

A Tropical Birding SET DEPARTURE tour

# **ECUADOR: East Andean Foothills**

10<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021



Spectacled Bear in paramo grassland near Papallacta Pass

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### **INTRODUCTION:**

This short tour visited a fantastic lodge in the foothills of the Andes on the east slope, but also squeezed in some birds of higher elevations on the way there. It was a great tour, with some of the special and most popular birds seen including White-lored and Plain-backed Antpittas, Gray-tailed Piha, Plain-winged Antwren, Brown Nunlet, Coppery-chested Jacamar, White-chested Puffbird, White-chested Swift, Ecuadorian Piedtail, Black-throated Brilliant, Buff-throated Tody-Tyrant, Military Macaw, Green-backed and Ecuadorian Hillstars, Andean Cock of the Rock, Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe, and Gould's Jewelfront. Our final tally was over 270 species, of which more than 230 were seen by at least one in the group.

## **TOUR SUMMARY:**

### Day 1 (of birding) 11th October - Quito to WildSumaco

After we all met up in the hotel in *Puembo* in the morning, we started driving eastwards towards *WildSumaco Lodge*, but took our time getting there, making some important birding stops along the way. Once we arrived at *Papallacta Pass*, we decided to make a short visit to nearby *Cayambe-Coca National Park*. First off, we drove all the way up to the radio towers, where as soon as we arrived there, we had wonderful views of pair of *Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe* (photo below), which can be very tricky on some trips. On our way down from there, we found *Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant*, *White-chinned Thistletail*, *Many-striped Canastero*, *Giant Conebill*, *Andean Tit-Spinetail*, *Plain-capped* (*Paramo*) *Ground Tyrant*, *Carunculated Caracara* in flight, *Chestnut-winged and Stout-billed Cinclodes*, *Blue-mantled Thornbill*, and a great view of the often-elusive *Ecuadorian Hillstar*. Just before leaving the area we got arguably the sighting of the morning, and it was NOT a bird..We had awesome views of mom and cub *Spectacled Bears* (photo page 1) feeding on *Puya* plants in the open!



Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe on cushion plants in the paramo at Cayambe-Coca National Park

After such a fantastic start, we went *Guango Lodge*, where this brief stop started quietly. However, even then we saw birds at the feeders like **Tourmaline Sunangel**, **Collared Inca**, **Long-tailed Sylph** and the odd-looking **Sword-billed Hummingbird**.

Our short trail walk provided us with a small feeding flock containing Gray-hooded Bush-Tanager, Chestnut-capped, Pale-naped and Slaty Brushfinches, Pearled Treerunner, Capped and Blue-backed Conebills, Rufous Wren, Fawn-breasted Tanager, Black-crested Warbler, and we also saw some gaudy species, like Green (Inca) Jay and Masked Trogon with them too. After that, we went for lunch in the highland town of Baeza. Once we had eaten, we visited Brisas de Colibries, and admired yet more hummingbirds, like the lovely Booted Racket-Tail, Tawny-bellied Hermit, Long-tailed Sylph (photo below), Bronzy Inca, Chestnut-breasted Coronet, Speckled Hummingbird, Violet-fronted and Fawn-breasted Brilliants, Lesser and Sparkling Violetears, Green-backed Hillstar and a striking Gorgeted Woodstar coming to the Verbena flowers. Just before leaving the area we encountered a small feeding flock with colorful species like, Saffron-crowned, Golden, Black-capped, and Flame-faced Tanagers, as well as Montane Woodcreeper, Golden-olive Woodpecker, Canada Warbler, Olivaceous Siskin and a noisy Scarlet-rumped (Subtropical) Cacique.

After such awesome moment it was time to head towards the lodge, but on our way down we got chance to see a bunch **Cliff Flycatcher** sitting on a power line and others on a low cliff face. Just as we were reaching the lodge some **Military Macaws** flew over, one of the rarer species in the area. At the end of the day, we arrived at the lodge with some awesome birds in in the bag already. We were then ready for a delicious dinner at *Wild Sumaco Lodge*, where we also did our first checklist of the tour.



Long-tailed Sylph from Brisas de Colibries

#### Day 2 (12th October) – WildSumaco Area

We spent this day birding immediately around the lodge, on other parts of their property dotted about nearby. The day started with a visit to the local blind after breakfast, where birds gather to sweep up the insects attracted overnight. This included Western Fire-eye (recently split from White-backed Fire-eye), Ornate Flycatcher, Plain Antvireo, Black-billed Treehunter, White-chested Puffbird (photo below), Peruvian Warbling-Antbird and the very attractive Black faced Antbird that gave us wonderful looks. Some of these species can be typically shy and difficult to see away from a blind set up like this wonderful one at the lodge.



White-chested Puffbird from WildSumaco Lodge in the East Andean Foothills

After such a wonderful start, we went to bird along one of the lodge trails. While this can be challenging compared to what we had done thus far, it is the only way to see some of the interior forest species, many of which are stunning. The trail led us to find White-crowned Manakin, Golden-olive Woodpecker watching us from a tree hollow. We also saw the rare Gray-tailed Piha a few times, as well as Musician Wren, White-breasted Wood-Wren, and Buff-throated Tody-Tyrant a reclusive canopy dweller. As we emerged out of the forest trail, we picked up some birds at the edge, like Dark-breasted Spinetail, Chestnut-fronted Macaw, Redheaded Barbet and a bright male Andean Cock-of-the-rock feeding on Cecropia fruits.

We took lunch back at the lodge and spent some time with the hummingbird feeders on the property too. The feeders brought us Ecuadorian Piedtail, Booted Racket-tail, Golden-tailed Sapphire, Black-throated Brilliant, Sparkling and Brown Violetears, Gould's Jewelfront, Fork-tailed Woodnymph, Many-spotted Hummingbird, Black-throated Mango and the cute Wire-crested Thorntail.

Verbena flowers near the front porch also produced birds away from the feeders like, Gorgeted Woodstar and Violet-headed Hummingbird. Our late afternoon plans involved birding a dirt the road just a short drive away near *Pacto Sumaco* village. This was, as usual, very productive, with species like Yellow-tufted Woodpecker in a dead tree chattering at us, Magpie, White-lined and Spotted Tanagers, Blue-headed Parrot, White-eyed Parakeet, Plumbeous and Ruddy Pigeons, Black-and-white Seedeater, Lined Antshrike, and Olive-chested Flycatcher. We also saw a fighting pair of Yellow-throated Toucans, in addition to Thrush-like Wren, Blue-gray Saltator. We finished the day seeing the secretive Blackish Rail (photo below) at a well-known spot near the village, where it gave us killer looks to end the day.



Blackish Rail in rank grassland in Pacto Sumaco

#### Day 3 (13th October) - WildSumaco Area

On this day, we visited another of the lodge trails (some of these involved short drives to reach). Our particular focus by visiting this steeper trail, was to try and get some deep forest birds not possible along the road or flatter trails on the property. We enjoyed great success with some of these, starting out with Wing-banded Wren and also finding the shy Chestnut-crowned Gnateater too. While slowly walking the trail we also encountered an excellent feeding flocks, which held Foothill Elaenia, Ecuadorian Tyrannulet, the very scarce Yellow-shouldered Grosbeak, and Yellow-breasted Antwren. In the same general area, the understory provided us with Plain Antvireo, Plain-winged Antshrike, Black-and-white Tody-Flycatcher, and Foothill and Plain-winged Antwrens, with the help of playback for the latter, rare species.

Later on, the same trail brought us **Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant**, **Ruddy Foliage-Gleaner**, **Short-tailed Anthrush**, **(Eastern) Striped Woodhaunter**, and getting out of the trail by the parking we found **Large-headed Flatbill** and **Crimson-crested Woodpecker**.

After such a successful morning, we went back to the lodge for lunch and to take a little rest before our afternoon journey. So, right after lunch, some of us went to enjoy watching the hummingbirds some more, while others rested. After this, we visited an *antpitta feeding station in the forest*. On the way there though, we were distracted by another feeding flock, which held **Montane Foliage-Gleaner**, **Olivaceous Woodcreeper**, **Rufous-naped Greenlet**, **Streaked Xenops**, **Blue-necked Tanager** and some migrant birds too, like **Cerulean Warbler** and **Summer Tanager**.

Once, we reached the feeding station this enabled us to see the normally shy **Northern White-crowned Tapaculo**, and two species of antpittas: **Ochre-breasted and Plain-backed Antpittas** (**photo below**) were called out were fed by one of the lodge staff. After such a productive pause, we decided to bird down the road from the lodge, which yielded **Amazonian Umbrellabird**, **Golden-collared Toucanet**, **Dusky Spinetail**, **Coppery-chested Jacamar**, **Violaceous Jay**, and **Russet-backed and Crested Oropendolas**. After this very productive day it was time to head back to the lodge for another good checklist and dinner.



Plain-backed Antpitta at a forest feeding station in WildSumaco

### Day 4 (14th October) – WildSumaco Area and the Papanku Road

This day's schedule was slightly different from the previous days, as we decided to bird a dirt road a short drive from the lodge. While the road has some nice forest patches, it has open areas too, allowing us to get a varied mix of birds in the process. Along this road, we found Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch, Chestnut-bellied Seedeater, Spot-breasted Woodpecker, Coraya Wren, Chestnut-eared Aracari, Lined Antshrike, Golden-winged Tody-Flycatcher and a small feeding flock that brought us Ecuadorian Tyrannulet, Montane Foliage-Gleaner, Rusty-winged Antwren, Yellow-bellied and Flame-crested Tanageras, and Russet Antshrike. We also got better looks at the striking Golden-collared Toucanet, and even heard a White-lored Antpitta singing too. After such a promising start, we opted to continue birding further along the same road and were rewarded with another impressive mixed species feeding flock with Yellow-throated Chlorospingus, Slaty-capped Flycatcher, Marbled-faced Bristle-Tyrant, Canada Warbler and the arboreal Rufous-rumped Antwren.

After such a productive morning, we returned to the lodge for lunch. After that, some spent some further time with the impressive hummingbird mix on the lodge deck, while others took the time to rest instead. The hummingbird horde included Sparkling and Brown Violetears, Booted Racket-tail, Gould's Jewelfront, Many-spotted Hummingbird, Golden-tailed Sapphire, White-necked Jacobin, Black-throated Mango, Black-throated and Violet-fronted Brilliants, and Wire-crested Thorntail, which were all repeats. However, a Rufous-vented Whitetip, a scarcity even here, was new for us. Earlier, during lunch, we were entertained by a couple of non-avian animals, a troop of Black-mantled (Graells's) Tamarin, and a Tayra (photo below) came to take advantage of a fruit feeder at the back of the lodge. An afternoon walk yielded another rarity for the site, Brown Nunlet, as well as Blackish Antbird, Squirrel Cuckoo, Collared Trogon and Spectacled Bristle-Tyrant.



Tayra from WildSumaco



Fork-tailed Woodnymph from WildSumaco

#### Day 5 (15th October) - WildSumaco to Quito

This was our final's day birding of the tour. Therefore, with a longish drive back to Quito, we had a half a day to bird the area before leaving for Ecuador's capital. Right after breakfast we revisited the excellent forest blind by the lodge, seeing Black-faced and Peruvian Warbling- Antbirds, White-chested Puffbird, Plain Antvireo, Black-billed Treehunter and Western Fire-eye. After the blind, we went to bird the road below the lodge, where we stumbled upon another exciting mixed feeding flock with Wing-barred Piprites, Golden-collared Honeycreeper, Bronze-green Euphonia, Cerulean and Blackburnian Warblers, Rusty-winged Antwren, Blue-necked, Spotted and Yellow-bellied Tanagers, Streaked Xenops, Olivaceous and Rufous-naped Greenlets, Green (Inca) Jay and Montane Foliage-Gleaner in attendance. In this same, productive, area we noticed a swarm of swifts overhead, which included Chestnut-collared and White-collared Swifts and the rare White-chested Swift too in the mob. A couple of other final good birds included Scaled Fruiteater and a ventriloquial Western Striolated Puffbird sitting in the treetops.

Following this, we packed up, checked out and took a boxed lunch with us for the four-hour ride back to Quito, where we took our Covid tests and looked back at a wonderful tour.



Western Fire-eye (above) and Wing-barred Piprites from WildSumaco



#### **BIRD LIST**

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**(H)** indicates a species that was HEARD only.

(GO) indicates a species recorded by the GUIDE ONLY.

TINAMOUS	TINAMIDAE	
Great Tinamou	Tinamus major	Н
DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS	ANATIDAE	
Andean Teal	Anas andium andium	
GUANS, CHACHALACAS, CURASSOWS	CRACIDAE	
Speckled Chachalaca	Ortalis guttata	
Sickle-winged Guan	Chamaepetes goudotii	
NEW WORLD QUAIL	ODONTOPHORIDAE	
Rufous-breasted Wood-Quail	Odontophorus speciosus	Н
PIGEONS AND DOVES	COLUMBIDAE	
Rock Pigeon	Columba livia	
Plumbeous Pigeon	Patagioenas plumbea	
Ruddy Pigeon	Patagioenas subvinacea	
Ruddy Quail-Dove	Geotrygon montana	
White-tipped Dove	Leptotila verreauxi	
White-throated Quail-Dove	Zentrygon frenata	
Eared Dove	Zenaida auriculata	
CUCKOOS	CUCULIDAE	
Smooth-billed Ani	Crotophaga ani	
Squirrel Cuckoo	Piaya cayana	
NIGHTJARS	CAPRIMULGIDAE	
Common Pauraque	Nyctidromus albicollis	
SWIFTS	APODIDAE	
White-chested Swift	Cypseloides lemosi	
Chestnut-collared Swift	Streptoprocne rutila	
White-collared Swift	Streptoprocne zonaris	
Short-tailed Swift	Chaetura brachyura	
Gray-rumped Swift	Chaetura cinereiventris	
Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift	Panyptila cayennensis	
HUMMINGBIRDS	TROCHILIDAE	
White-necked Jacobin	Florisuga mellivora	
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Green Hermit

Phaethornis guy

## **Tropical Birding - Trip Report**

Tawny-bellied Hermit Phaethornis syrmatophorus
Gray-chinned Hermit Phaethornis griseogularis

Brown Violetear Colibri delphinae
Lesser (Green) Violetear Colibri cyanotus
Sparkling Violetear Colibri coruscans

Black-throated Mango Anthracothorax nigricollis

Tourmaline Sunangel Heliangelus exortis
Wire-crested Thorntail Discosura popelairii

Ecuadorian Piedtail Phlogophilus hemileucurus
Speckled Hummingbird Adelomyia melanogenys
Long-tailed Sylph Aglaiocercus kingii

Ecuadorian Hillstar Oreotrochilus chimborazo
Blue-mantled Thornbill Chalcostigma stanleyi
Bronzy Inca Coeligena coeligena

Collared Inca Coeligena torquata
Sword-billed Hummingbird Ensifera ensifera

Chestnut-breasted Coronet

Boissonneaua matthewsii

Rooted Backet-tail

Ocreatus underwoodii

Booted Racket-tail
Green-backed Hillstar
Urochroa leucura
Rufous-vented Whitetip
Urosticte ruficrissa
Black-throated Brilliant
Heliodoxa schreibersii
Gould's Jewelfront
Heliodoxa aurescens
Fawn-breasted Brilliant
Heliodoxa rubinoides
Violet-fronted Brilliant
Heliodoxa leadbeateri

Amethyst Woodstar Calliphlox amethystina
Gorgeted Woodstar Chaetocercus heliodor

Violet-headed Hummingbird Klais guimeti
Fork-tailed Woodnymph Thalurania furcata

Many-spotted Hummingbird Taphrospilus hypostictus
Golden-tailed Sapphire Chrysuronia oenone

RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS RALLIDAE

Blackish Rail Pardirallus nigricans

SEEDSNIPES THINOCORIDAE

Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe Attagis gayi

CORMORANTS AND SHAGS

Neotropic Cormorant

Nannopterum brasilianum

NEW WORLD VULTURESCATHARTIDAEBlack VultureCoragyps atratus

**Turkey Vulture** Cathartes aura

Greater Yellow-headed Vulture Cathartes melambrotus

HAWKS, EAGLES, KITES **ACCIPITRIDAE** 

Swallow-tailed Kite Elanoides forficatus

Black Hawk-Eagle Н Spizaetus tyrannus

Plumbeous Kite Ictinia plumbea

**Barred Hawk** Morphnarchus princeps Roadside Hawk Rupornis magnirostris Variable Hawk Geranoaetus polyosoma

**OWLS STRIGIDAE** 

Foothill Screech-Owl Megascops roraimae Н Band-bellied Owl Pulsatrix melanota Н

**TROGONS TROGONIDAE** 

Green-backed (Amaz. White-tailed) Trogon Trogon viridis Н

**Collared Trogon** Trogon collaris Masked Trogon Trogon personatus

**BUCCONIDAE PUFFBIRDS** 

Western Striolated-Puffbird Nystalus obamai White-chested Puffbird Malacoptila fusca **Brown Nunlet** Nonnula brunnea

**JACAMARS GALBULIDAE** Coppery-chested Jacamar Galbula pastazae

**NEW WORLD BARBETS CAPITONIDAE** 

Capito auratus Lemon-throated Barbet Eubucco richardsoni Н

Red-headed Barbet Eubucco bourcierii **TOUCANS RAMPHASTIDAE** 

Chestnut-eared Aracari Pteroglossus castanotis Golden-collared Toucanet Selenidera reinwardtii Yellow-throated Toucan (Black-mandibled) Toucan Ramphastos ambiguus

White-throated Toucan Ramphastos tucanus Н

**WOODPECKERS PICIDAE** 

Lafresnaye's Piculet Picumnus lafresnayi GO

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker Melanerpes cruentatus

Little Woodpecker Dryobates passerinus н

Crimson-bellied Woodpecker Campephilus haematogaster Crimson-crested Woodpecker Campephilus melanoleucos

Dryocopus lineatus Lineated Woodpecker

Gilded Barbet

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Golden-olive Woodpecker Colaptes rubiginosus

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker Colaptes rivolii GO

Spot-breasted Woodpecker Colaptes punctigula

FALCONS AND CARACARAS FALCONIDAE

Black Caracara Daptrius ater GO

Carunculated Caracara Phalcoboenus carunculatus

Yellow-headed Caracara Milvago chimachima

American Kestrel Falco sparverius GO

PARROTS PSITTACIDAE

Blue-headed Parrot Pionus menstruus

Maroon-tailed Parakeet (east) Pyrrhura melanura malanura/souancei

Military Macaw Ara militaris
Chestnut-fronted Macaw Ara severus

White-eyed Parakeet Psittacara leucophthalmus

TYPICAL ANTBIRDS THAMNOPHILIDAE

Rufous-rumped Antwren Euchrepomis callinota

Lined Antshrike Thamnophilus tenuepunctatus

Plain-winged Antshrike Thamnophilus schistaceus

White-shouldered Antshrike Thamnophilus aethiops H

Russet Antshrike Thamnistes anabatinus
Plain Antvireo Dysithamnus mentalis

Foothill Stipplethroat Epinecrophylla spodionota

Ornate Stipplethroat Epinecrophylla ornata GO

Plain-winged Antwren

Yellow-breasted Antwren

Rusty-winged (Rufous-winged) Antwren

Peruvian Warbling-Antbird

Myrmotherula behni

Herpsilochmus axillaris

Herpsilochmus frater

Hypocnemis peruviana

Blackish Antbird Cercomacroides nigrescens

Western (White-backed) Fire-eye Pyriglena maura

Black-faced Antbird Myrmoborus myotherinus

GNATEATERS CONOPOPHAGIDAE

Chestnut-crowned Gnateater Conopophaga castaneiceps

ANTPITTAS GRALLARIIDAE

Plain-backed Antpitta Grallaria haplonota

Tawny Antpitta Grallaria quitensis H

Ochre-breasted Antpitta Grallaricula flavirostris

TAPACULOS RHINOCRYPTIDAE

Long-tailed (Eq. Rufous-vented) Tapaculo Scytalopus micropterus H

GO

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(Northern) White-crowned Tapaculo Scytalopus atratus

Paramo Tapaculo Scytalopus opacus H

ANTTHRUSHES FORMICARIIDAE

Short-tailed Antthrush Chamaeza campanisona

OVENBIRDS & WOODCREEPERS FURNARIIDAE

Sittasomus griseicapillus

Olivaceous Woodcreeper (east) amazonus

Plain-brown Woodcreeper Dendrocincla fuliginosa

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper Glyphorynchus spirurus

Xiphorhynchus guttatus

Buff-throated Woodcreeper guttatoides

Olive-backed Woodcreeper Xiphorhynchus triangularis
Montane Woodcreeper Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger

Streaked Xenops Xenops rutilans

Chestnut-winged (Bar-winged) Cinclodes Cinclodes albidiventris

Stout-billed Cinclodes Cinclodes excelsion

Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner Dendroma rufa

Montane Foliage-gleaner

Anabacerthia striaticollis

Ruddy Foliage-gleaner Clibanornis rubiginosus

Black-billed Treehunter Thripadectes melanorhynchus

Striped (Eastern) Woodhaunter Automolus subulatus subulatus

Spotted Barbtail Premnoplex brunnescens
Pearled Treerunner Margarornis squamiger

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Andean Tit-Spinetail Leptasthenura andicola

Many-striped Canastero Asthenes flammulata

White-chinned Thistletail Asthenes fuliginosa

Dusky Spinetail Synallaxis moesta

Dark-breasted Spinetail Synallaxis albigularis

Azara's Spinetail Synallaxis azarae **H** 

MANAKINS PIPRIDAE

Blue-rumped Manakin Lepidothrix isidorei

Striolated (Striped) Manakin Machaeropterus striolatus H

White-crowned Manakin Dixiphia pipra

COTINGAS COTINGIDAE

Scaled Fruiteater Ampelioides tschudii

Andean Cock-of-the-rock Rupicola peruvianus
Gray-tailed Piha Snowornis subalaris

Amazonian Umbrellabird Cephalopterus ornatus

TITYRAS AND ALLIES TITYRIDAE

Masked Tityra semifasciata

	Pachyramphus polychopterus	
White-winged Becard (east)	nigriventris	Н
SHARPBIL, ROYAL FLYCATCHER AND ALLIES	OXYRUNCIDAE	
Black-tailed Flycatcher	Myiobius atricaudus	GO
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS	TYRANNIDAE	
Wing-barred Piprites	Piprites chloris	
White-banded Tyrannulet	Mecocerculus stictopterus	
Foothill Elaenia	Myiopagis olallai	
Olive-striped Flycatcher	Mionectes olivaceus	
Slaty-capped Flycatcher	Leptopogon superciliaris	
Rufous-breasted Flycatcher	Leptopogon rufipectus	Н
Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant	Phylloscartes ophthalmicus	
Spectacled Bristle-Tyrant	Phylloscartes orbitalis	
Ecuadorian Tyrannulet  Rough-legged (White-fronted) Tyrannulet	Phylloscartes gualaquizae Phyllomyias burmeisteri	н
Plumbeous-crowned Tyrannulet	leucogonys Phyllomyias plumbeiceps	Н
Golden-faced Tyrannulet	Zimmerius chrysops chrysops	••
Ornate Flycatcher	Myiotriccus ornatus	
Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant	Lophotriccus pileatus	
Double-banded Pygmy-Tyrant	Lophotriccus vitiosus	н
Buff-throated Tody-Tyrant	Hemitriccus rufigularis	••
Black-and-white Tody-Flycatcher	Poecilotriccus capitalis	
Golden-winged Tody-Flycatcher	Poecilotriccus calopterus	
Common Tody-Flycatcher	Todirostrum cinereum	
Cliff Flycatcher	Hirundinea ferruginea	
Olive-chested Flycatcher	Myiophobus cryptoxanthus	
Bran-colored Flycatcher	Myiophobus fasciatus	н
Western Wood-Pewee	Contopus sordidulus	••
Black Phoebe	Sayornis nigricans	
Plain-capped (Páramo) Ground-Tyrant	Muscisaxicola alpinus	
Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant	Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris	
Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant	Ochthoeca fumicolor	
Large-headed Flatbill	Ramphotrigon megacephalum	
Dusky-capped Flycatcher	Myiarchus tuberculifer	
Boat-billed Flycatcher	Megarynchus pitangua	
Social Flycatcher	Myiozetetes similis	
Lemon-browed Flycatcher	Conopias cinchoneti	н
Crowned Slaty Flycatcher	Empidonomus aurantioatrocristatus	••

Tropical Kingbird Tyrannus melancholicus

VIREOS AND ALLIES VIREONIDAE

Olivaceous Greenlet Hylophilus olivaceus

Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo Vireolanius leucotis H

Rufous-naped Greenlet Pachysylvia semibrunnea

Brown-capped Vireo Vireo leucophrys

CROWS, JAYS, AND MAGPIES CORVIDAE

Turquoise Jay Cyanolyca turcosa

Green (Inca) Jay Cyanocorax yncas yncas

Violaceous Jay Cyanocorax violaceus

SWALLOWS HIRUNDINIDAE

Blue-and-white Swallow Pygochelidon cyanoleuca

Brown-bellied Swallow Orochelidon murina

White-thighed Swallow Atticora tibialis

Southern Rough-winged Swallow Stelgidopteryx ruficollis

WRENS TROGLODYTIDAE

Wing-banded Wren Microcerculus bambla

House Wren Troglodytes aedon H

Cistothorus platensis

Spinus olivaceus

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Grass (Sedge ) Wren aequatorialis

Thrush-like Wren Campylorhynchus turdinus

Coraya Wren Pheugopedius coraya

Rufous Wren Cinnycerthia unirufa

White-breasted Wood-Wren Henicorhina leucosticta

Musician Wren Cyphorhinus arada

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS MIMIDAE

Tropical Mockingbird Mimus gilvus

THRUSHES AND ALLIES TURDIDAE

Speckled (Spotted) Nightingale-Thrush Catharus maculatus H

Swainson's Thrush Catharus ustulatus GO

White-necked Thrush Turdus albicollis
Black-billed Thrush Turdus ignobilis

Great Thrush Turdus fuscater

SISKINS AND ALLIES FRINGILLIDAE

Thick-billed Euphonia Euphonia Euphonia laniirostris
Bronze-green Euphonia Euphonia Euphonia mesochrysa

Orange-bellied Euphonia Euphonia xanthogaster

Olivaceous Siskin

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#### **SPARROWS AND ALLIES**

Yellow-throated Chlorospingus (Bush-Tanager)

Short-billed Chlorospingus (Yellow-whiskered Bush-Tan)

Yellow-browed Sparrow

Gray-browed (Stripe-headed) Brushfinch

Chestnut-capped Brushfinch Rufous-collared Sparrow

Slaty Brushfinch

Pale-naped Brushfinch

**TROUPIALS AND ALLIES** 

Russet-backed Oropendola

Crested Oropendola

Scarlet-rumped (Subtropical) Cacique

Yellow-rumped Cacique

Giant Cowbird

**NEW WORLD WARBLERS** 

American Redstart Cerulean Warbler

Tropical Parula

Blackburnian Warbler
Black-crested Warbler

Russet-crowned Warbler

Canada Warbler

Slate-throated Redstart (Whitestart)

Spectacled Redstart (Whitestart)

**GROSBEAKS AND ALLIES** 

Summer Tanager

**Scarlet Tanager** 

**TANAGERS AND ALLIES** 

Magpie Tanager

Black-eared Hemispingus

Flame-crested Tanager

White-lined Tanager Silver-beaked Tanager

Fawn-breasted Tanager

Blue-gray Tanager Palm Tanager

Yellow-bellied Tanager

**PASSERELLIDAE** 

Chlorospingus flavigularis

Chlorospingus parvirostris

Ammodramus aurifrons

Arremon assimilis

Arremon brunneinucha

Zonotrichia capensis

Atlapetes schistaceus

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Atlapetes pallidinucha

Psarocolius angustifrons

Psarocolius decumanus

Cacicus uropygialis uropygialis

Cacicus cela

**ICTERIDAE** 

Molothrus oryzivorus

**PARULIDAE** 

Setophaga ruticilla

Setophaga cerulea

Setophaga pitiayumi

Setophaga fusca

Myiothlypis nigrocristata

Myiothlypis coronata

Cardellina canadensis

Myioborus miniatus

Myioborus melanocephalus

**CARDINALIDAE** 

Piranga rubra

Piranga olivacea

THRAUPIDAE

Cissopis leverianus

Sphenopsis melanotis

Loriotus cristatus

Tachyphonus rufus

Ramphocelus carbo

Kamphoccias carbo

Pipraeidea melanonota

Thraupis episcopus

Thraupis palmarum

Ixothraupis xanthogastra

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## **Tropical Birding - Trip Report**

Spotted Tanager Ixothraupis punctata

Black-capped Tanager Stilpnia heinei

Paradise Tanager Tangara chilensis GO

Bay-headed Tanager Tangara gyrola

Saffron-crowned Tanager Tangara xanthocephala
Flame-faced Tanager Tangara parzudakii
Green-and-gold Tanager Tangara schrankii
Golden Tanager Tangara arthus

Black-faced Dacnis Dacnis lineata lineata GO

Blue Dacnis Dacnis cayana

Golden-collared Honeycreeper Iridophanes pulcherrimus
Giant Conebill Conirostrum binghami
Blue-backed Conebill Conirostrum sitticolor
Capped Conebill Conirostrum albifrons
Plumbeous Sierra Finch Geospizopsis unicolor
Gray-hooded Bush Tanager Cnemoscopus rubrirostris

Blue-black Grassquit Volatinia jacarina GO

Chestnut-bellied Seedeater Sporophila castaneiventris
Chestnut-bellied (Lesser) Seed-Finch Sporophila angolensis
Black-and-white Seedeater Sporophila luctuosa
Bananaquit Coereba flaveola

Yellow-shouldered Grosbeak Parkerthraustes humeralis
Blue-gray (Grayish) Saltator Saltator coerulescens

Slate-colored Grosbeak Saltator grossus H

#### **MAMMALS**

MARMOSETS, CAPUCHINS, SQUIRREL MONKEYS CEBIDAE

Graells's (Black-mantled) Tamarin Saguinus graellsi

SQUIRRELS SCIURIDAE

Red-tailed Squirrel Sciurus granatensis

RABBITS LEPORIDAE

Tapeti (Brazilian Rabbit) Sylvilagus brasiliensis

WEASELS & OTTERS

Tayra

BEARS

MUSTELIDAE

Eira barbara

URSIDAE

Spectacled Bear Tremarctos ornatus