



A **Tropical Birding** SET DEPARTURE tour

Ecuador: The Andes Intro tour

13rd – 20th June 2021



Five species of Toucan were seen, including this wonderful **Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan**, an endemic to this Choco bioregion (Sam Woods/Tropical Birding Tours).

Guided by **Sam Woods**

*Birds in the photos within this report are denoted in **RED**, and individual photographers are also indicated.*

INTRODUCTION:

This tour aimed to introduce those who took part to an extraordinarily rich part of South America, the Andes of Northwest Ecuador, which is situated in the wet Choco bioregion. The tour began in Ecuador's mountainous capital, *Quito* (at 2800m/9190ft), before moving into temperate cloud forest at the *Yanacocha Reserve*. Our experience there typified this trip, where tanagers and hummingbirds were front and center; the feeders provided some great moments with **Scarlet-bellied** and **Black-chested Mountain-Tanagers**, and the hummingbirds in attendance featured one of the oddest of them all, **Sword-billed Hummingbird**. Moving lower down, we visited the subtropical cloud forests around the *Tandayapa Valley* (1750m-2300m/5740-7545ft), seeing **Torrent Duck** and **White-capped Dipper** on the way, while highlights there included a swarm of hummingbirds at the *Tandayapa Bird Lodge* feeders, where **Booted Racket-tail** and **Purple-bibbed Whitetip** (*photo below*) were strong highlights, as was **Rufous Motmot** and **Toucan Barbet** at the lodge fruit feeders. In the higher parts of the valley, we enjoyed stunning views of a **Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan** (*photo title page*). While close to an Andean town we located a roosting male **Lyre-tailed Nightjar**, seemingly oblivious to the busy road it had chosen to rest next to!



Purple-bibbed Whitetip from *Milpe Bird Sanctuary*, one of 37 hummingbirds seen on the trip (Sam Woods/Tropical Birding Tours).

We then visited some lower areas, first at Rio Silanche Bird Sanctuary (500m/1640ft), in the western lowlands, where birds like **Orange-fronted Barbet**, **Broad-billed Motmot**, and an extremely photogenic **Blue-tailed (Choco) Trogon** stood out. Then, we visited two sites in the foothills (1100-1500m/3610-4920ft), first at *Milpe*, where displaying **Club-winged Manakins** and **Choco Toucan** were standout birds, then *Mashpi*, where a flood of regional endemics featured, including **Indigo Flowerpiercer**, **Black Solitaire**, **Orange-breasted Fruiteater**, and both **Glistening-green** and **Moss-backed Tanagers**. Finally, we visited subtropical forests near *Mindo* at *Paz de las Aves* on our final birding day, where **4 species of antpittas** were an undoubted highlight, as were displaying male Andean Cock-of-the-rocks in the cloud forest at dawn. Other fantastic birds there included **Golden-headed Quetzal** and **Golden-winged Manakin**, and feeders with birds like **Toucan Barbets** and **Flame-faced Tanagers** (*photo below*) up front. Our last stop in the dry Interandean Valley near *Quito* led us to one final hummingbird, and a particularly spectacular one at that, **Black-tailed Trainbearer**. It was a great tour to get to know tropical bird families, with **47 bird families featuring**, including some classic tropical ones, like **Hummingbirds**, with 37 species seen, **Trogons**, with 5 species seen, **Potoos** (two roosting **Common Potoos** were seen), **Motmots** (2 seen), **Puffbirds** (2 species), **Toucans** (5 species), **New World and African Parrots** (8 species), **Typical Antbirds**, **Antpittas** (5 species), **Antthrushes** (a superb **Rufous-breasted Antthrush** was seen), **Ovenbirds** and **Woodcreepers** (17 seen), **Cotingas** (4 species including displaying **Andean Cock-of-the-rock**), **Manakins** (2 species including displaying **Club-winged Manakins**), **Tityras** and **Allies** (4 species), and **Mitrospingid Tanagers** (1 species-this is perhaps the best location to get this family), and the true **Tanagers** (*more than 50 species*). The tour also featured dozens of endemic species to the Choco bioregion, including **Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan**, **Toucan Barbet**, **Velvet-purple Coronet**, **Purple-bibbed Whitetip**, **Violet-tailed Sylph**, **Glistening-green** and **Moss-backed Tanagers**, **Orange-breasted Fruiteater** and **Yellow-breasted Antpitta**, among others. On top of that, we had success with photography by staying at a lodge with good feeders and visiting a series of different sites that also offered good photo opps at their feeders too that led us to be able to get some of the photos in this report...





Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanagers at Yanacocha were some of the first birds of the tour! (Sam Woods/Tropical Birding Tours).

DAILY SUMMARY:

Day 1 (of birding): 14th June - Yanacocha Reserve to Tandayapa Bird Lodge.

After meeting with their guide in Ecuador's capital, Quito, this small group (just two participants) made its way up into the cloud forest above the city. With this tour not including the High Andes Extension, this was to be the highest site of the tour at around 3500m/11,480ft. On the way to the reserve, and as full light had ascended, we stopped just before Yanacocha, to scope a pair of **Red-crested Cotingas** and a **Variable Hawk**. Once we entered the reserve, we were greeted by some impatient, and extremely tame, **Andean Guans**, eagerly awaiting their daily spread of bananas at the on-site feeders. Once the park ranger, and his bananas arrived, the flood gates opened, and the guans set about devouring the fruit. Before this was finished though, several tanagers came in to feast on them too. This included some extremely friendly **Scarlet-bellied and Black-chested Mountain-Tanagers** (photo above and next page respectively), feeding just meters away from us. **Yellow-breasted Brushfinches** and **Masked Flowerpiercers** also appeared at these feeders, while the hummingbird feeders drew their own crowd; **Sword-billed Hummingbird**, **Shining Sunbeam**, **Buff-winged Starfrontlet** and **Great Sapphirewing** all appeared in quick succession. Once the feeding frenzy had abated, we set off along the Inca Trail, a flat trail that dissects the reserve.

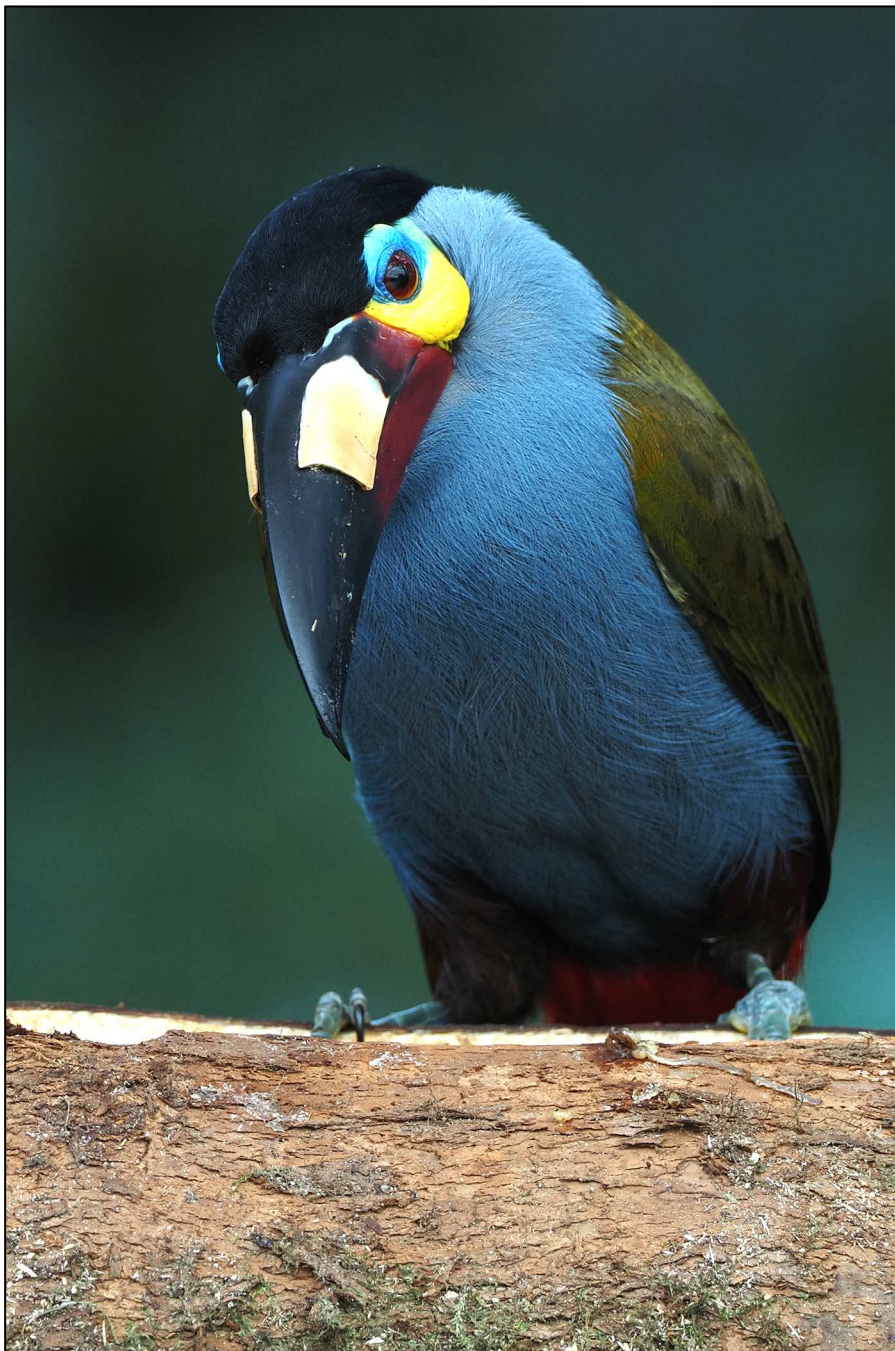
Walking the trail slowly, we picked up a pair of **White-browed Spinetails**, a pair of **Streaked Tuftedcheeks**, and several **Blue-capped Conebills** and **Superciliaried Hemispingus** were found within a mixed flock. We admired some more feeders at the far end of our walk, which attracted two more species we had not yet seen, in the form of Sapphire-vented and Golden-breasted Pufflegs and watched on with awe as another **Sword-billed Hummingbird** came in and stole the headlines in doing so. Not far from there we also saw a **White-throated Screech-Owl** and a pair of confiding **Rufous Antpittas**. On the way back along the trail, a **Crimson-mantled Woodpecker** was scoped at length. After lunch in the reserve that involved a tasty fish dish, we set off down towards *Tandayapa Bird Lodge*, taking the *Old Nono-Mindo Road* as we did so. In some agricultural fields high up we found several groups of noisy **Andean Lapwings**. A few stops along there yielded a striking **Golden Grosbeak**, a butch **Hooded Mountain-Tanager**, several **Spectacled Redstarts**, a spritely **Black-crested Warbler**, and a gorgeous **Rufous-chested Tanager**. The road hugged the *Alambi River* for a while, where our attentive driver, *Dario*, spotted a **Chestnut-crowned Antpitta** standing out in the open beside the river in the rain. We paid close attention to the river and were rewarded with a spectacular pied male **Torrent Duck**, along the same stretch of fast-flowing river that also held a foraging **White-capped Dipper**. Blue-capped Tanager, Cinnamon Flycatcher and Andean Solitaire were also seen as we made our way to *Tandayapa*. On reaching the lodge in the late afternoon, we began our exploration of the *Tandayapa Valley* by watching the hummingbird feeders, where several star starters included the comical **Booted Racket-tail** and the striking **Purple-bibbed Whitetip**, one of the endemic specialties of the region. A good Andean soup was a good way to close the day over dinner that night.



Black-chested Mountain-Tanagers competed with Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanagers for bananas at *Yanacocha* (Sam Woods).

Day 2: 15th June - Tandayapa Bird Lodge and the Tandayapa Valley.

On this day we focused on the subtropical forests of the *Tandayapa Valley*, at elevations of around 1600-2300m/5250-7545ft. Our day began on the doorstep of the lodge, when we took a stroll to the forest blind at *Tandayapa Bird Lodge*, where we watched the forest awaken around us at dawn. As it did so, birds came in to pick off insects attracted to a light during the night. The first to appear was a **Spotted Woodcreeper**, which preceded others, like **Uniform Antshrike**, **Russet-crowned Warbler**, two **Streak-capped Treehunters**, and a male **Zeledon's Antbird** that fed feverishly in front of us. Afterwards we returned to the main lodge building for breakfast, which was interrupted by various birds that appeared by the lodge windows, most notably a pair of **Toucan Barbets** that came to feed at the fruit feeder, which also attracted a single **Rufous Motmot**, and a **Crimson-rumped Toucanet** before our breakfast was done! Other birds that were seen around the lodge building at that time included **Ornate Flycatcher** and **Chestnut-capped Brushfinch**. After taking in these birds, and our breakfast, we drove up to the top of the *Tandayapa Valley*, where we located a male **Green-and-black Fruiteater**, a male **Golden-headed Quetzal**, a **Masked Trogon**, and some **Blue-and-black Tanagers** feeding on fruits in the canopy. We had been hoping to find a **Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan** (photo right), but after hearing some distant individuals with no results, we dropped down to a private property in *Mindo*, where we soon were treated to an onslaught of birds at their feeders. Most



notably was a single stunning **Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan**, which gave us incredible looks as it wolfed down bananas at close range. It was not the only bird in attendance either, as **Golden-naped**, **Golden**, and **Black-capped Tanagers** also came in, as did a few **Dusky Chlorospingus** and a **Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager**. The hummingbird feeders also brought us new species, like **Gorgeted Sunangel**, **Empress Brilliant**, **Collared Inca**, **Speckled Hummingbird**, **Velvet-purple Coronet**, and **Violet-tailed Sylph**. Indeed, it was an incredible day for hummingbirds with **19 hummingbird species** recorded during all the sites visited on this day alone. Nearby, just outside the property, we found some beautiful **Pearled Treerunners** and a **Toucan Barbet** working at a nesting cavity.

We took a long route back to the lodge, so that we could check in on a recent site for **Lyre-tailed Nightjar** (*photo right*), and after some searching, we found the male sleeping without a care in the world beside this busy road near the small Andean town of *Nanagalito*, his absurdly long tail flailing down below him. We returned to *Tandayapa Bird Lodge* for lunch and more hummingbirds, spending the early afternoon observing and photographing a number of species that included **Booted Racket-tail**, **Fawn and Green-crowned Brilliants**, **Purple-throated Woodstar**, **Purple-bibbed Whitetip**, **Buff-tailed Coronet**, **White-necked Jacobin**, and **Crowned Woodnymph**. A late afternoon walk close to *Tandayapa* picked up **Black-winged Saltator**, **Beryl-spangled** and **Metallic-green Tanagers**, **White-winged Brushfinch**, **Red-faced Spinetail**, and **Whiskered Wren**, before the sun began to descend and we returned to the lodge for a wonderful meal and to ready ourselves for a very different day, at lower elevations, the next day...

Lyre-tailed Nightjar was roosting near to the town of *Nanegalito*, close to *Tandayapa Bird Lodge*. Note the long tail dangling below the body of the nightjar! (*Sam Woods*).





This gorgeous male **Blue-tailed (Choco) Trogon** sat in full, glorious view beside the canopy tower at *Silanche* for some time (Sam Woods/Tropical Birding Tours).

Day 3: 16th June – **Rio Silanche.**

This was a very different day to the trip that had preceded this, as we ventured down into the western lowlands, making the longest day trip from the lodge (90 minutes' drive away). On the way there a gas station stop led us to our only **Masked Water-Tyrant** of the tour. While part of our visit was to cover *the Rio Silanche Bird Sanctuary* itself, we spent the first part of the morning birding the patches of habitat along the entrance road. Mark picked up a good bird early when he noticed a **Barred Puffbird** sitting alongside the road, which was to be one of two puffbirds seen on this day. Nearly in the same spot we watched (and Jan photographed) the odd **Red-billed Scythebill** hugging a tree trunk, just after we spotted our first Black-cheeked Woodpecker of the day. A noisy flock of **Dusky-faced Tanagers** were also noted close by. Moving along the road we found our first **Yellow-throated Toucan**, before we noticed a **Laughing Falcon** sitting quietly beside the road too. Further along still, a group of **Collared Aracaris** alighted in the same tree as a striking male **Guayaquil Woodpecker**. Not far from there our run on woodpeckers continued with the marvelous **Scarlet-backed Woodpecker** that came down low beside us. As we entered the reserve a **Blue Morpho** butterfly floated by, which always seems so emblematic of the riches of the American tropics.

Once we reached the reserve, we soon found a **White-whiskered Puffbird**, and on noticing activity above the canopy tower decided to quickly ascend it to try and grab any flock species working the treetops. At the base of the tower a **Slate-colored Grosbeak** feeding low delayed our progress though. On reaching the top of the stairs we managed to get on a male Tawny-crested Tanager before he departed, but a pair of **Scarlet-thighed Dacnis** left more rapidly, sadly. However, a spectacular male **Black-faced (Yellow-tufted) Dacnis** lingered long enough for Mark to see. A **Choco Tyrannulet** was also seen there, before we located a fine **Orange-fronted Barbet**, one of the specialties of this Choco bioregion. A specialty of considerable beauty followed that one too, when a male **Blue-tailed (Choco) Trogon** came in and landed by the tower for extended views and photographs. Jan declared later that night this was the *best photo she had ever taken!* A walk around the lodge trails yielded another **Blue-tailed (Choco) Trogon**, a male **White-tailed Trogon**, a **Broad-billed Motmot**, **Black-striped Woodcreeper**, **Scarlet-browed Tanager**, and a **Checker-throated Stipplethroat**. By mid-afternoon and having taken in a few **Boat-billed Flycatchers** to add to our day's tally. We were ready to leave the heat and humidity behind and head back up to the cloud forest for the night again.

Day 4: 17th June – Milpe, Mindo and the Tandayapa Valley

This is always one of the “flexi” days of this tour, where individual guides can choose to cover whatever sites they see fit, following an assessment of the bird list. Sam decided to spend the morning in another Mindo Cloudforest Foundation property, *Milpe Bird Sanctuary*, near Mindo. Our main hope for visiting there was to see their most famous bird, the **Club-winged Manakin**. The reserve has one of the best viewing areas for the species in Ecuador, and not long after our arrival we got to see several males displaying, by extending their wings up against their napes and making a mechanical beeping sound rather reminiscent of a reversing truck rather than a bird! This was arguably the bird of the day, although Jan liked a male **Guayaquil Woodpecker** (*photo below*) that posed in front of us later that morning, for nice photo opps...



Our next mission at *Milpe* was to put right an odd miss from the day before, and without too much time we soon located the hoped-for **Choco Toucan** which sat overhead for some time. Our good run on trogons continued that morning with a nice female **Collared Trogon** in *Milpe*, where we also managed a couple of raptors with a roadside **Roadside Hawk** and a low **Swallow-tailed Kite** too. Other highlights of the morning there included a photogenic **Slaty-capped Flycatcher** sharing a flock with a **Slaty Antwren**, a few **Scaly-throated** and **Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaners** and several hyperactive **Golden-bellied (Choco) Warblers**, and a female **Red-headed Barbet** also dropped into the feeders there, as did a **Silver-throated Tanager**. A **Rufous Motmot** also appeared by the feeders, although decided against coming in. Before we left *Milpe* we spent some time seeing and photographing the attendant hummingbirds gracing the feeders. Some of the faces were familiar – we'd already seen **White-necked Jacobin** and **Crowned Woodnymph** (albeit in lesser numbers) at *Tandayapa*, although the tiny **Green Thorntails**, and **White-whiskered Hermits** were new additions to the list. After another good fish dish in the town of *Los Bancos*, we made an impromptu decision to visit a small reserve (*Punta Ornitológico Mindo*) in Mindo, where we managed to find a **Little Cuckoo** and were shown to a roosting **Common Potoo** there, although the *Sunbittern* that had been present that morning was frustratingly absent! The end of the day was spent checking some points within the *Tandayapa Valley*, where **White-winged Becard**, **Tropical Parula** and **Streak-headed Antbird** were seen before the day darkened.



Velvet-purple Coronet from Mashpi (Sam Woods/Tropical Birding Tours).

Day 5: 18th June – Mashpi Amagusa and Guaycapi.

On this day our main focus was the reserve of *Amagusa* close to *Mashpi*. This rich area of forest holds a series of beautiful regional endemics, and we picked up many of them during the day. Things started slowly, with us being frustrated by a skulking *Esmeraldas Antbird* that refused to show, before we located one of the star residents of this area, **Moss-backed Tanager**. Through the day we saw a handful of individuals of this local species, which later also showed at the feeders there too. Several **Buffy (Pacific) Tuftedheeks** also sat out for us too, while a few pairs of **Tricolored Brushfinches** were also seen, as were some active **Golden-bellied (Choco) Warblers**. A small flock of **Rose-faced Parrots** darted by low, but sadly did not alight. It was a good day for hummingbirds both at the two sets of feeders visited, but also for ones in the forest too, as we saw a couple of **Choco Daggerbills** in the morning, and also managed to find a nesting **Green-fronted Lancebill**. The owner of the small private reserve also joined us, *Sergio*, and we soon found one of the area's most scarce birds, in the form of a singing deep-blue **Indigo Flowerpiercer**. We also came upon one of *Mashpi*'s most attractive birds, with a pair of **Orange-breasted Fruiteaters** (*photo below*) that showed several times, feeding in a fruiting tree with some **Swallow Tanagers**. The **Uniform Treehunter**, while an endemic too, did not so much as raise an eyebrow compared to the fruiteaters! However, considerable excitement was raised when a **Golden-headed Quetzal** was heard, and we eventually tracked the sound down to a perched female bird. A couple of **Black-striped Sparrows** were photographed as they foraged on the road verge.



A beautiful male **Orange-breasted Fruiteater** from *Mashpi* (Sam Woods/Tropical Birding Tours)

Late in the morning we finally picked up some of the species that had been eluding us with a low feeding **Glistening-green Tanager**, and a wonderful **Black Solitaire** (*photo below*) that allowed us to observe it foraging in a fruiting tree for a while too. A male **Smoky-brown Woodpecker** also spent some time at a nest cavity it was busy excavating. We took lunch in the reserve, and then spent some time around the feeders there, which were a little quieter than usually, but still yielded Flame-faced, **Flame-rumped**, **Moss-backed**, **Golden** and **Rufous-throated Tanagers**, while the hummingbirds visiting included some real treats like **Velvet-purple Coronet**, **Green Thorntail**, **Violet-tailed Sylph** (*Jan* was particularly pleased with the from behind photos of this species revealing its glistening violet tail), **Brown Inca**, and **Empress Brilliant**. While photographing the hummingbirds at length we were distracted by a low foraging **Black-billed Peppershrike** (*photo next page*) that posed for photos, and *Jan* found a **Bay Wren** too. We lingered in the reserve until mid-afternoon, and then started to head back towards Tandayapa, stopping in the town of *Delicia* for a pair of raucous **Pale-legged (Pacific) Horneros** and a flyover **Swallow-tailed Kite**, and then pausing for a coffee at *Guaycapi Restaurant*, where hummingbirds at the feeders, like **Booted Racket-tail** and **Purple-throated Woodstar** accompanied our sweet plantain chips, before we wrapped up for the day with some final hummingbirds on the *Tandayapa* balcony!



This gorgeous **Black Solitaire** an endemic to the region, gave us prolonged looks at Mashpi (*Sam Woods/Tropical Birding Tours*)



This **Black-billed Peppershrike** appeared by the feeders at Mashpi (Sam Woods/Tropical Birding Tours)

Day 6: 19th June – Refugio Paz de las Aves, Tandayapa Bird Lodge and Calacali.

All too soon, the last day of this tour had come around (as the High Andes Extension was not being taken by this couple). However, we had a finale day of note in store, and it did not disappoint. Our last major destination was the *Paz de las Aves* private reserve near *Mindo*, a place famed for seeing antpittas in particular, but also gave us some great last chance photos at their feeders too. However, before we started on the antpittas, we had another rather special bird to view. The **Andean Cock-of-the-rock** is a large red, crested bird with black-and-silver wings that is ordinarily hard to see away from the display areas. Thus, we left the lodge as early as we had ever done (5:15am), in order to reach their cloud forest display area for dawn. On arrival, we heard a **Cloud-forest Pygmy-Owl**, but were quickly distracted by the first displays of the cock-of-the-rocks. We made our way down the trail, and settled into the forest blind, where we watched as male jumped on and off their perches in the excitement of their daily dawn displays. This was a great start. Due to a very uncharacteristic miscommunication, the reserve's star guides, *Angel and Rodrigo Paz* did not appear as usual. Fear not though, as we found them milking their cows nearby, which they quickly abandoned to guide us around in pursuit of their famous antpittas and other birds. The first we tried for was the rarest of them all, a Giant Antpitta. We walked up a steep trail in pursuit and spent a bit of time waiting for Angel to report back to us. While we waited were not idle though, as we spotted first a male **Golden-headed Quetzal** (photo bottom next page), and then a male **Golden-winged Manakin** (photo top next page). After some time, *Angel* returned to reveal he had found the **Giant Antpitta**, but way up the trail and we would be better driving to it. We descended drove to a spot, and soon were ogling this rare denizen of the forest floor thanks to remarkable work by *Angel and Rodrigo*.



With the **Giant Antpitta** in the bag the only thing to do next was look for another antpitta. This one proved easy though, as two different **Yellow-breasted Antpittas** (*photo below, top*) hopped on to an open branch for worms. The next one proved to need a little more patience, but eventually a single **Chestnut-crowned Antpitta** (*photo below, bottom*) hopped into the open too! Three antpittas in two hours was good progress indeed!



Next, we paused by some feeders, where a single banana caused instant mayhem, with **Toucan Barbet** (*photo next page, bottom*) following an appearance by **Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager**, **Golden-naped Tanager** (*photo page 18, bottom*), and **Flame-faced Tanager** (*photo below*) at the feeders in rapid succession. We returned to photograph them later, after we had “dealt” with the antpittas, which were a little more time sensitive.



Flame-faced Tanager from Refugio Paz de las Aves (Sam Woods/Tropical Birding Tours)

Our next move was walk down the start of a forest trail where the Paz brothers worked diligently to find our fourth, and final, antpitta of the morning. Their work paid off, when three different **Ochre-breasted Antpittas** (*photo next page*) came in, and sat close by, and better still, much later a **Rufous-breasted Anthrush** came in to for their fresh worms! As if that was not enough, we were also treated to another **Common Potoo** (*photo page 18, top*), this one roosting on a more open perch than the one seen before, thus giving us upgraded looks. We then visited the Paz family’s restaurant and were served a delicious brunch of tasty Andean food, *bolones* and *empanadas* washed down with coffee. After that, we spent some further time photographing the feeding frenzy around the bananas before returning to *Tandayapa* for a late lunch and pack up for our return journey to *Quito*. Before we left *Tandayapa* though we made a reluctant goodbye to the hummingbird swarm on the balcony and said farewell to our final **Booted Racket-tail** of the trip and noted a **Crimson-rumped Toucanet** by the lodge window before leaving. On the journey back to *Quito* we stopped off in a dry part of the InterAndean Valley around *Calacali* (almost slap bang on the equator), where we quickly added 8 species to the trip list, including **Common Ground-Dove**, **American Kestrel**, **Peregrine Falcon**, **Blue-and-yellow Tanager**, **Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch**, **Tufted Tit-Tyrant**, **Vermilion Flycatcher**, and best of all, a fantastic male **Black-tailed Trainbearer** to close to the tour in style.





CHECKLISTS:**BIRDS**

The taxonomy of the bird list follows **Clements, James F., White, Anthony W., and Fitzpatrick, John W.** *The Clements Checklist of Birds of the World*. Cornell, 2007. *This list is up to date with the major changes published by Cornell up until August 2019. (There were no updates in 2020).*

H - INDICATES A SPECIES THAT WAS HEARD ONLY.

GO - INDICATES A SPECIES RECORDED BY THE GUIDE ONLY.

CHOC – INDICATES A SPECIES THAT IS ENDEMIC TO THE *CHOCO* BIOREGION.

TINAMOUS

H Little Tinamou

DUCKS, GEESE, & WATERFOWL

Torrent Duck

CRACIDS

Andean Guan

H Crested Guan

H Wattled Guan

NEW WORLD QUAIL

H Dark-backed Wood-Quail

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon

Pale-vented Pigeon

Band-tailed Pigeon

Plumbeous Pigeon

Ruddy Pigeon

CHOC Dusky Pigeon

Common Ground-Dove

White-tipped Dove

H/CHOC Pallid Dove

White-throated Quail-Dove

Eared Dove

TINAMIDAE

Crypturellus soui

ANATIDAE

Merganetta armata

CRACIDAE

Penelope montagnii

Penelope purpurascens

Aburria aburri

ODONTOPHORIDAE

Odontophorus melanonotus

COLUMBIDAE

Columba livia

Patagioenas cayennensis

Patagioenas fasciata

Patagioenas plumbea

Patagioenas subvinacea

Patagioenas goodsoni

Columbina passerina

Leptotila verreauxi

Leptotila pallida

Zentrygon frenata

Zenaida auriculata

CUCKOOS

Smooth-billed Ani

Little Cuckoo

Squirrel Cuckoo

NIGHTJARS AND ALLIES

Lyre-tailed Nightjar

POTOOS

Common Potoo

SWIFTS

White-collared Swift

Gray-rumped Swift

Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

White-necked Jacobin

White-tipped Sicklebill

CHOC White-whiskered Hermit

Stripe-throated Hermit

Green-fronted Lancebill

CHOC Choco Daggerbill

Brown Violetear

Lesser (Green) Violetear

Sparkling Violetear

Purple-crowned Fairy

CHOC Gorgeted Sunangel

Green Thorntail

Speckled Hummingbird

CHOC Violet-tailed Sylph

Black-tailed Trainbearer

Tyrian Metaltail

Sapphire-vented Puffleg

Golden-breasted Puffleg

Shining Sunbeam

CUCULIDAE*Crotophaga ani**Coccyzus minuta**Piaya cayana*CAPRIMULGIDAE*Uropsalis lyra*NYCTIBIIDAE*Nyctibius griseus*APODIDAE*Streptoprocne zonaris**Chaetura cinereiventris**Panyptila cayennensis*TROCHILIDAE*Florisuga mellivora**Eutoxeres aquila**Phaethornis yaruqui**Phaethornis striigularis**Doryfera ludovicae**Schistes albogularis**Colibri delphinae**Colibri cyanotus**Colibri coruscans**Heliophryx barroti**Heliangelus strophianus**Discosura conversii**Adelomyia melanogenys**Agelaiocercus coelestis**Lesbia victoriae**Metallura tyrianthina**Eriocnemis luciani**Eriocnemis mosquera**Aglaeactis cupripennis*

CHOC Brown Inca

Collared Inca

Buff-winged Starfrontlet

Mountain Velvetbreast

Sword-billed Hummingbird

Great Sapphirewing

Buff-tailed Coronet

CHOC Velvet-purple Coronet

Booted Racket-tail

CHOC Purple-bibbed Whitetip

Fawn-breasted Brilliant

Green-crowned Brilliant

CHOC Empress Brilliant

Purple-throated Woodstar

Crowned (Green-crowned) Woodnymph

Andean Emerald

GO/CHOC Purple-chested Hummingbird

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS

Andean Lapwing

HERONS, EGRETS, AND BITTERNS

Cattle Egret

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Black Vulture

Turkey Vulture

HAWKS, EAGLES, AND KITES

Swallow-tailed Kite

Roadside Hawk

Variable Hawk

OWLS

White-throated Screech-Owl

H/CHOC Cloud-forest Pygmy-Owl*Coeligena wilsoni**Coeligena torquata**Coeligena lutetiae**Lafresnaya lafresnayi**Ensifera ensifera**Pterophanes cyanopterus**Boissonneaua flavescens**Boissonneaua jardini**Ocreatus underwoodii**Urosticte benjamini**Heliodoxa rubinoides**Heliodoxa jacula**Heliodoxa imperatrix**Calliphlox mitchellii**Thalurania colombica**Amazilia franciae**Amazilia rosenbergi**Amazilia tzacatl***CHARADRIIDAE***Vanellus resplendens***ARDEIDAE***Bubulcus ibis***CATHARTIDAE***Coragyps atratus**Cathartes aura jota***ACCIPITRIDAE***Elanoides forficatus**Rupornis magnirostris**Geranoaetus polyosoma***STRIGIDAE***Megascops albogularis**Glaucidium nubicola*

TROGONS

Golden-headed Quetzal

- CHOC** Blue-tailed (Chocó) Trogon
(Western) White-tailed Trogon
Collared Trogon
Masked Trogon

MOTMOTS

Rufous Motmot
Broad-billed Motmot

KINGFISHERS

Ringed Kingfisher

PUFFBIRDS

Barred Puffbird
White-whiskered Puffbird

NEW WORLD BARBETS

- CHOC** Orange-fronted Barbet
Red-headed Barbet

TOUCAN-BARBETS

- CHOC** Toucan Barbet

TOUCANS

- Crimson-rumped Toucanet
CHOC Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan
Collared (Pale-mandibled) Aracari
Yellow-throated (Chestnut-mandibled) Toucan
CHOC Choco Toucan

WOODPECKERS

- Black-cheeked Woodpecker
Smoky-brown Woodpecker
Scarlet-backed Woodpecker
H Golden-olive Woodpecker
Crimson-mantled Woodpecker
H Cinnamon Woodpecker

TROGONIDAE

Pharomachrus auriceps
Trogon comptus
Trogon chionurus
Trogon collaris
Trogon personatus

MOMOTIDAE

Baryphthengus martii
Electron platyrhynchum

ALCEDINIDAE*Megaceryle torquata*BUCCONIDAE

Nystalus radiatus
Malacoptila panamensis

CAPITONIDAE

Capito squamatus
Eubucco bourcierii

SEMNORNITHIDAE*Semnornis ramphastinus*RAMPHASTIDAE

Aulacorhynchus haematopygus
Andigena laminirostris
Pteroglossus torquatus erythropygius
Ramphastos ambiguus swainsonii
Ramphastos brevis

PICIDAE

Melanerpes pucherani
Picoides fumigatus
Dryobates callonotus
Colaptes rubiginosus
Colaptes rivoli
Celeus loricatus

- H** Lineated Woodpecker
Guayaquil Woodpecker

FALCONS AND CARACARAS

- H** Barred Forest-Falcon
Laughing Falcon
American Kestrel
Bat Falcon
Peregrine Falcon

NEW WORLD AND AFRICAN PARROTS

- CHOC** Rose-faced Parrot
Red-billed Parrot
Speckle-faced (White-capped) Parrot
Blue-headed Parrot
Bronze-winged Parrot
Pacific Parrotlet
Maroon-tailed Parakeet

TYPICAL ANTIBIRDS

- GO** Rufous-rumped Antwren
H Black-crowned (Western Slaty-) Antshrike
Uniform Antshrike
Checker-throated (Antwren) Stipplethroat
Slaty Antwren
Streak-headed (Long-tailed) Antbird

- H** Dusky Antbird

- H** Chestnut-backed Antbird

- H/CHOC** Esmeraldas Antbird
Zeledon's (Immaculate) Antbird

ANTPITTAS

- Giant Antpitta
Chestnut-crowned Antpitta
H Chestnut-naped Antpitta

- CHOC** Yellow-breasted Antpitta

- Dryocopus lineatus*
Campephilus guayaquilensis

FALCONIDAE

- Micrastur ruficollis*
Herpetotheres cachinnans
Falco sparverius
Falco ruficularis
Falco peregrinus

Psittacidae

- Pyrilia pulchra*
Pionus sordidus
Pionus tumultuosus seniloides
Pionus menstruus
Pionus chalcopterus
Forpus coelestis
Pyrrhura melanura pacifica

THAMNOPHILIDAE

- Euchrepomis callinota*
Thamnophilus atrinucha
Thamnophilus unicolor
Epinecrophylia fulviventris
Myrmotherula schisticolor
Drymophila striaticeps
Cercomacroides tyrannina
Poliocrania exsul
Sipia nigricauda
Hafferia zeledoni

GRALLARIIDAE

- Grallaria gigantea*
Grallaria ruficapilla
Grallaria nuchalis
Grallaria flavotincta

Rufous Antpitta

H Tawny Antpitta

Ochre-breasted Antpitta

TAPACULOS

H Ocellated Tapaculo

H Blackish (Unicolored) Tapaculo

H/CHOC Nariño Tapaculo

H Spillmann's Tapaculo

ANTHRUSHES

Rufous-breasted Antthrush

OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper

Black-striped Woodcreeper

Spotted Woodcreeper

Red-billed Scythebill

Streak-headed Woodcreeper

Montane Woodcreeper

CHOC Buffy (Pacific) Tuftedcheek

Streaked Tuftedcheek

Pale-legged (Pacific) Hornero

Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner

Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner

H Lineated Foliage-gleaner

CHOC Uniform Treehunter

Streak-capped Treehunter

H Striped (Western) Woodhaunter

H Spotted Barbtail

Pearled Treerunner

White-browed Spinetail

Red-faced Spinetail

Azara's Spinetail

H Rufous Spinetail

Grallaria rufula

Grallaria quitensis

Grallaricula flavirostris

RHINOCRYPTIDAE

Acropternis orthonyx

Scytalopus latrans

Scytalopus vicinior

Scytalopus spillmanni

FORMICARIIDAE

Formicarius rufipectus

FURNARIIDAE

Glyphorhynchus spirurus

Xiphorhynchus lachrymosus

Xiphorhynchus erythropygius

Campylorhamphus trochilirostris

Lepidocolaptes souleyetii

Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger

Pseudocolaptes lawrencii johnsoni

Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii

Furnarius leucopus cinnamomeus

Philydor rufum

Anabacerthia variegaticeps

Syndactyla subalaris

Thripadectes ignobilis

Thripadectes virgaticeps

Automolus subulatus assimilis

Premnoplex brunnescens

Margarornis squamiger

Hellmayrea gularis

Cranioleuca erythrops

Synallaxis azarae

Synallaxis unirufa

H Slaty Spinetail

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

H Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet

White-tailed Tyrannulet

White-banded Tyrannulet

White-throated Tyrannulet

Tufted Tit-Tyrant

H White-crested Elaenia

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher

Slaty-capped Flycatcher

Sooty-headed Tyrannulet

CHOC Choco (Golden-faced) Tyrannulet

Ornate Flycatcher

Bronze-olive Pygmy-Tyrant

Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant

Common Tody-Flycatcher

Cinnamon Flycatcher

GO Flavescent Flycatcher

Smoke-colored Pewee

Black Phoebe

Vermilion Flycatcher

Masked Water-Tyrant

H Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant

H Bright-rumped Attila

H Dusky-capped Flycatcher

Boat-billed Flycatcher

Rusty-margined Flycatcher

Social Flycatcher

Golden-crowned Flycatcher

Tropical Kingbird

COTINGAS

Green-and-black Fruiteater

Synallaxis brachyura

TYRANNIDAE

Camptostoma obsoletum

Mecocerculus poecilocercus

Mecocerculus stictopterus

Mecocerculus leucophrys

Anairetes parulus

Elaenia albiceps

Mionectes oleagineus

Leptopogon superciliaris

Phyllomyias griseiceps

Zimmerius (chrysops) albigularis

Myiotriccus ornatus

Pseudotriccus pelzelni

Lophotriccus pileatus

Todirostrum cinereum

Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus

Myiophobus flavicans

Contopus fumigatus

Sayornis nigricans

Pyrocephalus rubinus

Fluvicola nengeta

Ochthoeca fumicolor

Attila spadiceus

Myiarchus tuberculifer

Megarynchus pitangua

Myiozetetes cayanensis

Myiozetetes similis

Myiodynastes chrysocephalus

Tyrannus melancholicus

COTINGIDAE

Pipreola riefferii

CHOC Orange-breasted Fruiteater

Red-crested Cotinga

Andean Cock-of-the-rock

MANAKINS

Golden-winged Manakin

H White-bearded Manakin

CHOC Club-winged Manakin

TITYRAS AND ALLIES

Masked Tityra

Barred Becard

Cinnamon Becard

White-winged Becard

VIREOS AND ALLIES

Black-billed Peppershrike

H Lesser Greenlet

Brown-capped Vireo

Chivi Vireo

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

Whiskered Wren

Bay Wren

H Rufous Wren

GO Sharpe's (Sepia-brown) Wren

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren

Pipreola jucunda

Ampelion rubrocristatus

Rupicola peruvianus

PIPRIDAE

Masius chrysopterus

Manacus manacus

Machaeropterus deliciosus

TITYRIDAE

Tityra semifasciata

Pachyramphus versicolor

Pachyramphus cinnamomeus

Pachyramphus polychopterus dorsalis

VIREONIDAE

Cyclarhis nigristrois

Pachysylvia decurtata

Vireo leucophrys

Vireo chivi

HIRUNDINIDAE

Pygochelidon cyanoleuca

Orochelidon murina

Atticora tibialis

Stelgidopteryx ruficollis

Progne chalybea

TROGLODYTIDAE

Microcerculus marginatus

Troglodytes aedon

Pheugopedius mystacalis

Cantorchilus nigricapillus

Cinnycerthia unirufa

Cinnycerthia olivascens

Henicorhina leucophrys

DIPPERS

White-capped Dipper

THRUSHES AND ALLIES

Andean Solitaire

H Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush**H** Spotted Nightingale-Thrush**CHOC** Black Solitaire

Ecuadorian Thrush

Great Thrush

Glossy-black Thrush

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS**GO** Tropical MockingbirdFINCHES, EUPHONIAS AND ALLIES

Thick-billed Euphonia

GO Golden-rumped Euphonia

Orange-bellied Euphonia

H Yellow-collared Chlorophonia**H** Hooded SiskinNEW WORLD SPARROWS

Yellow-throated Chlorospingus (Bush-Tanager)

CHOC Dusky Chlorospingus (Bush-Tanager)

Black-striped Sparrow

GO Gray-browed (Stripe-headed) Brushfinch

Orange-billed Sparrow

Chestnut-capped Brushfinch

H Olive Finch

Rufous-collared Sparrow

Tricolored Brushfinch

Yellow-breasted (Rufous-naped) Brushfinch

White-winged Brushfinch

TROUPIALS AND ALLIES

Scrub Blackbird

CINCLIDAE*Cinclus leucocephalus*TURDIDAE*Myadestes raloides**Catharus fuscater**Catharus dryas**Entomodestes coracinus**Turdus maculirostris**Turdus fuscater**Turdus serranus*MIMIDAE*Mimus gilvus*FRINGILLIDAE*Euphonia lanirostris**Euphonia cyanocephala**Euphonia xanthogaster**Chlorophonia flavirostris**Spinus magellanicus*PASSERELLIDAE*Chlorospingus flavigularis**Chlorospingus semifuscus**Arremonops conirostris**Arremon assimilis**Arremon aurantirostris**Arremon brunneinucha**Arremon castaneiceps**Zonotrichia capensis**Atlapetes tricolor**Atlapetes latinuchus**Atlapetes leucopterus leucopterus*ICTERIDAE*Dives waczewiczi*

Shiny Cowbird

Giant Cowbird

Scarlet-rumped Cacique

NEW WORLD WARBLERS**H** Olive-crowned Yellowthroat

Tropical Parula

Three-striped Warbler

Black-crested Warbler

GO Buff-rumped Warbler

Golden-bellied (Chocó) Warbler

Russet-crowned Warbler

Slate-throated Redstart (Whitestart)

Spectacled Redstart (Whitestart)

MITROSPINGID TANAGERS

Dusky-faced Tanager

CARDINALS AND ALLIES**GO/CHOC** Ochre-breasted Tanager

Golden Grosbeak

TANAGERS AND ALLIES

Superciliaried Hemispingus

Rufous-chested Tanager

Tawny-crested Tanager

White-lined Tanager

Flame-rumped (Lemon-rumped) Tanager

CHOC Moss-backed Tanager

Hooded Mountain-Tanager

Black-chested Mountain-Tanager

H Grass-green Tanager

Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager

Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager

H Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager

Blue-and-yellow Tanager

*Molothrus bonariensis**Molothrus oryzivorus**Cacicus uropygialis pacificus*PARULIDAE*Geothlypis semiflava**Setophaga pitiayumi**Basileuterus tristriatus**Myiothlypis nigrocristata**Myiothlypis fulvicauda**Myiothlypis chrysogaster*
*chlorophrys**Myiothlypis coronata**Myioborus miniatus**Myioborus melanocephalus*MITROSPINGIDAE*Mitrospingus cassinii*CARDINALIDAE*Chlorothraupis stolzmanni**Pheucticus chrysogaster*THRAUPIDAE*Hemispingus superciliaris**Thlypopsis ornata**Tachyphonus delatrii**Tachyphonus rufus**Ramphocelus flammigerus*
*icteronotus**Bangsia edwardsi**Buthraupis montana**Cnemathraupis eximia**Chlorornis riefferi**Anisognathus igniventris**Anisognathus somptuosus**Dubusia taeniata**Pipraeidea bonariensis*

CHOC	Glistening-green Tanager	<i>Chlorochrysa phoenicotis</i>
	Blue-gray Tanager	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>
	Palm Tanager	<i>Thraupis palmarum</i>
	Blue-capped Tanager	<i>Thraupis cyanocephala</i>
	Golden-naped Tanager	<i>Tangara ruficervix</i>
	Black-capped Tanager	<i>Tangara heinei</i>
	Golden-hooded Tanager	<i>Tangara larvata</i>
	Blue-necked Tanager	<i>Tangara cyanicollis</i>
CHOC	Rufous-throated Tanager	<i>Tangara rufigula</i>
	Blue-and-black Tanager	<i>Tangara vassorii</i>
	Beryl-spangled Tanager	<i>Tangara nigroviridis</i>
	Metallic-green Tanager	<i>Tangara labradorides</i>
GO	Bay-headed Tanager	<i>Tangara gyrola</i>
	Flame-faced Tanager	<i>Tangara parzudakii</i>
	Golden Tanager	<i>Tangara arthus</i>
	Silver-throated Tanager	<i>Tangara icterocephala</i>
	Swallow Tanager	<i>Tersina viridis</i>
	Black-faced (Yellow-tufted) Dacnis	<i>Dacnis lineata aequatorialis</i>
GO	Scarlet-thighed Dacnis	<i>Dacnis venusta</i>
	Purple Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes caeruleus</i>
	Green Honeycreeper	<i>Chlorophanes spiza</i>
CHOC	Scarlet-browed Tanager	<i>Heterospingus xanthopygius</i>
	Blue-backed Conebill	<i>Conirostrum sitticolor</i>
	Capped Conebill	<i>Conirostrum albifrons</i>
	Glossy Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa lafresnayii</i>
	Black Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa humeralis</i>
	White-sided Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa albilatera</i>
CHOC	Indigo Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa indigotica</i>
	Masked Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa cyanea</i>
	Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus plebejus</i>
	Blue-black Grassquit	<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>
	Thick-billed (Lesser) Seed-Finch	<i>Sporophila funerea</i>

Variable Seedeater	<i>Sporophila corvina</i>
Yellow-bellied Seedeater	<i>Sporophila nigricollis</i>
Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaveola</i>
Buff-throated Saltator	<i>Saltator maximus</i>
Black-winged Saltator	<i>Saltator atripennis</i>
Slate-colored Grosbeak	<i>Saltator grossus</i>

MAMMALS

Red-tailed Squirrel	<i>Sciurus granatensis</i>
Tapeti (Brazilian Rabbit)	<i>Sylvilagus brasiliensis</i>
Tayra	<i>Eira barbara</i>

OTHERS

Yellow-spotted Puffing-Snake	<i>Phrynonax shropshirei</i>
Blue Morpho butterfly	<i>Morpho menelaus</i>