



A **Tropical Birding** SET DEPARTURE tour

Eastern Ecuador:
High Andes to Vast Amazon

1st – 15th March 2022



Scarlet Macaw one the most iconic bird of the Amazon Region, photographed at a Clay lick (*Alex Luna*)

Guided by Alex Luna

*Birds in the photos within this report are denoted in **RED**.*

Thanks to the tour participants for donating photos for this trip report (individually indicated).

INTRODUCTION:

Tropical Birding Tour has a wide variety of amazing tours in Ecuador, and so it is hard to pick a personal favorite, but this tour must be up there. It included a trip to the Amazon, one of my all-time favorite places to be, after all. This trip was of 13 days, of which 7 were in the Amazon and the others in the Andes. This incredible area is home to more than 1000 species of birds, or 60% of Ecuador's total! However, it is not just the birds that make this place special, it is also a world full of mammals, reptiles, amazing flora, and landscapes too, which made this an excellent experience, studded with many wonderful memories.



Crimson-mantled Woodpecker, a colorful bird seen close to the paramo in Antisana (Paul Mitro)

The tour was designed to cover almost all the possible habitats in the eastern section of Ecuador. We began our birding at near 13,500ft/4115m above sea level, in Andean paramo habitat inside Antisana National Park, then descended into Montane Andean Forest, covered by dense vegetation dominated by epiphytic plants and a great variety of mosses, then continued on into Foothill and Subtropical Cloud Forest where the trees reached 80ft/25m in height. Then we got to the Napo River where we entered the Amazon lowlands. This appears uniform, but actually has a variety of habitats, including flooded forests with white waters known as Varzea, and areas flooded by blackwater, known as Igapo forests. We also covered river islands in the Napo River, and also terra firme forest, which never floods at all. Each of these areas have their own characteristic birds and are quite distinct from one another, as we experienced first-hand.

For this trip, our group comprised six participants, Peter, Georgina, Paul, Cristine, Thomas, and Hillary, with me as tour leader. In terms of number of species, we managed to record over 500 species. This made voting for the top five birds tough, but this is what we managed to whittle it down to in the end...

TOP FIVE BIRDS OF THE TOUR:

- 1 BOOTED RACKET-TAIL**
- 2 CRESTED OWL**
- 3 CRESTED QUETZAL**
- 4 WHITE-BELLIED ANTPITTA**
- 5 RUFIOUS-BELLIED SEEDSNIPE**

Other species that were very popular too were Andean Condor, Crimson-mantled Woodpecker, and Gorgeted Woodstar among many others!

DAILY SUMMARY:



A young male **Ecuadorian Hillstar** was observed being fed in *Antisana* (Paul Mitro).

Day 1 (of birding): 2nd March – Quito to Antisana, Papallacta & Guango.

After a brief meeting with the passengers at the hotel in *Puembo*, we headed directly to the entrance road to *Antisana National Park* for our first stop, and first birds of the tour. The song of a **Tufted Tit-Tyrant** stopped us, and almost immediately, we were able to add our first bird to the long list that awaited us this day. While we watched two **Shining Sunbeams** and **Sparkling Violetear** fighting over flowers, a bright red blur flew by us, which caught our attention, so we dropped everything in order to watch the beautiful **Crimson-mantled Woodpecker** (*photo page 2*), which was the source of this color.

After this, we went to a *condor* viewpoint, a huge cliff place where **Andean Condors** roost and nest. A number were located, including several juveniles, displaying recent breeding success. Our next stop was a consequence of seeing a **Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant** fly in front of our vehicle, which caused us to alight from the vehicle, and we were then able to pick up **Streak-backed Canastero** too, as well as an **Ecuadorian Hillstar** (*photo page 3*) feeding on the ground and **Chestnut-winged and Stout-billed Cinclodes**. Once we reached the plateau of open paramo grasslands, our aim was to find one of the most important birds of the site, which we did, getting at least twelve **Andean Ibis** walking together there, as well as countless **Carunculated Caracaras**. Mica lagoon was our next spot, which required a walk to view it, where we found **Silvery Grebe, Yellow-billed Pintail, Andean Duck, Slate-colored Coot, Neotropical Cormorant**, and a couple of **Andean Teal** with two chicks.

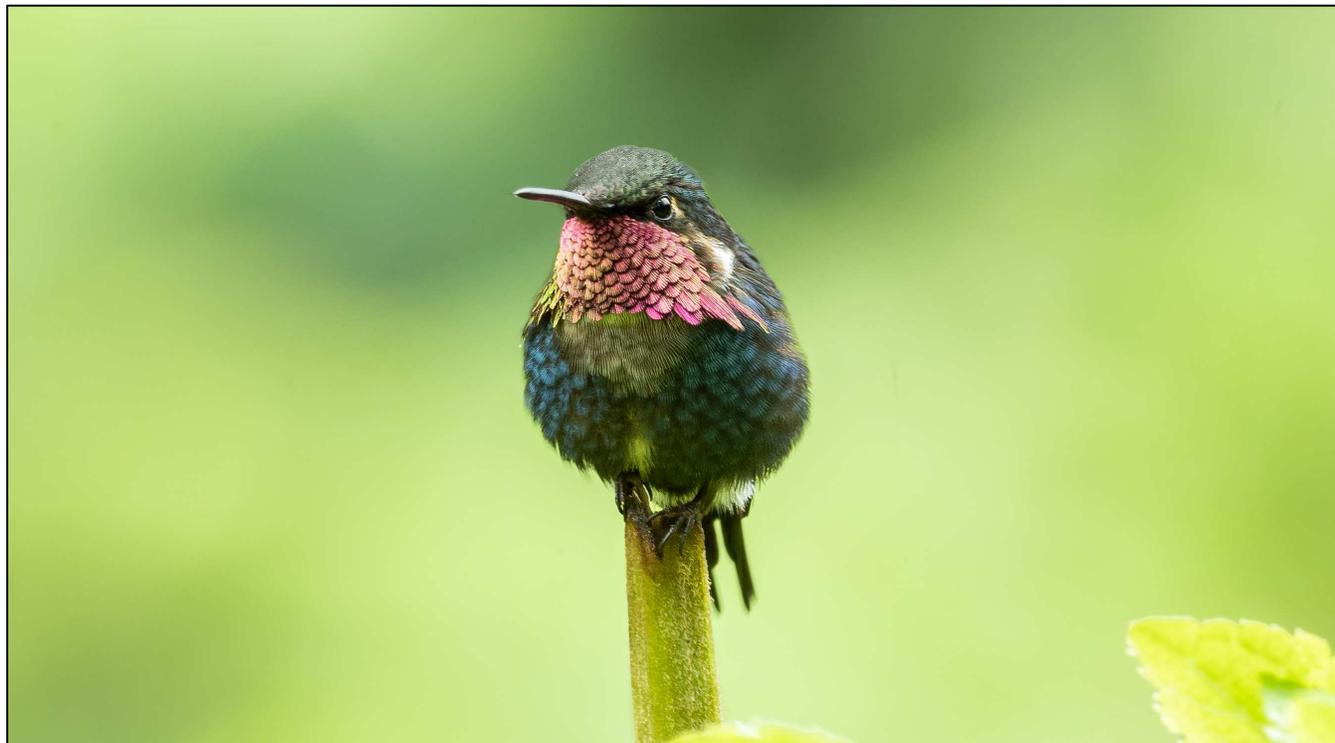


One of the **Tawny Antpittas**, which made us think antpitta watching was easy, at *Antisana* (*Alex Luna*).

On way back to the vehicle a couple of **Tawny Antpittas** (*photo page 4*) were noted, letting us take their photos too. Lunchtime was approaching but we were still missing a species of note, but thankfully we found it on the way to our lunch stop, **Paramo Pipit**. We enjoyed a delicious traditional lunch at a local café, where we were able to watch hummingbirds like **Black-tailed Trainbearer**, **Great Sapphirewing**, and **Giant Hummingbird** in the garden afterwards. Heading to towards our next hotel, we crossed *Papallacta Pass*. Seeing that the weather conditions were good at this very temperamental site, we decided to head up to the nearby antennas, the highest point of the tour, to try and find a *Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe*. Once we reached this higher site, the clouds had descended, and we could barely see more than ten meters in front of us. However, with so many keen eyes working hard together, it took us only a few minutes before someone yelled "here it is", and we were soon eyeballing a pair of **Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe** (*photo below*). After seeing our biggest target of the afternoon and having covered the highest point on the tour, we dropped down lower again, finding a few more birds like **Blue-mantled Thornbill**, **White-chinned Thistletail**, **Red-rumped Bush-Tyrant**, and a roosting **Great Horned Owl** further down the highway.



Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe was encountered at the highest point of the tour (*Paul Mitro*).



Gorgeted Woodstar was an unexpected hummingbird at *Guango Lodge* (Alex Luna).

Day 2: 3rd March – **Guango & Papallacta to San Isidro.**

Before breakfast, our day began by visiting the local moth trap at *Guango*. As the sun rose, birds slowly began to appear. Among the most numerous were **Turquoise Jay** (*photo next page*), **Mountain Cacique**, and **Green Jay**. The shyer entrants were **Black-eared Hemispingus**, **Russet-crowned Warbler**, and **Gray-browed, Chestnut-capped, Pale-naped and Slaty Brushfinches**. After breakfast, we decided to go up to *Cayambe-Coca National Park* in search of some specialties. In spite of poor weather conditions, with rain, it took us only a few minutes to find our first avian objective of this walk, **Masked Mountain-Tanager**, and a little further on, a **Viridian Metaltail** landed just in front of us. When the weather cleared a little, we took advantage by photographing the colorful **Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager** (*photo next page*). In search of a better climate, we descended a little, but stopped when a small flock appeared with **Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager** and **Black-backed Bush-Tanager** among the attendees. As we were missing a few common species, we descended to the town of Papallacta, and picked some of these up right near town, like **Red-crested Cotinga**, **Lacrimose Mountain Tanager**, **Buff-winged Starfrontlet**, and **Blue-and-Black Tanager**. We returned to *Guango* for lunch.

We spent the rest of the afternoon on the *Guango Lodge* trails, adding considerable numbers of birds to our trip list in the process. We started at the hummingbird feeders, where a male **Gorgeted Woodstar** (*photo above*) was a rare visitor. Other more regular species noted there were the awesome **Sword-billed Hummingbird**, **Chestnut-breasted Coronet**, **Tourmaline Sunangel**, **Long-tailed Sylph**, **Mountain Velvetbreast**, **White-bellied Woodstar**, and **Collared Inca**. We took one of the local trails where *mountain-toucans* are regularly seen. At the start of the trail we took in the forest hummingbird feeders, which had another rare hummingbird of their own too, with a confiding **Mountain Avocetbill**.



A noisy group of **Turquoise Jays** were seen at *Guango TOP* (Alex Luna) & **Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager** in the rain (Paul Mitro)





Gray-breasted Mountain Toucan at Guango TOP (Alex Luna) & Black-banded Owl from the San Isidro veranda (Peter Rigsbee)



Further along the same trail, we tracked down our main quarry, with a trio of **Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucans** (*photo page 8*). We also added **Streaked Tuftedcheek**, **Dusky Piha**, **Glossy-black Thrush**, **Blue-backed Conebill**, **Gray-hooded Bush-Tanager**, and **Hooded Mountain Tanager** on the same trail. We are also after some riparian species, and so took a different trail down to the river, finding **Smoky Bush-Tyrant**, and with aid of another Tropical Birding group in the area, we were also able to watch a male **Torrent Duck** and add **Torrent Tyrannulet** too. All too soon, we were out of time, and headed off to our next lodge, *San Isidro*, arriving for dinner and a **Black-banded Owl** (*photo page 8*), perched by the lodge.



Crested Quetzal was one of the TOP FIVE BIRDS OF THE TOUR (*Alex Luna*)

Day 3: 4th March – **Guacamayos Ridge and San Isidro area.**

Today we left a little early to go to the *Guacamayos Ridge*, a higher area of cloud forest to that we were in at the lodge. The weather is famously temperamental there, with inclement weather regular. Unfortunately, this was the case on this morning, with misty weather restricting our viewing at times. **Rufous-crowned Tody-flycatcher** was the first bird of the day. Further down the trail, we found a pair of roosting **White-throated Screech-Owls**, a pair of nest-building **Sharpe's Wrens**, and a **Handsome Flycatcher** (*photo next page*) carrying nest material. **Tyrannine Woodcreeper** was easy to see this time, although the opposite was true for a **Green-and-Black Fruiteater**, which refused to cooperate. Once the weather had cleared somewhat and the sun warmed the air, it allowed us to add only a **White-rumped Hawk** in flight overhead.



Handsome Flycatcher was working hard, gathering nesting material on the *Guacamayos Ridge* (Paul Mitro).

However, when the weather turned misty again, we got more activity with **Grass-green Tanager**, **Blue-winged Mountain Tanager**, **Bluish Flowerpiercer**, **Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant**, **Chestnut-crowned Antpitta**, **Flammulated and Striped Treehunters**, and a **Black-billed Mountain-Toucan**, which, after a long search, finally showed by the parking lot near the van!

In the afternoon, we went to a forested road near San Isidro. However, before going there we needed to make a non-birding stop in the town of *Baeza*, where we noticed a beautiful **Vermilion Flycatcher** and a **Cattle Tyrant**. Once on the road, we added a **Southern Emerald-Toucanet** was added to our list, and a distant **Torrent Tyrannulet** was new for some of the group that had missed it in previous days. After walking for some time without adding any species, and already thinking about going back to the hotel, nine **White-capped Tanagers** stole the afternoon show. However, while we were watching that a flash of red and green led us to some stunning **Crested Quetzals** (*photo page 9*), which were some of the most popular birds of the entire tour. I thought that our afternoon was over, but we were surprised by a last-minute mixed flock with species such as **Rufous-breasted Flycatcher**, **Short-billed Chlorospingus**, **Pearled Treerunner**, **White-tailed Tyrannulet**, **Three-striped Warbler**, and other birds previously observed. Already almost in the car, the song of the **Slaty-backed Chat-tyrant** brought us back to the road, ending a wonderful afternoon with this species. Not satisfied with the birds we saw during the day, after dinner, we went out again for owling, so we moved a few kilometers from the hotel in a quest for **Rufous-banded Owl** (*photo next page*), which gave excellent views, while the ones that stayed to search for *Andean Potoo* had to be satisfied with only hearing it.



Rufous-banded Owl was a regular visitor to *Yanayacu Biological Station* at the time of our visit (*Alex Luna*)

Day 4: 5th March – [San Isidro to WildSumaco](#).

We began this day beside the *San Isidro* moth trap at the lodge, located right in from the hotel restaurant. We had one of our best mornings, with countless birds coming back and forth, allowing us to get excellent photos of birds such as **Canada Warbler** (*photo next page*), **Oleaginous Hemispingus** (*photo next page*), **Green (Inca) Jay**, **Montane Woodcreeper**, **Cinnamon Flycatcher**, **Pale-edged Flycatcher**, and more. We had to disrupt our time there to make a visit to a special forest feeding station, with the hoped for **White-bellied Antpitta** coming out almost immediately, so we could straight to breakfast after that. After breakfast, we took a walk along the road. As we began this walk, calls of a close bird flock attracted us, and led us to **Variegated Bristle-Tyrant**, **Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher**, **Capped Conebill**, **Flavescent Flycatcher**, and after a lot of hard work, a **Streak-headed Antbird**. A little hot from the sun, we changed plan, birding closed canopy forest trails instead of the hot roadside. Once there, we connected with a massive group of **Saffron-crowned Tanagers**, but a *Golden-headed Quetzal* was uncooperative. A couple of **Golden-naped Tanagers** were also added but we only heard a *Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia*.



Canada Warbler and Oleaginous Hemispingus were feeding by the veranda at San Isidro (Alex Luna).



After spending two nights in *San Isidro* lodge, it was time to move lower down in the Andes, with a different type of ecosystem and birds awaiting us there. We made some stops during the trip from one lodge to the other, starting with a short one at the *Cosanga River*, where *Christine* located a **Torrent Duck** for those who were not present for the previous sighting. Our next stop was quick due to a couple of **Southern Lapwing** that stopped us for a moment.

Then we moved on to an old quarry, where a *Blackish Nightjar* used to roost; although we were determined to find it, we could only see the perch without the bird, so we had to do with only a **Cliff Flycatcher** there instead. Our last stop of this day was at the *Hollin* waterfall, closing the day with a **Green-backed Hillstar** (*photo below*) before we proceeded on to *Sumaco*.



Green-backed Hillstar was picked up at a feeder stop on the way to *WildSumaco* (*Paul Mitro*)

Day 5: 6th March – **WildSumaco**.

Today we went out looking for our first birds in the foothills. We visited a trail in the lower area of the lodge, and soon picked up a mixed flock with **Ecuadorian, Golden faced, and Sooty-headed Tyrannulets, Fiery-throated Fruiteater, Tawny-breasted Flycatcher, Rufous-naped Greenlet, Blue-necked Tanager, and White-throated Toucan**. This nice flock kept us busy for a while but then the rain began to fall again, so we decided to go back to the lodge and bird from their terrace, under cover, and with hot drinks at our disposal. We had arrived late at the lodge and so were not able to view their hummingbird feeders then, so took advantage now instead. Twelve species of hummingbirds were seen, of which ten were new to the trip, including one of the favorites of the trip, **Booted Racket-tail** (*photo next page*), in addition to **Wire-crested Thorntail**, the rare **Rufous-vented Whitetip, Gould's Jewelfront, Napo Sabrewing** (*photo next page*), **Many-spotted Hummingbird, and Golden-tailed Sapphire**.



Hummingbirds of WildSumaco: **Napo Sabrewing** (TOP, Peter Rigsbee) & **Booted Racket-tail** (Paul Mitro).





Fiery-throated Fruiteater at WildSumaco (Paul Mitro)



In the afternoon the weather was pleasant, so we returned to where we had been planning to spend the morning, intending to catch some species we did not see then. We combined some road birding with time inside the forest. During our walk, a large flock surprised us, bringing species such as **Rufous-rumped Antwren**, **Ornate Stipplethroat**, **Yellow-tufted Woodpecker**, **Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant**, **Gray-mantled Wren**, **Bronze-green Euphonia**, **Ashy-throated Chlorospingus**, **Golden-collared Honeycreeper**, and a glance at a **Gray-tailed Piha**. Then we got onto the *Piha trail* in quest of interior forest birds, which are tough or impossible from the road. This required some harder work, but we were delighted to find a **Brown Nunlet**. We also added other species like **Russet Antshrike**, **Blue-rumped Manakin**, **White-breasted Wood-Wren**, but only heard *Chestnut-crowned Gnateater* and *Short-tailed Antthrush*.



Black-streaked Puffbird at Sumaco (Alex Luna)

Day 6: 7th March – WildSumaco.

Today was our most productive day, in terms of numbers of bird species observed in a single day, with more than 100 species counted. To gain this number of species, we started our day by visiting the blind beside the lodge. There, the list was not very long, but it gave us some new species, like **Black-streaked Puffbird** (*photo above*), **Western Fire-eye**, **Plain Antvireo**, **Black-faced Antbird**, and **Summer Tanager**. After this, we moved towards an *antpitta* feeding station, but on the way to the spot a couple of roosting **Band-bellied Owls** were staked out for us. Once at the feeder, the activity was relatively quiet, with only an **Ochre-breasted Antpitta** showing up.

Hence, our local guide suggested returning in the afternoon since it seemed like it had been better of late. We returned to the road after that, finding a location with perfect habitat for **Blackish Rail** (*photo next page*), which was remarkably sitting in the open when we arrived. We continued birding in this open area, finding **White-eyed** and **Maroon-tailed Parakeets**, **Crimson-crested Woodpecker**, **Blackish Antbird**, **White-crowned Manakin**, **Dark-breasted** and **Dusky Spinetails**, **Olive-chested Flycatcher**, **Black-billed Thrush**, **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**, and **Deep-blue Flowerpiercer**. After a great morning, something else still awaited us, a handsome male **Andean-cock-of-the-Rock**, which was moving around the lodge parking lot, a very good bird just before lunch. Later in the day, we headed to the FACE trail in search of more birds.



Blackish Rail near the village of *Pacto Sumaco* (Alex Luna)

The first one to sing was a tiny **Striolated Manakin**, which made all of us work hard together to locate this challenging bird, but finally we all saw it. A little further along the trail, the gorgeous sound of the **Musician Wren** was heard, and while we waited to try and see that an **Ecuadorian Piedtail** (*photo page 15*) came in and perched beside us. Still waiting for the Musician Wren to approach, another more elusive wren called closeby, and so then some people managed some brief views of a **Wing-banded Wren**. We returned to the antpitta feeder in the afternoon and had much better luck, now getting a pair of **Plain-backed Antpittas** (*photo next page*) and a **White-crowned Tapaculo** as well, to close out a top day's birding in the Andean foothills.



Two **Plain-backed Antpittas** came into the feeding station at *WildSumaco Lodge* (Alex Luna)

Day 7: 8th March – [WildSumaco to Napo Wildlife Center \(The Amazon\)](#).

Today we had to leave the foothills behind to move into the heart of the Amazon, in *Yasuni National Park*. However, before departing the lodge, we made a brief stop at the blind one more time, intending to see the **White-chested Puffbird**, which came very early, and we also added a **Black-billed Treehunter** to the trip list.

We could also not resist some road birding stops on the way out, finding **Large-headed Flatbill** (*photo below*) and **Euler's Flycatcher** at the first of these, and **Lined Antshrike**, **White-winged Becard**, **Blue-gray Saltator**, **Chestnut-bellied and Black-and-White Seedeaters**, and **Striped-chested Antwren**, which was a lifer for the guide. After that, we continued on to the gateway city to the Amazon lodges, *Coca*.



Large-headed Flatbill joined the last at the last minute before we left *WildSumaco* for the Amazon (Paul Mitro)

Once we arrived at *Coca*, we took our lunches by the river, rested a bit during a heavy downpour, and then embarked on a motorboat ride for two and a half hours along the *Napo River*. There were not many chances birding along the way, but the one that did occur, once the rain had eased, produced an **Amazonian Umbrellabird**, and once in a while some **White-winged Swallows** flew across in front of us. Before reaching the dock to change canoes for *Napo Wildlife Center*, a small mixed flock was seen, with a gorgeous **Red-capped Cardinal**, **Crimson-crested Woodpecker**, and **Brown-chested Martin**. While approaching the dock, **Pied and Southern Lapwings** distracted us en-route. The final leg of our journey was by hand paddled canoe, along a six kilometer stretch of forest-lined creek, which was excellent for birding at a slow pace as we ambled along the creek. Birds like, **Spix's Guan**, **Slate-colored Hawk**, **Black-bellied Cuckoo**, **Great Potoo**, **Black-tailed Trogon**, **Amazonian Streaked Antwren**, **Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper**, **Hauxwell's Thrush**, and **Red-rumped Cacique** were all noted during the journey. As dusk approached, we finally arrived at the wonderful *Napo Wildlife Center*, our base for the following three nights.



Two Tropical Birding groups headed up to *Napo Wildlife Center* at the same time, in this comfortable motorised canoe (*Alex Luna*).

Day 8: 9th March – [Napo Wildlife Center \(The Amazon\)](#).

Today was the first of two full days at this beautiful lodge. For this morning, our destination was the canopy tower, via a short canoe trip. The journey was short, but we managed to add **Rufous-tailed Flatbill**, **Snail Kite**, **Capped Heron**, and **Limpkin**, among others. A short trail walk was followed by our ascent up the 120-foot high canopy tower, which gave us stunning views of the surrounding forest and canopy birds with it too. As soon as we arrived, we homed in on birds like **Spangled Cotinga**, **Opal-rumped Tanager**, **Turquoise Tanager**, **White Crane**, and **Slate-colored Hawks**, **Gray-crowned** and **Dusky-chested Flycatchers** (*photo next page*), **Mouse-colored Antshrike**, **Scarlet and Blue-and-yellow Macaws**, and **Gilded Barbet** plus more! After this banquet of birds, we moved down to explore the trails a bit, focusing on finding manakins, locating a territory of **Blue-crowned Manakin**, and then another one for **Wire-tailed Manakin** (*photo next page*). However, we had not finished with the morning, and a small flock alerted us to the present of **Plain-throated Antwren** and **Cinereous Antshrike**. On the way back, from the canoe, we encountered the uncommon **Great Black Hawk** flying over us; we were also lucky to see a **boa** (*Eunectes murinus*) catching the sun on the shore of the lagoon too.



Dusky-chested Flycatcher on the canopy tower and **Wire-tailed Manakin** in the forest understorey (*Alex Luna*)

After an excellent morning's birding, we got a well-deserved rest back at the lodge during the middle of the day. In the afternoon, we explored the lagoon by canoe, intending to find some species that are adapted to this ecosystem (*Varzea* and *Igapo* Forest), with the first to be seen being a **Chestnut-capped Puffbird**. A little further on, an **Orange-crowned Manakin** made my job easy when it flew in front of us, unlike the **Thrush-like Wren**, which perched on the top of a palm tree. The tiny **Moustached Antwren** and **American Pygmy Kingfisher** also joined our list, as did a **Point-tailed Palmcreeper**, a very local species in stands of *Mauritia* palm trees, and **Striped Woodcreeper** was also seen too, as was a **Least Bittern**, which closed the day.



White-crowned (Alex Luna)

Day 9: 10th March – [Napo Wildlife Center \(The Amazon\)](#).

We started early on this day, in order to try for some species along the creek before dawn. Our main objective was to find a **Zigzag Heron**, but in spite of getting up early, we did not manage to catch sight of it, only hearing it at this time. However, seeing a **Boat-billed Heron** was some compensation. Once dawn arrived, the *Tiputini Trail* was our next destination, where we spent the entire morning. Once we made it through the tricky part at the start, we were quickly immersed in dense lowland rainforest. There, we soon heard the scarce **Lunulated Antbird**, and after a battle of sorts, we all managed to see it, soon after followed by a **White-crowned Manakin** (photo above) that one of the group found by the trail too. Then, the melody of a **Short-billed Leaf-tosser** (photo page 23) was heard and made us stop again. This ended in us getting the best views I had ever had of the species, when it sat on an exposed log for all of us to see.



We had an outstanding encounter with this skulking **Short-billed Leaf-tosser** (*Alex Luna*)

Later, we took a short break, after which a **King Vulture** moved above the forest canopy. The rare and elusive *Salvin's Curassow* sang not far from us, but in spite of chasing it, we only heard its calls fading away. On our way back from this pursuit, a small understory flock entertained us, and we added a couple of new birds, like **Dusky-throated Antshrike** and **White-flanked Antwren**. In the afternoon we returned for another session on the Canopy Tower, where we added **Pied Puffbird**, **Red-throated Caracara**, and **Purple-throated Cotinga** (*photo below*) to the trip list.



PAGE BEFORE: Our visit to the canopy tower produced this **Purple-throated Cotinga** (Paul Mitro)

With sunset approaching, we descended from the tower. However, we did not return to the lodge immediately, but tried a specific roosting location for **Collared Puffbird**. There we met with Sam's Tropical Birding group, and the extra eyes helped us in locating and scoping the puffbird as hoped. After that, once darkness had fallen, we listened to the calls of an **Ocellated Poorwill** calling close but could only manage to see it flying around.



Last-Minute bird: This **Zigzag Heron** was found on our final attempt (Paul Mitro)

Day 10: 11th March – **Napo Wildlife Center to Sani Lodge (The Amazon).**

Following three nights at *Napo Wildlife Center*, we left this fantastic place behind, in order to move on to our next Amazon location, *Sani Lodge*. We visited the parrot clay licks between these lodges on this day, and also visited some islands in the Napo River. We left before dawn, cruising along the creek first, in order to find the **Zigzag Heron** (photo above) that had eluded us previously. This time it was straightforward, and thankfully we found it with ease.

Once at the dock, we said goodbye to the *Napo Wildlife Center* staff, and we met with the *Sani Lodge* team, with whom we would spend our next three days. We then went to the first clay lick, located on the bank of the Napo River, so we viewed it from the boat. In attendance there were **Mealy, Blue-headed, and Yellow-crowned Parrots**, and **Dusky-headed Parakeet**. After this, we landed on one of the islands in the main river, to search for specialist species of these.

We found at least eight **Collared Plovers**, three **Oriole Blackbirds**, a couple of well-camouflaged, roosting, **Ladder-tailed Nightjars**, an **Olive-spotted Hummingbird**, and a few brief views of **Black-and-white Antbird**, **Parker's and White-bellied Spinetails**, and **Lesser Hornero**. We also got an unexpected rarity for Ecuador, in the form of a **Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture** that had been in the area in recent days according to the *Sani* staff.



Cobalt-winged Parakeets were numerous at the second clay lick (Alex Luna)

After we left that island, we went straight to a second clay lick, this time walking to a forest blind overlooking that one. Unfortunately, on this day, not that many parrots came down, which can happen. We observed **Speckled Chachalaca** and **Plumbeous Pigeon** while waiting, and later got many **Cobalt-winged Parakeets** (photo above) and up to 8 different, dramatic, **Scarlet Macaws**. After that, we took the canoes to the Sani Isla Community, where lunches were to be taken. On the way there, **Brown Jacamar** and **Swallow-winged Puffbird** were found perched high in the trees, and **Drab Water Tyrant** and **White-banded Swallows** perched alongside the river. Once in the community, we visited the roost site of a **Crested Owl** (photo next page) and a **Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl**. After a short rest after lunch, we explored areas around the community, listening and locating a **Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl**. Other species were added during this walk, like **Snail Kite**, **Scarlet-crowned Barbet**, **Violaceous Jay**, **Barn Swallow**, and **Chestnut-bellied Seed eater**.

Our final stop of the day was on one of the islands a little further away. It was less active than hoped, but we did see **White-bellied Spinetail**, **Horned Screamer**, **Mottled-backed Elaenia**, **Osprey**, **Fork-tailed Flycatcher**, and a quick sighting of **Orange-headed Tanager**. Then we moved to our lodge, with dusk approaching fast.



This **Crested Owl** was one of the most popular birds of the tour (*Paul Mitro*)

Day 11: 12th March – **Sani Lodge (The Amazon)**.

The day opened with rain pouring, and so we delayed our departure. However, we found plenty to amuse ourselves, as the local guide revealed a **Tropical Screech-Owl** (*photo next page*) roosting by the dock, and a **Rufescent Tiger-Heron** nesting in the same area too. Once the rain had moved on, so did we, moving to the lodge's Canopy Tower. On the way there, we were distracted by **Masked Crimson-Tanager** and a **Slender-billed Kite**. On reaching the tower, the rain returned for a time, and we took cover. Once the rain had eased again, the activity returned, and we were able to observe a long list of birds, like **Masked Tanager**, **Black-headed Parrot**, **Golden-bellied and Rufous-bellied Euphonias**, **Yellow-bellied Dacnis**, **Lemon-throated Barbet** (*photo next page*), **Slender-footed Tyrannulet**, **Purple Honeycreeper**, **Channel-billed Toucan**, **Plum-throated Cotinga**, and **Cinnamon Attila**, among others.

Once the bird activity had slowed in the canopy, we went down the stairs back to the forest floor, taking a short walk before lunch. Hiding in the forest, a male **Golden-headed Manakin** put our patience to the test, although we finally tracked it down. Similarly, the insect like calls of a **Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin** led us to it too. In the afternoon, we did some relaxing birding by canoe, finding at least four **Green-backed Trogons**, and a **Straight-billed Woodcreeper** creeping along the limbs of a tree. Our principal target was the local **Cocha Antshrike** (*photo page 28*), which were pleased to find with not too much trouble, a Sani specialty. After that, we added others, like **Citron-bellied Attila**, and a nice view of a **Yellow-crowned Elaenia** (*photo page 28*) sitting at eye level. Shortly before dusk, **Plumbeous and Silvery Antbirds** were seen too.



Tropical Screech-Owl TOP (Alex Luna) and Lemon-throated Barbet (Paul Mitro)





Cocha Antshrike and **Yellow-crowned Elaenia** were both seen in Varzea Forest in *Sani* (Alex Luna)





Short-crested Flycatcher at Sani (Alex Luna)

Day 12: 13th March – [Sani Lodge \(The Amazon\)](#).

On this day, we left as we planned, without interruptions due to rain this time. We navigated to a trail, finding **Wattled Jacana**, **Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet**, and a couple of **Short-crested Flycatchers** (*photo above*) as we did so. On a previous day, another Tropical Birding group had found a special bird on this trail, which were keen to see (*Chestnut-belted Gnatcatcher*). However, this trail offered way more than just one bird, as we were to find out. **Spix's Guan** was the first bird to be added to our list there. A deep “booping” call alerted us to the presence of the elusive **Amazonian Motmot**, and after a time, we were able to scope this bird, which was our only motmot of the tour.

Later, **Black-throated Trogon**, another bird that had given us earlier trouble, was finally located too. Then, after an hour of walking, we heard and located our main quarry, a spectacular **Chestnut-belted Gnatcatcher**, which gave incredible views. The birding was good, and so we continued along the trail, tracking down the scarce **Fulvous Antshrike**, as well as **Peruvian Warbling-Antbird**, **Scaly-breasted Wren**, **Gray Antbird**, and **Great Jacamar**. Further on, we heard another **Brown Nunlet**, a species we had seen in *Sumaco* earlier on the tour. We had great views of a **Fasciated Antshrike** (*photo next page*) further along this loop trail, and also clocked up **Spot-winged Antbird**.



Fasciated Antshrike is normally skulking, shy, and very hard to see, but not on this trip! (Alex Luna)



Slate-colored Hawk near Sani Lodge (Alex Luna)



Chestnut-fronted Macaws near Sani Lodge (Paul Mitro)

For the afternoon, our plans were almost a carbon copy of yesterday, birding from the canoe around the lagoon, for there were still more birds to find there. Until today we had not located the common **Boat-billed Flycatcher**, and a group of four **Lafresnaye's Piculets** were found working the canopy. Things went quiet for a while, before two **Chestnut-fronted Macaws** (*photo above*) were found, and the whistles of **Piratic Flycatchers** revived us again, which we found seemingly nesting within an active colony of **Yellow-rumped Caciques**. Finally, in the distance, a call like a "peeup" made me feel pleased, knowing that it belonged to a **White-chinned Jacamar**, one of the specialties of this place, which were also able to see. A **White-shouldered Antbird** was also located, but only visible from certain positions in the canoe. We ended the afternoon hearing a *Sungrebe* call from dense vegetation.

Day 13: 14th March – Sani Lodge (The Amazon) to Quito.

After some great birding days with this lovely group, today, we had to leave the Ecuadorian Amazon behind to return to the Ecuadorian capital, *Quito*. Still, all the participants had great memories of the fantastic places we visited during the trip. For our last birding day, we started very early, navigating before dawn along the *Sani* creek to connect to the *Napo River*, and take canoes back to *Coca* for our morning flight back to the capital. As we took the motorboat towards the city of *Coca* city, a group of around twenty **Sand-colored Nighthawks** made their last flight before roosting for the day in the jungle. Sani's logo bird, **Roseate Spoonbill**, was found sitting along on an island, providing two last-minute lifers. Once in *Coca*, we moved to the airport where we took a flight back to *Quito* and had a final farewell meal together at the wonderful *Rincon de Puembo* hacienda style hotel, near *Quito* airport.

Some additional tour photos....



Blue-crowned Manakin (Paul Mitro) TOP & Sword-billed Hummingbird (Peter Rigsbee)





Hoatzin & Giant Otter from the Amazon (Alex Luna)





CHECKLISTS:

BIRDS

The taxonomy of the bird list follows Clements, James F., White, Anthony W., and Fitzpatrick, John W. *The Clements Checklist of Birds of the World*. Cornell, 2007. This list is up to date with changes published by Cornell in August 2021.

(H) - INDICATES A SPECIES THAT WAS HEARD ONLY.

(GO) – INDICATES A SPECIES RECORDED BY THE GUIDE ONLY.

TINAMOUS

Tawny-breasted Tinamou

Great Tinamou

Cinereous Tinamou

Little Tinamou

Variegated Tinamou

SCREAMERS

Horned Screamer

DUCKS, GEESE, AND WATERFOWL

Torrent Duck

TINAMIDAE

Nothocercus julius

Tinamus major

Crypturellus cinereus

Crypturellus soui

Crypturellus variegatus

ANHIMIDAE

Anhima cornuta

ANATIDAE

Merganetta armata

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Yellow-billed Pintail	<i>Anas georgica</i>	
Andean Teal	<i>Anas andium andium</i>	
Andean Duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis andina</i>	
GUANS, CHACHALACAS AND CURASSOWS	CRACIDAE	
Speckled Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis guttata</i>	
Andean Guan	<i>Penelope montagnii</i>	
Spix's Guan	<i>Penelope jacquacu</i>	
Blue-throated (Common) Piping-Guan	<i>Pipile cumanensis</i>	
Wattled Guan	<i>Aburria aburri</i>	H
Salvin's Curassow	<i>Mitu salvini</i>	H
GREBES	PODICIPEDIDAE	
Silvery Grebe	<i>Podiceps occipitalis</i>	
PIGEONS AND DOVES	COLUMBIDAE	
Pale-vented Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas cayennensis</i>	
Plumbeous Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas plumbea</i>	
Ruddy Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas subvinacea</i>	
Ruddy Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	
Black-winged Ground-Dove	<i>Metriopelia melanoptera</i>	
Gray-fronted Dove	<i>Leptotila rufaxilla</i>	
White-throated Quail-Dove	<i>Zentrygon frenata</i>	
Eared Dove	<i>Zenaida auriculata</i>	
CUCKOOS	CUCULIDAE	
Greater Ani	<i>Crotophaga major</i>	
Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>	
Little Cuckoo	<i>Coccyua minuta</i>	
Squirrel Cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana</i>	
Black-bellied Cuckoo	<i>Piaya melanogaster</i>	
NIGHTJARS & ALLIES	CAPRIMULGIDAE	
Sand-colored Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles rupestris</i>	
Band-winged Nightjar	<i>Systellura longirostris</i>	
Common Pauraque	<i>Nyctidromus albicollis</i>	H
Ladder-tailed Nightjar	<i>Hydropsalis climacocerca</i>	

Ocellated Poorwill

Nyctiphrynus ocellatus

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POTOOS**NYCTIBIIDAE**

Great Potoo

*Nyctibius grandis***SWIFTS****APODIDAE**

White-collared Swift

Streptoprocne zonaris

Gray-rumped Swift

Chaetura cinereiventris

Fork-tailed Palm-Swift

*Tachornis squamata***HUMMINGBIRDS****TROCHILIDAE**

White-necked Jacobin

Florisuga mellivora

White-bearded Hermit

Phaethornis hispidus

Green Hermit

Phaethornis guy

Tawny-bellied Hermit

Phaethornis syrmatorphorus

Great-billed Hermit

Phaethornis malaris

Black-throated Hermit

Phaethornis atrimentalis

Brown Violetear

Colibri delphinae

Sparkling Violetear

Colibri coruscans

Black-throated Mango

Anthracothorax nigricollis

Tourmaline Sunangel

Heliangelus exortis

Wire-crested Thorntail

Discosura popelairii

Ecuadorian Piedtail

Phlogophilus hemileucurus

Speckled Hummingbird

Adelomyia melanogenys

Long-tailed Sylph

Agelaiocercus kingii

Ecuadorian Hillstar

Oreotrochilus chimborazo

Mountain Avocetbill

Opisthoprora euryptera

Black-tailed Trainbearer

Lesbia victoriae

Blue-mantled Thornbill

Chalcostigma stanleyi

Tyrian Metaltail

Metallura tyrianthina

Viridian Metaltail

Metallura williami

Shining Sunbeam

Aglaeactis cupripennis

Bronzy Inca

Coeligena coeligena

Collared Inca

Coeligena torquata

Buff-winged Starfrontlet

Coeligena lutetiae

Mountain Velvetbreast	<i>Lafresnaya lafresnayi</i>	
Sword-billed Hummingbird	<i>Ensifera ensifera</i>	
Great Sapphirewing	<i>Pterophanes cyanopterus</i>	
Buff-tailed Coronet	<i>Boissonneaua flavescens</i>	
Chestnut-breasted Coronet	<i>Boissonneaua matthewsii</i>	
Booted Racket-tail	<i>Ocreatus underwoodii</i>	
Green-backed (White-tailed) Hillstar	<i>Urochroa bougueri leucura</i>	
Rufous-vented Whitetip	<i>Urosticte ruficrissa</i>	
Black-throated Brilliant	<i>Heliodoxa schreibersii</i>	
Gould's Jewelfront	<i>Heliodoxa aurescens</i>	
Fawn-breasted Brilliant	<i>Heliodoxa rubinoides</i>	
Violet-fronted Brilliant	<i>Heliodoxa leadbeateri</i>	
Giant Hummingbird	<i>Patagona gigas</i>	GO
White-bellied Woodstar	<i>Chaetocercus mulsant</i>	
Gorgeted Woodstar	<i>Chaetocercus heliodor</i>	
Violet-headed Hummingbird	<i>Klais guimeti</i>	
Napo Sabrewing	<i>Campylopterus villaviscensio</i>	
Fork-tailed Woodnymph	<i>Thalurania furcata</i>	
Many-spotted Hummingbird	<i>Taphrospilus hypostictus</i>	
Olive-spotted Hummingbird	<i>Talaphorus chlorocercus</i>	
Glittering-throated Emerald	<i>Chionomesa fimbriata</i>	
Golden-tailed Sapphire	<i>Chrysuronia oenone</i>	
HOATZIN	OPISTHOCOMIDAE	
Hoatzin	<i>Opisthocomus hoazin</i>	
RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS	RALLIDAE	
Blackish Rail	<i>Pardirallus nigricans</i>	
Slate-colored (Andean) Coot	<i>Fulica ardesiaca</i>	
Purple Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio martinicus</i>	
FINFOOTS	HELIORNITHIDAE	
Sungrebe	<i>Heliornis fulica</i>	H
LIMPKIN	ARAMIDAE	
Limpkin	<i>Aramus guarauna</i>	

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS

Pied Lapwing (Pied Plover)

Southern Lapwing

Andean Lapwing

Collared Plover

Semipalmated Plover

SEEDSNIPES

Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe

JACANAS

Wattled Jacana

SANDPIPERS & ALLIES

Spotted Sandpiper

Least Sandpiper

GULLS, TERNS, AND SKIMMERS

Andean Gull

ANHINGAS

Anhinga

CORMORANTS AND SHAGS

Neotropic Cormorant

HERONS, EGRETS, BITTERNs

Zigzag Heron

Least Bittern

Rufescent Tiger-Heron

Cocoi Heron

Great Egret

Snowy Egret

Cattle Egret

Striated Heron

Agami Heron

Capped Heron

Boat-billed Heron

CHARADRIIDAE*Vanellus cayanus**Vanellus chilensis**Vanellus resplendens**Charadrius collaris**Charadrius semipalmatus***THINOCORIDAE***Attagis gayi***JACANIDAE***Jacana jacana***SCOLOPACIDAE***Actitis macularius**Calidris minutilla***LARIDAE***Chroicocephalus serranus***ANHINGIDAE***Anhinga anhinga***PHALACROCORACIDAE***Nannopterum brasilianum***ARDEIDAE***Zebrilus undulatus**Ixobrychus exilis**Tigrisoma lineatum**Ardea cocoi**Ardea alba**Egretta thula**Bubulcus ibis**Butorides striata**Agamia agami**Pilherodius pileatus**Cochlearius cochlearius*

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS

Andean (Black-faced) Ibis

Roseate Spoonbill

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Andean Condor

King Vulture

Black Vulture

Turkey Vulture

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture

Greater Yellow-headed Vulture

OSPREY

Osprey

HAWKS, EAGLES, KITES

Gray-headed Kite

Swallow-tailed Kite

Snail Kite

Slender-billed Kite

Double-toothed Kite

Plumbeous Kite

Sharp-shinned (Plain-breasted) Hawk

Crane Hawk

Slate-colored Hawk

Great Black Hawk

Roadside Hawk

White-rumped Hawk

Variable Hawk

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle

White Hawk

OWLS

White-throated Screech-Owl

Tropical Screech-Owl

Foothill Screech-Owl

THRESKIORNITHIDAE*Theristicus melanopis branickii**Platalea ajaja***CATHARTIDAE***Vultur gryphus**Sarcoramphus papa**Coragyps atratus**Cathartes aura**Cathartes burrovianus**Cathartes melambrotus***PANDIONIDAE***Pandion haliaetus***ACCIPITRIDAE***Leptodon cayanensis**Elanoides forficatus**Rostrhamus sociabilis**Helicolestes hamatus**Harpagus bidentatus**Ictinia plumbea**Accipiter striatus ventralis**Geranoospiza caerulescens**Buteogallus schistaceus**Buteogallus urubitinga**Rupornis magnirostris**Parabuteo leucorrhous**Geranoaetus polyosoma**Geranoaetus melanoleucus**Pseudastur albicollis***STRIGIDAE***Megascops albogularis**Megascops choliba**Megascops guatemalae napensis*

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Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl	<i>Megascops watsonii</i>	
Crested Owl	<i>Lophotrix cristata</i>	
Band-bellied Owl	<i>Pulsatrix melanota</i>	
Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl	<i>Glaucidium brasilianum</i>	
Black-banded Owl (San Isidro Mystery Owl)	<i>Ciccaba huhula</i>	
Rufous-banded Owl	<i>Ciccaba albitarsis</i>	
TROGONS	TROGONIDAE	
Golden-headed Quetzal	<i>Pharomachrus auriceps</i>	GO
Crested Quetzal	<i>Pharomachrus antisianus</i>	
Black-tailed Trogon	<i>Trogon melanurus eumorphus</i>	
Green-backed (Amaz. White-tailed) Trogon	<i>Trogon viridis</i>	
Black-throated Trogon	<i>Trogon rufus</i>	
Masked Trogon	<i>Trogon personatus</i>	
MOTMOTS	MOMOTIDAE	
Amazonian (Blue-crowned) Motmot	<i>Momotus momota microstephanus</i>	
KINGFISHERS	ALCEDINIDAE	
Ringed Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle torquata</i>	
American Pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle aenea</i>	
Green Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle americana</i>	
Green-and-rufous Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle inda</i>	
PUFFBIRDS	BUCCONIDAE	
White-necked Puffbird	<i>Notharchus hyperrhynchus</i>	
Pied Puffbird	<i>Notharchus tectus</i>	
Chestnut-capped Puffbird	<i>Bucco macrodactylus</i>	
Collared Puffbird	<i>Bucco capensis</i>	
White-chested Puffbird	<i>Malacoptila fusca</i>	GO
Black-streaked Puffbird	<i>Malacoptila fulvogularis</i>	
Brown Nunlet	<i>Nonnula brunnea</i>	
Black-fronted Nunbird	<i>Monasa nigrifrons</i>	
White-fronted Nunbird	<i>Monasa morphoeus</i>	
Swallow-winged Puffbird	<i>Chelidoptera tenebrosa</i>	

JACAMARS

Brown Jacamar

White-chinned Jacamar

Great Jacamar

NEW WORLD BARBETS

Scarlet-crowned Barbet

Gilded Barbet

Lemon-throated Barbet

Red-headed Barbet

TOUCANS

Southern Emerald-Toucanet

Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucan

Black-billed Mountain-Toucan

Lettered Aracari

Chestnut-eared Aracari

Many-banded Aracari

Ivory-billed Aracari

Yellow-throated Toucan (Black-mandibled) Toucan

White-throated Toucan

Channel-billed Toucan

WOODPECKERS

Lafresnaye's Piculet

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker

Little Woodpecker

Powerful Woodpecker

Crimson-crested Woodpecker

Lineated Woodpecker

Ringed Woodpecker

Scale-breasted Woodpecker

Cream-colored Woodpecker

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker

GALBULIDAE*Brachygalba lugubris**Galbula tombacea**Jacamerops aureus***CAPITONIDAE***Capito aurovirens**Capito auratus**Eubucco richardsoni**Eubucco bourcierii***RAMPHASTIDAE***Aulacorhynchus albivitta albivitta**Andigena hypoglauca**Andigena nigrirostris**Pteroglossus inscriptus**Pteroglossus castanotis**Pteroglossus pluricinctus**Pteroglossus azara**Ramphastos ambiguus ambiguus**Ramphastos tucanus**Ramphastos vitellinus***PICIDAE***Picumnus lafresnayi**Melanerpes cruentatus**Veniliornis passerinus**Campephilus pollens*

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*Campephilus melanoleucos**Dryocopus lineatus**Celeus torquatus*

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*Celeus grammicus**Celeus flavus**Colaptes rivolii*

FALCONS AND CARACARAS

Buckley's Forest-Falcon

Black Caracara

Red-throated Caracara

Carunculated Caracara

Yellow-headed Caracara

Laughing Falcon

NEW WORLD & AFRICAN PARROTS

Cobalt-winged Parakeet

Red-billed Parrot

Blue-headed Parrot

Yellow-crowned Parrot (Amazon)

Mealy Parrot

Orange-winged Parrot (Amazon)

Black-headed Parrot

Maroon-tailed Parakeet

Dusky-headed Parakeet

Blue-and-yellow Macaw

Military Macaw

Scarlet Macaw

Chestnut-fronted Macaw

White-eyed Parakeet

TYPICAL ANTIBIRDS

Rufous-rumped Antwren

Fasciated Antshrike

Fulvous (Undulated) Antshrike

Lined Antshrike

Plain-winged Antshrike

Mouse-colored Antshrike

Cocha Antshrike

Castelnau's Antshrike

White-shouldered Antshrike

FALCONIDAE*Micrastur buckleyi**Daptrius ater**Ibycter americanus**Phalcoboenus carunculatus**Milvago chimachima**Herpetotheres cachinnans***PSITTACIDAE***Brotogeris cyanoptera**Pionus sordidus**Pionus menstruus**Amazona ochrocephala**Amazona farinosa farinosa**Amazona amazonica**Pionites melanocephalus**Pyrrhura melanura melanura**Aratinga weddellii**Ara ararauna**Ara militaris**Ara macao**Ara severus**Psittacara leucophthalmus***THAMNOPHILIDAE***Euchrepomis callinota**Cymbilaimus lineatus**Frederickena fulva**Thamnophilus tenuipunctatus**Thamnophilus schistaceus**Thamnophilus murinus**Thamnophilus praecox**Thamnophilus cryptoleucus**Thamnophilus aethiops*

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Russet Antshrike	<i>Thamnistes anabatinus aequatorialis</i>	
Plain Antwreio	<i>Dysithamnus mentalis</i>	
Dusky-throated Antshrike	<i>Thamnomanes ardesiacus</i>	
Cinereous Antshrike	<i>Thamnomanes caesius</i>	
Plain-throated Antwren	<i>Isleria hauxwelli</i>	
Ornate Stipplethroat	<i>Epinecrophylla ornata saturata</i>	
Amazonian Streaked-Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula multostriata</i>	
Stripe-chested Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula longicauda</i>	
White-flanked Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula axillaris</i>	
Gray Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula menetriesii</i>	
Yellow-breasted Antwren	<i>Herpsilochmus axillaris</i>	H
Rusty-winged (Rufous-winged) Antwren	<i>Herpsilochmus frater</i>	
Streak-headed (Long-tailed) Antbird	<i>Drymophila striaticeps occidentalis</i>	
Peruvian Warbling-Antbird	<i>Hypocnemis peruviana</i>	
Gray Antbird	<i>Cercomacra cinerascens</i>	H
Western (White-backed) Fire-eye	<i>Pyriglena maura</i>	
Black-faced Antbird	<i>Myrmoborus myotherinus</i>	
Black-and-white Antbird	<i>Myrmochanes hemileucus</i>	GO
Silvered Antbird	<i>Sclateria naevia</i>	
Plumbeous Antbird	<i>Myrmelastes hyperythrus</i>	
Spot-winged Antbird	<i>Myrmelastes leucostigma</i>	
White-shouldered Antbird	<i>Akletos melanoceps</i>	
Sooty Antbird	<i>Hafferia fortis</i>	
White-cheeked (Bicolored) Antbird	<i>Gymnopithys leucaspis castaneus</i>	
Lunulated Antbird	<i>Gymnopithys lunulatus</i>	
Dot-backed Antbird	<i>Hylophylax punctulatus</i>	
GNATEATERS	CONOPOPHAGIDAE	
Chestnut-belted Gnateater	<i>Conopophaga aurita</i>	
Chestnut-crowned Gnateater	<i>Conopophaga castaneiceps</i>	H
ANTPITTAS	GRALLARIIDAE	
Plain-backed Antpitta	<i>Grallaria haplonota</i>	
Chestnut-crowned Antpitta	<i>Grallaria ruficapilla</i>	H

White-bellied Antpitta	<i>Grallaria hypoleuca</i>	
Tawny Antpitta	<i>Grallaria quitensis quitensis</i>	
Ochre-breasted Antpitta	<i>Grallaricula flavirostris</i>	
Slate-crowned Antpitta	<i>Grallaricula nana</i>	H
TAPACULOS	RHINOCRYPTIDAE	
Blackish (Unicolored) Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus latrans</i>	H
Long-tailed (Eq. Rufous-vented) Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus micropterus</i>	H
(Northern) White-crowned Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus atratus</i>	
Spillmann's Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus spillmanni</i>	H
Paramo Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus opacus</i>	H
ANTTHRUSHES	FORMICARIIDAE	
Rufous-capped Antthrush	<i>Formicarius colma</i>	
Short-tailed Antthrush	<i>Chamaeza campanisona</i>	H
Barred Antthrush	<i>Chamaeza mollissima</i>	H
OVENBIRDS & WOODCREEPERS	FURNARIIDAE	
Short-billed Leaftosser	<i>Sclerurus rufularis</i>	
Olivaceous Woodcreeper	<i>Sittasomus griseicapillus amazonus</i>	
Tyrannine Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocincla tyrannina</i>	
Plain-brown Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocincla fuliginosa phaeochroa</i>	
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Glyphorhynchus spirurus</i>	
Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrexetastes rufigula</i>	
Long-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Nasica longirostris</i>	
Striped Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus obsoletus</i>	
Buff-throated Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus guttatus guttatoides</i>	
Olive-backed Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus triangularis</i>	
Straight-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Dendroplex picus</i>	
Brown-billed Scythebill	<i>Campylorhamphus pusillus</i>	H
Montane Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger</i>	
Streaked Xenops	<i>Xenops rutilans</i>	
Point-tailed Palmcreeper	<i>Berlepschia rikeri</i>	
Streaked Tuftedcheek	<i>Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii</i>	
Rusty-winged Barbtail	<i>Premnornis guttuliger</i>	

Lesser Hornero	<i>Furnarius minor</i>	
Chestnut-winged (Bar-winged) Cinclodes	<i>Cinclodes albidiventris</i>	
Stout-billed Cinclodes	<i>Cinclodes excelsior</i>	
Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner	<i>Philydor rufum</i>	
Montane Foliage-gleaner	<i>Anabacerthia striaticollis</i>	
Flammulated Treehunter	<i>Thripadectes flammulatus</i>	
Striped Treehunter	<i>Thripadectes holostictus</i>	H
Black-billed Treehunter	<i>Thripadectes melanorhynchus</i>	
Spotted Barbtail	<i>Premnoplex brunnescens</i>	
Pearled Treerunner	<i>Margarornis squamiger</i>	
Andean Tit-Spintail	<i>Leptasthenura andicola</i>	
White-browed Spintail	<i>Hellmayrea gularis gularis</i>	
Many-striped Canastero	<i>Asthenes flammulata</i>	
Streak-backed Canastero	<i>Asthenes wyatti</i>	
White-chinned Thistletail	<i>Asthenes fuliginosa</i>	
Parker's Spintail	<i>Cranioleuca vulpecula</i>	H
White-bellied Spintail	<i>Synallaxis propinqua</i>	H
Dusky Spintail	<i>Synallaxis moesta</i>	
Dark-breasted Spintail	<i>Synallaxis albigularis</i>	H
Azara's Spintail	<i>Synallaxis azarae</i>	
Rufous Spintail	<i>Synallaxis unirufa unirufa</i>	
MANAKINS	PIPRIDAE	
Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin	<i>Tyranneutes stolzmanni</i>	
Blue-crowned Manakin	<i>Lepidothrix coronata coronata</i>	
Blue-rumped Manakin	<i>Lepidothrix isidorei</i>	
Orange-crowned (Orange-crested) Manakin	<i>Heterocercus aurantiivertex</i>	
Wire-tailed Manakin	<i>Pipra filicauda</i>	
Striolated Manakin	<i>Machaeropterus striolatus striolatus</i>	
White-crowned Manakin	<i>Pseudopipra pipra [pipra Group]</i>	
Golden-headed Manakin	<i>Ceratopipra erythrocephala</i>	
COTINGAS	COTINGIDAE	
Green-and-black Fruiteater	<i>Pipreola riefferii riefferii</i>	

Fiery-throated Fruiteater	<i>Pipreola chlorolepidota</i>	
Red-crested Cotinga	<i>Ampelion rubrocristatus</i>	
Andean Cock-of-the-rock	<i>Rupicola peruvianus aequatorialis</i>	
Gray-tailed Piha	<i>Snowornis subalaris</i>	GO
Purple-throated Fruitcrow	<i>Querula purpurata</i>	
Amazonian Umbrellabird	<i>Cephalopterus ornatus</i>	
Plum-throated Cotinga	<i>Cotinga maynana</i>	
Spangled Cotinga	<i>Cotinga cayana</i>	
Dusky Piha	<i>Lipaugus fuscocinereus</i>	
Screaming Piha	<i>Lipaugus vociferans</i>	H
Purple-throated Cotinga	<i>Porphyrolaema porphyrolaema</i>	
TITYRAS AND ALLIES	TITYRIDAE	
Black-tailed Tityra	<i>Tityra cayana cayana</i>	
White-winged Becard	<i>Pachyramphus polychopterus nigriventris</i>	
Pink-throated Becard	<i>Pachyramphus minor</i>	
SHARPBILL, ROYAL FLYCATCHER AND ALLIES	OXYRUNCIDAE	
Tawny-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Myiobius villosus</i>	
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS	TYRANNIDAE	
Wing-barred Piprites	<i>Piprites chloris</i>	H
Slaty-capped Flycatcher	<i>Leptopogon superciliaris superciliaris</i>	
Rufous-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Leptopogon rufipectus</i>	
Variiegated Bristle-Tyrant	<i>Phylloscartes poecilotis</i>	
Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant	<i>Phylloscartes ophthalmicus</i>	
Ecuadorian Tyrannulet	<i>Phylloscartes gualaquizae</i>	
Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Pseudotriccus ruficeps</i>	
Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Poecilotriccus ruficeps</i>	
Common Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum cinereum peruanum</i>	
Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum</i>	
Yellow-olive Flycatcher	<i>Tolmomyias sulphurescens confusus</i>	
Gray-crowned Flycatcher (Flatbill)	<i>Tolmomyias poliocephalus</i>	
Cinnamon Flycatcher	<i>Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus pyrrhopterus</i>	
Cliff Flycatcher	<i>Hirundinea ferruginea</i>	

Ornate Flycatcher	<i>Myiotriccus ornatus phoenicurus</i>	
Handsome Flycatcher	<i>Nephelomyias pulcher</i>	
White-tailed Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus poecilocercus</i>	
White-banded Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus stictopterus</i>	
White-throated Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus leucophrys</i>	
Sulphur-bellied Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus minor</i>	
Tufted Tit-Tyrant	<i>Anairetes parulus</i>	
Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet	<i>Tyrannulus elatus</i>	
Foothill Elaenia	<i>Myiopagis olallai olallai</i>	
Yellow-crowned Elaenia	<i>Myiopagis flavivertex</i>	
Mottle-backed Elaenia	<i>Elaenia gigas</i>	
Torrent Tyrannulet	<i>Serpophaga cinerea</i>	
River Tyrannulet	<i>Serpophaga hypoleuca</i>	
Sooty-headed Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias griseiceps cauae</i>	
Plumbeous-crowned Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias plumbeiceps</i>	H
Golden-faced Tyrannulet	<i>Zimmerius chrysops chrysops</i>	
Slender-footed Tyrannulet	<i>Zimmerius gracilipes</i>	
Flavescent Flycatcher	<i>Myiophobus flavicans</i>	
Olive-chested Flycatcher	<i>Myiophobus cryptoxanthus</i>	
Euler's Flycatcher	<i>Lathrotriccus euleri bolivianus</i>	
Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Contopus cooperi</i>	
Smoke-colored Pewee	<i>Contopus fumigatus</i>	
Western Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus sordidulus</i>	
Eastern Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus virens</i>	
Fuscous Flycatcher	<i>Cnemotriccus fuscatus fuscator</i>	GO
Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans angustirostris</i>	
Drab Water Tyrant	<i>Ochthornis littoralis</i>	
Plain-capped (Páramo) Ground-Tyrant	<i>Muscisaxicola alpinus</i>	
Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant	<i>Agriornis montanus</i>	
Smoky Bush-Tyrant	<i>Myiotheretes fumigatus</i>	
Red-rumped Bush-Tyrant	<i>Cnemarchus erythropygius</i>	
Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris cinnamomeiventris</i>	

Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca fumicolor fumicolor</i>	
Large-headed Flatbill	<i>Ramphotricon megacephalum</i>	
Rufous-tailed Flatbill	<i>Ramphotricon ruficauda</i>	
Cinnamon Attila	<i>Attila cinnamomeus</i>	
Citron-bellied Attila	<i>Attila citriniventris</i>	
Bright-rumped Attila	<i>Attila spadiceus spadiceus</i>	
Dusky-capped Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>	
Short-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus ferox</i>	
Pale-edged Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus cephalotes</i>	
Cattle Tyrant	<i>Machetornis rixosa</i>	GO
Lesser Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus lictor</i>	
Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	
Boat-billed Flycatcher	<i>Megarynchus pitangua pitangua</i>	
Social Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes similis similis</i>	
Gray-capped Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes granadensis</i>	
Dusky-chested Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes luteiventris</i>	
Lemon-browed Flycatcher	<i>Conopias cinchoneti</i>	
Golden-crowned Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes chrysocephalus</i>	
Streaked Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>	
Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes luteiventris</i>	
Piratic Flycatcher	<i>Legatus leucophaeus</i>	
Sulphury Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannopsis sulphurea</i>	
Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	
Eastern Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	
Fork-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannus savana savana</i>	
VIREOS, SHRIKE-BABLERS AND ERPORNIS	VIREONIDAE	
Black-billed Peppershrike	<i>Cyclarhis nigristrois</i>	
Olivaceous Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus olivaceus</i>	
Rufous-naped Greenlet	<i>Pachysylvia semibrunnea</i>	
Brown-capped Vireo	<i>Vireo leucophrys</i>	
Yellow-green Vireo	<i>Vireo flavoviridis</i>	

CROWS JAYS AND MAGPIES

Turquoise Jay

Green (Inca) Jay

Violaceous Jay

DONACOBIUS

Black-capped Donacobius

SWALLOWS

Blue-and-white Swallow

Brown-bellied Swallow

White-banded Swallow

Gray-breasted Martin

Brown-chested Martin

White-winged Swallow

Barn Swallow

WRENS

Scaly-breasted (Southern Nightingale) Wren

Wing-banded Wren

Gray-mantled Wren

House Wren

Mountain Wren

Grass (Sedge) Wren

Thrush-like Wren

Plain-tailed Wren

Coraya Wren

Buff-breasted Wren

Sharpe's Wren

White-breasted Wood-Wren

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren

Musician Wren

THRUSHES AND ALLIES

Andean Solitaire

Speckled (Spotted) Nightingale-Thrush

CORVIDAE*Cyanolyca turcosa**Cyanocorax yncas yncas**Cyanocorax violaceus***DONACOBIIDAE***Donacobius atricapilla***HIRUNDINIDAE***Pygochelidon cyanoleuca**Orochelidon murina**Atticora fasciata**Progne chalybea**Progne tapera**Tachycineta albiventer**Hirundo rustica***TROGLODYTIDAE***Microcerculus marginatus marginatus**Microcerculus bambla**Odontorchilus branickii**Troglodytes aedon**Troglodytes solstitialis**Cistothorus platensis**Campylorhynchus turdinus**Pheugopedius euophrys longipes**Pheugopedius coraya**Cantorchilus leucotis**Cinnycerthia olivascens**Henicorhina leucosticta hauxwelli**Henicorhina leucophrys leucophrys**Cyphorhinus arada salvini***TURDIDAE***Myadestes ralloides**Catharus maculatus*

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Swainson's Thrush

Catharus ustulatus incanus

Hauxwell's Thrush

Turdus hauxwelli

White-necked Thrush

Turdus albicollis spodiolaemus

Pale-eyed Thrush

Turdus leucops

Black-billed Thrush

Turdus ignobilis debilis

Chestnut-bellied Thrush

Turdus fulviventris

Great Thrush

Turdus fuscater

Glossy-black Thrush

*Turdus serranus***WAGTAILS AND PIPITS****MOTACILLIDAE**

Paramo Pipit

*Anthus bogotensis***FINCHES, EUPHONIAS, AND ALLIES****FRINGILLIDAE**

Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia

Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys

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Thick-billed Euphonia

Euphonia laniirostris

Golden-bellied (White-lored) Euphonia

Euphonia chrysopasta

Bronze-green Euphonia

Euphonia mesochrysa

Orange-bellied Euphonia

Euphonia xanthogaster

Rufous-bellied Euphonia

*Euphonia rufiventris***NEW WORLD SPARROW****PASSERELLIDAE**

Yellow-throated Chlorospingus

Chlorospingus flavigularis flavigularis

Short-billed Chlorospingus (Yellow-whiskered)

Chlorospingus parvirostris

Ashy-throated Chlorospingus

Chlorospingus canigularis signatus

Common Chlorospingus

Chlorospingus flavopectus flavopectus

Yellow-browed Sparrow

Ammodramus aurifrons

Gray-browed (Stripe-headed) Brushfinch

Arremon assimilis

Orange-billed Sparrow

Arremon aurantirostris spectabilis

Chestnut-capped Brushfinch

Arremon brunneinucha frontalis

Rufous-collared Sparrow

Zonotrichia capensis

Slaty Brushfinch

Atlapetes schistaceus schistaceus

Pale-naped Brushfinch

Atlapetes pallidinucha

Yellow-breasted Brushfinch

*Atlapetes latinuchus spodionotus***TROUPIALS AND ALLIES****ICTERIDAE**

Russet-backed Oropendola

Psarocolius angustifrons angustifrons

Green Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius viridis</i>	
Crested Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius decumanus decumanus</i>	
Scarlet-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus uropygialis uropygialis</i>	
Yellow-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus cela cela</i>	
Mountain Cacique	<i>Cacicus chrysonotus leucoramphus</i>	
Red-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus haemorrhous haemorrhous</i>	
Oriole Blackbird	<i>Gymnomystax mexicanus</i>	
NEW WORLD WARBLERS	PARULIDAE	
American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	
Cerulean Warbler	<i>Setophaga cerulea</i>	GO
Tropical Parula	<i>Setophaga pitaiyumi alarum</i>	
Blackburnian Warbler	<i>Setophaga fusca</i>	
Three-striped Warbler	<i>Basileuterus tristriatus baezae</i>	
Black-crested Warbler	<i>Myiothlypis nigrocristata</i>	
Russet-crowned Warbler	<i>Myiothlypis coronata orientalis</i>	
Canada Warbler	<i>Cardellina canadensis</i>	
Slate-throated Redstart (Whitestart)	<i>Myioborus miniatus</i>	
Spectacled Redstart (Whitestart)	<i>Myioborus melanocephalus griseonuchus</i>	
CARDINALS & ALLIES	CARDINALIDAE	
Summer Tanager	<i>Piranga rubra rubra</i>	
Scarlet Tanager	<i>Piranga olivacea</i>	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	
Amazonian Grosbeak	<i>Cyanoloxia rothschildii</i>	H
TANAGERS & ALLIES	THRAUPIDAE	
Red-capped Cardinal	<i>Paroaria gularis gularis</i>	
Magpie Tanager	<i>Cissopis leverianus leverianus</i>	
White-capped Tanager	<i>Sericossypha albocristata</i>	
Oleaginous Hemispingus	<i>Hemispingus frontalis</i>	
Black-eared Hemispingus	<i>Hemispingus melanotis melanotis</i>	
Orange-headed Tanager	<i>Thlypopsis sordida</i>	GO
White-lined Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus rufus</i>	
Silver-beaked Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus carbo carbo</i>	

Masked Crimson Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus nigrogularis</i>
Hooded Mountain Tanager	<i>Buthraupis montana cucullata</i>
Masked Mountain Tanager	<i>Tephrophilus wetmorei</i>
Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager	<i>Anisognathus lacrymosus palpebrosus</i>
Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager	<i>Anisognathus igniventris erythrotus</i>
Blue-winged Mountain Tanager	<i>Anisognathus somptuosus baezae</i>
Buff-breasted Mountain Tanager	<i>Dubusia taeniata taeniata</i>
Blue-gray Tanager	<i>Thraupis episcopus mediana</i>
Palm Tanager	<i>Thraupis palmarum melanoptera</i>
Spotted Tanager	<i>Ixothraupis punctata zamorae</i>
Scrub Tanager	<i>Stilpnia vitriolina</i>
Masked Tanager	<i>Stilpnia nigrocincta</i>
Blue-necked Tanager	<i>Stilpnia cyanicollis caeruleocephala</i>
Blue-and-black Tanager	<i>Tangara vassorii vassorii</i>
Beryl-spangled Tanager	<i>Tangara nigroviridis nigroviridis</i>
Turquoise Tanager	<i>Tangara mexicana boliviana</i>
Paradise Tanager A577	<i>Tangara chilensis chilensis</i>
Opal-rumped Tanager	<i>Tangara velia iridina</i>
Bay-headed Tanager	<i>Tangara gyrola</i>
Saffron-crowned Tanager	<i>Tangara xanthocephala</i>
Flame-faced Tanager	<i>Tangara parzudakii parzudakii</i>
Green-and-gold Tanager	<i>Tangara schrankii schrankii</i>
Golden Tanager	<i>Tangara arthus aequatorialis</i>
Yellow-bellied Dacnis	<i>Dacnis flaviventer</i>
Blue Dacnis	<i>Dacnis cayana glaucogularis</i>
Purple Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes caeruleus microrhynchus</i>
Green Honeycreeper	<i>Chlorophanes spiza caerulescens</i>
Golden-collared Honeycreeper	<i>Iridophanes pulcherrimus pulcherrimus</i>
Blue-backed Conebill	<i>Conirostrum sitticolor sitticolor</i>
Capped Conebill	<i>Conirostrum albifrons atrocyaneum</i>
Cinereous Conebill	<i>Conirostrum cinereum fraseri</i>
Glossy Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa lafresnayii</i>

Black FlowerpiercerA591	<i>Diglossa humeralis aterrima</i>
Deep-blue (Golden-eyed) Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa glauca tyrianthina</i>
Bluish Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa caerulescens</i>
Masked Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa cyanea cyanea</i>
Black-backed Bush Tanager	<i>Urothraupis stolzmanni</i>
Plumbeous Sierra Finch	<i>Geospizopsis unicolor geospizopsis</i>
Gray-hooded Bush Tanager	<i>Cnemoscopus rubrirostris rubrirostris</i>
Blue-black Grassquit	<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>
Chestnut-bellied Seedeater	<i>Sporophila castaneiventris</i>
Black-and-white Seedeater	<i>Sporophila luctuosa</i>
Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaveola</i>
Blue-gray (Grayish) Saltator	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>

MAMMALS

Graells's (Black-mantled) Tamarin	<i>Saguinus graellsii</i>
White-fronted Capuchin	<i>Cebus albifrons</i>
Common Squirrel Monkey	<i>Saimiri sciureus</i>
Venezuelan Red Howler	<i>Alouatta seniculus</i>
Poepping's (Silvery) Woolly Monkey	<i>Lagothrix poeppigii</i>
Red-tailed Squirrel	<i>Sciurus granatensis</i>
Black Agouti	<i>Dasyprocta fuliginosa</i>
Tapeti (Brazilian Rabbit)	<i>Sylvilagus brasiliensis</i>
Giant Otter	<i>Pteronura brasiliensis</i>
Mountain Tapir	<i>Tapirus pinchaque</i>
White-tailed Deer	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>