A Tropical Birding SET DEPARTURE tour

EASTERN ECUADOR:
High Andes to Vast Amazon

17th – 3rd March 2015

Colorful birds abounded on this tour; this Many-banded Aracari
was seen from atop one of the canopy towers we visited in the Amazon

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INTRODUCTION

After leaving Quito, the birding begun in earnest at the high point, visiting the high Andes on the east side of Ecuador, and from there worked its way eastwards, and downwards, covering a range of altitudes in doing so, and staying in good bird lodges the entire way, once outside of the capital. Our first port of call was the scenically spectacular Antisana, where Andean Condor, Giant Hummingbird and Black-faced Ibis all headlined for a great tour opening spell. After a morning amongst the high Andean grasslands of Antisana, we moved up to Papallacta Pass, the heady high point of the tour at some 13,800ft/4200m or so elevation. In reality we needed only a short time up at those extreme altitudes to pick up the exclusively high-living Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe, and got the rarely seen Red-rumped Bush-Tyrant as an added bonus too. After those areas above the treeline we moved into various forest types lower down, from temperate, where the beautiful Golden-crowned Tanager was an avian highlight to subtropical forests around San Isidro, where White-bellied Antpitta, Ocellated Tapaculo, Black-billed Mountain-Toucan, and the boisterous White-capped Tanager led a procession of cool Andean birds. Moving further downslope we then dipped into the fragments of rich foothill forest around the wonderful WildSumaco Lodge, where we witnessed Plain-backed and Ochre-breasted Antpittas visiting a worm feeder in the forest, enjoyed plentiful hummers at their hummingbird feeders, including Wire-crested Thorntail, and eyeballed Buckley’s Forest-Falcon, Blue-rumped Manakin, and Coppery-chested Jacamar in the surrounding forest, while also sampling arguably some of the best food of the tour.

After our time in the bird-rich eastern slopes of the Andes, we dropped into the mighty Amazon Basin, where we had an extended stay at two of the finest birding lodges in the Napo region. While finding birds in the Amazon may be challenging at first, many would agree some of the rewards are simply spectacular; we saw day roosting Crested Owl, the striking Wire-tailed Manakin (photo right), and Paradise Tanager, beautiful woodpeckers like Cream-colored and Rufous-headed among a horde of great birds and other animals too. While there we visited a couple of canopy towers, allowing us eyelevel views of the lush treetops, and some of the birds that dwell there like the towers toucans and gorgeous tanagers, which would have been hard to see, let alone see well, from the trails at ground level. No trip to the Amazon would be
complete without a trip to the parrot clay licks at Yasuni National Park, where plentiful parrots and macaws entertained us at length. The Hoatzin, often a new bird family for many, was also popular, and otherworldly, taking people a long way from their usual city-bound lives! Besides the birds species the Amazon jungle revealed other animals too, from Red Howler monkeys to a giant Green Anaconda and even the rarely encountered Brazilian Tapir. By the end of it, it is clear that everyone was well aware that they had visited somewhere very special indeed.

**The weird, prehistoric-looking, Hoatzin, in the Amazon**

**ITINERARY**

17\(^{th}\) February  
**Arrival in Quito/night Quito**

18\(^{th}\) February  
**Antisana & Guango Lodge/night Guango Lodge**

19\(^{th}\) February  
**Papallacta & Guango to San Isidro/night San Isidro**

20\(^{th}\) February  
**San Isidro area/night San Isidro**

21\(^{th}\) February  
**San Isidro area & Guacamayos Ridge to WildSumaco/night WildSumaco**
22nd – 23rd February  WildSumaco/nights WildSumaco
24th February  WildSumaco to Sacha Lodge/night Sacha Lodge
25th-26th February  Sacha Lodge area/nights Sacha Lodge
27th February  Sacha Lodge to Napo Wildlife Center/night Napo Wildlife Center
28th Feb. – 1st March  Napo Wildlife Center area/nights Napo Wildlife Center
2nd March  Napo Wildlife Center to Quito/night Quito
3rd March  Departure from Quito

Carunculated Caracaras were easy to track down at Antisana

TOUR SUMMARY

DAY ONE (of birding) 18th February:  ANTISANA, PAPALLACTA PASS & GUANGO LODGE

After spending the night in a hacienda-style, modern hotel in Pueumbo (near the international airport), we departed for one of the most scenic sites of the tour, Antisana National Park, a 45-minute drive away. Antisana is arguably the best place in Ecuador for Andean Condor, the national bird, so this was a big focus of our visit. The birds regularly perch and roost on a rock face on the entrance road into the park, and so as we entered the area we kept a keen eye open. However, before we reached the core area for the condors, we bired the upper layer of...
shrubs and trees, before we moved above treeline altogether and into grassland habitat (known as paramo). Our first birding stop brought us **Yellow-breasted (Rufous-naped) Brush-Finch, Hooded Siskin, Tufted Tit-Tyrant, Cinereous Conebill**, many Black Flowerpiercers, **Spectacled (Whitestart) Redstart, Plain-colored Seedeater, Red-crested Cotinga, White-crested Elaenia and Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant.** Moving on we reached the area where we could get clear looks at a long line of cliffs, where a couple of **Andean Condors** were waiting in the rock face for us. With our biggest target in the bag, we drove on up into the plateau, where grasslands replace trees, as we had ascended higher than where trees can grow. The species mix changed markedly and we were soon picking up birds like **Stout-billed and Chestnut-winged Cinclodes** (formerly **Bar-winged Cinclodes**, before being split), **Páramo Pipit, Plumbeous Sierra-Finch, Plain-capped (Paramo) Ground-Tyrant**, and in the flat open areas, plentiful **Carunculated Caracaras**, along with a dozen **Black-faced Ibis**, a few **Black-winged Ground-Doves** and regular **Andean Gulls.**

After first birding at the treeline, then in the grasslands above the timberline, it was then time to move to high Andean waterbirds, so we visited Mica Lake, a huge lake that is often peppered with Andean waterfowl. Here we found the usual suspects, as it were: **Andean Teal, Slate-colored (Andean) Coot, (Andean) Ruddy Duck, Yellow-billed Pintail** and close ups of **Silvery Grebe.** On the way back from this waterbird diversion, we found a pair of **Ecuadorian Hillstars** working their favorite, orange-flowered **Chuquiragua** plants, as well as **Streaked-backed and Many-striped Canasteros, Tawny Antpitta** and **Andean Lapwing.** We decided to have our boxed lunch at a tiny reserve close to the condor area, where they have some hummingbird feeders, so we ate lunch and enjoyed birds like **Black-tailed Trainbearer, Great Saphirewing, Green and Sparkling Violetears,** and best of all, **Giant Hummingbird** too, our principal target for lunchtime!
Post-lunch, we headed up to Papallacta Pass, and prayed for nice weather, at this high mountain site, where the birds themselves are not the biggest obstacle to seeing the birds, but the famously unpredictable high Andean weather. On seeing nice weather on our arrival we immediately set about trying to see one of the highest dwelling birds in the Andes of Ecuador; *Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe* (photo, page before). While the bird is undoubtedly uncommon, often the largest hurdle to seeing one is penetrating the wall of fog, rain and other unfriendly weather that gets thrown your way when visiting this site. On this day such hurdles were not there, and so we found them almost straight away. As we were ascending the dirt road to the seedsnipes favored spot, we also bumped into something rare still, a *Red-rumped Bush-Tyrant*, an erratic species to say the least. Flushed with this success, we then decided to head for our lodging for the night, a birding lodge a little lower down set within temperate forest. Guango Lodge has great birds all round, although is most famous for its busy hummingbird feeders, which was the natural area we headed to on arrival, marveling at hummingbirds like *Tourmaline Sunangel*, *White-bellied Woodstar*, *Buff-tailed and Chestnut-breasted Coronets*, *Tyrian Metaltail* and *Long-tailed Sylph*. After surveying the feeders for new species ad realizing we were running out we headed down to the river that runs alongside the lodge, which held a foraging *Fasciated Tiger-Heron* (usually not all that regular at such a high elevation), though more predictably, we also spotted a *Torrent Duck* swimming in the river.

**DAY TWO (19th February): GUANGO LODGE & PAPALLACTA to SAN ISIDRO**

Having covered some of the key birds higher up at Papallacta the day before, we decided to open the birding right from the doorstep of our lodge on this day. After breakfast we went walking around the temperate forest on the lodge property which was very successful as we saw both *Blue-backed and Capped Conebills*, *Blue-and-black Tanager*, *Rufous Spinetail*, *Rufous-breasted Chat-tyrant*, *Hooded Mountain-Tanager*, *Gray-hooded Bush-Tanager*, *Slaty and Pale-naped Brush-Finches*, *Pearled Treerunner*, *White-banded Tyrannulet*, *Black-eared Hemispingus*, and even the scarce *Rufous-breasted Flycatcher*. Birding the thin forest strip alongside the Guango River we also saw *Andean Guan*, *White-capped Dipper*, (Northern) Mountain Cacique, *Green (Inca) Jay*, and *Turquoise Jay*.

Late in the morning we headed to the town of Papallacta, and birded a steep forested road above town. This is one of those Andean spots that when there is no flock around, it can feel like an “avian ghost town”, and so you
never quite know what hand you will be dealt there. However, there are a handful of birds for which this site offered our only chance of the entire tour, and so we tried it anyway. Luckily, we were dealt a good hand, and hit a great mixed flock with Golden-crowned Tanager, Black-chested Mountain-Tanager, Plushcap, Black-backed Bush-Tanager, Cinereous Conebill, White-throated Tyrannulet, Glossy Flowerpiercer, and Rufous Wren all in attendance; nearby, Viridian Metaltail fed on some flowers too. The rest of the morning we spent birding back at Papallacta Pass where we saw White-chinned Thistletail, Andean Tit-Spinetail, better views of Tawny Antpitta, Páramo Tapaculo and Blue-mantled Thornbill to add to the initial list of birds we had seen during our first “seedsnipe run” up there the day before. After lunch we moved from one birding zone to another, moving lower in elevation out of the temperate zone and into the subtropics, and Cabanas San Isidro, our base for the following two nights. On the way to the lodge we picked up a Southern Lapwing, while after dinner we caught up with the lodge’s most famous bird, the so-called “San Isidro Mystery Owl”, (photo page before), as it is still not clear what species it belongs too (appearing largely like a mix of two others).
DAY THREE (20th February): **SAN ISIDRO area**

After a dawn time breakfast we started birding right at the lodge itself, where the lights attract a flurry of birds each morning, which come in to pick off the insects that have gathered around them during the night. This is always a great way to open the birding at San Isidro, as a veritable horde of birds comes in, and many of them are up close and personal. That morning was no exception, with **Green (Inca) Jay**, **Scarlet-rumped (Subtropical) Cacique**, **Fawn-breasted and Beryl-spangled Tanagers**, **Olive-backed and Montane Woodcreepers**, **Pale-edged and Golden-crowned Flycatchers**, **Russet-crowned Warbler**, **Black-billed Peppershrike**, and **Black-eared Hemispingus** all showing up for the early morning feast. Once the dawn time activity had slowed, and at a designated time, we went to look for **White-bellied Antpitta**, a pair of which have been regularly turning up to a feeding station in the forest. This normally shy deep forest bird was seen with ease, something that cannot be said away from this site, where they are all too easy to hear, but frustratingly difficult to lay eyes on! Later we switched from being on this forest trail to birding along a forest-fringed road outside the lodge property, where we were hit with another siege of new birds (typical in the Andes!): **Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher**, **Golden-rumped Euphonia**, **Plain-tailed Wren**, **Saffron-crowned, Black-capped and Flame-faced Tanagers**, **Azara’s Spinetail**, **Streak-headed Antbird** (formerly **Long-tailed Antbird** before that was split up into multiple species), **Emerald Toucanet**, **Yellow-billed Cacique**, **Ashy-headed Tyrannulet** and **Crested Quetzal**. This was just a taste of the new birds, beyond that we also caught up with others we had picked up previously on the trip.

In the afternoon, when activity can be quieter anywhere except the hummingbird feeders, we took time to look at the lodge’s own feeders, where we found **Chestnut-breasted Coronet**, **Fawn-breasted Brilliant**, **Long-tailed Sylph**, and **Speckled Hummingbird**. Later in the afternoon we walked an easy going trail on the lodge grounds, where we found **Long-tailed (Equatorial Rufous-vented) Tapaculo**, **Streaked Tuftedcheek**, **Marbled-faced Bristle-Tyrant**, **Crimson-mantled Woodpecker** and great looks at **Golden-headed Quetzal**. In the evening we went to try for some nightbirds, which appeared doomed as a venture with the wet weather at the time. However, in spite of this we got good looks at a streamer-tailed male **Swallow-tailed Nightjar**.

DAY FOUR 21st February: **SAN ISIDRO area & GUACAMAYOS RIDGE to WILDSUMACO**

We begun birding around the lodge, hoping for some new species, but sadly only saw much of the same birds we had seen the day before. In light of this, we headed a little higher to the nearby Guacamayos Ridge, an old Inca trail that cuts through lush cloudforest. As with many mountain sites in the Andes, hitting mixed flocks is often
the best way for avian success; we found flocks with **Hooded Mountain-tanager, Sharpe’s (Sepia-brown) Wren, Green-and-black Fruiteater, White-capped Tanager, Black-capped Hemispingus, Handsome Flycatcher, Grass-green Tanager, Common Chlorospingus and Rufous-headed Pygmy-tyrant** to name a few! Much further down the trail we had nice views of a **Black-billed Mountain-Toucan**, along with two other star finds: **Ocellated Tapaculo** and **Chestnut-crowned Antpitta**.

At the end of what had been a very productive morning, (at a place that is notoriously hit-and-miss), we continued to drive on eastwards, and lower in elevation to our next destination: **WildSumaco**, in the Andean foothills, another altitude band down from where we’d been this far (i.e. yet more NEW birds!). The journey there is long, and so we made some fruitful birding stops in some forest patches along the way, which yielded **Blue-necked, Spotted and Golden-eared Tanagers, Chestnut-bellied Seedeater, Cliff Flycatcher and Fasciated Tiger-Heron**. Just before reaching the lodge itself we birded a nearby road, which I personally think is a great birding spot, indicated by our list there, which included **Golden-rumped Euphonia, White-lined and Magpie Tanagers, Dark-breasted Spinetail, Grayish Saltator, Gilded Barbet, Scaly-naped Amazon, Swallow-tailed Kite** and both **Golden-collared Toucanet** and **Coppery-chested Jacamar**. While rain moved in late on curtailing our birding, we had amassed enough to call it a successful day all the same!

**DAYS FIVE & SIX (22nd – 23rd February): **

**WILDSUMACO area**

WildSumaco is one of the great birding lodges in Ecuador, and unmissable on a trip like this, where two full days were spent in the forests and surrounding areas, which brought us many species only seen over those few days of the trip. **Lined Antshrike, Montane Foliage-Gleaner, White-backed Fire-eye and Olivaceous Greenlet** were seen right by the small lodge parking lot, while roadside birding was productive with **Sickle-winged Guan, Yellow-tufted Woodpecker, Blackish Rail, Scaled Pigeon, Chestnut-fronted Macaw, Dusky Spinetail, Olive-chested Flycatcher, Scarlet Tanager, Crested and Russet-backed Oropendolas, Black-mandibled Toucan, and Red-headed Barbet**.

There are also a handful of very worthwhile forest trails in the area; a combination of the wet weather during our stay made this a little trickier than hoped, although trail birding is always a little more challenging, but can produce some interior species either very difficult or impossible from the roadside. Among the targets we found...
were Buckley’s Forest-Falcon, 4 species of manakin (Golden-winged, Striped, Blue-rumped, and White-crowned Manakins), White-shouldered Antshrike, Foothill Antwren, Plain Antvireo, Spot-backed Antbird, Ecuadorian Tyrannulet, Coraya and Wing-banded Wrens, Scale-backed, Black and Blackish Antbirds, great views of Black-streaked Puffbird, Slaty Antwren, and even saw more Crested Quetzals inside the forest. It can be tougher tracking down some of the canopy species in this tall forest, but we did find Blue-naped Chlorophonia, as well as Golden, Orange-eared, Golden-eared Fulvous-shrike, Bay-headed and Paradise Tanagers, Black-faced Dacnis, Rufous-winged and Yellow-breasted Antwrens, Yellow-throated Chlorospingus, Gray-mantled Wren, Fulvous-breasted Flatbill, Green-backed Trogon, Lafresnaye’s Piculet and the lovely Golden-collared Honeycreeper.

We also visited another antpitta feeding station in the forest, although this one held different species to that found at San Isidro; wild Plain-backed (photo right) and Ochre-breasted Antpittas coming in during our visit. Besides the good trail birding and excellent roadside birding, we also spent time at the two sets of hummingbird feeders on the property, which are arguably the best feeders of their kind on the east slope of the Andes. There we saw Golden-tailed Sapphire, Gould’s Jewelfront, Fork-tailed Woodnymph, Booted Racket-tail, Violet-fronted and Black-fronted Brilliants, Many-spotted and Violet-headed Hummingbirds, Sparkling and Brown Violet-ears, Gorgeted Woodstar, and, feeding on the verbena flowers, Ecuadorian Piedtail, Green Hermit and the devilishly cute Wire-crested Thorntail (photo page before). Some of these hummingbirds are widespread, but a handful of them are very hard to see away from the WildSumaco feeders, like Napo Sabrewing, a rare species we saw multiple times there. While staying there we also did some nightbirding, and we got beautiful views of Band-bellied Owl, less good views of Oilbird as well.

DAY SEVEN (24th February):

WILDSUMACO to the AMAZON (SACHA LODGE)

While it was sad to be on our final morning at WildSumaco, a wonderful area, we consoled ourselves we were merely swapping one great area for another, this time the Amazon! We spent a final few hours at Sumaco, plugging some avian gaps in our bird list, like Black-billed Treehunter, White-thighed Swallow, Masked Tityra, and Foothill Schiffornis before it started to rain, which prompted us to leave and drive on down to Coca, our gateway city into the Amazon. On the journey to the port at Coca, we found Ruddy Ground-Dove, Black Caracara, and a sharp Pearled Kite sitting on a roadside powerline.

Once we arrived in the “oil town” of Coca, from where we would take a boat into our lodge, we relaxed for some time at the Sacha Lodge office and took lunch, before taking several hours working along the mighty Napo River (a tributary of the Amazon itself), to Sacha. As the river was fairly high (something that changes rapidly day-to-day, depending on what the weather is in the mountains), we saw few birds, with no exposed sand bars and
islands. So, after arriving at the lodge, taking in a welcome drink and finding our cabins, we took off for some short birding around the oxbow lake on which the lodge is located.

There we got the opportunity to see **Gray-breasted Martin**, **White-banded Swallow**, **Ringed Kingfisher**, the hulking **Greater Ani**, and the odd looking, prehistoric **Hoatzin**, an entirely new bird family for most. We also birded on a nearby boardwalk, where we found **Buff-throated and Cinnamon-throated Woodcreepers**, **Black-fronted Nunbird**, and **Scarlet-crowned and Gilded Barbets**. Just before our birding closed for the day we took in a **Violaceous Jay**. We ended it by settling down in the legendary, and luxurious surroundings of Sacha Lodge, one of only a handful of elite Amazon lodges in the country.

**DAYS EIGHT & NINE (25th - 26th February):**

**SACHA LODGE area (The AMAZON)**

Sacha Lodge has become a birding legend; its combination of great food, excellent bird guides, and good birding facilities, (like their long, long canopy walkway, and impressive canopy tower perched atop a huge Kapok tree), make this a long time birder’s favorite when staying in the Ecuadorian Amazon. There is simply too much to mention from our two full days on site, although here is a selection of the avian highlights: **Ringed Woodpecker**, dayroosting **Great Potoo**, the rare **Lanceolated Monklet** ([photo above](#)), sitting and singing.
from the canopy walkway guy wire (a first for me); **White-throated and Channel-billed Toucans, Many-banded Aracari, White-browed Purpletuft** feeding at the top of a Kapok tree, **Pied Puffbird, Spix’s Guan** feeding underneath us, a pair of **Purplish Jacamars**, a few groups of **Black-headed Parrots** sitting near our canopy viewpoint, a bunch of **Orange winged Parrots** flying over us as well. On top of all of that we also we got some mixed feeding flocks with **Opal-crowned and Turquoise Tanagers, Slender-footed and Yellow-crowned Tyrannulets, Long-billed Woodcreeper, Orange-bellied Euphonia, Yellow-bellied Dacnis** and **Purple Honeycreeper**. Visiting the canopy walkway gave us a chance to see both **Greater Yellow-headed Vulture and Ornate Hawk-Eagle** in flight. The wooden canopy tower (different from the walkway), itself also had its own stellar selection of canopy birds: the sky blue **Plum-throated and Spangled Cotingas, Blue-crowned Trogon, White-lored and Rufous-bellied Euphonias, Golden-faced Tyrannulet, and Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher**. We also got mixed feeding flock while standing within the branches of the giant kapok, with **Opal-rumped and Masked Tanagers, Dugand’s and Short-billed Antwrens, Black-faced Dacnis, Black-tailed Tityra and Black-bellied Cuckoo**. Walking forest trails is always the toughest type of birding in the Amazon, but is necessary to find other species like **dayroosting Crested Owl**, **(photo below)**, **Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl, Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin, Straight-billed Hermit** and the handsome **Wire-tailed Manakin**, which all featured there.
Birding the Ecuadorian Amazon is a varied experience; as well as the aforementioned canopy birding from a walkway and tower, and the forest trails, we also spent time in canoes, paddling gently around an oxbow lake and along forested creeks, to pick up the different species found in those habitats too. These included: Silvered and Plumbeous Antbirds, American Pygmy-Kingfisher, Elegant and Straight-billed Woodcreepers, White-flanked Antwren, Rufous-tailed Flatbill, Cinnamon Attila, and White-bearded and Orange-crowned Manakins. We also saw Hoatzins again along the lake edge, which no one was unhappy with; as well as Limpkin, Anhinga and Black-capped Donacobius. Our final “type” of birding was undertaken at Sacha was on a river island in the wide Napo River. Amazingly, these tiny islands host a number of species rarely, or never, found on the nearby river banks, therefore expanding our list further still. This provided a more open, early successional habitat to bird in, where we found specialists of that habitat type: Mottled-backed Elaenia, Oriole Blackbird, Lesser Hornero, Riverside Tyrannulet, Olive-spotted Hummingbird, White-bellied Spinetail, and got great views of Spot-breasted Woodpecker, Crimson-crested and Rufous-headed Woodpeckers. Just before we left the area we spotted Cocoi Heron and Yellow-headed Caracara too.
DAY TEN (27th February):

SACHA LODGE (The AMAZON) to NAPO WILDLIFE CENTER

After early breakfast we headed back towards the Napo River, where we unfortunately were to say goodbye to Sacha, swapping one excellent birding lodge for another by the day’s end (Napo Wildlife Center). On our way out of Sacha we took in Common Potoo and Boat-billed Heron. As we were transferring between Amazon lodges, we deliberately passed by a mature river island (with taller growth than the one visited previously), and noted Laughing Falcon, Yellow-headed and Black Caracara, Roseate Spoonbill, and our main target bird there, Amazonian Umbrellabird, three of which were seen. Between Sacha Lodge and Napo lies one of the Yasuni National Park clay licks, where parrots come for minerals each day, right on the river edge. We watched a flurry of parrots dropping on to the banks, which held three different species: Mealy, Yellow-crowned and Blue-headed Parrots. As we watched the parrot frenzy from our boat, heavy rain began to fall, which led us to retreat to the Napo Wildlife Center dock, where shelter was found.

We waited there for a while hoping that the rain would stop, although, eventually, with rain still falling, time forced us to take the final leg of our journey into Napo Wildlife Center, by way of hand-paddled canoes. The journey in takes some time, but passes along a forested creek, with excellent birding possibilities along the way; by the journey’s end we had found Rufescent Tiger-Heron, Lesser Kiskadee, Striped Woodcreeper, American Pygmy-Kingfisher, and Green-and-rufous Kingfisher, Masked-crimson Tanager, Snail Kite, Amazonian Streaked Antwren and a nice view of Dot-backed Antbird. Finally, we arrived at our second, amazing, but very different, Amazon lodge in as many days and spent the last period of birding for the day up the canopy tower right at the lodge, which continued to add to the steady stream of new birds coming our
way in the ultra-diverse Amazon jungle. From above the lodge, we found, Red-bellied and Blue-and-yellow Macaws, Red-capped Cardinal, and Bat Falcon.

DAY ELEVEN (28th February):

NAPO WILDLIFE CENTER

As rain had affected our attempt the day before, to visit the main clay lick in Yasuni National Park, we decided to make another go at that on this day. This meant a very early start to get there in time, but the journey was not without highlights, as our early departure time brought us Blackish Nightjar, Boat-billed Heron and even a swimming Brazilian Tapir! Also along the riverside we found the well-named Drab Water-Tyrant and, arguably more interesting, a sleeping pair of Ladder-tailed Nightjars. Before we visited the clay lick, our timing allowed us to ascend a new canopy tower that the lodge have close to the main, Napo River (they have another one nearer the lodge itself too). The short trail leading to the tower gave us Gray and Black-faced Antbirds, and Peruvian Warbling-Antbirds. Then we made our way up the 150ft-high (45m) tower, where there is a great view over both terra firme forest and varzea forest, (the latter is seasonally flooded, whereas the former is permanently on dry land). Honestly, some of the best birding is not right at the top, but from the platforms below, and so we spent time there, and hit a nice mixed feeding flock and other birds around, which included Pink-throated Becard, Purple-throated Fruitcrow, White-necked Puffbird, Chestnut-winged Hookbill, Purplish and Great Jacamars, Opal-rumped and Green-and-gold Tanagers, Buff-throated Woodcreeper, White-fronted Nunbird, Lemon-throated Barbet, (photo next page), Crimson-crested,
and Chestnut, and Red-stained Woodpeckers. However, arguably our best bird up there was a Purple-throated Cotinga, a species that I had not seen on many recent visits to the area. The “supporting cast” included Red-and-green Macaw, Swallow Tanager, and Mealy, Yellow-crowned and Blue-headed Parrots all flying around. The remainder of the morning was spent at the second parrot clay lick (the one we had not yet visited), and this time we avoided the rain, so enjoyed a great visit. Among the visitors to this spectacular clay lick were Scarlet-shouldered Parrotlet, Orange-cheeked Parrot, Cobalt-winged Parakeet and even the immense Scarlet Macaw (photo page 15).

After lunch in the field, we visited the Anangu Community Center, which is part of the vast Napo Wildlife Center property, and picked a few species new for the trip like, Orange-backed Troupial, Little Woodpecker, Blue-winged Parrotlet and a flying Black Hawk-Eagle, right above the soccer field. For the rest of the afternoon, we walked slowly back to the lodge, taking in birds like Black-banded Woodcreeper, Plain-winged and Dusky-throated Antshrikes, Gray Antwren, Green Oropendola and Golden-headed Manakin on the walk back. Two scarcer species were found just before we arrived back at the lodge: Capped Heron and Gray-headed Tanager, which closed out the day.

DAY TWELVE (1st March):

This was to be our last full day, but unfortunately rain again came today, preventing us from doing as much birding as we would have liked. In spite of the rain, a morning walk did provide us with Blue-crowned, Green, Golden-headed and Striped Manakins, Plain-throated Antwren, Sooty Antbird, Cinereous Antshrike, Whiskered Flycatcher, Ocellated and Plain-brown Woodcreepers, White-breasted Wood-wren, Plain Xenops, Double-banded Pygmy-Tyrant and a handsome Yellow-billed Jacamar. It rained on and off all morning, and we simply added these birds mostly during the breaks in the rain. After a lunch break, we birded along a creek, hoping for some new birds, but found few, although we still got to see “repeats” of Hoatzin, Coraya Wren, and Boat-billed Heron. Perhaps though the highlight was not avian, as we first saw a young Green Anaconda followed by a group of Giant River Otters fighting with each other. Unfortunately though our excitement was short-lived and all too soon a huge rain storm moved in and curtailed our birding for the remainder of the afternoon.
DAY THIRTEEN (2\textsuperscript{nd} March):

NAPO WILDLIFE CENTER to QUITO

We took a very early breakfast, with the intention that we would slowly bird our way back to the main Napo River, before taking a motor canoe ride back to Coca, from where we were to fly back to Quito (a 30-minute flight). Sadly though, again, the rain featured more heavily than we would have liked and little was seen during our rainy boat ride back. In spite of moments like this, we enjoyed a great trip that yielded a total of 517 bird species seen, with a further 53 species only heard.

The subject of best trip birds is always fiercely debated come the end of a bird trip, especially one with such a myriad birds featured as this one that combines the heady bird flocks of the Andes with the mega diversity of the Amazon. In the end, the list of most popular birds was decided as Amazonian Umbrellabird, Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl, Wire-tailed Manakin, Cream-colored Woodpecker, Andean Condor, Lanceolated Monklet, Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe and Black-billed Mountain-Toucan, a great selection of birds in its own right, although you may want to take a look at the bird list to see what stunning birds never made it on this elite list!

\textbf{Rufescent Tiger-Heron in the Amazon}
BIRD LIST

This list is up to date with the major changes published by Cornell up until 2013.

All of the species mentioned here were seen by at least one of the group, unless otherwise indicated.

Birds seen by the guide only are marked **GO**, while species that were only heard are marked **H**.

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GULLS
Andean Gull

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Scaled Pigeon
Band-tailed Pigeon
Pale-vented Pigeon
Plumbeous Pigeon
Ruddy Pigeon
Eared Dove
Ruddy Ground-Dove
Black-winged Ground-Dove
Gray-fronted Dove
White-throated Quail-Dove
Ruddy Quail-Dove

LARIDAE: LARINAE
Chroicocephalus serranus

COLUMBIDAE
Columba livia
Patagioenas speciosa
Patagioenas fasciata
Patagioenas cayennensis
Patagioenas plumbea
Patagioenas subvinacea
Zenaida auriculata
Columbina talpacoti
Metriopelia melanoptera
Leptotila rufaxilla
Geotrygon frenata
Geotrygon montana

HOATZIN
Hoatzin

OPISTHOCOMIDAE
Opisthocomus hoazin

CUCKOOS
Squirrel Cuckoo
Black-bellied Cuckoo
Greater Ani
Smooth-billed Ani

CUCULIDAE
Piaya cayana
Piaya melanogaster
Crotophaga major
Crotophaga ani

STRIGIDAE
Megascops choliba
Megascops watsonii
Lophostrix cristata
Pulsatrix melanota
Glaucidium jardinii
Glaucidium brasilianum
Ciccaba sp.

NIGHTJARS
Rufous-bellied Nighthawk
Common Pauraque
Band-winged Nightjar
Blackish Nightjar
Ladder-tailed Nightjar
Swallow-tailed Nightjar

CAPRIMULGIDAE
Lurocalis rufiventris
Nyctidromus albicollis
Caprimulgus longirostris
Caprimulgus nigrescens
Hydropsalis climacocerca
Uropsalis segmentata

POTOOS
Great Potoo
Common Potoo

NYCTIBIIDAE
Nyctibius grandis
Nyctibius griseus

OILBIRD
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STEATORNITHIDAE
Steatornis caripensis
SWIFTS
Chestnut-collared Swift
White-collared Swift
Short-tailed Swift
Gray-rumped Swift
Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift
Fork-tailed Palm-Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS
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Tawny-bellied Hermit
Straight-billed Hermit
Great-billed Hermit
Black-throated Hermit
Napo Sabrewing
Brown Violetear
Green Violetear
Sparkling Violetear
Violet-headed Hummingbird
Wire-crested Thorntail
Blue-tailed Emerald
Fork-tailed Woodnymph
Golden-tailed Sapphire
Olive-spotted Hummingbird
Many-spotted Hummingbird
Speckled Hummingbird
Ecuadorian Piedtail
Black-throated Brilliant
Gould’s Jewelfront
Fawn-breasted Brilliant
Violet-fronted Brilliant
Buff-tailed Coronet
Chestnut-breasted Coronet
Shining Sunbeam
Ecuadorian Hillstar
Bronzy Inca
Collared Inca
Buff-winged Starfrontlet
Sword-billed Hummingbird
Great Sapphirewing
Giant Hummingbird
Tourmaline Sunangel
Glowing Puffleg
Sapphire-vented Puffleg
Booted Racket-tail
Black-tailed Trainbearer
Tyrian Metaltail
Viridian Metaltail
Blue-mantled Thornbill
Long-tailed Sylph
Amethyst Woodstar

APODIDAE
Streptoprocne rutila
Streptoprocne zonaris
Chaetura brachyura
Chaetura cinereiventris
Panyptila cayennensis
Tachornis squamata

TROCHILIDAE
Phaethornis guy
Phaethornis syrmatophorus
Phaethornis bourcieri
Phaethornis malaris
Phaethornis atrimentalis
Campylopterus villaviscensio
Colibri delphinae
Colibri thalassinus
Colibri coruscans
Klais guimeti
Discosura popelairii
Chlorostilbon mellisugus
Thalurania furcata
Chrysuronia oenone
Leucippus chlorocercus
Taphrospilus hypostictus
Adelomyia melanogenys
Phlogophilus hemileucurus
Heliodoxa schreibersii
Heliodoxa aurescens
Heliodoxa rubinoides
Heliodoxa leadbeateri
Boissonneaua flavescens
Boissonneaua matthewsi
Aglaeactis cupripennis
Oreotrochilus chimborazo
Coeligena coeligena
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Coeligena torquata
Coeligena lutetiae
Ensifera ensifera
Pterophanes cyanopterus
Patagona gigas
Heliangelus exortis
Eriocnemis vestita
Eriocnemis luciani
Ocreatus underwoodii
Lesbia victoriae
Metallura tyrianthina
Metallura williamsi
Chalcostigma stanleyi
Aglaicercus kingi
Calliphlox amethystina
White-bellied Woodstar
Gorgeted Woodstar

TROGONS
Golden-headed Quetzal
Crested Quetzal
Black-tailed Trogon
Green-backed (Amaz. White-tailed) Trogon
Black-throated Trogon
Collared Trogon
Masked Trogon

TROGONIDAE
Pharomachrus auriceps
Pharomachrus antisianus
Trogon melanurus eumorphus
Trogon viridis
Trogon rufus
Trogon collaris H
Trogon personatus

MOTMOTS
Amazonian (Blue-crowned) Motmot
Andean (Highland) Motmot
Rufous Motmot

MOMOTIDAE
Momotus momota microstephanus GO
Momotus aequatorialis aequatorialis H
Baryphthengus martii H

KINGFISHERS
Ringed Kingfisher
Amazon Kingfisher
Green-and-rufous Kingfisher
American Pygmy Kingfisher

ALCEDINIDAE
Megaceryle torquatus
Chloroceryle amazona
Chloroceryle inda
Chloroceryle aenea

PUFFBIRDS
White-necked Puffbird
Pied Puffbird
Chestnut-capped Puffbird
Collared Puffbird
Black-streaked Puffbird
Lanceolated Monklet
Black-fronted Nunbird
White-fronted Nunbird
Swallow-winged Puffbird

BUCCONIDAE
Notharchus hyperrynchus
Notharchus tectus
Buco macrodactylus H
Buco capensis H
Malacoptila fulvogularis
Micromonacha lanceolata
Monasa nigrifrons
Monasa morphoeus
Chelidoptera tenebrosa

JACAMARS
Yellow-billed Jacamar
White-chinned Jacamar
Coppery-chested Jacamar
Purplish Jacamar
Great Jacamar

GALBULIDAE
Galbula albirostris
Galbula tombacea
Galbula pastazae
Galbula chalcothorax
Jacamerops aureus

NEW WORLD BARBETS
Scarlet-crowned Barbet
Gilded Barbet
Lemon-throated Barbet
Red-headed Barbet

CAPITONIDAE
Capito aurovirens
Capito auratus
Eubucco richardsonii
Eubucco bourcierii

TOUCANS
Emerald Toucanet
Black-billed Mountain-Toucan
Many-banded Aracari

RAMPHASTIDAE
Aulacorhynchus prasinus
Andigena nigrirostris
Pteroglossus pluricinctus
Golden-collared Toucanet
Black-mandibled Toucan
White-throated Toucan
Channel-billed Toucan

WOODPECKERS
LaFresnaye's Piculet
Yellow-tufted Woodpecker
Little Woodpecker
Red-stained Woodpecker
Crimson-mantled Woodpecker
Spot-breasted Woodpecker
Scale-breasted Woodpecker
Chestnut Woodpecker
Cream-colored Woodpecker
Rufous-headed Woodpecker
Ringed Woodpecker
Lineated Woodpecker
Crimson-crested Woodpecker

PIICIDAE
Picumnus lafresnayi
Melanerpes cruentatus
Veniliornis passerinus
Veniliornis affinis
Colaptes rivolii
Colaptes punctigula
Celeus grammicus
Celeus elegans
Celeus flavus
Celeus spectabilis
Celeus torquatus
Dryocopus lineatus
Campephilus melanoleucus

FALCONS AND CARACARAS
Black Caracara
Red-throated Caracara
Carunculated Caracara
Yellow-headed Caracara
Laughing Falcon
Buckley's Forest-Falcon
American Kestrel
Bat Falcon

FALCONIDAE
Daptrius ater
Ibycter americanus
Phalcoboenus carunculatus
Milvago chimachima
Herpetotheres cachinnans
Micrastur buckleyi
Falco sparverius
Falco rufigularis

NEW WORLD AND AFRICAN PARROTS
Maroon-tailed Parakeet
White-eyed Parakeet
Dusky-headed Parakeet
Chestnut-fronted Macaw
Military Macaw
Red-and-green Macaw
Scarlet Macaw
Blue-and-yellow Macaw
Red-bellied Macaw
Blue-winged Parrotlet
Cobalt-winged Parakeet
Scarlet-shouldered Parrotlet
Black-headed Parrot
Orange-cheeked Parrot
Blue-headed Parrot
Red-billed Parrot
Speckle-faced (White-capped) Parrot
Orange-winged Parrot (Amazon)
Scaly-naped Parrot (Amazon)
Mealy Parrot (Amazon)

PSITTACIDAE
Pyrrhura melanura malanura/souancei
Aratinga leucophthalma
Aratinga weddellii
Ara severus
Ara militaris
Ara chloropterus
Ara macao
Ara ararauna
Orthopsittaca manilata
Forpus xanthopterygius
Brotogeris cyanoptera
Touit huetii
Pionites melanocephalus
Pyrrula bavarabandi
Pionus menstruus
Pionus sordidus
Pionus tumultuosus seniloides
Amazona amazonica
Amazona mercenaria
Amazona farinosa
Yellow-crowned Parrot (Amazon) | Amazona ochrocephala

**TYPICAL ANTBIRDS**
- Fulvous (Undulated) Antshrike
- Lined Antshrike
- Plain-winged Antshrike
- Mouse-colored Antshrike
- White-shouldered Antshrike
- Russet Antshrike
- Plain Antvireo
- Dusky-throated Antshrike
- Cinereous Antshrike
- Plain-throated Antwren
- Foothill Antwren
- Rufous-tailed Antwren
- Pygmy Antwren
- Moustached (Short-billed) Antwren
- Amazonian Streaked-Antwren
- White-flanked Antwren
- Slaty Antwren
- Long-winged Antwren
- Gray Antwren
- Banded Antbird
- Dugand's Antwren
- Yellow-breasted Antwren
- Rufous-winged Antwren
- Dot-winged Antwren
- Streak-headed (Long-tailed) Antbird
- Chestnut-shouldered Antwren
- Gray Antbird
- Blackish Antbird (foothills)
- Black Antbird
- White-browed Antbird
- Black-faced Antbird
- Peruvian Warbling-Antbird
- Silvered Antbird
- White-shouldered Antbird
- Plumbeous Antbird
- Sooty Antbird
- Bicolored Antbird
- Lunulated Antbird
- Spot-backed Antbird
- Dot-backed Antbird
- Common Scale-backed Antbird
- Black-spotted Bare-eye

**THAMNOPHILIDAE**
- Frederickena fulva
- Thamnophilus tenuepunctatus
- Thamnophilus schistaceus
- Thamnophilus murinus
- Thamnophilus aethiops
- Dysithamnus mentalis
- Thamnomanes ardesiacus
- Thamnomanes caesius
- Isleria hauxwelli

**GNATEATERS**
- Conopophaga castaneiceps

**ANTPITTAS**
- Grallaria haplonota
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- Chestnut-naped Antpitta: *Grallaria nuchalis*
- White-bellied Antpitta: *Grallaria hypoleuca*
- Rufous Antpitta: *Grallaria rufula*
- Tawny Antpitta: *Grallaria quitensis*
- Ochre-breasted Antpitta: *Grallaricula flavirostris*
- Slate-crowned Antpitta: *Grallaricula nana*

### TAPACULOS

- Rusty-belted Tapaculo: *Liosceles thoracicus* (H)
- Blackish (Unicolored) Tapaculo: *Scytalopus (unicolor) latrans*
- Long-tailed (Eq. Rufous-vented) Tapaculo: *Scytalopus micropterus* (H)
- Spillmann's Tapaculo: *Scytalopus spillmanni* (GO)
- Paramo Tapaculo: *Scytalopus atratus*
- Ocellated Tapaculo: *Acropternis orthonyx*

### ANTHRUSHES

- Rufous-capped Anthrusher: *Formicarius colma* (H)
- Black-faced Anthrusher: *Formicarius analis* (H)
- Rufous-breasted Anthrusher: *Formicarius rufipectus* (H)
- Short-tailed Anthrusher: *Chamaeza campanisona* (GO)
- Barred Anthrusher: *Chamaeza mollissima* (H)

### OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS

- Olivaceous Woodcreeper: *Sittasomus griseicapillus amazonus*
- Long-tailed Woodcreeper: *Deconychura longicauda*
- Plain-brown Woodcreeper: *Dendrocincla fuliginosa*
- Wedge-billed Woodcreeper: *Glyphorynchus spirurus*
- Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper: *Dendrexetastes rufigula*
- Long-billed Woodcreeper: *Nasia longirostris*
- Black-banded Woodcreeper: *Dendrocolaptes picumnus*
- Striped Woodcreeper: *Xiphorhynchus obsoletus*
- Ocellated Woodcreeper: *Xiphorhynchus ocellatus napensis*
- Elegant (Spix's) Woodcreeper: *Xiphorhynchus elegans*
- Buff-throated Woodcreeper: *Xiphorhynchus guttatus guttatoides*
- Olive-backed Woodcreeper: *Xiphorhynchus triangularis*
- Straight-billed Woodcreeper: *Dendroplex picus*
- Red-billed Scythebill: *Campylorhamphus trochilirostris* (GO)
- Montane Woodcreeper: *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger*
- Plain Xenops: *Xenops minutus*
- Streaked Tuftedcheek: *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii*
- Lesser Hornero: *Furnarius minor*
- Stout-billed Cinclodes: *Cinclodes excelsior*
- Chestnut-winged (Bar-winged) Cinclodes: *Cinclodes albidiventris*
- Chestnut-winged Foliage-gleaner: *Philydor erythropterum*
- Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner: *Philydor rufum*
- Montane Foliage-gleaner: *Anabacerthia striaticollis*
- Chestnut-winged Hookbill: *Ancistrops strigilatus*
- Chestnut-crowned Foliage-gleaner: *Automolus rufipileatus* (H)
- Black-billed Treehunter: *Premnioplex brunnecens* (H)
- Spotted Barbtail: *Margarornis squamiger*
Andean Tit-Spinetail  
White-browed Spinetail  
Many-striped Canastero  
Streak-backed Canastero  
White-chinned Thistletail  
Azara's Spinetail  
Dark-breasted Spinetail  
Rufous Spinetail  
White-bellied Spinetail  
Dusky Spinetail

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS
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White-striped Flycatcher  
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher  
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Rufous-breasted Flycatcher  
Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant  
Ecuadorian Tyrannulet  
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Double-banded Pygmy-Tyrant  
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Cinnamon Flycatcher

TYRANNIDAE
White-lored Tyrannulet  
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White-banded Tyrannulet  
White-throated Tyrannulet  
Sulphur-bellied Tyrannulet  
Tufted Tit-Tyrant  
Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet  
Foothill Elaenia  
Yellow-crowned Elaenia  
White-crested Elaenia  
Mottle-backed Elaenia  
Torrent Tyrannulet  
River Tyrannulet  
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Handsome Flycatcher
Olive-chested Flycatcher
Smoke-colored Pewee
Western Wood-Pewee
Black Phoebe
Drab Water Tyrant
Plain-capped (Páramo) Ground-Tyrant
Red-rumped Bush-Tyrant
Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant
Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant
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Cinnamon Attila
Citron-bellied Attila
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Grayish Mourners
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Short-crested Flycatcher
Pale-edged Flycatcher
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Lemon-browed Flycatcher
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Piratic Flycatcher
Tropical Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird
Fork-tailed Flycatcher

Cotingas
Green-and-black Fruiteater
Fiery-throated Fruiteater
Red-crested Cotinga
Black-necked Red-Cotinga
Andean Cock-of-the-rock
Gray-tailed Piha
Purple-throated Fruitcrow
Amazonian Umbrellabird
Plum-throated Cotinga
Spangled Cotinga
Screaming Piha
Purple-throated Cotinga
Bare-necked Fruitcrow

CotingidAE
Pipreola riefferii
Pipreola chlorolepidota
Ampelion rubrocristatus
Phoenicircus nigricolis
Rupicola peruviana
Snowornis subalaris
Querula purpurata
Cephalopterus ornatus
Cotinga maynana
Cotinga cayana
Lipaugus vociferans
Porphyraema porphyraema
Gymnoderus foetidus
### MANAKINS
- Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin
- Golden-winged Manakin
- Striped Manakin
- Blue-crowned Manakin
- Blue-rumped Manakin
- White-bearded Manakin
- Blue-backed Manakin
- Green Manakin
- Orange-crowned (Orange-crested) Manakin
- White-crowned Manakin
- Wire-tailed Manakin
- Golden-headed Manakin
- Wing-barred Piprites

### PIPRIDAE
- **Tyrannuletes stolzmanni**
- **Masius chrysopterus**
- **Machaeropeta regulus**
- **Lepidopterus coronata**
- **Lepidopterus isidorei**
- **Manacus manacus**
- **Chiroxiphia pareola**
- **Xenopipo holochlora holochlora**
- **Heterocerus aurantiivertex**
- **Pipra pipra**
- **Pipra filicauda**
- **Pipra erythrocephala**
- **Piprites chloris**

### TITYRAS AND ALLIES
- Black-tailed Tityra
- Masked Tityra
- Foothill (Thrush-like) Schiffornis
- White-browed Purpletuft
- Barred Becard
- Pink-throated Becard

### TITYRIDAE
- **Tityra cayana**
- **Tityra semifasciata**
- **Schiffornis aenea**
- **Iodopleura isabellae**
- **Pachyramphus versicolor**
- **Pachyramphus minor**

### VIREOS
- Brown-capped Vireo
- Red-eyed Vireo
- Rufous-naped Greenlet
- Olivaceous Greenlet
- Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo
- Black-billed Peppershrike

### VIREONIDAE
- **Vireo leucophrys**
- **Vireo olivaceus**
- **Hylophilus semibrunneus**
- **Hylophilus olivaceus**
- **Vireolanius leucotis**
- **Cyclarhis nigrirostris**

### CROWS, JAYS AND MAGPIES
- Green (Inca) Jay
- Violaceous Jay
- Turquoise Jay

### CORVIDAE
- **Cyanocorax yncas yncas**
- **Cyanocorax violaceus**
- **Cyanolyca turcosa**

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

### HIRUNDINIDAE
- **Pygochelidon cyanoleuca**
- **Orochelidon murina**
- **Atticora tibialis**
- **Atticora fasciata**
- **Stelgidopteryx ruficollis**
- **Progne chalybea**
- **Tachycineta albiventer**

### WRENS
- Wing-banded Wren
- Gray-mantled Wren
- House Wren
- Mountain Wren
- Sedge (Grass) Wren

### TROGLODYTIDAE
- **Microcerculus bambla**
- **Odontorchilus branickii**
- **Troglodytes aedon**
- **Troglodytes solstitialis**
- **Cistothorus platensis aequatorialis**
Thrush-like Wren  Campytorhynchus tardinus
Plain-tailed Wren  Pheugopedius euophrys
Coraya Wren  Pheugopedius coraya
Rufous Wren  Cinnycerthia unirufo
Sharpe’s (Sepia-brown) Wren  Cinnycerthia olivascens
White-breasted Wood-Wren  Henicorhina leucosticta
Gray-breasted Wood-Wren  Heniocorhina leucophrys

DIPPERS
White-capped Dipper  Cinclus leucocephalus

DONACOBIIUS
Black-capped Donacobius  Donacobius atricapilla

THRUSHES AND ALLIES
Andean Solitaire  Myadestes ralloides
Swainson’s Thrush  Catharus ustulatus
Pale-eyed Thrush  Turdus leucops H
Black-billed Thrush  Turdus ignobilis
Great Thrush  Turdus fuscater
Glossy-black Thrush  Turdus serranus
White-necked Thrush  Turdus albicollis H

WAGTAILS AND PIPITS
Paramo Pipit  Anthus bogotensis

NEW WORLD WARBLERS
Tropical Parula  Setophaga pitiayumi
Blackburnian Warbler  Setophaga fusca
Blackpoll Warbler  Setophaga striata
Canada Warbler  Cardella canadensis
Slate-throated Redstart (Whitestart)  Myioborus miniatus
Spectacled Redstart (Whitestart)  Myioborus melanocephalus
Black-crested Warbler  Myioborus nigrocristatus
Russel-crowned Warbler  Myioborus coronatus

TANAGERS AND ALLIES
Red-capped Cardinal  Paroaria gularis
Magpie Tanager  Cissopis leverianus
White-capped Tanager  Sericossypha albocristata
Black-capped Hemispingus  Hemispingus atrapileus
Oleaginous Hemispingus  Hemispingus frontalis
Black-eared Hemispingus  Hemispingus melanotis
Gray-hooded Bush Tanager  Cnemoscopus rubirostris
Gray-headed Tanager  Eucornis penicillata
White-shouldered Tanager  Tachyphonus luctuosus
White-lined Tanager  Tachyphonus rufus
Fulvous Shrike-Tanager  Lanio fulvus
Masked Crimson Tanager  Ramphocelus nigrogularis
Silver-beaked Tanager  Ramphocelus carbo
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Mammals

MARMOSETS, CAPUCHINS, SQUIRREL MONKEYS
Graells’s (Black-mantled) Tamarin
Golden-mantled Tamarin
White-fronted Capuchin
Common Squirrel Monkey

CEBIDAE
Saguinus graellsi
Saguinus tripartitus
Cebus albifrons
Saimiri sciureus

NIGHT MONKEYS
Spix’s Night Monkey
White-tailed (Dusky) Titi

AOTIDAE
Aotus vociferans
Callicebus discolor

HOWLER, SPIDER, AND WOOLY MONKEYS
Venezuelan Red Howler
White-fronted Spider Monkey
Silvery Woolly Monkey

ATELIDAE
Alouatta seniculus
Ateles belzebuth
Lagothrix poeppigii

SQUIRRELS
Amazon Dwarf Squirrel

SCIURIDAE
Microsciurus flaviventer

PORCUPINES
Bicolored-spined Porcupine

ERETHIZONTIDAE
Coendou bicolor

AGOUTIS
Black Agouti

DASYPROCTIDAE
Dasyprocta fuliginosa

SAC-WINGED BATS
Proboscis Bat

EMBALLONURIDAE
Rhynchonycteris naso

WEASELS & OTTERS
Tayra
Giant Otter

MUSTELIDAE
Eira barbara
Pteronura brasiliensis

TAPIRS
South American (Brazilian) Tapir

TAPIRIDAE
Tapirus terrestris

DEER
White-tailed Deer

CERVIDAE
Odocoileus virginianus