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NORTHWEST ECUADOR:

In Search of Chocó Endemics

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The endangered **Tanager Finch** was seen well in the Tandayapa Valley.

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INTRODUCTION:

Tropical Birding operates two different tours in the northwest of Ecuador, a short Andes Introtour, which covers the Tandayapa/Mindo region over 6 days of birding, and this longer trip, which, like that one, covers that key birding area of the country, but also travels further north, spending longer in the

region and ensuring more of the specialties of this Choco biogeographic region are tracked down in the process. On this endemic-focused tour, we managed to see an amazing **59 Choco endemics**, (dependent on taxonomy; a Tropical Birding record for this tour) which included some of the most sought after birds in all of Ecuador: **Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan and Choco Toucan, Velvet-purple Coronet, *Empress Brilliant* (photo below), Rose-faced Parrot, Toucan Barbet, Five-colored Barbet, Tanager Finch, Glistening-green, Blue-whiskered, and Scarlet-and-white Tanagers, Orange-breasted Fruiteater, Long-wattled Umbrellabird, Beautiful Jay, Scarlet-breasted Dacnis, Black Solitaire, Giant and Yellow-breasted Antpittas, Choco Woodpecker, and the rare Yellow-green Chlorospingus (Bush-Tanager); and that's not to mention some equally stunning birds that are not endemics: Booted Racket-tail, displaying Andean Cock-of-the-rocks, Ocellated Tapaculo (one of 6 species of tapaculo seen-a clean sweep), Flame-faced, Golden-crowned and Black-chested Mountain-Tanagers, Black-tipped Cotinga, Chestnut-crowned Antpitta, Rufous-breasted Antthrush, and Golden-winged Manakin displaying!**

This all added up to a highly successful tour, little affected by rain (in this wet region); which recorded a healthy total of 507 species (469 species were seen by at least one of the group)...



DAILY SUMMARY:

DAY 1 (of birding)

YANACocha

The tour began by climbing out of Quito, one of the World's highest capital cities, at 2800m/9185ft, and continuing up even higher, to cover the temperate forest reserve of *Yanacocha*. This provides a convenient stop off point, with many birds only possible there on this tour, en-route to Tandayapa Bird Lodge, which was to be our base for the first four nights of the birding portion of the trip. As this was to be our only

visit to temperate altitudes on the tour, we had plenty of targets to kick the tour off, most of which were only seen on this one morning. Before we reached the reserve, and the temperate forest though, we stopped in an area of degraded habitat as we climbed out of Quito, where the introduced *Eucalyptus* trees gave us **Crimson-mantled Woodpecker** of all things, as the first, and arguably most spectacular of all woodpeckers of the trip. The stop had been made initially though for a **Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant**, a large flycatcher, noticed perched prominently on a roadside wire. This same area proved a rich opening, with good activity including a few dramatic male **Black-tailed Trainbearers**, **Blue-and-yellow Tanager**, **Black Flowerpiercer**, **Cinereous Conebill**, and **Tufted Tit-Tyrant** also tracked down during this brief stop.

Continuing towards the reserve, we passed through agricultural fields and entered into an area of temperate scrub and trees, where we had a smashing view of an **Andean Pygmy-Owl (photo above)**, often a much more tricky

bird to find than this! The owl stop also yielded a good sighting of **Ash-colored Tapaculo** (a scarce species on this tour in general), **Red-crested Cotinga** and our first **Yellow-breasted (Rufous-naped) Brush-Finches**. Between this stop and the reserve itself we had a perched **Sharp-shinned Hawk** (formerly split off as *Plain-backed Hawk*), and also scored a **Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant**. Arriving at the reserve and after taking advantage of their on site restrooms, we started walking the “Inca Trail”, a flat trail that dissects the reserve, cutting through wet temperate forest, and eventually leading to a great set of hummingbird feeders. As we walked the trail to the feeders, we bumped into some small parties of birds, which included such stunners as **Hooded, Scarlet-bellied, and Black-chested Mountain-Tanagers (photo below)** in a single magical flock; and also **Black-crested Warbler**, a photogenic **Bar-bellied Woodpecker**, some typically noisy **Rufous Wrens**, the handsome **Spectacled Redstart (Whitestart)**, the sharp **Pearled Treerunner**, and the weirdly named **Superciliated Hemispingus**, were all chalked up along the trail. Good views of three cracking **Golden-crowned Tanagers** were much appreciated too, and other birds added included **White-banded Tyrannulet** and **Crowned Chat-Tyrant**.



Arriving at the wonderful feeders, we were again appreciated a well-placed restroom, before sitting down to enjoy the constant action of hummingbirds visiting the series of feeders there; **Sword-billed Hummingbird**, typically, yielded the best reaction from the group,

and other attendees included **Buff-winged Starfrontlet**, **Tyrian Metaltail**, and **Sapphire-vented and Golden-breasted Pufflegs (photo next page)**. Non-hummingbirds seen at the feeders too were **Masked and Glossy Flowerpiercers**, stealing the sugar water from the hummers on a regular basis!

On the way out, retracing our steps, back to the vehicle, some had short views of a **Rufous Antpitta**, but we all saw a **Variable Hawk** cruising over the temperate forest above us.

After a picnic lunch at the reserve, we started our journey to Tandayapa along the **Old Nono-Mindo Road**. Before reaching that road though we stopped to admire a group of 3 **Andean Lapwing**, and also picked up a **Grass (Sedge) Wren**. Below the town of Nono, we had great sightings two usually shy species **Plain-tailed Wren** and **Blackish (formerly Unicolored) Tapaculo**, and also stopped to admire a beefy **Golden-bellied Grosbeak** (also known as Southern Yellow



Grosbeak). Between Nono and the lodge we stopped on a regular basis to admire various birds, like a pair of **White-capped Dippers** along the Rio Alambi; picked up **Flavescent** and **Streak-necked Flycatchers**, and **Beryl-spangled Tanagers** in passing flocks. The star performers of the afternoon though, were arguably the handful of scarlet male **Andean Cock-of-the-rocks** dancing in our 'scope, at a traditional lek site. This was followed by another key target, when a pair of **Toucan Barbets** showed up shortly before we arrived at the lodge in the late afternoon. We pulled into the cloudforest reserve at **Tandayapa Bird Lodge**, for the first of our four nights, just as dusk fell.

DAY 2

TANDAYAPA VALLEY

The valley of Tandayapa is a famed birding location, stretching from around 1500m-2300m at the highest point, and is largely forested for much of that. There are many birds found throughout the valley, but in order to build a good trip list it is essential to bird various elevations within the valley. Thus, we

begun right on the doorstep of the lodge, leaving for a nearby forest blind before breakfast. Here a nightlight serves to attract insects during the night, which are often picked off in the early morning by visiting birds. We entered the blind when it was dark, and awaited the strangely sudden arrival of dawn, which typifies dawn in the tropics. As dawn unfolded bird sounds increased, and activity at the blind began: a pair of **Zeledon's Antbird** (*formerly Immaculate Antbird*), hopped around within centimeters of the front of the hide; a female **Masked Trogon** dropped in; a **Streak-capped Treehunter** and **Uniform Antshrike** showed up, as well as **Russet-crowned Warbler**. After about an hour at the forest blind, the activity, as usual, quickly dropped off, and with stomachs rumbling we returned to the lodge for a welcome breakfast. Around breakfast and during the morning, we checked in on the famed hummingbird feeders at the lodge, which by the morning's end had produced *16 different species*, and hundreds of individuals constantly buzzing around them. Among the throng were some Choco specialties: **Brown Inca**, **Violet-tailed Sylph**, **Purple-bibbed Whitetip**, **Western Emerald**, and even a stunning male **Empress Brilliant**, as well as more widespread, but no less spectacular species like **Booted Racket-tail** and **Purple-throated Woodstar**. Birding right around the lodge during and shortly after breakfast we noted three **Red-headed Barbets** visiting the fruit feeder at the lodge, along with **Golden** and **Lemon-rumped Tanagers** at the feeder too, where fresh papaya also attracted one **Rufous Motmot**, and **Buff-throated Saltator** too.



Not long after breakfast we ascended to the *Upper Tandayapa Valley* to target a range of specialties only found in the upper reaches of this forest-cloaked valley. Various flocks in the Upper Tandayapa Valley held **Beryl-spangled**, **Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager**, and a pair of **Green-and-black Fruiteaters**. Top of the shopping list in this part of the Tandayapa Valley, is however, the multicolored **Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan** (**photo below**), one of which was seen well perched there, and was predictably popular. Then we visited a known stakeout for **Tanager Finch** (**photo page before**), one of the rarest (by numbers) birds found in the valley, which sat only very narrowly behind the toucan on the wish list of many of the group. Thankfully, the bird gave us no trouble, and a pair were seen well moving around in the undergrowth and perched out singing. Our time in the valley, during that morning, was punctuated by sightings of other species like the dowdy endemic **Dusky Chlorospingus** (formerly **bush-tanager**), **White-rumped**, **Broad-winged** and **Short-tailed Hawks** in flight during the sunny morning, **Blue-and-black Tanager**, **Turquoise Jay**, **Sepia-brown (Sharpe's) Wren**, **Striped Treehunter**, and a banner sighting of **Ocellated Tapaculo**, arguably the best sighting of the entire morning, (it was so good that another passing bird group joined in for the sighting!)

We returned to *Tandayapa Bird Lodge* for lunch, to enjoy the hummingbirds further, post-lunch, and also do some short trail birding near the lodge, which produced **Crimson-rumped Toucanet**, another pair of **Toucan Barbet**, **Montane Woodcreeper**, a super pair of **White-winged Tanagers**, and **Rufous-winged Tyrannulet**, our first sighting of the trip of **Metallic-green Tanager**, **Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch**,



and a noisy group of **Red-billed Parrots** in flight. Later in the afternoon, we returned to the *Old Nono-Mindo Road*, as we were still on the lookout for *Beautiful Jay*, and this area usually provides the best chance to find it. As we searched, and bumped into another group who had recently seen the jay, we found **Tyrannine Woodcreeper**, **Scaly-naped Amazon** passed overhead, but could not, sadly, locate our main target, the jay. We lingered on the Old Nono-Mindo Road for the chance of nightbirds, and found male and female **Lyre-tailed Nightjars** chasing each other in flight, as well as a **Rufous-bellied Nighthawk** hawking over the valley at dusk; and final, a **Common Potoo** that responded well to call.



DAY 3

PAZ DE AVES & TANDAYAPA VALLEY

This day saw us leave the lodge well before first light; the reason for this was to visit the best display site in the country for **Andean Cock-of-the-rock (photo above)**. While we had already seen this bird distantly, in display, this day saw us eyeballing up to 5 different males at close range, shortly after dawn, when their peak display time occurs. While we at the cock-of-the-rock blind, we were also gifted a **Crested Quetzal**, the rarer of the two quetzal species in the area. The same spot also yielded the regular pair of **Rufous-bellied Nighthawks** too. Once the cock-of-the-rocks had calmed down for

the day, not too long after dawn, we returned to the road and visited a known spot for **Yellow-breasted Antpitta**, where the local guide, Angel, whistled two antpittas into view as it came in to feed on the worms he laid out for it. Then we tried for a regular group of **Dark-backed Wood-Quail (photo page 24)** that the same guide had recently managed to habituate, and two birds showed up right on time! The next “appointment” was deeper in the forest, which required a short, but steep climb into the roadside forest. There was some huffing and puffing among the group, but the short climb was worth it as first a **Giant Antpitta (photo page 23)** was seen a meter or so away; then a **Rufous-breasted Antthrush** came and walked past close to us, and this was followed by a single **Ochre-breasted Antpitta**, all of which showed extraordinarily well, making this site an obvious must-visit reserve on this tour!



Then we were back in the vehicle and drove up the road for another stellar target; amazingly, on arrival, a pair of **Chestnut-crowned Antpittas (photo above)**, were waiting for their daily handout! Then we stopped off for some refreshment at Angel’s farm, and had a brunch of *Bolones* and *Empanadas*-tasty Ecuadorian food, washed down with coffee. It was then time to depart the reserve, after a bumper morning. And hit a feeding flock on

the ay down which held, **Flame-faced, Silver-throated, Golden-naped, Metallic-green, and Black-capped Tanagers** among the horde! Other birds we sighted on the way out included **Ecuadorian Thrush, and White-winged Brush-Finch.**

We were back at the lodge by lunchtime, even though lunch seemed a little close to our brunch, shortly before! After lunch we went in pursuit of the gaps in our trip list for the Tandayapa area, with **Beautiful Jay** right at the top of our wish list. It took some time, but, finally, we tracked down a pair of these well-named birds along the Old Nono-Mindo Road, at a different spot than we had tried before. We returned to Tandayapa for our penultimate night, and readied ourselves for another onslaught of Choco specialties, offered by the next day's destination...*Mashpi.*



DAY 5

MASHPI

This was our first day in the foothills, after spending several days in both the temperate and subtropical zones, and therefore offered us some mega birds for list. A long drive out of the lodge is needed to reach this unique area, although it is always worth it, as the site offers many species not possible

anywhere on the trip. We begun by stopping and birding some rich roadside forest before we reached the main area, and quickly picked up some of our targets like **Moss-backed**, **Rufous-throated**, and **Glistening-green Tanagers**, together in the same flock, which also held **Orange-breasted Fruiteater**, **Pacific (Buffy) Tuftedcheek**, and **Indigo Flowerpiercer**. Six major targets in the first hour of birding, was an idyllic start! We also found the difficult **Green-fronted Lancebill** feeding on some roadside flowers. Then we visited some exciting new feeders in the area, which held another **Glistening-green Tanager (photo below)**, along with a handful of **Flame-faced Tanagers**, **Black-chinned Mountain-Tanagers (photo page before)**, and a pair of **Golden-collared Honeycreepers**, a very difficult species in the northwest region of Ecuador.



The hummingbird feeders also held a star-studded cast of Choco specialties: **Velvet-purple Coronet (photo page 12)**, **Violet-tailed Sylph**, **Empress Brilliant**, and **Purple-bibbed Whitetip**. The owners of this new private reserve had recently built a trail heading into the rich surrounding forest, and so we walked a little of this to try and find some interior species, less likely to be seen from the road; chief among our successes was a great look at the often-elusive **Esmeraldas Antbird**, and we also added a second quetzal to the list, **Golden-headed Quetzal**. We also had a great view of a **Tawny-faced Gnatwren**, and were surprised to

find a **Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher** at this high elevation for the species. Returning to the road, we soon found a **Brown-billed Scythebill**, which responded well to some speculative playback.



With pretty much all the major targets in the bag, we left shortly after taking our packed lunch at Mashpi. We headed to *San Tadeo* and climbed up the “back way” to the *Upper Tandayapa Valley*, which involves birding along a dirt road, with stretches of forest dotted along it. As we birded this road we added **Scaled Fruiteater**, **Streaked Tuftedcheek**, and **Streak-headed Antbird** (*formerly Long-tailed Antbird* before this was split into multiple species). As we reached the top of the Tandayapa Valley, we visited another new set of feeders of, with the hope of adding **White-tailed Hillstar** to the list. It was already late afternoon, although this can often be the peak time for hummingbird activity, getting in their final feed before dark. Not only did we add a **White-tailed Hillstar** at the feeder, but we also found a **Wedge-billed Hummingbird** feeding on a large *datura* flower! We headed back to Tandayapa for our final night there, before another day beckoned in the Andean foothills...



DAY 6

MILPE

For the second day in a row, our birding began in the Andean foothills (around 1100m/3600ft elevation), at **Milpe**, an area of drier and lower altitude forest to that found at Mashpi. Our birding started right in the parking lot of this small reserve, where we quickly located an **Ochre-breasted Tanager** singing loudly from the treetops. A check of the hummingbird feeders in the reserve revealed new hummingbirds for the trip like **Green Thorntail**, **White-whiskered Hermit**, and **Green-crowned Woodnymph**, and more **Green-crowned Brilliants**, (the latter we had seen at Tandayapa previously). Crossing over the road, to another area of the reserve, we birded this open area, where we found **Choco Tyrannulet** (an endemic), **Chestnut-mandibled** and **Choco Toucans (photo above)**, and **Collared (Pale-mandibled) Aracari (photo on next page)**, **Ruddy Pigeon**, and a selection of tanagers: **Blue-necked**, **White-lined**, and **Swallow Tanagers**. We then hit the forest trails in the reserve, where we bumped into some feeding flocks, which yielded plentiful new species for us:

Buff-fronted, Scaly-throated and Lineated Foliage-Gleaners; Spotted Woodcreeper, Rufous-rumped and Slaty Antwrens, Choco Warbler, Ornate and Slaty-capped Flycatchers; and Greenish Elaenia, One-colored and Cinnamon Becards, Yellow-throated and Dusky Chlorospinguses, and Black-winged Saltator. Also along the trails we enjoyed another **Rufous Motmot**, and visited the centerpiece of this reserve, the **Club-winged Manakin** lek. Unusually, this species gave us a bit of a hard time, although eventually we all saw the male displaying. That was not the only manakin to put on a show that morning, as a single male **Golden-winged Manakin** was seen performing on its display log too. The trails also produced great views of several **Slate-colored Grosbeak**, and also enjoyed super looks at **Song Wren**, a bird which had only very recently showed up at this well-birded site for the very first time. The beautiful cadences of the **Spotted Nightingale-Thrush (photo page 15)** were heard, and soon after we got cracking looks at this beautiful, and often skulking, thrush. There is a trail linking both of the small reserves in the area—both managed by the Ecuadorian NGO, Mindo Cloudforest Foundation—and we walked this, picking up several repeats, but also some “newbies” like **Plain Xenops, Russet Antshrike, and Lesser Greenlet.** We took boxed lunch by the feeders at Milpe Gardens, the neighboring reserve, overlooking the same hummingbirds we had recorded in the other reserve.





Post lunch we moved further west, and to lower elevations, birding the entrance road to the *Silanche* reserve for open country birds, and forest birds within the patches that still persist along there. Here we added **Lineated Woodpecker**, **Snowy-throated Kingbird**, and **Purple-crowned Fairy**. However, our main aim was to try and see a **Barred Puffbird**, as this place offered our best chance, and, thankfully one bird came in close after being wolf-whistled in! Having picked up the puffbird nice and easy we continued on west to our next hotel, *Selva Alegre*, which offers some great birding on the grounds. We still had an hour or so for birding on arrival, and maximized our time there by picking up **Masked Water-Tyrant**, **Pacific Parrotlet**, **Pale-legged (Pacific) Hornero**, **Band-backed Wren**, and a great selection of parrots: **Maroon-tailed Parakeet**, and **Bronze-winged**, **Rose-faced**, and **Blue-headed Parrots** all seen. Other new additions included **Red-billed Scythebill**, **Yellow-bellied Elaenia**, **Yellow-crowned** and **Sooty-headed Tyrannulets**, and **Dull-colored Grassquit**. We spent one night in the foothills, before the following day, we heading further into the northwest, and dropping into the true lowlands...

DAY 7

SILANCHE to SAN LORENZO

For the start of the day we began by birding this small forest reserve, further down the road than we had been the afternoon before. After some time there in the morning we moved northwest, and spent the night in San Lorenzo, a city close to some of the best birding areas in the extreme northwest of Ecuador. The highlights at *Silanche* were **Chestnut-backed Antbird**, **Checker-throated Antwren**, and another **Rufous Motmot**. Although it was generally, we did eventually find a group of 8 **Rufous-fronted Wood-Quail** all of which crossed the trail in front of us, which were our main target for Silanche. Our time on the easy trails there also produced a Guayaquil Woodpecker, and the furtive **Ruddy Foliage-gleaner**, which as unusually confiding. After initial low activity along the road we found a feeding flock holding **Olivaceous Piculet**, **Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo**, **Black-capped (Western Slaty-) Antshrike**, **Black-striped Woodcreeper**, **Yellow-tufted Dacnis**, and the endemics **Scarlet-browed Tanager** and **Orange-fronted Barbet**. From the observation tower we found **Masked Tityra**, a perched **Hook-billed Kite**, more **Collared Aracaris**, and a much-hoped for **Rufous-winged Tanager**.



Birding our way out along the forested section of the road within the reserve, we found a pair of **Lanceolated Monklets** (photo page before), **Broad-billed Motmot**, to add to the handful of earlier **Rufous Motmots**, **Rufous-tailed Jacamar**, **Tawny-crested Tanager**, and **Purple-throated Fruitcrow**, before we packed up and left Silanche behind. Several hours in the car followed, as we headed further north, and deeper into the Choco; stopping at a specific spot near *San Mateo* for successful try for **Jet Antbird**, and also added **Crimson-breasted Finch**, **Amazilia Hummingbird**, **Ecuadorian Ground-Dove**, **Black-striped Sparrow**, and **Yellow-tailed Oriole** in the same area. As we drove further in the direction of San Lorenzo, stops were made along the road for an injection of red with **Peruvian Meadowlark**, and **Vermilion Flycatcher**. This brought us eventually close to the Pacific Ocean, a fact that became clear by the sightings of **Magnificent Frigatebird**, **Brown Pelican** and **Royal Tern**. Late in the afternoon we checked into our San Lorenzo hotel, with no time remaining for any late afternoon birding.

DAY 8

SAN LORENZO area to PLAYA DE ORO

This was our first day in the lowlands of the extreme northwest, and we visited the now vastly degraded site of *Yalare*, famed for its small population of Five-colored Barbets in particular. The first good find of the day though was a male **Slaty-tailed**



Trogon, and both the rare **Ochraceous Attila**, and an absurdly responsive **Bright-rumped Attila** too, within just meters of us. This same rich area

brought us **Scaled Pigeon**, **Pied Puffbird**, **Dusky Antbird**, and another **Guayaquil Woodpecker**. Then we moved on to another forest patch, where **Scarlet-breasted Dacnis (photo page 17)**, headlined, along with **Mealy** and **Blue-headed Parrots**; and **Rufous-headed Chachalaca** was found along the road, as was **Pacific Antwren**. Another major target was found, with the local **Black-breasted Puffbird** too, in addition to **Blue-chested Hummingbird**, **Dusky Pigeon**, and the **Stripe-billed** form of **Collared Aracari**, (sometimes considered a separate species). After much playing of tape, and little audible sign of the species, someone pointed a male **Five-colored Barbet** sitting above us with a **Scarlet-thighed Dacnis** with it! Moving further on, we found a small flock with **Red-rumped Woodpecker**, and **Blue Dacnis** within it. **White-necked Puffbird** and a **White-bearded Manakin** was also found closeby.

After lunch we moved on to one of the most exciting sites of the trip, *Playa de Oro*, an area of considerable rich forest in the lowlands of the Choco. We needed to take a boat to reach the reserve, and spotted **Gray-headed Kite** and **Laughing Falcon** on the way into the lodge, as well as **Little Blue Heron**, and **Ringed** and **Green Kingfishers**. We arrived at the simple and rustic lodge in Playa de Oro at around 3PM, and hit the muddy trails right beside the lodge shortly afterwards, which led us to new birds such as **Stripe-throated Wren**, **Spot-crowned Antwreno**, and **White-flanked** and **Dot-winged Antwrens**. The spiffing **Long-tailed Tyrant** was also regular within the lodge garden. The first of three nights were spent in Playa de Oro, following our arrival.

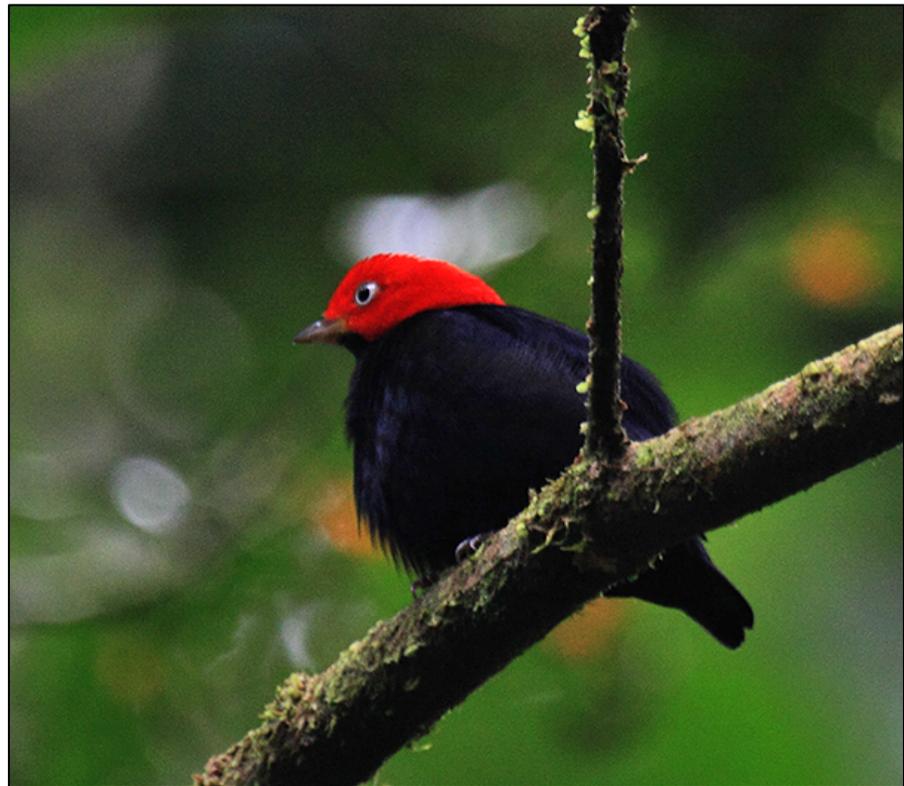
DAYS 9-11

PLAYA DE ORO & SAN LORENZO

Two full days were spent in the remote forest reserve of *Playa de Oro*, which holds some of the rarest birds of the lowland Choco. In reality, with few large blocks of lowland forest remaining in Ecuador (under 2% remains), this is often the only site where some of these can be found. As well as endemics, there is also a rather dull non-descript birds that makes people come here too, the odd **Sapayoa**, which is a monotypic bird family. With the surge in “collecting” bird families among us birders, this bird has become increasingly of interest to visiting birders. Thankfully, it is rather easy to find at Playa de Oro, as it was on this trip, when a handful were found in various passing flocks, much to the relief of the family listers in the group! Such flocks also led us to other target species like **Lemon-spectacled Tanager** and **Rufous Mourner**. The canopy flocks provide some of the biggest challenges in the area, as the tall trees and dark forest make such groups often hard to

get decent looks at. However, we did encounter one particularly dazzling flock in our time there that contained **Lita, Choco and Cinnamon Woodpeckers, Blue-whiskered Tanager, Scarlet-breasted Dacnis, Slate-throated Gnatcatcher, White-ringed Flycatcher, and Gray-mantled Wren!** Other scarce species found within various passing bird parties, included **Emerald, Rufous-winged and Tawny-crested Tanagers,** and **“Dagua” (White-throated) Thrush.** Working the forest, we also checked treetops, where we found several ivory white male **Black-tipped Cotingas,** while in the forest understory species like **White-whiskered Puffbird, Fasciated Antshrike, Rufous Piha,** both **Green and Red-capped Manakins (photo below)** were found. The site is not an easy place to find hummingbirds, with no feeders present, unlike many of the mountain sites visited already on the trip, but we did track down **Band-tailed Barbthroat, Stripe-throated Hermit,** and, best of all, a **Tooth-billed Hummingbird** foraging on flowers on the final day there.

Plenty of skulkers occur at the site, which require considerable more work, and we worked on many and found some including, **Uniform Crake, Streak-chested Antpitta, Black-headed Antthrush, Stub-tailed Antbird,** and even a **Great Tinamou** that was initially inadvertently



flushed off its nest and was later seen wandering along the trail. Plenty of more flashy species were seen too, with a cracking look at **Rose-faced Parrot, multiple Chestnut-mandibled Toucans, Black-throated Trogon,** and a **Semiplumbeous Hawk,** which betrayed its presence by calling loudly from the trees.

Walking forest trails on one day we chanced upon an army antswarm, which aided us in finding obligate ant following species like **Ocellated** and **Bicolored Antbirds**, in addition to the endemic **Pacific Flatbill** and **Chestnut-backed Antbird**. Another particularly fortunate moment occurred when we stumbled onto a fruiting tree that held a single **Baudo Guan** within it, feeding alongside **Stripe-billed (Collared) Aracari**, and **Choco Toucan**.

While the undoubted rigors to visiting this site; (e.g. the lodge is quite basic, the birding is tough, and the trails are often muddy and slippery), the reason for coming is to track down genuine rarities, and we did this in the case of **Long-wattled Umbrellabird (photo below)**, two females of which were seen on one occasion.



Nightbirding was undertaken on a single night before dinner, when we managed to track down the two endemic targets before dinner was served: **Choco Poorwill** and **Choco (Vermiculated) Screech-Owl**.

On the final day at Playa de Oro, we packed up after lunch and took the boat back to where we rejoined with our trusty driver and headed back to **San Lorenzo**. During the return boat trip we found **Chestnut-headed**

Oropendola and Cocoli Heron. With a little time left to bird on reaching San Lorenzo we tried a small reserve near the city, and found **Red-legged Honeycreeper, Gray Elaenia, Black-striped Woodcreeper,** the endemic **Dusky Pigeon,** and got splendid looks at a **White-throated Crake.**

DAY 12

LA UNION (AWA) & CHICAL ROADS

On this day we birded a relatively new site near San Lorenzo, known as *La Union Road*. While it is touted as a road, it is in reality an unfinished, extremely muddy track, which is quite troublesome navigating as a result. However, only a walk of around 500m is usually required to pick up the main target birds, along this extremely rich, forest-flanked track. One of the main key birds there proved little trouble (which is typical at this one special site), when 2 **Golden-chested Tanagers** were seen perched atop the trees. A little flock followed soon after which held **Tawny-crested, Emerald, Golden-hooded and Scarlet-browed Tanagers** all in the same flock. Great views of **White-ringed Flycatcher** at eye level were also appreciated, providing an upgrade from the canopy top views had earlier on the tour. **Lita and Cinnamon Woodpecker** were seen again too, among several further encountered, as was **Slate-throated Gnatcatcher**. Through scouring flock after flock, with both eyes and ears, we finally managed to track down a pair of **Yellow-green Chlorospingus (Bush-Tanager)**, which responded well and gave good views. While the majority of the birding along this road



comprised of scanning through canopy feeding flocks, a break from this was provided during our search for the endemic **Choco Tapaculo**, an elusive ground dweller that was seen by at least some of the group. By

the end of the morning, we returned back to the vehicle for lunch, having covered merely 500m or so of the road in that time, which provided all that action! In the afternoon we headed east, and to the *Chical Road*, stopping briefly along the main highway when a **Ruddy-breasted Seedeater** was spotted, (a very local species in Ecuador).

The *Chical Road*, our final site of the day, is an area of montane forest in the foothills, which was only discovered relatively recently. Its claim to fame is being the most reliable and accessible site for **Star-chested (Fulvous-dotted) Treerunner**. This bird was seen during the afternoon, but was briefer look than we'd have liked, and due to the substantial low cloud cover at the time, the views were not what we would have wished for. Other birds we found along the *Chical Road* that afternoon included **Golden-headed Quetzal**, a perched **White-capped Parrot**, another **Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan**, two further **Beautiful Jay**, and more **Beryl-spangled and Golden Tanagers**. After what had been an extremely fruitful days birding, it ended rather badly. Despite Tropical Birding having arranged a reservation at the local hacienda, the owners of the place had messed up the booking, were not there when we turned up, and could not be contacted; requiring us to drive much further out to find another hotel for the night. This was a rather frustrating end to the day for all present, but thankfully turned out alright in the end.

DAY 14

CHICAL ROAD

to QUITO

Due to the late night, following the last minute swapping of hotels, we got up and begun birding right



around our hotel, situated in dry scrubby country in the Andes. There we found **Tropical Mockingbird** (actually a scarce and local bird in Ecuador), **Scrub Tanager**, **Western Emerald**, and an interesting **Mouse-colored Tyrannulet**, of a local subspecies that may well be recognized as a full species in the future, by virtue of its distinctive appearance and song. After this brief period of birding we returned to the **Chical Road**, where we soon found our last remaining target there, the gorgeous **Purplish-mantled Tanager** (photo Page before), for which this is the only reliable site on the country. Up at the higher reaches of the road we also found **Toucan Barbet** (photo page 21), **Saffron-crowned** and **Flame-faced Tanagers**, and, finally, **Grass-green Tanager** too, a bird that had become something of a nemesis bird on this tour. The final piece of a puzzle was complete too, with **Narino Tapaculo**, our *sixth* and final possible tapaculo of the tour, all of which were seen!

After taking lunch in the field, we returned to the scrubby habitat near the hotel we stayed in (near the town of Salinas), where we located **Purple-collared Woodstar** and **Blue-headed Sapphire**, and added **Common Ground-Dove** to the list. That completed our time in this sector of the northwest, and so we packed up and headed southwards towards Quito, going via **Lago San Pablo**, to pick up our final few birds of the trip. This large lagoon was quite productive during our short visit; we



readily found the two main key birds: **Ecuadorian (Virginia) Rail** and **Subtropical Doradito**, but also added **Andean Teal**, **Yellow-billed Pintail**, **(Andean) Ruddy Duck**, and **Andean (Slate-colored) Coot**. That brought the birding of the tour to a close, after which, we drove back to Quito for a final farewell dinner, before departure the following morning.

At the end of the tour, we had recorded 507 species, within which 76 types of tanager were seen; 58 flycatchers; plus 43 hummingbirds; as well as 13 species of woodpecker; 11 parrots; 9 cotingas; 8 species from the trogon family; 6 puffbird, tapaculo, antpitta and manakin species; 5 toucans; and a heady 59 endemics! Among the endemics seen were 15 types of tanager, 10 types of hummingbird, 4 toucans, 2 antpittas, 2 woodpeckers, 2 cotingas, 2 barbets, a toucan-barbet, and a guan, a parrot, a jay, and a manakin!

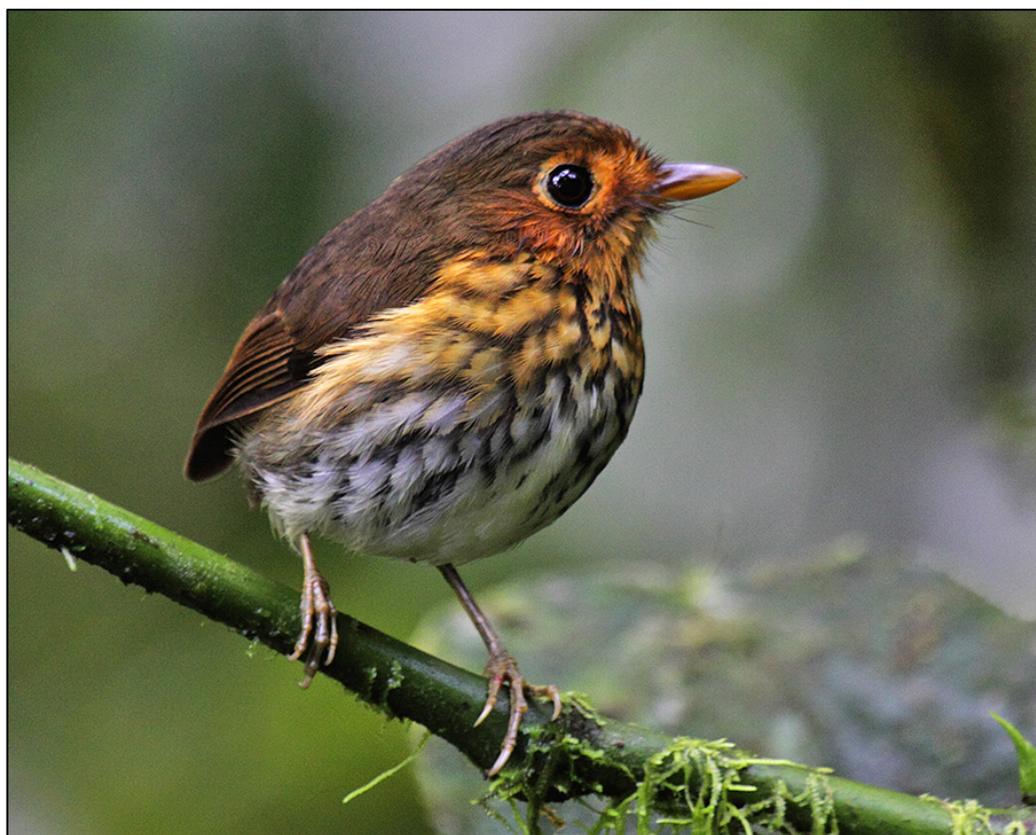
SOME FINAL PHOTOS FROM THE TOUR:



DARK-BACKED WOOD-QUAIL Paz de Aves



BAR-BELLIED WOODPECKER & OCHRE-BREASTED ANTPITTA



CHECKLISTS:**BIRDS**

Taxonomy follows Clements/e-Bird version 6.8 (updated 2013).

Birds marked with an “H” were only heard on the tour.

Birds marked with “GO” were seen by the guide only.

Birds in **RED** are endemic species/possible endemic species, suggested by some authors.

TINAMOUS

Great Tinamou

H Little Tinamou

DUCKS, GEESE, AND WATERFOWL

Yellow-billed Pintail

Andean Teal

(Andean) Ruddy Duck

GUANS, CHACHALACAS, CURASSOWS

Rufous-headed Chachalaca

Baudo Guan

H Crested Guan

H Wattled Guan

H Sickle-winged Guan

NEW WORLD QUAIL

Rufous-fronted Wood-Quail

Dark-backed Wood-Quail

H Tawny-faced Quail

GREBES

Pied-billed Grebe

TINAMIDAE

Tinamus major

Crypturellus soui

ANATIDAE

Anas georgica

Anas andium

Oxyura jamaicensis ferruginea

CRACIDAE

Ortalis erythroptera

Penelope ortonii

Penelope purpurascens

Aburria aburri

Chamaepetes goudotii

ODONTOPHORIDAE

Odontophorus erythrops

Odontophorus melanonotus

Rhynchortyx cinctus

PODICIPEDIDAE

Podilymbus podiceps

FRIGATEBIRDS

Magnificent Frigatebird

CORMORANTS AND SHAGS

Neotropic Cormorant

PELICANS

Brown Pelican

HERONS, EGRETS, AND BITTERNS

Cocoi Heron

Great Egret

Snowy Egret

Little-Blue-Heron

Cattle Egret

GO Striated Heron**NEW WORLD VULTURES**

Black Vulture

Turkey Vulture

OSPREY

Osprey

HAWKS, EAGLES, AND KITES

Hook-billed Kite

Gray-headed Kite

Swallow-tailed Kite

H Ornate Hawk-Eagle

Plumbeous Kite

Sharp-shinned (Plain-breasted) Hawk

Barred Hawk

FREGATIDAE

Fregata magnificens

PHALACROCORACIDAE

Phalacrocorax brasilianus

PELECANIDAE

Pelecanus occidentalis

ARDEIDAE

Ardea cocoi

Ardea alba

Egretta thula

Egretta caerulea

Bubulcus ibis

Butoroides striata

CATHARTIDAE

Coragyps atratus

Cathartes aura

PANDIONIDAE

Pandion haliaetus

ACCIPITRIDAE

Chondrohierax uncinatus

Leptodon cayanensis

Elanoides forficatus

Spizaetus ornatus

Ictinia plumbea

Accipiter striatus ventralis

Morphnarchus princeps

Roadside Hawk
White-rumped Hawk
Variable Hawk
Semiplumbeous Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk
Short-tailed Hawk

RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS

White-throated Crake
Virginia (Ecuadorian) Rail
Uniform Crake
Common Gallinule
Slate-colored (Andean) Coot

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS

Andean Lapwing

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES

Spotted Sandpiper

GULLS, TERNS, AND SKIMMERS

Andean Gull
Royal Tern

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon
Pale-vented Pigeon
Scaled Pigeon
Band-tailed Pigeon
Plumbeous Pigeon
Ruddy Pigeon

Dusky Pigeon

Rupornis magnirostris
Parabuteo leucorrhous
Geranoaetus polyosoma
Leucopternis semiplumbeus
Buteo platypterus
Buteo brachyurus

RALLIDAE

Laterallus albigularis
Rallus limicola aequatorialis
Amaurolimnas concolor
Gallinula galeata
Fulica ardesiaca

CHARADRIIDAE

Vanellus resplendens

SCOLOPACIDAE

Actitis macularius

LARIDAE

Chroicocephalus serranus
Thalasseus maximus

COLUMBIDAE

Columba livia
Patagioenas cayennensis
Patagioenas speciosa
Patagioenas fasciata
Patagioenas plumbea
Patagioenas subvinacea

Patagioenas goodsoni

Eared Dove

Common Ground-Dove

Plain-breasted Ground-Dove

Ecuadorian Ground-Dove

Blue Ground-Dove

White-tipped Dove

Pallid Dove

H White-throated Quail-Dove

CUCKOOS

GO Little Cuckoo

Squirrel Cuckoo

H Striped Cuckoo

Smooth-billed Ani

Groove-billed Ani

OWLS

Vermiculated (Choco) Screech-Owl

H **Cloud-forest Pygmy-Owl**

Andean Pygmy-Owl

NIGHTJARS AND ALLIES

Rufous-bellied Nighthawk

Common Pauraque

Lyre-tailed Nightjar

Choco Poorwill

POTOOS

Common Potoo

SWIFTS

Chestnut-collared Swift

Zenaida auriculata

Columbina passerina

Columbina minuta

Columbina buckleyi

Claravis pretiosa

Leptotila verreauxi

Leptotila pallida

Geotrygon frenata

CUCULIDAE

Coccyzua minuta

Piaya cayana

Tapera naevia

Crotophaga ani

Crotophaga sulcirostris

STRIGIDAE

Megascops guatemalae centralis

Glaucidium nubicola

Glaucidium jardinii

CAPRIMULGIDAE

Lurocalis rufiventris

Nyctidromus albicollis

Uropsalis lyra

Nyctiphrynus rosenbergi

NYCTIBIIDAE

Nyctibius griseus

APODIDAE

Streptoprocne rutila

White-collared Swift
Band-rumped Swift
Gray-rumped Swift
White-tipped Swift
Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

White-necked Jacobin
Band-tailed Barbthroat
White-whiskered Hermit
Tawny-bellied Hermit
Stripe-throated Hermit
Green-fronted Lancebill
Wedge-billed Hummingbird
Brown Violetear
Green Violetear
Sparkling Violetear
Tooth-billed Hummingbird
Purple-crowned Fairy
Gorgeted Sunangel
Green Thorntail
Speckled Hummingbird
Violet-tailed Sylph
Black-tailed Trainbearer
Tyrian Metaltail
Sapphire-vented Puffleg
Golden-breasted Puffleg
Brown Inca
Collared Inca
Buff-winged Starfrontlet
Sword-billed Hummingbird
Great Sapphirewing

Streptoprocne zonaris
Chaetura spinicaudus
Chaetura cinereiventris
Aeronautes montivagus
Panyptila cayennensis

TROCHILIDAE

Florisuga mellivora
Threnetes ruckeri
Phaethornis yaruqui
Phaethornis syrmatophorus
Phaethornis striigularis
Doryfera ludovicae
Schistes geoffroyi
Colibri delphinae
Colibri thalassinus
Colibri coruscans
Androdon aequatorialis
Heliothryx barroti
Heliangelus strophianus
Discosura conversii
Adelomyia melanogenys
Aglaiocercus coelestis
Lesbia victoriae
Metallura tyrianthina
Eriocnemis luciani
Eriocnemis mosquera
Coeligena wilsoni
Coeligena torquata
Coeligena lutetiae
Ensifera ensifera
Pterophanes cyanopterus

Buff-tailed Coronet

Velvet-purple Coronet

Booted Racket-tail

White-tailed Hillstar (northwest)

Purple-bibbed Whitetip

Fawn-breasted Brilliant

Green-crowned Brilliant

Empress Brilliant

Purple-collared Woodstar

Purple-throated Woodstar

Western Emerald

Crowned (Green-crowned) Woodnymph

Amazilia Hummingbird

Andean Emerald

Blue-chested Hummingbird

Purple-chested Hummingbird

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird

Blue-headed Sapphire

TROGONS

Golden-headed Quetzal

Crested Quetzal

Slaty-tailed Trogon

Blue-tailed (Chocó) Trogon

(Western) White-tailed Trogon

Black-throated Trogon

Collared Trogon

Masked Trogon

MOTMOTS

Rufous Motmot

Broad-billed Motmot

Boissonneaua flavescens

Boissonneaua jardini

Ocreatus underwoodii

Urochroa bougueri bougueri

Urosticte benjamini

Heliodoxa rubinoides

Heliodoxa jacula

Heliodoxa imperatrix

Myrtis fanny

Calliphlox mitchellii

Chlorostilbon melanorhynchus

Thalurania colombica

Amazilia amazilia

Amazilia franciae

Amazilia amabilis

Amazilia rosenbergi

Amazilia tzacatl

Hylocharis grayi

TROGONIDAE

Pharomachrus auriceps

Pharomachrus antisianus

Trogon massena

Trogon comptus

Trogon chionurus

Trogon rufus

Trogon collaris

Trogon personatus

MOMOTIDAE

Baryphthengus martii

Electron platyrhynchum

KINGFISHERS

Ringed Kingfisher
Green Kingfisher

PUFFBIRDS

White-necked Puffbird
Black-breasted Puffbird
Pied Puffbird
Barred Puffbird
White-whiskered Puffbird
Lanceolated Monklet

JACAMARS

Rufous-tailed Jacamar

NEW WORLD BARBETS

Orange-fronted Barbet
Five-colored Barbet
Red-headed Barbet

TOUCAN-BARBETS

Toucan Barbet

TOUCANS

Crimson-rumped Toucanet
Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan
Collared (Stripe-billed) Aracari
Collared (Pale-mandibled) Aracari
Black-mandibled (Chestnut-mand.) Toucan
Choco Toucan

ALCEDINIDAE

Megaceryle torquata
Chloroceryle americana

BUCCONIDAE

Notharchus hyperrynchus
Notharchus pectoralis
Notharchus tectus
Nystalus radiatus
Malacoptila panamensis
Micromonacha lanceolata

GALBULIDAE

Galbula ruficauda

CAPITONIDAE

Capito squamatus
Capito quinticolor
Eubucco bourcierii

SEMNORNITHIDAE

Semnornis ramphastinus

RAMPHASTIDAE

Aulacorhynchus haematopygus
Andigena laminirostris
Pteroglossus torquatus sanguineus
Pteroglossus torquatus erythropygius
Ramphastos ambiguus swainsonii
Ramphastos brevis

WOODPECKERS

Olivaceous Piculet
Black-cheeked Woodpecker
Smoky-brown Woodpecker
Red-rumped Woodpecker
Bar-bellied Woodpecker
Choco Woodpecker
Lita Woodpecker
Golden-olive Woodpecker
Crimson-mantled Woodpecker
Cinnamon Woodpecker
Lineated Woodpecker
Powerful Woodpecker
Guayaquil Woodpecker

FALCONS AND CARACARAS

H Barred Forest-Falcon
Laughing Falcon
American Kestrel
Bat Falcon

PARROTS

Maroon-tailed Parakeet
Barred Parakeet
Pacific Parrotlet
H Blue-fronted Parrotlet
Rose-faced Parrot
Red-billed Parrot
Speckle-faced (White-capped) Parrot
Blue-headed Parrot
Bronze-winged Parrot
Red-lored Parrot (Amazon)

PICIDAE

Picumnus olivaceus
Melanerpes pucherani
Picoides fumigatus
Veniliornis kirkii
Veniliornis nigriceps
Veniliornis chocoensis
Piculus litae
Colaptes rubiginosus
Colaptes rivolii
Celeus loricatus
Dryocopus lineatus
Campephilus pollens
Campephilus guayaquilensis

FALCONIDAE

Micrastur ruficollis
Herpetotheres cachinnans
Falco sparverius
Falco rufigularis

PSITTACIDAE

Pyrrhura melanura pacifica
Bolborhynchus lineola
Forpus coelestis
Touit dilectissimus
Pyrilia pulchra
Pionus sordidus
Pionus tumultuosus seniloides
Pionus menstruus
Pionus chalcopterus
Amazona autumnalis

Mealy Parrot (Amazon)

Scaly-naped Parrot (Amazon)

Amazona farinosa

Amazona mercenarius

SAPAYOA

Sapayoa

SAPAYOIDAE

Sapayoa aenigma

TYPICAL ANTIBIRDS

Rufous-rumped Antwren

Faciated Antshrike

H Great Antshrike

Black-crowned (Western Slaty-) Antshrike

Uniform Antshrike

Russet Antshrike

Spot-crowned Antvireo

Checker-throated Antwren

GO **Moustached (Griscom's) Antwren**

Pacific Antwren

White-flanked Antwren

Slaty Antwren

Dot-winged Antwren

Streak-headed (Long-tailed) Antbird

Dusky Antbird

Jet Antbird

Chestnut-backed Antbird

Esmeraldas Antbird

Stub-tailed Antbird

Zeledon's (Immaculate) Antbird

Bicolored Antbird

Spotted Antbird

Ocellated Antbird

THAMNOPHILIDAE

Euchrepomis callinota

Cymbilaimus lineatus

Taraba major

Thamnophilus atrinucha

Thamnophilus unicolor

Thamnistes anabatinus

Dysithamnus puncticeps

Epinecrophylla fulviventris

Myrmotherula ignota ignota

Myrmotherula pacifica

Myrmotherula axillaris

Myrmotherula schisticolor

Microrhopias quixensis

Drymophila striaticeps

Cercomacra tyrannina

Cercomacra nigricans

Myrmeciza exsul

Myrmeciza nigricauda

Myrmeciza berlepschi

Myrmeciza immaculata

Gymnopithys leucaspis

Hylophylax naevioides

Phaenostictus mcleannani

ANTPITTAS

- H Undulated Antpitta
Giant Antpitta
H Moustached Antpitta
H Scaled Antpitta
Chestnut-crowned Antpitta
H Chestnut-naped Antpitta
Yellow-breasted Antpitta
Rufous Antpitta
H Tawny Antpitta
Streak-chested Antpitta
Ochre-breasted Antpitta

TAPACULOS

- Ocellated Tapaculo
Ash-colored Tapaculo
Blackish (Unicolored) Tapaculo
Choco Tapaculo
Nariño Tapaculo
Spillmann's Tapaculo

ANTTHRUSHES

- Black-headed Antthrush
Rufous-breasted Antthrush

OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS

- H Tawny-throated Leaf-tosser
Tyrannine Woodcreeper
Plain-brown Woodcreeper
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper
Strong-billed Woodcreeper
Black-striped Woodcreeper

GRALLARIIDAE

- Grallaria squamigera
Grallaria gigantea
Grallaria alleni
Grallaria guatemalensis
Grallaria ruficapilla
Grallaria nuchalis
Grallaria flavotincta
Grallaria rufula
Grallaria quitensis
Hylopezus perspicillatus
Grallaricula flavirostris

RHINOCRYPTIDAE

- Acropternis orthonyx
Myornis senilis
Scytalopus latrans latrans
Scytalopus chocoensis
Scytalopus vicinior
Scytalopus spillmanni

FORMICARIIDAE

- Formicarius nigricapillus
Formicarius rufipectus

FURNARIIDAE

- Sclerurus mexicanus
Dendrocincla tyrannina
Dendrocincla fuliginosa
Glyphorhynchus spirurus
Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus
Xiphorhynchus lachrymosus

Spotted Woodcreeper

Red-billed Scythebill

Brown-billed Scythebill

Streak-headed Woodcreeper

Montane Woodcreeper

Plain Xenops

Buffy (Pacific) Tuftedcheek

Streaked Tuftedcheek

Rusty-winged Barbtail

Pale-legged (Pacific) Hornero

Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner

Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner

Lineated Foliage-gleaner

Striped (Western) Woodhaunter

Ruddy Foliage-gleaner

Uniform Treehunter

Striped Treehunter

Streak-capped Treehunter

Spotted Barbtail

Fulvous-dotted (Star-chested) Treerunner

Pearled Treerunner

H White-browed Spinetail

Red-faced Spinetail

Azara's Spinetail

H Rufous Spinetail

Slaty Spinetail

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Brown-capped Tyrannulet

H Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet

White-tailed Tyrannulet

White-banded Tyrannulet

Xiphorhynchus erythropygius

Campylorhamphus trochilirostris

Campylorhamphus pusillus

Lepidocolaptes souleyetii

Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger

Xenops minutus

Pseudocolaptes lawrencii johnsoni

Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii

Premnornis guttuliger

Furnarius leucopus cinnamomeus

Philydor rufum

Anabacerthia variegaticeps

Syndactyla subalaris

Hyloctistes subulatus assimilis

Automolus rubiginosus

Thripadectes ignobilis

Thripadectes holostictus

Thripadectes virgaticeps

Premnoplex brunnescens

Margarornis stellatus

Margarornis squamiger

Hellmayrea gularis

Cranioleuca erythroptis

Synallaxis azarae

Synallaxis unirufa

Synallaxis brachyura

TYRANNIDAE

Ornithion brunneicapillus

Camptostoma obsoletum

Mecocerculus poecilocercus

Mecocerculus stictopectus

White-throated Tyrannulet	Mecocerculus leucophrys
Rufous-winged Tyrannulet	Mecocerculus calopterus
Tufted Tit-Tyrant	Anairetes parulus
Mouse-colored Tyrannulet	Phaeomyias murina
Subtropical Doradito	Pseudocolopteryx acutipennis
Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet	Tyrannulus elatus
Gray Elaenia	Myiopagis caniceps
Greenish Elaenia	Myiopagis viridicata
Yellow-bellied Elaenia	Elaenia flavogaster
White-crested Elaenia	Elaenia albiceps
GO Sierran Elaenia	Elaenia pallatangae
Streak-necked Flycatcher	Mionectes striaticollis
Olive-striped Flycatcher	Mionectes olivaceus
H Ochre-bellied Flycatcher	Mionectes oleagineus
Slaty-capped Flycatcher	Leptopogon superciliaris
Sooty-headed Tyrannulet	Phyllomyias griseiceps
Black-capped Tyrannulet	Phyllomyias nigrocapillus
Ashy-headed Tyrannulet	Phyllomyias cinereiceps
Choco (Golden-faced) Tyrannulet	Zimmerius albigularis
Ornate Flycatcher	Myiotriccus ornatus
Bronze-olive Pygmy-Tyrant	Pseudotriccus pelzelni
Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant	Pseudotriccus ruficeps
Black-capped Pygmy-Tyrant	Myiornis atricapillus
Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant	Lophotriccus pileatus
Common Tody-Flycatcher	Todirostrum cinereum
Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher	Todirostrum nigriceps
Pacific Flatbill	Rhynchocyclus pacificus
Yellow-margined Flycatcher (Flatbill)	Tolmomyias assimilis flavotectus
Golden-crowned Spadebill	Platyrinchus coronatus
Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher	Terenotriccus erythrurus
H Cinnamon Flycatcher	Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus
Tawny-breasted Flycatcher	Myiobius villosus

Black-tailed Flycatcher	Myiobius atricaudus
Flavescent Flycatcher	Myiophobus flavicans
Bran-colored Flycatcher	Myiophobus fasciatus
(Northern) Tufted Flycatcher	Mitrephanes phaeocercus
Smoke-colored Pewee	Contopus fumigatus
Western Wood-Pewee	Contopus sordidulus
Acadian Flycatcher	Empidonax virescens
Black Phoebe	Sayornis nigricans
Vermilion Flycatcher	Pyrocephalus rubinus
Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant	Myiotheretes striaticollis
Masked Water-Tyrant	Fluvicola nengeta
Crowned Chat-Tyrant	Ochthoeca frontalis
H Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant	Ochthoeca diadema
H Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant	Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris
Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant	Ochthoeca fumicolor
Long-tailed Tyrant	Colonia colonus
Bright-rumped Attila	Attila spadiceus
Rufous Mourner	Rhytipterna holerythra
Dusky-capped Flycatcher	Myiarchus tuberculifer
Boat-billed Flycatcher	Megarynchus pitangua
Rusty-margined Flycatcher	Myiozetetes cayanensis
Social Flycatcher	Myiozetetes similis
H Gray-capped Flycatcher	Myiozetetes granadensis
White-ringed Flycatcher	Conopias albivittatus
Golden-crowned Flycatcher	Myiodynastes chrysocephalus
Streaked Flycatcher	Myiodynastes maculatus
Piratic Flycatcher	Legatus leucophaeus
Snowy-throated Kingbird	Tyrannus niveigularis
Tropical Kingbird	Tyrannus melancholicus

COTINGAS

Green-and-black Fruiteater

COTINGIDAE

Pipreola riefferii

H Barred Fruiteater

Orange-breasted Fruiteater

Scaled Fruiteater

Red-crested Cotinga

Andean Cock-of-the-rock

Purple-throated Fruitcrow

Long-wattled Umbrellabird

Rufous Piha

Black-tipped Cotinga

MANAKINS

Golden-winged Manakin

Green Manakin (west)

Club-winged Manakin

Red-capped Manakin

White-bearded Manakin

Blue-crowned Manakin

TITYRAS AND ALLIES

Black-crowned Tityra

Masked Tityra

Barred Becard

Cinnamon Becard

White-winged Becard

Black-and-white Becard

One-colored Becard

VIREOS

Brown-capped Vireo

Red-eyed Vireo

Tawny-crowned Greenlet

Lesser Greenlet

Pipreola arcuata

Pipreola jucunda

Ampelioides tschudii

Ampelion rubrocristatus

Rupicola peruvianus

Querula purpurata

Cephalopterus penduliger

Lipaugus unirufus

Carpodectes hopkei

PIPRIDAE

Masius chrysopterus

Xenopipo holochlora litae

Machaeropterus deliciosus

Pipra mentalis

Manacus manacus

Lepidothrix coronata

TITYRIDAE

Tityra inquisitor

Tityra semifasciata

Pachyramphus versicolor

Pachyramphus cinnamomeus

Pachyramphus polychopterus

Pachyramphus albogriseus

Pachyramphus homochrous

VIREONIDAE

Vireo leucophrys

Vireo olivaceus

Hylophilus ochraceiceps

Hylophilus decurtatus

Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo

Black-billed Peppershrike

CROWS JAYS AND MAGPIES

Beautiful Jay

Turquoise Jay

SWALLOWS

Blue-and-white Swallow

Brown-bellied Swallow

White-thighed Swallow

Southern Rough-winged Swallow

Gray-breasted Martin

Brown-chested Martin

Barn Swallow

WRENS

Scaly-breasted (S. Nightingale) Wren

Gray-mantled Wren

House Wren

Sedge (Grass) Wren

Band-backed Wren

Plain-tailed Wren

H Whiskered Wren

Stripe-throated Wren

Bay Wren

Rufous Wren

Sharpe's (Sepia-brown) Wren

White-breasted Wood-Wren

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren

Song Wren

Vireolanius leucotis

Cyclarhis nigrirostris

CORVIDAE

Cyanolyca pulchra

Cyanolyca turcosa

HIRUNDINIDAE

Pygochelidon cyanoleuca

Orochelidon murina

Atticora tibialis

Stelgidopteryx ruficollis

Progne chalybea

Progne tapera

Hirundo rustica

TROGLODYTIDAE

Microcerculus marginatus

Odontorchilus branickii

Troglodytes aedon

Cistothorus platensis

Campylorhynchus zonatus

Pheugopedius euophrys

Pheugopedius mystacalis

Cantorchilus leucopogon

Cantorchilus nigricapillus

Cinnycerthia unirufa

Cinnycerthia olivascens

Henicorhina leucosticta

Henicorhina leucophrys

Cyphorhinus phaeocephalus

GNATCATCHERS

Tawny-faced Gnatwren
Tropical Gnatcatcher
Slate-throated Gnatcatcher

DIPPERS

White-capped Dipper

THRUSHES AND ALLIES

Andean Solitaire
Spotted Nightingale-Thrush
Swainson's Thrush
Black Solitaire
Pale-vented Thrush
Ecuadorian Thrush
Great Thrush
Glossy-black Thrush
White-throated (Dagua) Thrush

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

Tropical Mockingbird

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Black-and-white Warbler
H Olive-crowned Yellowthroat
Tropical Parula
Blackburnian Warbler
Three-striped Warbler
Black-crested Warbler
Buff-rumped Warbler
Golden-bellied (Chocó) Warbler
Russet-crowned Warbler

POLIOPTILIDAE

Microbates cinereiventris
Polioptila plumbea
Polioptila schistaceigula

CINCLIDAE

Cinclus leucocephalus

TURDIDAE

Myadestes ralloides
Catharus dryas
Catharus ustulatus
Entomodestes coracinus
Turdus obsoletus
Turdus maculirostris
Turdus fuscater
Turdus serranus
Turdus assimilis daguae

MIMIDAE

Mimus gilvus

PARULIDAE

Mniotilta varia
Geothlypis semiflava
Setophaga pitiayumi
Setophaga fusca
Basileuterus tristriatus
Myiothlypis nigrocristata
Myiothlypis fulvicauda
Myiothlypis chrysogaster chlorophrys
Myiothlypis coronata

Canada Warbler

Slate-throated Redstart (Whitestart)

Spectacled Redstart (Whitestart)

Cardellina canadensis

Myioborus miniatus

Myioborus melanocephalus

TANAGERS AND ALLIES

Superciliaried Hemispingus

Black-eared (Western) Hemispingus

White-shouldered Tanager

Tawny-crested Tanager

White-lined Tanager

Flame-rumped (Lemon-rumped) Tanager

Golden-chested Tanager

Moss-backed Tanager

Hooded Mountain-Tanager

Black-chested Mountain-Tanager

Grass-green Tanager

Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager

Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager

Black-chinned Mountain-Tanager

Purplish-mantled Tanager

Golden-crowned Tanager

Fawn-breasted Tanager

Glistening-green Tanager

Blue-and-yellow Tanager

Blue-gray Tanager

Palm Tanager

Blue-capped Tanager

Golden-naped Tanager

Black-capped Tanager

GO Gray-and-gold Tanager

Scrub Tanager

Golden-hooded Tanager

THRAUPIDAE

Hemispingus superciliaris

Hemispingus melanotis ochraceus

Tachyphonus luctuosus

Tachyphonus delatrii

Tachyphonus rufus

Ramphocelus flammigerus icteronotus

Bangsia rothschildi

Bangsia edwardsi

Buthraupis montana

Buthraupis eximia

Chlorornis riefferii

Anisognathus igniventris

Anisognathus somptuosus

Anisognathus notabilis

Iridosornis porphyrocephalus

Iridosornis rufivertex

Pipraeidea melanonota

Chlorochrysa phoenicotis

Thraupis bonariensis

Thraupis episcopus

Thraupis palmarum

Thraupis cyanocephala

Tangara ruficervix

Tangara heinei

Tangara palmeri

Tangara vitriolina

Tangara larvata

Blue-necked Tanager	Tangara cyanicollis
Rufous-throated Tanager	Tangara rufigula
Blue-and-black Tanager	Tangara vassorii
Beryl-spangled Tanager	Tangara nigroviridis
Metallic-green Tanager	Tangara labradorides
Rufous-winged Tanager	Tangara lavinia
Bay-headed Tanager	Tangara gyrola
Saffron-crowned Tanager	Tangara xanthocephala
Flame-faced Tanager	Tangara parzudakii
Blue-whiskered Tanager	Tangara johannae
Golden Tanager	Tangara arthus
Emerald Tanager	Tangara florida
Silver-throated Tanager	Tangara icterocephala
Swallow Tanager	Tersina viridis
Black-faced (Yellow-tufted) Dacnis	Dacnis lineata egregia
Scarlet-thighed Dacnis	Dacnis venusta
Blue Dacnis	Dacnis cayana
Scarlet-breasted Dacnis	Dacnis berlepschi
Purple Honeycreeper	Cyanerpes caeruleus
Red-legged Honeycreeper	Cyanerpes cyaneus
Green Honeycreeper	Chlorophanes spiza
Scarlet-browed Tanager	Heterospingus xanthopygius
H Guira Tanager	Hemithraupis guira
Scarlet-and-white Tanager	Chrysothlypis salmoni
Cinereous Conebill	Conirostrum cinereum
Blue-backed Conebill	Conirostrum sitticolor
Capped Conebill	Conirostrum albifrons
Glossy Flowerpiercer	Diglossa lafresnayii
Black Flowerpiercer	Diglossa humeralis
White-sided Flowerpiercer	Diglossa albilatera
Indigo Flowerpiercer	Diglossa indigotica
Masked Flowerpiercer	Diglossa cyanea

Plushcap	Catamblyrynchus diadema
Blue-black Grassquit	Volatinia jacarina
Variable Seedeater	Sporophila corvina
Yellow-bellied Seedeater	Sporophila nigricollis
Ruddy-breasted Seedeater	Sporophila minuta
Thick-billed (Lesser) Seed-Finch	Oryzoborus funereus
GO Band-tailed Seedeater	Catamenia analis
Plain-colored Seedeater	Catamenia inornata
Crimson-breasted Finch	Rhodospingus cruentus
Bananaquit	Coereba flaveola
Yellow-faced Grassquit	Tiaris olivaceus
Dull-colored Grassquit	Tiaris obscurus
Dusky-faced Tanager	Mitrospingus cassinii
Streaked Saltator	Saltator striatipectus
Buff-throated Saltator	Saltator maximus
Black-winged Saltator	Saltator atripennis
Slate-colored Grosbeak	Saltator grossus

BUNTINGS AND NEW WORLD SPARROWS

Tanager Finch

Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch
Orange-billed Sparrow
Black-striped Sparrow
Tricolored (Choco) Brush-Finch
Yellow-breasted (Rufous-naped) Brush-Finch
White-winged Brush-Finch
Rufous-collared Sparrow
Dusky (Bush-Tanager) Chlorospingus
Yellow-throated (Bush-Tanager) Chlorospingus
Yellow-green (Bush-Tanager) Chlorospingus

EMBERIZIDAE

Oreothraupis arremonops
Arremon brunneinucha
Arremon aurantirostris
Arremonops conirostris
Atlapetes tricolor crassus
Atlapetes latinuchus
Atlapetes leucopterus
Zonotrichia capensis
Chlorospingus semifuscus
Chlorospingus flavigularis
Chlorospingus flavovirens

CARDINALS AND ALLIES

Summer Tanager
White-winged Tanager
Lemon-spectacled Tanager
Ochre-breasted Tanager
Golden-bellied (Southern Yellow) Grosbeak

TROUPIALS AND ALLIES

Peruvian Meadowlark
Scrub Blackbird
Great-tailed Grackle
Shiny Cowbird
Yellow-tailed Oriole
Scarlet-rumped Cacique
Chestnut-headed Oropendola

SISKINS, CROSSBILLS, AND ALLIES

Thick-billed Euphonia
Fulvous-vented Euphonia
White-vented Euphonia
Orange-bellied Euphonia
H Yellow-collared Chlorophonia
GO Yellow-bellied Siskin
Hooded Siskin

MAMMALS

H Mantled Howler Monkey
GO Central American Agouti
Western Dwarf Squirrel
Red-tailed Squirrel

CARDINALIDAE

Piranga rubra
Piranga leucoptera
Chlorothraupis olivacea
Chlorothraupis stolzmanni
Pheucticus chrysogaster

ICTERIDAE

Sturnella bellicosa
Dives warszewiczi
Quiscalus mexicanus
Molothrus bonariensis
Icterus mesomelas
Cacicus uropygialis
Psarocolius wagleri

FRINGILLIDAE

Euphonia laniirostris
Euphonia fulvicrissa
Euphonia minuta
Euphonia xanthogaster
Chlorophonia flavirostris
Spinus xanthogastrus
Spinus magellanicus

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Alouatta Palliata
Dasypsecta Punctata
Microsciurus mimulus
Sciurus granatensis