



*OK... it's not an award winner but it is a White-masked Antbird, and it amply demonstrates why this bird is tough to see in the dense dark Amazonian undergrowth! Although we got some great views through our binoculars, Jono did brilliantly to capture this rare image (Jono Irvine)*

# PERU: WHITE-MASKED ANTBIRD EXPEDITION

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As part of our series of trips to see the remaining species not yet on the Birdquest Lifest, we hatched a plan to go and look for the little known White-masked Antbird – a spectacular obligate antswarm follower that is endemic to Northern Peru and is known from just a handful of sightings from a couple of sites. Fortunately, one of these sites is relatively accessible and so it was that the five of us and Carlos met up at Tarapoto airport where we were greeted with our first surprise! The airport at Yurimaguas was closed for resurfacing, and only open for flights in the afternoons. So instead of a relaxing transfer and a night before our flight, we high-tailed it to Yurimaguas and made the arrangements for our flights, before a late lunch overlooking the mighty Huallaga



*The flights to and from San Lorenzo were short and... interesting! (Pete Morris)*

River. Here our binoculars were quickly called upon as we notched up a few common species including the recently split Large-billed Parrotlet as well as Black Caracara, Yellow-billed Tern, White-winged and White-banded Swallows, and a few Chestnut-bellied Seedeaters.

A fair bit of waiting around then followed before we were finally airborne shortly before dusk. Flying over miles and miles of swampy forest as the sun was setting, we touched down in San Lorenzo just twenty minutes or so later... in the rain! We made our way to our relatively comfortable hotel (bearing in mind where we were) and enjoyed our first dinner.



*Amazonian Pygmy Owl was a nice find at San Lorenzo (Pete Morris)*



*A fine pair of Yellow-billed Jacamars put on a great performance (Pete Morris)*

We spent the next two and a half days exploring various forest patches close to San Lorenzo which were accessible by moto-taxi. Perceived wisdom suggested to us that the best way of finding our quarry was to locate an antswarm. However perceived wisdom also suggests that army ants do not leave their bivouacs in inclement weather, and the weather that we encountered would certainly fit into that category, as frequent heavy showers often hampered our birding. So we had to do it the hard way. Fortunately it turned out not to be too hard as on the afternoon of our first day we finally heard the shrill whistle which signalled the presence of the antbird, and after a bit of effort and a few tense moments we'd nailed our quarry. The pair of White-masked Antbirds were not easy to see as they shot around in the dark undergrowth, but fortunately one sat up clinging to a vertical vine for some time, allowing us all to appreciate this special bird for some time, and indeed we even went on to see them on another couple of occasions during our stay! So our visit had been a success! The other localized antbird at the site, Lunulated Antbird did not surrender until the final morning when we got some great views of a pair. Other special birds seen during our visit included a pair of relatively showy Black-banded



*Two of the many tyrant flycatchers... Double-banded Pygmy-Tyrant and Rufous-tailed Flatbill! (Pete Morris)*

Crakes, a perched Tiny Hawk, an obliging Amazonian Pygmy Owl, the simply stunning Black-necked Red Cot-tinga and the gorgeous Striolated Manakin. Other more widespread species of interest seen during our visit to San Lorenzo included Slate-coloured Hawk, the canopy-loving Black-bellied Cuckoo, smart Yellow-billed and White-chinned Jacamars, a fine female Great Jacamar, Scarlet-crowned Barbets, Red-stained, Spot-breasted and impressive Red-necked Woodpeckers, some sneaky but confiding Ruddy Spinetails, Black-banded and Elegant Woodcreepers, a good variety of antbirds which included Dusky-throated and Cinereous Antshrikes and Peruvian Warbling, Spot-winged and Black-faced Antbirds, Double-banded Pygmy-Tyrant, the smart Ru-fous-tailed Flatbill, the attractive Cinnamon Attila, Varzea Schiffornis the noisy Screaming Piha, the scarce Cinereous Mourner, a Varzea Thrush and Velvet-fronted Grackle.

After our final wet morning in the forest we retired to town for lunch and packed up ready for our flight out. How-ever, the weather had other ideas, and as we waited under the small hanger, the sound of the torrential deluge on the tin roof was almost deafening! The gravel runway became a river, and drenched school children passed by sloshing through the water! The prospects of getting out looked bleak, but by late afternoon there was a break in the weather and eventually we were told our plane would arrive just before dark and take us back the following morning. Not the best news, but at least it was coming. Plenty of grovelling then occurred and when the plane landed the pilot announced that we could leave if we were loaded in five minutes. No problem and we were off, touching down at Yurimaguas five minutes before the curfew time.

The way things had worked out meant that we now had a day and a morning to explore the Tarapoto area, and we arrived at the pleasant Aconobikh area the following morning. The weather had other ideas however, as the heavens opened once more! Luckily there were hummingbird feeders to keep us amused and here we were entertained by the rare Koepcke's Hermit and the delightful Gould's Jewelfront as well as colourful Gold-en-tailed Sapphires and chunky Grey-breasted Sabrewings. The rather wet trails were relatively quiet, though we did enjoy the excellent Golden-headed Manakin lek and managed to briefly see a Thrush-like Antpitta as well as White-breasted Wood Wren. Most of the rest of the time was spent exploring roadside habitat below the tunnel. Birding was generally quiet, but we did manage a few interesting species including Swallow-tailed Kite, White-tipped Swift, a smart Rufous-winged Antwren, Wing-barred Piprites, our first Peruvian Tyrannulets, several Cliff Flycatchers, Rufous-tailed Tyrant, Rufous-bellied Euphonia, Olive Tanager and a variety tanagers and other more common species. After a great little adventure, we returned to Lima, where we met up with those joining the next part of our travels...



*The gorgeous Gould's Jewelfront at Aconobikh (Pete Morris)*



*Stunning Golden-headed Manakins were active at their lek at Aconobikh (Pete Morris)*

## SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## BIRDS

**White-throated Tinamou** ◇ *Tinamus guttatus* (H) (NT) One heard along the Shuyal Trail at San Lorenzo.  
**Cinereous Tinamou** *Crypturellus cinereus* (H) One heard at Aconobikh, Tarapoto.  
**Speckled Chachalaca** *Ortalis guttata* A few heard and a couple seen briefly at San Lorenzo [nominated].  
**Western Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis* A few seen between Tarapoto and Yurimaguas.  
**Great Egret (American G E)** *Ardea [alba] egretta* A few seen between Tarapoto and Yurimaguas.  
**Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula* A few seen between Tarapoto and Yurimaguas [nominated].  
**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura* Common and widespread.  
**Greater Yellow-headed Vulture** *Cathartes melambrotus* A few seen at San Lorenzo.  
**Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus* Common and widespread.  
**King Vulture** *Sarcorampus papa* One for some on the drive to Yurimaguas.  
**Swallow-tailed Kite** *Elanoides forficatus* Several seen around Tarapoto.  
**Tiny Hawk** *Accipiter superciliosus* Great views of a perched adult at San Lorenzo [nominated].  
**Snail Kite** *Rostrhamus sociabilis* One on a small pool on the outskirts of San Lorenzo [nominated].  
**Slate-colored Hawk** *Buteogallus schistaceus* Good views of a perched adult along the Shuyal Trail at San Lorenzo.  
**Roadside Hawk** *Rupornis magnirostris* A few seen at San Lorenzo and Tarapoto [occiduous].  
**Black-banded Crake** ◇ *Laterallus fasciatus* Decent views of a pair taped in at San Lorenzo.  
**Rufous-sided Crake** *Laterallus melanophaius* (H) Heard near to the Machete Trail at San Lorenzo [oenops].  
**Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius* Just a couple of sightings at San Lorenzo.  
**Yellow-billed Tern** *Sternula superciliaris* A couple seen along the river at Yurimaguas.  
**Rock Dove (Feral)** *Columba livia* (introduced)  
**Pale-vented Pigeon** *Patagioenas cayennensis* Several seen in the San Lorenzo area.  
**Plumbeous Pigeon** *Patagioenas plumbea* Good views of a pair down from the tunnel at Tarapoto [pallascens].  
**Ruddy Pigeon** *Patagioenas subvinacea* (H) (VU) Heard once along the Shuyal Trail at San Lorenzo [ogilviegranti].  
**Ruddy Ground Dove** *Columbina talpacoti* Common and widespread [nominated].  
**White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi* Just one seen along the Oleoducto Road at San Lorenzo [decipiens].  
**Grey-fronted Dove** *Leptotila rufaxilla* Heard at San Lorenzo. One seen at Aconobikh [dubusi].  
**Eared Dove** *Zenaida auriculata* First seen at Tarapoto Airport [hypoleuca].  
**Greater Ani** *Crotophaga major* A flock seen well along the Oleoducto Road at San Lorenzo.  
**Smooth-billed Ani** *Crotophaga ani* Common and widespread.  
**Squirrel Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana* Heard at San Lorenzo. A few seen at Tarapoto [nigricrissa].  
**Black-bellied Cuckoo** *Piaya melanogaster* Nice views of one along the Shuyal Trail at San Lorenzo.  
**Amazonian Pygmy Owl** ◇ *Glaucidium hardyi* Excellent views of one at at San Lorenzo.  
**Ferruginous Pygmy Owl** *Glaucidium brasilianum* One seen by chance at San Lorenzo [ucayalae].



A recently split Large-billed Parrotlet in Yurimaguas (Jono Irvine) and Koepcke's Hermit at Aconobikh (Pete Morris)

**Pauraque** *Nyctidromus albicollis* (H) Heard on the way back in to San Lorenzo [nominate].

**White-collared Swift** *Streptoprocne zonaris* A few seen over Tarapoto [*subtropicalis*].

**Short-tailed Swift** *Chaetura brachyura* Seen particularly well above the Oleoducto Road at San Lorenzo [nominate].

**White-tipped Swift** *Aeronautes montivagus* Several seen at Tarapoto.

**Neotropical Palm Swift** *Tachornis squamata* Common around San Lorenzo [*semota*].

**Pale-tailed Barbthroat** ◊ *Threnetes leucurus* One seen along the road at Tarapoto [*cervinicauda*].

**Great-billed Hermit** *Phaethornis malaris* One at the feeders at Aconobikh, Tarapoto [*bolivianus-group*].

**Koepcke's Hermit** ◊ *Phaethornis koepckeae* (NT) Good views of one or two at the feeders at Aconobikh, Tarapoto.

**Grey-breasted Sabrewing** *Campylopterus largipennis* Common at Aconobikh, Tarapoto [*aequatorialis*].

**White-necked Jacobin** *Florisuga mellivora* Just one female at San Lorenzo. Common at Aconobikh [nominate].

**Lesser Violetear** *Colibri cyanotus* One seen at the feeders at Aconobikh, Tarapoto [*crissalis*].

**Sparkling Violetear** *Colibri coruscans* One seen at the feeders at Aconobikh, Tarapoto.

**Black-throated Mango** *Anthracothorax nigricollis* A couple at the feeders at Aconobikh, Tarapoto.

**Fork-tailed Woodnymph** *Thalurania furcata* A couple at San Lorenzo and also at Aconobikh, Tarapoto.

**Golden-tailed Sapphire** *Chrysuronia oenone* Common at the feeders at Aconobikh, Tarapoto [nominate].

**Glittering-throated Emerald** *Amazilia fimbriata* Seen well on the Uruguay Trail at San Lorenzo [*laeta*].

**Gould's Jewelfront** ◊ *Heliodoxa aurescens* Brilliant views of several at the feeders at Aconobikh, Tarapoto.

**Green-backed Trogon** *Trogon viridis* Several seen and more heard around San Lorenzo.

**Black-throated Trogon** *Trogon rufus* (H) One heard at San Lorenzo.

**Collared Trogon** *Trogon collaris* (H) One heard distantly at Tarapoto.

**Amazonian Motmot** *Momotus momota* (H) Heard along the Oleoducto Road at San Lorenzo [*ignobilis*].

**Yellow-billed Jacamar** ◊ (Cerise-crowned J) *Galbula [albirostris] chalcocephala* Great views of one at San Lorenzo.

**White-chinned Jacamar** *Galbula tombacea* Excellent views of one along the Oleoducto Road at San Lorenzo [nominate].

**Great Jacamar** *Jacamerops aureus* Great views of a female along the Shuyal Trail at San Lorenzo [*isidori*].

**Swallow-winged Puffbird** (Swallow-wing) *Chelidoptera tenebrosa* (NL) A couple for some from the car.

**Scarlet-crowned Barbet** ◊ *Capito aurovirens* Good views of a pair at San Lorenzo.

**Gilded Barbet** *Capito auratus* Several heard around San Lorenzo and a pair seen there. Also common at Tarapoto.

**Many-banded Aracari** *Pteroglossus pluricinctus* Heard and seen briefly at San Lorenzo.

**White-throated Toucan** (Cuvier's T) *Ramphastos [tucanus] cuvieri* (H) Heard below the tunnel at Tarapoto.

**Yellow-tufted Woodpecker** *Melanerpes cruentatus* Several seen well around San Lorenzo.

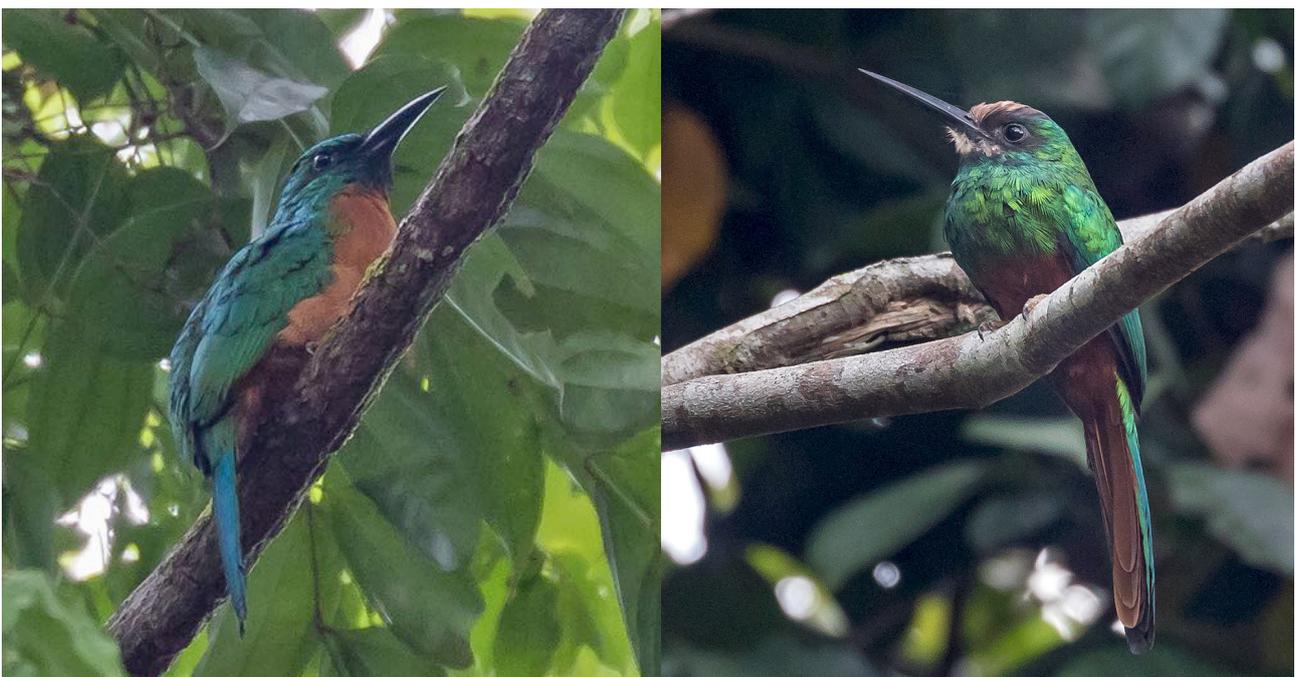
**Red-stained Woodpecker** *Veniliornis affinis* Good views of a male at San Lorenzo. Also seen well at Tarapoto [*hilaris*].

**Spot-breasted Woodpecker** *Colaptes punctigula* Good views of a pair at San Lorenzo [*guttatus*].

**Scaly-breasted Woodpecker** *Celeus grammicus* (H) Heard along the Shuyal Trail at San Lorenzo.

**Red-necked Woodpecker** *Campephilus rubricollis* Excellent views of a male at San Lorenzo.

**Black Caracara** *Daptrius ater* Seen along the river at Yurimaguas.



Great Jacamar and White-chinned Jacamar both showed well at San Lorenzo (Pete Morris)

**Yellow-headed Caracara** *Milvago chimachima* A few seen around San Lorenzo [*cordata*].  
**Bat Falcon** *Falco ruficularis* A couple seen well along the Oleoducto Road at San Lorenzo [n nominate].  
**Cobalt-winged Parakeet** *Brotogeris cyanoptera* Frequently seen flying over at San Lorenzo [n nominate].  
**Blue-headed Parrot** *Pionus menstruus* Heard at San Lorenzo and seen flying over at Tarapoto [n nominate].  
**Orange-winged Amazon** *Amazona amazonica* Four seen well along the Shuyal Trail at San Lorenzo.  
**Large-billed Parrotlet** ◊ *Forpus crassirostris* Great views of perched birds from the hotel in Yurimaguas.  
**Black-headed Parrot** *Pionites melanocephalus* A few heard and one seen perched around San Lorenzo [*pallidus*].  
**Maroon-tailed Parakeet** *Pyrrhura melanura* Seen flying over at San Lorenzo a few times [*melanura-group*].  
**White-eyed Parakeet** *Psittacara leucophthalmus* Several flyover groups at Yurimaguas Airport and San Lorenzo [*callogenys*].  
**Ruddy Spinetail** *Synallaxis rutilans* Great views of a pair at San Lorenzo. A couple of others heard.  
**Plain Xenops** *Xenops minutus* Seen a couple of times in mixed flocks at San Lorenzo [*obsoletus*].  
**Plain-brown Woodcreeper** *Dendrocincla fuliginosa* Seen well a couple of times at San Lorenzo [*neglecta*].  
**Olivaceous Woodcreeper** *Sittasomus griseicapillus* One seen well below the tunnel at Tarapoto [*amazonus*].  
**Wedge-billed Woodcreeper** *Glyphorhynchus spirurus* Seen in a mixed flock at San Lorenzo [*castelnaudii*].  
**Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper** *Dendrexetastes rufigula* (H) Heard at San Lorenzo [*devillei*].  
**Black-banded Woodcreeper** *Dendrocolaptes picumnus* Excellent views of a responsive bird at San Lorenzo [*validus*].  
**Straight-billed Woodcreeper** *Dendroplex picus* Seen well along the Uruguay Trail at San Lorenzo [*peruvianus*].  
**Tschudi's Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus chunchotambo* Excellent views of a couple below the tunnel at Tarapoto.  
**Elegant Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus elegans* Seen well a few times in mixed flocks at San Lorenzo.  
**Buff-throated Woodcreeper (Lafresnaye's W)** *Xiphorhynchus [guttatus] guttatoides* Seen well at San Lorenzo.



Roadside birding near to Tarapoto yielded Peruvian Tyrannulet and Tschudi's Woodcreeper (Pete Morris)

**Spot-winged Antshrike** *Pygiptila stellaris* A pair seen well in a mixed flock at San Lorenzo [*maculipennis*].  
**Napo Stipple-throated Antwren** *Epinecrophylla haematonota* See note.  
**Pygmy Antwren** *Myrmotherula brachyura* (H) Heard along the Shuyal Trail at San Lorenzo.  
**White-flanked Antwren** *Myrmotherula axillaris* A few seen in mixed flocks at San Lorenzo.  
**Grey Antwren** *Myrmotherula menetriesii* Seen in a mixed flock along the Shuyal Trail at San Lorenzo.  
**Dusky-throated Antshrike** *Thamnomanes ardesiacus* Seen in mixed flocks at San Lorenzo [n nominate].  
**Cinereous Antshrike** *Thamnomanes caesius* Seen well in a mixed flock at San Lorenzo [*glaucus*].  
**Rufous-winged Antwren** *Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus* Excellent views of one below the tunnel at Tarapoto [*frater*].  
**Plain-winged Antshrike** *Thamnophilus schistaceus* (H) Heard only at Aconobikh, Tarapoto [*capitalis/schistaceus*].  
**Mouse-colored Antshrike** *Thamnophilus murinus* (H) Heard several times at San Lorenzo [*canipennis*].  
**Fasciated Antshrike** *Cymbilaimus lineatus* (H) Heard at San Lorenzo [*intermedius*].  
**White-plumed Antbird** *Pithys albifrons* (H) One heard from the road below the tunnel at Tarapoto [*peruvianus*].

**White-masked Antbird** ◊ *Pithys castaneus* (NT) Generally quite skittish, but excellent views for all thankfully!

**White-cheeked Antbird** *Gymnopithys leucaspis* One heard and seen briefly at San Lorenzo.

**Lunulated Antbird** ◊ *Oneillornis lunulatus* After some effort, great views of a pair at San Lorenzo. Smart birds!

**Peruvian Warbling Antbird** *Hypocnemis peruviana* Heard a few times at San Lorenzo and seen at Aconobikh.

**Spot-winged Antbird** *Myrmelastes leucostigma* Excellent views of a male at San Lorenzo. Others heard.

**Black-faced Antbird** *Myrmoborus myotherinus* Seen once at San Lorenzo. Several others heard.

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**White-shouldered Antbird** *Akletos melanoceps* (H) Heard only, first along the Uruguay Trail at San Lorenzo.

**Black-faced Antthrush** *Formicarius analis* (H) A couple heard quite close by at Aconobikh, Tarapoto.

**Thrush-like Antpitta** *Myrmothera campanisona* Heard, and taped across the trail at Aconobikh, Tarapoto.

**Wing-barred Piprites** *Piprites chloris* A few heard and one seen below the tunnel at Tarapoto [*tschudii*].

**Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet** *Tyrannulus elatus* Several heard and a couple seen at San Lorenzo.

**Forest Elaenia** *Myiopagis gaimardii* Seen along the Shuyal Trail at San Lorenzo. Others heard [nominate].

**Mouse-coloured Tyrannulet** *Phaeomyias murins* (NL) One for Paul in San Lorenzo.

**Slender-footed Tyrannulet** *Zimmerius gracilipes* Seen at the start of the Shuyal Trail at San Lorenzo. Others heard.

**Peruvian Tyrannulet** ◊ *Zimmerius viridiflavus* Brilliant views of one below the tunnel at Tarapoto.

**Olive-striped Flycatcher** *Mionectes olivaceus* A couple seen below the tunnel at Tarapoto [*fasciaticollis*].

**Ochre-bellied Flycatcher** *Mionectes oleagineus* Seen along the Uruguay Trail at San Lorenzo and at Tarapoto [nominate].

**Slaty-capped Flycatcher** *Leptopogon superciliaris* Seen well below the tunnel at Tarapoto [nominate].

**Double-banded Pygmy Tyrant** *Lophotriccus vitoriosus* Many heard around San Lorenzo and excellent views of one.

**Common Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum cinereum* (H) Heard at Tarapoto [*peruanum*].

**Yellow-browed Tody-flycatcher** *Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum* (H) Heard at San Lorenzo.

**Yellow-olive Flatbill** *Tolmomyias sulphurescens* One seen and others heard below the tunnel at Tarapoto [*insignis*].

**Zimmer's Flatbill** *Tolmomyias assimilis* (H) Heard at San Lorenzo.

**Olive-faced Flatbill** *Tolmomyias viridiceps* Seen along the Uruguay Trail at San Lorenzo [nominate].

**Cliff Flycatcher** *Hirundinea ferruginea* Common either side of the tunnel at Tarapoto [*sclateri*].

**Eastern Wood Pewee** *Contopus virens* Several pewees seen at Tarapoto where the only one heard Eastern.

**Vermilion Flycatcher** *Pyrocephalus obscurus* Just one seen along the Uruguay Trail at San Lorenzo [*ardens*].

**Rufous-tailed Tyrant** ◊ *Knipolegus poecilurus* Good scope views of one below the tunnel at Tarapoto [*peruanus*].

**Piratic Flycatcher** *Legatus leucophaeus* Commonly heard. A few seen at San Lorenzo [nominate].

**Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis* Common and widespread [nominate].

**Grey-capped Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes granadensis* A couple seen at San Lorenzo [*obscurior*].

**Dusky-chested Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes luteiventris* Excellent views of one below the tunnel at Tarapoto [nominate].



*Dusky-chested Flycatcher and the distinctive Cliff Flycatcher, both seen near to Tarapoto (Pete Morris)*



Another view of the fabulous Gould's Jewelfront at Aconobikh (Pete Morris)

- Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus* Common and widespread [nominate].
- Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes luteiventris* A flock of c10 migrants at San Lorenzo.
- Streaked Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes maculatus* Nominate form (?) common along the road at Tarapoto.
- Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua* Several seen well at San Lorenzo and Tarapoto [nominate].
- Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus* Common and widespread [nominate].
- Eastern Kingbird** *Tyrannus tyrannus* Several seen at San Lorenzo.
- Dark-capped Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tuberculifer* (H) Heard at Aconobikh, Tarapoto [*atriceps*].
- Short-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus ferox* A few seen and heard at San Lorenzo.
- Rufous-tailed Flatbill** *Ramphotrigon ruficauda* Excellent views of one along the Shuyal Trail at San Lorenzo.
- Cinnamon Attila** *Attila cinnamomeus* Excellent views of a smart singing bird at San Lorenzo.
- Bright-rumped Attila** *Attila spadiceus* (H) Heard distantly below the tunnel at Tarapoto [nominate].
- Black-necked Red Cotinga** ◇ *Phoenicircus nigricollis* Excellent views of a stunning male and female at San Lorenzo.
- Screaming Piha** *Lipaugus vociferans* Many heard at San Lorenzo where a couple seen well.
- Purple-throated Fruitcrow** *Querula purpurata* (H) Heard only at San Lorenzo.
- Blue-crowned Manakin** *Lepidothrix coronata* Heard a few times and a couple of females seen at San Lorenzo.
- White-bearded Manakin** *Manacus manacus* (H) Only heard at San Lorenzo.
- Striolated Manakin (Western Striped M)** *Machaeropterus striolatus* Excellent views at San Lorenzo [nominate].
- Fiery-capped Manakin** ◇ *Machaeropterus pyrocephalus* (H) A couple heard below the tunnel at Tarapoto [nominate].
- White-crowned Manakin** *Pseudopipra pipra* Several females seen around San Lorenzo [nominate group].
- Golden-headed Manakin** *Ceratopipra erythrocephala* Excellent views of 5+ males at the lek at Aconobikh, [*berlepschi*].
- Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher** *Terentriacus erythrurus* One seen well along the Shuyal Trail at San Lorenzo.
- Black-tailed Tityra** *Tityra cayana* A couple seen near to the Shuyal Trail at San Lorenzo [nominate].
- Masked Tityra** *Tityra semifasciata* Just seen once along the Uruguay Trail at San Lorenzo [*fortis*].
- Varzea Schiffornis** ◇ *Schiffornis major* Great views of a singing bird along the Oleoducto Road at San Lorenzo [nominate].
- Cinereous Mourner** *Laniocera hypopyrra* Decent views of a quietly singing bird that was whistled in at San Lorenzo.
- White-winged Becard** *Pachyramphus polychopterus* (H) Heard at San Lorenzo.
- Slaty-capped Shrike-vireo** *Vireolanius leucotis* Excellent views of a pair below the tunnel at Tarapoto [*leucotis-group*].
- Red-eyed Vireo** *Vireo olivaceus* Plenty seen - presumably all Chivi Vireos.

Dusky-capped Greenlet *Hylophilus hypoxanthus* (H) Heard and seen by some in a couple of flocks at San Lorenzo.

Violaceous Jay *Cyanocorax violaceus* Heard and seen by some at Aconobikh, near Tarapoto.

White-winged Swallow *Tachycineta albiventer* A few seen, the first along the river at Yurimaguas.

Grey-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea* A few seen, the first along the river at Yurimaguas.

Blue-and-white Swallow *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca* A few seen at Tarapoto.

White-banded Swallow *Atticora fasciata* A few, the first at Yurimaguas. Also, surprisingly, two on wires near Tarapoto.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* (H) A few seen at Tarapoto.

Black-capped Donacobius *Donacobius atricapilla* (H) Heard a couple of times at San Lorenzo [*nigrodorsalis*].

Coraya Wren *Pheugopedius coraya* (H) A few heard at San Lorenzo.

Buff-breasted Wren *Cantorchilus leucotis* Good views at a couple of spots at San Lorenzo.

House Wren (Southern H W) *Troglodytes [aedon] musculus* A few seen and heard near Tarapoto.

White-breasted Wood Wren *Henicorhina leucosticta* A few heard at San Lorenzo and a pair seen at Aconobikh [*hauxwelli*].

Southern Nightingale-Wren (Scaly-breasted W) *Microcerculus marginatus* (H) Plenty heard around Tarapoto [nominate].

Black-billed Thrush (Floodplain T) *Turdus [ignobilis] debilis* A few seen, the first at Yurimaguas Airport.

Varzea Thrush ◊ *Turdus sanchezorum* One heard and seen quite briefly at San Lorenzo.

Thick-billed Euphonia *Euphonia lanirostris* Several seen at Tarapoto.

Bronze-green Euphonia *Euphonia mesochrysa* (H) One heard below the tunnel at Tarapoto.

White-vented Euphonia *Euphonia minuta* One seen well at San Lorenzo [nominate].

Orange-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia xanthogaster* Several seen below the tunnel at Tarapoto.

Rufous-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia rufiventris* A small and showy group seen well below the Tarapoto Tunnel [nominate].

Yellow-browed Sparrow *Ammodramus aurifrons* Several seen, the first at Yurimaguas Airport [nominate].

Russet-backed Oropendola *Psarocolius angustifrons* Common at San Lorenzo and Tarapoto [nominate].

Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela* Common and widespread [*flavicrissus*].

Epulet Oriole (Morange O) *Icterus [cayanensis] chrysocephalus* A couple seen at San Lorenzo.

Velvet-fronted Grackle *Lamprosar tanagrinus* A small flock of 5+ seen at San Lorenzo [nominate].

Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitiaiyumi* One seen below the tunnel at Tarapoto [nominate group].

Tooth-billed Tanager *Piranga lutea* Good views of a male below the tunnel at Tarapoto [nominate].

Red-crowned Ant Tanager *Habia rubica* Seen in mixed flocks a couple of times at San Lorenzo [*rubra-group*].

Olive Tanager *Chlorothraupis frenata* A couple seen well below the tunnel at Tarapoto.

Magpie Tanager *Cissopis leverianus* Several, especially along the Oleoducto Road at San Lorenzo [nominate].

Yellow-crested Tanager *Tachyphonus rufiventer* A male seen below the tunnel at Tarapoto.

Fulvous-crested Tanager *Tachyphonus surinamus* A female at San Lorenzo, and a male at Tarapoto [*napensis*].

Fulvous Shrike-tanager *Lanio fulvus* (H) Heard along the trail at Aconobikh, Tarapoto [*peruvianus*].

Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo* Common and widespread [nominate].

Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus* Common and widespread [*episcopus-group*].

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum* Common and widespread [*melanoptera*].

Turquoise Tanager *Tangara mexicana* A smart individual below the tunnel at Tarapoto [*boliviana*].

Paradise Tanager *Tangara chilensis* Several seen well both at San Lorenzo and at Tarapoto [nominate].

Green-and-gold Tanager *Tangara schrankii* Just one, in a mixed flock at Aconobikh, Tarapoto [nominate].

Yellow-bellied Tanager *Tangara xanthogastra* A few seen below the tunnel at Tarapoto [nominate].

Dotted Tanager ◊ *Tangara varia* One below the tunnel at Tarapoto just for a couple of us.

Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola* A few seen below the tunnel at Tarapoto [*albertinae-group*].

Masked Tanager *Tangara nigrocincta* Seen well a couple of times at San Lorenzo.

Opal-rumped Tanager *Tangara velia* Good views of a pair along the Oleoducto Road at San Lorenzo [*iridina*].

Swallow Tanager *Tersina viridis* A female seen below the tunnel at Tarapoto [*occidentalis*].

Black-faced Dacnis *Dacnis lineata* A few seen below the tunnel at Tarapoto.

Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana* (NL) A few seen below the tunnel at Tarapoto.

Purple Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes caeruleus* A few seen, both at San Lorenzo and at Tarapoto [*microrhynchus*].

Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyaneus* A few seen, both at San Lorenzo and at Tarapoto [*dispar*].

Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza* A few seen, both at San Lorenzo and at Tarapoto [*caerulescens*].

Yellow-backed Tanager *Hemithraupis flavicollis* A few seen in a mixed flock below the tunnel at Tarapoto.

Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus* Several seen at San Lorenzo and at Tarapoto [nominate].

Greyish Saltator *Saltator coerulescens* Several at San Lorenzo, especially along the Uruguay Trail [*azarae*].

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina* A few seen, the first at San Lorenzo.

Chestnut-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila castaneiventris* Several seen, the first from the hotel in Yurimaguas.

Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch *Oryzoborus angolensis* Several seen, the first at Yurimaguas Airport [*torridus*].

## MAMMALS

**Saddleback Tamarin** *Saguinus fuscicollis* Seen by some at Tarapoto.

**Tucuxi (Grey Dolphin)** *Sotalia fluviatilis* (LO) One briefly below the hotel at Yurimaguas.

**Sac-winged Bat** sp. *Saccopteryx* sp The bats with the stripey backs!



*Sac-winged Bat* sp. (Pete Morris)

## NOTES TO THE SYSTEMATIC LIST

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

**Napo Stipple-throated Antwren** *Epinecrophylla haematonota*

Excellent views of a female foraging low down along the Shuyal Trail at San Lorenzo. Note the upperparts appeared uniform brown, recalling Yasuni Antwren *E. fjeldsaai*. The taxonomic position of the birds at San Lorenzo has been questioned as they may be intermediate between the two forms, and indeed, the current taxonomic arrangement may not be valid.



Other creatures in the forest at San Lorenzo included some smart frogs and huge (apparently) edible ants! (Pete Morris)

**APPENDIX 1: TOP 5 BIRDS OF THE TOUR AS VOTED FOR BY ME!!!**

- 1<sup>st</sup> WHITE-MASKED ANTBIRD**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> LUNULATED ANTBIRD**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> AMAZONIAN PYGMY OWL**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Black-necked Red Cotinga**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Striolated Manakin**



*The lovely Striolated Manakin, one of our favourites in San Lorenzo, and the group in San Lorenzo - living proof that chivalry has still not caught on in these parts 🤔🤔🤔🤔 (Pete Morris)*

