

EASTERN ECUADOR: High Andes to Vast Amazon

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This Wire-tailed Manakin was seen in the Amazon

INTRODUCTION:

This was always going to be a special for me to lead, as we visited the area where I was born and raised, the Amazon, and even visited the lodge there that is run by the community I am still part of today. However, this trip is far from only an Amazonian tour, as it started high in Andes (before making its way down there some days later), above the treeline at Antisana National Park, where we saw Ecuador's national bird, the Andean Condor, in addition to Ecuadorian Hillstar,

Carunculated Caracara, Black-faced Ibis, Silvery Grebe, and Giant Hummingbird. Staying high up in the paramo grasslands that dominate above the treeline, we visited the Papallacta area, which led us to different high elevation species, like Giant Conebill, Tawny Antpitta, Many-striped Canastero, Blue-mantled Thornbill, Viridian Metaltail, Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager, and Andean Tit-Spinetail. Our lodging area, Guango, was also productive, with White-capped Dipper, Torrent Duck, Buff-breasted Mountain Tanager, Slaty Brushfinch, Chestnut-crowned Antpitta, as well as hummingbirds like, Long-tailed Sylph, Tourmaline Sunangel, Glowing Puffleg, and the oddlooking Sword-billed Hummingbird. Having covered these high elevation, temperate sites, we then drove to another lodge (San Isidro) downslope in subtropical forest lower down. This opened up a more diverse, and different suite of bird species to us, and among them we found, Crested Quetzal, Black-billed Mountain-Toucan, Saffron-crowned Tanager, Powerful Woodpecker, Streaked-headed Antbird, and White-bellied Antpitta. No visit to San Isidro would be complete without their "Mystery Owl", a bird which has long been coming to the lodge, but that has as yet not been determined to species. Birding the nearby Guacamayos Ridge also brought us Hooded Mountain-Tanager, Emeraldbellied Puffleg, and Greater and Brown-billed Scythebills. Our next stop, lower down again in the Andes, was at WildSumaco Lodge, in the foothills at around 4900ft (1480m). The diversity here is amazing, and the list of specialties considerable. Highlights of our time there included Coppery-chested Jacamar, Golden-collared Toucanet, Shorttailed Anthrush, Plain-backed and Ochre-breasted Antpittas, Gray-tailed Piha, Fiery-throated Fruiteater, Whitecrowned Manakin, and Paradise Tanager. The hummingbird feeders on this tour are excellent, and we had already observed several before this at Guango and then San Isidro, although arguably WildSumaco has some of the best ones on the eastern slope, which yielded scarce species like Ecuadorian Piedtail, Gould's Jewelfront, Wire-crested Thorntail, and Napo Sabrewing.



Antisana provided some of the most spectacular scenery of the tour

Having spent the first week of the tour in the Andes, the last half of the tour was spent at two different lodges in the extraordinarily diverse **Amazon**. The birding on this section of the tour was very different than before, involving a mix of

trail walking, visits to canopy observation platforms, and by local canoes. We visited first Napo Wildlife Center, a highend lodge that is part of the Quichua Community. The Amazon always brings too many highlights to mention in a short list, but some of the more popular birds at Napo included Sungrebe, Salvin's Curassow, Hoatzin, Cream-colored Woodpecker, Chestnut-capped Puffbird, Dot-backed, Yellow-browed and Banded Antbirds, Black-necked Red-Cotinga, Zigzag Heron, Masked-crimson Tanager, Spangled and Plum-throated Cotingas, Spectacled Owl, Yellowbilled Jacamar, and a selection of parrots at the famous local clay lick. Our final lodge of the tour was Sani, another Amazon lodge owned by a different Quichua community to Napo. The birding there was also outstanding, and we added birds like Cocha Antshrike, Crested and Harpy Eagles, White-eared Jacamar, White-browed Purpletuft, and Amazonian Umbrellabird to the list while at Sani, to finish off a great tour that covered areas from above the treeline all the way down into the Amazon Basin. We finished up with 596 species, of which 546 were seen.



Black-faced Ibis Antisana

TOUR SUMMARY: MAIN TOUR

Day 1 (of birding): Antisana National Park to Papallacta and Guango

We began the birding part of the tour with an hour drive out to Antisana National Park, east of Quito. This site is famed as the nest location in the country for Andean Condor, but also offered up many high Andean birds easiest to find there. Enroot to the park we made a stop in some high Andean scrub, where we managed to locate Blue-and-yellow Tanager, Blackish Tapaculo, Yellow-breasted Brushfinch, Tufted Tit-Tyrant, Cinereous Conebill, Plain-colored Seedeater, and Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet. Our next stop overlooking a large cliff face brought our first views of Andean Condors, both perched on the rocks, but also in flight too.

While the lower section of the drive took us through scrub, we soon emerged onto open paramo grasslands, above the treeline, where the open country birding was easy, and brought us species like **Stout-billed and Chestnut-winged Cinclodes**, **Andean Lapwing**, **Plumbeous Sierra-Finch**, **Plain-capped (Paramo) Ground-Tyrant**, **Shining Sunbeam**, **Ecuadorian Hillstar**, many **Carunculated Caracaras**, dozens of **Blackfaced Ibis**, (*photo page before*), and a bunch of **Black-winged Ground-Doves** and **Andean Gulls** flying back and forth. Later, we stopped near the park headquarters, where these thicker scrubbier areas led us to



good looks at Tawny Antpitta, Manystriped Canastero, and Andean Tit-Spinetail. After spending time on landbirds, we moved to *Mica Lake* for high Andean *waterbirds*, finding Slatecolored (Andean) Coot, (Andean) Ruddy Duck, Yellow-billed Pintail, and also got close ups of Silvery Grebe.

By this time, lunchtime was approaching and so we backtracked towards the Condor cliffs, and took a lunch overlooking these, at a small local cafe. This is always a great location for our final time at *Antisana*, as they have hummingbird feeders on site, and condors are often visible from the restaurant! The feeders were typically active, with the spectacular **Black**-

tailed Trainbearer, and huge Giant Hummingbird being the most conspicuous visitors, along with Great Sapphirewing, Shining Sunbeams, and Tyrian Metaltails.

Later in the afternoon we headed up towards **Papallacta Pass** as the weather was clear, and so we tried to find the *Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe* to no avail. So, we continued downslope to our lodge for the night, *Guango Lodge*. With only limited light remaining for the day, we decided to focus on the lodge's famous hummingbird feeders, watching visits from **Tourmaline Sunangel**, **Speckled Hummingbird**, **White-bellied Woodstar**, **Buff-tailed and Chestnut-breasted Coronets**, **Long-tailed Sylph**, **Buff-winged Starfrontlet**, **Collared Inca**, **Tyrian Metaltail**, and the outrageous **Sword-billed Hummingbird**. Also in the same area, we were able to see a **Chestnut-crowned Antpitta** (*photo above*), hopping on the ground nearby too, for a great close to our opening day

Day 2: Guango and Papallacta area

After an early breakfast, we headed up towards *Papallacta Pass*, and one of the entrance to *Cayambe-Coca National Park*. This day we were targeting the high Andean species that we either missed, or were not possible at *Antisana* the day before. Things were a little quiet in general, save for **Blue-mantled Thornbill**, **Variable Hawk**, **Plain-capped (Paramo) Ground Tyrant**, and some repeat species we'd seen at *Antisana*.

Later on, we visited some *Polylepis* forest (a high Andean tree species that grows above the height that other trees can grow), where we managed to find Pale-naped Brushfinch, Black-backed Bush-Tanager, Scarletbellied Mountain- Tanager, and a specialist of this habitat, Giant Conebill that gave us such a wonderful view. Our next stop was for some roadside birding above the town of *Papallacta*, where we found **Black**chested Buzzard-Eagle, White-throated and White-banded Tyrannulets, Blue-backed Conebill, Viridian Metaltail, and got rare good looks at a Paramo Tapaculo.

We returned to *Guango Lodge* for lunch, and some final birding on their property, before we departed for our next stop, Cabanas San Isidro, a further hour's drive east. Walking one of Guango's trails, we came upon Slaty Brushfinch, Black-eared and Black-capped Hemispinguses, and a flock with Masked Trogon, Montane Woodcreeper, Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant, Streaked Tuftedcheek, Pearled Treerunner, Grayhooded Bush-Tanager, and a lovely Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager. Our trail walk had missed a couple of birds on the river though, and so we were very pleased to finally locate both White-capped Dipper and **Torrent Duck** on the journey to our next lodge.



Day 3: San Isidro Area

We had one full day to bird the area around San Isidro, and started out right around the cabin lights, a short time after dawn, when there is usually a flurry of bird activity. Birds we found in this area included Green (Inca) Jay (photo above), Subtropical Cacique, Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager, Pale-edged Flycatcher,

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Gray-breasted Wood-wren, a typically noisy Black-billed Peppershrike, Common Chlorospingus, Olive-backed Woodcreeper, White-tailed Tyrannulet, Powerful Woodpecker, Glossy-black Thrush, and the spectacular Saffron-crowned Tanager.

Once this activity had guietened down, we went to look for one of the lodge's special birds, Whitebellied Antpitta (photo right), which are regularly being fed worms by the local rangers. On this occasion, they took their time, but eventually a pair was seen. Walking back from this area to the lodge itself, we also found Golden-headed Quetzal. Andean Motmot. Equatorial Rufous-vented Tapaculo, and the adorable Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher. After a brief stop back at our rooms, we boarded the bus and spent the remainder of the morning birding the road beyond the lodge.



Walking this dirt road at various points, was very productive, with Emerald Toucanet, Crested Quetzal and a nice flock with Beryl-spangled Tanager, Cinnamon Flycatcher, Black-crested Warbler, Black-eared Hemispingus, Bluish Flowerpiercer, Rufous-breasted Flycatcher, Rufous Wren, and occasional looks at a furtive Plushcap. Further down the same road we also found Southern Lapwing, and Broad-winged and White-rumped Hawks. Although most of the time there was spent driving and walking the easy dirt road, we did take a side trip onto one of the lodge trails, which led to us seeing the incredible Black-billed Mountain-Toucan.

We returned to the lodge again for lunch, and also to appreciate their hummingbird feeders after then, which revealed Chestnut-breasted Coronet, Lesser (Green) and Sparkling Violetears, Fawn-breasted Brilliant, Speckled Hummingbird, Long-tailed Sylph, Collared and Bronzy Incas, and even the nomadic Gorgeted Woodstar in attendance. After the hummingbird show, we took a walk into the local forest, behind the cabins, where the birding is notably slower at this time of the day, although we still managed to track down Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant, Pale-eyed Thrush singing from a tree top, Crimson-mantled Woodpecker, and some noisy Speckled-faced Parrots. In the evening, we tried for night birds at *Guacamayos Ridge*, where the weather was not the best, but we still saw a Swallow-tailed Nightjar and a Rufous-bellied Nighthawk, before finding the so-called "San Isidro Mystery Owl" (an as yet undetermined species of owl that has been frequenting the lodge for years) once back at the lodge again.

Day 4: Guacamayos Ridge to WildSumaco (via the Loreto Road)

After breakfast and some brief local birding that revealed nothing noteworthy, it was time to check out from San Isidro, and head in the direction of our next lodge, WildSumaco. Even the day was spent traveling between lodges, we had plenty of time to do this, and still find time to hit some top-quality birding spots on the journey. This started out with a visit to the temperate cloudforest that carpets the *Guacamayos Ridge*, just 30 minutes east of San Isidro. We enjoyed a lively time at *Guacamayos*, (which can be notoriously slow on other days), and saw Lacrimose and Hooded Mountain-Tanagers, Plain-tailed and Rufous Wrens, Turquoise Jay, Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant, Smoky Bush-Tyrant, Blue-and-black and Grass-green Tanagers, Andean Guan, and a further Black-billed Mountain-Toucan, and Powerful Woodpecker. We also got some real scarcities with Green-fronted Lancebill and Emerald-bellied Puffleg, and both Brownbilled and Greater Scythebills (photo below), the latter being the first time I had encountered one at this site.



Leaving this cool temperate forest site, we drove on downhill towards Sumaco, dropping in altitude swiftly, and soon we were in the markedly different, humid and warm Andean foothills, along the Loreto Road. With our drop in altitude the bird list was quick to change too, and we found Cliff Flycatcher, Rufous-tailed Tyrant, a Black Hawk-Eagle in flight, Olivaceous Siskin, and a perched Orange-breasted Falcon. Remaining along the Loreto Road, we made a scheduled stop at the Narupa Reserve, a small property

owned by the Jocotoco Foundation, an Ecuadorian NGO. This can be a very birdy stop, although the weather is also notoriously difficult and changeable in this area too, and we got some of the worst of a thunderstorm during our visit, which largely limited us to looking at the hummingbird feeders, and checking the banks of verbena flowers for birds. This was very worthwhile though, with Booted Racket-tail, Gould's Jewelfront, Fork-tailed Woodnymph, Many-spotted Hummingbird, Black-throated and Violet-fronted Brilliants, Green Hermit, Golden-tailed Sapphire, Violet-headed Hummingbird, and the scarce White-tailed Hillstar all recorded there. While enjoying the hummers we also stumbled on to a mixed species feeding that held some nice birds, like stuff like, Golden, Orange-eared, Green-and-gold, and Yellow-bellied Tanagers, Golden-eyed Flowerpiercer, Red-headed Barbet, Yellow-throated Chlorospingus, and Lafresnaye's Piculet. Continuing our journey downhill towards WildSumaco Lodge, we made another stop along the Loreto Road, which was very active, and we recorded Cerulean Warbler, (a scarce boreal migrant), Little Cuckoo, Golden-faced Tyrannulet, Summer, Scarlet and Swallow Tanagers, Black-faced Dacnis, White-winged Becard, Violaceous Jay, Scaled Pigeon, Lined Antshrike, and one of our main target species in the area, Coppery-chested Jacamar. We rolled into the wonderful WildSumaco Lodge in the late afternoon.



Yellow-throated Toucan WildSumaco

Days 5 - 6: Wildsumaco

WildSumaco is an amazing birding venue and lode, and even with two full days to explore the area, it barely felt like enough, with so many rare and local species on offer! We took time to bird right around the lodge itself at times, where we found birds like Barred Forest-Falcon, Black-billed Treehunter, Ornate, Slaty-capped, and Golden-crowned Flycatchers, Olivaceous Greenlet, and Blackish Antbird. We also spent time birding the dirt road nearby, as well as several of the forest trails on their reserve. The road birding, as ever, was good, with Channel-billed Toucan, Golden-collared and Chestnut-tipped Toucanets, Gilded and Red-headed Barbets, Sickle-winged Guan, Golden-collared Honeycreeper, Lineated and Crimson-crested Woodpeckers, Dusky Spinetail, Yellow-throated Toucan, Bronze-green Euphonia, Lemon-browed Flycatcher, Masked Tityra, and Blue-necked Tanager all seen by birding in this way. One of the most popular birds in these areas though was Paradise Tanager, which was regularly seen, and always appreciated with its myriad colors.

While trail walking in this area was challenging, it was necessary, to find some of the local specialties that are interior forest Trail birds. birding produced Common Scale-backed Antbird. White-crowned and Blue-rumped Manakins. Wing-barred Piprites, Short-tailed Antthrush. **Spotted** Barbtail, Black-streaked Puffbird, Ecuadorian Tyrannulet, Scalecrested Pygmy-Tyrant, Spotted and Blue-browed Tanagers. Rufousnaped Greenlet. and Chestnutcrowned Gnateater (one of the principal target birds for the site). We were also delighted to find Fierythroated Fruiteater, one of the scarcer species of the Sumaco. Bluefronted Lancebill and Gray-chinned



Hermit were also observed feeding in some blooms along the trails too. During our time on the reserve trails, we also visited their special feeding area, where **Spotted Nightingale Thrush**, **Short-tailed Anthrush**, and two species of antpitta came in: **Ochre-breasted and Plain-backed Antpittas** (*photo above*). We heard rumors at the time that some of these species had not been seen during visits from other lodge guests, so we were especially pleased with our results!

One of the overall highlights of any visit to *WildSumaco Lodge* is their incredible and unique hummingbird feeders that attract a number of species that are often hard to find away from there. At the two sets of feeders, and on the surrounding flowers, we picked out **Golden-tailed Sapphire**, **Gould's Jewelfront**, **White-bellied Woodstar**, **Fork-tailed Woodnymph**, **Booted Racket-tail**, **Ecuadorian Piedtail**, **Napo Sabrewing**,

Violet-fronted and Black-fronted Brilliants, Many-spotted and Violet-headed Hummingbirds, Sparkling and Brown Violetears, Green Hermit, and the cute and photogenic Wire-crested Thorntail. One of our more unusual finds was a White-tipped Sicklebill feeding nearby too, an often-tricky species. We did not need to go nightbirding for Band-bellied Owl, which was seen at a traditional day roost along the trail, although we did need to go out at night to find the Foothill Screech-Owl that was much easier than expected.



Gilded Barbet WildSumaco

Day 7: Wildsumaco to the Amazon (Napo Wildlife Center)

Our time at *WildSumaco* had almost come to an end, as we needed to journey down into the Amazon itself. This left us with a final few precious hours to bird at Sumaco, when we recorded **Buff-fronted Foliage-Gleaner**, **Olive-chested Flycatcher**, **Ornate**, **Yellow-breasted and Rufous-winged Antwrens**, **Foothill Elaenia**, **Grayish Saltator**, **Red-billed Parrot**, and after a little work, nice views of **Wing-banded Wren**.

After checking out from Sumaco, we journeyed towards the dock at *Coca*, where we would board motorized canoes for the first part of our Amazon adventure. On the way to the city of Coca, we continued to drop in altitude, and found some species typical of the lowlands, like **Black Caracara**, **Gray-headed Kite**, **Ruddy Ground-Dove**, and **Chestnut-eared Aracari**. The first leg of our boat ride into *Napo Wildlife Center* was by motorised canoe along the main *Napo River*. This was typically fairly uneventful, as the speed of the boat, and

width of the river, are not as good as the smaller tributaries for birding, although we did note **Cocoi Heron**, **Pied Plover**, and **White-banded and White-winged Swallows**. The second part of the journey was more interesting, as we arrived at the Napo dock, and changed to another smaller dugout canoe, which took us the final hours to the lodge, along a much narrower, and more birdy creek.

We saw a good selection of birds on the way in from the second leg of the boat journey, including **Buff-throated and Black-banded Woodcreepers**, **Gray-capped Flycatcher**, **Orange-backed Troupial**, **Black-fronted Nunbird**, **Bat Falcon**, **Blue-throated Piping-Guan**, **Bare-necked Fruitcrow**, (*photo below*) **Black-tailed Trogon** and we also saw some waterbirds as well, including **Rufescent Tiger-Heron**. After picking up other birds like **Red-capped Cardinal**, **Lesser Kiskadee**, **Lettered Aracari**, **Amazonian Streaked Antwren**, and the odd, prehistoric looking **Hoatzin**, we arrived at *Napo Wildlife Center* in the evening. It had been a long travekl day, but one that featured many good new birds, and we retired to bed ready for the lengthy period in the Amazon jungle to come...



Day 8: Napo Wildlife Center and Yasuni National Park

For our first full day in the Amazon, we chose to visit the wooden canopy tower in *Yasuni National Park*, which involved first a short canoe ride, then walk to get there from our lodge, which is located on the edge of a lake. This involved having a pre-dawn breakfast so that we could get there at sunrise, and bird the tower before the

heat of the day would cause bird activity to wane. The wooden platform comprised of a well-built structure attached to a massive Kapok tree, some 150 feet (45m) above the forest floor.

As dawn came round, we started to see birds, like Channel-billed and White-throated Toucans which were some of the earliest birds to rise and start calling. Scale-breasted and Yellow-tufted Woodpeckers, and the utterly unique Cream-colored Woodpecker all in came visited the tree that we were now part of. Canopy towers in the Amazon are always a good way to connect with parrots, which are typically high flyers, and to illustrate this, we saw Orange-winged Parrot, noisy groups of Chestnut-fronted and Blue-and-yellow Macaws, and Black-capped Parrot, from our lofty position within the canopy of the rainforest. Scanning the treetops we spotted Slate-colored Hawk, Ivory-billed and Many-banded Aracaris, Double-toothed Kite, and a bright blue Spangled Cotinga sitting and preening nearby. The very tree that we were standing in attracted birds such as a nesting Bare-necked Fruitcrow, Gilded Barbet, Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher, and White-fronted Nunbird. There was also nesting Green Oropendola nearby.



The remainder of the morning was spent trail birding nearby, where playback was needed to draw in some species of dense jungle, like **Banded Antbird**. We also observed **Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin** and the wonderful **Wire-tailed Manakin** perched in the forest understorey, before lunch drew us back to the lodge. For the afternoon, we concentrated on birding by canoe around the local lake, and creek, which was great, with **Straight billed and Long-billed Woodcreepers**, **Cinnamon Attila**, **Black-capped Donacobius** (*photo above*), **Masked-crimson Tanager**, **Sungrebe**, **White-chinned Jacamar**, and **Slender-billed Kite** all seen, in addition to **Chestnut-capped Puffbird**, and **Green-and-rufous Kingfisher**. We decided to remain after dusk,

in order to try for **Zigzag Heron**, which worked out very well, with god views being obtained, and as a bonus to this, we also found a **Spectacled Owl** just before we returned to the lodge dock.

Day 9: Napo Wildlife Center Area



Much of the day was spent concentrating along the Tiputini Trail, which passes through Terrafirme forest close to the lodge (accessed by a short canoe ride), unlike the seasonally flooded/varzea forest we had thus far largely birded in the area. Our major focus for this trail in particular was the display area of the Black-necked Red Cotinga, (photo left) for which this must be the best site in the Ecuadorian Amazon. Even here though there are no quarantees for such a scarce and local bird, but fortunately we found one sitting there as hoped, once we reached the usual area for them. The same excellent jungle trail also brought

us Amazonian Motmot, Green-backed and Amazonian Trogons, Spix's Guan, Rufous-bellied Euphonia, Short-billed Antwren, and a Lawrence's Thrush singing its masterful mimicry from the canopy.

The trail was also good for understorey species such as Cinereous, Plain-winged and Dusky-throated Antshrikes, White-flanked, Gray and Yasuní Antwrens, Black-faced and Peruvian Warbling Antbirds, Ocellated Woodcreeper, Blue-crowned Manakin, White-breasted Wood-wren, and Yellow-billed Jacamar were all very cooperative to us. One of the last birds of the day was a Rufous-capped Antthrush, which drove us nuts trying to see it before it finally showed to us. Today was a little slower than we'd hoped for, but this is the way the Amazon can be, and at least we found the *cotinga*, which was our primary focus on this day.

Day 10: Napo Wildlife Center to Sani Lodge

After our lovely stay at the wonderful *Napo Wildlife Center*, it was time to move to another Amazonian lodge, located closer the Napo River, and also on the opposite side of the river to that lodge. We started early, and



took the dugout canoes back along the creek that we had come in on, seeing a pair of Salvin's **Curassows** sleeping along its banks on the way, as well as Silvery Antbird and Slate-colored Hawk. In between our first lodge and the second, Sani Lodge, we passed by the famous Yasuni National Park parrot clay lick, and so that was our main aim as we moved between our lodgings. We visited a particular lick, where it possible to see hundreds of parrots right from the boat, as they dropped on to a clay bank to get at the minerals within. At this first lick we were able to see Yellow-crowned, Blueheaded, and Mealy Parrots together with Duskyheaded Parakeet. After admiring the frenzy of parrots, we docked and walked to a different, metal canopy tower, and had one of my best ever visits there, due to the presence of some fantastic feeding flocks in the area. Yellow-bellied,

Paradise, Green-and-gold, Opal-rumped, Opal-crowned, Flame-crested and Turquoise Tanagers were

all seen there, along with White-lored and Rufous-bellied Euphonias, Purple and Green Honeycreepers, Many-banded and Ivory-billed Aracaris, Chestnut-winged Foliage-Gleaner, Dusky-capped Greenlet, Yellow-green Vireo, Gilded Barbet, Green-backed Trogon, White-necked Puffbird and Whitebrowed Purpletuft. Elegant Woodcreeper, Gray, and Rufoustailed Antwrens and Yellow-browed Antbird were all found around the tower too. Later, we visited a second clay lick, inside the forest, which drew in a different parrot selection to the one we had already visited. Cobalt-winged Parakeets were the most abundant bird, landing right in front of the blind that we were sat in; we also saw Orange-cheeked Parrots and Sapphire Quail-Dove in the same spot, the latter having walked right past where the parrots were gathered. A visit to a parrot clay lick is undoubtedly one of the ultimate Amazon highlights, and we marveled at the scene. After finishing up with the parrots, we ate our packed lunch, before we walked a nearby trail. This produced Great-billed Hermit, Purplish Jacamar, and Rusty-belted Tapaculo, among others. However, it will probably best be remembered for the roosting Crested Owl



(photo page 14) seen there and known to some of the local guides. We then returned to the boat, and traveled the final stretch to Sani Lodge, doing some birding on the final leg in, where we found Yellow-headed Caracara (photo below), Ladder tailed Nightjar, Peregrine Falcon and Roseate Spoonbill standing on the shore. We arrived at our second Amazon lodge in the late afternoon, picking up some final birds just before we docked, like an Amazonian Umbrellabird feeding at a fruiting tree, and a White-eared Jacamar hawking insects from one of the dead branches close to the lodge.



Day 11: Sani Lodge

I grew up in the very Quichua community which owns and runs *Sani Lodge*, so this was sort of a homecoming for me, and indeed many of the people associated with the lodge are my direct relatives. So, it is a lot of fun for me returning here on tour. We were also fortunate to be accompanied by one of the best guides in Amaznian Ecuador, "Churi" Carlos Hualinga. Our first activity was to visit Sani's own canopy tower, and the third one visited during our time in Amazon. To do this we first took a boat around the edge of Challua Cocha (the lake on which the lodge is located), and then walked the final stretch to the tower, a journey of around 40 minutes from the lodge itself. As it is best to get to towers like this around sunrise, for the best birding activity, we took a packed breakfast with us, to avoid having to wake up any earlier than we had to! The action started

right after dawn, when **Orange-bellied and Rufous-bellied Euphonias** (photo below) were watched feeding on some fruiting epiphytes; a Pied Puffbird was also seen in one of the nearby treetops too. Once the sun had fully risen we noticed a large raptor in a distant tree, which proved to be the rare Crested Eagle. Activity was near constant at this time, and we saw Many-banded Aracari (photo next page), Red-throated Caracara, Laughing Falcon, Blue-and-yellow, Chestnut-fronted, and Scarlet Macaws as well as Mealy and Orange-winged Parrots all flying around the Kapok tree that we were standing in. At that point Churi spotted another distant, and large bird-of-prey, which this time turned out to be a Harpy Eagle! It was a very rare day indeed getting both of these massive eagles from the same spot just moments apart. Both birds were fairly distant, although close enough to tell them from one another! Having got these two beastly large birds, we returned to some smaller birds once more, finding Blue-crowned Trogon, Plum-throated Cotinga, Gray-crowned Flatbill, Opal-crowned, Opal-rumped, and Green-and-gold Tanagers, another Whitebrowed Purpletuft, and a Yellow-billed Nunbird while up there. We also picked up a Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle perched in the near trees too, before we descended back down to the forest floor. Inevitably, the canopy areas warm up quickly, and activity slows quickly afterwards. Therefore, we spent the rest of the morning birding the creeks and trails between the lodge and the tower. The standout bird of the morning was **Cocha Antshrike**, a near endemic species that Sani arguably represents the best place in the world to see it. However, the supporting cast was not bad either: Striped and Golden-headed Manakins were found at their regular haunts near the base of the tower; a roosting **Common Potoo** known to Churi performed as hoped, a Pygmy Antwren was found along a creek, and a series of other birds reacted to playback of a Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl recording, (a local predator of small songbirds); Dot-backed Antbird, Gray-headed Tanager, and Forest Elaenia all responding to the recording.

Lunch came around all too soon, and we returned to Sani Lodge for this, watching some of the local birds like Scarlet-crowned Barbet and Masked Crimson-Tanager feeding at the bird tables over the lunch and rest period. A roosting **Tropical Screech-Owl** was also seen near the lodge bar. In the afternoon, we visited a river island, but saw some birds along the creekside as we headed there, like Orange-eyed Flatbill, Buff-throated and Striped Woodcreepers. Cinnamon Attila, and Yellow-crowned Elaenia. Our reason for visiting the river island is that a number of species dwell there that cannot be seen on the river banks.



a short distance away. Not far from the dock on the river island, we spotted a bright black-and-yellow **Oriole Blackbird, White-bellied Spinetail**, **Spotted Tody-Flycatcher**, **Spot-breasted and Little Woodpeckers**, **Castelnau's Antshrike**, and **Black-and-white Antbird**. We also got a rare new bird for me in Ecuador, with a **Bicolored Conebill**, a relatively recent discovery in the area. On some of the surrounding trails we saw also

Brown Nunlet, Thrush-like Wren, Plain-brown Woodcreeper, Brownish Twistwing, Sooty Antbird, and Great Jacamar before rain stopped play for the day.



November 11: Sani Lodge to Coca and Quito

With some sadness, we finally needed to leave the Amazon behind. With flight schedules as they are, this meant an early departure from the lodge, during which we birded our way to the dock on the main river, finding a Least Bittern perched in the open, as well as **Silvered, Plumbeous and White-shouldered Antbirds**, and **Coraya Wren**. Once we boarded the motorized canoe back to *Coca*, we managed to see a new bird on the return leg, in the form of a Yellow-billed Tern. Once we landed back in Quito, we made a quick check of a nearby pond that can produce some good local birds; there we found **American Golden Plover**, **Pied-billed Grebe**, **Pectoral Sandpiper**, **Osprey**, **Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs**, and **Yellow-billed Pintail**.

This capped off a great tour, where we had seen both highland and Amazon birds in a short space of time, and accumulated a bird list of nearly 600 species, with some standout birds among them like **Crested and Harpy Eagles**, **Zigzag Heron**, **Black-necked Red Cotinga**, **Andean Condor**, **Crested Owl**, **Cream-colored Woodpecker**, **Black-capped Donacobious**, and **Paradise Tanager**, which were all highly rated by the group.

Some other photos from the tour....

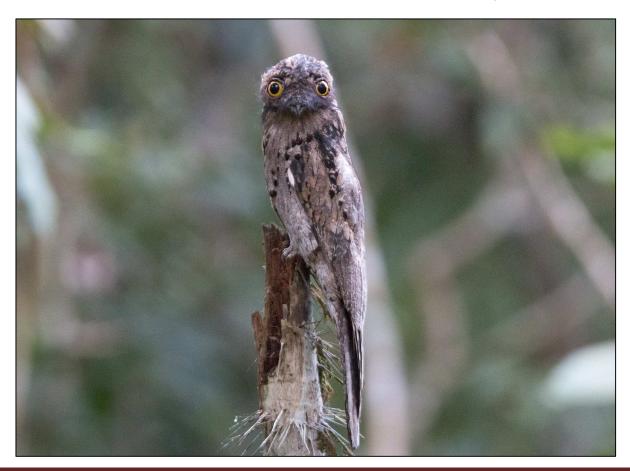


Tropical Screech-Owl and Masked Crimson Tanager Sani Lodge





Scarlet-crowned Barbet and Common Potoo Sani Lodge



BIRD LIST:

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 the major changes published by Cornell up until August 2016.

(H) indicates a species that was HEARD only.

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

TINAMOUS	TINAMIDAE	
Great Tinamou	Tinamus major	Н
Cinereous Tinamou	Crypturellus cinereus	Н
Little Tinamou	Crypturellus soui	Н
Undulated Tinamou	Crypturellus undulatus	Н
DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS	ANATIDAE	
Torrent Duck	Merganetta armata	
Blue-winged Teal	Anas discors	
Yellow-billed Pintail	Anas georgica	
Andean Teal	Anas andium andium	
(Andean) Ruddy Duck	Oxyura jamaicensis andina	
GUANS, CHACHALACAS, CURASSOWS	CRACIDAE	
Speckled Chachalaca	Ortalis guttata	
Andean Guan	Penelope montagnii	
Spix's Guan	Penelope jacquacu	
Blue-throated (Common) Piping-Guan	Pipile cumanensis	
Sickle-winged Guan	Chamaepetes goudotii	
Salvin's Curassow	Mitu salvini	
NEW WORLD QUAIL	ODONTOPHORIDAE	
Marbled Wood-Quail	Odontophorus gujanensis	Н
Rufous-breasted Wood-Quail	Odontophorus speciosus	Н
GREBES	PODICIPEDIDAE	
Pied-billed Grebe	Podilymbus podiceps	
Silvery Grebe	Podiceps occipitalis	
CORMORANTS AND SHAGS	PHALACROCORACIDAE	
Neotropic Cormorant	Phalacrocorax brasilianus	
ANHINGAS	ANHINGIDAE	
Anhinga	Anhinga anhinga	
HERONS, EGRETS, BITTERNS	ARDEIDAE	
Zigzag Heron	Zebrilus undulatus	
Least Bittern	Ixobrychus exilis	
Rufescent Tiger-Heron	Tigrisoma lineatum	
Fasciated Tiger-Heron	Tigrisoma fasciatum	
Cocoi Heron	Ardea cocoi	
Great Egret	Ardea alba	
Snowy Egret	Egretta thula	

Cattle Egret

Striated Heron

Capped Heron

Black-crowned Night-Heron

Boat-billed Heron

Butorides striata

Pilherodius pileatus

Nycticorax nycticorax

Cochlearius cochlearius

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS THRESKIORNITHIDAE

Green Ibis Mesembrinibis cayennensis H

Black-faced (Andean) Ibis Theristicus melanopis branickii

Roseate Spoonbill Platalea ajaja

NEW WORLD VULTURESCATHARTIDAEBlack VultureCoragyps atratusTurkey VultureCathartes aura

Greater Yellow-headed Vulture Cathartes melambrotus

Andean Condor

King Vulture

OSPREY

Osprey

Vultur gryphus

Sarcoramphus papa

PANDIONIDAE

Pandion haliaetus

HAWKS, EAGLES, KITES ACCIPITRIDAE

Gray-headed Kite

Swallow-tailed Kite

Crested Eagle

Harpy Eagle

Black Hawk-Eagle

Leptodon cayanensis

Elanoides forficatus

Morphnus guianensis

Harpia harpyja

Spizaetus tyrannus

Black Hawk-Eagle Spizaetus tyrannus

Ornate Hawk-Eagle Spizaetus ornatus

Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle Spizaetus melanoleucus

Snail Kite Rostrhamus sociabilis
Slender-billed Kite Helicolestes hamatus
Double-toothed Kite Harpagus bidentatus

Plumbeous Kite Ictinia plumbea
Slate-colored Hawk Buteogallus schistaceus
Roadside Hawk Rupornis magnirostris
White-rumped Hawk Parabuteo leucorrhous
Variable Hawk Geranoaetus polyosoma

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle Geranoaetus melanoleucus

Broad-winged Hawk Buteo platypterus

RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS

RALLIDAE

A startally a cavilia

Gray-breasted Crake

Laterallus exilis

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Black-banded Crake

Anurolimnas fasciatus

Blackish Rail Pardirallus nigricans
Azure Gallinule Porphyrio flavirostris
Slate-colored (Andean) Coot Fulica ardesiaca

FINFOOTS
Sungrebe
Heliornis fulica
LIMPKIN
Limpkin
ARAMIDAE
Aramus guarauna

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TRUMPETERS

Gray-winged Trumpeter

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS

American Golden-Plover Pied Lapwing (Pied Plover)

Southern Lapwing Andean Lapwing Collared Plover

JACANAS
Wattled Jacana
SANDPIPERS

Sanderling
Baird's Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper
Wilson's Phalarope
Spotted Sandpiper
Greater Yellowlegs

GULLS Andean Gull TERNS

Yellow-billed Tern

Lesser Yellowlegs

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon

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

Ruddy Ground-Dove Black-winged Ground-Dove

Sapphire Quail-Dove
Gray-fronted Dove

White-throated Quail-Dove

Eared Dove
HOATZIN
Hoatzin
CUCKOOS
Greater Ani

Smooth-billed Ani Striped Cuckoo Little Cuckoo Squirrel Cuckoo

OWLS

Tropical Screech-Owl

PSOPHIIDAE

Psophia crepitans

CHARADRIIDAE

Pluvialis dominica
Vanellus cayanus
Vanellus chilensis
Vanellus resplendens
Charadrius collaris

JACANIDAE

Jacana jacana

SCOLOPACIDAE

Calidris alba
Calidris bairdii
Calidris melanotos
Phalaropus tricolor
Actitis macularius
Tringa melanoleuca

Tringa flavipes

LARIDAE: LARINAE

Chroicocephalus serranus

LARIDAE: STERNINAE

Sternula superciliaris

COLUMBIDAE

Columba livia

Patagioenas cayennensis
Patagioenas speciosa
Patagioenas fasciata
Patagioenas plumbea
Patagioenas subvinacea
Columbina talpacoti
Metriopelia melanoptera
Geotrygon saphirina
Leptotila rufaxilla
Zentrygon frenata
Zenaida auriculata
OPISTHOCOMIDAE

CUCULIDAE

Crotophaga major Crotophaga ani Tapera naevia Coccycua minuta Piaya cayana STRIGIDAE

Opisthocomus hoazin

Megascops choliba

Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl

Vermiculated (Foothill) Screech-Owl

Crested Owl Spectacled Owl Band-bellied Owl

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl

"San Isidro" Owl (Black-banded?) Burrowing Owl

Rufous-banded Owl

NIGHTJARS

Rufous-bellied Nighthawk Common Pauraque Swallow-tailed Nightjar Ladder-tailed Nightjar

POTOOS

Common Potoo Andean Potoo

SWIFTS

Chestnut-collared Swift White-collared Swift Short-tailed Swift Gray-rumped Swift Fork-tailed Palm-Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

White-tipped Sicklebill Rufous-breasted Hermit White-bearded Hermit

Green Hermit

Straight-billed Hermit
Great-billed Hermit
Black-throated Hermit
Gray-chinned Hermit
Green-fronted Lancebill

Blue-fronted Lancebill Brown Violetear Lesser (Green) Violetear Sparkling Violetear

Tourmaline Sunangel Wire-crested Thorntail Ecuadorian Piedtail

Speckled Hummingbird
Long-tailed Sylph

Ecuadorian Hillstar

Black-tailed Trainbearer

Purple-backed Thornbill

Megascops watsonii

Megascops guatemalae napensis

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Lophostrix cristata
Pulsatrix perspicillata
Pulsatrix melanota
Glaucidium brasilianum
Ciccaba sp. (huhula?)

Athene cunicularia
Ciccaba albitarsis

CAPRIMULGIDAE

Lurocalis rufiventris Nyctidromus albicollis Uropsalis segmentata Hydropsalis climacocerca

NYCTIBIIDAE

Nyctibius griseus Nyctibius maculosus

APODIDAE

Streptoprocne rutila Streptoprocne zonaris Chaetura brachyura Chaetura cinereiventris Tachornis squamata

TROCHILIDAE

Eutoxeres aquila
Glaucis hirsutus
Phaethornis hispidus
Phaethornis guy
Phaethornis bourcieri
Phaethornis malaris
Phaethornis atrimentalis
Phaethornis griseogularis

Doryfera Iudovicae
Doryfera johannae
Colibri delphinae
Colibri cyanotus
Colibri coruscans
Heliangelus exortis
Discosura popelairii

Phlogophilus hemileucurus Adelomyia melanogenys

Aglaiocercus kingii

Oreotrochilus chimborazo

Lesbia victoriae

Ramphomicron microrhynchum

Blue-mantled Thornbill Tyrian Metaltail Viridian Metaltail

Emerald-bellied Puffleg Shining Sunbeam Bronzy Inca

Collared Inca

Buff-winged Starfrontlet Sword-billed Hummingbird

Buff-tailed Coronet Chestnut-breasted Coronet

Booted Racket-tail
White-tailed Hillstar
Black-throated Brilliant
Gould's Jewelfront
Fawn-breasted Brilliant
Violet-fronted Brilliant
Giant Hummingbird
White-bellied Woodstar
Gorgeted Woodstar

Violet-headed Hummingbird

Napo Sabrewing

Fork-tailed Woodnymph
Many-spotted Hummingbird
Olive-spotted Hummingbird
Golden-tailed Sapphire

TROGONS

Golden-headed Quetzal

Crested Quetzal
Black-tailed Trogon

Green-backed (Amaz. White-tailed) Trogon

Amazonian (Violaceous) Trogon

Blue-crowned Trogon Black-throated Trogon Collared Trogon Masked Trogon

MOTMOTS

Amazonian (Blue-crowned) Motmot

Andean (Highland) Motmot

KINGFISHERS
Ringed Kingfisher
Green Kingfisher

Green-and-rufous Kingfisher
American Pygmy Kingfisher

Chalcostigma stanleyi

Metallura tyrianthina Metallura williami

Eriocnemis aline

Aglaeactis cupripennis Coeligena coeligena Coeligena torquata Coeligena lutetiae

Ensifera ensifera Boissonneaua flavescens

Boissonneaua matthewsii Ocreatus underwoodii Urochroa bougueri leucura Heliodoxa schreibersii Heliodoxa aurescens Heliodoxa rubinoides Heliodoxa leadbeateri

Patagona gigas

Chaetocercus mulsant Chaetocercus heliodor

Klais guimeti

Campylopterus villaviscensio

Thalurania furcata

Taphrospilus hypostictus Leucippus chlorocercus Chrysuronia oenone

TROGONIDAE

Pharomachrus auriceps
Pharomachrus antisianus
Trogon melanurus eumorphus

Trogon viridis

Trogon ramonianus Trogon curucui Trogon rufus Trogon collaris Trogon personatus

MOMOTIDAE

Momotus momota microstephanus Momotus aequatorialis aequatorialis

ALCEDINIDAE

Megaceryle torquata
Chloroceryle americana

Chloroceryle inda

Chloroceryle aenea

PUFFBIRDS

White-necked Puffbird

Pied Puffbird

Chestnut-capped Puffbird

Collared Puffbird

Black-streaked Puffbird

Brown Nunlet

Black-fronted Nunbird White-fronted Nunbird Yellow-billed Nunbird Swallow-winged Puffbird

JACAMARS

White-eared Jacamar

Brown Jacamar

Yellow-billed Jacamar White-chinned Jacamar Coppery-chested Jacamar

Purplish Jacamar **Great Jacamar**

NEW WORLD BARBETS

Scarlet-crowned Barbet

Gilded Barbet

Lemon-throated Barbet

Red-headed Barbet

TOUCANS

Emerald Toucanet

Chestnut-tipped Toucanet

Black-billed Mountain-Toucan

Lettered Aracari

Chestnut-eared Aracari Many-banded Aracari

Ivory-billed Aracari

Golden-collared Toucanet

Yellow-throated Toucan (Black-mandibled)

Toucan

White-throated Toucan Channel-billed Toucan

WOODPECKERS

Lafresnaye's Piculet Yellow-tufted Woodpecker Smoky-brown Woodpecker

Little Woodpecker

Golden-olive Woodpecker

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker Spot-breasted Woodpecker Scale-breasted Woodpecker

BUCCONIDAE

Notharchus hyperrhynchus

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Notharchus tectus

Bucco macrodactylus

Bucco capensis

Malacoptila fulvogularis

Nonnula brunnea

Monasa nigrifrons

Monasa morphoeus

Monasa flavirostris

Chelidoptera tenebrosa

GALBULIDAE

Galbalcyrhynchus leucotis

Brachygalba lugubris

Galbula albirostris

Galbula tombacea

Galbula pastazae

Galbula chalcothorax

Jacamerops aureus

CAPITONIDAE

Capito aurovirens

Capito auratus

Eubucco richardsoni

Eubucco bourcierii

RAMPHASTIDAE

Aulacorhynchus prasinus

Aulacorhynchus derbianus

Andigena nigrirostris

Pteroglossus inscriptus

Pteroglossus castanotis

Pteroglossus pluricinctus

Pteroglossus azara

Selenidera reinwardtii

Ramphastos ambiguus

Ramphastos tucanus

Ramphastos vitellinus

PICIDAE

Picumnus lafresnayi

Melanerpes cruentatus

Picoides fumigatus

Veniliornis passerinus

Colaptes rubiginosus

Colaptes rivolii

Colaptes punctigula

Celeus grammicus

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Cream-colored Woodpecker

Chestnut Woodpecker

Cineated Woodpecker

Campephilus pollens

Crimson-crested Woodpecker

Campephilus melanoleucos

FALCONS AND CARACARAS

Barred Forest-Falcon

Lined Forest-Falcon

Micrastur ruficollis

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Collared Forest-Falcon

Micrastur semitorquatus

FALCONIDAE

Buckley's Forest-Falcon

Black Caracara

Daptrius ater

Red-throated Caracara

Ibycter americanus

Carunculated Caracara Phalcoboenus carunculatus

Yellow-headed Caracara

Milvago chimachima

Laughing Falcon

Herpetotheres cachinnans

Bat Falcon Falco rufigularis
Orange-breasted Falcon Falco deiroleucus
Peregrine Falcon Falco peregrinus

PARROTS PSITTACIDAE

Cobalt-winged Parakeet Brotogeris cyanoptera
Orange-cheeked Parrot Pyrilia barrabandi
Red-billed Parrot Pionus sordidus

Speckle-faced (White-capped) Parrot Pionus tumultuosus seniloides

Blue-headed Parrot Pionus menstruus

Yellow-crowned Parrot (Amazon)

Mealy Parrot (Amazon)

Orange-winged Parrot (Amazon)

Scaly-naped Parrot (Amazon)

Amazona amazonica

Amazona mercenarius

Black-headed Parrot Pionites melanocephalus

Maroon-tailed Parakeet Pyrrhura melanura malanura/souancei

Dusky-headed Parakeet Aratinga weddellii
Red-bellied Macaw Orthopsittaca manilatus

Blue-and-yellow Macaw Ara ararauna
Scarlet Macaw Ara macao
Chestnut-fronted Macaw Ara severus

White-eyed Parakeet Psittacara leucophthalmus

TYPICAL ANTBIRDS THAMNOPHILIDAE

Fasciated Antshrike Cymbilaimus lineatus H

Lined Antshrike

Plain-winged Antshrike

Mouse-colored Antshrike

Cocha Antshrike

Castelnau's Antshrike

White-shouldered Antshrike

Thamnophilus tenuepunctatus

Thamnophilus schistaceus

Thamnophilus murinus

Thamnophilus praecox

Thamnophilus cryptoleucus

Thamnophilus aethiops

Russet Antshrike Thamnistes anabatinus H

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Plain Antvireo Dysithamnus mentalis **Dusky-throated Antshrike** Thamnomanes ardesiacus Cinereous Antshrike Thamnomanes caesius Plain-throated Antwren Isleria hauxwelli Spot-winged Antshrike Pygiptila stellaris Brown-backed (Yasuní) Antwren Epinecrophylla fjeldsaai Ornate Antwren Epinecrophylla ornata Rufous-tailed Antwren Epinecrophylla erythrura Pygmy Antwren Myrmotherula brachyura Moustached (Short-billed) Antwren Myrmotherula ignota obscura Amazonian Streaked-Antwren Myrmotherula multostriata White-flanked Antwren Myrmotherula axillaris Plain-winged Antwren Myrmotherula behni Н **Gray Antwren** Myrmotherula menetriesii **Banded Antbird** Dichrozona cincta **Dugand's Antwren** Herpsilochmus dugandi Н Yellow-breasted Antwren Herpsilochmus axillaris Rufous-winged Antwren Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus Streak-headed (Long-tailed) Antbird Drymophila striaticeps Peruvian Warbling-Antbird Hypocnemis peruviana Yellow-browed Antbird Hypocnemis hypoxantha **Black Antbird** Cercomacroides serva Н Blackish Antbird Cercomacroides nigrescens **Gray Antbird** Cercomacra cinerascens White-backed Fire-eye Pyriglena leuconota Black-faced Antbird Myrmoborus myotherinus Black-and-white Antbird Myrmochanes hemileucus Silvered Antbird Sclateria naevia Plumbeous Antbird Myrmelastes hyperythrus White-shouldered Antbird Akletos melanoceps Sooty Antbird Hafferia fortis Gymnopithys leucaspis castaneus

White-cheeked (Bicolored) Antbird

Spot-backed Antbird Hylophylax naevius **Dot-backed Antbird** Hylophylax punctulatus Common Scale-backed Antbird Willisornis poecilinotus Black-spotted Bare-eye Phlegopsis nigromaculata

GNATEATERS CONOPOPHAGIDAE

Chestnut-belted Gnateater Н Conopophaga aurita

Chestnut-crowned Gnateater Conopophaga castaneiceps **ANTPITTAS GRALLARIIDAE**

Plain-backed Antpitta Grallaria haplonota Chestnut-crowned Antpitta Grallaria ruficapilla Chestnut-naped Antpitta Grallaria nuchalis Н

White-bellied Antpitta Grallaria hypoleuca Tawny Antpitta Grallaria quitensis

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White-lored Antpitta Hylopezus fulviventris H

Ochre-breasted Antpitta Grallaricula flavirostris

TAPACULOS RHINOCRYPTIDAE

Rusty-belted Tapaculo Liosceles thoracicus

Ocellated Tapaculo Acropternis orthonyx H

Blackish (Unicolored) Tapaculo Scytalopus latrans
Long-tailed (Eq. Rufous-vented) Tapaculo Scytalopus micropterus

(Northern) White-crowned Tapaculo

Scytalopus atratus

Spillmann's Tapaculo

Paramo Tapaculo

Scytalopus spillmanni

Scytalopus opacus

ANTTHRUSHES FORMICARIIDAE

Rufous-capped Antthrush Formicarius colma

Black-faced Antthrush Formicarius analis H

Short-tailed Antthrush Chamaeza campanisona

Barred Antthrush Chamaeza mollissima H

OVENBIRDS & WOODCREEPERS FURNARIIDAE

Olivaceous Woodcreeper Sittasomus griseicapillus amazonus

Plain-brown Woodcreeper

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper

Long-billed Woodcreeper

Amazonian Barred-Woodcreeper

Black-banded Woodcreeper

Dendrocolaptes certhia

Dendrocolaptes picumnus

Strong-billed Woodcreeper Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus

Striped Woodcreeper Xiphorhynchus obsoletus

Ocellated Woodcreeper Xiphorhynchus ocellatus napensis

Elegant (Spix's) Woodcreeper Xiphorhynchus elegans

Buff-throated Woodcreeper Xiphorhynchus guttatus guttatoides

Olive-backed Woodcreeper Xiphorhynchus triangularis

Straight-billed Woodcreeper Dendroplex picus

Brown-billed Scythebill
Greater Scythebill
Montane Woodcreeper
Duida (Lineated) Woodcreeper

Campylorhamphus pusillus
Drymotoxeres pucheranii
Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger
Lepidocolaptes duidae

Plain Xenops Xenops minutus
Streaked Xenops Xenops rutilans

Streaked Tuftedcheek Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii

Chestnut-winged (Bar-winged) Cinclodes Cinclodes albidiventris
Stout-billed Cinclodes Cinclodes Cinclodes excelsior
Chestnut-winged Foliage-gleaner Philydor erythropterum

Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner Philydor rufum

Montane Foliage-gleaner Anabacerthia striaticollis

Chestnut-winged Hookbill Ancistrops strigilatus

Black-billed Treehunter Thripadectes melanorhynchus
Spotted Barbtail Premnoplex brunnescens
Pearled Treerunner Margarornis squamiger

Andean Tit-Spinetail Many-striped Canastero Streak-backed Canastero White-chinned Thistletail Azara's Spinetail Dark-breasted Spinetail Synallaxis albigularis H Rufous Spinetail Synallaxis propinqua Dusky Spinetail Synallaxis moesta TYRANT FLYCATCHERS White-lored Tyrannulet White-banded Tyrannulet White-banded Tyrannulet White-throated Tyrannulet White-throated Tyrannulet Mecocerculus stictopterus White-throated Tyrannulet Yellow-crowned Elaenia Massense Asthenes flammulata Asthenes flammulata Asthenes wyatti Asthenes flammulata Synallaxis azarae Bynallaxis propinqua Synallaxis propinqua Synallaxis propinqua Synallaxis propinqua Synallaxis propinqua Synallaxis propinqua Mynoecroulus stictopterus Mecocerculus poecilocercus Mecocerculus stictopterus Mecocerculus stictopterus Mecocerculus minor H Tufted Tit-Tyrant Anairetes parulus Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet Tyrannulus elatus Forest Elaenia Myiopagis gaimardii Gray Elaenia Myiopagis caniceps H Foothill Elaenia Myiopagis flavivertex
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Ochre-bellied Flycatcher Mionectes oleagineus
Slaty-capped Flycatcher Leptopogon superciliaris
Rufous-breasted Flycatcher Leptopogon rufipectus
Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant Phylloscartes ophthalmicus
Ecuadorian Tyrannulet Phylloscartes gualaquizae
Sooty-headed Tyrannulet Phyllomyias griseiceps
Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet Phyllomyias uropygialis
Slender-footed Tyrannulet Zimmerius gracilipes
Golden-faced Tyrannulet Zimmerius chrysops chrysops
Ornate Flycatcher Myiotriccus ornatus
Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant Pseudotriccus ruficeps
Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant Myiornis ecaudatus
Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant Lophotriccus pileatus
White-eyed Tody-Tyrant Hemitriccus zosterops
Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher Poecilotriccus ruficeps
Spotted Tody-Flycatcher Todirostrum maculatum
Common Tody-Flycatcher Todirostrum cinereum
Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum
Brownish Twistwing Cnipodectes subbrunneus
Orange-eyed Flycatcher (Flatbill) Tolmomyias traylori
Yellow-margined Flycatcher (Zimmer's Flatbill) Tolmomyias assimilis obscuriceps
Gray-crowned Flycatcher (Flatbill) Tolmomyias poliocephalus

Yellow-breasted Flycatcher (Olive-faced Flatbill)

Cinnamon Manakin-Tyrant (Cinnamon Neopipo)

Cinnamon Flycatcher

Tolmomyias flaviventris

Neopipo cinnamomea

Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus

Cliff Flycatcher Hirundinea ferruginea
Tawny-breasted Flycatcher Myiobius villosus

Olive-chested Flycatcher Myiophobus cryptoxanthus

Smoke-colored Pewee Contopus fumigatus
Western Wood-Pewee Contopus sordidulus
Eastern Wood-Pewee Contopus virens

Fuscous Flycatcher

Black Phoebe

Sayornis nigricans

Rufous-tailed Tyrant

Drab Water Tyrant

Plain-capped (Páramo) Ground-Tyrant

Cnemotriccus fuscatus

Sayornis nigricans

Knipolegus poecilurus

Ochthornis littoralis

Muscisaxicola alpinus

Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant Agriornis montanus
Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant Myiotheretes striaticollis
Smoky Bush-Tyrant Myiotheretes fumigatus

Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris

Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant Ochthoeca rufipectoralis
Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant Ochthoeca fumicolor

Rufous-tailed Flatbill Ramphotrigon ruficauda **H**

Cinnamon Attila

Citron-bellied Attila

Attila cinnamomeus

Attila citriniventris

Bright-rumped Attila

Attila spadiceus

Grayish Mourner Rhytipterna simplex
Short-crested Flycatcher Myiarchus ferox
Pale-edged Flycatcher Myiarchus cephalotes

Lesser Kiskadee Pitangus lictor

Great Kiskadee Pitangus sulphuratus
Boat-billed Flycatcher Megarynchus pitangua
Social Flycatcher Myiozetetes similis

Gray-capped Flycatcher Myiozetetes granadensis
Lemon-browed Flycatcher Conopias cinchoneti

Golden-crowned Flycatcher

Streaked Flycatcher

Myiodynastes chrysocephalus

Myiodynastes maculatus

Legatus leucophaius

Tryrannus melancholicus

Eastern Kingbird Tyrannus tyrannus
Fork-tailed Flycatcher Tyrannus savana
COTINGAS COTINGIDAE

Green-and-black Fruiteater Pipreola riefferii

Black-chested Fruiteater Pipreola lubomirskii H

Scarlet-breasted Fruiteater Pipreola frontalis
Fiery-throated Fruiteater Pipreola chlorolepidota
Red-crested Cotinga Ampelion rubrocristatus

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Black-necked Red-Cotinga
Andean Cock-of-the-rock
Gray-tailed Piha

Purple-throated Fruitcrow Amazonian Umbrellabird Plum-throated Cotinga Spangled Cotinga Screaming Piha

Bare-necked Fruitcrow

MANAKINS

Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin
Blue-crowned Manakin
Blue-rumped Manakin

Orange-crowned (Orange-crested) Manakin

White-bearded Manakin Wire-tailed Manakin Striped Manakin

White-crowned Manakin Golden-headed Manakin

Wing-barred Piprites

TITYRAS AND ALLIES

Black-tailed Tityra Masked Tityra

White-browed Purpletuft

Green-backed (Yellow-cheeked) Becard

Barred Becard

White-winged Becard Pink-throated Becard

VIREOS

Black-billed Peppershrike Olivaceous Greenlet Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo Dusky-capped Greenlet

Rufous-naped Greenlet Brown-capped Vireo Red-eyed Vireo

CROWS JAYS AND MAGPIES

Turquoise Jay Green (Inca) Jay Violaceous Jay

Yellow-green Vireo

SWALLOWS

Blue-and-white Swallow Brown-bellied Swallow White-thighed Swallow Phoenicircus nigricollis Rupicola peruvianus Snowornis subalaris Querula purpurata

Cephalopterus ornatus Cotinga maynana Cotinga cayana Lipaugus vociferans

Gymnoderus foetidus

PIPRIDAE

Tyranneutes stolzmanni Lepidothrix coronata Lepidothrix isidorei

Heterocercus aurantiivertex

Manacus manacus Pipra filicauda

Machaeropterus regulus

Dixiphia pipra

Ceratopipra erythrocephala

Piprites chloris

TITYRIDAE

Tityra cayana Tityra semifasciata Iodopleura isabellae

Pachyramphus viridis xanthogenys H
Pachyramphus versicolor H

Pachyramphus polychopterus

nigriventris

Pachyramphus minor

VIREONIDAE

Cyclarhis nigrirostris Hylophilus olivaceus

Vireolanius leucotis

Pachysylvia hypoxantha

Pachysylvia semibrunnea Vireo leucophrys Vireo olivaceus Vireo flavoviridis

CORVIDAE

Cyanolyca turcosa

Cyanocorax yncas yncas Cyanocorax violaceus

HIRUNDINIDAE

Pygochelidon cyanoleuca Orochelidon murina Atticora tibialis Н

White-banded Swallow

Southern Rough-winged Swallow

Gray-breasted Martin Brown-chested Martin White-winged Swallow

Bank Swallow (Sand Martin)

Barn Swallow

WRENS

Wing-banded Wren House Wren Troglodytes aedon Mountain Wren

Sedge (Grass/Paramo) Wren

Thrush-like Wren Plain-tailed Wren Coraya Wren **Buff-breasted Wren**

Rufous Wren

Sharpe's (Sepia-brown) Wren White-breasted Wood-Wren Gray-breasted Wood-Wren

Musician Wren

DIPPERS

White-capped Dipper

DONACOBIUS

Black-capped Donacobius

GNATCATCHERS Long-billed Gnatwren

THRUSHES AND ALLIES

Andean Solitaire Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush

Spotted Nightingale-Thrush Swainson's Thrush Pale-eved Thrush Lawrence's Thrush Black-billed Thrush **Great Thrush**

Glossy-black Thrush

WAGTAILS AND PIPITS

Paramo Pipit

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

American Redstart Tennessee Warbler Cerulean Warbler **Tropical Parula** Blackburnian Warbler Atticora fasciata

Stelgidopteryx ruficollis

Progne chalybea Progne tapera

Tachycineta albiventer

Riparia riparia Hirundo rustica

TROGLODYTIDAE

Microcerculus bambla Troglodytes solstitialis

Cistothorus platensis aequatorialis

Campylorhynchus turdinus Pheugopedius euophrys Pheugopedius coraya Cantorchilus leucotis Cinnycerthia unirufa

Cinnycerthia olivascens

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Henicorhina leucosticta Henicorhina leucophrys

Cyphorhinus arada

CINCLIDAE

Cinclus leucocephalus **DONACOBIIDAE**

Donacobius atricapilla

POLIOPTILIDAE

Ramphocaenus melanurus

TURDIDAE

Myadestes ralloides Catharus fuscater Catharus dryas Catharus ustulatus Turdus leucops Turdus lawrencii Turdus ignobilis Turdus fuscater Turdus serranus **MOTACILLIDAE** Anthus bogotensis

PARULIDAE

Setophaga ruticilla Oreothlypis peregrina Setophaga cerulea Setophaga pitiayumi Setophaga fusca

Blackpoll Warbler
Three-striped Warbler
Black-crested Warbler
Russet-crowned Warbler

Canada Warbler

Slate-throated Redstart (Whitestart)

Spectacled Redstart (Whitestart)

TANAGERS AND ALLIES

Red-capped Cardinal

Magpie Tanager

White-capped Tanager

Black-capped Hemispingus

Oleaginous Hemispingus Black-eared Hemispingus

Gray-hooded Bush Tanager

Rufous-chested Tanager

Orange-headed Tanager

Gray-headed Tanager

Flame-crested Tanager Silver-beaked Tanager

Masked Crimson Tanager

Masked Crimson Tanager

Hooded Mountain-Tanager

Grass-green Tanager

Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager

Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager

Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager

Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager

Fawn-breasted Tanager

Blue-and-yellow Tanager

Orange-eared Tanager

Blue-gray Tanager

Palm Tanager

Black-capped Tanager

Blue-necked Tanager Yellow-bellied Tanager

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Spotted Tanager

Blue-and-black Tanager
Beryl-spangled Tanager

Blue-browed Tanager

Turquoise Tanager

Paradise Tanager

Opal-rumped Tanager

Opal-crowned Tanager

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Bay-headed Tanager

Saffron-crowned Tanager

Setophaga striata

Basileuterus tristriatus

Myiothlypis nigrocristata

Myiothlypis coronata

Cardellina canadensis

Myioborus miniatus

Myioborus melanocephalus

THRAUPIDAE

Paroaria gularis

Cissopis leverianus

Sericossypha albocristata

Hemispingus atropileus

Hemispingus frontalis

Hemispingus melanotis melanotis

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Cnemoscopus rubrirostris

Thlypopsis ornata

Thlypopsis sordida

Eucometis penicillata

Tachyphonus cristatus

Ramphocelus carbo

Ramphocelus nigrogularis

Buthraupis montana

Chlorornis riefferii

Anisognathus lacrymosus

Anisognathus igniventris

Anisognathus somptuosus

Dubusia taeniata

Pipraeidea melanonota

Pipraeidea bonariensis

Chlorochrysa calliparaea

Thraupis episcopus

Thraupis palmarum

Tangara heinei

Tangara cyanicollis

Tangara xanthogastra

Tangara punctata

Tangara vassorii

Tangara nigroviridis

Tangara cyanotis

Tangara mexicana

Tangara chilensis

Tangara velia

Tangara callophrys

Tangara gyrola

Tangara xanthocephala

Green-and-gold Tanager Tangara schrankii Golden Tanager Tangara arthus Swallow Tanager Tersina viridis

Black-faced Dacnis Dacnis lineata lineata Yellow-bellied Dacnis Dacnis flaviventer Blue Dacnis Dacnis cayana

Purple Honeycreeper Cyanerpes caeruleus Green Honeycreeper Chlorophanes spiza Golden-collared Honeycreeper Iridophanes pulcherrimus Yellow-backed Tanager Hemithraupis flavicollis **Bicolored Conebill** Conirostrum bicolor Cinereous Conebill Conirostrum cinereum

Blue-backed Conebill Conirostrum sitticolor Giant Conebill Oreomanes fraseri Black Flowerpiercer Diglossa humeralis Deep-blue (Golden-eyed) Flowerpiercer Diglossa glauca

Bluish Flowerpiercer Diglossa caerulescens Masked Flowerpiercer Diglossa cyanea

Plushcap Catamblyrhynchus diadema Black-backed Bush Tanager Urothraupis stolzmanni Plumbeous Sierra-Finch Phrygilus unicolor Blue-black Grassquit Volatinia jacarina

Chestnut-bellied Seedeater Sporophila castaneiventris Chestnut-bellied (Lesser) Seed-Finch Sporophila angolensis Plain-colored Seedeater Catamenia inornata Bananaguit Coereba flaveola

Buff-throated Saltator Saltator maximus Н **Gravish Saltator** Saltator coerulescens н

Saltator grossus

SPARROWS AND ALLIES EMBERIZIDAE

Yellow-throated Chlorospingus (Bush-Tanager) Chlorospingus flavigularis

Common Chlorospingus (Bush-Tanager) Chlorospingus flavopectus Ammodramus aurifrons Yellow-browed Sparrow

Chestnut-capped Brushfinch Arremon brunneinucha Н

Rufous-collared Sparrow Zonotrichia capensis Slaty Brushfinch Atlapetes schistaceus Pale-naped Brushfinch Atlapetes pallidinucha Yellow-breasted (Rufous-naped) Brushfinch Atlapetes latinuchus

GROSBEAKS AND ALLIES CARDINALIDAE Summer Tanager Piranga rubra Scarlet Tanager Piranga olivacea

TROUPIALS AND ALLIES **ICTERIDAE**

Oriole Blackbird Gymnomystax mexicanus Giant Cowbird Molothrus oryzivorus Orange-backed Troupial Icterus croconotus

Slate-colored Grosbeak

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Chlorophonia cyanea

Scarlet-rumped (Subtropical) Cacique Cacicus uropygialis uropygialis

Yellow-rumped Cacique Cacicus cela

(Northern) Mountain Cacique Cacicus chrysonotus leucoramphus Н

Russet-backed Oropendola Psarocolius angustifrons

Green Oropendola Psarocolius viridis

Crested Oropendola Psarocolius decumanus

SISKINS AND ALLIES **FRINGILLIDAE**

Thick-billed Euphonia Euphonia laniirostris Golden-bellied (White-lored) Euphonia Euphonia chrysopasta Bronze-green Euphonia Euphonia mesochrysa

White-vented Euphonia Euphonia minuta

Orange-bellied Euphonia Euphonia xanthogaster Rufous-bellied Euphonia Euphonia rufiventris

Hooded Siskin Spinus magellanicus

Olivaceous Siskin Spinus olivaceus

MAMMAL LIST:

Blue-naped Chlorophonia

Linnaeus's (Southern) Two-toed Sloth Choloepus didactylus

Pygmy Marmoset Callithrix pygmaea

Graells's (Black-mantled) Tamarin Saguinus graellsi Golden-mantled Tamarin Saguinus tripartitus White-fronted Capuchin Cebus albifrons

Common Squirrel Monkey Saimiri sciureus Aotus vociferans Spix's Night Monkey

White-tailed (Dusky) Titi Callicebus discolor

Monk Saki Pithecia monachus

Venezuelan Red Howler Alouatta seniculus White-fronted Spider Monkey Ateles belzebuth

Poepping's (Silvery) Woolly Monkey Lagothrix poeppigii

Amazon Dwarf Squirrel Microsciurus flaviventer

Red-tailed Squirrel Sciurus granatensis

Black Agouti Dasyprocta fuliginosa

Tapeti (Brazilian Rabbit) Sylvilagus brasiliensis

Proboscis Bat Rhynchonycteris naso

Lesser Bulldog Bat Noctilio albiventris

Giant Otter Pteronura brasiliensis

White-tailed Deer Odocoileus virginianus Н