop around 2500m at the San Francisco base in the park was in vain after Black-billed Mountain Toucan and few others. It was too sunny and forest was absolutely silent, got no response of anything we played tapes for. So we decided to already move up to higher forest and paramo habitat (nearly 3000m) closer to Loja. There we spent rest of daylight watching several good birds (including new ones to us): Black-crested Warbler, Glossy Flowerpiercer, Chusquea Tapaculo, Tyrian Metaltail, Glowing Puffleg, great views of Andean Pygmy Owl, Blue-backed Conebill, a quite tricky Rufous Antpitta, Rufous Wren and brilliant views of the stunning Lacrimose Mountain Tanager, Golden-crowned Tanager and Pale-naped Brushfinch. Overnight was in the downtown of Loja.

Here below some of the photos obtained at the old Loja – Zamora Road, Yankuam/Maycu Reserve, Copalinga Lodge and Podocarpus National Park (Eduardo Patrial):

Red-headed Barbet

White-booted Rackettail
Orange-throated Tanager

Lanceolated Monklet

Paradise Tanager

Green-and-gold Tanager

Grey Tinamou

Black-streaked Puffbird
January 30th. A transfer day to La Union (where is located the Yunguilla Reserve) with good birding on route at two different main sites at Acanama Reserve, holding us birding until the beginning of afternoon. First stop actually was still near to Loja, a roadside stakeout where with luck we easily got the uncommon White-tailed Shrike-Tyrant. Later reaching the bases of Utuana Reserve (nearly 3000m) we made a stop at a stakeout for the rare and poorly seen Red-faced Parrot. There we got fantastic views of Northern Mountain Cacique, Hooded and Scalet-bellied Mountain Tanagers, the gorgeous Turquoise Jay and being very lucky this year, a group of six Red-faced Parrots that allowed splendid flight and perched views. Other species were heard at the place but with hurry we drove further, now to the upper reaches of Acanama Reserve (about 3200m). From the bus on our way up we spotted two Bearded Guans just beside the dirt road and also two Mountain Caracaras. Upon the hill we put a lot of effort after the uncommon Crescent-faced Anpitta which this year
gave us a hard time. The search was intense and after hours we finally heard some but down in a very steep valley, a too difficult place to go for it. Apart from that we certainly had a fairly productive time in the beautiful paramo and cloud forest of Acanama, rewarding us several species such as Tyrian Metaltail, Glowing Puffleg, Buff-winged Starfrontlet (for some), Mouse-colored Thistletail, Glossy and Black Flowerpiercers, Yellow-breasted and Pale-naped Brushfinches, another Lacrimose Mountain Tanager and Andean Pygmy Owl, a juvenile male Rainbow-bearded Thornbill, Smoky Bush Tyrant (write-in), Black-capped Tyrannulet, the striking Bar-bellied Woodpecker, Ash-colored Tapaculo, Citrine Warbler, Spectacled Whitestart, Golden-plumed Parakeet (in flight for some) and a very shy Buff-breasted Mountain Tanager that only gave few calls and didn’t show itself. To finish our time at Acanama we were lucky to get a response from an Ocellated Tapaculo that was further up just beside the road. The bird behaved nicely and in minutes everybody was enjoying terrific views of this incredible and large Tapaculo. Back to the bus and around three hours of drive we reached our hotel at La Union (about 50km southwest of Cuenca) at six thirty pm.

January 31st. The speciality at La Union is the small Yunguilla Reserve that protects dry woodland which practically is the only home of the rare endemic Pale-headed Brushfinch. The species here can be quite easily seen attracted by oranges on a feeder in the forest. After a quite long wait we managed to see well at least two. At this special feeder in the forest we also saw the very shy Chestnut-crowned Antpitta (this one normally attracted with pieces of bread) and some sneaky Grey-browed Brushfinches. Azara’s Spinetail was spotted and I guess one of us glimpsed a Blackish Tapaculo that was also calling just next to the bench. In that morning the forest from Yunguilla still provided few others like Turquoise Jay, Golden Grosbeak, Variable (Puna) Hawk [poecilochrous], a female Golden-rumped Euphonia, Swainson’s Thrush, Hooded Siskin, Groove-billed Ani, Black-lored Yellowthroat, Slate-throated Whitestart and Ecuadorian Thrush. After lunch then we left La Union and drove north passing through the big city Cuenca to reach higher altitude (3400m) at our hotel (Hotel Chorreras) at the edge of the impressive Cajas National Park and its vast paramo habitats and peculiar pockets of *Polylepis* woodland. There was time in the afternoon to check the hotel grounds where we had simply amazing sightings of a pair of the Ecuadorian endemic Violet-throated Metaltail and some Andean Gulls. Last hour of daylight was spent then even higher (about 4000m) in the proper Cajas National Park, a beautiful and scenic paramo beside a lagoon and small woodland. At this magnificent site we found some Undean Teals, the local Tit-like Dacnis, the nice male Blue-mantled Thornbill, the near-endemic and stunning male Ecuadorian Hillstar, Shining Sunbeau, Stout-billed Cincleodes and the amazing Tawny Antpitta completing the cast. Dinner later at Chorreras was excellent.

February 1st was the last day of birding on the main tour. We had a very early start to get still in the dark to the Laguna Llaviuca at a lower part (3000m) of Cajas National Park. The night target bird was Rufous-banded Owl which after insisting a little we finally managed decent views of a responding one. Sunrise at the lagoon in the forested valley was a memorable experience. With first rays of light we spotted some Andean Coots, a Black-crowned Night Heron, Andean Gull, Andean Teal and Andean Duck. Then a very pleasant walk followed in the early morning, covering the surrounding forest and some marshy open areas around lagoon. There we saw a nice male Masked Trogon (for some), the colourful Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan, Rainbow Starfrontlet, Great Sapphirewing, White-banded Tyrannulet, Crowned Chat-Tyrant, Purple-throated Sunangel, Mountain Velvetbreast (briefly for some), White-cheeked Pintail, Plain-colored Seedeater, Grass Wren, Cinereous Conebill, Black-crested Warbler, Blue-and-black Tanager, Pearled Treerunner, Superciliaried Hemispingus, an Ecuadorian Rail and close looks at an Andean Guan. Back to Chorreras we had a late breakfast that was more like a lunch and later some time to pack our stuff on the bus. We left the area taking two more brief stops at the upper part of Cajas National Park (around 4000m). First at fabulous viepoint where we found Many-striped Canastero, and a second at a nice and old growth of *Polylepis* forest, where with luck we quickly managed superb views of two Giant Conebills. After that we headed downhill the west slope of the Andes to the lowlands south of Guayquil, more specifically to another stop at Quizas Hoy mainly for another attempt of Pacific Royal Flycatcher. Even at noon Quizas Hoy yielded some goodies including Olivaceous Piculet, Dot-winged Antwren, Lesser Greenlet, Pacific Parrotlet, Purple-crowned Fairy, the uncommon Brown-capped Tyrannulet, Rusty-margined Flycatcher and happily this time a
quite showy Pacific Royal Flycatcher (seen well by everyone). We didn’t stop for lunch and went straight then to a municipal park in Guayaquil in the mid-afternoon, the touristic Parque Historico that holds a small area of mangrove. There we successfully got simply superb looks at two Rufous-necked Wood Rails, plus a Pallid Dove and a juvenile male Short-tailed Woodstar. After our visit in this park some people was already dropped at the international airport and the rest of the group went to the hotel for an overnight. Tour extension starts the following morning.

The last three days of main tour were fantastic and offered great variety of habitats, especially at high altitudes. Back to the lowlands in the west we had a brief but productive time again. Here some photos collected during these three days at Acanama and Yunguilla Reserves, Cajas National Park (and Laguna Llaviuca), Quiza Hoy and Parque Historico in Guayaquil (Eduardo Patrial):
Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan

Rufous-necked Wood Rail

Cajas National Park
February 2nd. The tour extension began early with a drive to the Santa Elena province towards the coast to cover dry areas around the town of Salinas. We covered good dry scrub from a private land on our first stop before reaching Salinas (close to Atahualpa). With a pleasant weather and easy birding we found most of our target species, including several Parrot-billed Seedeaters, Tumbesian Tyrannulet, Baird’s Flycatcher, Necklaced Spinetail, Grey-and-white Tyrannulet, the smart Collared Warbling Finch, the very local resident Sulphur-throated Finch, Short-tailed Field-Tyrant, much better views of Elegant Crescentchest and some other common species. Later we took a coastal road and checked the sea shore and saline close to Salinas. Not many species of waders were found this time, but still got a number of new birds to add to our long list such as Whimbrel, Grey Plover, some Peruvian and plenty of Brown Pelicans, Magnificent Frigatebird, American Oystercatcher, Gull-billed and Royal Terns, lots of Black-necked Stilt, two Pauraque on day-roost, Roseate Spoonbill, Coot Heron, and Kelp and Grey-headed Gulls. Still near Salinas we had a quick visit to La Chocolatera, a small park that preserves the most western point of Ecuador in the Pacific Ocean. There we got good looks at Wandering Tattler and some Blue-footed Booby. Then later we stopped for lunch at a beach north of Salinas, a place called San Pablo. Typical seafood was served and it was delicious. Heading north along the coast to the dry forests around Puerto Lopez, we still looked at some birds on the beach and a saline, spotting few Cabot’s Tern and some juvenile Laughing Gull, Spotted Sandpiper and a Yellow-crowned Night Heron. Soon we made our check in at our lodge at Puerto Rico and covered the dry woodlands around Puerto Lopez for the rest of the day. We made a special stop at a private garden, a lovely stakeout for the tiny Ecuadorian endemic Esmeraldas Woodstar. We were lucky to arrive and see a striking male for a good time, feeding and perching. Amazilian Hummingbird and Fasciated Wren were also there. Before sunset we mainly searched for Saffron Siskin at a roadside spot over a bridge and later at a quite nice road towards the hills in the back of the town. We failed in finding the Siskin and this final session provided birds like Boat-billed Flycatcher, Streaked and Buff-throated Saltators, West Peruvian Dove, Thick-billed Euphonia, Tumbes Pewee, the uncommon Grey-breasted Flycatcher and at dusk, the nice Anthony’s (Scrub) Nightjar. Overnight was at El Campito Lodge.

February 3rd. The threatened Saffron Siskin was left for the last morning of the tour. At a close neighbourhood south of Puerto Lopez we finally were able to find a group with over sixty birds, just amazing! We definitely enjoyed close and long views of them. In the area we also found Dull-colored Grassquit, Ecuadorian Thrush, Blue-grey Tanager, Thick-billed Euphonia, some Blue-headed and Bronze-winged Parrots, Golden Grosbeak, Pacific Pygmy Owl, Red-eyed Vireo and a very good flowering tree that provided another male Esmeraldas Woodstar and a female Little Woodstar. Later we still spent some time on the same road visited the previous day which allowed us to see few more things including Pacific Elaenia, Tumbes Pewee, Crimson-breasted Finch, Superbilled Wren, Black-capped Sparrow and a Red-billed Scythebill. Chilean Flamingo was probably the last addition to our list, spotted just before lunch in San Pablo on our way back to Guayaquil. We got to Guayaquil by mid-afternoon and that marked the end of this fabulous tour.
The short extension to the Santa Elena Peninsula was a very pleasant and definitely with some special birds to finish the tour (Eduardo Patrial):

Collared Warbling Finch

Short-tailed Field-Tyrant

Wandering Tattler

Saffron Siskin
SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR

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

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 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).

**Grey Tinamou** ◊ *Tinamus tao* Brilliant views at Copalinga Lodge.
**Great Tinamou** *Tinamus major* (H) Heard at Maycu Reserve.
**Little Tinamou** *Crypturellus soui* (H) Heard a couple of times at Maycu Reserve and at Copalinga.
**Pale-browed Tinamou** ◊ *Crypturellus transfasciatus* Great views of two coming to the feeders at Jorupe.
**Andean Tinamou** *Nothoprocta pentlandii* Great views of two birds in scrub above Vilcabamba.
**Horned Screamer** *Anhima cornuta* At least five seen at Manglares Churute wetland.
**Black-bellied Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna autumnalis* Good number at Manglares Churute wetland.
**Fulvous Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna bicolor* Some spotted at same wetland.
**Torrent Duck** *Merganetta armata* Great views of a pair and a juv along the old Loja - Zamora Road.
**Comb Duck** *Sarkidiornis sylvicola* Some seen in flight near Jorupe Reserve.
**Blue-winged Teal** *Anas discors* At Manglares Churute and by the coast near Salinas.
**White-cheeked Pintail** *Anas bahamensis rubrirostris* Seen at Cajas NP and near Salinas.
**Andean Teal** *Anas andium* Several seen in El Cajas NP, including around the hotel.
**Andean Duck** *Oxyura ferruginea* Some on Laguna Llaviuca at Cajas NP.
**Rufous-headed Chachalaca** ◊ *Ortalis erythroptera* Excellent views at Buenaventura and Jorupe Reserves.
**Speckled Chachalaca** *Ortalis guttata* Seen well at Maycu Reserve and at Copalinga Lodge.
**Bearded Guan** ◊ *Penelope barbata* Close views at Acanama Reserve.
**Andean Guan** *Penelope montagnii* Close views at Cajas NP.
Sickle-winged Guan *Chamaepetes goudotii*  Seen well on the feeders of Copalinga Lodge.

Marbled Wood Quail *Odontophorus gujanensis* (H) Heard at Maycu Reserve.

Rufous-fronted Wood Quail ◊ *Odontophorus erythrops* (H) Heard at Buenaventura Reserve.

Rufous-breasted Wood Quail *Odontophorus speciosus* (H) Heard along the old Loja – Zamora Road.

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps*  Seen at Manglares Churute and by the coast near Salinas.

Chilean Flamingo *Phoenicopterus chilensis*  A few seen quite far in the Santa Elena Salinas.

Wood Stork *Mycteria americana*  A few at Manglares Churute.

American White Ibis *Eudocimus albus*  One in flight when leaving Guayaquil.

Roseate Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja*  At Manglares Churute and also around Santa Elena.

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*  One at Laguna Llaviuca, Cajas NP.

Yellow-crowned Night Heron *Nyctanassa violacea*  Spotted from the bus near Puerto Lopez (coast).

Striated Heron *Butorides striata*  A few seen at Manglares Churute.

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*  Reasonably common and widespread.

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi*  Spotted at Manglares Churute wetland and near Salinas on the coast.


Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerula*  Seen at Manglares Churute wetland.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*  Reasonably common and widespread.

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis*  Common along the coast in the Santa Elena area.

Peruvian Pelican *Pelecanus thagus*  A few along the coast in the Santa Elena area, near Salinas.

Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens*  Very common along the coast in the Santa Elena area.

Blue-footed Booby *Sula nebouxii*  Seen well at La Chocolatera, Salinas.

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*  First at Manglares Churute, later plenty in the Santa Elena area.

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga*  One seen in the wetlands of Manglares Churute (between Guayaquil and Quizas Hoy).

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*  Common and widespread.

Greater Yellow-headed Vulture *Cathartes melambrotus*  Few seen at Maycu Reserve.

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*  Common and widespread.

Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*  Seen at Manglares Churute and later near Salinas.

White-tailed Kite *Elanus leucurus*  Spotted at Manglares Churute.

Pearl Kite *Gampsonyx swainsonii*  A lovely pair at Quizas Hoy.
Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus* Reasonably common and widespread, several sightings.
Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus melanoleucus* One in flight far away at Maycu Reserve.
Plain-breasted Hawk *Accipiter ventralis* One seen near Utuana Reserve.
Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea* Few at Buenaventura Reserve.
Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociablis* Very common in the lowlands south of Guayaquil.
Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis* Some spotted at the lowlands south of Guayaquil.
Barred Hawk *Morphnarchus princeps* (H) Heard at Yunguilla Reserve.
Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris* Several sightings along the tour.
Harris’s Hawk *Parabuteo unicinctus* (NL) Spotted from the bus on the way to Jorupe Reserve.
White-rumped Hawk *Parabuteo leucorrhus* One seen well at Tapichalaca Reserve.
Variable Hawk *Geranoaetus polyosoma* Nominate seen near Salinas (coast); *[poecilochrous]* at Yunguilla Reserve.
Grey-backed Hawk ♦ *Pseudastur occidentalis* Amazing views at Buenaventura Reserve and also at Jorupe.
Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus* One perched along the old Loja – Zamora Road.
Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyrurus* One at Jorupe Reserve and another near Zamora.
Zoned-tailed Hawk *Buteo albonotatus* Excellent views of one at Jorupe Reserve.
Rufous-sided Crane *Laterallus melanophalus* (H) One heard in marshes south of Maycu Reserve.
White-throated Crane *Laterallus albigrarius* (H) Heard at Manglares Churute and at Buenaventura Reserve.
Grey-breasted Crane *Laterallus exilis* (H) Heard at Buenaventura Reserve.
Ecuadorian Rail ♦ *Rallus aequatorialis* One crossing an open area at Laguna Llaviuca, Cajas NP.
Rufous-necked Wood Rail *Aramides axillaris* Amazing views of two at Parque Historico in Guayaquil.
Uniform Crane *Amaurornis concolor* (H) Heard at Yankuam Lodge.
Blackish Rail *Pardirallus nigricans* Seen distantly near Maycu Reserve.
Plumbeous Rail *Pardirallus sanguinolentus* Excellent views of a responsive pair near Vilcabamba.
Andean Coot *Fulica ardesiaca* Several on Laguna Llaviuca, Cajas NP.
Limpkin *Aramus guarauna* Some noticed in wetlands south of Guayaquil.
American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus* Common along the coast in the Santa Elena area.
Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus* Several at the coastal area of Santa Elena.
Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola* Some in the coastal area near Salinas.
Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana* Seen in the wetlands south of Guayaquil and later by the coast near Salinas.
Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* One at Manglares Churute, more later by the coast near Salinas.
Wandering Tattler *Tringa incana* One at La Chocolatera in Salinas.
Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* One on the Santa Elena Salinas.
Andean Gull *Chroicocephalus serranus* Several at Cajas NP.
Grey-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus* Common along the coast in the Santa Elena area.
Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla* Some in the coastal area near Salinas.
Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus* Same as above.
Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica* A few at the shrimp ponds near Salinas.
(American) Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus* Common along the coast in the Santa Elena area.
Cabot’s Tern *Thalasseus acuflavidus* (E*) Few spotted on the beach of Santa Elena area.
Rock Dove (Feral) *Columba livia* Always noticed.
Band-tailed Pigeon *Patagioenas fasciata* Common at higher altitude.
Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cyanenensis* Few seen at Manglares Churute wetland.
Plumbeous Pigeon *Patagioenas plumbea* Seen at Yankuam (Maycu Reserve).
Ecuadorian Ground Dove ♦ *Columbina buckleyi* Fairly common and widespread, especially along the coast.
Croaking Ground Dove *Columbina cruziana* Seen at several places along the tour.
Blue Ground Dove ♦ *Claravis pretiosa* Seen well at Jorupe Reserve.
White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi* Fairly common and widespread in suitable habitat.
Grey-fronted Dove *Leptotila rufaxilla* (NL) Spotted at Copalinga Lodge, also heard at Podocarpus NP. See note.
Pallid Dove ♦ *Leptotilla pallida* One seen well at Parque Historico in Guayaquil.
White-throated Quail-dove *Zentrygon frenata* Superb views at the feeder on the trail of Tapichalaca Reserve.
Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata* First at Vilcabamba and common later by the coast.
West Peruvian Dove *Zenaida melodia* Seen on the Santa Elena Peninsula.
Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani* Common and widespread.
Groove-billed Ani  *Crotophaga sulcirostris*  Seen at Yunguilla Reserve and more later on the Santa Elena Peninsula.

Striped Cuckoo  *Tapera naevia* (H)  Heard at few sites along the trip.

Little Cuckoo  *Coccycua minuta*  Great views at Maycu Reserve, Yankuam.

Squirrel Cuckoo  *Playa cayana*  At least four sightings on the tour.

Grey-capped Cuckoo  *Coccyzus lansbergi*  A great surprise at the lower part of Buenaventura Reserve; long views.

White-throated Screech Owl  *Megascops albogularis*  Fantastic view at Tapichalaca Reserve.

Rufous-banded Owl  *Strix albitarsis*  Excellent spotlight views of one in Cajas NP.

Black-and-white Owl  *Strix nigrolineata*  Excellent views at Buenaventura Reserve.

Spectacled Owl  *Pulsatrix perspicillata*  Fantastic views of a pair at Urraca Lodge, Jorupé Reserve.

Band-bellied Owl  *Pulsatrix melanota*  Lovely views at Yankuam Lodge, also heard at Copingina.

Andean Pygmy Owl  *Glaucidium jardini*  Great views near Podocarpus NP and also at Acanama Reserve.

Pacific Pygmy Owl  *Glaucidium peruanum*  Quite common. First seen at Manglares Churute.

Burrowing Owl  *Athene cunicularia*  Seen at dry scrub near Salinas.

Oilbird  *Steatornis caripensis*  One scoped in a ravine along the old Loja – Zamora Road. Great spot J-C!

Blackish Nightjar  *Nyctipolus nigrescens*  Good spotlight views of a couple near to Copingina Lodge.

Pauraque  *Nyctidromus albicollis*  Seen at day roost at Salinas.

Anthony’s Nightjar  (Scrub N)  *Nyctidromus anthonyi*  Excellent spotlight views near to Puerto Lopez.

Band-winged Nightjar  *Systellura longirostris* (H)  Heard at Cajas NP.

Chestnut-collared Swift  *Streptoprocne rutila*  Few sightings along the tour.

White-collared Swift  *Streptoprocne zonaris*  Same as above.

Grey-rumped Swift  *Chaetura cinereiventris*  A group seen at Buenaventura Reserve.

White-tipped Sicklebill  *Eutoxeres aquila*  Superb views at Buenaventura Reserve.

Band-tailed Barbthroat  *Threnetes ruckeri*  Great views at Quizas Hoy of one perched.

White-whiskered Hermit  *Phaethornis yaruqui*  One seen near the feeders at Buenaventura Reserve.

Green Hermit  *Phaethornis guy*  Seen along the old Loja - Zamora Road.

Long-billed (or Baron’s) Hermit  *Phaethornis [longirostris] baroni*  Good view at Quizas Hoy.

Tawny-bellied Hermit  *Phaethornis syrmatophorus*  Quick looks at Buenaventura and at the Loja – Zamora Road.

Grey-chinned Hermit  *Phaethornis griseogularis*  Seen well at Maycu Reserve.

Green-fronted Lancebill  *Doryfera ludovicae*  Seen well along the old Loja – Zamora Road.
White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora* Especially common at the feeders at Buenaventura.

Brown Violetear *Colibri delphinae* Best views were at the feeders at the Umbrellabird Lodge.

Lesser (or Green) Violetear *Colibri cyanotus* One along the old Loja – Zamora Road.

Sparkling Violetear *Colibri coruscans* First along the old Loja - Zamora Road. Common at Copalinga Lodge.

Violet-headed Hummingbird *Klais guimeti* Common around the Verbena at Copalinga Lodge.

Spangled Coquette ◊ *Lophornis stictolophus* A stunning male gave us a show at Copalinga Lodge.

Green Thorntail *Discosura conversii* Common at the feeders at the Umbrellabird Lodge, Buenaventura Reserve.

Crowned (or Emerald-bellied) Woodnymph *Thalurania [colombica] hypochlora* Seen at Buenaventura Reserve.

Fork-tailed Woodnymph *Thalurania furcata* A few seen at the Maycu Reserve, Yankum.

Violet-bellied Hummingbird *Juliamyia julie* Common at the feeders at Umbrellabird Lodge.

Golden-tailed Sapphire *Chrysuronia oenone* Seen at Yankum and around Copalinga Lodges.

Tumbes Hummingbird ◊ *Leucippus baeri* Excellent views of one at El Empalme, on the drive to Jorupe.

Many-spotted Hummingbird ◊ *Taphrospilus hypostictus* Quite common at the feeders of Copalinga Lodge.

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird *Amazilia tzacatl* Fairly common and widespread, First noted at Quizas Hoy.

Amazilia Hummingbird *Amazilia amazilia alticola* (Loja H) at Jorupe, *azuay* at Yunguilla and *dumerilii* at the coast.

Andean Emerald *Amazilia franciae* Fairly common on the feeders at the Umbrellabird Lodge.

Glittering-throated Emerald *Amazilia fimbriata* At Maycu Reserve and old Loja – Zamora Road.

Speckled Hummingbird *Adelomyia melanogenys* Several sightings on the tour.

Ecuadorian Piedtail ◊ *Phlogophilus hemileucurus* Great views at Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP.

Gould’s Jewelfront *Heliodoxa aurescens* Brilliant views at Maycu Reserve.

Fawn-breasted Brilliant *Heliodoxa rubinoides* Good views at Buenaventura Reserve.

Green-crowned Brilliant *Heliodoxa jacula* Common at the feeders at Umbrellabird Lodge, Buenaventura Reserve.

Violet-fronted Brilliant *Heliodoxa leadbeateri* Brilliant views at the feeders at Copalinga Lodge.

Chestnut-breasted Coronet ◊ *Boissonneaua matthewsi* Very common on the feeders at Tapichalaca.

Velvet-purple Coronet ◊ *Boissonneaua lutetiae* A striking species at the hummingbird garden of Buenaventura.

Shining Sunbeam *Aglaeactis cupripennis* A shining male at Cajas NP.

Ecuadorian Hillstar ◊ *Oreotrochilus chimborazo* A stunning male seen superbly at Cajas NP.

Mountain Velvetbreast *Lafresnaya lafresnayi* (NL) One briefly seen at Laguna Llaviuca in Cajas NP.

Bronzy Inca *Coeligena coeligena* At lower elevation near Tapichalaca and at the old Loja - Zamora Road.

Brown Inca ◊ *Coeligena wilsonii* Excellent views of a few at the hummingbird garden of Buenaventura.

Collared Inca *Coeligena torquata* Some on the feeders at Tapichalaca Reserve.

Buff-winged Starfrontlet *Coeligena lutetiae* (NL) Spotted at the high part of Acanama Reserve.

Rainbow Starfrontlet ◊ *Coeligena iris* Excellent views of several on feeders at Utuana Reserve.

Great Sapphirine Sunangel *Heliangelus amethysticollis* Several at Tapichalaca, including on the feeders.

Flame-throated Sunangetel ◊ *Heliangelus micraster* Seen at Tapichalaca Reserve.

Purple-throated Sunangel ◊ *Heliangelus viola* Excellent views of several on the feeders at Reserva Utuana.

Glowing Puffleg *Eriocnemis vestita* Good looks at several on Cerro Toledo and Acanama Reserve.

Sapphire-vented Puffleg *Eriocnemis luciani* Brief looks at one at Laguna Llaviuca, Cajas NP.

White-booted Racket-tail ◊ *Ocreatus underwoodii* A stunning male at the old Loja – Zamora Road. See note.

Tyrian Metaltail *Metallura tyrannina* First seen near Loja (Podocarpus NP), later at Acacama Reserve.

Violet-throated Metaltail ◊ *Metallura baroni* Male and female seen really well at hotel grounds beside Cajas NP.

Nebolina Metaltail ◊ *Metallura odomeae* Great views of juv and later an adult at Cerro Toledo.

Blue-mantled Thornbill ◊ *Chalcostigma stanleyi* A nice males seen well at Cajas NP.

Rainbow-bearded Thornbill ◊ *Chalcostigma harreri* A juv male seen at the higher part of Acañama Reserve.

Long-tailed Sylph *Aglaiocharis kingii* Seen around the feeders of Tapichalaca.

Violet-tailed Sylph ◊ *Aglaiocharis coelestis* Some gorgeous males at Buenaventura Reserve.

Purple-crowned Fairy *Heliothryx barroti* Seen well at Quizas Hoy.

Black-eared Fairy *Heliothryx auritus* Seen at Maycu Reserve.

Long-billed Starthroat *Heliomaster longirostris* Just a few seen, the first at Buenaventura.

Amethyst Woodstar *Calliphlox amethystina* (NL) A female coming to flowers at Yankuam Lodge.

Purple-collared Woodstar *Myrtis fanny* A few in scrub above Vilcabamba.

Short-tailed Woodstar ◊ *Myrmia micrura* At Parque Historico in Guayaquil.

Little Woodstar ◊ *Chaetocercus bombus* A pair around the Verbena at Copalinga Lodge. Also at Puerto Lopez.
Esmeraldas Woodstar ◊ *Chaetocercus berlepschi*  Brilliant views of a male at Las Tunas (near Porto Rico).

Ecuadorean Trogon ◊ *Trogon mesurus*  Good views at Quizas Hoy.

Green-backed Trogon *Trogon viridis*  Seen at Maycu Reserve, Yankuam.

Gartered Trogon *Trogon caligatus*  Seen well at Quizas Hoy.

Collared Trogon *Trogon collaris*  Few sightings at Maycu Reserve.

Masked Trogon *Trogon personatus*  Brief but good view of a male at Laguna Llaviuca, Cajas NP.

Amazon Kinfisher *Chloroceryle amazona*  Spotted at Maycu Reserve.

Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata*  First at Manglares Churute and later at Maycu Reserve.

Whooping Motmot *Momotus subrubescens*  Good views at Jorupe Reserve.

Andean (or Highland) Motmot *Momotus aequatorialis*  One seen well at Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP.

Broad-billed Motmot *Electron platyrhynchum*  (H)  Heard at Buenaventura Reserve.

Coppery-chested Jacamar ◊ *Galbula pastazae*  Great views near Zamora (old Loja – Zamora Road).

Purplish Jacamar ◊ *Galbula chalcothorax*  Seen very well at Maycu Reserve, Yankuam.

Barred Puffbird ◊ *Nystalus radiatus*  Close views below Umbrellabird Lodge, Buenaventura Reserve.

Black-streaked Puffbird ◊ *Malacoptila fulvogularis*  Long views at Copalinga Lodge.

White-whiskered Puffbird *Malacoptila panamensis*  Great views of one below the Umbrellabird Lodge.

Lanceolated Monklet ◊ *Micromonacha lanceolata*  Superb views of two birds at Maycu Reserve.

Black-fronted Nunbird *Monasa nigrifrons*  (NL)  Spotted at Maycu Reserve.

Gilded Barbet *Capito auratus*  A few seen at the Maycu Reserve, Yankuam.

Lemon-throated Barbet ◊ *Eubucco richardsoni*  Male and female seen well at the Maycu Reserve, Yankuam.

Red-headed Barbet *Eubucco bourcierii*  First below the Tapichalaca Reserve, later at the old L – Zamora Road.

Black-throated Toucanet ◊ *Aulacorhynchus atrogularis*  One by the feeders of Copalinga Lodge [cyanolaemus].

Chestnut-tipped Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus derbianus*  A glimpse of one along the old Loja - Zamora road.

Crimson-rumped Toucanet ◊ *Aulacorhynchus haematopygus*  (H)  Heard at the high part of Buenaventura.

Lettered Aracari *Pteroglossus inscriptus*  A nice surprise at Maycu Reserve.
Chestnut-eared Aracari *Pteroglossus castanotis* A few seen at the Maycu Reserve, Yankuam.

Pale-mandibled Aracari *Pteroglossus erythropygius* At least three seen well at the Buenaventura Reserve.

Golden-collared Toucanet *Selenidera reinwardtii* A stunning male seen well at Maycu Reserve.

Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan *Andigena hypoglauca* One seen well at Laguna Llaviuca, Cajas NP.

Channel-billed (or Yellow-ridged) Toucan *Ramphastos vitellinus* (H) Heard at Maycu R.

Choco Toucan *Ramphastos brevis* Good views at Buenaventura Reserve.

Yellow-throated Toucan *Ramphastos ambiguus swainsonii* Same as above.

Lafranesny’s Piculet *Picumnus lasfrenaysi* Seen at the Loja – Zamora Road and near the Maycu Reserve.

Ecuadorian Piculet *Picumnus scaterii* Good views at the Jorupe Reserve.

Olivaceous Piculet *Picumnus olivaceus* Seen well at Quizas Hoy.

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker *Melanerpes cruentatus* Seen at Maycu Reserve, Yankuam Lodge.

Black-banded Woodpecker *Melanerpes pucherani* Seen well on first day at Manglares Churute wetland.

Scarlet-backed Woodpecker ♦ *Veniliornis callonotus* First at Manglares Churute, later at Jorupe.

Bar-bellied Woodpecker *Veniliornis nigriceps* A beautiful one at Acanama Reserve.

Red-rumped Woodpecker *Veniliornis kirki* One bellow the Umbrellabird Lodge, Buenaventura Reserve.

Smoky-brown Woodpecker *Leuconotopicus fumigatus* One at the old Loja – Zamora Road.

White-throated Woodpecker *Piculus leucalemus* Seen well at the Maycu Reserve, Yankuam.

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker *Colaptes rivoli* One seen well below the Tapichalaca Reserve.

Guayaquil Woodpecker ♦ *Campephilus gayaquilensis* Excellent views of a pair at Jorupe Reserve.

Black Caracara *Daptius ater* A few seen around the Maycu Reserve.

Mountain Caracara *Phalcoboenus megalopterus* Two birds seen at the high part of Acanama Reserve.

Northern Crested Caracara *Caracara cheriway* Small numbers noted, the first at the Buenaventura Reserve.

Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans* Excellent views of one at Jorupe Reserve.

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius* A few seen on the drive to Tapichalaca.

Aplomado Falcon *Falco femoralis* One spotted in flight at Acanama Reserve.

Bat Falcon *Falco rufignarius* A pair at Jorupe Reserve.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* One at Manglares Churute, and another at Puerto Lopez.

Grey-cheeked Parakeet ♦ *Brotogeris pyrrohoptera* Great views at Quizas Hoy and at Jorupe Reserve.

Cobalt-winged Parakeet *Brotogeris cyanoptera* (H) Heard near Maycu Reserve.

Red-faced Parrot ♦ *Hapalopsittaca pyrrhops* Brilliant views of six birds at the Acacana Reserve. Superb!!

Red-billed Parrot *Pionus sordidus* Great views along the old Loja - Zamora Road.

Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus* Seen at Maycu Reserve and at Puerto Lopez.

Bronze-winged Parrot ♦ *Pionus chalcopperus* Seen well at Buenaventura and at Puerto Lopez.

Pacific Parrotlet *Forpus coelestis* Seen well on several occasions, common by the coast.

El Oro Parakeet ♦ *Pyrrhura orcesi* Great views of goup (20 or more) in the upper section of the Buenaventura R.

White-breasted Parakeet ♦ *Pyrrhura albiceps* First at Podocarpus NP, later outside Zamora.

Golden-plumed Parakeet ♦ *Leptosittaca branickii* Great views at Tapichalaca. Also in flight at Acanama.

Red-masked Parakeet ♦ *Psittacara erythrogenys* Good sightings at Jorupe Reserve.

White-eyed Parakeet ♦ *Psittacara leucophthalmus* Big groups at Maycu Reserve.

Stout-billed Cinclodes *Cinclodes excelsior* Excellent views at paramos in Cajas NP.

Pacific Horned *Furnarius cinnamomeus* Common in suitable areas, with several sightings on the tour.

Mouse-colored Thistletail ♦ *Aethes griseomurina* Great views at Acanama Reserve.

Many-striped Canastero ♦ *Aethes flammulata* One seen well at Cajas NP.

Rufous Spinetail *Synallaxis unirufa* Nice views at Tapichalaca Reserve.

Azara’s Spinetail *Synallaxis azarae* Several heard then seen well near Jorupe and at Yunguilla.

Dark-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis albipennis* (H) Heard several around Maycu Reserve.

Blackish-headed Spinetail ♦ *Synallaxis litheys* Great views of two birds at Jorupe Reserve.

Necklaced Spinetail ♦ *Synallaxis stictothorax* At least three seen on the Santa Elena Peninsula.

Red-faced Spinetail *Cranioleuca erythrops* Good view of one in mixed flock at Buenaventura Reserve.

Ash-browed Spinetail *Cranioleuca curtata* Seen well at the old Loja – Zamora Road (also heard at Podocarpus NP).

Line-cheeked Spinetail ♦ *Cranioleuca antisiensis* Seen near Sozoranga, heard at more sites later.

Speckled Spinetail *Cranioleuca gutturata* Good views at Maycu Reserve.

Rufous-fronted Thornbird *Phacellodomus rufifrons* Good views of two below Valladolid.

Rusty-winged Barbtail *Prennornis guttuliger* One seen at the old Loja – Zamora Road.
Spotted Barbtail *Premnoplex brunnescens* (H) Heard at Buenaventura Reserve.

Pearled Treerunner *Margarornis squamiger* Lovely views at Laguna Llaviuca, cajas NP.

Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner ◊ *Anabacerthia variegaticeps* Seen in mixed flock at Buenaventura.

Montane Foliage-gleaner *Anabacerthia striaticollis* Seen near Tapichalaca and at Loja – Zamora Road.

Rufous-necked Foliage-gleaner ◊ *Syndactyla ruficollis* Fantastic views at Jorupe Reserve.

Rufous-tailed Foliage-gleaner *Philydor ruficaudatum* One seen well at Maycu Reserve.

Bamboo Foliage-gleaner ◊ *Anabazenops dorsalis* (H) One heard at forest patch near the Maycu Reserve.

Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner *Automolus ochroaenus* (H) Heard at Quivas Hoy and at Maycu Reserve.

Henna-hooded Foliage-gleaner ◊ *Hylocryptus erythropsurus* Seen well at Jorupe Reserve.

Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans* Several sightings on the tour.

Plain-brown Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla fuliginosa* Seen at Quivas Hoy and at Buenaventura Reserve.

Long-tailed Woodcreeper *Deconychura longicauda* Seen well at Maycu Reserve.

Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus* At Quivas Hoy, Copalinga Lodge and L – Z Road. See note.

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper *Glyphorynchus spirurus* First at Quivas Hoy; later at Yankuam.

Spotted Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus erythropygus* Seen well at the Buenaventura Reserve.

Streak-headed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii* Seen at Quivas Hoy, Buenaventura and Jorupe.

Montane Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger* Two along the old Loja – Zamora Road.

Red-billed Scythebill *Campylorhamphus trochilirostris* Good views near to Puerto Lopez [thoracicus].

Dot-winged Antwren *Microrhopias quixensis* Great views of a pair at Quivas Hoy.

Foothill Antwren *Epinecrophylla spodionota* One seen at Maycu Reserve.

Pygmy Antwren *Myrmotherula brachyura* (H) Heard at Maycu Reserve.

Stripe-chested Antwren ◊ *Myrmotherula longicauda* Great views of a male at the Maycu Reserve.

White-flanked Antwren *Myrmotherula axillaris* A pair seen at Yankuam, Maycu Reserve [melaena].

Slaty Antwren *Myrmotherula schisticolor* A male seen below Valladolid (near Tapichalaca).

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**Gilded Barbet**

Dusky-throated Antshrike *Thamnomanes ardesiacus* A pair seen well at Maycu Reserve.

Yellow-breasted Antwren *Herpsilochmus axillaris* Great views along the old Loja - Zamora Road.

Rufous-winged Antwren *Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus* (H) Several heard at Maycu Reserve, Yankuam.
Plain Antvireo *Dysithamnus mentalis* One seen below Valladolid (near Tapichalaca).
Collared Antshrike ♦ *Thamnophilus bernardi* At El Empalme, Jorupe and Santa Elena Peninsula.
Chapman’s Antshrike ♦ *Thamnophilus zarumae* Good views of a male near Sozoranga.
Lined Antshrike *Thamnophilus tenebriocollis* Seen at Maycu Reserve.
White-shouldered Antshrike *Thamnophilus aethiops* (H) Heard at Maycu Reserve.
Uniform Antshrike *Thamnophilus unicolor* A pair seen at high part of Buenaventura Reserve.
Mouse-colored Antshrike *Thamnophilus murinus* Seen at the Maycu Reserve, Yankuam.
Black-crowned (or Western Slaty) Antshrike *Thamnophilus atrinucha* At Quizas Hoy and Buenaventura Reserve.
Fasciated Antshrike *Cymbilaimus lineatus* One seen well at the Maycu Reserve, Yankuam.
Great Antshrike *Taraba major* (H) Heard at Quizas Hoy.
Hairy-crested Antbird *Rhegmatorhina melanosticta* (H) It came close, but unfortunately only heard, Maycu Reserve.
Common Scale-backed Antbird *Willisornis poeciliotus* Good view at Maycu Reserve.
Peruvian Warbling Antbird *Hypocnemis peruviana* Great views at the Maycu Reserve, Yankuam.
Northern Chestnut-tailed Antbird *Sciaphylax castanea* (H) Only heard at forest patch near Maycu Reserve.
Blackish Antbird *Cercomacroides nigrescens* At least three seen near Zamora (Loja – Zamora Road).
Dusky Antbird *Cercomacroides serva* A male seen at Maycu Reserve, Yankuam.
Grey-headed Antbird ♦ *Ampelornis griseiceps* (H) Sadly only heard near Utuana Reserve.
Esmeraldas Antbird ♦ *Spia nigricauda* Good views of a pair at the Buenaventura Reserve.
White-browed Antbird *Myrmoborus leucophrys* Great views at the Maycu Reserve, Yankuam.
Black-faced Antbird *Myrmoborus myotherinus* Superb views of a male at forest patch near Maycu Reserve.
White-backed Fire-eye ♦ *Pyriglena leuconota* Seen at Podocarpus NP (Bombuscaro) and at Quizas Hoy.
Undulated Antpitta *Grallaria squamigera* (H) Closely heard at Utuana and later at Laguna Llaviuca, Cajas NP.
Scaled Antpitta ♦ *Grallaria guatimalensis* Great views in the upper section of the Buenaventura Reserve.
Plain-backed Antpitta ♦ *Grallaria haplonota* (H) Heard at Buenaventura, Podocarpus NP and L – Z Road.
Chestnut-crowned Antpitta *Grallaria ruficapilla* Heard at several sites. Great views at Yunguilla [connectens].
Watkins’s Antpitta ♦ *Grallaria watkinsi* Great views of two at Jorupe Reserve.
Jocotoco Antpitta ♦ *Grallaria ridgeyi* Amazing views of two different birds at Tapichalaca. Awesome birds!
Rufous Antpitta *Grallaria rufula* Seen near Loja (Podocarpus NP). Others heard.
Tawny Antpitta ♦ *Grallaria quitensis* Great views at paramo habitat in Cajas NP.
Thrush-like Antpitta *Myromthera campanisona* (H) A few heard at the Maycu Reserve, Yankuam.
Slaty-crowned Antpitta *Grallaricula lineifrons* (H) Heard at Tapichalaca.
Crescent-faced Antpitta ♦ *Grallaricula lineifrons* (H) Despite all work, only heard far at Acacama Reserve.
Chestnut-crowned Gnat eater *Conopophaga castaneiceps* (H) Heard near Zamora (Loja – Zamora Road).
Ocellated Tapaculo ♦ *Acropternis orthonyx* Incredible views of one at Acacama.
Ash-colored Tapaculo ♦ *Myornis senilis* Great views of one at Acacama. Others heard.
Northern White-crowned Tapaculo ♦ *Scytalopus atratus* (H) Heard near Zamora (Loja – Zamora Road).
Long-tailed Tapaculo ♦ *Scytalopus micropterus* Great views below Valladolid (near Tapichalaca).
El Oro (or Ecuadorian) Tapaculo ♦ *Scytalopus robinsi* (H) One heard at the Buenaventura Reserve.
Chusquea Tapaculo ♦ *Scytalopus parkeri* One at Tapichalaca and another near Loja.
Paramo Tapaculo ♦ *Scytalopus opacus* Good views of one on Cerro Toledo.
Blackish Tapaculo ♦ *Scytalopus latrans* (H) Heard at least four times on the tour. See note.
Elegant Crescentchest *Melanoperaea elegans* First a shy one at Vilcabamba, better views at Santa Elena P.
Wing-barred Piprites *Piprites chloris* Excellent views of one at the Maycu Reserve, Yankuam.
Sooty-headed Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias griseiceps* One seen at Buenaventura Reserve.
Black-capped Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias nigrocapillus* One seen at Acacama.
Foothill Elaenia *Myiopagis olallai* (H) Heard in the canopy at Bombuscaro (Podocarpus NP).
Pacific Elaenia *Myiopagis subplacens* Seen at Quizas Hoy, Jorupe and at Puerto Lopez.
Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster* Seen at Quizas Hoy.
White-crested Elaenia *Elaenia albiceps* A couple seen at Utuana Reserve.
Mottle-backed Elaenia *Elaenia gigas* A couple seen well by the river at La Saquea, near Zamora.
Sierran Elaenia *Elaenia pallatange* Seen at Cerro Toledo and at Acacama Reserve.
Brown-capped Tyrannulet *Ornithion brunneicapillus* One seen at Quizas Hoy.
White-lored Tyrannulet *Ornithion inerme*  One near the Maycu Reserve.
Southern Beardless Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum*  Common and widespread, seen at several places.
Rufous-winged Tyrannulet ♦ *Mecocerculus calopterus*  Two seen well at Buenaventura Reserve.
White-banded Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus stictopterus*  One at Laguna Llaviuca, Cajas NP.
Black-crested Tit-Tyrant ♦ *Anairetes nigrocristatus*  Great views of a pair at Utuana Reserve (Bosque Hanne).
Torrent Tyrannulet *Serophaga cinerea*  A few seen along the old Loja - Zamora Road.
Tumbesian Tyrannulet ♦ *Phaeomyias tumbezana*  Seen on dry scrub near Salinas (extension).
Yellow Tyrannulet *Capsiemis flaveola magnirostris* (H)  Heard at Buenaventura Reserve.
Rufous-headed Pygmy Tyrant *Pseudotriccus ruficeps*  Great views at Tapichalaca.
Tawny-crowned Pygmy Tyrant *Euscarthmus meloryphus*  At least three good sightings on the trip.
Grey-and-white Tyrannulet ♦ *Pseudaelaenia leucospodila*  Few good sightings in dry scrub near Salinas.
Red-billed Tyrannulet ♦ *Zimmerius cinereicapilla*  One seen well near Maycu Reserve, Yankuam.
Golden-faced Tyrannulet *Zimmerius chrysops*  Seen near Maycu Reserve and later at Copalinga Lodge.
Loja Tyrannulet ♦ *Zimmerius flavidifrons*  Great views near Sozoranga.
Marble-faced Bristle Tyrant *Pogonotriccus ophthalmicus*  One seen well (for some) at the old L – Z Road.
Ecuadorean Tyrannulet ♦ *Phylloscartes gualaquizae*  Seen at L – Z Road and at Maycu Reserve.
Olive-striped Flycatcher *Mionectes olivaceus*  Two seen at Buenaventura Reserve.
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus*  Seen well at Quizas Hoy.
Rufous-breasted Flycatcher *Leptopogon rufipectus*  One seen below Valladolid (near Tapichalaca)
Orange-crested Flycatcher ♦ *Myiophobus phoenicomitra*  Brilliant views of a pair at Bombuscaro, PNP.
Olive-chested Flycatcher *Myiophobus cryptoxanthus*  Seen at second growth south of Yankuam.
Bran-colored Flycatcher *Myiophobus fasciatus*  A few seen, the first at Buenaventura.
Orange-banded Flycatcher ♦ *Nephelomyias lintoni*  Good views at Tapichalaca and Cerro Toledo.
Ornate Flycatcher *Myiotriccus ornatus*  Several seen on the tour. See note.

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Black-throated Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus granadensis*  Good views at Tapichalaca Reserve.
White-bellied Pygmy Tyrant ♦ *Myiornis albiventris* (H)  Only heard near Maycu Reserve, Yankuam.
Scale-crested Pygmy Tyrant *Lophotriccus pileatus*  Seen well at Quizas Hoy and at Buenaventura.
Black-and-white Tody-Flycatcher ♦ *Poecilotriccus capitalis*  Great views of a pair near Maycu Reserve, Yankuam.
Golden-winged Tody-Flycatcher ♀ Poecilotriccus calopterus Lovley views at the Maycu Reserve, Yankuam.
Common Tody-Flycatcher Todirostrum cinereum A few seen. First noted at the Buenaventura Reserve.
Brownish Twistwing Cnipodectes subbrunneus Excellent views at Quizas Hoy and at Buenaventura.
Fulvous-breasted Flatbill ♀ Rhynchoecus fulviventris Great views at Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP.
Yellow-olive Flatbill Tolmomyias sulphurescens Several seen along the tour.
Cinnamon Flycatcher Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus (H) Heard at Acanama Reserve.
Cliff Flycatcher Hirundinea ferruginea Seen on boat trip at Yankuam.
Grey-breasted Flycatcher Lathrotricus grisepectus First heard at Jorupue then seen well near Puerto Lopez.
Black Phoebe Sayornis nigricans Fairly common and widespread. First at the Buenaventura Reserve.
Olive-sided Flycatcher Contopus cooperi Scope views at Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP; also near Zamora.
Smoke-colored Pewee Contopus fumigatus Seen near Sozoranga and near Utuana.
Western Wood Pewee Contopus sordidulus At Maycu Reserve, near Zamora and at Puerto Lopez.
Tumbes Pewee Contopus punensis Two seen well near to Puerto Lopez.
Vermilion Flycatcher Pyrocephalus obscurus One at Manglaries Churute wetland and later near Puerto Lopez.
White-tailed Shrike-Tyrant ♀ Agriornis albicauda Great views by the road on way to Acanama Reserve.
Smoky Bush Tyrant Myioteretes fumigatus A nice surprise at Acanama Reserve, great views.
Masked Water Tyrant Fluicola mengeta Few seen at Manglaries Churute wetland.
Crowned Chat-Tyrant ♀ Silvicultrix frontalis Seen well at Laguna Llaviuca, Cajas NP.
Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant Silvicultrix diadema Good views of one at Tapichalaca.
Jelski's Chat-Tyrant ♀ Silvicultrix jelskii Great views of one at Bosque Hanne (Utuana Reserve).
Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant Ochthoea rufipectoralis Two seen well at Tapichalaca Reserve.
Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant Ochthoea fumicolor First at Cerro Toledo, later at Acanama and Cajas NP.
Long-tailed Tyrant Colonia colonnae Since seen in the Yankuam area.
Short-tailed Field Tyrant Muscigallia brevicauda Excellent views near Salinas, Santa Elena Peninsula.
Piratic Flycatcher Legatus leucophaeus Seen at Tapichalaca and at Maycu Reserve.
Rusty-margined Flycatcher Myiozetetes cayanensis Noticed at Quizas Hoy.
Social Flycatcher Myiozetetes similis Several seen along the tour.
Grey-capped Flycatcher Myiozetetes granadensis Great views of a couple south of Yankuam.
Great Kiskadee Pitangus sulphuratus Just one seen in the Yankuam area.
Lemon-browed Flycatcher Conopias cinchoneni Great views of two near Zamora.
Golden-crowned Flycatcher Myiodynastes chryscephalus Seen well near Zamora (old L – Z Road).
Baird's Flycatcher ♀ Myiodynastes bairdii Best views near the coast during the extension.
Streaked Flycatcher Myiodynastes maculatus Few seen, the first at Quizas Hoy.
Boat-billed Flycatcher Megarynchus pitangua A few seen near Puerto Lopez (tour extension)
Snowy-throated Kingbird Tyrannus niveigularis Excellent views on dry scrub near Salinas.
Tropical Kingbird Tyrannus melancholicus Common and widespread.
Dusky-capped Flycatcher Myiarchus tuberculifer Several noticed, the first at the Buenaventura Reserve.
Short-crested Flycatcher Myiarchus ferox (NL) One spotted at Maycu Reserve.
Ochraceous Atilla ♀ Atilla torridus Great views below the Umbrellabird Lodge, Buenaventura Reserve.
Red-crested Cotinga Ampelion rubrocristatus Two seen at Utuana Reserve.
Green-and-black Fruiteater Pipreola riefferi Two seen at Tapichalaca Reserve.
Barred Fruiteater Pipreola riefferi (H) Heard at Tapichalaca.
Fiery-throated Fruiteater ♀ Pipreola chlorolepidota A stunning male seen well at Maycu Reserve, Yankuam.
Scaled Fruiteater ♀ Ampeloides tschudi Great views of a male in the Buenaventura Reserve.
Andean Cock-of-the-rock Rupicola peruviana First at Yankuam, then at Loja – Zamora Road and at Bombuscaro.
Grey-tailed Piha ♀ Snowornis subalaris (H) Sadly only heard at Maycu Reserve, despite all effort.
Amazonian Umbrellabird Cephalopterus ornatus One seen well at Maycu Reserve.
Long-wattled Umbrellabird ♀ Cephalopterus penduliger Brilliant views at the Buenaventura Reserve.
Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin Tyrannutheus stolzmanni (H) A few heard at Maycu Reserve.
Golden-winged Manakin Masius chrysopterus A couple seen briefly at the Buenaventura Reserve.
Blue-rumped Manakin ♀ Lepidothrix isidorei Superb views of a couple at Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP.
White-bearded Manakin Manacus manacus Nice males at Quizas Hoy.
Club-winged Manakin ♀ Machaerotus deliciosus Great views at the Buenaventura Reserve. Amazing bird!
Pacific Royal Flycatcher ♀ Onychorhynchus occidentalis Good views on our second attempt at Quizas Hoy.
Sulphur-rumped Myiobius *Myiobius sulphureipygius*  At least three at Buenaventura Reserve.
Yellow-cheeked Becard ◊ *Pachyramphus xanthogenys*  Seen well near Zamora.
Slaty Becard ◊ *Pachyramphus spodiurus*  Excellent views of a pair at the Jorupe Reserve.
White-winged Becard *Pachyramphus polychopterus* (H)  Heard at Maycu Reserve.
Black-and-white Becard *Pachyramphus albogriseus*  Good views of a male below Valladolid.
One-colored Becard *Pachyramphus homochrous*  Seen at Buenaventura Reserve and at Jorupe.
Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis*  Several, the first near Sozoranga.
Slaty-capped Shrike-vireo *Vireolanius leucotis*  Great views of two south of Yankuam.
Brown-capped Vireo *Vireo leucophrys*  Seen at Buenaventura and at Utuana.
Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus*  Several seen at the start of the tour and on the extension.
Olivaceous Greenlet *Hylophilus olivaceus* (H)  Mostly heard at Copalinga Lodge.
Lesser Greenlet *Hylophilus decurtatus*  A few at Quizas Hoy.
Turquoise Jay ◊ *Cyanolyca turcosa*  Seen well at Acanama and Yunguilla Reserves.
Violaceous Jay *Cyanocorax violaceus*  Common in the Yankuam area.
White-tailed Jay ◊ *Cyanocorax mystacalis*  Common at the Jorupe Reserve.
Inca Jay *Cyanocorax yncas*  A good number seen, the first near Valladolid.
Grey-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea*  Plenty seen, the first leaving Guayaquil on the first day.
Blue-and-white Swallow *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*  Common and widespread.
Brown-bellied Swallow *Notiochelidon murina*  Seen well at Tapichalaca, Acacama and at Cajas NP.
White-banded Swallow *Atticora fasciata*  At Yankuam and the bridge at La Saquea, near Zamora.
Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*  Plenty, the first south of Guayaquil.
Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*  One noticed at Manglares Churute wetland.
Chestnut-collared Swallow ◊ *Petrochelidon ruficollis*  Hundreds in a village below Sozoranga.
Black-capped Donacobius *Donacobius atricapilla*  Excellent views of a pair south of Yankuam.
Fasciated Wren ♦ Campylorhynchus fasciatus Fairly common early in the trip, first at El Empalme.

Thrash-like Wren Campylorhynchus tundrinus (H) Heard around Yankuam Lodge.

Grey-mantled Wren Odontorchilus branickii Good looks at one along the old Loja - Zamora Road.

Rufous Wren Cinnamonia unirufa Several seen very well at Tapichalaca and also near Loja.

Sepia-brown Wren Cinnamonia olivascens Two seen at Tapichalaca Reserve.

Grass Wren Cistothus platensis Seen well at Laguna Llaviuca, Cajas NP.

Plain-tailed Wren ♦ Pheugopedius euryphrys Brief looks on Cerro Toledo.

Coraya Wren Pheugopedius coraya Seen well at the Maycu Reserve, Yankuam.

Speckle-breasted Wren ♦ Pheugopedius sclateri Seen below the Umbrellabird Lodge.

Superbilled Wren ♦ Cantorchilus superciliosus Nice views of a pair at El Empalme and near Puerto Lopez.

Bay Wren Cantorchilus nigricapillus A couple seen at the Buenaventura Reserve.

House Wren Troglodytes aedon Pretty common and widespread.

Mountain Wren Troglodytes solstitialis Two seen well at Cerro Toledo.

White-breasted Wood Wren Henicorhina leucosticta One seen well at Maycu Reserve.

Grey-breasted Wood Wren Henicorhina leucophrys Good views at Buenaventura Reserve.

Southern Nightingale-wren Micronyx loxostoma A few heard at the Maycu Reserve.

Musician Wren Cyphorhinus arada (H) Heard at Maycu Reserve and near Zamora.

Song Wren Cyphorhinus phaeocephalus Nice looks at one at Buenaventura Reserve.

Tropical Gnaticatcher Polioptila plumbea Common in drier areas - first seen on the first day.

Long-tailed Mockingbird Mimus longicaudatus Common. First seen on way to Jorupe.

Andean Solitaire Myadestes ralloides One seen on the top of Buenaventura Reserve.

Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush Catharus fuscater (H) Heard near Utuana and at Yunguilla.

Spotted Nightingale-Thrush Catharus dryas Good view for some at the Buenaventura Reserve.

Swainson's Thrush Catharus ustulatus Plenty seen on the tour.

Great Thrush Turdus fuscater Common and widespread in the highlands.

Chiguanco Thrush Turdus chiguanco Just a couple seen, above Sozoranga and above Vilcabamba.

Glossy-black Thrush Turdus serranus One seen well at Utuana Reserve.

Andean Slaty Thrush ♦ Turdus nigriceps Brief look at one above Vilcabamba.

Plumbeous-backed Thrush ♦ Turdus reevesi Great views around the feeders at Jorupe, and one on the extension.

Maranon Thrush ♦ Turdus maranonensis One seen well below Valladolid.

Black-billed Thrush Turdus ignobilis Seen at Yankuam area and near Zamora.

Ecuadorian Thrush ♦ Turdus maculirostris Best views were around the feeders at the Jorupe Reserve.

White-necked Thrush Turdus albicollis Just one seen well at Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP.

White-capped Dipper Cinclus leucocephalus First at Cerro Toledo, better views along the old Loja - Zamora Road.

House Sparrow Passer domesticus (introduced) Few sightings.

Yellow-bellied Siskin Spinus xanthogaster Nice views of a group at Buenaventura Reserve.

Olive-backed Siskin Spinus olivaceus (NL) Seen along the old Loja - Zamora Road.

Hooded Siskin Spinus magnellanicus Seen at Yunguilla Reserve.

Saffron Siskin ♦ Spinus siemiradzki A flock with over fifty near to Puerto Lopez.

Orange-browed Euphonia ♦ Euphonia saturata One seen at Buenaventura Reserve.

Thick-billed Euphonia Euphonia laniirostis Plenty on the tour.

Golden-rumped Euphonia ♦ Euphonia cyanosephala Good views of a female at Yunguilla.

Bronze-green Euphonia Euphonia mesochrysa A single male along the old Loja - Zamora road.

Orange-bellied Euphonia Euphonia xanthogaster Common and widespread. First seen at Buenaventura.

Blue-naped Chlorophonia Chlorophonia cyanea (H) Heard at Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP.

Rufous-collared Sparrow Zonotrichia capensis Quite common at higher altitudes.

Yellow-browed Sparrow Ammodramus aurifrons Seen well at the Yankuam area.

Tumbes Sparrow ♦ Rhynchospiza stolzmanni At least three seen very well in dry scrub near Catamayo.

Orange-billed Sparrow Arremon aurantirostris First at the Umbrellabird Lodge, later at Yankuam and Copalinga.

Black-capped Sparrow Arremon abellii A couple at Jorupe and another couple near Puerto Lopez.

Chestnut-capped Brushfinch Arremon brunneinucha Great views at Tapichalaca, on the middle of the trail.

Grey-browed Brushfinch Arremon assimilis Good views at Yunguilla Reserve.

Olive Finch ♦ Arremon castaneiceps Seen well near Zamora (part of the old L – Z Road).

Pale-naped Brushfinch Atlapetes pallidinucha Seen well at paramo habitat near Loja and also at Acanama.
Yellow-breasted Brushfinch *Atlapetes latinuchus*  
Seen well at Tapichalaca and at Acanama Reserve.

White-winged Brushfinch ♦ *Atlapetes leucopterus*  
Seen well near to Sozoranga.

White-headed Brushfinch ♦ *Atlapetes albiceps*  
Two seen well at El Empalme (way to jorupe).

Pale-headed Brushfinch ♦ *Atlapetes pallidiceps*  
Great views of two at Yunguilla Reserve.

Bay-crowned Brushfinch *Atlapetes seebohmi*  
Great views at Cariamanga.

Common Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus flavopectus*  
A few seen at Buenaventura Reserve.

Yellow-whiskered (or Short-billed) Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus parvirostris*  
Near Valladolid and at L-Z Road.

Yellow-throated Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus flavigularis*  
Several seen, first ones at Buenaventura. See note.

Ashy-throated Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus canigularis*  
Same as the one above.

Peruvian Meadowlark *Sturnella bellicosa*  
Seen on the first day, south of Guayaquil, and later on the extension.

Russet-backed Oropendola *Psarocolius angustifrons*  
Plenty, the first along the old Loja - Zamora Road.

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus*  
Seen at Yankuam and at Copalinga Lodge.

Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela*  
Plenty seen, the first on the first day on the way to Buenaventura.

Subtropical Cacique *Cacicus uropygialis* (H)  
Heard only, near Zamora (part of the old Loja – Zamora Road).

Northern Mountain Cacique *Cacicus leucoramphus*  
Great views of a group at Acanama Reserve.

Yellow-tailed Oriole *Icterus mesomelas*  
Great views at Jorupe and another at Yunguilla.

White-edged Oriole ♦ *Icterus graceanneae*  
Seen at Jorupe and near Salinas (extension).

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis*  
Sparingly recorded along the tour.

Scrub Blackbird *Dives warczewiczi*  
Common at lower altitudes in the west.

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus*  
Some noticed in Guayaquil.

Black-lored Yellowthroat *Geothlypis auricularis*  
Seen near Quizas Hoy, at Yunguilla and at Puerto Lopez.

Olive-crowned Yellowthroat *Geothlypis semilavata*  
One seen well below the Umbrellabird Lodge.

Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitiayumi*  
Several seen, the first at Quizas Hoy.

Blackburnian Warbler ♦ *Setophaga fusca*  
A good number seen, first near Tapichalaca.

Mangrove Warbler *Setophaga petechia*  
A very nice surprise near Quizas Hoy (roadside spot of L-b Seed-Finch)

Citrine Warbler ♦ *Myiothlypis luteoviridis*  
Brief but good looks at two at Acanama Reserve.
Black-crested Warbler *Myiolympis nigrocristata* Seen well at Tapichalaca and at high elevation near Loja.
Buff-rumped Warbler *Myiolympis fulvicauda* Seen at Buenaventura and at Yankuam area.
Grey-and-gold Warbler ‡ *Myiolympis fraseri* Seen well at Buenaventura and at Jorupé.
Russel-crowned Warbler *Myiolympis coronata* Nice views at Tapichalaca Reserve.
Three-banded Warbler *Basilureutus trifasciatus* Seen at Buenaventura, near Sozoranga and Utuana.
Three-striped Warbler *Basilureutus tristriatus* Seen at Tapichalaca and along the old Loja – Zamora Road.
Canada Warbler *Carnella canadensis* Seen at Maycu Reserve and along the old Loja - Zamora Road.
Slate-throated Whitestart *Myioborus miniatus* Common and widespread. First seen at Buenaventura.
Spectacled Whitestart *Myioborus melanochephalus* Seen very well at high altitude forests.
Tooth-billed (or Northern Hepsatic) Tangara *Piranga lutea* Seen well near Sozoranga and Utuana Reserve.
Summer Tangara *Piranga rubra* Seen at Quizas Hoy and at Buenaventura Reserve.
Scarlet Tangara *Piranga olivacea* A male seen in the forest patch near to Shaime, south of Yankuam.
White-winged Tangara *Piranga leucoptera* Two along old Loja - Zamora road.
Red-hooded Tangara ‡ *Piranga rubriceps* (H) Heard quite distant at Tapichalaca.
Ochre-breasted Tangara ‡ *Chlororhapyris stolzmanni* At least three birds in mixed flock at Buenaventura (write-in)
Golden Grosbeak *Phuecticus chrysogaster* Many seen well, the first at Jorupe Reserve.
Blue-black Grosbeak *Cyanocompsa cyanoides* Great views at Quizas Hoy.
Rothschild’s Grosbeak ‡ *Cyanocompsa rothschildii* (H) One seen at the Yankuam area.
Mapgie Tangara *Cissops leverianus* Some seen well at the Yankuam area.
White-capped Tangara ‡ *Sericosypha albocristata* Breath-taking views of a pair at Tapichalaca.
Black-capped Hemispingus *Hemispingus atropileus* At least four birds seen well at Tapichalaca Reserve.
Superciliaried Hemispingus *Hemispingus superciliceps* Two seen well at Laguna Llaviuca, Cajas NP.
Piura Hemispingus ‡ *Hemispingus piureae* One seen well near the Utuana Reserve.
Grey-hooded Bush Tangara *Cnemoscopus rubrirostris* (NL) One seen spotted at Tapichalaca.
Rufous-chested Tangara *Thylypsin ornatia* Great views near Utuana and also at Laguna Llaviuca, Cajas NP.
Flame-crested Tangara *Tachyphonus cristatus* A great pair at Maycu Reserve.
White-shouldered Tangara *Tachyphonus lactuosus* Seen at Quizas Hoy.
White-lined Tangara *Tachyphonus rufus* Just a couple of pairs noted, the first at Maycu Reserve.
Fulvous Shrike-Tangara *Lanio fulvus* A pair seen well at the Yankuam area.
Masked Crimson Tangara ‡ *Ramphocelus nigrogularis* Seen near the Maycu Reserve, Yankuam.
Silver-beaked Tangara *Ramphocelus carbo* First seen below Tapichalaca. Several thereafter.
Lemon-rumped Tangara *Ramphocelus icteronotus* Quite common in the Buenaventura area.
Blue-grey Tangara *Thraupis episcopus* Common and widespread.
Palm Tangara *Thraupis palmarum* Same as the one above.
Blue-capped Tangara *Thraupis cyanopechala* A few seen very well at Utuana Reserve.
Orange-throated Tangara ‡ *Wetmorethraupis sternhoeter* Great views of a couple of groups at Yankuam.
Hooded Mountain Tangara *Buthraupis montana cucullata* Best views at Acanama Reserve.
Black-chested Mountain Tangara *Buthraupis eximia* A glimpse (for some) of one at Cerro Toledo.
Lacrime Mountain Tangara *Anisognathus lacrymosus* Best views near Loja and at Acanama.
Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tangara *Anisognathus igniventris* Best views at Acanama Reserve.
Buff-breasted Mountain Tangara *Dubuisia tenua* (H) Heard at Acanama Reserve.
Golden-crowned Tangara ‡ *Iridornis rufivertex* Brilliant views of these stunners near Loja.
Fawn-breasted Tangara *Pipraeidea melanona* Seen well near the Utuana Reserve.
Orange-eared Tangara *Chlorochrysa calliparraea* A few seen well along the old Loja - Zamora Road.
Turquoise Tangara *Tangara mexicana* One seen at Maycu Reserve.
Paradise Tangara *Tangara chilensis* Plenty in the southeast, first below Tapichalaca.
Green-and-gold Tangara *Tangara schrankii* First seen at the Maycu Reserve, also on the Copalinga feeders.
Golden Tangara *Tangara arthus* Two forms: *goodsoni* at Buenaventura; *aequatorialis* at Copalinga.
Silver-throated Tangara *Tangara icteroxcephala* A few seen well at Buenaventura Reserve.
Saffron-crowned Tangara *Tangara xanthocephala* Two seen well below Palladolid (near Tapichalaca).
Golden-eared Tangara *Tangara chrysotis* Seen well at Copalinga Lodge and at Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP.
Flame-faced Tangara *Tangara parzudakii* Two seen well below Palladolid.
Yellow-bellied Tangara *Tangara xanthoagastra* Seen well at Maycu Reserve and also near Zamora.
Spotted Tangara *Tangara punctata* A couple seen well along the old Loja - Zamora Road.
Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola* Plenty, the first at Quizas Hoy.
Blue-necked Tanager *Tangara cyanicollis* Fairly common in lower areas. First seen at Buenaventura.
Masked Tanager *Tangara nigrocincta* Seen well at Maycu Reserve.
Beryl-spangled Tanager *Tangara nigroviridis* A couple seen well at Buenaventura Reserve.
Blue-and-black Tanager *Tangara vassorii* At higher altitudes. First ones at Utuana Reserve.
Silver-backed Tanager ♦ *Tangara viridicolis* Seen twice, first above Sozoranga and the other near Utuana.
Swallow Tanager *Tersina viridis* A few seen, the first at Buenaventura.
Black-faced Dacnis *Dacnis lineata* Several seen well, the first near Valladolid.
Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana* One at Maycu Reserve.
Purple Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes caeruleus* Several, first at Buenaventura.
Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophaanes spiza* Same as the one above.
Guira Tanager *Hemithraupis guira* A few seen, the first at Quizas Hoy.
Yellow-backed Tanager *Hemithraupis flavicollis* Seen at Maycu Reserve.
Tit-like Dacnis ♦ *Xenodacnis parina* Quite common around Laguna Illinoca at Cajas NP.
Chestnut-vented Conebill *Conirostrum speciosum* A pair along old Loja – Zamora Road (write-in).
Cinereous Conebill *Conirostrum cinereum* Seen at Laguna Llaviuca, Cajas NP.
Blue-backed Conebill *Conirostrum sitticolor* Seen near Loja and at Acanama Reserve.
Giant Conebill *Oreomanes fraseri* A couple seen very well in the high Polyplepis forest at Cajas NP.
Glossy Flowerpiercer *Diglossa lafresnayii* At Cerro Toledo, near Loja and at Acanama.
Black Flowerpiercer *Diglossa humeralis* At Acanama Reserve and at Laguna Llaviuca, Cajas NP.
Masked Flowerpiercer *Diglossa cyanea* A few seen, first one at Utuana Reserve.
Red Pileated Finch *Coryphospingus cucullatus* Seen well on the way and around the garden of Copalinga Lodge.
Crimson-breasted Finch ♦ *Rhodospingus cruentus* First one near Quizas Hoy. Also seen near to Puerto Lopez.
Ash-breasted Sierra Finch *Phrygilus plebejus* One seen near Sozoranga.

**Collared Warbling Finch ♦ *Poospiza hispaniolensis*** Great views of some in dry scrub near Salinas (tour extension).
Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola* Common in the lowlands. First seen on the first day out of Guayaquil.

Sulphur-throated Finch *Sicalis taczanowskii* Great views of few groups in dry scrub near Salinas (tour extension).

Slate-colored Grosbeak *Saltator grossus* Two seen well at the Maycu Reserve, Yankuam.

Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus* Fairly common and widespread. First seen at Quizas Hoy.

Greyish Saltator *Saltator coerulescens* (H) Heard at the Yankuam Lodge.

Black-crowned Saltator ♦ *Saltator nigriceps* Good views of two on our way to Utuana.

Streaked Saltator *Saltator striaticeps* Quite common in the lowlands of west. See note.

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina* Reasonably common, first in open grass at Buenaventura.

Variable Seedeker *Sporophila corvina* Seen in the wetlands south of Guayaquil and a few on the extension.

Yellow-bellied Seedeker *Sporophila nigricollis* Just a few seen, the first at the Buenaventura Reserve.

Parrot-billed Seedeker *Sporophila peruviana* Common near to Atahualpa/Salinas on the Santa Elena Peninsula.

Chestnut-bellied Seedeker *Sporophila castaneiventris* Quite a few around Maycu, Yankuam.

Chestnut-throated Seedeker *Sporophila telasco* A small flock seen at Manglares Churute wetlands.

Thick-billed Seed Finch *Oryzoborus funereus* A nice male below the Umbrellabird Lodge, Buenaventura.

Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch *Oryzoborus angolensis* A few at the Yankuam area.

Large-billed Seed Finch ♦ *Oryzoborus crassirostris* Great views of a pair near to Quizas Hoy.

Black-billed Seed Finch ♦ *Oryzoborus atrirostris* Two seen very well near to Paquisha on way to Yankuam.

Plain-colored Seedeker *Catamenia inornata* A quite large group at Laguna Llaviuca, Cajas NP.

Banananqui *Coereba flaveola* Common and widespread at lower altitudes [intermedia].

Dull-colored Grassquit *Tiaris obscurus* Seen in scrub above Vilcabamba and at Puerto Lopez.

Yellow-shouldered Grosbeak ♦ *Parkerthraustes humeralis* Good views of a pair at the Maycu Reserve, Yankuam.

**MAMMALS**

Mantled Howler Monkey (M Howler) *Alouatta palliata* A few heard, and one seen at the Buenaventura Reserve.

Tapeti (B Rabbit, Forest R) *Sylvilagus brasiliensis* (NL) A couple seen in Cajas NP (at the hotel).

Central American Agouti *Dasyprocta punctata* Spotted at Buenaventura Reserve.

Neotropical Red Squirrel (Red-tailed S) *Sciurus granatensis* One for some at Buenaventura Reserve.

Guayaquil Squirrel *Sciurus stramineus* Great views at the feeders at Jorupe Reserve.

Long-tailed Weasel (Andean W) *Mustela frenata* Best views at the feeders at Yunguilla Reserve.

White-nosed Coati *Nasua narica* Seen well at Buenaventura and at Copalinga Lodge.

White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus* A few at Cajas NP.

**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 v8.1. Available at http://www.worldbirdnames.org

White-booted Racket-tail *Ocreatus underwoodii*

Just one seen, a male, along the old Loja – Zamora Road. Note that the IOC now split the former Booted Racket-tail into three species (White-booted, Peruvian and Rufous-booted). The form of White-booted Racket-tail that we saw is *melantherus*.

Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus*

We saw two forms of this wide-ranging and highly variable species. The two differ strikingly vocally and are likely to be regarded as separate species (along with some of the other forms) in the future. The ‘Pacific’ form, *aequatorialis*, was first seen at Quizas Hoy. The ‘Amazonian’ form, *amazonus*, was first seen around Copalinga Lodge

Blackish Tapaculo *Scytalopus latrans*

We recorded two forms. A few of the nominate form were heard in the Sozoranga and Utuana areas whilst the form *subcinereus* was briefly seen and heard at Yunguilla.
**Ornate Flycatcher** *Myiotorres ornatus*  S
We noted two forms of this attractive flycatcher. The form *stellatus* was seen at the Buenaventura Reserve, whilst the form *phoenicurus* was common at the Maycu Reserve, Yankuam.

**Yellow-throated Bush Tanager** *Chlorospingus flavigularis*
The subspecies *marginatus* was first seen at the Buenaventura Reserve, whilst the nominate form was seen well at the Maycu Reserve, Yankuam and along Loja – Zamora Road.

**Streaked Saltator** *Saltator striatpectus*
We saw only the form *flavidicollis* found in the west, which is completely unstreaked.