

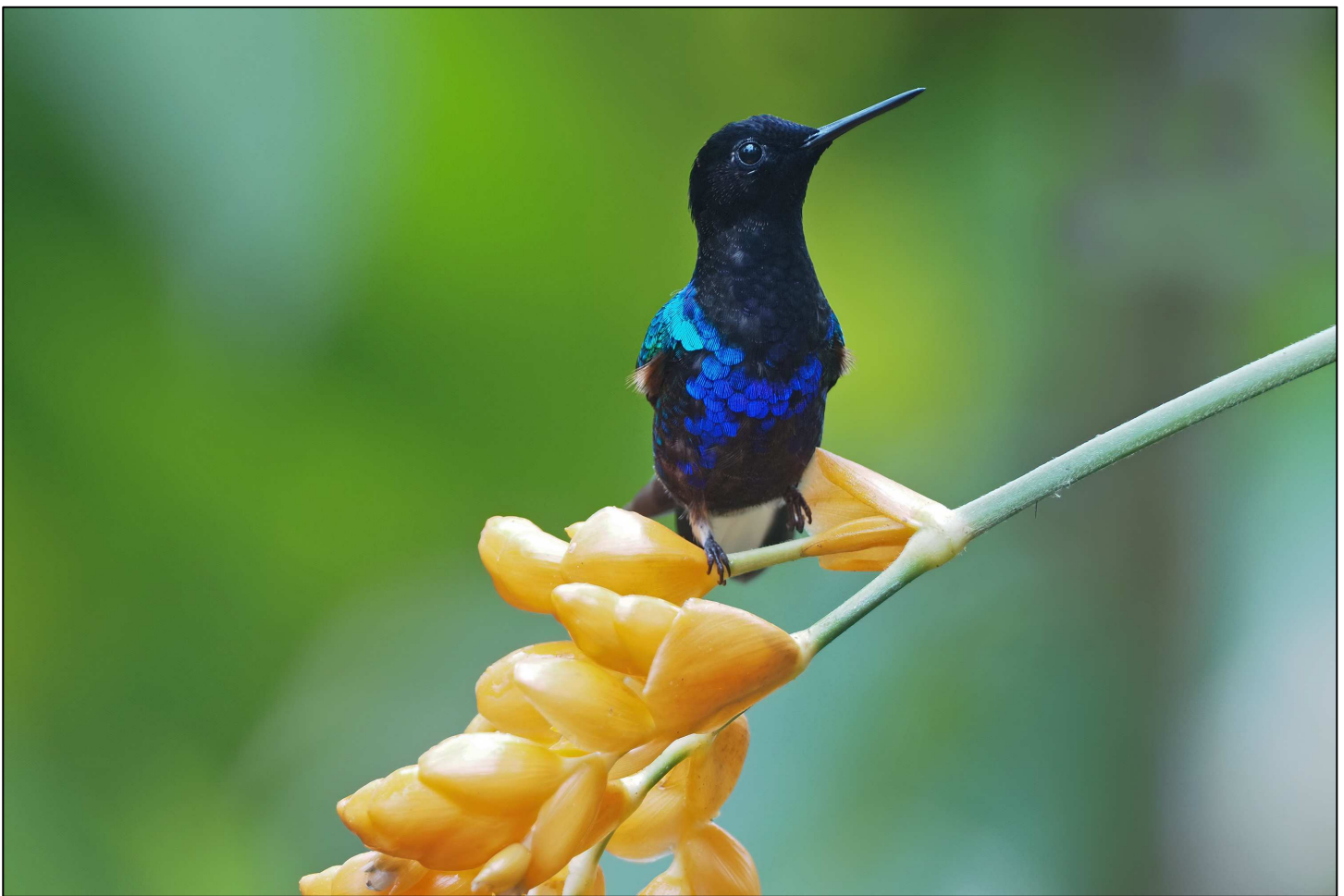


A **Tropical Birding** SET DEPARTURE tour

Ecuador: The Andes Introtour

Main Tour: 8th – 15th August 2021

High Andes Extension: 15th – 17th August 2021



This tour produced over 40 species of hummingbirds, including this glistening **Velvet-purple Coronet**, a regional endemic of the 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.
Many thanks to tour participant **Stuart Campbell** for providing some of his photos for this report.*

INTRODUCTION:

This Ecuador tour is one of the most popular tours for Tropical Birding and looking back at our 8 days of birding it was easy to understand why. We spent the whole time in the Andes (at varied sites ranging in elevations from 500m/1640ft up to 4100m/13,450ft during the main tour and high Andes extension). The main tour was spent on the western slope of the Andes Mountains, in the Choco bioregion of Northwest Ecuador, which brought some specialty birds, like **Toucan Barbet**, **Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan**, **Dark-backed Wood-Quail**, **Rose-faced Parrot**, **Choco Toucan**, **Blue-tailed Trogon**, **Orange-breasted Fruiteater**, **Indigo Flowerpiercer**, and a gaudy selection of endemic hummingbirds and tanagers, like **Glistening-green**, **Scarlet-browed**, **Black-chinned Mountain**, and **Moss-backed Tanagers**, **Violet-tailed Sylph**, **Purple-bibbed Whitetip**, **Empress Brilliant**, and the shockingly beautiful **Velvet-purple Coronet** (photo page before). These were among the specialties of the region seen, but some of the other birds seen may have been more widespread, but no less spectacular, like **Sword-billed Hummingbird**, **Booted Racket-tail**, a daytime male **Lyre-tailed Nightjar**, **Ocellated Tapaculo**, displaying **Andean Cock-of-the-rock** (one of the most spectacular of all Andean birds), **Guayaquil Woodpecker**, **Golden-headed** and **Crested Quetzals**, **Broad-billed** and **Rufous Motmots**, **Rufous-tailed Jacamar**, **Laughing Falcon**, **Grass-green Tanager**, and **Blue-winged** and **Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanagers**.



A special mention should also go to *antpittas*. We enjoyed a good run on these, thanks in no small part to getting 5 species in one morning at the legendary Paz de las Aves reserve, due in no small part due to the herculean efforts of the Paz brothers there. In all, we got 7 species, including **Giant, Yellow-breasted, and Undulated Antpittas**. These birds were all only seen on the 6-day main tour. On the extension we moved up to high elevations, where over 40 new birds were added, including Ecuador's national bird, the massive **Andean Condor**, the world's largest hummingbird, with a superb **Giant Hummingbird**, a beautiful **Blue-mantled Thornbill**, a pair of **Giant Conebills**, and some very confiding **Lacrimose Mountain-Tanagers**, and a **Golden-crowned Tanager**. In all, we recorded more than 360 species during the main tour and extension, with more than 300 were seen by the group, which included the usual more than 40 hummingbird species and dozens of multicolored Andean tanagers.

DAILY SUMMARY:

Day 1 (of birding): 9th August - **Yanacocha Reserve to Tandayapa Bird Lodge.**



Andean Guan at Yanacocha was one of the first birds of the tour! (Sam Woods/Tropical Birding Tours).

The two folks joining the tour arrived in Quito, the night before, but met with their guide early in the morning, and were soon heading west out of the capital. Our destination was higher still than the capital, to the highest point of the main tour (c.3500m/11,485ft), an area of temperate cloudforest at *Yanacocha Reserve*, just 90 minutes from the capital.

Our first stop was just before the reserve though, where a **Red-crested Cotinga** stood sentry on top of a lone tree. Once inside the reserve, we checked in on the feeders, where the most conspicuous birds at that hour were a handful of **Shining Sunbeams**, a burnt orange hummingbird that was coming and going regularly. The bananas initially seemed to have little “attractees”, but eventually a pair of lumbering **Andean Guans** (*photo page 3*) paid a visit, as did several **Yellow-breasted Brushfinches**. The hummingbirds also included a **Buff-winged Starfrontlet** or two, and better still the flying cartoon that is **Sword-billed Hummingbird** also made a dramatic appearance. The sugar water was also taken advantage of by **Masked and Glossy Flowerpiercers** too. Then we took a morning walk along the “Inca Trail”, a flat trail which makes the reserve very accessible even at this altitude. One of the first birds to show itself along there was one of the best woodpeckers of the entire tour, with a fine pair of **Crimson-mantled Woodpeckers**. The rest of the birds that morning mainly came by way of passing flocks, which frustrated with what we could not see within them but pleased us greatly with what we did see. That is the essence of Andean flock birding, some wins, some losses, and a lot of excitement! Out of these we found **Streaked Tuftedcheek**, **Bar-bellied Woodpecker**, **White-banded** and **White-throated Tyrannulets**, **Smoky Bush-Tyrants**, **Blue-backed Conebill**, **Superciliaried Hemispingus**, **Spectacled Redstart**, **Rufous Wren**, and arguably the stars, **Grass-green Tanager**, and **Hooded and Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanagers**. At another, later set of feeders, we added a new hummingbird, with a single **Sapphire-vented Puffleg**, and a photographer frantically shooting a perched **Rainbow-bearded Thornbill** aided us in finding that scarce species. We also noted a couple of passing raptors overhead, with the Plain-breasted form of **Sharp-shinned Hawk**, and a **Carunculated Caracara** too. After a decent hot lunch on site, we finally clad eyes on a calling Tawny Antpitta, before we began our journey downhill to *Tandayapa Bird Lodge*. Along the way, we added birds here and there, including Black-crested Warbler, a wonderful couple of the riparian **Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrants**, and a **White-winged Brushfinch**. The day closed with our first look at the hummingbird “spread” at *Tandayapa Bird Lodge*, which at that hour included at least nine species, among them **Booted Racket-tail** and **Empress Brilliant**.



On our way back to lunch at Yanacocha, we stumbled into someone watching this **Rainbow-bearded Thornbill** (Sam Woods/Tropical Birding Tours).

Day 2 (of birding): 10th August – Tandayapa Valley.

The day began with a dawn walk to the forest blind at the lodge, where **Zeledon's Antbird**, **Streak-capped Treehunter**, **Russet-crowned Warbler**, and **Spotted Woodcreeper** came in close to us, as they plucked insects attracted to a moth sheet overnight. After a hot breakfast at the lodge, and **Crimson-rumped Toucanets** found rummaging around in a fruiting tree behind the lodge, we proceeded to the *Upper Tandayapa Valley*, a short drive to higher elevations above the lodge. Our main focus here was to find one of the region's most wanted birds, the **Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan** (*photo below*).



This Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan took an entire morning to show up. It was worth the wait! (Stuart Campbell).

It took its time to turn up, but when it did, it sat frozen on a low perch for some time, giving us “frame-filling” views! The *Upper Tandayapa Valley* was also where we came across our first black-yellow-and-blue, **Blue-winged Mountain-Tanagers**, along with a male **Green-and-black Fruiteater**, **Golden-headed Quetzal**, **Masked Trogon**, the endemic **Gorgeted Sunangel**, the strikingly handsome **Pearled Treerunner**, **Cinnamon and Flavescent Flycatchers**, **Beryl-spangled** and **Blue-and-black Tanagers**, **Capped Conebill**, the different-looking western form of **Black-eared Hemispingus**, and a **Black-and-white Becard**. By lunchtime, we had driven the short distance back to our base, *Tandayapa Bird Lodge*.

We not only took lunch there, but added some stellar birds, starting with a **Scaled Fruiteater** that Dean picked up, which delayed our lunch. Then, after lunch, scanning from the backyard of the lodge brought us prolonged views of another stunning endemic of this Choco bioregion (which covers NW Ecuador and SW Colombia), **Toucan Barbet**, as well as our first **Golden-crowned Flycatchers**. This was also our time to trawl through the hummingbirds visiting the feeders, which led us to a total of **15 hummingbird species** being noted. Some of the highlight hummers at the lodge were specialties like **Violet-tailed Sylph**, **Purple-bibbed Whitetip**, **Brown Inca** and **Empress Brilliant**, in addition to **White-necked Jacobin**, the tiny **Purple-throated Woodstar** and the white-booted, **Booted Racket-tail**, the lodge's ever-popular, logo bird. The rest of the afternoon was significantly quieter, although did hold another landmark bird, with a known roost site of the dramatic **Lyre-tailed Nightjar** (photo page 2) coming up trumps, with prolonged looks at a male with its impressively long tail achieved with minimum fuss!



*Our time on the canopy tower at Silanche was extremely productive, with this **Scarlet-browed Tanager**, plus **Blue-tailed and White-tailed Trogons**, **Cinnamon Woodpecker**, **Orange-fronted Barbet**, **Scarlet-thighed and Black-faced Dacnis** and **Black Hawk-Eagle** all seen from there! (Stuart Campbell).*

Day 3 (of birding): 11th August – Rio Silanche.

This day was a real bumper day, with over 100 species recorded, many of them new, as we ventured to much lower elevations in the lowlands (around 500m/1640ft). Although our ultimate target destination was *Rio Silanche Bird Sanctuary*, we took our time along the entrance road in, which has lost significant habitat, but holds plentiful birds still, as proved by us through the first part of the morning. Our start was hampered by mist, but we did rack up **White-thighed Swallow**, **Ecuadorian Thrush**, **Black-cheeked Woodpecker**, **Purple-chested Hummingbird**, a pair of **Pacific Antwrens**, and decent views of the scarce **Gray-and-gold Tanager** too. As we moved gently along the dirt entrance road, we made regular stops, once for some **Bronze-winged Parrots**, then for **Red-rumped Woodpecker**, **Snowy-throated Kingbird** and a pair of treetop **Yellow-throated Toucans**, for a **Purple-crowned Fairy** watched gently sipping nectar from flower to flower, then later for some distant **Choco Toucans**, during a stop that also yielded **Bay-headed**, **Swallow** and **Guira Tanagers** and **Black-sided (Yellow-tufted) Dacnis** in a fruiting tree, as well as an excited **Rufous-tailed Jacamar** (*photo next page*), a female **Red-headed Barbet**, a male **Black-crowned Antshrike**, a typically reclusive **Striped (Western) Woodhaunter**, and several **Dot-winged Antwrens**. Poking our way further along the road, we finally got a perched **Blue-headed Parrot**, and not long after a single miniscule **Pacific Parrotlet** that looked down at us looking up at it!



Our day trip to Silanche was full of highlights, including this popular **Laughing Falcon** on the way back along the main highway!
(Sam Woods/Tropical Birding Tours).

Finally, we arrived at the reserve itself late in the morning and opted to take an early lunch (having taken an early breakfast), up on the small canopy tower on site. This proved to be a tidy decision, as several parties of birds came by that brought us some special sightings. It started with a **White-tailed Trogon** that appeared suddenly, as did a Scarlet-thighed Dacnis several times, and then continued with **Northern Barred Woodcreeper**, **Blue-necked Tanager**, **Orange-fronted Barbet**, **Blue Dacnis**, **Green Honeycreeper**, **Scarlet-rumped Cacique**, nesting **Choco Tyrannulets**, a **Blue-tailed (Choco) Trogon**, and a smashing **Cinnamon Woodpecker**! To add to that were swifts and parrots passing overhead, and raptors too with **Short-tailed Hawk**, **Hook-billed Kite** and **Black Hawk-Eagle** also seen from there. However, for the guide at least the sudden appearance of a striking **Scarlet-browed Tanager** (photo page 6) at eye level, which was savoured for several treasured minutes was the standout sighting from up on high. After lunch and this rather impressive procession of birds, we took some final time in the area to patrol the nearby road and easy forest trails. Things were much slower than up on the tower, but it did see us add yet more significant birds, with a single **Broad-billed Motmot**, a pair of **Rufous Motmots**, a nesting **Masked Tityra**, crippling scarlet-headed male **Guayaquil Woodpecker**, the endemic **Dusky Pigeon**, a brief **Black-striped Woodcreeper**, a **White-whiskered Puffbird** (our first from this family on the tour), and a pair of vociferous **Purple-throated Fruitcrows**. As we drove back out along the entrance road, we also spotted a **Buff-rumped Warbler** foraging along a creekline. On our way back towards *Tandayapa* in the afternoon, we came to a halt for a raptor staring down from the roadside, a rather impressive and much photographed **Laughing Falcon** (photo page 7).



The road into Silanche reserve always produces something interesting, like this **Rufous-tailed Jacamar** plus **Choco Toucan**, **Pacific Parrotlet**, and **Gray-and-gold Tanager** on this day (Stuart Campbell).

Day 4 (of birding): 12th August – Milpe and the Tandayapa Valley.

On this morning, we again drove downhill from the lodge, but this time only into the nearby foothills, in and around *Milpe Bird Sanctuary* (at around 1100m/3610ft). Our hope was to try for the range restricted *Club-winged Manakin*, which has a good display site (lek) within the reserve. However, we knew that being the dry season, it may not be active during our visit. That turned out to be the case, but we did manage to find a female **Golden-winged Manakin** during one of our trail walks there all the same. In spite of that *Milpe* was worth the visit, we had some good activity, with quite a few flocks seen during the morning, which held a variety of bird species, including **Slaty Antwren**, **Golden-bellied (Choco) Warbler**, **Tropical Parula**, **Buff-fronted**, **Lineated and Scaly-throated Foliage-Gleaners**, **Spotted Woodcreeper**, **Golden-olive Woodpecker**, **Chivi Vireo**, three species of **becard**, the range restricted **Ochre-breasted Tanager**, and some beautiful **Bay-headed Tanagers** that were caught in the sunlight revealing the vibrancy of their true colors to great effect. Aside from these passing flock species, we also located our second **Blue-tailed (Choco) Trogon** of the trip, along a stretch of roadside forest that also held a **Collared Trogon** too. We were also pleased to upgrade our poor looks from the previous day of **Choco Toucan**, with repeated looks at them in the sanctuary. Other notable birds during the morning, included a perched view of a **Pallid Dove**, **Squirrel Cuckoo**, and cracking looks at a **Bicolored Antbird** in *Milpe Gardens*, where the hummingbird feeders were frantically busy, with **Crowned (Green-crowned) Woodnymphs**, **Green Thorntails**, **White-whiskered Hermits**, **White-necked Jacobins**, **Rufous-tailed Hummingbirds**, and **Green-crowned Brilliants** the dominant species present. A soaring **Barred Hawk** was also noted during one of the quieter walks that morning. The fruit feeders at *Milpe* were very quiet, but then suddenly had a short lively spell just before lunch, when **Dusky-faced Tanager**, **Silver-throated Tanager** and **Orange-billed Sparrow** appeared there!



Photo Page Before: The biggest surprise of the trip was bumping into this *Undulated Antpitta* feeding on the road in the Tandayapa Valley! It stayed there until we walked away 25 mins later, vigorously dissecting a giant earthworm! (Sam Woods/Tropical Birding Tours).

We took lunch at *Mirador Rio Blanco* restaurant in nearby *San Miguel de Los Bancos*, where the mango chicken was enjoyed, along with birds at the feeders, like **Blue-necked and Blue-gray Tanagers**, **Thick-billed and Orange-bellied Euphonias**, and a **Black-cheeked Woodpecker**. The weather was wonderfully clear, giving us good looks out on the Blanco River in the scenic valley below. The clear weather also allowed some raptors to be seen from there, which were mostly vultures, until Stuart revealed a photo of a mystery raptor, which was later confirmed as a **Swainsons' Hawk**, a vagrant in Ecuador, and the rarest sighting of the tour! After lunch, our group of two participants plus guide and driver headed back towards *Tandayapa*. Stuart requested to take the rest of the afternoon off to photograph the hummingbirds at the lodge, while *Dean* and *Sam* visited the *Upper Tandayapa Valley* again, hoping to plug some species gaps in our list.

In reality, it was extremely quiet with few birds seen, but then a plump bird hopped on to the road in front of the car, which had us out of the vehicle in a flash. It had been an antpitta, of that there was no doubt, but we had not seen enough to know which one, before it jumped back into the forest. After a quick search, we got brief enough looks to know that it was the very scarce *Undulated Antpitta* (photo page before), but we wished we could have had better looks. We prepared to leave, thinking the bird was "long gone", when suddenly it reappeared on the road, and remained there, feeding in pieces of a giant earthworm, for some 25 minutes or more! We also added a **Rufous Spinetail** while there. Our late afternoon had been fairly birdless and was more than saved by these prolonged and fortunate views of one of the trickiest antpittas in the area!



Glistening-green Tanager was one of the gaudiest birds on the tour at *Mashpi* (Sam Woods/Tropical Birding Tours).



Moss-backed Tanager was on an impressive list of Choco specialties seen at Mashpi (Sam Woods/Tropical Birding Tours).

Day 5 (of birding): 13th August – **Mashpi**.

On this day we made another foray downslope from *Tandayapa*, although only marginally so into some other cloudforest in the *Mashpi* area, focusing around the *Amagusa Reserve*. We quickly heard one of our main target birds, the very local **Indigo Flowerpiercer**, although our first attempts at seeing one failed miserably! We did however do better with another specialty, with our first **Moss-backed Tanager** (*photo above*), a species, which also later too appeared at the fruit feeders. After meeting with local reserve owner *Sergio*, we checked some trees down the road, where we found a pair of **Black-chinned Mountain-Tanagers**, some flock attending **Flame-faced Tanagers**, and our first gleaming **Glistening-green Tanagers** (*photo page 10*), a species we were later to enjoy at extreme close up at the Amagusa feeders. Another standout bird in this area was a spectacular male **White-throated (Choco) Daggerbill**, as well as a **Zeledon's Antbird** uncharacteristically sitting in the open. Walking the road back and forth and combing the cloudforest, and we finally located several **Buffy (Pacific) Tuftedcheeks**, **Red-faced Spinetail**, **Barred Becard**, **Black-billed Peppershrike**, a gorgeous male **Orange-breasted Fruiteater**, a pair of **Broad-billed Motmots**, and several **Bronze-olive Pymgy-Tyrants**. We checked some in forest feeders, which finally attracted a pair of **Rufous-throated Tanagers**, another new one for us. As we came out of the forest a pair of Rose-faced Parrots perched quietly overhead were arguably the birds of the day!

Over lunch we viewed **Moss-backed** and **Glistening-green Tanagers**, **Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant**, and then checked the hummingbird feeders for activity, where we watched on as **White-whiskered Hermit**, **Velvet-purple Coronet**, **Violet-tailed Sylph**, **Green Thorntail**, **Empress Brilliant**, **Booted Racket-tail** and **Purple-bibbed Whitetip** all vied for a place at them.

In the afternoon we travelled along the forested road below there, finding a **Barred Puffbird**, **Russet Antshrike**, and **Dusky-faced Tanagers**. Our final stop came back where we started, where we finally had repeated looks at a pair of foraging **Indigo Flowerpiercers**. On the way home, **Smooth-billed Ani** also rather belatedly joined our bird list, before we returned to *Tandayapa* once more.

Day 6 (of birding): 14th August – **Paz de las Aves and Calacali.**

The prolonged visit to *Paz de las Aves Reserve*, between *Tandayapa* and *Mindo* was one of the undoubted highlights of the trip. More than any one particular bird, this was the place that left the biggest mark on the participants memories. This was not only because we saw some incredible birds, but also the phenomenal service and guiding taken to find many of these rare species, as usual provided by the legendary Paz brothers, *Angel and Rodrigo*, who worked tirelessly to get us some very special species indeed. We arrived, as usual, just as dawn was breaking, and once there was a little light, we made our way along a forest trail to a blind, where already the noisy displays of **Andean Cock-of-the-rocks** were heard. It ended up like a game of peek-a-boo, as the birds made noisy displays, but only occasionally popped out into an open window, whereupon we all shifted into the best viewing position each time.



In the end, we all got great looks at this classic, scarlet, black and silver, Andean bird. Within the same blind a **Masked Trogon** was also located by Angel one of the guides for the morning. Once the frenzied excitement at the cock-of-the-rock lek site died down, *Angel* quickly moved us back to the road, where, following some pinpoint searching, he located a roosting **Rufous-bellied Nighthawk** with some skill! Dawn was barely an hour old, and we were keenly aware of the talent on view and the optimum start we had enjoyed. However, it was only to get better as every hour passed. *Angel* led us onto a small, steep forest trail, where he whistled and encouraged a bird to come into view.

*After a late morning hike, we got fantastic views of the elusive **Ocellated Tapaculo** during our epic morning at Paz de las Aves (Stuart Campbell)*



*The day at Paz de las Aves was a talked off as a tour highlight, where we saw 5 different antpittas in one morning, including this **Giant Antpitta** (Sam Woods/Tropical Birding Tours).*

The bird in question, a **Dark-backed Wood-Quail** seemed reluctant to do so, with Angel seeing it buried deep in the forest for some time, before, eventually, and to much relief a single quail hopped out on to the path in front of us! This being a rare and little seen endemic of the Choco bioregion was quite a coup, although the Paz brothers were not done yet, far from it. We then took a short drive, where we failed to located a distantly calling **Cloud-forest Pygmy-Owl**, which was immediately forgotten, when a short time later, we admired a remarkably confiding **Giant Antpitta** (photo above) hope on to a perch at a roadside feeding station, one of the best birds of the entire tour!

Next we broke the morning up with a wonderful traditional breakfast on site with plantain and chicken Bolones and cheese empanadas being popular among all. *Antpittas* were indeed the focus at this site, and we enjoyed rare success, all possible 5 species in a single morning! Next up was the turn of a **Yellow-breasted Antpitta** to entertain us, this one being easier still, visible from a road, and waiting us on arrival! From there, we walked down a steep forest trail, where first an **Ochre-breasted Antpitta** (photo next page) appeared, and the at the same spot a much sneakier **Moustached Antpitta** crept in. Nearby, we were to observe a **Toucan Barbet** poking out of its nesting cavity.



"Shakira" the adorable *Ochre-breasted Antpitta* seen during a 5-antpitta session at Paz de las Aves (Sam Woods/Tropical Birding Tours).

Moving into some higher cloudforest, a mossy trunk was the perch for a **Chestnut-crowned Antpitta**, our fifth species from that elite group of the morning. In the late morning, from there, we decided to go on a mission to see the elusive Ocellated Tapaculo, at a feeding area some 30 minutes' walk each way, into the forest. We set off and were distracted on the way by some **Dusky Chlorospingus**, and a male **Crested Quetzal** no less! Then, with some patience, we watched on as an *Ocellated Tapaculo* (photo page 12) peaked in and out of the vegetation, every now and then hopping out to reveal its polka-dotted, plumage and burnt red face! As if that was not enough, a pair of **Powerful Woodpeckers** were also found nearby! Our final time at this wonderful site involved taking lunch beside the feeders, where **Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager**, **Golden Tanager**, **Mountain Wren**, and **Velvet-Purple Coronet** were among the attendees, while a pair of Red-billed Parrots quietly sat in a tree alongside.

Finally, the end of the main tour beckoned, with a drive back east to the capital, Quito, for the night. However, on the way, we stopped in at some dry country near the town of *Calacali*, which sits on the equator. This is not an especially diverse area, but always produces some new species, as it is a habitat we spend very little time in. Our first **Golden Grosbeaks** came there, as did **Variable Hawk**, **Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch**, **Band-tailed Seedeater**, and a pair of smashing **Golden-rumped Euphonias**. A number of **American Kestrels** were also noted there, as was a male **Black-tailed Trainbearer**.

High Andes Extension: 15th – 17th August 2021

Day 7 (of birding): 15th August – Antisana to Guango Lodge.

The start of the high Andes extension was exciting, (as always), as we moved into an area that offered plentiful new birds, in an open country, easier birding situation, and also set within beautiful mountain scenery. Soon after we arrived at Antisana, the new birds started to stream in, with some **Plain-colored Seedeaters** on the roadside, and our first **Grass Wrens** from a condor viewpoint, which did not yield the *condor*! The **Grass Wren** has only very recently been split from the North American *Sedge Wren* (in 2021). Soon after, raptors began to appear, with the first of many **Carunculated Caracaras**, a well spotted **Cinereous Harrier** from *Stuart*, then more **Variable Hawks**, and then the biggest of them all, a party of four to five **Andean Condors** drifting in circles overhead. Having puting to rest the biggest target of the day, we birded some scrub where **Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant** was seen well. Just up the road in another scrubby area, we managed to see first **Streak-backed Canastero** on one fence post, and **Many-striped Canastero** on the next post along, and an **Andean Tit-Spinetail**. The same area yielded our first **Black-winged Ground-Doves**, yet another new species for the tour, additions which were fast moving into double digits for the day. Moving higher up the road still we stopped by an abandoned house, where the grassy meadow alongside was alive with songbirds, including **Plumbeous Sierra-Finch**, **Chestnut-winged** and **Stout-billed Cinclodes**, and **Plain-capped (Paramo) Ground-Tyrant**. Our first **Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle** also appeared in the skies above. However, prize find was a **Paramo Pipit** (*photo below*) that made regular display flights around us...



This Paramo Pipit was observed doing display flights around us and in full song at Antisana in the high Andes (Sam Woods/Tropical Birding Tours).



Andean Lapwing was seen in the paramo grasslands of the high Andes at Antisana (Sam Woods/Tropical Birding Tours).

Moving up onto an open plateau of paramo grassland, we saw the snow-topped peak of *Antisana Volcano* peeking through the clouds, and picked up a number of **Andean Lapwings**, (photo above), **Carunculated Caracaras**, and **Andean Gulls** resting there. Sadly, we could not find any Andean Ibis, which come and go in this season there. Our final major stop inside the park of *Antisana* was beside *Mica Lagoon*, where we walked to the edge of the lake to spot birds like **Silvery Grebes**, **Andean Ruddy Duck**, **Andean Teal** and **Slate-colored (Andean) Coot**, all high Andean waterbirds. On the way back we got a long look at several female **Ecuadorian Hillstars**. Our time at *Antisana* came to a close with lunch at a local café just outside the park, *Tambo Condor*, where we watched over an extremely territorial **Giant Hummingbird** (photo next page), which would not let any of the industrious **Sparkling Violetears** get anywhere near his prized feeder! A handful of **Shining Sunbeams** and **Black Flowerpiercers** were also seen in the same area.

Our next stop was our lodging for the night, *Guango Lodge*, significantly downslope from where we'd been in the morning (at 2600m/ft). Here we hoped to locate a Torrent Duck on the nearby river but came up empty-handed on that front. However, we continued to add new birds, now we were over on the eastern side of the Andes, with its different bird set, to the rest of the main tour. Hummingbird feeders held **Tourmaline Sunangel**, **White-bellied Woodstar**, the incredible **Long-tailed Syph**, and **Chestnut-breasted Coronet**, all of which were new trip birds, but also **Speckled Hummingbird**, **Collared Inca** and the amazing **Sword-billed Hummingbird**, which were much appreciated repeats. In the neighbouring forest we found some tame **Turquoise Jays**, in addition to **Mountain Caciques**, **Strong-billed Woodcreeper**, and **Spectacled Redstarts**. By the end of the day we had managed to find thirty new species for the trip. The evening ended with heavy rain falling that continued through the night.



Photos page before: TOP: The massive *Giant Hummingbird* (Sam Woods); BOTTOM: the outrageous *Sword-billed Hummingbird* (Stuart Campbell).



The beard of a *Blue-mantled Thornbill* catches the light at Papallacta on the High Andes Extension (Sam Woods/Tropical Birding Tours).

Day 8 (of birding): 16th August – Guango Lodge and Papallacta.

All too soon the final birding day of the tour came around. To illustrate how diverse Ecuador is, even on this final day, new species went into double digits. Although the day opened with rain still falling with some weight to it, Dean and Sam opted to check out the new blind on site all the same. This proved fruitful, as we watched a procession of birds come to feed on moths attracted to the light through the night, and others came to feed on grain. Three species of *brushfinch*, all new for the trip came in at one time or another through our hour long vigil: **Gray-browed Brushfinch** and **Chestnut-capped Brushfinch** appeared first and were followed by a long showing from a pair of **Pale-naped Brushfinches** afterwards. Other birds seen from our shelter were **Strong-billed** and **Tyrannine Woodcreepers**, **Rufous Wren**, **Russet-crowned Warbler**, **Crimson-mantled Woodpecker**, **Turquoise Jay**, and **Mountain Cacique**. A final walk around *Guango* was made after breakfast, by which time the rain had abated. This produced **Blue-backed Conebill**, **Pearled Treerunner**, **Streaked Tuftedcheek**, **Cinnamon Flycatcher**, **Gray-hooded Bush-Tanager**, and **Black-eared Hemispingus**. We then made our way towards *Papallacta Pass*, stopping near the town of *Papallacta*, where we added **Tufted Tit-Tyrant** and **Viridian Metaltail** in doing so.



Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager took a while to find around Papallacta in the high Andes, but the views were spectacular in the end!
(Sam Woods/Tropical Birding Tours).

Once we reached the higher pass, we were greeted with rain and cloud, often an impediment to birding at such high altitudes. However, the weather is nothing of not changeable in the high Andes, and once the rain had eased and the cloud parted, we jumped out of the car, and quickly added a spectacular bearded male **Blue-mantled Thornbill** (photo page 18) and a **White-chinned Thistletail**. With the weather even higher looking distinctly threatening, we went a little lower down, and visited a large stand of mature *polyepis* trees, where our main hope was to find a species limited to this type of high altitude woodland. Soon after reach the edge of the wood, we heard the jumbled notes of our target species, **Giant Conebill**, but it remained out of view. Then, it started to rain again, but being so close to our target we held steadfast, and after picking up a **White-throated Tyrannulet** and several **Black-backed Bush-Tanagers**, some flock species the conebill often travels with, we finally found a pair of conebills, which fed in the rain in front of us for some time. Our final time was spent around *Papallacta*, where roadside walks brought us a pair of **Bar-bellied Woodpeckers**, a solitary **White-browed Spinetail**, the first of some very confiding **Lacrimose Mountain-Tanagers** (photo above), and **Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanagers**, and a gorgeous **Golden-crowned Tanager** (photo page 20) was one of the last birds of the tour. By the evening we had returned to a Quito airport hotel, where we did our final checklist and looked back on some stellar sightings over the course of this 8-day bird extravaganza!



TOP: *Bar-bellied Woodpecker* (Sam Woods); BOTTOM: *Golden-crowned Tanager* (Stuart Campbell) in the high Andes.



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

TINAMIDAE

Crypturellus soui

DUCKS, GEESE, & WATERFOWL

EXT Andean Teal

EXT Andean Ruddy Duck

ANATIDAE

Anas andium

Oxyura ferruginea

CRACIDS

Andean Guan

H Wattled Guan

H Sickle-winged Guan

CRACIDAE

Penelope montagnii

Aburria aburri

Chamaepetes goudotii

NEW WORLD QUAIL

Dark-backed Wood-Quail (E)

ODONTOPHORIDAE

Odontophorus melanonotus

GREBES

EXT Silvery Grebe

PODICIPEDIDAE

Podiceps occipitalis

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon

Pale-vented Pigeon

Band-tailed Pigeon

Plumbeous Pigeon

Ruddy Pigeon

Dusky Pigeon (E)

GO Common Ground-Dove

EXT Black-winged Ground-Dove

White-tipped Dove

Pallid Dove (E)

H White-throated Quail-Dove

Eared Dove

COLUMBIDAE

Columba livia

Patagioenas cayennensis

Patagioenas fasciata

Patagioenas plumbea

Patagioenas subvinacea

Patagioenas goodsoni

Columbina passerina

Metriopelia melanoptera

Leptotila verreauxi

Leptotila pallida

Zentrygon frenata

Zenaida auriculata

CUCKOOS

Smooth-billed Ani

H Striped Cuckoo

Squirrel Cuckoo

CUCULIDAE

Crotophaga ani

Tapera naevia

Piaya cayana

NIGHTJARS AND ALLIES

Rufous-bellied Nighthawk
Lyre-tailed Nightjar

SWIFTS

Chestnut-collared Swift
White-collared Swift
Gray-rumped Swift
White-tipped Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

White-necked Jacobin
White-whiskered Hermit (E)
Tawny-bellied Hermit
Stripe-throated Hermit
White-throated (Choco) Daggerbill (E)
Brown Violetear
Lesser (Green) Violetear
Sparkling Violetear
Purple-crowned Fairy
Gorgeted Sunangel (E)
EXT Tourmaline Sunangel
Green Thorntail
Speckled Hummingbird
EXT Long-tailed Sylph
Violet-tailed Sylph (E)
EXT Ecuadorian Hillstar
Black-tailed Trainbearer
Purple-backed Thornbill
EXT Blue-mantled Thornbill
Rainbow-bearded Thornbill
Tyrian Metaltail
EXT Viridian Metaltail
Sapphire-vented Puffleg
Shining Sunbeam
Brown Inca
Collared Inca
Buff-winged Starfrontlet
Sword-billed Hummingbird
Buff-tailed Coronet
EXT Chestnut-breasted Coronet
Velvet-purple Coronet (E)
Booted Racket-tail
Purple-bibbed Whitetip (E)
Fawn-breasted Brilliant
Green-crowned Brilliant
Empress Brilliant (E)
EXT Giant Hummingbird
EXT White-bellied Woodstar

CAPRIMULGIDAE

Lurocalis rufiventris
Uropsalis lyra

APODIDAE

Streptoprocne rutila
Streptoprocne zonaris
Chaetura cinereiventris
Aeronautes montivagus

TROCHILIDAE

Florisuga mellivora
Phaethornis yaruqui
Phaethornis syrmatorophorus
Phaethornis striigularis
Schistes albogularis
Colibri delphinae
Colibri cyanotus
Colibri coruscans
Heliothryx barroti
Heliangelus strophianus
Heliangelus exortis
Discosura conversii
Adelomyia melanogenys
Agelaiocercus kingii
Agelaiocercus coelestis
Oreotrochilus chimborazo
Lesbia victoriae
Ramphomicron microrhynchum
Chalcostigma stanleyi
Chalcostigma herrani
Metallura tyrianthina
Metallura williami
Eriocnemis luciani
Aglaeactis cupripennis
Coeligena wilsoni
Coeligena torquata
Coeligena lutetiae
Ensifera ensifera
Boissonneaua flavescens
Boissonneaua matthewsii
Boissonneaua jardini
Ocreatus underwoodii
Urosticte benjamini
Heliodoxa rubinoides
Heliodoxa jacula
Heliodoxa imperatrix
Patagona gigas
Chaetocercus mulsant

Purple-throated Woodstar
 Crowned (Green-crowned) Woodnymph
 Andean Emerald
 Purple-chested Hummingbird (E)
 Rufous-tailed Hummingbird

RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS

EXT Slate-colored (Andean) Coot

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS

Andean Lapwing

GULLS, TERNS AND SKIMMERS

EXT Andean Gull

CORMORANTS AND SHAGS

Neotropic Cormorant

HERONS, EGRETS, AND BITTERNS

Great Egret
 Cattle Egret

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Black Vulture
 Turkey Vulture
 EXT Andean Condor

HAWKS, EAGLES, AND KITES

Hook-billed Kite
 Black Hawk-Eagle
 EXT Cinereous Harrier
 Sharp-shinned (Plain-breasted) Hawk
 Barred Hawk
 Roadside Hawk
 Variable Hawk
 EXT Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle
 Short-tailed Hawk
 Swainson's Hawk

OWLS

H Rufescent Screech-Owl
 H Cloud-forest Pygmy-Owl (E)
 H Andean Pygmy-Owl
 Burrowing Owl

TROGONS

Golden-headed Quetzal
 Crested Quetzal
 Blue-tailed (Chocó) Trogon (E)
 (Western) White-tailed Trogon

Philodice mitchellii
Thalurania colombica
Uranomitra franciae
Amazilia rosenbergi
Amazilia tzacatl

RALLIDAE

Fulica ardesiaca

CHARADRIIDAE

Vanellus resplendens

LARIDAE

Chroicocephalus serranus

PHALACROCORACIDAE

Phalacrocorax brasilianus

ARDEIDAE

Ardea alba
Bubulcus ibis

CATHARTIDAE

Coragyps atratus
Cathartes aura jota
Vultur gryphus

ACCIPITRIDAE

Chondrohierax uncinatus
Spizaetus tyrannus
Circus cinereus
Accipiter striatus ventralis
Morphnarchus princeps
Rupornis magnirostris
Geranoaetus polyosoma
Geranoaetus melanoleucus
Buteo brachyurus
Buteo swainsoni

STRIGIDAE

Megascops ingens
Glaucidium nubicola
Glaucidium jardinii
Athene cunicularia

TROGONIDAE

Pharomachrus auriceps
Pharomachrus antisianus
Trogon comptus
Trogon chionurus

Collared Trogon
Masked Trogon

Trogon collaris
Trogon personatus

MOTMOTS

Rufous Motmot
Broad-billed Motmot

MOMOTIDAE

Baryphthengus martii
Electron platyrhynchum

PUFFBIRDS

Barred Puffbird
White-whiskered Puffbird

BUCCONIDAE

Nystalus radiatus
Malacoptila panamensis

JACAMARS

Rufous-tailed Jacamar

GALBULIDAE

Galbula ruficauda

NEW WORLD BARBETS

Orange-fronted Barbet (E)
Red-headed Barbet

CAPITONIDAE

Capito squamatus
Eubucco bourcierii

TOUCAN-BARBETS

Toucan Barbet (E)

SEMNORNITHIDAE

Semnomis ramphastinus

TOUCANS

Crimson-rumped Toucanet
Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan (E)

Collared (Pale-mandibled) Aracari
Yellow-throated (Chestnut-mandibled)
Toucan
Choco Toucan (E)

RAMPHASTIDAE

Aulacorhynchus haematopygus
Andigena laminirostris
Pteroglossus torquatus
erythropygius

Ramphastos ambiguus swainsonii
Ramphastos brevis

WOODPECKERS

Black-cheeked Woodpecker
Red-rumped Woodpecker
GO Scarlet-backed Woodpecker
Bar-bellied Woodpecker
Golden-olive Woodpecker
Crimson-mantled Woodpecker
Cinnamon Woodpecker
H Lineated Woodpecker
Powerful Woodpecker
Guayaquil Woodpecker

PICIDAE

Melanerpes pucherani
Dryobates kirkii
Dryobates callonotus
Dryobates nigriceps
Colaptes rubiginosus
Colaptes rivolii
Celeus loricatus
Dryocopus lineatus
Campephilus pollens
Campephilus guayaquilensis

FALCONS AND CARACARAS

Carunculated Caracara
Laughing Falcon
American Kestrel

FALCONIDAE

Phalcoboenus carunculatus
Herpetotheres cachinnans
Falco sparverius

NEW WORLD AND AFRICAN PARROTS

Rose-faced Parrot (E)
Red-billed Parrot

PSITTICADAE

Pyrilia pulchra
Pionus sordidus

Blue-headed Parrot
Bronze-winged Parrot
Red-lored Parrot (Amazon)
Scaly-naped Parrot (Amazon)
Pacific Parrotlet

TYPICAL ANTIBIRDS

- H Great Antshrike
Black-crowned (Western Slaty-) Antshrike
Russet Antshrike (Tawny)
Checker-throated (Antwren) Stipplethroat
Pacific Antwren
Slaty Antwren
Dot-winged Antwren
H Streak-headed (Long-tailed) Antbird
Dusky Antbird
H Chestnut-backed Antbird
H **Esmeraldas Antbird (E)**
Zeledon's (Immaculate) Antbird
Bicolored Antbird

ANTPITTAS

- Undulated Antpitta
Giant Antpitta (E)
Moustached Antpitta (E)
H Plain-backed Antpitta
Chestnut-crowned Antpitta
Yellow-breasted Antpitta (E)
H Equatorial (Rufous) Antpitta
Tawny Antpitta
Ochre-breasted Antpitta

TAPACULOS

- Ocellated Tapaculo
H Blackish (Unicolored) Tapaculo
H **Nariño Tapaculo (E)**
H Spillmann's Tapaculo

ANTTHRUSHES

- H Rufous-breasted Antthrush

OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS

- EXT Tyrannine Woodcreeper
Plain-brown Woodcreeper
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper
Northern Barred-Woodcreeper
EXT Strong-billed Woodcreeper
Black-striped Woodcreeper
Spotted Woodcreeper
Streak-headed Woodcreeper

Pionus menstruus
Pionus chalcopterus
Amazona autumnalis
Amazona mercenarius
Forpus coelestis

THAMNOPHILIDAE

Taraba major
Thamnophilus atrinucha
Thamnistes anabatinus
Epinecrophylla fulviventrtris
Myrmotherula pacifica
Myrmotherula schisticolor
Microrhopias quixensis
Drymophila striaticeps
Cercomacroides tyrannina
Poliocrania exsul
Sipia nigricauda
Hafferia zeledoni
Gymnopathys bicolor aequatorialis

GRALLARIIDAE

Grallaria squamigera
Grallaria gigantea
Grallaria alleni
Grallaria haplonota
Grallaria ruficapilla
Grallaria flavotincta
Grallaria saturata
Grallaria quitensis
Grallaricula flavirostris

RHINOCRYPTIDAE

Acropternis orthonyx
Scytalopus latrans
Scytalopus vicinior
Scytalopus spillmanni

FORMICARIIDAE

Formicarius rufipectus

FURNARIIDAE

Dendrocincla tyrannina
Dendrocincla fuliginosa
Glyphorhynchus spirurus
Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae
Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus
Xiphorhynchus lachrymosus
Xiphorhynchus erythropygius
Lepidocolaptes souleyetii

Montane Woodcreeper
 Plain Xenops
 Buffy (Pacific) Tuftedcheek (E)
 Streaked Tuftedcheek
GO Rusty-winged Barbtail
 Pale-legged (Pacific) Hornero
EXT Chestnut-winged (Bar-winged) Cinclodes
EXT Stout-billed Cinclodes
 Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner
 Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner
 Lineated Foliage-gleaner
 Streak-capped Treehunter
 Striped (Western) Woodhaunter
 Spotted Barbtail
 Pearled Treerunner
EXT Andean Tit-Spinetail
EXT White-browed Spinetail
EXT Many-striped Canastero
EXT White-chinned Thistletail
EXT Streak-backed Canastero
 Red-faced Spinetail
 Azara's Spinetail
 Rufous Spinetail
H Slaty Spinetail

MANAKINS

White-bearded Manakin
 Golden-winged Manakin

COTINGAS

Green-and-black Fruiteater
 Orange-breasted Fruiteater (E)
 Scaled Fruiteater
 Red-crested Cotinga
 Andean Cock-of-the-rock
 Purple-throated Fruitcrow

TITYRAS AND ALLIES

Masked Tityra
H Northern (Thrush-like) Schiffornis
 Barred Becard
 Cinnamon Becard
 Black-and-white Becard
 One-colored Becard

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet
 White-tailed Tyrannulet
 White-banded Tyrannulet
 White-throated Tyrannulet

Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger
Xenops minutus
Pseudocolaptes lawrencii johnsoni
Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii
Premnornis guttuliger
Furnarius leucopus cinnamomeus
Cinclodes albidiventris
Cinclodes excelsior
Dendroma rufa
Anabacerthia variegaticeps
Syndactyla subalaris
Thripadectes virgaticeps
Automolus subulatus assimilis
Premnoplex brunnescens
Margarornis squamiger
Leptasthenura andicola
Hellmayrea gularis
Asthenes flammulata
Asthenes fuliginosa
Asthenes wyatti
Cranioleuca erythrops
Synallaxis azarae
Synallaxis unirufa
Synallaxis brachyura

PIPRIDAE

Manacus manacus
Masius chrysopterus

COTINGIDAE

Pipreola riefferii
Pipreola jucunda
Ampelioides tschudii
Ampelion rubrocristatus
Rupicola peruvianus
Querula purpurata

TITYRIDAE

Tityra semifasciata
Schiffornis veraepacis rosenbergi
Pachyramphus versicolor
Pachyramphus cinnamomeus
Pachyramphus albogriseus
Pachyramphus homochrous

TYRANNIDAE

Camptostoma obsoletum
Mecocerculus poecilocercus
Mecocerculus stictopterus
Mecocerculus leucophrys

EXT Tufted Tit-Tyrant
 Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet
 Greenish Elaenia
 White-crested Elaenia
 Streak-necked Flycatcher
 Ochre-bellied Flycatcher
 Slaty-capped Flycatcher
 Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant
 Sooty-headed Tyrannulet
Choco (Golden-faced) Tyrannulet (E)

Ornate Flycatcher
 Bronze-olive Pygmy-Tyrant
GO Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant
H Black-capped Pygmy-Tyrant
H Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant
 Common Tody-Flycatcher
 Cinnamon Flycatcher
 Flavescent Flycatcher
 Smoke-colored Pewee
 Black Phoebe
 Vermilion Flycatcher

EXT Plain-capped (Páramo) Ground-Tyrant
 Smoky Bush-Tyrant
 Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant

EXT Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant
 Boat-billed Flycatcher
 Rusty-margined Flycatcher
 Social Flycatcher
 Golden-crowned Flycatcher
 Snowy-throated Kingbird
 Tropical Kingbird

VIREOS AND ALLIES

GO Black-billed Peppershrike
 Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo
 Lesser Greenlet
 Brown-capped Vireo
 Chivi Vireo

CROWS JAYS AND MAGPIES

EXT Turquoise Jay
EXT Green (Inca) Jay

SWALLOWS

Blue-and-white Swallow
 Brown-bellied Swallow
 White-thighed Swallow
 Southern Rough-winged Swallow
 Gray-breasted Martin

Anairetes parulus
Tyrannulus elatus
Myiopagis viridicata
Elaenia albiceps
Mionectes striaticollis
Mionectes oleagineus
Leptopogon superciliaris
Phylloscartes ophthalmicus
Phyllomyias griseiceps
Zimmerius (chrysops) albigularis
Myiobicus ornatus
Pseudotriccus pelzelni
Pseudotriccus ruficeps
Myiornis atricapillus
Lophotriccus pileatus
Todirostrum cinereum
Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus
Myiophobus flavicans
Contopus fumigatus
Sayornis nigricans
Pyrocephalus rubinus
Muscisaxicola alpinus
Myiotheretes fumigatus
Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris
Ochthoeca fumicolor
Megarynchus pitangua
Myiozetetes cayanensis
Myiozetetes similis
Myiodynastes chrysocephalus
Tyrannus niveigularis
Tyrannus melancholicus

VIREONIDAE

Cyclarhis nigristrois
Vireolanius leucotis
Pachysylvia decurtata
Vireo leucophrys
Vireo chivi

CORVIDAE

Cyanolyca turcosa
Cyanocorax yncas yncas

HIRUNDINIDAE

Pygochelidon cyanoleuca
Orochelidon murina
Atticora tibialis
Stelgidopteryx ruficollis
Progne chalybea

WRENS

- House Wren
Mountain Wren
EXT Grass (Sedge) Wren
H Whiskered Wren
Bay Wren
Rufous Wren
Sharpe's (Sepia-brown) Wren
Gray-breasted Wood-Wren

THRUSHES AND ALLIES

- Andean Solitaire
H Speckled (Spotted) Nightingale-Thrush
Ecuadorian Thrush
Great Thrush
Glossy-black Thrush

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

House Sparrow

WAGTAILS AND PIPITS

- EXT** Paramo Pipit

FINCHES, EUPHONIAS AND ALLIES

- Thick-billed Euphonia
Golden-rumped Euphonia
Orange-bellied Euphonia
H Yellow-collared Chlorophonia (E)
Hooded Siskin

NEW WORLD SPARROWS

- Yellow-throated Chlorospingus (Bush-Tanager)
Dusky Chlorospingus (Bush-Tanager)
H Black-striped Sparrow
EXT Gray-browed (Stripe-headed) Brushfinch
Orange-billed Sparrow
EXT Chestnut-capped Brushfinch
Rufous-collared Sparrow
EXT Slaty Brushfinch
EXT Pale-naped Brushfinch
Yellow-breasted (Rufous-naped) Brushfinch
White-winged Brushfinch

TROUPIALS AND ALLIES

- Scrub Blackbird
Shiny Cowbird
Scarlet-rumped Cacique
EXT (Northern) Mountain Cacique

TROGLODYTIDAE

Troglodytes aedon
Troglodytes solstitialis
Cistothorus platensis aequatorialis
Pheugopedius mystacalis
Cantorchilus nigricapillus
Cinnycerthia unirufa
Cinnycerthia olivascens
Henicorhina leucophrys

TURDIDAE

Myadestes ralloides
Catharus maculatus
Turdus maculirostris
Turdus fuscater
Turdus serranus

PASSERIDAE

Passer domesticus

MOTACILLIDAE

Anthus bogotensis

FRINGILLIDAE

Euphonia laniirostris
Chlorophonia cyanocephala
Euphonia xanthogaster
Chlorophonia flavirostris
Spinus magellanicus

PASSERELLIDAE

Chlorospingus flavigularis
Chlorospingus semifuscus
Arremonops conirostris
Arremon assimilis
Arremon aurantirostris
Arremon brunneinucha
Zonotrichia capensis
Atlapetes schistaceus
Atlapetes pallidinucha
Atlapetes latinuchus
Atlapetes leucopterus leucopterus

ICTERIDAE

Dives waczewiczi
Molothrus bonariensis
Cacicus uropygialis pacificus
Cacicus chrysonotus leucoramphus

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

- H Olive-crowned Yellowthroat
Tropical Parula
Three-striped Warbler
Black-crested Warbler
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

Ochre-breasted Tanager (E)
Golden Grosbeak

TANAGERS AND ALLIES

- Superciliaried Hemispingus
Black-eared Hemispingus
Black-eared (Western) Hemispingus (E)
Gray-hooded Bush Tanager
White-shouldered Tanager
- GO Tawny-crested Tanager
White-lined Tanager
Flame-rumped (Lemon-rumped) Tanager
Moss-backed Tanager (E)
Hooded Mountain Tanager
Grass-green Tanager
- EXT Lacrimose Mountain Tanager
Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager
Blue-winged Mountain Tanager
Black-chinned Mountain Tanager (E)
- H Buff-breasted Mountain Tanager
- EXT Golden-crowned Tanager
Fawn-breasted Tanager
Glistening-green Tanager (E)
Blue-gray Tanager
Palm Tanager
Blue-capped Tanager
- GO Golden-naped Tanager
Gray-and-gold Tanager
Black-capped Tanager
Blue-necked Tanager
Rufous-throated Tanager (E)
Blue-and-black Tanager
Beryl-spangled Tanager
Bay-headed Tanager

PARULIDAE

Geothlypis semiflava
Setophaga pitiaiumi
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
Hemispingus melanotis melanotis
Hemispingus melanotis ochraceus
Cnemoscopus rubrirostris
Loriotus luctuosus
Tachyphonus delatrii
Tachyphonus rufus
Ramphocelus flammigerus icteronotus
Bangsia edwardsi
Buthraupis montana
Chlorornis riefferii
Anisognathus lacrymosus
Anisognathus igniventris
Anisognathus somptuosus
Anisognathus notabilis
Dubusia taeniata
Iridosornis rufivertex
Pipraeidea melanonota
Chlorochrysa phoenicotis
Thraupis episcopus
Thraupis palmarum
Thraupis cyanocephala
Chalcothraupis ruficervix
Poecilostreptus palmeri
Stilpnia heinei
Stilpnia cyanicollis
Ixothraupis rufigula
Tangara vassorii
Tangara nigroviridis
Tangara gyrola

	Flame-faced Tanager (Yellow-faced)	<i>Tangara parzudakii lunigera</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>
	Scarlet-thighed Dacnis	<i>Dacnis venusta</i>
	Blue Dacnis	<i>Dacnis cayana</i>
	Green Honeycreeper	<i>Chlorophanes spiza</i>
	Scarlet-browed Tanager (E)	<i>Heterospingus xanthopygius</i>
	Guira Tanager	<i>Hemithraupis guira</i>
EXT	Cinereous Conebill	<i>Conirostrum cinereum</i>
	Blue-backed Conebill	<i>Conirostrum sitticolor</i>
	Capped Conebill	<i>Conirostrum albifrons</i>
EXT	Giant Conebill	<i>Oreomanes fraseri</i>
	Glossy Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa lafresnayii</i>
	Black Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa humeralis</i>
	Indigo Flowerpiercer (E)	<i>Diglossa indigotica</i>
	Masked Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa cyanea</i>
EXT	Black-backed Bush Tanager	<i>Urothraupis stolzmanni</i>
EXT	Plumbeous Sierra Finch	<i>Phrygilus unicolor</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>
	Black-and-white Seedeater	<i>Sporophila luctuosa</i>
	Yellow-bellied Seedeater	<i>Sporophila nigricollis</i>
	Band-tailed Seedeater	<i>Catamenia analis</i>
EXT	Plain-colored Seedeater	<i>Catamenia inornata</i>
	Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaveola</i>
	Buff-throated Saltator	<i>Saltator maximus</i>
	Black-winged Saltator	<i>Saltator atripennis</i>