

ULTIMATE CENTRAL PERU TOUR REPORT

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The 2024 Central Peru tour was extremely successful – we managed to see the vast majority of our targets and specialities. This tour offers a large number of endemic species, many of which can only be seen on this particular journey. Although the tour is not focused on sheer numbers, we still recorded an impressive total of 500 species. While it may not be as diverse as some other Andes tours, the quality of species on offer is hard to beat. Among the highlights were the Cactus Canastero and Raimondi's Yellow Finch at Lomas de Lachay; the Peruvian Seaside Cinclodes at Chancay; the Russet-bellied Spinetail, Andean Parakeet, and White-cheeked Cotinga at Fortaleza; and at Huascarán the Ancash Tapaculo, Rufous-eared Brushfinch, Plain-tailed Warbling Finch, Giant Conebill and Streaked Dacnis. In the dry intermontane valleys, we encountered Pale-tailed Canastero and Rufous-backed Inca Finch. At Bosque de Unchog, the specialities included the impressive Golden-backed Mountain Tanager, Bay-vented Cotinga, Large-footed, Neblina and White-winged Tapaculos, Pardusco, Yellow-scarfed Tanager, and Chachapoyas Antpitta. We also witnessed the recently described Panao Antpitta, Brown-flanked Tanager and White-tufted Sunbeam at Panao hills; the Chestnut Antpitta, Unstreaked Tit-Tyrant and Band-tailed Fruiteater at Carpish; and at Junin Lake, the Critically Endangered Junin Grebe, the secretive "Junin" Black Rail, Andean Avocet and Junin Canastero. At Villa Rica, we saw the Creamy-bellied Antwren, Lanceolated Monklet, Foothill Elaenia and Cinnamon-faced Tyrannulet; a lek at Bosque Shollet featured the Buff-tailed Sicklebill, Masked Fruiteater and Bay Antpitta; and at Ulcumano, we observed the Cloud-forest Screech Owl, Jet Manakin and Crimson-bellied Woodpecker. Excellent mixed-species flocks were seen along Satipo Road, with species such as the Blue-browed Tanager or Fulvous-breasted Flatbill. We also enjoyed an exquisite selection of Mantaro endemics – including the Black-spectacled Brushfinch, Mantaro Spinetail, Mantaro Wren, Mantaro Thornbird, Junin and Oxapampa Antpittas, Junin and Jalca Tapaculos, Fire-throated Metaltail, Eye-ringed Thistletail and Koepcke's Screech Owl – and observed the Black-and-chestnut Eagle at Calabaza. At Abra Huaytapallana, we recorded the Critically Endangered Royal Cinclodes and the Olivaceous Thornbill; at Marcapomacochas, we saw the Diademed Sandpiper Plover, Puna Tinamou, White-bellied Cinclodes and enjoyed brilliant views of a male Black-breasted Hillstar; and at Santa Eulalia, we encountered the rare and localised Rufous-breasted Warbling Finch, Bronze-tailed Comet, Streaked Tit-Spinetail and Great Inca Finch. These fantastic encounters made the tour truly memorable.

The tour started in Lima, where we left the city early in the morning to visit Lomas de Lachay—a reserve located in the arid coastal region, characterised by distinct microclimates and unique habitats. During the morning session at Lomas de Lachay, we managed to observe some excellent specialties such as Least Seedsnipe, the endemic Cactus Canastero and Coastal Miner, and the localised Greyish Miner. However, the highlight of the morning was spotting Raimondi's Yellow Finch, an unpredictable species with possible nomadic movements. We enjoyed excellent views of one individual while hearing others as they flew away. Other species seen that morning included Purple-collared Woodstar, Oasis and Amazilia Hummingbirds, Croaking Ground Dove, West Peruvian Dove, Peruvian Thick-knee, Burrowing Owl, Mountain Parakeet, Coastal Miner, Vermilion Flycatcher, Short-tailed Field Tyrant, Sand Martin, Blue-and-white and Barn Swallows, Long-tailed Mockingbird, Hooded Siskin, Shiny Cowbird, Collared Warbling Finch and Grassland Yellow Finch. After our session at Lomas de Lachay, we visited the coast at Chancay, where we found a pair of the endemic Peruvian Seaside Cinclodes. Other coastal birds included Blackish and American Oystercatchers, Hudsonian Whimbrel, South American Terns, Grey-headed, Grey, Belcher's and Kelp Gulls, Peruvian Booby, Neotropic Cormorant, Puna Ibis and Peruvian Pelican. We also explored the coastal lagoons at Playa Paraiso, where we added various species to our day's list, such as Cinnamon Teal, White-cheeked Pintail, Andean Coot, Great Grebe, Chilean Flamingo, Killdeer, Semipalmated and Snowy Plovers, Wilson's Phalarope, Spotted, Least and Semipalmated Sandpipers, Lesser

Yellowlegs, Black Skimmer, American Kestrel, Wren-like Rushbird, American Cliff Swallow and the nearly endemic Peruvian Pipit—a fine bird for the tour. After our afternoon session at Playa Paraiso, we returned to our hotel, where we stayed for one night.

We left our hotel early to visit Fortaleza Valley, an area of arid montane woody scrub on the western Andean slope at elevations above 2000 metres. This region bears some resemblance to the lower areas of Santa Eulalia Valley, though it lies slightly further north. Here, species from Northern Peru reach their southern distribution limit, such as Piura Chat-Tyrant and Bay-crowned Brushfinch (both Peruvian endemics). Our primary objective in Fortaleza was to search for the very restricted endemic Russet-bellied Spinetail, which we observed very well, enjoying excellent views of a pair. We spent the first part of the morning exploring Fortaleza Valley, and encountered several delightful surprises in both the higher and lower dry sections. One such surprise was obtaining excellent views of White-cheeked Cotinga, one of the most sought-after endemics of the tour. Another rare encounter was with Andean Parakeets, which provided us with excellent, close views. Our final surprise of the morning was Great Inca Finch, seen in the lower dry areas of the valley. In addition to these highlights, we observed other species including Andean Tinamou, Andean Swift, the endemic Bronze-tailed Comet, Tyrian Metaltail, Shining Sunbeam, Giant Hummingbird, Band-tailed Pigeon, Black-winged Ground Dove, the endemics Black-necked Woodpecker and Rusty-crowned Tit-Spinetail, Canyon Canastero, Pied-crested Tit-Tyrant, Tumbes Pewee, Streak-throated Bush Tyrant, White-browed Chat-Tyrant, Brown-bellied Swallow, the endemic Rusty-bellied Brushfinch, Band-tailed and Plain-coloured Seedeaters, and Blue-and-yellow Tanager. After a very productive morning, we continued our journey. En route, we had lunch in the Conococha area of the altiplano and observed some distant birds at Conococha Lagoon. We did not linger, as most of the birds were common and would be seen later, so we simply carried out a brief scan. From a distance, we were able to distinguish species such as Andean Goose, Crested Duck, Yellow-billed Pintail, Giant Coot, Chilean Flamingo, Andean Gull, and Puna Ibis. Perhaps the best bird we observed in the area was the austral migrant White-throated Hawk. On the way to Caraz, we stopped at one of Carlos' stake-outs for Rufous-backed Inca Finch, which, fortunately, appeared without complication and provided our group with superb views. In the early evening, we arrived at our pleasant hotel in Caraz, where we stayed for two nights.

The next morning, we departed before dawn for Huascarán National Park, spending most of the day searching for high-Andes specialties in the Cordillera Blanca. We managed to see all the key targets at Huascarán NP, such as Ancash Tapaculo, Rufous-eared Brushfinch, and Plain-tailed Warbling Finch. In addition to these main targets, we were treated to several other delights, including a female Green-headed Hillstar, Black Metaltail, Striated Earthcreeper, the local *cajabambae* race of Rusty-crowned Tit-Spinetail, Stripe-headed Antpitta, Rufous-webbed Bush Tyrant, Jelski's Chat-Tyrant, Giant Conebill, and Streaked Dacnis. Other species that complemented our day included Torrent, Crested, and Andean Duck, Yellow-billed Pintail, Yellow-billed Teal, Great Sapphirewing, Giant Hummingbird, Variable Hawk, Andean Flicker, Mountain Caracara, White-winged Cinclodes, Many-striped and Streak-throated Canasteros, Line-cheeked (Baron's) Spinetail, another sighting of Stripe-headed Antpitta, Taczanowski's and Rufous-naped Ground Tyrants, Black-crested Tit-Tyrant, D'Orbigny's and White-browed Chat-Tyrant, Peruvian Sierra Finch, and Black-throated Flowerpiercer. In the late afternoon, we set out to search for the restricted endemic Pale-tailed Canastero, which has been elevated to species status in recent years. The habitat was an arid scrub on the outskirts of Caraz. Although the area did not offer much diversity, we did manage to see the Pale-tailed Canastero. Other species we observed there included Spot-throated Hummingbird, Croaking Ground Dove, Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant, and Band-tailed Seedeater. On our final morning at Caraz, we did another birding session before breakfast, during which we saw Purple-collared Woodstar, Oasis Hummingbird, Spot-throated Hummingbird, Southern Beardless Tyrannulet, Fulvous-faced Scrub Tyrant, Vermilion Flycatcher, Peruvian Meadowlark, Band-tailed Sierra Finch, Drab Seedeater, Collared Warbling Finch, and Grassland Yellow Finch. For the remainder of the day, we focused on the longest drive of the tour, so our birding stops were limited. A brief stop at Conacocha Lagoon yielded sightings of Puna Teal, Yellow-billed Pintail, Andean Duck, Giant Coot, Silvery Grebe, Chilean Flamingo, Andean Lapwing, Baird's Sandpiper, Streak-backed Canastero, and Andean Negrito. After a long day of driving, we arrived in Huanuco, where we stayed for the next three nights.

Our first full day was at Bosque de Unchog, a renowned site that hosts certain specialties unique to this dwarf forest habitat, situated just below the tree line on the eastern slopes of the Andes in Central Peru. We had an excellent day, obtaining terrific views of the impressive Golden-backed Mountain Tanager and Bay-vented Cotinga, which sat right in front of us for several minutes. We also observed a Pardusco joining a mixed-species flock. Last year we only heard the White-winged Tapaculo—a "heard-only Birdquest lifer"—but on this tour at least one participant and the leader actually saw it! Several other specialties were observed at Unchog, including Green-headed Hillstar, Coppery Metaltail, White-chinned Thistletail (*plengei*), Chachapoyas Antpitta, Neblina, Large-footed and Tschudi's Tapaculos, Red-rumped Bush Tyrant, Taczanowski's Brushfinch, Drab Hemispingus, as well as Golden-collared and Yellow-scarfed Tanagers and Streak-crowned and Chestnut-bellied Mountain Tanagers. Other, more widespread species that complemented our day included Plain-breasted

Hawk, Pearled Treerunner, White-throated Tyrannulet, Red-crested Cotinga, Blue-backed Conebill, and both Moustached and Black-throated Flowerpiercers. In the final part of the afternoon, we searched for Brown-flanked Tanager, another Central Peru endemic that provided us with excellent views in the lower, drier areas of Unchog. After such an outstanding day, we returned to our base hotel at Huanuco. The following day we also visited the Carpish Ridge, where our morning birding activity was very productive. Some of the best species observed included Unstreaked Tit-Tyrant, Golden-browed Chat-Tyrant, Peruvian Wren, Plushcap and White-browed Hemispingus. We also saw species such as Amethyst-throated Sunangel, Tyrian Metaltail, Collared Inca, Violet-throated Starfrontlet (*dichoura*), Barbellied and Crimson-mantled Woodpeckers, Streaked Tuftedcheek, Rufous Spinetail, White-tailed and White-banded Tyrannulets, Mottled-cheeked Tyrannulet, Smoky Bush Tyrant, Barred Fruiteater, Glossy-black Trush, Superciliaried (White-bellied) Hemispingus, Rufous-chested Tanager, Streak-crowned and Lacrimose Mountain Tanagers and Grass-green Tanager. We also visited the Paty Trail, or "Senda Paty", during a very sunny and warm part of the morning, although bird activity was quite low. There we managed to see White-eared Solitaire, Tricoloured Brushfinch and Oleaginous Hemispingus, and we heard an Orange-breasted Falcon in the distance. In the final section of the afternoon we headed to Panao Hills to try our luck with the Panao Antpitta and other local species. In the lower, drier areas of the valley, we observed species such as the Pacific Pygmy Owl, Fasciated Wren and Blue-grey Tanager. At the higher elevations of Panao Hills, we obtained excellent, open views of the Panao Antpitta, one of the splits of the Rufous Antpitta complex with a very restricted distribution. The White-tufted Sunbeam was another highly appreciated encounter, and additional species like Mountain Velvetbreast, Tschudi's Tapaculo, Golden Grosbeak, Golden-billed Saltator and Brown-flanked Tanager further enriched our afternoon session. It was time to return to Huanuco and celebrate another successful day. Our last morning in the area we revisited Carpish Ridge, where we added several species to our trip's list. Some of the best sightings of the morning were Chestnut Antpitta and Band-tailed Fruiteater, but we also saw Andean Guan, Golden-headed Quetzal, Scaly-naped Amazon, Montane Woodcreeper, Rufous-headed Pygmy Tyrant, Maroon-belted Chat-Tyrant, Mountain Wren, Yellow-billed Caciue, and Lacrimose Mountain Tanager. The rest of the day was mostly spent driving through the mountains to finally reach Junin. We made an afternoon birding stop in a polylepis forest where we didn't see anything new, but we did observe birds such as Variable Hawk, Andean Flicker, Cream-winged Cinclodes, D'Orbigny's Chat-Tyrant, Brown-bellied Swallow, Cinereous Conebill, and Peruvian Sierra Finch. We arrived in Junin in the late afternoon at our comfortable hotel.

The next day, we met Cesar, our local guide, who took us to several birding stake-outs in Ondores, around Junin Lake. First, we looked for "Junin" Black Rail, which made a fine appearance. After our field breakfast, we took a boat to explore the birds of Junin Lake. After a while, we managed to find at least two Junin Grebes, providing excellent views. Another special species seen at the lake was Andean Avocet; we managed to find two individuals just before the boat ride ended. Other birds observed at the lake included Crested and Andean Duck, Puna Teal, White-tufted and Silvery Grebes, large numbers of Chilean Flamingos, White-backed Stilt, Wilson's Phalarope, Stilt Sandpiper, Andean Gull (over 1000 individuals), Wren-like Rushbird, and Andean Negrito. In the altiplano areas, our birding was equally productive; we observed several individuals of Ornate Tinamou, Puna Snipe, Lesser Horned Owl at its roosting site, Slender-billed, Common and Dark-winged Miners, Buff-breasted Earthcreeper, Junin, Streak-backed and Cordilleran Canasteros, Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant, Andean Swallow, Grass Wren, Paramo and Puna Pipit, Black Siskin, and Bright-rumped Yellow Finch. After a fantastic day in Junin, it was time to continue our journey to Villa Rica. En route, we saw several Vicuñas and enjoyed close-up views of Andean Ibis. After spending some time near a road construction project, we took "La Carretera Central" – the main route to the Amazonian region (or "La Selva", as the Peruvians call it) of Central Peru. We arrived in Villa Rica at night, just in time to sample some typical Amazonian Peruvian dishes at a local restaurant. The next morning, we began at the Villa Rica coffee fields, where we looked for the restricted endemic Creamy-bellied Antwren. It took us a bit longer than usual to locate it, but we eventually obtained good views. While searching, we also saw other interesting birds such as Black Hawk-Eagle and three individuals of Lanceolated Monklet together. Other species at the coffee fields included Speckled Chachalaca, Sparkling Violetear, Amethyst Woodstar, White-bellied Hummingbird, Sapphire-spangled Emerald, Blue-headed Parrot, Peruvian Tyrannulet, Western Wood Pewee, Lemon-browed Flycatcher, Olivaceous Greenlet, Violaceous and Inca Jay, Russet-backed Oropendola, and Cuzco Warbler. At a slightly higher elevation, we enjoyed further birding activity and observed species such as Streaked Xenops, Montane Foliage-gleaner, Ash-browed Spinetail, Chestnut-backed Antshrike, Marble-faced Bristle Tyrant, Blue-naped Chlorophonia, Tricoloured Brushfinch, and Golden-naped Tanager. We spent most of the day in the upper areas of Bosque de Unchog. After several attempts, the whole group finally managed to see Bay Antpitta, which was probably the highlight of the day, followed by Masked Fruiteater. In addition, we observed species such as Sickle-winged Guan, Long-tailed Sylph, Rufous-capped Thornbill, Versicoloured Barbet, Blue-banded Toucanet, Streaked Tuftedcheek, Trilling Tapaculo, Inca Flycatcher, Black-throated Tody-Tyrant, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Dusky-green Oropendola, Grey-hooded Bush Tanager, as well as Oleaginous and Black-eared Hemispingus, Bluish Flowerpiercer, and several tanagers—including Fawn-breasted, Blue-and-black, and Beryl-spangled Tanagers. In the lower elevations

during the last part of the afternoon, our birding yielded some excellent species. We observed the endemic Green-and-white Hummingbird, Inambari Woodcreeper, Cinnamon-faced and Red-billed Tyrannulet, Foothill Elaenia, White-bellied Pygmy Tyrant, and a striking male Cerulean Warbler. Other species seen at Villa Rica included Wire-crested Thorntail, Blue-tailed Emerald, Hook-billed Kite, Bluish-fronted Jacamar, Black-throated Toucanet, Red-throated Caracara, Stripe-chested Antwren, Olive-faced Flatbill, Golden-crowned Flycatcher, Coraya Wren (*cantator*), Golden-bellied Euphonia, Chestnut-vented Conebill, and Paradise Tanager.

We left our hotel early in the morning and, at dawn, discovered a lek of Buff-tailed Sicklebills. They were very active at that moment; with the aid of our torch, we enjoyed excellent views of at least two individuals while others could be heard calling in the background. After breakfast at Oxapampa, we visited Yanachaga Chimillen National Park. Our hike along the park's trails produced a good variety of species, including Andean Guan, Green-fronted Lancebill, Emerald-bellied Puffleg, Rufous-booted Racket-tail, Andean Motmot, Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan, Ocellated Piculet, Crimson-bellied Woodpecker, Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner, Streak-headed Antbird, Black-capped and Ashy-headed Tyrannulets, Inca Flycatcher, Band-tailed Fruiteater, Chestnut-crested Cotinga, Peruvian Wren, Andean and White-eared Solitaire, Three-striped Warbler, Conebill, and Rufous-chested, Silver-backed and Flame-faced Tanagers. We also had a pleasant encounter with a group of Common Woolly Monkeys (*tschudii*) during our hike. We were aiming to see the "Pasco" Wood Quail, an as-yet undescribed species of Wood Quail that is very different in appearance from Stripe-faced Wood Quail. Despite our efforts, we did not even hear it, but the visit to the park was certainly worthwhile. After lunch, we continued to Ulcumano Lodge, where we arrived in time for an afternoon birding session. The best sighting there was Black-streaked Puffbird. Other species recorded in the late afternoon included Sickle-winged Guan, Steak-necked Flycatcher, Common Chlorospingus, and Pale-legged Warbler. We then waited until nightfall to attempt our first search for the tricky and localised Cloud-forest Screech Owl. Although we did connect with a responsive individual, it never presented itself in an open area suitable for our torch; unfortunately, the owl eluded us this time. During the owling session, we did record an Andean White-eared Opossum—a valuable addition to our mammal list. At Ulcumano Lodge, our full day was devoted to observing species we had yet to see. Some of the best birds we observed were the uncommon and localised Jet Manakin and, notably, Crimson-bellied Woodpecker. Other species seen during our day in Ulcumano included Bronzy and Collared Incas, Rufous-booted Racket-tail, Plumbeous Pigeon, Variable Antshrike, Blackish Antbird, Western (Black-headed) Fire-eye (*picea* ssp), Rufous-vented Tapaculo, Highland Elaenia, Flavescent Flycatcher, Andean Solitaire, Glossy-black Thrush, Tricoloured Brushfinch, and Yellow-throated Tanager. Our owling sessions were quite productive; with a bit of technique and persistence, we managed to see Cloud-forest Screech Owl. In addition to the Screech Owl, we observed Rufous-banded Owl, an Oilbird resting on a branch, and a Common Potoo. Another unexpected sight during our night session was a pair of Grey-cowled Wood Rails roosting.

Our last morning at Ulcumano was spent on a relaxing birding session, during which the only new species for our trip was Pale-edged Flycatcher. After a delicious breakfast, we set off to drive to Satipo. Some side roads and random stops in the lowlands near Satipo yielded a few write-ins for the tour, such as Amazonian Motmot, Barred Antshrike and Alder Flycatcher. Other species observed included White-collared Swift, Chestnut-eared Aracari, Southern Mouse-coloured Tyrannulet, Common Tody-Flycatcher, Streaked Flycatcher, Violaceous Jay, White-banded Swallow, Purple-throated and Thick-billed Euphonias, Yellow-browed Sparrow, and Crested Oropendola. We arrived at our hotel in Satipo in the late afternoon.

We departed Satipo early the next morning and birded en route from the lower elevations to Calabaza, our final destination for the day. In the lower areas, we saw mostly common and widespread species – although some were new to a few participants – including Fasciated Tiger Heron, Plain-crowned Spinetail, White-browed Antbird, Black-billed Thrush, Cuzco Warbler, Chestnut-throated Seedeater, and Blue-necked Tanager. As we ascended to higher altitudes, species that occur above 1000 metres began to appear, such as Geoffroy's Daggerbill, Rufous-booted Raquet-tail, White-bellied Woodstar, Rufous Motmot, Black-throated Toucanet, Ocellated Piculet, White-crowned Tapaculo, Blackish Antbird, Mottle-backed Elaenia, Fulvous-breasted and Yellow-olive Flatbill (*peruvianus*), Golden-crowned Flycatcher, Andean Cock-of-the-rock, Grey-mantled Wren, Yellow-throated and Yellow-whiskered Chlorospingus, and Orange-eared, Spotted, Golden-naped, Blue-browed and Golden Tanagers. By midday, we arrived at our basic accommodation in Calabaza, which had several improvements since our last visit yet remained fairly modest. After lunch, we birded the areas surrounding Calabaza at elevations ranging from 2000 to 2800 metres. We managed to see two of the area's main specialties: the elusive Oxapampa Antpitta and the extremely range-restricted Junin Tapaculo. Other species observed during the afternoon included Andean Guan, Andean Motmot, Plum-crowned Parrot, Strong-billed Woodcreeper, Rufous Spinetail, Bay Antpitta, Inca Flycatcher, Band-tailed Fruiteater, Citrine Warbler, Capped Conebill, and Blue-and-black Tanager. We concluded our superb day with a sighting of a male Lyre-tailed Nightjar, with its full-grown tail, before returning to Calabaza to enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Mari.

The following day, we left Calabaza before dawn and arrived in the Andamarca Valley early in the morning. It was a very successful day, during which we saw all the main targets along the Andamarca Road. In the early morning, we encountered the major specialties of the Mantaro River drainage – the restricted Black-spectacled Brushfinch, the recently described Junin Antpitta, the Mantaro Spinetail (previously considered a type of Azara's Spinetail), the undescribed Mantaro Thornbird (formerly regarded as a Streak-fronted Thornbird), and the Mantaro Wren (also an undescribed species, formerly known as the Plain-tailed Wren). Other species seen during this period included the Amethyst-throated Sunangel, Shining Sunbeam, Violet-throated Starfrontlet (Huanuco S), Creamy-crested Spinetail, White-winged Black Tyrant, Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant, Pale-legged Warbler and Rust-and-yellow Tanager. A major highlight was the sighting of a pair of roosting "Mantaro" Koepcke's Screech Owls. At the highest sections of the Andamarca Road, we encountered a different assemblage of species, including specialties such as Fiery-throated Metaltail, Eye-ringed Thistletail and Jalca (Milpo) Tapaculo. We also observed other High Andes species such as Great Sapphirewing, Andean Ibis, Andean Parakeet, Buff-breasted Earthcreeper, Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant and Plumbeous Sierra Finch. On our return to Calabaza, we added further species to our list, including Sword-billed Hummingbird, Rufous-breasted (Leymebamba) Antpitta, Golden-browed Chat-Tyrant, Grey-browed and Taczanowski's Brushfinch, Grey-hooded Bush Tanager, Superciliaried (White-bellied) Hemispingus and Streak-crowned Mountain Tanager.

The following day was mostly a driving day to Huancayo, with most birding taking place early in the morning around Calabaza and during the drive from Calabaza to the Carrizales area. In the morning, we observed species such as Black-and-chestnut Eagle, Crimson-mantled and Bar-bellied Woodpecker, Oxapampa Antpitta, Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet, Barred Fruiteater, Red-crested Cotinga, Barred Becard, Peruvian Wren and Moustached Flowerpiercer. In the upper sections of the drive from Carrizales to Huancayo, we made several stops as we spotted birds in the higher parts of the mountains – predominantly in puna habitat – including Crested and Andean Duck, Andean Coot, Andean Ibis, Common and Dark-winged Miners, Cream-crested Spinetail, Jalca Tapaculo, Rufous-naped Ground Tyrant, Black Siskin and Golden Grosbeak. We arrived in Huancayo in good time and stayed in a nice, upscale hotel that night.

Today we visited Abra Huaytapallana, a high mountain pass above Huancayo, with the aim of finding the Critically Endangered Royal Cinclodes, known from very few localities in its range. With a bit of persistence, we finally managed to see one individual of Royal Cinclodes. We were birding almost entirely in high puna areas, where we also observed Olivaceous Thornbill, Streak-throated Canastero, Jalca Tapaculo, Bright-rumped Yellow Finch and Glacier Finch. Along the drive, we spotted a Torrent Duck and White-capped Dipper at some scenic river viewpoints. Another great encounter was witnessing a Culpeo (Andean Fox) feeding on a sheep right before our eyes. It was a long drive to San Mateo, so we left the area hoping to have some time in the afternoon to do some birding in the upper areas of Marcapomacocha. Fortunately, Mario drove excellently, and in the final hours of the afternoon we managed to get excellent views of a Diademed Sandpiper-Plover—undoubtedly one of the best species in the world. Other birds we observed in the bog areas of Marcapomacocha included White-fronted Ground Tyrant, Andean Swallow and Glacier Finch. After that, we continued on to San Mateo, where we spent the night.

The following day we began by birding the high puna areas and bogs of Marcapomacocha, before driving on to Santa Eulalia. There, we encountered very high quality High Andean birds, including Puna Tinamou, excellent views of Black-breasted Hillstar, and the Critically Endangered White-bellied Cinclodes. We also saw four individuals of Diademed Sandpiper-Plover, as well as Grey-breasted Seedsnipe, Aplomado Falcon, Dark-winged Miner, White-fronted, Taczanowski's, Rufous-naped and Puna Ground Tyrants, Black Siskin, Peruvian, Ash-breasted and Plumbeous Sierra Finches, and Glacier Finch. We then decided to have lunch in lower areas adorned with *Gynoxis* bushes and some *Polylophus* trees. In these areas, we observed Black Metaltail, Bare-faced Ground Dove, Striated and Buff-breasted Earthcreepers, Rusty-crowned Tit-Spinetail, D'Orbigny's and White-browed Chat-Tyrants, White-capped Dipper, Rusty-bellied Brushfinch, Mourning Sierra Finch and Band-tailed Seedeater. Later on, at lower elevations, we saw additional species such as Pied-crested and Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant, Tumbes Pewee, Hooded Siskin and Golden-billed Saltator. We arrived in the evening at Santa Eulalia to enjoy our last dinner of the trip.

The following day, we travelled along the Santa Eulalia Road from the valley floor up to Huachupampa before returning to Santa Eulalia for lunch. Our first stop was to search for Thick-billed Miner, but we only heard its call in the distance amid the vast canyons of the Santa Eulalia Valley. We obtained good views of Streak-backed Tit-Spinetail and Great Inca Finch, and then continued to Huachupampa in search of Rufous-breasted Warbling Finch. We scrutinised the areas where this remarkable species occurs, and it was only after breakfast that Carlos finally spotted one. Everyone enjoyed excellent views and managed to capture some great photos. Other species that complemented our morning included Andean Tinamou (observed by some), Andean Swift, Bronze-tailed Comet, Black Metaltail, Giant Hummingbird, Purple-collared Woodstar, Peruvian Sheartail, Bare-faced and Black-winged Doves, Black-necked Woodpecker, Mountain

Parakeet, Rusty-crowned Tit-Spintail, Pied-crested and Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant, White-browed Chat-Tyrant, Rusty-bellied Brushfinch, and Greenish Yellow Finch. It was time to return to Santa Eulalia to pack our belongings before heading back to Lima where our tour concluded. Many thanks to our crew – Carlos, Mario and Mari – for all their hard work during this fantastic tour, and to the members of our group who maintained a positive attitude throughout!

BIRDS OF THE TOUR

1st Golden-backed Mountain Tanager

2nd Raimondi's Yellow Finch

3rd Diademed Sandpiper-Plover

4th "Junin" Black Rail

5th Junin Grebe

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).

The species names and taxonomy used in the bird list follows Gill, F., Donsker, D., & Rasmussen, P.(Eds). **2024. IOC World Bird List (v14.2)**.

Where the subspecies seen is/are known, these are often given in parentheses at the end of the species comment.

BIRDS

Hooded Tinamou ◊ *Nothocercus julius* Heard only at Yanachaga Chemillén. A write in for the tour.

Brown Tinamou ◊ *Crypturellus obsoletus* (H) Heard only in six different days.

Ornate Tinamou ◊ *Nothoprocta ornata* Excellent views at Junin.

Andean Tinamou *Nothoprocta pentlandii* Seen at Fortaleza Valley and Huachupampa.

Puna Tinamou ◊ *Tinamotis pentlandii* Good views at Marcapomacocha.

Torrent Duck *Merganetta armata*

Andean Goose *Chloephaga melanoptera*

Crested Duck *Lophonetta specularioides*

Puna Teal *Spatula puna* Best views at Huascarán NP and Junin Lake.

Cinnamon Teal *Spatula cyanoptera*

White-cheeked Pintail *Anas bahamensis* Several seen at Playa Paraiso.

Yellow-billed Pintail *Anas georgica*

Yellow-billed Teal (Sharp-winged T) *Anas [flavirostris] oxyptera*

Andean Duck *Oxyura ferruginea*

Speckled Chachalaca *Ortalis guttata*

Andean Guan *Penelope montagnii*

Sickle-winged Guan *Chamaepetes goudotii* Seen at Bosque Shollet and Ulcumano.

Lyre-tailed Nightjar *Uropsalis lyra*

Oilbird *Steatornis caripensis* One individual seen at Ulcumano, resting on a branch of a tree, probably digesting its food as stayed for a prolonged time. A write in for the tour.

Common Potoo *Nyctibius griseus* One individual at Ulcumano. It vocalized once, to exclude Andean Potoo.

White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris*

Andean Swift *Aeronautes andecolus*

Buff-tailed Sicklebill ♦ *Eutoxeres condamini* Excellent views at Bosque Shollet.

Green Hermit *Phaethornis guy* (LO)

Green-fronted Lancebill *Doryfera ludovicae* Good views at Yamacha

Geoffroy's Daggerbill *Schistes geoffroyi* Good views at Satipo Road. An uncommon species through its distribution range in the eastern slope of the Andes.

Sparkling Violetear *Colibri coruscans*

Amethyst-throated Sunangel *Heliangelus amethysticollis*

Wire-crested Thorntail *Discosura popelairii* A rare species for this tour, we managed to see a female at Villa Rica.

Speckled Hummingbird *Adelomyia melanogenys*

Long-tailed Sylph *Agelaiocercus kingii*

Bronze-tailed Comet ♦ *Polyonymus caroli* Endemic. Good views at Fortaleza and Huachupampa.

Green-headed Hillstar ♦ *Oreotrochilus stolzmanni* Good views of a female at Huascarán, also at Bosque de Unchog.

Black-breasted Hillstar ♦ *Oreotrochilus melanogaster* Endemic. Excellent views at Marcapomacocha.

Green-tailed Trainbearer *Lesbia nuna* (LO)

Rufous-capped Thornbill *Chalcostigma ruficeps* Seen at Bosque Shollet.

Olivaceous Thornbill ♦ *Chalcostigma olivaceum* Seen at Abra Huaytapallana.

Blue-mantled Thornbill ♦ *Chalcostigma stanleyi* Seen at Huascarán.

Tyrian Metaltail *Metallura tyrianthina*

Coppery Metaltail ♦ *Metallura theresiae* Endemic. Good views at Bosque de Unchog.

Fiery-throated Metaltail ♦ *Metallura eupogon* Endemic. Seen at Andamarca.

Black Metaltail ♦ *Metallura phoebe* Endemic. Seen at Huascarán and Santa Eulalia.

Emerald-bellied Puffleg ♦ *Eriocnemis aline*

Shining Sunbeam *Aglaeactis cupripennis*

White-tufted Sunbeam ♦ *Aglaeactis castelnaudii* Endemic. Good views at Panao hills.

Bronzy Inca *Coeligena coeligena*

Collared Inca *Coeligena torquata*

Violet-throated Starfrontlet ◊ (Huanuco S) *Coeligena [violifer] dichroua*

Mountain Velvetbreast *Lafresnaya lafresnayi*

Sword-billed Hummingbird *Ensifera ensifera* Good views at Calabaza.

Great Sapphirewing *Pterophanes cyanopterus*

Rufous-booted Racket-tail ◊ *Ocreatus addae*

Giant Hummingbird *Patagona gigas*

Amethyst Woodstar *Calliphlox amethystina*

Purple-collared Woodstar *Myrtis fanny*

Oasis Hummingbird ◊ *Rhodopis vesper* First seen at Lomas de Lachay, also at Caraz.

Peruvian Sheartail ◊ *Thaumastura cora*

White-bellied Woodstar *Chaetocercus mulsant*

Blue-tailed Emerald *Chlorostilbon mellisugus*

Spot-throated Hummingbird ◊ *Thaumasius taczanowskii* Endemic. Seen at Caraz.

Amazilia Hummingbird ◊ *Amazilia amazilia*

Sapphire-spangled Emerald *Chionomesa lactea* First seen at Villa Rica, also on the drive to Satipo.

White-bellied Hummingbird *Elliotomyia chionogaster*

Green-and-white Hummingbird ◊ *Elliotomyia viridicauda* Endemic. One bird nesting at Oxapampa town, also seen at El Milagro Road.

Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani*

Groove-billed Ani *Crotophaga sulcirostris*

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana*

Rock Dove (introduced) (Feral Pigeon) *Columba [livia] var_ domestica*

Spot-winged Pigeon *Patagioenas maculosa*

Band-tailed Pigeon (White-necked P) *Patagioenas [fasciata] albilinea*

Plumbeous Pigeon *Patagioenas plumbea*

Ruddy Ground Dove *Columbina talpacoti*

Croaking Ground Dove ◊ *Columbina cruziana*

Bare-faced Ground Dove *Metriopelia ceciliae*

Black-winged Ground Dove *Metriopelia melanoptera*

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi*

Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata*

West Peruvian Dove (Pacific D) *Zenaida meloda*

Grey-cowled Wood Rail (G-necked W R) *Aramides cajaneus*

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata*

Giant Coot *Fulica gigantea*

Andean Coot (Slate-coloured C) *Fulica ardesiaca*

Black Rail ◊ (Junin R) *Laterallus [jamaicensis] tuerosi* Excellent views at Junin Lake.

White-tufted Grebe *Rollandia Rolland* Good views at Junin Lake.

Great Grebe *Podiceps major*

Silvery Grebe *Podiceps occipitalis*

Junin Grebe ◊ *Podiceps taczanowskii* Endemic. Excellent views at Junin Lake of this Critically Endangered species.

Chilean Flamingo *Phoenicopterus chilensis*

Peruvian Thick-knee ◊ *Hesperoburhinus superciliaris*

Blackish Oystercatcher *Haematopus ater*

American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus*

White-backed Stilt *Himantopus melanurus* One individual at Junin. A write in for the tour but most likely for taxonomic update reasons.

Andean Avocet *Recurvirostra andina* Seen at Junin Lake.

Diademed Sandpiper-Plover ◊ *Phegornis mitchellii* Great views at Marcapomacocha. We saw 1 individual the first afternoon and 4 individuals the next morning.

Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus*

Semipalmated Plover (N) *Charadrius semipalmatus*

Andean Lapwing *Vanellus resplendens*

Snowy Plover *Anarhynchus nivosus* Great views at Playa Paraiso Lagoons.

Grey-breasted Seedsnipe *Thinocorus orbignyianus* Seen at the Santa Eulalia upper section.

Least Seedsnipe *Thinocorus rumicivorus* Excellent views at Lomas de Lachay.

Hudsonian Whimbrel *Numenius hudsonicus*

Puna Snipe ◊ *Gallinago andina* Excellent views at Junin.

Wilson's Phalarope (N) *Phalaropus tricolor*

Spotted Sandpiper (N) *Actitis macularius*

Lesser Yellowlegs (N) *Tringa flavipes*

Greater Yellowlegs (N) *Tringa melanoleuca*

Stilt Sandpiper (N) *Calidris himantopus* A small group of 5 individuals at Junin Lake. Write in for the tour.

Baird's Sandpiper (N) *Calidris bairdii*

Least Sandpiper (N) *Calidris minutilla*

Semipalmated Sandpiper (N) *Calidris pusilla*

Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger*

Inca Tern ♦ *Larosterna inca* Two individuals at least, but flying in the distance at Chancay.

South American Tern *Sterna hirundinacea* Seen at Chancay.

Andean Gull *Chroicocephalus serranus*

Grey-headed Gull (G-hooded G) *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus*

Grey Gull ♦ *Leucophaeus modestus*

Belcher's Gull ♦ *Larus belcheri*

Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus*

Peruvian Booby ♦ *Sula variegata*

Red-legged Cormorant ♦ *Poikilocarbo gaimardi* Carlos and one passenger saw it at Chancay.

Neotropic Cormorant *Nannopterum brasilianum*

Andean Ibis ♦ *Theristicus branickii*

Puna Ibis *Plegadis ridgwayi*

Fasciated Tiger Heron *Tigrisoma fasciatum*

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

Great Egret (American G E) *Ardea [alba] egretta*

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi*

Peruvian Pelican ♦ *Pelecanus thagus*

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*

Hook-billed Kite *Chondrohierax uncinatus*

Swallow-tailed Kite (American S-t K) *Elanoides forficatus*

Black Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus tyrannus* Great views at Villa Rica.

Black-and-chestnut Eagle *Spizaetus isidori* Good views on the road of Calabaza to Carrizales.

Plain-breasted Hawk *Accipiter ventralis* Excellent views at Bosque de Unchog.

Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea*

Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris*

Harris's Hawk *Parabuteo unicinctus* One seen on the last day on the drive to Lima City.

Variable Hawk *Geranoaetus polyosoma*

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle *Geranoaetus melanoleucus*

White-throated Hawk (A) *Buteo albigula*

Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyurus*

Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia*

Yungas Pygmy Owl ♦ *Glaucidium bolivianum* (H)

Pacific Pygmy Owl ♦ (Peruvian P O) *Glaucidium peruanum*

Lesser Horned Owl (Magellanic H O) *Bubo magellanicus* One bird at its roosting site at Junin.

Koepcke's Screech Owl *Megascops koepckeae* Two individuals roosting at Andamarca Valley.

Cloud-forest Screech Owl ♦ *Megascops marshalli* Seen at Ulcumano, one of the best specialties of this tour.

Black-banded Owl *Strix huhula* (H) Heard only at Ulcumano.

Rufous-banded Owl *Strix albitarsis* Seen at Ulcumano.

Golden-headed Quetzal *Pharomachrus auriceps*

Masked Trogon *Trogon personatus* (H)

Amazonian Motmot *Momotus momota* Seen at the Satipo lowlands. A write in for the tour.

Andean Motmot *Momotus aequatorialis*

Rufous Motmot *Baryphthengus martii*

Bluish-fronted Jacamar *Galbula cyanescens*

Black-streaked Puffbird *Malacoptila fulvogularis* Good views at Ulcumano.

Lanceolated Monklet ♦ *Micromonacha lanceolata* 3 individuals at Villa Rica.

Versicolored Barbet *Eubucco versicolor*

Black-throated Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus atrogularis*

Blue-banded Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus coeruleicinctis*

Chestnut-eared Aracari *Pteroglossus castanotis*

Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan *Andigena hypoglauca*

Ocellated Piculet ♦ *Picumnus dorbignyanus*

Bar-bellied Woodpecker ♦ *Veniliornis nigriceps*

Smoky-brown Woodpecker *Leuconotopicus fumigatus* (H)

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker *Colaptes rivolii*

Black-necked Woodpecker ♦ *Colaptes atricollis* Endemic. Great views at Fortaleza and Huachupampa.

Andean Flicker *Colaptes rupicola*

Crimson-bellied Woodpecker ♦ *Campephilus haematogaster* Best views at Ulcumano, also seen at Yanachaga Chimillen.

Red-throated Caracara *Ibycter americanus* Good views at Villa Rica.

Mountain Caracara *Phalcoboenus megalopterus*

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*

Aplomado Falcon *Falco femoralis*

Orange-breasted Falcon ♦ *Falco deiroleucus* (H) Heard only at Senda Paty.

Mountain Parakeet ♦ *Psilopsiagon aurifrons*

Andean Parakeet ♦ *Bolborhynchus orbynesius* Excellent views at Fortaleza, we also saw this rare species again at the upper regions of Andamarca.

Plum-crowned Parrot *Pionus tumultuosus* Best views at Calabaza.

Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus*

Scaly-naped Amazon (S-n Parrot) *Amazona mercenarius*

Pacific Parrotlet *Forpus coelestis*

White-eyed Parakeet *Psittacara leucophthalmus*

Coastal Miner ♦ *Geositta peruviana* Endemic. Several individuals were seen at Lomas de Lachay.

Slender-billed Miner *Geositta tenuirostris* Seen at Junin.

Common Miner *Geositta cunicularia* First seen at Junin, also during the drive from Carrizales to Huancayo.

Thick-billed Miner ♦ *Geositta crassirostris* (H) Endemic. Hear only at Santa Eulalia.

Greyish Miner ♦ *Geositta maritima* Good views at the dry rocky areas of Lachay.

Dark-winged Miner ♦ *Geositta saxicolina* Endemic. Seen at Junin and the Puna areas of Santa Eulalia.

Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus*

Strong-billed Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus* Seen at Calabaza.

Montane Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger*

Inambari Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes fatimalimae* Good views at Villa Rica.

Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans*

Streaked Tuftedcheek *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii*

Wren-like Rushbird *Phleocryptes melanops*

Striated Earthcreeper ♦ *Geocerthia serrana* Endemic. Excellent views at Huascaran and Abra Huaytapallana.

Buff-breasted Earthcreeper (Plain-breasted E) *Upucerthia [validirostris] jelskii*

Cream-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes albiventris*

Royal Cinclodes ♦ *Cinclodes aricomae* One individual seen during our morning at Abra Huaytapallana. A write in for the tour, thanks to the new locality that we visited. A very restricted species with very low densities.

White-bellied Cinclodes ♦ *Cinclodes palliatus* Endemic. Great views at Santa Eulalia.

White-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes atacamensis*

Peruvian Seaside Cinclodes ◊ (Surf C) *Cinclodes taczanowskii* Endemic. Excellent views in the coast of Chancay.

Montane Foliage-gleaner *Anabacerthia striaticollis*

Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner *Syndactyla rufosuperciliata*

Lineated Foliage-gleaner *Syndactyla subalaris* Seen at Yamachaga Chemillen.

Spotted Barbtail *Premnoplex brunnescens*

Pearled Treerunner *Margarornis squamiger*

Rusty-crowned Tit-Spinetail ◊ *Leptasthenura pileata* Endemic. Seen at Fortaleza, Huascarán and Santa Eulalia.

Streak-backed Tit-Spinetail ◊ *Leptasthenura striata* Good views at Santa Eulalia valley.

Andean Tit-Spinetail *Leptasthenura andicola* (LO) Seen by leader at Abra Huaytapallana.

Mantaro Thornbird ◊ *Phacellodomus sp. nov.* Endemic. Seen at Andamarca.

Pale-tailed Canastero ◊ *Asthenes huancavelicae* Endemic. Excellent views at Caraz.

Many-striped Canastero *Asthenes flammulata*

Junin Canastero ◊ *Asthenes virgata* Endemic. Great views at Junin.

Streak-backed Canastero *Asthenes wyatti*

Streak-throated Canastero ◊ *Asthenes humilis*

Cordilleran Canastero ◊ *Asthenes modesta* Good views at Junin.

Canyon Canastero ◊ *Asthenes pudibunda*

Eye-ringed Thistletail ◊ *Asthenes palpebralis* Endemic. Good views at the upper ridge of Andamarca.

White-chinned Thistletail *Asthenes [fuliginosa] plengei* Good views at Unchog.

Creamy-crested Spinetail ◊ *Cranioleuca albicapilla* Endemic. Good views at Andamarca.

Ash-browed Spinetail *Cranioleuca curtata*

Line-cheeked Spinetail ◊ (Baron's S) *Cranioleuca [antisiensis] baroni*

Line-cheeked Spinetail ◊ *Cranioleuca [antisiensis] palambae* Good views at Fortaleza.

Cactus Canastero ◊ *Pseudasthenes cactorum* Endemic. Good views at Lomas de Lachay.

Plain-crowned Spinetail *Synallaxis gujanensis*

Russet-bellied Spinetail ◊ *Synallaxis zimmeri* Endemic. Excellent views at Fortaleza.

Azara's Spinetail *Synallaxis azarae* One bird seen at Yanachaga Chemillen, hear at othe localities.

Mantaro Spinetail ◊ *Synallaxis sp. nov.* Endemic. Seen at Andamarca.

Rufous Spinetail *Synallaxis unirufa*

Stripe-chested Antwren *Myrmotherula longicauda*

Creamy-bellied Antwren ◊ *Herpsilochmus motacilloides* Endemic. Great. Views at Villa Rica.

Plain Antvireo *Dysithamnus mentalis*

Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus* Seen at the Satipo lowlands. A write in for the tour.

Chestnut-backed Antshrike *Thamnophilus palliatus*

Variable Antshrike *Thamnophilus caerulescens*

Streak-headed Antbird ◊ *Drymophila striaticeps*

Blackish Antbird ◊ *Cercomacroides nigrescens*

White-browed Antbird *Myrmoborus leucophrys* One male seen in the lower areas of Satipo Road. A write in for the tour.

Western (Black-headed) Fire-eye ◊ *Pyriglena [picea] maura* Good views at Ulcumano.

Undulated Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria squamigera* (H) Heard only at Unchog.

Stripe-headed Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria andicolus* Great views at Huascarán.

Bay Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria capitalis* Endemic. Seen at Bosque Shollet and Calabaza.

Chestnut Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria blakei* Endemic. Seen at Carpish Ridge.

Chachapoyas Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria gravesi* Endemic. Seen at Bosque de Unchog.

Panao Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria oneilli* Endemic. Fantastic views at Panao hills.

Junin Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria obscura* Endemic. Good views at Andamarca.

Oxapampa Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria centralis* Endemic. Good views at Calabaza.

Rufous-breasted Antpitta ◊ (Leymebamba A) *Grallaricula leymeabambae* Seen at Calabaza.

Ancash Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus affinis* Endemic. Seen at Huascarán.

White-winged Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus krabbeii* Endemic. Last tour was a “heard only” Birdquest Lifer, this time at least one passenger and leader got to see it at Bosque de Unchog. A very tricky Tapaculo to see.

Jalca Tapaculo ◊ (Millpo T) *Scytalopus frankeae* Endemic. Good views at Andamarca and Abra Huaytapallana.

Neblina Tapaculo ◊ (Elfin Forest T) *Scytalopus altirostris* Endemic. Good views at Unchog.

Trilling Tapaculo (Grey T) *Scytalopus parvirostris*

White-crowned Tapaculo *Scytalopus atratus* (H) Heard only at Satipo Road. A write in for the tour.

Rufous-vented Tapaculo ◊ (Peruvian R-v T) *Scytalopus femoralis* Endemic. Seen at Ulcumano.

Large-footed Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus macropus* Endemic. Good views at Unchog.

Junin Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus gettyae* Endemic. Good views at Calabaza.

Tschudi's Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus acutirostris* Endemic. Seen at Unchog and Panao hills.

Black-capped Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias nigrocapillus* Good views at Yanachaga Chimillén NP.

Ashy-headed Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias cinereiceps* Seen at Yanachaga Chimillén NP.

Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias uropygialis* Seen at Calabaza.

Foothill Elaenia *Myiopagis olallai* Seen at Villa Rica.

Mottle-backed Elaenia *Elaenia gigas* Good views at Satipo Road.

Highland Elaenia *Elaenia obscura* Seen at Ulcumano.

Sierran Elaenia *Elaenia pallatangae*

Southern Beardless Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum*

White-throated Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus leucophrys*

White-tailed Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus poecilocercus*

White-banded Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus stictopectus*

Black-crested Tit-Tyrant ◊ *Anairetes nigrocristatus* Good views at Huascarán.

Pied-crested Tit-Tyrant ◊ *Anairetes reguloides* First seen at Fortaleza, also at Santa Eulalia Valley.

Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant *Anairetes flavirostris*

Tufted Tit-Tyrant *Anairetes parulus*

Unstreaked Tit-Tyrant ◊ *Uromyias agraphia* Endemic. Great views at Carpish.

Torrent Tyrannulet *Serpophaga cinerea*

Southern Mouse-colored Tyrannulet *Nesotriccus murinus* Seen at the lower elevations near Satipo.

Rufous-headed Pygmy Tyrant *Pseudotriccus ruficeps* Seen at Carpish.

Fulvous-faced Scrub Tyrant *Euscarthmus fulvipes* Seen at Caraz.

Red-billed Tyrannulet ◊ *Zimmerius cinereicapilla* Good views at Milagro Road, Villa Rica. A write in for the tour.

Peruvian Tyrannulet ◊ *Zimmerius viridiflavus*

Marble-faced Bristle Tyrant *Pogonotriccus ophthalmicus*

Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes ventralis*

Streak-necked Flycatcher *Mionectes striaticollis*

Slaty-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon superciliaris*

Inca Flycatcher ◊ *Leptopogon taczanowskii* Endemic. Seen at several localities, first seen at Bosque Shollet.

Flavescent Flycatcher *Myiophobus flavicans*

Black-throated Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus granadensis* Good views at Bosque Shollet.

White-bellied Pygmy Tyrant *Myiornis albiventris* Good views at Villa Rica.

Scale-crested Pygmy Tyrant *Lophotriccus pileatus*

Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum*

Fulvous-breasted Flatbill ◊ *Rhynchocyclus fulvipectus* Good views of a bird joining a mix species flock at Satipo Road. A write in for the tour.

Yellow-olive Flatbill (Andean F) *Tolmomyias [sulphurescens] peruvianus*

Olive-faced Flatbill *Tolmomyias viridiceps*

Cinnamon Flycatcher *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus*

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans*

Olive-sided Flycatcher *Contopus cooperi* Seen at Bosque Shollet.

Smoke-colored Pewee *Contopus fumigatus*

Western Wood Pewee (N) *Contopus sordidulus*

Tumbes Pewee ◊ *Contopus punensis* Seen at Fortaleza, also at Santa Eulalia Valley.

Alder Flycatcher (N) *Empidonax alnorum* One individual seen at Satipo lowlands. A write in for the tour.

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus obscurus*

White-fronted Ground Tyrant *Muscisaxicola albifrons*

Taczanowski's Ground Tyrant ◊ *Muscisaxicola griseus*

Rufous-naped Ground Tyrant *Muscisaxicola rufivertex*

Puna Ground Tyrant ◊ *Muscisaxicola juninensis*

Andean Negrito (White-winged N) *Lessonia oreas*

White-winged Black Tyrant *Knipolegus aterrimus*

Rufous-tailed Tyrant *Knipolegus poecilurus* (LO) Leader only at Ulcumano.

Red-rumped Bush Tyrant ◊ *Cnemarchus erythropygius* Good views at Unchog.

Rufous-webbed Bush Tyrant *Cnemarchus rufipennis* Great views at Huascanan.

Streak-throated Bush Tyrant *Myiotheretes striaticollis*

Smoky Bush Tyrant *Myiotheretes fumigatus* Seen at Carpish.

Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant *Agriornis montanus*

Kalinowski's Chat-Tyrant ◊ (Peruvian C-T) *Silvicultrix spodiota* (LO) Only Carlos saw it near Carrizales.

Golden-browed Chat-Tyrant ◊ *Silvicultrix pulchella* Excellent views at Carpish and Calabaza.

Jelski's Chat-Tyrant ◊ *Silvicultrix jelskii* Great views at Huascanan.

Maroon-belted Chat-Tyrant (M-chested C-t) *Ochthoeca thoracica* Good views at Carpish.

Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis*

Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca fumicolor*

D'Orbigny's Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca oenanthoides*

White-browed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca leucophrys*

Piura Chat-Tyrant ◊ *Ochthoeca piurae* Endemic. Great views at Fortaleza.

Short-tailed Field Tyrant ◊ *Muscigralla brevicauda* Seen at Lachay.

Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus* (H)

Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis*

Lemon-browed Flycatcher *Conopias cinchoneti*

Golden-crowned Flycatcher *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus*

Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus*

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*

Short-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus ferox*

Pale-edged Flycatcher *Myiarchus cephalotes* Seen at Ulcumano.

Masked Fruiteater ◊ *Pipreola pulchra* Endemic. Seen at Bosque Shollet. Heard only at Ulcumano.

Barred Fruiteater *Pipreola arcuata*

Band-tailed Fruiteater ◊ *Pipreola intermedia* Seen at Carpish, Yanachaga Chimillen NP and Calabaza.

Andean Cock-of-the-rock *Rupicola peruvianus*

White-cheeked Cotinga ◊ *Zaratornis stresemanni* Endemic. Great views at the upper parts of Fortaleza.

Bay-vented Cotinga ◊ *Doliornis sclateri* Endemic. Fantastic views at Unchog.

Red-crested Cotinga *Ampelion rubrocristatus*

Chestnut-crested Cotinga *Ampelion rufaxilla* Seen at Yanachaga Chimillen NP.

Jet Manakin *Chloropipo unicolor* Good views at Ulcumano.

Barred Becard *Pachyramphus versicolor*

White-winged Becard *Pachyramphus polychopterus*

Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis*

Olivaceous Greenlet *Hylophilus olivaceus*

Chivi Vireo *Vireo chivi*

Brown-capped Vireo *Vireo leucophrys*

White-collared Jay *Cyanolyca viridicyanus*

Violaceous Jay *Cyanocorax violaceus*

Inca Jay *Cyanocorax yncas*

Sand Martin (N) *Riparia riparia*

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*

White-banded Swallow *Atticora fasciata*

Blue-and-white Swallow *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*

Brown-bellied Swallow *Orochelidon murina*

Andean Swallow *Orochelidon andecola* Good views at Junin and Marcapomacocha.

Barn Swallow (N) *Hirundo rustica*

American Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota* Seen at Playa Paraiso Lagoons.

Fasciated Wren ◊ *Campylorhynchus* Good views on the upper Hualaga Valley, Huanuco.

Grey-mantled Wren *Odontorchilus branickii* Good views joining a mix species flock at Satipo Road. A write in for the tour.

Peruvian Wren ◊ *Cinnycerthia peruana* Endemic. Seen at 3 different localities on the tour, first seen at Carpish.

Grass Wren *Cistothorus platensis*

Coraya Wren *Pheugopedius coraya* Good views of the restricted subspecies [*cantator*], at Milagro Road, Villa Rica.

Mantaro Wren ◊ *Thryophilus sp. nov.* Endemic. Great views in the upper Mantaro Valley.

House Wren (Southern H W) *Troglodytes [aedon] musculus*

Mountain Wren *Troglodytes solstitialis*

Grey-breasted Wood Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys*

Long-tailed Mockingbird ◊ *Mimus longicaudatus*

Andean Solitaire *Myadestes ralloides*

White-eared Solitaire ◊ *Entomodestes leucotis* First seen at Senda Paty, Yanachaga Chemillen NP and Ulcumano.

Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus fuscater*

Pale-eyed Thrush *Turdus leucops* (H) Heard only at the middle elevations of Satipo Road.

Chiguanco Thrush *Turdus chiguanco*

Glossy-black Thrush *Turdus serranus*

Great Thrush *Turdus fuscater*

Black-billed Thrush *Turdus ignobilis*

White-capped Dipper *Cinclus leucocephalus*

House Sparrow (I) (introduced) *Passer domesticus*

Peruvian Pipit ◊ *Anthus peruvianus*

Puna Pipit *Anthus brevirostris* Initially the bird was identified as Correndera Pipit, but thanks to photos I noticed that was a Puna Pipit instead. It was seen at Junin.

Paramo Pipit *Anthus bogotensis* Good views at Junin.

Hooded Siskin *Spinus magellanicus*

Black Siskin *Spinus atratus*

Blue-naped Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia cyanea*

Purple-throated Euphonia *Euphonia chlorotica*

White-lored Euphonia *Euphonia chrysopasta* Seen at Milagro Road, Villa Carmen. A write in for the tour.

Thick-billed Euphonia *Euphonia lanirostris* Seen at Satipo lowlands.

Orange-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia xanthogaster* Seen at Satipo Road.

Yellow-throated Chlorospingus (Y-t Bush Tanager) *Chlorospingus flavigularis*

Yellow-whiskered Chlorospingus (Short-billed C, Y-w Bush Tanager) *Chlorospingus parvirostris*

Common Chlorospingus (C Bush Tanager) *Chlorospingus flavopectus*

Yellow-browed Sparrow *Ammodramus aurifrons*

Grey-browed Brushfinch *Arremon assimilis*

Chestnut-capped Brushfinch *Arremon brunneinucha*

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis*

Rufous-eared Brushfinch ♦ *Atlapetes rufigenis* Endemic. Excellent views at Huascarán.

Tricolored Brushfinch ♦ *Atlapetes tricolor* Endemic. First seen at Senda Paty, also at Bosque Shollet, Ulcumano and Calabaza.

Taczanowski's Brushfinch ♦ *Atlapetes taczanowskii* A new Peruvian Endemic, who came from the split of the 'Slaty Brushfinch'. We got several sightings in Bosque de Unchog, Carpish and Satipo Road.

Bay-crowned Brushfinch ♦ *Atlapetes seebohmi* Good views from Fortaleza.

Rusty-bellied Brushfinch ♦ *Atlapetes nationi* Endemic. Common in Santa Eulalia, also seen at Fortaleza.

Black-spectacled Brushfinch ♦ (B-goggled B F) *Atlapetes melanopsis* Endemic. Great views at Andamarca.

Peruvian Meadowlark *Leistes bellicosus*

Yellow-billed Cacique *Amblycercus holosericeus*

Russet-backed Oropendola *Psarocolius angustifrons*

Dusky-green Oropendola *Psarocolius atrovirens*

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus*

Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela*

Mountain Cacique (Northern M C) *Cacicus [chrysonotus] leucoramphus* (H)

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis*

Scrub Blackbird *Dives waczewiczi*

Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitayumi*

Cerulean Warbler (N) ♦ *Setophaga cerulea* Seen at Milagro Road, Villa Rica. A write in for the tour.

Citrine Warbler *Myiothlypis luteoviridis*

Pale-legged Warbler *Myiothlypis signata*

Black-crested Warbler *Myiothlypis nigrocristata*

Cuzco Warbler *Myiothlypis chrysogaster*

Russet-crowned Warbler *Myiothlypis coronata*

Three-striped Warbler *Basileuterus tristriatus*

Slate-throated Whitestart *Myioborus miniatus*

Spectacled Whitestart *Myioborus melanocephalus*

Golden Grosbeak (G-bellied G) *Pheucticus chrysogaster*

Plushcap (Plush-capped F) *Catamblyrhynchus diadema*

Great Inca Finch ◊ *Incaeziza pulchra* Endemic.

Rufous-backed Inca Finch ◊ *Incaeziza personata* Endemic.

Mourning Sierra Finch *Rhopospina fruticeti*

Band-tailed Sierra Finch *Rhopospina alaudina*

Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana*

Bluish-grey Saltator *Saltator coerulescens*

Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus*

Golden-billed Saltator *Saltator aurantirostris*

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola*

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina*

Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo*

Yellow-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila nigricollis*

Chestnut-throated Seedeater *Sporophila telasco*

Drab Seedeater *Sporophila simplex*

Grey-hooded Bush Tanager *Cnemoscopus rubrirostris*

Drab Hemispingus ◊ *Pseudospingus xanthophthalmus*

Collared Warbling Finch ◊ *Poospiza hispaniolensis*

Rufous-breasted Warbling Finch ◊ *Poospiza rubecula* Endemic. Great views at Huachupampa.

White-browed Hemispingus ◊ *Kleinotherapis auricularis* Endemic.

Oleaginous Hemispingus *Sphenopsis frontalis*

Black-eared Hemispingus *Sphenopsis melanotis*

Rust-and-yellow Tanager *Thlypopsis ruficeps*

Superciliaried Hemispingus ◊ (White-bellied H) *Thlypopsis [superciliaris] leucogastra*

Rufous-chested Tanager *Thlypopsis ornata*

Brown-flanked Tanager ◊ *Thlypopsis pectoralis* Endemic.

Pardusco ◊ *Nephelornis oneilli* Endemic. Seen at Unchog.

Plain-tailed Warbling Finch ◊ *Microspingus alticola* Endemic. Great views at Huascarán.

Chestnut-vented Conebill *Conirostrum speciosum* Seen at Milagro Road, Villa Rica. A write in for the tour.

Capped Conebill *Conirostrum albifrons*

Giant Conebill ◊ *Conirostrum binghami*

Blue-backed Conebill *Conirostrum sitticolor*

Cinereous Conebill *Conirostrum cinereum*

Bright-rumped Yellow Finch *Sicalis uropigialis*

Grassland Yellow Finch *Sicalis luteola*

Greenish Yellow Finch *Sicalis olivascens*

Raimondi's Yellow Finch ♦ *Sicalis raimondii* Endemic. One of the best birds of the trip, we got excellent views at Lomas de Lachay.

Peruvian Sierra Finch ♦ *Phrygilus punensis*

Ash-breasted Sierra Finch *Geospizopsis plebejus*

Plumbeous Sierra Finch *Geospizopsis unicolor*

Streaked Dacnis ♦ *Xenodacnis petersi* A regular bird at Huascarán NP. A split from Tit-like Dacnis on the last years.

Glacier Finch (White-winged Diuca Finch) *Idiopsar specularifer*

Band-tailed Seedeater *Catamenia analis*

Plain-colored Seedeater *Catamenia inornata*

Bluish Flowerpiercer *Diglossa caeruleascens*

Masked Flowerpiercer *Diglossa cyanea*

Moustached Flowerpiercer *Diglossa mystacalis*

Black-throated Flowerpiercer *Diglossa brunneiventris*

Yellow-throated Tanager *Iridosornis analis* Good views at Ulcumano.

Golden-collared Tanager ♦ *Iridosornis jelskii* Seen at Unchog.

Yellow-scarfed Tanager ♦ *Iridosornis reinhardti* Endemic. Seen at Unchog.

Fawn-breasted Tanager *Pipraeidea melanonota*

Blue-and-yellow Tanager *Rauenia bonariensis*

Streak-crowned Mountain Tanager ♦ *Dubusia taeniata* Endemic. A recent split from **Buff-breasted Mountain Tanager**. Good views at Unchog, Carpish, and near Carrizales.

Chestnut-bellied Mountain Tanager ♦ *Dubusia castaneiventris* Good views at Unchog.

Hooded Mountain Tanager *Buthraupis montana*

Blue-capped Tanager *Sporathraupis cyanocephala*

Grass-green Tanager *Chlorornis riefferii*

Golden-backed Mountain Tanager ♦ *Cnemathraupis aureodorsalis* Endemic. The bird of the trip! Fantastic views at Bosque Unchog.

Blue-winged Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus somptuosus*

Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus igniventris*

Lacrimose Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus lacrymosus*

Orange-eared Tanager *Chlorochrysa calliparaea* Good views at Satipo Road.

Magpie Tanager *Cissopis leverianus*

Spotted Tanager *Ixothraupis punctata* Seen at Satipo Road.

Golden-naped Tanager *Chalcothraupis ruficervix* Seen at Bosque Shollet and Satipo Road.

Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus*

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum*

Silver-backed Tanager *Stilpnia viridicollis*

Blue-necked Tanager *Stilpnia cyanicollis*

Blue-and-black Tanager *Tangara vassorii*

Beryl-spangled Tanager *Tangara nigroviridis*

Blue-browed Tanager ♦ *Tangara cyanotis* Good views at Satipo Road.

Saffron-crowned Tanager *Tangara xanthocephala*

Flame-faced Tanager *Tangara parzudakii*

Golden Tanager *Tangara arthus*

Paradise Tanager *Tangara chilensis* Three individuals seen at Milagro Road, Villa Rica. A write in for the tour.

MAMMALS

Andean White-eared Opossum *Didelphis pernigra* Seen at Ulcumano.

Culpeo (Culpeo) *Lycalopex culpaeus* Seen at Junin Lake and Abra Huaytapallana.

Common Woolly Monkey *Lagothrix [lagothricha] tschudii* A familiar group at Yanachaga Chimillen NP.

Vicuña (Vicugna) *Vicugna vicugna* Seen on the drive from Junin to Villa Rica.

Northern Mountain Viscacha *Lagidium peruanum* Seen at Santa Eulalia.

European Rabbit (Common R) (introduced) *Oryctolagus cuniculus* Seen at Junin.

Brown Rat *Rattus norvegicus*