



A [Tropical Birding](#) SET DEPARTURE tour

Northern Ecuador: Birding with a Camera

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Moss-backed Tanager from Mashpi

Ecuador is one of the finest birding destinations the continent. With a bird list of more than 1600 species, this charming country is truly an avian paradise. We had superb tour that visited a variety of sites in the Andes, from lowland rainforest to lush cloudforest to scenic paramos on the slopes of a volcano. The birds showed well to both our binoculars and our cameras, helped by the numerous feeders at the sites we visited.

Some highlights included our unforgettable encounter with the extraordinary **Sword-billed Hummingbird** at Yanacocha, both **Yellow-throated** and **Choco Toucans** feeding on bananas in Milpe, seven(!) species of **antpittas** including some very close encounters at Paz de las Aves, 34 **hummingbirds** including swarms of **Booted Racket-tails** at the Tandayapa feeders, displaying **Andean Cocks-of-the-rock**, **Andean Condors** soaring over a snow-capped volcano, the bizarre **Oilbird** roosting in a crevasse, and 44 colorful **tanagers** like the scarce **Moss-backed Tanager** on the cover page.

9 November: The tour had started with dinner the evening before, and we ready to head out birding early this morning. Our friendly and excellent driver, Wilson arrived on time and we were soon on our way into the mountains above Quito. Our first stop of the day was the Yanacocha Reserve, and we were welcomed by the common **Rufous-collared Sparrows** and **Great Thrushes** singing at the main entrance. Hummingbirds were just starting their morning visits to the flowers and feeders. The weather was a bit cloudy, which is typical for this habitat. After a quick field breakfast, we walked inside the reserve. The amazing **Sword-billed Hummingbird** zipped across in front of us, but it was too fast to see it well, though it was a sign of things to come. The first species of hummingbirds at the feeder were **Buff-winged Startfrontlet** (photo next page), **Shining Sunbeam**, **Sapphire-vented Puffleg**, and **Great Sapphirewing**. A pair of **Andean Guans** stayed a long time in the bushes near the feeders, and other neat birds around there included **Black-chested Mountain-Tanager**, **Yellow-breasted Brush-Finch**, **Glossy Flowerpiercer**, and **Gray-browed Brush-Finch**. Our plan was to wait a bit longer at the feeders hoping for the **Sword-billed Hummingbird** to come back. Photography was a challenge because of the foggy conditions, but we still managed to get some good pictures of most of the species around. The swordbill came briefly in again, but didn't stay. We were willing to be patient as this was the best spot for it on the trip, and soon enough one perched just behind the feeder... What a bird! Look at that beak! Unbelievable! Those were some of the words heard while photographing this awesome hummingbird.





Buff-winged Starfrontlet, a common visitor to the Yanacocha feeders

Well, with the local “star” in the bag, we went for a walk along the main trail of the reserve looking for more specialties of the area. The forest was a bit quiet, but we saw a few more species like the stunning **Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager** and the perky **White-throated Tyrannulet**. After lunch in the reserve, we started heading down towards Tandayapa. The landscape was very lovely. We drove along a gravel road down the mountain, enjoying the views of fields, pastures, and rural communities – typical Andean scenes. We made another birding stop along a river valley. The cloud forest is always full of surprises, and our very first bird was a cooperative male **Masked Trogon**. Other birds seen here were **White-chinned Thistletail**, **Montane Woodcreeper**, **Spectacled Whitestart**, **Smoke-colored Pewee**, and the spectacular **Grass-green Tanager**. We were always keeping an eye out along the river for dippers and ducks, and few miles down the road we finally found a **White-capped Dipper**. We got out and started chasing them upstream, and some lucky people got some good photos of them. Just one mile before reaching our lodge, we spotted something large and green near road, as we approached this bird was a **Golden-headed Quetzal**, and not just one, were two of them feeding on some berries near the road. We tried to get some photos, though they were a bit shy (**photo next page**), and it was an excellent way to finish the drive. When we arrived to the lodge, we checked in and enjoyed the hummingbird feeders the rest of the afternoon.



10 November. We had a full day planned in and around the wonderful Tandayapa Bird Lodge. We started out by watching the “insect light” near the lodge. We hoped to see some of the difficult-to-find understory birds that usually come to eat some insects at first light in the morning, along with some canopy species. The very first bird that came in was the spectacular **Rufous Motmot**, even when it was still dark. Not long after, we heard a lovely call in the understory, which was the common Russet-crowned Warbler and we also heard the first calls of a Toucan Barbet, another big target during this tour. Little by little it was getting lighter, and we saw a **Golden-crowned Flycatcher** come into view, followed by an active **Streak-capped Treehunter** and then a **Montane Woodcreeper**. We also saw the beautiful **Slate-throated Whitestart**, **Ornate Flycatcher**, **Tricolored Brush-Finch**, **Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner**, **Dusky-capped Flycatcher**, **One-colored Becard**, and a pair of superb **Toucan Barbets** at close range. All this just before breakfast! Our breakfast was nicely interrupted by a tame **Crimson-rumped Toucanet** who came to eat some of the bananas placed outside the restaurant. It is a lovely bird for sure. Later in the morning, our mission was to visit the upper part of the valley. The weather conditions up here can change quickly, so we went as soon as possible to the top of the cloud forest along the main road. In our first stop we saw a lone **Broad-winged Hawk** soaring above us. The forest itself was beautiful but a bit quiet, without many mixed species flocks, but we did see a shy **Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan** and a **Gorgeted Sunangel** that was perched atop a tree fern. The clouds suddenly came in quickly, so it was time to go back down the road. We encountered a small flock moving fast through some bamboo patches and dense vegetation with **Gray-breasted Wood-Wren**, **Smoke-colored Pewee**, **Slate-throated Whitestart**, **Red-eyed Vireo**, **Blackburnian Warbler**, and a **Strong-billed Woodcreeper**. While some of us were watching the woodcreeper, others were seeing another bird up the hill, one of the rarest species in the whole area, the **White-faced Nunbird**. A great surprise, this bird is not easy to see anywhere. We went back to the lodge to enjoy the hummingbirds before lunch. Some of the fanciest hummers at the lodge are **Purple-throated**

Woodstar, Purple-bibbed Whitetip, Andean Emerald, the unique **Booted Racket-tail** and the impressive **Violet-tailed Sylph**.



Violet-tailed Sylph



White-necked Jacobin

In the afternoon, we birded the famous Old Nono-Mindo Road. With rain threatening, we found a lovely spot up a hill with in a clearing with some old houses surrounded by forest. Some of the first birds that we saw there were the colorful **Golden-naped Tanager** followed by the incredible **Flame-faced Tanager**. While searching for more tanagers, we found another **Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan** sitting in a top of a tree on the other side of the valley. Birds just kept coming, and in the same area we also found **Blue-and-white Swallow**, **Palm Tanager**, **Blue-gray Tanager**, **Yellow-bellied Seedeater**, **Black Phoebe**, **Variable Seedeater**, **Blue-capped Tanager**, **White-collared Swift**, **Tropical Kingbird**, **Fawn-breasted Tanager**, **Brown-capped Vireo**, **Swainson's Thrush**, **Golden Tanager**, **Black-winged Saltator**, **Blackburnian Warbler**, **Beryl-spangled Tanager**, and the incredibly colorful **Golden-rumped Euphonia**. We saw another **Golden-headed Quetzal**, this time eating a frog!:



11 November: Our day started with an early breakfast and a 1.5 hour drive to lower elevations. We visited a popular bird reserve called Rio Silanche. It was a bit cloudy, but luckily it was dry as we started birding after leaving the main highway. Some of the first birds seen today were **Flame-rumped Tanager**, **Southern Rough-winged Swallow**, **Bananaquit**, **Scarlet-backed Woodpecker**, **Giant Cowbird**, **Palm Tanager**, **Bay Wren**, **White-thighed Swallow**, **Pale-vented Pigeon**, **Golden-olive Woodpecker**, and a nice male **Ringed Kingfisher**. As we continued along the entrance road, we also found birds like **Smooth-billed Ani**, **Yellow Tyrannulet**, **Acadian Flycatcher**, **Boat-billed Flycatcher**, **Common Tody Flycatcher**, **Variable Seedeater**, **Streaked Flycatcher**, **White-tipped Dove**, **White-lined Tanager** and the noisy **Scrub Blackbird**. The day was getting better and better and another stop shortly after produced the colorful **Bay-headed Tanager**, **Buff-throated Saltator**, **Plumbeous Pigeon**, **Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift**, **Gray-breasted Martin**, **Pacific Parrotlet**, **White-bearded Manakin** and a few **Yellow-throated Toucans** that flew across the road. This road is always very productive, you can find birds everywhere. Down the road we also saw the common **Streak-headed Woodcreeper**, a female **Green Thorntail**, **Black-cheeked Woodpecker**, **Blue-necked Tanager**, **Blue-black Grassquit**, and a nice pair of **Lineated Woodpeckers**.

We then drove to reserve HQ to climb the observation tower. While you are on any canopy tower the activity is totally unpredictable. Depending on luck, you can have amazing bird flocks, or absolutely no activity. Our time at the tower was somewhere in between with some very cool birds such as **Gray and gold Tanager**, **Choco Tyrannulet**, **Streaked Flycatcher**, **Hook-billed Kite**, **Short-tailed Hawk**, and a cooperative pair of **Collared Aracaris** that gave us a real show and allowed us to take some good photos. We also saw a male **Rufous-winged Tanager** which was very special too, and at the end of the morning we got a lovely **Scarlet-browed Tanager**.

After a field lunch, we headed towards our next birding location at Rancho Suamox. A nice set of fruit feeders were there waiting for us. This was a great chance for bird photography. Some of the first birds attending the feeders were **Orange-crowned Euphonia**, **Silver-throated Tanager**, **Buff-throated Saltator** and **Blue-gray Tanager**. After a while longer, we got the always-beautiful **Red-headed Barbet** (photo below), **Black-winged Saltator**, **Thick-billed Euphonia**, and **Ecuadorian Thrush**.



Other species nearby included **Yellow-throated Toucan**, **Purple-crowned Fairy**, **Tropical Gnatcatcher**, **Scrub Blackbird**, **Scarlet-rumped Cacique**, **Ruddy Pigeon**, and a small flock of **Dusky-faced Tanagers**. We headed back to Tandayapa and arrived with still enough time to keep enjoying and photographing the amazing hummingbirds. We did optional night birding along the road, and found a pair of Rufous-bellied Nighthawks soaring above us. Great day, great birds and it was time to have dinner and rest.

12 November: This morning we headed to the Milpe Bird Sanctuary, famous for its hummer feeders and fruit feeders that sometimes attract toucans. As soon as we got out of the vehicle, there were already two **Yellow-throated Toucans** eating bananas at the main feeders. They flew away, but we'd get them again alter in the morning. The caretaker of the location was coming with fresh bananas and the birds seem to know that – the show was about to start!

Some of the birds around were **Rufous Motmot**, **Silver-throated** and **Blue-gray Tanagers**, followed by **Palm** and **Golden Tanagers**. One male **Red-headed Barbet** came into view which was great because the one yesterday was very shy. Two **Golden-naped Tanagers** came and we also got a pair of **Rufous-throated Tanagers**. The small and colorful birds swarming the feeders until a flock of **Pale-mandibled Aracaris** came in and scattered them all. Later on, a pair of **Yellow-throated Toucans** returned and one **Choco Toucan** also came in. Wonderful, we were cleaning up the targets for today! We spent a long time with these birds before we went to explore the forest trails of the reserve (though some chose to stay and keep shooting at the feeders).



We finally managed to photograph Rufous Motmot at Milpe



A pair of cooperative Yellow-throated Toucans posing nicely at Milpe

We enjoyed the wonderful palms and trees of the tall forest, and saw some species that we didn't see elsewhere like the stunning **Summer Tanager**, **Yellow-throated Chlorospingus**, **Dusky Chlorospingus**, and even a non-venomous black snake slithering across the trail. As we returned to the main area, it was time to focus our energies at the hummingbird feeders. Some new additions to our list were **White-whiskered Hermit**, **Violet-bellied Hummingbird**, **Crowned Woodnymph**, and **Green-crowned Brilliant**. We definitely enjoyed this spot, and at the end of the morning we went to town of Los Bancos for lunch. The lunch stop was also very good, our restaurant was located overlooking the impressive Rio Blanco canyon. What a place! The view is amazing and the birding is not bad at all. While we waited for our lunch we saw the always-popular **Crimson-rumped Toucanet**, **Flame-rumped Tanager**, **Black-winged Saltator**, **Green Honeycreeper**, and a juvenile **Ruddy Quail-Dove**. We headed back to Tandayapa in time to look for another important target, the **Scaled Antpitta**. This bird visits a feeding site near the lodge to eat worms. Some of the participants in our tour had never seen any antpitta, and were especially keen for a first encounter with this fantastic family. The weather conditions were excellent, so we were feeling lucky, and eventually this long-legged, short-tailed bird bounced in just a few yards away from our spot, and started feeding it was a great feeling! We would see more antpittas later, but the first one is always special.

13 November: We had an early breakfast to reach the Mashpi area in prime birding time. I was a bit worried about the fog, which is common in this area, and sure enough we drove into it as we got to the area. The first bird we found here was the stunning **Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant** that was foraging near the road. We got excellent views of this minute flycatcher and we could see its crest very well, which is usually hard to see in the field. Another bird who came shortly after that one was one of our main targets for today, the local **Moss-backed Tanager!** This bird came and perched right at the trees near the road, we had great views. It was a great way to start our morning here. Our next birds were **Masked Flowerpiercer** and a pair of **Rufous-throated Tanagers** (photo left) feeding in some



fruits from a hanging vine. Not far from here we found the spectacular **Orange-breasted Fruiteater**, another one of our targets, and surely one of the most colorful of all birds. After a while birding along the main road, we made our way to the feeders of the Amagusa Reserve, owned by a young couple. Some of the birds here were **Golden Tanager**, **Flame-rumped Tanager**, **Blue-gray Tanager**, and the spectacular **Glistening-green Tanager**. The hummingbirds were also exceptional; we got amazing views of **Velvet-purple Coronet**, **Purple-bibbed Whitetip**, **Empress Brilliant**, **Green Thorntail**, **Violet-tailed Sylph**, and **Rufous-tailed Hummingbird**. Later in the morning we went to a stakeout for a roosting female **Lyre-tailed Nightjar**.



The spectacular Toucan Barbet is always a tour favorite



We were lucky to get this female Lyre-tailed Nightjar roosting at Mashpi Amagusa

After our great time at Amagusa, we drove for a while to where our next target was waiting for us. We left the lush cloud forest and entered more open country. Our goal here was the unique and bizarre looking **Oilbird**. We finally arrived to a private farm, where a local guide was waiting for us to lead us to the crevasse where Oilbirds roost during the day. There are two spots, the first one is closer but the road conditions were bad so he took us to another one farther away. The scenery of this valley was spectacular, and everyone was excited about the oilbirds. This roosting area was one of the most accessible ones I had never been before. Just a few steps from the road we saw the first bird dozing on a rocky outcrop. What special birds they are! We made our

way a bit deeper in to get more views, and there were at least sixteen of them along the ledges. We all managed to take some good pictures (below) and we even heard there strange calls. The experience was truly amazing.



14 November: Sadly, our time at Tandayapa Bird Lodge had come to an end. We had a wonderful time at the lodge with the hummingbirds and also with the excellent food prepared by Luis, the chef of the lodge who even joined us one morning for birding. With more great things ahead, we left the lodge with all our stuff. Our first stop was the popular Paz de la Aves Reserve, sometimes affectionately called “the antpitta farm”. It is owned by locals who had the idea of bringing birders and ecotourists to their land and its special birds, especially the five species of **antpittas**. Angel was the first person to have great success feeding this elusive family worms, and they are still the star attraction for most, the majestic **Andean Cock-of-the Rock** and other birds are also big highlights. **Giant Antpitta** is the most famous of the antpittas here, and he still calls them all “Maria” even after several generations of birds! (photo next page).



We were lucky today and saw all the other possible antpittas too, **Chestnut-crowned Antpitta** (photo below), **Yellow-breasted Antpitta**, **Moustached Antpitta**, and the miniature **Ochre-breasted Antpitta**!



Other important birds seen at the reserve today include the rare and hard to see **Dark-backed Wood-Quail** that also came to a feeder, the spectacular **Andean Cock-of the Rock**, **Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager**, **Olive-sided Flycatcher**, **Brown Inca**, **Purple-bibbed Whitetip**, **Golden-naped Tanager** and even a nest of the colorful **Toucan Barbet**. Our morning was not finished without eating Angel's famous "bolones" – balls of fried green plantain filled with cheese - and tasty coffee before leaving. We drove back through Quito and up into the high Andes towards Antisana. As we drove towards the volcano, heavy rain started, so we decided to postpone our visit to the reserve to the following morning, and just checked into our lodge and had a relaxing afternoon.

15 November: The heavy rain yesterday was so intense that we could not even make out the incredible landscape that we were now admiring this morning. Our lodge was located in the middle of a valley where the views of the mountains are just breathtaking. Just before breakfast we saw a **Great Thrush** posing nicely at the top of a tree near the parking lot, and two raptors seen over the distant hills were the impressive **Black-chested Buzzard Eagle**, and we also saw an **American Kestrel** too. The feeders at the restaurant attracted the common **Sparkling Violetear** and to our surprise there were also a **Black-tailed Trainbearer** and another wanted species, the **Giant Hummingbird**. Shortly after breakfast we saw one of the big targets of the high Andes, the iconic **Andean Condor**! Suddenly, these huge birds came across the valley and stayed at least twenty minutes soaring overhead... a fantastic moment. As we left the hotel, we also saw other cool birds such as **Black-winged Ground-Dove**, **Eared Dove**, **Stout-billed Cinclodes**, another **Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle**, **Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant**, and even better a **Tawny Antpitta** at the edge of the fields. Our next stop was a nice viewpoint by the main road. The huge cliffs in front are good place for **Andean Condor**, yes we love condors so we wanted some more. By now it was warmer, and there was a chance to see them flying over the valley. We did see a couple more Andean Condors including a juvenile, and also found a **Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle** on a nest. The real show was about to start, as another condor soared closer to a cliff and landed, and to our big surprise we saw a brown bird clamber to the edge begging to be fed! We were watching a baby condor with the mother. It was too far away for good photos but the moment was memorable. With this amazing experience we left this lovely location and drove higher up into the Antisana Reserve. Along the way we stopped for a large flock of **Andean Gulls** by the road, we also saw many **Carunculated Caracaras** feeding on the ground and **White-tailed Deer** too. Once we reached the La Mica lagoon, we saw a few **Plumbeous Sierra-Finches** and **Ash-breasted Sierra-Finches** in the parking lot, and **Slate-colored Coots** at the edge of the lake. Searching the water's edge, we got a lonely **Silvery Grebe** diving for food. It was very windy but we managed to stay out a little while to admire the wonderful views of the Antisana Volcano. Starting back down the mountain, we found few new birds for the trip like **Paramo Ground-Tyrant**, **Andean Lapwing** (photo next page), **Black-faced Ibis**, and **Brown-bellied Swallow**.



Andean Lapwing

We had lunch back at the reserve HQ, where we saw another **Tawny Antpitta** and **Sparkling Violetear**. Our time here was really productive but it was time to drive to our final destination, Papallacta Pass. We were very lucky with the weather. Normally Papallacta is wet and foggy, but that was not the case today. We had great views of the scenery and the unique paramo habitat. Birding was a bit slow here, but we got four Yellow-billed Pintails in the small pond near the road, a Many-striped Canastero, and a number of other species we had seen before on the tour like Black Flowerpiercer (photo below). After that, the clouds came down and it was time to leave. We headed down to a hotel near the airport for one last dinner and night. I really enjoyed the past week of birding and photography, as well as the great company of the group. I'll look forward to my next visit and I am sure everyone else has the same feeling. Thank you Ecuador!



BIRD LIST

The taxonomy of the bird list follows eBird/Clements (available here:

<http://www.birds.cornell.edu/clementschecklist/download/>)

(H) indicates a species that was HEARD only.

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

TINAMOUS

H Little Tinamou

DUCKS, GEESE, & WATERFOWL

Yellow-billed Pintail

CRACIDS

Andean Guan

NEW WORLD QUAIL

Dark-backed Wood-Quail

GREBES

Silvery Grebe

CORMORANTS AND SHAGS

GO Neotropic Cormorant

HERONS, EGRETS, AND BITTERNS

Cattle Egret

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS

Black-faced (Andean) Ibis

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Black Vulture

Turkey Vulture

Andean Condor

OSPREY

Osprey

HAWKS, EAGLES, AND KITES

Hook-billed Kite

Swallow-tailed Kite

GO Barred Hawk

Roadside Hawk

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle

Broad-winged Hawk

Short-tailed Hawk

RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS

Slate-colored (Andean) Coot

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS

Andean Lapwing

TINAMIDAE

Crypturellus soui

ANATIDAE

Anas georgica

CRACIDAE

Penelope montagnii

ODONTOPHORIDAE

Odontophorus melanonotus

PODICIPEDIDAE

Podiceps occipitalis

PHALACROCORACIDAE

Phalacrocorax brasilianus

ARDEIDAE

Bubulcus ibis

THRESKIORNITHIDAE

Theristicus melanopis branickii

CATHARTIDAE

Coragyps atratus

Cathartes aura jota

Vultur gryphus

PANDIONIDAE

Pandion haliaetus

ACCIPITRIDAE

Chondrohierax uncinatus

Elanoides forficatus

Morphnarchus princeps

Rupornis magnirostris

Geranoaetus melanoleucus

Buteo platypterus

Buteo brachyurus

RALLIDAE

Fulica ardesiaca

CHARADRIIDAE

Vanellus resplendens

GULLS, TERNS AND SKIMMERS

Andean Gull

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon

Pale-vented Pigeon

Band-tailed Pigeon

Plumbeous Pigeon

Ruddy Pigeon

Ecuadorian Ground-Dove

Black-winged Ground-Dove

Ruddy Quail-Dove

White-tipped Dove

Eared Dove

CUCKOOS

Smooth-billed Ani

Squirrel Cuckoo

NIGHTJARS AND ALLIES

Rufous-bellied Nighthawk

Lyre-tailed Nightjar

OILBIRD

Oilbird

SWIFTS

White-collared Swift

Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

White-necked Jacobin

White-whiskered Hermit

Tawny-bellied Hermit

Brown Violetear

GO Lesser (Green) Violetear

Sparkling Violetear

Purple-crowned Fairy

Gorgeted Sunangel

Green Thorntail

Speckled Hummingbird

Violet-tailed Sylph

Black-tailed Trainbearer

Tyrian Metaltail

Sapphire-vented Puffleg

Shining Sunbeam

Brown Inca

Buff-winged Starfrontlet

Sword-billed Hummingbird

LARIDAE*Chroicocephalus serranus***COLUMBIDAE***Columba livia**Patagioenas cayennensis**Patagioenas fasciata**Patagioenas plumbea**Patagioenas subvinacea**Columbina buckleyi**Metriopelia melanoptera**Geotrygon montana**Leptotila verreauxi**Zenaida auriculata***CUCULIDAE***Crotophaga ani**Piaya cayana***CAPRIMULGIDAE***Lurocalis rufiventris**Uropsalis lyra***STEATORNITHIDAE***Steatornis caripensis***APODIDAE***Streptoprocne zonaris**Panyptila cayennensis***TROCHILIDAE***Florisuga mellivora**Phaethornis yaruqui**Phaethornis syrmatophorus**Colibri delphinae**Colibri cyanotus**Colibri coruscans**Heliophryx barroti**Heliangelus strophianus**Discosura conversii**Adelomyia melanogenys**Agelaiocercus coelestis**Lesbia victoriae**Metallura tyrianthina**Eriocnemis luciani**Aglaeactis cupripennis**Coeligena wilsoni**Coeligena lutetiae**Ensifera ensifera*

Great Sapphirewing
Buff-tailed Coronet
Velvet-purple Coronet
Booted Racket-tail
Purple-bibbed Whitetip
Fawn-breasted Brilliant
Green-crowned Brilliant
Empress Brilliant
Giant Hummingbird
Purple-throated Woodstar
Crowned (Green-crowned) Woodnymph
Andean Emerald
Blue-chested Hummingbird
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird
Violet-bellied Hummingbird
TROGONS
Golden-headed Quetzal
Collared Trogon
Masked Trogon
MOTMOTS
Rufous Motmot
KINGFISHERS
Ringed Kingfisher
PUFFBIRDS
White-faced Nunbird
NEW WORLD BARBETS
Red-headed Barbet
TOUCAN-BARBETS
Toucan Barbet
TOUCANS
Crimson-rumped Toucanet
Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan
Collared (Pale-mandibled) Aracari
Yellow-throated (Chestnut-mandibled) Toucan
Choco Toucan
WOODPECKERS
Black-cheeked Woodpecker
Scarlet-backed Woodpecker
Golden-olive Woodpecker
Lineated Woodpecker
FALCONS AND CARACARAS
Carunculated Caracara
Laughing Falcon

Pterophanes cyanopterus
Boissonneaua flavescens
Boissonneaua jardini
Ocreatus underwoodii
Urosticte benjamini
Heliodoxa rubinoides
Heliodoxa jacula
Heliodoxa imperatrix
Patagona gigas
Calliphlox mitchellii
Thalurania colombica
Amazilia franciae
Amazilia amabilis
Amazilia tzacatl
Damophila julie
TROGONIDAE
Pharomachrus auriceps
Trogon collaris
Trogon personatus
MOMOTIDAE
Baryphthengus martii
ALCEDINIDAE
Megaceryle torquata
BUCCONIDAE
Haploptila castanea
CAPITONIDAE
Eubucco bourcierii
SEMNORNITHIDAE
Semnornis ramphastinus
RAMPHASTIDAE
Aulacorhynchus haematopygus
Andigena laminirostris
Pteroglossus torquatus erythropygius
Ramphastos ambiguus swainsonii
Ramphastos brevis
PICIDAE
Melanerpes pucherani
Veniliornis callonotus
Colaptes rubiginosus
Dryocopus lineatus
FALCONIDAE
Phalcoboenus carunculatus
Herpetotheres cachinnans

American Kestrel

NEW WORLD PARROTS

Red-billed Parrot

Bronze-winged Parrot

Pacific Parrotlet

ANTPITTAS

Giant Antpitta

Moustached Antpitta

Scaled Antpitta

Chestnut-crowned Antpitta

Yellow-breasted Antpitta

Rufous Antpitta

Tawny Antpitta

Ochre-breasted Antpitta

TAPACULOS

H Blackish (Unicolored) Tapaculo

OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS

Strong-billed Woodcreeper

Streak-headed Woodcreeper

Montane Woodcreeper

Pale-legged (Pacific) Hornero

Chestnut-winged (Bar-winged) Cinclodes

Stout-billed Cinclodes

Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner

Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner

Streak-capped Treehunter

Many-striped Canastero

White-chinned Thistletail

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

White-tailed Tyrannulet

White-throated Tyrannulet

Tufted Tit-Tyrant

Choco (Golden-faced) Tyrannulet

Ornate Flycatcher

Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant

Common Tody-Flycatcher

H Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher

Flavescent Flycatcher

Olive-sided Flycatcher

Smoke-colored Pewee

Acadian Flycatcher

Black Phoebe

Plain-capped (Páramo) Ground-Tyrant

Falco sparverius

Psittacidae

Pionus sordidus

Pionus chalcopterus

Forpus coelestis

GRALLARIIDAE

Grallaria gigantea

Grallaria alleni

Grallaria guatemalensis

Grallaria ruficapilla

Grallaria flavotincta

Grallaria rufula

Grallaria quitensis

Grallaricula flavirostris

RHINOCRYPTIDAE

Scytalopus latrans

FURNARIIDAE

Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus

Lepidocolaptes souleyetii

Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger

Furnarius leucopus cinnamomeus

Cinclodes albidiventris

Cinclodes excelsior

Philydor rufum

Anabacerthia variegaticeps

Thripadectes virgaticeps

Asthenes flammulata

Asthenes fuliginosa

TYRANNIDAE

Mecocerculus poecilocercus

Mecocerculus leucophrys

Anairetes parulus

Zimmerius (chrysops) albigularis

Myiobicca ornatus

Lophotriccus pileatus

Todirostrum cinereum

Todirostrum nigriceps

Myiophobus flavicans

Contopus cooperi

Contopus fumigatus

Empidonax virescens

Sayornis nigricans

Muscisaxicola alpinus

Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant
 Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant
 Rufous Mourner
 Dusky-capped Flycatcher
 Boat-billed Flycatcher
 Social Flycatcher
 Golden-crowned Flycatcher
 Streaked Flycatcher
 Tropical Kingbird

COTINGAS

Orange-breasted Fruiteater
 Andean Cock-of-the-rock

MANAKINS

White-bearded Manakin

TITYRAS AND ALLIES

One-colored Becard

VIREOS AND ALLIES

Brown-capped Vireo
 Red-eyed Vireo

CROWS JAYS AND MAGPIES

H Turquoise Jay

SWALLOWS

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

WRENS

H Scaly-breasted (Southern Nightingale) Wren
 House Wren
 Bay Wren

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren

GNATCATCHERS

Tropical Gnatcatcher

DIPPERS

White-capped Dipper

THRUSHES AND ALLIES

Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush
 Swainson's Thrush
 Ecuadorian Thrush
 Great Thrush

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Tropical Parula

Agriornis montanus
Ochthoeca fumicolor
Rhytipterna holerythra
Myiarchus tuberculifer
Megarynchus pitangua
Myiozetetes similis
Myiodynastes chrysocephalus
Myiodynastes maculatus
Tyrannus melancholicus

COTINGIDAE

Pipreola jucunda
Rupicola peruvianus

PIPRIDAE

Manacus manacus

TITYRIDAE

Pachyramphus homochrous

VIREONIDAE

Vireo leucophrys
Vireo olivaceus

CORVIDAE

Cyanolyca turcosa

HIRUNDINIDAE

Pygochelidon cyanoleuca
Orochelidon murina
Atticora tibialis
Stelgidopteryx ruficollis
Progne chalybea

TROGLODYTIDAE

Microcerculus marginatus
Troglodytes aedon
Cantorchilus nigricapillus
Henicorhina leucophrys

POLIOPTILIDAE

Polioptila plumbea

CINCLIDAE

Cinclus leucocephalus

TURDIDAE

Catharus fuscater
Catharus ustulatus
Turdus maculirostris
Turdus fuscater

PARULIDAE

Setophaga pitiayumi

Blackburnian Warbler
 Russet-crowned Warbler
 Slate-throated Redstart (Whitestart)
 Spectacled Redstart (Whitestart)

TANAGERS AND ALLIES

White-shouldered Tanager
 White-lined Tanager
 Flame-rumped (Lemon-rumped) Tanager
 Moss-backed Tanager
 Black-chested Mountain-Tanager
 Grass-green Tanager
 Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager
 Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager
 Black-chinned Mountain-Tanager
 Fawn-breasted Tanager
 Blue-and-yellow Tanager
 Glistening-green Tanager
 Blue-gray Tanager
 Palm Tanager
 Blue-capped Tanager
 Golden-naped Tanager
 Gray-and-gold Tanager
GO Golden-hooded Tanager
 Blue-necked Tanager
 Rufous-throated Tanager
 Beryl-spangled Tanager
 Rufous-winged Tanager
 Bay-headed Tanager
 Flame-faced Tanager
 Golden Tanager
 Silver-throated Tanager
 Blue Dacnis
 Green Honeycreeper
 Scarlet-browed Tanager
 Cinereous Conebill
 Glossy Flowerpiercer
 Black Flowerpiercer
 Masked Flowerpiercer
 Plumbeous Sierra-Finch
 Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch
 Blue-black Grassquit
 Thick-billed (Lesser) Seed-Finch
 Variable Seedeater

Setophaga fusca
Myiothlypis coronata
Myioborus miniatus
Myioborus melanocephalus

THRAUPIDAE

Tachyphonus luctuosus
Tachyphonus rufus
Ramphocelus flammigerus icteronotus
Bangsia edwardsi
Cnemathraupis eximia
Chlorornis riefferii
Anisognathus igniventris
Anisognathus somptuosus
Anisognathus notabilis
Pipraeidea melanonota
Pipraeidea bonariensis
Chlorochrysa phoenicotis
Thraupis episcopus
Thraupis palmarum
Thraupis cyanocephala
Tangara ruficervix
Tangara palmeri
Tangara larvata
Tangara cyanicollis
Tangara rufigula
Tangara nigroviridis
Tangara lavinia
Tangara gyrola
Tangara parzudakii
Tangara arthus
Tangara icterocephala
Dacnis cayana
Chlorophanes spiza
Heterospingus xanthopygius
Conirostrum cinereum
Diglossa lafresnayii
Diglossa humeralis
Diglossa cyanea
Phrygilus unicolor
Phrygilus plebejus
Volatinia jacarina
Sporophila funerea
Sporophila corvina

Yellow-bellied Seedeater

Band-tailed Seedeater

Bananaquit

Dusky-faced Tanager

Buff-throated Saltator

Black-winged Saltator

BUNTINGS AND NEW WORLD SPARROWS

Yellow-throated Chlorospingus (Bush-Tanager)

Dusky Chlorospingus (Bush-Tanager)

Gray-browed (Stripe-headed) Brushfinch

Orange-billed Sparrow

Chestnut-capped Brushfinch

Rufous-collared Sparrow

Tricolored Brushfinch

Yellow-breasted (Rufous-naped) Brushfinch

CARDINALS AND ALLIES

Summer Tanager

Golden Grosbeak

TROUPIALS AND ALLIES

Scrub Blackbird

Giant Cowbird

H Yellow-tailed Oriole

Scarlet-rumped Cacique

FINCHES, EUPHONIAS AND ALLIES

Orange-crowned Euphonia

Thick-billed Euphonia

Golden-rumped Euphonia

Hooded Siskin

Sporophila nigricollis

Catamenia analis

Coereba flaveola

Mitrospingus cassinii

Saltator maximus

Saltator atripennis

EMBERIZIDAE

Chlorospingus flavigularis

Chlorospingus semifuscus

Arremon assimilis

Arremon aurantirostris

Arremon brunneinucha

Zonotrichia capensis

Atlapetes tricolor

Atlapetes latinuchus

CARDINALIDAE

Piranga rubra

Pheucticus chrysogaster

ICTERIDAE

Dives waczewiczi

Molothrus oryzivorus

Icterus mesomelas

Cacicus uropygialis pacificus

FRINGILLIDAE

Euphonia saturata

Euphonia laniirostris

Euphonia cyanocephala

Spinus magellanicus