Vermilion Cardinal was a trip favorite – it was coming to a feeder at Los Flamencos (FD)

This has long been a popular short trip since it combines a nice variety of habitats, a superb mountain lodge, and over 20 possible endemic birds along with numerous other regional specialties. We had a successful trip notching 19 of those endemics, 18 of which are restricted to the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta. This isolated mountain range holds Colombia’s highest peaks, though we only reached about 8500 ft. (2600 m.) on the tour. Some of the highlights from the mountains included nesting Santa Marta Parakeets, a Santa Marta Antpitta coming to a worm feeder, the often difficult Santa Marta Bush-Tyrant, the recently split Hermit Wood-Wren,
and great hummers like Santa Marta Woodstar (more of them than any other tour I’ve guided) and Santa Marta Blossomcrown. The hot lowlands played host to a very different set of birds. The deserts of the La Guajira Peninsula gave us the blazing Vermillion Cardinal featured on the first page along with other superb regional endemics like White-whiskered Spinetail (the world’s best spinetail?) and the very cute Chestnut Piculet. The lowland rainforests were hot and a bit quieter than usual but still held a few gems including Lance-tailed Manakin and the endemic Cotton-top Tamarin, a fantastic monkey. Speaking of mammals, this was the best tour we’ve had for them with ten species. We usually run this trip from January to March, but we had enough demand to offer a mid-year departure. While rainfall averages higher, we only lost one afternoon to rain in the mountains and the lowlands were completely dry (some areas were experiencing an extended drought). List totals are not as high since very few North American migrants are present, but all of the resident species and endemics are still totally “gettable”. Of course the tour group makes a big difference as well, and once again I am happy to say we had a very pleasant a friendly group that were all a pleasure to guide. It included the youngest participant I’ve ever had on any set-departure tour at twelve years old. He was also a superb birder, and his sharp eyes and youthful enthusiasm added a lot to the tour.

Cotton-top Tamarin with a baby clinging to her back
The tour started and ended in Barranquilla, Colombia’s fourth largest city, and it is served by several daily international flights. After the first night, our excellent driver Virgilio picked us up very early to escape the metropolis before the traffic picked up, and to make the most of the relatively cooler early morning hours. We crossed the Magdalena River on the old bridge, admiring the impressive new span that was nearing completion and could be open by the end of the year. We reached the mangroves of Isla de Salamanca National Park at dawn where we had a picnic breakfast and quickly started spotting including Bicolored Conebill, Panama Flycatcher, Russet-throated Puffbird, Red-crowned Woodpecker, Northern Scrub-Flycatcher, Black-crested Antshrike, Straight-billed Woodcreeper, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Pied Water Tyrant, and a roosting Lesser Nighthawk. Backtracking a few miles, we headed to a side road near Palermo often known just as “KM 4”. As soon as we reached the first stop, a Pied Puffbird was perching on a power line and we all quickly piled out of the van to see it and snap some photos (NA):

Soon after we found another of our targets, a group of noisy Stripe-backed Wrens along with the first of many Bicolored Wrens. A hummer was working the flowers of a nearby tree, and finally perched where we could see it, turning out to be a Sapphire-throated Hummingbird. We spent the next couple of hours birding along the easy road as well as in a nearby farm, enjoying great activity in part thanks to overcast conditions. A few other birds of note along here (in no particular order) included Brown-throated Parakeet, Pale-legged Hornero, Black-collared Hawk, Spot-breasted Woodpecker, Rufescent Tiger-Heron, Bare-faced Ibis, Purple Gallinule, both Smooth and Groove-billed Anis, Scaled Dove, Ringed, Amazon, and Green Kingfishers, White-headed Marsh-Tyrant, Yellow Oriole, and Grayish Saltator. As it was late morning, we had to move on and started driving across Salamanca Island, a narrow piece of land that separates a large interior lagoon from the Caribbean. We made a short stop on the busy highway for various shorebirds, terns, and a Reddish Egret before continuing on to our lunch stop at a roadside restaurant. It was nice to break up the journey, and birding out the back of the restaurant was also productive with King Vulture, Short-tailed Hawk, Orange-
chinned Parakeet, and few others. After lunch we continued up into the desert and dry forest of the Guajira Peninsula, making successful stops for Blue-crowned Parakeet, Green-rumped Parrotlet, Bare-eyed Pigeon, and Glaucous Tanager before meeting up with a local guide who would accompany us in this area, Jhonys. We didn’t have a whole lot of time left, but we added a few new birds like Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Forest Elaenia, Buff-breasted Wren, and Orange-crowned Oriole in a forest patch near a toll booth, and then stopped at a highway stakeout where seven Double-striped Thick-knees were loafing around waiting for it to get dark. At the same spot, we were surprised by a pair of Oriole Blackbirds, which I had never seen in this area before. After that we headed to the city of Riohacha, where we spent a single night in a hotel near the beach and enjoyed dinner in a seafood restaurant.

Once again we were out at the crack of dawn, meeting Jhonys near the town of Camarones while Virgilio went off to sort out a hot breakfast. We walked down a track through the scrub, quickly finding several targets including White-fringed Antwren, Slender-billed Tyrannulet, Chestnut Piculet, and Black-backed Antshrike. Rufous-vented Chachalacas started calling and we headed off into the bush to search for them, finally getting some distant views. Some pygmy-owl imitations attracted a few other birds here like Red-billed Emerald and Scrub Greenlet before we headed back for our picnic breakfast. Virgilio was there with a stack of piping hot arepas con huevo, which are corn fritters with an egg inside, and they proved to be a hit! Afterwards we spent time at a stakeout for Tocuyo Sparrow but unfortunately came up empty. We then drove a few miles to the Los Flamencos sanctuary, where a new set of hummer feeders made getting Buffy Hummingbird ridiculously easy for a change. The owner of the property then proceeded to lure in a whole family of Vermilion Cardinals.
to a feeder by constantly chanting something that sounded a lot like “Fito Pollito” over and over (though our Fito did not agree!). It was truly a peculiar experience but at least the birds showed really well! Some Pileated Finches and Black-faced Grassquits were also coming to a dripping faucet nearby.
We were about to set out to search for Orinocan Saltator, but then a beautiful pair found us instead, saving us a hike in the hot sun. We decided to instead try another spot for Tocuyo Sparrow along the highway, but with no luck. Coming back, Fito and I spotted a stork though a little gap in the vegetation, and Fito was sure it was a Jabiru. We hit the brakes and got out to look for it, and sure enough there it was, in a little roadside pond. Jhonys said that he only knew of one other record from the region over ten years ago. After a while it took off and flew west, photo (NA):

**Trinidad Euphonia** also showed well in the same area. We then headed back to Los Flamencos and spent some time looking at waterbirds, though there wasn’t too much around, then had a very leisurely lunch on the beach during the hot middle of the day. Afterwards we headed back east, making an afternoon stop along the Gaviotas road for some forest birding. **Lesson’s Seedeater** was a nice surprise since this is a migratory species we don’t get on the tours that run early in the year. We had an immature male Lance-tailed Manakin, but hoped to get a better-looking bird tomorrow. Other birds seen here included Brown-capped Tyrannulet, Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher, Buff-breasted Wren, and Gray Seedeater. We spent the night at a nearby ecolodge called La Jorará.

Tayrona National Park protects a large swathe of rainforest that borders that Caribbean, and it is very popular with international tourists. We haven’t been visiting on every tour, since early access was not always available and the park was insisting that visitors go through an obnoxious and time-consuming introduction. However, on recent tours we have been able to arrange early access at 6:00am with a local guide before the crowds arrive. One reason to visit the park is a chance to see the rare and endangered Blue-billed Curassow. Sadly it had been so dry (with no significant rain in months) that the curassows were not at their regular haunts and birding was quieter than normal. Even still we had some nice sightings, including some good-looking male Lance-tailed Manakins as well as Crested Guan, White-necked Puffbird, Whooping Motmot, Cocoa Woodcreeper, Black-crowned Antshrike, Pale-bellied Hermit, Gray-headed Tanager, Crested Becard, among others. Monkeys also showed really well with Venezuelan Red Howler, White-fronted Capuchin, and the
superb **Cotton-top Tamarin** all putting in appearances. The tamarins were especially nice as we saw several with babies clinging to their backs.
Departing Tayrona, we headed up to Minca where we had lunch in the same hotel we would stay it in three days’ time. **White-vented Plumeleteer, Steely-vented Hummingbird, Rufous-tailed Hummingbird, Long-billed Starthroat, and White-necked Jacobin** were all visiting the hummer feeders as we waited for lunch, and then an absolutely torrential downpour came out of nowhere and we were glad we were not in the field at the time. The rain stopped and our convoy of 4x4s arrived so we could begin the slow ride up into the Santa Marta Mountains. We made the obligatory stop to look at a pair of roosting **Black-and-white Owls**: (NA)

Continuing up the mountain, we had to take a detour since part of the road was being worked on farther along. This took us through some nice habitat where we stopped to see our first endemic, **Santa Marta Antbird**. It was not the best view but we would see it better later in the trip. Then things got, well, interesting... The detour we were on required going up a very steep track that had become extremely slippery after the earlier rains, and it required patience, careful driving, good vehicles and drivers, and even a guy with a shovel to make it all the way up to better road. Fortunately we had all of those! The youngest member of our crew thought it was incredibly exciting an even managed to see a **Golden-winged Sparrow** despite all the excitement... We made it to El Dorado Lodge in the end, even finding time to stop to see our second endemic, **Santa Marta Woodstar**, along the way. We arrived just before dusk and all was well again, enjoying our first of three nights in the cool mountain climate.

We were all up by 4:30am, eager to see some endemics. After a quick coffee we were back in the 4x4s rumbling up the rough road to the San Lorenzo Ridge. We arrived at dawn, and some **Santa Marta Warblers** were already being seen by another group of birders, so we were sure to get a good look before having our picnic breakfast, which we shared with the incredibly tame **Santa Marta Brushfinches** hopping around at our feet. Breakfast was interrupted when two **Santa Marta Parakeets** flew in and landed in a palm tree –
unfortunately on the wrong side so we could not see them before they took off! Frustrating... After breakfast we quickly started finding the target high elevation endemics including **Yellow-crowned Redstart**, **Black-cheeked Mountain-Tanager**, **Rusty-headed Spinetail**, **Santa Marta Bush-Tyrant**, and **Hermit Wood-Wren**. One of our drivers, named Cacique, was a pretty good birder and told us that there was a nest of the parakeet just down the road, so we walked down and found a pair almost immediately in wonderful light: (NA)

They were going in and out of the top of the palm tree, where it looked like they were nesting. After that wonderful sighting, we tried to call a **Rufous Antpitta** across the road, but it only crossed once so fast that no one else saw it. However, we had done so well with the target endemics that we had time to visit a feeder for **Santa Marta Antpitta**. They put out worms at 9am sharp at the park station down the road, and had just enough time to get there. The caretaker was already collecting worms from the garden, and we just had to wait a moment for some other birders to arrive before she took us behind one of the buildings and set out some worms on a log. A couple of minutes later, the antpitta came in, gobbled up the offering, posed nicely for a minute or so, and then disappeared back into the forest (photo next page, NA). We were happy with the show and stopped for a snack and to finish off the rest of the coffee and hot chocolate in the thermoses, pausing to watch a **Golden Grosbeak** that passed through. The rest of the morning was spent birding along the road back to the lodge. It was pretty quiet, but we did get decent views of another endemic, **Brown-rumped Tapaculo**, along with a few others like **Black-throated Tody-Tyrant**. We got back just as the skies opened up, and the rest of the day was pretty much a washout. Those who put in the time watching the feeders from the cafeteria during the wet afternoon were rewarded with the endemic **White-tailed Starfrontlet**, which came in a couple of times, but was never again seen at the feeders during our stay. After dinner, the rain let up enough that we were able to go out behind the lodge and see a **Gray-handed Night Monkey** and a **Kinkajou** coming in to so bananas that someone has hoisted up into the trees.
The rain stopped in the evening and the rest of the trip was relatively dry. Next morning did not require such an early start, and we enjoyed breakfast in the lodge at a somewhat reasonable hour before birding in the lodge clearing for a while. White-lored Warblers were feeding on moths near the lights and yet another endemic, Sierra Nevada Brush-Finch came in near the compost pile and then to a feeder, along with hordes of hungry Band-tailed Guans. Golden-crowned Flycatcher, Black-chested Jay, and Crested Oropendola were also moving about in the trees above the lodge. Having done the higher elevations yesterday, today we worked on the lower areas, birding various parts of the road below the lodge. Cacique knew where the current best spot was for Santa Marta Blossomcrown and took us down a short trail. It turns out it was the same spot where I had seen my first one back in 2007. The trail got had gotten very overgrown after that, but had been recently opened up again, and we saw several birds perching and giving soft chipping calls: (NA)
Other stops along the road got us two more endemic, Santa Marta Tapaculo and Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner along with other more widespread species including Groove-billed Toucanet, Long-billed Hermit, Gray-throated Leafoosser (in the scope!), Montane Woodcreeper, and Montane Foliage-gleaner. A fruiting tree was full of hungry birds like Golden-olive Woodpecker and Black-headed, Swallow, and Bay-headed Tanagers. We had some time after lunch to enjoy the lodge feeders without any rain, where Lazuline Sabrewing, three species of violetear, and Crowned Woodnymph gulped down sugar water and Blue-naped Chlorophonias and Black-capped Tanagers came in to the bananas.
Taking advantage of the dry afternoon, we had the 4x4’s take us about a mile up the road and then walked back to the lodge. The birding was surprisingly quiet, but with persistence we finally saw **Emerald Toucanet** (an endemic race that is sometimes split) and the much hoped-for **White-tipped Quetzal** – a beautiful male that was swooping in and out of a fruiting tree as it fed, flashing its red, white, and green plumage. A light sprinkle began and we sped up the pace a bit, but then stopped suddenly when we noticed two **Lined Quail-Doves** quietly feeding along the side of the road – a nice sight to end the afternoon with. The rain let up again in the evening, and we made a serious effort to see **Santa Marta Screech-Owl**. Despite hearing at least three birds, they simply would not come in close enough to get a view. A few of us even tried again early in the morning with exactly the same result.

Some last minute birding near the lodge after breakfast got us better views of **Emerald Toucanet** along with **Black-headed Thrush**, **Slate-throated Redstart**, **Mountain Elaenia**, and a **Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush** before it was time to load up the luggage and set off down the mountain to Minca. Going down was not nearly harrowing as going up, but still required some careful driving. We had time to make a few stops along the way, once again finding **Santa Marta Antbird** and getting much better views, along with the superb **Golden-winged Sparrow**, pretty **Rufous-breasted Wren**, and even a **Rosy Thrush-Tanager** for a lucky few. After lunch in Minca, and a brief rain shower, we headed down into the foothills to bird a side road near the Gairama reserve. Normally the main target is the scarce **Black-backed Antshrike**, but he had already managed to see in Camarones, so weren’t really trying, but ended up having an even better view than the first time. A pair of stunning **Keel-billed Toucans** were drying out on the top of a dead tree, and later on a **Roadside Hawk** came.
in and did the same, spreading its wings wide. **Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrants** were trilling everywhere but it took a while to pin one down. Other birds along this road included **Long-billed Gnatwren**, **Scaled Pigeon**, **Crimson-backed Tanager**, **White-bearded Manakin**, **Golden-fronted Greenlet**, and **Blue-headed Parrot**. Fito spotted the rear end of a **Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth** up in a tree, and (typically) it did not budge an inch the whole time we were there, so we never saw its more interesting side!

![White-necked Jacobin from Hotel Minca (NA)](image)

Hard to believe we were down to our last birding day. We were going to head a few miles up the road and look for some of our last remaining targets, but got delayed a bit when there was a **Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** near the parking lot, tooting away and bringing in some angry passerines like **Blue-gray** and **Palm Tanagers**, **Pale-breasted Thrush**, **Bicolored Wren**, **Buff-throated Saltator**, and **Social** and **Rusty-margined Flycatchers**. We got back in the 4x4s and drove up into the shade grown coffee plantations above Minca. We quickly found one of our main targets, the cute **Scaled Piculet**; a pair posed nicely almost right next to each other on a small branch. The beautiful song of **Rufous-and-white Wren** also drew our attention, and with some patience were able to lure it into view. Several more **Golden-winged Sparrows** were around, and that is one bird I never get tired of seeing. Other birds of the morning included **Rufous-capped Warbler**, **Orange-crowned Oriole**, **Black-throated Mango**, **Gray-lined Hawk**, **Lineated Woodpecker**, **Streak-headed Woodcreeper**, **Pale-breasted Spinetail**, **Masked Titrya**, **Cinnamon Becard**, **Tropical Pewee**, **Greenish Elaenia**, **Sooty-headed Tyrannulet**, **Sepia-capped Flycatcher**, **Chivi Vireo**, and the rather uninspiring **Dull-colored Grassquit**. After lunch we met up again with Virgilio and switched back into our nice air-conditioned van for the drive back to Barranquilla. Despite some bad traffic in the city, there was enough time for one more birding stop at the Universidad del
Norte on the far side of the city, which lately has been the easiest site to see the endemic Chestnut-winged Chachalaca. They did not disappoint and were already perched up in several trees around a little park as soon as we arrived. A few other birds were about including another Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl, but after a while it was time to head to the hotel. We had a nice farewell dinner at a seafood restaurant across the street to celebrate the end of a nice tour. As always, thanks to all of you for coming and helping to make it a fun and successful trip – I definitely hope to see you again on a future tour!
BIRD LIST

The taxonomy of the bird list follows the August 2018 version of eBird/Clements (available here: http://www.birds.cornell.edu/clementschecklist/download/)

290 species were seen by the group, with another 12 that were heard only

(H) indicates a species that was HEARD only.
(G) indicates a species recorded by the GUIDE ONLY.

**TINAMOUS**

H Little Tinamou

**WATERFOWL**

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck
White-cheeked Pintail

**CRACIDS**

Chestnut-winged Chachalaca (E)
Rufous-vented Chachalaca
Band-tailed Guan
Crested Guan
Sickle-winged Guan

**NEW WORLD QUAIL**

H Black-fronted Wood-Quail

**PIGEONS AND DOVES**

Rock Pigeon
Pale-vented Pigeon
Scaled Pigeon
Bare-eyed Pigeon
Band-tailed Pigeon
Common Ground-Dove
Ruddy Ground-Dove
Scaled Dove
White-tipped Dove
Lined Quail-Dove
Eared Dove

**CUCKOOS**

Greater Ani
Smooth-billed Ani
Groove-billed Ani
Squirrel Cuckoo

**NIGHTJARS**

Lesser Nighthawk

**SWIFTS**

White-collared Swift

**HUMMINGBIRDS**

White-necked Jacobin
Long-billed (W. Long-tailed) Hermit

**TINAMIDAE**

Crypturellus soui

**ANATIDAE**

Dendrocygna autumnalis
Anas bahamensis

**CRACIDAE**

Ortalis garrula
Ortalis ruficauda
Penelope argyrotis
Penelope purpurascens
Chamaepetes goudotii

**ODONTOPHORIDAE**

Odontophorus atrifrons

**COLUMBIDAE**

Columba livia
Patzioenas cayennensis
Patagioenas speciosa
Patagioenas corensis
Patagioenas fasciata
Columbina passerina
Columbina talpacoti
Columbina squammata
Leptotila verreauxi
Zentrygon linearis
Zenaida auriculata

**CUCULIDAE**

Crotophaga major
Crotophaga ani
Crotophaga sulcirostris
Piaya cayana

**CAPRIMULGIDAE**

Chordeiles acutipennis

**APODIDAE**

Streptoprocne zonaris

**TROCHILIDAE**

Florisuga mellivora
Phaethornis longirostris
Pale-bellied Hermit
Brown Violetear
Lesser (Green) Violetear
Sparkling Violetear
Black-throated Mango
Tyrian Metaltail
White-tailed Starfrontlet (E)
Long-billed Starthroat
Santa Marta Woodstar (E)
Red-billed Emerald
Santa Marta Blossomcrown (E)
Lazuline Sabrewing
White-vented Plumeleteer
Crowned (Violet-crowned) Woodnymph
Buffy Hummingbird
Steely-vented Hummingbird
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird
Sapphire-throated Hummingbird

RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS
Gray-cowled Wood-Rail
Common Gallinule
Purple Gallinule

LIMPKIN
Limpkin

THICK-KNEES
Double-stripped Thick-knee

STILTS AND AVOCETS
Black-necked Stilt

OYSTERCATCHERS
American Oystercatcher

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS
Southern Lapwing
Collared Plover

JACANAS
Wattled Jacana

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES
Western Sandpiper
Spotted Sandpiper
Greater Yellowlegs
Willet

GULLS, TERMS, AND SKIMMERS
Laughing Gull
Least Tern
Large-billed Tern
Gull-billed Tern
Caspian Tern
Royal Tern
Sandwich Tern
Black Skimmer

Phaethornis anthophilus
Colibri delphinae
Colibri cyanotus
Colibri coruscans
Anthracothorax nigricollis
Metallura tyrianthina
Coeligena phalerata
Heliothryx longirostris
Chaetocercus astraeus
Chlorostilbon gibsoni
Anthocephala floriceps
Campylopterus falcatus
Chalybura buffonii
Thalurania colombica
Leucippus fallax
Amazilia saucerottei
Amazilia tzacatl
Lepidopyga coerulescens

RAILLIDAE
Aramides cajaneus
Gallinula galeata
Porphyrio martinica

ARAMIDAE
Aramus guarauna

BURHINIDAE
Burhinus bistriatus

RECURVIROSTRIDAE
Himantopus mexicanus

HAEMATOPHIDAE
Haematopus palliatus

CHARADRIIDAE
Vanellus chilensis
Charadrius collaris

JACANIDAE
Jacana jacana

SCOLOPACIDAE
Calidris mauri
Actitis macularius
Tringa melanoleuca
Tringa semipalmata
Tringa flavipes

LARIDAE
Leucophaeus atricilla
Sternula antillarum
Phaetusa simplex
Gelochelidon nilotica
Hydroprogne caspia
Thalasseus maximus
Thalasseus sandvicensis
Rynchops niger
STORKS
Jabiru
Wood Stork

FRIGATEBIRDS
Magnificent Frigatebird

ANHINGAS
Anhinga

CORMORANTS AND SHAGS
Neotropic Cormorant

PELICANS
Brown Pelican

HERONS, EGRETS, BITTERS
Rufescent Tiger-Heron
Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Tricolored Heron
Reddish Egret
Cattle Egret
Striated Heron

IBISES AND SPOONBILLS
White Ibis
Bare-faced Ibis
Roseate Spoonbill

NEW WORLD VULTURES
King Vulture
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture

HAWKS, EAGLES, AND KITES
Gray-headed Kite
Black-collared Hawk
Snail Kite
Savanna Hawk
Roadside Hawk
White-rumped Hawk
Gray-lined Hawk
Short-tailed Hawk

OWLS
Santa Marta Screech-Owl (E)
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl
Black-and-white Owl

TROGONS
White-tipped Quetzal

MOTMOTS
Whooping Motmot

KINGFISHERS
Ringed Kingfisher

CICONIIDAE
Jabiru mycteria
Mycteria americana

FREGATIDAE
Fregata magnificens

ANHINGIDAE
Anhinga anhinga

PHALACROCORACIDAE
Phalacrocorax brasilianus

PELECANIDAE
Pelecanus occidentalis

ARDEIDAE
Tigrisoma lineatum
Ardea alba
Egretta thula
Egretta tricolor
Egretta rufescens
Bubulcus ibis
Butorides striata
Pilherodius pileatus
Nycticorax nycticorax

THRESKIORNITHIDAE
Eudocimus albus
Phimosus infuscatus
Platalea ajaja

CATHARTIDAE
Sarcogyps papa
Coragyps atratus
Cathartes aura
Cathartes burrovianus

ACCIPITRIDAE
Leptodon cayanensis
Busarellus nigricollis
Rostrhamus sociabilis
Buteogallus meridionalis
Rupornis magnirostris
Parabuteo leucorrhous
Buteo nitidus
Buteo brachyurus

STRIGIDAE
Megascops gilesi
Glaucidium brasilianum
Ciccaba nigrolineata

TROGONIDAE
Pharomachrus fulgidus
Trogon personatus

MOMOTIDAE
Momotus subrufescens

ALCEDINIDAE
Megaceryle torquata
Amazon Kingfisher  
American Pygmy Kingfisher  
Green Kingfisher  
**PUFFBIRDS**  
White-necked Puffbird  
Pied Puffbird  
Russet-throated Puffbird  
**JACAMARS**  
Rufous-tailed Jacamar  
**TOUCANS**  
Southern Emerald (Santa Marta) Toucanet  
Groove-billed (Yellow-billed) Toucanet  
Collared Aracari  
Keel-billed Toucan  
**WOODPECKERS**  
Scaled Piculet  
Chestnut Piculet  
Red-crowned Woodpecker  
Crimson-crested Woodpecker  
Lineated Woodpecker  
Golden-olive Woodpecker  
Spot-breasted Woodpecker  
**FALCONS AND CARACARAS**  
Crested Caracara  
Yellow-headed Caracara  
Laughing Falcon  
American Kestrel  
Bat Falcon  
**PARROTS**  
Orange-chinned Parakeet  
Red-billed Parrot  
Blue-headed Parrot  
Scaly-naped Parrot  
Green-rumped Parrotlet  
Santa Marta Parakeet (E)  
Brown-throated Parakeet  
Blue-crowned Parakeet  
Scarlet-fronted Parakeet  
**TYPICAL ANTBIRDS**  
Black-crested Antshrike  
Barred Antshrike  
Black-crowned (W. Slaty) Antshrike  
Black-backed Antshrike  
White-fringed Antwren  
Santa Marta Antbird (E)  
White-bellied Antbird  
**ANTPITAS**  
Santa Marta Antpitta (E)  
(RS) Rufous Antpitta  
Rusty-breasted Antpitta  
**CHLOROCERYLIDAE**  
Chloroceryle amazona  
Chloroceryle aenea  
Chloroceryle americana  
**BUCCONIDAE**  
Notharchus hyperrhynchus  
Notharchus tectus  
Hypnelus ruficollis ruficollis  
**GALBULIDAE**  
Galbula ruficauda  
**RAMPHASTIDAE**  
Aulacorhynchus albivitta lautus  
Aulacorhynchus sulcatus calorhynchus  
Pteroglossus torquatus  
Ramphastos sulfuratus  
**PICIDAE**  
Picumnus squamulatus  
Picumnus cinnamomeus  
Melanerpes rubricapillus  
Campephilus melanoleucos  
Dryocopus lineatus  
Colaptes rubiginosus  
Colaptes punctigula  
**FALCONIDAE**  
Caracara cheriway  
Milvago chimachima  
Herpetotheres cachinnans  
Falco sparverius  
Falco rufigularis  
**PSITTACIDAE**  
Brotogeris jugularis  
Pionus sordidus  
Pionus menstruus  
Amazona mercenaria  
Forpus passerinus  
Pyrhura viridicata  
Eupsittula pertinax  
Thectocercus acuticaudatus  
Psittacara wagleri  
**THAMNOPHILIDAE**  
Sakesphorus canadenensis  
Thamnophilus doliatus  
Thamnophilus atrinucha  
Thamnophilus melanonyctes  
Formicivora grisea  
Drymophila hellmayri  
Myrmeciza longipes  
**GRALLARIIDAE**  
Grallaria bangsi  
Grallaria rufula spatulator  
Grallaricula ferrugineiceps
### TAPACULOS
- Santa Marta Tapaculo (E)
- Brown-rumped Tapaculo (E)

### OVENBIRDS
- Gray-throated Leaftossers
- Plain-brown Woodcreepers
- Strong-billed Woodcreepers
- Cocoa Woodcreepers
- Straight-billed Woodcreepers
- Streak-headed Woodcreepers
- Montane Woodcreepers
- Plain Xenops
- Streaked Xenops
- Pale-legged Hornero
- Montane Foliage-gleaner
- Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner (E)

### RHINOCRYPTIDAE
- Scytalopus sanctamartae
- Scytalopus latebricola

### FURNARIIDAE: FURNARIINAE
- Sclerurus albigularis
- Dendrocincla fuliginosa
- Xiphoclopatpes promeroprhynchus
- Xiphorhynchus susurrans
- Dendroplex picus
- Lepidocolaptes souleyetii
- Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger
- Xenops minutus
- Xenops rutilus
- Furnarius leucopus
- Anabacerthia striaticollis
- Clibanornis rufipictus
- Thripadectes flammulatus
- Cranioleuca hellmayri
- Certhiaxis cinnamomeus
- Synallaxis albescens
- Synallaxis candei
- Synallaxis fuscocorda

### TYRANNIDAE
- Ornithion bruneicapillus
- Camptostoma obsoletum
- Mecocerculus leucophrys
- Tyrannulus elatus
- Myiopagis gaimardi
- Myiopagis viridicata
- Elaenia flavogaster
- Elaenia frantzii
- Mionectes olivaceus
- Mionectes oleagineus
- Leptopogon amauropcephalus
- Phyl Romneyas griseiceps
- Phyllomyias nigrocapillus
- Zimmerius improbus tamae
- Zimmerius chrysops minimus
- Sublegatus arenarum
- Inezia tenuirostris
- Atalotriccus pilaris
- Oncostoma olivaceum
- Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer
- Hemitriccus granadensis
- Poecilotriccus syliva
- Tordirostrum cinereum
- Tordirostrum nigriceps
- Tolmomyias flaviventris aurulentus
- Contopus cinereus
- Pyrocephalus rubinus

### TYRANT FLYCATCHERS
- Brown-capped Tyrannulet
- Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet
- White-throated Tyrannulet
- Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet
- Forest Elaenia
- Greenish Elaenia
- Yellow-bellied Elaenia
- Mountain Elaenia
- Olive-striped Flycatcher
- Ochr-bellied Flycatcher
- Sepia-capped Flycatcher
- Sooty-headed Tyrannulet
- Black-capped Tyrannulet
- Spectacled (Paltry) Tyrannulet
- Golden-faced (Coopmans's) Tyrannulet
- Northern Scrub-Flycatcher
- Slender-billed Tyrannulet
- Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant
- Southern Bentbill
- Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant
- Black-throated Tody-Tyrant
- Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher
- Common Tody-Flycatcher
- Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher
- Yellow-breasted (Ochre-lored) Flycatcher
- Tropical Pewee
- Vermilion Flycatcher
Santa Marta Bush-Tyrant (E)  
Pied Water-Tyrant  
White-headed Marsh Tyrant  
Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant  
Cattle Tyrant  
Dusky-capped Flycatcher  
Panama Flycatcher  
Brown-crested Flycatcher  
Great Kiskadee  
Boat-billed Flycatcher  
Rusty-margined Flycatcher  
Social Flycatcher  
Golden-crowned Flycatcher  
Streaked Flycatcher  
Piratic Flycatcher  
Tropical Kingbird  
Gray Kingbird  
Fork-tailed Flycatcher  

**COTINGAS**  
Golden-breasted Fruiteater  

**MANAKINS**  
Lance-tailed Manakin  
White-bearded Manakin  

**TITYRAS AND ALLIES**  
Masked Tityra  
Cinnamon Becard  
One-colored Becard  

**VIREOS**  
Rufous-browed Peppershrike  
Scrub Greenlet  
Golden-fronted Greenlet  
Brown-capped Vireo  
Chivi Vireo  

**CROWS, JAYS, AND MAGPIES**  
Black-chested Jay  

**SWALLOWS**  
Gray-breasted Martin  
Brown-chested Martin  
White-winged Swallow  
Barn Swallow  

**WRENS**  
House Wren  
Stripe-backed Wren  
Bicolored Wren  
Rufous-breasted Wren  
Rufous-and-white Wren  
Buff-breasted Wren  
Gray-breasted Wood-Wren  
Hermit Wood-Wren (E)  

**COTINGIDAE**  
Pipeola aureopectus  

**PIPRIDAE**  
Chiroxiphia lanceolata  
Manacus manacus  

**TITYRIDAE**  
Tityra semifasciata  
Pachyramphus cinnamomeus  
Pachyramphus homochrous  

**VIREONIDAE**  
Cyclaris gujanensis  
Hylophilus flavipes  
Pachysylvia aurantiifrons  
Vireo leucophrys  
Vireo chivi  

**CORVIDAE**  
Cyanocorax affinis  

**HIRUNDINIDAE**  
Progne chalybea  
Progne tapera  
Tachycineta albiventer  
Hirundo rustica  

**TROGLODYTIDAE**  
Trogodytes aedon  
Campylorhynchus nuchalis  
Campylorhynchus griseus  
Pheugopedius rutilus  
Thryophilus rufalus  
Cantorchilus leucotis  
Henicorhina leucophrys bangsi  
Henicorhina anachoreta
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GNATCATCHERS
Long-billed Gnatwren
Tropical Gnatcatcher

THRUSHES AND ALLIES
Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush
Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush
Pale-breasted Thrush
Black-hooded Thrush
Great Thrush

MIMIC BIRDS
Tropical Mockingbird

EUHONIAS, SISKINS, & ALLIES
Blue-naped Chlorophonia
Trinidad Euphonia
Thick-billed Euphonia
Lesser Goldfinch

THRUSH-TANAGER
Rosy Thrush-Tanager

SPARRROWS AND ALLIES
Black-striped Sparrow
Sierra Nevada Brushfinch (E)
Golden-winged Sparrow
Rufous-collared Sparrow
Santa Marta Brushfinch (E)

TROUPIAL AND ALLIES
Red-breasted Meadowlark (Blackbird)
Crested Oropendola
Yellow-backed Oriole
Orange-crowned Oriole
Yellow Oriole
Shiny Cowbird

EMBERIZIDAE
Black-striped Sparrow

NEW WORLD WARBLERS
Rufous-capped Warbler
Santa Marta Warbler (E)
White-winged Warbler (E)
Slate-throated Redstart
Yellow-crowned Redstart (E)

CARDINALS AND ALLIES
Vermilion Cardinal
Golden (bellied) Grosbeak

BLUESHINE GROSBEAK
Blue-black Grosbeak

TANAGERS AND ALLIES
Gray-headed Tanager
White-lined Tanager
Crimson-backed Tanager

POLIOPTILIDAE
Ramphocaenus melanus
Polioptila plumbea

THRUSHES AND ALLIES
Catharus aurantirostris
Catharus fuscater
Turdus leucomics
Turdus olivater
Turdus fusciater

MIMIC BIRDS
Mimus gilvus

EUPHONIAS, SISKINS, & ALLIES
Chlorophonia cyanea
Euphonia trinitatis
Euphonia laniirostris
Spinus psaltria

SPARRROWS AND ALLIES
Arremonops conirostris
Arremon basilicus
Arremon schlegleri
Zonotrichia capensis
Atlapetes melanocephalus

MIMIC BIRDS
Mimus gilvus

PROCTOCICLINDAE
Leistes militaris
Psarocolius decumanus
Icterus chrysater
Icterus auripalpus
Icterus nigrolinearis
Molothrus bonariensis
Molothrus aeneus armenti
Molothrus oryzivorus
Quiscalus mexicanus
Quiscalus lugubris
Gymnomystax mexicanus

CARDINALIDAE
Cardinalis phoeniceus
Golden (bellied) Grosbeak

PSEUDO TANAGERS
European White-eye
Tropical Mockingbird

SHINY COWBIRD
Blue-black Grosbeak

HUMMINGBIRDS
Gray-breasted Woodstar
White-eared Hummingbird
Crimson-topaz Hummingbird

GOLDEN EUPHONIAS
Red-billed Streamertail

TANAGERS AND ALLIES
Cuella Tanager
Crimson-collared Tanager

Crested Oropendola

NEW WORLD WARBLERS
Baird's Thrush

LARKS AND TANAGERS
Gray-breasted Woodstar
White-eared Hummingbird
Crimson-topaz Hummingbird

PARULIDAE
Basileuterus rufifrons
Myioborus flavivertex

CARDINALIDAE
Cardinalis phoeniceus
Pheucticus chrysogaster
Cyanoloxia cyanoides

THRAUPIDAE
Eucometis penicillata
Tachyphonus rufus
Ramphocelus dimidiatus
Black-cheeked Mountain-Tanager (E)  Anisognathus melanogenys
Blue-gray Tanager  Thraupis episcopus
Glaucous Tanager  Thraupis glaucocolpa
Palm Tanager  Thraupis palmarum
Black-headed Tanager  Tangara cyanoptera
Black-capped Tanager  Tangara heinei
Bay-headed Tanager  Tangara gyrola
Swallow Tanager  Tersina viridis
Blue Dacnis  Dacnis cayana
Red-legged Honeycreeper  Cyanerpes cyaneus
Bicolored Conebill  Conirostrum bicolor
White-sided Flowerpiercer  Diglossa albilatera
Saffron Finch  Sicalis flaveola
Lesson's Seedeater  Sporophila bouvronides
Gray Seedeater  Sporophila intermedia
Yellow-bellied Seedeater  Sporophila nigricensis
Pileated Finch  Coryphospingus pileatus
Bananaquit  Coereba flaveola
Dull-colored Grassquit  Tiaris obscurus
Black-faced Grassquit  Tiaris bicolor
Buff-throated Saltator  Saltator maximus
Orinoco Saltator  Saltator orenocensis
Grayish Saltator  Saltator coerulescens
Streaked Saltator  Saltator striatipectus
OLD WORLD SPARROWS
House Sparrow  Passer domesticus

MAMMALS
Venezuelen Red Howler  Alouatta seniculus
Cotton-top Tamarin (E)  Saguinus oedipus
White-fronted Capuchin  Cebus albifrons
Gray-handed Night Monkey  Aotus griseimembra
Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth  Bradypus variegatus
Kinkajou  Potos flavus
Red-tailed Squirrel  Sciurus granatensis
GO Crab-eating Fox  Cercocyon thous
Central American Agouti  Dasyprocta granatensis
Proboscis (Long-nosed) Bat  Rhynchonycteris naso