



*We witnessed an amazing display of the Long-wattled Umbrellabird on this tour, down to ten meters! (JM)*

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The 2022 Birdquest tour to Southern Ecuador continued the run of previous very successful tours to the region, and was once again a fabulous adventure around some of the most spectacular sites in the southern part of this incredibly bird-rich country. How good it was to be birding again after two years of uncertainties! With some great infrastructures, some relatively short distances between birding sites, huge number of birds everywhere, this tour certainly belongs to the very top neotropical birding destinations. We explored a wide range of habitats, spanning from coastal wetlands to arid Tumbesian scrub, rich andean foothill forest and the spectacular high Andes. We also had an impression of amazonian avifauna at Maycu, on the eastern foothills. This habitat diversity led us to record a very high number of species over 19 days. All-in-all, we recorded 705 bird species (including heard-only), a new highest record for this tour, reflecting the improvements of our itinerary. Amongst these, we hit on a high percentage of Birdquest "diamonds" birds, including numerous near-endemic birds shared with neighbour countries, but also some strict Ecuadorian endemics. Southern Ecuador had already shot the fame in the ornithological world when the Jocotoco Antpitta was discovered in the late 90's, but lately the area has once again demonstrated its true potential with another discovery of an absolutely stunning and endemic bird, the Blue-throated Hillstar. This year we visited once again the amazing Cerro de Arcos, where we recorded a fabulous male of this rare species. And of course, we had once again prolonged views a glorious Jocotoco Antpitta coming to us at almost touching distance. The amazing Long-wattled Umbrellabird was seen displaying at the Buenaventura Reserve, whilst stunning Orange-throated Tanagers joined the standout species in the Maycu Reserve. El Oro Tapaculo gave unexpected great looks! Another highlight was finding some other rare nomadic species, like Black-and-white Tanager and Grey-capped Cuckoo at Ayampe. Other major highlights of the trip included the attractive Crescent-faced Antpitta, both White-breasted and El Oro Parakeets, fantastic views of Red-faced Parrot and the rare endemic Pale-headed Brushfinch. As every trip in the tropical Andes, we were blessed with an incredible hummingbird diversity with no less than 73 species seen, including some highly desired ones such as the endemic Violet-throated Metaltail, the localized Neblina Metaltail, the stunning Ecuadorian Hillstar, the rare Ecuadorian Piedtail, the local form of White-vented Plumeleteer (also sometimes called 'Ecuadorian' Plumeleteer), the brilliant Velvet-purple Coronet, Purple-throated, Amethyst-throated and Flame-throated Sunangel, Violet-tailed and Long-tailed Sylphs and even the amazing Rainbow Starfrontlet and spectacular Sword-billed Hummingbird. As on every Birdquest tour we worked hard on night birding, and this year we were rewarded with a great set of owls seen very well including walk-away views of the range-restricted Koepcke's Screech Owl, a species that was once thought to be a strict Peruvian endemic. All these species mentioned above were just the icing on the cake of what was undoubtedly a successful tour!

This tour started in the evening at our comfortable hotel in Guayaquil, where we were all excited to discuss the plans for the next few days. Next morning saw us reaching the Manglares Churute reserve at dawn, where we spent a couple of hours birding in deciduous woodland, marshes and fields. A first stop near the reserve's entrance was productive, with our first Grey-cheeked and Red-masked Parakeets, Ecuadorian Trogons, Pacific Pygmy Owls, a couple pairs of Jet Antbirds, Great Antshrike, Pacific Elaenias and Crimson-breasted Finches while overhead Rosy Spoonbills, Fulvous and Black-bellied Whistling Ducks and White Ibises flew past. A second stop along a busy road produced several much-wanted Horned Screamers, and a bit further, our first Scarlet-backed Woodpecker, Black-crowned Tityra, Tawny-crowned Scrub Tyrant, Southern Beardless Tyrannulets Ecuadorian and Croaking Ground Doves and a party of unexpected Tricoloured Munias were found. Before lunch, we first stopped briefly by the roadside to find a couple of distinctive *occidentalis* Large-billed Seedfinches (which could well be a distinct species) and Olive-crowned Yellowthroat and continued to a last site near the foothills where in no time we discovered a cooperative Pacific Royal Flycatcher, the icing on the cake of the morning! The forest was teeming with birds, and we also added Baron's Hermit, Purple-crowned Fairy, Crowned Woodnymph, Green-throated Mango, Ecuadorian Thrush, a fast Blue-black Grosbeak, the migrant Scarlet Tanager, One-colored Becard and some more common species. A good Tamales lunch ensued and we drove to our destination for the next three nights, the famous Umbrellabird Lodge inside the Buenaventura reserve. We arrived and were greeted by a



heavy shower, but also by the most unexpected sighting of the day, a small flock of Rose-faced Parrots, very rare that far south in their range, together with a dozen Bronze-winged Parrots. We still had another mission before night but with all that rain were not really convinced that the strategy would work, but after walking down a steep trail we quickly found our main target, namely the unique and weird Long-wattled Umbrellabird! The bird was soaking wet but still very impressive to see, a great way to finish up this amazing day! Just before darkness and after the rain, hummingbird feeders were extremely busy as several dozens of Green Thorntails were amassed near the lodge to feed on the artificial nectar provided, as well as a nice Velvet-purple Coronet, Brown Violetear, Violet-bellied Hummingbird, Green-crowned Brilliants, Andean Emerald and White-necked Jacobins.



*Blue-throated Hillstar feeding on its favourite flowers, and Slaty-winged Foliage-gleaner, seen for the first time on a Birdquest tour in Ecuador (JM).*



We woke up very early morning next day, all excited by the day to come. A couple hours drive later, we arrived at the Cerro de Arcos and in no time were observing a superb male Blue-throated Hillstar, an apparently highly threatened species only discovered in 2017 and restricted to this small corner of south-western Ecuador. The show lasted for an hour, before we walked back down to the bus, not before luckily flushing two Andean Snipes! In the same area we also saw Chestnut-collared Swifts, Bearded Guans, Mouse-colored Thistletails, Many-striped Canasteros, Viridian Metaltail, Golden-breasted Puffleg, Plumbeous Sierra Finch, Chestnut-winged Cinclodes and a couple of nice Mountain Caracaras. Back at our lodge for lunch, we spent a few hours relaxing and birding the grounds, finding some good birds like the scarce and very local Slaty-winged Foliage-gleaner (for the first time on a Birdquest tour in Ecuador!), tons of hummingbirds at the feeders, our first Yellow-throated Toucans, Plumbeous Kite, Barred Hawk and many more. After lunch, we paid a visit to another area in the Buenaventura reserve and soon had the endemic and endangered El Oro Parakeet in the scope, first an individual at a nestbox and then a nice flock perched in nearby trees. Success! On the way down we noted some more interesting species like Violet-tailed Sylph and another Olive-crowned Yellowthroat. We spent the last hours of daylight in a drier area nearby, on the property of our good friend Leovigildo. Birding was intense, and amongst others, we found the ecuadorian race of White-vented Plumeleteer (most likely a distinct species), had the surprise to hear a Black-and-white Tanager (which sadly refused to show to the group, after calling for about a minute down a very dense gully), some common birds like Loja and Sooty-headed Tyrannulet, Golden-olive Woodpecker, Thick-billed Seedfinch, Dull-colored Grassquit, Speckle-breasted Wrens, Amazilia (or Loja) Hummingbirds and Streak-headed Woodcreeper. What a day! Just before dinner, the local Black-and-white Owl pair was active and gave great views.



*Fantastic views of El Oro Parakeets were had, and not only at a nest box like pictured here! (JM)*

Following morning saw us having an early breakfast followed by a short drive uphill, to look for another Ecuadorian endemic. Leo's stake-out proved once again to be reliable and in no time we all gained great looks of the endangered El Oro Tapaculo, skulking in the undergrowth! Plain-backed Antpitta was heard nearby, but as often the case with that species, it refused to show, as did two Scaled Antpittas. A walk down the road was relatively productive but we soon found ourselves in a thick mist. Good looks at the striking Scaled Fruiteater, a nice male Golden-headed Quetzal, a quick Slaty Finch, several flocks of El Oro Parakeets and Bronze-olive Pygmy Tyrant made up for the bad weather, before we descended lower down to escape the fog. A few flocks were then found, holding Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaners, Streak-headed Woodcreepers, Rufous-winged Tyrannulets, Golden, Rufous-throated, Silver-throated and Bay-headed Tanagers. We also had great looks at Andean Solitaires and Speckled Nightingale Thrush for some. Just before lunch, we visited a garden teeming with hummingbirds, where we saw our first Fawn-breasted Brilliants and White-booted Rackettail of the tour. Violet-tailed Sylph, the fantastic Velvet-purple Coronet and Green Thorntails were much appreciated too. After lunch, the first bird to entertain us was a rather skittish Brownish Twistwing, which still gave good views to most of us, quickly followed by an amazing displaying

Club-winged Manakin, Chestnut-backed Antbirds and White-whiskered Hermit. Lower down in a clearing we could at last locate the endangered Grey-backed Hawk mobbed by Boat-billed Flycatchers and two minutes later were treated with great looks at an unusually cooperative Ochraceous Attila pair, most likely nesting in the area. Barred Puffbird soon followed, much to our delight, and a Pacific Royal Flycatcher made an unexpected appearance in some trash roadside habitat! As every late afternoon, we quickly got soaked by the rain, but kept on birding until it was unbearable, gaining great looks at yet another Brownish Twistwing, before calling it a day.



*Ochraceous Attilas and the spectacular White-tipped Sickiebill gave terrific views on this tour! (JM)*

Next morning, we visited some trails around the lodge, which were quite productive. First birds seen were a couple of Western Woodhaunters, followed by some nice Esmeraldas and Chestnut-backed Antbirds, Song Wrens, another Brownish Twistwing and we also heard Rufous-fronted Wood Quails but they wouldn't come too close to us. The real show of the morning was the old male Long-wattled Umbrellabird, displaying only



ten meters from us! Back on the road, we ended our stay with fantastic views of White-tipped Sicklebill, and some other birds like White-throated Spadebill, White-whiskered Hermit, Ochre-bellied and Slaty-capped Flycatchers and Ochraceous Pewee again. We then departed towards the peruvian border, having a packed lunch en route and some good coffees. We did a couple of stops in dry valleys, allowing us to find some regional endemics like Tumbes Hummingbird, White-headed Brushfinch, Tumbes Sparrow, Grey-cheeked Parakeets and others like Scarlet-backed Woodpecker, Plumbeous-backed Thrush, Golden Grosbeaks, King Vulture and Hook-billed Kite. We arrived at Jorupe early evening, had dinner, and went for a long night birding session, resulting in great looks at West Peruvian Screech Owls, a Pauraque with its chick, a pair Spectacled Owls with its juvenile and Pacific Pygmy Owls.



*Scarlet-backed Woodpecker is a great looking bird! (JM)*

Next day started with yet another nightbirding session, but we once again failed at finding South America's most wanted owl, Buff-fronted Owl, which we didn't even hear. A Rufous-necked Wood Rail feeding on moths in front of Mark's cabin was a nice compensation for some. At dawn, birds started to appear near the feeders and we had our first looks at the amazing White-tailed Jay, nice White-edged and Yellow-tailed Orioles, Blue Ground Doves and more. We then walked the access road and quickly found a cooperative pair of Grey-breasted Flycatcher, followed by some Ecuadorian Piculets, Collared Antshrikes, Tumbes Pewee, Yellow-olive Flatbills, the much-wanted Blackish-headed Spinetail, good looks at the skulking Henna-hooded Foliage-gleaner and a brief Pale-browed Tinamou. Higher up, we continued our good run and saw a cool Slaty Becard, had great looks at Rufous-necked Foliage-gleaner, Sooty-crowned Flycatchers, Black-capped Sparrows, Tumbesian Tyrannulet and finally Watkins's Antpitta and Pale-browed Tinamou, which both gave good looks to most of us. In the afternoon, we visited an area of shrubby vegetation near the town of Sozoranga, which was quite productive. Within minutes of arrivals, we added a good number of species to our list, including Bay-crowned, White-winged and Grey-browed Brushfinches, Silver-backed Tanagers, Black-cowled Saltator, Line-cheeked Spinetail, Chapman's Antshrike, Glossy-black Thrush and some others like Loja Tyrannulet and Chestnut-crowned Antpitta. We then drove back to Jorupe, stopping en-route to admire a colony of pretty Chestnut-collared Swallows nesting under an abandoned building. Some Tumbes Short-tailed Swifts, our first Hooded Siskins and more Rufous-necked Foliage-gleaners were also found, and we ended up the day with another Pale-browed Tinamou showing briefly.



*Rufous-necked Wood Rail was seen amazingly well at Jorupe before dawn! And the spectacular Black-crested Tit-Tyrant (JM).*

Before breakfast next morning, a Rufous-necked Wood Rail was seen very well feeding by the cabins, as well as the usual family of Spectacled Owls, but again, no signs of Buff-fronted Owl. We departed early towards Utuana and did a couple stops on the way. First one, not far from Sozoranga, was very productive as we got great looks at a pair of ultra-skulking Grey-headed Antbirds as well as a couple of rare Piura Hemispinguses! Additionally, Streak-necked Flycatcher and Rufous-chested Tanager were added. A little further, a new site gave us fantastic close views of the cute Black-crested Tit-Tyrant, what a bird! A visit of Utuana was equally productive, as one of the first birds seen was a Leymebamba Antpitta showing very well to the whole group. A nearby Undulated Antpitta on the opposite refused to show, but great looks at several Jelski's Chat-Tyrants were much appreciated. The hummingbird feeders were teeming with Rainbow Starfrontlets, Speckled Hummingbirds and Purple-throated Sunangel. A Red-crested Cotinga also made an appearance, before we retreated and started the long drive to our next destination, Tapichalaca. On the way, a quick stop close to Catamayo yielded the uncommon Drab Seedeater, Ash-breasted and Band-tailed Sierra Finches, Collared Warbling Finch, many Croaking Ground Doves, American Kestrel and a very brief



Purple-collared Woodstar. We then made it to the fantastic Tapichalaca reserve and its lodge. The feeders were full of Chestnut-breasted Coronets, Amethyst-throated Sunangels and Fawn-breasted Brilliants. A short walk in the forest wasn't too productive, but Golden-plumed Parakeets screeched overhead and a flock of White-capped Tanagers passed by quickly. We ended up the day with a very nice home-made cake and beers as celebration for Eric's birthday and ultimately had great looks at White-throated Screech Owls in the garden. Rufous-banded Owl was also calling, but too far, and refused to come closer.



*Grey-breasted Flycatcher is a rare tumbesian endemic which we managed to see very well on this tour. West Peruvian Screech Owls were common at Jorupe (JM).*

We woke up next morning, all excited by the day to come. Indeed, it would be one we would remember for the rest of our lives. A little birding around the lodge after breakfast produced two tame Equatorial Antpittas (a human feeding an adult, itself feeding a juvenile) and more common species. Once on the trail leading to our main quarry we kept finding good birds like some cool Orange-banded Flycatchers, Barred and Green-



and-black Fruiteaters, Yellow-bellied and Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrants, to our delight some very close Golden-plumed Parakeets, White-capped Parrots, Chusquea Tapaculo showing nicely, some nice flocks holding Golden-crowned, Grey-hooded Bush, Lacrimose Mountain and Hooded Mountain Tanagers, Streaked Tuftedcheek, Tyrannine and Montane Woodcreepers and a good selection of Tyrannulets including Black-capped, White-banded and Sulphur-bellied. We also flushed a White-throated Quail-Dove from the trail, before getting to the brand-new shelter where we would be sitting for an hour. The Antpitta whisperer was with us, and soon enough a tremendous Jocotoco Antpitta was hopping and grabbing worms just under our eyes, a once-in-a-lifetime experience! I cannot imagine what Robert Ridgely felt when setting first the eyes on this monster, when he discovered it back in 1996... We kept admiring this ultimate south Ecuadorian mega for some time, before moving on further on the trail.



Jocotoco and Chestnut-naped Antpittas face-to-face at Tapichalaca!

Soon we were watching a cooperative Slaty-crowned Antpitta, followed by more Fruiteaters, Barred Becard, a nice flock of Pale-footed Swallow, Rufous, Mountain and Plain-tailed Wrens and more. Suddenly, a Chestnut-naped Antpitta was hopping on the trail close in front of us and ended up walking to its larger cousin's feeder, where it remained for twenty minutes, certainly waiting to be fed! This species can be very tricky and time-consuming to see, so it was a relief to get easy views of this amazing bird, which also meant we just had a four-antpitta morning! We then walked back towards the lodge for lunch, not adding much on our way except a nice Flame-throated Sunangel and some more common mountain birds. After a break, we drove down towards Valladolid, making some stops en-route. We found a pair of the very distinct and range-restricted *paynteri* White-winged Brushfinch, which has a pure white nape instead of rufous and could well be a distinct species. At another site, Blue-browed and our first Blue-necked Tanagers performed, as well as Bronzy Inca. Further down, we quickly gained good views of the regional endemic Marañon Thrush, as well as some other cool birds like Lined Antshrike, Black-faced and stunning Paradise Tanagers, Lafresnaye's Piculet, our first Yellow-tufted Woodpeckers and Golden-faced Tyrannulets, Rufous-fronted Thornbirds and Yellow-bellied Elaenias. Back at Tapichalaca, a little birding before darkness wasn't productive in the mist,

but Golden-crowned Tanagers, White-sided Flowerpiercer and Glowing Puffleg were appreciated. A White-throated Screech Owl was seen again after dinner, but nothing else.



*Tremendous views of Golden-plumed Parakeets were had at Tapichalaca! (JM)*

What a morning we then had! We left Tapichalaca early, and reached Cerro Toledo in the fog and wind. But, not two minutes later we had already seen our main target of the area, the near-endemic Neblina Metaltail, being chased by a male Rainbow-bearded Thornbill. What ensued is madness. We heard some chips above us, and quickly located one of the rarest and enigmatic Andean species, a Masked Mountain Tanager! Two birds finally showed extremely well and we were all in awe contemplating this enigmatic species moving in the bamboo and bushes above us. One of these lucky moments you keep dreaming of! That was soon followed by great looks at the recently described Loja Tapaculo, similar to a Paramo Tapaculo but showing a striking white wing patch. We walked further up trying to find more hummingbirds, and succeeded in gaining fantastic looks at several Neblina Metaltails, some more Rainbow-bearded Thornbills and a Great Sapphirewing. Further down, we located what was probably the most cooperative Ocellated Tapaculo ever, singing for us from an open branch completely in the open! Some flocks also passed by, and we logged in Black-headed Hemispingus, Pale-naped and Yellow-breasted Brushfinch, Glossy and Masked Flowerpiercers, stunning Golden-crowned and Blue-and-black Tanagers and some more. After a picnic lunch in the forest, we drove down towards Loja, making a few stops on the way. First, we picked-up an Andean Tinamou walking under some acacia-type trees, soon followed by a skulking Elegant Crescentchest whereas Andean Slaty Thrush stayed as heard-only. Some glimpses of Plumbeous Rails were also had lower down at Vilcabamba. In Loja, before checking-in we made a quick detour to admire a roosting Koepcke's Screech Owl (thanks Dušan for the tip!), much appreciate by all. Some large celebratory beers ensued after this successful day!





*The ultra-rare Masked Mountain Tanager was found at Cerro Toledo, as well as the most cooperative Ocellated Tapaculo ever! (JM)*

inspecting their favourite flowers, and an Oilbird roosting next to a waterfall was a much appreciated bonus! Lower down, some Tanager action kept us busy, as flocks passing by contained Orange-eared, Golden-eared, Blue-necked, Paradise, Yellow-throated Bush and Ash-throated Bush Tanagers. A flock of the restricted-range White-breasted Parakeet paid us a surprise visit and perched briefly very close, before flying off at lightspeed. At least, we already had good flight views of this most-wanted target! We then set off for a packed lunch at the very productive Mi Paradise hummingbird garden, where we were soon watching 4 different Spangled Coquettes including two adult males fighting the younger ones, what a spectacle! Hard to believe how convenient it now is to connect with that species. Many other hummingbird species were visiting verbena flowers, including an Amethyst and a couple of most-wanted Little Woodstars, Blue-tailed and Glittering-throated Emeralds, Golden-tailed Sapphire, Wire-crested Thorntails. During lunch, Mottle-backed Elaenia, Little Woodpecker and Speckled Chachalacas were also noted.



*Neblina Metaltail* showed insanely well on our morning up on Cerro Toledo. And Spangled Coquettes put on a great show at Mi Paradise! (JM).

We then departed towards the now mythical Yankuam lodge situated close to the Maycu reserve, home of the Orange-throated Tanager. But we first stopped briefly in a grassland patch where we soon were watching seed-eating birds, including a striking male Black-billed Seedfinch, Chestnut-bellied and Black-and-white Seedeaters and Chestnut-bellied Seedfinches. After checking-in at Yankuam, we went to give a first shot at the tanagers and had a very productive hour-and-a-half of birding in the reserve. Perhaps the biggest surprise was a cooperative Slender-billed Xenops, flying down from its canopy flock to visit us, usually an amazonian species from lower elevation. Many other commoner species were encountered, like Black-eared Fairy, Crowned Woodnymph, Channel-billed Toucans, Violaceous Jays, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Lineated and Crimson-crested Woodpecker, but the ultimate stars of the show were of course the three Orange-throated Tanagers we observed just after sunset and showing low down to all of us! One of these magical moments we'll all remember forever. Some more species recorded included a White-plumed Antbird only



heard calling, and a shy Black-faced Antthrush, which only showed to a few of us. Another surprise was a Short-tailed Nighthawk calling and seen flying at dusk, the first Juan Carlos had ever encountered in this area. Some Chestnut-headed Crakes calling when it was almost dark remained heard-onlys, despite our attempts.



*Another shot of the spectacular Spangled Coquette from Mi Paradise! (JM)*

Our full day in Maycu reserve was extremely productive but somewhat frustrating, as some key birds gave us a hard time! We started at dawn with Ruddy and Bamboo Foliage-gleaners showing mostly in flight and only well to some. The same applied to Hairy-crested Antbirds, which refused to show and stayed in the thick edges. A Yellow-shouldered Grosbeak was heard in a canopy flock but we did not manage to see it. Nevertheless, there were some great sightings today, like a family of Purplish Jacamars, a cooperative pair of Fiery-throated Fruiteaters, some large mix flocks holding Turquoise, Green-and-gold, Yellow-backed and Flame-throated Tanagers, Yellow-bellied and Black-faced Dacnises and Rufous-tailed Foliage-gleaners. A number of excellent hummingbirds were also found like Great-billed and Grey-chinned Hermits, Ecuadorian Piedtail, Gould's Jewelfront, Black-fronted Brilliant and Black-eared Fairy. Maycu reserve is a fantastic location for antbirds, and over the course of the day we recorded Black-faced, stunning White-browed, several Peruvian Warbling and Yellow-browed Antbirds, Rusty-winged Antwrens, Mouse-coloured, Fasciated and White-shouldered Antshrikes. It took some persistence, but we also got scope views of the dwarf White-bellied Pygmy Tyrant, one of world's smallest passerines! Black-and-white Tody-Flycatchers were seen building a nest, whereas Golden-winged Tody-Flycatcher remained heard only, despite our efforts. Some flycatchers were noted, like Dusky-chested Flycatcher, which was a write-in, Olive-faced and Zimmer's Flatbills, Ecuadorian and White-lored Tyrannulets. And of course, the star of the reserve, the Orange-throated Tanager, delighted us once more with close-up views of an individual feeding on Cecropia fruits, low enough to acquire good pictures of the beast! We also took a boat ride through a scenic gorge, where Cliff Flycatchers were new for the trip. And at dusk, a fabulous Band-bellied Owl put on a great show. All-in-all a fantastic day birding the foothills of the Cordillera del Condor, with over 120 species recorded.



The mythical Orange-throated Tanager and Black-and-white Tody-Flycatcher from Maycu (JM).

We had yet again a very productive morning in Maycu reserve, scoring lots of most-wanted birds. First was a cute Lanceolated Monklet showing well in the scope, followed minutes later by wonderful a Collared Puffbird pair! The day could not have started any better. During the course of the morning, we kept finding good birds like Speckled Spinetails, Rufous-tailed Foliage-gleaners, Golden-winged and Black-and-white Tody-Tyrants and Grey-tailed Piha amongst others, but the real star was the rare Yellow-shouldered Grosbeak, that put on a real show and posed for long minutes for us! Maycu must definitely be one of the very best places on Earth to find that unpredictable species. Other goodies included Grey Antbird, Green-backed Trogon, Coraya Wren, Olive-faced Flatbills, White-winged Becard, showy Little Cuckoos and a brief Amazonian Grosbeak, whereas Musician Wren remained sadly heard-only (not too bad, given its song is by far more impressive than its appearance!). It was then time to depart towards our next destination, the amazing Copalinga lodge, situated very near the Bombuscaro entrance of Podocarpus National Park. After arrival, we directly set off to the nearby forest, where we waited for the famous Grey Tinamous to visit its feeder. Ecuadorian White-



fronted Capuchins were numerous above the site, waiting to hop on the opportunity to get easy food, but after somewhat scaring them away the first Grey Tinamou finally made a brief appearance! We had to wait one more hour to gain more looks at that scarce and extremely shy species, which in the end never visited the feeder. White-necked Thrush, Grey-fronted Doves and Slaty-capped Flycatcher were also seen while waiting. At dusk, a brilliant Blackish Nightjar performed for us, and a Band-bellied Owl was in the lodge garden after dinner.



*Yellow-shouldered Grosbeak is a really hard bird to find and Maycu is probably the best site for that mega!*

Next full morning was spent in the fantastic Podocarpus National Park and was very productive indeed! After a few minutes on the access road we found a Black-streaked Puffbird pair, followed by some large flocks holding the localized Foothill Elaenia, Ecuadorian Tyrannulets, Montane Foliage-gleaners, Paradise, Green-and-gold and Golden-eared Tanagers, Bronze-green Euphonia and Red-headed Barbet amongst others. Helge spotted us a nice Amazonian Umbrellabird, showing well through the scope for all of us, before we entered the core of the national park and made our way along on of the trails. A pair of Orange-crested Flycatcher was soon located, much to our delight as this is a difficult species to find anywhere else. From the same place, an Olive Finch started singing and soon we acquired great views of this obscure and skulking finch. Fulvous-breasted Flatbills were present in every flock inside the park, as were Ruddy-tailed and Ornate Flycatchers, numerous Yellow-throated Tanagers and Olivaceous Woodcreepers. We ended the morning with great views of both Blue-rumped and Striolated Manakins. We then rejoined Helge, who stayed back on the access road to put more time into finding White-breasted Parakeets, just to learn that a family just flushed the birds out from the cliffs where they were feeding on, only a couple meters away from him! We waited a bit and had a couple of nice fly-bys, and retreated towards the entrance. Luckily, two hundred meters further, we found a lone White-breasted Parakeet feeding on moss in a slope and managed fantastic views of that mega localized Pyrrhura. After lunch and a Greenish Puffleg in the verbena flowers, we headed out again to visit another forested valley close to Zamora. The birds were very active that afternoon, and we soon started scoring some goodies like another pair of Black-streaked Puffbird and an Olive Finch, the scarce Plumbeous-crowned Tyrannulets and some Ecuadorian Tyrannulets too, Olive-chested Flycatcher and, most importantly, a pair of Equatorial Greytails which showed decently after some efforts. Yet another mega in the bag! Other commoner species were seen, like some large flocks of Red-billed Parrot and White-eyed Parakeets, lots of Blackburnian and Canada Warblers, White-necked and Swainson's Thrushes and many tanagers. We then went back to the lodge to celebrate (once again!) Eric, who had just seen his 4'000 life bird, Plumbeous-crowned Tyrannulet!



*White-breasted Parakeet is the major target of Bombuscaro (JM).*

This morning was spent along the old Loja-Zamora road, but on a side road slightly higher in elevation. The activity was fantastic, with numerous flocks following us for the whole morning. We scoped a couple most-wanted Coppery-chested Jacamar, giving great views on an electric wire (!), our only Blue-grey Saltator of the trip, a nice female Scaled Fruiteater, Chestnut-tipped Toucanets, numerous Tyrannulets including the scarce Plumbeous-crowned again, Rufous-winged, Ecuadorian and Black-capped, nice males Golden-collared Honeycreepers, Yellow-vented and Golden-olive Woodpeckers, again several flocks of near-endemic White-breasted Parakeets and some hummingbirds like one Geoffrey's Daggerbill, Green-fronted Lancebill, Grey-chinned and Green Hermits. A Wattled Guan was also heard downslope, but remained invisible. After lunch, we made our way back to Loja, but huge road works along the main road delayed us for a couple of hours and we only had time to stop at the Arcoiris reserve, situated in the Podocarpus National Park. Not much was going on there in the cold air of the end of the afternoon, but we managed to add Rufous-capped Thornbill and Rufous-rumped Antwren to our ever-growing list.

Today we would drive to Cerro Acanama, above Saraguro, which became recently famous for its bamboo forests holding Crescent-faced Antpittas, and a slight chance of encountering the rare Chestnut-bellied Cotinga. We first stopped along the road to detail a cooperative White-tailed Shrike-Tyrant. Then, we found ourselves scanning forested slopes in search of the scarce Red-faced Parrot, but none would show (for the moment!). Two stunning Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan were most welcome, then we continued to the top ridge to look for the two other major targets. Helge would stay behind and invest more time in looking for the parrots. The rest of the group found themselves in the rain and the fog of Cerro Acanama for the rest of the morning, and struggled at first to find any bird! First good find was Agile Tit-Tyrants, moving around with a couple of White-throated Tyrannulets, followed by Buff-winged Starfrontlet, Equatorial Antpitta, Chusquea Tapaculo and some colorful Golden-crowned Tanagers. Then, an Andean Pygmy Owl started calling downslope, and we managed great views of this miniature owl through the scope. But the hours passed, and we didn't even hear an Antpitta. We searched every patch of bamboo, found a pair of Slaty Finches, but no signs of the famous little egg on legs. We were starting to get worried, when Juan Carlos noticed the soft calls of Red-faced Parrots nearby, and soon located one perched atop a snag, soon joined by its mate and their juvenile! The three birds would behave amazingly well and allowed us unbeatable views, an unforgettable moment spent with these colorful parrots. Just as we were watching them, of course, a Crescent-faced Antpitta started calling right next to us, so when the small parrot flock left the place, we went deep in the bamboo looking for it. We sat down, and soon enough was this little gem right in front of us, singing, and giving great looks to most of the group. After that, we spent some more time looking for the cotinga, but to no avail, none would call or show. On the way down, an Ash-colored Tapaculo was glimpsed



by some, and when we rejoined Helge, we learned he had also found some parrots, a flock of 14, and had great scope views of them. Mission accomplished! We had a late lunch and coffee and started the drive to La Union. After dinner, we went for yet another night birding session with Buff-fronted Owl in mind, but as soon as we arrived on site it started raining so we spent two hours outside without any answers.



*Andean Pygmy Owl performed nicely on a rainy morning at Cerro Acanama (JM).*

Next morning was spent birding Yunguilla, where we quickly went at the feeding table to look at all kind of birds very closely. First came a few Grey-browed Brushfinches, soon followed by White-tipped Doves and finally a few endemic Pale-headed Brushfinches! Thanks to conservation efforts the species is now doing better and the global population is reaching a couple hundreds. A little more wait and we also had a Chestnut-crowned Antpitta coming to feed on the bread (!) dropped for the brushfinches. We then slowly returned back, finding Black-lored Yellowthroat, Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush, our only Blue-winged Mountain Tanagers of the trip and Dull-colored Grassquits. We made our way to the fabulous Cajas National Park, where we would stay for one night. In between the downpours, we spent some time birding the high paramo and got rewarded with great views of Ecuadorian Hillstar, Blue-mantled Thornbill, Tawny Antpitta, Tit-like Dacnises, Andean Tit-Spinetail and finally a fine Giant Conebill. We went back to our luxurious accommodation and enjoyed a fantastic dinner.



*Red-faced Parrot is one of Ecuador's hardest bird, so we were very happy to find an individual perched at Cerro Acanama ! (JM)*



*Pale-headed Brushfinch is a cool ecuadorian endemic from the south (JM).*

After a slight delay, we found ourselves early next morning birding along the shores of laguna Llaviucu and listening to the calls of Rufous-banded Owls. It took some time, but after dawn, we finally managed to set eyes on this wonderful nightbird. The lakeshores were teeming with birds, and we recorded amongst others some cool Ecuadorian Rails, Andean Duck, Coot and Teal, Yellow-billed Pintails, Grey-breasted Mountain Toucans, Crowned Chat-Tyrants, Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet, Blackish Tapaculo and some fine hummingbirds including the spectacular Sword-billed Hummingbird, Mountain Velvetbreast and Rainbow Starfrontlets. After a gigantic breakfast, we went on a quick stroll around the hotel and located a few fine males of the endemic Violet-throated Metaltails and a Buff-breasted Mountain Tanager. On our way back to Guayaquil at the end of the afternoon, some stops produced three unexpected Pied Plovers, Horned



Screamers, great looks at Striped Cuckoo and hundreds of Barn Swallows and Sand Martins hunting above a river.



*The endemic Violet-throated Metaltail showed very well at El Cajas ! (JM)*

Next day saw us transiting from Guayaquil to Ayampe and stopping at a couple of strategic locations along the way. First thing in the morning, we explored the dry shrubby forest near Atahualpa in search of some tumbesian endemics. It was a rather productive first couple of hours, as we bagged in all targets without exceptions! Best birds noted were the nomadic Sulphur-throated Finch, Peruvian Thick-knee, Grey-and-white Tyrannulet, a superb Elegant Crescentchest, Lesser Nighthawk, Short-tailed Woodstar and a surprise Merlin. An hour later we were watching a great number of waterbirds near Salinas, and amongst others recorded Western, Semipalmated and Least Sandpipers, Willet, Wilson's Phalarope, Franklin's, Laughing, Grey-headed and Kelp Gulls, Chilean Flamingoes, Roseate Spoonbills and many more. We arrived for lunch at our accommodation in Ayampe and quickly went birding near Puerto Lopez, where our first target was Saffron Siskin but actually, we located a flowering tree near the car holding a female Esmeraldas Woodstar! What a relief to find that rare species with such ease, early in our stay in the region. Another flowering tree was found and we observed no less than 3 Esmeraldas Woodstars, including a male. Lots of other hummingbirds were also present, including large numbers of Amazilia Hummingbirds and Long-billed Starthroat. Saffron Siskins were also easily found at the same site, with some brilliant males seen very well, what a striking siskin. We moved on to a different area further north until dusk. The rare Grey-capped Cuckoo was first heard calling softly, and then found through the dense bushes. It took some work, but eventually we all had great looks at this mega, certainly one of the toughest new world cuckoo. And as cherry on the cake, Anthony's Nightjars started flying above us at dawn and one individual even perched for us. That was a very successful last full day of the tour, so lots of beers (for some!) were enjoyed that night to celebrate!

We kept finding new birds on the last day of the tour! We spent the morning birding along a dirt road behind Ayampe, and saw an excellent male Esmeraldas Woodstar again, showing very well. The real surprise however was a male Black-and-white Tanager that was briefly visible for part of the group! An unexpected bonus, much appreciated after having heard one near Buenaventura. Other new birds included Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner, Guira and White-shouldered Tanager, Pale-vented Thrush and some other nice birds like Hook-billed Kite and Bronze-winged Parrot. On our way back to Guayaquil, we added the last new species for the trip (if we exclude the introduced White-winged Parakeets at Guayaquil!), Blue-winged Teal, before this fabulous tour came to an end at the airport!

Thanks to all participants for the great atmosphere and good fun during the whole tour and thanks Juan Carlos for his excellent logistics and birding and guiding skills!



*White-tailed Jay is a stunning Tumbesian endemic (JM)*

## SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR

The species names and taxonomy used in the report follows Gill, F & D Donsker (Eds). **2019. IOC World Bird List (v 9.1)**. This list is updated several times annually and is available at <http://www.worldbirdnames.org>. The online checklist, available to download at the above website, includes all relevant taxonomic notes. The website also includes a useful section outlining recent taxonomic decisions and upcoming proposals.

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).

**Grey Tinamou** ◊ *Tinamus tao* Seen at Copalinga lodge.

**Great Tinamou** *Tinamus major* (H) Heard at Maycu.

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

**Little Tinamou** *Crypturellus soui* (H) Heard a couple times.

**Pale-browed Tinamou** ◊ *Crypturellus transfasciatus* Seen at Jorupe.

**Andean Tinamou** *Nothoprocta pentlandii* Seen near Vilcabamba.

**Horned Screamer** *Anhima cornuta* Several seen at Manglares Churute.

**Black-bellied Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna autumnalis* Many at Manglares Churute.



**Fulvous Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna bicolor* Dozens at Manglares Churute.  
**Torrent Duck** *Merganetta armata* A pair along the old Loja-Zamora road.  
**Comb Duck** *Sarkidiornis sylvicola* Two on Santa Elena peninsula.  
**Blue-winged Teal** *Spatula discors* Several flocks at Salinas.  
**White-cheeked Pintail (Bahama P)** *Anas bahamensis* Many at Salinas.  
**Yellow-billed Pintail** *Anas georgica* Seen at El Cajas.  
**Andean Teal** *Anas andium* Seen at El Cajas.  
**Andean Duck (A Ruddy Duck)** *Oxyura ferruginea* Seen at El Cajas.  
**Rufous-headed Chachalaca** ♦ *Ortalis erythroptera* Seen at Buenaventura, Jorupe and Ayampe.  
**Speckled Chachalaca** *Ortalis guttata* Seen at Maycu and Copalinga.  
**Bearded Guan** ♦ *Penelope barbata* Seen at Cerro de Arcos and Tapichalaca.  
**Andean Guan** *Penelope montagnii* Seen at El Cajas.  
**Wattled Guan** ♦ *Aburria aburri* (H) Heard near to Zamora.  
**Sickle-winged Guan** *Chamaepetes goudotii* Seen at Copalinga.  
**Rufous-fronted Wood Quail** ♦ *Odontophorus erythrops* (H) Heard at Buenaventura.  
**Rufous-breasted Wood Quail** *Odontophorus speciosus* (H) Heard near Copalinga lodge.  
**Lesser Nighthawk** *Chordeiles acutipennis* Seen near to Atahualpa.  
**Short-tailed Nighthawk** *Lurocalis semitorquatus* One individual at dusk was a surprise at Maycu!  
**Blackish Nightjar** *Nyctipolus nigrescens* Great views at Bombuscaro.  
**Pauraque** *Nyctidromus albicollis* Seen many times.  
**Anthony's Nightjar** ♦ (Scrub N) *Nyctidromus anthonyi* Seen near to Puerto Lopez.  
**Band-winged Nightjar** *Systellura longirostris* (H) Heard at El Cajas.  
**Oilbird** *Steatornis caripensis* One seen along the old Loja-Zamora road.  
**Chestnut-collared Swift** *Streptoprocne rutila* Many seen, mostly in highlands.  
**White-collared Swift** *Streptoprocne zonaris* Many seen.  
**Grey-rumped Swift** *Chaetura cinereiventris* Many seen.  
**Short-tailed Swift** ♦ (Tumbes S) *Chaetura brachyura* Seen at Jorupe.  
**White-necked Jacobin** *Florisuga mellivora* Many seen.  
**White-tipped Sicklebill** *Eutoxeres aquila* One seen at Buenaventura.  
**Grey-chinned Hermit** *Phaethornis griseogularis* Seen at Jorupe and Maycu.  
**White-whiskered Hermit** ♦ *Phaethornis yaruqui* Seen at Buenaventura.  
**Green Hermit** *Phaethornis guy* Seen at Copalinga and Maycu.  
**Long-billed Hermit** ♦ (Baron's H) *Phaethornis [longirostris] baroni* Seen at Quizas Hoy and Ayampe.  
**Great-billed Hermit** *Phaethornis malaris* Seen at Maycu.  
**Green-fronted Lancebill** *Doryfera ludovicae* Seen along the old Loja-Zamora road.  
**Geoffroy's Daggerbill** *Schistes geoffroyi* Seen near to Loja.  
**Brown Violetear** *Colibri delphinae* Seen at Buenaventura.  
**Sparkling Violetear** *Colibri coruscans* Seen at Buenaventura.  
**Purple-crowned Fairy** *Heliophryx barroti* Seen at Quizas Hoy.  
**Black-eared Fairy** *Heliophryx auritus* Seen at Maycu.  
**Black-throated Mango** *Anthracothorax nigricollis* Seen at Buenaventura.  
**Amethyst-throated Sunangel** *Heliangelus amethysticollis* Seen at Tapichalaca.  
**Flame-throated Sunangel** ♦ *Heliangelus micraster* Seen at Tapichalaca.  
**Purple-throated Sunangel** ♦ *Heliangelus viola* Seen at Utuana.  
**Green Thorntail** *Discosura conversii* Many seen.  
**Wire-crested Thorntail** *Discosura popelairii* Seen at Copalinga and Mi Paradise.  
**Spangled Coquette** ♦ *Lophornis stictolophus* Up to four, including adult males, at Mi Paradise !  
**Ecuadorian Piedtail** ♦ *Phlogophilus hemileucurus* Seen along the old Loja-Zamora road.  
**Speckled Hummingbird** *Adelomyia melanogenys* Seen many times.  
**Long-tailed Sylph** *Aglaiocercus kingii* Seen along the old Loja-Zamora road.  
**Violet-tailed Sylph** ♦ *Aglaiocercus coelestis* Several at Buenaventura.  
**Ecuadorian Hillstar** ♦ *Oreotrochilus chimborazo* Seen at El Cajas.  
**Blue-throated Hillstar** ♦ *Oreotrochilus cyanolaemus* Seen at Cerro de Arcos.  
**Black-tailed Trainbearer** *Lesbia victoriae* Seen at Cerro de Arcos.  
**Rainbow-bearded Thornbill** ♦ *Chalcostigma herrani* Seen at Cerro Toledo and Saraguro.  
**Rufous-capped Thornbill** ♦ *Chalcostigma ruficeps* One seen in Podocarpus NP.



*Brown Violetear (above) and Andean Emerald at Buenaventura (JM).*

- Blue-mantled Thornbill** ♦ *Chalcostigma stanleyi* Several seen at El Cajas.
- Tyrian Metaltail** *Metallura tyrianthina* Seen a few times.
- Violet-throated Metaltail** ♦ *Metallura baroni* Several males at El Cajas.
- Neblina Metaltail** ♦ *Metallura odomae* Several seen at Cerro Toledo.
- Greenish Puffleg** ♦ *Haplophaedia aureliae* One at Tapichalaca, and another one at Copalinga.
- Glowing Puffleg** ♦ *Eriocnemis vestita* Several at Cerro Toledo and Cerro Acanama.
- Golden-breasted Puffleg** *Eriocnemis mosquera* One at Cerro de Arcos.
- Shining Sunbeam** *Aglaeactis cupripennis* Many seen.
- Bronzy Inca** *Coeligena coeligena* Seen along the old Loja-Zamora road.
- Brown Inca** ♦ *Coeligena wilsoni* Seen at Buenaventura.
- Collared Inca** *Coeligena torquata* Seen several times.
- Rainbow Starfrontlet** ♦ *Coeligena iris* Seen several times in the south.



**Buff-winged Starfrontlet** *Coeligena lutetiae* Seen at Cerro Acanama.  
**Mountain Velvetbreast** *Lafresnaya lafresnayi* Seen at El Cajas.  
**Sword-billed Hummingbird** *Ensifera ensifera* Seen at El Cajas.  
**Great Sapphirewing** *Pterophanes cyanopterus* Seen at Cerro Toledo and El Cajas.  
**Chestnut-breasted Coronet** ♦ *Boissonneaua matthewsii* Many at Tapichalaca.  
**Velvet-purple Coronet** ♦ *Boissonneaua jardini* Seen at Buenaventura.  
**White-booted Racket-tail** ♦ *Ocreatus underwoodii* Seen at Buenaventura.  
**Peruvian Racket-tail** *Ocreatus peruanus* Few seen along the old Loja-Zamora road.  
**Black-throated Brilliant** ♦ *Heliodoxa schreibersii* A few at Maycu.  
**Gould's Jewelfront** *Heliodoxa aurescens* Seen at Maycu.  
**Fawn-breasted Brilliant** *Heliodoxa rubinoides* Seen several times.



Violet-tailed Sylph, a stunning hummingbird seen at Buenaventura (JM).

**Green-crowned Brilliant** *Heliodoxa jacula* Many at Buenaventura.  
**Violet-fronted Brilliant** *Heliodoxa leadbeateri* Common at Copalinga.  
**Long-billed Starthroat** *Helioaster longirostris* Seen several times including Ayampe.  
**Amethyst Woodstar** *Calliphlox amethystina* A single at Mi Paradise.  
**Purple-collared Woodstar** *Myrtis fanny* Seen briefly near Catamayo.  
**Short-tailed Woodstar** ♦ *Myrmia micrura* Two at Atahualpa.  
**Little Woodstar** ♦ *Chaetocercus bombus* Seen at Mi Paradise and Ayampe.  
**Esmeraldas Woodstar** ♦ *Chaetocercus berlepschi* Fantastic views of 4 at Ayampe!  
**Blue-tailed Emerald** *Chlorostilbon mellisugus* Seen at Mi Paradise.  
**Violet-headed Hummingbird** *Klais guimeti* Seen several times, including Copalinga.  
**White-vented Plumeleteer** ♦ (Ecuadorian P) *Chalybura [buffonii] intermedia* Seen near Moromoro.  
**Crowned Woodnymph (Emerald-bellied W)** *Thalurania colombica* Seen many times in the west.  
**Fork-tailed Woodnymph** *Thalurania furcata* Seen in the east.  
**Tumbes Hummingbird** ♦ *Thaumasius baeri* One near El Empalme.  
**Many-spotted Hummingbird** ♦ *Taphrospilus hypostictus* Several at Copalinga.



*The spectacular Sword-billed Hummingbird at El Cajas! (JM)*

**Rufous-tailed Hummingbird** *Amazilia tzacatl* Many seen.  
**Amazilia Hummingbird (Loja H)** *Amazilia amazilia* Many seen.  
**Andean Emerald** *Uranomitra franciae* Many seen.  
**Golden-tailed Sapphire** *Chrysuronia oenone* Seen at Copalinga and Maycu.  
**Glittering-throated Emerald** *Chionomesa fimbriata* Commonly seen in the east.  
**Violet-bellied Hummingbird** *Chlorestes julie* Seen at Buenaventura.  
**Smooth-billed Ani** *Crotophaga ani* Commonly seen.  
**Groove-billed Ani** *Crotophaga sulcirostris* Seen in the west.  
**Striped Cuckoo (American S C)** *Tapera naevia* Great looks at Manglares Churute.  
**Little Cuckoo** *Coccyzus minuta* Great looks at Maycu.  
**Squirrel Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana* Several seen.  
**Grey-capped Cuckoo** ♦ *Coccyzus lansbergi* Great looks near to Puerto Lopez. Mega!  
**Rock Dove (introduced)** *Columba livia* Common in cities.  
**Scaled Pigeon** *Patagioenas speciosa* Seen at Ayampe.  
**Band-tailed Pigeon** *Patagioenas fasciata* Many in the highlands.  
**Pale-vented Pigeon** *Patagioenas cayennensis* Several at Manglares Churute.  
**Plumbeous Pigeon** *Patagioenas plumbea* Best seen at Maycu.  
**Ecuadorian Ground Dove** ♦ *Columbina buckleyi* Commonly seen along the coast.  
**Croaking Ground Dove** *Columbina cruziana* Many seen, mostly along the coast.  
**Blue Ground Dove** *Claravis pretiosa* Several at Jorupe.  
**White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi* Seen several times.  
**Grey-fronted Dove** *Leptotila rufaxilla* Seen at Copalinga.  
**White-throated Quail-Dove** *Zentrygon frenata* Seen at Utuana and Tapichalaca.  
**Eared Dove** *Zenaida auriculata* Many seen.  
**West Peruvian Dove** *Zenaida meloda* Common along the coast, first at Atahualpa.  
**Plumbeous Rail** *Pardirallus sanguinolentus* (H) Heard and glimpsed by the leader at Vilcabamba.  
**Rufous-necked Wood Rail** ♦ *Aramides axillaris* Great views in the dry forest at Jorupe!





*With low water levels, Ecuador Rails were pleasantly easy to see at El Cajas (JM).*

- Ecuadorian Rail ♦ *Rallus aequatorialis* Great views at El Cajas.  
 Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata* One at Manglares Churute.  
 Andean Coot *Fulica ardesiaca* Seen at El Cajas.  
 Purple Gallinule (American P G) *Porphyrio martinica* Two at Manglares Churute.  
 Chestnut-headed Crake *Rufirallus castaneiceps* (H) Up to four heard at dusk at Maycu, but no luck.  
 Rufous-sided Crake *Laterallus melanophaius* (H) Heard near to Zamora.  
 White-throated Crake *Laterallus albigularis* Seen well at Manglares Churute.  
 Limpkin *Aramus guarauna* Many at Manglares Churute.  
 Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps* Seen at Manglares Churute and Salinas.  
 Chilean Flamingo *Phoenicopterus chilensis* Seen at Salinas.  
 Peruvian Thick-knee *Burhinus superciliaris* Two seen at Atahualpa.  
 American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus* Seen along the coast at Salinas.  
 Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus* Many seen, mostly at Manglares Churute.  
 Grey Plover (Black-bellied P) *Pluvialis squatarola* Seen at Salinas.  
 Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus* Seen at Salinas.  
 Pied Plover *Hoploxypterus cayanus* Three at Manglares Churute were a surprise!  
 Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana* Seen mostly at Manglares Churute.  
 Hudsonian Whimbrel *Numenius hudsonicus* Seen at Salinas.  
 Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* Seen at Salinas.  
 Sanderling *Calidris alba* Seen at Salinas.  
 Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla* Many at Salinas.  
 Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla* Many at Salinas.  
 Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri* Many at Salinas.  
 Jameson's Snipe ♦ (Andean S) *Gallinago jamesoni* Two at Cerro de Arcos were a surprise!  
 Wilson's Phalarope *Phalaropus tricolor* A nice flock at Salinas.  
 Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* Seen many times.  
 Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes* Seen at Manglares Churute.  
 Willet (Western W) *Tringa [semipalmata] inornata* Seen at Salinas.  
 Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* Seen at Salinas.  
 Andean Gull *Chroicocephalus serranus* Seen at El Cajas.  
 Grey-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus* Seen along the coast.  
 Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla* Seen at Salinas.  
 Franklin's Gull *Leucophaeus pipixcan* One at Salinas.

**Kelp Gull** *Larus dominicanus* Seen along the coast.  
**Gull-billed Tern** *Gelochelidon nilotica* Seen at Manglares Churute.  
**Royal Tern** *Thalasseus maximus* Seen at Salinas.  
**Cabot's Tern** *Thalasseus acuflavidus* Seen at Salinas.  
**Wood Stork** *Mycteria americana* Seen at Manglares Churute.  
**Magnificent Frigatebird** *Fregata magnificens* Many along the coast.  
**Blue-footed Booby** *Sula nebouxii* Seen along the coast.  
**Anhinga** *Anhinga anhinga* Seen at Manglares Churute.  
**Neotropic Cormorant** *Nannopterum brasilianum* Seen along the coast.  
**American White Ibis** *Eudocimus albus* Many at Manglares Churute.  
**Roseate Spoonbill** *Platalea ajaja* Seen at Manglares Churute.  
**Fasciated Tiger Heron** *Tigrisoma fasciatum* Seen along the old Loja-Zamora road.  
**Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax* Seen a few times.  
**Yellow-crowned Night Heron** *Nyctanassa violacea* Seen along the coast.  
**Striated Heron** *Butorides striata* Seen a few times.  
**Western Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis* Many seen.  
**Cocoi Heron** *Ardea cocoi* Seen at Manglares Churute.  
**Great Egret (American G E)** *Ardea [alba] egretta* Many seen.  
**Tricolored Heron** *Egretta tricolor* Seen along the coast.  
**Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea* Seen at Manglares Churute and Salinas.



*Black-and-white Owl from Buenaventura (JM).*

**Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula* Many seen.  
**Brown Pelican** *Pelecanus occidentalis* Many seen.  
**King Vulture** *Sarcoramphus papa* Seen at El Empalme.  
**Black Vulture (American B V)** *Coragyps atratus* Many.  
**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura* Many.  
**Greater Yellow-headed Vulture** *Cathartes melambrotus* Several at Maycu.  
**White-tailed Kite** *Elanus leucurus* Seen a few times.  
**Hook-billed Kite** *Chondrohierax uncinatus* Seen at El Empalme and Ayampe.  
**Swallow-tailed Kite (American S-t K)** *Elanoides forficatus* Several seen.  
**Plumbeous Kite** *Ictinia plumbea* Seen in the east and the west.  
**Snail Kite** *Rostrhamus sociabilis* Many at Manglares Churute.  
**Crane Hawk** *Geranospiza caerulescens* Seen at Manglares Churute.



Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis* Seen at Manglares Churute mostly.  
 Barred Hawk *Morphnarchus princeps* Seen at Buenaventura.  
 Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris* Many seen.  
 Harris's Hawk *Parabuteo unicinctus* Seen a couple times, first at Manglares Churute.  
 Variable Hawk (Red-backed H) *Geranoaetus [polyosoma] polyosoma* Seen at Atahualpa.  
 Variable Hawk (Puna H) *Geranoaetus [polyosoma] poecilochrous* Seen at El Cajas.



Band-bellied Owl from Maycu! (JM)

Grey-backed Hawk ♦ *Pseudastur occidentalis* Seen at Buenaventura.  
 Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus* One at Valladolid.  
 Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyurus* Seen at Ayampe.  
 Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia* Seen first at Atahualpa.  
 Andean Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium jardinii* Seen well at Cerro Acanama.  
 Pacific Pygmy Owl ♦ (Peruvian P O) *Glaucidium peruanum* Seen many times.  
 White-throated Screech Owl *Megascops albogularis* Great looks at Tapichalaca.  
 Koepcke's Screech Owl ♦ *Megascops koepckeae* One in Loja.  
 West Peruvian Screech Owl ♦ *Megascops roboratus* Great looks at Jorupe.  
 Spectacled Owl *Pulsatrix perspicillata* A pair with a chick at Jorupe.  
 Band-bellied Owl *Pulsatrix melanota* Great looks at Maycu.  
 Black-and-white Owl *Strix nigrolineata* Great looks at Buenaventura.  
 Rufous-banded Owl *Strix albitarsis* Great looks at El Cajas.  
 Golden-headed Quetzal *Pharomachrus auriceps* A male seen well at Buenaventura.  
 Ecuadorian Trogon ♦ *Trogon mesurus* Several seen, first at Manglares Churute.  
 White-tailed Trogon (Western W-t T) *Trogon chionurus* (H) Heard at Quizas Hoy.  
 Green-backed Trogon *Trogon viridis* Seen at Maycu.  
 Gartered Trogon *Trogon caligatus* Seen at Ayampe.  
 Collared Trogon *Trogon collaris* (H) Heard at Maycu.  
 Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona* Seen at Maycu.  
 Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana* Seen at Manglares Churute.  
 Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata* Seen a few times.  
 Whooping Motmot *Momotus subrufescens* Seen at Jorupe and Ayampe.  
 Andean Motmot (Highland M) *Momotus aequatorialis* Seen at Bombuscaro.  
 Rufous Motmot *Baryphthengus martii* Seen at Buenaventura.  
 Broad-billed Motmot *Electron platyrhynchum* (H) Heard at Buenaventura.

**Coppery-chested Jacamar** ♦ *Galbula pastazae* Several along the old Loja-Zamora road.

**Purplish Jacamar** ♦ *Galbula chalcothorax* A couple at Maycu.

**Collared Puffbird** *Bucco capensis* A couple at Maycu were most appreciated.



*Koepcke's Screech Owl at its day roost in Loja and a smart Collared Puffbird from Maycu (JM).*

**Barred Puffbird** ♦ *Nystalus radiatus* Seen at Buenaventura.

**Black-streaked Puffbird** ♦ *Malacoptila fulvogularis* Seen at Bombuscaro and Zamora.

**White-whiskered Puffbird** *Malacoptila panamensis* Seen at Buenaventura.

**Lanceolated Monklet** *Micromonacha lanceolata* Seen at Maycu, heard at Zamora.

**Gilded Barbet** *Capito auratus* Several at Maycu.

**Lemon-throated Barbet** *Eubucco richardsoni* Several at Maycu.

**Red-headed Barbet** *Eubucco bourcierii* Seen along the old Loja-Zamora road.

**Chestnut-tipped Toucanet** *Aulacorhynchus derbianus* Seen along the old Loja-Zamora road.

**Crimson-rumped Toucanet** ♦ *Aulacorhynchus haematopygus* Seen at Buenaventura.

**Chestnut-eared Aracari** *Pteroglossus castanotis* Seen at Maycu.

**Pale-mandibled Aracari** ♦ *Pteroglossus erythropygius* Seen at Buenaventura and Ayampe.



**Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan** *Andigena hypoglauca* Seen at Huashupampa.  
**Channel-billed Toucan** *Ramphastos vitellinus* Seen at Maycu.  
**Choco Toucan** ♦ *Ramphastos brevis* Seen at Buenaventura.  
**Yellow-throated Toucan** *Ramphastos ambiguus* Seen a few times in the west.  
**Lafresnaye's Piculet** *Picumnus lafresnayi* Seen along the old Loja-Zamora road.  
**Ecuadorian Piculet** ♦ *Picumnus sclateri* Seen at Jorupe and Ayampe.  
**Yellow-tufted Woodpecker** *Melanerpes cruentatus* Seen at Maycu.



*Ecuadorian Piculet at Jorupe (JM).*

**Black-cheeked Woodpecker** *Melanerpes pucherani* Seen at Quizas Hoy.  
**Little Woodpecker** *Veniliornis passerinus* (H) Heard once.  
**Scarlet-backed Woodpecker** *Veniliornis callonotus* Seen at Manglares Churute, Jorupe, Ayampe.  
**Yellow-vented Woodpecker** *Veniliornis dignus* One along the old Loja-Zamora road.  
**Red-stained Woodpecker** *Veniliornis affinis* Seen at Maycu.  
**Smoky-brown Woodpecker** *Leuconotopicus fumigatus* Seen along the old Loja-Zamora road.  
**Golden-olive Woodpecker** *Colaptes rubiginosus* Seen several times.  
**Lineated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus lineatus* Seen at Maycu.  
**Crimson-crested Woodpecker** *Campephilus melanoleucos* Seen at Maycu.  
**Guayaquil Woodpecker** ♦ *Campephilus guayaquilensis* Seen at Buenaventura.  
**Black Caracara** *Daptrius ater* Seen at Maycu.  
**Mountain Caracara** *Phalcoboenus megalopterus* Seen at Cerro de Arcos.  
**Crested Caracara (Northern C C)** *Caracara [plancus] cheriway* Seen in the west.  
**Laughing Falcon** *Herpetotheres cachinnans* Seen at Ayampe, heard elsewhere.  
**Barred Forest Falcon** *Micrastur ruficollis* (H) Heard at Buenaventura.  
**Collared Forest Falcon** *Micrastur semitorquatus* (H) Heard along the old Loja-Zamora road.  
**American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius* Seen a few times.  
**Merlin** *Falco columbarius* Singles seen at Buenaventura and Atahualpa.  
**Bat Falcon** *Falco ruficularis* Seen at Maycu.  
**Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus* Seen twice.  
**Barred Parakeet** *Bolborhynchus lineola* (H) Heard in the mist at Tapichalaca.  
**White-winged Parakeet (introduced)** *Brotogeris versicolurus* Dozens in Guayaquil.  
**Grey-cheeked Parakeet** ♦ *Brotogeris pyrrhoptera* Seen at Manglares Churute and Quizas Hoy.  
**Rose-faced Parrot** *Pyrilia pulchra* Small flock seen at Buenaventura was a write-in !  
**Red-faced Parrot** ♦ *Hapalopsittaca pyrrhops* Amazing perched views at Cerro Acanama!

**Red-billed Parrot** *Pionus sordidus* Seen along the old Loja-Zamora road.  
**White-capped Parrot** *Pionus seniloides* Seen at Tapichalaca.  
**Blue-headed Parrot** *Pionus menstruus* Seen at Manglares Churute and Ayampe.  
**Bronze-winged Parrot** ♦ *Pionus chalcopterus* Seen several times, including Ayampe.  
**Scaly-naped Amazon** *Amazona mercenarius* Seen at Tapichalaca.  
**Pacific Parrotlet** ♦ *Forpus coelestis* Many seen in the west.  
**El Oro Parakeet** ♦ *Pyrrhura orcesi* Great looks at about 20 at Buenaventura.  
**White-breasted Parakeet** ♦ *Pyrrhura albigpectus* Fantastic views at Bombuscaro.  
**Golden-plumed Parakeet** ♦ *Leptosittaca branickii* Fantastic views at Tapichalaca.  
**Red-masked Parakeet** ♦ *Psittacara erythrogenys* Many in the west.  
**White-eyed Parakeet** *Psittacara leucophthalmus* Many in the east.  
**Olivaceous Woodcreeper** *Sittasomus griseicapillus* Seen many times.  
**Tyrannine Woodcreeper** *Dendrocincla tyrannina* Seen at Tapichalaca.  
**Plain-brown Woodcreeper** *Dendrocincla fuliginosa* Seen several times.  
**Wedge-billed Woodcreeper** *Glyphorynchus spirurus* Seen many times.  
**Spotted Woodcreeper** ♦ *Xiphorhynchus erythropygius* (H) Heard at Buenaventura.  
**Olive-backed Woodcreeper** ♦ *Xiphorhynchus triangularis* Seen near to Zamora.  
**Red-billed Scythebill** *Campylorhamphus trochilirostris* Seen in the west and the east.  
**Streak-headed Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii* Seen many times in the west.  
**Montane Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger* Seen at Tapichalaca.  
**Slender-billed Xenops** *Xenops tenuirostris* Two seen at Maycu were a write-in!  
**Plain Xenops** *Xenops minutus* Seen at Buenaventura.  
**Streaked Xenops** *Xenops rutilans* Seen several times.  
**Streaked Tuftedcheek** *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii* Seen at Tapichalaca.  
**Pacific Hornero** *Furnarius cinnamomeus* Many seen.  
**Chestnut-winged Cinclodes** ♦ *Cinclodes albidiventris* Seen at Cerro de Arcos and El Cajas.  
**Stout-billed Cinclodes** ♦ *Cinclodes excelsior* One at El Cajas.  
**Bamboo Foliage-gleaner (Dusky-cheeked F-g)** *Anabazenops dorsalis* Seen at Maycu.  
**Slaty-winged Foliage-gleaner** *Philydor fuscipenne* Two at Buenaventura were a write-in!  
**Montane Foliage-gleaner** *Anabacerthia striaticollis* Seen near to Zamora.  
**Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner** ♦ (Spectacled F-g) *Anabacerthia variegaticeps* Seen in the west.  
**Rufous-tailed Foliage-gleaner** *Anabacerthia ruficaudata* Several at Maycu.  
**Rufous-necked Foliage-gleaner** ♦ *Syndactyla ruficollis* Great views near Jorupe.  
**Henna-hooded Foliage-gleaner** ♦ *Clibanornis erythrocephalus* Several at Jorupe.  
**Ruddy Foliage-gleaner** *Clibanornis rubiginosus* Seen at Maycu.  
**Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner** *Automolus ochrolaemus* Seen at Ayampe.  
**Western Woodhaunter** *Automolus virgatus* Seen at Buenaventura.  
**Spotted Barbtail** *Premnoplex brunnescens* Seen at Buenaventura.  
**Pearled Treerunner** *Margarornis squamiger* Seen at Tapichalaca.  
**Andean Tit-Spinetail** *Leptasthenura andicola* Seen at El Cajas.  
**Rufous-fronted Thornbird** *Phacellodomus rufifrons* Seen near to Valladolid.  
**White-browed Spinetail** ♦ *Hellmayrea gularis* Seen at Cerro Toledo.  
**Many-striped Canastero** ♦ *Asthenes flammulata* Seen at Cerro de Arcos.  
**Mouse-colored Thistletail** ♦ *Asthenes griseomurina* Seen at Cerro de Arcos and Cerro Toledo.  
**Equatorial Greytail** ♦ *Xenerpestes singularis* Two seen at the old Loja-Zamora road!  
**Ash-browed Spinetail** *Cranioleuca curtata* Seen above Zamora a couple times.  
**Line-cheeked Spinetail** ♦ *Cranioleuca antisiensis* Seen near to Sozoranga.  
**Speckled Spinetail** *Cranioleuca gutturata* Several seen well at Maycu.  
**Necklaced Spinetail** ♦ *Synallaxis stictothorax* Seen at Atahualpa and Ayampe.  
**Slaty Spinetail** *Synallaxis brachyura* Seen at Ayampe.  
**Dusky Spinetail** *Synallaxis moesta* Two seen along the old Loja-Zamora road.  
**Dark-breasted Spinetail** *Synallaxis albigularis* Seen above Zamora.  
**Azara's Spinetail** *Synallaxis azarae* Many seen and heard.  
**Blackish-headed Spinetail** ♦ *Synallaxis tithys* Seen well at Jorupe.  
**Rufous Spinetail** *Synallaxis unirufa* Seen at Tapichalaca.  
**Rufous-rumped Antwren** *Euchrepomis callinota* (LO) Seen by the leader at Podocarpus NP.



Checker-throated Stipplethroat *Epinecrophylla fulviventris* Seen at Buenaventura.  
 Ornate Stipplethroat *Epinecrophylla ornata* Seen at Maycu.  
 White-flanked Antwren *Myrmotherula axillaris* Seen at Maycu.  
 Slaty Antwren *Myrmotherula schisticolor* Seen at Buenaventura.  
 Yellow-breasted Antwren ◇ *Herpsilochmus axillaris* Seen along the old Loja-Zamora road.  
 Rusty-winged Antwren *Herpsilochmus frater* Seen at Maycu.  
 Plain Antvireo *Dysithamnus mentalis* Seen many times.  
 Collared Antshrike ◇ *Thamnophilus bernardi* Seen several times, first at Jorupe.  
 Chapman's Antshrike ◇ *Thamnophilus zarumae* Seen at Sozoranga.  
 Lined Antshrike *Thamnophilus tenuipunctatus* Seen along the old Loja-Zamora road.  
 White-shouldered Antshrike *Thamnophilus aethiops* Seen at Maycu.  
 Uniform Antshrike *Thamnophilus unicolor* Seen at Buenaventura.  
 Mouse-colored Antshrike *Thamnophilus murinus* Seen at Maycu.  
 Black-crowned Antshrike (Western Slaty A) *Thamnophilus atrinucha* Seen at Buenaventura.  
 Fasciated Antshrike *Cymbilaimus lineatus* (H) Heard at Maycu.  
 Great Antshrike *Taraba major* Seen at Manglares Churute and Ayampe.  
 White-plumed Antbird *Pithys albifrons* (H) Heard only at Maycu.  
 Hairy-crested Antbird *Rhegmatorhina melanosticta* (H) Heard at Maycu.  
 Common Scale-backed Antbird *Willisornis poecilinotus* Seen at Maycu.  
 Peruvian Warbling Antbird *Hypocnemis peruviana* Seen at Maycu.  
 Yellow-browed Antbird *Hypocnemis hypoxantha* (H) Heard at Maycu.  
 Northern Chestnut-tailed Antbird *Sciaphylax castanea* (H) Heard at Maycu.  
 Blackish Antbird *Cercomacroides nigrescens* Seen along the old Loja-Zamora road.  
 Black Antbird *Cercomacroides serva* Seen at Maycu.  
 Grey Antbird *Cercomacra cinerascens* Seen at Maycu.  
 Jet Antbird *Cercomacra nigricans* Seen at Manglares Churute.  
 Chestnut-backed Antbird *Poliocrania exsul* Seen everyday at Buenaventura.  
 Grey-headed Antbird ◇ *Ampelornis griseiceps* Seen very well near to Sozoranga.  
 Esmeraldas Antbird ◇ *Sipia nigricauda* Great looks at Buenaventura.  
 Black-faced Antbird *Myrmoborus myotherinus* Seen at Maycu.  
 White-browed Antbird *Myrmoborus leucophrys* Seen at Maycu.  
 Western Fire-eye ◇ *Pyriglena maura* Seen along the old Loja-Zamora road and Buenaventura.  
 Black-faced Antthrush *Formicarius analis* Glimpsed by some at Maycu.  
 Rufous-breasted Antthrush *Formicarius rufipectus* (H) Heard at Buenaventura.  
 Undulated Antpitta *Grallaria squamigera* (H) Heard several times, including at El Cajas.  
 Scaled Antpitta *Grallaria guatemalensis* (H) Heard at Buenaventura.  
 Plain-backed Antpitta ◇ *Grallaria haplonota* (H) heard at Buenaventura.  
 Chestnut-crowned Antpitta *Grallaria ruficapilla* Seen well at Yunguilla.  
 Watkins's Antpitta ◇ *Grallaria watkinsi* Seen at Jorupe.  
 Jocotoco Antpitta ◇ *Grallaria ridgelyi* Mega views at Tapichalaca!  
 Chestnut-naped Antpitta ◇ *Grallaria nuchalis* Mega views at Tapichalaca!  
 Equatorial Antpitta *Grallaria saturata* Mega views at Tapichalaca!  
 Tawny Antpitta ◇ *Grallaria quitensis* Seen at El Cajas.  
 Thrush-like Antpitta *Myrmothera campanisona* (H) Heard at Maycu.  
 Rufous-breasted Antpitta ◇ (Leymebamba A) *Grallaricula leymebambae* Great views at Utuana.  
 Slaty-crowned Antpitta (Slate-c A) *Grallaricula nana* Mega views at Tapichalaca!  
 Crescent-faced Antpitta ◇ *Grallaricula lineifrons* Fantastic views at Cerro Acanama!



Slate-crowned (left) and Leymebamba Antpittas gave great views on this tour ! (JM)

- Ocellated Tapaculo ♦ *Acropternis orthonyx* Amazing views of a bird in the open at Cerro Toledo!
- Ash-colored Tapaculo ♦ *Myornis senilis* Seen at Cerro Acanama.
- Loja Tapaculo ♦ *Scytalopus androstictus* Seen at Cerro Toledo. Recently split from Paramo.
- White-crowned Tapaculo ♦ *Scytalopus atratus* Great looks along the old Loja-Zamora road.
- Long-tailed Tapaculo ♦ (Equatorial Rufous-vented T) *Scytalopus micropterus* (H) Heard at Zamora.
- Blackish Tapaculo ♦ *Scytalopus latrans* Seen at Yunguilla.
- El Oro Tapaculo ♦ (Ecuadorian T) *Scytalopus robbinsi* Great views at Buenaventura.
- Chusquea Tapaculo ♦ *Scytalopus parkeri* Great views at Tapichalaca and Cerro Toledo.
- Elegant Crescentchest ♦ *Melanopareia elegans* Seen first at Catamayo, then Atahualpa.
- Wing-barred Piprites *Piprites chloris* Seen at Maycu.
- Sooty-headed Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias griseiceps* Seen several times, first at Quizas Hoy.
- Plumbeous-crowned Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias plumbeiceps* Seen above Zamora.
- Black-capped Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias nigrocapillus* Seen at Tapichalaca.
- Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias uropygialis* Seen at El Cajas.
- Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet *Tyrannulus elatus* Seen at Maycu.
- Foothill Elaenia ♦ *Myiopagis olallai* Seen at Bombuscaro.
- Pacific Elaenia ♦ *Myiopagis subplacens* Seen at Jorupe, Ayampe.
- Greenish Elaenia *Myiopagis viridicata* Seen at Buenaventura.
- Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster* Seen a few times.
- White-crested Elaenia *Elaenia albiceps* Seen a few times.
- Mottle-backed Elaenia *Elaenia gigas* Seen at Mi Paradise.
- Sierran Elaenia *Elaenia pallatangae* Seen at Cerro de Arcos and Cerro Toledo.
- White-lored Tyrannulet *Ornithion inerme* Seen at Maycu.
- Southern Beardless Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum* Seen many times.
- White-throated Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus leucophrys* Seen at El Cajas and Cerro Toledo.
- Rufous-winged Tyrannulet ♦ *Mecocerculus calopterus* Seen at Buenaventura and above Zamora.
- Sulphur-bellied Tyrannulet ♦ *Mecocerculus minor* Seen at Tapichalaca.
- White-banded Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus stictopterus* Seen at El Cajas.
- Black-crested Tit-Tyrant ♦ *Anairetes nigrocristatus* Fantastic bird at Utuana!
- Agile Tit-Tyrant ♦ *Uromyias agilis* Seen at Cerro Acanama.
- Torrent Tyrannulet *Serpophaga cinerea* Seen along the old Loja-Zamora road.





*The uncommon Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet at El Cajas (JM).*

Tumbesian Tyrannulet ♦ *Phaeomyias tumbezana* Seen at Jorupe and Atahualpa.  
 Bronze-olive Pygmy Tyrant ♦ *Pseudotriccus pelzelni* Great looks at Buenaventura.  
 Rufous-headed Pygmy Tyrant *Pseudotriccus ruficeps* Great looks at Cerro Toledo.  
 Tawny-crowned Pygmy Tyrant *Euscarthmus meloryphus* Many seen.  
 Grey-and-white Tyrannulet ♦ *Pseudelaenia leucospodia* Seen at Atahualpa.  
 Golden-faced Tyrannulet *Zimmerius chrysops* Seen above Zamora.  
 Loja Tyrannulet ♦ *Zimmerius flavidifrons* Seen at Jorupe.  
 Marble-faced Bristle Tyrant *Pogonotriccus ophthalmicus* Seen at Bombuscaro.  
 Ecuadorian Tyrannulet (E Bristle Tyrant) *Phylloscartes gualaquize* Seen at Maycu and Copalinga.  
 Streak-necked Flycatcher *Mionectes striaticollis* Seen at Tapichalaca.  
 Olive-striped Flycatcher *Mionectes olivaceus* Seen at Buenaventura.  
 Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus* Seen at Buenaventura.  
 Slaty-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon supercilialis* Seen a couple times.  
 Orange-crested Flycatcher ♦ *Myiophobus phoenicomitra* A pair seen well at Bombuscaro.  
 Olive-chested Flycatcher ♦ *Myiophobus cryptoxanthus* Seen above Zamora.  
 Bran-colored Flycatcher *Myiophobus fasciatus* Seen a few times, first at Manglares Churute.  
 Orange-banded Flycatcher ♦ *Nephelomyias lintoni* Several seen well at Tapichalaca.  
 Ornate Flycatcher *Myiobrycon ornatus* Many seen.  
 White-bellied Pygmy Tyrant ♦ *Myiornis albiventris* One seen at Maycu.  
 Scale-crested Pygmy Tyrant *Lophotriccus pileatus* Seen many times.  
 Black-and-white Tody-Flycatcher ♦ *Poecilatriccus capitalis* Seen several times at Maycu.  
 Golden-winged Tody-Flycatcher ♦ *Poecilatriccus calopterus* Great views at Maycu.  
 Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum* Many seen.  
 Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum nigriceps* (H) Heard at Quizas Hoy.  
 Brownish Twistwing *Cnipodectes subbrunneus* Several seen well at Buenaventura.  
 Fulvous-breasted Flatbill ♦ *Rhynchocyclus fulvipes* Several at Bombuscaro.  
 Yellow-olive Flatbill (Y-o Flycatcher) *Tolmomyias sulphurens* Seen at Jorupe.  
 Zimmer's Flatbill *Tolmomyias assimilis* Seen at Maycu.  
 Olive-faced Flatbill (O-f Flycatcher) *Tolmomyias viridiceps* Seen at Maycu.  
 White-throated Spadebill *Platyrinchus mystaceus* Seen at Buenaventura.  
 Cliff Flycatcher *Hirundinea ferruginea* Several seen, first at Maycu.  
 Grey-breasted Flycatcher ♦ *Lathrotriccus griseipectus* Great looks at Jorupe.  
 Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans* Many seen.

Olive-sided Flycatcher *Contopus cooperi* Several at Maycu.  
 Western Wood Pewee *Contopus sordidulus* Heard and seen at Buenaventura.  
 Eastern Wood Pewee *Contopus virens* Heard and seen at Maycu and Copalinga.  
 Tumbes Pewee ♦ *Contopus punensis* Seen at Jorupe and Ayampe.  
 Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus obscurus* Seen at Ayampe.  
 Paramo Ground Tyrant ♦ *Muscisaxicola alpinus* Seen at Cerro de Arcos.  
 Smoky Bush Tyrant *Myiotheretes fumigatus* Seen at Tapichalaca and Cerro Acanama.  
 Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant *Agriornis montanus* Seen at Cerro de Arcos.



*The localised Orange-crested Flycatcher (JM).*

White-tailed Shrike-Tyrant ♦ *Agriornis albicauda* Seen near to Santiago.  
 Masked Water Tyrant *Fluvicola nengeta* Seen at Manglares Churute.  
 Crowned Chat-Tyrant ♦ *Silvicultrix frontalis* Seen at El Cajas.  
 Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant *Silvicultrix diadema* Seen at Tapichalaca.  
 Jelski's Chat-Tyrant ♦ *Silvicultrix jelskii* Seen at Utuana.  
 Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis* Seen at Tapichalaca.  
 Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca fumicolor* Seen at Cerro Acanama.  
 Long-tailed Tyrant *Colonia colonus* Seen at Maycu.  
 Short-tailed Field Tyrant *Muscigralla brevicauda* Seen at Atahualpa.  
 Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus* Seen a few times.  
 Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis* Seen many times.  
 Dusky-chested Flycatcher *Myiozetetes luteiventris* Seen at Maycu, a write-in!  
 Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus* Seen at Maycu.  
 Lemon-browed Flycatcher *Conopias cinchoneti* Seen along the old Loja-Zamora road.  
 Golden-crowned Flycatcher *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus* Seen along the old Loja-Zamora road.  
 Baird's Flycatcher ♦ *Myiodynastes bairdii* Seen at El Empalme and Ayampe.  
 Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus* Seen several times.  
 Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua* Many seen.  
 Snowy-throated Kingbird ♦ *Tyrannus niveigularis* Seen at Manglares Churute and Atahualpa.





*Golden-winged Tody-Flycatcher was surprisingly easy to see at Maycu (JM).*

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* Many seen.  
 Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer* Seen a couple times, first Jorupe.  
 Sooty-crowned Flycatcher ♦ *Myiarchus phaeocephalus* Seen at Jorupe.  
 Ochraceous Attila ♦ *Attila torridus* Fantastic views at Buenaventura.  
 Bright-rumped Attila *Attila spadiceus* (H) Heard at Maycu.  
 Scaled Fruiteater *Ampelioides tschudii* Great looks at Maycu and above Zamora.  
 Fiery-throated Fruiteater ♦ *Pipreola chlorolepidota* Great looks at a pair at Maycu.  
 Barred Fruiteater *Pipreola arcuata* Seen at Tapichalaca.  
 Green-and-black Fruiteater *Pipreola riefferii* Seen at Tapichalaca.  
 Grey-tailed Piha ♦ *Snowornis subalaris* (H) Heard at Maycu.  
 Andean Cock-of-the-rock *Rupicola peruvianus* Seen at Bambuscaro.  
 Red-crested Cotinga *Ampelion rubrocristatus* Seen at Utuana.  
 Long-wattled Umbrellabird ♦ *Cephalopterus penduliger* Displaying male at Buenaventura!  
 Amazonian Umbrellabird *Cephalopterus ornatus* Seen at Bombuscaro.  
 Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin *Tyrannetes stolzmanni* (H) A few heard only at Maycu.  
 Golden-winged Manakin *Masius chrysopterus* Seen at Buenaventura.  
 Blue-rumped Manakin ♦ *Lepidothrix isidorei* Seen at Bombuscaro.  
 White-bearded Manakin *Manacus manacus* Seen at Quizas Hoy.  
 Club-winged Manakin ♦ *Machaeropterus deliciosus* Displaying male at Buenaventura!  
 Striolated Manakin *Machaeropterus striolatus* Great looks at Bombuscaro.  
 Pacific Royal Flycatcher ♦ *Onychorhynchus occidentalis* Seen at Quizas Hoy and Buenaventura.  
 Sulphur-rumped Myiobius (S-r Flycatcher) *Myiobius sulphureipygius* Seen at Buenaventura.  
 Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher *Terenotriccus erythrurus* Seen at Bombuscaro.  
 Black-crowned Tityra *Tityra inquisitor* Seen at Manglares Churute.  
 Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata* Seen at Maycu.  
 Northern Schiffornis (Brown S) *Schiffornis veraepacis* Great looks at Buenaventura.  
 Yellow-cheeked Becard\* ♦ *Pachyramphus xanthogenys* Seen above Zamora.  
 Barred Becard *Pachyramphus versicolor* Seen at Tapichalaca and above Zamora.  
 Slaty Becard ♦ *Pachyramphus spodiurus* Seen at Jorupe.



*Pacific Royal Flycatcher (above) was seen twice on this tour, here at Buenaventura. Club-winged Manakin was seen displaying at the same site! (JM)*

**White-winged Becard** *Pachyramphus polychopterus* Seen at Buenaventura.  
**Black-and-white Becard** *Pachyramphus albogriseus* Seen at Maycu.  
**One-colored Becard** *Pachyramphus homochrous* Seen at Jorupe.  
**Rufous-browed Peppershrike** *Cyclarhis gujanensis* Many seen.  
**Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo** *Vireolanius leucotis* Seen at Maycu and above Zamora.  
**Olivaceous Greenlet** ♦ *Hylophilus olivaceus* Seen above Zamora and at Maycu.  
**Lesser Greenlet** *Pachysylvia decurtata* Seen at Buenaventura and Ayampe.  
**Red-eyed Vireo** *Vireo olivaceus* Many seen.  
**Brown-capped Vireo** *Vireo leucophrys* Seen at Buenaventura.  
**Turquoise Jay** ♦ *Cyanolyca turcosa* Seen at Tapichalaca.  
**Violaceous Jay** *Cyanocorax violaceus* Seen at Maycu.



White-tailed Jay ◇ *Cyanocorax mystacalis* Seen at Jorupe and Ayampe.  
 Inca Jay *Cyanocorax yncas* Seen above Zamora.  
 Sand Martin (Bank Swallow) *Riparia riparia* Dozens at Manglares Churute.  
 White-banded Swallow *Atticora fasciata* Seen at Maycu.  
 White-thighed Swallow ◇ *Atticora tibialis* Seen at Maycu.  
 Blue-and-white Swallow *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca* Many seen.  
 Pale-footed Swallow ◇ *Orochelidon flavipes* Seen at Tapichalaca.  
 Brown-bellied Swallow *Orochelidon murina* Seen at Cerro de Arcos and El Cajas.  
 Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* Many seen.  
 Grey-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea* Many seen.  
 Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* Hundreds at Manglares Churute.  
 Chestnut-collared Swallow ◇ *Petrochelidon rufocollaris* Seen near to Sozoranga.  
 Fasciated Wren ◇ *Campylorhynchus fasciatus* Seen in the west several times.  
 Thrush-like Wren *Campylorhynchus turdinus* Seen at Maycu.  
 Rufous Wren *Cinnycerthia unirufa* Seen at Tapichalaca and Cerro Toledo.  
 Grass Wren *Cistothorus platensis* Seen at El Cajas.  
 Plain-tailed Wren ◇ *Pheugopedius euophrys* Seen at Tapichalaca.  
 Whiskered Wren *Pheugopedius mystacalis* (H) Heard at Buenaventura.  
 Coraya Wren *Pheugopedius coraya* Seen at Maycu.  
 Speckle-breasted Wren ◇ *Pheugopedius sclateri* Seen a few times in the west.  
 Superciliated Wren ◇ *Cantorchilus superciliaris* Seen a few times in the west.  
 Bay Wren *Cantorchilus nigricapillus* Seen at Buenaventura.  
 House Wren (Southern H W) *Troglodytes [aeson] musculus* Many seen.  
 Mountain Wren *Troglodytes solstitialis* Seen at Tapichalaca.  
 White-breasted Wood Wren *Henicorhina leucosticta* Seen at Maycu.  
 Grey-breasted Wood Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys* Seen several times.  
 Southern Nightingale-Wren (Sclay-breasted W) *Microcerculus marginatus* (H) Heard several times.  
 Musician Wren *Cyphorhinus arada* (H) Heard at Maycu.  
 Song Wren *Cyphorhinus phaeocephalus* Seen at Buenaventura.  
 Tawny-faced Gnatwren *Microbates cinereiventris* Seen at Buenaventura.  
 Tropical Gnatcatcher *Poliophtila plumbea* Many seen.  
 Long-tailed Mockingbird *Mimus longicaudatus* Many seen in the west.  
 Andean Solitaire *Myadestes ralloides* Seen at Buenaventura.  
 Speckled Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus maculatus* Seen at Buenaventura for some.  
 Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus fuscater* Seen at Yunguilla.  
 Swainson's Thrush *Catharus ustulatus* Seen regularly.  
 Plumbeous-backed Thrush ◇ *Turdus reevei* Seen at Jorupe and Ayampe.  
 Chiguanco Thrush *Turdus chiguanco* One at Loja.  
 Andean Slaty Thrush ◇ *Turdus nigriceps* (H) Heard near to Vilcabamba.  
 Glossy-black Thrush *Turdus serranus* Seen near to Sozoranga.  
 Great Thrush *Turdus fuscater* Many seen.  
 Marañon Thrush ◇ *Turdus maranonicus* Seen at Valladolid.  
 Black-billed Thrush *Turdus ignobilis* Seen at Maycu.  
 White-necked Thrush *Turdus albicollis* Seen at Bombuscaro.  
 Pale-vented Thrush *Turdus obsoletus* (H) Heard singing at Ayampe.  
 Ecuadorian Thrush ◇ *Turdus maculirostris* Many seen in the west.  
 White-capped Dipper *Cinclus leucocephalus* Seen at Buenaventura and above Zamora.  
 House Sparrow (introduced) *Passer domesticus* Seen a few times in cities.  
 Tricoloured Munia (introduced) *Lonchura malacca* Small flock at Manglares Churute.  
 Yellow-bellied Siskin *Spinus xanthogastrus* Seen at Buenaventura.  
 Olivaceous Siskin *Spinus olivaceus* Seen above Zamora.  
 Hooded Siskin *Spinus magellanicus* Seen at Jorupe and Cerro Acanama.  
 Saffron Siskin ◇ *Spinus siemiradzkii* Seen at Puerto Lopez.  
 Thick-billed Euphonia *Euphonia lanirostris* Seen many times.  
 Orange-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia xanthogaster* Seen many times.  
 Bronze-green Euphonia *Euphonia mesochrysa* Seen at Bombuscaro.

**Yellow-throated Bush Tanager** *Chlorospingus flavigularis* Seen many times in the east.  
**Yellow-whiskered Bush Tanager (Short-billed B T)** *Chlorospingus parvirostris* Seen above Zamora.  
**Ashy-throated Bush Tanager** *Chlorospingus canigularis* Seen along the old Loja-Zamora road.  
**Common Bush Tanager** *Chlorospingus flavopectus* Seen at Buenaventura.  
**Tumbes Sparrow** ♦ *Rhynchospiza stolzmanni* Seen near El Empalme.  
**Yellow-browed Sparrow** *Ammodramus aurifrons* Seen at Maycu.  
**Black-striped Sparrow** *Arremonops conirostris* Seen at Buenaventura.



*Piura Hemispingus*, a shy near-endemic seen near Sozoranga (JM).

**Grey-browed Brushfinch** *Arremon assimilis* Seen at Sozoranga and Yunguilla.  
**Orange-billed Sparrow** *Arremon aurantirostris* Seen many times.  
**Black-capped Sparrow** ♦ *Arremon abeillei* Seen at Jorupe.  
**Olive Finch** ♦ *Arremon castaneiceps* Seen very well at Bombuscaro.  
**Rufous-collared Sparrow** *Zonotrichia capensis* Many seen.  
**White-headed Brushfinch** ♦ *Atlapetes albiceps* Seen at El Empalme.  
**Pale-naped Brushfinch** *Atlapetes pallidinucha* Seen at Cerro Toledo.  
**Yellow-breasted Brushfinch** *Atlapetes latinuchus* Seen several times.  
**White-winged Brushfinch** ♦ *Atlapetes leucopterus* Seen at Utuana and Valladolid (*paynteri*)  
**Pale-headed Brushfinch** ♦ *Atlapetes pallidiceps* Seen well at Yunguilla.  
**Bay-crowned Brushfinch** *Atlapetes seebohmi* Seen near to Sozoranga.  
**Peruvian Meadowlark** *Leistes bellicosus* Seen along the coast.  
**Russet-backed Oropendola** *Psarocolius angustifrons* Many at Maycu.  
**Crested Oropendola** *Psarocolius decumanus* Several at Maycu.  
**Yellow-rumped Cacique** ♦ *Cacicus cela* Many seen.  
**Subtropical Cacique** *Cacicus uropygialis* Seen above Zamora.  
**Northern Mountain Cacique** *Cacicus leucoramphus* Seen at Cerro Acanama.  
**Yellow-tailed Oriole** *Icterus mesomelas* Seen at Jorupe and Ayampe.  
**White-edged Oriole** ♦ *Icterus graceannae* Seen at Jorupe.  
**Epaulet Oriole (Moriche O)** *Icterus cayanensis* Seen at Maycu.  
**Shiny Cowbird** *Molothrus bonariensis* Many seen.  
**Scrub Blackbird** *Dives waczewiczi* Many seen.  
**Great-tailed Grackle** *Quiscalus mexicanus* Seen at Salinas.  
**Black-lored Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis auricularis* Seen at Yunguilla.  
**Olive-crowned Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis semiflava* Seen at Buenaventura.



**Tropical Parula** *Setophaga pitiayumi* Many seen.  
**Blackburnian Warbler** *Setophaga fusca* Several seen, first above Zamora.  
**Citrine Warbler** *Myiothlypis luteoviridis* (H) Heard at Tapichalaca.  
**Black-crested Warbler** *Myiothlypis nigrocristata* Several seen, first at Tapichalaca.  
**Buff-rumped Warbler** *Myiothlypis fulvicauda* Several seen, first at Buenaventura.  
**Grey-and-gold Warbler** ♦ *Myiothlypis fraseri* Common at Jorupe and Ayampe.



*Green Honeycreeper is a common but stunning garden bird at Buenaventura! (JM)*

**Russet-crowned Warbler** *Myiothlypis coronata* Several seen, first at Tapichalaca.  
**Three-banded Warbler** ♦ *Basileuterus trifasciatus* Seen at Buenaventura.  
**Canada Warbler** *Cardellina canadensis* Seen at Zamora and Maycu.  
**Slate-throated Whitestart** *Myioborus miniatus* Many seen, first at Buenaventura.  
**Spectacled Whitestart** *Myioborus melanocephalus* Many seen, first at Tapichalaca.  
**Tooth-billed Tanager (Northern Hepatic T)** *Piranga lutea* Seen at Buenaventura.  
**Summer Tanager** *Piranga rubra* Seen at Zamora and Maycu.  
**Scarlet Tanager** *Piranga olivacea* One male at Quizas Hoy.  
**Red-hooded Tanager** ♦ *Piranga rubriceps* (H) Heard at Tapichalaca.  
**Ochre-breasted Tanager** ♦ *Chlorothraupis stolzmanni* (H) Heard at Buenaventura.  
**Golden Grosbeak (Golden-bellied G)** *Pheucticus chrysogaster* Many seen.  
**Blue-black Grosbeak** *Cyanoloxia cyanooides* Seen at Quizas Hoy.  
**Amazonian Grosbeak (Rothschild's G)** *Cyanoloxia rothschildii* Seen at Maycu.  
**Plushcap (Plush-capped Finch)** *Catamblyrhynchus diadema* Seen at Cerro Acanama.  
**Yellow-shouldered Grosbeak** *Parkerthraustes humeralis* Seen very well at Maycu. Mega !!  
**White-capped Tanager** ♦ *Sericossypha albocristata* One flock in the garden at Tapichalaca.  
**Band-tailed Sierra Finch** *Porphyrospiza alaudina* Seen at Catamayo and Atahualpa.  
**Green Honeycreeper** *Chlorophanes spiza* Many seen.  
**Golden-collared Honeycreeper** *Iridophanes pulcherrimus* Seen above Zamora.  
**Yellow-backed Tanager** *Hemithraupis flavicollis* Seen near to Zamora.  
**Guira Tanager** *Hemithraupis guira* Seen at Ayampe.  
**Swallow Tanager** *Tersina viridis* Many at Maycu.  
**Purple Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes caeruleus* Seen at Maycu.  
**Blue Dacnis** *Dacnis cayana* Seen at Maycu.  
**Yellow-bellied Dacnis** *Dacnis flaviventer* Seen at Maycu.  
**Black-faced Dacnis** *Dacnis lineata* Seen at Maycu.

**Blue-grey Saltator** *Saltator coerulescens* Seen above Zamora.  
**Streaked Saltator** *Saltator striatipectus* Many seen.  
**Buff-throated Saltator** *Saltator maximus* Many seen.  
**Black-cowled Saltator** ◇ *Saltator nigriceps* Seen at Sozoranga and Utuana.  
**Slate-colored Grosbeak** *Saltator grossus* Seen at Buenaventura and Maycu.  
**Bananaquit** *Coereba flaveola* Many seen.  
**Dull-colored Grassquit** *Asemospiza obscura* Seen at Moromoro and Yunguilla.  
**Blue-black Grassquit** *Volatinia jacarina* Many seen.  
**Black-and-white Tanager** ◇ *Conothraupis speculigera* Seen at Ayampe, heard at Moromoro. Mega !!  
**Flame-crested Tanager** *Loriotus cristatus* Several at Maycu.  
**White-shouldered Tanager** *Loriotus luctuosus* Seen at Ayampe.  
**Red Pileated Finch** *Coryphospingus cucullatus* Seen in the Zamora area.  
**White-lined Tanager** *Tachyphonus rufus* Seen at Maycu.  
**Crimson-breasted Finch** ◇ (Crimson F) *Rhodospingus cruentus* Seen at Ayampe.  
**Fulvous Shrike-Tanager** ◇ *Lanio fulvus* Seen well at Maycu.  
**Lemon-rumped Tanager** ◇ *Ramphocelus icteronotus* Many seen.  
**Silver-beaked Tanager** *Ramphocelus carbo* Many in the east.  
**Variable Seedeater** *Sporophila corvina* Seen several times, first at Manglares Churute.  
**Black-and-white Seedeater** *Sporophila luctuosa* Seen near to Paquisha.  
**Yellow-bellied Seedeater** *Sporophila nigricollis* Seen several times.  
**Thick-billed Seed Finch** *Sporophila funerea* Seen a couple times, including near to Moromoro.  
**Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch** *Sporophila angolensis* Seen several times.  
**Large-billed Seed Finch** ◇ *Sporophila crassirostris* Seen at Manglares Churute and Quizas Hoy.  
**Black-billed Seed Finch** ◇ *Sporophila atriostris* Seen near to Paquisha.  
**Parrot-billed Seedeater** ◇ *Sporophila peruviana* Seen at Atahualpa and Ayampe.  
**Chestnut-throated Seedeater** *Sporophila telasco* Seen at Manglares Churute and Ayampe.  
**Drab Seedeater** ◇ *Sporophila simplex* Seen at Catamayo.  
**Chestnut-bellied Seedeater** *Sporophila castaneiventris* Seen near to Paquisha.  
**Grey-hooded Bush Tanager** *Cnemoscopus rubrirostris* Seen near to Zamora and Maycu.  
**Black-headed Hemispingus** ◇ *Pseudospingus verticalis* Seen at Cerro Toledo.  
**Collared Warbling Finch** ◇ *Poospiza hispaniolensis* Seen at Catamayo and Atahualpa.  
**Piura Hemispingus** ◇ *Sphenopsis piurae* A couple near to Sozoranga was much appreciated!  
**Superciliaried Hemispingus** *Thlypopsis superciliaris* Seen at El Cajas.  
**Rufous-chested Tanager** *Thlypopsis ornata* Seen at Utuana.  
**Capped Conebill** *Conirostrum albifrons* Seen at Tapichalaca.  
**Giant Conebill** ◇ *Conirostrum binghami* Seen at El Cajas.  
**Blue-backed Conebill** *Conirostrum sitticolor* Seen at Tapichalaca.  
**Sulphur-throated Finch** ◇ *Sicalis taczanowskii* A hundred at least at Atahualpa!  
**Saffron Finch** *Sicalis flaveola* Many seen.  
**Ash-breasted Sierra Finch** *Geospizopsis plebejus* Seen at Catamayo.  
**Plumbeous Sierra Finch** *Geospizopsis unicolor* Seen at Cerro de Arcos and El Cajas.  
**Slaty Finch** ◇ *Haplospiza rustica* One a Buenaventura and two at Cerro Acanama.  
**Tit-like Dacnis** ◇ *Xenodacnis parina* Seen at El Cajas.  
**Plain-colored Seedeater** *Catamenia inornata* Seen at El Cajas.  
**Golden-eyed Flowerpiercer (Deep-blue F)** *Diglossa glauca* Seen above Zamora.  
**Bluish Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa caerulescens* Seen at Tapichalaca.  
**Masked Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa cyanea* Seen many times.  
**Glossy Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa lafresnayii* Seen at Cerro Toledo.  
**White-sided Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa albilatera* Seen a couple times.  
**Black Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa humeralis* Seen at Cerro de Arcos and El Cajas.  
**Golden-crowned Tanager** *Iridosornis rufivertex* Seen at Cerro Toledo and Cerro Acanama.  
**Fawn-breasted Tanager** *Pipraeidea melanonota* Seen at Buenaventura and Yunguilla.





Golden-crowned Tanagers are real stunners! (JM).

**Buff-breasted Mountain Tanager** *Dubusia taeniata* Seen at El Cajas.  
**Hooded Mountain Tanager** *Buthraupis montana* Seen a couple times, first at Tapichalaca.  
**Masked Mountain Tanager** ♦ *Tephrophilus wetmorei* Two at Cerro Toledo, a major highlight!!  
**Blue-winged Mountain Tanager** *Anisognathus somptuosus* Seen at Yunguilla.  
**Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager** *Anisognathus igniventris* Seen at Cerro Toledo.  
**Lacrimose Mountain Tanager** *Anisognathus lacrymosus* Seen at Tapichalaca and Cerro Toledo.  
**Orange-eared Tanager** *Chlorochrysa calliparaea* Several above Zamora.  
**Orange-throated Tanager** ♦ *Wetmorethraupis sterrhopteron* Excellent views of this mega at Maycu !  
**Magpie Tanager** *Cissopis leverianus* Regularly seen at Maycu.  
**Black-faced Tanager** *Schistochlamys melanopsis* One near to Valladolid.  
**Rufous-throated Tanager** ♦ *Ixothraupis rufigula* Seen twice at Buenaventura.  
**Spotted Tanager** *Ixothraupis punctata* Several at Maycu.  
**Yellow-bellied Tanager** *Ixothraupis xanthogastra* Seen at Maycu.  
**Blue-grey Tanager** *Thraupis episcopus* Many seen.  
**Palm Tanager** *Thraupis palmarum* Many seen.  
**Silver-backed Tanager** ♦ (Silvery T) *Stilpnia viridicollis* Seen at Utuana.  
**Blue-necked Tanager** *Stilpnia cyanicollis* Commonly seen.  
**Masked Tanager** *Stilpnia nigrocincta* Seen at Maycu.  
**Blue-and-black Tanager** *Tangara vassorii* Seen regularly, first at Utuana  
**Blue-browed Tanager** ♦ *Tangara cyanotis* Seen at Valladolid.  
**Bay-headed Tanager** *Tangara gyrola* Many seen.  
**Golden-eared Tanager** *Tangara chrysotis* Seen above Zamora.  
**Flame-faced Tanager** *Tangara parzudakii* Seen above Zamora.  
**Green-and-gold Tanager** *Tangara schrankii* Many in the east, first at Zamora.  
**Golden Tanager** *Tangara arthus* Many in the east, first at Zamora.  
**Silver-throated Tanager** *Tangara icterocephala* Many at Buenaventura.  
**Turquoise Tanager** *Tangara mexicana* Seen at Maycu.  
**Paradise Tanager** *Tangara chilensis* Seen a couple times, first at Valladolid.

## MAMMALS

Hoffmann's Two-toed Sloth *Choloepus hoffmanni* One at Buenaventura.

Andean Fox (Culpeo) *Lycalopex culpaeus* Seen at El Cajas.

White-nosed Coati *Nasua narica* Many at Buenaventura.

Neotropical Otter *Lontra longicaudis* One at Manglares Churute.

Ecuadorian White-fronted Capuchin *Cebus aequatorialis* Seen at Copalinga.

Mantled Howler Monkey (M Howler) *Alouatta palliata* Seen at Buenaventura.

Andean Rabbit *Sylvilagus andinus* Seen at El Cajas.

Black Agouti *Dasyprocta fuliginosa* Seen at Maycu.

Central American Agouti *Dasyprocta punctata* Seen at Buenaventura.

Guayaquil Squirrel *Sciurus stramineus* Seen at Jorupe.

Amazon Dwarf Squirrel *Microsciurus flaviventris* One at Bombuscaro.



*An adult Equatorial Antpitta with its recently fledged chick at Tapichalaca! (JM)*

## APPENDIX 1

### TOP BIRDS RECORDED

1. Jocotoco Antpitta
2. Blue-throated Hillstar = Ocellated Tapaculo
3. Red-faced Parrot = Masked Mountain Tanager = Orange-throated Tanager
4. Crescent-faced Antpitta = Long-wattled Umbrellabird
5. Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan