



Our cover star is the Andean Potoo! (Juan Carlos Calvachi)

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Our Northern Ecuador tour concentrates on the northern part of the country and it offers a big bird list – around 600 species! We certainly had an amazing list of special birds with more than 165 Birdquest ‘diamond’ birds. The very best highlights this year included birds like Rufous breasted, Dark-backed and Rufous-fronted Wood Quails all seen, Rufous-banded, Band-bellied “San Isidro”, Rufescent Screech, Cloud-forest Pygmy Owls, Oilbird, Andean Potoo, Lyre-tailed Nightjars, Choco Poorwill, White-tipped and Buff-tailed Sicklebills both seen for the first time in the same tour, Blue-headed Sapphire, Hoary Puffleg, Ecuadorian Piedtail, Choco Trogon, Coppery-chested and Great Jacamars, Black-breasted, Barred, Pied, Black-streaked Puffbirds, Orange-fronted, Five-coloured, Gilded and Toucan Barbets, Plate-billed Mountain Toucan, Rose-faced Parrot, Sapayoa, Rufous-rumped, Rusty-winged and Yellow-breasted Antwrens, Stub-tailed, Zeledon’s, Streak-headed and Spotted Antbirds, 11 species of antpittas including Giant, Moustached, Peruvian, Slate-crowned and Plain-backed Antpittas, Chestnut-crowned Gnatcatcher, 6 species of Tapaculos; Ocellated and White-crowned Tapaculos, Foothill Elaenia, Ecuadorian Tyrannulet, Olive-chested and White-ringed

Flycatchers, Orange-breasted, Barred and Scaled Fruiteaters, Black-tipped and Blue Cotingas, Olivaceous Piha, Rufous Mourner, Blue-rumped and Green Manakins, Rufous-naped and Olivaceous Greenlets, Golden-crowned and White-throated Spadebills, Wing-banded Wren, Slate-throated Gnatcatcher, Speckled Nightingale Thrush, Moss-backed, Golden-chested, Black-chested Mountain, Purplish-mantled, Yellow-throated, Glistening-green, Lemon-spectacled and Scarlet-and-white Tanagers, Scarlet-breasted Dacnis and Indigo Flowerpiercer. In the mammal front, Tyra and Three-toed Sloth were the highlights.

Undoubtedly Ecuador is one of the top birding destinations in South America. Nowadays Colombia is safe to travel in and a lot of birders go there for all the endemics, however, for relative size, travelling distances and habitat access nothing matches Ecuador! The nowadays world famous antpitta farm, which is now much more than just antpitta feeding, was started by the legendary Angel Paz and as usual our visit to his reserve was a tour highlight! As well as the feeding sites at San Isidro and Sumaco lodges

In the Andes and especially in western and eastern lowlands we found a great diversity of antpittas, anthruses, antshrikes, antwrens and antbirds. Hummingbirds were a main feature too and certainly Birdquest records the biggest numbers of these tiny jewels on this particular tour from all our destinations around the New World. This list included species like scarce Hoary Puffleg, the localised Blue-headed Sapphire, the diminutive Wire-crested Thorntail, the amazing Sword-billed Hummingbird, the shiny Velvet-purple Coronet, the lovely Violet-tailed Sylph, and the heliconia specialists White-tipped and Buff-tailed Sicklebills first time seen in the same tour with a great total of 73 species of Hummingbirds recorded in the whole tour.

Our first base was the well-known Septimo Paraiso Lodge in the western Andes close to the famous town of Mindo. On the way, in Yanacocha, we enjoyed great views of Equatorial Antpitta. We visited the Mashpi area again where Rose-faced Parrot, White-tipped Sicklebill, Orange-breasted Fruiteater, Moss-backed Tanager, Toucan Barbet, Glistening-green Tanager, Indigo Flowerpiercer, Barred Puffbird and Rufous-rumped Antwren were the highlights. The morning experience at Angel Paz was absolutely amazing. Giant, Moustached, Chestnut-crowned, Ochre-breasted, and Yellow-breasted Antpittas all obliged, with supporting cast of Dark-backed Wood Quail, Lyre-tailed Nightjar and lekking Andean Cock-of-the-rocks, while at night we saw Mottled and Black and White Owls. The Bellavista area did not disappoint with good views of Ocellated Tapaculo and Plate-billed Mountain Toucan. Leaving Mindo behind. Our next stop was the Playa de Oro area in deep Choco lowland where Great-green Macaws, Choco Poorwill, Choco, Slate-colored Hawk, the rare Baudo Guan, Five-coloured Barbet, Sapayoa, Black-tipped Cotinga, Slate-throated Gnatcatcher and Scarlet-breasted Dacnis were the major highlights. Around Lita and the foothills, we added Hoary Puffleg, Golden-chested and Purplish-mantled Tanagers to our fine list while near Ibarra Blue-headed Sapphire was a real goody! On the east slope, San Isidro delivered Andean Potoo, and the next lodge was the fantastic Wild Sumaco set amidst perfect lower elevation eastern foothill forest with many specialities. The best birds here included Band-bellied and, Rufescent Screech-Owls, Military Macaw, Napo Sabrewing, Ecuadorian Piedtail, W Foothill Elaenia, Plain-backed Antpitta, Coppery-chested Jacamar, Buff-throated Tody Tyrant, Wing-banded Wren, Blue-rumped Manakin, Lazuline Sabrewing, Missisipi Kite second official record for Ecuador and Large-headed Flatbill. We then went to the cool montane forests of San Isidro. This year's highlights were San Isidro Owl, Peruvian Antpitta, Gorgetted Woodstar, Andean Potoo and Rufous-banded Owl.

We started the tour in the suburbs of Quito, and very early next morning we left for Yanacocha Reserve on the slopes of Pichincha Volcano. This fantastic place is managed by the Jocotoco Foundation and allows easy access to superb high-altitude forest. While walking the easy trail towards some great hummingbird feeders we saw a variety of high altitude birds like Black-chested Mountain Tanager, heard-only Andean Pygmy Owl, Barred Fruiteater, Equatorial Antpitta, White-throated Tyrannulet, Rufous Wren, Superciliaried Hemispingus, Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager, Spectacled Whitestart and Blackish Tapaculo, Yellow-breasted Brushfinch. When we arrived at the main hummingbird feeders we had a wonderful time with the amazing Sword-billed Hummingbird, and various other highland species like Mountain Velvetbreast, Sapphire-vented and Golden-breasted Pufflegs, Buff-winged Starfrontlet, Shining Sunbeam, Tyrian Metaltail and Great Sapphirewing. It was a remarkable hummingbird experience! After the high-altitude birding, we made our way towards Mindo. Later we drove to the Septimo Paraiso Lodge near Mindo, our base for the next four nights. Before reaching our lodge, we made another 'attack' at the hummingbirds on some feeders and picked up White-whiskered Hermit,

White-necked Jacobin, Brown and Sparkling Violetears, Crowned Woodnymph, Andean Emerald, Rufous-tailed hummingbird, Green-crowned Brilliant, Purple-bibbed Whitetip, White-Booted Rocket-Tail and Purple-throated Woodstar. Other birds seen during the afternoon included Red-headed Barbet, Smoke-colored Pewee, and Golden and Silver-throated Tanagers. Our final count was an amazing 23 (!) species of hummingbirds for the day! It was a truly action-packed day and a great start!

On our next day on the west slope, we visited the Mashpi Road, which appeared on the birding scene just a few years ago with a whole range of special Chocó birds. We were amongst the first birding companies to visit this area in 2010 but nowadays it is a must if somebody wants to see the foothill Chocó birds. The road cuts through very good forest in the special 1400-to-800-meter mist belt elevation. We started our birding on the higher parts of the road after our packed breakfast where we saw a male Scaled Fruiteater, good views of Nariño Tapaculo, Spotted Barbtail, Choco Brushfinch then we drove lower down and walked the entrance road to the Amagusa reserve. White-tipped Sicklebill preched on a heliconia flower, Orange-breasted Fruiteater male and a female sitting on a nest a small feeding flock contained the uncommon Brown-billed Scythebill and a pair of Pacific Tuftedcheeks, a calling Barred Hawk showed quite well. In the Amagusa Reserve the feeding station produced great looks of Glistening-green and Moss-backed Tanagers, two of the real specialties of the area, as well as cracking Rose-faced Parrots and a pair of Indigo Flowerpiercers, a Green-fronted Lancebill, Empress Brilliants, Velvet-purple Coronets and tiny Green Thorntails showed well too. Other birds in the area included a Rufous-throated and Black-chinned Mountain Tanagers. In the late afternoon, a calling Esmeraldas Antbird was only heard and another highlight was a displaying Club-winged Manakin, a pair of Rufous-rumped Antwrens in a mixed feeding flock with the Choco endemics Ochre-breasted Tanager and a group of noisy Gray and Gold Tanagers. Other birds seen included Orange-fronted Barbet, Choco Trogon, Barred Puffbird, Broad-billed Motmot, Crimson-rumped Toucanet, and Yellow-throated Bush Tanager. At night we saw great views of a very responsive Mottled Owl.



Moss-backed Tanager (left) & Glistening-green Tanager. (Juan Carlos Calvachi)



Orange-breasted Fruiteater (left) & Indigo Flowerpiercer (right). (Juan Carlos Calvachi)



Plate-billed Mountain Toucan (left) and Black-and-white Owl (Juan Carlos Calvachi)

Very early next morning we drove to the well-known Bellavista area in the upper part of the Tandayapa Valley. Along the road we stopped to try for some of the specialties like the noisy Western Hemispingus, then a Plate-billed Mountain Toucan showed well then, we continued our drive for a couple kilometers where we immediately got out of the vehicle because a group of at least half a dozen Crested Quetzals were displaying and gave us a show, a bird which is usually very shy and mostly remain in pairs or singles.

Following this success, we spent the rest of the morning birding some nearby areas. Highlights included, Plushcap, Capped Conebill, Streaked Tuftedcheek, Spillman's Tapaculo seen well, Green-and-black Fruiteater, a cracking Ocellated Tapaculo came out in the open, Dusky Bush-Tanager, Grass-green Tanager and Three-striped Warblers. We spent a long time looking for the very uncommon Beautiful Jay at various locations but we didn't have a sniff. After lunch at Septimo Paraiso lodge we walked one of its trails where we had great views of Cloud-forest Pygmy-Owl being mobbed by Brown-capped Vireo, Beryl-spangled, Flame-faced and Golden-naped Tanagers and several hummingbirds that helped us to locate this very efficient predator. Later we continued our journey to bird the surrounding areas of Mindo that produced other birds like White-throated Crake, Pacific Antwren, a pair of Olivaceous Piculets, Ecuadorian Thrush, a pair of nesting Pacific Parrotlets, Red-headed Barbet, then we drove and waited until dusk to see a fantastic flying Lyre tailed Nightjar male with an extremely long tale and in our way back to the lodge, we found a Black and White Owl just before the entrance lodge.



Cloud Forest Pygmy Owl (Juan Carlos Calvachi)

Our last day on the west slope started at the famous Angel Paz private reserve. This morning is usually a tour highlight and this year it lived up to its expectations! We arrived in time to meet Angel and his brother Rodrigo

and quickly descended deep into their original reserve that now is only owned by the brothers where we positioned ourselves in a little hide to watch several bright red males of the *sanguinolenta* race of Andean Cock-of-the-Rock at the height of their full display. What a bird and what a sight! Regardless how many times one has experienced it before you cannot get enough of these beauties in action. We had to walk back the same trail towards our vehicle to drive to the old Cock of the Rock site where there we enjoyed some amazing views of a single Dark-backed Wood Quail, normally a very retiring species that nowadays Angel is also feeding.

After the great breakfast they served in their new restaurant we had excellent views of a roosting Common Potoo. Next target, actually the star bird here, was Yellow-breasted Antpitta just in a little patch along the road. Then we drove back to their original reserve where we had in a short distance of 50 meters three different species of Antpittas, Ochre-breasted, Chesnut-crowned and Moustached Antpittas very easily waiting to be fed. The Giant Antpitta species is not as reliable here as it used to be, but nevertheless after some searching Angel Paz eventually found it, and in the end, it came to feed on some worms. It was seen very well indeed and everybody could enjoy this individual for several minutes. What a great success having 5 species of Antpittas in a morning. This visit certainly helped to have a total of 11 species of Antpittas in the whole trip. What a morning! At the end of the forest birding session, we still picked up lots of goodies from the balcony such as Golden, Flame-faced and Golden-naped Tanagers and a selection of Chocó hummingbirds. Following Angel special treat, we were back to reality! It was also very interesting however as after a bumpy ride we arrived to Chontal and visited a roosting area of Oilbirds. We had about 20 Oilbirds in a narrow gorge and could watch them in daylight as long as we wanted – quite a magical experience. Yellow-faced Grassquit was also a new bird here as well as Rusty-margined Flycatcher.

It was time to leave Mindo area behind and next day we drove to the Suamox private reserve where we could only hear the very shy Brown Wood-Rail which some times visit a compost site. Other new birds included White-tailed Trogon, Rufous-tailed Jacama, the tiny Black-capped Pygmy Tyrant, Dusky-faced Tanagers, Green Kingfisher, Black-crowned Antshrike, Brown-capped Tyrannulet and Choco Toucan, amongst others. Back in the main house before we embarked on the long drive to Selva Alegre we had at the feeders a couple of males of Orange-crowned Euphonias. We had a quick lunch stop on the coast near Esmeraldas adding a few new birds such as Magnificent Frigatebird, Black several Yellow-crowned Night-Herons, and few Brown Pelicans. We arrived to Selva Alegre just an hour before dark so we immediately got into the boat and started cruising towards Playa de Oro. We had a few Neotropic Cormorants, a single Coccoi Heron and Fasciated Tiger Herons. It was already late afternoon by the time we arrived to the basic lodge. So, we made it to the prime lowland Choco site in Ecuador.



Scarlet-breasted Dagnis (Juan Carlos Calvachi)



Five-coloured Barbet. (Juan Carlos Calvachi)

Over the next 2 days we birded various trails both around the lodge and across the river, seeing a big variety of high-quality species. Possibly the most important bird here is Sapayoa, and we succeeded in having excellent looks at several birds. A very, very difficult species here is Berlepsch's Tinamou unfortunately we only heard it very close. Canopy-dwelling Five-colored Barbet was seen through the scope. We were extremely lucky finding a very tamed Baudo Guan which remain feeding on a palm tree fruits almost at eye level for several minutes that I even recorded a video with its call at the same time. Fantastic views of a Slate colored Hawk with incredible scope views with pictures through my cell phone and also a pair of Golden-crowned Spadebills, Sneaky Lemon-spectacled Tanagers were moving along with the Sapayoas and the Spot-crowned Antvireos, Slate-throated Gnatcatchers was also seen at the forest edge with Scarlet-breasted Dacnis, Rufous-winged, Blue-whiskered and Scarlet-browed Tanagers. Stub-tailed Antbird was another good bird just behind the lodge. Black-tipped Cotingas were scoped from a clearing in the forest. At dawn, we finally saw Choco Poorwill which showed very well in our third attempt. Other new birds seen during our stay included Black-striped Woodcreeper, Stripe-throated Wren, Guayaquil Woodpecker, Dusky Pigeon, Great Jacamar, Three different views of Great-green Macaws, Black-hawk Eagle, Black-throated and White-tailed Trogons Plain-brown Woodcreeper, White-whiskered Puffbird, Red-capped Manakin, White-ringed and Ruddy-tailed Flycatchers, Yellow-margined and Pacific Flatbills, Scarlet and White Tanager, Southern Nightingale Wren, Tawny-faced Gnatwren, Western Woodhaunter, Snowy-throated Kingbird, Purple-crowned Fairy, Tawny-crowned Greenlet and White-flanked Antwren.



Sapayoa. (Juan Carlos Calvachi)

After breakfast on our third day, we had to leave very early and take the canoe back to Selva Alegre. The boat journey was uneventful but we had Fasciated Tiger Heron. Our next stop was at the rather degraded Humedal de Yalaré forest where we quickly found Black-breasted and Pied Puffbirds, a pair of Slaty-tailed Trogons, a female Scarlet-thighed Tanager, a pair of Red-lored Amazons and an incredible sighting was a singing Rufous Mourner right at the edge of the main highway which was my highlight after many years since I saw it the last time. This was followed for the rest of the morning and afternoon was spent near Lita along the trail of the La Union road- Alto Tambo area. This track is going through foothill forest and holds a few very rare and localised birds. Weather was good and we had a few hours of birding with a great selection of amazing Choco birds like a male Cinammon Woodpecker and the scarce Golden-chested Tanager, Long-tailed Tyrant, White-rumped Hawk, a pair of Chestnut-fronted Macaws Tawny-crested, Emerald and Golden-hooded Tanagers increased our Tanagers list and a Golden-winged Manakin female, Choco Tyrannulets, Slate-colored Grosbeaks Cinnamon Becard were also seen very well. Then Yellow-collared Chlorophonias, Purple Quail-Dove and Choco Tapaculo were only heard, then we continue towards our luxury hotel the Hacienda Primavera that everyone loved it after 3 nights at the basic Playa de Oro lodge.



Black-striped Woodcreeper. (Juan Carlos Calvachi)



Plumbeous Hawk. (Juan Carlos Calvachi))

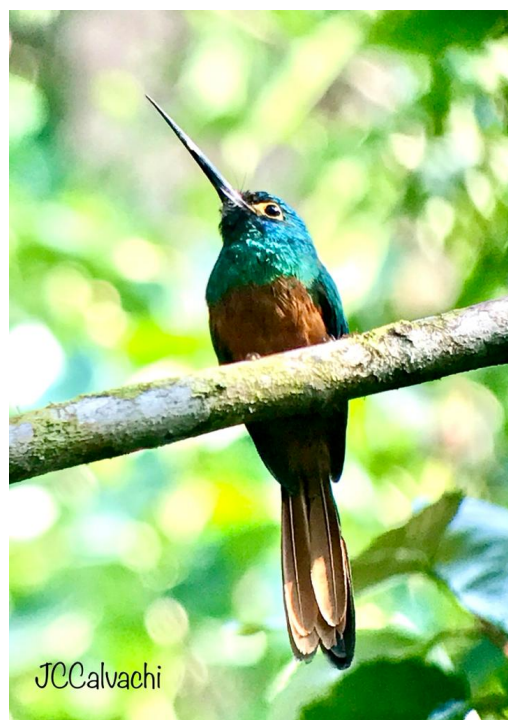
After breakfast we drove and birded the Chical road finding a pair of Upland Sandpipers which was a new Ecuador bird for me. Our prime target was the Purplish-mantled Tanager, which we finally found after playing its call in three different sites right after Jan spotted the uncommon Olivaceous Piha we also managed to see a pair of Flavescent Flycatchers, incredible views of Hoary Puffleg, a secretive Bronze-olive Pygmy Tyrant then we found another Cloud-forest Pygmy Owl being mobbed by White-sided and Masked Flowerpierces, Beryl-spangled and Golden-naped Tanagers, Olive-crowned Yellowthroat, Slate-throated Whitestar then we drove back to the lodge for an early lunch and depart towards Quito but we had to stop along the road near the town of Salinas to find the local Blue-headed Sapphire which took us some time, other species included the attractive Pearl Kite, Western Emerald, Tropical Mockingbird and Scrub Tanager. After some driving, we had yet another quick stop along the road but this time in an interandean lagoon known as San Pablo where we added few new birds like Ecuadorian Rail, Subtropical Doradito, Ash-breasted Sierra Finch, Vermilion Flycatcher, Baird's Sandpipers and Andean Coots amongst others. It was late afternoon by the time we rolled into our accommodation near Quito but it was certainly a very successful travelling day!



Purplish-mantled Tanager (left) and Rufous-throated Tanager. (Juan Carlos Calvachi)

It was time to visit the eastern slope of the Andes but this morning first we had to climb over the Papallacta Pass. We dressed as warmly as we could to face the cold of this high altitude Andean habitat, unfortunately the weather was very misty, cold and rainy so we still tried to bird under these bad conditions and being able to get good views of Glossy Flowerpiercer and Viridian Metaltail, then we continued towards our destination stopping along the road between Papallacta and Baeza finally away from the rain where we found Pale-edge and Cinammon Flycatchers, Montane Woodcreeper, Long-tailed Sylph, Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant and White-capped Dippers, then we continued our journey towards Baeza where we stopped for lunch, then we continued our drive towards Sumaco lodge but with 1 stop along the Loreto road finding several new birds with great looks of the regular resident Cliff Flycatcher, the uncommon Rufous-tailed Tyrant, the very local Yellow-throated Tanager, Green-back Hillstar and Olivaceous Siskin then we arrived in the late afternoon to the fantastic Sumaco lodge our home for the next 4 nights.

Our next three days were spent on the property of Wild Sumaco Lodge, which gives access to excellent east slope foothill forest with an amazing network of trails. This fantastic area holds several range-restricted and threatened species, which were very difficult to see before the opening of this place. The biggest reward this year was having good views of a Missipi Kite, probably only the second confirmed record for this migratory bird.



Rufescent Screech-Owl (left) & Coppery-chested Jacamar (right). (Juan Carlos Calvachi)

On the various forest trails it was hard work as usual but we managed to get a very good list of the specialties such as Chesnut-crowned Gnateater, Rufescent Screech Owl, Band-bellied Owl, Napo Screech Owl only heard, Ecuadorian Piedtail, Military Macaw, Green Manakin, Rusty-winged and Yellow-breasted Antwrens, Short-tailed Antthrush, Coppery-chested Jacamar, Olive-chested Flycatchers, Ecuadorian and Red-billed Tyrannulets, Foothill Elaenia, the noisy Grey-tailed Piha only heard and seen just by me, the stunning Blue-rumped and White-crowned Manakins, Golden-eyed Flowerpiercer, Wing-banded Wren, Black-billed Treehunter, Buff-throated Tody Tyrant, the localised Rufous-naped and Olivaceous Greenlets, the very localized Yellow-throated Spadebill and Grayish Mourner only heard, the handsome Golden-winged and Black and White Tody-Flycatchers.



Wire-crested Thorntail (left) and Golden Barbet (right). (Juan Carlos Calvachi)

The various hummingbird feeders and the *Verbena* bushes in the lodge garden had a fine selection of special hummers like Napo Sabrewing, Violet-haded Hummingbird, Golden-tailed Sapphire, Many-spotted Hummingbird, the rare Lazuline Sabrewing, Wire-crested Thorntail, Violet-fronted and Black-fronted Brilliants, Gould's Jewelfront Little and Gorgetted Woodstars. We also visited the antpitta feeding station where we got superb looks of Plain-backed Antpitta, Speckled Nightingale-thrush and Northern White-crowned Tapaculo. The moth trap gave us Black-streaked Puffbird, Western Fire-eye, Plain Antvireo and Black-faced Antbird. It was a magical stay, with some amazing food too, at this fantastic location this year again!



Black-streaked Puffbird (left) & Yellow-throated Toucan (right). (Juan Carlos Calvachi)

After an early breakfast we started our drive towards the Wayra reserve where we had an appointment visiting this new site where the owners have bird feeders with the shy Rufous-breasted Wood-Quail and Gray-fronted Dove, other birds included Blue-Dacnis, Red-headed Barbet, Spotted and Swallow Tanagers and Ashy-throated Bush-Tanager, then we continued towards Archidona at 700 meters above sea level with a 30 minutes drive where we visited another new sight with several new hummingbirds for our trip list that contributed to our amazing hummingbird list of 73 species total with the uncommon Buff-tailed Sicklebill only my third time with this difficult bird, Gray-breasted Sabrewing, White-bearded Hermit, Glittering-throated Emerald, Long-tailed Starthroat and Blue-tailed Emerald, other new birds included Black Caracara, Stripe-chested Antwren, Rufous-sided Crake only heard. After this quick visit we started our journey towards San Isidro on the way we saw Torrent Duck, amongst other things. We arrived to San Isidro lodge where we quickly checked in and still before dinner we located several birds coming in front of the porch like Saffron-crowned Tanager, Olive-backed Woodcreeper, Common Bush-Tanager so in the late afternoon I got to know about a roosting Andean Potoo which we obviously made the effort to hike and nail this specialty, later after dinner the famous "San Isidro" Owl as it was catching moth around the lights and gave us stunning looks as well as an active Band-winged Nightjar. It was very much appreciated.



Rufous-breasted Wood Quail. (Juan Carlos Calvachi)

Early the next morning we drove and went hiking the famous Guacamayos ridge trail with several birds restricted to this area and elevation we spent 6 hours on this trail that produced Slate-crowned and Peruvian Antpittas, Dusky Piha, Grass-green Tanager, Yellow-vented Woodpecker, a single noisy White-capped Tanager responded immediately to my play back, a young Sickle-winged Guan, Black-capped Hemispingus, a very cooperative Chesnut-bellied Thrush showed up few times along the trail, Handsome Flycatcher, a pair of impressive Powerful Woodpeckers and a noisy flock of Northern Mountain Caciques. After lunch we birded the surrounding areas where we found Sulphur-bellied Tyrannulet, Bluish Flowerpiercer were new for the list and stayed until dusk where several calling Rufous-banded Owl were around, then one of them finally came in the open near a light to collect the moths certainly a great end for the day.



Rufous-banded Owl. (Juan Carlos Calvachi) |

Early next morning was spent around the very birdy lodge garden, where we saw Montane and Olive-backed Woodcreepers, Pale-edged Flycatcher, Glossy-black Thrush, Mountain Wren, Black-billed Peppershrike, Inca Jay, Subtropical Cacique, Black-crested Warbler, Ashy-headed Tyrannulet and Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant. This was followed by a short visit to the antpitta feeding station where 2 White-bellied Antpittas came out very nicely in the open which was the Antpitta specie number 10. Our breakfast was eaten while watching the hummingbird feeders where Collared and Bronzy Incas, Chestnut-breasted Coronets, Fawn-breasted Brilliants and Long-tailed Sylph were zipping around. We birded in the surroundings, Streak-headed Antbird, Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher and Black-eared Hemispingus in the thick bamboo undergrowth and a pair of White-throated Toucanet.

After breakfast we continued towards Quito and visited the lower area of the Cayambe-Coca N.P. where we had our revenge with a clear sunny day and started a great day with the first mixed feeding flock composed by Pale-naped and Grey-browed Brush-finches, Buff-breasted and Scarlet-breasted Mountain Tanagers, Superciliated Hemispingus, White-banded Tyrannulet and a pair of Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrants. Our second stop higher up right at the edge of the montane temperate forest we found our second flock that

contained several of the specialties for this site like the striking Masked-Mountain Tanager, few Black-backed Bush-Tanagers, Pearled treerunners, Andean Tit-Spinetail, Tawny Antpitta which was the specie number 11, Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant amongst others previously seen. In the upper part we saw a pair of gorgeous Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe, Carunculated Caracaras, Variable Hawks, the handsome Red-rumped Bush-Tyrant and White-chinned Thistletail.



Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe. (Juan Carlos Calvachi)

We carried on until we reached our next birding site. The hummingbird feeders at Guango Lodge were our next stop where we could enjoy a variety of these small birds while having a picnic lunch. The hummingbird selection included Buff-tailed and Chestnut-breasted Coronets, Collared Inca, White-bellied and Gorgeted Woodstars and Tourmaline Sunangel. Other birds included Grey-hooded Bush Tanager, Capped Conebill, Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant and Spectacled Whitestars.

Our last day of the main tour was spent in the higher parts of Antisana National Park. Our first stop was close to a newly opened restaurant from where we saw a juvenile and an adult Andean Condors, later on we saw at least 5 juveniles feeding on the ground on some carcass. We also had Carunculated Caracaras, Black Flowerpiercer and some high-altitude hummers like Shining Sunbeam and Tyrian Metaltail. Around the entrance gate of the national park, we had many Plain-coloured Seedeaters and a Many-striped Canastero. Further along the road we had a few Variable Hawks and Black-chested Buzzard Eagle, as well as several near-endemic cracking Ecuadorian Hillstars females. While driving towards the higher elevation we also saw Andean Lapwings, a few Paramo Ground-Tyrants, Paramo Pipit and many Plumbeous Sierra-Finches. Before we got to a reservoir which held several Silvery Grebes, a few Andean Ruddy Ducks and some Yellow-billed Pintails. Back in the restaurant we enjoyed a very nice traditional four-course meal. And then we drove back to Casa Ilayaku for the last night for part of the group, where the main tour officially ended and sadly, I had to

say goodbye to Keith, Michael and John who were very nice people and enjoyed their trip very much as well as me.

This was the end of a superb 18 days odyssey to Ecuador which is certainly the jewel of the Bird Continent and an unbelievably bird-rich country!



SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR

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

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

BIRDS

Great Tinamou *Tinamus major* (H) Only heard at Playa de Oro few times.

Berlepsch's Tinamou ◊ *Crypturellus berlepschi* (H) Only heard at Playa de Oro.

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

Torrent Duck *Merganetta armata* Great views near Cosanga.

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

Yellow-billed Pintail *Anas georgica* A few were seen at Antisana NP.

Andean Duck *Oxyura ferruginea* A few seen at Antisana NP.

Speckled Chachalaca *Ortalis guttata* Three sightings at Sumaco lodge.

Baudo Guan *Penelope Ortoni* One sighting and incredible views at Playa de Oro- Mirador trail.

Crested Guan ◊ *Penelope purpurascens* One sighting at Angel Paz reserve.

Sickle-winged Guan *Chamaepetes goudotii* ◊ One sighting at the Guacamayos ridge

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

Rufous-fronted Wood Quail ◊ *Odontophorus erythrops* Seen at Playa de Oro- Mirador trail.

Rufous-breasted Wood Quail *Odontophorus speciosus* ◊ Three birds seen at Wayra reserve.

Silvery Grebe *Podiceps occipitalis* Some of the *juninensis* race at Antisana NP.

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

Yellow-crowned Night Heron *Nyctanassa violacea* Seen on the coast at Esmeraldas.

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* The most seen egret on the tour.

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoa* One bird seen along the Santiago river.

Great Egret *Ardea alba* Few sightings on the tour.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula* Few sightings on the tour

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis* Several were seen on the coast on our way to Playa de Oro.

Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens* Hundreds were seen on the coast on our way to Playa de Oro.

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* It was abundant on the western lowlands.

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* Commonly seen throughout the tour.

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* Commonly seen throughout the tour.

Andean Condor *Vultur gryphus* About 5 were seen at Antisana NP – magnificent creature!

Pearl Kite *Gampsonyx swainsonii* Just one was seen along the road near the town of Salinas.

Grey-headed Kite *Leptodon cayanensis* A single sighting along the highway towards Esmeraldas.

Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus* We had many sightings this year throughout the tour. First at Mashpi area.

Mississippi Kite *Ictinia mississippiensis* One semi adult bird at Wild Sumaco.

Black Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus tyrannus* One bird was seen at Playa de Oro-Mirador trail, others heard.

Barred Hawk *Morphnarchus princeps* 3 seen well on the west slope.

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

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

White-rumped Hawk *Parabuteo leucorhous* A single bird was seen at Alto Tambo-Lita area.

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle *Geranoaetus melanoleucus* A few seen at Papallacta, Antisana and near Salinas.

White-throated Crake *Laterallus albigularis* It was seen on the west at Mindo coming to a feeder.

Rufous-sided Crake *Laterallus melanophaius* (H) Heard only at Archidona.

Andean Coot *Fulica ardesiaca* It was seen a few times at San Pablo lagoon and Antisana NP.

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis* Good numbers seen.

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

Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe *Attagis gayi* A pair was seen at Papallacta radio antenas.
Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* The most seen shorebird throughout the tour.
Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii* Seen at San Pablo lake and Antisana NP.
Upland Sandpiper *Bartramia longicauda* Two birds seen along the Chical road.
Andean Gull *Chroicocephalus serranus* It was seen at Antisana National Park.
Rock Pigeon (feral) *Columba livia* A few were seen throughout the tour.
Scaled Pigeon *Patagioenas speciosa* Two birds were seen along the Santiago river
Band-tailed Pigeon *Patagioenas fasciata* Only two sightings on the tour.
Plumbeous Pigeon *Patagioenas plumbea* A few were seen on both slopes of the Andes.
Ruddy Pigeon *Patagioenas subvinacea* It was commonly heard and seen a few times.
Dusky Pigeon *Patagioenas goodsoni* ♦ Some good looks at Playa de Oro on the western lowlands.
Grey-fronted Dove *Leptotila rufaxilla* 1 bird was seen at Wayra reserve.
White-throated Quail-Dove *Zentrygon frenata* ♦ (H) Heard only at the Mashpi area.
Purple Quail-Dove *Geotrygon purpurata* (H) Heard only at Alto Tambo.
Pallid Dove ♦ *Leptotila pallida* Seen around El Chontal and Playa de Oro
Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata* Commonly seen in the dry Inter-Andean places like around Quito.
Brown Wood Rail *Aramides wolffi* ♦ (H) Heard only at Suamox reserve.
Ecuadorian Rail *Rallus aequatorialis* ♦ Two birds seen at San Pablo lagoon.
Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata* One bird was seen at San Pablo lagoon.
Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani* A common bird of open habitat and regularly seen.
Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana* Commonly seen and heard throughout the tour.
Tropical Screech Owl *Megascops choliba* (H) Heard only at Sumaco lodge.
Rufescent Screech Owl *Megascops ingens* Seen very well at Sumaco lodge.
Napo Screech Owl *Megascops napensis* ♦ (H) Heard only at Sumaco lodge.
'San Isidro Owl' (Black banded) *Strix sp* ♦ This famous Owl gave superb looks this year!
Black and White Owl *Strix nigrolineata* A single bird seen at Septimo Paraiso entrance.
Mottled Owl *Strix virgata* One bird was seen very well at Septimo Paraiso lodge.
Rufous-banded Owl *Strix albitarsis* Excellent views of a single bird at San Isidro area others heard.
Band-bellied Owl *Pulsatrix melanota* Excellent views at Sumaco lodge
Cloud-forest Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium nubicola* ♦ Two birds seen at Septimo Paraiso trails and the Chical road.
Andean Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium jardinii* Heard at Yanacocha and Cayambe-Coca NP.
Oilbird *Steatornis caripensis* Absolutely brilliant looks at this unique bird at Chontal. About 20 birds were seen.
Common Potoo *Nyctibius griseus* We had a roosting bird at Angel Paz reserve.
Andean Potoo *Nyctibius maculosus* ♦ Seen at San Isidro .
Rufous-bellied Nighthawk *Lurocalis rufiventris* ♦ A roosting pair was seen at Angel Paz reserve.
Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis* (H) Heard only at Sumaco lodge.
Band-winged Nightjar *Systellura longirostris* One was seen at San Isidro lodge.
Lyre-tailed Nightjar *Uropsalis lyra* A flying male at Mindo and a roosting young male at Angel Paz Reserve.
Choco Poorwill *Nyctiphrynus rosenbergi* ♦ One seen well at Playa de Oro.
Chestnut-collared Swift *Streptoprocne rutila* Several sightings on the tour.
White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris* The most common swift on the tour.
Grey-rumped Swift *Chaetura cinereiventris* Several sightings on the tour.
White-tipped Sicklebill *Eutoxeres aquila* ♦ Seen well in Mashpi road.
Buff-tailed Sicklebill *Eutoxeres condamini* ♦ Seen very well at Archidona.
Stripe-throated Hermit *Phaethornis striigularis* Two individuals seen along the Mashpi road.
Gray-chinned Hermit *Phaethornis griseogularis* Two birds seen at Sumaco lodge.
White-whiskered Hermit *Phaethornis yaruqui* ♦ Commonly seen in the west.
Green Hermit *Phaethornis guy* Several encounters in the forest at Wild Sumaco.
White-bearded Hermit *Phaethornis hispidus* One was seen very well at Archidona.
Tawny-bellied Hermit *Phaethornis symmatophorus* ♦ One bird was seen at Angel Paz.
Napo Sabrewing *Campylopterus villaviscensio* ♦ Excellent looks at this stunner at Wild Sumaco.
White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora* Small numbers were seen throughout the tour.
Green-fronted Lancebill *Doryfera ludovicae* ♦ Few sightings at Mashpi area and Chical road.
Brown Violetear *Colibri delphinae* Commonly encountered on feeders, very common at Wild Sumaco.

Lesser Violetear *Colibri cyanotus* A few seen. Recent split from Green Violetear.
Sparkling Violetear *Colibri coruscans* Commonly encountered on feeders, especially numerous at Wild Sumaco.
Black-throated Mango *Anthracothorax nigricollis* Seen a few times mainly at Sumaco lodge and Wayra reserve.
Violet-headed Hummingbird *Klais guimeti* We had several sightings in the Wild Sumaco area.
Wire-crested Thorntail *Discosura popelairii* Charismatic species seen well at Wild Sumaco.
Green Thorntail *Discosura conversii* ♦ A few in the west.
Blue-tailed Emerald *Chlorostilbon mellisugus* One seen at Archidona
Crowned Woodnymph *Thalurania colombica* ♦ Commonly seen in the west.
Fork-tailed Woodnymph *Thalurania furcata* Common on the east slope and a few at Archidona.
Blue-headed Sapphire *Hylocharis grayi* ♦ One male was seen in dry habitat near Salinas.
Golden-tailed Sapphire *Chrysuronia oenone* It was common on the feeders at Wild Sumaco.
Many-spotted Hummingbird *Taphrosphilus hypostictus* ♦ Common on the feeders of Wild Sumaco.
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird *Amazilia tzacatl* It was very common on the west.
Andean Emerald *Amazilia franciae* ♦ Regular encounters on the west.
Purple-chested Hummingbird *Amazilia rosenbergi* ♦ One bird seen in the west at Alambi.
Speckled Hummingbird *Adelomyia melanogenys* It was seen in the western and eastern slopes.
Ecuadorian Piedtail *Phlogophilus hemileucurus* ♦ We got good looks at this difficult bird at Wild Sumaco.
Black-throated Brilliant *Heliodoxa schreibersii* ♦ Males seen well on the feeders at Wild Sumaco.
Gould's Jewelfront *Heliodoxa aurescens* ♦ Seen on the feeders at Wild Sumaco.
Fawn-breasted Brilliant *Heliodoxa rubinoides* ♦ Regular sightings at higher elevations.
Green-crowned Brilliant *Heliodoxa jacula* It was the most common brilliant on the west slope.
Empress Brilliant *Heliodoxa imperatrix* ♦ This Chocó bird was seen along the Mashpi Road.
Violet-fronted Brilliant *Heliodoxa leadbeateri* Some birds around Wild Sumaco.
Green-backed Hillstar *Urochroa leucura* ♦ One bird seen on the east slope Loreto road.
Buff-tailed Coronet *Boissonneaua flavescens* ♦ It was most common on the feeders at Guango and Angel Paz
Chestnut-breasted Coronet *Boissonneaua matthewsii* ♦ This handsome bird was seen at San Isidro and Guango.
Velvet-purple Coronet *Boissonneaua jardini* ♦ Several birds of this stunner at Amagusa reserve and Angel Paz.
Shining Sunbeam *Aglaeactis cupripennis* A few were seen at Yancocha, Papallacta and Antisana.
Ecuadorian Hillstar *Oreotrochilus chimborazo* ♦ Great looks at Antisana.
Mountain Velvetbreast *Lafresnaya lafresnayi* Seen briefly in Yanacocha.
Bronzy Inca *Coeligena coeligena* It was only seen on the feeders of Wild Sumaco and San Isidro.
Brown Inca *Coeligena wilsoni* ♦ Regularly seen on the feeders of the west.
Collared Inca *Coeligena torquata* This handsome bird gave us many superb looks at higher elevations.
Buff-winged Starfrontlet *Coeligena lutetiae* It was common at Yanacocha.
Sword-billed Hummingbird *Ensifera ensifera* 2 seen on the feeders of Yanacocha.
Great Sapphirewing *Pterophanes cyanopterus* It was common at Yanacocha and others seen at Papallacta too.
Gorgeted Sunangel *Helianthus strophianus* ♦ Two birds were seen on flowers near Bellavista.
Tourmaline Sunangel *Helianthus exortis* ♦ Several were seen on the feeders of Guango.
Sapphire-vented Puffleg *Eriocnemis luciani* Seen on the feeders at Yanacocha.
Golden-breasted Puffleg ♦ *Eriocnemis mosquera* Seen in Yanacocha.
Hoary Puffleg *Haplophaedia lugens* ♦ Two good views at Chical road.
Purple-bibbed Whitetip *Urosticte benjamini* ♦ It was regularly seen around Mindo.
White-booted Racket-Tail *Ocreatus underwoodii* Regularly seen in the west.
Peruvian Racket-tail *Ocreatus addae* Seen on feeders at Wild Sumaco.
Black-tailed Trainbearer *Lesbia victoriae* One bird seen briefly with long-tailed male at Antisana NP.
Rainbow-bearded Thornbill *Chalcostigma herrani* Two females seen very well at Cayambe-Coca NP.
Tyrian Metaltail *Metallura tyrianthina* A few were seen at higher elevations like Yanacocha and Antisana NP.
Viridian Metaltail *Metallura williami* Two birds seen at Cayambe-Coca NP.
Long-tailed Sylph *Aglaiocercus kingie* Many good looks at this stunner on the feeders of Guango and San Isidro.
Violet-tailed Sylph *Aglaiocercus coelestis* ♦ Commonly encountered on the feeders and in the forest on the west.
Geoffroy's Wedgebill *Schistes geoffroyi* (H) Heard only at Mashpi area.
Purple-crowned Fairy *Heliothryx barroti* Few excellent looks at this beauty.
Purple-throated Woodstar *Calliphlox mitchellii* ♦ Good numbers were seen on the feeders on the west.
White-bellied Woodstar *Chaetocercus mulsant* ♦ Just a few were seen at Guango feeders.

Gorgeted Woodstar *Chaetocercus heliodor* ◇ Seen at Wild Sumaco, San Isidro and Guango.
Little Woodstar *Chaetocercus bombus* ◇ One female seen at Wild Sumaco.
Western Emerald *Chlorostilbon melanorhynchus* Few birds seen at Alambi and the Salinas area.
Lazuline Sabrewing *Campylopterus falcatus* Excellent views of few birds at Wild Sumaco feeders.
Glittering-throated Emerald *Chionomesa fimbriata* Two individuals seen at Archidona.
Long-billed Starthroat *Helioaster* A single bird seen at Archidona.
Gray-breasted Sabrewing *Campylopterus largipennis* At least 2 birds were seen at Archidona.
Golden-headed Quetzal *Pharomachrus auriceps* We had good views in the west.
Crested Quetzal *Pharomachrus antisianus* Excellent views of 6 different individuals displaying near Bellavista.
Choco Trogon *Trogon comptus* ◇ Few birds seen along the Mashpi road and La Union road.
Black-tailed Trogon *Trogon melanurus* We had great views on the extension.
White-tailed Trogon *Trogon chionurus* A few were seen on the western lowlands.
Green-backed Trogon *Trogon viridis* We had few sightings at Sumaco lodge trails.
Black-throated Trogon *Trogon rufus* Two birds seen at Playa de Oro.
Slaty-tailed Trogon *Trogo massena* ◇ A pair was seen at Humedal de Yalare.
Collared Trogon *Trogon collaris* We had good views few times.
Masked Trogon *Trogon personatus* A few sightings.
Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana* One bird seen at Suamox reserve.
Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata* A few sightings on the west
Rufous Motmot *Baryphthengus martii* A couple sightings on the west others heard.
Broad-billed Motmot *Electron platyrhynchum* Few seen along the Mashpi road and Playa de Oro.
Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda* One was seen at Suamox reserve.
Coppery-chested Jacamar *Galbula pastazae* ◇ A pair seen well at Wild Sumaco.
Great Jacamar *Jacameroops aureus* A brief view at Playa de Oro-Mirador trail.
Black-breasted Puffbird *Notharchus pectoralis* ◇ We had good looks of 2 at Humedal de Yalaré.
Pied Puffbird *Notharchus tectus* We saw 3 birds at Humedal de Yalare.
Barred Puffbird *Nystalus radiates* Seen along the Mashpi Road and heard at Playa de Oro.
Black-streaked Puffbird *Malacoptila fulvogularis* ◇ Seen well at Wild Sumaco.
White-whiskered Puffbird *Malacoptila panamensis* Seen well at Playa de Oro.
White-faced Nunbird *Haploptila castanea* ◇ (H) Heard only at the Guacamayos ridge trail.
Orange-fronted Barbet *Capito squamatus* ◇ One bird seen in playa along the Mashpi road.
Gilded Barbet *Capito auratus* The common barbet at Wild Sumaco on the tour.
Five-coloured Barbet *Capito quinticolor* ◇ A female seen through the scope at Playa de Oro.
Red-headed Barbet *Eubucco bourcierii* ◇ Common bird, we had many good views of this stunning species.
Toucan Barbet *Semnornis ramphastinus* ◇ Superb looks near Bellavista lodge
White-throated Toucanet (Andean T) *Aulacorhynchus albivitta* A pair seen at San Isidro
Crimson-rumped Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus haematopygus* ◇ Two sightings along the Mashpi road.
Pale-mandibled Aracari *Pteroglossus erythropygius* ◇ We had 2 sightings at Playa de Oro (Stripe-billed)
Plate-billed Mountain Toucan *Andigena laminirostris* ◇ We had good views near Bellavista lodge.
Choco Toucan *Ramphastos brevis* ◇ Several great looks on the west.
Yellow-throated Toucan *Ramphastos ambiguous* ◇ Seen on both side of the Andes.
Olivaceous Piculet *Picumnus olivaceus* Two birds seen at the edge of the town of Mindo
Yellow-tufted Woodpecker *Melanerpes cruentatus* Two birds seen at Sumaco lodge.
Black-cheeked Woodpecker *Melanerpes pucherani* Two birds seen at Playa de Oro lodge.
Yellow-vented Woodpecker ◇ *Veniliornis dingus* One bird seen along the Guacamayos ridge trail.
Red-rumped Woodpecker *Veniliornis kirkii* A female seen very well at Playa de Oro lodge.
Smoky-brown Woodpecker *Leuconotopicus fumigatus* A few seen along the Mashpi road.
Golden-olive Woodpecker *Colaptes rubiginosus* A pair seen at Wild Sumaco.
Cinnamon Woodpecker *Celeus loricatus* A male seen very well at Alto Tambo- La Union trail.
Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus* A female seen at Wild Sumaco.
Crimson-crested Woodpecker *Campephilus melanoleucos* A female seen at Wild Sumaco.
Guayaquil Woodpecker *Campephilus gayaquilensis* ◇ Several sightings at Playa de Oro area.
Powerful Woodpecker *Campephilus pollens* A pair seen very well along the Guacamayos ridge trail.
Black Caracara *Daptrius ater* A single bird seen at Archidona.

Carunculated Caracara *Phalcoboenus carunculatus* ◇ Very common in Antisana and Papallacta.
Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans* (H) Heard only at Playa de Oro.
Barred Forest Falcon *Micrastur ruficollis* One bird seen very well at Wild Sumaco.
Buckley's Forest Falcon ◇ *Micrastur buckleyi* (H) This very rare bird was only heard at Wild Sumaco.
Collared Forest Falcon *Micrastur semitorquatus* (H) It was only heard at San Isidro.
American Kestrel *Falco sparverius* A couple sightings at Antisana.
Bat Falcon *Falco ruficularis* One bird seen perched along the Mashpi road.
Blue-fronted Parrotlet *Touit dilectissimus* ◇ (H) Heard only along the Mashpi road.
Rose-faced Parrot *Pyrilia pulchra* ◇ We had several encounters on the western foothills and lowlands.
Red-billed Parrot *Pionus sordidus* Small numbers seen at Mashpi area and San Isidro.
Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus* Two birds seen at Playa de Oro.
Bronze-winged Parrot *Pionus chalcopterus* The common parrot of the western foothills and lowlands.
Scaly-naped Amazon *Amazona mercenarius* (H) Heard only at San Isidro area.
Southern Mealy Amazon *Amazona farinosa* Several sightings in the western lowlands.
Red-lored Amazon *Amazona autumnalis* ◇ Two flying birds were seen at Humedal de Yalare.
Pacific Parrotlet *Forpus coelestis* Seen right at the edge of Mindo in a nest hole.
Maroon-tailed Parakeet *Pyrrhura melanura* ◇ The eastern race was seen at Wild Sumaco.
Military Macaw ◇ *Ara militaris* Seen very well in Wild Sumaco.
Chestnut-fronted Macaw *Ara severus* We had a pair at Alto Tambo-La Union trail.
Great-green Macaw *Ara ambiguus* ◇ We had several sightings during our stay at Playa de Oro.
Sapayoa *Sapayoa aenigma* ◇ 2 seen very well at Playa de Oro.
Chestnut-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes albidiventris* We had good looks at Antisana.
Stout-billed Cinclodes *Cinclodes excelsior* ◇ We had good looks at Antisana National Park.
Pacific Hornero *Furnarius cinnamomeus* ◇ We had a couple of sightings on the western lowlands.
Many-striped Canastero *Asthenes flammulata* ◇ One bird was seen at Antisana Park.
White-chinned Thistletail *Asthenes fuliginosa* ◇ On bird was seen very well at the Papallacta pass.
Andean Tit-Spinetail *Leptasthenura andicola* Two birds were seen at the Cayambe-Coca NP.
Azara's Spinetail *Synallaxis azarae* Just two sightings of this most common spinetail at Angel Paz.
Dark-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis albigularis* Two birds were seen at Wild Sumaco area.
Slaty Spinetail *Synallaxis brachyuran* (H) It was only heard along the Mashpi road.
Dusky Spinetail *Synallaxis moesta* ◇ A very shy bird was seen briefly at Wild Sumaco area.
Red-faced Spinetail *Cranioleuca erythrops* We saw two birds at Suamox.
Ash-browed Spinetail *Cranioleuca curtata* A single bird was seen in the lower part of the Guacamayos ridge.
Rufous Spinetail *Synallaxis unirufa* (H) Heard only at San Isidro area.
Spotted Barbtail *Premnoplex brunnescens* We had good views of a single bird along the Mashpi road.
Pearled Treerunner *Margarornis squamiger* This handsome bird was regularly seen in high elevation mixed flocks.
Streaked Tuftedcheek *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii* We saw several birds at the Guacamayos ridge and San Isidro.
Pacific Tuftedcheek *Pseudocolaptes johnsoni* ◇ Two birds seen along the Mashpi road in a mix flock.
Montane Foliage-gleaner *Anabacerthia striaticollis* Few seen in mixed flocks at Wild Sumaco.
Lineated Foliage-gleaner *Syndactyla subalaris* One bird seen at Bellavista area.
Western Woodhaunter *Hylocistetes virgatus* 2 sightings at Playa de Oro.
Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner *Philydor rufum* It was seen in a mixed flock along the Mashpi Road and Wild Sumaco.
Ruddy Foliage-Gleaner *Clibanomis rubiginosus* (H) Heard only at Wild Sumaco.
Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner *Anabacerthia variegaticeps* Two birds seen along the Mashpi road.
Uniform Treehunter *Thripadectes ignobilis* ◇ (H) Heard only along the Chical road.
Black-billed Treehunter *Thripadectes melanorhynchus* ◇ (H) Heard only at Wild Sumaco.
Stripe Treehunter *Thripadectes holostictus* (H) Heard only at the Guacamayos ridge trail.
Streak-capped Treehunter *Thripadectes virgaticeps* One bird seen along the Mashpi road.
Plain Xenops *Xenops minutus* Several encounters throughout the tour.
Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans* A couple of sightings at Wild Sumaco.
Red-billed Scythebill *Campylorhamphus trochilirostris* ◇ (H) Heard only at Suamox reserve.
Brown-billed Scythebill *Campylorhamphus pusillus* Two birds seen along the Mashpi road.
Plain-brown Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla fuliginosa* One bird seen at Playa de Oro.

Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus* (H) Heard only at Wild Sumaco.

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

Northern Barred Woodcreeper *Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae* (H) Heard only at Playa de Oro.

Black-striped Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus lachrymosus* We had good looks at Playa de Oro.

Spotted Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus erythropygius* Several sightings on the west.

Olive-backed Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus triangularis* Seen at San Isidro.

Montane Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger* Many sightings throughout the tour at higher elevation.

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

Plain-winged Antshrike *Thamnophilus schistaceus* (H) Heard only at Wild Sumaco.

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

Pearly Antshrike *Megastictus margaritatus* Seen in shiripuno.

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

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

Spot-crowned Antvireo *Dysithamnus puncticeps* ♦ Few seen at Playa de Oro.

Bicolored Antvireo ♦ (Western A) *Dysithamnus occidentalis* (H) Heard only at the Guacamayos ridge trail.

Rufous-rumped Antwren *Terenura callinota* ♦ A pair seen along the Mashpi road in a mixed feeding flock.

Moustached Antwren ♦ *Myrmotherula ignota* Seen well at Playa de Oro.

Pacific Antwren *Myrmotherula pacifica* A pair seen on the west at the edge of the town of Mindo.

White-flanked Antwren *Myrmotherula axillaris* Several good views at Playa de Oro.

Slaty Antwren *Myrmotherula schisticolor* A pair seen well at Septimo Paraiso lodge.

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

Rusty-winged Antwren *Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus* (H) Heard only at Wild Sumaco.

Dot-winged Antwren *Microrhopias quixensis* A female seen at Playa de Oro.

Stripe-chested Antwren *Myrmotherula longicauda* A pair seen very well at Archidona.

Streak-headed Antbird *Drymophila striaticeps* ♦ Two birds seen at San Isidro.

Dusky Antbird *Cercomacra tyrannina* (H) Heard only at Playa de Oro.

Black Antbird *Cercomacra serva* One was seen at Wild Sumaco area.

Western Fire-eye *Pyriglena maura* ♦ Common at Wild Sumaco.

Chestnut-backed Antbird *Myrmeciza exsul* A male seen at Playa de Oro-Miardor trail.

Esmeraldas Antbird ♦ *Myrmeciza nigricauda* (H) Heard only along the Mashpi road.

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

Bicolored Antbird *Gymnophaps bicolor* (H) Heard only at Playa de Oro.

Spotted Antbird *Hylophylax naevioides* ♦ Excellent looks of a male at Playa de Oro.

Black-faced Antbird *Myrmoborus myotherinus* Several birds seen at Wild Sumaco.

Common Scale-backed Antbird *Willisornis poecilinotus* A pair seen at Wild Sumaco.

Ocellated Antbird *Phaenostictus mcleannani* ♦ (H) Heard only at Playa de Oro.

Zeledon's Antbird *Percnostola zeledoni* Male and female seen along the Mashpi road.

Rufous-breasted Antthrush *Formicarius rufipectus* ♦ (H) Heard only along the Mashpi road.

Short-tailed Antthrush *Chamaeza campanisona* We saw a single bird at Wild Sumaco.

Giant Antpitta ♦ *Grallaria gigantea* The star of Angel Paz.

Moustached Antpitta ♦ *Grallaria alleni* Great views at Angel Paz.

Plain-backed Antpitta *Grallaria haplonota* This shy bird was seen on the feeder at Wild Sumaco.

Chestnut-crowned Antpitta *Grallaria ruficapilla* Excellent views at angel paz.

Yellow-breasted Antpitta *Grallaria flavotincta* ♦ An adult gave excellent looks at Angel Paz.

White-bellied Antpitta *Grallaria hypoleuca* ♦ Two birds were seen on the feeder at San Isidro.

Equatorial Antpitta *Grallaria saturata* Seen well at Yanacocha.

Tawny Antpitta *Grallaria quitensis* ♦ Few birds seen at Papallacta.

Ochre-breasted Antpitta *Grallaricula flavirostris* ♦ Great views at Angel Paz

Peruvian Antpitta ♦ *Grallaricula peruviana* Good views along the Guacamayos ridge trail. MEGA

Slaty-crowned Antpitta *Grallaricula nana* Seen well along the Guacamayos ridge trail.

Chestnut-crowned Gnatcatcher *Conopophaga castaneiceps* ♦ Seen well at Wild Sumaco.

Ocellated Tapaculo *Acropternis orthonyx* Great views at Bellavista area.

Ash-colored Tapaculo *Myornis senilis* Good views at Yanacocha.

Paramo Tapaculo *Scytalopus opacus* ◇ (H) Heard only at Papallacta area.
White-crowned Tapaculo *Scytalopus atratus* ◇ Seen very well at Wild Sumaco feeders.
Long-tailed Tapaculo *Scytalopus micropterus* ◇ Heard only at the Guacamayos ridge trail and San Isidro area.
Nariño Tapaculo *Scytalopus vicini* ◇ It was seen along the Mashpi road.
Choco Tapaculo *Scytalopus chocoensis* ◇ (H) Heard only at la Union Road-Alto Tambo area
Spillmann's Tapaculo *Scytalopus spillmanni* ◇ Excellent views of a pair at Bellavista area.
Blackish Tapaculo *Scytalopus latrans* ◇ One seen quite well at Yanacocha.
Sooty-headed Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias griseiceps* We saw 2 birds along the Mashpi road.
Black-capped Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias nigrocapillus* (H) Heard only at the Guacamayos ridge trail.
Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet *Tyrannulus elatus* (H) heard only at Playa de Oro area.
Ashy-headed Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias cinereiceps* One bird seen at San Isidro lodge porche.
Foothill Elaenia ◇ *Myiopagis olallai* Seen at Wild Sumaco.
Sierran Elaenia *Elaenia pallatangae* Seen once.
Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster* Seen at Playa de Oro area.
Brown-capped Tyrannulet *Omithion brunneicapillus* One bird seen very well at Suamox reserve.
Southern Beardless Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum* Several birds seen at Salinas area.
White-throated Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus leucophrys* We had good looks at Yanacocha and Papallacta area.
White-tailed Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus poecilocercus* Good views of this warbler-like species at Bellavista area
Rufous-winged Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus calopterus* ◇ (H) Heard only at Wild Sumaco.
Sulphur-bellied Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus minor* Three birds were seen well at San Isidro.
White-banded Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus stictopterus* We had a few at Papallacta and Guango lodge.
Tufted Tit-Tyrant *Anairetes parulus* Seen at Cayambe- Coca NP.
Torrent Tyrannulet *Serpophaga cinerea* Seen in Mindo and the Chical road.
Subtropical Doradito *Pseudocolaptes acutipennis* One bird was seen at San Pablo lagoon.
Bronze-olive Pygmy Tyrant ◇ *Pseudotriccus pelzelni* One bird seen along the Chical road.
Rufous-headed Pygmy Tyrant *Pseudotriccus ruficeps* Excellent views of this tiny skulker at Bellavista area.
Ringed Antpipit *Corythopsis torquatus* (H)
Slender-footed Tyrannulet *Zimmerius gracilipes* One was seen from the Sani canopy tower.
Red-billed Tyrannulet *Zimmerius cinereicapilla* Seen at Wild Sumaco.
Golden-faced Tyrannulet *Zimmerius chrysops* ◇ It was regularly seen around Wild Sumaco.
Choco Tyrannulet *Zimmerius albigularis* ◇ We had several sightings at Playa de Oro.
Marble-faced Bristle Tyrant *Pogonotriccus ophthalmicus* A few were seen at San Isidro area.
Ecuadorian Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes gualaquize* ◇ Two birds of this tiny bird at Wild Sumaco.
Streak-necked Flycatcher *Mionectes striaticollis* Few birds seen at San Isidro and the Guacamayos area.
Olive-striped Flycatcher *Mionectes olivaceus* Two birds seen at Wild Sumaco.
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleaginous* (H) Heard only at Playa de Oro.
Slaty-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon superciliosus* (H) Heard only in several sites.
Rufous-breasted Flycatcher *Leptopogon rufipectus* ◇ one bird seen well at San Isidro area.
Flavescent Flycatcher *Myiophobus flavicans* ◇ We had excellent looks along the Chical road .
Olive-chested Flycatcher *Myiophobus cryptoxanthus* ◇ We had nice views of this specialty at Wild Sumaco area.
Bran-colored Flycatcher ◇ *Myiophobus fasciatus* One bird seen at Wild Sumaco area.
Handsome Flycatcher *Nephelomyias pulcher* ◇ Seen at Guacamayos ridge trail.
Ornate Flycatcher *Myiobus ornatus* We had many sightings of this delightful bird all along the tour.
Buff-throated Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus ruficularis* ◇ This localised bird was seen at Wild Sumaco.
Black-capped Pygmy-Tyrant *Myiornis atricapillus* We saw a pair very well at Suamox reserve.
Scale-crested Pygmy Tyrant *Lophotriccus pileatus* We had several sightings on the tour.
Black-and-white Tody-Flycatcher ◇ (B-a-w T-Tyrant) *Poecilotriccus capitalis* We saw a male at Wild Sumaco.
Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilotriccus ruficeps* Excellent looks at this colourful bird at San Isidro.
Golden-winged Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilotriccus calopterus*. We had amazing views of this beauty at Wild Sumaco.
Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum* We had one sighting on at Alto Tambo- La Union road.
Pacific Flatbill ◇ *Rhynchocyclus pacificus* One bird was seen very well at Playa de Oro-Mirador trail.
Yellow-olive Flatbill *Tolmomyias sulphureus* One sighting.
Zimmer's Flatbill *Tolmomyias assimilis* One was seen on the extension.
Yellow-margined Flatbill *Tolmomyias flavotectus* We had few birds at Playa de Oro.

Grey-crowned Flatbill (G-c Flycatcher) *Tolmomyias poliocephalus* One on the extension.
 Olive-faced Flatbill *Tolmomyias viridiceps* (H) Heard only at Wild Sumaco area.
 White-throated Spadebill *Platyrinchus mystaceus* We saw a pair along the Mashpi road.
 Golden-crowned Spadebill *Platyrinchus coronatus* We had great views of a pair at Playa de Oro trails.
 Yellow-throated Spadebill ♦ *Platyrinchus flavigularis* (H) Heard only at Wild Sumaco.
 White-crested Spadebill *Platyrinchus platyrhynchos* Great views of this rare bird in Wild Sumaco.
 Cinnamon Flycatcher *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus* We had several sightings all through the tour.
 Cliff Flycatcher *Hirundinea ferruginea* A few were seen along the Loreto road.
 Euler's Flycatcher *Lathrotriccus euleri* Seen at Wild Sumaco.
 Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans* We had several sightings on the tour.
 Smoke-colored Pewee *Contopus fumigates* A few were seen at various locations on the tour.
 Western Wood Pewee *Contopus sordidulus* Two birds seen at Wild Sumaco.
 Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus* Few birds seen at Salinas area and San Pablo laggon.
 Paramo Ground Tyrant *Muscisaxicola alpinus* ♦ Seen at Antisana.
 Rufous-tailed Tyrant *Knipolegus poecilurus* Two birds seen very well along the Loreto road.
 Red-rumped Bush Tyrant *Cnemarchus erythropygius* One bird seen very well at Papallacta pass.
 Smoky Bush Tyrant *Myiotheretes fumigatus* One bird seen at Yanacocha reserve.
 Masked Water Tyrant *Fluvicola nengeta* Three birds seen on the western foothills and lowlands.
 Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant *Silvicultrix diadema* ♦ Two birds seen very well at Bellavista area.
 Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris* ♦ We had great views at Guango lodge.
 Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis* We had one bird near Guango along the road.
 Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca fumicolor* Two birds seen at Cayambe-Coca NP.
 Long-tailed Tyrant *Colonia colonus* Several birds along the La Union-Alto Tambo area.
 Rusty-margined Flycatcher *Myiozetetes cayanensis* We saw 4 birds at Angel Paz reserve.
 Grey-capped Flycatcher *Myiozetetes granadensis* Few seen at Playa de Oro.
 White-ringed Flycatcher *Conopias albobittatus* ♦ Seen at Playa de Oro and La Union trail- Alto Tambo area.
 Lemon-browed Flycatcher *Conopias cinchoneti* Seen at San Isidro.
 Golden-crowned Flycatcher *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus* We had many good views of this highland bird.
 Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus* One bird seen at Playa de Oro trails.
 Snowy-throated Kingbird *Tyrannus niveigularis* We saw two birds at Playa de Oro area.
 Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* Commonly seen throughout the tour.
 Rufous Mourner *Rhytipterna holerythra* One bird seen very well at Humedal de Yalare.
 Greyish Mourner *Rhytipterna simplex* (H) Heard only at Wild Sumaco.
 Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer* One bird was seen at Guango lodge.
 Pale-edged Flycatcher *Myiarchus cephalotes* We obtained great looks at this one at San Isidro and near Guango.
 Large-headed Flatbill *Ramphotrigon megacephalum* One bird was seen singing very well at Wils Sumaco.
 Bright-rumped Attila *Attila spadiceus* (H) Heard only at Playa de Oro.
 Scaled Fruiteater *Ampelioides* We saw two birds along the Mashpi road and at Wild Sumaco.
 Green-and-black Fruiteater *Pipreola riefferii* We had few good looks at Bellavista and Guacamayos ridge.
 Barred Fruiteater *Pipreola arcuata* A male seen at Yanacocha.
 Orange-breasted Fruiteater *Pipreola jucunda* ♦ A total of 3 were seen along the Mashpi road.
 Scarlet-breasted Fruiteater *Pipreola frontalis* ♦ (H) Heard only at Wild Sumaco.
 Fiery-throated Fruiteater *Pipreola chlorolepidota* ♦ (H) Heard only at Wild Sumaco.
 Andean Cock-of-the-Rock *Rupicola peruvianus* Our best views were lekking birds at Angel Paz. Also in the east.
 Black-necked Red Cotinga *Phoenicircus nigricollis* ♦ (H) Heard on the extension, but no lek known.
 Grey-tailed Piha *Snowornis subalaris* ♦ (LO) Heard by the group at Wild Sumaco.
 Olivaceous Piha *Snowornis cryptolophus* ♦ One bird seen very well along the Chical road.
 Rufous Piha *Lipaugus unirufus* (H) Heard only at Playa de Oro.
 Dusky Piha *Lipaugus fuscocinereus* Two birds seen very well along the Guacamayos ridge trail.
 Blue Cotinga *Cotinga nattereri* A female seen very well at Playa de Oro.
 Black-tipped Cotinga *Carpodectes hopkei* ♦ Two males were seen at Playa de Oro.
 Golden-winged Manakin *Masius chrysopterus* Two females and one male seen on the wester foothills.
 Green Manakin ♦ *Cryptopipo holochlora* One bird at Wild Sumaco. Rare.
 Blue-rumped Manakin *Lepidothrix isidorei* ♦ Several good looks were obtained at Wild Sumaco.

White-bearded Manakin *Manacus manacus* Few good views at Playa de Oro.
Club-winged Manakin *Machaeropterus deliciosus*. ♦ Two males seen along the Maspi road and at Septimo Paraiso.
White-crowned Manakin *Dixiphia pipra* Two males seen at Wild Sumaco.
Red-capped Manakin *Dixiphia mentalis* One male seen well at Playa de Oro.
Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher *Terenotriccus erythrurus* One was seen at Playa de Oro.
Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata* We had 2 birds at Playa de Oro.
Northern Schiffornis *Schiffornis veraepacis* (H) heard only along La Union trail- Alto Tambo area.
Barred Becard *Pachyramphus versicolor* A female was seen at Guango lodge.
Cinnamon Becard *Pachyramphus cinnamomeus* Regularly seen on the lowlands and foothills of the west.
White-winged Becard *Pachyramphus polychropterus* ♦ One male seen at Wild Sumaco area.
Black-and-white Becard *Pachyramphus albogriseus* A female along the Mashpi road.
Black-billed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis nigrirostris* ♦ We got good looks at San Isidro.
Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo *Vireolanius leucotis* We had several good looks at Wild Sumaco.
Brown-capped Vireo *Vireo leucophrys* Several sightings at higher elevations.
Chivi Vireo *Vireo chivi* Several sightings throughout the tour.
Yellow-green Vireo *Vireo flavoviridis* A couple birds seen.
Rufous-naped Greenlet *Hylophilus semibrunneus* ♦ Two good views of this canopy bird at Wild Sumaco.
Olivaceous Greenlet *Hylophilus olivaceus* ♦ Several good looks at this rather plain bird at Wild Sumaco.
Tawny-crowned Greenlet *Hylophilus ochraceiceps* ♦ Two birds seen at Playa de Oro-Mirador trail.
Lesser Greenlet *Hylophilus decurtatus* A few were seen on the western lowlands.
Turquoise Jay *Cyanolyca turcosa* ♦ We saw them several times.
Violaceous Jay *Cyanocorax violaceus* Common in the east.
Inca Jay *Cyanocorax yncas* It was common in the garden of San Isidro.
Grey-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea* Commonly encountered in lowland habitats on the west.
Blue-and-white Swallow *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca* It was commonly seen throughout the tour.
Brown-bellied Swallow *Notiochelidon murina* This highland bird seen at several locations. Best looks at Papallacta.
White-thighed Swallow *Neochelidon tibialis* ♦ We had some excellent views along the La Union trail-Alto Tambo.
Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* It was commonly seen throughout the tour.
Rufous Wren *Cinnycerthia unirufa* We saw several birds at Yanacocha.
Sepia-brown Wren *Cinnycerthia olivascens* Several birds seen in a flock at Bellavista.
Grass Wren *Cistothorus platensis* two birds seen in the Antisana area.
Plain-tailed Wren *Pheugopedius euophrys* ♦ Seen near San Isidro.
Coraya Wren *Pheugopedius coraya* Two birds seen at Wild Sumaco area.
Bay Wren *Cantorchilus nigricapillus* Several seen on the west.
Stripe-throated Wren *Cantorchilus leucopogon* ♦ Seen along the trails of Playa de Oro.
House Wren *Troglodytes aedon* Frequently seen around human habitation.
Mountain Wren *Troglodytes solstitialis* We obtained good views at San Isidro.
White-breasted Wood Wren *Henicorhina leucosticte* (H) Heard only in several places.
Grey-breasted Wood Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys* Regular encounters with this species at higher elevation.
Southern Nightingale-Wren *Microcerculus marginatus* Seen in Playa de Oro.
Wing-banded Wren ♦ *Microcerculus bambla* Seen well at Wild Sumaco.
Musician Wren *Cyphorhinus arada* (H) Hearn only at Wild Sumaco.
Song Wren *Cyphorhinus phaeocephalus* Several birds seen well at Playa de Oro.
Tawny-faced Gnatwren *Microbates cinereiventris* Several at Playa de Oro.
Slate-throated Gnatcatcher *Poliophtila schistaceigula* ♦ This Chocó specialty was seen well at Playa de Oro.
Tropical Mockingbird *Mimus gilvus* We saw a few at the Salinas area.
Andean Solitaire *Myadestes ralloides* One bird seen along the Mashpi road.
Black Solitaire *Entomodestes coracinus* (H) Heard only at Mashpi road.
Speckled Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus maculatus* Excellent views at Wild Sumaco feeders
Chesnut-bellied Thrush *Turdus fulviventris* Two birds seen along the Guacamayos ridge trail.
Great Thrush *Turdus fuscater* Common bird of the higher elevations.
Glossy-black Thrush *Turdus serranus* Seen well at San Isidro.
Chestnut-bellied Thrush *Turdus fulviventris* Seen well in San Isidro and Guacamayos.
Black-billed Thrush *Turdus ignobilis* It was seen several times at Wild Sumaco.

Dagua Thrush *Turdus daguae* (H) Heard only at Playa de Oro.

Ecuadorian Thrush *Turdus maculirostris* ◇ Seen several times on the west at lower elevations.

White-necked Thrush *Turdus albicollis* (H) Heard only at Wild Sumaco.

White-capped Dipper *Cinclus leucocephalus* Several seen on the east and western slopes.

Paramo Pipit *Anthus bogotensis* Seen well at Antisana NP.

Olivaceous Siskin ◇ *Spinus olivaceus* Two birds seen well along the Loreto road.

Blue-naped Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia cyanea* One bird was seen at Wild Sumaco.

Yellow-collared Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia flavirostris* ◇ (H) Heard only along the La Union trail- Alto Tambo.

Orange-crowned Euphonia *Euphonia saturate*. ◇ Two birds seen well at Suamox feeders.

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

Bronze-green Euphonia *Euphonia mesochrysa* Several birds seen at Wild Sumaco.

Fulvous-vented Euphonia *Euphonia fulvicrissa* A male seen at Playa de Oro.

Orange-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia xanthogaster* It was commonly seen in a wide range of habitats.

Olive-crowned Yellowthroat *Geothlypis semiflava* A male seen along the Chical road.

Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitayumi* Several great views of this stunning little bird.

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

Buff-rumped Warbler *Myiothlypis fulvicauda* (H) Heard only in several places near water.

Choco Warbler *Myiothlypis chlorophrys* ◇ Few seen along the Mashpi road.

Russet-crowned Warbler *Myiothlypis coronate* This lovely songster was seen at Guango and the Guacamayos.

Three-striped Warbler *Basileuterus tristriatus* We had a few sightings in the NW.

Slate-throated Whitestart *Myioborus miniatus* It was regularly seen in the Andean forests.

Spectacled Whitestart *Myioborus melanocephalus* We had several encounters at higher elevations.

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

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus* It was common at Wild Sumaco and Archidona.

Chesnut-headed Oropendola *Psarocolius wagleri* Two birds were seen at Playa de Oro.

Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela* We saw few birds at Archidona.

Scarlet-rumped Cacique *Cacicus microrhynchus* It was common around the lodge at Playa de Oro.

Subtropical Cacique *Cacicus uropygialis* We had good views in the garden of San Isidro and the Guacamayos area

Northern Mountain Cacique *Cacicus leucoramphus* Several seen along the Guacamayos ridge trail and San Isidro.

Scrub Blackbird *Dives waczewiczi* We saw several birds on the western lowlands.

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola* Regularly recorded on the tour.

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis* Commonly seen at higher elevations.

Yellow-browed Sparrow *Ammodramus aurifrons* It was seen at Wild Sumaco.

Orange-billed Sparrow *Arremon aurantirostris* It was seen at Mindo area.

Grey-browed Brushfinch *Arremon assimilis* Seen well at Cayambe-Coca NP.

Pale-naped Brushfinch *Arremon pallidinucha* Seen very well at the Cayambe-Coca NP.

Choco Brushfinch *Atlapetes crassus* ◇ Several great views on the west.

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

White-winged Brushfinch *Atlapetes leucopterus* Seen well at Angel Paz reserve feeders.

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

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

Yellow-whiskered Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus parvirostris* ◇ Excellent views at San Isidro area and Guango.

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

Ashy-throated Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus canigularis* Few birds seen at Wayra reserve.

Dusky-faced Tanager *Mitrospingus cassinii* Few birds seen at Suamox reserve.

Black-capped Hemispingus *Hemispingus atropileus* We had good looks along the Guacamayos ridge trail.

Superciliaried Hemispingus *Hemispingus superciliaris* Seen at Cayambe-Coca NP.

Black-eared Hemispingus *Hemispingus melanotis* We had good views at San Isidro.

Western Hemispingus *Hemispingus ochraceus* ◇ A pair was encountered near Bellavista area.

Black-backed Bush Tanager *Urothraupis stolzmanni* Several individuals were seen at Cayambe-Coca NP.

Grey-hooded Bush Tanager *Cnemoscopus rubrirostris* Seen well at Guango.

Tawny-crested Tanager *Tachyphonus delatrii* Commonly encountered at Playa de Oro.

White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus* A few seen at Wild Sumaco area.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hooded Mountain Tanager *Buthraupis montana* It was seen at Yanacocha reserve.

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

Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus igniventris* First seen at Yanacocha.

Blue-winged Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus somptuosus* It was the most common Mountain Tanager.

Black-chinned Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus notabilis* ♦ We had great views at Mashpi area and Chical road.

Buff-breasted Mountain Tanager *Dubusia taeniata* It was seen at Cayambe-Coca NP.

Grass-green Tanager *Chlorornis riefferii* It was seen at Bellavista area and along the Guacamayos ridge trail.

Purplish-mantled Tanager *Iridosornis porphyrocephalus* ♦ Seen along the Chical road.

Yellow-throated Tanager *Iridosornis analis* It was seen along the Loreto road.

Glistening-green Tanager *Chlorochrysa phoenicotis* ♦ Seen at Mashpi road.

Orange-eared Tanager *Chlorochrysa calliparaea* Seen at Wild Sumaco.

Grey-and-gold Tanager *Tangara palmeri* ♦ We had good views along the Mashpi road and La Union road.

Paradise Tanager *Tangara chilensis* We had several looks at Wild Sumaco.

Green-and-gold Tanager *Tangara schrankii* Several were seen at Wild Sumaco.

Emerald Tanager *Tangara florida* Seen at La Union road- Alto Tambo.

Golden Tanager *Tangara arthus* One of the most seen tangaras on the tour.

Silver-throated Tanager *Tangara icterocephala* Seen in different sites in the NW.

Saffron-crowned Tanager *Tangara xanthocephala* Regular sightings in the San Isidro area.

Flame-faced Tanager *Tangara parzudakii* Both the western and the eastern race was seen on the tour.

Spotted Tanager *Tangara punctata* We had several sightings at Wild Sumaco.

Yellow-bellied Tanager *Ixothraupis xanthogastra* We had two birds seen at Wild Sumaco area.

Rufous-throated Tanager *Tangara rufigula* ♦ We had a few birds along the Mashpi road and La Union road.

Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola* A common tangara on the tour, especially on the east slope foothills.

Rufous-winged Tanager *Tangara lavinia* ♦ Several were seen at Playa de Oro.

Golden-naped Tanager *Tangara ruficervix* We had regular sightings around Mindo.

Scrub Tanager ♦ *Tangara vitriolina* Seen near Salinas area.

Blue-whiskered Tanager *Tangara johannae* ♦ One bird was seen through the scope at Playa de Oro.

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

Golden-hooded Tanager *Tangara larvata* Few were seen at Alto Tambo area.

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

Blue-and-black Tanager *Tangara vassorii* A few sightings at Bellavista area.

Black-capped Tanager *Tangara heinei* Good views were obtained at Alambi reserve.

Swallow Tanager *Tersina viridis* We had good looks near Wayra reserve.

Black-faced Dacnis *Dacnis lineata* We saw several birds in the eastern foothills.

Scarlet-thighed Dacnis *Dacnis venusta* A female was seen at Humedal de Yalare.

Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana* We saw it few times on the eastern slope.

Scarlet-breasted Dacnis *Dacnis berlepschi* ♦ One pair seen well at playa de Oro. Stunning bird!

Purple Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes caeruleus* It was regularly encountered throughout the tour.

Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza* It was regularly encountered throughout the tour.

Golden-collared Honeycreeper *Iridophanes pulcherrimus* ♦ We had a female at Wild Sumaco.

Scarlet-browed Tanager *Heterospingus xanthopygius* ♦ We saw them at Playa de Oro.

Scarlet-and-white Tanager *Chrysothlypis salmoni* ♦ Seen well at Playa de Oro.

Cinereous Conebill *Conirostrum cinereum* A few seen at Cayambe-Coca NP.

Capped Conebill *Conirostrum albifrons* Several were seen at Bellavista and Guango lodge.

Glossy Flowerpiercer *Diglossa lafresnayii* We had many good views at Yanacocha and Papallacta.

Black Flowerpiercer *Diglossa humeralis* It was common at Antisana National Park.

White-sided Flowerpiercer *Diglossa albilatera* We saw a few along the Chical road.

Indigo Flowerpiercer *Diglossa indigotica* ♦ This once enigmatic bird was seen very well along the Mashpi road.

Golden-eyed Flowerpiercer *Diglossa glauca* We had a few birds on the east slope.

Bluish Flowerpiercer *Diglossa caerulescens* A few birds were seen around San Isidro.
Masked Flowerpiercer *Diglossa cyanea* Definitely the most common flowerpiercer on this tour.
Plumbeous Sierra Finch *Phrygilus unicolor* It was common at Papallacta and Antisana.
Ash-breasted Sierra Finch *Phrygilus plebejus* Seen at San Pablo lagoon.
Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina* A male seen at Wild Sumaco area.
Variable Seedeater *Sporophila corvina* We had several on the west.
Chestnut-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila castaneiventris* Few were seen on the eastern foothills.
Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch *Oryzoborus angolensis* Good looks at Wild Sumaco area.
Plain-colored Seedeater *Catamenia inornata* It was seen at Antisana.
Black and White Seedeater *Sporophila luctuosa* Few birds seen along the Loreto road.
Yellow-faced Grassquit *Tiaris olivaceus* We saw few of them at El Chontal.
Lemon-spectacled Tanager *Chlorothraupis olivacea* ◇ Seen at Playa de Oro.
Ochre-breasted Tanager *Chlorothraupis stolzmanni* ◇ Seen along the Mashpi road.
Pluscap *Catamblyrhynchus diadema* One bird seen in a mixed feeding flock at Bellavista area.
Yellow-shouldered Grosbeak *Parkerthraustes humeralis* A pair seen very well at Wild Sumaco.
White-capped Tanager *Sericossypha albocristata* A single bird was seen along the Guacamayos ridge trail.
Slate-coloured Grosebeak *Saltator grossus* Some sightings at Playa de Oro, Mashpi road and La Union trail.
Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus* Regularly seen throughout the tour.
Black-winged Saltator *Saltator atripennis* ◇ Regular sightings on the west.
Blue-gray Saltator *Saltator coerulescens* Seen in the Amazon.
Blue-black Grosbeak *Cyanocompsa cyanoides* (H)

MAMMALS

Tayra *Eira barbara*
Tapeti Forest Rabbit *Sylvilagus brasiliensis*
Red-tailed Squirrel *Sciurus granatensis*
Amazon Dwarf Squirrel *Microsciurus flaviventer*
Central American Agouti *Dasyprocta punctata*
Black Agouti (Grey Agouti) *Dasyprocta fuliginosa*
Black-mantled Tamarin *Saguinus nigricollis*
White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus*
Three-toed Sloth *Bradypus variegatus*
Mantled Howler *Alouatta palliata*
Poison-dart Frog *Dendrobates*

TOP 5 BIRDS OF THE TRIP

- 1- OILBIRD
- 2- RUFOUS-BELLIED SEEDSNIPE
- 3- SWORD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD
- 4- ANDEAN POTOO
- 5- WIRE-CRESTED THORNTAIL