

EASTERN ECUADOR:

High Andes to Vast Amazon

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We were blessed with a rare run on *Manakins* on this tour, with a remarkable 12 species seen, including this splendid Wire-tailed Manakin in the Amazon

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INTRODUCTION:

The wonder of this tour is the extreme variety offered. The tour began in the high Andes, where snow-capped cones feature and condors roam, but made its way all the way down to the steamy jungles of the Amazon, seemingly covering everything in between too. This tour started up at 2800m/9185ft. in Ecuador's lofty capital, Quito, before creeping higher still into the high Andes and the paramo grasslands of Antisana. After scooping up Andean Condor, Black-faced Ibis, and a gorgeous male Ecuadorian Hillstar; the tour set off for the highest elevation of the tour, above Papallacta Pass, at a

breathless 4200m/13,800ft. With the unpredictable weather there on our side for once set about we finding not only the area's star bird, Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe, but were also gifted extraordinary views of Andean Snipe there too, an amazing, and popular, bonus bird. The next stop, a quaint Andean lodge, Guango, perched beside a rushing mountain river, was every bit as good as billed



with Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucan, along with the usual haul of stunning hummingbirds including the comical Sword-billed Hummingbird among them. From there, we continued to move our way down the eastern side of the Andes, next checking in to Cabanas San Isidro, where we saw their famous "San Isidro Mystery Owl", a bird that has not yet definitively been tied to any existing species, and also enjoyed their regular Whitebellied Antpitta visiting a worm feeder. Birding in the subtropical forests in and around San Isidro brought some stellar birds into view: male Andean

Cock-of-the-rock, a sensational polka-dotted Ocellated Tapaculo, two species of quetzals, and the scarce Black-billed Mountain-Toucan among many others. We then dropped into the humid foothills of the Andes and the wonderfully well thought out WildSumaco lodge, with its dizzy hummingbird feeders (that attracted 18 species in our time there), and beautiful veranda looking out over the forest. Aside from the lodge itself, the birds were fantastic with rarities including Fiery-throated Fruiteater, Gray-tailed Piha, Plain-backed Antpitta, and Yellow-throated Spadebill among the crop. The trips final stage entered one of the greatest regions on Earth, the Amazon. Knowing well that a short time to sample the megadiversity of the Amazon is never enough; we visited two of the premier Napo lodges, Sacha and Napo Widlife Center. Those looking for something colorful were well catered for there, with visits to canopy towers and walkways producing multiple treetop toucans, bright blue male cotingas, and Technicolor tanagers. The rarity hunters within the group were also well looked after with birds like Black-necked Red Cotinga, both Ringed and Rufous-headed Woodpeckers, and White-plumed, Banded, and Lunulated Antbirds, and Orange-crested Manakin. Although the male Wire-tailed Manakin (photo, title page), while not rare, is so striking daubed in red and yellow, that it is likely to stay longer in the memory of most of the group. The Amazon produced the main other wildlife attractions of the trip too, with Red Howlers, Golden-mantled Tamarins, and Giant Otters providing a substantial supporting cast all of their own. Finally, it was time to bid the Amazon farewell, and return, by air, to Quito, passing over some of the most dramatic volcanos of Ecuador in doing so. The trip came to close in Quito, where it had all began, some 629 birds or so later!

It had been a great tour of the best birding sites in eastern Ecuador; among the 629 species recorded were some stellar groups of birds seen: 63 Tanagers, 49 Hummingbirds, 21 Raptors, 19 Woodpeckers, 18 Parrots, 14 Cotingas, 12 Manakins, 10 Toucans, 7 Owls, 7 Trogons, 6 Puffbirds, 5 Antpittas, and 5 Kingfishers! To say that the participants enjoyed only a sample of what the east has to offer is an understatement!!!

TOP THREE BIRDS OF THE TOUR (as voted for by participants):

- 1 ANDEAN SNIPE
- 2 BLACK-NECKED RED COTINGA
- 3 SCARLET MACAW

DAILY SUMMARY:

DAY 1 (of birding)

ANTISANA & GUANGO



With daylight not yet evident, we left the city of Quito behind, and climbed yet higher (up to around 3900m/12,800ft.) for our first birding of the tour. With the main guide for the tour, Jose Illanes, delayed in the south (with one of the other participants), due to a rare flight cancelation, following a short custom tour before this one, it was left to Sam Woods to step into the breach and guide this site, until Jose and Derrick returned to the join the group afterwards, where normality was restored! We began by birding the lower elevations of *Antisana*, where temperate scrub still remains, offering some species not possible higher up. Some early notable finds were Tawnyrumped Tyrannulet, and our first Spectacled Redstarts in a passing flock. We then moved up to where a large bank of rocky cliffs dominates the skyline. This is the known lair of the Andean Condor, and they did not disappoint, an adult found loafing on the rocks for long extended views. We

were to later add a flight view to the portfolio too, giving us the complete condor experience! Not far from there the hummingbird action took a turn for the better too, with **Giant Hummingbird**, **Shining Sunbeam**, **Sword-billed Hummingbird**, and **Black-tailed Trainbearer**, all joining the list in quick succession. If the group were not breathless from the altitude, they were following this procession of extraordinary beauty!



Moving up higher still, the scrubby valleys gave way to open grasslands, known as paramo, and the birdlife became distinctly less colorful (it is hard to win when pitched against hummingbirds), with Many-striped Canastero showing to all, and several Streak-backed Canasteros showing only to some. An emergency "raptor stop" was required when a young Variable Hawk (photo page 4) was noticed close by the road; and you know what they say, "one good raptor deserves another"...and there was another, in the form of a pair of Aplomado Falcons resting on a fence.

A grassy meadow led to great views of Stout-billed and Chestnut-winged Cinclodes, Plumbeous Sierra-Finches, and admiration for our first Ecuadorian Hillstar, a female nesting under the eves of a thatched roof. Eventually we emerged onto a flat plain, in the shadow of the vast

Volcan Antisana, a massive volcano alongside, which, unfortunately was largely shrouded in cloud by the time we reached there. The plateau held the usual batch of Carunculated Cararas (photo below), a party of Blackfaced Ibis, a large group of Andean Gulls, and the odd Andean Lapwing dotted across the plains. Our final major stop in Antisana was to survey a lake, which led to varying views of Yellow-billed Pintail, (Andean) Ruddy Duck, Andean Teal, and some confiding Silvery Grebes, (photo page 5).



It was then time to take lunch and descend to where we finally connected with Jose and our final tour participant. After swapping guides we were soon on our way eastwards to *Papallacta Pass*, on the continental divide. The pass itself is high-at 4000m/ft.-however, the site of the main target bird there, **Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe** (photo next page), is higher still. For this reason it is often calm and pleasant at the pass, but windy and draped in thick cloud at the site of the seedsnipe, making it a tricky bird to get by virtue of the predictably unpredictable weather! On arriving at the pass though, the antennas that mark the spot were clearly visible, and when they are visible the only option is to drive up to them and take advantage of these narrow weather windows. Virtually the first bird added to the list after leaving

Antisana was along the road leading up there where the rare Red-rumped Bush-Tyrant was seen perched on an overhead power cable. This was a very high quality opener for this next site, and upped our expectations. However, even on this high no one predicted our next great find, a superb and confiding Andean Snipe, as we began our search for the seedsnipe! It was so shocking and unexpected that it made it to the top of the list for bird of the tour! A lot of huffing and puffing was required in order to track down the seedsnipe though, as these ptarmigan-like shorebirds are so well camouflaged you have to nearly step on one to find it, which we, ultimately, did.



After our breathless search for the seedsnipe, everyone was happy for the rest, as we traveled downslope to our lodging for the night, Guango Lodge. We arrived with barely an hour left of daylight, but quickly plugged this with birds, mostly from their wonderful hummingbird feeders: Tourmaline Sunangel, Chestnut-breasted Coronet, Collared Inca, Buff-winged Starfrontlet, Long-tailed Sylph, and White-bellied Woodstar were all new, and there were no complaints with further, closer looks at several Sword-billed Hummingbirds either! It has been a whirlwind first day, covering three sites, but was jam-packed with quality Andean birds from start to finish.

DAY 2

GUANGO, PAPALLACTA & SAN ISIDRO

We decided to open our birding at the front door of Guango Lodge for this day, spending a few hours walking from the lodge and on their trails, before ascending back to Papallacta once more. The trails were productive; (Northern) Mountain Caciques were found nesting behind the lodge, and were in close proximity to several scorching Turquoise Jays. We hit a small, though quality, flock in the area, which held Plushcap and Rufousbreasted Flycatcher as the main standout finds within it. Away from the flock we managed to find a Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucan quietly perched in the bromeliad-covered forest, arguably the best looking of all Guango's birds, which was pretty high on the shopping list for the morning. Other birds that featured on our few hours there included more regular fare, like Cinnamon Flycatcher, White-banded Tyrannulet, Rufous Spinetail (which was unusually tame), Black-crested Warbler and Blue-and-black Tanager. A scan of the river did not lead to either the hoped-for Whitecapped Dipper, and hoped-for Torrent Duck, but did produce a pair of spritely Torrent Tyrannulets perched on the spray-drenched rocks mid river. After returning to the lodge for a brief pit stop we loaded back on to our bus and headed up higher to an area of elfin forest near the town of Papallacta. This can be a great spot, but is largely dependent on passing flocks to make it exciting. The initial lack of activity had us wondering if we had made the right move, although we did add another hummingbird to the list, in the form of the Viridian Metaltail, and saw several further Shining Sunbeams to pass the time of the lull. However, before we left we hit a few such exciting flocks, and new and gorgeous birds, quickly came into our sights: Black-backed Bush-Tanager, Scarlet-bellied Black-chested Mountain-Tanager, Tanager, Golden-crowned Tanager, Agile Tit-Tyrant, and the vastly underestimated Pearled **Treerunner**. The area also held another, perched **Andean Condor**, threw us a lifeline with a flyover Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle (which we had mysteriously missed at Antisana); and we also spotted a Red-crested **Cotinga** sitting typically high in the trees too.

Having bagged these quality birds shortly before we departed we were much happier at making a stop there; although we now returned to areas in and around the pass for some of the key birds we were still missing. One of these is strictly tied to *polylepis* woodland, comprised of the highest growing trees in the Andes. A great patch of this threatened woodland still stands right beside the main highway that links Quito with the east, and the Amazon. While it can be noisy, due to the heavy vehicles using the road, we decided to make

a short stop there to see if there was any activity. We had not been there long when a small flock came into view, yielding a pair of Giant Conebills main avian target-Bar-bellied Woodpecker, below)-our Spectacled Redstart and another Pearled Treerunner. With the conebill "in the bag", there was no need to linger in the presence of traffic noise, and so we soon moved on back up to the pass, and began retracing our steps up the road towards the antennas, and the seedsnipe. This time, though, we did not need to go all the way to the top, for only the seedsnipe requires this; and spent time birding the bottom end of the road for Tawny Antpitta and White-chinned Thistletail, both of which succumbed to our efforts, eventually.

After а near perfect morning we returned back to Guango for more of their delicious cooking over lunch, when we, once again, took stock the at hummingbird feeders. which always produce a thrill that is worth taking in. Post lunch, and feeder watch, we returned to a trail behind the lodge, in particular hoping to find the **Torrent** Duck, which had, as yet proved elusive. Much searching did NOT though. reveal the duck, but did lead to two



pairs of White-capped Dippers, an always-popular bird too. The forest was pretty quiet overall, but we did find a male Masked Trogon sitting quietly, and better still, the scarce and difficult to find Dusky Piha.

As the afternoon wore on, we loaded up the bus with ourselves and our bags, and started driving down towards our next lodge, further down the east slope in the subtropics. As we drove down, with **Torrent Duck** still on our minds, we combed each and every river, until, finally, we found a pair shortly before we pulled into San Isidro in the late afternoon. Our birding was not finished until after dinner though, when we spent quite some time observing San Isidro's famous "Mystery Owl" perched on a power cable. The exact identity of the owl is not yet clear, although the most likely contender is arguably Black-banded Owl, although the bird looks more like a cross between that species and Black-and-white Owl, both of which do not overlap in range in Ecuador, making identification far from straightforward!

DAY 3 SAN ISIDRO

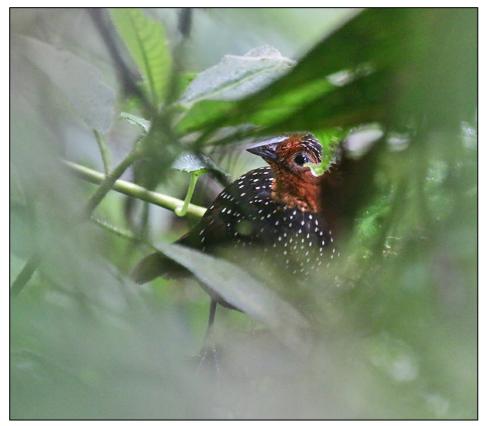


The entire day was spent around San Isidro, a place swathed in rich subtropical forest. On any first morning at Cabanas San Isidro there is only one place to be at dawn; right around the lodge lights. The lights attract a wonderful array of moths during the night, and at dawn, the birds spend time cleaning them up. There is a flurry of activity at this time, which offers, often the best opportunity to see some of the birds of the area up close, as they cannot resist the rich feeding to be had. The most striking daily visitor we saw

there was the "Inca" Jay (a form of Green Jay), although this was by no means the only large bird present, with Subtropical Caciques and Russet-backed Oropendolas featuring too, along with Mountain Wren, the smashing Saffron-crowned Tanager, Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager, Black-eared Hemispingus, Bluish Flowerpiercer, Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher and Pale-edged Flycatcher. At 7:30AM, the activity dropped and it was also tome to move on to another, very special, bird: White-bellied Antpitta, (photo page before). A worm feeding station has been set up to attract this bird, and for the last few years at least they have been very reliable here. And so it proved that morning, when one bird hopped into close range for us all to see well.

During the remainder of the morning we birded our way along the dirt road leading behind the lodge, which produced some flock species like Crimsonmantled Woodpecker, Streaked Tuftedcheek, Sulphur-bellied Tyrannulet, Flavescent Flycatcher, Beryl-spangled Tanager, Oleaginous Hemispingus, and a superb, and showy Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia; as well as Glossy-black Thrush, some flyover White-capped Parrots, and a super view of an Andean (Highland) Motmot, and Ash-crowned Tapaculo. Moving further along the road we emerged out of forest, to where pastures flanked the road; here we found a party of 4 Southern Lapwings, which have become regular in this area.

We enjoyed San Isidro's famously exotic cuisine over lunch back at the lodge, before we started the afternoon with some "gentle" birding around the lodge hummingbird feeders. The attendees included **Bronzy** and Collared Incas,

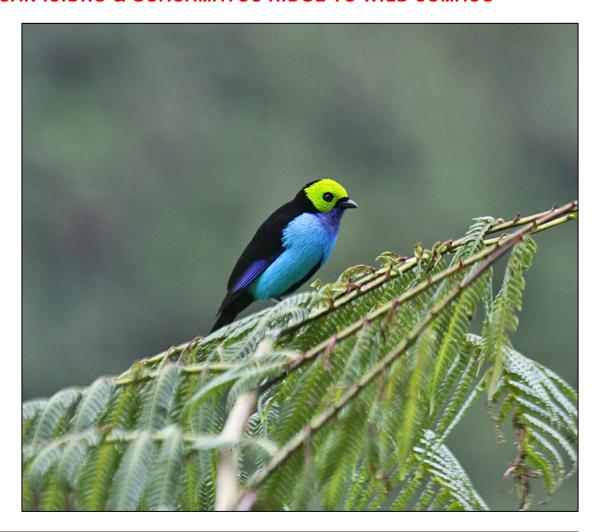


Speckled Hummingbird, Fawn-breasted Brilliant, and ever-stunning Long-tailed Sylph. While admiring the hummingbirds, we watched a mixed feeding flock come by, which held Pearled Treerunner, Flavescent Flycatcher, Olive-backed Woodcreeper, Summer Tanager, Rufousbreasted Flycatcher, and Montane Woodcreeper.

The rest of the afternoon was spent on the lodge trails, where some of the day's most striking birds were found: Crested and Golden-headed Quetzals, Emerald Toucanet, and a stunning orange male Andean Cock-of-the-rock! On top of that we had a good look at the often-elusive Wattled Guan and a migrant Tennessee Warbler.

As dusk fell we headed up to the *Guacamayos Ridge* for nightbirds, but were quickly curtailed by the rain; back near San Isidro we did though see several **Oilbirds** passing overhead.

DAY 4
SAN ISIDRO & GUACAMAYOS RIDGE TO WILD SUMACO



After some short birding at the lodge, which produced no major additions apart from Black-billed Peppershrike, Gray-breasted Wood-Wren, and Russet-crowned Warbler. Following this we said our goodbyes to San Isidro and hit the road again. This time we climbed up to the peak of the Guacamayos Ridge and spent much of the morning birding the old, and rocky Inca Trail, which cuts through thick, wet subtropical forest, offering some species that the lower elevations of San Isidro cannot. Virtually the first bird we pulled on was a "biggie", Black-billed Mountain-Toucan, which responded very well to playback. Guacamayos birding is typified by trying to track down many species while encountering mixed flocks along the trail; but also trying to tape in the more skulking, ground-dwelling species. We had successes on both fronts; sometimes you encounter almost no flocks, but we were gifted several feeding parties while we were there, which yielded species like Black-capped Hemispingus, Hooded Mountain-Tanager, Tanager, Green-and-black Fruiteater, Handsome Grass-green Sepia-brown Yellow-throated Flycatcher, Wren, and Chlorospingus (Bush-Tanager). On the side of skulkers we got good views of Spillman's Tapaculo, but only brief views of a Chestnutcrowned Antpitta. However, the start performer from this group was undoubtedly a showy Ocellated Tapaculo (photo page 11), seen by all, sitting and singing back to us! The final decent bird on the ridge was a male Powerful Woodpecker, before very heavy rain moved in, and we moved hurriedly back to the bus for lunch.

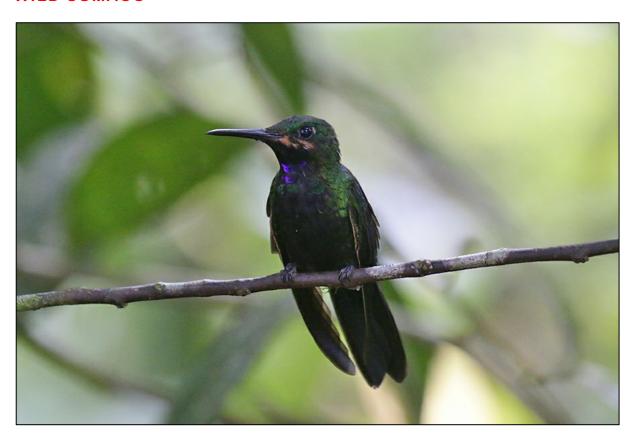
Our journey then continued, again heading further down the east slope of the Andes, this time into the next zone down, in the foothills. Our journey to Sumaco took us down the Loreto Road, where a cliff was our first designated stop, where a party of Cliff Flycatchers was very obliging. Our time there was lengthened when more new birds showed up; Chestnut-eared Aracari, Chestnut-bellied Seedeater, an excellent Blue-necked Tanager, Spotted and Paradise Tanagers (photo page before), Bronze-green Euphonia, Olivaceous Siskin. Our next stop in the foothills was at the entrance to *Narupa*, a little known reserve of the Jocotoco Conservation Foundation, an Ecuadorian NGO. The indisputable highlight there was an absurdly responsive Wing-banded Wren that dropped in just a few feet from us, giving all present fantastic views of what can be a difficult species to see well. The same area also held Red-headed Barbet, Ashythroated Chlorospingus (Bush-tanager), and Ornate Flycatcher. A small flock in the same area also led us to the near endemic Ecuadorian Tyrannulet and Tawny-breasted Fycatcher too. Moving further in the direction of our next lodge, we took a side road, which is a known hotspot for birds. And so it proved on this day too, a fruiting tree proving productive, by

attracting a horde of colorful new species: Blue-headed Parrot, Maroontailed Parakeet, Blue-naped Chlorophonia, Golden-rumped Euphonia, Blue Dacnis, and both Purple and Green Honeycreepers. The surprise find during our short session there was Orange-fronted Plushcrown, an Amazonian species, which must have crept upslope; other finds in the same place included Golden-faced Tyrannulet, White-winged Becard, a superb male Lined Antshrike, our first Violaceous Jays, and some flyover Chestnut-fronted Macaws. Boreal migrants were present too in the form of Blackpoll Warbler and Cerulean Warbler.

At the end of another busy birding day we rolled in to *WildSumaco* at the end of the day. A short period to try for nightbirds locally failed to produce anything, so we vowed to try again, another day...

DAY 5

WILD SUMACO



The entire day was spent in and around this wonderful, relatively new, birding lodge, nestled in the foothills of the Andes. Like the previous lodge, San Isidro, the birding can be very productive in the early mornings right around the lodge, and so we started the day just a few steps from our rooms. New birds came in thick and fast, as we were only just really exploring this

elevation thoroughly for the first time: Blackish Antbird, Plain Anvireo, Common Scale-backed Antbird, Olivaceous Greenlet and Yellow-browed Sparrow, all joined the list beside the lodge itself. After some time there we began walking on the road near the lodge that connects the lodge to a nearby trail. We did not, however, go straight to the trail, as the road birding can be productive too for picking up edge species; and we fared well with some noisy Speckled Chachalacas, the gorgeous Golden-collared Toucanet, in addition to Black-mandibled Toucan too, picked up both Lineated and Yellow-tufted Woodpeckers, and quickly saw, firsthand, what a rich vein of tanagers the foothills of the Andes hosts; we saw Magpie, Blue-necked, Spotted and Bay-headed Tanagers during this short walk alone.

Reaching the trail, this is where we hoped to find some of the tougher, interior, forest birds, for which the lodge has become famed. Many of these are difficult species hard to find, within the limited remaining habitat of this type left in Ecuador. A fruiting tree assisted us somewhat, holding Scarletbreasted Fruiteater (although only a female unfortunately), and Bluerumped and White-crowned Manakins. Small flocks encountered held yet more tanagers, with Green-and-gold Tanager and the stunning Golden-collared Honeycreeper found within their midst, as well as Russet Antshrike, Montane Foliage-gleaner, and Slaty-capped Flycatcher. Chestnut-eared Aracari was seen again too, on what proved to be a rich day for toucans. A small understory flock, which are very different from the tanager-holding canopy ones seen before, comprised of White-breasted Wood-Wren, White-streaked Antvireo, and Foothill Antwren.

However, the main targets along the trail were some of the tougher ground-dwelling species, which we did not track down until we reached the most remote, bottom end of the trail. The wait was worth it though, as we picked up **Chestnut-crowned Gnateater** and **Yellow-throated Spadebill** there; the latter a difficult species for which this is only reliable site for in Ecuador. On the way out, when we retraced our steps back to the lodge, we also found another ground skulker, in the form of a **Short-tailed Antthrush**, which showed to all present, as it walked slowly by us.

We returned to the lodge for lunch, to sample, again, the phenomenal cuisine that this lodge has made it a firm favorite among Ecuadorian-based guides; afterwhich we had a good long look at the lodge's famous hummingbird feeders. During our time at the lodge we enjoyed 18 species visiting their feeders alone! Among them are many species that are near impossible to find away from them, like Napo Sabrewing, Rufous-vented Whitetip,

(photo Black-throated Brilliant page 14), Many-spotted Hummingbird, and Gould's Jewelfront. Other, more widespread hummers included the ultra-cute Booted Racket-tail, the striking Wirecrested Thorntail, Violet-fronted Brilliant, Green Hermit, and Violet-headed Hummingbird.

After witnessing the virtual "siege" of hummingbirds around the lodge feeders, we departed for Pacto Sumaco, a nearby village, which provides markedly different edge and open country birding. While many of the specialties cannot be found there, it does, however, offer up some species we were still missing; these included Black-billed Thrush, the near endemic Olive-chested Flycatcher, and Grayish Saltator. However, our main reason for checking out this area was for Blackish Rail, which responded brilliantly and emerged into the open as hoped. Then we visited another set of hummingbird feeders that the lodge maintains within the forest at Sumaco. These can be good for a few species that never come to the feeders right beside the main lodge building, and we quickly picked up these" Ecuadorian Piedtail and Gray-chinned Hermit were the additions, although we also got better views yet of Napo Sabrewing too in the process. The second session of nightbirding turned out to be another dud, with none seen/heard.



DAY 6

WILD SUMACO

The day started out much as the one before, checking out the early morning flurry of activity right around the main lodge building, and walking along the road nearby. This yielded Blackish Antbird, the diminutive Lafresnaye's Piculet, a further Red-headed Barbet (photo page 16) sighting, another Olivaceous Greenlet, the furtive Dusky Spinetail, and the gorgeous Green-backed Trogon. Boreal migrants were also in evidence with Cerulean, Blackpoll, Blackburnian, and Canada Warblers all seen too. Along the road too we found a small flock that held another Ecuadorian Tyrannulet and also the similar Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant too. Blackcrowned Tityra was also seen from the road, and we also enjoyed sightings of another Channel-billed Toucan, to add to our burgeoning list of toucan species for the trip.



Our destination on this morning was a trail where a worm feeder had been set up to feed two species if antpitta: Ochre-breasted and Plain-backed Antpittas. However, we struck out on both counts, with neither of them coming to the feeding area as hoped. Remarkably though, we did happen upon an Ochre-breasted Antpitta along this trail anyway, which offered a little compensation for our efforts at least. Some good birds were seen in and around the area of the antpitta feeder; we managed to tape in close a Northern White-crowned Tapaculo, see the handsome Copperychested Jacamar, photo page before, (and, as the lodge's logo bird, a must see species); chance upon a tanager flock holding Orange-eared, Black-capped and Golden-naped Tanagers; and also found another White-crowned Manakin too. We headed back to the lodge and chanced on another flock, which held the rare Gray-tailed Piha (the clear standout winner within this flock), Yellow-breasted Antwren, Ash-browed Spinetail, Golden-collared Honeycreeper, Golden Tanager, and Golden-eyed Flowerpiercer. We returned to the lodge a little earlier than lunch, and so spent a little time on a trail just behind the lodge, which was worth it for White-throated Quail-Dove, the beautiful Ornate Antren, and another, welcome, Golden-collared Toucanet.



After the disappointment of missing the Plain-backed Antpitta (photo page before), during the morning, due to the bird missing it's official "appointment"; we decided to try and set the record straight in the afternoon, by visiting another feeding station for the same species. And this time, the bird turned up right on cue, and gave us cracking looks, at what can be regarded as one of the trickiest antpittas to see in Ecuador. During the afternoon we also got Spot-backed Antbird, while some hot the jackpot with a Rufous-breasted Piculet sighting while we were waiting for the arrival of the antpitta. The ranger, who fed the antpitta, also led us to a female Fiery-throated Fruiteater (photo below) sitting quietly, inconspicuously, on its nest.

We spent some time along the Piha Trail that afternoon, although, obviously, did not "need" to look for piha having scored that bird in the morning already, but did mop some up missing birds like **Black-streaked Puffbird** and Collared Trogon. We lingered on the trail until dusk, to try to right another



wrong, which had haunted us since our arrival at Wild Sumaco...Finally, a **Band-bellied Owl** responded to our overtures, after two previous, unsuccessful tries, and we enjoyed stellar looks at this impressive owl along the trail, before returning to the lodge for dinner.

DAY 7

WILD SUMACO to THE AMAZON (SACHA)

At many of the super diverse sites in Ecuador, it is, quite literally, impossible to "clean up", and you always leave with gaps to be filled by later trips. Wild Sumaco is no different, but we still attempted to plug some gaps for a few hours before we, once more, continued our downslope journey to the Amazon. We spent some final time birding some forest patches along the road below the lodge, on our journey out, which produced repeats like

Montane Foliage-gleaner, Cerulean Warbler, Coppery-chested Jacamar, Ecuadorian Tyrannulet, but also new birds like Black Caracara, Wing-barred Piprites, Thrush-like Wren, Gilded Barbet, White-thighed Swallow, and Ruddy Ground-Dove. While Fierythroated Fruiteater was not new, the sighting of a pair was welcome as it provided us all with a view of the gaudier male.



And so, after a few hours, we commenced our descent into the Amazon, driving to the town, and port, of Coca, from where we were to take a motorized canoe to our first Amazon lodge, Sacha. Just before reaching Coca we were sidetracked when an unlikely power line bird was spotted: Blue-winged Parrotlet! When we reached Coca, we enjoyed some downtime in the town, and hung around the Sacha office, taking in lunch, before we loaded up and headed down the Napo River towards Sacha. The journey was typically not very eventful, but we did mark our first Whitewinged and White-breasted Swallows of the trip before we pulled into the main dock at Sacha Lodge. Our journey, however, was not yet complete. From the dock, we needed to walk along the boardwalk to another, smaller dock, from where we were paddled across a black lagoon to the lodge. The walk along the boardwalk in, while not at the optimum hour for birds, nevertheless produce a number of notable sightings: Purplish Jacamar,

(photo page before), Cinnamon Attila, and Black-fronted Nunbird being the most high profile among them. After induction at the lodge, and of course, taking in a welcome drink in the process, we took a short canoe ride around the lake, beside which the lodge is perched. The lake edges held many exciting birds, like Black-capped Donacobius, Greater Ani, Lesser Kiskadee, Hoatzin, Green Kingfisher, and a perched Boatbilled Heron. At dusk Common Pauraque emerged and joined our trip list too.

DAY 8

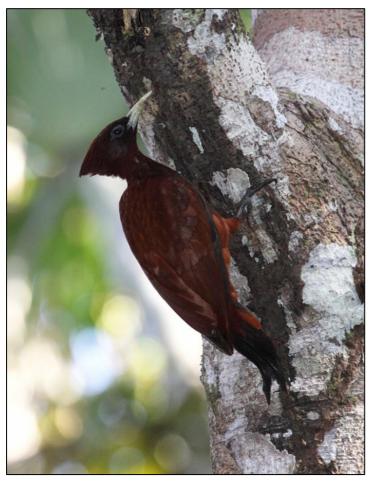
SACHA

There are many options for birding in the Amazon, and on this day we opted for checking the *canopy tower* in the morning, and departing to check a river island on the Napo River in the afternoon, which offers a different suite of birds to that found at the lodge.

In order to reach the wooden canopy tower at Sacha, we first needed to navigate along a narrow creek, which passes through excellent varzea forest (which means that it is wet, seasonally flooded, forest). The small, handpaddled canoes we took along the creek, make for a tranquil ride, and also make for a great way of seeing varzea birds on the way in to the tower; we picked up Silvered Antbird, Peruvian Warbling-Anbird, and Whiteshouldered Antbird along the creek. However, it may perhaps be best remembered for a roosting Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl, which was added to the list before we reached the main event, the canopy tower itself. This is formed of a wooden staircase, and platform, built around an immense kapok tree. The location of the tower was chosen as it sits within close proximity of a number of fruiting trees, which can be a boon for canopy species when in fruit. Luckily for us, some of these trees were bearing fruit during our visit, making the tower a great location for some of the first few hours in the morning. The power of tropical fruits was quickly revealed, when one of the fruiting species attracted Green-and-gold, Paradise, Opalcrowned, and Opal-rumped Tanagers to it during our time there! (And, Masked Tanager was added later). Black-faced Dacnis and Yellowbellied Dacnis were also among the frugivorous throng of birds visiting these trees. Other notable birds from up high on the tower included Orangebellied, Thick-billed and Rufous-bellied Euphonias, Moriche Oriole and Many-banded Aracari. Two new woodpeckers were added too; Chestnut Woodpecker, (photo, next page), which was somewhat expected, although sharing the kapok tree with the rare White-throated **Woodpecker** was not on our original agenda, and a great surprise to us all!

A Red-legged Honeycreeper was also most unexpected too, and new for the area for Jose, who grew up there! We also gorged on two different bright blue male cotingas while up there: Spangled and Plum-throated Cotingas perching atop the trees during our visit, along with Blackheaded Parrots standing sentry too. Squirrel and Black-bellied Cuckoos, Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher and Zimmer's Flatbill were also all seen from the tower too. Several raptors in flight were also much appreciated: Slender-billed Kite, Greater Yellow-headed Vulture, and a magnificent King Vulture, which swooped very close by our lofty location.

After activity began to slow, as the day heated up we descended to ground level, and worked some trails nearby. This led us to find Gray and Plainthroated Antwrens, Dusky-throated Antshrike, Dwarf Tyrant-Golden-headed Manakin and male Manakin, and Woodcreeper. On the way back to the lodge for lunch, we picked up Dotbacked Antbird from the canoe, got brief looks at a White-chinned Jacamar, and noticed a Green-and-rufous Kingfisher zipping past the boat at high speed. After some downtime and lunch, back at our base, Sacha



Lodge, we took to the water again and visited a large river island along the main Napo River. Along the river Largebilled Tern and Cocoi Heron were found; whilst on the island we found a goodly number of the specialties: Spotted Tody-Flycatcher, White-bellied Spinetail, Orange-headed Tanager. Riverside Tyrant, River Tyrannulet, Oriole Blackbird, Castelnau's Antshrike. and the impressive and rare Rufousheaded Woodpecker. On of the the edge island Collared and Pied Plovers were also found.

After a fantastic afternoon, we returned to Sacha again.

DAY 9 SACHA

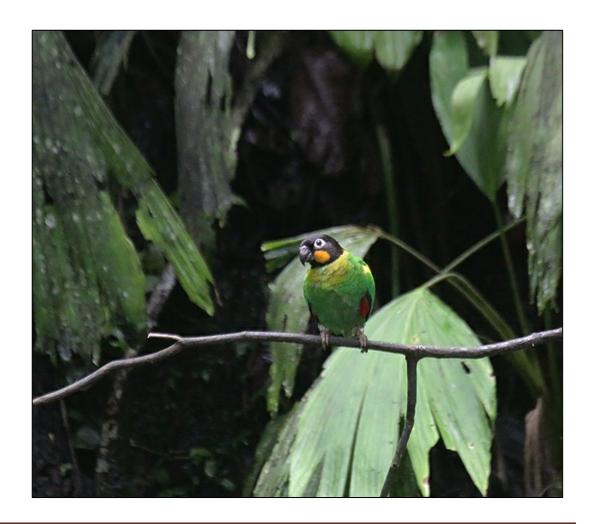
This day saw us affected by heavy, and prolonged tropical rain in the afternoon; but until we had enjoyed a superb morning on Sacha's steel canopy walkway, one of the best structures of its kind in the Amazon, anywhere. **Double-toothed Kite** was observed sitting on the guy line of the walkway itself; while a procession of colorful birds were seen passing by during our time up there. Among these were male Spangled Cotinga, Ivory-billed and Many-banded Aracaris, Channel-billed and Whitethroated Toucans, and Yellow-bellied Dacnis. Other memorable birds up on the walkway included a perched White Hawk, Black-headed Parrots sitting in the treetops, flyover Orange-winged Parrots, both Purple-throated and Bare-necked Fruitcrows, Dusky-chested Flycatcher, Crimson-crested Woodpecker, and the difficult Olive Oropendola. After several hours watching canopy birds, we descended back to the forest floor, and worked the trails leading back to the lodge for lunch; this yielded out first Screaming Piha, the bird whose voice is so often used in Hollywood movie jungle scenes. We also gorged on a scarletand-yellow male Wire-tailed Manakin, had a great look at Great Jacamar, and were walked to a regular pair of roosting Crested Owls, which were sporting bright white Grouch Marx eyebrows! After an afternoon washout due to a heavy tropical storm moving into the area, we were gagging to get out in the field the following day...



DAY 10

SACHA to NAPO WILDLIFE CENTER

On this day we departed one Amazon lodge, but soon after checked into another. The reason for swapping Amazon sites was simple; the Amazon is far from homogenous, and the other lodge's location across the other side of the Rio Napo, and deeper into the jungle, gave us chance at some species not possible at Sacha. Getting from one lodge to another was no small undertaking, with plentiful birding along the way. We checked out of Sacha early, making our way to their main dock, where a motorized canoe took us first to a small clay lick for parrots along the main river. In attendance were Mealy, Blue-headed and Yellow-crowned Parrots, and Duskyheaded Parakeet, which we all watched from the boat itself, as we bobbed gently on the Napo River. Then life threw us a curveball, when our canoe engine failed and we bobbed a little longer than initially planned, before we were assisted by another passing canoe, and between the various people involved they managed to fix the engine.



Once we got underway again, we moved from the riverside lick to another in the forest, where a short walk brought us to a purpose-built blind, erected specifically to watch the daily onslaught of parrots. At this site we located a small, though noisy, group of Scarlet Macaws perched up in the trees (which did not come down to the lick though); and observed 2 species coming down to the lick: Cobalt-winged Parakeets being by far the most numerous, as well as the odd Orange-cheeked Parrot (photo page 24) dotted among them. Having seen the full complement of recent parrots at the lick, we did some trail work in the area too, finding Green Manakin, Bluecrowned Manakin, the tiny Double-banded Pygmy-Tyrant, Olivebacked Foliage-gleaner, and Cinereous Antshrike.



It was then time to have lunch at the main dock, from where we were to be taken by hand-paddled canoe deeper into the Amazon, to Napo Wildlife Center. The dock area has some good edge forest though, and so, soon after lunch, we were quickly back on our game, seeing new birds like Spotbreasted Woodpecker, Black-banded Woodcreeper, and to top the lot, a roost of 3 Tropical Screech-Owls (photo page 25) huddled up together, and staring down at us with those big brown eyes.



To get to Napo Wildlife Center, one of the more remote, high-end, Amazon lodges, we needed to make our way down a narrow, forest-fringed tributary. On a direct journey this would take in the region of two hours. However, being typical birders, we spent four hours working our way along the creek, picking up many interesting species as we did so. Hoatzin, Chestnut-capped Puffbird, Black-throated Piping Guan, Orange-crested Manakin (photo above), White-chinned Jacamar (an upgraded look from the one Sacha), Cream-colored Woodpecker, at Gray-headed Tanager, Rufous-tailed Flatbill, Plumbeous Antbird and Masked **Crimson Tanager**, all made their way on to the trip list during this relaxing journey, where we simply birded from the boat all the way in. We arrived at the wonderfully located Napo Wildlife Center in the late afternoon, in time to take in their welcome drink and a Blue-tailed Emerald probing flowers within their small garden.

DAY 11 NAPO WILDLIFE CENTER

Our exploration of this new sector of the Amazon, began with a short boat ride, followed by a walk, to their own canopy tower. This lodge is located close to a large block of forest, as part of *Yasuni National Park*, and being on the opposite, southern, side, of the Rio Napo, offers up some different species to those found at Sacha. This became evident during the morning

session up there where we added quality birds like Green Oropendola, a pair of Blue-and-yellow Macaws, and had a flyby from a Capped Heron of all things! We enjoyed repeats of some other classic Amazonian birds, like White-throated Toucan, Ivory-billed and Many-banded Aracaris, White-browed Purpletuft, Paradise and Gold-and-green Tanagers, Black-headed Parrot, and also another super close flight view of a King Vulture. Other species of note from up high were Red-stained Woodpecker, White-fronted Nunbird (which had been mysteriously absent at Sacha), a super showy Pygmy Antwren (photo below), a perched Gray-headed Kite, and a pair of White-necked Puffbirds. Amusingly nicknamed by some as "Tree Curlew", a Long-billed Woodcreeper (photo next page) that taped into the very same Kapok tree we were standing in, was also popular too.



As the heat picked up, the activity from the top of the tower, as usual, slowed down to crawl. At this time, we headed down and spent the remainder of the morning seeking ground birds on trails near the tower. Our absurdly fortunate run on *manakins* continued, with **Wire-tailed and Blue-crowned**

Manakins seen once on ground level, along with some quality skulkers, like Banded Antbird, Brown Nunlet (photo next page), and Yasuni Antwren just before we got back to the boat. As we got into the canoes we were fooled into thinking that was that for the morning, although we bumped into 3 Giant Otters as we arrived back at the lodge dock, which played around the boat for a while before lunch stopped play.



The afternoon was rather relaxing, once again, involving us birding from a canoe, covering the creeks near the lodge again, which offer up different species to the forest interior. Red-capped Cardinal, Lesser Kiskadee, Coraya Wren, a fabulous roosting Great Potoo (photo page 32), a displaying American Pygmy-Kingfisher, Amazon Kingfisher, Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl were all seen, as well as many Red-bellied Macaws in flight, Red Howler monkeys, and a Slate-colored Hawk, which responded well to playback. As we returned to the lodge, and the lake on which the lodge is perched, we took in the sight of Common Pauraque and also Blackish Nightjar too, and an unusually high number of Boat-billed Herons emerging from their surrounding roost sites.



DAY 12

NAPO WILDLIFE CENTER

For our last full day in the Amazon, we made an "assault" for some of the species we were still missing, and tried to see, what could arguably be touted as the bird-of-the-trip, **Black-necked Red Cotinga**. Unfortunately, the cotinga's territory is deep in the forest, and can only be accessed by short canoe ride, followed by a long walk along a slippery forest trail. It took us several hours to get there, as new birds popped up left, right and center, but we also needed to keep our discipline, to ensure we arrived at peak calling time for the cotinga to be calling, (when it is much easier to locate).

We left the lodge after an awfully early breakfast, and while it was still dark, taking a short canoe ride across the lake to the trailhead. A Plumbeous Antbird greeted us on arrival and provided an upgrade to our earlier views. Not long after, the stunning Ringed Woodpecker was also found close to the dock, before we entered the forest proper. On the way in, to the cotinga, we had upgraded views of both Coraya Wren and Screaming Piha, and found a small flock holding Mouse-colored Antshrike, and Red-crowned Ant-Tanager, which was later joined, at an army antswarm, by Plain-

winged Antshrike, Fasciated Antshrike, and Tawny-crowned Greenlet.

Finally, in the nick of time, we arrived at THE spot, where the Black-necked Red Cotinga (photo below) holds a territory. It's loud calls quickly drew us to this vision in red, which was, rightfully, voted as one of the top trip birds. After thoroughly soaking up the cotinga, which feels all the sweeter for long slog in to see it, we continued along the trail, where we found Ash-throated Gnateater, and had a frustratingly narrow miss with an Ochre-striped Antpitta.



Manakins continued to put in their now customary daily appearance, this time involving a young male Blue-backed Manakin. After picking up Whiskered Flycatcher we headed back out along the same trail, where, we hit the same small flock around an antswarm that we had encountered on the way in, although this time the ants had appeared, and with them the dashing White-plumed Antbird and rare Lunulated Antbird. The return leg also produced Broad-billed and Amazonian Motmots, Striped Manakin, and Yellow-billed Jacamar, while canopy flocks held Redstained and Golden-green Woodpeckers, and Citron-bellied Attila. However, this walk may be best remembered for the beautiful looks we had of a perched Lined Forest-Falcon.

After a bumper crop in the morning, the afternoon was freakishly quiet, with Black-tailed and Black-throated Trogons, and Amazonian Barred Woodcreeper, being the most notable birds seen.



DAY 13

NAPO WILDLIFE CENTER to QUITO

Our final day in the Amazon had come round all too fast; and while we had already packed in a bunch of star species, we were not done yet, and more were to come in this final stanza...

A very early start was needed to target a very special bird, Zigzag Heron. Our limited time in the pre-dawn darkness added more than a little pressure, and after missing a distant calling bird, we picked up the sound of another, closer heron. Amazingly, through some strategic scanning the bird was located, and found to have been calling from it's nest; very unexpected indeed! That morning we also located our only Sungrebe (photo above) of the trip, quietly roosting in the trees, and also found a resting Dot-backed Antbird shortly before it came to life for the day. Our final "night" target, made us sweat. It was getting light fast when we finally nailed down a Blackbanded Owl, at our final possible attempt of the tour! Our time was nearly up and we then headed towards Coca, and a connection for our plane back to

Quito, picking up one final trip bird, in the form of an Amazonian Umbrellabird along the way; a fitting end to what had been a thrilling tour of the east slope's very best sites...A final dinner in Quito was taken before most of the group headed back home for the holiday period, the next day.

SOME OTHER PHOTOS FROM THE TOUR...



GREAT POTOO was one of two potoos seen on the tour; typically, like this one here, Great Potoos are staked out at roosting sites in the Amazon.



Excited parrots gather at a traditional clay lick in the Amazon (above); and a Gray-breasted Martin on song (below)





Giant Otters playing by the Napo dock



Red Howler during one of its quieter moments

CHECKLISTS:

BIRDS

Taxonomy follows Clements/e-Bird version 6.8 (updated 2013).

TINAMOUS

H Great Tinamou

H Cinereous Tinamou

H Little Tinamou

H Undulated Tinamou

SCREAMERS

Horned Screamer

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS

Torrent Duck

Yellow-billed Pintail

Andean Teal

(Andean) Ruddy Duck

GUANS, CHACHALACAS, CURASSOWS

Speckled Chachalaca

Andean Guan Spix's Guan

Blue-throated (Common) Piping-Guan

Wattled Guan

Sickle-winged Guan

NEW WORLD QUAIL

H Marbled Wood-Quail

GREBES

Silvery Grebe

ANHINGAS

Anhinga

HERONS, EGRETS, AND BITTERNS

Capped Heron Cocoi Heron

Occor Fictori

Great Egret

Little Blue Heron

Snowy Egret

Cattle Egret

Striated Heron

Boat-billed Heron

Rufescent Tiger-Heron

Zigzag Heron

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS

Black-faced (Andean) Ibis

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Black Vulture

Turkey Vulture

Greater Yellow-headed Vulture

Andean Condor

King Vulture

OSPREY

Osprey

HAWKS, EAGLES, AND KITES

Hook-billed Kite

Gray-headed Kite

TINAMIDAE

Tinamus major

Crypturellus cinereus

Crypturellus soui

Crypturellus undulatus

ANHIMIDAE

Anhima cornuta

ANATIDAE

Merganetta armata

Anas georgica

Anas flavirostris andium

Oxyura jamaicensis andina

CRACIDAE

Ortalis guttata

Penelope montagnii

Penelope jacquacu

Pipile cumanensis

Aburria aburri

Chamaepetes goudotii

ODONTOPHORIDAE

Odontophorus gujanensis

PODICIPEDIDAE

Podiceps occipitalis

ANHINGIDAE

Anhinga anhinga

ARDEIDAE

Pilherodius pileatus

Ardea cocoi

Ardea alba

Egretta caerulea

Egretta thula

Bubulcus ibis

Butorides striata

Cochlearius cochlearius

Tigrisoma lineatum

Zebrilus undulatus

THRESKIORNITHIDAE

Theristicus melanopis branickii

CATHARTIDAE

Coragyps atratus

Cathartes aura

Cathartes melambrotus

Vultur gryphus

Sarcoramphus papa
PANDIONIDAE

Pandion haliaetus

ACCIPITRIDAE

Chondrohierax uncinatus

Leptodon cayanensis

Swallow-tailed Kite Slender-billed Kite Double-toothed Kite Plumbeous Kite Crane Hawk Roadside Hawk White-rumped Hawk Variable Hawk

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle

White Hawk

Slate-colored Hawk Broad-winged Hawk

RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS

H Chestnut-headed Crake

Blackish Rail

Slate-colored (Andean) Coot

FINFOOTS
Sungrebe
LIMPKIN
Limpkin

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS

Pied Lapwing (Pied Plover)

Southern Lapwing Andean Lapwing Collared Plover SANDPIPERS Andean Snipe Spotted Sandpiper Greater Yellowlegs

Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe

GULLS
Andean Gull
TERNS

SEEDSNIPES

Large-billed Tern

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon Scaled Pigeon Band-tailed Pigeon Pale-vented Pigeon Plumbeous Pigeon

H Ruddy Pigeon Eared Dove

Ruddy Ground-Dove

Black-winged Ground-Dove

H Gray-fronted DoveH Sapphire Quail-Dove White-throated Quail-Dove

Ruddy Quail-Dove **HOATZIN**

Hoatzin
CUCKOOS
Little Cuckoo
Squirrel Cuckoo
Black-bellied Cuckoo

Greater Ani

Elanoides forficatus Helicolestes hamatus Harpagus bidentatus Ictinia plumbea

Geranospiza caerulescens Rupornis magnirostris Parabuteo leucorrhous Geranoaetus polyosoma Geranoaetus melanoleucus Pseudastur albicollis

Leucopternis schistaceus

Buteo platypterus

RALLIDAE

Anurolimnas castaneiceps
Pardirallus nigricans
Fulica ardesiaca
HELIORNITHIDAE
Heliornis fulica

ARAMIDAE
Aramus guarauna
CHARADRIIDAE

Vanellus cayanus
Vanellus chilensis
Vanellus resplendens
Charadrius collaris
SCOLOPACIDAE
Gallinago jamesoni
Actitis macularius
Tringa melanoleuca
THINOCORIDAE

Attagis gayi
LARIDAE: LARINAE
Chroicocephalus serranus
LARIDAE: STERNINAE

Phaetusa simplex
COLUMBIDAE
Columba livia

Patagioenas speciosa
Patagioenas fasciata
Patagioenas cayennensis
Patagioenas plumbea
Patagioenas subvinacea
Zenaida auriculata
Columbina talpacoti
Metriopelia melanoptera

Geotrygon saphirina saphirina

Geotrygon frenata Geotrygon montana OPISTHOCOMIDAE Opisthocomus hoazin

Leptotila rufaxilla

CUCULIDAE
Coccycua minuta
Piaya cayana
Piaya melanogaster
Crotophaga major

Smooth-billed Ani

OWLS

Tropical Screech-Owl Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl

Crested Owl

H Spectacled Owl

Band-bellied Owl

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl

Black-banded Owl

"San Isidro" Owl

H Rufous-banded Owl

NIGHTJARS

Short-tailed Nighthawk Common Pauraque Blackish Nightjar

POTOOS

Great Potoo
Common Potoo

OILBIRD

Oilbird

SWIFTS

Chestnut-collared Swift

White-collared Swift

Short-tailed Swift

Gray-rumped Swift

Fork-tailed Palm-Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

Rufous-breasted Hermit Pale-tailed Barbthroat White-bearded Hermit

Green Hermit

Tawny-bellied Hermit

Straight-billed Hermit Great-billed Hermit

Black-throated Hermit

Gray-chinned Hermit

White-tipped Sicklebill

Blue-fronted Lancebill

Grav-breasted Sabrewing

Napo Sabrewing

Brown Violetear

Green Violetear

Sparkling Violetear

Violet-headed Hummingbird

Wire-crested Thorntail

Black-bellied Thorntail

Blue-tailed Emerald

Fork-tailed Woodnymph

Golden-tailed Sapphire

Many-spotted Hummingbird

Speckled Hummingbird

Ecuadorian Piedtail
Black-throated Brilliant

Gould's Jewelfront

Fawn-breasted Brilliant

Violet-fronted Brilliant

Crotophaga ani

STRIGIDAE

Megascops choliba

Megascops watsonii

Lophostrix cristata

Pulsatrix perspicillata

Pulsatrix melanota

Glaucidium brasilianum

Ciccaba huhula

Ciccaba sp.

Сіссара ѕр.

Ciccaba albitarsis CAPRIMULGIDAE

Lurocalis semitorquatus

Nyctidromus albicollis

Caprimulgus nigrescens

NYCTIBIIDAE

Nyctibius grandis

Nyctibius griseus

STEATORNITHIDAE

Steatornis caripensis

APODIDAE

Streptoprocne rutila

Streptoprocne zonaris

Chaetura brachyura

Chaetura cinereiventris

Tachornis squamata

TROCHILIDAE

Glaucis hirsutus

Threnetes leucurus

Phaethornis hispidus

Phaethornis guy

Phaethornis syrmatophorus

Phaethornis bourcieri

Phaethornis malaris

Phaethornis atrimentalis

Phaethornis griseogularis

Eutoxeres aquila

Doryfera johannae

Campylopterus largipennis

Campylopterus villaviscensio

Colibri delphinae

Colibri thalassinus

Colibri coruscans

Klais guimeti

Discosura popelairii

Discosura langsdorffi Chlorostilbon mellisugus

Thalurania furcata

Chrysuronia oenone

Taphrospilus hypostictus

Adelomyia melanogenys

Phlogophilus hemileucurus

Heliodoxa schreibersii

Heliodoxa aurescens

Heliodoxa rubinoides

Heliodoxa leadbeateri

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EASTERN ECUADOR: November-December 2014

Buff-tailed Coronet

Chestnut-breasted Coronet

Shining Sunbeam Ecuadorian Hillstar Mountain Velvetbreast

Bronzy Inca Collared Inca

Buff-winged Starfrontlet Sword-billed Hummingbird

GO Great Sapphirewing
Giant Hummingbird
Tourmaline Sunangel
Rufous-vented Whitetip
Booted Racket-tail

Black-tailed Trainbearer Purple-backed Thornbill

Tyrian Metaltail
Viridian Metaltail
Blue-mantled Thornbill
Long-tailed Sylph
White-bellied Woodstar

TROGONS

Golden-headed Quetzal

Crested Quetzal Black-tailed Trogon

Green-backed (Amaz. White-tailed) Trogon

Black-throated Trogon Collared Trogon Masked Trogon

MOTMOTS

Amazonian (Blue-crowned) Motmot

Andean (Highland) Motmot Broad-billed Motmot

KINGFISHERS
Ringed Kingfisher
Amazon Kingfisher
Green Kingfisher

Green-and-rufous Kingfisher American Pygmy Kingfisher

PUFFBIRDS

White-necked Puffbird Chestnut-capped Puffbird Black-streaked Puffbird

Brown Nunlet

Black-fronted Nunbird
White-fronted Nunbird

Yellow-billed Nunbird
Swallow-winged Puffbird

JACAMARS

Yellow-billed Jacamar White-chinned Jacamar Coppery-chested Jacamar

Purplish Jacamar Great Jacamar

NEW WORLD BARBETSScarlet-crowned Barbet

Boissonneaua flavescens Boissonneaua matthewsii Aglaeactis cupripennis Oreotrochilus chimborazo Lafresnaya lafresnayi Coeligena coeligena Coeligena torquata

Coeligena lutetiae Ensifera ensifera

Pterophanes cyanopterus

Patagona gigas Heliangelus exortis Urosticte ruficrissa Ocreatus underwoodii Lesbia victoriae

Ramphomicron microrhynchum

Metallura tyrianthina Metallura williami Chalcostigma stanleyi Aglaiocercus kingi Chaetocercus mulsant

TROGONIDAE

Pharomachrus auriceps
Pharomachrus antisianus
Trogon melanurus eumorphus

Trogon viridis
Trogon rufus
Trogon collaris
Trogon personatus
MOMOTIDAE

Momotus momota microstephanus Momotus aequatorialis aequatorialis

Electron platyrhynchum

ALCEDINIDAE
Megaceryle torquatus
Chloroceryle amazona
Chloroceryle americana
Chloroceryle inda
Chloroceryle aenea
BUCCONIDAE

Notharchus hyperrynchus Bucco macrodactylus Malacoptila fulvogularis Nonnula brunnea Monasa nigrifrons Monasa morphoeus

Monasa flavirostris Chelidoptera tenebrosa GALBULIDAE Galbula albirostris

Galbula tombacea Galbula pastazae Galbula chalcothorax Jacamerops aureus

CAPITONIDAE
Capito aurovirens

Gilded Barbet

H Lemon-throated Barbet Red-headed Barbet

TOUCANS

Emerald Toucanet

H Chestnut-tipped Toucanet Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucan Black-billed Mountain-Toucan

GO Lettered Aracari
Ivory-billed Aracari
Chestnut-eared Aracari
Many-banded Aracari
Golden-collared Toucanet
Black-mandibled Toucan
White-throated Toucan
Channel-billed Toucan

WOODPECKERS

Lafresnaye's Piculet Rufous-breasted Piculet Yellow-tufted Woodpecker Smoky-brown Woodpecker

Little Woodpecker
Bar-bellied Woodpecker
Red-stained Woodpecker
White-throated Woodpecker
Golden-green Woodpecker

GO Golden-olive Woodpecker
Crimson-mantled Woodpecker
Spot-breasted Woodpecker
Scale-breasted Woodpecker
Chestnut Woodpecker
Cream-colored Woodpecker
Rufous-headed Woodpecker

Ringed Woodpecker Lineated Woodpecker Powerful Woodpecker

Crimson-crested Woodpecker

FALCONS AND CARACARAS

Black Caracara

H Red-throated Caracara Carunculated Caracara Yellow-headed Caracara Lined Forest-Falcon

H Collared Forest-FalconH Buckley's Forest-Falcon

American Kestrel Aplomado Falcon Bat Falcon

PARROTS

Maroon-tailed Parakeet White-eyed Parakeet Dusky-headed Parakeet Chestnut-fronted Macaw Military Macaw

Military Macaw Scarlet Macaw

Blue-and-yellow Macaw

Capito auratus
Eubucco richardsoni
Eubucco bourcierii
RAMPHASTIDAE

Aulacorhynchus prasinus
Aulacorhynchus derbianus
Andigena hypoglauca
Andigena nigrirostris
Pteroglossus inscriptus
Pteroglossus azara
Pteroglossus castanotis
Pteroglossus pluricinctus
Selenidera reinwardtii
Ramphastos ambiguus
Ramphastos tucanus
Ramphastos vitellinus

PICIDAE

Picumnus lafresnavi Picumnus rufiventris Melanerpes cruentatus Picoides fumigatus Veniliornis passerinus Veniliornis nigriceps Veniliornis affinis Piculus leucolaemus Piculus chrysochloros Colaptes rubiginosus Colaptes rivolii Colaptes punctigula Celeus grammicus Celeus elegans Celeus flavus Celeus spectabilis Celeus torquatus Dryocopus lineatus Campephilus pollens Campephilus melanoleucos

FALCONIDAE
Daptrius ater

Ibycter americanus

Phalcoboenus carunculatus

Milvago chimachima Micrastur gilvicollis Micrastur semitorquatus Micrastur buckleyi Falco sparverius Falco femoralis Falco rufigularis PSITTACIDAE

Aratinga leucophthalma

Pyrrhura melanura malanura/souancei

Aratinga weddellii Ara severus Ara militaris Ara macao Ara ararauna

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Red-bellied Macaw
Blue-winged Parrotlet
Cobalt-winged Parakeet
Scarlet-shouldered Parrotlet
Black-headed Parrot

Black-headed Parrot Orange-cheeked Parrot Blue-headed Parrot

Speckle-faced (White-capped) Parrot Orange-winged Parrot (Amazon)

Mealy Parrot (Amazon)

Yellow-crowned Parrot (Amazon)

TYPICAL ANTBIRDS
Fasciated Antshrike

H Fulvous (Undulated) Antshrike

Lined Antshrike

Plain-winged Antshrike Mouse-colored Antshrike Castelnau's Antshrike Russet Antshrike Plain Antvireo

White-streaked Antvireo Dusky-throated Antshrike Cinereous Antshrike Plain-throated Antwren Spot-winged Antshrike

Brown-backed (Yasuní) Antwren

Foothill Antwren Ornate Antwren Pygmy Antwren

H Moustached (Short-billed) Antwren

White-flanked Antwren

H Slaty Antwren

Long-winged Antwren

GO Plain-winged Antwren

Gray Antwren
Banded Antbird
H Dugand's Antwren

Yellow-breasted Antwren **GO** Rufous-winged Antwren

H Long-tailed Antbird Gray Antbird

> Blackish Antbird (foothills) White-backed Fire-eye Black-faced Antbird Peruvian Warbling-Antbird

Silvered Antbird

Spot-winged Antbird

White-shouldered Antbird Plumbeous Antbird

H Sooty Antbird White-plumed Antbird

 H Bicolored Antbird Lunulated Antbird Spot-backed Antbird Dot-backed Antbird

Common Scale-backed Antbird

Orthopsittaca manilata Forpus xanthopterygius Brotogeris cyanoptera

Touit huetii

Pionites melanocephalus

Pyrilia barrabandi Pionus menstruus

Pionus tumultuosus seniloides

Amazona amazonica Amazona farinosa Amazona ochrocephala **THAMNOPHILIDAE** Cymbilaimus lineatus

Frederickena fulva
Thamnophilus tenuepunctatus
Thamnophilus schistaceus
Thamnophilus murinus
Thamnophilus cryptoleucus

Thamnistes anabatinus Dysithamnus mentalis

Dysithamnus leucostictus leucostictus

Thamnomanes ardesiacus Thamnomanes caesius Isleria hauxwelli Pygiptila stellaris

Epinecrophylla fjeldsaai Epinecrophylla spodionota Epinecrophylla ornata Myrmotherula brachyura Myrmotherula (obscura) ignota

Myrmotherula axillaris
Myrmotherula schisticolor
Myrmotherula longipennis
Myrmotherula behni
Myrmotherula menetriesii
Dichrozona cincta
Herpsilochmus dugandi
Herpsilochmus axillaris
Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus

Drymophila caudata Cercomacra cinerascens

Cercomacra nigrescens aequatorialis

Pyriglena leuconota Myrmoborus myotherinus

Hypocnemis (cantator) peruviana

Sclateria naevia

Schistocichla leucostigma Myrmeciza melanoceps Myrmeciza hyperythra Myrmeciza fortis Pithys albifrons

Gymnopithys leucaspis Gymnopithys lunulatus Hylophylax naevius Hylophylax punctulatus Willisornis poecilinotus

GNATEATERS

Ash-throated Gnateater Chestnut-crowned Gnateater

ANTPITTAS

Plain-backed Antpitta

H Ochre-striped Antpitta
Chestnut-crowned Antpitta
White-bellied Antpitta

H Rufous Antpitta
Tawny Antpitta
Thrush like Anto

H Thrush-like Antpitta
Ochre-breasted Antpitta

TAPACULOS

H Rusty-belted Tapaculo Ash-colored Tapaculo

Blackish (Unicolored) Tapaculo

H Long-tailed (Eq. Rufous-vented) Tapaculo (Northern) White-crowned Tapaculo

Spillmann's Tapaculo Ocellated Tapaculo ANTTHRUSHES

Rufous-capped Antthrush

H Rufous-breasted Antthrush
Short-tailed Antthrush

H Barred Antthrush

OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS

Olivaceous Woodcreeper Tyrannine Woodcreeper Plain-brown Woodcreeper Wedge-billed Woodcreeper Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper

Long-billed Woodcreeper

Amazonian Barred-Woodcreeper Black-banded Woodcreeper

Striped Woodcreeper

Elegant (Spix's) Woodcreeper Buff-throated Woodcreeper Olive-backed Woodcreeper Straight-billed Woodcreeper

H Red-billed Scythebill
Montane Woodcreeper
Streaked Xenops
Streaked Tuftedcheek
Stout-billed Cinclodes

Chestnut-winged (Bar-winged) Cinclodes

Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner **H** Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner

H Cinnamon-rumped Foliage-gleaner

Montane Foliage-gleaner
Olive-backed Foliage-gleaner

H Black-billed Treehunter
 H Striped Treehunter
 Spotted Barbtail
 Pearled Treerunner
 Andean Tit-Spinetail
 White-browed Spinetail

CONOPOPHAGIDAE

Conopophaga peruviana Conopophaga castaneiceps

GRALLARIIDAE

Grallaria haplonota Grallaria dignissima Grallaria ruficapilla Grallaria hypoleuca Grallaria rufula Grallaria quitensis

Myrmothera campanisona Grallaricula flavirostris

RHINOCRYPTIDAE

Liosceles thoracicus Myornis senilis

Scytalopus (unicolor) latrans Scytalopus micropterus Scytalopus atratus Scytalopus spillmanni Acropternis orthonyx

FORMICARIIDAE

Formicarius colma
Formicarius rufipectus
Chamaeza campanisona
Chamaeza mollissima

FURNARIIDAE

Sittasomus griseicapillus amazonus

Dendrocincla tyrannina
Dendrocincla fuliginosa
Glyphorynchus spirurus
Dendrexetastes rufigula
Nasica longirostris
Dendrocolaptes certhia
Dendrocolaptes picumnus
Xiphorhynchus obsoletus
Xiphorhynchus elegans

Xiphorhynchus guttatus guttatoides

Xiphorhynchus triangularis

Dendroplex picus

Campylorhamphus trochilirostris Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger

Xenops rutilans

Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii

Cinclodes excelsior Cinclodes albidiventris Philydor erythrocercum

Philydor rufum Philydor pyrrhodes Anabacerthia striaticollis Automolus infuscatus

Thripadectes melanorhynchus Thripadectes holostictus Premnoplex brunnescens Margarornis squamiger Leptasthenura andicola Hellmayrea gularis Many-striped Canastero Streak-backed Canastero White-chinned Thistletail Orange-fronted Plushcrown Ash-browed Spinetail Azara's Spinetail Rufous Spinetail White-bellied Spinetail Dusky Spinetail

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

H White-lored Tyrannulet
White-tailed Tyrannulet
White-banded Tyrannulet
White-throated Tyrannulet
Sulphur-bellied Tyrannulet
Tufted Tit-Tyrant

Agile Tit-Tyrant

H Forest Elaenia

H Foothill Elaenia
White-crested Elaenia
Mottle-backed Elaenia
Torrent Tyrannulet
River Tyrannulet
Olive-striped Flycatcher

H Ochre-bellied Flycatcher Slaty-capped Flycatcher Rufous-breasted Flycatcher Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant Ecuadorian Tyrannulet

H Black-capped TyrannuletH Ashy-headed TyrannuletTawny-rumped Tyrannulet

H Plumbeous-crowned Tyrannulet
 Slender-footed Tyrannulet
 Golden-faced Tyrannulet
 Ornate Flycatcher

H Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant
 H Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant
 Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant
 Double-banded Pygmy-Tyrant
 White-eyed Tody-Tyrant

H Buff-throated Tody-Tyrant Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher

Spotted Tody-Flycatcher Common Tody-Flycatcher Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher

Yellow-olive Flycatcher (Flatbill) (northeast) Yellow-margined Flycatcher (Zimmer's Flatbill)

Gray-crowned Flycatcher (Flatbill)

Yellow-breasted Flycatcher (Olive-faced Flatbill)

H White-throated Spadebill
 Yellow-throated Spadebill
 H (Amazonian) Royal Flycatcher

Cinnamon Flycatcher Cliff Flycatcher

Tawny-breasted Flycatcher

Asthenes flammulata
Asthenes wyatti
Asthenes fuliginosa
Metopothrix aurantiaca
Cranioleuca curtata
Synallaxis azarae
Synallaxis unirufa
Synallaxis propinqua
Synallaxis moesta
TYRANNIDAE

Ornithion inerme

Mecocerculus poecilocercus Mecocerculus stictopterus Mecocerculus leucophrys Mecocerculus minor Anairetes parulus Anairetes agilis Myiopagis gaimardii

Myiopagis gaimardii Myiopagis olallai Elaenia albiceps Elaenia gigas Serpophaga cinerea Serpophaga hypoleuca

Mionectes olivaceus
Mionectes olivaceus
Mionectes oleagineus
Leptopogon superciliaris
Leptopogon rufipectus
Pogonotriccus ophthalmicus
Phylloscartes gualaquizae
Phyllomyias nigrocapillus
Phyllomyias cinereiceps
Phyllomyias uropygialis
Phyllomyias plumbeiceps

Zimmerius chrysops chrysops

Zimmerius gracilipes

Myiotriccus ornatus
Pseudotriccus ruficeps
Myiornis ecaudatus
Lophotriccus pileatus
Lophotriccus vitiosus
Hemitriccus zosterops
Hemitriccus rufigularis
Poecilotriccus ruficeps
Todirostrum maculatum
Todirostrum cinereum

Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum

Tolmomyias sulphurescens confusus Tolmomyias assimilis obscuriceps

Tolmomyias poliocephalus Tolmomyias flaviventris Platyrinchus mystaceus Platyrinchus flavigularis

Onychorhynchus corona castelnaui

Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus Hirundinea ferruginea Myiobius villosus Whiskered Flycatcher Flavescent Flycatcher Handsome Flycatcher Olive-chested Flycatcher Olive-sided Flycatcher Smoke-colored Pewee Western Wood-Pewee

Black Phoebe Riverside Tyrant Drab Water Tyrant

Plain-capped (Páramo) Ground-Tyrant

Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant

H Smoky Bush-Tyrant
Red-rumped Bush-Tyrant
Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant
Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant
Large-headed Flatbill
Rufous-tailed Flatbill
Cinnamon Attila
Citron-bellied Attila

H Bright-rumped Attila (Eastern) Sirystes Grayish Mourner

Dusky-capped Flycatcher

H Short-crested Flycatcher Pale-edged Flycatcher Lesser Kiskadee Great Kiskadee Boat-billed Flycatcher Social Flycatcher

Gray-capped Flycatcher
Dusky-chested Flycatcher
Golden-crowned Flycatcher

Streaked Flycatcher Piratic Flycatcher Sulphury Flycatcher Tropical Kingbird Eastern Kingbird COTINGAS

Green-and-black Fruiteater Scarlet-breasted Fruiteater Fiery-throated Fruiteater Red-crested Cotinga Black-necked Red-Cotinga Andean Cock-of-the-rock

Purple-throated Fruitcrow Amazonian Umbrellabird Plum-throated Cotinga Spangled Cotinga

Dusky Piha Screaming Piha Bare-necked Fruitcrow

MANAKINS

Gray-tailed Piha

Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin

Myiobius barbatus Myiophobus flavicans Nephelomyias pulcher Myiophobus cryptoxanthus

Contopus cooperi
Contopus fumigatus
Contopus sordidulus
Sayornis nigricans
Knipolegus orenocensis
Ochthornis littoralis
Muscisaxicola alpinus
Agriornis montanus
Myiotheretes striaticollis
Myiotheretes fumigatus
Cnemarchus erythropygius
Ochthoeca rufipectoralis
Ochthoeca fumicolor

Ramphotrigon megacephalum Ramphotrigon ruficauda Attila cinnamomeus Attila citriniventris

Attila citriniventris Attila spadiceus

Sirystes sibilator albocinereus

Rhytipterna simplex Myiarchus tuberculifer Myiarchus ferox Myiarchus cephalotes Pitangus lictor

Pitangus sulphuratus
Megarynchus pitangua
Myiozetetes similis
Myiozetetes granadensis
Myiozetetes luteiventris
Myiodynastes chrysocephalus

Myiodynastes umysocepm Myiodynastes maculatus Legatus leucophaius Tyrannopsis sulphurea Tyrannus melancholicus Tyrannus tyrannus

COTINGIDAE
Pipreola riefferii

Pipreola frontalis
Pipreola chlorolepidota
Ampelion rubrocristatus
Phoenicircus nigricollis
Rupicola peruvianus
Snowornis subalaris
Querula purpurata
Cephalopterus ornatus
Cotinga maynana
Cotinga cayana

Lipaugus fuscocinereus Lipaugus vociferans Gymnoderus foetidus

PIPRIDAE

Tyranneutes stolzmanni

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Golden-winged Manakin

Striped Manakin

Blue-crowned Manakin Blue-rumped Manakin

H White-bearded Manakin Blue-backed Manakin

Green Manakin

Orange-crowned (Orange-crested) Manakin

White-crowned Manakin Wire-tailed Manakin Golden-headed Manakin Wing-barred Piprites

TITYRAS AND ALLIES

Black-tailed Tityra
Black-crowned Tityra
White-browed Purpletuft
White-winged Becard
Black-and-white Becard

VIREOS

Brown-capped Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Yellow-green Vireo

H Dusky-capped Greenlet
Olivaceous Greenlet
Tawny-crowned Greenlet

Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo Black-billed Peppershrike

CROWS JAYS AND MAGPIES

Green (Inca) Jay Violaceous Jay Turquoise Jay SWALLOWS

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

Southern Rough-winged Swallow

Gray-breasted Martin Brown-chested Martin White-winged Swallow

Barn Swallow Cliff Swallow WRENS

H Scaly-breasted (Southern Nightingale) Wren

Wing-banded Wren House Wren

Mountain Wren Sedge (Grass) Wren Thrush-like Wren Plain-tailed Wren Coraya Wren Rufous Wren

Sharpe's (Sepia-brown) Wren White-breasted Wood-Wren Gray-breasted Wood-Wren Masius chrysopterus Machaeropterus regulus Lepidothrix coronata Lepidothrix isidorei

Manacus manacus Chiroxiphia pareola

Xenopipo holochlora holochlora Heterocercus aurantiivertex

Pipra pipra Pipra filicauda Pipra erythrocephala Piprites chloris

TITYRIDAE Tityra cayana

Tityra inquisitor lodopleura isabellae

Pachyramphus polychopterus nigriventris

Pachyramphus albogriseus

VIREONIDAE Vireo leucophrys Vireo olivaceus Vireo flavoviridis

Hylophilus hypoxanthus Hylophilus olivaceus Hylophilus ochraceiceps Vireolanius leucotis Cyclarhis nigrirostris

CORVIDAE

Cyanocorax yncas yncas Cyanocorax violaceus Cyanolyca turcosa HIRUNDINIDAE

Pygochelidon cyanoleuca Orochelidon murina Atticora tibialis Atticora fasciata Stelgidopteryx ruficollis

Progne chalybea
Progne tapera

Tachycineta albiventer Hirundo rustica

Petrochelidon pyrrhonota

TROGLODYTIDAE
Microcerculus marginatus
Microcerculus bambla
Troglodytes aedon
Troglodytes solstitialis

Cistothorus platensis aequatorialis

Campylorhynchus turdinus Pheugopedius euophrys Pheugopedius coraya Cinnycerthia unirufa Cinnycerthia olivascens Henicorhina leucosticta Henicorhina leucophrys

DIPPERS

White-capped Dipper **DONACOBIUS**

Black-capped Donacobius

GNATCATCHERS

H Long-billed Gnatwren

THRUSHES AND ALLIES

Andean Solitaire

H Spotted Nightingale-Thrush

Swainson's Thrush

H Pale-eyed Thrush

Hauxwell's Thrush

Lawrence's Thrush Black-billed Thrush

Great Thrush

Glossy-black Thrush

White-necked Thrush

WAGTAILS AND PIPITS

Paramo Pipit

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Tropical Parula

Blackburnian Warbler

Blackpoll Warbler

Cerulean Warbler

Black-and-white Warbler

Tennessee Warbler

American Redstart

Canada Warbler

Slate-throated Redstart (Whitestart)

Spectacled Redstart (Whitestart)

Citrine Warbler

Black-crested Warbler

Russet-crowned Warbler

TANAGERS AND ALLIES

Red-capped Cardinal

Magpie Tanager

Black-capped Hemispingus

Oleaginous Hemispingus

Black-eared Hemispingus

Orange-headed Tanager

Gray-headed Tanager

GO White-shouldered Tanager

White-lined Tanager

H Fulvous Shrike-Tanager

Masked Crimson Tanager

Silver-beaked Tanager

Blue-gray Tanager

Palm Tanager

Hooded Mountain-Tanager

Black-chested Mountain-Tanager

Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager

Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager

Grass-green Tanager

Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager

Golden-crowned Tanager

Fawn-breasted Tanager

CINCLIDAE

Cinclus leucocephalus

DONACOBIIDAE

Donacobius atricapilla

POLIOPTILIDAE

Ramphocaenus melanurus

TURDIDAE

Myadestes ralloides

Catharus dryas

Catharus ustulatus

Turdus leucops

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Turdus hauxwelli

Turdus lawrencii

Tarado lawrener

Turdus ignobilis

Turdus fuscater

Turdus serranus

Turdus albicollis

MOTACILLIDAE

Anthus bogotensis

PARULIDAE

Setophaga pitiayumi

Setophaga fusca

Setophaga striata

Setophaga cerulea

Mniotilta varia

Oreothlypis peregrina

Setophaga ruticilla

Cardellina canadensis

Myioborus miniatus

Myioborus melanocephalus

Myiothlypis luteoviridis

Myiothlypis nigrocristatus

Myiothlypis coronatus

THRAUPIDAE

Paroaria gularis

Cissopis leverianus

Hemispingus atropileus

Hemispingus frontalis

Hemispingus melanotis melanotis Thlypopsis sordida

Eucometis penicillata

Tachyphonus luctuosus

Tacriypriorius luctuosu

Tachyphonus rufus

Lanio fulvus

Ramphocelus nigrogularis

Ramphocelus carbo Thraupis episcopus

Thraupis palmarum

Buthraupis montana

Buthraupis eximia

Anisognathus igniventris

Anisognathus somptuosus

Chlorornis riefferii

Dubusia taeniata

Iridosornis rufivertex

Orange-eared Tanager Golden-naped Tanager Black-capped Tanager Masked Tanager Blue-necked Tanager Spotted Tanager Blue-and-black Tanager Beryl-spangled Tanager Paradise Tanager Opal-rumped Tanager **Opal-crowned Tanager** Bay-headed Tanager Golden-eared Tanager Saffron-crowned Tanager Flame-faced Tanager Green-and-gold Tanager

Golden Tanager Black-faced Dacnis Yellow-bellied Dacnis

Blue Dacnis

Purple Honeycreeper Red-legged Honeycreeper Green Honeycreeper

Golden-collared Honeycreeper

Cinereous Conebill
Capped Conebill
Giant Conebill
Glossy Flowerpiercer
Black Flowerpiercer
White-sided Flowerpiercer

Deep-blue (Golden-eyed) Flowerpiercer

Bluish Flowerpiercer Masked Flowerpiercer

Plushcap

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

Caqueta Seedeater

Chestnut-bellied Seedeater

GO Chestnut-bellied (Lesser) Seed-Finch

Black-billed Seed-Finch Plain-colored Seedeater

Bananaquit Grayish Saltator

H Slate-colored Grosbeak

BUNTINGS AND NEW WORLD SPARROWS

H Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch

Gray-browed (Stripe-headed) Brush-Finch

Pale-naped Brush-Finch

Yellow-breasted (Rufous-naped) Brush-Finch

Yellow-browed Sparrow Rufous-collared Sparrow Common Bush-Tanager Yellow-throated Bush-Tanager Ashy-throated Bush-Tanager GROSBEAKS AND ALLIES Chlorochrysa calliparaea

Tangara ruficervix
Tangara heinei
Tangara nigrocincta
Tangara cyanicollis
Tangara punctata
Tangara vassorii
Tangara nigroviridis
Tangara chilensis
Tangara cellophrys
Tangara callophrys
Tangara gyrola
Tangara chrysotis
Tangara xanthocephala
Tangara parzudakii
Tangara schrankii

Tangara xanthocephal Tangara parzudakii Tangara schrankii Tangara arthus Dacnis lineata lineata Dacnis flaviventer Dacnis cayana Cyanerpes caeruleus

Cyanerpes cyaneus
Chlorophanes spiza
Iridophanes pulcherrimus
Conirostrum cinereum
Conirostrum albifrons
Oreomanes fraseri
Diglossa lafresnayii
Diglossa humeralis
Diglossa albilatera
Diglossa glaucus
Diglossa caerulescens
Diglossa cyaneus

Catamblyrhynchus diadema Urothraupis stolzmanni Phrygilus unicolor Volatinia jacarina Sporophila murallae Sporophila castaneiventris

Oryzoborus (a.) angolensis
Oryzoborus atrirostris
Catamenia inornata
Coereba flaveola
Saltator coerulescens
Saltator grossus
EMBERIZIDAE

Arremon brunneinucha Arremon assimilis Atlapetes pallidinucha Atlapetes latinuchus Ammodramus aurifrons Zonotrichia capensis

Chlorospingus ophthalmicus Chlorospingus flavigularis Chlorospingus canigularis

CARDINALIDAE

Summer Tanager Scarlet Tanager

Red-crowned Ant-Tanager

Golden-bellied (Southern Yellow) Grosbeak

Blue-black Grosbeak **TROUPIALS AND ALLIES**

Oriole Blackbird Shiny Cowbird **Giant Cowbird**

Epaulet (Moriche) Oriole (Northern) Mountain Cacique

Scarlet-rumped (Subtropical) Cacique

Yellow-rumped Cacique Russet-backed Oropendola

Green Oropendola Crested Oropendola Olive Oropendola SISKINS AND ALLIES Thick-billed Euphonia Golden-rumped Euphonia

Golden-bellied (White-lored) Euphonia

Bronze-green Euphonia Orange-bellied Euphonia Rufous-bellied Euphonia Blue-naped Chlorophonia

Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia

Hooded Siskin Olivaceous Siskin Piranga rubra Piranga olivacea Habia rubica

Pheucticus chrysogaster Cyanocompsa cyanoides

ICTERIDAE

Gymnomystax mexicanus Molothrus bonariensis Molothrus oryzivorus

Icterus cayanensis chrysocephalus Cacicus chrysonotus leucoramphus Cacicus uropygialis uropygialis

Cacicus cela

Psarocolius angustifrons Psarocolius viridis Psarocolius decumanus Psarocolius bifasciatus

FRINGILLIDAE Euphonia laniirostris Euphonia cyanocephala Euphonia chrysopasta Euphonia mesochrysa Euphonia xanthogaster Euphonia rufiventris Chlorophonia cyanea Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys Spinus magellanicus

MAMMALS

MARMOSETS, CAPUCHINS, SQUIRREL MONKEYS

Graells's (Black-mantled) Tamarin

Golden-mantled Tamarin White-fronted Capuchin Common Squirrel Monkey

HOWLER, SPIDER, AND WOOLY MONKEYS

Venezuelan Red Howler H White-fronted Spider Monkey

SQUIRRELS

GO Amazon Dwarf Squirrel GO Red-tailed Squirrel

> **AGOUTIS** Green Acouchi **RABBITS**

Tapeti (Brazilian Rabbit) **WEASELS & OTTERS** Long-tailed Weasel

Giant Otter **OTHERS**

Green Anaconda

CEBIDAE

Saguinus graellsi Saguinus tripartitus Cebus albifrons Saimiri sciureus **ATELIDAE**

Spinus olivaceus

Alouatta seniculus Ateles belzebuth SCIURIDAE

Microsciurus flaviventer Sciurus granatensis **DASYPROCTIDAE** Mvoprocta pratti **LEPORIDAE**

Sylvilagus brasiliensis

MUSTELIDAE Mustela frenata Pteronura brasiliensis **MEPHITIDAE**