

A <u>Tropical Birding Tours</u> Set Departure BIRDING TOUR

ECUADOR: The Andes Introtour & High Andes Extension

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My favorite among the various dozens of tanagers we saw in this tour, the incomparable Flame-faced Tanager (picture above)

Once again this tour has proven why it is the best-selling tour we have. The large amount of birds found in only 8 days of birding is unmatched, as is the variety of ecosystems that we bird at; from the steamy and hot rainforest lowlands of Silanche to the high paramo above 14000ft in Antisana, and from the cloud forests of Tandayapa to the dry scrub valleys of Calacali, plus the various transitional ecosystems in between. With 382 species of birds recorded in only 8 birding days, this tour can be difficult to beat.



Golden-crowned Tanager was one of the highlights of the first day in Yanacocha.

At the end of the tour, the birds chosen as favorites for the participants were **Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucan** and **Andean Condor** (both seen during the first day of the extension) with two votes each. Then the rare **Andean Ibis** and the gorgeous **Club-winged Manakin** received one vote each. My personal favorite was probably the **Brown Wood-Rail** that posed for photos during our visit to the lowlands.

In terms of MAMMALS, the unquestioned favorite was the **Andean Bear**, AKA **Spectacled Bear**, that we found in Papallacta but closely behind the participants loved the **Paramo Fox**, AKA Culpeo, that we enjoyed prolonged views at Antisana Reserve.

Jan 17: Yanacocha Reserve and Old Nono-Tandayapa Road: We started the first full day of the tour with a pre-dawn departure from the hotel in Quito towards the reserve of Yanacocha located at about 3300masl (11000ft) where the upper montane forest holds a great deal of birds. We did not stop much on the open areas along the road to the reserve, as I usually do, since it was very windy, unusually windy for this time of the year. Only once we stopped as we managed to find a sheltered spot where we found our first highland specialties in the form of Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager, Blue-backed Conebill, and the uncommon Golden-crowned Tanager.

I was hoping that the reserve would be a little sheltered from the wind but sadly it wasn't and we had to put up with a lot of wind especially near the headquarters where the feeders are. Due to this, not much in terms of birds were visiting the feeders but we did see the first **Shining Sunbeams, Masked** and **Glossy Flowerpiercers**, and two species of **Brush-Finches**, **Gray-browed** and **Yellow-breasted**.



Gray-browed and Yellow-breasted Brush-Finches discussing about the last piece of banana

Next we ventured inside the main trail of the reserve, the long *Trocha Inca*. For the first kilometer we just walked seeing not much but, once we turned a corner where the trail starts facing a different valley, the wind calmed down a lot and we had better birding for the rest of the morning. We soon found a couple of cool birds like **Barred Fruiteater**, **Ash-colored Tapaculo**, **White-browed Spinetail**, **Hooded Mountain-Tanager**, **Spectacled Redstart**, and a few others.

We walked all the way to the end of the trail where the other station of hummingbird feeders is located and happily it was active and diverse. We found **Sword-billed Hummingbird**, **Great Sapphirewing**, **Sapphire-vented and Golden-breasted Pufflegs (photo below)**, **Tyrian Metaltail**, and **Buff-winged Starfrontlet**. The return walk produced **Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant** and **Superciliaried Hemispingus** but not a lot more. We had lunch in the reserve's cozy restaurant and afterwards we started to descent down the slope towards Tandayapa through the famed Old Nono-Mindo Road.



There were various stops we did still in the upper portions of the road where we found a special hummer that we do not see very often, a male **Green-tailed Trainbearer**. Other suspects found along the higher areas include **Hooded Siskin, Black-crested Warbler**, and **Black Flowerpiercer**. Lower down the road where the vegetation changes and turns into taller forest covered on epiphytes we found a bunch of special birds like a

pair of Plate-billed Mountain-Toucans, Golden-headed Quetzal, a female Andean Cock-of-the-Rock, Turquoise Jays, and a few more before reaching Tandayapa Bird Lodge.

Arriving a bit past 5pm we had plenty of time to enjoy the hummingbird feeders where we quickly found 12 species that regularly visit the area out of which the favorites, as most times, were **Violet-tailed Sylph (photobelow)** and **Booted Racket-tail**.



Tandayapa Bird Lodge and the valley: before the sun rises in we took a short walk inside the cloud forest surrounding the lodge. The idea was to reach the hide/blind that the lodge has inside the forest which gives a great vantage point to see several skulking birds that normally would be quite hard to get good views of. However, just before reaching the hide, we were surprised by a hollow voice! I was prepared with my flashlight and managed to successfully call in a gorgeous Mottled Owl (photo below).



Already we had found the bird of the day and it was not even dawn yet!! The day however still held various great birds. Starting at the blind, we found **Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch (photo below)**, **Swainson's Thrush, Ornate Flycatcher**, **Three-striped Warbler**, **Uniform Antshrike**, **Streak-capped Treehunter**, and **Russet-crowned Warblers**. We spent close to an hour in the blind before heading back to the lodge for breakfast.



After a quick breakfast we drove up the road towards the upper Tandayapa valley. The day was sunny and the activity was not the best, but nevertheless we managed to see various good birds. It started with a male **Green-and-black Fruiteater**, followed by **Beryl-spangled**, **Metallic-green**, **Flame-faced**, and **Golden Tanagers**, **Spot-fronted Swift**, **Montane Woodcreeper**, **Toucan Barbets**, **Streaked Tuftedcheek**, and a very cooperative **Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant**. There were 3 raptors that we saw flying overhead, **Hook-billed Kite**, and **Barred** and **Sharp-shinned Hawks**.

Later in the morning, when the activity along the upper valley was getting quiet, we moved down slope to bird the lower portions where we saw and active nest of **Andean Cock-of-the-rock** with a female sitting on it. We added to the morning's list a couple new birds like **Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner**, **Red-headed Barbet**, **Black-winged Saltator**, **Red-faced Spinetail** and a few more species typical of that elevation.

The afternoon was rainy. What do you do in this case? Well, happily the area has several roadside bird feeders owned by local people where visitors can spend hours watching birds under the shelter of a nice roof. So we did that, as I took the group to a set of feeders in the lowest part of the valley where I knew several new birds were possible.

We quickly picked up **Buff-throated Saltator**, **Thick-billed Euphonia** and **Blue-necked**, **Silver-throated**, and **White-lined Tanagers**, among the passerines. One of the targets that I knew we might get on this visit showed up quite early in our visit, the scarce **Crested Quetzal** which gave us a good show. In term of hummingbirds we found a couple new for us, **White-whiskered Hermit**, **Western Emerald**, and one that is rare for the Tandayapa area, recently recorded from these feeders, the small **Violet-bellied Hummingbird** (photo below).

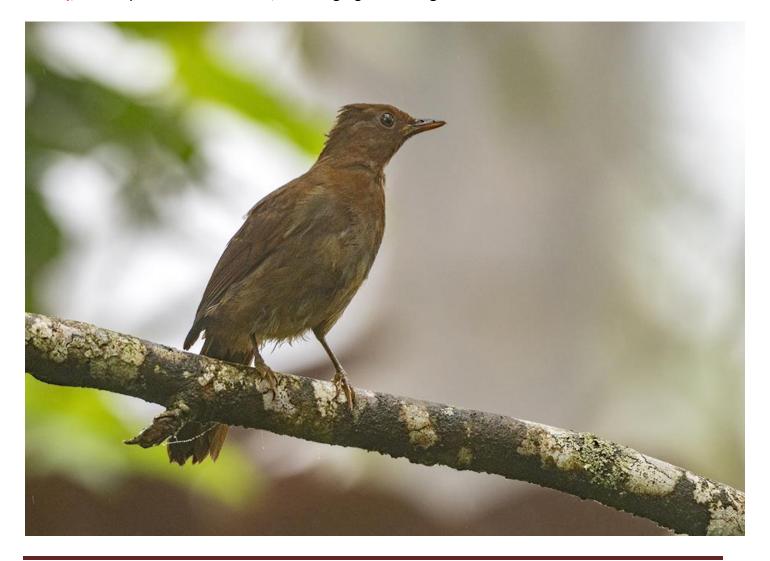


When the rains gave us a little break we ventured into a trail below the feeders that reaches the border of the Alambi River. We walked along the trail parallel to the shore looking for a dipper but sadly this bird was simply nowhere to be found; this was the second time this dipper had eluded us on this trip.

It was almost 6pm when we headed back to the lodge for another great meal and a deserved rest.

Jan 19: Mashpi area and Amagusa Reserve: today we had our first full day outing from Tandayapa, we planned a visit to one of the most important of the Choco Region birding hotspots, Mashpi. This area is very humid and it holds a bunch of species that we cannot find anywhere else for this itinerary. We had not yet arrived at the main birding spot when the owner of the Amagusa Reserve met us coincidentally on his way to the reserve and pointed out at a roosting Lyre-tailed Nightjar female that he had found on previous occasions. What a way to start! While we were enjoying the bird, there was a light mist that turned quickly into a heavy drizzle that made birding really hard. We tried to bird the road a bit but it was hopeless, so much earlier that I normally do, we entered the Amagusa Reserve to spend time at the feeders.

I knew that this move would boost the lifer count on a rainy day like this, since the feeders are incredibly busy with a ton of things that we had not seen or had not had the chance before. The first to amaze the group was the unique **Glistening-green Tanager**, followed by **Rufous-throated**, **Golden-naped**, **Flame-rumped**, **Golden** and **Flame-faced Tanagers**. In terms of hummingbirds, new for us were **Empress Brilliant**, **Velvet-purple**Coronet and the tiny **Green Thorntail**. Apart from the birds at feeders we were gladly surprised by three superb birds that came in near the feeding station without actually visiting the fruit. These were the inexplicably rare (and with a weird patchy distribution in South America) **Rufous-brown Solitaire** (photo below), the unique **Rose-faced Parrot**, and the gorgeous **Orange-breasted Fruiteater**.





Rose-faced Parrots were checking us out from a high perch above the feeding station

The light rain was persistent and did not stop until past mid-morning. We were starting to get itchy feet despite the constant stream of birds at the feeders; after many photos of each species we were ready to leave. We took the car and drove for about half an hour down the slope until we got to considerably lower areas. Things were drier but still quiet; we started to cruise really slowly trying to hear any hint of a flock. Then, I heard a couple soft notes that I recognized as one of the typical flock species and decided to stop to see if we were lucky.

As a matter of fact, despite the first impression, there was a very large flock that little by little started approaching. We soon got a bunch of birds like Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo, Orange-fronted Barbet, Cinnamon and One-colored Becards, Blue-necked, Gray-and-gold, Bay-headed, White-winged, Dusky-faced, Ochrebreasted, Silver-throated, Emerald, and White-shouldered Tanagers, Striped Woodhaunter, Yellow-throated Chlorospingus, Lesser Greenlet, Purple-throated Fruitcrow, Scarlet-rumped Cacique, Choco and Yellow-throated Toucans, Russet Antshrike, Collared and White-tailed Trogons, and various others that we had either seen before or that I don't remember right now.

After this extremely productive stop we continued farther down the road a bit more before starting to head back towards our lodge. In that process we made a couple of stops were we found scattered birds here and there out of which the most prominent were **Brown-capped Tyrannulet**, **Olivaceous Piculet (photo below)**, **Barred Puffbird**, **White-bearded Manakin**, **Pacific Antwren**, **Collared Aracari**, **Shiny Cowbird**, **Dull-colored Grassquit**, **Swallow Tanager** and **Ecuadorian Thrush**.

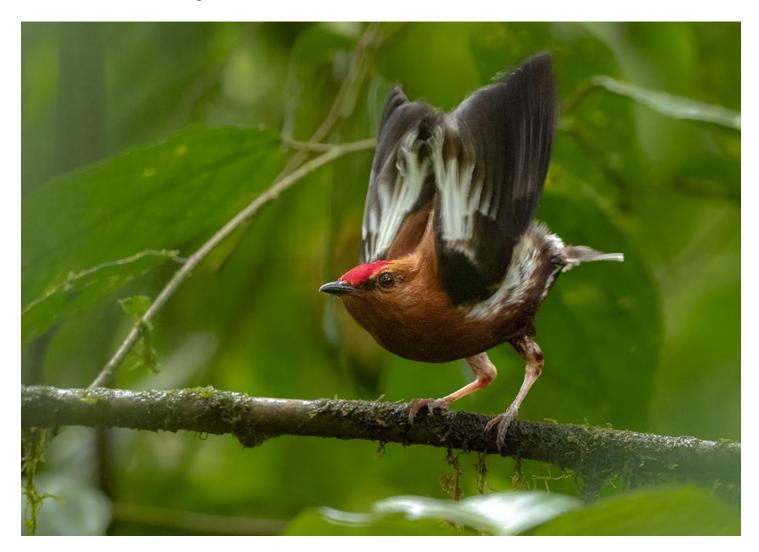


Jan 20: Milpe Bird Sanctuary and the upper Tandayapa Valley: Another great day in the field awaited us, this time in the Milpe area. I decided this time to bird a bit along the road past the reserve until there was better light to enter the trails inside the darker forest. This worked out well since the light drizzle was not a big issue on the open areas whereas it would feel like rain inside the woods due to the dripping. We found several cool birds this way starting with the elegant Laughing Falcon, followed by a responsive Bluetailed Trogon, then Pale-legged Hornero, Olive-crowned Yellowthroat, Bronze-winged Parrot, White-thighed Swallow, and a couple more.

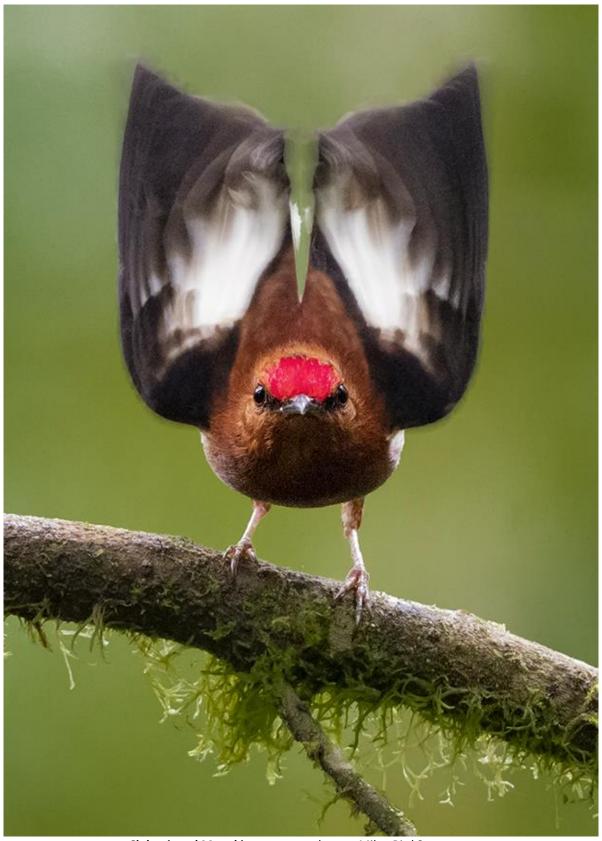
I did not want to take too long in this disturbed environment, so sooner rather than later we headed back towards the headquarters of Milpe Bird Sanctuary.

We started walking down the trails and for a good amount of time the forest was very quiet and not much was seen. We tried to bring in a noisy Esmeraldas Antbird that was singing below us but the shyness of the bird was overcame our efforts. Later on we found a pair of **Collared Trogons** that were checking out a hole on a dead tree to see if it was suitable for nesting. Nearby a pair of **Crested Guans** flew in front of us and landed on a close by tree; a **Golden-headed Quetzal** also did the same thing.

We started to head back uphill towards the area where **Club-winged Manakins (photo below)** display doing their insect-like buzzing sound by rubbing their wings against each other with a movement faster than a hummingbird wing beats. This was particularly spectacular this time since various males were lekking at the same time and at close range.



We continued birding along the trails and managed to pick up the gorgeous **Spotted Nightingale-Thrush**, a shy **Chestnut-backed Antbird**, **Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner**, **Slaty-capped Flycatcher**, and a couple other foothill birds that we missed at Mashpi previously. Normally by mid to late morning, when it gets warm, and the activity goes quiet, I enjoy the feeders by the HQ, but this time there were few birds visiting the feeding areas so we went back to spend more time with the manakins.



Club-winged Manakins gave us a show at Milpe Bird Sanctuary.

Lunch was great in a local restaurant that is famous for the bird feeders. Even though not much was coming, we enjoyed the great meal and a rest before birding our way back to Tandayapa.

Basically we did only two stops that were, however, quite good. The first one was just before Santa Rosa and it produced **Pearled Treerunner**, **Cinnamon Flycatcher**, **Blue-capped Tanager**, and **Dusky Chlorospingus**; all of these new to us. Further up the hill we walked the road a bit where we soon heard the loud calls of an **Ocellated Tapaculo (photo below)**. As usual, getting views of this master of the skulk was tough, especially with the conditions of light that we had. With persistence and thanks to the bird's active response we managed views through tiny windows of the dense undergrowth. I got this picture below on a previous tour but I am using it to illustrate the typical views we got.

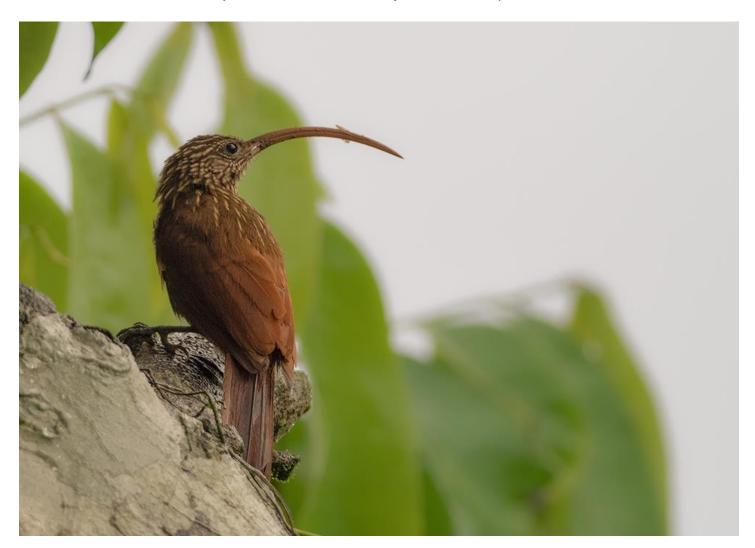


Having achieved sort of satisfactory views of this hard bird, we decided to call it a day and started heading back to the lodge.

Jan 21: Silanche Bird Sanctuary and Rancho Suamox: Our destination was about 1h30mins from Tandayapa Bird Lodge and it was in the lowlands of the region where a lot of new species awaited for us. Upon arrival the weather was rainy, so I made the decision to first visit a local house where the owner has created a nice and productive set of feeders. The place is called Rancho Suamox, a destination we do not visit often with birding groups but regularly with photo tours.

I have to say that this move we did we the best thing we could came up with. Not only we got new birds on his property grounds and feeders but also a couple of those species are ones that we frequently do not see. This is the case of the rare, shy and skulking **Brown Wood-Rail (photo on next page)** for which Rafael, the owner, has created a blind after having been alerted of the rarity and desirability of this bird. We all saw it well and pictures were achieved by the whole group which was impossible in the past.

Other nice birds we found there included **Red-billed Scythebill (photo below)**, **Orange-crowned Euphonia**, **Long-billed Starthroat**, **Green-breasted Mango**, **Sooty-headed** and **Southern Beardless Tyrannulets**, **Golden-olive** and **Black-cheeked Woodpeckers**, **Masked Water-Tyrant**, and a couple more.





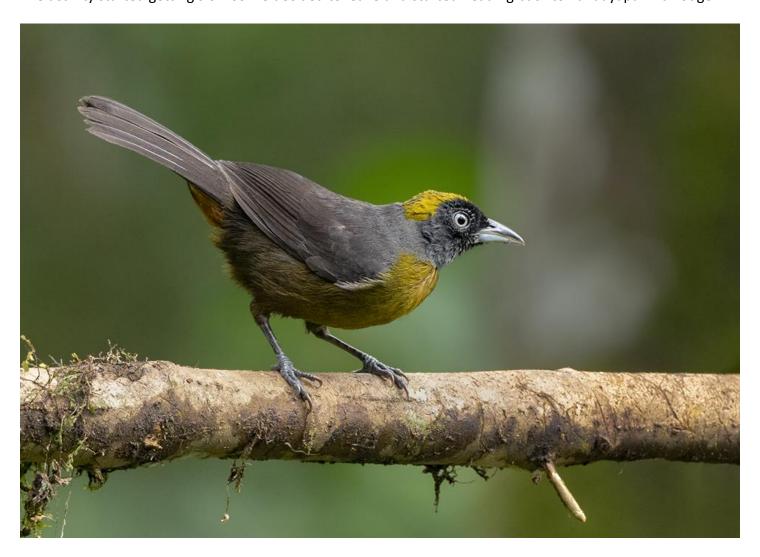
Brown Wood-Rail posing for photos; unimaginable.

We stayed in this rancho until the rain let up. Once it started slowing down and weather looked promising, we left and birded the road into the reserve. This produced some cool birds like **Lineated**, **Guayaquil**, and **Cinnamon Woodpeckers**, **Yellow-tailed Oriole**, **Yellow-bellied Elaenia**, **Pacific Parrotlets**, **Collared** and **Bluetailed Trogons** (photo below), **Thick-billed Seed-Finch**, and some others.



Once we reached the reserve, it was already well past mid-morning, so we went directly up the canopy tower to see if there was still some birds moving up there. Activity started slow but soon picked up. We found Black-faced and Scarlet-bellied Dacnis, Orange-fronted Barbet, Masked Tityra, Blue-necked, Bay-headed, and Gray-and-gold Tanagers, a few toucans, 3 species of swifts and a nice amount of raptors like Plumbeous and Swallow-tailed Kites, Short-tailed, Roadside, Broad-winged and Gray-lined Hawks. When we headed down it was already lunch time, and we had it near the reserve's main house. It was a great box lunch prepared by our Tandayapa chef, and desert was a bar of locally made chocolate that the reserve's guardian sold to us trying to help a NGO that protects forest by producing organic chocolate in the lands they protect; it was very tasty.

Afterwards we walked a couple hours along the trails and found a couple of interesting flocks that included **Dot-winged, White-flanked,** and **Checker-throated Antwrens** (the latter now called **Stipplethroat**). We also got fast views of **Bicolored Antbird** whereas **Black-crowned Antshrike** was more cooperative. The flock also held **Tawny-crowned Tanager** and **Dusky-faced Tanager** (photo below, from the feeders at Rancho Suamox). The activity started getting slow so we decided to leave and started heading back to Tandayapa Bird Lodge.



Jan 22: Refugio Paz and Calacali: This was the last birding day of the main tour. However, the visit to the unique Refugio Paz is probably the very best way to finish any tour in Northwest Ecuador. The visit always starts with time inside a blind in front of an **Andean Cock-of-the-rock** lek which is always a great spectacle to watch. We saw at least 6 males doing their loud display.

This location is famous for antpittas of which we saw three species: Ochre-breasted (photo below), Yellow-breasted, and Chestnut-crowned Antpittas. Despite the efforts of the owner of the reserve to bring out the other two possible species, they did not want to play today. Another of the great specialties that make this location famous is the shy Dark-backed Wood-Quail which we had great views of while Angel (the owner) fed a family of these great birds.



Ochre-breasted Antpitta here called Shakira due to the "hip dance" it does when perched

Other species that we additionally picked up during our time there included **White-winged** and **Tricolored Brush-Finches**, **Black-capped Tanager**, **Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant**, **Mountain Wren**, **Flavescent Flycatcher**, the rare **Tyrannine Woodcreeper**, and a very cooperative **Bicolored Hawks** that allowed prolonged scope views that helped confirm the id of this difficult species.



Chestnut-crowned Antpitta, here called Andrea

After a final lunch back in Tandayapa Bird Lodge we headed back to Quito and on towards Puembo where the main tour ends. However, on the way, we did a great stop at Calacali, an area that brings several new birds to the list since it is quite different from all the areas we bird on this tour; this area is part of the ecosystem called dry inter-Andean scrub.



Golden Grosbeak is one of the most colorful of the species in this dry habitat

Some of the birds we found here included **Golden Grosbeak (photo above)**, **Tufted Tit-Tyrant, Blue-and-yellow Tanager, Tropical Mockingbird, Sparkling Violetear**, the ultra-cute **Black-tailed Trainbearer**, and a few other species that kept us entertained for a good portion of the afternoon.

When the activity slowed down and it seemed that we would not find more birds in the area, we got in the van and headed towards Puembo where we spent the last night of the main tour. Happily, every one of the participants booked into the extension and the next day we all started the extension from this great hotel.



A male **Black-tailed Trainbearer** gave us a show

EXTENSION – Jan 23: Antisana Reserve and Guango Lodge: The High Andes extension started with a visit to Antisana Reserve which gave us the first chances to bird a new ecosystem for the tour, the paramo. These areas above tree line hold tons of birds not possible elsewhere on the tour. Among those we found Plumbeous Sierra-Finch, Andean Tit-Spinetail, Ecuadorian Hillstar (photo below), and Chestnut-winged and Stout-billed Cinclodes.



This is a young male **Ecuadorian Hillstar**

Of course, among the most desired birds of the area is the mythical **Andean Condor** which made us wait and search the skies but, once we found the first one, the next nine condors came scattered through the rest of the morning. Other raptors that we found in numbers were **Variable Hawk** and **Carunculated Caracara**.

The area is the very only place in Ecuador where the recently split **Andean Ibis** can be seen. Happily we managed to have quite close up views of several individuals. Other species found through the morning included **Paramo Pipit, Streak-backed Canastero, Yellow-billed Pintail, Andean Teal, Andean Duck, Silvery Grebe, Andean Gull, Andean Lapwing, and Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant**, to name a few.

We had lunch at a local restaurant that our tour participants always love called Tambo Condor. The owner is a local guide who also is deeply involved on conservation projects of the Andean Condor; he personally has found several nests of this awesome bird. We are very happy to support him. Apart from this, the place itself is a magnet for highland hummingbirds. At the feeders we found the main target, the hulking **Giant Hummingbird**. Other hummers found here include **Tyrian Metaltail**, **Great Sapphirewing**, **Sparkling Violetear**, **Black-tailed Trainbearer**, and **Shining Sunbeam**.



A territorial dispute between Sparkling Violetear and Giant Hummingbird at Tambo Condor feeders

After a tasty traditional Andean lunch we started our journey to Guango Lodge, our final destination this day. On the way, while traversing the highway to Papallacta, our great driver Hugo spotted (on the go) a **Spectacled Bear** foraging on the side of the mountain across the valley we were driving through. What a superb find!!!!! We stopped and watched the bear for over 25 minutes before continuing.

We arrived with plenty of time to check in, rest a bit and then start birding the grounds of the lodge which was, to say the least, superb.





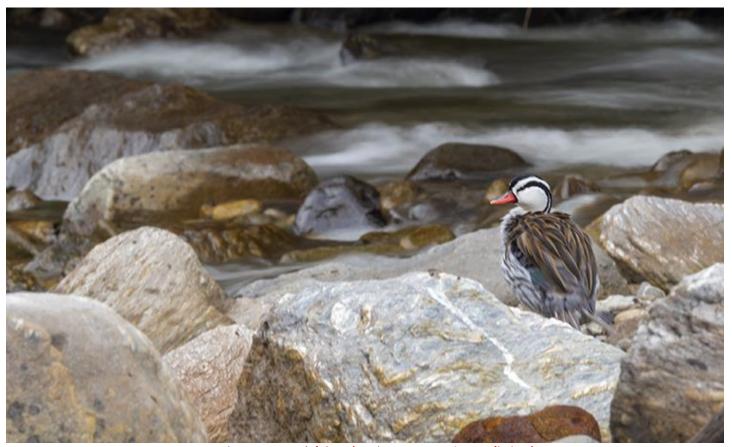


The feeders around the lodge produced **Chestnut-breasted Coronet**, **White-bellied Woodstar**, **Tourmaline Sunangel**, and **Long-tailed Sylph** as new birds for us, plus a couple more we had seen before. Apart from the great feeder activity, there were 3 birds this afternoon that were highlights of the tour. We started with a nocturnal bird since happily the roosting **Andean Potoo** that the workers at Guango had found months ago continued to be on its favorite perch. Then we headed down towards the river and immediately found a pair of **Torrent Ducks (photo of the female below)** with two ducklings. And finally while birding the upper side of the trails we found the extremely beautiful **Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucan**. What a day!!!!!!



EXTENSION – Jan 24: Guango Lodge, Papallacta and Puembo: after one of the best birding days I had had in the high Andes the previous day, this very last day of the tour felt a bit like the hangover. Don't get me wrong, we still had various lifers and visited beautiful places but it was hard to let go of the the ecstasy we experienced just 24 hours ago.

Anyway, we started by birding the trails of Guango and found several of the birds we got the previous day like Black-eared Hemispingus, Plushcap, Blue-and-black Tanager, Lacrimose and Hooded Mountain-Tanagers, Mountain Cacique, Gray-hooded Bush-Tanager, Pearled Treerunner, Turquoise Jay, Andean Guan, Russet-crowned and Black-crested Warblers, plus a few other passerines common in the area.



A male Torrent Duck (above) and tame Turquoise Jay (below)



We checked out of Guango and started driving up the slope to bird the areas above the town of Papallacta where we were targeting a few high Andean birds. We managed a few of those. First we found the rare **Paramo Seedeater**, then the more common **Pale-naped Brush-Finch (photo below)**, **Tawny Antpitta, Black-backed Bush-Tanager**, and **Viridian Metaltail** to name few.



We spent a couple hours in the area trying to squeeze in a few new birds, but the harsh sun that was hitting the area kept things quiet. We moved on to higher areas on a different location in Papallacta looking for one rare target, a seedsnipe, which we sadly did not find.

After a lunch in the field, we drove slowly down towards Puembo. We visited the pond near the airport of Tababela where we picked up **Spotted Sandpiper** and **Vermilion Flycatcher** but nothing more. I was desperate for a final good lifer for the group, so I took them to a dry scrub area I had not visited in years and we managed to get the uncommon **Black-and-white Seedeater**, the last new bird of the trip. Then we headed to the hotel for the final checklist, and said our goodbyes before departing the next morning.

FINAL CHECKLIST:

A total of 382 species OF BIRDS were recorded on the tour. Out of the total, 334 were SEEN by at least one participant on the tour (almost every bird was seen by all), 37 were Heard Only (H) and 11 species was seen only by the Tour Leader (L). In terms of MAMMALS, we found 7 species of mammals of which a Tyra was the highlight. See the detailed list for this trip below.

TINAMOUS

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DUCKS, GEESE, & WATERFOWL

Torrent Duck

Yellow-billed Pintail

Andean Teal

Andean Ruddy Duck

CRACIDS

Crested Guan Andean Guan

H Sickle-winged Guan **NEW WORLD QUAIL**

Dark-backed Wood-Quail

GREBES

Pied-billed Grebe Silvery Grebe

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon

Pale-vented Pigeon Band-tailed Pigeon

Ruddy Pigeon

Dusky Pigeon

Common Ground-Dove

H Blue Ground-Dove

Black-winged Ground-Dove

White-tipped Dove

Pallid Dove

White-throated Quail-Dove

Eared Dove

CUCKOOS

Smooth-billed Ani

H Striped Cuckoo

Squirrel Cuckoo

NIGHTJARS AND ALLIES

Lyre-tailed Nightjar

POTOOS

Andean Potoo

SWIFTS

Spot-fronted Swift Chestnut-collared Swift White-collared Swift Gray-rumped Swift

Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

White-necked Jacobin

TINAMIDAE

Crypturellus soui

ANATIDAE

Merganetta armata

Anas georgica

Anas andium andium

Oxyura ferruginea

CRACIDAE

Penelope purpurascens

Penelope montagnii

Chamaepetes goudotii

ODONTOPHORIDAE

Odontophorus melanonotus

PODICIPEDIDAE

Podilymbus podiceps

Podiceps occipitalis

COLUMBIDAE

Columba livia

Patagioenas cayennensis

Patagioenas fasciata

Patagioenas subvinacea

Patagioenas goodsoni

Columbina passerina

Claravis pretiosa

Metriopelia melanoptera

Leptotila verreauxi Leptotila pallida Zentrygon frenata

Zenaida auriculata

CUCULIDAE

Crotophaga ani

Tapera naevia

Piaya cayana

CAPRIMULGIDAE

Uropsalis lyra

NYCTIBIIDAE

Nvctibius maculosus

APODIDAE

Cypseloides cherriei

Streptoprocne rutila

Streptoprocne zonaris

Chaetura cinereiventris

Panyptila cayennensis

TROCHILIDAE

Florisuga mellivora

White-whiskered Hermit
H Tawny-bellied Hermit

Brown Violetear Sparkling Violetear Purple-crowned Fairy

Tourmaline Sunangel

Green-breasted (Black-throated) Mango

Green Thorntail
Speckled Hummingbird
Long-tailed Sylph
Violet-tailed Sylph
Ecuadorian Hillstar
Black-tailed Trainbearer
Green-tailed Trainbearer

Tyrian Metaltail Viridian Metaltail

Sapphire-vented Puffleg Golden-breasted Puffleg

Shining Sunbeam Brown Inca Collared Inca

Buff-winged Starfrontlet Mountain Velvetbreast Sword-billed Hummingbird

Great Sapphirewing Buff-tailed Coronet

Chestnut-breasted Coronet Velvet-purple Coronet Booted Racket-tail Purple-bibbed Whitetip Fawn-breasted Brilliant Green-crowned Brilliant Empress Brilliant

Long-billed Starthroat White-bellied Woodstar Purple-throated Woodstar

Western Emerald

Giant Hummingbird

Crowned (Green-crowned) Woodnymph

Andean Emerald

Purple-chested Hummingbird Rufous-tailed Hummingbird Violet-bellied Hummingbird

RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS

Brown Wood-Rail

Slate-colored (Andean) Coot PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS

Andean Lapwing

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES

Spotted Sandpiper

GULLS, TERNS AND SKIMMERS

Andean Gull

Phaethornis yaruqui

Phaethornis syrmatophorus

Colibri delphinae Colibri coruscans Heliothryx barroti

Anthracothorax prevostii iridescens

Heliangelus exortis Discosura conversii Adelomyia melanogenys Aglaiocercus kingii Aglaiocercus coelestis Oreotrochilus chimborazo

Lesbia victoriae Lesbia nuna

Metallura tyrianthina Metallura williami Eriocnemis luciani Eriocnemis mosquera Aglaeactis cupripennis Coeligena wilsoni Coeligena torquata Coeligena lutetiae Lafresnaya lafresnayi Ensifera ensifera

Pterophanes cyanopterus
Boissonneaua flavescens
Boissonneaua matthewsii
Boissonneaua jardini
Ocreatus underwoodii
Urosticte benjamini
Heliodoxa rubinoides
Heliodoxa jacula
Heliodoxa imperatrix
Patagona gigas

Heliomaster longirostris Chaetocercus mulsant Calliphlox mitchellii

Chlorostilbon melanorhynchus

Thalurania colombica Amazilia franciae Amazilia rosenbergi Amazilia tzacatl Damophila julie

RALLIDAE
Aramides wolfi
Fulica ardesiaca
CHARADRIIDAE
Vanellus resplendens
SCOLOPACIDAE
Actitis macularius

LARIDAE

Chroicocephalus serranus

HERONS, EGRETS, AND BITTERNS

Cattle Egret

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS Black-faced (Andean) Ibis

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Black Vulture Turkey Vulture Andean Condor

HAWKS, EAGLES, AND KITES

Hook-billed Kite Swallow-tailed Kite Plumbeous Kite

Sharp-shinned (Plain-breasted) Hawk

Bicolored Hawk
Barred Hawk
Roadside Hawk
Harris's Hawk
Variable Hawk
Gray-lined Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk
Short-tailed Hawk

OWLS Mottled Owl TROGONS

Golden-headed Quetzal

Crested Quetzal

Blue-tailed (Chocó) Trogon (Western) White-tailed Trogon

Collared Trogon
Masked Trogon
MOTMOTS
Rufous Motmot
H Broad-billed Motmot

PUFFBIRDS
Barred Puffbird

NEW WORLD BARBETS
Orange-fronted Barbet
Red-headed Barbet
TOUCAN-BARBETS

Toucan Barbet
TOUCANS

Crimson-rumped Toucanet Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucan Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan Collared (Pale-mandibled) Aracari

Yellow-throated (Chestnut-mandibled) Toucan

Choco Toucan
WOODPECKERS
Olivaceous Piculet

Black-cheeked Woodpecker Smoky-brown Woodpecker Red-rumped Woodpecker **ARDEIDAE**

Bubulcus ibis

THRESKIORNITHIDAE

Theristicus melanopis branickii

CATHARTIDAE
Coragyps atratus
Cathartes aura jota
Vultur gryphus
ACCIPITRIDAE

Chondrohierax uncinatus Elanoides forficatus Ictinia plumbea

Accipiter striatus ventralis

Accipiter bicolor

Morphnarchus princeps Rupornis magnirostris Parabuteo unicinctus Geranoaetus polyosoma

Buteo platypterus Buteo brachyurus STRIGIDAE Ciccaba virgata

TROGONIDAE

Buteo nitidus

Pharomachrus auriceps
Pharomachrus antisianus

Trogon comptus
Trogon chionurus
Trogon collaris
Trogon personatus
MOMOTIDAE

Baryphthengus martii Electron platyrhynchum

BUCCONIDAE

Nystalus radiatus

CAPITONIDAE

Capito squamatus

Eubucco bourcierii

SEMNORNITHIDAE

Semnornis ramphastinus

RAMPHASTIDAE

Aulacorhynchus haematopygus

Andigena hypoglauca Andigena laminirostris

Pteroglossus torquatus erythropygius Ramphastos ambiguus swainsonii

Ramphastos brevis

PICIDAE

Picumnus olivaceus Melanerpes pucherani Picoides fumigatus Dryobates kirkii Golden-olive Woodpecker

H Crimson-mantled Woodpecker

Cinnamon Woodpecker Lineated Woodpecker

H Powerful Woodpecker

Guayaquil Woodpecker

FALCONS AND CARACARAS

H Barred Forest-Falcon

Carunculated Caracara

Laughing Falcon American Kestrel

NEW WORLD AND AFRICAN PARROTS

Rose-faced Parrot Red-billed Parrot

H Speckle-faced (White-capped) Parrot

H Blue-headed Parrot

Bronze-winged Parrot

Pacific Parrotlet

Maroon-tailed Parakeet Red-masked Parakeet

TYPICAL ANTBIRDS

H Great Antshrike

Black-crowned (Western Slaty-) Antshrike

Uniform Antshrike

Russet Antshrike (Tawny)

L Plain Antvireo

Checker-throated Antwren

Pacific Antwren

White-flanked Antwren

H Slaty Antwren

Dot-winged Antwren

Chestnut-backed Antbird

L Esmeraldas Antbird

Zeledon's (Immaculate) Antbird

L Bicolored Antbird

ANTPITTAS

Chestnut-crowned Antpitta Yellow-breasted Antpitta

H Rufous Antpitta Tawny Antpitta

Ochre-breasted Antpitta

TAPACULOS

Ocellated Tapaculo
Ash-colored Tapaculo

H Blackish (Unicolored) Tapaculo

H Nariño Tapaculo

H Spillmann's Tapaculo

H Paramo Tapaculo

ANTTHRUSHES

H Rufous-breasted Antthrush

OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS

Tyrannine Woodcreeper

Colaptes rubiginosus

Colaptes rivolii

Celeus Ioricatus

Dryocopus lineatus

Campephilus pollens

Campephilus gayaquilensis

FALCONIDAE

Micrastur ruficollis

Phalcoboenus carunculatus

Herpetotheres cachinnans

Falco sparverius

Psittacidae

Pyrilia pulchra

Pionus sordidus

Pionus tumultuosus seniloides

Pionus menstruus

Pionus chalcopterus

Forpus coelestis

Pyrrhura melanura pacifica

Psittacara erythrogenys

THAMNOPHILIDAE

Taraba major

Thamnophilus atrinucha

Thamnophilus unicolor

Thamnistes anabatinus

Dysithamnus mentalis

Epinecrophylla fulviventris

Myrmotherula pacifica

Myrmotherula axillaris

Myrmotherula schisticolor

Microrhopias quixensis

Poliocrania exsul

Sipia nigricauda

Hafferia zeledoni

Gymnopithys bicolor aequatorialis

GRALLARIIDAE

Grallaria ruficapilla

Grallaria flavotincta

Grallaria rufula

Grallaria quitensis

Grallaricula flavirostris

RHINOCRYPTIDAE

Acropternis orthonyx

Myornis senilis

Scytalopus latrans

Scytalopus vicinior

Scytalopus spillmanni

Scytalopus opacus

ocytalopus opacus

FORMICARIIDAE

Formicarius rufipectus

FURNARIIDAE

Dendrocincla tyrannina

Plain-brown Woodcreeper Wedge-billed Woodcreeper H Black-striped Woodcreeper

> Spotted Woodcreeper Red-billed Scythebill

Streak-headed Woodcreeper Montane Woodcreeper

Plain Xenops

Buffy (Pacific) Tuftedcheek Streaked Tuftedcheek

Pale-legged (Pacific) Hornero Chestnut-winged (Bar-winged) Cinclodes

Stout-billed Cinclodes **Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner** Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner Lineated Foliage-gleaner

Ruddy Foliage-gleaner Streak-capped Treehunter

Striped (Western) Woodhaunter

Spotted Barbtail Pearled Treerunner Andean Tit-Spinetail White-browed Spinetail H Many-striped Canastero Streak-backed Canastero

> Handsome Flycatcher Azara's Spinetail

Slaty Spinetail TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Brown-capped Tyrannulet Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet

White-tailed Tyrannulet White-banded Tyrannulet White-throated Tyrannulet

Tufted Tit-Tyrant H Yellow Tyrannulet

H Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet Yellow-bellied Elaenia Slaty-capped Flycatcher Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant Sooty-headed Tyrannulet

H Ashy-headed Tyrannulet

Choco (Golden-faced) Tyrannulet

Ornate Flycatcher

Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant Common Tody-Flycatcher H Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher

Flavescent Flycatcher H Bran-colored Flycatcher Smoke-colored Pewee

Cinnamon Flycatcher

Western Wood-Pewee

Dendrocincla fuliginosa Glyphorynchus spirurus Xiphorhynchus lachrymosus

Xiphorhynchus erythropygius Campylorhamphus trochilirostris

Lepidocolaptes souleyetii Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger

Xenops minutus

Pseudocolaptes lawrencii johnsoni Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii Furnarius leucopus cinnamomeus

Cinclodes albidiventris Cinclodes excelsion Philydor rufum

Anabacerthia variegaticeps Syndactyla subalaris Clibanornis rubiginosus Thripadectes virgaticeps Automolus subulatus assimilis Premnoplex brunnescens Margarornis squamiger Leptasthenura andicola Hellmayrea gularis

Asthenes flammulata Asthenes wyatti Cranioleuca erythrops Synallaxis azarae

Synallaxis brachyura

TYRANNIDAE

Ornithion brunneicapillus Camptostoma obsoletum Mecocerculus poecilocercus Mecocerculus stictopterus Mecocerculus leucophrys

Anairetes parulus Capsiempis flaveola Tyrannulus elatus Elaenia flavogaster Leptopogon superciliaris Phylloscartes ophthalmicus Phyllomyias griseiceps Phyllomyias cinereiceps

Zimmerius (chrysops) albigularis

Myiotriccus ornatus Lophotriccus pileatus Todirostrum cinereum Todirostrum nigriceps Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus Myiophobus flavicans Myiophobus fasciatus Contopus fumigatus Contopus sordidulus

Black Phoebe

Vermilion Flycatcher

L Plain-capped (Páramo) Ground-Tyrant

Smoky Bush-Tyrant
Masked Water-Tyrant
Crowned Chat-Tyrant
Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant
Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant
Dusky-capped Flycatcher
Boat-billed Flycatcher
Rusty-margined Flycatcher

Social Flycatcher

Golden-crowned Flycatcher

Piratic Flycatcher Tropical Kingbird

COTINGAS

Green-and-black Fruiteater

Barred Fruiteater

Orange-breasted Fruiteater

Red-crested Cotinga Andean Cock-of-the-rock Purple-throated Fruitcrow

MANAKINS

Golden-winged Manakin
White-bearded Manakin
Club-winged Manakin
H Red-capped Manakin
TITYRAS AND ALLIES

Masked Tityra
Cinnamon Becard
One-colored Becard
VIREOS AND ALLIES

H Black-billed Peppershrike Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo

Lesser Greenlet Brown-capped Vireo

H Chivi Vireo

CROWS JAYS AND MAGPIES

Turquoise Jay Green (Inca) Jay SWALLOWS

Blue-and-white Swallow Brown-bellied Swallow White-thighed Swallow

Southern Rough-winged Swallow

Gray-breasted Martin

WRENS

H Scaly-breasted (Southern Nightingale) Wren

House Wren
Mountain Wren
Sedge (Grass) Wren
H Plain-tailed Wren

Sayornis nigricans

Pyrocephalus rubinus Muscisaxicola alpinus

Myiotheretes fumigatus

Fluvicola nengeta
Ochthoeca frontalis

Ochthoeca diadema Ochthoeca fumicolor

Myiarchus tuberculifer Megarynchus pitangua Myiozetetes cayanensis

Myiozetetes similis

Myiodynastes chrysocephalus

Legatus leucophaius Tyrannus melancholicus

COTINGIDAE

Pipreola riefferii Pipreola arcuata Pipreola jucunda Ampelion rubrocristatus Rupicola peruvianus Querula purpurata

PIPRIDAE

Masius chrysopterus Manacus manacus

Machaeropterus deliciosus

Ceratopipra mentalis

TITYRIDAE

Tityra semifasciata

Pachyramphus cinnamomeus Pachyramphus homochrous

VIREONIDAE

Cyclarhis nigrirostris Vireolanius leucotis Pachysylvia decurtata Vireo leucophrys Vireo chivi

CORVIDAE

Cyanolyca turcosa Cyanocorax yncas yncas

HIRUNDINIDAE

Pygochelidon cyanoleuca Orochelidon murina

Atticora tibialis

Stelgidopteryx ruficollis Progne chalybea

TROGLODYTIDAE

Microcerculus marginatus Troglodytes aedon

Troglodytes solstitialis

Cistothorus platensis aequatorialis

Pheugopedius euophrys

Bay Wren

H Rufous Wren

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren

GNATCATCHERS

Tropical Gnatcatcher

THRUSHES AND ALLIES

H Andean Solitaire

H Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush

Spotted Nightingale-Thrush

Swainson's Thrush Rufous-brown Solitaire

H Pale-vented Thrush

Ecuadorian Thrush

Great Thrush

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

Tropical Mockingbird

WAGTAILS AND PIPITS

Paramo Pipit

FINCHES, EUPHONIAS AND ALLIES

Orange-crowned Euphonia
Thick-billed Euphonia

L Golden-rumped Euphonia

Orange-bellied Euphonia

L Yellow-collared Chlorophonia

Yellow-bellied Siskin Hooded Siskin

NEW WORLD SPARROWS

Yellow-throated Chlorospingus (Bush-Tanager)

Dusky Chlorospingus (Bush-Tanager)

Black-striped Sparrow

Gray-browed (Stripe-headed) Brushfinch

Orange-billed Sparrow
Chestnut-capped Brushfinch
Rufous-collared Sparrow
Tricolored Brushfinch
Pale-naped Brushfinch

Yellow-breasted (Rufous-naped) Brushfinch

White-winged Brushfinch

TROUPIALS AND ALLIES

Scrub Blackbird
Shiny Cowbird
Yellow-tailed Oriole
Scarlet-rumped Cacique
(Northern) Mountain Cacique
Russet-backed Oropendola
NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Olive-crowned Yellowthroat

Tropical Parula
Blackburnian Warbler
Three-striped Warbler
Black-crested Warbler

Buff-rumped Warbler

Cantorchilus nigricapillus Cinnycerthia unirufa

Henicorhina leucophrys

POLIOPTILIDAE

Polioptila plumbea

TURDIDAE

Myadestes ralloides
Catharus fuscater
Catharus dryas
Catharus ustulatus
Cichlopsis leucogenys
Turdus obsoletus
Turdus maculirostris
Turdus fuscater

MIMIDAE

Mimus gilvus

MOTACILLIDAE

Anthus bogotensis

FRINGILLIDAE

Euphonia saturata
Euphonia laniirostris
Euphonia cyanocephala
Euphonia xanthogaster
Chlorophonia flavirostris
Spinus xanthogastrus
Spinus magellanicus

PASSERELLIDAE

Chlorospingus flavigularis Chlorospingus semifuscus Arremonops conirostris Arremon assimilis Arremon aurantiirostris Arremon brunneinucha Zonotrichia capensis Atlapetes tricolor Atlapetes pallidinucha Atlapetes latinuchus

Atlapetes leucopterus leucopterus

ICTERIDAE

Dives warczewiczi Molothrus bonariensis Icterus mesomelas

Cacicus uropygialis pacificus

Cacicus chrysonotus leucoramphus

Psarocolius angustifrons

PARULIDAE

Geothlypis semiflava Setophaga pitiayumi Setophaga fusca Basileuterus tristriatus Myiothlypis nigrocristata Myiothlypis fulvicauda Golden-bellied (Chocó) Warbler

Russet-crowned Warbler

Canada Warbler

Slate-throated Redstart (Whitestart) Spectacled Redstart (Whitestart)

MITROSPINGID TANAGERS

Dusky-faced Tanager

CARDINALS AND ALLIES

Summer Tanager White-winged Tanager Ochre-breasted Tanager

TANAGERS AND ALLIES

H Black-capped Hemispingus
 Superciliaried Hemispingus
 Black-eared Hemispingus

Golden Grosbeak

Black-eared (Western) Hemispingus

Gray-hooded Bush Tanager White-shouldered Tanager Tawny-crested Tanager White-lined Tanager

Flame-rumped (Lemon-rumped) Tanager

Moss-backed Tanager Hooded Mountain-Tanager H Grass-green Tanager

> Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager

Golden-crowned Tanager Blue-and-yellow Tanager Glistening-green Tanager

Blue-gray Tanager Palm Tanager

Blue-capped Tanager Golden-naped Tanager Black-capped Tanager Gray-and-gold Tanager Blue-necked Tanager Rufous-throated Tanager Blue-and-black Tanager Beryl-spangled Tanager Metallic-green Tanager

L Rufous-winged Tanager Bay-headed Tanager Flame-faced Tanager Golden Tanager

L Emerald Tanager

Silver-throated Tanager Swallow Tanager

Black-faced (Yellow-tufted) Dacnis

Scarlet-breasted Dacnis Purple Honeycreeper Myiothlypis chrysogaster chlorophrys

Myiothlypis coronata Cardellina canadensis Myioborus miniatus

Myioborus melanocephalus

MITROSPINGIDAE

Mitrospingus cassinii

CARDINALIDAE

Piranga rubra Piranga leucoptera Chlorothraupis stolzmanni Pheucticus chrysogaster

THRAUPIDAE

Hemispingus atropileus Hemispingus superciliaris

Hemispingus melanotis melanotis Hemispingus melanotis ochraceus

Cnemoscopus rubrirostris Tachyphonus luctuosus Tachyphonus delatrii Tachyphonus rufus

Ramphocelus flammigerus icteronotus

Bangsia edwardsi Buthraupis montana Chlorornis riefferii

Anisognathus lacrymosus Anisognathus igniventris Anisognathus somptuosus Iridosornis rufivertex Pipraeidea bonariensis Chlorochrysa phoenicotis Thraupis episcopus

Thraupis palmarum
Thraupis cyanocephala
Tangara ruficervix
Tangara heinei
Tangara palmeri
Tangara cyanicollis
Tangara rufigula
Tangara vassorii
Tangara nigroviridis
Tangara labradorides
Tangara lavinia
Tangara gyrola
Tangara parzudakii
Tangara arthus
Tangara florida

Tangara icterocephala

Tersina viridis

Dacnis lineata aequatorialis

Dacnis berlepschi Cyanerpes caeruleus L Green Honeycreeper

L Scarlet-browed Tanager

Cinereous Conebill Blue-backed Conebill Capped Conebill Glossy Flowerpiercer Black Flowerpiercer White-sided Flowerpiercer

Indigo Flowerpiercer Masked Flowerpiercer

Plushcap

Black-backed Bush Tanager Plumbeous Sierra-Finch Blue-black Grassquit

Thick-billed (Lesser) Seed-Finch

Variable Seedeater

Black-and-white Seedeater Yellow-bellied Seedeater Plain-colored Seedeater Paramo Seedeater

Bananaquit

L Yellow-faced Grassquit

Dull-colored Grassquit Buff-throated Saltator Black-winged Saltator Slate-colored Grosbeak

MAMMALS (partial list)

Red-tailed Squirrel Central American Agouti Tapeti (Brazilian Rabbit) Culpeo (Culpeo Fox)

Tayra

Spectacled Bear White-tailed Deer

Chlorophanes spiza

Heterospingus xanthopygius

Conirostrum cinereum Conirostrum sitticolor Conirostrum albifrons Diglossa lafresnayii Diglossa humeralis Diglossa albilatera Diglossa indigotica

Diglossa cyanea

Catamblyrhynchus diadema Urothraupis stolzmanni

Phrygilus unicolor Volatinia jacarina Sporophila funerea Sporophila corvina Sporophila luctuosa Sporophila nigricollis Catamenia inornata Catamenia homochroa

Coereba flaveola Tiaris olivaceus Tiaris obscurus Saltator maximus Saltator atripennis Saltator grossus

Sciurus granatensis Dasyprocta punctata Sylvilagus brasiliensis Lycalopex culpaeus

Eira barbara

Tremarctos ornatus Odocoileus virginianus

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