



*Rufous-crowned Pittasoma (Dani Lopez- Velasco. All photos in this report taken by DLV and Jan Hillman)*

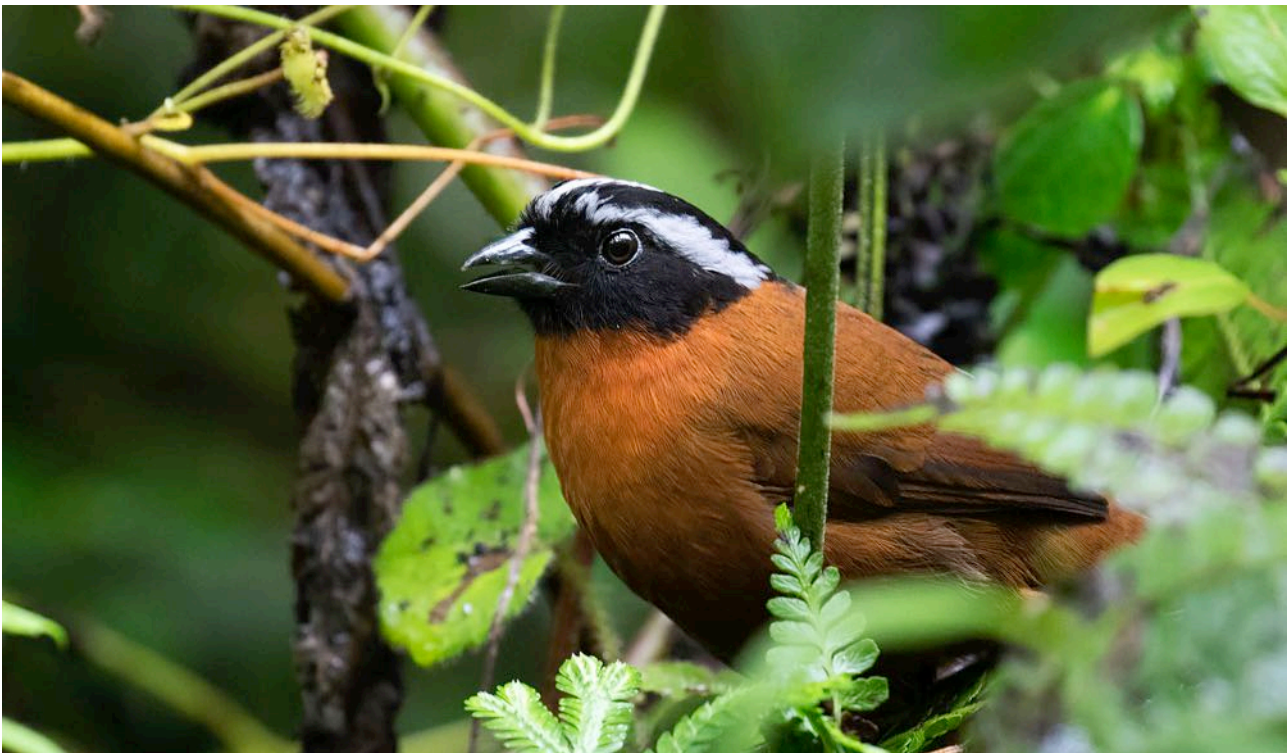
# ULTIMATE ECUADOR

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Our Ultimate Ecuador tour concentrates on the northern part of the country and together with the Amazonia extension it offers a big bird list – usually over 800 species! This year, for the second time, we paid a visit to Playa de Oro in the Choco lowlands helping us to see even more localised and hard-to-find birds than ever. On this tour we recorded no less than 890 species of which 829 were seen! We certainly had an amazing list of special birds with more than 200 Birdquest ‘diamond’ birds. The very best highlights this year included birds like Salvin’s Curassow, Wattled and Baudo Guans, Zigzag Heron, Crested Eagle, Black-faced Hawk, Ecuadorian Rail, San Isidro, Crested, Cloud Forest Pygmy and Andean Pygmy Owls, Oilbird, Rufous Potoo, Swallow-tailed and Lyre-tailed Nightjars, Choco Poorwill, White-tipped Sicklebill, Tooth-billed Hummingbird, Fiery Topaz, Blue-headed Sapphire, Hoary Puffleg, Ecuadorian Piedtail, Choco Trogon, Purplish Jacamar, Western Striolated and Black-breasted Puffbirds, Five-coloured and Toucan Barbets, Plate-billed and Black-

billed Mountain Toucans, Choco, Lita and Crimson-bellied Woodpeckers, Rose-faced Parrot, Military Macaw, Sapayoa, Short-tailed Antthrush, Brown-billed Scythebill, Cocha and Pearly Antshrikes, Yasuni and Yellow-breasted Antwrens, Yellow-browed, Esmeraldas, Stub-tailed, Lunulated, Spotted and Ocellated Antbirds, a record 15 antpittas, of which 13 (!) were seen, including Undulated, Plain-backed, White-bellied, Moustached and Slate-crowned Antpittas, Ash-throated and Chestnut-crowned Gnateaters, Rufous-crowned Pittasoma, Rusty-belted Tapaculo, Ecuadorian Tyrannulet, Orange-eyed Flatbill, Citron-bellied Attila, Orange-breasted, Scaled, Black-chested and Fiery-throated Fruiteaters, Black-tipped, Spangled and Plum-throated Cotingas, Grey-tailed Piha, Blue-rumped, Green, Wire-tailed and Orange-crested Manakins, White-browed Purpletuft, Rufous-naped and Olivaceous Greenlets, Grey-mantled, Song and Musician Wrens, Slate-throated Gnatcatcher, Spotted Nightingale Thrush, Lawrence's and Hauxwell's Thrushes, Casqued Oropendola, White-capped, Fulvous-crested, Moss-backed, Golden-chested, Black-chested Mountain, Golden-crowned, Purplish-mantled, Yellow-throated, Glistening-green, Blue-whiskered, Blue-browed, Lemon-spectacled and Scarlet-and-white Tanagers, Scarlet-breasted Dacnis, Tanager Finch, Indigo Flowerpiercer and Ecuadorian (Blue) Seed eater.



*The rare Tanager Finch showed very well in Tandayapa.*

Undoubtedly Ecuador is one of the top birding destinations in South America. Nowadays Colombia is safe to travel in and a lot of birders go there for all the endemics, however, for relative size, travelling distances and habitat access nothing matches Ecuador! Our itinerary is continuously changing and for the first time, we had a new extension visiting the remote Shiripuno Lodge and Sani Lodge. The nowadays world famous antpitta farm, which is now much more than just antpitta feeding, was started by the legendary Angel Paz and as usual our visit to his reserve was a tour highlight! Another new location was the Mashpi Chocolate Farm, on the west slope, where the enigmatic Rufous-crowned Antpitta or Pittasoma has been fed for almost 2 years now. We managed to see it extremely well, but it was not as 'easy' as most people would expect with a 'habituated' bird as it took some time before we found it. In the Andes and especially in western and eastern lowlands we found a great diversity of antpittas, anthruses, antshrikes, antwrens and antbirds and recorded a staggering total of 83 species of them. Hummingbirds were a main feature too and certainly Birdquest records the biggest numbers of these tiny jewels on this particular tour from all our destinations around the New World. Visiting various elevations and many different habitats and a multitude of hummingbird feeders resulted a total of 82 species of hummingbirds! This list included species like scarce Hoary Puffleg, the localised Blue-headed Sapphire, the diminutive Wire-crested Thorntail, the amazing Sword-billed Hummingbird, the difficult-to-find Tooth-billed Hummingbird, the shiny Velvet-purple Coronet,



the lovely Violet-tailed Sylph, the huge Giant Hummingbird, the heliconia specialist White-tipped Sicklebill and the stunning Fiery Topaz. Other 'family' totals to highlight this year's tour were 5 species of kingfishers; 13 species of trogons and quetzals, 20 species of woodpeckers including the very rare Choco; 14 species of toucans, a total of 94 flycatchers excluding becards nowadays. The most amazing group this year however was the tanagers and allies as we recorded over 100 species and seen such sought-after ones like Golden-chested, Blue-whiskered, Blue-browed Tanagers and Scarlet-breasted Dacnis. We also managed to see 22 species of nightbirds, which included Oilbird, 3 potoos, and ten owls.



*Napo Screech Owl, one of the many nightbirds seen.*

Our first base was the well-known Septimo Paraiso Lodge in the western Andes close to the famous town of Mindo. We visited the Mashpi area again where Cloud Forest Pygmy Owl, a brief Plumbeous Hawk, Scaled and Orange-breasted Fruiteaters, Moss-backed Tanager, Club-winged and Golden-winged Manakins, Glistening-green Tanager, Indigo Flowerpiercer, Slaty and Rufous-rumped Antwrens were the highlights. The morning experience at Angel Paz was amazing too. Seeing Moustached, Chestnut-crowned, Ochre-breasted and Yellow-breasted Antpittas at our feet, with supporting cast of Dark-backed Wood Quail, Powerful Woodpecker and lekking Andean Cock-of-the-rocks. The Bellavista area did not disappoint with good views of Tanager Finch and Plate-billed Mountain Toucan. Leaving Mindo behind we visited the Mashpi Chocolate Farm where Rufous-crowned Pittasoma was the top bird. Our next stop was the Playa de Oro area in deep Choco lowland where Baudo Guan, Black-and-white Hawk Eagle, Choco Poorwill, Five-

coloured Barbet, Sapayoa, Green Manakin, Black-tipped Cotinga, Ocellated Antbird, Slate-throated Gnatcatcher, Blue-whiskered and Rufous-winged Tanagers and Scarlet-breasted Dacnis were the major highlights. Around Lita and the foothills we added Hoary Puffleg, Tooth-billed Hummingbird, Choco Trogon, Choco, Lita and Crimson-bellied Woodpeckers, Golden-chested and Purplish-mantled Tanagers to our fine list while near Ibarra Ecuadorian Rail and Blue-headed Sapphire were real goodies! On the east slope the next lodge was the fantastic Wild Sumaco set amidst perfect lower elevation eastern foothill forest with many specialities. The best birds here included Military Macaw, Band-bellied Owl and Napo Screech Owls, Ecuadorian Piedtail, Napo Sabrewing, Plain-backed Antpitta, Grey-tailed Piha, Fiery-throated Fruiteater, Chestnut-crowned Gnateater, Blue-rumped Manakin and Blue-browed Tanager. Afterwards we visited the montane forests of San Isidro and nearby Guacamayos Ridge. This year's highlights were Andean Tapir, San Isidro Owl, Black-billed Mountain Toucan, Undulated, Slate-crowned and White-bellied Antpittas, Swallow-tailed Nightjar and cracking White-capped Tanagers. After the main tour we had an Amazonia extension and this included visits to Sani and remote Shiripuno lodges. This extension gave us great specialities like Nocturnal Currassow, Salvin's Curassow, Grey-winged Trumpeter, Zigzag Heron, Crested Eagle two times, Black-faced Hawk, Fiery Topaz, Cocha and Pearly Antshrikes, Spot-backed and Lunulated Antbirds, Ash-throated Gnateater and Orange-crested Manakin.



*This Undulated Antpitta, one of 13 species of antpitta seen on the tour, was a highlight in Guacamayos.*

We started the tour in Hosteria El Jardin in the suburbs of Quito, which is a delightful hacienda where our ground agent and excellent guide Juan Carlos is based with his friendly family. Although we did not have a chance for much birding in his garden as early next morning we left for Yanacocha Reserve on the slopes of Pichincha Volcano. This fantastic place is managed by the Jocotoco Foundation and allows easy access to superb high altitude forest. While walking the easy trail towards some great hummingbird feeders we saw a variety of high altitude birds like Andean Guan, Bar-bellied Woodpecker, Pearled Treerunner, White-browed Spinetail, Chestnut-naped (found by Olga, and seen by some of us), Rufous and Tawny Antpittas, White-throated Tyrannulets, Streak-throated Bush Tyrant, Crowned Chat-Tyrant, a lovely flock of Barred Fruiteaters, Red-crested Cotinga, Rufous Wren, Golden-crowned Tanager, Scarlet-bellied and Black-chested Mountain Tanagers, Spectacled Whitestart and Blue-backed Conebill. When we arrived at the main hummingbird feeders we had a wonderful time with the amazing Sword-billed Hummingbird, and various



other highland species like Shining Sunbeam, Mountain Velvetbreast, Sapphire-vented Puffleg, Buff-winged Starfrontlet, Tyrian Metaltail, Purple-backed Thornbill and Great Sapphirewing. It was a remarkable hummingbird experience! After the high altitude birding we made our way towards Mindo, making a couple of stops en route, which produced, amongst others, a cracking Plate-billed Mountain Toucan. We got just in time to see the last 'attack' of the hummingbirds on the feeders and picked up White-whiskered and Tawny-bellied Hermits, White-necked Jacobin, Brown, Lesser and Sparkling Violetears, Crowned Woodnymph, Andean Emerald, Rufous-tailed Hummingbird, Fawn-breasted and Green-crowned Brilliants, Booted Racket-Tail and Purple-throated Woodstar. Later we drove to the Septimo Paraiso Lodge near Mindo, our base for the next four nights.



*The magnificent Sword-billed Hummingbird.*

On our next day on the west slope we visited the Mashpi Road, which appeared on the birding scene just a few years ago with a whole range of special Chocó birds. We were amongst the first birding companies to visit this area in 2010 but nowadays it is a must if somebody wants to see the foothill Chocó birds. The road cuts through very good forest in the special 1400 to 800 meter mist belt elevation. We started our birding on the higher parts of the road and the special birds just kept appearing one after another, starting with a calling White-throated Quail-Dove, a flock of Dusky Bush Tanagers and Black-chinned Mountain Tanagers and Sepia-brown Wrens while having our field breakfast. The next bird we heard was the scarce and recently described Cloud Forest Pygmy Owl, and after a bit of searching we eventually found it, a cracking rufous morph bird, giving great scope views, which was followed by a Scaled Fruiteater! Nor far, we also enjoyed excellent views of a displaying Club-winged Manakin. The localised Indigo Flowerpiercer was also tracked down, while other species seen included Sickie-winged Guan, Barred Hawk, Golden-headed Quetzal, Toucan Barbet, Nariño Tapaculo, Golden-crowned Flycatcher, Orange-breasted Fruiteater and Andean Solitaire. In the Amagusa Reserve the feeding station produced great looks of Glistening-green Tanager and Moss-backed Tanagers, two of the real specialties of the area, as well as Pacific Tuftedcheek, Streak-capped Treehunter and a stunning male Golden-winged Manakin. A calling Esmeraldas Antbird was coaxed into view and magnificent Velvet-purple Coronets, Geoffroy's Wedgebills and Empress Brilliants showed well. Tanagers in the feeders included Flame-faced, Rufous-throated, Golden-naped and Beryl-spangled, as well as a surprise pair of Golden-collared Honeycreepers. Other birds in the area included superb eye-level

looks of Rufous-rumped and Slaty Antwrens and some brief Chocó Warblers. In the late afternoon the clouds built up to a long and steady rain. We gradually worked our way to lower elevation and we picked up some birds in the rain like a brief perched Plumbeous Hawk, Rufous Motmot, Barred Puffbird, Western Woodhaunter, Spotted Woodcreeper, Russet Antshrike, Choco Tyrannulet, Barred Becard, Slaty-capped Shrike Vireo, Choco Brushfinch, Slate-colored Grosbeak, Yellow-throated Bush Tanager, White-winged and Ochre-breasted Tanagers and some fine Grey-and-gold Tanagers. Some owling in the hotel grounds produced a calling but very uncooperative Colombian Screech Owl.



*Moss-backed Tanager from Mashpi road.*

Our second day on the west slope started very early next morning in the well-known Bellavista area in the Tandayapa Valley. Our first target was the highly localised and skulking Tanager Finch. We were in luck as within no time we had located a very obliging pair by the roadside, which gave unbeatable views. This bird is patchily distributed and very local hence the few places they occur in Ecuador is very well known and has a big 'eco tourist pressure' so nowadays it is not easy to see here at all. It is usually easier to see on our Colombia tour nowadays. Also in the same area we saw our only Black-capped Tyrannulet of the trip. Following this success we drove to the top of this range and walked down to the well-known Bellavista Lodge. The hummingbird feeders by the lodge had many Andean Emeralds, Speckled Hummingbirds, Fawn-breasted Brilliants, Brown and Collared Incas, White-bibbed Whitetip, Buff-tailed Coronets, Gorgeted Sunangel, Booted Racket-tail, Violet-tailed Sylph and Purple-throated Woodstar. Around the lodge itself we saw a wide range of other montane birds such as Masked Trogon, Red-faced Spinetail, Lineated Foliage-gleaner, Turquoise Jays, Montane Woodcreeper, White-tailed Tyrannulet, Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager and Russet-crowned Warbler. Along the trails we heard several Ocellated Tapaculos but none of them wanted to play at all so we decided to change location and walked along a more quiet forest track where we saw Streaked Tuftedcheek, while a calling Crested Quetzal refused to show. On the way down, we spent quite some time looking for the shy Beautiful Jay at various locations but there was no sign of them. The only bird of note being the uncommon Western Hemispingus. It soon started to rain so we decided to drop to lower elevation in the hope of better weather. First we visited some feeders near Mindo where we had a nice assortment of tanagers, as well as Ecuadorian Thrush. The afternoon was also productive. After a bumpy ride we arrived to Chontal and visited a roosting area of Oilbirds. We had about 10 Oilbirds in a narrow gorge and could watch them in daylight as long as we wanted – quite a magical experience! Some owling around the lodge in the evening, and again at dawn, left us empty-handed.





*The incomparable Andean Cock-of-the-Rock.*

Next morning we visited the famous Angel Paz private reserve. This is usually a tour highlight and this year we had an amazing experience! We arrived in time to meet Angel and his brother Rodrigo and quickly descended deep into a gully where we positioned ourselves in a little hide to watch several bright red males of the *sanguinolenta* race of Andean Cock-of-the-Rock at the height of their full display. What a bird and what a sight! Regardless how many times one has experienced it before you cannot get enough of these beauties in action. We also enjoyed walk-away views of a pair of Dark-backed Wood Quails coming to feed to Rodrigo's hand! Supporting cast included a roosting Rufous-bellied Nighthawk and our only Metallic-green Tanager of the trip. And then it was antpitta time. Our antpitta experience started by waiting for the rare Moustached Antpitta, and within a few minutes we had excellent views of one coming to worms. We spent considerable time waiting for the famous Giant Antpitta, but things are not what used to be in the past. It hadn't been seen for a couple of days, and in spite of a lot of effort, it didn't show. Not far on a forest trail we were soon watching a cracking Ochre-breasted Antpitta. Also in the area we enjoyed terrific views of a trio of Powerful Woodpeckers. Next on the agenda was Chestnut-crowned Antpitta, and, again, it showed to perfection. And to finish off our antpitta day, we also enjoyed great views of Yellow-breasted Antpitta. What a morning!! At the end of the forest birding session we were treated to coffee, tea, biscuits, local maze-balls filled with chicken and cheese empanadas. We still picked up lots of goodies from the balcony such as Golden, Beryl-spangled, Flame-faced and Golden-naped Tanagers and a selection of Chocó hummingbirds like Brown Inca and Velvet-purple Coronet. Following Angel special treat we were back to reality! Before



breakfast we had a short walk around our lodge. This proved to be extremely productive, and we had brilliant views of 2 rare birds. First, a cracking Wattled Guan, calling from a tree that I eventually found, and which posed nicely in the scope. And second, a very responsive Ecuadorian (Blue) Seedeater, at a reliable Juan Carlos's stake out. Great stuff! In the afternoon we did some birding around Mindo town, seeing various interesting species, including a nice day roosting Common Potoo chick. Later we carefully selected a roadside area in the forest which had a landslide and waited until dusk. We soon heard the unmistakable mysterious call of the Lyre-tailed Nightjar and we had great view of a fine male. What an unforgettable day it had been!



*Two gems from Angel Paz. Chestnut-crowned and Moustached Antpittas.*



It was time to leave Mindo area behind and next day we drove to the Mashpi Chocolate Farm to try our luck with the rare Rufous-crowned Pittasoma. We had a last pre-breakfast owling in the garden but Colombian Screech Owl remained heard only. This chocolate farm is a great example of sustainable agriculture and habitat management. The owner is a birder and they turned a cattle pasture into a cocoa plantation to increase diversity and make a living. The project working very well as many birds now coming back to the area. He also has a patch of primary forest where he started to feed the Rufous-crowned Antpitta or Gnateater or Pittasoma back in August 2015. It was slow work but now he has pretty good success rate so we were hoping to see this mega bird. Upon arrival we had Maroon-tailed Parakeets, Scarlet-backed Woodpecker and Little Cuckoo before we hit the forest trail. After a fair climb we arrived into the Pittasoma area and waited. After a few minutes, the bird finally started calling. We all waited in tension, but in the end the bird finally came in to the grasshoppers put out for him. We all had great views of this stunning bird, which used to be one of the toughest Choco birds to get. Back in the farm we happily munched away on some complimentary chocolates (amazingly good) before we embarked on the long drive to Selva Alegre. We had a quick lunch stop on the coast near Esmeraldas adding several new birds, such as Blue-footed Booby, Magnificent Frigatebird, Royal Tern and Croaking Ground Dove, as well as a variety of waders. We arrived to Selva Alegre just an hour before dark so we immediately got into the boat and started cruising towards Playa de Oro on the Santiago River. We had a few Little Blue Herons, a single Fasciated Tiger Heron, Cocoli Herons, Hook-billed Kites and Western Osprey. It was dark by the time we arrived to the basic but newly refurbished lodge. So we made it to the prime lowland Choco site in Ecuador.



*Rufous-crowned Pittasoma.*

Still in the dark next morning we were out in the forest to look for Choco Poorwill. We had no response though. This was followed by a quick breakfast and as it was getting light we were standing in front of the lodge to soak in the dawn chorus of the Choco. From the garden we enjoyed good looks at a trio of Guayaquil Woodpeckers as well as a pair of Rufous-winged Tanagers. We decided to spend most of the morning in a nice clearing not far from the lodge. This turned to be a good move, as we ended up with a very good list of specialties, including a superb pair of Scarlet-breasted Dacnis. Other new birds seen included Grey-headed Kite, Cinnamon and Black-cheeked Woodpeckers, White-tailed Trogon, Orange-fronted Barbet, Rose-faced Parrot, Black-striped Woodcreeper, White-ringed Flycatcher, Snowy-throated Kingbird,

Bright-rumped Attila, Masked Tityra, White-vented Euphonia and Scarlet-rumped Cacique. Back on the trail we found some quality birds too: we had brief views of a Lemon-spectacled Tanagers, as well as Green Manakin, Stub-tailed, Ocellated, Bicolored and Spotted Antbirds, Blue-whiskered Tanager, Northern Barred Woodcreeper, Tawny-faced Gnatwren and Slate-throated Gnatcatcher. What a day!



*Glistening-green Tanager.*

It rained a lot next day – not surprisingly as this is the second wettest place on earth after Cherrapunji in India-, but we definitely made the most of it, spending the whole day on a trail, where finally proper forest birding in the primary Choco forest started. The trees are very tall and birds are thin on the ground! However, we managed to find several high-quality species, including the rare Baudo Guan and a pair of very cooperative Five-colored Barbets. From a nice lookout area by lunch we found a few goodies like a perched Black-and-white Hawk Eagle and a couple of Black-tipped Cotingas, as well as some Dusky Pigeons. Other birds seen during the day included Band-tailed Barbthroat, White-whiskered Puffbird, Spot-crowned Antvireo, Dusky Antbird, heard-only Streak-chested Antpitta, Olive-striped Flycatcher, Blue-crowned Manakin, Sulphur-rumped Myiobius, Tawny-crowned Greenlet, a brief Dagua Thrush and Orange-crowned Euphonia. Some owling at dusk gave us good views of Choco Poorwill. A wet but memorable day indeed!

The following day we had another pre-breakfast walk in the forest, mostly targetting Sapayoa, the ultimate target of this location. And in that succeeded, as we had excellent views of a pair of Sapayoa in a mixed flock. We then returned happily to the lodge, in time to leave and take the canoe back to Selva Alegre. The boat journey was uneventful but we had Fasciated Tiger Heron and a Masked Water Tyrant. Our next stop was at the rather degraded Humedal de Yalaré forest – which was still in excellent shape 10 years ago – where we quickly found Pied and Black-breasted Puffbirds, Slaty-tailed Trogon and American Pygmy Kingfisher. This was followed by lunch at Tudaloma and our afternoon was spent near Lita along the muddy trail of the La Union road. This track is going through foothill forest and holds a few very rare and localised birds. Luckily the weather was good and we had a few hours of birding with a great selection of amazing Choco birds like Choco Toucan, a male Choco Woodpecker – seen by the second time ever on a Birdquest



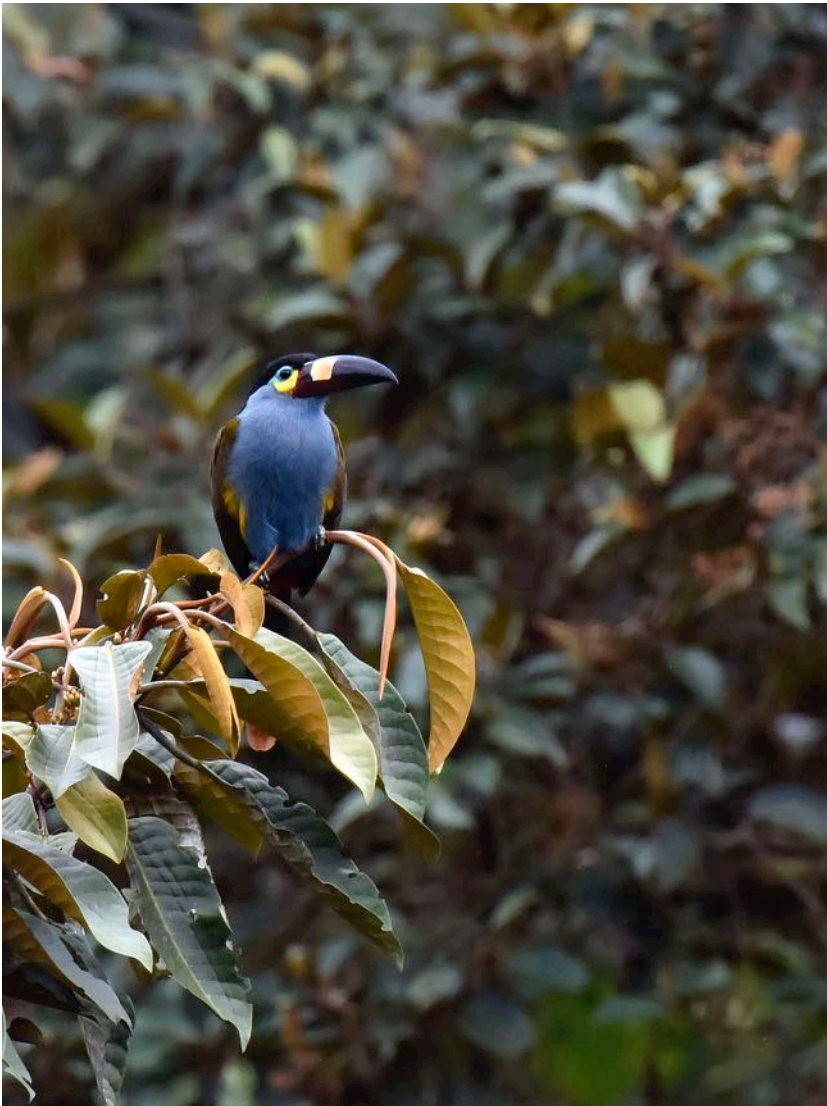
tour, followed by last year's sighting in the same area – Lita Woodpecker, Rose-faced Parrots, heard only Choco Tapaculo and excellent views of Scarlet-and-white and Golden-chested Tanagers.



*Four very good birds from La Union road. Scarlet-and-white Tanager, Golden-chested Tanager and Choco and Crimson-bellied Woodpeckers.*

The following morning we were back for a morning session along this amazing road again. However it was more typical weather with low clouds and mist plus a little bit of drizzle. Nevertheless we found a cracking

Crimson-bellied Woodpecker, a male Choco Trogon, Tooth-billed Hummingbird, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Black-capped Pygmy Tyrant, Northern Tufted Flycatcher, Slaty-capped Shrike Vireo, and Emerald, Scarlet-browed and Grey-and-gold Tanagers. The Black-headed Antthrush remained heard only. Sadly we had to leave this remarkable area and continue toward Quito. We had one more detour before lunch and we made a flying visit to the Chical road. Our prime target was the Purplish-mantled Tanager, which we found after a while, but also managed to see Hoary Puffleg and a perched Plate-billed Mountain Toucan. The supporting cast included Powerful Woodpecker, Velvet-purple Coronet, Toucan Barbet, Slaty-backed Chat Tyrant, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Saffron-crowned and Metallic-green Tanagers and Ruddy-breasted Seedeater. A pretty good selection for a short lunch stop! After some driving we had yet another quick stop along the road but this time in very dry interandean habitat. We quickly found our hoped-for target a Blue-headed Sapphire as well as Streaked Saltator and Golden Grosbeak. It was almost dark by the time we got to a wetland habitat near Ibarra, but we had enough daylight left to lure out of the reeds a nice Ecuadorian Rail! A couple of hours later we rolled into Juan Carlos's house near Quito but it was certainly a very successful travelling day!



*Plate-billed Mountain Toucan.*

It was time to visit the eastern slope of the Andes but this morning first we had to climb over the Papallacta Pass. We dressed as warmly as we could to face the cold of this high altitude Andean habitat, as we were to ascend up to 4300 meters above sea level. The weather was awful: rainy, windy and foggy, and only a few birds were seen, such as Great Sapphirewing, Tyrian and Viridian Metaltails and Black-crested Warbler. We would return...The hummingbird feeders at Guango Lodge was our next stop, where we could enjoy a



variety of these small birds while having a picnic lunch. The hummingbird selection included Buff-tailed and Chestnut-breasted Coronets, Collared Inca, Buff-winged Starfrontlet, Sword-billed Hummingbird and Tourmaline Sunangel. A mixed flock produced Mountain Wren, Black-capped and Black-eared Hemispingus, Lacrimose Mountain Tanager, Grass-green Tanager, as well as Northern Mountain Cacique. The weather was horrible in the Guacamayos area too, so we decided not to stop there. After a longish drive we reached the Loreto Road which used to be the main birding area at this foothill elevation (about 15 years ago). It stopped raining and we made several short stops towards Wild Sumaco which was our final destination for the day. We picked up some special birds with roadside birding like Torrent Duck, Western Striolated Puffbird, Cliff Flycatcher, Rufous-tailed Tyrant, Bronze-green Euphonia, Orange-eared Tanager, Golden-eyed Flowerpiercer, Red-headed Barbet, Chestnut-tipped Toucanet, Channel-billed and Yellow-throated Toucans, Chestnut-fronted Macaw, Violaceous Jay and Crimson-crested Woodpecker. It was dark by the time we arrived at the fantastic Wild Sumaco lodge.



*Golden-eyed Flowerpiercer.*

Our next two and a half days were spent on the property of Wild Sumaco Lodge, which gives access to excellent east slope foothill forest with an amazing network of trails. This fantastic area holds several range-restricted and threatened species, which were very difficult to see before the opening of this place. The various hummingbird feeders and the *Verbena* bushes in the lodge garden had a fine selection of special hummers like Napo Sabrewing, Violet-haded Hummingbird, Golden-tailed Sapphire, Many-spotted Hummingbird, Rufous-vented Whitetip, Wire-crested Thorntail, Violet-fronted and Black-throated Brilliants and Gould's Jewelfront for Jan. We also visited the antpitta feeding station where we got superb looks of Plain-backed and Ochre-breasted Antpitta as well as Spotted Nightingale Thrush and a surprise but very shy Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper. On the various forest trails it was hard work as usual but we managed to get a pretty good list of the specialties such as Band-bellied and Napo Screech Owls, Grey-chinned Hermit for some, Ecuadorian Piedtail, Coppery-chested Jacamar, Golden-collared Toucanet, Grey-mantled Wren, Lined Antshrike, Yellow-breasted, Rufous-winged and Rufous-rumped Antwrens, Blackish Antbird, White-backed Fire-eye, Short-tailed Antthrush, Chestnut-crowned Gnateater, Ecuadorian Tyrannulet, Black-billed Treehunter, Brown-billed Scythebill, Fiery-throated Fruiteater, the noisy Grey-tailed Piha very well spotted by Bob, the stunning Blue-rumped Manakin, the amazing Musician Wren, Yellow-cheeked Becard, the localised

Rufous-naped and Olivaceous Greenlets, Olive-chested Flycatcher, Buff-throated Tody Tyrant and Blue-browed and Golden-eared Tanagers. Non-forest goodies included Military Macaw and Blackish Rail. It was a magical stay at this fantastic location this year again! After a last morning session we had to say goodbye to this great birding area. A brief stop near the Hollin River added White-tailed Hillstar to our growing hummingbird list, as well as Yellow-throated Tanager and nearby we scored Black-chested Fruiteater. Before reaching Guacamayos Ridge we made a successful stop that gave us cracking views of a Black-billed Mountain Toucan. Once at the ridge it was dry, for a change, and we decided to go for a short walk. Highlights included a pair of Slate-crowned Antpittas and a calling Rufous-headed Pygmy Tyrant. At dusk, we saw Rufous-bellied Nighthawk and a couple of Swallow-tailed Nightjars, as well as an unexpected "San Isidro" Owl!. It was dark by the time we arrived to San Isidro where we quickly checked in and still before dinner we saw yet another San Isidro Owl, as it was catching moth around the lights and gave us stunning looks. This was yet another exciting and long day and finally it was crowned by a delicious San Isidro dinner!



*Golden-collared Toucanet from Wild Sumaco.*

We spent an hour before breakfast around the evening lights, which attracted large number of insects overnight hence a lot of birds in the morning in the prospect of an easy meal! We saw many birds here like Montane Woodcreeper, Golden-crowned and Pale-edged Flycatchers, Black-billed Peppershrike, Inca Jay, Subtropical Cacique, Olivaceous Siskin, Russet-crowned Warbler and Sulphur-bellied Tyrannulet. Our breakfast was interrupted when our driver found 2 cracking Andean Tapirs feeding in a small clearing, visible from the dinning room! We all had wonderful scope views of these rarely seen mammals, until they moved out of sight. Definitely a trip highlight! Various hummingbirds were also attending the feeders, including Collared and Bronzy Incas, Chestnut-breasted Coronets, Fawn-breasted Brilliants and Long-tailed Sylph. This was followed by a short visit to the antpitta feeding station. White-bellied Antpitta was very easy this year, as soon as our antpitta men started to call it appeared on stage and took a mouthful of worms into the undergrowth – most probably feeding some hungry juveniles. Most of the morning was spent back at the Guacamayos Ridge trail. Birding is usually slow along this trail but we had a most welcome surprise in form of a stunning Undulated Antpitta that spent a long time hopping ahead of us on the trail. Brilliant! Other good birds included a flock of noisy White-capped Tanagers, Spillman's Tapaculo, Handsome Flycatcher, Green-and-black Fruiteater, Hooded Mountain Tanager, Grass-green Tanager and Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher. And then the rain started....We spent the afternoon birding around the lodge, picking up Long-



tailed and Blackish Tapaculos, Chestnut-bellied Thrush, a flock of migrating Barn Swallows which included a presumed Purple Martin, picked out by Dave, Golden-rumped Euphonia, Fawn-breasted Tanager and an early Blackburnian Warbler. Some owling around the lodge gave us great views of Rufous-banded Owl, as well as a pair of "San Isidro" Owls, although we couldn't find any Andean Potoos.



*Band-bellied Owl.*

Following a quick breakfast we left this fine lodge behind and drove to the lower parts of the Guacamayos. Some good birds seen included Crested Quetzal, Crimson-mantled Woodpecker, Lemon-browed Flycatchers, a sneaky Plain-tailed Wren, a lone White-capped Tanager and a small flock of Yellow-whiskered Bush Tanagers. We continued towards Quito, and made a stop at a roadside swamp in order to look for the rare Noble Snipe, but apart from getting soaked wet, there was no sign of the bird, with only Paramo Pipit seen. Later we visited the Thermales area close to Papallacta. The ultimate prize Masked Mountain Tanager did not show up despite our efforts but we had Shining Sunbeam, Pale-naped Brushfinch, Black-chested Mountain Tanager and Black-backed Bush Tanager. While heading back we heard a distant Andean Pygmy Owl, and some hard work eventually paid off, resulting in excellent views of this uncommon owl! We tried the towers for the Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe, but the weather was truly awful and visibility close to zero. However, a bit lower down we found some good birds, including Rainbow-bearded and Blue-mantled Thornbills, Tawny Antpitta and White-chinned Thistletail. It was getting late so we left the high altitude habitat and drove towards Quito. Our last stop of the day was in a deep river valley in dry interandean habitat where a Band-winged Nightjar was our final bird of the day.

Our last day of the main tour was spent in the higher parts of Antisana National Park. Our first stop was close to a newly opened restaurant from where we saw a couple of adult Andean Condors on their roosting cliffs. We also had Carunculated Caracaras, Black Flowerpiercer and some high altitude hummers like Giant Hummingbird, Sparkling Violet-ear, Black-tailed Trainbearer and Shining Sunbeam. A small reservoir yielded a single Silvery Grebe and a few Andean Teals and Yellow-billed Pintals, as well as some Andean Gulls, while a pair of Black-billed Shrike-Tyrants were found nearby. Around the entrance gate of the national park we had Black-winged Ground Doves and many Plain-coloured Seed eaters and Hooded Siskins. Further along the road we had more Andean Condors, a few Variable Hawks as well as several near-endemic Ecuadorian Hillstars –both males and females-, Grass Wrens and Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant by a rushing



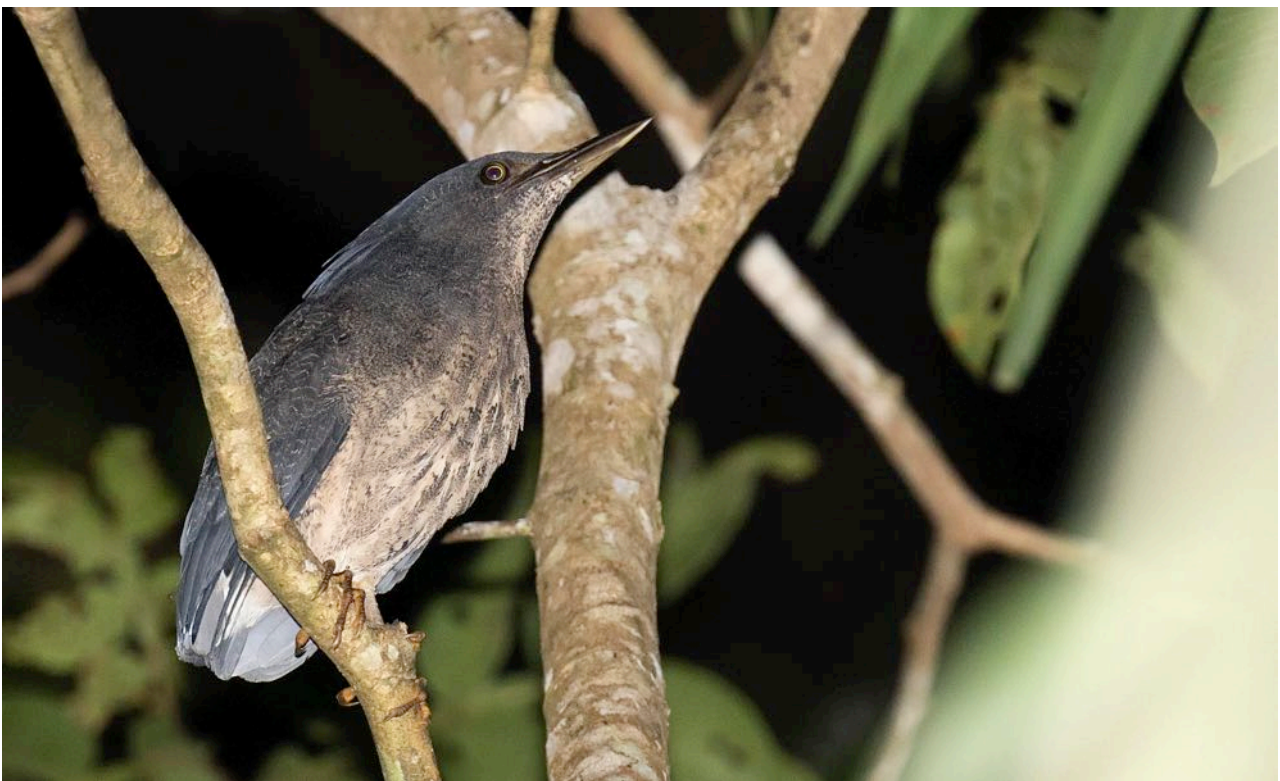
stream. While driving towards the higher elevation we also saw both Streak-backed and Many-striped Canasteros, Andean Lapwings, a couple of Paramo Ground-Tyrants and many Plumbeous Sierra-Finches. The weather was excellent and we glimpsed a few times the snowy peaks of Antisana too. Finally we spotted a pair of Andean Ibis. Back in the restaurant area we had our now traditional four-course meal, interrupted by a Black-chested Buzzard Eagle found by Dave. The late afternoon was spent around Juan Carlos's house, where we finally found a Western Emerald.



*White-bellied Antpitta and Carunculated Caracara.*



Next morning we drove to the airport and visited the nearby ponds which is a favourite wetland for the local birders and added a lot of migrant birds, mainly shorebirds to our triplist. It was a very birdy place and we had Blue-winged Teals, Pied-billed Grebes, Andean Coots and many waders, such as Semipalmated Plover, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Spotted, Stilt, Least, Bairds, White-rumped and Pectoral Sandpipers, a Wilson's Phalarope and a local rarity in the form of a Gull-billed Tern! After this little listpadding the tour officially ended. Those who continued to the Amazonia morning flight took us to Coca from where we embarked upon the two-and a half hour boat journey to one of the finest Amazonian Lodges in Ecuador, Sani Lodge. The water level was low on the Napo and it took some navigation to get to the jetty. It was midday so most of our boat journey was rather birdless with only a few Greater Yellow-headed Vultures seen. Upon arrival at the jetty we were greeted by our local guide, Churi Carlos, whose knowledge of the area is unbeatable. We started our birding straight away, and this resulted in terrific views – even in the scope!!- of a White-lored Antpitta! What a start... Several other common amazonian birds were seen too. It was then time to sit on our smaller canoes and we slowly started to drift down in a channel through superb varzea forest towards the lagoon where our lodge is located. The canoe ride produced many prehistoric looking Hoatzins, Greater Ani, Blue-crowned Trogon, Green-and-rufous Kingfisher, and the unobtrusive and rare Yellow-crowned Elaenia. Arriving to the lagoon in the late afternoon light was an unforgettable experience, and we were greeted by welcome drinks.



*The enigmatic Zigzag Heron.*

During the next three days we explored the many habitats found around the lodge, which gave us an amazing list of birds. We spent quite some time in the canopy tower, and when we climbed the many steps of the tower located around a massive ceiba tree, we found ourselves in a different world. Canopy towers are excellent places to study the birdlife of the upper strata of the Amazonian Rainforest and usually every single occasion it is different with a new set of birds. The number of highlights is endless, but several stand out. Number one is probably the perched Crested Eagle we saw on our two visits to the tower. You have to be very lucky in order to see this massive and very rare raptor, so we were really pleased with our sighting. We also had Blue-throated Piping Guan, King Vulture, Black-and-white Hawk Eagle, Slate-colored and White Hawks, Ivory-billed, Lettered, Chestnut-eared and Many-banded Aracaris, both Channel-billed and White-throated Toucans, Red-stained and Scaly-breasted Woodpeckers, Black and Red-throated Caracaras, Orange-winged Amazon, Blue-and-yellow and Scarlet Macaws, Black-tailed, Green-backed and Amazonian

Trogons, Black-fronted, White-fronted and Yellow-billed Nunbirds, Gilded and Lemon-throated Barbets, Long-billed Woodcreeper, Slender-footed Tyrannulet, Grey-crowned Flatbill, Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher, Bare-necked Fruit Crows, White-browed Purpletuft, Spangled and Plum-throated Cotingas, male Amazon Umbrellabird, Greyish Mourner, Cinnamon and Citron-bellied Attilas, White-lored Euphonia and Paradise, Opal-rumped and Opal-crowned Tanagers.



*White-browed Purpletuft from the Sani Canopy tower.*

One late afternoon we boarded our canoe again to try for Cocha Antshrike and Zigzag Heron. Once we reached a known antshrike territory, we soon heard it calling. It took a while, but eventually we had great views of a male, the ultimate western amazonian antshrike! Once dusk fell, a Zigzag Heron started calling. We stopped the canoe and with a careful coaxing we tried to get him into view. After several nervous minutes 2 birds crossed the stream and landed on a tree. With the help of the torch beam and we enjoyed point blank views of this most wanted heron. Mission accomplished! Other birds seen during the canoe ride included Least Bittern and Sungrebe.

On another morning we boarded our motorized canoe and visited a clay lick on the Napo river, where various parrots were in attendance: Yellow crowned and Southern Mealy Amazons, Cobalt-winged and Dusky-headed Parakeets. Later we visited a couple of river islands. First, a "young " one, where early successional vegetation can be found and has an avifauna of their own. Some hard work produced most of our targets and several Ladder-tailed Nightjars, – the dull Olive-spotted Hummingbird, White-bellied and Parker's Spinetails and a very sneaky Black-and-white Antbird-. Although we heard Grey-breasted Crakes very close, they remained out of view. We then sailed downstream, finding Brown Jacamar, Large-billed and Yellow-billed Terns. Despite the very low water level we managed to land on an island with more advanced vegetation - trees as well as bushes and tall grass were also present. There were not many birds around to start with except a few Pale-vented Pigeons and Oriole Blackbirds but when we moved deeper into the vegetation we located our main target, a pair of Castelnau's Antshrikes. We also saw a pair of Bicolored Conebills, at the only known spot for the species in the country.





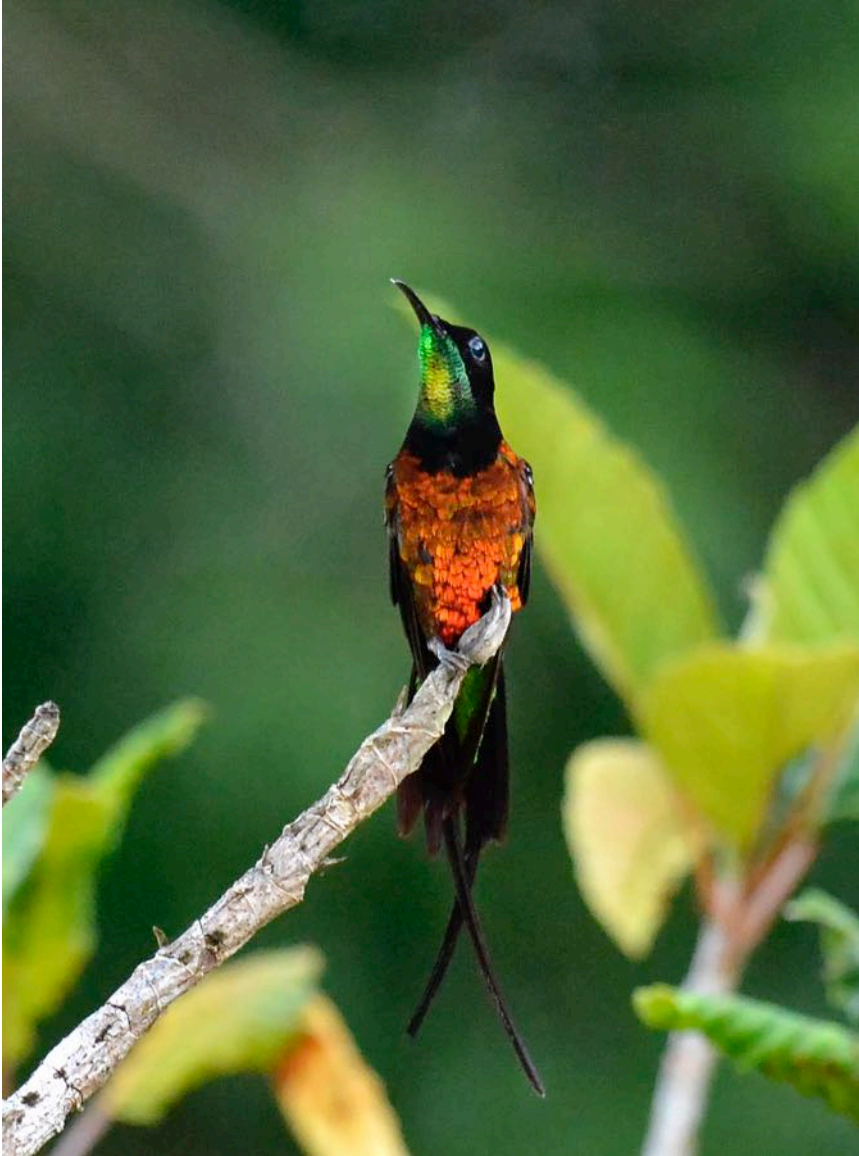
*Masked Crimson Tanager.*

The birding around the lodge was superb too, and we made the most of it, with Tropical Screech and Spectacled Owls, Rufescent Tiger Heron, White-bearded Hermit, Long-billed Starthroat, White-eared and White-chinned Jacamars, Silvered and Plumbeous Antbirds, Rufous-capped Anthrush, Crowned Slaty Flycatcher, Scarlet-crowned Barbet found by Rich, Wire-tailed and Orange-crested Manakins, Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin, Black-capped Donacobius, Lawrences and Hauxwells Thrushes and Masked Crimson Tanager, amongst others.



*Bare-necked Fruitcrow.*

And then it was sadly time to leave for our next destination. On the way back to Coca we stopped to explore a trail on the other side of the Napo, which turned out to be a good move. The rare Orange-eye Flatbill was seen very well, and other new species seen at this spot included Rusty-belted Tapaculo and Zimmers Flatbill. We got to Coca by mid morning, and soon transferred to our vehicles, for a 2 hour drive south, before eventually reaching Shiripuno river. And from a small jetty by the river, we boarded a big canoe for a long - due to very low water levels-, 4 hour ride to Shiripuno lodge. Shiripuno, not as well known as other amazonian Ecuador lodges, is located in pristine terra firme forest within the Huaorani Anthropological Reserve. It is in a pretty remote area, where hunting and logging have been kept to a minimum, so game birds like curassows are still present. His owner and founder, Fernando Jarol Vaca, with vast experience in the amazon, would guide us for the next few days, together with Pablo. After some difficult navigation, even getting stuck a couple of times, we eventually made it to the lodge, in the dark, where we were greeted by the sounds of Common and Great Pottoos and a distant Nocturnal Curassow.



*The amazing Fiery Topaz.*

At night, the heavens opened, and we experienced very heavy rain during the whole night and most of next day, which made birding somewhat challenging. The water levels of the river also raised by at least 2 metres! Still, we tried a couple of nearly flooded trails near the lodge, and ended up seeing several new birds. The best one being a cracking Salvin's Curassow that showed very well, while other birds of note included White-throated Tinamou, some Spix's Guans - even in the garden-, a perched Bicolored Hawk, a brief encounter with a group of Grey-winged Trumpeters and Yellow-browed Antbird.





*Crested Owl.*

The weather finally improved, and during the next 2 days we explored various long trails. The birding was rather slow, with no hoped-for antswarms found and just a few small mixed flocks encountered, but nevertheless, after some hard work we found quite a few very good birds. A roosting Rufous Potoo stole the show, and this rare bird showed ridiculously well. A stunning male Fiery Topaz was seen in detail in the late afternoon as it caught insects above the river, while a perched Black-faced Hawk posed nicely inside the forest. A canopy Purplish Jacamar was a good find too, while a calling Brown Nunlet responded well and was studied at length. A frustratingly heard-only Ochre-striped Antpitta, in spite of a lot of hard work, kept us occupied for a while, but nearby a male Black Bushbird was a good bonus. Various good antbirds were seen, including Yasuni, Dugands and Ornate Antwrens, Lunulated Antbird and Pearly Antshrike. Banded Antbird remained heard only in spite of finding an unusually very uncooperative calling bird, and Wing-banded Antbird wasn't heard at any of the 2 known territories. A cracking Ash-throated Gnateater performed, as did Rufous-tailed Flatbill, Ringed Antpipit and White-eyed Tody-tyrant.

Nightbirding was productive too, and we had great looks at Crested –much to Liz's delight!- and Black-banded Owls, a flighty Tawny bellied Screech Owl, and a singing Common Potoo. We spent considerable time over the course of 3 nights trying to track down a singing Nocturnal Curassow. In the end, we got very close to one, but unfortunately it stopped singing, as we were not far from its tree, and failed to find it up in the canopy.

On our last day, after some early morning birding, we packed our bags and headed back. During the ride we saw some new birds, including Crane Hawk and Red-and-green Macaw, before finally reaching the jetty. This was the time to bid farewell to our fantastic and helpful guides Fernando and Pablo! And from Coca we flew back to Quito where this amazing tour ended! This was the end of a superb three weeks odyssey to Ecuador and indeed it was a record breaking tour where we recorded 890 species in just 23 birding days and we had many rare and very special birds in this long list! Ecuador is certainly the jewel of the Bird Continent and an unbelievably bird-rich country! And of course, big thanks to our local guide Juan Carlos for such a great time together, and to Janos Olah for his advice.



*Rufous Potoo.*





*Cinnamon Attila and Variable Hawk.*

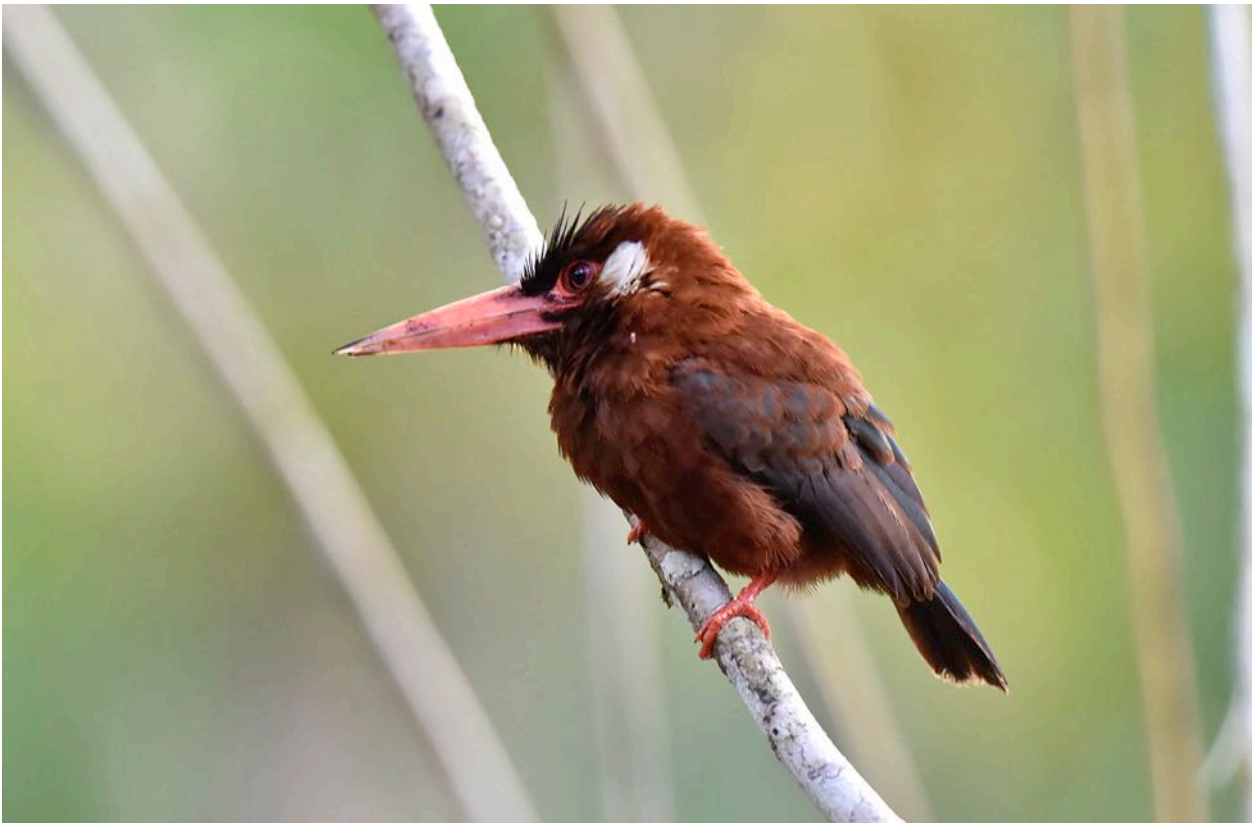




*Black-chested Mountain Tanager and Black-billed Mountain Toucan.*







*White-eared Jacamar and Collared Inca.*





*Velvet-purple Coronet and Golden-crowned Tanager.*







*Andean Fox*



## SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR

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

**Great Tinamou** *Tinamus major* (H) Heard a few times.

**White-throated Tinamou** ◊ *Tinamus guttatus* Seen at Shiripuno.

**Tawny-breasted Tinamou** ◊ *Nothocercus julius* (H) Heard only.

**Cinereous Tinamou** *Crypturellus cinereus* ◊ (H) Occasionally heard on the extension in Amazonia.

**Little Tinamou** *Crypturellus soui* (H) Regularly heard on the tour but we had no sighting this year.

**Undulated Tinamou** *Crypturellus undulates* Regularly heard in Amazonia and some of us saw one that flushed.

**Variegated Tinamou** *Crypturellus variegatus* ◊ (H) Regularly heard on the extension in Amazonia.

**Torrent Duck** *Merganetta armata* Great views near Cosanga.

**Blue-winged Teal** *Anas discors* A few were seen on the airport ponds.



*The rare Baudo Guan, from Playa de Oro, and Powerful Woodpecker.*

**Andean Teal** *Anas andium* A few were seen at Papallacta and at Antisana NP.

**Yellow-billed Pintail** *Anas georgica* Good numbers were seen at Antisana NP and near airport. See note.

**Andean Duck** *Oxyura ferruginea* 10 seen.

**Speckled Chachalaca** *Ortalis guttata* Several sightings both on the main tour and the extension in Amazonia.

**Baudo Guan** ◊ *Penelope ortoni* Great views in Playa de Oro.

**Andean Guan** *Penelope montagnii* Superb looks at Yanacocha on our first day.

**Spix's Guan** *Penelope jacquacu* We had repeated great looks on the Amazonia extension this year.

**Blue-throated Piping Guan** *Pipile cumanensis* Several sightings on the extension south of the Napo River.





*Torrent Duck*

**Wattled Guan** *Aburria aburri* ◇ Regularly heard but this time we also had excellent looks at one near Mindo.

**Sickle-winged Guan** *Chamaepetes goudotii* ◇ Several sightings.

**Nocturnal Curassow** *Nothocrax urumutum* ◇ (H) In spite of some hard work over 3 nights, only heard at Shiripuno.

**Salvin's Curassow** *Mitu salvini* ◇ We had an amazing encounter on the extension.

**Marbled Wood Quail** *Odontophorus gujanensis* (H) Heard on the extension.

**Dark-backed Wood Quail** ◇ *Odontophorus melanonotus* Amazing views at Angel Paz.

**Pied-billed Grebe** *Podilymbus podiceps* A few were seen near the airport.

**Silvery Grebe** *Podiceps occipitalis* One of the *juninensis* race at Antisana NP. See note.

**Andean Ibis** *Theristicus branickii* Seen at Antisana.

**Rufescent Tiger Heron** *Tigrisoma lineatum* Regularly encountered on the extension in Amazonia.

**Fasciated Tiger Heron** *Tigrisoma fasciatum* Several were seen along the Santiago River at Playa de Oro.



*Dark-backed Wood Quail from Angel Paz*

**Boat-billed Heron** *Cochlearius cochlearius* Seen briefly on the extension in Amazonia.

**Zigzag Heron** *Zebrilus undulatus* ◇ Finally we got amazing looks of a pair of these skulkers at Sani on the extension.

**Least Bittern** *Ixobrychus exilis* Excellent looks at Sani.  
**Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax* 2 seen.  
**Striated Heron** *Butorides striata* We had several good looks on the main tour as well as on the extension.  
**Western Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis* The most commonly seen egret on the tour. See note.  
**Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias* One was seen on the coast.  
**Cocoi Heron** *Ardea cocco* Seen on the main tour and many on the Amazonian extension.  
**Great Egret** *Ardea alba* Regularly encountered on the main tour and on the extension too.  
**Capped Heron** *Pilherodius pileatus* One seen well at Sani.  
**Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea* 2 seen.



*Rufescent Tiger Heron in the amazon.*

**Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula* Commonly encountered on the main tour and the extension.  
**Brown Pelican** *Pelecanus occidentalis* About 100 were seen on the coast on our way to Playa de Oro.  
**Magnificent Frigatebird** *Fregata magnificens* Hundreds were seen on the coast on our way to Playa de Oro.  
**Blue-footed Booby** *Sula nebouxii* A few were seen on the coast on our way to Playa de Oro.  
**Neotropic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* It was abundant on the western lowlands.  
**Anhinga** *Anhinga anhinga* We only had 1 sighting on the extension in Amazonia.  
**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura* Commonly seen throughout the tour.  
**Greater Yellow-headed Vulture** *Cathartes melambrotus* Several sightings on the extension.  
**Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus* Commonly seen throughout the tour.  
**King Vulture** *Sarcoramphus papa* We had excellent perched encounters in the forest on the Amazonian extension.  
**Andean Condor** *Vultur gryphus* About 5 were seen at Antisana NP – magnificent creature!  
**Western Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus* Several sightings both on the main tour and on the extension in Amazonia.  
**Pearl Kite** *Gampsonyx swainsonii* Just one was seen along the road.  
**Grey-headed Kite** *Leptodon cayanensis* Several excellent looks, first one in playa de oro.  
**Hook-billed Kite** *Chondrohierax uncinatus* Repeated excellent looks this year.  
**Swallow-tailed Kite** *Elanoides forficatus* We had many sightings this year throughout the tour. First at Playa de Oro.  
**Crested Eagle** ♦ *Morphnus guianensis* Good scope views on 2 days from the canopy tower at Sani.  
**Black Hawk-Eagle** *Spizaetus tyrannus* A total of 2 birds were seen this year.  
**Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle** *Spizaetus melanoleucus* Excellent scope views of adults at Playa de Oro and Sani.  
**Double-toothed Kite** *Harpagus bidentatus* A few seen.  
**Bicolored Hawk** *Accipiter bicolor* One seen at Shiripuno.  
**Plumbeous Kite** *Ictinia plumbea* We had many excellent looks throughout the tour at the lowland locations.



**Crane Hawk** *Geranospiza caerulescens* One was seen in Shiripuno.

**Plumbeous Hawk** ♦ *Cryptoleucopteryx plumbea* (LO) One briefly perched in Mashpi road.

**Slate-colored Hawk** *Buteogallus schistaceus* Two sightings on the Amazonia extension.

**Great Black Hawk** *Buteogallus urubitinga* Seen well in Shiripuno.



*Andean Ibis and Black-faced Hawk.*

**Barred Hawk** *Morphnarchus princeps* One seen well.

**Roadside Hawk** *Rupornis magnirostris* Commonly seen throughout the tour.

**Variable Hawk** *Geranoaetus polyosoma* A few encounters in the higher parts of the Andes. See note.

**Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle** *Geranoaetus melanoleucus* One seen at Antisana

**White Hawk** *Pseudastur albicollis* One seen in Sani.

**Black-faced Hawk** ♦ *Leucopternis melanops* Great looks in Shiripuno.

**Zone-tailed Hawk** *Buteo albonotatus* One seen by David.

**Sungrebe** *Heliornis fulica* We were lucky to get good looks on the extension.

**White-throated Crake** *Laterallus albigularis* (H) It was heard a few times on the west in long grassy habitat.

**Grey-breasted Crake** *Laterallus exilis* (H) We heard them on a river island on the extension but they refused to show.

**Grey-necked Wood Rail** *Aramides cajaneus* (H)

**Ecuadorian Rail** *Rallus aequatorialis* ♦ Great looks as it ws getting dark ner Ibarra.

**Blackish Rail** *Pardirallus nigricans* Good looks of two in the Wild Sumaco area.

**Common Gallinule** *Gallinula galeata* A pair seen.

**Andean Coot** *Fulica ardesiaca* It was seen a few times.

**Grey-winged Trumpeter** *Psophia crepitans* A group was briefly seen by some in Shiripuno.

**Southern Lapwing** *Vanellus chilensis* Good numbers seen.

**Andean Lapwing** *Vanellus resplendens* Just a few were seen at Antisana National Park.

**Semipalmated Plover** *Charadrius semipalmatus* Seen on the coast.

**Black-bellied Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola* Seen on the coast.

**Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus* Seen along the pacific coast on our way to Playa de Oro.

**Willet** *Tringa semipalmata* Seen on the coast.

**Short-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus griseus* Seen on the coast.

**Greater Yellowlegs** *Tringa melanoleuca* One seen.

**Lesser Yellowlegs** *Tringa flavipes* A few seen.

**Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius* The most commonly seen shorebird throughout the tour.

**Stilt Sandpiper** *Calidris himantopus* Five birds seen near the airport.

**Sanderling** *Calidris alba* Seen along the coast.

**Western Sandpiper** *Calidris mauri* Seen on the coast.

**Semipalmated Sandpiper** *Calidris pusilla* Seen on the coast.



*Croaking Ground Dove.*

**White-rumped Sandpiper** *Calidris fuscicollis* 20 seen at the airport ponds.

**Least Sandpiper** *Calidris minutilla* A few seen on the ponds near Quito airport.

**Baird's Sandpiper** *Calidris bairdii* About 15 were seen near Quito airport.

**Pectoral Sandpiper** *Calidris melanotos* Just a few were see near Quito airport.

**Wilson's Phalarope** *Phalaropus tricolor* A singleton was observed on the ponds near Quito airport.

**Black-necked Stilt** *Himantopus mexicanus* Seen in the NW.

**Andean Gull** *Chroicocephalus serranus* It was seen at Yahuarcocha and Antisana National Park.

**Royal Tern** *Thalasseus maximus* Seen on the coast on our way to Playa de Oro.

**Yellow-billed Tern** *Sternula superciliaris* Just 1 was seen along the Napo River on the extension.



**Large-billed Tern** *Phaetusa simplex* 3 were seen on the Napo River in Amazonia.  
**Gull-billed Tern** *Gelochelidon nilotica* Seen at the airport ponds.  
**Rock Pigeon (feral)** *Columba livia* A few were seen throughout the tour.  
**Band-tailed Pigeon** *Patagioenas fasciata* A few sightings on the tour.  
**Pale-vented Pigeon** *Patagioenas cayennensis* Commonly seen throughout the tour in lowland habitats.  
**Plumbeous Pigeon** *Patagioenas plumbea* A few were seen on both slopes of the Andes.  
**Ruddy Pigeon** *Patagioenas subvinacea* It was commonly heard and also seen a few times.  
**Dusky Pigeon** *Patagioenas goodsoni* ♦ Some good looks at Playa de Oro on the western lowlands.  
**Common Ground-Dove** *Columbina passerine* Seen in dry interandean habitat.  
**Ecuadorian Ground-Dove** *Columbina buckleyi* ♦ 1 seen on our travel day to Playa de Oro.  
**Croaking Ground-Dove** *Columbina cruziana* A few were seen along the coast on our way to Playa de Oro.  
**Blue Ground Dove** *Claravis pretiosa* One sighting.



*Hoatzins*

**Ruddy Ground Dove** *Columbina talpacoti* It was seen once.  
**Black-winged Ground Dove** *Metriopelia melanoptera* About 6 were seen on our day at Antisana National Park.  
**Sapphire Quail-Dove** *Geotrygon saphirina* ♦ (H) We heard one on Sani.  
**Ruddy Quail-Dove** *Geotrygon montana* One flushed in the extension.  
**White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi* At least 5 were seen. A common but shy bird in the west.  
**Grey-fronted Dove** *Leptotila rufaxilla* 1 was seen on the extension.  
**White-throated Quail-Dove** *Zentrygon frenata* ♦ Heard and one flushed.  
**Eared Dove** *Zenaida auriculata* Commonly seen in the dry Inter-Andean places like around Quito.  
**Hoatzin** *Opisthocomus hoazin* It was very common on the extension in Amazonia.  
**Greater Ani** *Crotophaga major* Regularly seen on the extension in Amazonia.  
**Smooth-billed Ani** *Crotophaga ani* A common bird of open habitat and regularly seen.  
**Squirrel Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana* Commonly seen and heard throughout the tour.  
**Little Cuckoo** *Coccyua minuta* One seen very well.  
**Tropical Screech Owl** *Megascops choliba* Seen at Sani.  
**Rufescent Screech Owl** *Megascops ingens* ♦ (H) One was heard at Wild Sumaco but did not want to play.





*San Isidro and Rufous-banded Owls.*

**Colombian Screech Owl** *Megascops colombianus* (H) One was heard at Septimo Paraiso but it was very shy.

**Tawny-bellied Screech Owl** *Megascops watsonii* Seen at Shiripuno.

**Napo Screech Owl** *Megascops napensis* ♦ Excellent views at Wild Sumaco. See note.

**Mottled Owl** *Strix virgate* (H) It was heard at Septimo Paraiso near Mindo.

**'San Isidro Owl'** *Strix spilonotus* ♦ This famous owl gave superb looks this year! See note.

**Crested Owl** *Lophotrix cristata* Brilliant looks of this stunner at Shiripuno.

**Spectacled Owl** *Pulsatrix perspicillata* One seen briefly at Sani.

**Band-bellied Owl** *Pulsatrix melanota* Two were seen on a day-roost at Wild Sumaco.





Pygmy Owl fest! Andean, Ferruginous and Cloud Forest Pygmy Owls.

**Andean Pygmy Owl** *Glaucidium jardiinii* Seen at Yanacocha on our second day there.

**Cloud-forest Pygmy Owl** *Glaucidium nubicola* ♦ Excellent views on Mashpi road.

**Ferruginous Pygmy Owl** *Glaucidium brasilianum* Seen in Sani.

**Oilbird** *Steatornis caripensis* Absolutely brilliant looks at this unique bird at Chontal. About 20 birds were seen.

**Great Potoo** *Nyctibius grandis* Seen on the extension.

**Common Potoo** *Nyctibius griseus* We had several good looks at day and night throughout the tour.

**Andean Potoo** *Nyctibius maculosus* ♦ (H) Heard by Dave in San Isidro.

**Rufous Potoo** *Nyctibius bracteatus* ◇ Unbeatable views of this superb bird at Shiripuno.

**Short-tailed Nighthawk** *Lurocalis semitorquatus* ◇ Seen on the amazon extension.

**Rufous-bellied Nighthawk** *Lurocalis rufiventris* ◇ One was seen near Mindo and another at the Guacamayos area.

**Pauraque** *Nyctidromus albicollis* Several sightings throughout the tour.

**Band-winged Nightjar** *Systellura longirostris* One was seen in dry habitat near Quito.

**Swallow-tailed Nightjar** *Uropsalis segmentata* A female was seen very well along the Guacamayos Ridge.

**Lyre-tailed Nightjar** *Uropsalis lyra* A fine male was seen near Mindo. What a supern bird!

**Ladder-tailed Nightjar** *Hydropsalis climacocerca* Several were seen on the extension.

**Choco Poorwill** *Nyctiphrynus rosenbergi* ◇ One seen well at Playa de Oro.

**Chestnut-collared Swift** *Streptoprocne rutile* Several sightings on the tour.

**White-collared Swift** *Streptoprocne zonaris* The most common swift on the tour.

**Grey-rumped Swift** *Chaetura cinereiventris* Several sightings on the tour.

**Short-tailed Swift** *Chaetura brachyuran* Several sightings on the east. Especially at Wild Sumaco.

**Neotropical Palm-Swift** *Tachornis squamata* It was first seen in Gareno and later several on the extension.

**Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift** *Panyptila cayennensis* Regularly seen at Playa de Oro.

**White-tipped Sicklebill** *Eutoxeres aquila* ◇ Seen once.



*Buff-winged Starfrontlet and Brown Violetear.*

**Rufous-breasted Hermit** *Glaucis hirsutus* Just one brief sighting on the Amazonia extension.

**Band-tailed Barbthroat** *Threnetes ruckeri* 3 were seen at Playa de Oro.

**Pale-tailed Barbthroat** *Threnetes leucurus* A brief one in Shiripuno for some.

**White-whiskered Hermit** *Phaethornis yaruqui* ◇ Commonly seen in the west.

**Green Hermit** *Phaethornis guy* Several encounters in the forest at Wild Sumaco.

**White-bearded Hermit** *Phaethornis hispidus* One was seen briefly.

**Great-billed Hermit** *Phaethornis malaris* 2 were seen on the extension.

**Tawny-bellied Hermit** *Phaethornis syrmatophorus* ◇ 4 sightings.

**Reddish Hermit** *Phaethornis ruber* (LO) One was seen briefly on the extension.

**Black-throated Hermit** *Phaethornis atrimentalis* (LO) One briefly.

**Stripe-throated Hermit** *Phaethornis striigularis* One was seen.

**Grey-chinned Hermit** *Phaethornis griseogularis* One for some at Wild Sumaco.





*Tooth-billed Hummingbird and Napo Sabrewing.*

**Tooth-billed Hummingbird** *Androdon aequatorialis* ♦ One was seen along the La Union Road. Great bird!

**Green-fronted Lancebill** *Doryfera ludovicae* One was seen along well.

**Napo Sabrewing** *Campylopterus villaviscensio* ♦ Excellent looks at this stunner at Wild Sumaco.

**White-necked Jacobin** *Florisuga mellivora* Small numbers were seen throughout the tour.

**Brown Violetear** *Colibri delphinae* Commonly encountered on feeders, very common at Wild Sumaco.

**Lesser Violetear** *Colibri cyanotus* 3 seen. Recent split from Green Violetear.

**Sparkling Violetear** *Colibri coruscans* Commonly encountered on feeders, especially numerous at Wild Sumaco.

**Black-throated Mango** *Anthracothonax nigricollis* Three birds seen.

**Fiery Topaz** *Topaza pyra* ♦ MEGA views of a male at Shiripuno.

**Violet-headed Hummingbird** *Klais guimeti* We had several sightings in the Wild Sumaco area.

**Wire-crested Thorntail** *Discosura popelairii* Charismatic species seen well at Wild Sumaco.

**Green Thorntail** *Discosura conversii* ♦ Just 3 were seen on feeders on the west.

**Blue-tailed Emerald** *Chlorostilbon mellisugus* One in Sani.

**Western Emerald** *Chlorostilbon melanorhynchus* ♦ One male was seen around Quito.

**Crowned Woodnymph** *Thalurania colombica* ♦ Commonly seen in the west.



**Fork-tailed Woodnymph** *Thalurania furcata* Common on the east slope and a few in Amazonia.

**Blue-headed Sapphire** *Hylocharis grayi* ♦ One male was seen in dry habitat near Ibarra.

**Golden-tailed Sapphire** *Chrysuronia oenone* It was common on the feeders at Wild Sumaco.

**Olive-spotted Hummingbird** *Leucippus chlorocercus* ♦ Superb looks of this river island bird.

**Many-spotted Hummingbird** *Taphrospilus hypostictus* ♦ Common on the feeders of Wild Sumaco.

**Rufous-tailed Hummingbird** *Amazilia tzacatl* It was very common on the west.

**Andean Emerald** *Amazilia franciae* ♦ Regular encounters on the west.

**Glittering-throated Emerald** *Amazilia fimbriata* One sighting.





*Shining Sunbeam.*

- Purple-chested Hummingbird** *Amazilia rosenbergi* ♦ A few sightings at Playa de Oro.
- Speckled Hummingbird** *Adelomyia melanogenys* ♦ It was seen at the Bellavista and San Isidro feeders.
- Ecuadorian Piedtail** *Phlogophilus hemileucurus* ♦ We got good looks at this difficult bird at Wild Sumaco.
- Black-throated Brilliant** *Heliodoxa schreibersii* ♦ Males seen well on the feeders of Wild Sumaco.
- Gould's Jewelfront** *Heliodoxa aurescens* ♦ Two sightings.
- Fawn-breasted Brilliant** *Heliodoxa rubinoides* ♦ Regular sightings at higher elevations.
- Green-crowned Brilliant** *Heliodoxa jacula* ♦ It was the most common brilliant on the west slope.
- Empress Brilliant** *Heliodoxa imperatrix* ♦ This Chocó bird was seen along the Mashpi Road and Amgusa Reserve.
- Violet-fronted Brilliant** *Heliodoxa leadbeateri* ♦ Some birds around Wild Sumaco.
- White-tailed Hillstar** *Urochroa bougueri* ♦ One was seen on the east slope.
- Buff-tailed Coronet** *Boissonneaua flavescens* ♦ It was most common on the feeders at Guango and Bellavista.
- Chestnut-breasted Coronet** *Boissonneaua matthewsii* ♦ This handsome bird was seen at San Isidro and Guango.
- Velvet-purple Coronet** *Boissonneaua jardini* ♦ Several sightings of this stunner on the west!
- Shining Sunbeam** *Aglaeactis cupripennis* ♦ A few were seen at Papallacta and Antisana.
- Ecuadorian Hillstar** *Oreotrochilus chimborazo* ♦ Great looks at Antisana.
- Mountain Velvetbreast** *Lafresnaya lafresnayi* ♦ Seen in Yanacocha.
- Bronzy Inca** *Coeligena coeligena* ♦ It was only seen on the feeders of San Isidro.



*Collared Inca and Chestnut-breasted Coronet.*

**Brown Inca** *Coeligena wilsoni* ◇ Regularly seen on the feeders of the west.

**Collared Inca** *Coeligena torquata* This handsome bird gave us many superb looks at higher elevations.

**Buff-winged Starfrontlet** *Coeligena lutetiae* It was common at Yanacocha and several were also seen at Guango.

**Sword-billed Hummingbird** *Ensifera ensifera* 2 seen on the feeders of Yanacocha and another 3 at Guango.

**Great Sapphirewing** *Pterophanes cyanopterus* It was common at Yanacocha and others seen at Papallacta too.

**Giant Hummingbird** *Patagona gigas* Excellent looks on our day at Antisana.

**Gorgeted Sunangel** *Heliangelus strophianus* ◇ Several were seen on the feeders at Bellavista.

**Tourmaline Sunangel** *Heliangelus exortis* ◇ Several were seen on the feeders of Guango.

**Sapphire-vented Puffleg** *Eriocnemis luciani* Seen on the feeders at Yanacocha.





*Great Sapphirewing.*

**Hoary Puffleg** *Haplophaedia lugens* ◇ Good views of 2 birds on the west.

**Purple-bibbed Whitetip** *Urosticte benjamini* ◇ It was regularly seen around Mindo.

**Rufous-vented Whitetip** *Urosticte ruficrissa* ◇ Several great views of both sexes on the feeders at Wild Sumaco.

**White-booted Racket-Tail** *Ocreatus underwoodii* Regularly seen on both the east and west.

**Black-tailed Trainbearer** *Lesbia victoriae* Several encounters with long-tailed males in dry Inter-Andean habitats.

**Green-tailed Trainbearer** *Lesbia nuna* One sighting.

**Purple-backed Thornbill** *Ramphomicron microrhynchum* Seen at Yanacocha.

**Tyrian Metaltail** *Metallura tyrianthina* A few were seen at higher elevations like Guango and Yanacocha.

**Viridian Metaltail** *Metallura williami* We had many close looks at Papallacta.

**Blue-mantled Thornbill** *Chalcostigma stanleyi* ◇ We had excellent views of a male at Papallacta.

**Rainbow-bearded Thornbill** *Chalcostigma herrani* Seen well at Papallacta.

**Long-tailed Sylph** *Aglaiocercus kingie* Many good looks at this stunner on the feeders of San Isidro.

**Violet-tailed Sylph** *Aglaiocercus coelestis* ◇ Commonly encountered on the feeders and in the forest on the west.

**Geoffroy's Wedgebill** *Schistes geoffroyi* Two seen. See note.

**Purple-crowned Fairy** *Heliothryx barroti* Several excellent looks at this beauty.

**Long-billed Starthroat** *Helimaster longirostris* One was seen at Sani.

**Amethyst Woodstar** *Calliphlox amethystine* Seen and photographed at Wild Sumaco.

**Purple-throated Woodstar** *Calliphlox mitchellii* ◇ Good numbers were seen on the feeders on the west.

**White-bellied Woodstar** *Chaetocercus mulsant* ◇ Just a few were seen on the west slope and around Guango.

**Gorgeted Woodstar** *Chaetocercus heliodor* ◇ Seen at Wild Sumaco and San Isidro.

**Golden-headed Quetzal** *Pharomachrus auriceps* We had good views on both slopes of the Andes.

**Crested Quetzal** *Pharomachrus antisianus* One sighting.

**Slaty-tailed Trogon** *Trogon massena* ◇ One male was seen at Humedal de Yalaré.

**Choco Trogon** *Trogon comptus* ◇ A nice male was seen along the La Union Road.

**Black-tailed Trogon** *Trogon melanurus* We had great looks of a nice male on the extension.

**White-tailed Trogon** *Trogon chionurus* A few were seen on the western lowlands. See note.

**Green-backed Trogon** *Trogon viridis* We had several sightings on the extension. See note.

**Gartered Trogon** *Trogon caligatus* (H) Heard at Playa de Oro. See note.

**Amazonian Trogon** *Trogon ramonianus* A female was seen.

**Blue-crowned Trogon** *Trogon curucui* A great male in Sani.  
**Black-throated Trogon** *Trogon rufus* A male was seen.  
**Collared Trogon** *Trogon collaris* We had good views several times.  
**Masked Trogon** *Trogon personatus* A few sightings.  
**American Pygmy Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle aenea* Two sightings.  
**Green-and-rufous Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle inda* We had several sightings on the extension in Amazonia.  
**Green Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle americana* A few.  
**Amazon Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle amazon* A few on the extension  
**Ringed Kingfisher** *Megaceryle torquata* A few sightings on the west and several on the extension.  
**Amazonian Motmot** *Momotus momota* (H) Regularly heard on the extension in Amazonia. See note.  
**Rufous Motmot** *Baryphthengus martii* One seen near Mindo.  
**Broad-billed Motmot** *Electron platyrhynchum* One seen well.



*Choco Trogon.*

**White-eared Jacamar** *Galbalcyrrhynchus leucotis* ♦ Seen daily in Sani.  
**Brown Jacamar** *Brachygalba lugubris* Seen on the extension.  
**Yellow-billed Jacamar** *Galbula albirostris* One sighting.  
**Rufous-tailed Jacamar** *Galbula ruficauda* One was seen along the La Union Road – a rather high area.  
**Coppery-chested Jacamar** *Galbula pastazae* ♦ Seen well near Wild Sumaco.  
**White-chinned Jacamar** *Galbula tombacea* ♦ We had good looks at one on the extension.  
**Purplish Jacamar** *Galbula chalcothorax* ♦ A pair was seen along the trails of Shiripuno.  
**Great Jacamar** *Jacamerops aureus* Seen well on the extension.



**Black-breasted Puffbird** *Notharchus pectoralis* ♦ We had good looks of 2 at Humedal de Yalaré.  
**Pied Puffbird** *Notharchus tectus* 2 of the *subtectus* western race were seen at Humedal de Yalaré.  
**Collared Puffbird** *Bucco capensis* (H) Heard only.



*Barred, White-whiskered and Western Striolated Puffbirds.*

**Barred Puffbird** *Nystalus radiates* Seen along the Mashpi Road in rain.  
**Western Striolated Puffbird** *Nystalus obamai* Excellent looks on the way to Wild Sumaco.  
**White-chested Puffbird** *Malacoptila fusca* ♦ (H) We heard it on the extension.  
**White-whiskered Puffbird** *Malacoptila panamensis* Seen well at Playa de Oro.  
**Lanceolated Monklet** *Micromonacha lanceolata* ♦ (H) Heard at Mashpi Cochlate Farm.  
**Brown Nunlet** *Nonnula brunnea* ♦ One was seen at Shiripuno on the extension in Amazonia.  
**Black-fronted Nunbird** *Monasa nigrifrons* The most commonly encountered *Monasa* species on the extension.

**White-fronted Nunbird** *Monasa morphoeus* Several sightings on the extension.  
**Yellow-billed Nunbird** *Monasa flavirostris* A few seen on the extension.  
**Swallow-winged Puffbird** *Chelidoptera tenebrosa* Many looks at this conspicuous treetop bird on the extension.  
**Scarlet-crowned Barbet** *Capito aurovirens* ♦ Seen on the extension.  
**Orange-fronted Barbet** *Capito squamatus* ♦ Seen very well in the west.  
**Gilded Barbet** *Capito auratus* The common barbet of Amazonia first seen at Wild Sumaco on the tour.  
**Five-coloured Barbet** *Capito quinticolor* ♦ A male was scoped at length at Playa de Oro.  
**Lemon-throated Barbet** *Eubucco richardsoni* A few seen.  
**Red-headed Barbet** *Eubucco bourcierii* ♦ Common bird, we had many good views of this stunning species.  
**Toucan Barbet** *Semnornis ramphastinus* ♦ Superb looks near Mindo.



Lettered and Ivory-billed Aracaris.

**Chestnut-tipped Toucanet** *Aulacorhynchus derbianus* Seen on the way to Wild Sumaco.  
**Crimson-rumped Toucanet** *Aulacorhynchus haematopygus* ♦ Several sightings on the west.  
**Lettered Aracari** *Pteroglossus incriptus* 4 were seen on the extension.  
**Ivory-billed Aracari** *Pteroglossus azara* Seen from the canopy tower.  
**Chestnut-eared Aracari** *Pteroglossus castanotis* Several sightings at Wild Sumaco and in Amazonia.  
**Many-banded Aracari** *Pteroglossus pluricinctus* The most common araçari in Amazonia.  
**Pale-mandibled Aracari** *Pteroglossus erythropygius* ♦ Regularly seen in the west. See note.  
**Stripe-billed Aracari** *Pteroglossus sanguineus* ♦ Seen near Playa de Oro.  
**Golden-collared Toucanet** *Selenidera reinwardtii* We had good looks at Wild Sumaco and in Amazonia.  
**Plate-billed Mountain Toucan** *Andigena laminirostris* ♦ We had good views near Mindo.  
**Black-billed Mountain Toucan** *Andigena nigrirostris* ♦ We had amazing views on the Guacamayos ridge.  
**Channel-billed Toucan** *Ramphastos vitellinus* It was first seen at Wild Sumaco and later on the extension.  
**Choco Toucan** *Ramphastos brevis* ♦ Several great looks on the west.  
**White-throated Toucan** *Ramphastos tucanus* It was first seen at Gareno and it was common in Amazonia. See note.  
**Yellow-throated Toucan** *Ramphastos ambiguus* ♦ Seen on both side of the Andes. See note.  
**Lafresnaye's Piculet** *Picumnus lafresnayi* We had two sightings at Wild Sumaco.  
**Olivaceous Piculet** *Picumnus olivaceus* (LO) One briefly on the west,  
**Yellow-tufted Woodpecker** *Melanerpes cruentatus* Many sightings of this colourful bird of the east.  
**Black-cheeked Woodpecker** *Melanerpes pucherani* It was common in open habitats of the west.  
**Little Woodpecker** *Veniliornis passerinus* A few seen on the extension.  
**Scarlet-backed Woodpecker** *Veniliornis callonotus* One at Mashpi Chocolate Farm.  
**Bar-bellied Woodpecker** *Veniliornis nigriceps* Seen at Yanacocha.  
**Red-stained Woodpecker** *Veniliornis affinis* Seen on the extension.  
**Choco Woodpecker** *Veniliornis chocoensis* A fine male along the La Union road was a second for Birdquest!  
**Smoky-brown Woodpecker** *Leuconotopicus fumigatus* A few seen.  
**Lita Woodpecker** *Piculus litae* ♦ Two males were seen at Playa de Oro.  
**Golden-olive Woodpecker** *Colaptes rubiginosus* A few birds seen.  
**Crimson-mantled Woodpecker** *Colaptes rivolii* Good views near San Isidro.



**Cinnamon Woodpecker** *Celeus loricatus* Several sightings of this stunning bird on the western lowlands.

**Scaly-breasted Woodpecker** *Celeus grammicus* Seen on the extension.



*Scaly-breasted and Lita Woodpeckers*

**Cream-colored Woodpecker** *Celeus flavus* Seen at Shiripuno.

**Lineated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus lineatus* A pair seen.

**Powerful Woodpecker** *Campephilus pollens* Great looks at Angel Paz.

**Crimson-crested Woodpecker** *Campephilus melanoleucos* Regularly seen in the east and on the extension too.

**Crimson-bellied Woodpecker** *Campephilus haematogaster* Great views of this rare bird at La Union road.

**Guayaquil Woodpecker** *Campephilus gayaquilensis* ♦ Two sightings on the western lowlands.

**Black Caracara** *Daptrius ater* Common on the extension.

**Red-throated Caracara** *Ibycter americanus* This noisy bird was seen on the extension.

**Carunculated Caracara** *Phalacrocorax carunculatus* ♦ A few around Papallacta and very common at Antisana.

**Yellow-headed Caracara** *Milvago chimachima* Just a few sightings.

**Laughing Falcon** *Herpetotheres cachinnans* A few seen.

**Barred Forest Falcon** *Micrastur ruficollis* (H)

**American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius* Scattered sightings at higher elevations all along the tour.

**Bat Falcon** *Falco rufigularis* Two sightings.

**Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus* One sighting on the tour.

**Barred Parakeet** *Bolborhynchus lineola* (H) It was heard.

**Cobalt-winged Parakeet** *Brotogeris cyanoptera* It was common in the east.

**Rose-faced Parrot** *Pyrilia pulchra* ♦ We had several encounters on the western lowlands.

**Red-billed Parrot** *Pionus sordidus* Small numbers seen.

**White-capped Parrot** *Pionus seniloides* We got nice views in the San Isidro area.

**Blue-headed Parrot** *Pionus menstruus* We saw them at Playa de Oro and more regularly on the east.

**Bronze-winged Parrot** *Pionus chalcopterus* The common parrot of the western lowlands.

**Yellow-crowned Amazon** *Amazona ochrocephala* A few were seen on the extension.

**Scaly-naped Amazon** *Amazona mercenarius* (H).

**Southern Mealy Amazon** *Amazona farinosa* Several sightings throughout the tour in the lowlands.

**Orange-winged Amazon** *Amazona amazonica* Several flocks were seen on the extension in Amazonia.

**Pacific Parrotlet** *Forpus coelestis* Seen on the way to Playa de Oro.

**Black-headed Parrot** *Pionites melanocephalus* Seen on the extension.  
**Maroon-tailed Parakeet** *Pyrrhura melanura* ♦ Both western and eastern race was seen well. See note.  
**Dusky-headed Parakeet** *Aratinga weddellii* Seen on the extension.  
**Red-bellied Macaw** *Orthopsittaca manilatus* Frequently seen in flight.  
**Blue-and-yellow Macaw** *Ara ararauna* Several excellent views of this magical bird on the extension!  
**Military Macaw** ♦ *Ara militaris* Seen very well in Wild Sumaco.



*Blue-and-yellow Macaws.*

**Scarlet Macaw** *Ara macao* Seen well on the extension.  
**Red-and-green Macaw** *Ara chloropterus* Great views in Shiripuno.  
**Chestnut-fronted Macaw** *Ara severus* We had several at Wild Sumaco and it was common on the extension.  
**White-eyed Parakeet** *Psittacara leucophthalmus* A couple seen.  
**Sapayoa** *Sapayoa aenigma* ♦ One seen very well at Playa de Oro on our last day. Best place in the World to see it!  
**Chestnut-winged Cinclodes** *Cinclodes albidiventris* We had good looks at Papallacta and Antisana. See note.  
**Stout-billed Cinclodes** *Cinclodes excelsior* ♦ We had good looks at Papallacta and Antisana National Park.  
**Pacific Hornero** *Furnarius cinnamomeus* ♦ We had many good views on the western lowlands.  
**Andean Tit-Spinetail** *Leptasthenura andicola* Two were seen at Papallacta.  
**White-chinned Thistletail** *Asthenes fuliginosa* ♦ One was seen very well at Papallacta.  
**Streak-backed Canastero** *Asthenes wyatti* Seen at Antisana National Park.  
**Many-striped Canastero** *Asthenes flammulata* ♦ Several were seen at Antisana Park.  
**Rufous Spinetail** *Synallaxis unirufa* (H) Heard only.  
**Azara's Spinetail** *Synallaxis azarae* Just two sightings of this most common spinetail.  
**Dark-breasted Spinetail** *Synallaxis albigularis* Seen at Wild Sumaco.



**Slaty Spinetail** *Synallaxis brachyuran* It was seen once in the western lowlands.



The clay lick along the Napo River.

**White-bellied Spinetail** *Synallaxis propinqua* This skulking species was seen well in the rain on a Napo River island.

**Dusky Spinetail** *Synallaxis moesta* ♦ (H) One was heard.

**White-browed Spinetail** *Hellmayrea gularis* We had brief looks of this unusual spinetail at Yanacocha.

**Parker's Spinetail** *Cranioleuca vulpecula* Just one of this river island specialist were seen on the extension.

**Red-faced Spinetail** *Cranioleuca erythrops* We had several near Mindo.

**Spotted Barbtail** *Premnoplex brunnescens* We had good views on a couple of days.

**Pearled Treerunner** *Margarornis squamiger* This handsome bird was regularly seen in high elevation mixed flocks.

**Pacific Tuftedcheek** ♦ *Pseudocolaptes johnsoni* One good sighting.

**Streaked Tuftedcheek** *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii* 2 sightings.

**Montane Foliage-gleaner** *Anabacerthia striaticollis* Regularly seen in mixed flocks at Wild Sumaco.

**Lineated Foliage-gleaner** *Syndactyla subalaris* One seen.

**Chestnut-winged Hookbill** *Ancistrops strigilatus* Seen at Shiripuno.

**Eastern Woodhaunter (E striped W)** *Hyloctistes subulatus* Seen at Shiripuno.

**Western Woodhaunter** *Hyloctistes virgatus* One sighting. See note.

**Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner** *Philydor rufum* It was seen in a mixed flocks at Wild Sumaco.

**Olive-backed Foliage-gleaner** *Automolus infuscatus* Seen at Shiripuno.

**Rufous-tailed Foliage-gleaner** *Philydor ruficaudatum* Seen at Wild Sumaco.

**Black-billed Treehunter** *Thripadectes melanorhynchus* ♦ Seen at Wild Sumaco.

**Steak-capped Treehunter** *Thripadectes virgaticeps* ♦ One was seen along the Mashpi road.

**Black-tailed Leaf Tosser** *Sclerurus rufigularis* ♦ (H) Heard on the extension.

**Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper** *Lochmias nematura* One seen by some at Wild Sumaco was a bonus.

**Plain Xenops** *Xenops minutus* Several good encounters throughout the tour.

**Streaked Xenops** *Xenops rutilans* Just 4 were seen at Wild Sumaco.

**Plain-brown Woodcreeper** *Dendrocincla fuliginosa* Seen at Playa de Oro.

**Tyrannine Woodcreeper** *Dendrocincla tyrannina* (H) Heard near San Isidro.

**Olivaceous Woodcreeper** *Sittasomus griseicapillus* Several sightings on the east - this is the 'amazonus' race.

**Wedge-billed Woodcreeper** *Glyphorhynchus spirurus* Regularly seen throughout the tour in lowland habitat.

**Long-billed Woodcreeper** *Nasica longirostris* Amazing views at Sani from the tower.

**Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper** *Dendrexetastes rufigula* Seen at Sani.

**Strong-billed Woodcreeper** *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus* One sighting only.



**Northern Barred Woodcreeper** *Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae* One sighting.  
**Amazonian Barred Woodcreeper** *Dendrocolaptes certhia* Seen at Sani.  
**Black-banded Woodcreeper** *Dendrocolaptes picumnus* Seen on the extension.  
**Straight-billed Woodcreeper** *Dendroplex picus* Seen on the extension.  
**Striped Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus obsoletus* Seen on the extension.  
**Elegant Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus elegans* One was seen along the trails of Shiripuno.  
**Buff-throated Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus guttatus* Regularly seen on the extension. See note.  
**Black-striped Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus lachrymosus* We had good looks at Playa de Oro.  
**Spotted Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus erythropygius* Several sightings on the west.  
**Olive-backed Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus triangularis* Seen at Wild Sumaco.



*Antpitta fest.* Clockwise, Ochre-breasted, White-lored, Yellow-breasted and Plain-backed Antpittas.

**Streak-headed Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii* (H) One sighting on the western lowlands.  
**Montane Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger* Many sightings throughout the tour at higher elevation.  
**Brown-billed Scythebill** *Campylorhamphus pusillus* This scarce bird was seen very well at Wild Sumaco  
**Fasciated Antshrike** *Cymbilaimus lineatus* Seen on the extension.  
**Great Antshrike** *Taraba major* (H) It was heard on the Amazonia extension.  
**Lined Antshrike** *Thamnophilus tenuepunctatus* Several great looks at Wild Suamco.  
**Cocha Antshrike** *Thamnophilus praecox* ♦ A male of this hard-to-find specialty was seen very well at Sani.  
**Castelnau's Antshrike** *Thamnophilus cryptoleucus* A pair was seen on a Napo River island in Amazonia.



**White-shouldered Antshrike** *Thamnophilus aethiops* (LO) One sighting.  
**Uniform Antshrike** *Thamnophilus unicolor* (H)  
**Plain-winged Antshrike** *Thamnophilus schistaceus* It was first seen at Wild Sumaco and later on the extension.  
**Mouse-colored Antshrike** *Thamnophilus murinus* Seen on the extension.  
**Black-crowned Antshrike** *Thamnophilus atrinucha* (H) Heard only.  
**Black Bushbird** ♦ *Neotantes niger* Excellent views of a male in Shiripuno.  
**Russet Antshrike** *Thamnistes anabatinus* Scattered sightings .  
**Plain Antwren** *Dysithamnus mentalis* Two were seen at Wild Sumaco.  
**Spot-crowned Antwren** *Dysithamnus puncticeps* ♦ Several seen at Playa e Oro.



Male Cocha Antshrike in Sani.

**Dusky-throated Antshrike** *Thamnomanes ardesiacus* Regularly seen on the Amazonia extension.  
**Cinereous Antshrike** *Thamnomanes caesius* Regularly seen, a core member of Amazonian under-storey flocks.  
**Spot-winged Antshrike** *Pygiptila stelleris* Seen on the extension.  
**Yasuni Antwren** *Epinecrophylla fjeldsaai* ♦ Seen at Shiripuno.  
**Ornate Antwren** *Epinecrophylla ornata* A male was seen at Shiripuno.  
**Plain-throated Antwren** *Isleria hauxwelli* (H) Heard on the extension.  
**Pygmy Antwren** *Myrmotherula brachyuran* Seen on the extension.  
**Amazonian Streaked Antwren** *Myrmotherula multostriata* Seen on the extension  
**Pacific Antwren** *Myrmotherula pacifica* Seen on the west.  
**White-flanked Antwren** *Myrmotherula axillaris* Several good views on both western and eastern lowlands.  
**Slaty Antwren** *Myrmotherula schisticolor* 2 at Mashpi.  
**Long-winged Antwren** *Myrmotherula longipennis* Seen at Shiripuno.  
**Grey Antwren** *Myrmotherula menetriesii* We had several sightings on the extension.  
**Banded Antbird** *Dichrozona cincta* (H) Heard only in spite of all of our efforts  
**Dugand's Antwren** *Herpsilochmus dugandi* ♦ A male was seen in Shiripuno.  
**Yellow-breasted Antwren** *Herpsilochmus axillaris* Excellent looks of this canopy bird at Wild Sumaco.  
**Rufous-winged Antwren** *Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus* Seen well at Wild Sumaco.  
**Dot-winged Antwren** *Microrhopias quixensis* Seen on the western lowland.  
**Streak-headed Antbird** *Drymophila striaticeps* ♦ (H) Heard at San Isidro. See note.  
**Rufous-rumped Antwren** *Terenura callinota* ♦ Fantastic eye-level views of a male at Mashpi also at Wild Sumaco.  
**Grey Antbird** *Cercomacra cinerascens* A pair was seen on the extension.  
**Dusky Antbird** *Cercomacra tyrannina* Good views were obtained at Playa de Oro.  
**Blackish Antbird** *Cercomacra nigrescens* One sighting of a male along the trails of Wild Sumaco.

**Riparian Antbird** ♦ *Cercomacra fuscicauda* (H) Heard only in Shiripuno.

**Black Antbird** *Cercomacra serva* One was seen.

**White-backed Fire-eye** *Pyriglena leuconota* ♦ A male showed well at Wild Sumaco.

**Black-faced Antbird** *Myrmoborus myotherinus* Seen on the Amazonia extension.

**Black-and-white Antbird** ♦ *Myrmochanes hemileucus* (LO) Only brief views on a river island .

**Peruvian Warbling Antbird** *Hypocnemis peruviana* ♦ Seen on Amazonia. See note.

**Yellow-browed Antbird** *Hypocnemis hypoxantha* We had great looks at this stunning antbird at Shiripuno.

**Silvered Antbird** *Sclateria naevia* Good looks finally at this common 'varzea' antbird on the extension.

**Spot-winged Antbird** *Schistocichla leucostigma* (H) Heard.



Yellow-browed and Esmeraldas Antbirds.

**Chestnut-backed Antbird** *Myrmeciza exsul* Seen on the west.

**Esmeraldas Antbird** ♦ *Myrmeciza nigricauda* Great views on Mashpi road.

**Stub-tailed Antbird** *Myrmeciza berlepschi* ♦ Excellent looks at this specialty at Playa de Oro.

**White-shouldered Antbird** *Myrmeciza melanoceps* ♦ This loud songster was seen on the extension.

**Plumbeous Antbird** *Myrmeciza hyperythra* We had good looks at this common 'varzea' antbird on the extension.

**Sooty Antbird** *Myrmeciza fortis* (H) Heard.



**Zeledon's Antbird** *Myrmeciza zeledoni* ◇ Several great views on the western lowlands. See note.  
**Bicolored Antbird** *Gymnopithys bicolor* Several great looks at Playa de Oro. See note.  
**Lunulated Antbird** *Gymnopithys lunulatus* ◇ Seen at Shiripuno.



Stub-tailed and Ocellated Antbirds from Playa de Oro.

**Spotted Antbird** *Hylophylax naevioides* ◇ Excellent looks of both sexes at Playa de Oro.  
**Spot-backed Antbird** *Hylophylax naevius* ◇ A male was seen well  
**Dot-backed Antbird** *Hylophylax punctulatus* ◇ (H) This 'varzea' specialty was heard on the extension.  
**Common Scale-backed Antbird** *Willisornis poecilinotus* Seen on the extension.  
**Black-spotted Bare-Eye** *Phlegopsis nigromaculata* (H) Heard on the extension.  
**Ocellated Antbird** *Phaenostictus mcleannani* ◇ Great views of this stunner at Playa de Oro.  
**Rufous-capped Antthrush** *Formicarius colma* Seen in Sani.  
**Black-faced Antthrush** *Formicarius analis* (H) Heard.

**Rufous-breasted Antthrush** *Formicarius rufipectus* ♦ (H) Heard only in the NW.  
**Short-tailed Antthrush** *Chamaeza campanisona* Regularly heard and one was seen by most at Wild Sumaco.  
**Undulated Antpitta** *Grallaria squamigera* Amazing views of one hopping on the trail at Guacamayos. MEGA  
**Moustached Antpitta** ♦ *Grallaria alleni* Great views at Angel Paz.  
**Plain-backed Antpitta** *Grallaria haplonota* T his shy bird was seen on the feeder at Wild Sumaco.  
**Ochre-striped Antpitta** ♦ *Grallaria dignissima* Heard but only glimpsed in spite of a lot of effort at Shiripuno.  
**Chestnut-crowned Antpitta** *Grallaria ruficapilla* Excellent views 2 times.  
**Chestnut-naped Antpitta** ♦ *Grallaria nuchalis* One seen well by some of us at Yanacocha.

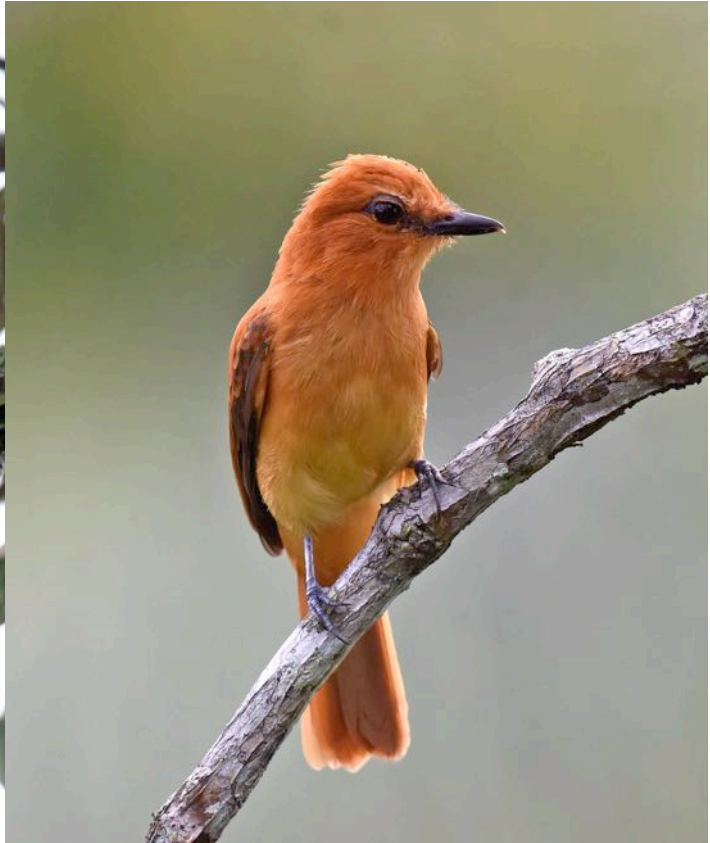


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**Yellow-breasted Antpitta** *Grallaria flavotincta* ♦ An adult gave excellent looks at Angel Paz.  
**White-bellied Antpitta** *Grallaria hypoleuca* ♦ One was seen on the feeder at San Isidro.  
**Rufous Antpitta** *Grallaria rufula* Seen well at Yanacocha.  
**Tawny Antpitta** *Grallaria quitensis* ♦ We had 1 at Papallacta.  
**Streak-chested Antpitta** *Hylopezus perspicillatus* ♦ (H) Heard in Playa de Oro.  
**White-lored Antpitta** ♦ *Hylopezus fulviventris* Mega views in Sani.  
**Thrush-like Antpitta** *Myrmothera campanisona* ♦ (H) This 'ghost' was heard on the extension too.  
**Ochre-breasted Antpitta** *Grallaricula flavirostris* ♦ Great views at Angel Paz and Wild Sumaco on the east  
**Slaty-crowned Antpitta** *Grallaricula nana* Seen well along the Guacamayos trail.  
**Ash-throated Gnatcatcher** ♦ *Conopophaga peruviana* Excellent looks in Shiripuno.  
**Chestnut-crowned Gnatcatcher** *Conopophaga castaneiceps* ♦ Seen at Wild Sumaco.  
**Rufous-crowned Pittasoma** *Pittasoma rufopileatum* ♦ Amazing views at Mashpi Chocolate Farm.  
**Ocellated Tapaculo** *Acropternis orthonyx* (H) Despite trying hard remained heard-only at Bellavista.  
**Rusty-belted Tapaculo** *Liosceles thoracicus* Seen at Sani.  
**Ash-colored Tapaculo** *Myornis senilis* (H)  
**Northern White-crowned Tapaculo** *Scytalopus atratus* ♦ (H)  
**Long-tailed Tapaculo** *Scytalopus micropterus* ♦ One was seen on the east slope.  
**Narino Tapaculo** *Scytalopus vicini* ♦ It was seen along the Mashpi road on the west.  
**Choco Tapaculo** *Scytalopus chocoensis* ♦ (H)  
**Spillmann's Tapaculo** *Scytalopus spillmanni* ♦ Seen well.



**Paramo Tapaculo** *Scytalopus opacus* ♦ (H)  
**Blackish Tapaculo** *Scytalopus latrans* ♦ One seen well.  
**Wing-barred Piprites** *Piprites chloris* (H)  
**Sooty-headed Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias griseiceps* We had good looks on the west.  
**Black-capped Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias nigrocapillus* Good looks at one.  
**Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet** *Tyrannulus elatus* Regularly heard and seen on the extension.  
**Ashy-headed Tyrannulet** ♦ *Phyllomyias cinereiceps* One seen.



*Citron-bellied and Cinnamon Attilas.*

**Grey Elaenia** *Myiopagis caniceps* A singing male was seen from the La Selva canopy tower, a classic canopy bird.  
**Greenish Elaenia** *Myiopagis viridicata* Seen well.  
**Yellow-crowned Elaenia** *Myiopagis flavivertex* ♦ Excellent looks at this unobtrusive varzea species at Sani.  
**Yellow-bellied Elaenia** *Elaenia flavogaster* Seen well.  
**White-crested Elaenia** *Elaenia albiceps* Seen.  
**Southern Beardless Tyrannulet** *Camptostoma obsoletum* Seen once.  
**White-throated Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus leucophrys* We had good looks at this high elevation bird at Yanacocha.  
**White-tailed Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus poecilocercus* Many good views of this warbler-like species on both slopes.  
**Sulphur-bellied Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus minor* Three were seen well at San Isidro.  
**White-banded Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus stictopterus* We had a few at Yanacocha and Papallacta.  
**Tufted Tit-Tyrant** *Anairetes parulus* Seen at Antisana.  
**Torrent Tyrannulet** *Serpophaga cinerea* Seen twice.  
**Mouse-coloured Tyrannulet** *Phaeomyias murina* A rather out of distribution observation near Ibarra!  
**Rufous-headed Pygmy Tyrant** *Pseudotriccus ruficeps* Excellent views of this tiny skulker on the Guacamayos.  
**Ringed Antpipit** *Corythopis torquatus* Seen at Shiripuno.  
**Slender-footed Tyrannulet** *Zimmerius gracilipes* One was seen from the Sani canopy tower.  
**Golden-faced Tyrannulet** *Zimmerius chrysops* ♦ It was regularly seen around Wild Sumaco.  
**Choco Tyrannulet** *Zimmerius albigularis* ♦ We had several sightings on the western lowlands.  
**Marble-faced Bristle Tyrant** *Pogonotriccus ophthalmicus* A few were seen at Wild Sumaco.

**Ecuadorian Tyrannulet** *Phylloscartes gualaquizeae* ♦ Repeated good looks at this tiny bird at Wild Sumaco.  
**Streak-necked Flycatcher** *Mionectes striaticollis* Seen in the west.  
**Olive-striped Flycatcher** *Mionectes olivaceus* A couple seen.  
**Ochre-bellied Flycatcher** *Mionectes oleaginous* Seen by some on the extension.  
**Slaty-capped Flycatcher** *Leptopogon superciliaris* Regularly seen in mixed flocks in foothill habitat.  
**Rufous-breasted Flycatcher** *Leptopogon rufipectus* ♦ One sighting.  
**Amazonian Scrub Flycatcher** ♦ *Sublegatus obscurior* Seen on the extension.  
**Flavescent Flycatcher** *Myiophobus flavicans* ♦ We had the best looks at Angel Paz and Mindo.  
**Olive-chested Flycatcher** *Myiophobus cryptoxanthus* ♦ We had nice views of this specialty on the east.  
**Bran-colored Flycatcher** ♦ *Myiophobus fasciatus* One seen.  
**Handsome Flycatcher** *Nephelomyias pulcher* ♦ Seen near Guacamayos.  
**Ornate Flycatcher** *Myiotriccus ornatus* We had many sightings of this delightful bird all along the tour.  
**White-eyed Tody-Tyrant** *Hemitriccus zosterops* One of this hemi'tricky' was tracked down on the extension.  
**Buff-throated Tody-Tyrant** *Hemitriccus rufigularis* ♦ This localised bird was seen by some at Wild Sumaco.  
**Black-capped Pygmy-Tyrant** *Myiornis atricapillus* Seen well.



Wire-tailed Manakin.

**Scale-crested Pygmy Tyrant** *Lophotriccus pileatus* We had several sightings on the tour.  
**Double-banded Pygmy Tyrant** *Lophotriccus vitosus* ♦ One was seen on the extension— such a loud little critter!  
**Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher** *Poecilatriccus ruficeps* Excellent looks at this colourful bird at Guacamayos.  
**Spotted Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum maculatum* (H)  
**Common Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum cinereum* We had several sightings on the tour.  
**Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum* Great views from the extension canopy tower.  
**Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum nigriceps* Seen on the west.  
**Yellow-olive Flatbill** *Tolmomyias sulphurescens* One was seen.  
**Zimmer's Flatbill** *Tolmomyias assimilis* One was seen on the extension.  
**Orange-eyed Flatbill** ♦ *Tolmomyias traylori* This rare bird was seen very well near Sani.  
**Yellow-margined Flatbill** *Tolmomyias flavotectus* We had one sighting.  
**Grey-crowned Flatbill (G-c Flycatcher)** *Tolmomyias poliocephalus* One on the extension.



**Olive-faced Flatbill** *Tolmomyias viridiceps* Seen on the extension. See note.

**Golden-crowned Spadebill** *Platyrinchus coronatus* (H)

**Cinnamon Flycatcher** *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus* We had several sightings in the San Isidro area.

**Cliff Flycatcher** *Hirundinea ferruginea* A few were seen along the Loreto road.

**Black Phoebe** *Sayornis nigricans* We had several sightings on the tour.



**Northern Tufted Flycatcher** *Mitrephanes phaeocercus* Two seen along the La Union road.

**Olive-sided Flycatcher** *Contopus cooperi* A few sightings of this boreal migrant.

**Smoke-colored Pewee** *Contopus fumigatus* A few were seen at various locations on the tour.

**Western Wood Pewee** *Contopus sordidulus* Several sightings in foothill habitat.

**Vermilion Flycatcher** *Pyrocephalus rubinus* Small numbers.

**Rufous-tailed Tyrant** *Knipolegus poecilurus* One on Loreto.

**Drab Water Tyrant** *Ochthornis littoralis* It was fairly common along the Napo River on the extension.

**Paramo Ground Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola alpinus* ♦ Seen at Antisana.

**Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant** *Agriornis montanus* We got good looks at this large flycatcher at Antisana.

**Streak-throated Bush Tyrant** *Myiotheretes striaticollis* Seen at Yanacocha.

**Masked Water Tyrant** *Fluvicola nengeta* 1 seen on the western lowland.

**Crowned Chat-Tyrant** *Silvicultrix frontalis* ♦ One was seen at Yanacocha on our first day.

**Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant** *Silvicultrix diadema* ♦ One seen.

**Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant** *Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris* ♦ Seen well at Chical.

**Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant** *Ochthoeca fumicolor* One seen in the Papallacta area.

**Long-tailed Tyrant** *Colonia colonus* Several sightings in the Choco this year.

**Piratic Flycatcher** *Legatus leucophaeus* This canopy flycatcher was seen several times on the lowlands.

**Rusty-margined Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes cayanensis* Commonly seen throughout the western lowlands.

**Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis* Commonly seen throughout the tour.

**Grey-capped Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes granadensis* First seen at Playa de Oro and later several on the east.

**Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus* Common in suitable habitat.



*Giant Hummingbird.*

**Lesser Kiskadee** *Philohydor lector* Frequently seen along the lakes on the extension.

**White-ringed Flycatcher** *Conopias albobittatus* ♦ Seen at Playa de Oro.

**Golden-crowned Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus* We had many good views of this highland bird.

**Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes luteiventris* Singletons were seen on the extension.

**Streaked Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes maculatus* 2 sightings.

**Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua* Several encounters on the tour.

**Crowned Slaty Flycatcher** *Gryseotyrannus aurantioatrocristatus* Several seen on the extension.

**Snowy-throated Kingbird** *Tyrannus niveigularis* We saw three birds in the western lowlands and foothills.

**Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus* Commonly seen throughout the tour.

**Eastern Kingbird** *Tyrannus tyrannus* Several were seen along the Napo River on the extension.

**Greyish Mourner** *Rhytipterna simplex* One was seen on the extension.

**Dusky-capped Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tuberculifer* The most commonly encountered member of the genus.

**Short-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus ferox* Regularly seen on the Amazonia extension – usually riverside habitat.

**Pale-edged Flycatcher** *Myiarchus cephalotes* We obtained great looks at this one at San Isidro.

**Rufous-tailed Flatbill** *Ramphotrigon ruficauda* This rarely-seen bird gave good views in Shiripuno.



**Cinnamon Attila** *Attila cinnamomeus* We saw this 'varzea' species on the extension.  
**Citron-bellied Attila** *Attila citriniventris* ♦ We had good looks from the tower in Sani.  
**Bright-rumped Attila** *Attila spadiceus* Seen once.  
**Red-crested Cotinga** *Ampelion rubrocristatus* Seen at Yanacocha and Papallacta.  
**Green-and-black Fruiteater** *Pipreola riefferii* We had some good looks.  
**Barred Fruiteater** *Pipreola arcuata* 6 seen at Yanacocha.



*Spotted Nightingale Thrush, Spot-crowned Antwren and Black-capped Pygmy Tyrant.*

**Orange-breasted Fruiteater** *Pipreola jucunda* ♦ A total of 3 were seen along the Mashpi road.

**Black-chested Fruiteater** *Pipreola lubomirskii* Good views on Loreto.  
**Fiery-throated Fruiteater** *Pipreola chlorolepidota* ♦ A male and a female at Wild Sumaco.  
**Scaled Fruiteater** *Ampelioides tschudii* Good views on Mashpi road.  
**Andean Cock-of-the-Rock** *Rupicola peruvianus* Our best views were lekking birds at Angel Paz. Also in the east.  
**Black-necked Red Cotinga** *Phoenicircus nigricollis* ♦ (H) Heard on the extension, but no lek known.  
**Plum-throated Cotinga** *Cotinga maynana* ♦ 10 on the extension.  
**Spangled Cotinga** *Cotinga cayana* We had very good views on the Amazonia extension.  
**Rufous Piha** *Lipaugus unirufus* ♦ (H)  
**Screaming Piha** *Lipaugus vociferans* 'The call of Amazonia' was seen at Sani.  
**Grey-tailed Piha** *Snowornis subalaris* ♦ Finally one calling bird was tracked down at Wild Sumaco. Well spotted Bob!  
**Black-tipped Cotinga** *Carpodectes hopkei* ♦ Three males were seen at Playa de Oro.  
**Bare-necked Fruitcrow** *Gymnoderus foetidus* Many sightings on the extension.  
**Purple-throated Fruitcrow** *Querula purpurata* We have had our best looks at Gareno.  
**Amazonian Umbrellabird** *Cephalopterus ornatus* Great views of a male in Sani.  
**Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin** *Tyrannetes stolzmanni* Seen well on Sani.  
**Blue-backed Manakin** *Chiroxiphia pareola* One male in Shiripuno.  
**Golden-winged Manakin** *Masius chrysopterus* A nice male on Mashpi road, also females.  
**Green Manakin** ♦ *Cryptopipo holochlora* One bird photographed in Playa de Oro. Rare.  
**Club-winged Manakin** *Machaeropterus deliciosus* ♦ Great views of lekking male along the Mashpi road.  
**Western Striped Manakin** *Machaeropterus striolatus* ♦ A female was seen in Wild Sumaco.  
**Blue-crowned Manakin** *Lepidothrix coronata* Several seen.



*Black-billed Peppershrike and Cinnamon Flycatcher.*

**Blue-rumped Manakin** *Lepidothrix isidorei* ♦ Several good looks were obtained at Wild Sumaco.  
**White-bearded Manakin** *Manacus manacus* Many good views at Playa de Oro.  
**Orange-crested Manakin** *Heterocercus aurantiivertex* ♦ Great views on the extension!  
**Wire-tailed Manakin** *Pipra filicauda* We had brilliant looks at a male on the Amazonia extension.  
**White-crowned Manakin** *Dixiphia pipra* Commonly seen at Wild Sumaco and on the extension  
**Red-capped Manakin** *Dixiphia mentalis* (H) We heard one at Playa de Oro but no sightings.  
**Golden-headed Manakin** *Dixiphia erythrocephala* Two male were seen lekking in Sani.  
**Tawny-breasted Myiobius** *Myiobius villosus* ♦ A single bird was seen  
**Sulphur-rumped Myiobius** *Myiobius sulphureipygius* 2 seen.  
**Whiskered Myiobius** *Myiobius barbatulus* One on the extension.  
**Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher** *Terenotriccus erythrurus* One was seen at Playa de Oro.  
**Black-tailed Tityra** *Tityra cayana* We had several sightings on the east.  
**Masked Tityra** *Tityra semifasciata* We had several encounters on the east.  
**Northern Schiffornis** *Schiffornis veraepacis* One was seen at Mashpi.  
**White-browed Purpletuft** *Iodopleura isabellae* Great views in Amazonia.



**Yellow-cheeked Becard** *Pachyramphus xanthogenys* ♦ A male was seen well at Wild Sumaco.  
**Barred Becard** *Pachyramphus versicolor* Just 2 seen in a mixed flock at Mashpi.  
**Cinnamon Becard** *Pachyramphus cinnamomeus* Regularly seen on the lowlands and foothills of the west.  
**White-winged Becard** *Pachyramphus polychopterus* ♦ The eastern race was seen two times.  
**Black-and-white Becard** *Pachyramphus albogriseus* 2 sightings on both slopes of the Andes.  
**One-colored Becard** *Pachyramphus homochrous* It was commonly seen on the western lowlands.  
**Pink-throated Becard** *Pachyramphus minor* 2 on the extension.  
**Black-billed Peppershrike** *Cyclarhis nigrirostris* ♦ We got good looks 2 days.



Orange-breasted, Black-chested and Scaled Fruiteaters.



**Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo** *Vireolanius leucotis* We had multiple good looks  
**Brown-capped Vireo** *Vireo leucophrys* Several sightings at higher elevations.  
**Red-eyed Vireo** *Vireo olivaceus* Several sightings throughout the tour.  
**Yellow-green Vireo** *Vireo flavoviridis* one seen.  
**Lemon-chested Greenlet** *Hylophilus thoracicus* (H) It was only heard on the extension.  
**Rufous-naped Greenlet** *Hylophilus semibrunneus* ◇ Many excellent views of this canopy bird at Wild Sumaco.  
**Dusky-capped Greenlet** *Hylophilus hypoxanthus* Seen in the extension.  
**Olivaceous Greenlet** *Hylophilus olivaceus* ◇ Several good looks at this rather plain bird at Wild Sumaco.  
**Tawny-crowned Greenlet** *Hylophilus ochraceiceps* ◇ Several at Playa de Oro.  
**Lesser Greenlet** *Hylophilus decurtatus* A few were seen on the western lowlands.  
**Turquoise Jay** *Cyanolyca turcosa* ◇ We saw them several times.



*Inca Jay.*

**Violaceous Jay** *Cyanocorax violaceus* A few in the east.  
**Inca Jay** *Cyanocorax yncas* It was common in the garden of San Isidro.  
**Sand Martin** *Riparia riparia* Migrant flocks were seen along the Santiago and Napo Rivers.  
**White-winged Swallow** *Tachycineta albiventer* It was very common on the Amazonian extension.  
**Grey-breasted Martin** *Progne chalybea* Commonly encountered in lowland habitats on both sides of the Andes.  
**Brown-chested Martin** *Progne tapera* Several seen on the Amazonian extension.  
**Purple Martin** *Progne subis* One photographed near San Isidro with migrant swallows. Found by David.  
**Blue-and-white Swallow** *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca* It was commonly seen throughout the tour.  
**Brown-bellied Swallow** *Notiochelidon murina* This highland bird seen at several locations. Best looks at Papallacta.  
**White-banded Swallow** *Atticora fasciata* Seen along the Napo River on the extension.  
**White-thighed Swallow** *Neochelidon tibialis* ◇ We had some excellent views of both races on the tour.  
**Southern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* It was commonly seen throughout the tour.  
**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica* A few seen.  
**American Cliff Swallow (W)** *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota* Seen with other migrant swallows in Playa de Oro.  
**Black-capped Donacobius** *Donacobius atricapilla* A few were seen on the extension. See note.



**Thrush-like Wren** *Campylorhynchus turdinus* Common on the extension.  
**Grey-mantled Wren** *Odontorchilus branickii* ♦ A few at Wild Sumaco this year.  
**Rufous Wren** *Cinnycerthia unirufa* We saw it two times.  
**Sepia-brown Wren** *Cinnycerthia olivascens* Several sightings at Mashpi and Chical.  
**Grass Wren** *Cistothorus platensis* A few seen in the Antisana area.  
**Plain-tailed Wren** *Pheugopedius euophrys* ♦ Seen near San Isidro.  
**Coraya Wren** *Pheugopedius coraya* Seen on the extension.



*Military and Chestnut-fronted Macaws.*

**Bay Wren** *Cantorchilus nigricapillus* Several seen on the west.  
**Stripe-throated Wren** *Cantorchilus leucopogon* ♦ Two along the trails of Playa de Oro.  
**House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon* Frequently seen around human habitation.  
**Mountain Wren** *Troglodytes solstitialis* We obtained good views at San Isidro.  
**White-breasted Wood Wren** *Henicorhina leucosticte* The *inornata* was seen at Playa de Oro, *hauxwelli* on the east.

**Grey-breasted Wood Wren** *Henicorhina leucophrys* Regular encounters with this species at higher elevation.

**Southern Nightingale-Wren** *Microcerculus marginatus* (H)

**Musician Wren** *Cyphorhinus arada* Seen along the trails of Wild Sumaco

**Song Wren** *Cyphorhinus phaeocephalus* Great views at Playa de Oro.

**Tawny-faced Gnatwren** *Microbates cinereiventris* Two were showing very well at Playa de Oro.

**Long-billed Gnatwren** *Ramphocaenus melanurus* Finally one was tracked down in Amazonia.

**Tropical Gnatcatcher** *Polioptila plumbea* 2 seen.

**Slate-throated Gnatcatcher** *Polioptila schistaceigula* ♦ This Chocó specialty was seen well at Playa de Oro.

**Tropical Mockingbird** *Mimus gilvus* We saw a few.



Wire-crested Thorntails.

**Andean Solitaire** *Myadestes ralloides* A total of 5 were seen on the tour.

**Slaty-backed Nighthingale-Thrush** *Catharus fuscater* (H) Heard at Bellavista.

**Spotted Nighthingale-Thrush** *Catharus dryas* Excellent looks at Wild Sumaco.

**Great Thrush** *Turdus fuscater* Common bird of the higher elevations.

**Glossy-black Thrush** *Turdus serranus* Only one seen this year.

**Chestnut-bellied Thrush** *Turdus fulviventris* One in San Isidro.

**Black-billed Thrush** *Turdus ignobilis* It was seen several times.

**Lawrence's Thrush** *Turdus lawrencii* ♦ We had nice scope views of this 'best mimic of Amazonia'.



**Hauxwell's Thrush** *Turdus hauxwelli* ◇ Finally we saw one on the extension.

**Dagua Thrush** ◇ *Turdus daguae* A singing bird seen briefly by some in Playa de Oro.

**Ecuadorian Thrush** *Turdus maculirostris* ◇ Commonly seen on the west at lower elevations.

**White-capped Dipper** *Cinclus leucocephalus* 2 sightings on the tour in usual habitat.

**Paramo Pipit** *Anthus bogotensis* Seen well.

**Olivaceous Siskin** ◇ *Spinus olivaceus* Two sightings.

**Hooded Siskin** *Spinus magellanicus* We had good views at Antisana National Park.

**Orange-crowned Euphonia** *Euphonia saturata* ◇ A male was seen by some at Playa de Oro.

**Thick-billed Euphonia** *Euphonia lanirostris* It was regularly seen on the west and on the extension.

**Golden-rumped Euphonia** *Euphonia cyanocephala* 2 birds seen well.



*Club-winged Manakin and Dwarf Tyrant-manakin.*

**White-lored Euphonia** *Euphonia chrysopasta* A few on the extension.  
**Bronze-green Euphonia** *Euphonia mesochrysa* Singing males were seen at Wild Sumaco.  
**White-vented Euphonia** *Euphonia minuta* Seen at Playa de Oro.  
**Orange-bellied Euphonia** *Euphonia xanthogaster* It was commonly seen in a wide range of habitats.  
**Rufous-bellied Euphonia** *Euphonia rufiventris* Seen on the extension.  
**Blue-naped Chlorophonia** *Chlorophonia cyanea* Seen at Wild Sumaco.  
**Olive-crowned Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis semiflava* Seen at La union road.  
**Cerulean Warbler** *Setophaga cerulea* A total of 4 were seen.  
**Tropical Parula** *Setophaga pitiauyi* Many great views of this stunning little bird.  
**Blackburnian Warbler** *Setophaga fusca* One near San Isidro.  
**Black-crested Warbler** *Myiothlypis nigrocristata* We had very good looks at this fine warbler at San Isidro.  
**Buff-rumped Warbler** *Myiothlypis fulvicauda* This delightful bird was seen frequently on the tour, usually near water.  
**Choco Warbler** *Myiothlypis chlorophrys* ♦ Seen along Mashpi road.



*Masked Trogon.*

**Russet-crowned Warbler** *Myiothlypis coronate* This lovely songster was seen at Bellavista and San Isidro.  
**Three-striped Warbler** *Basileuterus tristriatus* We had a few sightings in the NW.  
**Slate-throated Whitestart** *Myioborus miniatus* It was regularly seen in the Andean forests.  
**Spectacled Whitestart** *Myioborus melanocephalus* We had several encounters at higher elevations.  
**Yellow-billed Cacique** *Amblycercus holosericeus* (H)  
**Russet-backed Oropendola** *Psarocolius angustifrons* Commonly seen bird on the east. One was seen on the west.  
**Chestnut-headed Oropendola** *Psarocolius wagleri* Seen at Playa de Oro very well. Rare in Ecuador.  
**Crested Oropendola** *Psarocolius decumanus* It was common at Wild Sumaco and on the extension.  
**Green Oropendola** *Psarocolius viridis* Two on the extension.  
**Yellow-rumped Cacique** *Cacicus cela* It was common at Wild Sumaco and on the extension.  
**Scarlet-rumped Cacique** *Cacicus microrhynchus* It was common around the lodge at Playa de Oro.  
**Subtropical Cacique** *Cacicus uropygialis* We had good views in the garden of San Isidro.  
**Northern Mountain Cacique** *Cacicus leucoramphus* One sighting.  
**Casqued Oropendola** *Cacicus oseryi* ♦ One sighting.



**Orange-backed Troupial** *Icterus croconotus* Excellent looks.  
**Giant Cowbird** *Molothrus oryzivorus* Common on the extension.



*Green-and-gold and Grey-and-gold Tanagers.*

**Shiny Cowbird** *Molothrus bonariensis* A few were seen in open habitat.  
**Scrub Blackbird** *Dives waczewiczi* It was seen on the western lowlands.  
**Great-tailed Grackle** *Quiscalus mexicanus* Seen on the cost near Esmeraldas.  
**Peruvian Meadowlark** *Sturnella bellicosa* Seen near Esmeraldas.  
**Oriole Blackbird** *Gymnomystax mexicanus* We had several good looks on the river islands of the Napo.  
**Bananaquit** *Coereba flaveola* Regularly recorded on the tour.  
**Rufous-collared Sparrow** *Zonotrichia capensis* Commonly seen at higher elevations.  
**Yellow-browed Sparrow** *Ammodramus aurifrons* It was seen at Gareno and on the extension.  
**Black-striped Sparrow** *Arremonops conirostris* Seen near mashpi.

**Orange-billed Sparrow** *Arremon aurantirostris* Seen by Jan.

**Chestnut-capped Brushfinch** *Arremon brunneinucha* It was seen well.

**Pale-naped Brushfinch** *Arremon pallidinucha* Seen very well in *Polylepis* woodland at Papallacta.

**Choco Brushfinch** *Atlapetes crassus* ♦ Many great views on the west.



*Golden and Flame-faced Tanagers.*

**Yellow-breasted Brushfinch** *Atlapetes latinuchus* We had good looks at Yanacocha.

**Common Bush Tanager** *Chlorospingus flavopectus* It was common in the San Isidro area on the east. See note.

**Dusky Bush-Tanager** *Chlorospingus semifuscus* ♦ It was common at Mashpi and in the Mindo area on the west.

**Yellow-whiskered Bush Tanager** *Chlorospingus parvirostris* ♦ Excellent views near San Isidro.

**Yellow-throated Bush Tanager** *Chlorospingus flavigularis* We saw it on the west and on the east too.

**Ashy-throated Bush Tanager** *Chlorospingus canigularis* It was seen at Wild Sumaco.



**Red-capped Cardinal** *Paroaria gularis* We only saw it on the Amazonia extension.

**Maggie Tanager** *Cissopis leverianus* It was seen in disturbed habitat on the east.



*Black-faced Dacnis and Golden-collared Honeycreeper.*

**White-capped Tanager** ♦ *Sericossypha albocristata* MEGA! Great views at Guacamayos and near San Isidro.

**Dusky-faced Tanager** *Mitrospingus cassinii* Common and noisy under-storey bird, seen at Playa de Oro.

**Black-capped Hemispingus** *Hemispingus atropileus* We had good looks once.

**Superciliaried Hemispingus** *Hemispingus superciliaris* (LO) Seen at Yanacocha.

**Black-eared Hemispingus** *Hemispingus melanotis* We had superb looks in the garden of San Isidro.

**Superciliaried Hemispingus** *Hemispingus superciliaris* One sighting near San Isidro.

**Western Hemispingus** *Hemispingus ochraceus* ♦ One flock was encountered at Bellavista.  
**Grey-hooded Bush Tanager** *Cnemoscopus rubrirostris* Seen well near Guango.  
**Grey-headed Tanager** *Eucometis penicillata* Seen well.



*White-lored and Rufous-bellied Euphonias.*

**Flame-crested Tanager** *Tachyphonus cristatus* We had amazing looks on the extension.  
**Fulvous-crested Tanager** *Tachyphonus surinamus* A total of 2 birds were seen at Shiripuno.  
**White-shouldered Tanager** *Tachyphonus luctuosus* Just two were seen.  
**Tawny-crested Tanager** *Tachyphonus delatrii* Commonly encountered at Playa de Oro.  
**White-lined Tanager** *Tachyphonus rufus* A few seen.



**Fulvous Shrike-Tanager** *Lanio fulvus* Two brief sightings in the east.

**Masked Crimson Tanager** *Ramphocelus nigrogularis* We had several good looks of this stunner on the extension.

**Silver-beaked Tanager** *Ramphocelus carbo* Commonly seen on the eastern lowlands.

**Lemon-rumped Tanager** *Ramphocelus icteronotus* Commonly seen on the western lowlands.

**Blue-grey Tanager** *Thraupis episcopus* It was common throughout the tour – white-shouldered ones on the east.

**Palm Tanager** *Thraupis palmarum* It was commonly seen throughout the tour.



*Blue-winged Mountain and Blue-whiskered Tanagers.*

**Blue-capped Tanager** *Thraupis cyanocephala* Just one was seen in the Tandayapa valley.

**Golden-chested Tanager** *Bangsia rothschildi* ♦ We got very good looks along the La Union road.

**Moss-backed Tanager** *Bangsia edwardsi* ♦ Brilliant views of this specialty along the Mashpi road.

**Hooded Mountain Tanager** *Buthraupis montana* It was seen at the Yanacocha, Bellavista and the Guacamayos.

**Black-chested Mountain Tanager** *Buthraupis eximia* Brilliant encounters at Yanacocha and at Papallacta.

**Lacrimose Mountain Tanager** *Anisognathus lacrymosus* Seen very well near Guango.

**Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager** *Anisognathus igniventris* We had many sightings at Yanacocha and Papallacta.  
**Blue-winged Mountain Tanager** *Anisognathus somptuosus* It was the most commonly seen Mountain Tanager.  
**Black-chinned Mountain Tanager** *Anisognathus notabilis* ♦ We had great looks near Mindo.  
**Grass-green Tanager** *Chlorornis riefferii* It was seen at Guango and along the Guacamayos ridge trail.  
**Purplish-mantled Tanager** *Iridosornis porphyrocephalus* ♦ One seen along the Chical road.



*Grey-tailed Piha from Wild Sumaco.*

**Yellow-throated Tanager** *Iridosornis analis* Excellent looks near Loreto road.  
**Golden-crowned Tanager** *Iridosornis rufivertex* ♦ Good looks of this fantastic bird at Yanacocha and Papallacta.  
**Fawn-breasted Tanager** *Pipraeidea melanonota* Small numbers seen.  
**Glistening-green Tanager** *Chlorochrysa phoenicotis* ♦ Five birds along Mashpi road.  
**Orange-eared Tanager** *Chlorochrysa calliparaea* About 6 were seen around Wild Sumaco this year, nice males too!  
**Grey-and-gold Tanager** *Tangara palmeri* ♦ We had good views in the NW.  
**Turquoise Tanager** *Tangara mexicana* We saw 6 birds at Sani.  
**Paradise Tanager** *Tangara chilensis* We had many excellent looks at Wild Sumaco and on the extension.  
**Blue-whiskered Tanager** *Tangara johannae* ♦ One bird seen at Playa de Oro.  
**Green-and-gold Tanager** *Tangara schrankii* Several were seen at Wild Sumaco and on the extension.  
**Emerald Tanager** *Tangara florida* Just a few sightings at Playa de Oro and La Union.  
**Golden Tanager** *Tangara arthus* One of the most commonly seen tangaras on the tour.  
**Silver-throated Tanager** *Tangara icterocephala* Seen in the NW.  
**Saffron-crowned Tanager** *Tangara xanthocephala* One at Chical and regular sightings in the San Isidro area.  
**Golden-eared Tanager** *Tangara chrysotis* Seen at Wild Sumaco.  
**Flame-faced Tanager** *Tangara parzudakii* Both the western and the eastern race was seen on the tour.  
**Yellow-bellied Tanager** *Tangara xanthogastra* Only one brief sighting in the east.  
**Spotted Tanager** *Tangara punctata* We had several sightings at Wild Sumaco.  
**Rufous-throated Tanager** *Tangara rufigula* ♦ We had a few birds along the Mashpi road, at Milpe and Chical.  
**Bay-headed Tanager** *Tangara gyrola* A common tangara on the tour, especially on the east slope foothills.  
**Rufous-winged Tanager** *Tangara lavinia* ♦ Several were seen at Playa de Oro.  
**Golden-naped Tanager** *Tangara ruficervix* We had regular sightings around Mindo.



**Metallic-green Tanager** *Tangara labradorides* 2 sightings.

**Blue-browed Tanager** *Tangara cyanotis* ♦ 3 were seen at Wild Sumaco. Excellent!

**Blue-necked Tanager** *Tangara cyanicollis* Both eastern and western races were seen on both side of the Andes.

**Golden-hooded Tanager** *Tangara larvata* Several were seen on the western lowlands.

**Masked Tanager** *Tangara nigrocincta* One sighting in the east.

**Beryl-spangled Tanager** *Tangara nigroviridis* One of the most commonly seen tangara on the tour.

**Blue-and-black Tanager** *Tangara vassorii* 3 sightings.



*Five-colored (2x), Orange-fronted and Gilded Barbets.*



*The rarely-seen Orange-eyed Flatbill and Orange-crested Manakin*

**Black-capped Tanager** *Tangara heinei* Good views were obtained near Mindo.

**Opal-rumped Tanager** *Tangara velia* Several were seen on the extension.

**Opal-crowned Tanager** *Tangara callophrys* Repeated sightings on the extension.



**Swallow Tanager** *Tersina viridis* We had good looks at various locations.  
**Black-faced Dacnis** *Dacnis lineata* We saw several birds in the east.  
**Yellow-tufted Dacnis** *Dacnis egregia* ♦ We saw it regularly on the western lowlands.  
**Yellow-bellied Dacnis** *Dacnis flaviventer* A pair was seen well from the tower in Sani.  
**Scarlet-thighed Dacnis** *Dacnis venusta* Seen well in the NW.  
**Blue Dacnis** *Dacnis cayana* We saw it several times.



*White-fronted Nunbird.*

**Scarlet-breasted Dacnis** *Dacnis berlepschi* ♦ One pair seen well at playa de Oro. Stunning bird!  
**Purple Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes caeruleus* It was regularly encountered throughout the tour.  
**Green Honeycreeper** *Chlorophanes spiza* It was regularly encountered throughout the tour.  
**Red-legged Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes cyaneus* Seen at Playa de Oro, found by David.  
**Golden-collared Honeycreeper** *Iridophanes pulcherrimus* ♦ We had a pair near Mashpi.  
**Scarlet-browed Tanager** *Heterospingus xanthopygius* ♦ We saw them at Playa de Oro and La Union.  
**Scarlet-and-white Tanager** *Chrysothlypis salmoni* ♦ Seen very well at La Union.  
**Cinereous Conebill** *Conirostrum cinereum* A few seen.  
**Bicolored Conebill** *Conirostrum bicolor* Seen on a Napo river island.  
**Blue-backed Conebill** *Conirostrum sitticolor* Just a few were seen at Yanacocha and Papallacta.

**Capped Conebill** *Conirostrum albigrons* Several were seen at Bellavista – both sexes.  
**Rusty Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa sittoides* One on the NW.  
**Glossy Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa lafresnayii* We had many good views at Yanacocha and Papallacta.  
**Black Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa humeralis* It was common at Antisana National Park.



*Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper and Oilbirds.*

**White-sided Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa albilatera* We saw a few at Bellavista and Chcial.  
**Indigo Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa indigotica* ♦ This once enigmatic bird was seen well along the Mashpi road.  
**Golden-eyed Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa glauca* We had three birds on the east slope.  
**Bluish Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa caerulescens* A few birds were seen at San Isidro.  
**Masked Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa cyanea* Definitely the most commonly seen flowerpiercer on this tour.  
**Black-backed Bush Tanager** *Urothraupis stolzmanni* ♦ 4 were seen well at Papallacta.  
**Tanager Finch** *Oreothraupis arremonops* ♦ We got superb looks at a pair near Bellavista.  
**Plumbeous Sierra Finch** *Phrygilus unicolor* It was common at Papallacta and Antisana.  
**Ash-breasted Sierra Finch** *Phrygilus plebejus (NL)* Seen near Quito.  
**Saffron Finch** *Sicalis flaveola* A few were seen near Quito.





*Ecuadorian (Blue) Seedeater near Mindo and a Crested Eagle from the Sani canopy tower.*

**Blue-black Grassquit** *Volatinia jacarina* Just a few were seen on our travels.

**Variable Seedeater** *Sporophila corvina* We had several on the west.

**Caqueta Seedeater** *Sporophila murallae* ♦ This year we had a bird on a Napo River island.

**Yellow-bellied Seedeater** *Sporophila nigricollis* Commonly seen on the west.

**Ruddy-breasted Seedeater** *Sporophila minuta* One photographed near Chical.

**Chestnut-bellied Seedeater** *Sporophila castaneiventris* Many were seen on the extension.

**Thick-billed Seed Finch** *Oryzoborus funereus* 2 sightings.

**Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch** *Oryzoborus angolensis* Good looks in the extension.

**Plain-colored Seedeater** *Catamenia inornata* It was seen at Papallacta and Antisana.

**Yellow-faced Grassquit** *Tiaris olivaceus* We saw several in the west.

**Dull-colored Grassqui (D-c Seedeater)** *Tiaris obscurus* One bird seen.

**White-winged Tanager** *Piranga leucoptera* Seen at Mashpi.

**Lemon-spectacled Tanager** *Chlorothraupis olivacea* ♦ Seen at Playa de Oro.

**Ochre-breasted Tanager** *Chlorothraupis stolzmanni* ♦ A few along the Mashpi road.

**Golden Grosbeak** *Pheucticus chrysogaster* Seen in semi dry inter Andean habitat. See note.

**Slate-coloured Grosebeak** *Saltator grossus* One seen well .

**Buff-throated Saltator** *Saltator maximus* Regularly seen throughout the tour.

**Black-winged Saltator** *Saltator atripennis* ♦ Regular sightings on the west.

**Greyish Saltator** *Saltator coerulescens* Three were seen at Wild Sumaco.

**Streaked Saltator** *Saltator striatipectus* One near Ibarra.

**Ecuadorian Seed eater** ♦ *Amaurospiza aequatorialis* Seen very well near Septimo Paraiso. Thanks JC!  
**Blue-black Grosbeak** *Cyanocompsa cyanooides* Seen at Shiripuno.



*White-capped Tanager and Common Potoo.*

## MAMMALS

**Forest Rabbit** *Sylvilagus brasiliensis* One was seen at Papallacta and several at Antisana.  
**Red-tailed Squirrel** *Sciurus granatensis* We had several sightings on the tour.  
**Amazon Dwarf Squirrel** *Microsciurus flaviventer* Seen at Wild Sumaco.  
**Giant Otter** *Pteronura brasiliensis* Seen at Sani, well spotted by Olga.  
**Kinkajou** *Potos flavus* One brief sighting.  
**Greater Fishing Bat** *Noctilio leporinus* Regular sightings on the extension.  
**Common Squirrel-Monkey** *Saimiri sciureus* We had many great views on the extension.  
**Brown Pale-fronted Capuchin Monkey** *Cebus albifrons* Several sightings on the extension.  
**Common Woolly Monkey** *Lagothrix lagothricha* Excellent looks at Wild Sumaco.  
**Venezuelan Red Howler** *Alouatta seniculus* Several great views on the extension.  
**White-tailed Deer** *Odocoileus virginianus* Seen at Antisana.  
**Andean Tapir** *Tapirus pinchaque* Two seen very well in San Isidro.  
**Andean Fox** *Lycalopex culpaeus* Seen very well at Papallacta.





*Andean Tapir and Common Woolly Monkey*





## 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 List (v6.4). Available at <http://www.worldbirdnames.org/ioc-lists/master-list/>

### **Yellow-billed Pintail** *Anas georgica*

South American mainland birds are sometimes split off as a separate species *A. spinicauda*, keeping the same English name. The residual *A. georgica*, endemic to South Georgia, is then re-named South Georgia Pintail.

### **Silvery Grebe** *Podiceps occipitalis*

The new HBW illustrated checklist splits this race as Northern Silvery Grebe *P. juninensis*.

### **Variable Hawk** *Geranoaetus polyosoma*

The form concerned is often split off as a separate species: Puna Hawk *B. poecilochrous*. The residual *B. polyosoma* is then renamed Red-backed Hawk.

### **Napo Screech Owl** *Megascops napensis*

This form was formerly lumped in Middle American (or Guatemalan or Vermiculated) Screech-Owl *O. guatemalae*. This form occurring in eastern Ecuador, *napensis*, is sometimes lumped with Rio Napo Screech-Owl *M. roraimae* then being renamed Roraima or Roraiman Screech-Owl.

### **San Isidro Owl** *Strix spilonotus*

Originally described as a distinct species, this east slope form was later lumped in Black-and-white Owl *S. nigrolineata*. However, it is vocally and morphologically distinct and has a different altitudinal range and species status seems to be warranted. The San Isidro Lodge has been sponsoring scouting expeditions to locate San Isidro type owls in similar altitude and habitat so hopefully if more population is found the description of species will be more straightforward.





**Wedge-billed Hummingbird** *Schistes geoffroyi*

The new HBW illustrated checklist splits this race as Western Wedge-billed Hummingbird *S. albogularis*.

**White-tailed Trogon** *Trogon chionurus*

Western White-tailed Trogon *T. chionurus* is not sister species of Amazonian White-tailed Trogon *T. viridis* and the English name has been changed to simpler White-tailed Trogon.

**Green-backed Trogon** *Trogon viridis*

Amazonian White-tailed Trogon *T. viridis* is not sister species of *T. chionurus* and the tentative English name is Green-backed Trogon at the moment (SACC).

**Gartered Trogon** *Trogon caligatus*

It is a split from *T. violaceus* which was a historical name for the Violaceous Trogons 'group'.

**Amazonian Trogon** *Trogon ramonianus*

It is a recent split from *T. violaceus* which also includes the crissalis race. The split has also changed the English name of *T. violaceus* to Guianan Trogon to reflect limited range after split of *T. ramonianus* and to avoid misapplication of historical 'group' name.

**Amazonian Motmot** *Momotus momota*

The English name of Blue-crowned Motmot *M. motmota* was changed to Amazonian Motmot with break up of this species complex into five different species.

**Pale-mandibled Aracari** *Pteroglossus erythropygius*

This form is split from Collared Aracari *P. torquatus*.

**White-throated Toucan** *Ramphastos tucanus*

The form concerned is often split off as a separate species: Cuvier's Toucan *R. cuvieri*. The residual *R. tucanus* is then renamed Red-billed Toucan.

**Yellow-throated Toucan** *Ramphastos ambiguus*

Also includes Chestnut-mandibled Toucan *R. swainsonii* which was sometimes split as a separate species. When it is split the eastern form is sometimes called Black-mandibled Toucan.

**Maroon-tailed Parakeet** *Pyrrhura melanura*

The subspecies *pacifica*, inhabiting the western lowlands and foothills, may represent a distinct species, the Chocó Parakeet.

**Chestnut-winged Cinclodes** *Cinclodes albidiventris*

This form is split from Buff-winged Cinclodes *C. fuscus*.

**Western Woodhaunter** *Hyloctistes virgatus*

This form is split from Eastern Woodhaunter *H. subulatus*, with the name Striped Woodhaunter (or Striped Foliage-gleaner) being used for the enlarged species.

**Buff-throated Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus guttatus*

The form concerned is sometimes split off as a separate species Lafresnaye's Woodcreeper *X. guttatoides*.

**Black-crowned Antshrike** *Thamnophilus atrinucha*

The English name was changed from Western Slaty Antshrike to Black-crowned Antshrike.

**Streak-headed Antbird** *Drymophila striaticeps*

This and three other newly described species were formerly lumped in Long-tailed Antbird *D. caudata* with the name Long-tailed Antbird being used for the enlarged species. This form includes *occidentalis*, *peruviana*, and *boliviana* races.

**Peruvian Warbling-Antbird** *Hypocnemis peruviana*

This and five other newly described species were formerly lumped in Guianan Warbling Antbird *H. cantator* with the name Warbling Antbird being used for the enlarged species.

**Zeledon's Antbird** *Myrmeciza zeledoni*

Zeledon's Antbird is split from Immaculate Antbird *M. immaculate*.

**Bicoloured Antbird** *Gymnopithys bicolor*

The forms in Central American and South America west of the Andes is split off as a separate species under the name Bicoloured Antbird *G. bicolor*. The residual *G. leucaspis* is then renamed White-cheeked Antbird.

**Northern White-crowned Tapaculo** *Scytalopus atratus*

This form was sometimes lumped in Southern White-crowned Tapaculo *S. bolivianus*, with the name White-crowned Tapaculo being used for the enlarged species. The latter in turn was formerly lumped in the Rufous-vented Tapaculo *S. femoralis* complex. However, both *S. atratus* and *S. micropterus* (see below) occur on Ecuador's east slope and are ecologically separated.

**Paramo Tapaculo** *Scytalopus opacus*

This form is split from *S. canus* based on vocal and pronounced genetic differences. The *S. canus* was renamed as Paramillo Tapaculo after the split.

**Olive-faced Flatbill** *Tolmomyias viridiceps*

This form was formerly lumped in Ochre-lored Flatbill (O-I Flycatcher) *T. flaviventris*, with the name Yellow-breasted Flycatcher being used for the enlarged species.

**Black-capped Donacobius** *Donacobius atricapillus*

Donacobius is related to the Old World warblers, not wrens (*Troglodytidae*). Currently treated as a monotypic family Donacobiidae pending resolution of relationships to *Megaluridae* vs *Bernieridae*.

**Southern Nightingale-Wren** *Microcerculus marginatus*

Northern Nightingale-Wren (sometimes just called Nightingale Wren) *M. philomela* (which does not occur in Ecuador) was formerly lumped in this form, with the name Nightingale Wren being used for the enlarged species. The taxonomy of *Microcerculus* wrens is probably even more complex and *M. marginatus* itself may consist of two or more biological species.

**Common Bush-Tanager** *Chlorospingus ophthalmicus*

A recent genetic study suggests that *C. ophthalmicus* comprises multiple species, at least five in Mexico and Middle America; Species in southern Central America and South America become (provisionally) *C. flavopectus* (Lafresnaye, 1840) with type locality restriction of *C. ophthalmicus* to Mexico. When treated as a single species, *C. flavopectus* (Lafresnaye, 1840) has priority over *C. ophthalmicus* (Du Bus de Gisignies, 1847).

**Thick-billed Seed-Finch** *Oryzoborus funereus*

This form is specifically distinct from Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch *O. angolensis*.

**Golden Grosbeak** *Pheucticus chrysogaster*

The English name was changed from Southern Yellow Grosbeak to Golden Grosbeak.



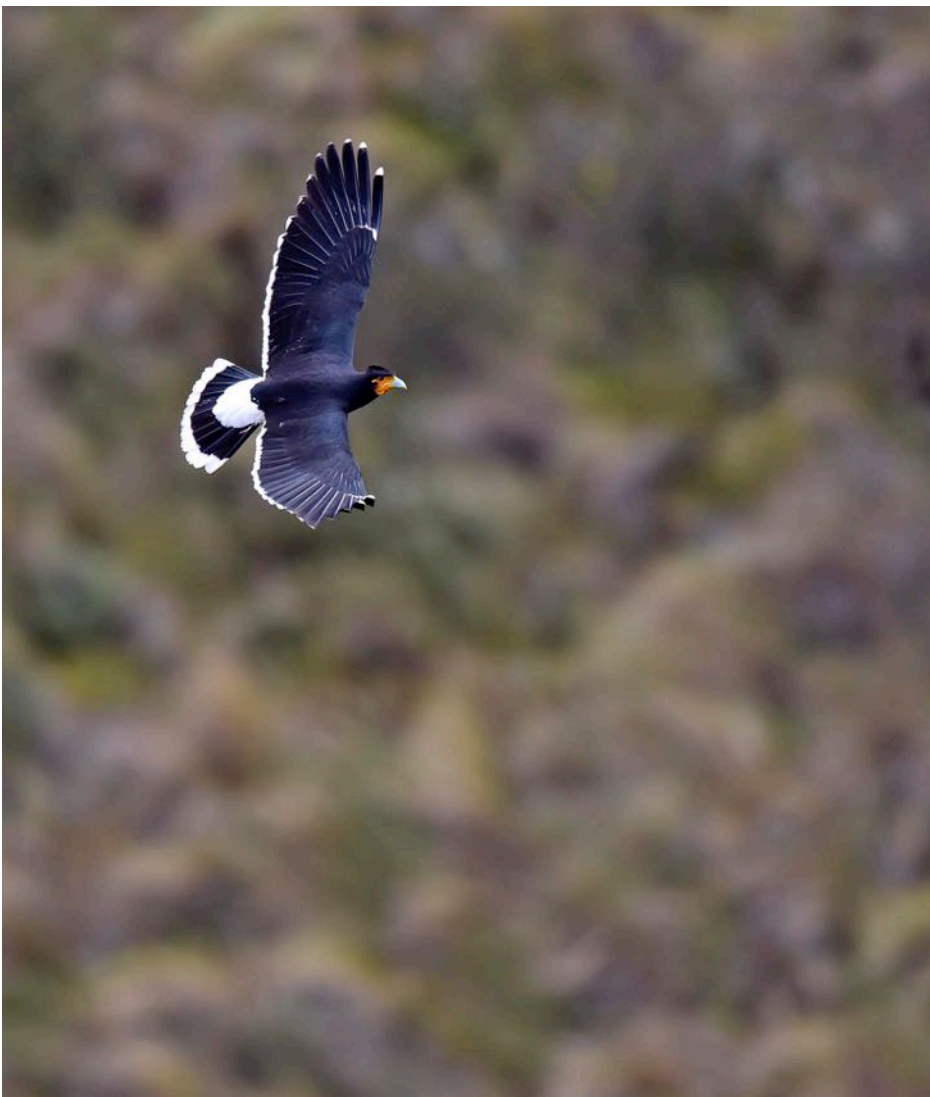


*American Pygmy and Green-and-rufous Kingfishers*





*The rarely seen Brown Nunlet in Shiripuno, and Carunculated Caracara*







*Coppery-chested Jacamar from Wild Sumaco*



*Long-billed Woodcreeper*





*Butterflies at Sani, and the Birdquest group near Wild Sumaco*

