



A [Tropical Birding](#) SET DEPARTURE tour

NORTHERN COLOMBIA

The Santa Marta Mountains & The Caribbean

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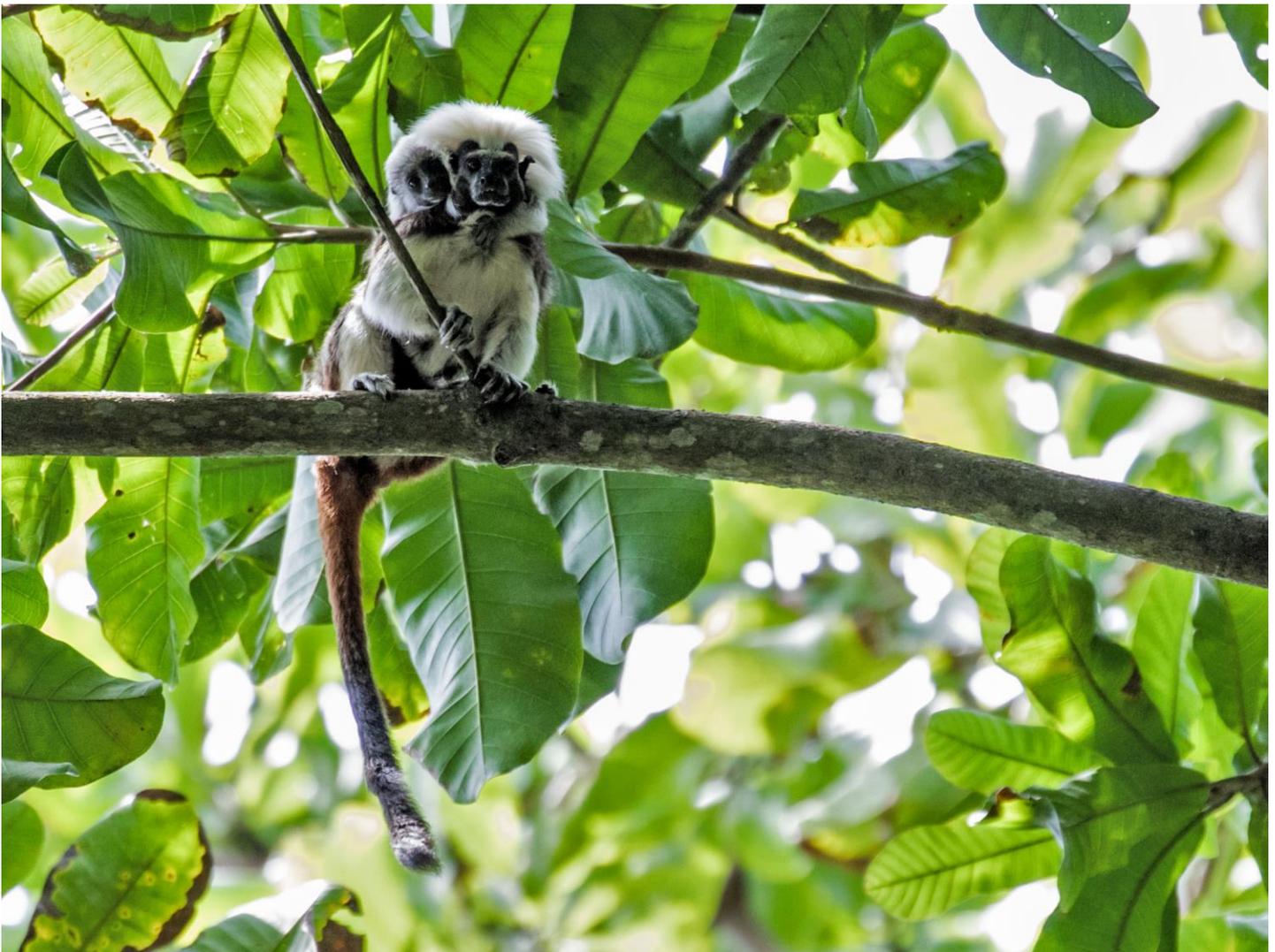
Report by Nick Athanas



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 **Vermilion Cardinal** featured on the first page along with other superb regional endemics like **White-whiskered Spinetail** (the world's best spintail?) 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.



Double-striped Thick-knees (NA)

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.



Chestnut Piculet near Camarones (NA)



Buffy Hummingbird perched near the feeders in Los Flamencos (NA)

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 Tocuayo 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.



Crested Guan in foraging in a Cecropia tree at Tayrona NP (NA)



Pale-bellied Hermit in Tayrona NP (NA)

Departing Tayrona, we headed up to Minca where we had lunch in the same hotel we would stay 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 and 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 a few 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 Leaf-tosser** (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.



Lazuline Sabrewing (FD)



Blue-naped Chlorophonia (FD)

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.



Brown Violetear near the El Dorado feeders (NA)

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)

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 Tityra**, **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!



The endemic Chestnut-winged Chachalaca (NA)



Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl at the chachalaca site (NA)

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

Patagioenas 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 Plumeleater
 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-striped 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

GO Lesser Yellowlegs

GULLS, TERNS, 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
Heliomaster longirostris
Chaetocercus astreans
Chlorostilbon gibsoni
Anthocephala floriceps
Campylopterus falcatus
Chalybura buffonii
Thalurania colombica
Leucippus fallax
Amazilia saucerottei
Amazilia tzacatl
Lepidopyga coeruleogularis

RALLIDAE

Aramides cajaneus
Gallinula galeata
Porphyrio martinica

ARAMIDAE

Aramus guarauna

BURHINIDAE

Burhinus bistriatus

RECURVIROSTRIDAE

Himantopus mexicanus

HAEMATOPODIDAE

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, BITTERNS

Rufescent Tiger-Heron

Great Egret

Snowy Egret

Tricolored Heron

Reddish Egret

Cattle Egret

Striated Heron

GO Capped Heron

Black-crowned Night-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**H** Santa Marta Screech-Owl (E)

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl

Black-and-white Owl

TROGONS

White-tipped Quetzal

H Masked Trogon**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**Ptilherodius pileatus**Nycticorax nycticorax***THRESKIORNITHIDAE***Eudocimus albus**Phimosus infuscatus**Platalea ajaja***CATHARTIDAE***Sarcoramphus 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

H 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

H 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

ANTPITTAS

GO Santa Marta Antpitta (E)
 (Santa Marta) Rufous Antpitta

H Rusty-breasted Antpitta

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 ruficularis

PSITTACIDAE

Brotogeris jugularis
Pionus sordidus
Pionus menstruus
Amazona mercenarius
Forpus passerinus
Pyrrhura viridicata
Eupsittula pertinax
Thectocercus acuticaudatus
Psittacara wagleri

THAMNOPHILIDAE

Sakesphorus canadensis
Thamnophilus doliatus
Thamnophilus atrinucha
Thamnophilus melanonotus
Formicivora grisea
Drymophila hellmayri
Myrmeciza longipes

GRALLARIIDAE

Grallaria bangsi
Grallaria rufula spatiator
Grallaricula ferrugineipectus

TAPACULOS

Santa Marta Tapaculo (E)
Brown-rumped Tapaculo (E)

OVENBIRDS

Gray-throated Leaf-tosser
Plain-brown Woodcreeper
Strong-billed Woodcreeper
Cocoa Woodcreeper
Straight-billed Woodcreeper
Streak-headed Woodcreeper
Montane Woodcreeper
Plain Xenops
Streaked Xenops
Pale-legged Hornero
Montane Foliage-gleaner
Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner (E)

H Flammulated Treehunter
Streak-capped Spinetail
Yellow-chinned Spinetail
Pale-breasted Spinetail
White-whiskered Spinetail
Rusty-headed Spinetail (E)

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Brown-capped Tyrannulet
Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet
White-throated Tyrannulet

H Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet
Forest Elaenia
Greenish Elaenia
Yellow-bellied Elaenia
Mountain Elaenia
Olive-striped Flycatcher
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher
Sepia-capped Flycatcher
Sooty-headed Tyrannulet
Black-capped Tyrannulet
Spectacled (Paltry) Tyrannulet

GO Golden-faced (Coopmans's) Tyrannulet
Northern Scrub-Flycatcher
Slender-billed Tyrannulet
Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant

H Southern Bentbill
Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant
Black-throated Tody-Tyrant

GO Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher
Common Tody-Flycatcher
Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher
Yellow-breasted (Ochre-lore) Flycatcher
Tropical Pewee
Vermilion Flycatcher

RHINOCRYPTIDAE

Scytalopus sanctaemartae
Scytalopus latebricola

FURNARIIDAE: FURNARIINAE

Sclerurus albigularis
Dendrocincla fuliginosa
Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus
Xiphorhynchus susurrans
Dendroplex picus
Lepidocolaptes souleyetii
Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger
Xenops minutus
Xenops rutilans
Furnarius leucopus
Anabacerthia striaticollis
Clibanornis rufipectus
Thripadectes flammulatus
Cranioleuca hellmayri
Certhiaxis cinnamomeus
Synallaxis albescens
Synallaxis candei
Synallaxis fuscorufa

TYRANNIDAE

Ornithion brunneicapillus
Camptostoma obsoletum
Mecocerculus leucophrys
Tyrannulus elatus
Myiopagis gaimardii
Myiopagis viridicata
Elaenia flavogaster
Elaenia frantzii
Mionectes olivaceus
Mionectes oleagineus
Leptopogon amaurocephalus
Phyllomyias griseiceps
Phyllomyias nigrocapillus
Zimmerius improbus tamae
Zimmerius chrysops minimus
Sublegatus arenarum
Inezia tenuirostris
Atalotriccus pilaris
Oncostoma olivaceum
Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer
Hemitriccus granadensis
Poecilotriccus sylvia
Todirostrum cinereum
Todirostrum nigriceps
Tolmomyias flaviventris aurulentus
Contopus cinereus
Pyrocephalus rubinus

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

H 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)

Myiotheretes pernix
Fluvicola pica
Arundinicola leucocephala
Ochthoeca diadema
Machetornis rixosa
Myiarchus tuberculifer
Myiarchus panamensis
Myiarchus tyrannulus
Pitangus sulphuratus
Megarynchus pitangua
Myiozetetes cayanensis
Myiozetetes similis
Myiodynastes chrysocephalus
Myiodynastes maculatus
Legatus leucophaeus
Tyrannus melancholicus
Tyrannus dominicensis
Tyrannus savana

COTINGIDAE

Pipreola aureopectus

PIPRIDAE

Chiroxiphia lanceolata
Manacus manacus

TITYRIDAE

Tityra semifasciata
Pachyramphus cinnamomeus
Pachyramphus homochrous

VIREONIDAE

Cyclarhis gujanensis
Hylophilus flavipes
Pachysylvia aurantiifrons
Vireo leucophrys
Vireo chivi

CORVIDAE

Cyanocorax affinis

HIRUNDINIDAE

Progne chalybea
Progne tapera
Tachycineta albiventer
Hirundo rustica

TROGLODYTIDAE

Troglodytes aedon
Campylorhynchus nuchalis
Campylorhynchus griseus
Pheugopedius rutilus
Thryophilus rufalbus
Cantorchilus leucotis
Henicorhina leucophrys bangsi
Henicorhina anachoreta

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

MOCKINGBIRDS

Tropical Mockingbird

EUPHONIAS, SISKINS, & ALLIES

Blue-naped Chlorophonia

Trinidad Euphonia

Thick-billed Euphonia

Lesser Goldfinch

THRUSH-TANAGER

Rosy Thrush-Tanager

SPARROWS AND ALLIES

Black-striped Sparrow

Sierra Nevada Brushfinch (E)

Golden-winged Sparrow

Rufous-collared Sparrow

Santa Marta Brushfinch (E)

TROUPIALS AND ALLIES

Red-breasted Meadowlark (Blackbird)

Crested Oropendola

Yellow-backed Oriole

Orange-crowned Oriole

Yellow Oriole

Shiny Cowbird

GO Bronzed Cowbird

Giant Cowbird

Great-tailed Grackle

Carib Grackle

Oriole Blackbird

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Rufous-capped Warbler

Santa Marta Warbler (E)

White-lored Warbler (E)

Slate-throated Redstart

Yellow-crowned Redstart (E)

CARDINALS AND ALLIES

Vermilion Cardinal

Golden (-bellied) Grosbeak

H Blue-black Grosbeak**TANAGERS AND ALLIES**

Gray-headed Tanager

White-lined Tanager

Crimson-backed Tanager

POLIOPTILIDAE*Ramphocaenus melanurus**Polioptila plumbea***TURDIDAE***Catharus aurantiirostris**Catharus fuscater**Turdus leucomelas**Turdus olivater**Turdus fuscater***MIMIDAE***Mimus gilvus***FRINGILLIDAE***Chlorophonia cyanea**Euphonia trinitatis**Euphonia lanirostris**Spinus psaltria***RHODINOCICHLIDAE***Rhodinocichla rosea***EMBERIZIDAE***Arremonops conirostris**Arremon basilicus**Arremon schlegeli**Zonotrichia capensis**Atlapetes melanocephalus***ICTERIDAE***Leistes militaris**Psarocolius decumanus**Icterus chrysater**Icterus auricapillus**Icterus nigrogularis**Molothrus bonariensis**Molothrus aeneus armenti**Molothrus oryzivorus**Quiscalus mexicanus**Quiscalus lugubris**Gymnomystax mexicanus***PARULIDAE***Basileuterus rufifrons**Myiothlypis basilica**Myiothlypis conspicillata**Myioborus miniatus**Myioborus flavivertex***CARDINALIDAE***Cardinalis phoeniceus**Pheucticus chrysogaster**Cyanoloxia cyanoides***THRAUPIDAE***Eucometis penicillata**Tachyphonus rufus**Ramphocelus dimidiatus*

Black-cheeked Mountain-Tanager (E)
 Blue-gray Tanager
 Glaucous Tanager
 Palm Tanager
 Black-headed Tanager
 Black-capped Tanager
 Bay-headed Tanager
 Swallow Tanager
 Blue Dacnis
 Red-legged Honeycreeper
 Bicolored Conebill
 White-sided Flowerpiercer
 Saffron Finch
 Lesson's Seedeater
 Gray Seedeater
 Yellow-bellied Seedeater
 Pileated Finch
 Bananaquit
 Dull-colored Grassquit
 Black-faced Grassquit
 Buff-throated Saltator
 Orinocan Saltator
 Grayish Saltator
 Streaked Saltator
OLD WORLD SPARROWS
 House Sparrow

MAMMALS

Venezuelen Red Howler
 Cotton-top Tamarin (E)
 White-fronted Capuchin
 Gray-handed Night Monkey
 Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth
 Kinkajou
 Red-tailed Squirrel
GO Crab-eating Fox
 Central American Agouti
 Proboscis (Long-nosed) Bat

Anisognathus melanogenys
Thraupis episcopus
Thraupis glaucocolpa
Thraupis palmarum
Tangara cyanoptera
Tangara heinei
Tangara gyrola
Tersina viridis
Dacnis cayana
Cyanerpes cyaneus
Conirostrum bicolor
Diglossa albilatera
Sicalis flaveola
Sporophila bouvronides
Sporophila intermedia
Sporophila nigricollis
Coryphospingus pileatus
Coereba flaveola
Tiaris obscurus
Tiaris bicolor
Saltator maximus
Saltator orenocensis
Saltator coerulescens
Saltator striatipectus
PASSERIDAE
Passer domesticus

Alouatta seniculus
Saguinus oedipus
Cebus albifrons
Aotus griseimembra
Bradypus variegatus
Potos flavus
Sciurus granatensis
Cerdocyon thous
Dasyprocta granatensis
Rhynchonycteris naso