



AMAZONIAN ECUADOR TOUR REPORT 2022

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This brand-new tour offers the ultimate Amazonian birding experience, in some of the most pristine Amazonian regions of Ecuador, in search of some of the hardest Amazon species. This tour has a fine selection of Amazonian lowland species, as well as Amazonian foothill species, with several species that occur only in this region, and other species that are widespread but are becoming very rare in other Amazonian regions. The Amazon basin is one of the most diverse regions of our planet, and this tour will certainly prove that to you!

During this tour we managed to record 401 species (including heard only birds), having great success with some of the major specialties. The favourite bird of the trip was the Rufous Potoo, but other highlights seen during the trip were the Pink-throated Brilliant (Birdquest Lifer), the very range restricted Cocha Antshrike, the secretive Grey-winged Trumpeter (seen twice), the Fiery Topaz, the uncommon Rufous-headed Woodpecker, the rare Brown Nunlet, and other good birds like White-throated Tinamou, Black-banded Crake, Salvin's Curassow, 7 species of Owls that included Band-bellied, Black-banded and Crested Owls, as well Foothill and Tawny-bellied Screech-Owls, 5 species of Jacamars that included White-chinned, Purplish and Great Jacamars, Chestnut-capped and Collared Puffbirds, Lemon-throated Barbet, Rufous-rumped, Rufous-tailed and Ruddy Foliage-Gleaners, Chestnut-winged Hookbill, a nice antbird selection that included species like the Rufous-backed (Yasuni) Stipplethroat, Moustached Antwren, Pearly, Castelnau's and Fulvous Antshrikes, and White-plumed, Yellow-browed, White-shouldered and Sooty Antbirds, Rufous-capped and Striated Antthrushes, White-lored and Thrush-like Antpittas, Chestnut-belted Gnatcatcher, Rusty-belted Tapaculo, Yellow-crowned Elaenia, Ecuadorian Tyrannulet, Golden-winged Tody-Flycatcher, Buff-throated Tody-Tyrant, the local Blackish Pewee, Cinnamon and Citron-bellied Attilas, Fiery-throated Fruiteater, Grey-tailed Piha, Plum-throated, Purple-throated and Spangled Cotingas, 7 species of Manakins that included Green, Orange-crested, Blue-backed and Wire-tailed Manakins, White-browed Purple-tuft, Wing-banded and Musician Wrens, Green and Casqued Oropendolas, Short-billed Honeycreeper, Fulvous Shrike-Tanager, Caqueta, Black-and-white and Slate-coloured Seedeaters and some Amazonian tanagers like the Masked, Green-and-gold, Paradise, Opal-crowned and Opal-rumped Tanagers.

The tour started in Quito, where the group met to start the trip. Our following morning, we took the early morning flight to Coca, and from Coca we headed to Rio Bigal Reserve that is located in the lower foothills of the Sumaco National Park and has a very good selection of rarities in their reserve, such as the Pink-throated Brilliant, that was a Birdquest Lifer during our trip, as well the Red-Winged Wood-Rail, that we looked hard for it, but we didn't have success seeing it.

Once we arrived at the site where the vehicles left us, we put our luggage in bags that were going to be taken by horse to the accommodation, and we walked for about 45 minutes to the place birding on the way. The first part of the hike was in pastures, where we saw a good selection of Seedeaters and other common species. The best ones were the Black-and-white Seedeater that makes seasonal movements, and also the Slate-coloured Seedeater that is not a regular species in this region. Once we got to the forested section, the activity was quite slow but we got to see the Double-banded Pygmy-Tyrant and the Ecuadorian Tyrannulet. Once at the Bigal accommodations, we came right away to have lunch and check the activity in the Hummingbird feeders. According to Thierry (the owner of Bigal), the Pink-throated Brilliant came to the feeders some minutes before we arrived. We spent some time watching the feeders during our lunch and after lunch, but we just got to see Green and Great-billed Hermit, Fork-tailed Woodnymph, Grey-breasted Sabrewing, and some specialties like Napo Sabrewing, Ecuadorian Piedtail and the Black-throated Brilliant, but despite our efforts we didn't get the Pink-throated Brilliant in this feeder session.

So, we decided to check the Bigal Trails for the rest of the afternoon, and our hike started really well with a pair of Blackish Pewee, a very rare and local species in its patchy distribution, perhaps Rio Bigal is the easiest site to look for this species at the moment. We also got to see quite well the Green Manakin, another uncommon and local species that happens to be quite reliable at Bigal, and we saw it on different occasions. We had an encounter with a mixed flock species that had Russet Antshrike, Grey Antwren, Tawny-breasted Myiobius, Dusky-capped Greenlet, Bronze-green Euphonia, and Yellow-bellied, Bay-headed, Green-and-gold, and Blue-necked Tanagers, among other species. Also, there was a Spectacled Bristle-Tyrant that unfortunately just Mauricio (our local guide) and I managed to see. We also had an encounter with army ants where some people got to see briefly a Sooty Antbird and a Hairy-crested Antbird, also the Plain-brown Woodcreeper. We also did our first try for the Thrush-like Antpitta without success. During the last minutes of light, we got to see the Black-faced Antbird that everyone got to see and we heard the Eastern Woodhaunter that at some point we saw moving around the trees but in very dark conditions that did not allow a decent view. We returned to the lodge in the dark and we got to see a pair of Blackish Nightjars, as well as good views of the Band-bellied Owl.

Our following morning, we had an early breakfast to start hiking the trails at first light. We heard at dawn the Bicolored Hawk around the lodge but we didn't see it, so we continued to the trails. One of the first birds that we saw was the Ruddy Foliage-Gleaner that seems to have a good density around Bigal, where we counted 3 different birds, but it seems that they only vocalize during the first part of the morning. After seeing the Foliage-Gleaner we got very good views of the Dusky Leaf-tosser, another difficult species to see. Wing-banded Wren was another good bird of the early part of the morning, as well the Sooty Antbird that this time everyone managed to see. We explored one of the narrow trails where we got to see the Great Jacamar and the Grey-tailed Piha, also other birds like the Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo and Yellow-throated Bush-Tanager were some of the birds that we saw in the narrow and steep trail. Other sightings during our morning were the Ornate Hawk-Eagle that is a rare species in Ecuador, Great Black Hawk, Pale-tailed Barbthroat, Gilded Barbet, Rufous-tailed Foliage-Gleaner, White-shoulder Antshrike, Spot-backed Antbird, Ecuadorian Tyrannulet, Ornate Flycatcher, Green Manakin, Coraya Wren, Fulvous-crested Tanager, Fulvous Shrike-Tanager, and Spotted Tanager, among others. We did look for flowers for Pink-throated Brilliant but there were not many flowers available, so we decided to spend more time at the hummingbird feeders by the lodge. After a while, we spotted a female Pink-throated Brilliant that came to the feeder and everyone managed to see it. This became the first Birdquest Lifer that I got to see on the tours that I have led up to the moment. The same species of Hummingbirds as the day before were seen again, but we also saw the Grey-chinned Hermit, and the Blue-fronted Lancebill. After a while, there was a sighting of a male Pink-throated Brilliant that came for a few seconds, but didn't come back, at least in the time that we spent watching the feeders.

Now our next major target became the Red-winged Wood-Rail. Unfortunately, there is not much that you can do rather than walk very slowly and silently and get lucky enough to have an encounter with one of them. So that's what we did, but without success. We did find other species during our afternoon, including the White-throated Woodpecker, White-necked Thrush and the Fiery-throated Fruiteater. Also, we had good activity of swifts where we managed to identify Short-tailed, Grey-rumped, Chestnut-collared and White-collared Swifts. We gave another try for the Thrush-like Antpitta without success, and then we waited until dark to try for Foothill Screech-Owl and got great views of two different individuals in different sites. On the way back we heard the Thrush-like Antpitta calling at dark fairly close to the trail, so I went to check, and I managed to find the bird at the site that it was going to roost. So, one by one, I showed the bird to the members of our group—definitely another highlight of the trip to see this tricky Antpitta at dark!

We had another full day in Bigal, and we tried a different trail this morning. Before starting the trail, we managed to find the Bicolored Hawk that was calling the day before by the lodge, as well as a pair of Strong-billed Woodcreepers that were hanging around the lodge at dawn. Once in the trails, the birding became quite challenging and a bit frustrating at some moments, but with persistence we got to see the birds that were around, such as the Musician Wren, that was quite active in the first part of the morning, also the Olive Tanager and the Dusky-throated Antshrike. We also spent a bit of time locating a Moustached Antwren that was quite responsive but high up in the trees, and we did the same with other tricky birds that were up in the trees like the Rufous-winged Antwren, Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo, Green-backed Trogon, and the always challenging to see Buff-throated Tody-Tyrant.

Possibly the best bird of the morning was the Striated Antthrush, but only a couple of persons and I managed to see it. This is one of those Amazonian birds that are disappearing from many of the sites where it used to occur in the past, and now only in very pristine areas can you have chances to see it. Other birds seen during our morning hike were the White-necked Thrush that everyone managed to see, Golden-headed Manakin, Collared Trogon, and some mixed-flocks with Paradise Tanagers, Fulvous Shrike-Tanager, Variegated Bristle-Tyrant, Grey and Long-winged Antwren, Rufous-tailed Foliage-Gleaner, Olivaceous Woodcreeper and Lafresnaye's Piculet. At the end of our hike, in the clearings around the

lodge we got a Greyish Mourner to end up our morning session.

In the afternoon, we tried other trails with potential habitat for the Red-winged Wood-Rail, but without any sign of it. But we added some species like the Rufous-rumped Foliage-Gleaner, Euler's Flycatcher and a Great Potoo.

Our last morning, we did some birding on the way out, and we had an encounter with White-plumed Antbird, as well with Plain-winged Antshrike, Common-Scaled Antbird, and Foothill Stipplethroat that we just heard and seen briefly by Mauricio and me. Once we got in the open areas of the main road, we added other species such as the Golden-winged Tody-Flycatcher, Cream-Colored Woodpecker, Southern Mealy Amazon, Blue-headed Parrot, Chestnut-eared Aracari and Magpie Tanager. In some areas with patches of Bamboo we also got to see Large-headed Flatbill, Olive-faced Flatbill, White-winged Becard, and the Slate-coloured Seedeater male.

We met our vehicles that took us back to Coca, where the staff of Shiripuno was waiting for us, and from there we headed to the Shiripuno area, driving a couple hours to the site where we took our canoes that were going to take us on our journey to Shiripuno. Our journey lasted about 5 hours, looking for some birds and wildlife on the way. We managed to see a South American Tapir. The best birds that we saw in that boat ride were the Purple-throated and Plum-throated Cotingas, but also other species like the Blue-throated Piping Guan, Pale-rumped Swift, Neotropical Palm Swift, Greater Ani, Pied Puffbird, Many-banded Aracari, Black and Red-throated Caracaras, Blue-and-yellow, Chestnut-fronted and Scarlet Macaws, Drab Water Tyrant, Bare-necked Fruitcrow, Thrush-like Wren, Green Oropendola, Orange-backed Troupial, and Epaulet Oriole, among others.

We arrived at Shiripuno in the dark, settled down, had dinner and got ready for our next day.

Shiripuno is part of an Indian reservation, which is run by the Shiripuno natives, where Octavio, our local native guide, and his family assisted us during the following days. Also, we had the assistance of Jarold, our local Ecuadorian guide, who knew very well the Amazonian birds and potential territories of some of the main targets of our next days. In total we spent 3 full days (4 nights), in Shiripuno.

Our first morning, we went to a site that Jarold knew was a territory for Rio Suno Antwren, one of the main specialties of the region. To get to the site, we had to take a short ride in the canoe, and then walk to the site. From the canoe, on the edge of the river I heard a White-browed Antbird, which apparently is not a common bird in the area, and actually was the first time that Jarold saw this bird in the area around Shiripuno. At the same spot, we also saw the Amazonian Streaked Antwren.

Once in the trail, we invested some time with an Undulated Tinamou that was calling close, but never gave an appearance. At least we got good views of the White-shouldered Antbird that were calling at the same time. Later, Octavio took us to an area of a territory of Wire-tailed Manakin that we managed to see well. Other birds like Peruvian Warbling-Antbird, Black-throated Trogon, Scaly-breasted Woodpecker, and Blue-capped Manakin were seen on the way to the territory of the Rio Suno Antwren. Once at the area of the Rio Suno Antwren territory, we tried to find an antwrens mixed flock, and eventually we got encounters with at least two different mixed flocks, where we got species like White-flanked Antwren, Long-winged Antwren, Grey Antwren, Cinereous Antshrike, Tawny-crowned Greenlet, Buff-throated Woodcreeper, Buff-throated Foliage-Gleaner and Rufous-backed Stipplethroat (Yasuni Antwren). At some point, we heard the Rio Suno Antwren that was answering identical to the recordings, but we never managed to find it.

After lunch, there was intense rain with strong winds. Luckily, we were in a safe place at the moment, and after the rain the weather started to change, and we got the influence of a very strong cold front that really affected us the following days with the activity of birds and animals in general. The rain stopped late in the afternoon, and we decided to do our first try for Nocturnal Curassow. Perhaps the drop in temperature didn't make the bird want to sing at night, which makes it quite difficult to find, but at least we got to see a White-throated Tinamou sleeping, which is a very difficult bird to see at daytime.

The following day, we did another try for Nocturnal Curassow before dawn, but before we started to look for the Curassow we got nice views of a Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl near the rooms. Once in the Curassow search, we never heard the Nocturnal Curassow, but what we did heard was the Salvin's Curassow and we managed to find it the same way that we were looking for Nocturnal Curassow, with one bird up in the trees singing before dawn. At dawn, we heard Short-billed Leaf-tosser and Ocellated Woodcreeper, but neither of them were responsive. Then it started to rain, so we went to have breakfast. The activity of birds around the rooms was quite good, and several birds were feeding on fruiting trees in the forest edges. Some of the birds that we saw by the rooms were the Spix's Guan, Rufous-breasted and Great-billed Hermits, Gilded and Lemon throated Barbets, Channel-billed Toucan, Chestnut Woodpecker, Dusky-billed Parrotlet, Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet, White-crowned Manakin, Chestnut-crowned Becard, White-vented Euphonia, Short-billed Honeycreeper, Blue, Yellow-bellied and Black-faced Dacnis, Masked Crimson, Turquoise, Paradise and Opal-rumped Tanagers.

After the rain passed, we went to the back of the trails but taking the canoe to get to that area and then returning to the camp by walking. Along the river we saw Yellow-billed Nunbird, and different species of Macaws, like Red-and-green, Chestnut-fronted and Red-bellied Macaws. Once at the trails, we had to deal with bouts of rain that came and went, but despite the weather we got to see interesting birds like Grey-winged Trumpeter, Yellow-throated Woodpecker, Dusky-throated and Cinereous Antshrikes, Yellow-browed Antbird, Spot-winged Antbird, Citron-bellied Attila, Dusky-capped Greenlet and Trilling Gnatwren. The last section of the day we tried for the Fiery Topaz that normally feeds on insects along the river edge at some specific sites during the afternoons, but this afternoon didn't show up. We did a try for Zigzag Heron after that without success, but we saw another White-throated Tinamou sleeping. And again, no signs of Nocturnal Curassow that night either.

The following day, we tried again for the Nocturnal Curassow, but now we were aiming to find one by pure luck, scanning every possible branch from the trail, because with the drop in temperature from the cold front it seemed that

the Nocturnal Curassows didn't vocalize on the days that we were there. The only moment that one Nocturnal Curassow vocalized was the first morning before dawn that I walked by myself around 3:00 am, and that was before the cold front appeared. Well, the nocturnal activity was very poor and the only things that we saw were a Brazil's Lancehead (a viper species of the genus *Bothrops*) and another White-throated Tinamou.

At dawn, we started to hear birds and we heard a Collared Puffbird that we managed to see just before dawn with our flashlights. Once the daylight came, the activity was very slow because it was quite cold (you wouldn't imagine that you were in the Ecuadorian Amazon!), but we managed to see a Pearly Antshrike, Black-throated Antbird and Yellow-browed Antbird, also we heard the Fulvous Antshrike. On the way back to our camp, we found a flowering tree where Jarold knew that the Topaz liked to visit. We did hear one bird around but didn't manage to see it. Then we spent some time birding in the clearings around the lodge, where we added species like the Ivory-billed Aracari, Striped Woodcreeper, Chestnut Woodpecker, Black-throated Hermit, and Casqued Oropendola.

We went to try for the Fiery Topaz again at the flowering tree where we had heard it earlier. We heard it again, but it was quite challenging to locate from the trail, looking through the forest gaps. Octavio took his machete and started off the trail to look for other openings to see more flowers of that tree, and finally he spotted the area where the Topaz was feeding, and the whole group got to see good views through the telescopes of a male Fiery Topaz that was defending the flowers of that section of the tree.

Our new plan was to have an early lunch and spend the afternoon in one of the remote trails to give Rio Suno Antwren another try, as well as Nocturnal Curassow in a different area of Shiripuno. Generally, the afternoons tend to have low activity in the primary forest, but we managed to see some birds like White-eyed Tody-Tyrant, Blue-backed Manakin, Amazonian Trogon, Yellow-browed Antbird, and much better views of Double-banded Pygmy-Tyrant. From a viewpoint, we got to see Black-headed Parrot, Channel-billed Toucan, King Vulture, and Green Oropendola. At the end of the day, we had some encounters with White-plumed Antbird and Sooty Antbird, as well, but not everyone got to see them. At dark, we managed to see Black-Banded Owl and Crested Owl. Meanwhile, as we walked back looking for Nocturnal Curassow, we found a Ruddy Quail-Dove sleeping and some Pacas (mammal) on the river edge.

The following day, we left early in the morning in order to keep our schedule with our next hotel. With the persistent cold front, it wasn't the nicest ride, but we did have several encounters with more Fiery Topaz along the river. Not much else, just regular birds like Speckled Chachalaca, Blue-throated Piping Guan, Maroon-tailed Parakeet and our first White-eared Jacamars at the Shiripuno dock area.

From Coca, we got in another boat that took us to Sani, with the company of our new local guide, Olger who joined us for the days in Sani Lodge. After a journey along the Napo River, we got to the area of Sani Lodge, and proceeded with a short hike in riverside habitat where we saw our first Scarlet-crowned Barbet, and better views of Orange-backed Troupial. Then we took a short canoe ride through Varzea habitat in a small canal that connects with a Lagoon where Sani Lodge is located. Here we were greeted with welcoming drinks just in time to have a very nice lunch. Our first afternoon was spent in the areas near the Lodge and birding from the canoe through the Varzea forest channels and the habitats by the Lagoon, where we got some interesting species like Rufous-breasted Hermit and Black-throated Mango feeding on the flowers of Inga trees, Little Cuckoo, Sunbittern, Rufescent Tiger-Heron, Agami Heron (4 in total), Capped Heron, the prehistoric looking Hoatzin, Snail and Slender-billed Kites, Crane Hawk, Ringed, Amazon, Green, Green-and-Rufous and Pygmy Kingfishers, White-chinned Jacamar, Straight-billed Woodcreeper, Purple-throated Fruitcrow, and Orange-crested Manakin, which is a restricted-ranged species from the upper Amazon-Napo Lowlands.

Our first morning in Sani we visited the Canopy tower that is located around a massive Ceiba tree. It offers a different experience from other towers that I have been to before because some canopy birds will come right to the branches of the Ceiba tree, which makes it quite special. Some of the birds seen during our visit to the Canopy tower were Slate-coloured Hawk, White-fronted Nunbird, Many-banded Aracari, Golden-collared Toucanet, Channel-billed Toucan, White-throated Toucan, Southern Mealy Amazon, Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper, Crowned Slaty Flycatcher, Slender-footed Tyrannulet, Spangled Cotinga, Pink-throated Becard, White-browed Purpletuft, White-lored, Thick-billed, Orange-bellied and Rufous-bellied Euphonias, Green-and-gold, Turquoise, Paradise and Opal-crowned Tanagers.

The rest of our morning we spent some time in the trails below the tower, where we managed to see different species like Golden-headed Manakin at a lek territory, Common-scaled Antbird and Yellow-crowned Elaenia. Then, we looked for other birds in the Varzea habitat, birding with the canoe, where we got to see one of the most restricted and important species of the trip, the Cocha Antshrike. We had nice views of one male. Other birds of interest were the Silvered and Plumbeous Antbirds, lots of Green-and-Rufous Kingfishers, several Agami Herons, Sungrebe, and a Black Hawk-Eagle flying above us. Also, we got really nice views of the Moustached Antwren by the areas near the rooms.

In the afternoon, we invested our time on the river edge habitat that has some particular species such as the Rufous-headed Woodpecker that was a major highlight of the trip. White-lored Antpitta is another major specialty of this region of the Amazon, but on this occasion just a few persons plus Olger and I managed to see it. White-bearded Hermit, Chestnut-capped Puffbird, and better views of the Scarlet-crowned Barbet were other highlights of the afternoon. We tried for nocturnal birds but the only bird seen was the Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl. After dinner, a few people joined me in another owling session and we saw a Tropical Screech-Owl.

Our next day we visited some river islands in the first part of the morning, where we managed to see specialties like the Olive-spotted Hummingbird, Castelnau's Antshrike, Fuscous Flycatcher, Oriole Blackbird, Orange-headed Tanager and Caqueta Seedeater, among other more widespread birds as the Dark-breasted Spinetail, Short-crested Flycatcher and Little Woodpecker. After our session in the islands, we went to look for a roosting site of the Rufous Potoo, but we didn't know if the bird was there that day. Once at the territory, Olger and I looked for it, and after a while Olger managed to

spot it in a very impressive way, because the bird was really hidden in a dark section. This sighting of the Rufous Potoo became the bird of the trip! Around that area we also saw other good birds such as the Chestnut-belted Gnateater, Purplish Jacamar and Chestnut-winged Hookbill. Then we came back to the boat and tried another island with more advanced regeneration dominated by Cecropia trees. Here we got to see the Amazonian Umbrellabird. Other species that we saw along the river edge in other stops were Brown Jacamar and Spot-breasted Woodpecker. At the end of the day, we tried for Zigzag Heron before dusk, but without success.

Our last full day we spent at terra firme forest aiming to get some of the hardest species, and we got interesting species like the Rufous-capped Antthrush, Rusty-belted Tapaculo, Fulvous Antshrike, Brown Nunlet and other sightings of Grey-winged Trumpeter, among others. Also, we managed to see Black-banded Crake around the villages.

The very last portion of the afternoon we tried again for the White-lored Antpitta and, with lots of persistence, Olger managed to find the spot where the Antpitta was calling deep in the tangled vegetation. Eventually, everyone got to see the bird.

Our very last day was a traveling day to take our flight to Quito, but even so we managed to see some birds like the Umbrellabird one more time, and Baird's Sandpiper along the river edge.

Once again, we proved that Amazonian birding is extremely challenging but very rewarding, and without a doubt we had a very successful trip with a really good selection of birds. Many thanks to our local guides Mauricio, Jarold, Octavio, and Olger, as well the staff of each location that did everything to please our birding requirements. As well to the intrepid group members that never gave up during our wonderful Amazonian days.

BIRD OF THE TRIP

1st: Rufous Potoo

2nd: Rufous-headed Woodpecker

3rd: Pink-throated Brilliant

4th: Chestnut-belted Gnateater

5th: Brown Nunlet

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED

BIRDS

Great Tinamou *Tinamus major* Heard only, in the 3 locations that we stayed.

White-throated Tinamou ♦ *Tinamus guttatus* Five different individuals in different locations were found roosting at night, during our Nocturnal Curassow quest.

Cinereous Tinamou *Crypturellus cinereus* Heard only.

Undulated Tinamou *Crypturellus undulatus* Heard only, quite close at some point at Shiripuno.

Variegated Tinamou *Crypturellus variegatus* Heard only, fairly close at Shiripuno.

Speckled Chachalaca *Ortalis guttata*

Spix's Guan *Penelope jacquacu* Seen at Shiripuno and Sani Lodge.

Blue-throated Piping Guan *Pipile cumanensis* Seen at Shiripuno and Sani Lodge.

Nocturnal Curassow ♦ *Nothocrax urumutum* (LO) Only leader heard it, during an inspection by himself the first early morning. Then, we were affected by a strong cold front and the bird didn't call at all the next days.

Salvin's Curassow ♦ *Mitu salvini* Found it at dark one of the mornings at Shiripuno, up in the trees.

Blackish Nightjar *Nyctipolus nigrescens* A pair were seen at Bigal.

Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis* Seen at Shiripuno and Sani Lodge.

Great Potoo *Nyctibius grandis*

Common Potoo *Nyctibius griseus* Five different individuals were seen during the trip.

Rufous Potoo ♦ *Nyctibius bracteatus* Amazing find by Olger, our local guide in Sani Lodge. Bird of the trip!

Chestnut-collared Swift *Streptoprocne rutila* Seen at Bigal.

White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris* First seen at Bigal.

Grey-rumped Swift *Chaetura cinereiventris* Seen at Bigal and Sani Lodge.

Pale-rumped Swift *Chaetura egregia* Seen during our boat ride to get to Shiripuno.

Short-tailed Swift *Chaetura brachyura* Seen at Bigal and Sani Lodge.

Neotropical Palm Swift *Tachornis squamata* Seen in different locations.

Fiery Topaz ♦ *Topaza pyra* One male seen at Shiripuno, and 2 females in our boat ride leaving Shiripuno.

White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora* Seen at Shiripuno Lodge.

Rufous-breasted Hermit *Glaucis hirsutus* Seen at Shiripuno and Sani Lodge.

Pale-tailed Barbthroat *Threnetes leucurus* One bird seen at Rio Bigal trails.

Black-throated Hermit *Phaethornis atrimentalis* One bird seen at Shiripuno, also at Sani Lodge.

Grey-chinned Hermit *Phaethornis griseogularis* Coming to feeders at Rio Bigal.

Reddish Hermit *Phaethornis ruber* One bird was seen at Shiripuno.

White-bearded Hermit *Phaethornis hispidus* Seen in river edge habitat at Sani Lodge.

Green Hermit *Phaethornis guy* Seen at Rio Bigal.

Great-billed Hermit *Phaethornis malaris* Coming to feeders at Rio Bigal, also seen at Shiripuno.

Blue-fronted Lancebill *Doryfera johannae* Coming to feeders at Rio Bigal.

Black-throated Mango *Anthracothorax nigricollis* One bird was seen at Sani Lodge.

Ecuadorian Piedtail ♦ *Phlogophilus hemileucurus* Coming to feeders at Rio Bigal.

Pink-throated Brilliant ♦ *Heliodoxa gularis* Coming infrequently to the Rio Bigal feeders (male and female), a Birdquest LIFER!

Black-throated Brilliant ♦ *Heliodoxa schreibersii* Seen regularly at Rio Bigal Feeders.

Gould's Jewelfront ♦ *Heliodoxa aurescens* Coming to feeders at Rio Bigal.

Grey-breasted Sabrewing *Campylopterus largipennis* Seen at Rio Bigal Feeders, also at Shiripuno.

Napo Sabrewing *Campylopterus villaviscensio* Coming to feeders at Rio Bigal.

Fork-tailed Woodnymph *Thalurania furcata* Seen at Rio Bigal Feeders, also at Shiripuno.

Olive-spotted Hummingbird ♦ *Talaphorus chlorocercus* Good views in the Napo River islands.

Golden-tailed Sapphire *Chrysuronia oenone* Seen at Rio Bigal in a Lek area.

Greater Ani *Crotophaga major* Seen regularly at Shiripuno and Sani Lodge, near the rivers or Lagoons.

Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani* Seen several times during the trip.

Little Cuckoo *Coccyua minuta* Seen twice in the same area, at Sani Lodge.

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana* Seen at Rio Bigal and Shiripuno.

Rock Dove *Columba livia* Just seen when we were in Coca in our first day.

Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis* Seen during our visit to the Napo River islands.

Plumbeous Pigeon *Patagioenas plumbea* Heard only at Rio Bigal and Shiripuno.

Ruddy Pigeon *Patagioenas subvinacea* One bird seen along the river on the way to Shiripuno.

Ruddy Ground Dove *Columbina talpacoti* Seen on the open fields at Rio Bigal.

Ruddy Quail-Dove *Geotrygon montana* One bird spotted by Octavio at night, at Shiripuno.

Grey-fronted Dove *Leptotila rufaxilla* Heard in Shiripuno and seen at Sani Lodge.

Sungrebe *Heliornis fulica* Nice views at Sani Lodge.

Grey-cowled Wood Rail *Aramides cajaneus* Heard only at Shiripuno.

Grey-breasted Crake *Laterallus exilis* Heard only during our visit to the Napo River islands.

Black-banded Crake ♦ *Laterallus fasciatus* Seen in the Sani villages.

Grey-winged Trumpeter ♦ *Psophia crepitans* First encounter at Shiripuno and then at Sani Lodge trails.

Limpkin *Aramus guarauna* A regular bird around Sani Lodge Lagoon.

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis* Seen at the Shiripuno River edge, as well along the Napo River.

Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana* Seen at Sani Lodge.

Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii* Seen the last day of the trip during our boat ride from Sani to Coca.

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* Seen along the Shiripuno River.

Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria* Seen along the Shiripuno River.

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* Seen at the Napo River.

Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger* Seen at the Napo River.

Large-billed Tern *Phaetusa simplex* Seen at the Napo River.

Sunbittern *Eurypyga helias* Seen at Shiripuno, as well at Sani Lodge.

Rufescent Tiger Heron *Tigrisoma lineatum* A regular bird at Sani Lodge.

Agami Heron *Agamia agami* We got to see 4 different individuals during our first afternoon in Sani, same amount the next day as well.

Boat-billed Heron *Cochlearius cochlearius* Seen at Sani Lodge.

Least Bittern *Ixobrychus exilis* Heard only at Sani Lodge.

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* One bird seen at Sani Lodge at dusk.

Striated Heron *Butorides striata* Seen at Shiripuno and Sani Lodge.

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* Just seen during our drives from Coca to Bigal.

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi* Seen at Shiripuno and Sani Lodge area.

Great Egret *Ardea [alba] egretta* Seen along the Napo River.

Capped Heron *Pilherodius pileatus* Common at Sani Lodge, and one bird along the Shiripuno River.

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* One bird seen at Napo River.

Hoatzin *Opisthocomus hoazin* Common around Sani Lodge.

King Vulture *Sarcorampus papa* One bird was seen from the viewpoint at Shiripuno.

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*

Greater Yellow-headed Vulture *Cathartes melambrotus* Seen regularly in the Amazon lowlands.

Hook-billed Kite *Chondrohierax uncinatus* One bird was seen soaring at Sani Lodge.

Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus* Seen at Rio Bigal and Sani Lodge.

Black Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus tyrannus* One bird seen at Rio Bigal, also at Sani Lodge.

Ornate Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus ornatus* Good views at Rio Bigal.

Double-toothed Kite *Harpagus bidentatus* Seen at Sani Lodge.

Bicolored Hawk *Accipiter bicolor* One bird was hanging around our rooms at Rio Bigal each morning.

Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea* Common species in the Amazon lowlands.

Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis* Seen at Sani Lodge.

Slender-billed Kite ♦ *Helicolestes hamatus* Seen at Sani Lodge.

Crane Hawk *Geranospiza caerulescens* One bird flying across the Sani Lagoon.

Slate-coloured Hawk *Buteogallus schistaceus* One bird was seen from the Sani canopy tower.

Great Black Hawk *Buteogallus urubitinga* Seen at Rio Bigal, and another bird in our boat ride to Shiripuno.

Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris* Common species.

Ferruginous Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum* Seen at Sani Lodge.

Tropical Screech Owl *Megascops choliba* Seen at Sani Lodge, near our rooms.

Foothill Screech Owl ♦ *Megascops [roraimae] napensis* Good views at Rio Bigal.

Tawny-bellied Screech Owl *Megascops watsonii* Excellent views at Shiripuno.

Band-bellied Owl ♦ *Pulsatrix melanota* The first owl of the trip, at Rio Bigal.

Crested Owl *Lophotrix cristata* Seen nicely at Shiripuno.

Black-banded Owl *Strix huhula* Good views at Shiripuno.

Black-tailed Trogon *Trogon melanurus* Seen at Sani Lodge.

Green-backed Trogon *Trogon viridis* Seen in each of the locations that we visited.

Amazonian Trogon *Trogon ramonianus* Seen once at Shiripuno.

Blue-crowned Trogon *Trogon curucui* Seen once at Rio Bigal.

Black-throated Trogon *Trogon rufus* Seen at Shiripuno.

Collared Trogon *Trogon collaris* Seen at Rio Bigal.

Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona* Seen at Shiripuno River and Sani Lodge.

American Pygmy Kingfisher *Chloroceryle aenea* Very common at Sani Lodge.

Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana* Seen at Sani Lodge.

Green-and-rufous Kingfisher *Chloroceryle inda* I have never seen as many individuals of this species as in our visit to Sani Lodge.

Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata* Seen at Shiripuno River and Sani Lodge.

Amazonian Motmot *Momotus momota* Heard only at Sani Lodge.

Rufous Motmot *Baryphthengus martii* Heard only at Shiripuno.

White-eared Jacamar ♦ *Galbalcyrhynchus leucotis* The first at the dock of Shiripuno, also at Sani villages.

Brown Jacamar *Brachygalba lugubris* One bird seen on the Napo River edge.

White-chinned Jacamar ♦ *Galbula tombacea* A pair gave us the welcome to Sani Lodge.

Purplish Jacamar ♦ *Galbula chalcothorax* Seen in the terra firme trails of Sani Lodge.

Great Jacamar *Jacamerops aureus* Seen at Rio Bigal, heard only at Shiripuno.

White-necked Puffbird *Notharchus hyperrhynchus* Heard only at Shiripuno.

Pied Puffbird *Notharchus tectus* Only one seen on the boat ride to Shiripuno.

Chestnut-capped Puffbird *Bucco macrodactylus* Seen on the Sani Villages.

Collared Puffbird ◊ *Bucco capensis* Seen at dawn in Shiripuno.

Brown Nunlet ◊ *Nonnula brunnea* Good views in the terra firme trails of Sani, heard only at Shiripuno.

Black-fronted Nunbird *Monasa nigrifrons* Seen at Shiripuno and Sani Lodge.

White-fronted Nunbird *Monasa morphoeus* Seen at Sani Lodge.

Yellow-billed Nunbird *Monasa flavirostris* Seen at Shiripuno.

Swallow-winged Puffbird *Chelidoptera tenebrosa* Mostly at the Napo River edges, and Sani Lodge.

Scarlet-crowned Barbet ◊ *Capito aurovirens* Seen in the Sani Villages.

Gilded Barbet *Capito auratus* Seen at Rio Bigal and Shiripuno.

Lemon-throated Barbet *Eubucco richardsoni* Good views around the Shiripuno rooms.

Ivory-billed Aracari *Pteroglossus azara* Seen at Shiripuno Lodge.

Chestnut-eared Aracari *Pteroglossus castanotis* Seen in all the locations that we stayed.

Many-banded Aracari *Pteroglossus pluricinctus* Seen on the way in to Shiripuno, also from the Sani Canopy Tower.

Golden-collared Toucanet *Selenidera reinwardtii* Brief looks from the canopy tower, heard in other moments.

Channel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos vitellinus* Seen at Shiripuno and Sani Lodge.

White-throated Toucan *Ramphastos tucanus* Recorded in each location that we stayed.

Lafresnaye's Piculet *Picumnus lafresnayi* One sitting joining a mixed flock at Rio Bigal.

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker *Melanerpes cruentatus* Seen at Sani Lodge, heard only at other sites.

Little Woodpecker *Veniliornis passerinus* One bird seen at the Napo River islands.

Red-stained Woodpecker *Veniliornis affinis* Heard only at Shiripuno, seen by leader as well.

White-throated Woodpecker *Piculus leucolaemus* A pair was seen at Rio Bigal.

Yellow-throated Woodpecker *Piculus flavigula* A pair was seen at Shiripuno.

Spot-breasted Woodpecker *Colaptes punctigula* Seen at Sani villages.

Scaly-breasted Woodpecker *Celeus grammicus* Seen at Shiripuno and Sani Lodge.

Chestnut Woodpecker *Celeus elegans* Seen twice at Shiripuno.

Cream-colored Woodpecker *Celeus flavus* First seen at Rio Bigal, also at Shiripuno.

Rufous-headed Woodpecker ◊ *Celeus spectabilis* Great views at Sani Villages, a major highlight.

Crimson-crested Woodpecker *Campephilus melanoleucos* Several sittings at Shiripuno and Sani.

Black Caracara *Daptrius ater* Common in the Amazonian lowlands.

Red-throated Caracara *Ibycter americanus* Seen well at Shiripuno.

Yellow-headed Caracara *Milvago chimachima* Seen along the Napo River.

Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans* Seen once at Shiripuno.

Buckley's Forest Falcon ◊ *Micrastur buckleyi* Heard only at Rio Bigal.

Bat Falcon *Falco rufigularis* Heard only at Shiripuno.

Scarlet-shouldered Parrotlet ◊ *Touit huetii* Heard only at Shiripuno.

Spot-winged Parrotlet ◊ (B) *Touit stictopterus* Heard only our last morning at Rio Bigal.

Cobalt-winged Parakeet *Brotogeris cyanoptera* Recorded in each location that we stayed.

Orange-cheeked Parrot *Pyrilia barrabandi* Heard only at Shiripuno.

Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus* Recorded in each location that we stayed.

Yellow-crowned Amazon *Amazona ochrocephala* A couple was seen at Sani Lodge.

Southern Mealy Amazon *Amazona farinosa* Recorded in each location that we stayed.

Orange-winged Amazon *Amazona amazonica* Several sittings at Sani Lodge area.

Dusky-billed Parrotlet *Forpus modestus* Seen once at Shiripuno, good views with telescope.

Black-headed Parrot *Pionites melanocephalus* Distance views from the viewpoint at Shiripuno.

Maroon-tailed Parakeet ♦ *Pyrrhura melanura* Seen at Rio Bigal and Shiripuno.

Dusky-headed Parakeet *Aratinga weddellii* Seen at Sani Lodge area.

Red-bellied Macaw *Orthopsittaca manilatus* Common in the Amazonian Lowlands.

Blue-and-yellow Macaw *Ara ararauna* Nice views at Shiripuno and Sani Lodge.

Chestnut-fronted Macaw *Ara severus* A few sightings at Shiripuno.

Scarlet Macaw *Ara macao* Just seen at Shiripuno.

Red-and-green Macaw *Ara chloropterus* A pair was seen at Shiripuno.

White-eyed Parakeet *Psittacara leucophthalmus* A small group was seen at Shiripuno.

Dusky Leaf-tosser *Sclerurus obscurior* Great views at Rio Bigal.

Short-billed Leaf-tosser *Sclerurus rufigularis*. Heard at dawn in Shiripuno.

Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus* Seen at Rio Bigal.

Plain-brown Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla fuliginosa* Seen at Rio Bigal and Shiripuno.

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper *Glyphorhynchus spirurus* Seen in each location that we stayed.

Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper* *Dendrexetastes rufigula* Nice views from Sani canopy tower.

Long-billed Woodcreeper *Nasica longirostris* One bird hanging around our rooms in Sani Lodge.

Black-banded Woodcreeper *Dendrocolaptes picumnus* Heard only each morning around Sani Lodge.

Strong-billed Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus* Seen around our rooms in Rio Bigal.

Striped Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus obsoletus* Just seen once at Shiripuno, but it was heard several times.

Ocellated Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus ocellatus* Heard only at Shiripuno.

Elegant Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus elegans* Heard only at Shiripuno.

Buff-throated Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus guttatus* Seen at Shiripuno and Sani Lodge.

Straight-billed Woodcreeper *Dendroplex picus* Seen at Sani Lodge.

Red-billed Scythebill *Campylorhamphus trochilirostris* Heard only along the Shiripuno River.

Duida Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes duidae* Heard only at Rio Bigal.

Plain Xenops *Xenops minutus* A widespread species in our trip.

Point-tailed Palmcreeper *Berlepschia rikeri* Heard only at the distance, from the Napo River islands.

Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner *Philydor erythrocerum* Seen once joining a mixed flock at Rio Bigal.

Rufous-tailed Foliage-gleaner *Anabacerthia ruficaudata* Seen twice at Rio Bigal.

Chestnut-winged Hookbill *Ancistrops strigilatus* Seen at Sani terra firme trails.

Ruddy Foliage-gleaner *Clibanornis rubiginosus* Seen in the early morning at Rio Bigal.

Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner *Automolus ochrolaemus* Leader only, at Shiripuno.

Eastern Woodhaunter *Automolus subulatus* Heard only at Rio Bigal.

Dark-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis albigularis* One sighting at the Napo River islands.

Spot-winged Antshrike *Pygiptila stellaris* One bird seen at Rio Bigal.

Russet Antshrike ♦ *Thamnistes anabatinus* Seen at Rio Bigal.

Rufous-backed Stipplethroat ♦ (Yasuni Antwren) *Epinecrophylla [haematonota] fjeldsaii* Seen at Shiripuno, joining an antwren mixed flock. The Rufous-backed Stipplethroat has 3 different subspecies (at the moment), and the one that we saw was the one that occurs in southeast Ecuador in the south and west of Napo River, and extreme northcentral Peru. Also known as Yasuni Antwren (*E. haematonota fjeldsaii*).

Foothill Stipplethroat ♦ *Epinecrophylla spodionota* Heard only at Rio Bigal (seen by leader).

Moustached Antwren ♦ *Myrmotherula ignota* Nice views at Sani Lodge.

Pygmy Antwren *Myrmotherula brachyura* Seen at Shiripuno.

Amazonian Streaked Antwren *Myrmotherula multostriata* Seen along the river edge at Shiripuno.

White-flanked Antwren *Myrmotherula axillaris* Different sightings, mainly at Shiripuno but also at Sani.

Rio Suno Antwren ♦ *Myrmotherula sunensis* Heard only at Shiripuno.

Long-winged Antwren *Myrmotherula longipennis* Seen at Rio Bigal as well in Shiripuno.

Grey Antwren *Myrmotherula menetriesii* Seen in each location that we stayed.

Plain-throated Antwren *Iseria hauxwelli* Seen at Sani Lodge.

Dusky-throated Antshrike *Thamnomanes ardesiacus* Seen in each location that we stayed.

Cinereous Antshrike *Thamnomanes caesius* Seen several times at Shiripuno.

Pearly Antshrike ♦ *Megastictus margaritatus* Seen once at Shiripuno.

Dugand's Antwren ♦ *Herpsilochmus dugandi* Heard only at Shiripuno.

Rusty-winged Antwren *Herpsilochmus frater* Neck breaking views at Rio Bigal.

Plain Antvireo *Dysithamnus mentalis* Heard only at Rio Bigal.

Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus* Seen in the Napo River islands.

Cocha Antshrike ♦ *Thamnophilus praecox* Good views of one male at Sani Lodge, a major target.

Castelnau's Antshrike ♦ *Thamnophilus cryptoleucus* Seen in the Napo River islands.

White-shouldered Antshrike *Thamnophilus aethiops* Seen at Rio Bigal.

Plain-winged Antshrike (Black-capped A) *Thamnophilus schistaceus* Heard several, seen at Bigal.

Mouse-coloured Antshrike *Thamnophilus murinus* Heard only at Shiripuno.

Fasciated Antshrike *Cymbilaimus lineatus* Heard only at Bigal and Sani.

Fulvous Antshrike ♦ *Frederickena fulva* Seen at Sani, also heard at Shiripuno.

Black-throated Antbird *Myrmophylax atrothorax* One bird was seen at Shiripuno.

White-plumed Antbird *Pithys albifrons* Seen briefly at Rio Bigal and Shiripuno.

White-cheeked Antbird *Gymnopithys leucaspis* Heard only at Shiripuno.

Hairy-crested Antbird ♦ *Rhegmatorhina melanosticta* Very brief sittings by some group members at Bigal.

Reddish-winged Bare-eye ♦ *Phlegopsis erythroptera* It called quite close at Sani but was too shy and took off.

Common Scale-backed Antbird *Willisornis poecilinotus* Seen at Rio Bigal and Sani Lodge.

Peruvian Warbling Antbird ♦ *Hypocnemis peruviana* Seen at Shiripuno.

Yellow-browed Antbird *Hypocnemis hypoxantha* Seen at Shiripuno.

Blackish Antbird *Cercomacroides nigrescens* Heard only at Rio Bigal.

Grey Antbird *Cercomacra cinerascens* Seen at Shiripuno and from Sani canopy tower.

Spot-backed Antbird ◊ *Hylophylax naevius* First seen at Rio Bigal, also at Shiripuno.

Dot-backed Antbird ◊ *Hylophylax punctulatus* Heard only at Sani Lodge.

Silvered Antbird *Sclateria naevia* Seen at Sani Lodge.

Plumbeous Antbird *Myrmelastes hyperythrus* Good views at Sani Lodge.

Spot-winged Antbird *Myrmelastes leucostigma* Seen at Shiripuno.

Black-faced Antbird *Myrmoborus myotherinus* Seen twice at Rio Bigal.

White-browed Antbird *Myrmoborus leucophrys* Seen along the Shiripuno River edge.

White-shouldered Antbird ◊ *Percnostola melanoceps* Heard several but seen at Shiripuno.

Sooty Antbird *Percnostola fortis* Seen at Rio Bigal and Shiripuno.

Rufous-capped Antthrush *Formicarius colma* Good views at Sani terra firme forest.

Striated Antthrush ◊ *Chamaeza nobilis* Unfortunately just 2 persons plus me managed to see it at Bigal.

Scaled Antpitta *Grallaria guatimalensis* Heard only at Rio Bigal.

White-lored Antpitta ◊ *Hylopezus fulviventris* Seen at Sani Lodge.

Thrush-like Antpitta ◊ *Myrmothera campanisona* One bird found at dark on its roosting site at Bigal.

Chestnut-belted Gnateater ◊ *Conopophaga aurita* Good views at the Sani terra firme trails.

Rusty-belted Tapaculo *Liosceles thoracicus* Seen at Sani terra firme trails.

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet *Tyrannulus elatus* Seen at Sani Lodge and Shiripuno.

Yellow-crowned Elaenia ◊ *Myiopagis flavivertex* Seen at Sani Lodge.

Southern Beardless Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum* Heard only at Sani Lodge.

Slender-footed Tyrannulet *Zimmerius gracilipes* Best views from the Sani canopy tower.

Variegated Bristle Tyrant *Pogonotriccus poecilotis* Joining a mixed species flock at Rio Bigal.

Spectacled Bristle Tyrant *Pogonotriccus orbitalis* Leader only at Rio Bigal.

Ecuadorian Tyrannulet ◊ *Phylloscartes gualaquiza* Seen at Rio Bigal.

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleaginous* Seen at Sani Lodge.

Sepia-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon amaurocephalus* Leader only at Sani Lodge.

Slaty-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon superciliaris* Seen at Rio Bigal.

Ornate Flycatcher *Myiotriccus ornatus* Seen at Rio Bigal.

White-eyed Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus zosterops* Good views from Shiripuno.

Buff-throated Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus rufigularis* Seen at Rio Bigal.

Double-banded Pygmy Tyrant ◊ *Lophotriccus vitiosus* Heard several but seen at Rio Bigal and Shiripuno.

Golden-winged Tody-Flycatcher ◊ *Poecilotriccus calopterus* One bird seen at Rio Bigal.

Spotted Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum maculatum* Seen at Shiripuno.

Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum* Seen once at Sani Lodge.

Olivaceous Flatbill *Rhynchocyclus olivaceus* Seen at Sani terra firme trail.

Grey-crowned Flatbill *Tolmomyias poliocephalus* Seen once at Sani Lodge.

Olive-faced Flatbill *Tolmomyias viridiceps* First seen at Bigal entrance road, also at Sani Lodge.

Euler's Flycatcher *Lathrotriccus euleri* Seen at Rio Bigal.

Fuscous Flycatcher *Cnemotriccus fuscatus* Seen at Napo River islands.

Blackish Pewee ◊ *Contopus nigrescens* A pair with a very stable territory at Rio Bigal.

Drab Water Tyrant *Ochthornis littoralis* Several sightings from Shiripuno River.

Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus* One bird was seen at Shiripuno.

Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis* Seen at Shiripuno and Sani area.

Grey-capped Flycatcher *Myiozetetes granadensis* Several sightings from Shiripuno.

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus* Several sightings from Shiripuno and Sani.

Lesser Kiskadee *Philohydor lictor* Seen at Sani Lodge.

Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus* One sighting from Sani Lodge.

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua* Seen at Sani and Shiripuno.

Sulphury Flycatcher *Tyrannopsis sulphurea* Heard only at Sani Villages.

Crowned Slaty Flycatcher *Griseotyrannus aurantioatrocristatus* Seen from Sani canopy tower.

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*

Greyish Mourner *Rhytipterna simplex* Seen at Rio Bigal and Shiripuno.

Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer* Heard a few times but was seen at Shiripuno.

Short-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus ferox* Seen at Sani Lodge.

Large-headed Flatbill *Ramphotrigon megacephalum* Seen in a bamboo area along the Rio Bigal entrance road.

Rufous-tailed Flatbill *Ramphotrigon ruficauda* Heard only at Shiripuno.

Cinnamon Attila *Attila cinnamomeus* Nice views at Sani Lodge.

Citron-bellied Attila ◊ *Attila citriniventris* Seen at Shiripuno.

Bright-rumped Attila *Attila spadiceus* Heard only at Shiripuno and Bigal.

Fiery-throated Fruiteater ◊ *Pipreola chlorolepidota* Seen at Bigal.

Grey-tailed Piha ◊ *Snowornis subalaris* Good views at Bigal.

Black-necked Red Cotinga *Phoenicircus nigricollis* Heard only at Shiripuno.

Purple-throated Fruitcrow *Querula purpurata* Seen regularly at Sani Lodge.

Amazonian Umbrellabird *Cephalopterus ornatus* Good views at the Napo River islands.

Screaming Piha *Lipaugus vociferans* Leader only and heard at Bigal and Shiripuno.

Plum-throated Cotinga *Cotinga maynana* A male was seen in our boat ride to Shiripuno.

Spangled Cotinga *Cotinga cayana* Good views from Sani canopy tower.

Purple-throated Cotinga *Porphyrolaema porphyrolaema* Brief views during our boat ride to Shiripuno.

Bare-necked Fruitcrow *Gymnoderus foetidus* Seen at Shiripuno.

Blue-backed Manakin *Chiroxiphia pareola* Seen at Shiripuno.

Green Manakin ◊ *Cryptopipo holochlora* Several sightings of this rarity at Rio Bigal.

Blue-capped Manakin *Lepidothrix coronata* Seen a couple of times at Shiripuno. Formerly Blue-crowned Manakin but recently split into Blue-capped Manakin and Velvety Manakin. Velvety Manakin has a distribution from northwest Ecuador to the South Pacific of Costa Rica, and Blue-capped through the Amazon, where there are 6 different subspecies. The subspecies seen on our tour was the nominate subspecies *Lepidothrix coronata coronata*.

Orange-crested Manakin ◊ (O-crowned M) *Heterocercus aurantiivertex* Nice views at Sani Lodge.

Wire-tailed Manakin *Pipra filicauda* Nice male in a lek territory at Shiripuno.

White-crowned Manakin *Pseudopipra pipra* Seen at Shiripuno.

Golden-headed Manakin *Ceratopira erythrocephala* Seen at Sani and Rio Bigal.

Tawny-breasted Myiobius ♦ *Myiobius villosus* Seen at Rio Bigal.

Black-tailed Tityra *Tityra cayana* Seen at Shiripuno.

White-browed Purpletuft *Iodopleura isabellae* Three birds were seen from Sani canopy tower.

Chestnut-crowned Becard *Pachyramphus castaneus* Seen at Shiripuno.

White-winged Becard ♦ *Pachyramphus polychopterus* Seen at Bigal entrance road.

Pink-throated Becard *Pachyramphus minor* Seen from Sani canopy tower.

Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo *Vireolanius leucotis* Seen at Rio Bigal.

Tawny-crowned Greenlet *Tunchiornis ochraceiceps* Joining mixed flocks at Shiripuno.

Dusky-capped Greenlet *Pachysylvia hypoxantha* Seen at Shiripuno.

Violaceous Jay *Cyanocorax violaceus* A common species.

White-winged Swallow *Tachycineta albiventer* Common along the Amazonian rivers.

White-banded Swallow *Atticora fasciata* Regularly seen along the Amazonian rivers.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* Seen during our drives.

Brown-chested Martin *Progne tapera* Seen once along the Napo River.

Grey-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea* Seen along the Napo River.

Black-capped Donacobius *Donacobius atricapilla* Excellent views at Sani and Shiripuno.

Thrush-like Wren *Campylorhynchus turdinus* Seen at Shiripuno and the Sani villages.

Coraya Wren *Pheugopedius coraya* Seen at Rio Bigal and Shiripuno.

Buff-breasted Wren *Cantorchilus leucotis* Heard only at Shiripuno.

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon* Seen at Sani villages.

White-breasted Wood Wren *Henicorhina leucosticta* Seen at Rio Bigal.

Southern Nightingale-Wren (Scaly-breasted W) *Microcerculus marginatus* Seen at Rio Bigal.

Wing-banded Wren ♦ (B) *Microcerculus bambla* Seen at Rio Bigal.

Musician Wren *Cyphorhinus arada* Seen at Rio Bigal.

Trilling Gnatwren *Ramphocaenus melanurus* Seen once at Shiripuno, it was heard on different occasions.

Tropical Gnatcatcher *Polioptila plumbea* Heard only at Shiripuno.

Black-billed Thrush *Turdus ignobilis* Seen at Sani villages.

White-necked Thrush *Turdus albicollis* Good views at Rio Bigal.

White-lored Euphonia (Golden-bellied E) *Euphonia chrysopasta* Good views at Sani canopy tower.

White-vented Euphonia *Euphonia minuta* Seen at Shiripuno.

Thick-billed Euphonia *Euphonia laniirostris* Seen at Sani canopy tower.

Orange-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia xanthogaster* Several sightings during the trip.

Bronze-green Euphonia *Euphonia mesochrysa* Seen at Rio Bigal.

Rufous-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia rufiventris* Best views from the Sani canopy tower.

Yellow-throated Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus flavigularis* Seen at Rio Bigal.

Yellow-browed Sparrow *Ammodramus aurifrons* Seen at Rio Bigal entrance road and Sani villages.

Orange-billed Sparrow *Arremon aurantirostris* Good views at Rio Bigal.

Russet-backed Oropendola *Psarocolius angustifrons* The most common species of Oropendola.

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus* Seen at each location that we stayed.

Green Oropendola *Psarocolius viridis* Just seen at Shiripuno.

Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela* Common species.

Casqued Oropendola *Cacicus oseryi* Seen once around Shiripuno rooms.

Orange-backed Troupial *Icterus croconotus* Best views from Sani Lodge.

Epaulet Oriole (Morange O) *Icterus cayanensis* Seen at Sani Lodge.

Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus* Different random sights of this species.

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis* Seen only when we left Rio Bigal.

Oriole Blackbird *Gymnomystax mexicanus* Seen well at the Napo River islands.

Slate-throated Whitestart *Myioborus miniatus* One bird seen at Rio Bigal.

Red-crowned Ant Tanager *Habia rubica* A couple was seen at Shiripuno.

Olive Tanager ♦ *Chlorothraupis frenata* Seen at Rio Bigal.

Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza* At least one sighting in each place that we stayed.

Purple Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes caeruleus* Several sightings in each place that we stayed.

Short-billed Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes nitidus* It was seen around the fruiting trees by the Shiripuno rooms.

Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana* Seen at Shiripuno.

Yellow-bellied Dacnis *Dacnis flaviventer* Seen at Shiripuno and Sani Lodge.

Black-faced Dacnis *Dacnis lineata* Seen at Shiripuno and Sani Lodge.

Blue-grey Saltator *Saltator coerulescens* Heard only at the Napo River islands.

Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus* Seen at Shiripuno.

Slate-coloured Grosbeak *Saltator grossus* Heard only at Rio Bigal.

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola* Heard only at Rio Bigal, we didn't make too much effort to find it.

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina* Seen at Rio Bigal entrance road.

Grey-headed Tanager *Eucometis penicillata* Seen by leader, heard only for the group, at Sani Lodge.

Flame-crested Tanager *Loriotus cristatus* One bird was seen at Sani Lodge.

Fulvous-crested Tanager *Tachyphonus surinamus* A couple was seen at Rio Bigal.

Fulvous Shrike-Tanager *Lanio fulvus* A regular bird in Rio Bigal mixed flocks.

Masked Crimson Tanager *Ramphocelus nigrogularis* Good numbers at Shiripuno.

Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo* Common species in disturbed habitats.

Caqueta Seed-eater ♦ *Sporophila murallae* Seen at the Napo River islands.

Black-and-white Seed-eater *Sporophila luctuosa* Seen at Rio Bigal entrance road.

Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch *Sporophila angolensis* Seen at Rio Bigal entrance road.

Slate-coloured Seed-eater ♦ *Sporophila schistacea* One male was seen at Rio Bigal entrance road, a very rare bird for the area.

Chestnut-bellied Seed-eater *Sporophila castaneiventris* Seen at Rio Bigal entrance road.

Orange-headed Tanager *Thlypopsis sordida* Seen at the Napo River islands.

Magpie Tanager *Cissopis leverianus* First seen at Rio Bigal entrance road.

Red-capped Cardinal *Paroaria gularis* Seen around Sani Lagoon.

Spotted Tanager *Ixothraupis punctata* One sighting from Rio Bigal.

Yellow-bellied Tanager *Ixothraupis xanthogastra* Seen at Rio Bigal and Shiripuno.

Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus* Different sightings during the trip.

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum* Seen at different locations.

Blue-necked Tanager *Stilpnia cyanicollis* Seen at Rio Bigal.

Masked Tanager *Stilpnia nigrocincta* One bird seen at Shiripuno.

Beryl-spangled Tanager *Tangara nigroviridis* One sighting from Rio Bigal, not a regular bird at this altitude.

Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola* Several sightings from Rio Bigal and Shiripuno.

Green-and-gold Tanager *Tangara schrankii* Seen in each location that we stayed.

Golden Tanager *Tangara arthus* Seen at Rio Bigal.

Turquoise Tanager *Tangara mexicana* Seen at Shiripuno and Sani Lodge.

Paradise Tanager *Tangara chilensis* Different sightings in each location that we stayed.

Opal-crowned Tanager *Tangara callophrys* Seen from the Sani canopy tower.

Opal-rumped Tanager *Tangara velia* Feeding on the trees around Shiripuno rooms.

MAMMALS

Brown-throated Sloth *Bradypus variegatus* Seen at Sani Lodge.

Jaguar *Panthera onca* Several footprints at Rio Bigal.

Western Lowland Olingo *Bassaricyon medius* Hanging around Bigal rooms at night.

Kinkajou *Potos flavus* Seen at Sani Lodge.

Lowland Tapir *Tapirus terrestris* We had a nice encounter on the way in to Shiripuno.

White-lipped Peccary *Tayassu pecari* Footprints of big groups at Shiripuno.

Humboldt's White-fronted Capuchin (White-fronted C) *Cebus albifrons* Seen at Bigal and Shiripuno.

Humboldt's Squirrel Monkey *Saimiri cassiquiarensis* Seen at Shiripuno and Sani Lodge.

Western Pygmy Marmoset *Cebuella pygmaea* Heard only on Shiripuno River.

Golden Mantled Tamarin *Saguinus tripartitus* Heard only at Sani.

Spix's Night Monkey *Aotus vociferans* They were hanging around Bigal rooms before dawn.

Red Titi Monkey *Plecturocebus discolor* Nice views of it at Shiripuno.

Colombian Red Howler Monkey (Venezuelan R H M) *Alouatta seniculus* Seen at Sani Lodge.

White-bellied Spider Monkey *Ateles belzebuth* Distance views from Shiripuno viewpoint.

Common Woolly Monkey *Lagothrix lagothericha* Seen at Shiripuno.

Spotted Paca *Cuniculus paca* Seen at Rio Bigal and along the Shiripuno riverbanks.

Southern Amazon Red Squirrel *Sciurus spadiceus* Seen briefly at Sani Lodge.

REPTILES

Yellow-spotted Amazon River Turtle *Podocnemis unifilis* Several sightings at Shiripuno and Sani.

Garden Tree Boa *Corallus hortulana* Seen during our nightwalks in Shiripuno.

Green Anaconda *Eunectes murinus* An individual being eaten by a Black Caiman.

Brown Sipo *Chironius fuscus* One individual seen at Rio Bigal, coiled in branches of a small tree.

Brazil's Lancehead *Bothrops brazili* Seen at Shiripuno.

Spectacled Caiman *Caiman crocodylus* Seen at Shiripuno.

Black Caiman *Melanosuchus niger* Quite common at Sani Lagoon.

Schneider's Smooth-fronted Caiman *Paleosuchus trigonatus* Couple of sights at Shiripuno River.

FISH

Arapaima *Arapaima gigas* Very impressive fish, seen at Sani Lagoon.



Yellow-browed Antbird (image by Leo Garrigues)



White-throated Tinamou (image by Leo Garrigues)



White-eared Jacamar (image by Leo Garrigues)



Tropical Screech Owl (image by Leo Garrigues)



Thrush-like Antpitta (image by Leo Garrigues)



Rufous Potoo (image by Leo Garrigues)



Rufous-capped Anthrush (image by Leo Garrigues)



Rufous-headed Woodpecker (image by Leo Garrigues)



Scarlet-crowned Barbet (image by Leo Garrigues)



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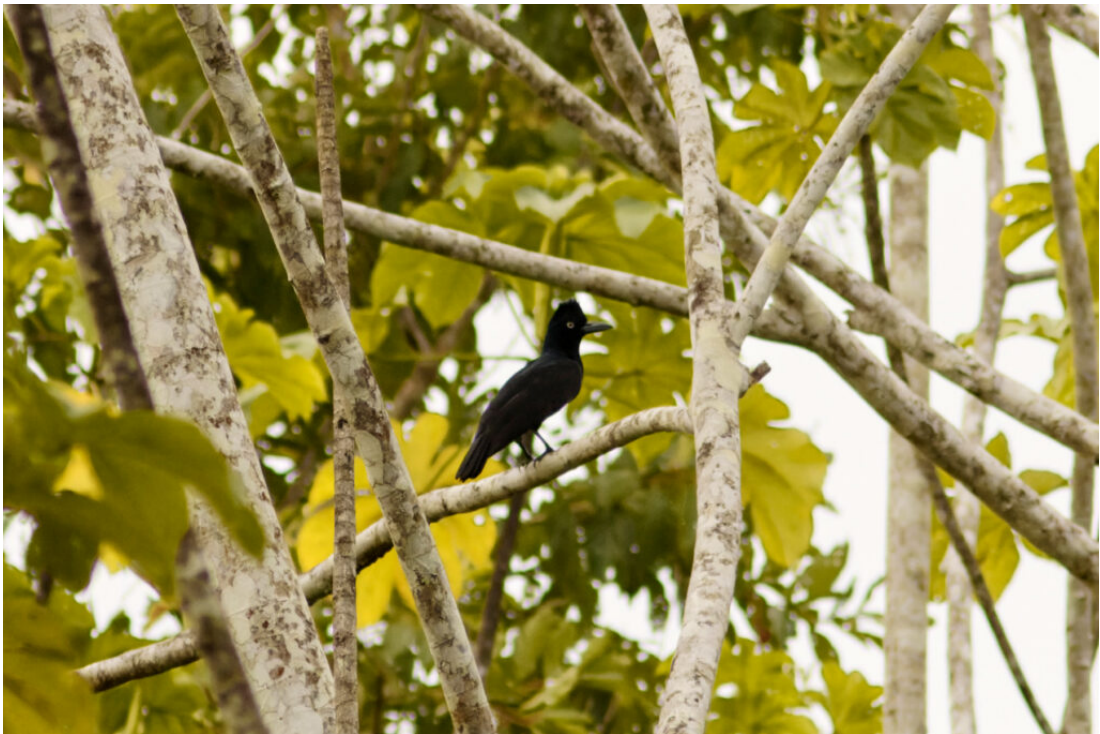
Strong-billed Woodcreeper (image by Leo Garrigues)



Rufescent Tiger Heron (image by Leo Garrigues)



Agami Heron (image by Leo Garrigues)



Amazonian Umbrellabird (image by Leo Garrigues)



Band-bellied Owl (image by Leo Garrigues)



Black Caiman eating Green Anaconda (image by Leo Garrigues)



Blue-fronted Lancebill (image by Leo Garrigues)



Tawny-bellied Screech Owl (image by Leo Garrigues)



Blue-crowned Trogon (image by Leo Garrigues)



Black-throated Brilliant (image by Leo Garrigues)



Capped Heron (image by Leo Garrigues)



Black-capped Donacobius (image by Leo Garrigues)



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Paca (image by Leo Garrigues)



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Foothill Screech Owl (image by Leo Garrigues)



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Golden-winged Tody-Flycatcher (image by Leo Garrigues)



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