

Northern Colombia The Santa Marta Mountains & The Caribbean

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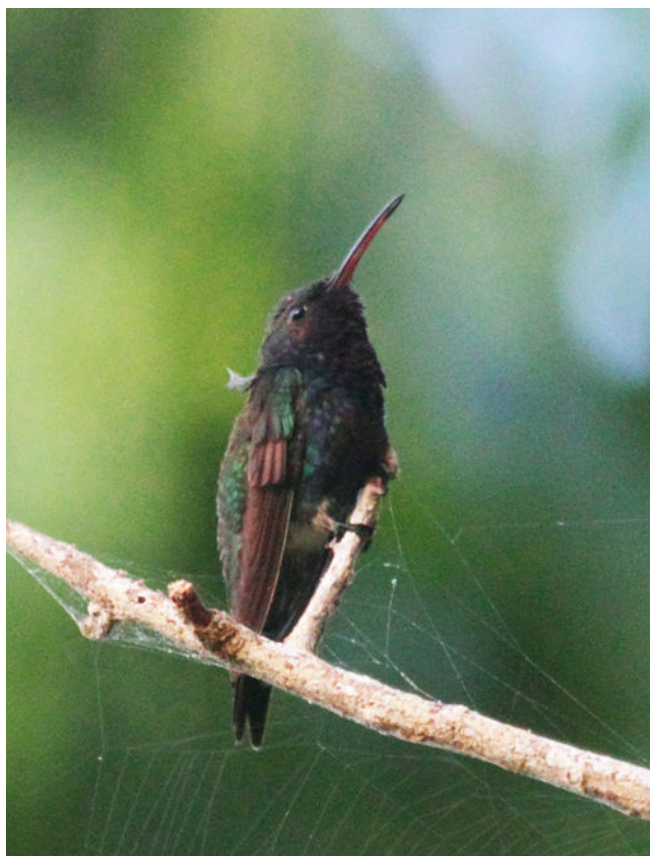
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*Black-backed Thornbill, one of the rarest of the Santa Marta endemics.
We were very lucky that it was coming to the lodge feeders during our visit.*

This is a really fun itinerary, and the February tour certainly didn't disappoint; it may be a short trip, but we sure pack a lot of great birds into it, and we had some great luck this year with some of the tougher birds. Two rare and endemic hummers topped the list of special birds: the poorly known **Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird** in the mangroves at Salamanca, and the scarce and erratic **Black-backed Thornbill** that was visiting the feeders at El Dorado Lodge. However, just like last year, it wasn't even an endemic that won "bird of the trip". The radiant **White-tipped Quetzal** took the prize – perhaps also because of the amount of effort required this year for the eventual great sighting; the thrill of the hunt sometimes tilts the balance. Other votes cast included **Blossomcrown**, **Keel-billed Toucan**, **Black-crested Antshrike**, **Russet-throated Puffbird**, and even one for the beautiful **Cottontop Tamarin**, and endemic monkey which is always a hit. I'll also remember it for the fun and very friendly group – you folks really seemed to attract great birds! I hope to travel with you again on another tour.

5 February: I made a last-minute change to our plan after learning about some recent sightings of the near-mythical **Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird** at dawn at Salamanca Park. This bird is only known from mangroves of northern Colombia, and is very poorly known. We had an especially early breakfast and headed straight out to the park, arriving at dark and staking out the trees where the bird had been seen. As it got lighter, a flock screeching **Brown-breasted Parakeets** flew in nearby and we enjoyed watching them while waiting. Finally some soft twitters told us that a hummer was nearby, and we spent the next half hour following it from perch to perch and getting better views as the light improved. Soon enough we could tell that it definitely had almost entirely blue underparts, unlike the similar Sapphire-throated Hummingbird that also occurs here, males of which have blue only on the throat. It has been suggested that Sapphire-bellied Hummer may only be a morph or age stage of Sapphire-throated Hummer, and I tend to agree with that. Our bird had a bit of green on the undertail coverts and some green scaling on the flanks, not the pure blue illustrated in various books including HBW. However, it was close enough to Sapphire-bellied that I had no problems calling it that until such a time as someone proves that they are conspecific. It was a great bird to start out the trip!



The male Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird we saw at Salamanca

Sated with our views of the hummer, we set out into the mangroves, finding absurd numbers of **Prothonotary Warblers** as well as **Panama Flycatcher**, **Northern Scrub-Flycatcher**, **Red-rumped Woodpecker**, **Bicolored Conebill**, **Pied Water-Tyrant**, **Yellow-chinned Spinetail**, **Straight-billed Woodcreeper**, and **Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher**. Later in the morning, we made a quick stop in some lighter woodland nearby for a handsome family of **Stripe-backed Wrens** and a fierce-looking **Russet-throated Puffbird** before driving east along the coast for a few hours. After a great lunch at a roadside restaurant, we continue north into the arid Guajira Peninsula, arriving as the hot afternoon was starting to cool down. The water level in the lagoon at the Los Flamencos sanctuary was very low and waterbirds were scarcer than normal (no flamingoes to be found), but we made up for it by finding a flock of **Scarlet Ibises**, some of which were in gorgeous deep-red plumage. After some time birding in the desert scrub, we game up aces with a incredibly cooperative pair of **Tocuyo Sparrows**, probably the most difficult of the regional “Guajira” endemics that are shared with Venezuela. We also found the

handsome **White-whiskered Spinetail**, a few **Red-billed Emeralds**, **White-fringed Antwren**, **Trinidad Euphonia**, **Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant**, and a few others before we headed to Riohacha for the night. We were distracted by the Super Bowl during our birdlist, but finished it during halftime, and got to see the rest of the game, though some of us were not very pleased with the result...



The rare Tocuyo Sparrow near Los Flamencos

6 February: It can get hot very fast in the northern deserts, though we were lucky to have a cloudy morning today. We started birding in a different side of the Flamencos Sanctuary, and great birds came



quickly – it was a fun morning and just about everything was seen well by the whole group. A pair of **Orinocan Saltators** put on a great show during our field breakfast, and soon after we were tracking down a pair of **Chestnut Piculets**. While we were watching them, Gabriel spotted a **Glaucous Tanager** just before some brilliant **Yellow Orioles** grabbed our attention. We spent a while finding other more common birds like **Rufous-tailed Jacamar** and **Streaked Saltator**, but hadn't noticed any sign of Vermilion Cardinal, which was probably the most wanted bird of the area. We took a different track, finding **Buffy** and **Shining-green Hummingbirds** before a distant flash of intense red betrayed the presence of male **Vermilion Cardinal**. We all wanted closer views, so we slipped through a fence, detoured around some cows, and finally had binocular-filling views of this great bird (*photo left*). Later in the morning, we birded a different trail where we saw **Black-faced Grassquit** and **Pileated Finch**, then had a long lunch on the beach with some great seafood. We drove for a couple of hours back south during the hot afternoon to Tayrona National Park.



Buffy Hummingbird, a desert specialty

We arrived in time to spend a couple of hours late in the afternoon birding the lush rainforest. Soon, some low whistled calls of **Lance-tailed Manakin** drew us down off the road to the edge of a little stream. We stayed glued to that spot for close to an hour watching not just the manakins, but a **Prothonotary Warbler** bathing in the stream, a **Pale-bellied Hermit** perched just above it wagging its long, white tail, and finally a curious troop of the beautiful endemic **Cottontop Tamarin** that came in to see what we were doing. We saw a few other birds along the road like **Cocoa Woodcreeper** and **Southern Bentbill** before the waning light made us call it quits. We spent the night at a nearby resort.



One of our Cottontop Tamarins at Tayrona NP

7 February: We headed back to Tayrona for the early morning, where we were greeted by a **White-chinned Sapphire** on a low song perch. We tracked down some calling **Golden-fronted Greenlets**, then managed to call in a shy **White-bellied Antbird** (*photo left*). We started seeing our first **Crimson-backed Tanagers** and played around with some wrens, though only the **Buff-breasted Wrens** wanted to show themselves. Other birds for Tayrona included **Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet**, **Red-crowned Woodpecker**, a big flock of **Greater Anis**, and a showy **Crimson-crested Woodpecker**. We left Tayrona and started heading up into the foothills of the Santa Marta Mountains. Our first stop got us a **Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** being mobbed by a horde of passerines, including several **Orange-crowned Orioles**. Later on we nailed the very local **Black-backed Antshrike**, both an adult male and a very strange-looking mottled juvenile male. We had lunch in Minca with its great hummingbird feeders that attract **White-vented Plumeleteer**, **Rufous-breasted Hermit**, **Black-throated Mango** as well as several others. After lunch, we switched into 4WD vehicles, beginning what was to be one of the most memorable afternoons of birding I've had on any tour. We started out with a short stop for **Golden-winged Sparrow** (most of the group agreed it was the prettiest sparrow they had ever seen), also seeing a **Coppery Emerald** in the same stop. A bit farther up, flowering *Erythrina* trees were full of hungry **Scarlet-fronted Parakeets** and **Crested Oropendolas**, and later a flock of noisy **Black-chested Jays** forced another stop. The best was yet to come; the famous shop below the lodge (though infamous for its loud music) was abuzz with hummingbirds, and before long we had some truly magnificent views of the often difficult **Blossomcrown**, while our only **Santa Marta Woodstar** of the trip worked the flowers nearby. We had a few **Santa Marta Brush-Finches** (probably the most common endemic) before driving the last half hour up to the lodge.



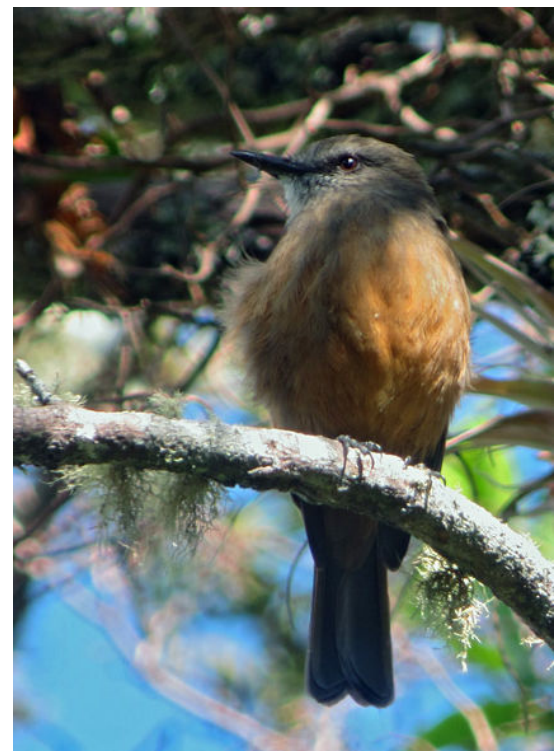
Blossomcrown – A scarce Colombian endemic that is easiest to see in the Santa Martas

The view alone is enough to make this one of the most unforgettable lodges on Earth, but the birds just make it out-of-this-world. It took only a few minutes for the star of the hummer show to arrive, the rare **Black-backed Thornbill** (a lifer for me as well), but it was quickly followed by the flashy **White-tailed Starfrontlet**, another endemic, along with the more common species like **Brown** and **Green Violetears**, **Violet-crowned Woodnymph**, and **Tyrian Metaltail**. We finished the day with an unprecedented 19 species of hummer, but there were more birds to come! Someone quickly spotted a pair of **Black-fronted Wood-Quail** next to the compost pile, and they were soon joined by the recently split **Sierra Nevada Brush-Finch**. We had to drag ourselves away since it was “time to feed the antpitta”. Sam, the lodge manager, dumped a pile of worm-filled compost in a clearing near the new cabins, and we waited. A hungry **Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush** came in first, but finally, as the last orange glow of the sunset started to wane, a lone **Santa Marta Antpitta** came in, snatched up a few worms, and hopped off into the dark; a terrific finale to an amazing first day in the mountains.



Santa Marta Antpitta visiting the worm feeder near the lodge

8 February: Dawn saw us high up the road having our field breakfast complete with hot coffee and hot chocolate. Our meal was rudely interrupted by a big flock of **Santa Marta Parakeets** that flew screeching down the road – sandwiches and mugs were tossed aside as we set off in hot pursuit, breakfast temporarily forgotten. Fortunately the parakeets landed in a Eucalypt tree not far away and stayed long enough for us to see them in better light and without fog. After finishing our breakfast, we started searching for the Santa Marta endemics restricted to higher elevations, quickly finding **Yellow-crowned Redstart**, **Santa Marta Warbler**, **Rusty-headed** and **Streak-capped Spinetails**, and **Black-cheeked Mountain-Tanager** before unusually strong winds slowed the birding down a lot, and Brown-rumped Tapaculo and **Santa Marta Bush-Tyrant** were proving difficult. We decided to go lower down the road to get out of the wind, which worked like a charm. Perhaps the wind had also pushed the **bush-tyrants** down to an unusually low elevation, and we found a nice pair (photo right) by the side of the road for great views. Soon after, we found a



reasonably cooperative **Brown-rumped Tapaculo**, and enjoyed our box lunch at a beautiful lookout near the national park HQ. We arrived back at the lodge in early afternoon and had a well-deserved siesta and some time photographing birds at the feeders. Some afternoon birding near the lodge was surprisingly quiet considering the previous day's luck, but we did manage a fly-by **White-tipped Quetzal** and superb views of a **Gray-throated Leaf-tosser** energetically foraging on the forest floor. Our evening owling session was successful with a decent view of an **undescribed species of screech-owl** along one of the trails near the lodge.



Blue-naped Chlorophonias were frequent visitors at the banana feeder at the lodge

9 February: Almost all of our remaining target birds were from the lower elevations, so we got to enjoy a late and leisurely (by birding standards!) 6:00 breakfast before setting off. We spend the whole morning slowly walking down the road below the lodge, picking up key birds one by one: **White-lored Warbler**, **Groove-billed Toucanet**, **Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner**, **Rusty-breasted Antpitta**, and the easiest **Santa Marta Tapaculo** I'd ever seen. Activity was really good, and we saw plenty of other more common species that we all enjoyed, including **Keel-billed Toucan**, **Masked Trogon**, **Rusty Flowerpiercer**, and **Black-hooded** and **Yellow-legged Thrushes**. For the afternoon, we had unfinished business with a certain **quetzal**, so we walked the road above the lodge in an area where I had seen it a few months prior, and this time connected with a terrific perched male; well worth the effort! We also had our best views of **Golden-breasted Fruiteater**, **Blue-capped Tanager**, and few others before returning to the lodge for late afternoon with the feeders.

10 February: We had done really well in the higher elevations, so decided we would concentrate our birding lower down the mountains. A **Crab-eating Fox** was in the road just down from the lodge, curiously watching us with ears perked up; maybe it was hoping for a snack? Our first birding stop got us the handsome **Black-headed Tanager** which we had missed the previous day, as well as some beautiful **Swallow Tanagers** and a not-so-beautiful **Dull-colored Grassquit**. Working our way down the mountain, we had great views of both **Rufous-and-white** and **Rufous-breasted Wrens**, **Long-tailed Antbird**, **Sooty-headed Tyrannulet**, **Golden-olive Woodpecker**, **Gray-headed** and **Plumbeous Kites**, and **Rufous-capped Warbler**, and **Cinnamon Becard** among others. We were

about to head down to Minca for lunch when Howard spotted a Masked Tityra. We headed down the road towards it, only to see it fly off and disappear, but it had served its purpose – we suddenly realized there were birds everywhere, then noticed the ants! An antswarm in a coffee plantation? Who would have thought? **Plain-brown Woodcreepers** and **Gray-headed Tanagers**, were all over the place, and they were joined by flashy **Yellow-backed Orioles** and a horde of other species that included **Squirrel Cuckoo**, **Barred Antshrike**, **Bran-colored**, **Rusty-margined**, and **Streaked Flycatchers**, **Bicolored Wren**, **Mourning** and **Golden-crowned Warblers**, **Black-striped Sparrow**, **Lesser Goldfinch**, **White-lined Tanager**, and a bunch of others we had seen before. It was quite a sight, and well worth being late to lunch to stay and watch it.



Crab-eating Fox

Our van was a bit late, but this turned out to be fortunate, as we found a **Whooping Motmot** near the restaurant while we waited. The trip was almost over, but one key bird remained, the endemic **Chestnut-winged Chachalaca** that I had postponed from the first day in order to chase the Sapphire-bellied Hummer. I had a stakeout on a side road near the Caribbean coast, and as our run of luck continued, we saw several of these handsome chachalaca almost as soon as we got there. Some of the group were more impressed by the pair of **Aplomado Falcons** perched nearby, and I can't really blame them; those are truly beautiful birds. It was time to head back to Barranquilla, and we made good time; that night we celebrated the memorable trip at a truly out-of-this-world Cuban seafood restaurant near the hotel - I'll be back there again for sure. Thanks to all for a great trip!

A few more photos from the tour:



The common but beautiful Violet-crowned Woodnymph, and the striking endemic White-tailed Starfrontlet



Band-tailed Guans were seen near El Dorado lodge every evening, and a Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush visited the worm feeder every day



*Sierra Nevada Brush-Finch is a new split from Stripe-headed Brush-Finch.
It was a regular visitor to the compost pile near the lodge*

BIRD LIST

This list includes all the bird species that were recorded by at least one of the group, including the leader. Taxonomy and nomenclature follow **Clements, James F. *The Clements Checklist of Birds of the World. Sixth Edition, 2007, Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press***, including all updates through August 2011.

Totals:

276 bird species seen

15 heard only

Abbreviations:

H=Heard only

(I)=Introduced species

(E)=Species endemic to Colombia

DUCKS, GEESE, AND WATERFOWL

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck

Blue-winged Teal

GUANS, CHACHALACAS

Chestnut-winged Chachalaca (E)

Band-tailed Guan

Sickle-winged Guan

NEW WORLD QUAIL

Black-fronted Wood-Quail

FRIGATEBIRDS

Magnificent Frigatebird

CORMORANTS AND SHAGS

Neotropic Cormorant

PELICANS

Brown Pelican

HERONS, EGRETS, AND BITTERNS

Fasciated Tiger-Heron

Great Blue Heron

ANATIDAE

Dendrocygna autumnalis

Anas discors

CRACIDAE

Ortalis garrula

Penelope argyrotis colombiana

Chamaepetes goudotii sanctaemarthae

ODONTOPHORIDAE

Odontophorus atrifrons atrifrons

FREGATIDAE

Fregata magnificens

PHALACROCORACIDAE

Phalacrocorax brasilianus brasilianus

PELECANIDAE

Pelecanus occidentalis occidentalis

ARDEIDAE

Tigrisoma fasciatum salmoni

Ardea herodias

Cocoi Heron
Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Little Blue Heron
Tricolored Heron
Reddish Egret
Cattle Egret
Green Heron
Black-crowned Night-Heron
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

IBISES AND SPOONBILLS

White Ibis
Scarlet Ibis
Glossy Ibis
Roseate Spoonbill

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture

OSPREY

Osprey

HAWKS, EAGLES, AND KITES

Gray-headed Kite
Swallow-tailed Kite
Plumbeous Kite
Common Black-Hawk
Roadside Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk
White-rumped Hawk

FALCONS AND CARACARAS

- H** Barred Forest-Falcon
- H** Collared Forest-Falcon
- Crested Caracara
- Yellow-headed Caracara
- American Kestrel
- Aplomado Falcon

RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS

Purple Gallinule

LIMPKIN

- H** Limpkin

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS

Southern Lapwing
Black-bellied (Gray) Plover
Semipalmated Plover

STILTS AND AVOCETS

Black-necked Stilt

JACANAS

Wattled Jacana

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES

Spotted Sandpiper
Solitary Sandpiper
Willet
Lesser Yellowlegs
Whimbrel

Ardea cocoi
Ardea alba egretta
Egretta thula thula
Egretta caerulea
Egretta tricolor ruficollis
Egretta rufescens rufescens
Bubulcus ibis ibis
Butorides virescens
Nycticorax nycticorax hoactli
Nyctanassa violacea cayennensis

THRESKIORNITHIDAE

Eudocimus albus
Eudocimus ruber
Plegadis falcinellus
Platalea ajaja

CATHARTIDAE

Coragyps atratus brasiliensis
Cathartes aura ruficollis

PANDIONIDAE

Pandion haliaetus carolinensis

ACCIPITRIDAE

Leptodon cayanensis cayanensis
Elanoides forficatus yetapa
Ictinia plumbea
Buteogallus anthracinus anthracinus
Buteo magnirostris magnirostris
Buteo platypterus platypterus
Buteo leucorrhous

FALCONIDAE

Micrastur ruficollis interstes
Micrastur semitorquatus naso
Caracara cheriway cheriway
Milvago chimachima cordata
Falco sparverius ochraceus
Falco femoralis femoralis

RALLIDAE

Porphyrio martinica

ARAMIDAE

Aramus guarauna

CHARADRIIDAE

Vanellus chilensis
Pluvialis squatarola
Charadrius semipalmatus

RECURVIROSTRIDAE

Himantopus mexicanus

JACANIDAE

Jacana jacana

SCOLOPACIDAE

Actitis macularius
Tringa solitaria
Tringa semipalmata
Tringa flavipes
Numenius phaeopus

Least Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper
Stilt Sandpiper

GULLS

Laughing Gull

TERNs

Gull-billed Tern
Caspian Tern
Royal Tern

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon (I)
Bare-eyed Pigeon
Band-tailed Pigeon
Common Ground-Dove
Ruddy Ground-Dove
Scaled Dove
White-tipped Dove

H Lined Quail-Dove

PARROTS

Santa Marta Parakeet (E)
Scarlet-fronted Parakeet
Brown-throated Parakeet
Green-rumped Parrotlet
Orange-chinned Parakeet
Blue-headed Parrot
Red-billed Parrot
Scaly-naped Parrot

CUCKOOS

Squirrel Cuckoo

H Striped Cuckoo

Greater Ani
Smooth-billed Ani
Groove-billed Ani

OWLS

Santa Marta Screech-Owl (E)
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl

H Mottled Owl

NIGHTJARS AND ALLIES

Lesser Nighthawk
Band-winged Nightjar

SWIFTS

Chestnut-collared Swift
White-collared Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

White-necked Jacobin
Rufous-breasted Hermit
Long-billed (W. Long-tailed) Hermit
Pale-bellied Hermit
Brown Violetear
Green Violetear
Sparkling Violetear
Black-throated Mango
Blossomcrown (E)

Calidris minutilla
Calidris melanotos
Calidris himantopus

LARIDAE: LARINAE

Leucophaeus atricilla

LARIDAE: STERNINAE

Gelochelidon nilotica
Hydroprogne caspia
Thalasseus maximus

COLUMBIDAE

Columba livia
Patagioenas corensis
Patagioenas fasciata
Columbina passerina
Columbina talpacoti
Columbina squammata
Leptotila verreauxi
Geotrygon linearis

PSITTACIDAE

Pyrrhura viridicata
Aratinga wagleri wagleri
Aratinga pertinax aeruginosa
Forpus passerinus
Brotogeris jugularis
Pionus menstruus rubrigularis
Pionus sordidus saturatus
Amazona mercenaria

CUCULIDAE

Piaya cayana
Tapera naevia
Crotophaga major
Crotophaga ani
Crotophaga sulcirostris

STRIGIDAE

Megascops sp.nov.
Glaucidium brasilianum medianum
Ciccaba virgata virgata

CAPRIMULGIDAE

Chordeiles acutipennis acutipennis
Caprimulgus longirostris ruficervix

APODIDAE

Streptoprocne rutila brunnitorques
Streptoprocne zonaris subtropicalis

TROCHILIDAE

Florisuga mellivora
Glaucis hirsutus
Phaethornis longirostris sussurus
Phaethornis anthophilus
Colibri delphinae
Colibri thalassinus
Colibri coruscans
Anthracothorax nigricollis
Anthocephala floriceps floriceps

Black-backed Thornbill (E)
 Tyrian Metaltail
 White-tailed Starfrontlet (E)
 Mountain Velvetbreast
 Santa Marta Woodstar (E)
 Red-billed Emerald
 Coppery Emerald
 White-vented Plumeleteer
 Violet-crowned Woodnymph
 Buffy Hummingbird
 Steely-vented Hummingbird
 Rufous-tailed Hummingbird
 Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird (E)
 Shining-green Hummingbird
 White-chinned Sapphire

TROGONS

White-tipped Quetzal
 Masked Trogon

MOTMOTS

Whooping (Blue-crowned) Motmot

KINGFISHERS

Ringed Kingfisher
 Amazon Kingfisher
 Green Kingfisher

PUFFBIRDS

H Pied Puffbird
 Russet-throated Puffbird

JACAMARS

Rufous-tailed Jacamar

TOUCANS

Emerald (Santa Marta) Toucanet
 Groove-billed (Yellow-billed) Toucanet
 Keel-billed Toucan

WOODPECKERS

Scaled Piculet
 Chestnut Piculet
 Red-crowned Woodpecker
 Red-rumped Woodpecker
 Golden-olive Woodpecker
 Spot-breasted Woodpecker
 Crimson-crested Woodpecker

OVENBIRDS

Gray-throated Leaf Tosser
 Pale-legged Hornero
H Pale-breasted Spinetail
 Rusty-headed Spinetail (E)
 White-whiskered Spinetail
 Streak-capped Spinetail (E)
 Yellow-chinned Spinetail
 Montane Foliage-gleaner
 Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner (E)

H Streaked Xenops

Ramphomicron dorsale
Metallura tyrianthina districta
Coeligena phalerata
Lafresnaya lafresnayi liriopae
Chaetocercus astreans
Chlorostilbon gibsoni
Chlorostilbon russatus
Chalybura buffonii
Thalurania colombica
Leucippus fallax
Amazilia saucerrottei warscewiczii
Amazilia tzacatl fuscicaudata
Lepidopygia lilliae
Lepidopygia goudoti luminosa
Hylocharis cyanus

TROGONIDAE

Pharomachrus fulgidus festatus
Trogon personatus sanctaemartae

MOMOTIDAE

Momotus subrufescens subrufescens

ALCEDINIDAE

Megaceryle torquata
Chloroceryle amazona
Chloroceryle americana

BUCCONIDAE

Notharchus tectus
Hypnelus ruficollis ruficollis/decolor

GALBULIDAE

Galbula ruficauda pallens

RAMPHASTIDAE

Aulacorhynchus prasinus lautus
Aulacorhynchus sulcatus calorhynchus
Ramphastos sulfuratus

PICIDAE

Picumnus squamulatus
Picumnus cinnamomeus
Melanerpes rubricapillus
Veniliornis kirkii
Colaptes rubiginosus alleni
Colaptes punctigula
Campephilus melanoleucos

FURNARIIDAE: FURNARIINAE

Sclerurus albigularis propinquus
Furnarius leucopus longirostris
Synallaxis albescens
Synallaxis fuscorufa
Synallaxis candei
Cranioleuca hellmayri
Certhiaxis cinnamomeus
Anabacerthia striaticollis anxia
Automolus rufipectus
Xenops rutilans phelpsi

WOODCREEPERS

Plain-brown Woodcreeper
 Strong-billed Woodcreeper
 Straight-billed Woodcreeper
 Cocoa Woodcreeper

- H** Streak-headed Woodcreeper
 Montane Woodcreeper

TYPICAL ANTIBIRDS

Black-crested Antshrike
 Barred Antshrike
 Western Slaty-Antshrike
 Black-backed Antshrike
 White-fringed Antwren
 Long-tailed Antbird
 White-bellied Antbird

ANTPITTAS

- Santa Marta Antpitta (E)
H Rufous Antpitta
 Rusty-breasted Antpitta

TAPACULOS

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

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet
 White-throated Tyrannulet
 Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet

- H** Yellow-bellied Elaenia
 Mountain Elaenia
 Olive-striped Flycatcher
 Ochre-bellied Flycatcher
 Sooty-headed Tyrannulet
 Paltry (Venezuelan) Tyrannulet
 Golden-faced Tyrannulet
 Northern Scrub-Flycatcher
 Slender-billed Tyrannulet
 Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant
 Southern Bentbill
 Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant
 Black-throated Tody-Tyrant
 Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher
 Common Tody-Flycatcher
 Yellow-breasted Flycatcher
 Cinnamon Flycatcher
 Bran-colored Flycatcher
 Western Wood-Pewee
 Tropical Pewee
 Vermilion Flycatcher
 Santa Marta Bush-Tyrant (E)
 Pied Water-Tyrant
 Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant
 Cattle Tyrant
 Dusky-capped Flycatcher
 Panama Flycatcher

FURNARIIDAE: DENDROCOLAPTINAE

Dendrocincla fuliginosa
Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus sanctaemartae
Dendroplex picus
Xiphorhynchus susurrans
Lepidocolaptes souleyetii
Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger sanctaemartae

THAMNOPHILIDAE

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

GRALLARIIDAE

Grallaria bangsi
Grallaria rufula spatiator
Grallarica ferrugineipectus ferrugineipectus

RHINOCRYPTIDAE

Scytalopus sanctaemartae
Scytalopus latebricola

TYRANNIDAE

Camptostoma obsoletum pusillum
Mecocerculus leucophrys nigriceps
Tyrannulus elatus
Elaenia flavogaster
Elaenia frantzii browni
Mionectes olivaceus galbinus
Mionectes oleagineus
Phyllomyias griseiceps
Zimmerius vilissimus tamae
Zimmerius chrysops minimus
Sublegatus arenarum
Inezia tenuirostris
Atalotriccus pilaris
Oncostoma olivaceum
Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer impiger
Hemitriccus granadensis lehmanni
Poecilotriccus sylvia
Todirostrum cinereum
Tolmomyias flaviventris aurulentus
Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus assimilis
Myiophobus fasciatus
Contopus sordidulus
Contopus cinereus
Pyrocephalus rubinus
Myiotheretes pernix
Fluvicola pica
Ochthoeca diadema jesupi
Machetornis rixosa
Myiarchus tuberculifer pallidus
Myiarchus panamensis

Great Crested Flycatcher
Brown-crested Flycatcher
Great Kiskadee
Boat-billed Flycatcher
Rusty-margined Flycatcher
Social Flycatcher
Golden-crowned Flycatcher
Streaked Flycatcher
Tropical Kingbird
Gray Kingbird

COTINGAS

Golden-breasted Fruiteater

MANAKINS

Lance-tailed Manakin

TITYRAS AND ALLIES

Masked Tityra
Cinnamon Becard

VIREOS

Brown-capped Vireo
Scrub Greenlet
Golden-fronted Greenlet

H RUFIOUS-BROWED PEPPERSHRIKE

CROWS, JAYS, AND MAGPIES

Black-chested Jay

SWALLOWS

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

WRENS

Stripe-backed Wren
Bicolored Wren
Rufous-breasted Wren
Rufous-and-white Wren
Buff-breasted Wren
House Wren
Gray-breasted Wood-Wren (lower)
Gray-breasted Wood-Wren (upper)

H SCALY-BREASTED WREN

GNATCATCHERS

Tropical Gnatcatcher

THRUSHES AND ALLIES

H ORANGE-BILLED NIGHTINGALE-THRUSH

Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush
Yellow-legged Thrush
Pale-breasted Thrush
Black-hooded Thrush
Great Thrush

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

Tropical Mockingbird

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Northern Waterthrush
Black-and-white Warbler

Myiarchus crinitus
Myiarchus tyrannulus
Pitangus sulphuratus
Megarynchus pitangua
Myiozetetes cayanensis
Myiozetetes similis
Myiodynastes chrysocephalus cinerascens
Myiodynastes maculatus
Tyrannus melancholicus
Tyrannus dominicensis

COTINGIDAE

Pipreola aureopectus decora

PIPRIDAE

Chiroxiphia lanceolata

TITYRIDAE

Tityra semifasciata
Pachyramphus cinnamomeus

VIREONIDAE

Vireo leucophrys
Hylophilus flavipes
Hylophilus aurantiifrons
Cyclarhis gujanensis

CORVIDAE

Cyanocorax affinis

HIRUNDINIDAE

Pygochelidon cyanoleuca
Stelgidopteryx ruficollis
Progne chalybea
Tachycineta albiventer

TROGLODYTIDAE

Campylorhynchus nuchalis
Campylorhynchus griseus
Pheugopedius rutilus laetus
Thryophilus rufalbus cumanensis
Cantorchilus leucotis leucotis/collinus
Troglodytes aedon atopus
Henicorhina leucophrys bangsi
Henicorhina leucophrys anachoreta
Microcerculus marginatus corrasus

POLIOPTILIDAE

Polioptila plumbea

TURDIDAE

Catharus aurantirostris sierrae
Catharus fuscater sanctaemartae
Turdus flavipes
Turdus leucomelas
Turdus olivater sanctaemartae
Turdus fuscater cacozelus

MIMIDAE

Mimus gilvus

PARULIDAE

Parkesia noveboracensis
Mniotilta varia

Prothonotary Warbler
 Tennessee Warbler
 Mourning Warbler
 American Redstart
 Blackburnian Warbler
 Yellow Warbler
 Rufous-capped Warbler
 Golden-crowned Warbler
 Santa Marta Warbler (E)
 White-lored Warbler (E)
 Slate-throated Redstart
 Yellow-crowned Redstart (E)

BANANAQUIT

Bananaquit

TANAGERS AND ALLIES

Bicolored Conebill
 Gray-headed Tanager
 White-lined Tanager
 Crimson-backed Tanager
 Blue-gray Tanager
 Glaucous Tanager
 Palm Tanager
 Blue-capped Tanager
 Black-cheeked Mountain-Tanager (E)
 Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager
 Bay-headed Tanager
 Black-capped Tanager
 Black-headed Tanager
 Swallow Tanager
 Streaked Saltator
 Grayish Saltator
 Orinocan Saltator
 Buff-throated Saltator

SPARROWS, SEEDEATERS, ALLIES

Blue-black Grassquit
 Dull-colored Grassquit
 Black-faced Grassquit
 Rusty Flowerpiercer
 Black Flowerpiercer
 White-sided Flowerpiercer
 Santa Marta Brush-Finch (E)
 Pileated Finch
 Golden-winged Sparrow
 Sierra Nevada Brush-Finch (E)
 Tocuyo Sparrow
 Black-striped Sparrow
 Rufous-collared Sparrow

CARDINALS AND ALLIES

Summer Tanager
 Vermilion Cardinal
 Golden-bellied Grosbeak
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Protonotaria citrea
Oreothlypis peregrina
Geothlypis philadelphia
Setophaga ruticilla
Setophaga fusca
Setophaga petechia
Basileuterus rufifrons mesochrysus
Basileuterus culicivorus indignus
Basileuterus basilicus
Myiothlypis conspicillatus
Myioborus miniatus sanctaemartae
Myioborus flavivertex

COEREVIDAE

Coereba flaveola

THRAUPIDAE

Conirostrum bicolor
Eucometis penicillata
Tachyphonus rufus
Ramphocelus dimidiatus
Thraupis episcopus
Thraupis glaucocolpa
Thraupis palmarum
Thraupis cyanocephala margaritae
Anisognathus melanogenys
Dubusia taeniata carrikeri
Tangara gyrola
Tangara heinei
Tangara cyanoptera
Tersina viridis griseescens
Saltator striatipectus
Saltator coerulescens
Saltator orenocensis
Saltator maximus

EMBERIZIDAE

Volatinia jacarina
Tiaris obscurus
Tiaris bicolor
Diglossa sittoides
Diglossa humeralis nocticolor
Diglossa albilatera
Atlapetes melanocephalus
Coryphospingus pileatus
Arremon schlegeli
Arremon basilicus
Arremonops tocuyensis
Arremonops conirostris
Zonotrichia capensis

CARDINALIDAE

Piranga rubra
Cardinalis phoeniceus
Pheucticus chrysogaster
Pheucticus ludovicianus

TROUPIALS AND ALLIES

Great-tailed Grackle
Carib Grackle
Shiny Cowbird
Yellow-backed Oriole
Orange-crowned Oriole
Yellow-tailed Oriole
Yellow Oriole
Baltimore Oriole
Crested Oropendola

SISKINS, EUPHONIAS, AND ALLIES

Trinidad Euphonia
Thick-billed Euphonia
Blue-naped Chlorophonia
Lesser Goldfinch

ICTERIDAE

Quiscalus mexicanus
Quiscalus lugubris
Molothrus bonariensis
Icterus chrysater
Icterus auricapillus
Icterus mesomelas
Icterus nigrogularis
Icterus galbula
Psarocolius decumanus

FRINGILLIDAE

Euphonia trinitatis
Euphonia lanirostris
Chlorophonia cyanea psittacina
Spinus psaltria columbianus

Mammals

H Venezuelan Red Howler *Alouatta seniculus*
Cottontop Tamarin *Saguinus oedipus*
Crab-eating Fox *Cerdocyon thous*
Red-tailed Squirrel *Sciurus granatensis*