



Ash-throated Antwren, a poorly known and restricted bird from certain localities in the Andean foothills of Northern Peru.

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Northern Peru is definitely one of the most interesting birding regions of South America, not just for the diversity of species and habitats but also for the number of specialties that the region hosts, including some of the most sought-after species. This tour that has a great combination of habitats starting from the desertic regions of the Pacific Coast of Peru and passing through different mountain ranges where we cover high altitudes with different altitudinal gradients, the impressive Marañón Valley that hosts a number of endemic species, and unique outlying ridges that have some of the most rare and unique species. Also, a bit of Amazonian regions makes this tour even more diverse and exceptional.

During this tour we managed to record approximately 706 species of birds. I said approximately because the taxonomy of certain birds is not totally clear at the moment. So, I include certain subspecies that have a potential chance to become species, and during this tour we looked for them as though they were a different species. Of

those 706 species, 648 were birds that we managed to see, 52 that were heard only, 5 that only leaders saw, and 1 that was not seen by the leaders.



Grey-bellied Hawk, a mega rarity in South America.

We got some marvelous surprises, including some of the rarest birds of South America such as the Grey-Bellied Hawk, and also several difficult and restricted species including the Ash-throated Antwren and Cordillera Azul Antbird. For me, those were the main highlights of the tour, but for the majority of the group the 3 main birds were the Scarlet-banded Barbet, the Painted Manakin, and the Long-whiskered Owlet, which certainly are some major highlights and some of the main reasons to visit these regions of Northern Peru, as well as the mandatory and spectacular hummingbird, the Marvelous Spatuletail, that was probably the most fanciful of the 61 species of hummingbirds that we recorded on the trip. Other contenders were the Rufous-crested Coquette and Royal Sunangel, which also put on a show. Seeing 17 species of Owls (including 4 Owl species on one of our night outings), or to record 35 species of the Thamnophilidae family (Typical Antbirds), or 96 species of the Tyrannidae family (Tyrant Flycatchers), are good examples of how diverse the tour was. From the beginning to the end, we had terrific birding and we managed to see most of the main targets.

Our tour started at Chiclayo, where we met our amazing local guide Carlos, with Mario (our fantastic driver), and Mari who gave us some of the best field meals that you can imagine. Most of the group came on the same flight from Lima, and we arrived a bit earlier at Chiclayo, so while we waited for Adam and Rob who came a day before to Chiclayo, we started to familiarize ourselves with some of the common birds that you can see in the parking area of the airport, such as West Peruvian Dove, Eared Dove, Scrub Blackbird, Long-tailed Mockingbird, and Kelp Gull, among others. Once Rob and Adam arrived, we went straight to our first birding site, Bosque de Rafan—a desertic habitat with sand dunes, dominated by Prosopis (algarrobo trees), Acacia, and other trees with dense shrubby understory. We had entertaining birding and great success with our major targets, including the Peruvian

Plantcutter, one of the most exquisite Peruvian endemics that showed quite well, also the restricted and localized Cinereous Finch, 3 individuals of Peruvian Thick-Knee, and a few other birds such as Tumbes Tyrannulet, Grey-and-white Tyrannulet, Vermilion Flycatcher, Pacific Parrotlet, Superciliated Wren, Amazilia Hummingbird and couple of Tshudi's Nightjars, which were flushed in the first pre breakfast session. We still needed to find an important one, the Rufous Flycatcher, so in our second round of birding at Rafan we managed to find this strange species of Myiarchus flycatcher (certainly the nicest of this genus). We also added Fasciated Wren, Yellow Grosbeak and Scarlet-backed Woodpecker to our successful morning.



Peruvian Plantcutter (left) and Rufous Flycatcher (right), two Peruvian endemics from the area of Rafan.

Time to add more species so we headed up to the coast at Santa Rosa Beach, where we initially looked for the Many-colored Rush-Tyrant and the Wren-like Rushbird in some reeds in areas of brackish water on the way in to the beach. While we looked for these two reed specialists, we found our only Peruvian Pipit of the trip, as well a Magnificent Frigatebird, which is regular in the far north of the Peruvian coast, but so much where we were, and actually it was a Peruvian lifer for me. Once at the beach, we started to see some waders such as Grey Plover, Collared Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, American Oystercatcher and Sanderlings, also some gulls like Grey, Grey-hooded, Belcher's and Kelp Gull, and Royal Tern. One of our main targets at Santa Rosa Beach was to try to see the Peruvian Tern, an endangered species, with a population between 600-1700 individuals, according



Peruvian Thick-Knees and Golden Grosbeak, both from Rafan.

to Bird Life international. We walked a bit to get to an estuary, where we got to see a big group of terns on the other side of the estuary. Initially we weren't sure what they were, but all those terns seemed to be the same type of bird with the same coloration and size. After a while, with closer views we realized that all of them were Peruvian Terns, and it was hard to estimate the quantity, but easily there were at least 100 birds lying on the beach. That was the biggest number of birds that Carlos and I had ever seen, and hopefully is a good sign that the population is still healthy. Maybe the strong winds that we faced that day pushed all those birds to the coast, who knows...

Other birds that we saw in the estuary were Cinnamon Teal, White-cheeked Pintail, Peruvian Pelican, Peruvian Boobies in the distance, Greater Grebe, Black Skimmers, and some Egrets and Herons, also we saw the first mammal of the trip, a South American Sea Lion. On the way back to the car we returned checking for Least Seedsnipe on the coastal dunes, we didn't see much but we managed to find 3 Least Seedsnipes, and Anthony and me we got to see the first Coastal Miner for the trip. After our session at Playa Santa Rosa we went to have a late lunch before make our journey to Chaparri Reserve. We arrived to Chaparri at dark with enough time to go to our rooms before dinner. Before go to bed we did a brief owling where we saw our first owl of the trip, a Peruvian Screech-Owl.

Our next day we did some driving from Chaparri, to spent our morning at Casupe road. It was a cold morning and the activity was a bit slow at the beginning, but as the day continued we managed to see a good repertory of Tumbesian specialties such as Ecuadorian Piculet, Grey-breasted Flycatcher, Chapman's Antshrike, Elegant Crescentchest, Rufous-necked and Henna-hooded Foliage-gleaners, Pacific Elaenia, Tumbesian Tyrannulet, Baird's Flycatcher, Fasciated and Speckled-breasted [sclateri] Wrens, Plumbeous-backed Thrush, Black-capped Sparrow, White-winged Brushfinch, White-edged Oriole, Three-banded and Grey-and-gold Warblers and Black-cowled Saltator were the specialties of the morning. Besides the previous mentioned ones we saw other species of interest such as a pair of Guayaquil Woodpecker, Cordilleran Parakeet (yes, Cordilleran Parakeet and not the Red-masked Parakeet that is the one that you mostly expect in that area), Tooth-billed Tanager, Peruvian Pygmy Owl, Long-billed Starthroat and for a great ending of our morning we spot a Solitary Eagle just before to head back to Chapari.



Grey-hooded Gull and Peruvian Terns, both seen in our visit to Santa Rosa Beach.



The afternoon was spent at Chaparri, initially were we focus to find the Tumbes Tyrant, that we managed to see it near the accommodations, other additions for the trip were the White-winged Guans that after few generations to be reintroduced we felt ok to tick them, Short-tailed Woodstar, Red-masked Parakeet, Streak-headed Woodcreeper, Pacific Hornero, Necklaced Spinetail, Collared Antshrike, better views of the Elegant Crescentchest, Fulvous-faced Scrub Tyrant (the former Tawny-crowned Pygmy Tyrant), Grey-and-white Tyrannulet, White-tailed Jays, White-browed Gnatcatcher, Collared Warbling Finch, Tumbes Sparrow and Peruvian Meadowlark were some of the birds that we managed to see in the area around Chaparri Lodge, as well some interesting mammals as the Senchura Fox. The last part of the afternoon we decided to bird on the entrance road of Chaparri where the habitat is more open and scrubbier than the areas near the lodge, and we had chances to add other species of major interest such as the Sulphur-throated Finch (one of our main targets), Short-tailed Field Tyrant, lots of Parrot-billed Seedeaters, other sittings of Cinerous Finch and Peruvian Thick-knee. In the last minutes of daylight of our afternoon we got another important endemic, the Tumbes Hummingbird who came to our playback of Peruvian Pygmy Owl. At dusk we did a try for Anthony's Nightjar without success, not even answered to us. Before get back to the lodge we did a try for owls, but the only species that we managed to see was another Peruvian Screech-Owl.



Nice views of Grey-breasted Flycatcher at Casupe Road, my first lifer of the trip.

We did quite well in the area of Chaparri, but we had one important species that refused to show up, the White-headed Brushfinch, so we did a try in the first part of the morning in Chaparri, before to leave the place, and we managed to succeed our mission, where we got to see two pairs of them. After that we head up right away to Tinajones Lake, were we add some other species such as Peruvian Sheartail, Purple-collared Woodstar, close views of Burrowing Owls, and other aquatic species such as Cinnamon Teal, Common and Purple Gallinule, Pied-billed Grebe, Black-necked Stilt, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Striated, Cocoi and Little-blue Herons, Snowy Egret and Ringed Kingfisher. After check the Tinajones Lake we went to Bosque Pomac, where our main target was the Tumbes Swallow. We went to some hills with good view of the reserve and wait for the Tumbes Swallow without success, not much birds at that site, but we managed to see another Rufous Flycatcher that was a bird that Ron needed to see, as well the Coastal Miner, that most of the group missed in our day at Santa Rosa Beach. After have lunch in the site, we decided to give another try in a different site for the Tumbes Swallow, so we try for them along the riverbed that was in the Bosque Pomac reserve. The area had good visibility, and after walk for a few minutes we spot some Swallows at the distance and we try to get closer to managed a decent view of them, and with a bit of persistence we managed to show the Tumbes Swallow to everyone, but we had to be careful because

they were Blue-and-white Swallows in the area as well. Just before leaving Bosque Pomac, we did a bathroom stop, meanwhile we were using the bathrooms we got a close group of swallows, with some closer views of Tumbes Swallows as compensation for our persistence, after that we continue our journey to Quebrada Freolillo, in the last section of the afternoon, with the goal to see a wild population of White-winged Guans, and we got to see several of them. Besides the Guans, we finally got to see the Tumbes Pewee that refused to show up before and was heard only, other birds that we saw were the Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle, Variable Hawk, Laughing Falcon, Baird's Flycatcher and Tooth-billed Tanager. After that we drove to the town of Olmos where we pass our night.



A nice selection of Tumbesian specialties. Tumbes Hummingbird and Tumbes Chat-Tyrant (above), Black-capped Sparrow and male Short-tailed Woodstar (below).

Another interesting day with different birds was waiting for us, where we were going to visit the first pass of the mountains in the trip, at Abra Porculla. A higher elevation than Casupe, but sharing some of the Casupe birds, our main targets were the Piura Chat-Tyrant that we managed to get very decent views, as well the Bay-crowned Brushfinch that we saw it quite well too. Other birds that we got at Abra Porculla were the Rusty Flowerpiercer, Black-cowled Saltator, Golden Grosbeak, White-winged Brushfinch, Hooded Siskin, Plumbeous-backed Thrush, Rufous-browed Peppershrike, Pacific Elaenia, Chapman's Antshrike, Line-cheeked Spinetail, great views of

White-throated Hawk, Purple-collared Woodstar, Peruvian Sheartail (male), Grey-chinned Hermit (Porculla H), and good views of White-tipped Swifts.



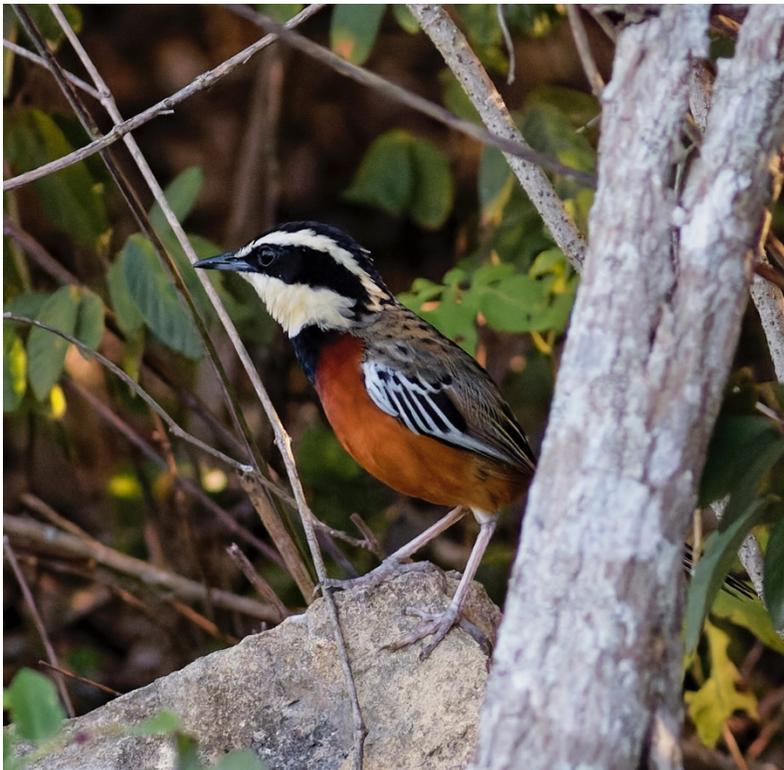
Piura Chat-Tyrant and male Chapman's Antshrike, two of the specialties from Abra Porculla.

After our birding session at Abra Porculla we head out to the other side of the mountains into the lower drainage of the Marañón Valley, at the area of Jaen. This area still a dry area but has a little bit of Amazonian influence, which makes it an interesting location, that also host some important endemics species, such as the Marañón Crescentchest, Northern Slaty Antshrike (Maranon Slaty-Antshrike), Collared (Shumba A) Antshrike, Rufous-fronted (Marañón T) Thornbird, Ecuadorian Ground Dove, our first sites of Marañón Thrush, Striped Cuckoo, Streaked Saltator, Red Pileated Finch, Drab Seedeater, Marañón Gnatcatcher, and one of the most important endemics such as the Little Inca Finch. We also did some night birding session to give the last try for Anthony's Nightjar that we got very good views of at least 2 birds flying around us, and perch a couple times, also Lesser Nighthawk were seen at dusk, and unfortunately a Striped Owl was flushed away when we were walking back to our bus at dark.

Our following day we went to Tamborapa area, where some other Marañón specialties occurs. We arrive at dark to our birding areas to look for the West Peruvian Screech Owl (Marañón S O) [roboratus], that got to be seen quite well, but it wasn't as easy as his cousin at Chaparri. We also got distance views of Common Potoo. Once at first light we got the chance to heard the birds dawn songs, but we went right away to try for Marañón Spinetail, that in the first attempt one bird came



Peruvian (Marañon) Screech-Owl and Marañon Crescentchest, two of the main Marañon specialties of the trip.



right at the open, but it was a bit dark and not everyone managed to see it, after that, the bird just answered and we didn't manage to make the bird to come to the open again. We also tried for the Speckle-breasted Wren (Marañon W) that we managed to see it moving true the vines, Yellow-cheeked Becard was seen, but not everyone managed to see it, but we saw well the Black-and-White Becard (not the habitat that I am use to see it, but is a regular bird in the area), and other birds like Streaked Xenops, Spot-throated Hummingbird (a Marañon endemic), Purple-throated Euphonia, Lesser Elaenia, Red-pileated Finch, and others, but our main concern was to find another Marañon Spinetail that eventually we managed to get everyone on the bird. After seen the Marañon Spinetail we focus to find the Chinchipe Spinetail, and a pair performed quite well for us, other additions for the morning were Yellow-tailed Oriole, Great Antshrike, Dull-colored Grassquit, and a close encounter with a Tataupa Tinamou singing that we didn't manage to see.



Little Inca Finch, and Chinchipe Spinetail, some of our main targets in the area of Jaen.

Then we continued to Pomacochas, where we had to face some road construction delays, but we managed to get in time to spent the end of our afternoon looking for the Marvelous Spatuletail, at La Florida feeders from Idelberg and his family, that just couple months ago they put hummingbird feeders again, because he use to a have it before Covid times, but for year and a half he stopped to put them regularly, but he told us that his feeders had a good frequency of visits of every 30-40 minutes, and it was about right, just that it was a bit shy hummingbird, but we got good views of it (perhaps not as long to enjoyed on the best way but was seen well). Other hummingbirds that came to the feeders were the Lesser and Sparkling Violetear, Chestnut-breasted Coronet and White-bellied Hummingbird. Meanwhile we look for hummingbirds we also saw other birds as Highland Elaenia, our first Inca Jays, Crimson-mantled Woodpecker, Great Thurst and Rufous-collared Sparrows. After that we went to Pomacochas to our accomodations.

The following day was an incredible day of birding, with great activity during most of the day, as well with many highlights of the trip in the same day. The morning was spent at the San Lorenzo ridge, and started with a pair of White-throated Screech Owls, once at dawn we got to see a Strong-billed Woodcreeper, Yellow-breasted Brushfinch, Rufous-capped Thornbill, and other birds but our main priority was to walk directly to the upper section of the trail to get to the territories of Pale-Billed Antpitta, but to see Russet-mantle Softail on the way is a good excuse to make a stop on the way, as well the Plain-tailed Wren (Gray-mantled Wren) was another important target that we must see in our visit to San Lorenzo ridge and appear on the way to the Antpitta, same as the Slaty Finch that was another big bonus before even seen the main price of our morning.



The aptly named Marvelous Spatuletail.

Is a bit challenging hike but quite doable if you don't mind steep trails, but doing it slowly and steady everyone managed to do it. Once at the areas of Pale-billed Antpitta we managed to get views in the open of 2 birds that crossed the trail in two occasions. After seen the Antpitta we just keep advantage of the luck that we had that morning and wait to see what other surprises will appear, such as Unstreaked Tit-Tyrant, or a pair of Lulu's Tody-Flycatcher, or the isolated sub specie of Rufous-capped Antshrike [jaczewskii], other birds as Sword-Billed Hummingbird, Violet-throated Starfrontlet, Amethyst-throated Sunangel, Plushcap, Streaked Tuftedcheek, Buff-browed Foliage-Gleaner, Rufous Spinetail, Red-crested Cotinga, Superciliated Hemispingus, Hooded and Lacrimose Mountain Tanagers were some of the birds that complement our morning. After that we continue to another great place where we spent the next 3 nights, the famous Owllet Lodge, at Abra Patricia. Some of the birds that gave us the welcome to Owllet Lodge were the White-capped Tanagers, one of the most stunning tanagers, that with their huge size doesn't look like a tanager, also a good mixed flock species appears right around our rooms with species like Flame-faced, Blue-and-Black, Beryl-spangled, Saffron-crowned and Silver-backed Tanager, Olivaceous Siskin, Common Bush Tanager, Mottled-cheeked and Peruvian Tyrannulet. After some rest for some part of the afternoon we went to the trails with the intention to stay until dark and do the first try for Long-Whiskered Owllet, taking the advantage of the good weather conditions. Some of the birds that we saw in the last part of that afternoon were a pair of Green-and-Black Fruiteater, Variable Antshrike, Inca Flycatcher, Orange-bellied Euphonia and Smoke-colored Pewee. Once at dusk and in the potential territories of the Long-whiskered Owllet, we wait until dark before start to look for the Owllet. In our first attempt we just heard a bird in the distance but that didn't come close, so we keep looking for another responsive bird, and in our second attempt with another individual, we managed to spot one individual of the Owl, a bit tricky to show to everyone for the small size and for because it was showing the back to us but eventually, we managed to see it in another position with decent views for everyone. Well, a nice walk back to the lodge was waiting for us, and also a big list for our very productive day.



Pale-billed Antpitta, what a cracker.

The menu for our next morning was 2 different Antpitta shows, and the first one started at 6:30 with a cute Chestnut Antpitta that performed quite well. After our great views of the Chestnut Antpitta, we went for the second show of the Rusty-tinged Antpitta that refused to show up in her show, and just call in the background. After breakfast we did some of the trails and we got some good birds such as Yellow-Scarfed Tanager joining a bird mixed species flock with species like Black-capped Tyrannulet, Rusty-winged Barbtail, Buff-browed Foliage Gleaner, Masked Flowerpiercer, Yellow-throated, Grass-green, Golden-naped and Bue-and-black Tanager among other birds. Other species that we got in the rest of our walk were Rufous-vented Tapaculo, Black-throated Tody-Tyrant, Tyrannine Woodcreeper, a familiar group of Sepia-capped Wren and the Black-throated Toucanet were some of

the encounters of our morning, as well some sittings of the Spix's White-faced Capuchin to add some species of our mammal list of the trip.



Long-whiskered Owlet from Abra Patricia. (Photo by participant Adam Dare)

The hummingbird feeder activity at Owlet lodge was very slow, but once in a while some species of Humingbirds make brief visits to the feeders such as the Chestnut-breasted Coronet; the Fawn-breasted Brilliant, Long-tailed Sylph, and Emerald-bellied Puffleg were seen as well but not coming to the feeders, but in natural flowers around the lodge. In the afternoon we had another productive birding session and the highlight was the Olive Tufted Flycatcher a rare and local species of Flycatcher, the Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia was another addition to the list joining some good mixed species flocks with other tanagers. Also, we managed to see the Lulu's Tody-Flycatcher again, and we got to see the Rusty-tinged Antpitta in the old fashion style. When the night came, we had terrific looks of the Cinnamon Screech Owl, and meanwhile we wait for the Owl the Rufous-bellied Nighthawk and Wattled Guan were calling in the area.



White-capped Tanagers gave us a nice welcome to our rooms at Owlet Lodge.



Chestnut Antpitta gave us a nice show at his feeder station at Owlet Lodge.

Our following morning, we went to Fundo Alto Nieva, but the weather didn't cooperate as much in the first part of the morning, despite of that we managed to see some good specialties such as the Cinnamon-breasted Tody-Tyrant and Bar-winged Wood-Wren. Birding was quite challenging and the Ochre-fronted Antpitta our group just managed to heard it and only me and Mario (our driver) managed to see it in the back of the deep understory vegetation. The hummingbird feeders had good activity with species like Fawn-breasted and Violet-fronted Brilliant, Long-tailed Sylph, Greenish Puffleg [cutucuensis?], Emerald-bellied Puffleg, Bronzy Inca, Peruvian Racket-tail and White-bellied Woodstar, but the Royal Sunangel didn't show up to the feeders. Other interesting birds in our morning at Fundo Alto Nieva were the Tyrannine Woodcreeper, Uniform Antshrike, Rusty-tinged Antpitta, Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet, Subtropical Cacique, Inca Jays, Oleaginous Hemispingus, Golden-eyed Flowerpiercer, Metallic-green, Flame-faced and Yellow-throated Tanagers.

The afternoon our main mission was to find the Royal Sunangel, that with a bit of patience the whole group got great views in the scope, thanks to our driver Mario who spotted just in time before the rain came back again. The last section of the afternoon we try again for Ochre-fronted Antpitta without success, we heard it at the distance, and meanwhile we try for it, rain came again so we have to give up. We tried for Rufous-bellied Nighthawk at dusk and for another species of Owl without success, but it was a great time what we got in our days at Abra Patricia area, definitely an amazing Andean birding experience.



Male White-bellied Woodstar and Bar-winged Wood-Wren from Fundo Alto Nieva.

Our next day we went to the lower elevations to Arenas Blancas reserve, where they have a hide to see Tinamous and Rufous-breasted Wood-Quail. We were quite lucky with the Wood-Quails where we saw a group of 7 individuals, as well great views of the Little Tinamou, and Orange-billed Sparrow as well, but no Cinereous Tinamou this time. Other birds that we got to see at the place where the Black-banded Woodcreeper, Rufous-capped Nunlet, Yellow-tufted Woodpecker, Peruvian Warbling Antbird, Peruvian Tyrannulet, Huallaga Tanager, Paradise Tanager and Bronze-green Euphonia among others. The activity of Hummingbirds was quite productive with the flowers of the gardens and the feeders where we got to see Green Hermit, Blue-fronted Lancebill, Brown Violetear, Wire-crested Thorntail, Rufous-crested Coquette, Amethyst Woodstar, Gray-breasted Sabrewing, Fork-tailed Woodnymph, Many-spotted Hummingbird, Sapphire-spangled Emerald and Golden-tailed Sapphire.

Then, we spent the rest of the morning at the Alto Mayo Road, searching for mixed species flocks along the road, where we add species like Speckled-chested Piculet, Broad-billed Motmot, Olive-backed Woodcreeper, Streaked Xenops, Buff-fronted Foliage-Gleaner, Ecuadorian Tyrannulet, Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant, Slaty-capped Flycatcher, White-winged, Spotted, Bay-headed, Golden-eared, Green-and-Gold, Golden, and Paradise Tanagers. We also check briefly other site with hummingbird feeders where we add the Ecuadorian Piedtail, and some other hummingbirds that we already seen.



Little Tinamou and Rufous-breasted Wood-Quail from Arenas Blancas Reserve.

The afternoon was spent at the Rioja rice fields, that was quite productive. Here we got to see many new birds for our trip, because we were at Amazonian lowlands, but the main specialties were 2 Black-billed Seed-Finches, and 3 Pale-eyed Blackbirds; both species quite difficult to see, but with decent chances to be seen at this spot. We also got other interesting birds such as our first Buckley's Forest Falcon of the trip, a big number of Comb Ducks and the only and Orange-backed Troupial of the trip, as well 2 Saddle-backed Tamarins to add more species to our mammal list. On the way to Wakanki we did a try for Stygian Owl (that we saw it), and we heard Tropical Screech-Owl, Band-bellied Owl and Rufous Nightjar.



Black-billed Seed-Finch and Pale-eyed Blackbird at the Rioja Rice Fields.

We started our day with an early breakfast to be ready to spent the morning at the Waqanki trails, and what a morning we had. Waqanki is the place that Carlos grew up, so nobody knows the place better than him. The first part of the morning started a bit slow, we heard Varzea Thrush calling at the distance but wasn't responsive unfortunately, also we heard Grey Tinamou calling. Some of the first sittings of the morning was the Lanceolated Monklet and the Spot-winged Antbird that everyone managed to see, latter on we got to see one of my nemesis birds, the Chestnut-throated Spinetail, a very local species with very disjunct distribution in South America, finally that day came, and as well everyone got to see it. Later we try for the White-bellied Pygmy-Tyrant, another local species with disjunct populations and we got great views. Meanwhile we tried for the Pygmy-Tyrant, and the Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher (that also was in the same area) little by little a mixed species flock started to gathered, and then suddenly we were surrounded by one of those BIG MIXED SPECIES FLOCK! So many birds at once makes tricky that everyone gets to see each bird but we did what we could prioritizing the harder birds, and one of them was the White-throated Woodpecker that we got very good views, other birds joining the mixed flock were the Lafresnaye's Piculet, Red-Stained Woodpecker, Rufous-capped Nunlet, Olivaceous Woodcreeper, Tschudi's Woodcreeper, Plain-winged Antshrike, Mishana Tyrannulet, Zimmer's Flatbill, Orange-bellied Euphonia, Yellow-backed Tanager, Guira, Yellow-crested, Spotted, Paradise, Bay-headed Tanagers, and Black-faced Dacnis were some of the birds that were joining that mixed species flock. One Painted Manakin was calling and feeding on fruiting trees in that area but we didn't manage to see it, so we went to other areas of the trail. On the way we improve our views of the Mishana Tyrannulet one of the specialties of Northern Peru, also we got to see Foothill Stipplethroat, Bluish-fronted Jacamar, Buff-throated Foliage-Gleaner, Spot-backed Antbird, White-browed Antbird (a sub species of the upper Huallaga valley and Huanuco), Black-and-white Tody-Flycatcher, Euler's Flycatcher among other birds. We had great birding that morning, but it was an important mission to do, that wasn't easy at all, that was to see the very restricted and localized Painted Manakin, a fairly recently described species, and is not many locations known to be seen, and perhaps Waqanki is the best site to see it. We spent the rest of our

morning trying to find it on some territories where 3 different birds were calling consistently, specially the hot part of the morning. We tried and tried in each territory but once we got close to the birds, they suddenly flew away and didn't give us chances to see it. It was a bit frustrating, especially because we spent quite a bit of time looking for them, but we had to go to give up this time.



A stunning male Rufous-crested Coquette from Waqanki.



We had a great birding session at Waqanki; some of the examples: Chestnut-throated Spinetail, Foothill Antwren, White-bellied Pygmy-Tyrant and Black-and-white Tody-Flycatcher.



After a bit of rest, we went to check the hummingbird feeders, but on the way to the feeders we got to see some good birds, like the Varzea Thrush that appear very briefly (unfortunately not everyone got to see it), other common tanagers, and other sightings of the Lafresnaye's Piculet delayed us to get to the feeder station. Once at the feeders we add some species to our list such as the Great-billed and Black-throated Hermits, and other species that we already seen but was nice to see it again and get some photos like the Rufous-crested Coquette (the main star of the feeders), Grey-breasted

Sabrewing, Fork-tailed Woodnymph, Golden-tailed Sapphire, Black-throated Mango and White-necked Jacobin. Once we spent enough time at the feeders, we decided to give a try to the Painted Manakin at Moro de la Calzada reserve, a close distance drive from Waqanki. Carlos and me, managed to see a juvenile of the Painted Manakin, but we were not able to show it to the group, but we saw some interesting birds in our visit like the Masked Tanager, and the White-eyed Tody-Tyrant, as well other common species were seen in the forest trails like Purple, Green Honeycreepers, Black-faced, Blue Dacnis, and other tanagers like Turquoise, Bay-headed and Green-and-gold Tanagers. Outside the trail was a pair of Stygian Owls roosting, thanks to our driver Mario who spotted them. The last moments of daylight we head up to a site to try for Rufous Nightjar, and meanwhile we wait for dusk we managed to see our only Pale-breasted Thrush that is a very local species in Peru. Once at dusk we got to see the Rufous Nightjar, as well we improve our nocturnal views of Stygian Owl, and the Tropical Screech Owl was heard only.



The outlying ridges are full of surprises, like this Masked Fruiteater.



Finally, we got the Painted Manakin at Waqanki.

We started our day with some pre-dawn birding, with the intention to see the Band-bellied Owl that we just managed to heard, then we had breakfast and we left Waqanki at dark to go to a special site to look for the Ash-throated Antwren, a bird that has been out of the radar on the last years. This site had been known as the “Carlos Ridge”, that has some interesting combination of species, unfortunately we didn’t have enough time to explore it, to see what other birds the place offers, so basically, we spent some section of our morning, but enough time to find the Ash-throated Antwren with killer views at eye level, something that is not the standard views of this genus (*Herpsilochmus*) of antwrens, that normally you will see them high up in the canopy. Besides the Antwren we saw some other interesting species such as the Tshudi’s Woodcreeper, Chestnut-crowned Gnateater (that seems to have a high density at the site), White-crowned Tapaculo, Ferruginous Pygmy Owl, Montane Foliage-Gleaner, White-throated Spadebill, Golden-winged Manakin, Olivaceous Siskin, Three-striped Warbler, Ash-throated Bush Tanager, Orange-eared, Spotted, Golden-napped, Golden-eared and Flame-faced Tanager, and Blue-winged Mountain Tanager. Other interesting species were the Lettered Aracari that we were not expecting to see at that elevation, same as the Amazonian Umbrellabird (that just Carlos got to see it), as well the Streak-headed Antbird that was new for the trip, and the Masked Fruiteater, that perhaps is the northern distribution that this species reach, and was a write-in for the Northern Peru Birdquest tours. Very interesting place, but we had to come back to Waqanki to finish our incomplete mission of find the Painted Manakin, so all or nothing was the way that we played. So, we went directly to the Painted Manakin site, once we got close to the site Carlos heard the Fiery-throated Fruiteater (a bird that refuse to appear the day before), and with a bit of persistence we managed to find it, way up in the tree, but with good views of it. Well one down, so now we went for the Manakin and we change a bit our strategy and luckily worked out quite well and we managed to show the manakin to each of the participants, with great views of it, so with our mission accomplish was time to head back, but suddenly the Zimmer’s Antbird or Northern Chestnut-tailed Antbird started to sing, and if we wanted to see it will be our last opportunity, so why not give a try for it. Luckily the bird performed quite well and everyone got to see it. Once we thought that our birding session was over, we heard a Fiery-capped Manakin that as well we got great views of it, to make our day even more epic. Well now was time to go back to the hotel and just focus on the drive to Bellavista, without birding stops on the way to be ready to go to Plataforma our following day.



Curl-crested Aracari, seen along the road to Plataforma (Adam Dare).

After an early breakfast, we started to put our stuff in two 4x4 vehicles that were going to take us to the famous Plataforma, but on the way to Plataforma there was some birding to do. Our first stop was to look for the prehistoric looking bird, the Hoatzins, that we saw it without complications, as well the Buff-breasted Wren, a common species of Wren in the Amazonian lowlands. Then we spent some time in the rice fields of Bellavista where we looked for the Spotted Rail, as well for the Paint-billed Crake (both were seen quite well). Few more random stops on the way mostly to look common birds, but some of them were the only (or better) chances to be seen in the trip like Chestnut-eared Aracari, or Crimson Crested Woodpecker just to mention some examples. We tried for Western Striolated Puffbird that was calling but didn't manage to see it, but we got nice views of White-chinned Sapphire. So, things like that that occur in lower Amazonian Forest but weren't priorities to see, but our next sitting was a lesson that you have to be always ready, because you never know when a mega rarity could appear, and a section that wasn't promising at all was a raptor perched on a snag, and I decided to stop and just to check for it. When I saw it without binoculars my impression was that it has to be just another Roadside Hawk, but when I put my binoculars, I almost got in shock when my eyes got to see that raptor, because this could be the rarest raptor of America (in my opinion), so nothing more and nothing less than a Grey-bellied Hawk. It was the MEGA surprise what we got, just unbelievable. Luckily the bird stayed for a while in the perch, giving time to the people in the second car to see it, and put the telescopes, and get as many photos as we could, for me and Carlos that was the best bird of the trip without a doubt, because we knew how rare is to have an encounter with this bird. It was our lucky day!!!



Paint-billed Crake and Spotted Rail (Adam Dare) were seen at the Bellavista rice fields.

After processing what we just saw, we have to keep going and we got other good sightings on the way as the Curl-crested Aracari, a species that is not as common for this region of Peru, other interesting species were Olive Oropendola, and the Golden-collared Toucanet that was another good bird for our trip, and another highlight of our drive to Plataforma.

Once at Plataforma at the Hospedaje El Capito, we took our stuff to our rooms and got ready to our first attempt to see one of the most wanted birds of this trip, the Scarlet-banded Barbet. So, we head right away to the area with the best chances to look for it. On the way we got some interesting birds such as the Strong-billed Woodcreeper which is suggested that could be a new taxon or at least a different sub species of the Strong-billed Woodcreeper complex, anyway good to see it, just in case. We got encounter with some mixed species flock on the way, where we got our first sightings of Blue-browed Tanager, other additions to the trip joining that flock were the Versicolored Barbet, Ash-browed Spinetail, Lined Antshrike, Smoky-brown Woodpecker, Yellow-olive Flatbill, White-winged Becard, Grey-mantled Wren, Golden-rumped Euphonia, Blue-naped Chlorophonia, Yellow-throated Bush Tanager, White-winged Tanager, Golden-collared Honeycreeper, and a Ferruginous Pygmy Owl.

Once at the areas of the Scarlet-banded Barbet we just wait until finally one pair of Barbets showed up, good views but not the best ones, but it was a big relief to see one of the most wanted birds of the trip, especially for don't have to do that muddy and steep hike again. Once the Barbet pressure was off, we keep looking for other birds, and we add very good species in the last section of our afternoon, such as the Plumbeous-crowned Tyrannulet, Slaty-capped Shrike Vireo, Rufous-rumped Foliage-Gleaner [*ochrogaster*], Grey-tailed Piha, Yellow-throated Spadebill, and the always challenging to see Buff-throated Tody-Tyrant, as well we saw again the rare Buckley's Forest Falcon.



Grey-tailed Piha (Anthony Kaduck), and Buckley's Forest-Falcon were seen in our first afternoon at Plataforma.

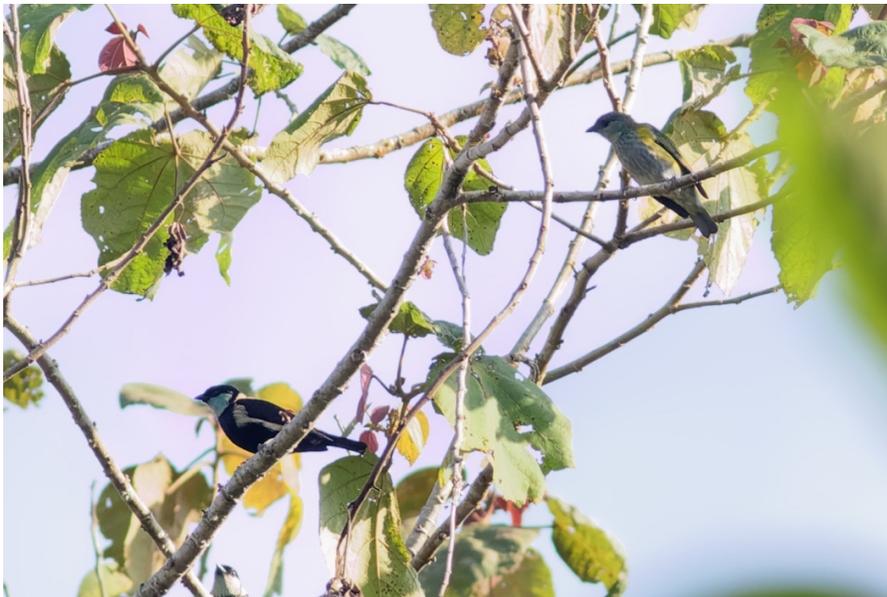
We decided to end our day with style and do some owling on the way to our accommodations, with really good results. The first Owl was the Foothill (Napo) Screech Owl that we saw it at dusk. Once the night came, we managed to see a nice Band-bellied Owl, not bad, two Owls in less than 30 minutes. After that we managed to get terrific looks of the Rufescent Screech Owl, but still one more Owl for the night, that was a favorite for many of the members of our group for such good and close views that we got, a Black-banded Owl to end up our successful owling session with 4 species in one night, plus a Ferruginous Pygmy Owl earlier in the afternoon.

Our first morning at Plataforma we had a quite difficult mission, that was to try for an antbird that was recently described for science, the Cordillera Azul Antbird, a bird that the members of our group had high expectations to see it. In the past it wasn't as challenging to see it as it is on these days, first because you need to walk a bit more to reach a territory of the bird, and also now is not as easy to see as it was in the past. The bird is not as responsive as it used to be, and is shyer as well, perhaps for the use of playback on the birds that are left in the area, who knows, but definitely is not as it used to be. Before reach the Antbird site we got to see another important bird of the area joining some tanagers mixed flock, the Straw-backed Tanager (Gree-throated T), were we saw at least 4 individuals, other birds joining the flock as Golden-naped (Rusty-napped) Tanager, Spotted Tanager and others but nothing that was new.

So, the first site where we tried for the Antbird we didn't have success with the antbird, but a Grey-throated Leafosser start to sang, and we took advantage to try for it, and with a bit of patience we managed to see it.



Scarlet-banded Barbet, was chosen as the bird of the trip. (Adam Dare)



Male and female Straw-backed Tanager, one of the most difficult Tanagers but with decent chances at Plataforma.

Later we tried in a different site, and after a while, one bird answer to us. It never came close but at some point, we managed to locate the bird walking in the ground back in the forest understory, and the only way was to show the bird to each person one by one until we managed to show it to everyone. So, all of us got decent views of the bird but no photos this time, and is good that for next tours people understand that every year possibly is going to

be harder to see, for the previous reasons mentioned. The bird is not going to get extinct, but the access to habitats to see the bird are going to be more difficult and farther perhaps. It was very sad to me to see the site where I saw the bird back in 2018, on these days is a coffee field patch, and I am surprised how the certain birds of Plataforma still in the area despite the deforestation of their habitat. What we are doing to bring birders to the community helps that the locals understand the value of their forest, and the potential that this place has to develop some kind of conservation project in that area, but doesn't seem that nothing is happen soon, so if you are interested to see birds like this Antbird or the Scarlet-Banded Barbet, try to visit this area sooner than later.



We had superb views of Chestnut-crowned Gnateater at Plataforma.

With our two main missions accomplished (Barbet and Antbird), now we were able to have the pleasure of just do birding, and see what else we could find. One person still needed to see the Chestnut-crowned Gnateater, and one bird was calling around, it was quite responsive and gave us great views. We add some species to our list like the Chestnut-tipped Toucanet, the Variegated Bristle-Tyrant, Fasciated Antshrike, juvenile Yungas Manakin, and the Specked Nightingale-Thrush but just heard it. Another interesting bird that we saw earlier on the way to the Antbird (that wasn't new for the trip) was the Painted Manakin, that probably was the first report for the area, confirmed with photos and recordings.



Black-banded Owl (above), Foothill Screech Owl (lower left), and Rufescent Screech-Owl at Plataforma.

The afternoon we hiked again the steep trail with the intention to look for Jet Manakin, unfortunately we didn't see the Jet Manakin, but we add few species like Blue-rumped Manakin, Lineated Foliage-Gleaner, Yellow-breasted Antwren, Plain Antwren, other sittings of Blue-browed Tanager, and a sitting of White-throated Quail-Dove that just one person got to see it besides me when we were walking ahead of the group on the way back of the challenging muddy trail.

We did really well with the birds of Plataforma and was time to move on. Luckily, we didn't have to walk back again to the muddy trails to do another try for the Barbet or the Antbird, but if we had to, we were willing to do it, but we just decide to leave Plataforma after breakfast and bird the road to Bellavista. Meanwhile our crew was packing all our stuff in the vehicles, I walked with the group down in the road, in very degraded habitat, quite sad again, because back in the days you could see the Scarlet-banded Barbet in that area, but I don't think is possible any more. We tried for Dark-breasted Spinetail but we only managed to heard it. Silver-beaked Tanager and Blue-black Grassquit were some of the birds that we managed to see, but we heard Marbled Wood-Quails way in the distance, of course impossible to see them. We were just waiting for our crew to pick us up and move us to a decent patch of forest. In our first stop down in the road we got to see superb views of the Scarlet-breasted Fruiteater (now we are talking), also a Rufous Motmot and our first views of the Gilded Barbet. Other birds that we saw along the road were White-fronted Tyrannulet (a very local and rare bird in Peru), better views of Chestnut-tipped Toucanet, 4 individuals of Ivory-billed Aracaris, Curl-crested Aracari, Golden-olive Woodpecker, Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher, another Blue-rumped Manakin, Southern Nightingale-Wren (seen), Yellow-bellied Tanager, an unusual sitting of 6 Red-and-Green Macaws (a write-in for the trip), and the Rose-fronted Parakeets that we just heard it.



Two uncommon species seen at Plataforma, Scarlet-breasted Fruiteater and Variegated Bristle-Tyrant (Adam Dare).

At lower elevations on the same road, we got to see Crested and Olive Oropendolas, and we add other species like Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant, the uncommon Red-billed Tyrannulet, Sooty-headed Tyrannulet (a very localized species in Peru), Red-throated Caracara, Speckled Chachalaca, Small-billed Elaenia, our first sightings of Chivi Vireo, Plumbeous and Snail Kite.

After having lunch in Bellavista we did some birding at the dry forest of Quebrada Upaquihua, an interesting place with Amazonian influence, and with some particular specialties such as the Northern (Huallaga) Slaty Antshrike, that we saw it without complications, and the localized Sulphur-bellied Tyrant Manakin that we also managed to see. Other species seen were the Southern Chestnut-tailed Antbird, the White-browed Antbird (Huallaga subspecies), Black-tailed Myiobius, Grey-fronted Dove, Black-tailed Trogon, Bluish-fronted Jacamar, Black-fronted Nunbird, Olivaceous and Straight-billed Woodcreepers, Plain-crowned Spinetail, Stripe-chested, White-flanked and Rusty-winged Antwren, Olive-faced Flatbill, White-browed Gnatcatcher, Hauxwell's Thrush, and other species that we just heard as the Coraya Wren, Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant, and Pheasant Cuckoo.



Female White-browed Antbird [koenigorum], a subspecies from Huallaga Valley, at Quebrada Upaquihua.

We did one more stop to end our day on a look out point to the Huallaga River, where we saw Sand-colored Nighthawks, Pied Plover, and big numbers of Comb-billed Ducks (250 approximately), after that we continue our journey back to Tarapoto.

The Tarapoto area offers good chances to add some Amazonian species to the trip, as well to try for some very localized species as the Dotted Tanager and Plumbeous Euphonia, that we managed to see both of them. First, we started at the area of the Escalera Ridge, our main target was the Dotted Tanager and the Plumbeous Euphonia. The Dotted Tanager, is a rare species of Tanager in its distribution range, but in this area of Tarapoto is fairly common, and indeed we got really good views of it. The Plumbeous Euphonia occurs in the northeast of South America in countries like

Venezuela, Guyanas and Surinam, but in Peru is extremely local, and one of their localities to see it in Peru is this area of Tarapoto, luckily, we managed to see a couple of them, and as a surprise for our group this euphonia was a write-in for the tour. Other good birds in the first part of the morning were the White-plumed Antbird, Olive

Tanager, Yellow-crested and Fulvous-crested Tanagers, the uncommon Short-billed Honeycreeper, Greyish Mourner, Cliff Flycatcher, our first Koepcke's Hermit, Slate-colored Grosbeak and Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch.



Nice views of Dotted Tanager from Tarapoto.

The second half of the morning was spent at ACONABIKH reserve, and was a very productive visit. First, we spent some time at the Hummingbirds feeders where we saw again the Koepcke's Hermit, as well the Gould's Jewelfront, Blue-fronted Lancebill and other hummingbirds that were seen before. Then our hike in the forest trail we add several species not just to our trip, but also several write ins for the Northern Peru tours such as the Dusky-throated Antshrike, Chestnut-headed Crake (heard only) and superb views of a Collared Puffbird. Other birds that we got in our hike were Ruddy Quail-Dove, Amazonian Trogon, Wedge-billed Woodcreeper, Rufous-tailed Stipplethroat, Wing-barred Piprites, Golden-headed Manakin, Tawny-crowned Greenlet, Violaceous Jay, White-breasted Wood-Wren, Southern Nightingale-Wren and Rufous-bellied Euphonia, plus other birds that we just heard like Thruslike Antpitta, Blue-backed, and Blue-capped Manakin (formerly Blue-crowned) and Pygmy Antwren.

On our way to Nueva Cajamarca town where we pass the night we did the mandatory stop at the Oilbird cave, but in little different way, doing the visit at dark when all those birds were about to leave the cave, that was something unreal, to hear all the weird sounds that they were doing, and seen it all those birds flying in the cave was one of my best birding experiences that I ever had. Besides the Oilbird show, there were White-collared Swifts sleeping in the same cave, and also White-eyed Parakeet roosting in the same place.

We had one more opportunity to get some of the missing birds, by passing the Alto Mayo-Abra Patricia Road one more time. The weather that day didn't help the first part of the morning, but we managed to see Black-billed Treehunter, Dark-throated Spinetail, Red-billed Parrot, Lanceolated Monklet, Streak-necked, Ornate and Lemon-browed Flycatchers, nice views of male and female Andean-cock-of-the-rock, Black-and-white Becard, Olivaceous Greenlet, Grey-mantled Wren, Subtropical Cacique, Orange-eared and Black-faced Tanager and Chestnut-vented Conebill. Those were some of the birds that we saw at the lower elevations of the Alto Mayo Road. At the higher

altitudes the weather improves and help us a lot to find other goodies such as the Vermilion Tanager, and the endangered Peruvian Yellow-tailed Woolly Monkey. In our next stops we got to see things like Torrent Duck, Golden-headed Quetzal, Rufous-rumped and Slaty Antwren, Ashy-headed Tyrannulet, the uncommon Rufous-crested Tanager and the Oleaginuous Hemispingus.



Lanceolated Monklet (Adam Dare), and Collared Puffbird.

Once we pass Abra Patricia we did a stop at the Pomacochas lake. We didn't manage to see the Subtropical Doradito but we got the Puna Snipe, Plumbeous Rail, Puna Ibis, Mouse-grey Flycatcher (a former type of Bran-colored Flycatcher), Southern Beardless Tyrannulet, Black Phoebe, Grass Wren and Peruvian Meadowlark. After that we just focused in our drive to Leymebamba where we were going to stay the next two nights.

Our morning was spend at the Atuen Road, with some attempts of rain, but at least didn't rain until mid-day, which allow us to have a very productive morning, where we saw things like Mountain Caracara, Andean Guan, a pair of Andean Condors perch at the cliffs just before they started to flight, a good variety of hummingbirds such as Purple-throated Sunangel, Rufous-capped Thornbill, Rainbow Starfrontlet, Tyrian Metaltail, Mountain Velvebrest and Sword-billed Hummingbird, great views of Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan, Crimson-mantled Woodpecker, Streaked Tuftedcheek, incredible views in the open of Large-footed Tapaculo, White-tailed, White-banded and Torrent Tyrannulets, Streak-throated Bush Tyrant, Maroon-belted Chat-Tyrant, Barred Becard, White-collared Jay, White-capped Dipper, Northern Mountain Cacique, Citrine Warbler, Superciliaried (White-bellied) Hemispingus, Fawn-breasted Tanager, among others. For the rain we decided to go at lower altitudes where we add Line-cheeked (Baron's) Spinetail, Rufous-winged Tyrannulet, and the White-bellied Hummingbird.

The last section of our afternoon we spent at the mountains of Abra Barro Negro, where we got some interesting species like the Coppery Metaltail, Sapphire-vented Puffleg, Great Sapphirewing, Scaly-napped Amazon, Chachapoyas Antpitta, Utcubamba Tapaculo (formerly Blackish T), and the Leymebamba Antpitta that refused to show up.



Nice views of Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan and Mountain Caracara during our morning at the Atuen Road, Leymebamba. (Photos by Anthony Kaduck)

Our following day we started early to be at first light at the site where we had the Leymebamba Antpitta, but this time we did manage to see it (most of the group at least), then we continued to the highest sections of the mountain pass where we add some species like the Many-striped Canastero, Brown-bellied Swallow, Paramo Pipit, Plumbeous Sierra Finch and Grass Wren. Then we continue to the other side of the mountain pass where we had a brief but great birding session with things like the Shining Sunbeam, Coppery Metaltail, Sapphire-vented (Coppery-naped) Puffleg, Yungas Pygmy Owl, White-chinned (Peruvian) Thistletail, Tufted Tit-Tyrant, Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant, Spectacled Whitestar, Drab Hemispingus, Blue-backed Conebill, Moustached Flowerpiercer, Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager and Blue-and-black Tanager.

Then we started to descend on the winding road to the Balsas Canyon all the way to the Marañon River, but doing stops on the way to get one bird that we miss on previous days the Black-capped (Marañon) Sparrow, that we managed to see it. We also saw Black-crested Warbler, Black-lored (Marañon) Yellowthroat, Chestnut-backed Thornbird, Tooth-billed Tanager and the Orange-headed Tanager which is another Marañon specialty. At the button of the Balsas Canyon our main target was the Yellow-faced Parrotlet, that for tried it in the hot time of the day it may going to be a bit challenging, but fortunately Carlos had a good stake out to try the bird. We spent some time looking for it, at some point, I had to go to use the bushes facilities, and meanwhile I was doing my needs I spot a pair of Parrotlets perch on a Cactus, so right away I call the group, and luckily everyone came just in time to see them. Besides the Parakeets we also got the Marañon Pigeon another endemic bird of the area, as well the Yellow-tailed Oriole, Groove-billed Ani, Blue-gray Tanagers, and Vermilion Flycatcher. Well, the Parrotlet was the only bird that we were concerned to miss on that day, but with the other endemics we were confident that we were going to see it, and sure that we did. So later on in a different stop we got the Buff-bridled Inca Finch, as well some Streaked Saltators of the *peruvianus* form that is endemic of the Marañon drainage area, Dull-colored Grasquits, Tumbesian Tyrannulet [*maranonica*] (that probably soon will appear as Maranon Tyrannulet), Fulvous-faced Scrub Tyrant, Marañon Gnatcatcher (formerly a Tropical Gnatcatcher), Vermilion Flycatcher and Long-tailed Mockingbird.



Chachapoyas Antpitta and White-collared Jay, two of the highlights of our day in Leymebamba area.

We continue our journey to the area of Hacienda Limon, to try for Grey-winged Inca Finch, that with a bit of persistence we managed to see it, but also other species in that area such as the Marañon Thrush, Black-necked Woodpecker (*peruvianus* sub-species), Silver-backed Tanager and Andean Emerald. With some time left we did a try for Jelski's Chat-Tyrant that we managed to see one bird before got to our Hotel in the City of Celendin.



Some Marañon specialties from Balsas area: Chestnut-backed Thornbird (above), Yellow-faced Parrotlet and Marañon Thrush (below).



Next morning, we were at dawn in the cold mountains of Cruz Conga, an agricultural area with some patches of forest left where we were going to try for the rare and localized Cajamarca Antpitta. Once we got to the site, we encounter a group of Plain-tailed Warbling Finches, that was another of our targets of our morning. After that we started to work on the Cajamarca Antpitta that came was a tricky Antpitta to see, and only the fastest ones or the ones who had the best position managed to see in the first tries that we did, that came right in the open. After that we keep trying and trying without success, because the bird refused to appear again. We got some other species such as the Rufous-chested Tanager, Yellow-breasted (Baron's) Brushfinch, Mountain Wren, Red-crested Cotinga, and Black-crested Tit-Tyrant. After breakfast we did another try for the Cajamarca Antpitta looking for patches of forest on the edge of the main highway, and some other people got to see it briefly, but at the end not everyone got to see it. After that we tried for some other birds in the area such as the Slender-billed Miner, Cream-winged Cinclodes, Rufous-webbed Bush Tyrant, White-tailed Shrike-Tyrant, Peruvian Sierra Finch and Yellow-billed Teal.



Grey-winged Inca-Finch (left), and Buff-Bridled Inca-Finch (right) from Balsas area.

After our birding session at Cruz Conga we went to Chonta, the site to look for the Grey-bellied Comet, an endangered species with an extremely limited geographic range. Luckily this year we didn't have to wait too much to managed to see the Comet, and it came a few times to feed on some flowers of the canyon, and allow us to get some photos too. Besides the Grey-bellied Comet we also saw other hummingbirds like the Giant Hummingbird and the Black Metalltail. Other birds of interest of our visit to the Chonta Canyon were the White-winged Cinclodes, Bare-faced Ground-Dove, very good views of Plain-breasted Hawk (an unexpected bonus), Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant, Ash-breasted Sierra Finch, Band-tailed, Plain-colored and Yellow-bellied Seedeaters and a Black-throated Flowerpiercer. With our missions accomplished we still have some time to get a bonus bird, so we drove across Cajamarca to get to Abra Gavilan, to do a try for the rare and local Unicolored Tapaculo. We got in good time to a site where the bird used to occur, but no answer at all of the bird, perhaps a rock landslide that was in the area forced the bird to move to other site, so we have to try to find a new site, and unfortunately the access to suitable habitat was a bit limited, and the time of daylight was running out. We drove a few curves up on the main highway and we tried to reach areas with potential habitat. Suddenly one bird was singing at the button of a canyon, so we did what we could to approach to good habitat for the bird and basically in the only site possible at the edge of suitable habitat we started to try for it. One female came, but it was very hard to make angle to everyone, and just two passengers plus me managed to see it, then was too late and the bird stopped to answer and we have to come back to our vehicle with the last minutes of daylight, for then drove back to Cajamarca where we spent our last night of the tour.



Grey-bellied Comet and Plain-tailed Warbling-Finch, two major specialties of the area of Cajamarca.



Cooper's Metal-tail from Barro Negro, and Black-lored Yellowthroat in our last day of the trip in Cajamarca area.

In our final day we tried for one of the most special and rare species of spinetails, the Great Spinetail. We knew that could be tricky so we decided to be at the first light at the area, and we succeeded to get great views of the Spinetail. Basically, was the only new bird in our last day, but we saw other birds like the Black-lored Yellowthroat, Cinereous Conebill, Golden Grosbeak, Hooded Siskin, White-throated Hawk, Croaking Ground Dove, Amazilia Hummingbird and Spot-throated Hummingbird. Then we head out to our hotel to pack our stuff, and have a nice farewell lunch where we had time to do our final list and choose the bird of our awesome trip.

Many thanks to all our crew that made our trip a great success, Mario our fantastic driver, Mari our superb chef, and Carlos for his unbeatable local knowledge of Peru, as well to our participants who made a great companion during these 3 weeks of great birding.



Great Spinetail showed up really nice on our last birding day.

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR

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

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

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

Conservation threat categories and information are taken from *Threatened Birds of the World*, BirdLife International's magnificent book on the sad status of the rarest 10% of the world's avifauna, and updates on the BirdLife website:

<http://www.birdlife.org/datazone/home>

(EW) = Extinct in the wild, **(CR)** = Critically Endangered, **(EN)** = Endangered, **(VU)** = Vulnerable, **(NT)** = Near Threatened, **(DD)** = Data Deficient.

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

The species names and taxonomy used in the report mostly follows Gill, F & D Donsker (Eds). **2021. IOC World Bird List (v 10.2)**. This list is updated twice annually and is available at <http://www.worldbirdnames.org>. Please note, this was the current version when the report checklist was created. Some alternative names are given in parentheses.

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White-throated Hawk an austral migrant that showed up really nice at Abra Porculla.

BIRDS

Grey Tinamou *Tinamus tao* Heard only at Waqanki.
Hooded Tinamou ◊ *Nothocercus nigrocapillus* One was flushed when we were waiting for the Rusty Tinged Antpitta, only Carlos saw it.
Cinereous Tinamou *Crypturellus cinereus* Heard only at Arenas Blancas Reserve.
Little Tinamou *Crypturellus soui* Great views, coming to feeders at Arenas Blancas Reserve.
Brown Tinamou *Crypturellus obsoletus* Heard only at Fundo Alto Nieva.
Tataupa Tinamou *Crypturellus tataupa* Heard only at Jaen, very close.
Torrent Duck *Merganetta armata* Seen at Abra Patricia.
Comb Duck *Sarkidiornis sylvicola* Big numbers at Huallaga River, also at Rioja rice fields.
Cinnamon Teal *Spatula cyanoptera*
White-cheeked Pintail *Anas bahamensis*
Yellow-billed Teal *Anas flavirostris* Four birds seen at Cruz Conga, Cajamarca.
Speckled Chachalaca *Ortalis guttata*
Andean Guan *Penelope montagnii* One bird seen at Atuen Road, Leymebamba.
White-winged Guan ◊ *Penelope albipennis* Seen at Chaparri and Quebrada Freolillo. Endemic.
Wattled Guan *Aburria aburri* Heard only at Owllet Lodge.
Marbled Wood Quail *Odontophorus gujanensis* Heard only leaving Plataforma.
Whif-breasted Wood Quail ◊ *Odontophorus speciosus* Great views coming to feeders.
Sand-colored Nighthawk *Chordeiles rupestris* Few birds flying before dusk at the Huallaga River.
Lesser Nighthawk *Chordeiles acutipennis* Good views at dusk in Jaen.
Rufous-bellied Nighthawk *Lurocalis rufiventris* Heard only at Owllet Lodge.
Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis*
Anthony's Nightjar ◊ *Nyctidromus anthonyi* Finally we managed to see it at Jaen.
Tschudi's Nightjar ◊ *Systemura decussata* Seen at Rafan.
Rufous Nightjar *Antrostomus rufus*
Oilbird *Steatornis caripensis* Amazing show to seen and heard them before they left their cave.
Common Potoo *Nyctibius griseus*
Chestnut-collared Swift *Streptoprocne rutila*
White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris*
Grey-rumped Swift *Chaetura cinereiventris*
White-tipped Swift *Aeronautes montivagus* Nice views at Abra Porculla.
Neotropical Palm Swift *Tachornis squamata*
Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift *Panyptila cayennensis* One bird who sleep in the buildings of Waqanki.
White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora*
Black-throated Hermit ◊ *Phaethornis atrimentalis*
Grey-chinned Hermit *Phaethornis griseogularis* Gret views at Casupe and Abra Porculla [*porcullae*].
Green Hermit *Phaethornis guy*
Koepcke's Hermit ◊ *Phaethornis koepckeae* Coming to feeders at ACONABICK Reserve.



White-winged Guan from Quebrada Freolillo where is a population of totally wild birds.





Oilbird (upper left), Cinnamon Screech-Owl (upper right), Stygian Owl (lower left) and Yungas Pygmy Owl with a Tyrian Metaltail (lower right). Cinnamon Screech Owl by Leo Garrigues, the other 3 photos by Adam Dare.

- Great-billed Hermit** *Phaethornis malaris* Coming to feeders at Waqanki.
- Green-fronted Lancebill** *Doryfera ludovicae* Seen at Fundo Alto Nieva.
- Blue-fronted Lancebill** *Doryfera johannae*
- Brown Violetear** *Colibri delphinae* Seen at Arena Blanca Reserve.
- Lesser Violetear** *Colibri cyanotus*
- Sparkling Violetear** *Colibri coruscans*
- Black-throated Mango** *Anthracothorax nigricollis*
- Amethyst-throated Sunangel** *Heliangelus amethysticollis* Seen at Abra Barro Negro, and San Lorenzo Ridge.



Blue-fronted Lancebill (above), Purple-throated Sunangel (left), and female Sword-billed Hummingbird.



Koepcke's Hermit and Gould's Jewelfront from ACONABICK Reserve.

Purple-throated Sunangel *Heliangelus viola* Seen at Atuen Road.
Royal Sunangel ◊ *Heliangelus regalis* Near endemic.
Wire-crested Thorntail *Discosura popelairii*
Rufous-crested Coquette ◊ *Lophornis delattrei* Stunning views at Waqanki.
Ecuadorian Piedtail *Phlogophilus hemileucurus* Near endemic.
Speckled Hummingbird *Adelomyia melanogenys*
Long-tailed Sylph *Agelaiocercus kingii*
Grey-bellied Comet ◊ *Taphrolesbia griseiventris* Endemic.
Rufous-capped Thornbill *Chalcostigma ruficeps* Seen at San Lorenzo ridge and at Atuen Road.
Tyrian Metaltail *Metallura tyrianthina*
Coppery Metaltail ◊ *Metallura theresiae* Endemic, seen at Abra Barro Negro.
Black Metaltail ◊ *Metallura phoebe* Endemic.
Greenish Puffleg *Haplophaedia aureliae* Those were the Pufflegs that came to the feeders at Alto Nieva. See note.
Sapphire-vented Puffleg (Coppery-naped P) *Eriocnemis [luciani] sapphiropygia* Good views at Abra Barro Negro.
Emerald-bellied Puffleg *Eriocnemis aline* Seen at Owllet Lodge.
Marvelous Spatuletail ◊ *Loddigesia mirabilis* Endemic, good views of a male with full tail, at La Florida feeders.
Shining Sunbeam *Aglaeactis cupripennis*
Bronzy Inca *Coeligena coeligena* Seen at Alto Nieva.
Violet-throated Starfrontlet *Coeligena violifer* One bird seen at San Lorenzo ridge. An endemic sub species.
Rainbow Starfrontlet *Coeligena iris* Endemic sub species. Seen at Atuen road, and at Barro Negro.
Mountain Velvetbreast *Lafresnaya lafresnayi* Seen at Leymebamba area.
Sword-billed Hummingbird *Ensifera ensifera*
Great Sapphirewing *Pterophanes cyanopterus* Seen at Abra Barro Negro.
Chestnut-breasted Coronet *Boissonneaua matthewsii*
Peruvian Racket-tail ◊ *Ocreatus peruanus* Visiting the feeders at Alto Nieva.
Gould's Jewelfront *Heliodoxa aurescens*
Fawn-breasted Brilliant *Heliodoxa rubinoides*
Violet-fronted Brilliant *Heliodoxa leadbeateri*



Peruvian Racket-tail (above) and Greenish Puffleg (lower left) from Alto Nieva feeders, and Sapphire-vented Puffleg from Barro Negro.

- Giant Hummingbird** *Patagona gigas* One bird seen at Chonta.
Long-billed Starthroat *Heliomaster longirostris* First seen at Casupe road.
Amethyst Woodstar *Calliphlox amethystina* Seen at Arenas Blancas Reserve.
Purple-collared Woodstar *Myrtis fanny* First seen at Tinajones Lake.
Short-tailed Woodstar ◊ *Myrmia micrura* Seen at Chaparri, near endemic.
Peruvian Sheartail ◊ *Thaumastura cora* Almost endemic. Seen at Tinajones Lake and Abra Porculla.
White-bellied Woodstar *Chaetocercus mulsant*
Blue-tailed Emerald *Chlorostilbon mellisugus* One female seen at Carlos Ridge.
Violet-headed Hummingbird *Klais guimeti*
Grey-breasted Sabrewing *Campylopterus largipennis*
Napo Sabrewing ◊ *Campylopterus villaviscensio* Leaders only, at Plataforma.
Fork-tailed Woodnymph *Thalurania furcata*
Tumbes Hummingbird ◊ *Thaumasius baeri* Near endemic. Seen at Chaparri.
Spot-throated Hummingbird ◊ *Thaumasius taczanowskii* Almost endemic. Seen at Tamborapa, Jaen.



Good views of White-tipped Swift (left) from Abra Porculla, and Brown-bellied Swallow from Abra Barro Negro.

- Many-spotted Hummingbird** ◊ *Taphrospilus hypostictus* Seen at Arenas Blancas Reserve, and Llanteria feeders.
Amazilia Hummingbird *Amazilia amazilia* Near endemic.
Andean Emerald *Uranomitra franciae* Seen at Hacienda Limon, Balsas area.
Golden-tailed Sapphire *Chrysuronia oenone*
Sapphire-spangled Emerald *Chionomesa lacteal* First seen at Arenas Blancas Reserve.
White-bellied Hummingbird *Elliotomyia chionogaster* Seen at Leymebamba area.
White-chinned Sapphire *Chlorestes cyanus* Seen on the road from Bellavista to Plataforma.
Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani*
Groove-billed Ani *Crotophaga sulcirostris*
Striped Cuckoo *Tapera naevia* Seen at Bosque Yanahuaca, Jaen.
Pheasant Cuckoo *Dromococcyx phasianellus* Heard only at Quebrada Upaquihoa.
Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana*
Rock Dove (introduced) *Columba livia*
Band-tailed Pigeon *Patagioenas fasciata*
Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis*
Maranon Pigeon ◊ *Patagioenas oenops* Almost endemic, seen at Balsas.
Plumbeous Pigeon *Patagioenas plumbea* Seen at Plataforma.
Ruddy Pigeon *Patagioenas subvinacea* Heard only, at Plataforma and the lower section of Alto Mayo Road.
Plain-breasted Ground Dove *Columbina minuta* Seen at the Bellavista rice fields.
Ecuadorian Ground Dove ◊ *Columbina buckleyi* Seen at Bosque Yanahuaca, Jaen.
Ruddy Ground Dove *Columbina talpacoti*
Croaking Ground Dove *Columbina cruziana*
Blue Ground Dove *Claravis pretiosa*
Bare-faced Ground Dove *Metriopelia ceciliae*
Ruddy Quail-Dove *Geotrygon montana* One bird seen at ACONABIKH Reserve.
White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi*
Grey-fronted Dove *Leptotila rufaxilla*
White-throated Quail-Dove *Zentrygon frenata* One bird seen at Plataforma, only one participant and leader saw it.
Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata*
West Peruvian Dove *Zenaida meloda*
Paint-billed Crane ◊ *Neocrex erythrops* Good views at the Bellavista rice fields.
Spotted Rail *Pardirallus maculatus* Seen at Bellavista rice fields.
Plumbeous Rail *Pardirallus sanguinolentus* Seen at Pomacochas Lake.
Grey-cowled Wood Rail *Aramides cajaneus* Heard only at the road from Plataforma to Bellavista.

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata* Common at Tinajones Lake.

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinica*

Russet-crowned Crane *Rufirallus viridis* Heard only at ACONABIKH Reserve.

Chestnut-headed Crane *Rufirallus castaneiceps* Heard only at ACONABIKH Reserve. A write-in for the trip.



Plumbeous Rail at Pomacochas Lake.

Rufous-sided Crane *Laterallus melanophaius* Heard only, at the Rioja rice fields.

Limpkin *Aramus guarauna*

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps* Seen at Tinajones Lake.

Great Grebe *Podiceps major*

Peruvian Thick-knee ♦ *Burhinus superciliaris*

American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus*

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*

Andean Lapwing *Vanellus resplendens* Seen at Cruz Conga, Cajamarca.

Grey Plover (N) *Pluvialis squatarola* Seen at Santa Rosa Beach.

Collared Plover *Charadrius collaris* Seen at Santa Rosa Beach.

Pied Plover *Hoploxypterus cayanus* Seen at Huallaga River.

Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana*

Least Seedsnipe *Thinocorus rumicivorus* Seen in the coastal dunes, at Santa Rosa Beach area.

Ruddy Turnstone (N) *Arenaria interpres*

Sanderling (N) *Calidris alba*

Puna Snipe *Gallinago andina* Seen at Pomacochas Lake.

Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger*

Andean Gull *Chroicocephalus serranus* Seen at Cruz Conga, Cajamarca.

Grey-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus*

Grey Gull ♦ *Leucophaeus modestus*

Belcher's Gull ♦ *Larus belcheri*

Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus*

Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus*

Peruvian Tern ♦ *Sternula lorata* Endemic to the Humbolt Current zone.

Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens* Seen at Santa Rosa Beach, not a common bird in the area.

Peruvian Booby ◊ *Sula variegata*
 Neotropic Cormorant *Nannopterum brasilianum*
 Puna Ibis *Plegadis ridgwayi*
 Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*
 Striated Heron *Butorides striata*
 Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*
 Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi*
 Great Egret *Ardea alba*
 Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*
 Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*
 Peruvian Pelican ◊ *Pelecanus thagus*
 Hoatzin *Opisthocomus hoazin* Seen near Bellavista area.
 Andean Condor *Vultur gryphus* A pair seen at Atuen Road.
 Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*
 Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*
 Western Osprey (N) *Pandion haliaetus* Seen at Tinajones Lake.
 Pearl Kite *Gampsonyx swainsonii* First seen at Rafan.



Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle from Casupe, and Scarlet-backed Woodpecker from Chaparri.

Hook-billed Kite *Chondrohierax uncinatus* Seen at San Lorenzo Ridge.
 Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus*
 Double-toothed Kite *Harpagus bidentatus*
 Grey-bellied Hawk ◊ *Accipiter poliogaster* MEGA!! A great surprise on the way to Plataforma. A write-in for the trip.

Plain-breasted Hawk *Accipiter ventralis* Good views at Chonta.
 Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea*
 Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis* Seen at Rioja and Bellavista rice fields.
 Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis* One bird was seen when we were leaving our Hotel in Jaen.
 Solitary Eagle ◊ (Montane S E) *Buteogallus solitarius* One bird was seen at Casupe Road.
 Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris*
 Harris's Hawk *Parabuteo unicinctus*
 White-rumped Hawk *Parabuteo leucorrhous* One bird was vocalizing at Alto Nieva.

Variable Hawk *Geranoaetus polyosoma*
Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle *Geranoaetus melanoleucus*
White-throated Hawk (A) *Buteo albigula* Great views at Abra Porculla.
Long-whiskered Owllet ◊ *Xenoglaux loweryi* Seen in our first attempt at Owllet Lodge. Endemic.
Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia* Best views were at Tinajones Lake.
Yungas Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium bolivianum* A write-in on the tour, seen at Abra Barro Negro.
Ferruginous Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum*
Pacific Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium peruanum* Seen at Casupe Road and in Chaparri Reserve.
Striped Owl *Asio clamator* One bird was seen briefly at Yanahuaca Forest when we chase it away.
Stygian Owl *Asio stygius*



Guayaquil Woodpecker from Casupe, and Golden-collared Toucanet from Plataforma.

White-throated Screech Owl ◊ *Megascops albogularis*
Tropical Screech Owl *Megascops choliba* Heard only.
Koepcke's Screech Owl ◊ *Megascops koepckee* Seen at Leymebamba, almost endemic.
Rufescent Screech Owl *Megascops ingens* Excellent views at Plataforma. A write-in for the tour.
Cinnamon Screech Owl ◊ *Megascops petersoni* Great views at Owllet Lodge.
Foothill Screech Owl (Napo S O) *Megascops [roraimae] napensis*
West Peruvian Screech Owl ◊ (Peruvian S O) *Megascops [roboratus] pacificus* Seen at Chaparri. Near endemic.
West Peruvian Screech Owl ◊ (Maranon S O) *Megascops [roboratus] roboratus* Good views at Tamborapa road, Jaen. Almost endemic.
Band-bellied Owl ◊ *Pulsatrix melanota* After several attempts that we tried for it, we got good views at Plataforma.
Black-banded Owl *Strix huhula* Excellent views at Plataforma, our fourth owl species in that night.
Golden-headed Quetzal *Pharomachrus auriceps*
Ecuadorian Trogon ◊ *Trogon mesurus* Heard only at Casupe Road.
Black-tailed Trogon *Trogon melanurus* Good views at Quebrada Upaquihua.
Green-backed Trogon *Trogon viridis* Seen at Waqanki.
Amazonian Trogon *Trogon ramonianus* Seen at ACONABIKH Reserve.
Blue-crowned Trogon *Trogon curucui* Heard only at Waqanki.
Collared Trogon *Trogon collaris* Heard only at Waqanki.
Masked Trogon *Trogon personatus* Seen at Owllet Lodge and at Alto Nieva.
Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata* First seen at Tinajones Lake.
Rufous Motmot *Baryphthengus martii* Seen at the Plataforma Road.
Broad-billed Motmot *Electron platyrhynchum* Seen at the lower Alto Mayo Road.

Bluish-fronted Jacamar *Galbula cyanescens*

Collared Puffbird *Bucco capensis* A write-in on the tour, great views at ACONABIKH Reserve.

Western Striolated Puffbird ◊ *Nystalus obamai* Heard only, at the road from Bellavista to Plataforma.

Lanceolated Monklet *Micromonacha lanceolata*

Rufous-capped Nunlet *Nonnula ruficapilla* A write-in on the tour, first seen at Arenas Blancas, another at Waqanki.



Gilded Barbet from Tarapoto and Ivory-Billed Aracari from the road to Plataforma.

Black-fronted Nunbird *Monasa nigrifrons* Seen at Quebrada Upaquiua.

White-fronted Nunbird *Monasa morphoeus* Heard only, at Waqanki.

Yellow-billed Nunbird *Monasa flavirostris* Good views in the road to Plataforma.

Scarlet-banded Barbet ◊ *Capito wallacei* The bird of the trip, after a very tight voting. Endemic.

Gilded Barbet *Capito auratus*

Versicolored Barbet *Eubucco versicolor* Best views at Escalera Ridge, Tarapoto.

Black-throated Toucanet ◊ *Aulacorhynchus atrogularis* Seen at Owllet Lodge.

Chestnut-tipped Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus derbianus*

Lettered Aracari *Pteroglossus inscriptus* One bird seen at Carlos Ridge.

Ivory-billed Aracari *Pteroglossus azara* Seen it leaving Plataforma along the road [mariae].

Chestnut-eared Aracari *Pteroglossus castanotis*

Curl-crested Aracari *Pteroglossus beauharnaisii* Was seen it in the way in, and the way out from Plataforma.

Golden-collared Toucanet* *Selenidera reinwardtii* Seen on the way in to Plataforma.

Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan *Andigena hypoglauca* Great views at Atuen Road.

Channel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos vitellinus* Heard only.

White-throated Toucan *Ramphastos tucanus* Seen on the way in to Plataforma.

Lafresnaye's Piculet *Picumnus lafresnayi* Several birds were seen at Waqanki.

Ecuadorian Piculet ◊ *Picumnus sclateri* Four different birds were seen at Casupe Road.

Speckle-chested Piculet ◊ *Picumnus steindachneri* A single bird seen at the lower Alto Mayo Road.

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker *Melanerpes cruentatus*

Little Woodpecker *Veniliornis passerinus* Only one sitting at the Rioja rice fields.

Scarlet-backed Woodpecker *Veniliornis callonotus* Excelent views at Rafan and Chaparri.

Red-stained Woodpecker *Veniliornis affinis* Seen joining mixed flocks at Waqanki and Plataforma.

Smoky-brown Woodpecker *Leuconotopicus fumigatus* Seen at Plataforma.

White-throated Woodpecker *Piculus leucolaemus* Great views at Waqanki, a difficult and uncommon species.



Strong-billed Woodcreeper from Plataforma, and Tyrannine Woodcreeper from Owllet Lodge.

Golden-olive Woodpecker *Colaptes rubiginosus*

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker *Colaptes rivolii*

Black-necked Woodpecker ◊ *Colaptes atricollis* A couple was seen at Hacienda Limon, Balsas area.

Spot-breasted Woodpecker *Colaptes punctigula* One bird seen at Rioja rice fields, and at Plataforma.

Andean Flicker *Colaptes rupicola*

Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus*

Crimson-crested Woodpecker *Campephilus melanoleucos* Best views on the road to Plataforma.

Guayaquil Woodpecker ◊ *Campephilus guayaquilensis* Great views at Casupe.

Red-throated Caracara *Ibycter americanus* One birds seen on the road from Plataforma to Bellavista.

Mountain Caracara *Phalcoboenus megalopterus*

Crested Caracara (Northern C C) *Caracara [plancus] cheriway*

Yellow-headed Caracara *Milvago chimachima*

Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans* One bird seen at Quebrada Freolillo.

Barred Forest Falcon *Micrastur ruficollis* Heard only the first afternoon at Plataforma.

Buckley's Forest Falcon ◊ *Micrastur buckleyi* First seen at Rioja rice fields, then at Plataforma.

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*

Barred Parakeet *Bolborhynchus lineola* Heard only at Owllet Lodge.

Cobalt-winged Parakeet *Brotogeris cyanoptera*

Red-billed Parrot *Pionus sordidus* A pair seen at the lower section of Alto Mayo Road.

Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus*

Scaly-naped Amazon *Amazona mercenarius* Four birds seen at Abra Barro Negro.

Pacific Parrotlet ◊ *Forpus coelestis* First seen at Rafan.

Yellow-faced Parrotlet ◊ *Forpus xanthops* A couple was seen at Balsas. Endemic.

Rose-fronted Parakeet ◊ *Pyrrhura roseifrons* Heard only, the day that we left Plataforma along the road.

Red-and-green Macaw *Ara chloropterus* Deforestation in the lowlands force them to go higher mountains at Plataforma area. A write-in for the tour.

Cordilleran Parakeet *Psittacara frontatus* Seen at Casupe and at Tamborapa. Near endemic.

Red-masked Parakeet ◊ *Psittacara erythrogenys* Some groups flew over Chaparri.

White-eyed Parakeet *Psittacara leucophthalmus* The best views at our restaurant at Bellavista.

Grey-throated Leaf-tosser *Sclerurus albigularis* Two birds seen at Plataforma.

Coastal Miner ◊ *Geositta peruviana* Best views at Bosque Pomac. Endemic.
Slender-billed Miner *Geositta tenuirostris* Seen at Cruz Conga.
Olivaceous Woodcreeper ◊ *Sittasomus griseicapillus*
Tyrannine Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla tyrannina*
Plain-brown Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla fuliginosa* Leader only, at Moro la Calzada, Moyobamba.
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper *Glyphorhynchus spirurus* One bird seen at ACONABIKH.
Black-banded Woodcreeper *Dendrocolaptes picumnus* Seen at Arenas Blancas reserve.
Strong-billed Woodcreeper ◊ *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus* Seen at San Lorenzo ridge, and the one of Plataforma. See taxonomic note.



Tschudi's Woodcreeper (left) and Russet-Mantled Softtail Softtail, two uncommon species.

Tschudi's Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus chunchotambo* Good views at Carlos Ridge, and at Plataforma.
Olive-backed Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus triangularis*
Straight-billed Woodcreeper *Dendroplex picus* Only one bird seen at Quebrada Upaquihua.
Streak-headed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii* Seen at Chaparri and Quebrada Freolillo.
Montane Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger* Seen at Atuen Road, Leymebamba.
Plain Xenops *Xenops minutus*
Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans*
Streaked Tuftedcheek *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii* Seen at San Lorenzo Ridge, and Atuen Road.
Rusty-winged Barbtail ◊ *Premnornis guttuliger* Great views at Owllet Lodge.
Pacific Hornero *Furnarius cinnamomeus* Quite common in Chaparri and Jaen.
Wren-like Rushbird *Phleocryptes melanops* Brief views on the way to Santa Rosa Beach.
Cream-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes albiventris* Seen at Cruz Conga.
White-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes atacamensis* Excellent views at Chonta.
Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner *Philydor [erythrocerum] ochrogaster* Seen our first afternoon at Plataforma. See note.



Burrowing Owls from Bosque Pomac..

- Montane Foliage-gleaner** *Anabacerthia striaticollis* Seen at Carlos Ridge, also at Alto Mayo Road.
- Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner** *Syndactyla rufosuperciliata* Seen at San Lorenzo Ridge and Owlet Lodge.
- Lineated Foliage-gleaner** *Syndactyla subalaris* Seen at Plataforma.
- Rufous-necked Foliage-gleaner** ◇ *Syndactyla ruficollis* Good views at Casupe Road. Near Endemic.
- Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner** *Dendroma rufa* Seen at Alto Mayo Road, also at Plataforma.
- Henna-hooded Foliage-gleaner** ◇ *Clibanornis erythrocephalus* Seen at Casupe Road. Near Endemic.
- Black-billed Treehunter** *Thripadectes melanorhynchus* Seen at the lower section of the Alto Mayo Road.
- Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner** *Automolus ochrolaemus* Nice views at Waqanki.
- Spotted Barbtail** *Premnoplex brunnescens* Seen at Alto Nieva.
- Pearled Treerunner** *Margarornis squamiger*
- Rufous-fronted Thornbird** ◇ (Maranon T) *Phacellodomus [rufifrons] peruvianus* First seen at Yanahuaca forest. Near endemic sub species.
- Chestnut-backed Thornbird** ◇ *Phacellodomus dorsalis* Seen at the Balsas river canyon. Endemic.
- Many-striped Canastero** *Asthenes flammulata* Seen at the highest section of Abra Barro Negro.
- White-chinned Thistletail** ◇ (Peruvian T) *Asthenes [fuliginosa] peruviana* Abra Barro Negro. Endemic Subspecies.
- Russet-mantled Softtail** ◇ *Thripophaga berlepschi* Great views at San Lorenzo Ridge. Endemic.
- Ash-browed Spinetail** *Cranioleuca curtata* Good views at Plataforma.
- Line-cheeked Spinetail** *Cranioleuca antisiensis* Nice views at Abra Porculla. Near endemic.
- Line-cheeked Spinetail** ◇ (Baron's S) *Cranioleuca [antisiensis] baroni* First seen at Leymebamba. Endemic.
- Plain-crowned Spinetail** *Synallaxis gujanensis* A pair was seen at Quebrada Upaquihoa.
- Maranon Spinetail** ◇ *Synallaxis maranonica* Quite challenging, but finally we got it. Almost endemic.
- Great Spinetail** ◇ *Synallaxis hypochondriaca* Our last new bird of the trip, with awesome views. Endemic.
- Chinchipe Spinetail** ◇ *Synallaxis chinchipensis* Endemic.
- Necklaced Spinetail** ◇ *Synallaxis stictothorax* Near endemic. Good views at Chaparri.
- Dark-breasted Spinetail** *Synallaxis albigularis* Heard at Plataforma, finally seen at Alto Mayo Road.
- Azara's Spinetail** *Synallaxis azarae* Seen at Vista Florida Feeders, Pomacochas.
- Rufous Spinetail** *Synallaxis unirufa* Seen at San Lorenzo Ridge.
- Chestnut-throated Spinetail** ◇ *Synallaxis cherriei* One of the specialties of Waqanki, a very local and rare species.



Female Collared Antshrike (left) from Chaparri, female Chapman's Antshrike from Abra Porculla.

- Rufous-rumped Antwren** *Euchrepomis callinota* Great views during our roadside birding at Abra Patricia.
- Foothill Stipplethroat** *Epinecrophylla spodionota* Good views at Waqanki.
- Rufous-tailed Stipplethroat** *Epinecrophylla erythrura* Seen at ACONABICK.
- Pygmy Antwren** *Myrmotherula brachyura* Heard only, at ACONABICK.
- Stripe-chested Antwren** *Myrmotherula longicauda* Seen at Quebrada Upaquiuhua.
- White-flanked Antwren** *Myrmotherula axillaris* Seen at Quebrada Upaquiuhua and ACONABICK.
- Slaty Antwren** *Myrmotherula schisticolor* Seen during our roadside birding at Abra Patricia.
- Duky-throated Antshrike** *Thamnomanes ardesiacus* A write-in for the tour, seen at ACONABICK.
- Ash-throated Antwren** ◊ *Herpsilochmus parkeri* A major highlight of the trip!! Super special endemic.
- Yellow-breasted Antwren** *Herpsilochmus axillaris* Seen at Plataforma.
- Rusty-winged Antwren** *Herpsilochmus frater* Seen at Quebrada Upaquiuhua.
- Plain Antvireo** *Dysithamnus mentalis*
- Collared Antshrike** ◊ *Thamnophilus bernardi* A common bird in Chaparri. Near Endemic.
- Collared Antshrike** ◊ (Shumba A) *Thamnophilus [bernardi] shumbae* Seen at Yanahuaca forest. Endemic.
- Barred Antshrike** *Thamnophilus doliatus* One bird seen at Quebrada Upaquiuhua.
- Chapman's Antshrike** ◊ *Thamnophilus zarumae* Nice views at Casupe road and Abra Porculla.
- Lined Antshrike** *Thamnophilus tenuepunctatus* Seen at Plataforma.
- Uniform Antshrike** *Thamnophilus unicolor* Good views at Alto Nieva.
- Plain-winged Antshrike** *Thamnophilus schistaceus* Seen at Waqanki, heard only at ACONABICK.
- Northern Slaty Antshrike** ◊ (Maranon S A) *Thamnophilus [punctatus] leucogaster* Yanahuaca. Near Endemic.
- Northern Slaty Antshrike** ◊ (Huallaga S A) *Thamnophilus [punctatus] huallagae* Quebrada Upaquiuhua. Endemic.
- Variable Antshrike** *Thamnophilus caerulescens* Seen at Owllet Lodge.
- Rufous-capped Antshrike** *Thamnophilus ruficapillus* Seen at San Lorenzo ridge. Endemic sub species [*jaczewskii*].
- Fasciated Antshrike** *Cymbilaimus lineatus*
- Great Antshrike** *Taraba major*
- White-plumed Antbird** *Pithys albifrons* Seen at Escalera Ridge, Tarapoto.
- Streak-headed Antbird** *Drymophila striaticeps* Seen at Carlos Ridge.
- Peruvian Warbling Antbird** *Hypocnemis peruviana*
- Southern Chestnut-tailed Antbird** ◊ (Chestnut-t A) *Sciaphylax hemimelaena* Seen at Quebrada Upaquiuhua.
- Northern Chestnut-tailed Antbird** ◊ (Zimmer's A) *Sciaphylax castanea* Seen at Waqanki.
- Blackish Antbird** *Cercomacroides nigrescens* Seen at Plataforma.
- Cordillera Azul Antbird** ◊ *Myrmoderus eowilsoni* Everyone got to see it !!, MEGA endemic.
- Spot-backed Antbird** *Hylophylax naevius* Seen at Waqanki and at ACONABICK.
- Spot-winged Antbird** *Myrmelastes leucostigma* Fairly common at Waqanki.
- Black-faced Antbird** *Myrmoborus myotherinus* Heard only, at Escalera Ridge.
- White-browed Antbird** *Myrmoborus leucophrys* Waqanki and Quebrada Upaquiuhua. Endemic Sub sp [*koenigorum*].



Nice views of Elegant Crescentchest at Chaparri (Adam Dare).

- Black-faced Antthrush** *Formicarius analis* Heard only, at ACONABIKH.
- Rufous-breasted Antthrush** *Formicarius rufipectus* Heard only, at Plataforma.
- Short-tailed Antthrush** *Chamaeza campanisona* Heard only, along the road from Plataforma to Bellavista.
- Scaled Antpitta** *Grallaria guatemalensis* Heard only, along the road from Plataforma to Bellavista.
- Chestnut-crowned Antpitta** *Grallaria ruficapilla* Heard only at different locations.
- Pale-billed Antpitta** ◇ *Grallaria carrikeri* A nice reward after our hike in San Lorenzo Ridge. Endemic.
- Rusty-tinged Antpitta** ◇ *Grallaria przewalskii* Seen at Owllet Lodge and Alto Nieva. Endemic.
- Cajamarca Antpitta** ◇ *Grallaria cajamarcae* Endemic.
- Chestnut Antpitta** ◇ *Grallaria blakei* The only Antpitta that gave us the worms show. Endemic.
- Chachapoyas Antpitta** ◇ *Grallaria gravesi* Seen on the way to Abra Barro Negro. Endemic.
- Thrush-like Antpitta** *Myrmothera campanisona* Heard only, at ACONABIKH.
- Ochre-fronted Antpitta** ◇ *Grallaricula ochraceifrons* Heard only. Endemic.
- Rufous-breasted Antpitta** (Leymebamba A) *Grallaricula leymebambae* Seen on the way to Abra Barro Negro.
- Chestnut-crowned Gnatcatcher** *Conopophaga castaneiceps* Great views at Plataforma, also at Carlos Ridge.



Unstreaked Tit-Tyrant and Lulu's Tody-Flycatcher, both were seen during our morning at San Lorenzo Ridge Trail.

- Trilling Tapaculo** *Scytalopus parvirostris* Heard only, at San Lorenzo Ridge.
White-crowned Tapaculo *Scytalopus atratus* Seen at Carlos Ridge.
Rufous-vented Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus femoralis* Seen at Owllet Lodge.
Large-footed Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus macropus* Great views in the open at Leymebamba area.
Unicolored Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus unicolor* A bonus bird! But just couple persons managed to see it.
Utcubamba Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus intermedius* Seen above Leymebamba. See note.
Maranon Crescentchest ◊ *Melanopareia maranonica* Brief but good views at Yanahuaca forest.
Elegant Crescentchest ◊ *Melanopareia elegans* Good views at Chaparri.
Wing-barred Piprites *Piprites chloris* Seen at ACONABIKH Reserve.
White-fronted Tyrannulet ◊ *Phyllomyias zeledoni* A local and scarce Tyrannulet. Seen at Plataforma [*leucogonys*].
Sooty-headed Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias griseiceps* Good views of a pair the day we left Plataforma.
Plumbeous-crowned Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias plumbeiceps* Seen well at Plataforma, on both days.
Black-capped Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias nigrocapillus* Nice views at Owllet Lodge.
Ashy-headed Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias cinereiceps* Seen well at Abra Patricia Road.
Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet *Tyrannulus elatus* Good views at the grounds of Waqanki.
Pacific Elaenia ◊ *Myiopagis subplacens* Seen well at Casupe and Abra Porculla.
Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster*
Small-billed Elaenia *Elaenia parvirostris* Seen along the Plataforma Road.
Lesser Elaenia *Elaenia chiriquensis* One bird seen at Tamborapa Road, Jaen.
Highland Elaenia *Elaenia obscura* Seen at the Florida Feeders, Pomacochas.
Sierran Elaenia *Elaenia pallatangae*
White-lored Tyrannulet *Ornithion inerme* Heard only, at Escalera Ridge, Tarapoto. (Seen by leader).
Southern Beardless Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum*
White-tailed Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus poecilocercus* Seen at Atuen Road.
Rufous-winged Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus calopterus* Seen at Leymebamba.
Sulphur-bellied Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus minor* Heard above Lyemebmava.
White-banded Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus stictopterus* First seen at San Lorenzo Ridge.
Black-crested Tit-Tyrant ◊ *Anairetes nigrocrisatus* Seen at Cruz Conga, later at Chonta on the same day.
Tufted Tit-Tyrant *Anairetes parulus* Only one sitting at Barro Negro mobbing the Yungas Pygmy Owl.
Unstreaked Tit-Tyrant ◊ *Uromyias agraphia* Nice views at San Lorenzo Ridge.
Torrent Tyrannulet *Serpophaga cinerea*



Comparison of Red-billed Tyrannulet (left) with Mishana Tyrannulet (right). Mishana was seen at Wakanky and the Red-billed Tyrannulet at Plataforma area.

Tumbesian Tyrannulet ◇ *Phaeomyias tumbezana* This one was seen in Tumbesian regions like Rafan and Casupe.

Tumbesian Tyrannulet ◇ *Phaeomyias [tumbezana] maranonica* (Endemic) This one was seen at Balsas. **See note.**

Yellow Tyrannulet *Capsiempis flaveola* Heard only the day that we left Plataforma, along the road to Bellavista.

Fulvous-faced Scrub Tyrant *Euscarthmus fulviceps* Common in arid scrubs in Tumbesian and Maranon regions.

Grey-and-white Tyrannulet ◇ *Pseudelaenia leucospodia* Seen at Chaparri, Tinajones Lake, and Bosque Pomac.

Red-billed Tyrannulet ◇ *Zimmerius cinereicapilla* Good views on the day that we left Plataforma.

Mishana Tyrannulet ◇ *Zimmerius villarejoi* Nice views at Waqanki. Endemic.

Peruvian Tyrannulet ◇ *Zimmerius viridiflavus* Near endemic.

Variiegated Bristle Tyrant *Pogonotriccus poecilotis* Good views at Plataforma.

Marble-faced Bristle Tyrant *Pogonotriccus ophthalmicus* Seen a couple times at the lower Alto Mayo Road.

Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes ventralis* Seen at Owllet Lodge.

Ecuadorian Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes gualaquizae* Seen at the lower Alto Mayo Road.

Streak-necked Flycatcher *Mionectes striaticollis*

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus* Leader only, at ACONABIKH.

Slaty-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon superciliaris* First see at the lower Alto Mayo Road.

Inca Flycatcher ◇ *Leptopogon taczanowskii* Nice views at Owllet Lodge. Endemic.

Olive-chested Flycatcher *Myiophobus cryptoxanthus* Heard only. Plataforma and Lower Alto Mayo Road.

Bran-colored Flycatcher ◇ (Mouse Grey F) *Myiophobus [fasciatus] crypterythrus* Nice views at Pomacochas Lake. See note.

Ornate Flycatcher *Myiotriccus ornatus* Seen at the lower and upper sections of the Alto Mayo Road.

Many-colored Rush Tyrant *Tachuris rubrigastra* Seen on the way to Santa Rosa Beach.

White-eyed Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus zosterops* Seen at Moro de la Calzada, Moyobamba.

Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer* Heard only at Quebrada Upaquihua.

Black-throated Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus granadensis* Good views at Owllet Lodge.

Cinnamon-breasted Tody-Tyrant ◇ *Hemitriccus cinnamomeipectus* A tricky one at Alto Nieva, with persistence everyone saw it. A rare and local near endemic.

Buff-throated Tody-Tyrant ◇ *Hemitriccus rufigularis* Seen a Plataforma, a tricky canopy bird.

White-bellied Pygmy Tyrant *Myiornis albiventris* Nice views at Waqanki.

Short-tailed Pygmy Tyrant *Myiornis ecaudatus* Seen at the Plataforma Road.

Scale-crested Pygmy Tyrant *Lophotriccus pileatus* Seen at Carlos Ridge.

Lulu's Tody-Flycatcher ◇ *Poecilotriccus luluae* First seen at San Lorenzo Ridge, also at Owllet Lodge. An endangered endemic.

Black-and-white Tody-Flycatcher ◊ *Poecilatriccus capitalis* Seen at Waqanki, an uncommon and local species.



Marron-belted Chat-Tyrant (left) and Jelski's Chat-Tyrant.

Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilatriccus latirostris* Good views at Waqanki.

Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum*

Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum* One bird seen along the Road to Plataforma.

Yellow-olive Flatbill *Tolmomyias sulphurens* One bird seen at Plataforma [*peruvianus*].

Zimmer's Flatbill *Tolmomyias assimilis* Seen at Waqanki, heard at other locations.

Olive-faced Flatbill *Tolmomyias viridiceps* Seen at Quebrada Upaquihua.

White-throated Spadebill *Platyrinchus mystaceus* Good views at Carlos Ridge, heard at Plataforma.

Yellow-throated Spadebill ◊ *Platyrinchus flavigularis* A rare bird that occurs mostly in outlying ridges. Plataforma.



Male and female of Andean Cock-of-the-rock at the lower Alto Mayo Road.

Cinnamon Flycatcher *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus*

Cliff Flycatcher *Hirundinea ferruginea* Seen at Escalera Ridge.

Euler's Flycatcher *Lathrotriccus euleri* Seen at Waqanki and Carlos Ridge.

Grey-breasted Flycatcher ◊ *Lathrotriccus griseipectus* Nice views at Casupe Road.

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans*

Olive Tufted Flycatcher ◊ *Mitrephanes olivaceus* Good views of a couple at Owlet Lodge.

Smoke-colored Pewee *Contopus fumigatus*

Tumbes Pewee ◊ *Contopus punensis* Finally see at Quebrada Freolillo, before just heard only.

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus obscurus* Two sub-species were seen on the tour. See note.

Rufous-webbed Bush Tyrant ◊ *Cnemarchus rufipennis* Seen at Cruz Conga, Cajamarca.

Streak-throated Bush Tyrant *Myiotheretes striaticollis* Seen at Atuen Road, also at Chonta.

White-tailed Shrike-Tyrant ◊ *Agriornis albicauda* One bird seen at Cruz Conga, Cajamarca.

Tumbes Tyrant ◊ *Tumbezia salvini* Good views at Chaparri. Almost endemic.

Jelski's Chat-Tyrant ◊ *Silvicultrix jelskii* Nice views near Celendin. Near Endemic.
Maroon-belted Chat-Tyrant ◊ *Ochthoeca thoracica* Seen at Atuen Road.
Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis*
Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca fumicolor* Seen at Abra Barro Negro.
Piura Chat-Tyrant ◊ *Ochthoeca piurae* Good views at Abra Porculla.
Long-tailed Tyrant *Colonia colonus* Seen at Plataforma.
Short-tailed Field Tyrant ◊ *Muscigralla brevicauda* Seen at Chaparri and Tinajones Lake.



Long-tailed Tyrant from Plataforma.

Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis*
Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus*
Lemon-browed Flycatcher ◊ *Conopias cinchoneti* Seen at the lower section of the Alto Mayo Road.
Baird's Flycatcher ◊ *Myiodynastes bairdii* Several seen at Casupe, Chaparri and Quebrada Freolillo.
Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus*
Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua*
Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*
Greyish Mourner *Rhytipterna simplex* One bird seen at Escalera Ridge.
Rufous Casiornis *Casiornis rufus* One bird seen at Quebrada Upaquiua.
Rufous Flycatcher ◊ *Myiarchus semirufus* Good views at Rafan, as well at Bosque Pomac.
Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer* Heard only at Abra Porculla and Owlet Lodge.
Pale-edged Flycatcher *Myiarchus cephalotes* Seen at Owlet Lodge.
Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus* Good views at Tamborapa Road, Jaen.
Bright-rumped Attila *Attila spadiceus* Heard only at Escalera Ridge.
Scaled Fruiteater ◊ *Ampelioides tschudii* Heard only at the lower section of Alto Mayo Road.
Fiery-throated Fruiteater ◊ *Pipreola chlorolepidota* Seen at Waqanki, probably the best place for see this bird.



Red-crested Cotinga from Cruz Conga, and Golden-headed Manakin from ACONABIKH Reserve.

- Scarlet-breasted Fruiteater** ◇ *Pipreola frontalis* Great views at the Plataforma Road.
- Masked Fruiteater** ◇ *Pipreola pulchra* A write-in for the trip. Great views at Carlos Ridge. Endemic.
- Barred Fruiteater** *Pipreola arcuata* Heard only at San Lorenzo Ridge.
- Green-and-black Fruiteater** *Pipreola riefferii* Good views at Owllet Lodge.
- Grey-tailed Piha** ◇ *Snowornis subalaris* Nice views in our first afternoon at Plataforma.
- Andean Cock-of-the-rock** *Rupicola peruvianus*
- Peruvian Plantcutter** ◇ *Phytotoma raimondii* Great views at Rafan.
- Red-crested Cotinga** *Ampelion rubrocristatus* One sitting at San Lorenzo Ridge.
- Amazonian Umbrellabird** *Cephalopterus ornatus* Leaders only, Carlos Ridge (Carlos), lower Alto Mayo Rd (Leo).
- Sulphur-bellied Tyrant-Manakin** ◇ *Neopelma sulphureiventer* One of our targets of Quebrada Upaquihua, seen well.
- Blue-backed Manakin** *Chiroxiphia pareola* Heard only at ACONABIK.
- Yungas Manakin** *Chiroxiphia boliviana* Some sittings of juveniles, at Plataforma. Heard only for some people.
- Golden-winged Manakin** *Masius chrysopterus* Best views at Carlos Ridge, as well in the Alto Mayo Road.
- Blue-crowned Manakin** *Lepidothrix coronata* Heard only at ACONABIK.
- Blue-rumped Manakin** ◇ (Milky-rumped M) *Lepidothrix [isidorei] leucopygia* Seen at Plataforma.
- Painted Manakin** ◇ *Machaeropterus eckelberryi* Finally we got it at Waqanki, later at Plataforma. Endemic.
- Fiery-capped Manakin** ◇ *Machaeropterus pyrocephalus* Great views at Waqanki.
- Round-tailed Manakin** *Ceratopira chloromeros* A small black bird with a bright red head was seen on the way to Plataforma, not a good view but diagnostic features to ID.
- Golden-headed Manakin** *Ceratopira erythrocephala* Good views at the lek in ACONABIK.
- Black-tailed Myiobius** *Myiobius atricaudus* Seen at Quebrada Upaquihua.
- Masked Tityra** *Tityra semifasciata*
- Yellow-cheeked Becard** *Pachyramphus xanthogenys* Not the best views, but was seen at Tamborapa Road.
- Barred Becard** *Pachyramphus versicolor* Seen at Atuen Road.
- White-winged Becard** *Pachyramphus polychopterus* First seen at Plataforma.
- Black-and-white Becard** *Pachyramphus albogriseus* Good views at Tamborapa Road, and Alto Mayo Road.



Inca Jays from Abra Patricia.

- Rufous-browed Peppershrike** *Cyclarhis gujanensis*
Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo *Vireolanius leucotis* Seen well at Plataforma.
Olivaceous Greenlet *Hylophilus olivaceus* Only one sitting at the lower Alto Mayo Road.
Tawny-crowned Greenlet *Tunchiornis ochraceiceps* Seen in a mixed flock at ACONABIKH.
Chivi Vireo *Vireo chivi*
Brown-capped Vireo *Vireo leucophrys*
White-collared Jay *Cyanolyca viridicyanus* Nice views at Atuen Road.
Violaceous Jay *Cyanocorax violaceus* Seen at ACONABIKH
White-tailed Jay ◊ *Cyanocorax mystacalis* Regular bird at Chaparri. Near endemic.
Inca Jay *Cyanocorax yncas*
Tumbes Swallow ◊ *Tachycineta stolzmanni* Other one that gave us extra work, but we got it at Bosque Pomac.
White-winged Swallow *Tachycineta albiventer* Seen at the Huallaga river.
Blue-and-white Swallow *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*
Brown-bellied Swallow *Orochelidon murina* Seen at Atuen Road, and the upper section of Barro Negro.
Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*
Grey-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea*
Chestnut-collared Swallow ◊ *Petrochelidon rufocollaris* Seen at Bosque Pomac with other swallows.
Black-capped Donacobius *Donacobius atricapilla* Seen at the Rioja rice fields.
Fasciated Wren *Campylorhynchus fasciatus* First seen at Rafan.
Thrush-like Wren *Campylorhynchus turdinus*
Grey-mantled Wren ◊ *Odontorchilus branickii* First seen at Alto Nieva but better views at Plataforma.
Sepia-brown Wren ◊ *Cinnycerthia olivascens* A group of 5 birds were seen at Owllet Lodge.
Grass Wren *Cistothorus platensis* First seen at Pomacochas Lake.
Plain-tailed Wren ◊ (Grey-browed W) *Pheugopedius [euophrys] schulenbergi* Endemic sub species. See note.



Plain-tailed (Grey-Browed) Wren, a sub-species of taxonomic interest from San Lorenzo Ridge Trail.

- Coraya Wren** *Pheugopedius coraya* Heard only at Quebrada Upaquihua and ACONABIKH.
Speckle-breasted Wren ◊ *Pheugopedius [sclateri] paucimaculatus* Good views at Casupe and Abra Porculla.
Speckle-breasted Wren ◊ (Maranon W) *Pheugopedius [sclateri] sclateri* Seen at Tamborapa Road, Jaen.
Buff-breasted Wren *Cantorchilus leucotis* Good views at Bellavista area.
Superciliated Wren ◊ *Cantorchilus superciliaris* Good views at Rafan and Chaparri.
House Wren (Southern H W) *Troglodytes [aedon] musculus*
Mountain Wren *Troglodytes solstitialis*
White-breasted Wood Wren *Henicorhina leucosticta* Seen at ACONABIKH Reserve.
Grey-breasted Wood Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys* Finally seen at Alto Nieva.
Bar-winged Wood Wren ◊ *Henicorhina leucoptera* Good views at Alto Nieva. Near endemic.
Southern Nightingale-Wren (Scaly-breasted W) *Microcerculus marginatus* Seen at Plataforma Rd, and Aconabikh.
Chestnut-breasted Wren *Cyphorhinus thoracicus* Heard only at Abra Patricia Road.
Tropical Gnatcatcher ◊ (Maranon G) *Polioptila [plumbea] maior* Seen at Jaen region, also at Balsas.
White-browed Gnatcatcher *Polioptila bilineata* Seen at Quebrada Upaquihua.
Long-tailed Mockingbird *Mimus longicaudatus*
Speckled Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus maculatus* Heard only at Plataforma.
Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus fuscater* Seen at Atuen Road.
Plumbeous-backed Thrush ◊ *Turdus reevei* Good views at Casupe and Abra Porculla.
Chiguanco Thrush *Turdus chiguanco*
Great Thrush *Turdus fuscater*
Maranon Thrush ◊ *Turdus maranonicus* First seen at Yanahuaca Forest, also at Hacienda Limon, Balsas. Near Endemic.



*White-tailed Jay and Short-tailed Field-Tyrant from Chaparri Reserve.
(Photo of the White-tailed Jay by Adam Dare)*

- Black-billed Thrush** *Turdus ignobilis* Seen at Arenas Blancas Reserve and Waqanki.
Pale-breasted Thrush *Turdus leucomelas* Seen at Moro de la Calzada.
Hauxwell's Thrush ◊ *Turdus hauxwelli* Seen at Quebrada Upaquihoa.
Varzea Thrush ◊ *Turdus sanchezorum* Seen briefly at Waqanki, some people just heard it.
White-capped Dipper *Cinclus leucocephalus* Nice views at Atuen Road.
House Sparrow (introduced) *Passer domesticus*
Peruvian Pipit ◊ *Anthus peruvianus* Seen on the way to Santa Rosa Beach. Almost endemic.
Paramo Pipit *Anthus bogotensis* Seen at the high pass of Abra Barro Negro.
Olivaceous Siskin *Spinus olivaceus* Good views at Owllet Lodge and at Carlos Ridge.
Hooded Siskin *Spinus magellanicus* First seen at Abra Porculla. Best views our last day in Cajamarca.
Golden-rumped Euphonia *Chlorophonia cyanocephala* Seen at Plataforma.
Blue-naped Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia cyanea* Seen our both days in Plataforma.
Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys* Seen well at Owllet Lodge.
Plumbeous Euphonia *Euphonia plumbea* A write-in, a pair was seen at Escalera Ridge, Tarapoto.
Purple-throated Euphonia *Euphonia chlorotica* First seen at Tamborapa Road, Jaen.
Thick-billed Euphonia *Euphonia lanirostris* Seen at Waqanki and Escalera Ridge.
Orange-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia xanthogaster*
Bronze-green Euphonia *Euphonia mesochrysa* First see at Arenas Blancas Reserve.
Rufous-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia rufiventris* Just one sitting with good views at ACONABIKH.
Yellow-throated Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus flavigularis* First seen at Plataforma.
Ashy-throated Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus canigularis* Good views at Carlos Ridge, as well at Abra Patricia Rd.
Common Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus flavopectus* Seen at Owllet Lodge.
Tumbes Sparrow ◊ *Rhynchospiza stolzmanni* Nice views at Chaparri. Near endemic.
Yellow-browed Sparrow *Ammodramus aurifrons*
Grey-browed Brushfinch *Arremon assimilis* Not seen by leader, at Cruz Conga.
Orange-billed Sparrow *Arremon aurantirostris* Coming to feeders at Arena Blanca.
Black-capped Sparrow *Arremon abeillei* Nice views at Casupe Road.
Black-capped Sparrow ◊ (Maranon S) *Arremon [abeillei] nigriceps* Seen at the Balsas Canyon.
Chestnut-capped Brushfinch *Arremon brunneinucha* Heard at Plataforma, and seen by leader.
Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis*
White-headed Brushfinch ◊ *Atlapetes albiceps* Seen it in our very last chance at Chaparri.
Yellow-breasted Brushfinch (Northern Rufous-naped B) *Atlapetes latinuchus* First seen at San Lorenzo Ridge.



Olive Oropendola and female Fulvous-crested Tanager.

Yellow-breasted Brushfinch ◊ (Baron's B) *Atlapetes [latinuchus] baroni* Seen at Cruz Conga, Cajamarca. Endemic subspecies.

White-winged Brushfinch *Atlapetes leucopterus* Seen at Casupe Road and at Abra Porculla.

Bay-crowned Brushfinch ◊ *Atlapetes seebohmi* Seen at Abra Porculla. Near endemic.

Peruvian Meadowlark *Leistes bellicosus*

Yellow-billed Cacique *Amblycercus holosericeus* Leader only, at San Lorenzo Ridge.

Russet-backed Oropendola *Psarocolius angustifrons*

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus*

Olive Oropendola *Psarocolius bifasciatus* Seems that they are well established at the Plataforma Road.

Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela*

Subtropical Cacique *Cacicus uropygialis* Good views at Alto Nieva, also at Alto Mayo Road.

Northern Mountain Cacique *Cacicus leucoramphus* A group of 7 birds seen at Atuen Road.

Yellow-tailed Oriole *Icterus mesomelas* Seen at Balsas Canyon area.

White-edged Oriole ◊ *Icterus graceannae* Seen at Casupe and Chaparri.

Orange-backed Troupial *Icterus croconotus* One bird seen at Rioja rice fields.

Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus*

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis*

Scrub Blackbird ◊ *Dives warczewiczi*

Pale-eyed Blackbird ◊ *Agelasticus xanthophthalmus* A very local and scarce bird, seen at Rioja rice fields.

Black-lored Yellowthroat ◊ (Maranon Y) *Geothlypis [auricularis] peruviana* Seen at Balsas Canyon and Cajamarca.

Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitiayumi*

Citrine Warbler *Myiothlypis luteoviridis* Seen at San Lorenzo Ridge and Atuen Road.

Black-crested Warbler *Myiothlypis nigrocristata* First seen at Abra Porculla.

Buff-rumped Warbler *myiothlypis fulvicauda* Heard only at Escalera Ridge and Alto Mayo Road.

Grey-and-gold Warbler ◊ *Myiothlypis fraseri* Good views at Chaparri.

Russet-crowned Warbler *Myiothlypis coronata* Seen at Owllet Lodge.

Three-banded Warbler ◊ *Basileuterus trifasciatus* Good views at Casupe Road and Abra Porculla.

Three-striped Warbler *Basileuterus tristriatus* First seen at Carlos Ridge.

Slate-throated Whitestart *Myioborus miniatus*

Spectacled Whitestart *Myioborus melanocephalus* Two sub-species were seen on the trip. See note.

Tooth-billed Tanager *Piranga lutea* First seen at Casupe Road.

White-winged Tanager *Piranga leucoptera* First seen at the lower Alto Mayo Road, also at Plataforma.

Olive Tanager *Chlorothraupis frenata* Seen at Escalera Ridge and ACONABIKH Reserve.

Golden Grosbeak (Southern Yellow G) *Pheucticus chrysogaster* Good views at Rafan, and other localities too.



Tumbes Sparrow (left), and Parrot-billed Seedeaters from Chaparri.

Plushcap *Catamblyrhynchus diadema* Seen at San Lorenzo Ridge and at Owlet Lodge.

White-capped Tanager *Sericossypha albocristata* They gave us a nice welcome at Owlet Lodge.

Grey-winged Inca Finch ◊ *Incaspiza ortizi* Seen well at Hacienda Limon, Balsas.

Buff-bridled Inca Finch ◊ *Incaspiza laeta* Stunning views at Balsas.

Little Inca Finch ◊ *Incaspiza watkinsi* Good views at Jaen.

Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza*

Golden-collared Honeycreeper *Iridophanes pulcherrimus* First seen at Plataforma.

Yellow-backed Tanager *Hemithraupis flavicollis* Seen at Waqanki and at Escalera Ridge, Tarapoto.

Guira Tanager *Hemithraupis guira* First seen at Waqanki and Moro de la Calzada.

Swallow Tanager *Tersina viridis*

Purple Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes caeruleus*

Short-billed Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes nitidus* Good views of several birds at Escalera Ridge.

Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana*

Black-faced Dacnis *Dacnis lineata*

Streaked Saltator *Saltator striatipectus* See note.

Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus*

Black-cowled Saltator ◊ *Saltator nigriceps* Seen at Casupe Road and Abra Porculla.

Slate-colored Grosbeak *Saltator grossus* Good views at Escalera Ridge, Tarapoto.

Golden-billed Saltator *Saltator aurantiirostris* Seen at Cruz Conga, Cajamarca.

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola*



Female Marañon Gnatcatcher from San Marcos, Cajamarca; Superciliated Wren from Chaparri (Adam Dare).
Record shots of Golden-naped Tanager from Plataforma, Yellow-scarfed Tanager and Rufous Crested Tanager (both from Abra Patricia).

- Dull-colored Grassquit** *Asemospiza obscura* First seen at Tamborapa Road, also at Balsas Canyon.
- Blue-black Grassquit** *Volatinia jacarina*
- Rufous-crested Tanager** *Creurgops verticalis* Good views at Abra Patricia Road.
- White-shouldered Tanager** *Loriotus luctuosus* Seen at Quebrada Upaquihua.
- Yellow-crested Tanager** ◊ *Loriotus rufiventer* Seen at Waqanki and Escalera Ridge.
- Red Pileated Finch** *Coryphospingus cucullatus* Seen at Tamborapa Road, Jaen.
- Fulvous-crested Tanager** *Tachyphonus surinamus* A pair seen at Escalera Ridge.
- Huallaga Tanager** ◊ *Ramphocelus melanogaster* A common bird at Waqanki. Endemic.
- Silver-beaked Tanager** *Ramphocelus carbo*
- Yellow-bellied Seedeater** *Sporophila nigricollis* Seen at Chonta, joining other seedeaters.
- Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch** *Sporophila angolensis* First seen at Escalera Ridge, also at Alto Mayo Road.
- Black-billed Seed Finch** ◊ *Sporophila atrirostris* Good views at Rioja rice fields.
- Parrot-billed Seedeater** ◊ *Sporophila peruviana* Big flocks at the entrance road of Chaparri, also at Tinajones.
- Chestnut-throated Seedeater** *Sporophila telasco* Maybe more, but at least one bird properly identified at Chaparri.
- Drab Seedeater** ◊ *Sporophila simplex* One bird seen at Tinajones Lake, another at Yanahuaca forest, Jaen.
- Chestnut-bellied Seedeater** *Sporophila castaneiventris* Seen at the rice fields near Bellavista.
- Cinereous Finch** ◊ *Piezorina cinerea* Good views at Rafan as well in Chaparri and Tinajones Lake. Endemic.
- Drab Hemispingus** *Pseudospingus xanthophthalmus* Seen at Abra Barro Negro mobbing a Yungas Pygmy Owl.
- Collared Warbling Finch** ◊ *Poospiza hispaniolensis* Good views at Chaparri.
- Oleaginous Hemispingus** *Sphenopsis frontalis* Seen at Alto Nieva and Abra Patricia Road.
- Black-eared Hemispingus** *Sphenopsis melanotis* Seen at Owllet Lodge.
- Buff-bellied Tanager** ◊ *Thlypopsis inornata* Great views at Tamborapa Road, as well descending to Balsas. Almost endemic.
- Superciliated Hemispingus** ◊ (White-bellied H) *Thlypopsis [superciliaris] leucogastra* First seen at San Lorenzo

Ridge, also at Atuen Road and Abra Barro Negro.



Superciliated (White-bellied) Hemispingus from Atuen Road, and Oleaginous Hemispingus from Abra Patricia.

Rufous-chested Tanager *Thlypopsis ornata* Seen at Cruz Conga.
Plain-tailed Warbling Finch ◊ *Microspingus alticola* A small flock (5 birds) seen at Cruz Conga.
Chestnut-vented Conebill *Conirostrum speciosum* Nice views of a pair at the lower Alto Mayo Road.
Blue-backed Conebill *Conirostrum sitticolor* First seen at San Lorenzo Ridge, as well at Abra Barro Negro.
Cinereous Conebill *Conirostrum cinereum*
Sulphur-throated Finch ◊ *Sicalis taczanowskii* Big numbers were seen at the entrance road of Chaparri.
Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola*
Peruvian Sierra Finch *Phrygilus punensis* Two birds were seen at Cruz Conga, Cajamarca.
Ash-breasted Sierra Finch *Geospizopsis plebejus* One bird seen at Chonta, Cajamarca.
Plumbeous Sierra Finch *Geospizopsis unicolor* Few birds seen at the highest section of Abra Barro Negro.
Slaty Finch *Haplospiza rustica* One male seen at San Lorenzo Ridge.
Band-tailed Seedeater *Catamenia analis* Seen at Chonta feeding on seeds with other seedeaters.
Plain-colored Seedeater *Catamenia inornata* Seen at Chonta feeding on seeds with other seedeaters.
Golden-eyed Flowerpiercer *Diglossa glauca* Nice views of one bird at Alto Nieva.
Bluish Flowerpiercer *Diglossa caerulescens* Leaders only at Owlet Lodge.
Masked Flowerpiercer *Diglossa cyanea*
Rusty Flowerpiercer *Diglossa sittoides* One bird seen at Abra Porculla.
Moustached Flowerpiercer *Diglossa mystacalis* One bird seen at Abra Barro Negro.



Blue-and-black Tanager the *Tangara* that occurs at higher elevations in Peru, and the Moustached Flowerpiecer. Both from Abra Barro Negro at 2900 mts, seems like both of them liked that branch.

- White-sided Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa albilatera* Seen at Owlet Lodge.
Black-throated Flowerpiercer *Diglossa brunneiventris* Good views at Chonta.
Vermilion Tanager ◊ *Calochaetes coccineus* Seen at the upper section of the Alto Mayo Road.
Yellow-throated Tanager *Iridosornis analis* Good views at Owlet Lodge and Alto Nieva.
Yellow-scarfed Tanager ◊ *Iridosornis reinhardti* Seen joining a mixed flock at Owlet Lodge. Endemic.
Fawn-breasted Tanager *Pipraeidea melanonota* Seen at Atuen Road.
Hooded Mountain Tanager *Buthraupis montana* Only was seen at Owlet Lodge.
Blue-capped Tanager *Sporathraupis cyanocephala* First seen at Owlet Lodge.
Grass-green Tanager *Chlorornis riefferii* Seen joining a mixed flock at Owlet Lodge.
Blue-winged Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus somptuosus* First seen at Alto Nieva, also at Plataforma.
Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus igniventris* Only was seen at Abra Barro Negro.
Lacrimose Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus lacrymosus* Seen at San Lorenzo Ridge.
Orange-eared Tanager *Chlorochrysa calliparaea* Best views at Plataforma and Alto Mayo Road.
Magpie Tanager *Cissopis leverianus* First seen at Arenas Blancas Reserve.
Black-faced Tanager *Schistochlamys melanopis* Seen at the lower Alto Mayo Road.
Dotted Tanager ◊ *Ixothraupis varia* Excellent views at Escalera Ridge.
Spotted Tanager *Ixothraupis punctata* First seen joining mixed flocks at the lower Alto Mayo Road.
Yellow-bellied Tanager *Ixothraupis xanthogastra* One sitting along the road from Plataforma to Bellavista.
Golden-naped Tanager *Chalcothraupis ruficervix* First seen at Owlet Lodge, but also at Plataforma and other sites. See note.
Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus* Two different sub-species were seen on the trip. See note.
Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum*
Silver-backed Tanager *Stilpnia viridicollis* First seen at Owlet Lodge, but also in other locations at Hacienda Limon.
Straw-backed Tanager *Stilpnia argyrofenges* Good views at Plataforma, uncommon and patchily distributed tanager.
Blue-necked Tanager *Stilpnia cyanicollis* Common at lower elevations.
Masked Tanager *Stilpnia nigrocincta* Seen at Moro de la Calzada.
Blue-and-black Tanager *Tangara vassorii* First seen at San Lorenzo Ridge.
Beryl-spangled Tanager *Tangara nigroviridis* Seen regularly at Owlet Lodge, also at Alto Nieva.
Blue-browed Tanager *Tangara cyanotis* Just seen at Plataforma, an uncommon species of Tanager.
Metallic-green Tanager *Tangara labradorides* Good views of a pair at Fundo Alto Nieva.
Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola* A regular species in mixed flocks at middle elevations and foothills.
Golden-eared Tanager *Tangara chrysotis* First seen at Alto Mayo Road.
Saffron-crowned Tanager *Tangara xanthocephala* Common species at Owlet Lodge.
Flame-faced Tanager *Tangara parzudakii* First seen at Owlet Lodge.
Green-and-gold Tanager *Tangara schrankii* Seen at lower elevations and Plataforma.
Golden Tanager *Tangara arthus* First seen at Owlet Lodge.
Turquoise Tanager *Tangara mexicana* Just one sitting of 4 individuals at Waqanki.
Paradise Tanager *Tangara chilensis* A real stunner present in many flocks at lower and mid elevations.



Two Blue-necked Tanagers, two Golden Tanagers, male and female Orange-eared Tanager, one Bay-headed Tanager, one Green-and-gold Tanager and maybe something else, during our visit to Carlos Ridge (Photo by Adam Dare).

Mammals

Sechuran Fox *Lycalopex sechurae* Quite common and fearless at Chaparri.

South American Sea Lion *Otaria flavescens* One individual came to the shore at Santa Rosa Beach.

Collared Peccary *Pecari tajacu* They wander outside our rooms of Chaparri at night, one seen our last morning.

White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus* Seen at Chaparri.

Spix's White-fronted Capuchin *Cebus unicolor* One individual was seen at Owlet Lodge.

Saddle-back Tamarin *Saguinus fuscicollis* Seen at the Rioja rice fields, as well along the Plataforma Road.

Colombian Red Howler Monkey *Alouatta seniculus* One seen at Quebrada Upaquihoa.

Peruvian Yellow-tailed Woolly Monkey *Lagothrix flavicauda* Great views at Alto Mayo Road.

Amazonian Red Squirrel *Sciurus spadiceus* Seen at ACONABIKH Reserve.

Guayaquil Squirrel *Sciurus stramineus* One seen at Casupe Road.



Saddle-back Tamarin from Plataforma area and Peruvian Yellow-tailed Woolly Monkey from Alto Mayo Road.

OTHER CREATURES

Three-striped Poison Frog *Ameerega trivittata* Seen at ACONABICK Reserve.



Leptophis sp. One type of **Parrot Snake** was seen in Abra Porculla, possibly is a ***Leptophis occidentalis***, but I am not aware if another similar species occurs in the area. *Leptophis occidentalis* occur in the southern Pacific mountains of Ecuador, so I assume that could be that species. This species used to be considered *Leptophis ahaetulla* but has been some taxonomic changes in the last years.



Our group at Plataforma.



Violet-throated Starfrontlet from San Lorenzo Ridge (Anthony Kaduck).

APPENDIX 1

NOTES TO THE SYSTEMATIC LIST

Greenish Puffleg *Haplophaedia aureliae*

This was the hummingbird that we saw at Fundo Alto Nieva, and at the moment of the tour was ID as Buff-thighed Puffleg *Haplophaedia assimilis affinis*, but I always wondered why should be that species if the bird looks more like Greenish Puffleg rather than Buff-thighed Puffleg. I did some research and apparently the individuals that show up in Alto Nieva are Greenish Puffleg, and possibly is a non-described sub species. The closest sub species of Greenish Puffleg from Alto Nieva is *Haplophaedia aureliae cutucuensis*, but this one occurs in the East slope in Southern Ecuador at the Cutucú Range and Cordillera del Condor. I ask about this to Barry Walker and he help me with the next document that compare skins of the two species in question (<https://www.museum.lsu.edu/~Remsen/SACCprop923.htm>). So, seems that the range of Greenish Puffleg reach the area of Alto Mayo, and could be a type of undescribed sub species.

Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner *Philydor [erythrocerum] ochrogaster*

This is a sub species of particular interest because is rather distinctive in plumage, being brighter both above and below, and much more cinnamon coloration than the other sub species, but apparently the vocalizations are typical of the species. This sub species also occurs in areas way much higher than the normal elevations of the other sub species, and favors areas of outline ridges. Good to pay attention for eventual taxonomic changes. We saw this bird at Plataforma.

Strong-billed Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus*

We got sightings of this species at San Lorenzo Ridge, and also at Plataforma. Regarding the one that we saw in Plataforma we gave special interest because there are rumors of an undescribed species of Woodcreeper in the area of Plataforma, and those rumors at some point indicate that refers to the Strong-billed Woodcreeper of Plataforma. But according on what my colleague Janos Olah researched in his past trip report of Northern Peru, probably the Woodcreeper that is consider to be described as a new species is the foothill type of Long-tailed Woodcreeper rather than the Strong-billed Woodcreeper.

Utcubamba Tapaculo *Scytalopus intermedius*

This was the Tapaculo that we saw above Leymebamba, and we identified as Blackish Tapaculo *Scytalopus latrans intermedius*, but now is considered a different species, the *S.intermedius*, that is endemic to the Central Andes of Peru south of the Rio Marañon, in southern Amazonas (Peruvian Province, not the Amazon) principally in the Rio Utcubamba drainage.

Tumbesian Tyrannulet ◊ *Phaeomyias [tumbesana] maranonica*

This species in the Clements taxonomy is now considered a different species, the Marañon Tyrannulet, that occurs in the dry regions of the Marañon valley area. Also, the genus *Phaeomyias* disappear and now all the *Phaeomyias* became part of the genus *Nesotriccus*, that is the genus of one species, the Cocos Flycatcher (*Nesotriccus ridgwayi*), so now the former Mouse-colored Tyrannulet group have the genus *Nesotriccus*, so that may be a change in the IOC Taxonomy soon.

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus obscurus*

Two forms of this species were seen during the tour. The form *piurae* in the northwest in places like Rafan and Chaparri; and the form *ardens* was the subspecies seen around Cajamarca.

Plain-tailed (or Grey-browed) Wren ◊ *Pheugopedius [euophrys] schulenbergi*

Good views at San Lorenzo Ridge. This is a distinctive form (morphologically, vocally and geographically), but certainly is a form that needs special attention and probably the status is going to be updated soon. There is another undescribed form that is the one that occurs in Central Peru in the Mantaro Valley, that some authorities put it in the same group of this one of Northern Peru, but both are quite different in coloration, vocally and in totally different regions.

Spectacled Whitestart *Myioborus melanocephalus*

We saw two forms of this attractive species. The nominate form, *melanocephalus*, that is the common form of the Eastern Andes, was seen first at San Lorenzo Ridge, whilst the form *griseonuchus* was seen during our morning at Cruz Conga, Cajamarca region.

Golden-naped Tanager *Tangara ruficervix*

We saw it in two localities in this trip, at Carlos Ridge and at Plataforma, both on outlying ridges on the east slope of the Andes. HBW/BirdLife split off the form concerned, *Tangara ruficervix amabilis*, as part of a separate species, Rusty-naped Tanager *T. fulvicervix*. And consider 3 subspecies of this form in which the one that we got in our trip will correspond to the subspecies *T.fulvicervix amabilis* that occurs in the East slope of the Andes of North Peru, South until Huanuco. The other two sub species occur in the East Slope of the Andes of Central Peru to the Andes on the East Slope of Bolivia.

Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus*

Two distinctly different forms were seen in the trip, the form *quaesita* were seen in the northwest in different localities, first at Chaparri. The other distinctive form was the white-winged Amazonian form, *caerulea* that was quite common and we started to see it from the area of Jaen, and the eastern lowlands and foothills.



The official group photo, without muddy clothes.

APPENDIX 2

TOP 10 BIRDS OF THE TOUR

Species	Points	Nominations
1 st SCARLET-BANDED BARBET	19	5
2 nd LONG-WHISKERED OWLET	17	6
3 rd PAINTED MANAKIN	17	4
4 th PALE-BILLED ANTPITTA	16	6
5 th GREY-BELLIED HAWK	10	2
6 th CORDILLERA AZUL ANTBIRD	8	3
7 th ASH-THROATED ANTWREN	8	2
8 th MARAÑÓN CRESCENTCHEST	7	3
9 th YELLOW-FACED PARROTLET	5	2
10 th ROYAL SUNANGEL	5	1



Peruvian Tyrannulet, thanks for reading!