



This confiding Peruvian Antpitta at Guacamayos Ridge was one of the many highlights of the tour. (DLV. All photos on the report taken by DLV and Hans Nicolai)

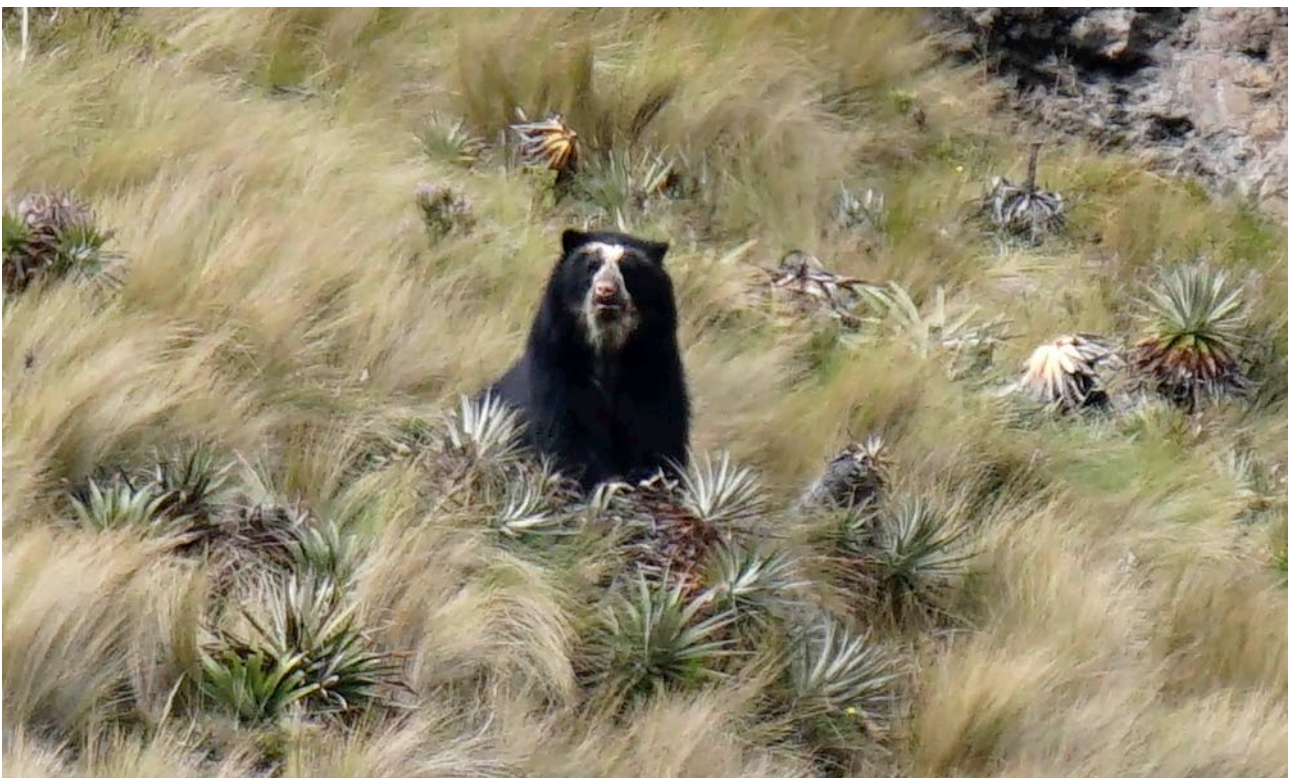
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Our Ultimate Ecuador tour concentrates on the northern part of the country and together with the Amazonia extension it offers a big bird list – usually over 800 species! We certainly had an amazing list of special birds with more than 200 Birdquest ‘diamond’ birds. The very best highlights this year included birds like Black, Berlepsch’s and White-throated Tinamous (all seen), Salvin’s and Nocturnal Curassows (both seen), Dark-backed and Rufous-fronted Wood Quails, Agami Heron, Buckley’s Forest Falcon, “San Isidro”, Crested, Colombian Screech, Napo Screech and Choco Screech Owls, Oilbird, Rufous and Andean Potoos, Swallow-tailed and Lyre-tailed Nightjars, Choco Poorwill, White-tipped Sicklebill, Fiery Topaz, Blue-headed Sapphire, Hoary Puffleg, Ecuadorian Piedtail, Choco Trogon, Purplish, Coppery-chested and Great Jacamars, Black-breasted, Chestnut-capped and White-chested Puffbirds, White-faced Nunbird, Five-coloured and Toucan

Barbets, Plate-billed Mountain Toucan, Choco and Lita Woodpeckers, Rose-faced Parrot, Sapayoa, Cocha and Fulvous Antshrikes, White-streaked and Bicolored Antwreos, Black-throated, Stipple-throated (Yasuni), Foothill and Yellow-breasted Antwrens, Yellow-browed, Stub-tailed, Esmeraldas, Spotted, Ocellated and Dot-backed Antbirds, Black-spotted Bare-Eye, 12 species of antpittas including Giant, Moustached, Peruvian, White-lored and Plain-backed Antpittas, Chestnut-crowned and Ash-throated Gnateaters, Rusty-belted, Ocellated and Choco Tapaculos, Foothill and Coopman's Elaenias, Ecuadorian Tyrannulet, Olive-chested and Orange-crested Flycatchers, Citron-bellied Attila, Orange-breasted, Black-chested and Fiery-throated Fruiteaters, Black-tipped and Plum-throated Cotingas, Grey-tailed Piha, Black Solitaire, Blue-rumped and Green Manakins, Long-wattled Umbrellabird, White-browed Purpletuft, Rufous-naped and Olivaceous Greenlets, Yellow-throated Spadebill, Beautiful Jay, Grey-mantled, Chestnut-breasted, Wing-banded and Musician Wrens, Slate-throated Gnatcatcher, Spotted Nightingale Thrush, Lawrence's Thrush, Casqued Oropendola, Fulvous-crested, Moss-backed, Golden-chested, Black-chested Mountain, Purplish-mantled, Glistening-green, Lemon-spectacled and Scarlet-and-white Tanagers, Tanager Finch, Scarlet-breasted Dacnis and Indigo Flowerpiercer. In the mammal front, Spectacled Bear was possibly the highlight, although both Mountain and South American Tapirs were good too.



Spectacled Bear at Papallacta.

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 and this year we again visited 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!

In the Andes and especially in western and eastern lowlands we found a great diversity of antpittas, anthruses, antshrikes, antwrens and antbirds. 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. This list included species like scarce Hoary Puffleg, the localised Blue-headed Sapphire, the diminutive Wire-crested Thorntail, the amazing Sword-billed Hummingbird, the shiny Velvet-purple Coronet, the lovely Violet-tailed Sylph, the huge Giant Hummingbird and the heliconia specialist White-tipped Sicklebill.

Our first base was the well-known Septimo Paraiso Lodge in the western Andes close to the famous town of Mindo. On the way, in Yanacocha, we enjoyed great views of Ocellated Tapaculo. We visited the Mashpi area again where Black Solitaire, White-tipped Sicklebill, Orange-breasted Fruiteater, Moss-backed Tanager, Toucan Barbet, Glistening-green Tanager, Indigo Flowerpiercer, Barred Puffbird and Esmeraldas Antbird were the highlights. The morning experience at Angel Paz was absolutely amazing. Giant, Moustached, Chestnut-crowned, Ochre-breasted and Yellow-breasted Antpittas all obliged, with supporting cast of Dark-backed Wood Quail, Lyre-tailed Nightjar and lekking Andean Cock-of-the-rocks, while at night we saw Colombian Screech Owl. 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 Long-wattled Umbrellabird and Rufous-fronted Wood Quail were the top birds. Our next stop was the Playa de Oro area in deep Choco lowland where Berlepsch's Tinamou, Choco Poorwill, Choco Screech Owl, Five-coloured Barbet, Sapayoa, Black-tipped Cotinga, Slate-throated Gnatcatcher and Scarlet-breasted Dacnis were the major highlights. Around Lita and the foothills we added Hoary Puffleg, Choco and Lita Woodpeckers, Beautiful Jay, Golden-chested and Purplish-mantled Tanagers to our fine list while near Ibarra Blue-headed Sapphire was a real goody! On the east slope, Guango delivered Andean Potoo, and the next lodge was the fantastic Wild Sumaco set amidst perfect lower elevation eastern foothill forest with many specialities. The best birds here included Black Tinamou, Buckley's Forest Falcon, Napo Screech Owl, Military Macaw, Napo Sabrewing, Ecuadorian Piedtail, White-streaked Antvireo, Foothill Antwren, Foothill Elaenia, Plain-backed Antpitta, Coppery-chested Jacamar, Grey-tailed Piha, Fiery-throated Fruiteater, Buff-throated Tody Tyrant, Wing-banded Wren, Blue-rumped Manakin, Yellow-throated Spadebill and Olive Finch. We then went to the cool montane forests of San Isidro. This year's highlights were San Isidro Owl, Peruvian Antpitta, Gorgetted Woodstar, Swallow-tailed Nightjar, White-faced Nunbird and Bicolored Antvireo. After the main tour we had an Amazonia extension and this included visits to Shiripuno and Sani lodges. This extension gave us great specialities like Salvin's and Nocturnal Curassows, White-throated Tinamou, Agami Heron, Fulvous and Cocha Antshrikes, White-lored Antpitta, Dot-backed and Yellow-browed Antbirds, Ash-throated Gnatcatcher, Chestnut-capped Puffbird and Citron-bellied Attila.



Ocellated Tapaculo at Yanacocha.

We started the tour in the suburbs of Quito, and very 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, heard-only Andean Pygmy Owl, Bar-bellied Woodpecker, Rufous and Tawny Antpittas, a cracking Ocellated Tapaculo, Pearled Treerunner, White-throated and White-banded Tyrannulets, Rufous Wren, Crowned Chat-Tyrant, Red-crested Cotinga, Barred Fruiteater, Superciliaried Hemispingus, Scarlet-bellied and Black-chested Mountain Tanagers, Spectacled Whitestart and Grey-browed and Yellow-breasted Brushfinches. 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 Mountain Velvetbreast, Sapphire-vented and Golden-breasted Pufflegs, Buff-winged Starfrontlet, Shining Sunbeam, Tyrian Metaltail and Great Sapphirewing. It was a remarkable hummingbird experience! After the high altitude birding we made our way towards Mindo, seeing Short-eared Owl en route. Later we drove to the Septimo Paraiso Lodge near Mindo, our base for the next four nights. Before reaching our lodge we made another 'attack' at the hummingbirds on some feeders and picked up White-whiskered Hermit, White-necked Jacobin, Brown and Sparkling Violetears, Crowned Woodnymph, Andean Emerald, Rufous-tailed hummingbird, Green-crowned Brilliant, Velvet-purple Coronet, Purple-bibbed Whitetip, White-Booted Rocket-Tail and Violet-tailed Sylph. Other birds seen during the afternoon included Red-headed Barbet, Golden-olive Woodpecker, Red-faced Spinetail, Cinnamon Flycatcher, Smoke-colored Pewee, Streak-throated Bush Tyrant, Western Hemispingus and Golden and Silver-throated Tanagers. Our final count was an amazing 23 (!) species of hummingbirds for the day! It was a truly action-packed day and a great start!



Black-throated Brilliant at Hollin feeders.

Very early next morning we drove to the well-known Bellavista area in the Tandayapa Valley. Our first target was the highly localised and skulking Tanager Finch. We spent some time looking for it by a small gully and it didn't take long to find it. A pair appeared very close to us and was quietly feeding just by the roadside. We had great looks at them as long as we wanted. 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. Following this success we spent the rest of the morning and the afternoon birding some nearby areas. Highlights included Band-tailed Pigeon, Hook-billed Kite, Barred Hawk, a very high Broad-billed Motmot, Masked Trogon, some fantastic and much hoped-for Plate-billed Mountain Toucans, Red-billed and White-capped Parrots, Turquoise Jay, Spotted and Montane Woodcreepers, Lineated

Foliage-gleaner, Spotted Barbtail, Uniform Antshrike, heard only Spillman's Tapaculo, Ornate and Golden-crowned Flycatchers, Green-and-black Fruiteater, Barred Becard, a pair of cracking Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonias, Choco Brushfinch, Dusky Bush-Tanager, Grass-green Tanager and Russet-crowned and Three-striped Warblers. We spent a long time looking for the very uncommon Beautiful Jay at various locations but we didn't have a sniff. At lunchtime we visited some hummingbird feeders, where Andean Emerald, Tawny-bellied Hermit, Speckled Hummingbird, Brown and Collared Incas, Buff-tailed and cracking Velvet-Purple Coronets, Gorgeted Sunangel, White-Booted Racket-tail, Violet-tailed Sylph and Purple-throated Woodstar all made an appearance. Other birds seen here included White-winged Brushfinch, Blue-capped, Black-capped, Flame-faced, Golden-naped and Beryl-spangled Tanagers and White-sided Flowerpiercer.



Tanager Finch from Bellavista area.

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. Unfortunately this time it was very hot and sunny and activity was rather poor. We started our birding on the higher parts of the road where we saw Golden-headed Quetzal, White-tipped Sicklebill, Orange-breasted Fruiteater and very brief views of the localised Indigo Flowerpiercer. The best bird here was a cracking pair of rare Black Solitaires. In the Amagusa Reserve the feeding station produced great looks of Glistening-green and Moss-backed Tanagers, two of the real specialties of the area, as well as cracking Toucan Barbets. Empress Brilliants and tiny Green Thorntails showed well too. Other birds in the area included a singing Black-billed Peppershrike eventually well-spotted by Roger, Rufous-throated and Black-chinned Mountain Tanagers, Black-winged Saltator, Golden-winged Manakin and Golden-collared Honeycreeper. In the late afternoon, a calling Esmeraldas Antbird was coaxed into view, and another highlight was a pair of Red-and-white Tanagers. Other birds seen included Crested Guan, Choco Toucan, Barred Puffbird, Rose-faced and Bronze-winged Parrots, Maroon-tailed Pakakeet, Rufous Motmot, Crimson-rumped Toucanet, Greenish Elaenia and Yellow-throated Bush Tanager.



Orange-breasted Fruiteater and Rose-faced Parrot from Mashpi road.

Our last day on the west slope started at the famous Angel Paz private reserve. This morning is usually a tour highlight and this year it lived up to its expectations! 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. Not far from there we enjoyed some amazing views of 3 Dark-backed Wood Quails, normally a very retiring species that nowadays Angel is also feeding.



Antpitta fest from Angel Paz: Moustached, Yellow-breasted, Giant and Chestnut-crowned.



Dark-backed Wood Quail and Plate-billed Mountain Toucan.

Next target, actually THE star bird here, was Giant Antpitta. The species is not as reliable here as it used to be, but nevertheless after some searching I eventually found it, and in the end it came to feed on some

worms. It was seen very well indeed and everybody could enjoy this young individual with pristine plumage for as long as we wanted. After this we enjoyed point-blank views of a Plate-billed Mountain Toucan, as well as 2 roosting Lyre-tailed Nightjars. Our antpitta experience continued with waiting for Yellow-breasted and Chestnut-crowned Antpittas, and both showed exceedingly well too! We then changed position and from the 'visitor centre' we took another trail where we waited for the skulking Moustached Antpitta. This one also showed very well, much to everyone's delight, together with an Ochre-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, Black-capped, Beryl-spangled, Flame-faced and Golden-naped Tanagers and a selection of Chocó hummingbirds. Following Angel special treat we were back to reality! It was also very interesting however as after a bumpy ride we arrived to Chontal and visited a roosting area of Oilbirds. We had about 20 Oilbirds in a narrow gorge and could watch them in daylight as long as we wanted – quite a magical experience. Pacific Streaked Antwren was also a new bird here. In the last hour of the day we birded around Mindo, where we found our target, the rare and patchily distributed Coopman's Elaenia, which happened to be a Birdquest lifer nonetheless! At night we went owling and were rewarded with fantastic views of the uncommon Colombian Screech Owl.



Colombian Screech Owl.

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 that had been reliable, coming to feed on grasshoppers, for over 3 years. 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. Unfortunately, the bird had gone missing a week or so before our arrival, and in spite of looking for it for a couple of hours, it was nowhere to be found. However, the birding was excellent and we saw a couple of very good birds: a fantastic and unexpected male Long-wattled Umbrellabird and a pair of Rufous-fronted Wood Quails. Other new birds included Choco Trogon, Spot-crowned Antwren and Choco Warbler, amongst others. 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 cost near Esmeraldas adding a few new birds such as Blue-footed Booby, Magnificent Frigatebird, Royal Tern, a good assortment of shorebirds and Croaking Ground Dove to name just a few. We arrived to Selva Alegre just an hour before dark so we immediately got into the boat and started cruising towards Playa de Oro. We had a few Little Blue Herons and Fasciated Tiger Herons. It was dark by the time we arrived to the basic lodge. So we made it to the prime lowland Choco site in Ecuador.



Moss-backed Tanager and "Pinocchio" Lizard (Anolis proboscis) from Mindo

Over the next 2 days we birded various trails both around the lodge and across the river, seeing a big variety of high-quality species. Possibly the most important bird here is Sapayoa, and we succeeded in having

excellent looks at several birds. A large antswarm was a real highlight too, with many Spotted, Ocellated and Bicoored Antbirds all on attendance at very close quarters. A very, very difficult species here is Berlepsch's Tinamou, and, amazingly, we saw it on 2 different occasions. Second Birdquest lifer of the tour! Canopy-dwelling Five-colored Barbets were not easy to see well, and we scoped a brief Orange-fronted Barbet. Sneaky Lemon-spectacled Tanagers were coaxed into view and a small group of Slate-throated Gnatcatchers also obliged. Stub-tailed Antbird was another good bird just behind the lodge. Black-tipped Cotingas were scoped from a clearing in the forest, and another target here, Scarlet-breasted Dacnis, was seen well too. At night, we scored both Choco Poorwill and Choco Screech Owl, which showed ridiculously well. Other new birds seen during our stay included Northern Barred Woodcreeper, Great Tinamou, Stripe-throated Wren, Guayaquil Woodpecker, Dusky Pigeon, Gartered and White-tailed Trogons, Black-striped Woodcreeper, White-whiskered Puffbird, Red-capped Manakin, White-ringed and Ruddy-tailed Flycatchers, Yellow-margined and Pacific Flatbills, Scarlet-browed and Rufous-winged Tanagers, Southern Nightingale Wren, Tawny-faced Gnatwren, Choco Tyrannulet, Long-tailed Tyrant, Pacific Hornero, Russet Antshrike, Western Woodhaunter, Snowy-throated Kingbird, Purple-chested Hummingbird, Purple-crowned Fairy, Black-crowned Antshrike and White-flanked Antwren. A massive Boa constrictor was a highlight too.



Oilbird at Chontal.

After breakfast on our third day we had to leave and take the canoe back to Selva Alegre. The boat journey was uneventful but we had Fasciated Tiger Heron, Masked Water Tyrant and Western Osprey. Our next stop was at the rather degraded Humedal de Yalaré forest where we quickly found Black-breasted Puffbird. This was followed by a 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. Weather was good and we had a few hours of birding with a great selection of amazing Choco birds like a male Choco Woodpecker and the scarce Golden-chested Tanager.



Choco Screech Owl and Sapayoa.

The following morning we were back for a morning session along this road. Highlights included amazing views of Choco Tapaculo, a pair of Lita Woodpeckers just when we were getting in the bus, a brief Yellow-green Bush Tanager, tiny Black-capped Pygmy Tyrant, Rufous-tailed Jacamar and Grey-mantled Wren. 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 easily found but also managed to see a pair of Beautiful Jays at the very last stop and a brief Hoary Puffleg. 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 Harris's Hawk and Scrub Tanager, amongst others. It was dark by the time we rolled into our accommodation near Quito but it was certainly a very successful travelling day!



Golden-chested Tanager.

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. While driving up the main road we stopped for a quick scan and, unbelievably, I spotted a cracking Spectacled Bear feeding not too far from the road. We watched it through the scope for some amazing views until it disappeared out of sight. Definitely one of the highlights of the tour! We carried on until we reached our birding area. Sadly, the weather was horrible, and bird activity was very poor, so we decided to move on. 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. The surprise here came in form of a roosting Andean Potoo, which showed very well. Other birds in the area included Citrine Warbler, Slaty Brushfinch, Grey-hooded Bush Tanager, Rufous-breasted Flycatcher and Bar-bellied Woodpecker. We continued to lower elevation but it started to rain as it often happens in the afternoon so we could not do any birding in the Guacamayos area. 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. Highlights included Green-backed Hillstar and Black-throated Brilliant. It was almost dark by the time we arrived at the fantastic Wild Sumaco lodge.



Andean Potoo at Guango.

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 biggest reward this year was having incredible views of a Black Tinamou just standing on a log, next to the trail, for a long time. This is a near-mythical, very poorly known South American bird that has been seen only a few times in Ecuador, and it was a Birdquest lifer of course! Another very difficult bird we tracked down after considerable effort was Buckley's Forest Falcon, which ended up showing superbly.



Napo Sabrewing.

On the various forest trails it was hard work as usual but we managed to get a very good list of the specialties such as Napo Screech Owl, Ecuadorian Piedtail, Crimson-bellied Woodpecker, Chestnut-headed Crane, Tiny Hawk, Military Macaw, Green Manakin, the very localised Foothill, Plain-winged, Ornate, Rufous-rumped, Rufous-winged and Yellow-breasted Antwrens, the rare White-streaked Antvireo, heard only Short-tailed Antthrush, Coppery-chested Jacamar, Orange-crested and Olive-chested Flycatchers, Ecuadorian and Red-billed Tyrannulets, Foothill Elaenia, Fiery-throated Fruiteater, the noisy Grey-tailed Piha, the stunning Blue-rumped Manakin, Wing-banded Wren, Yellow-cheeked Becard, Black-billed Treehunter, Buff-throated Tody Tyrant, the localised Rufous-naped and Olivaceous Greenlets, the very localized Yellow-throated Spadebill, Cerulean Warbler, Olive Finch and Bronze-olive Pygmy Tyrant.



Black Tinamou, same individual we saw at Wild Sumaco, photographed a couple days later by Jose Luis Lorenzo, "Colon"

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 Brilliant, Gould's Jewelfront and Gorgetted Woodstar. We also visited the antpitta feeding station where we got superb looks of Plain-backed and Ochre-breasted Antpittas. The new moth trap gave us White-chested Puffbird and Black-faced Antbird. It was a magical stay, with some amazing food too, at this fantastic location this year again! Thanks Byron!



Napo Screech Owl

After a last morning session we had to say goodbye to this great birding area. It was almost midday when we started our journey towards San Isidro. On the way we saw Torrent Duck, amongst other things. We arrived to San Isidro lodge where we quickly checked in and still before dinner we located the famous "San Isidro" Owl as it was catching moth around the lights and gave us stunning looks. It was very much appreciated.

Early next morning was spent around the very birdy lodge garden with Marcelo, where we saw Montane Woodcreeper, Pale-edged Flycatcher, Glossy-black and Chestnut-bellied Thrushes, Azara's Spinetail, Mountain Wren, Yellow-vented Woodpecker, Black-billed Peppershrike, Inca Jay, Black-eared Hemispingus, Subtropical Cacique, Black-crested Warbler and Sulphur-bellied Tyrannulet. Our breakfast was eaten while watching the hummingbird feeders where Collared and Bronzy Incas, Chestnut-breasted Coronets, Fawn-breasted Brilliants and Long-tailed Sylph were zipping around. This was followed by a short visit to the antpitta feeding station. However, no antpittas came this time. Afterwards some of us went to the Guacamayos Ridge trail. Birding is usually slow along this trail but you always end up finding something rare. And this time was no exception of course. The highlight was finding a pair of rare White-faced Nunbirds, which gave great views. The rare Bicolored Antvireo was also a great find, and a Chestnut-breasted Wren obliged too. A singing Slaty-crowned Antpitta showed reasonably well, and a brief Undulated Antpitta crossed the trail. Long-tailed Tapaculo, Rufous-headed Pygmy Tyrant and Handsome Flycatcher were also added to our list. We went back to the lodge for lunch, and in the afternoon we birded in the surroundings. Highlights included Black-chested Fruiteater, Streak-headed Antbird, Blackish Tapaculo and Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher in the thick bamboo undergrowth.



Poor photos of some rare birds from Wild Sumaco. Buckley's Forest Falcon, Yellow-throated Spadebill, White-streaked Antvireo and Grey-tailed Piha.

Following a quick breakfast some of us tried the Guacamayos trail again. We had immense success, getting incredible views of the rare Peruvian Antpitta. A roosting male Swallow-tailed Nightjar was a big bonus too. Those who stayed in the lodge saw White-bellied Antpitta and a Mountain Tapir. We continued towards Quito and visited the tower area close to Papallacta. Unfortunately the weather quickly deteriorated and

turned into a heavy storm, so we had to leave.





Swallow-tailed Nightjar, White-faced Nunbird and "San Isidro" Owl.

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 some Andean Condors. We also had Carunculated Caracaras, Black Flowerpiercer and some high altitude hummers like Giant Hummingbird, Black-tailed Trainbearer and Shining Sunbeam. Around the entrance gate of the national park we had many Plain-coloured Seedeaters and a Tufted Tit-Tyrant. Further along the road we had a few Variable Hawks and

Black-chested Buzzard Eagle, as well as several near-endemic cracking Ecuadorian Hillstars. While driving towards the higher elevation we also seen both Streak-backed and Many-striped Canasteros, Andean Lapwings, a few Paramo Ground-Tyrants, Paramo Pipit and many Plumbeous Sierra-Finches. A roosting Band-winged Nightjar was also found, next to a roosting Great Horned Owl! A pair of Black-winged Ground Doves flew by, and finally we spotted a pair of Andean Ibis before we got to a reservoir which held several Silvery Grebes, a few Andean Ruddy Ducks and some Andean Teals. Back in the restaurant we enjoyed a very nice traditional four-course meal. And then we drove back to Quito airport, where the main tour officially ended and sadly we had to say goodbye to Roger and Phil, and greeted David and Jules.



Ecuadorian Hillstar. What a bird!

Those who continued to the Amazonia extension were back to our base and got prepared for the next week in lowland Amazonia! A late morning flight took us to Coca from where we embarked first upon a two-hour bus journey followed by a 4 hour canoe ride down the Shiripuno river. 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. We eventually made it to the lodge, seeing South American (Lowland) Tapir on the way, as well as some Great Potoos and we also heard a distant Nocturnal Curassow.

During the next 3 days we explored various long trails. The birding was rather slow, with no hoped-for antswarms found and just a couple of mixed flocks, but after some hard work we managed to see a good selection of species. Possibly the best bird here was a roosting Nocturnal Curassow, for which the leader and the local guide had to work very hard, but, when finally found, quite a distance away from the trail, It gave great views to those who decided to go for it. What a bird! A roosting White-throated Tinamou was a great bonus too, and we encountered Salvin's Curassows a few times, giving fantastic views. A singing Rufous Potoo stole the show during one of our night walks, and this rare bird showed ridiculously well. A perched Black-faced Hawk posed nicely inside the forest, while up in the canopy, a Purplish Jacamar was a good find too.

Some good antbirds were seen, including Stipple-throated (Yasuni) and Rufous-tailed Antwrens, Pearly and Fulvous Anthshrikes and Sooty, Yellow-browed and Dot-backed Antbirds. A pair of Ash-throated Gnateaters

performed too. A brief male Fiery Topaz along the river couldn't be relocated, Spix's Guans were pleasantly common around the lodge and a Black-billed Cuckoo was coaxed into view. The list of new birds was long, and these included Ruddy Quail-Dove, Straight-billed Hermit, Green and Olive Oropendolas, Yellow-billed Jacamar, Lemon-throated Barbet, Citron-bellied Attila, Cream-colored Woodpecker, Orange-cheeked Parrot, Short-billed Leaf-tosser, Chestnut-winged Foliage-gleaner, Chestnut-winged Hookbill, Rusty-belted Tapaculo, White-eyed Tody Tyrant, Olive-faced Flatbill, Greyish Mourner, Blue-backed Manakin, White-browed Purple-tuft, Coraya Wren, Lawrence's Thrush, Fulvous-crested Tanager and Yellow-bellied Dacnis, amongst many others.



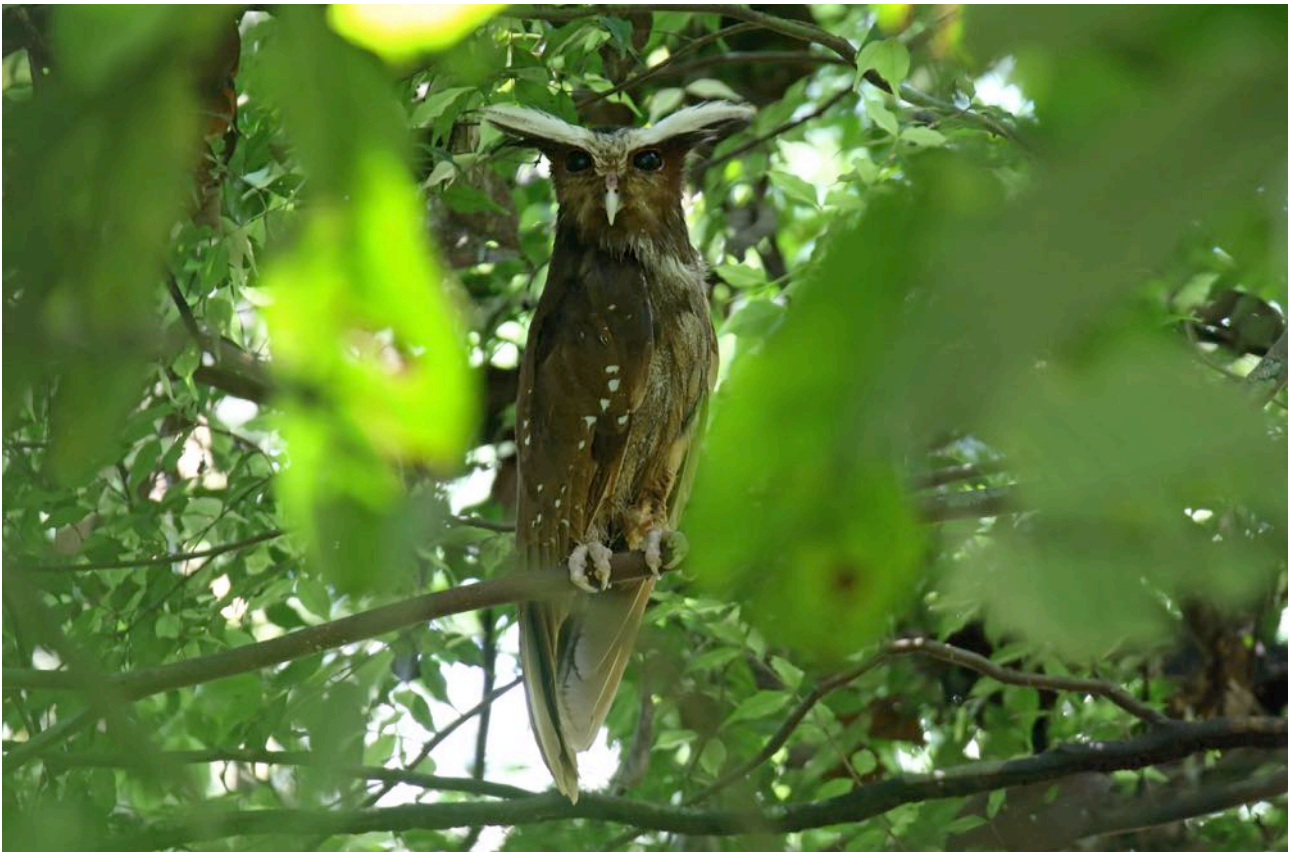
Nocturnal Curassow and White-throated Tinamou.

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, Plum-throated Cotinga, Casqued Oropendola and White-chested Swift, before finally reaching the jetty in Coca. From there, 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. 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 and Greater Anis. Arriving to the lagoon in the late afternoon light was an unforgettable experience, and we were greeted by welcome drinks.



Rufous Potoo.

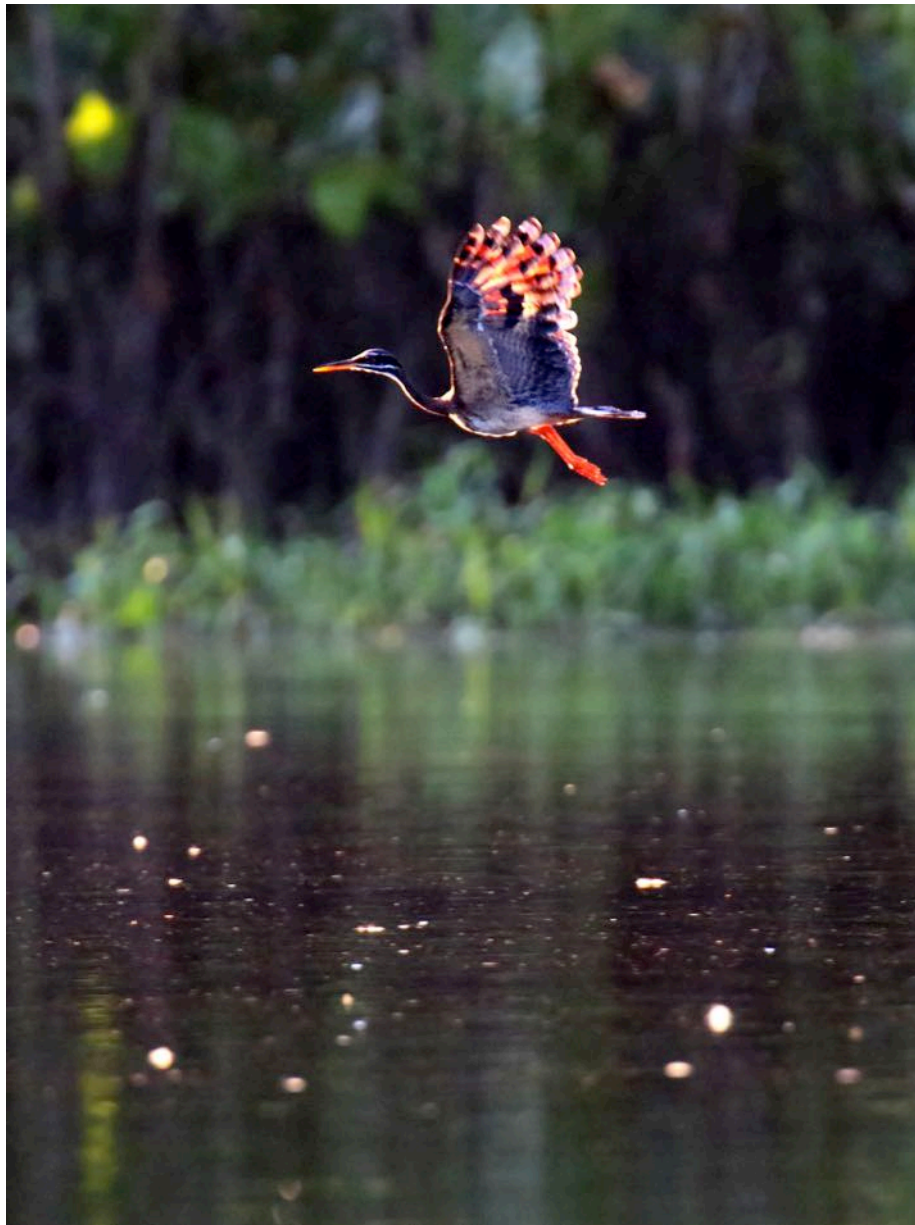
During the next three days we explored the many habitats found around the lodge, which gave us an amazing list of birds. We spent quite some time in the canopy tower, and when we climbed the many steps of the tower located around a massive ceiba tree, we found ourselves in a different world. Canopy towers 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. We had Blue-throated Piping Guan, King Vulture, Slate-colored and White Hawks, Ivory-billed, Lettered, Chestnut-eared and Many-banded Aracaris, both Channel-billed and White-throated Toucans, Scaly-breasted Woodpecker, Black Caracara, Orange-winged Amazon, Blue-and-yellow and Scarlet Macaws, Black-tailed and Green-backed Trogons, Black-fronted, White-fronted and Yellow-billed Nunbirds, Gilded and Lemon-throated Barbets, Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper, Slender-footed Tyrannulet, Grey-crowned Flatbill, Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher, Bare-necked Fruit Crow, Spangled and Plum-throated Cotingas, Greyish Mourner, Cinnamon Attila, White-lored and Rufous-bellied Euphonias and Paradise, Turquoise, Masked, Opal-rumped and Opal-crowned Tanagers.



Crested Owl.

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! However, we never heard the heron at any of the known spots. Other birds seen during the canoe ride included Sungrebe and Common Potoo.

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. Some hard work produced several Ladder-tailed Nightjars, the dull Olive-spotted Hummingbird, colorful Oriole Blackbirds, Orange-headed Tanager and a single Caqueta Seed-eater. We also obtained multiple good views of 2 sneaky Grey-breasted Crakes. Not far, we located a Brown Jacamar. Another island gave us fantastic views of a pair of Castelnau's Antshrikes, as well as a Fuscous Flycatcher.



Sunbittern.

The birding around the lodge was superb too, and we made the most of it. The highlight was seeing a very close Agami Heron in all its glory, fishing just next to our canoe. Other birds included Tropical Screech Owl, Rufescent Tiger Heron, Sunbittern, American Pygmy Kingfisher, White-eared and Great Jacamars, Golden-headed Manakin, Blue-tailed Emerald, Point-tailed Palmcreeper, Silvered and Plumbeous Antbirds, Yellow-crowned Elaenia, Crowned Slaty Flycatcher, Scarlet-crowned Barbet, Black-capped Donacobius and Masked Crimson Tanager. Barbara also saw Cinereous and Undulated Tinamous on the trails, and Jules saw Fulvous Antshrike. Other birds noted across the Napo river during a full day excursion included Red-throated Caracara, White-lored Antpitta, Chestnut-capped Puffbird, Spot-backed Antbird, Olive-backed Foliage-gleaner and Black-spotted Bare-eye.

On the way back to Coca Dave picked out a male Amazon Umbrellabird. 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 Ecuador is certainly the jewel of the Bird Continent and an unbelievably bird-rich country!



Sword-billed Hummingbird.



Peruvian Antpitta and Coopman's Elaenia.

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).

BIRDS

Great Tinamou *Tinamus major* Seen by Mike in Playa de Oro and heard a few times.
White-throated Tinamou ◊ *Tinamus guttatus* Seen roosting at Shiripuno.
Black Tinamou *Tinamus osgoodi* Amazing view of this mega rarity in Wild Sumaco.
Cinereous Tinamou *Crypturellus cinereus* ◊ Occasionally heard in Amazonia and seen by Barbara.
Berlepsch's Tinamou ◊ *Crypturellus berlepschi* Excellent views on 2 occasions in Playa de Oro. BQ lifer!
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 Barbara saw one.
Variegated Tinamou *Crypturellus variegates* ◊ (H) Regularly heard on the extension in Amazonia.
Torrent Duck *Merganetta armata* Great views near Cosanga.
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.
Andean Duck *Oxyura ferruginea* A few seen.
Speckled Chachalaca *Ortalis guttata* Several sightings both on the main tour and the extension in Amazonia.
Crested Guan ◊ *Penelope purpurascens* Great views at Mashpi road
Andean Guan *Penelope montagnii* First sighting 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.
Wattled Guan *Aburria aburri* ◊ (H)
Sickle-winged Guan *Chamaepetes goudotii* ◊ (H)
Nocturnal Curassow *Nothocrax urumutum* ◊ Seen very well in Shiripuno.
Salvin's Curassow *Mitu salvini* ◊ We had some amazing encounters on the extension.
Marbled Wood Quail *Odontophorus gujanensis* (H)
Dark-backed Wood Quail ◊ *Odontophorus melanonotus* Amazing views at Angel Paz.
Rufous-fronted Wood Quail ◊ *Odontophorus erythrops* Seen at Mashpi farm.
Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps* A few were seen near the airport.
Silvery Grebe *Podiceps occipitalis* Some of the *juninensis* race at Antisana NP.
Andean Ibis *Theristicus branickii* Seen at Antisana.
American White Ibis *Eudocimus albus* Seen on the coast.
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.
Boat-billed Heron *Cochlearius cochlearius* Seen briefly on the extension in Amazonia.
Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* A few seen.
Yellow-crowned Night Heron *Nyctanassa violacea* Seen on the coast.
Striated Heron *Butorides striata* We had a couple of sightings.
Agami Heron *Agamia agami* Great views in Sani.
Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* The most commonly seen egret on the tour.
Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoa* Seen on the Amazonian extension.
Great Egret *Ardea alba* Regularly encountered on the main tour and on the extension too.
Capped Heron *Ptilerodius pileatus* A few seen well at Sani.
Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* 2 seen.

Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor* Seen on the coast.
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.
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 a few sightings.
Andean Condor *Vultur gryphus* About 5 were seen at Antisana NP – magnificent creature!
Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* Several sightings.
Pearl Kite *Gampsonyx swainsonii* Just one was seen along the road.
Grey-headed Kite *Leptodon cayanensis* A couple of sightings.
Hook-billed Kite *Chondrohierax uncinatus* A few looks this year.



Black-faced Hawk.

Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus* We had many sightings this year throughout the tour. First at Playa de Oro.
Black Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus tyrannus* (H)
Double-toothed Kite *Harpagus bidentatus* A few seen.
Tiny Hawk *Accipiter superciliosus* Seen at Wild Sumaco.
Plain-breasted Hawk *Accipiter ventralis* Seen at Angel Paz.
Bicolored Hawk *Accipiter bicolor* One seen by some at San Isidro.
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.
Slender-billed Kite ♦ *Helicolestes hamatus* Seen in Sani.
Slate-colored Hawk *Buteogallus schistaceus* Two sightings on the Amazonia extension.
Great Black Hawk *Buteogallus urubitinga* Seen well in Shiripuno.
Barred Hawk *Morphnarchus princeps* 3 seen well in the west.

Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris* Commonly seen throughout the tour.
Variable Hawk *Geranoaetus polyosoma* A few encounters in the higher parts of the Andes.
Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle *Geranoaetus melanoleucus* A few seen at Antisana
White Hawk *Pseudastur albicollis* One seen in Sani.
Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus* Seen in Yanacocha.
Black-faced Hawk ♦ *Leucopternis melanops* Great looks in Shiripuno.
Sungrebe *Heliornis fulica* We were lucky to get good looks on the extension.
White-throated Crake *Laterallus albigularis* (H) It was heard on the west in long grassy habitat.
Grey-breasted Crake *Laterallus exilis* Seen well on a river island in the Napo.
Black-banded Crake ♦ *Laterallus fasciatus* (H)
Chestnut-headed Crake ♦ *Anurolimnas castaneiceps* Seen briefly in Wild Sumaco.
Andean Coot *Fulica ardesiaca* It was seen a few times.
Grey-winged Trumpeter *Psophia crepitans* (H)
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.
Wilson's Plover *Charadrius wilsonia* Seen along the coast.
Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola* Seen along the coast.
Collared Plover *Charadrius collaris* Seen along the Napo.
Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana* Seen once.
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.
Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus* Seen on the coast.
Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* Seen on the coast.
Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* A few seen.
Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes* A few seen.
Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* The most commonly seen shorebird throughout the tour.
Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria* Seen in the amazon.
Sanderling *Calidris alba* Seen along the coast.
Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri* Seen on the coast.
Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla* A few seen on the coast.
Andean Gull *Chroicocephalus serranus* It was seen at Antisana National Park.
Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus* Seen on the coast on our way to Playa de Oro.
Common Tern *Sterna hirundo* Seen on the coast.
Sunbittern *Eurypyga helias* Seen in Sani.
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 cost on our way to Playa de Oro.
Blue Ground Dove *Claravis pretiosa* One sighting.
Ruddy Ground Dove *Columbina talpacoti* It was seen in the amazon.
Black-winged Ground Dove *Metriopelia melanoptera* Seen on our day at Antisana National Park.
Ruddy Quail-Dove *Geotrygon montana* A couple of sightings.
White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi* A few seen.
Grey-fronted Dove *Leptotila rufaxilla* 1 was seen on the extension.
White-throated Quail-Dove *Zenstrygon frenata* ♦ Seen by some in Wild Sumaco and Guacamayos.
Pallid Dove ♦ *Leptotila pallida* Seen in Playa de Oro by some.
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.
Black-bellied Cuckoo *Piaya melanogaster* Seen on the extension.
Tropical Screech Owl *Megascops choliba* Seen at Sani.
Colombian (Rufescent) Screech Owl *Megascops colombianus* Seen very well at Angel Paz.
Cinnamon Screech Owl *Megascops petersoni* (H) Heard very close but flushed by a car near San Isidro.
Tawny-bellied Screech Owl *Megascops watsonii* (H) Heard at Shiripuno.
Napo Screech Owl *Megascops napensis* ♦ Excellent views at Wild Sumaco.
Choco Screech Owl ♦ *Megascops centralis* Great views in Playa de Oro.
'San Isidro Owl' *Strix sp* ♦ This famous owl gave superb looks this year!
Black-banded Owl *Strix huhula* (H)
Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus* Great views in Antisana.
Crested Owl *Lophotrix cristata* Brilliant looks of this stunner at Sani.
Spectacled Owl *Pulsatrix perspicillata* (H)
Band-bellied Owl *Pulsatrix melanota* (H)
Andean Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium jadinii* Heard at Yanacocha.
Ferruginous Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum* Seen in the amazon.
Short-eared Owl *Asio flammeus* 2 in Yanacocha.
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* ♦ Seen in Guango.
Rufous Potoo *Nyctibius bracteatus* ♦ Unbeatable views of this superb bird at Shiripuno.
Rufous-bellied Nighthawk *Lurocalis rufiventris* ♦ One was seen briefly near Mindo.
Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis* Several sightings throughout the tour.
Band-winged Nightjar *Systellura longirostris* One was seen at Antisana.
Swallow-tailed Nightjar *Uropsalis segmentata* A male was seen very well along the Guacamayos Ridge.
Lyre-tailed Nightjar *Uropsalis lyra* 2 at Angel Paz.
Ladder-tailed Nightjar *Hydropsalis climacocerca* Several were seen on the extension.
Choco Poorwill *Nyctiphrynus rosenbergi* ♦ One seen well at Playa de Oro.
Ocellated Poorwill *Nyctiphrynus ocellatus* (H)
White-chested Swift *Cypseloides lemosi* Some seen over Amazonia.
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 in the east.
Neotropical Palm-Swift *Tachornis squamata* In the extension.
Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift *Panyptila cayennensis* A few sightings.
White-tipped Sicklebill *Eutoxeres aquila* ♦ Seen well in Mashpi road.
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* 1 seen on the extension.
Tawny-bellied Hermit *Phaethornis syrmatorphus* ♦ A few sightings.
Straight-billed Hermit *Phaethornis bourcierii* Seen in the amazon.
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* A few seen. Recent split from Green Violetear.
Sparkling Violetear *Colibri coruscans* Commonly encountered on feeders, especially numerous at Wild Sumaco.
Black-throated Mango *Anthracothorax nigricollis* Seen a few times.

Fiery Topaz *Topaza pyra* ♦ An all too brief 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* ♦ A few in the west.
Blue-tailed Emerald *Chlorostilbon mellisugus* One in Sani.
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* ♦ Brief 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.
Purple-chested Hummingbird *Amazilia rosenbergi* ♦ Seen in the west.
Speckled Hummingbird *Adelomyia melanogenys* It was seen in the west.
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 Hollin and Wild Sumaco.
Gould's Jewelfront *Heliodoxa aurescens* ♦ Seen in the east.
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.
Violet-fronted Brilliant *Heliodoxa leadbeateri* Some birds around Wild Sumaco.
Green-backed Hillstar *Urochroa leucura* ♦ Some 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 briefly in Yanacocha and Guango.
Bronzy Inca *Coeligena coeligena* It was only seen on the feeders of San Isidro.
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 near Bellavista.
Tourmaline Sunangel *Heliangelus exortis* ♦ Several were seen on the feeders of Guango.
Sapphire-vented Puffleg *Eriocnemis luciani* Seen on the feeders at Yanacocha.
Golden-breasted Puffleg ♦ *Eriocnemis mosquera* Seen in Yanacocha.
Hoary Puffleg *Haplophaedia lugens* ♦ Brief views for some in Chical.
Purple-bibbed Whitetip *Urostitte benjamini* ♦ It was regularly seen around Mindo.
Rufous-vented Whitetip *Urostitte ruficrissa* ♦ Several great views of both sexes on the feeders at Wild Sumaco.
White-booted Racket-Tail *Ocreatus underwoodii* Regularly seen in the west.
Rufous-booted Racket-tail *Ocreatus addae* Seen in the east.
Black-tailed Trainbearer *Lesbia victoriae* Several encounters with long-tailed males in dry Inter-Andean habitats.
Green-tailed Trainbearer *Lesbia nuna* One sighting.
Tyrian Metaltail *Metallura tyrianthina* A few were seen at higher elevations like Guango and Yanacocha.
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* A few seen.
Purple-crowned Fairy *Heliophryx barroti* Several excellent looks at this beauty.
Black-eared Fairy *Heliophryx auritus* Seen in the east.
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.
Golden-headed Quetzal *Pharomachrus auriceps* We had good views in the west.
Crested Quetzal *Pharomachrus antisianus* (H)
Choco Trogon *Trogon comptus* ◇ A nice male seen at Mashpi farm.
Black-tailed Trogon *Trogon melanurus* We had great looks on the extension.
White-tailed Trogon *Trogon chionurus* A few were seen on the western lowlands.
Green-backed Trogon *Trogon viridis* We had several sightings on the extension.
Gartered Trogon *Trogon caligatus* (H) Heard at Playa de Oro.
Amazonian Trogon *Trogon ramonianus* Seen on the extension by some.
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* Seen briefly in Sani.
Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana* A few.
Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazon* A few birds.
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.
Rufous Motmot *Baryphthengus martii* A couple sightings.
Broad-billed Motmot *Electron platyrhynchum* One seen near Bellavista, at 1700m (j).
White-eared Jacamar *Galbalcyrrhynchus leucotis* ◇ Seen in Sani.
Brown Jacamar *Brachygalba lugubris* Seen on the extension.
Yellow-billed Jacamar *Galbula albirostris* One sighting in Sani.
Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda* One was seen along the La Union Road – a rather high area.
Coppery-chested Jacamar *Galbula pastazae* ◇ Seen well at Wild Sumaco.
Purplish Jacamar *Galbula chalcothorax* ◇ One seen along the trails of Shiripuno.
Great Jacamar *Jacamerops aureus* Seen well in Sani.
Black-breasted Puffbird *Notharchus pectoralis* ◇ We had good looks of 2 at Humedal de Yalaré.
Pied Puffbird *Notharchus tectus* (H)
Chestnut-capped Puffbird *Bucco macrodactylus* Seen well in Sani.
Barred Puffbird *Nystalus radiates* Seen along the Mashpi Road.
White-chested Puffbird *Malacoptila fusca* ◇ Seen well in Wild Sumaco.
White-whiskered Puffbird *Malacoptila panamensis* Seen well at Playa de Oro.
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* 2 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 in Playa de Oro and Mashpi.
Gilded Barbet *Capito auratus* The common barbet of Amazonia first seen at Wild Sumaco on the tour.
Five-coloured Barbet *Capito quinticolor* ◇ A bird briefly 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.
Chestnut-tipped Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus derbianus* Seen at Wild Sumaco.
White-throated Toucanet (Andean T) *Aulacorhynchus albivitta* One at San Isidro.
Crimson-rumped Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus haematopygus* ◇ Several sightings on the west.
Lettered Aracari *Pteroglossus inscriptus* Seen on the extension.
Ivory-billed Aracari *Pteroglossus azara* Seen in the Amazon.
Chestnut-eared Aracari *Pteroglossus castanotis* Several sightings in Amazonia.
Many-banded Aracari *Pteroglossus pluricinctus* The most common aracari in Amazonia.
Pale-mandibled Aracari *Pteroglossus erythropygius* ◇ Regularly seen in the west.
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.

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* A few sightings.

Yellow-throated Toucan *Ramphastos ambiguus* ♦ Seen on both side of the Andes.

Lafresnaye's Piculet *Picumnus lafresnayi* Seen in the east.

Rufous-breasted Piculet *Picumnus rufiventris* (H)

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.

Yellow-vented Woodpecker ♦ *Veniliornis dingus* One for some at San Isidro.

Bar-bellied Woodpecker ♦ *Veniliornis nigriceps* Seen in Yanacocha and Guango.

Choco Woodpecker *Veniliornis chocoensis* A fine male along the La Union road.

Smoky-brown Woodpecker *Leuconotopicus fumigatus* A few seen.

Lita Woodpecker *Piculus litae* ♦ 1 male seen at La Union.



Lita Woodpecker.

Golden-olive Woodpecker *Colaptes rubiginosus* A few birds seen.

Cinnamon Woodpecker *Celeus loricatus* (H).

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

Chestnut Woodpecker *Celeus elegans* Seen in Sani.

Cream-colored Woodpecker *Celeus flavus* Seen in the amazon.

Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus* A pair seen.

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

Crimson-bellied Woodpecker *Campephilus haematogaster* Good views of this rare bird at Wild Sumaco
Guayaquil Woodpecker *Campephilus guayaquilensis* ♦ Two sightings in playa de oro.
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* ♦ Very common in Antisana.
Yellow-headed Caracara *Milvago chimachima* Just a few sightings.
Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans* A few seen.
Barred Forest Falcon *Micrastur ruficollis* (H)
Buckley's Forest Falcon ♦ *Micrastur buckleyi* This very rare bird was seen well in Wild Sumaco.
Collared Forest Falcon *Micrastur semitorquatus* (H)
American Kestrel *Falco sparverius* Scattered sightings at higher elevations all along the tour.
Bat Falcon *Falco ruficularis* Two sightings.
Barred Parakeet *Bolborhynchus lineola* (H)
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 near Mindo .
Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus* We saw them 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.
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 *Pyrhura melanura* ♦ Both western and eastern race was seen well.
Dusky-headed Parakeet *Aratinga weddellii* Seen on the extension.
Red-bellied Macaw *Orthopsittacus 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.
Scarlet Macaw *Ara macao* Seen well on the extension.
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* ♦ 2 seen very well at Playa de Oro.
Short-billed Leaf-tosser ♦ (S-b Leafscraper) *Sclerurus rufularis* Seen in the amzon.
Chestnut-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes albidiventris* We had good looks at Antisana.
Stout-billed Cinclodes *Cinclodes excelsior* ♦ We had good looks at Antisana National Park.
Pacific Hornero *Furnarius cinnamomeus* ♦ We had many good views on the western lowlands.
Streak-backed Canastero *Asthenes wyatti* Seen at Antisana National Park.
Many-striped Canastero *Asthenes flammulata* ♦ Several were seen at Antisana Park.
Azara's Spinetail *Synallaxis azarae* Just two sightings of this most common spinetail.
Dark-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis albigularis* (H)
Slaty Spinetail *Synallaxis brachyuran* It was seen in the western lowlands.
White-bellied Spinetail *Synallaxis propinqua* This skulking species was seen well in the rain on a Napo River island.
Dusky Spinetail *Synallaxis moesta* ♦ (H)
Red-faced Spinetail *Cranioleuca erythrops* We saw 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.
Point-tailed Palmcreeper *Berlepschia rikeri* Seen in Sani.
Streaked Tuftedcheek *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii* 1 sighting for some.
Montane Foliage-gleaner *Anabacerthia striaticollis* Regularly seen in mixed flocks at Wild Sumaco.
Lineated Foliage-gleaner *Syndactyla subalaris* Several sightings.
Chestnut-winged Hookbill *Ancistrops strigilatus* Seen at Shiripuno.
Eastern Woodhaunter (E striped W) *Hyloctistes subulatus* (H)
Western Woodhaunter *Hyloctistes virgatus* 2 sightings.

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 once in the east.
Chestnut-winged Foliage-gleaner *Philydor erythropterum* Seen in the amazon.
Cinnamon-rumped Foliage-gleaner *Philydor pyrrhodes* (H)
Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner *Automolus ochrolaemus* Seen in the east.
Black-billed Treehunter *Thripadectes melanorhynchus* ◇ Seen at Wild Sumaco.
Black-tailed Leaf-tosser *Sclerurus ruficularis* ◇ (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 encounters throughout the tour.
Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans* A couple of sightings.
Plain-brown Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla fuliginosa* Seen a couple of times.
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* (H)
Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper *Dendrexetastes rufigula* Seen at Sani.
Strong-billed Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus* 2 sightings, first in Angel Paz.
Northern Barred Woodcreeper *Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae* One sighting.
Amazonian Barred Woodcreeper *Dendrocolaptes certhia* Seen in the amazon.
Black-banded Woodcreeper *Dendrocolaptes picumnus* (H)
Straight-billed Woodcreeper *Dendroplex picus* Seen on the extension.
Striped Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus obsoletus* Seen on the extension.
Elegant Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus elegans* (H)
Buff-throated Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus guttatus* Regularly seen on the extension.
Black-striped Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus lachrymosus* We had good looks at Playa de Oro.
Ocellated Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus ocellatus* Seen in the amazon.
Spotted Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus erythropygius* Several sightings on the west.
Olive-backed Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus triangularis* Seen at Wild Sumaco.
Streak-headed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii* (H)
Montane Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger* Many sightings throughout the tour at higher elevation.
Fasciated Antshrike *Cymbilaimus lineatus* Seen on the extension.



Pearly Antshrike.

Fulvous Antshrike ◇ *Frederickena fulva* Seen by Jules in Sani.

Lined Antshrike *Thamnophilus tenuepunctatus* Good looks at Wild Suamco.

Cocha Antshrike *Thamnophilus praecox* ♦ A male of this hard-to-find specialty was seen well at Sani.

Castelnau's Antshrike *Thamnophilus cryptoleucus* A male was seen on a Napo River island in Amazonia.

White-shouldered Antshrike *Thamnophilus aethiops* One sighting.

Uniform Antshrike *Thamnophilus unicolor* Seen in the west.

Plain-winged Antshrike *Thamnophilus schistaceus* Seen on the extension.

Mouse-colored Antshrike *Thamnophilus murinus* Seen on the extension.

Pearly Antshrike *Megastictus margaritatus* Seen in shiripuno.

Black-crowned Antshrike *Thamnophilus atrinucha* Seen in the west.

Russet Antshrike *Thamnistes anabatinus* Scattered sightings .

Plain Antvireo *Dysithamnus mentalis* Two were seen at Wild Sumaco.

Spot-crowned Antvireo *Dysithamnus puncticeps* ♦ Seen at Mashpi farm.

Bicolored Antvireo ♦ (Western A) *Dysithamnus occidentalis* Great views in Guacamayos.

White-streaked Antvireo ♦ *Dysithamnus leucostictus* Great views in San Isidro.

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.

Rufous-rumped Antwren *Terenura callinota* ♦ Seen at Wild Sumaco.

Chestnut-shouldered Antwren ♦ *Euchrepornis humeralis* (H)

Stipple-throated Antwren (Yasuni) Antwren *Epinecrophylla fjeldsaai* ♦ Seen at Shiripuno.

Ornate Antwren *Epinecrophylla ornata* (H)

Foothill Antwren ♦ *Epinecrophylla spodionota* Seen well in Wild Sumaco.

Moustached Antwren ♦ *Myrmotherula ignota* Seen well.

Plain-throated Antwren *Isleria huxwelli* Seen in the amazon very well.

Pygmy Antwren *Myrmotherula brachyuran* Seen on the extension.

Rufous-tailed Antwren *Epinecrophylla erythrura* Good views in the amazon.

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* A few in the west.

Long-winged Antwren *Myrmotherula longipennis* Seen at Shiripuno.

Plain-winged Antwren ♦ *Myrmotherula behni* Seen well at Wild Sumaco.

Grey Antwren *Myrmotherula menetriesii* We had several sightings on the extension.

Dugand's Antwren *Herpsilochmus dugandi* ♦ (H)

Yellow-breasted Antwren *Herpsilochmus axillaris* Excellent looks of this canopy bird at Wild Sumaco.

Rufous-winged Antwren *Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus* Seen well at Wild Sumaco.

Streak-headed Antbird *Drymophila striaticeps* ♦ Seen at San Isidro.

Grey Antbird *Cercomacra cinerascens* (H)

Dusky Antbird *Cercomacra tyrannina* Recorded at Playa de Oro.

Blackish Antbird *Cercomacra nigrescens* (H) Heard at Wild Sumaco.

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

Black Antbird *Cercomacra serva* One was seen.

White-backed Fire-eye *Pyriglena leuconota* ♦ Noted at Wild Sumaco.

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

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

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

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

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

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 melanocephala* ♦ 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* Seen well in the amazon.

Bicolored Antbird *Gymnopoethys bicolor* Several great looks at Playa de Oro.

White-cheeked Antbird *Gymnopithys leucaspis* Seen in the amazon.
Spotted Antbird *Hylophylax naevioides* ◇ Excellent looks of both sexes at Playa de Oro.
Dot-backed Antbird *Hylophylax punctulatus* ◇ Seen on the extension.
Common Scale-backed Antbird *Willisornis poecilinotus* Seen in the east.
Black-spotted Bare-Eye *Phlegopsis nigromaculata* (LO) Seen by the leader in Sani.
Ocellated Antbird *Phaenostictus mcleannani* ◇ Great views of this stunner at Playa de Oro.
Black-faced Antthrush *Formicarius analis* (H)
Rufous-breasted Antthrush *Formicarius rufipectus* ◇ (H)



Bicolored Antvireo and Ash-throated Gnateater.

Short-tailed Antthrush *Chamaeza campanisona* (H) Regularly heard at Wild Sumaco.
Barred Antthrush ◇ *Chamaeza mollissima* (H)
Giant Antpitta ◇ *Grallaria gigantea* The star of Angel Paz.

Moustached Antpitta ♦ *Grallaria alleni* Great views at Angel Paz.
Plain-backed Antpitta *Grallaria haplonota* This shy bird was seen on the feeder at Wild Sumaco.
Chestnut-crowned Antpitta *Grallaria ruficapilla* Excellent views at angel paz.
Yellow-breasted Antpitta *Grallaria flavotincta* ♦ An adult gave excellent looks at Angel Paz.
White-bellied Antpitta *Grallaria hypoleuca* ♦ One was seen by Barbara on the feeder at San Isidro.
Rufous Antpitta *Grallaria rufula* Seen well at Yanacocha.
Tawny Antpitta *Grallaria quitensis* ♦ Seen at Yanacocha.
Streak-chested Antpitta *Hylopezus perspicillatus* ♦ (H) Heard in Playa de Oro.
White-lored Antpitta ♦ *Hylopezus fulviventris* Mega views in Sani.



White-lored Antpitta.

Ochre-breasted Antpitta *Grallaricula flavirostris* ♦ Great views at Angel Paz and Wild Sumaco on the east
Peruvian Antpitta ♦ *Grallaricula peruviana* Amazing views in Guacamayos. MEGA
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 well at Wild Sumaco.
Ocellated Tapaculo *Acropternis orthonyx* Great views in Yanacocha.
Rusty-belted Tapaculo *Liosceles thoracicus* Seen at Shiripuno.
Ash-colored Tapaculo *Myornis senilis* (H)
Long-tailed Tapaculo *Scytalopus micropterus* ♦ Seen well on the east slope.
Narino Tapaculo *Scytalopus vicini* ♦ It was seen on the west.
Choco Tapaculo *Scytalopus chocoensis* ♦ Seen well at la union road.
Spillmann's Tapaculo *Scytalopus spillmanni* ♦ (H).
Blackish Tapaculo *Scytalopus latrans* ♦ One seen by some in the east.
Wing-barred Piprites *Piprites chloris* Seen in Wild Sumaco.
Sooty-headed Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias griseiceps* We had good looks on the west.
Plumbeous-crowned Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias plumbeiceps* Seen in Wild SUMaco.

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet *Tyrannulus elatus* Regularly heard and seen in the lowlands of the east.
Foothill Elaenia ♦ *Myiopagis olallai* Seen at Wild Sumaco.
Sierran Elaenia *Elaenia pallatangae* Seen once.
Grey Elaenia *Myiopagis caniceps* (H).
Coopman's Elaenia *Elaenia brachyptera* Seen well in Mindo. BQ lifer.
Greenish Elaenia *Myiopagis viridicata* Seen well in mashpi road.
Yellow-crowned Elaenia *Myiopagis flavivertex* ♦ Excellent looks at this unobtrusive varzea species at Sani.
Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster* Seen well.
Forest Elaenia *Myiopagis gaimardii* Seen in the amazon.
White-crested Elaenia *Elaenia albiceps* Seen in antisana.
Southern Beardless Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum* Seen in the west.
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 in mindo.
Mouse-coloured Tyrannulet *Phaeomyias murina* Seen near Ibarra.
Bronze-olive Pygmy Tyrant ♦ *Pseudotriccus pelzelni* Seen at Wild SUMaco.
Rufous-headed Pygmy Tyrant *Pseudotriccus ruficeps* Excellent views of this tiny skulker on the Guacamayos.
Ringed Antpiper *Corythopis torquatus* (H)
Slender-footed Tyrannulet *Zimmerius gracilipes* One was seen from the Sani canopy tower.
Red-billed Tyrannulet *Zimmerius cinereicapilla* Seen at Wild Sumaco.
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 gualaquize* ♦ 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 superciliosus* Regularly seen in mixed flocks in foothill habitat.
Rufous-breasted Flycatcher *Leptopogon rufipectus* ♦ Seen well in Guango.
Flavescent Flycatcher *Myiophobus flavicans* ♦ We had the best looks at Angel Paz and Mindo.
Orange-crested Flycatcher ♦ *Myiophobus phoenicomitra* Seen at Wild Sumaco.
Olive-chested Flycatcher *Myiophobus cryptoxanthus* ♦ We had nice views of this specialty on the east.
Bran-colored Flycatcher ♦ *Myiophobus fasciatus* One seen at Chontal.
Handsome Flycatcher *Nephelomyias pulcher* ♦ Seen at Guacamayos.
Ornate Flycatcher *Myiobittacus 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 ruficularis* ♦ This localised bird was seen at Wild Sumaco.
Zimmer's Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus inornatus* Recorded in Shiripuno.
Black-capped Pygmy-Tyrant *Myiornis atricapillus* Seen well.
Scale-crested Pygmy Tyrant *Lophotriccus pileatus* We had several sightings on the tour.
Double-banded Pygmy Tyrant *Lophotriccus vitiensis* ♦ (H)
Black-and-white Tody-Flycatcher ♦ (B-a-w T-Tyrant) *Poecilatriccus capitalis* (H)
Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilatriccus ruficeps* Excellent looks at this colourful bird at Guacamayos.
Spotted Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum maculatum* Seen in the napo.
Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum* We had several sightings on the tour.
Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum* Great views from the canopy tower.
Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum nigriceps* (H).
Pacific Flatbill ♦ *Rhynchocyclus pacificus* Seen at Mashpi farm.
Yellow-olive Flatbill *Tolmomyias sulphurens* One sighting.
Zimmer's Flatbill *Tolmomyias assimilis* One was seen on the extension.
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.
 Golden-crowned Spadebill *Platyrinchus coronatus* (LO) Seen in Sani.
 Yellow-throated Spadebill ♦ *Platyrinchus flavigularis* One in Wild Sumaco.
 White-crested Spadebill *Platyrinchus platyrhynchos* Great views of this rare bird in Wild Sumaco.
 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.
 Euler's Flycatcher *Lathrotriccus euleri* Seen in Wild Sumaco.
 Fuscous Flycatcher *Cnemotriccus fuscatus* Seen in the Napo.
 Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans* We had several sightings on the tour.
 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.
 Drab Water Tyrant *Ochthornis littoralis* It was fairly common along the Napo River on the extension.
 Paramo Ground Tyrant *Muscisaxicola alpinus* ♦ Seen at Antisana.
 Streak-throated Bush Tyrant *Myiotheretes striaticollis* Seen near Yanacocha.
 Smoky Bush Tyrant *Myiotheretes fumigatus* Seen at Guacamayos.
 Masked Water Tyrant *Fluvicola nengeta* Seen at Playa de oro.
 Crowned Chat-Tyrant *Silvicultrix frontalis* ♦ One was seen at Yanacocha on our first day.
 Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris* ♦ (LO) Seen at Guacamayos.
 Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca fumicolor* One sighting
 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.
 Lesser Kiskadee *Philohydor lector* Frequently seen along the lakes on the extension.
 White-ringed Flycatcher *Conopias albobittatus* ♦ Seen at Playa de Oro.
 Lemon-browed Flycatcher *Conopias cinchoneti* Seen at San Isidro.
 Golden-crowned Flycatcher *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus* We had many good views of this highland bird.
 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 it in the western lowlands.
 Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* Commonly seen throughout the tour.
 Eastern Kingbird *Tyrannus tyrannus* Many were seen along the Napo River on the extension.
 Greyish Mourner *Rhytipterna simplex* Seen on the extension.
 Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer* The most commonly encountered member of the genus.
 Short-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus ferox* 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* (H) Heard on the extension.
 Cinnamon Attila *Attila cinnamomeus* We saw this 'varzea' species on the extension.
 Citron-bellied Attila *Attila citriniventris* ♦ We had good in the amazon.
 Bright-rumped Attila *Attila spadiceus* (H)
 Red-crested Cotinga *Ampelion rubrocrissatus* Seen at Yanacocha.
 Green-and-black Fruiteater *Pipreola riefferii* We had some good looks.
 Barred Fruiteater *Pipreola arcuata* A few seen at Yanacocha.
 Orange-breasted Fruiteater *Pipreola jucunda* ♦ A total of 3 were seen along the Mashpi road.
 Black-chested Fruiteater ♦ *Pipreola lubomirskii* Seen briefly near Guacamayos and San Isidro.
 Fiery-throated Fruiteater *Pipreola chlorolepidota* ♦ A male at Wild Sumaco.
 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* ◇ Seen on the extension.
Spangled Cotinga *Cotinga cayana* We had very good views on the Amazonia extension.
Screaming Piha *Lipaugus vociferans* 'The call of Amazonia' was seen in the extension.
Grey-tailed Piha *Snowornis subalaris* ◇ Finally one calling bird was tracked down at Wild Sumaco.
Black-tipped Cotinga *Carpodectes hopkei* ◇ 2 males were seen at Playa de Oro.
Bare-necked Fruitcrow *Gymnoderus foetidus* Many sightings on the extension.
Purple-throated Fruitcrow *Querula purpurata* A few sightings.
Amazonian Umbrellabird *Cephalopterus ornatus* Seen in the amazon.
Long-wattled Umbrellabird ◇ *Cephalopterus penduliger* A nice male in Mashpi farm.
Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin *Tyranneutes stolzmanni* Seen well on Sani.
Blue-backed Manakin *Chiroxiphia pareola* Seen briefly in Shiripuno.
Golden-winged Manakin *Masius chrysoterpis* A nice male seen, also females.
Green Manakin ◇ *Cryptopipo holochlora* One calling bird photographed in Wild Sumaco. Rare.
Western Striped Manakin *Machaeropterus striolatus* ◇ (H).
Blue-crowned Manakin *Lepidothrix coronata* Several seen.
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.
Wire-tailed Manakin *Pipra filicauda* (H)
White-crowned Manakin *Dixiphia pipra* Commonly seen at Wild Sumaco and on the extension
Red-capped Manakin *Dixiphia mentalis* One male at Playa de Oro for some.
Golden-headed Manakin *Dixiphia erythrocephala* Males seen in Sani.
Tawny-breasted Myiobius *Myiobius villosus* ◇ A single bird was seen
Sulphur-rumped Myiobius *Myiobius sulphureipygius* 2 seen.
Black-tailed Myiobius *Myiobius atricaudus* One sighting.
Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher *Terentotriccus 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 west.
Black-crowned Tityra *Tityra inquisitor* 2 sightings.
White-browed Purpletuft *Iodopleura isabellae* Good views in Amazonia.
Yellow-cheeked Becard *Pachyramphus xanthogenys* ◇ A male was seen at Wild Sumaco.
Barred Becard *Pachyramphus versicolor* Seen two times.
Cinnamon Becard *Pachyramphus cinnamomeus* Regularly seen on the lowlands and foothills of the west.
White-winged Becard *Pachyramphus polychropterus* ◇ 2 sightings.
Black-and-white Becard *Pachyramphus albogriseus* 1 sighting.
One-colored Becard *Pachyramphus homochrous* It was commonly seen on the western lowlands.
Black-billed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis nigrirostris* ◇ We got good looks at Mashpi road and San Isidro.
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* A couple birds seen.
Lemon-chested Greenlet *Hylophilus thoracicus* (H) It was only heard on the extension.
Rufous-naped Greenlet *Hylophilus semibrunneus* ◇ Some good 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 seen.
Lesser Greenlet *Hylophilus decurtatus* A few were seen on the western lowlands.
Turquoise Jay *Cyanolyca turcosa* ◇ We saw them several times.
Beautiful Jay ◇ *Cyanolyca pulchra* Seen at Chical road.
Violaceous Jay *Cyanocorax violaceus* Common 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 side of the Andes.
Brown-chested Martin *Progne tapera* Several seen on the Amazonian extension.

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.

Black-capped Donacobius *Donacobius atricapilla* A few were seen on the extension.

Thrush-like Wren *Campylorhynchus turdinus* Common on the extension.

Grey-mantled Wren *Odontorchilus branickii* ♦ Seen well at La Union.

Band-backed Wren *Campylorhynchus zonatus* Seen in the west.

Rufous Wren *Cinnycerthia unirufa* We saw it near Bellavista.

Sepia-brown Wren *Cinnycerthia olivascens* Several sightings near San Isidro.

Grass Wren *Cistothorus platensis* A few seen in the Antisana area.

Plain-tailed Wren *Pheugopedius euophrys* ♦ Seen near San Isidro.

Whiskered Wren *Pheugopedius mystacalis* (H) Heard near Bellavista.

Coraya Wren *Pheugopedius coraya* Seen on the extension.

Buff-breasted Wren *Cantorchilus leucotis* (H)

Bay Wren *Cantorchilus nigricapillus* Several seen on the west.

Stripe-throated Wren *Cantorchilus leucopogon* ♦ Seen 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* Seen in Playa de Oro.

Wing-banded Wren ♦ *Microcerculus bambla* Seen well in Wild Sumaco.

Chestnut-breasted Wren *Cyphorhinus thoracicus* Seen well in Guacamayos.

Musician Wren *Cyphorhinus arada* (H)

Tawny-faced Gnatwren *Microbates cinereiventris* Several at Playa de Oro.

Tropical Gnatcatcher *Poliophtila plumbea* (H)

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

Tropical Mockingbird *Mimus gilvus* We saw a few.

Andean Solitaire *Myadestes raloides* A few sightings.

Black Solitaire *Entomodestes coracinus* Great views in Mashpi road.



Black Solitaire.

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

Spotted Nighthingale-Thrush *Catharus dryas* Brief views at Wild Sumaco.

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

Glossy-black Thrush *Turdus serranus* Seen well at San Isidro.

Chestnut-bellied Thrush *Turdus fulviventris* Seen well in San Isidro and Guacamayos.



Chestnut-bellied Thrush.

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'.

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

White-necked Thrush *Turdus albicollis* 2 sightings.

White-capped Dipper *Cinclus leucocephalus* Seen in Mashpi road.

Paramo Pipit *Anthus bogotensis* Seen well in Antisana.

Lesser Goldfinch (Dark-backed G) *Spinus psaltria* Seen near Chontal.

Olivaceous Siskin ♦ *Spinus olivaceus* Two sightings.

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

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

Golden-rumped Euphonia *Euphonia cyanocephala* 2 birds seen near Quito.

White-lored Euphonia *Euphonia chrysopasta* A few on the extension.

Bronze-green Euphonia *Euphonia mesochrysa* Seen near Hollin.

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.

Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia ♦ *Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys* A pair near Bellavista.

Blue-naped Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia cyanea* Seen at Wild Sumaco.

Olive-crowned Yellowthroat *Geothlypis semiflava* Seen at Mashpi road.

Cerulean Warbler *Setophaga cerulea* A total of 2 were seen.

Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitiauyumi* Many great views of this stunning little bird.

Black-crested Warbler *Myiothlypis nigrocristata* We had very good looks at this fine warbler at San Isidro.

Citrine Warbler *Myiothlypis luteoviridis* Seen at Guango.

Buff-rumped Warbler *Myiothlypis fulvicauda* This delightful bird was seen frequently on the tour, usually near water.

Choco Warbler *Myiothlypis chlorophrys* ♦ Seen at Mashpi farm.

Russet-crowned Warbler *Myiothlypis coronate* This lovely songster was seen at Bellavista.

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.

Russet-backed Oropendola *Psarocolius angustifrons* Commonly seen bird on the east.

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus* It was common at Wild Sumaco and on the extension.

Green Oropendola *Psarocolius viridis* Seen on the extension.

Olive Oropendola *Psarocolius bifasciatus* Seen 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.

Casqued Oropendola *Cacicus oseryi* ♦ One sighting in the extension.

Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus* Common on the extension.



Beautiful Jay.

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis* A few were seen in open habitat.

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus* Seen on the cost 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 on the extension.

Orange-billed Sparrow *Arremon aurantirostris* Seen briefly.

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

Olive Finch ♦ *Arremon castaneiceps* Great views in Wild Sumaco.

Grey-browed Brushfinch *Arremon assimilis* Seen well in Yanacocha.

Pale-naped Brushfinch *Arremon pallidinucha* Seen very well in highland forest near Guango.

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

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

Slaty Brushfinch ♦ *Atlapetes schistaceus* Seen well in Guango.

White-winged Brushfinch *Atlapetes leucopterus* Seen well in the Mindo area.

Tanager Finch ♦ *Oreothraupis arremonops* Great views of a pair in Bellavista.

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

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 Guacamayos.
Yellow-throated Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus flavigularis* We saw it on the west and on the east too.
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.
Dusky-faced Tanager *Mitrospingus cassinii* (H)
Black-capped Hemispingus *Hemispingus atropileus* We had good looks in Guango.
Superciliaried Hemispingus *Hemispingus superciliaris* Seen at Yanacocha.
Black-eared Hemispingus *Hemispingus melanotis* We had superb looks in the garden of San Isidro.
Western Hemispingus *Hemispingus ochraceus* ◇ A pair was encountered near Bellavista.
Grey-hooded Bush Tanager *Cnemoscopus rubrirostris* Seen well near Guango.
Grey-headed Tanager *Eucometis penicillata* (H)
Orange-headed Tanager *Thlypopsis sordida* Seen on the extension.
Flame-crested Tanager *Tachyphonus cristatus* We had good looks in the extension.
Fulvous-crested Tanager *Tachyphonus surinamus* Seen in Sani.
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* Seen 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-capped Tanager *Thraupis cyanocephala* Some near Yanacocha.
Blue-and-yellow Tanager ◇ *Thraupis bonariensis* Seen in dry habitat on the way to Antisana.
Yellow-green Bush Tanager ◇ *Chlorospingus flavovirens* (LO) Seen at La Union.
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 Guacamayos.
Black-chested Mountain Tanager *Buthraupis eximia* Brilliant encounters at Yanacocha.
Lacrimose Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus lacrymosus* Seen at Guacamayos.
Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus igniventris* First seen at Yanacocha.
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* ◇ Seen along the Chical road.
Glistening-green Tanager *Chlorochrysa phoenicotis* ◇ Seen at Mashpi road.
Orange-eared Tanager *Chlorochrysa calliparaea* Seen in the east.
Grey-and-gold Tanager *Tangara palmeri* ◇ We had good views in the NW.
Turquoise Tanager *Tangara mexicana* We saw it at Sani.
Paradise Tanager *Tangara chilensis* We had many excellent looks at Wild Sumaco and on the extension.
Green-and-gold Tanager *Tangara schrankii* Several were seen at Wild Sumaco and on the extension.
Emerald Tanager *Tangara florida* Seen at 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* Regular sightings in the San Isidro area.
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.
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.
Scrub Tanager ♦ *Tangara vitriolina* Seen near Ibarra.
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* Some in the east.
Beryl-spangled Tanager *Tangara nigroviridis* One of the most commonly seen tangara on the tour.
Blue-and-black Tanager *Tangara vassorii* A few sightings.
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.
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.
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 salmوني* ♦ Seen very well at Mashpi road and La Union.
Cinereous Conebill *Conirostrum cinereum* A few seen.
Capped Conebill *Conirostrum albifrons* Several were seen at Bellavista – both sexes.
Glossy Flowerpiercer *Diglossa lafresnayii* We had many good views at Yanacocha and Papallacta.
Black Flowerpiercer *Diglossa humeralis* It was common at Antisana National Park.
White-sided Flowerpiercer *Diglossa albilatera* We saw a few near Bellavista and Chcial.
Indigo Flowerpiercer *Diglossa indigotica* ♦ This once enigmatic bird was seen briefly along the Mashpi road.
Golden-eyed Flowerpiercer *Diglossa glauca* We had a few birds on the east slope.
Bluish Flowerpiercer *Diglossa caerulescens* A few birds were seen around San Isidro.
Masked Flowerpiercer *Diglossa cyanea* Definitely the most commonly seen flowerpiercer on this tour.
Plumbeous Sierra Finch *Phrygilus unicolor* It was common at Papallacta and Antisana.
Ash-breasted Sierra Finch *Phrygilus plebejus* Seen near Ibarra.
Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola* A few were seen near Quito and along the coast.
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* Seen on the west.
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* A few birds seen.
Lemon-spectacled Tanager *Chlorothraupis olivacea* ♦ Seen at Playa de Oro.
Ochre-breasted Tanager *Chlorothraupis stolzmanni* ♦ Seen at Mashpi farm.
Golden Grosbeak *Pheucticus chrysogaster* Seen in semi dry inter Andean habitat.
Slate-coloured Grosebeak *Saltator grossus* Some sightings.
Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus* Regularly seen throughout the tour.
Black-winged Saltator *Saltator atripennis* ♦ Regular sightings on the west.
Greyish Saltator *Saltator coerulescens* Seen in the Amazon..
Blue-black Grosbeak *Cyanocompsa cyanoides* (H)

MAMMALS

Nine-banded Armadillo *Dasypus novemcinctus*
Brown-eared Woolly Opossum *Caluromys lanatus*
Mouse Opossum sp *Marmosa* sp
Forest Rabbit *Sylvilagus brasiliensis*
Red-tailed Squirrel *Sciurus granatensis*
Amazon Dwarf Squirrel *Microsciurus flaviventer*
Central American Agouti *Dasyprocta punctata*
Black Agouti (Grey Agouti) *Dasyprocta fuliginosa*
Spectacled Bear *Tremarctos ornatus*
Kinkajou *Potos flavus*
Greater Fishing Bat *Noctilio leporinus*
Spiny Tree-Rat sp *Echimys* sp
Black-mantled Tamarin *Saguinus nigricollis*
Red Titi Monkey *Callicebus discolor*
Common Squirrel-Monkey *Saimiri sciureus*
Napo Saki *Pithecia napensis*
Brown Pale-fronted Capuchin Monkey *Cebus albifrons*
Common Woolly Monkey *Lagothrix lagothricha*
White-fronted Capuchin *Cebus albifrons*
Colombian Red Howler Monkey *Alouatta seniculus*
White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus*
Mountain Tapir *Tapirus pinchaque*
South American Tapir *Tapirus terrestres*
Lowland Paca *Cuniculus paca*





Salvin's Curassow and Boa constrictor

