



Northwest Ecuador: In Search of Chocó endemics

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INTRODUCTION

This trip is one of the best birding experiences possible in Ecuador as it combines the well-developed birding areas easily reached from Tandayapa Bird Lodge, with the wild birding of the pristine Chocó lowland forest protected by the community of Playa de Oro. No less impressive was the birding on offer in two newly discovered spots in the region (Chical Road and La Union Road), which were also key to us accumulating a substantial number of endemics plus tons of other superb birds that led one of the experienced participants to say: "I've been on several birding trips to tropical countries, but this was the best trip to date."

ITINERARY

nov-7	Quito to Chical/Night Hacienda Primavera
nov-8	Chical to Tundaloma/Tundaloma Lodge
nov-9	Tundaloma to Playa de Oro/Playa do Oro Lodge
nov-10	Playa de Oro/Playa do Oro Lodge
nov-11	Playa de Oro/Playa do Oro Lodge
nov-12	Playa de Oro to Tundaloma/Tundaloma Lodge
nov-13	Tundaloma to Pedro Vicente Maldonado/Ayalir Lodge
nov-14	Milpe Bird Sanctuary to Tandayapa/Tandayapa Bird Lodge
nov-15	Mashpi Reserve/Tandayapa Bird Lodge
nov-16	Tandayapa valley/Tandayapa Bird Lodge
nov-17	Refugio Paz de las Aves/Tandayapa Bird Lodge
nov-18	Yanacocha Reserve and Calacali/Hotel Sebastian Quito

DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

Day 1: Quito to Chical Road

The day started with rain around Quito area, although I was not too concerned as we were headed into some drier habitats en-route to the Chical Road. The first quick stop we made en-route was around the small Andean town of Guayllabamba, where we got several **Croaking Ground-Doves**. Further north, we stopped to check the vegetation surrounding San Pablo Lake near the famous Andean market town of Otavalo. This area was pretty rewarding, for not only did we get great looks at the two specialties of that location, **Subtropical Doradito** and **Ecuadorian Rail**, but we also got some good activity with **Blue-and-Yellow Tanager**, **Vermilion Flycatcher**, **Black-tailed Trainbearer**, **Yellow-billed Pintail**, **Andean Teal**, and parties of **Hooded Siskins**.

Soon after we were on our way to a dry valley near Chota; a region well known for its great Ecuadorian soccer players. Shortly after lunch in the field we experienced good activity and picked up new birds like **Blue-headed Sapphire**, Western Emerald, and Harris's Hawk. Early in the afternoon I decided to move towards Hacienda Primavera, the lodge we were to be based in order to explore an exciting new birding site: the Chical Road. On the road that took us there we stopped to find **Ruddy-breasted Seedeater** (a widespread species that is rare in Ecuador), **Scrub Tanager** and **Yellow-faced Grassquit**. While birding there we were informed that unfortunately



Blue-headed Sapphire



Ruddy-breasted Seedeater

the road ahead had suffered a major landslide which would prevent us from passing through. Getting to the lodge therefore turned into quite an adventure, but finally we made it.

Day 2: Chical Road to Tundaloma

From our comfortable lodge, we needed to drive a further ten kilometer uphill to reach the best subtropical forest, where our targets awaited us. We had a further delay for another landslide but busied ourselves finding **White-capped Dipper**, **Dull-colored Grassquit**, more **Ruddy-breasted Seedeaters**, and Lesser Goldfinch while waiting for the machines to clear the debris from the landslide. Once clear we hurried uphill, eager to get our target birds. Once we reached the appropriate elevation, we quickly ran into several flocks that held our main targets like **Purplish-mantled Tanager** and **Fulvous-dotter Treerunner**, along with gorgeous **Saffron-crowned and Rufous-crested Tanagers** too, both species that are rarely recorded on the west side of the Andes. Some other more expected species were found too, including **Toucan Barbet**, **Grass-green Tanager**, **Andean Solitaire**, **Green-and-black Fruiteater**, and **Golden-headed Quetzal**.

In the afternoon we visited another new birding site, that once again offered up some exciting Chocó species, within the rich foothill forest there. Among the great things we saw were **Golden-chested and Scarlet-and-white Tanagers**, the rare and inconspicuous **Yellow-green Bush-Tanager**, **Lita Woodpecker**, **Chocó Warbler**, **White-ringed Flycatcher** and much more besides. Sadly, we were *not* able to see a couple of calling **tapaculos**, **Chocó and Nariño**, both endemic species that were calling from the same stretch of road. A couple of other new birds came on the drive to Tundaloma Lodge such as

Pale-vented Pigeon and **Band-rumped Swift**. At night we heard **Chocó Poorwills** calling in the distance.



Slaty-tailed Trogon

Day 3 Tundaloma to Playa de Oro

Just before we left the lodge we made time to check the flowers in the gardens which were visited by **Blue-chested Hummingbirds**. A **Gartered (Violaceous) Trogon** came in to the same area, responding well to my call. We decided to visit a well known road near the tiny town of Yalare for the morning. Here the activity was surprisingly good, despite the heat of a sunny morning. The first bird we found there was a female **Slaty-tailed Trogon** and just next to it a **Western White-tailed Trogon** was perched too, and occupied the same binocular field of view! That was the start of a parade of birds that kept us in one single spot for about two hours. **Dusky and Scaled Pigeons** flew in and perched for scope views, as did **Black-chested and Pied Puffbirds**. I managed to get the scope on a far away woodpecker working the canopy that turned out to be the rare, endemic **Chocó Woodpecker**!! Sadly only one of the group managed to see it before it flew off, and *never returned*. Some other birds we found during the morning included **Scarlet-breasted Dacnis**, **Orange-fronted Barbet**, **Black-capped Pygmy-Tyrant**, **Black-headed**

Tody-Flycatcher, and, a rare migrant not reported from this region, **Great Crested Flycatcher**, all of which posed in the scope. A single **Rose-faced Parrot** also flew close to us, and many **Mealy Amazons** and **Blue-headed Parrots** were seen at various places.

Finally, we started our drive towards Selva Alegre, the town where we would take the boat to the community of Playa de Oro. A lunch break on the way was very birdy, and we found **White-necked Puffbirds**, **Red-billed Scythebill**, **Pacific Antwren**, and the handsome **Scarlet-backed Woodpecker**. Once at the Santiago River we met Julio Ayovi, the head of the Playa de Oro community and Los Tigrillos lodge, where we were to be based for the next few nights. With him driving the motorized canoe we moved up stream for the next one and a half hours. We passed through picturesque villages where the local people bathed in the river and kids were clearly having fun diving into the water there. We also observed crystal-clear waterfalls dropping from steep high forested banks falling dramatically into the main river. During our ride, we saw several birds including a **Ringed Kingfisher**. Once at the lodge we birded the gardens where we found **White-thighed Swallows**, **White-whiskered Hermit**, **Rufous-tailed Jacamar**, **Long-tailed Tyrant** and another striking **Lita Woodpecker**.

Days 4 and 5: Playa de Oro

Birding here takes place in pristine lowland Chocó forest (a rare and fast-declining habitat) with huge trees and extensive undisturbed habitat. The highlights of our first forest walk included **Broad-billed Sapayoa**, a monotypic family. Aside from this specialty we also found **Lemon-spectacled** and **Emerald Tanagers**, had distant views of **Five-colored Barbet**, and also saw **Ocellated**, **Spotted**, **Bicolored**, and **Chestnut-backed Antbirds**, **Rufous Piha** and **Rufous Mourner**, **Spot-crowned Antwren**, **Red-capped**, **Green** and **Blue-crowned Manakins**, **White-flanked**, **Spot-winged** and **Checker-throated Antwrens** plus several **Black-throated Trogons**.

The afternoon was a little more relaxed as we did not walk the forest trails. Again though, the garden yielded some new birds for us, and we got great scope views of a **White-whiskered Puffbird** which posed for pictures. Other nice things around included yet another **Lita Woodpecker**, a nice male **Red-rumped Woodpecker**, **White-bearded Manakin**, **Bay Wren** and a cooperative **Griscom's (Moustached) Antwren**. As it was getting dark we ventured inside the forest once more to try for a couple of night birds which showed up right on cue, with a **Chocó Screech-Owl** posing for photos, while **Chocó Poorwill** was only seen in flight.



Vermiculated (Chocó) Screech-Owl

Next morning we walked the Paila trail. Not far from the lodge, a **Black-headed Antthrush** gave us a show by walking on the open trail right in front of us. Further ahead, we found a nice antswarm visited by **Bicolored, Chestnut-backed, Imaculate, and Spotted Antbirds**, as well as **Tawny-faced Gnatwren, Song Wren, White-breasted Wood-Wren**, and a couple of other Antwrens we had seen before, in addition to a **Plain-brown Woodcreeper**. Several meters ahead, we heard a **Streak-chested Antpitta** singing and which was then found posing nicely in one position for several minutes. In terms of hummingbirds, the open areas and *Heliconia* thickets along the trail were good for **Bronzy and White-whiskered Hermits** as well as **Band-tailed Barbthroat**, while inside the forest a very cooperative **Tooth-billed Hummingbird** sat at eye level for enough time to ensure we all saw it well. We finally got views of a male **Blue-crowned Manakin** and not too far from it, a **Club-**

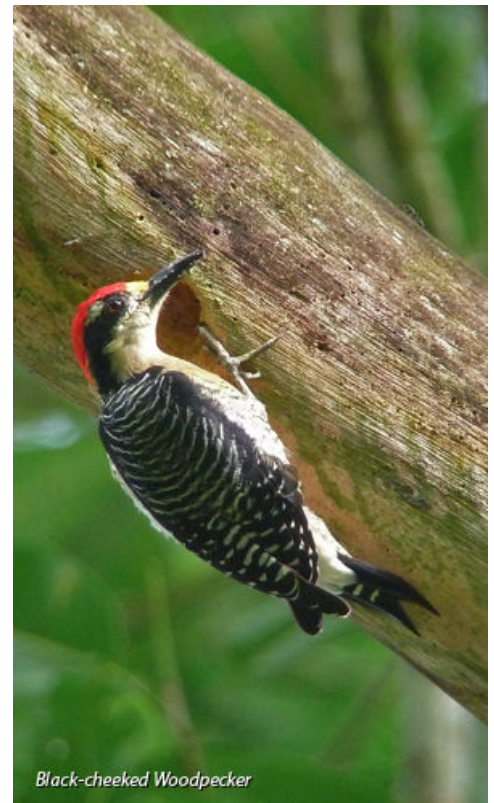


White-whiskered Puffbird

winged Manakin also came in and gave good views. This latter species is normally a foothill specialty but can be found at both lower and higher elevations if there sufficient unbroken stretches of forest like here at Playa de Oro. The afternoon was quiet due to prolonged rain which lasted until nightfall so our efforts along the trails just close to the lodge did not produce much, just a new heard bird, **Tawny-faced Quail** and in the open areas the only new bird seen was a **Snowy-throated Kingbird**.

Day 6: Playa de Oro to Tundaloma

We had time for a little further birding in the morning before departing from this pristine rainforest paradise back to civilization. We started just behind the lodge where a singing **Uniform Crake** attracted us to the thickets surrounding the house; sadly despite all our efforts we could not manage to get a view of it though. We checked the start of the trail on the opposite side of the river and found **Stripe-throated Wren** and **Blue-whiskered Tanager**. We needed to return back to the lodge early to pack our bags, after which we had an early lunch and then traveled back downstream to the tiny town of Selva Alegre. Once there we met with our driver once more and drove directly to Tundaloma. We spent the afternoon birding the gardens around the lodge where we found a couple of interesting birds like **Red-legged Honeycreeper, Scarlet-thighed, Blue and Yellow-tufted Dacnis, Hook-billed Kite, and Fulvous-vented Euphonia**.



Black-cheeked Woodpecker

Day 7: Tundaloma to Pedro Vicente Maldonado

This was mainly a travel day between sites but we did have some hours during the early morning for some final lowland birding. We explored the lodge surroundings, starting by checking the flowers next to the restaurant where we saw **Blue-chested, Purple-chested, and Violet-bellied Hummingbirds**. Walking the entrance road afterwards produced **Bright-rumped Attila, Olivaceous Piculet, Gray Elaenia, Slaty Spinetail, and Black-cheeked Woodpecker** building a nest. A **Brown Wood-Rail** called from thick vegetation but could not be tempted in to the open sadly. We left Tundaloma midmorning and worked our way down the coast making some occasional stops along the way. We managed to pick up many species on shrimp pools, a beach and road side scrub. Some of the highlights were **Jet Antbird** and **Tawny-crested Pygmy-Tyrant** in the scrubby areas, **Magnificent Frigatebird, Gull-billed and Royal Terns** on the beaches, plus **Great-tailed Grackle, Tricolored Heron, Willet, Whimbrel, and Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** at the pools. We arrived at our destination with sufficient light to bird the gardens around the lodge and found the attractive **Masked Water Tyrant** plus some Tumbesian endemics (here at the northern edge of their ranges) like **Pacific Parrotlets, Pacific Hornero and Ecuadorian Thrush**.

Day 8: Milpe and Tandayapa Valley

We departed with all our belongings early in the morning in order to spend the best time at a well-known birding location, the Milpe Bird Sanctuary. In this reserve we had a chance to bird Chocó foothill forest at around 1000m (3,300ft), an altitude we had not explored until this point. Thus we found many foothill specialties, which included some Chocó endemics, and of course many new birds for the tour. In fact, as soon as we stopped the car within the reserve, a pair of **Esmeraldas Antbirds** started calling just behind the parking lot; we happily found a good spot to call it in and the bird cooperated really well giving us magnificent views, which does not occur very often with this often shy and difficult species. Soon after, a flock began passing by, close to where we saw the antbird, and so we rushed down the trail to catch up with some of the birds within the flock, which included **Uniform Treehunter, Chocó Warbler, Russet Antshrike, Ochre-breasted Tanager, Buff-fronted, Scaly-throated and Lineated Foliage-Glenner, Rufous Motmot, Crimson-rumped Toucanets, and Pale-mandibled Aracaris** to mention just some of the highlights from this busy period. After completing a short loop trail within the reserve, we heard the unmistakable call of a **Yellow-collared Chlorophonia** calling from the trailhead. This got us all excited due its unusual proximity which allowed us not only great views but also a chance to take a relatively good picture, (not usually easy with this canopy-dwelling species). Afterwards we visited a different area of the sanctuary to try some other trails and to check the **Club-winged Manakin** Lek that during this part of the year is very active. Other birds that we found along the trails include the rare **Glistening-green Tanager, Chocó Toucan, Golden-winged Manakin, Rufous-rumped and Slaty Antwrens**, the unusual looking **Swallow Tanager**, and then at the reserve's



hummingbird feeders, White-whiskered Hermit, **Green-crowned Woodnymph**, and the unique **Velvet-purple Coronet**.

After lunch, we made our way upslope, towards **Tandayapa Bird Lodge**, our base for the final four nights. The reception we got there could not have been better: fresh fruit juice and **16 species of hummingbirds** at the feeders during our first 20 minutes on site, including four Chocó endemics: **Empress Brilliant**, **Brown Inca**, **Violet-tailed Sylph** and **Purple-bibbed Whitetip**, plus an all time favorite, the **Booted Raquet-tail**. We then took a late afternoon walk along the trails behind the lodge that produced **Strong-billed Woodcreeper**, **Masked Trogon**, excellent views of a **Barred Forest-Falcon**, and a **Scaled Antpitta** even jumped on to the trail for a short time, as well as a **White-throated Quail-Dove** that wandered onto the open trail.

Day 9: Mashpi

This foothill site has leapt to the fore in recent years as holds many key Choco species. Typically, the day



was misty, but the birds like it this way and were active for much of the day as a result. This was truly rare day in terms of endemics with many seen. The first flock of the day was loaded with quality Chocó birds: **Indigo Flowerpiercer**, **Uniform Treehunter**, **Glistening-green Tanager**, **Moss-backed Tanager**, **Dusky Bush-Tanager**, **Pacific Tuftedcheek** and **Chocó Warbler**. That was the start of a long walk during which we found other stunning endemics like **Orange-breasted Fruiteater**, **Club-wing Manakin**, **Velvet-purple Coronet**, **Brown Inca**, **Violet-tailed Sylph**, **Esmeraldas Antbird**, **Dark-backed Wood-Quail** that crossed the road, **Black-chinned Mountain-Tanager**, **Chocó (Tricolored) Brush-Finch** and to end the list, the best birds of the day, **Chocó Vireo** and **Black Solitaire**. Other outstanding birds that we found were **Rufous-rumped Antwren**, **Brown-billed Scythebill**, **Sepia-brown Wren**, a lekking **Wedge-billed Hummingbird**, and my personal favorite, a **Crimson-bellied Woodpecker** that posed for pictures. Heading back to the lodge we

also heard another **Yellow-collared Chlorophonia** which meant that we had amassed a remarkable total of 19 Chocó endemics for this day!

Day 10: Tandayapa Valley

We visited the upper part of the valley for the morning which, and spent the afternoon in the lower part of the valley, which have a very different nature from each other. The highlight of the morning was undoubtedly the rare and local **Tanager Finch** that we all saw well.



In the afternoon we birded the **old Nono-Tandayapa road**. The first bird that brought us to stop was a stunning **Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan** that perched on a very exposed branch just begging for pictures to be taken. Next, along the Alambi River a pair of **Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrants**, one of my favorite birds in the area responded very well to the tape, giving us super views. A cooperative **Nariño Tapaculo** moved through with an understory flock, and a pair of **Beautiful Jays** came

rushing to playback and jumped from one exposed branch to another repeatedly. We found a good canopy flock too that gave us **White-winged, Golden-naped, Beryl-spangled, Flame-faced, and Metallic-green Tanagers**.

Day 11: Refugio Paz de las Aves and Upper Tandayapa Valley

Today we visited this unique birding location, made famous from the practice of antpitta feeding that the owner pioneered to such great effect 6 years ago. Famous for antpittas, a very recent development meant that we also had a chance to see a habituated **Ocellated Tapaculo** there too! Angel Paz and his brother Rodrigo (the bird whisperers and owners of the place) needed to work extra hard this morning to show the birds to us. The first attraction these guys showed us was a nesting **Olivaceous Piha** feeding a chick.



Ocellated Tapaculo

Just after, we moved towards the feeding station for the **Giant Antpittas** where we got two different individuals eating earthworms that the Paz brothers provided for them. In another spot we were made to wait for 20 minutes before Angel brought into view another personal favorite, an **Ochre-breasted Antpitta** which danced just a few feet away from us for around 15 minutes. Higher up the trail we picked up a **Moustached Antpitta** and a covey of **Dark-backed Wood-Quails**, each species showing on a different side of the trail at the same time so that we did not know which way to look first! After the usual filling brunch prepared the wives of the Paz brothers we moved on to another site where we soon were rewarded with our 4th antpitta of the morning, this time a **Yellow-breasted Antpitta**. Rodrigo Paz then said to me, discreetly, that he had habituated a new bird for the area, an **Ocellated Tapaculo**, but he did not want to bring everybody down to the area just yet as it was still early days (3 days in to the habituation process), and therefore the bird was still shy and could not yet handle a larger crowd. After a short walk across a cow pasture and a wait of around ten minutes we were thrilled to see this true fantasy bird hopping around in the open!

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Happy about this final sighting, we changed sites and moved towards San Tadeo birding our way along old Nono-Mindo road towards Tandayapa. The first few hours of the afternoon were still very hot and sunny and bird activity low. Therefore, we waited for a time until cloud cover had crept in and bird activity picked up. As we moved our way along the road we ran into a feeding flock that held **Tanager Finch**, **Tyrannine Woodcreeper**, **Rusty-winged Barbtail**, and **Crimson-mantled Woodpecker** to name a few.

Day 12: Yanacocha and Calacali

The last day of the trip arrived almost unexpectedly; the trip was so much fun that days passed by fast. We left Tandayapa in the dark with two targets to be found on the road near the lodge. A few **Lyre-tailed Nightjars** and a single **Rufous-bellied Nighthawk** were found within 15 minutes of leaving the lodge. Once we arrived at **Yanacocha** reserve we started walking the main "Inca" trail, where we saw **Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanagers**, **Andean Guan**, **Barred Fruiteater**, **Blue-backed Conebills** in a series of mixed flocks along there. At the end of the trail the hummingbird feeders were typically buzzing with activity and we soon found **Sword-billed Hummingbird**, **Sapphire-vented and Golden-breasted Pufflegs**, **Great Sapphirewings** and **Buff-winged Starfrontlets**. A recent, and exciting, new development on site though was a new feeding station set up for a **Rufous Antpitta** within the reserve, which we duly saw well.



After lunch in the field we moved on towards the drier country of **Calacali**, but not without making a couple of stops along the way that produced **Andean Lapwings**, **Green-tailed Trainbearer**, and **Ash-colored Tapaculo**. Afterwards we moved into the dry inter-Andean valley and markedly different scrub habitat of Calacali, close to the equator monument. We needed just 20 seconds of walking from the car to spot the rare and local **White-tailed Shrike-Tyrant** perched close by. Only a further few minutes of birding this area were needed to find several other specialties like the rare **Purple-collared Woodstar** feeding on some blooms just five feet away, **Blue-and-yellow Tanager**, **Golden-rumped Euphonia**, **Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch**, and **Black-tailed Trainbearer**; which all provided a grand finale to what had been a very enjoyable trip.

FINAL LIST OF TRIP

As a summary we registered the grand total of 476 species of 59 families out of which 36 birds were only heard. There were 53 Chocó Endemics registering up to 19 on a single day.

The taxonomy of this list follows: Clements, James F, Anthony W. White, and John W. Fitzpatrick "The Clements Checklist of Birds of the World". Cornell, 2007. This list includes updates by Cornell through December 2009. Alternate names used by The Birds of Ecuador are given in parentheses.

Birds coded "h" were heard only; birds coded **C** are Chocó Endemics (including subspecies)

TINAMOUS

- h Great Tinamou
- h Berlepsch's Tinamou **C**
- h Little Tinamou

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS

- Yellow-billed Pintail
- Andean Teal
- Blue-winged Teal
- (Andean) Ruddy Duck

GUANS, CHACHALACAS, CURASSOWS

- Andean Guan
- h Crested Guan
- Sickle-winged Guan

NEW WORLD QUAIL

- h Rufous-fronted Wood-Quail
- Dark-backed Wood-Quail **C**
- h Tawny-faced Quail

PELICANS

- Brown Pelican

CORMORANTS AND SHAGS

- Neotropic Cormorant

FRIGATEBIRDS

- Magnificent Frigatebird

HERONS, EGRETS, AND BITTERNS

- Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
- Great Egret
- Tricolored Heron
- Snowy Egret
- Little Blue Heron
- Cattle Egret
- Striated Heron

NEW WORLD VULTURES

- Black Vulture
- Turkey Vulture

OSPREY

- Osprey

HAWKS, EAGLES, AND KITES

- Hook-billed Kite
- Plumbeous Kite
- Barred Hawk
- Harris's Hawk

TINAMIDAE

- Tinamus major*
- Crypturellus berlepschi*
- Crypturellus soui*

ANATIDAE

- Anas georgica*
- Anas flavirostris andium*
- Anas discors*
- Oxyura jamaicensis andina*

CRACIDAE

- Penelope montagnii*
- Penelope purpurascens*
- Chamaepetes goudotii*

ODONTOPHORIDAE

- Odontophorus erythrops*
- Odontophorus melanotus*
- Rhynchortyx cinctus*

PELECANIDAE

- Pelecanus occidentalis*

PHALACROCORACIDAE

- Phalacrocorax brasilianus*

FREGATIDAE

- Fregata magnificens*

ARDEIDAE

- Nyctanassa violacea*
- Ardea alba*
- Egretta tricolor*
- Egretta thula*
- Egretta caerulea*
- Bubulcus ibis*
- Butorides striata*

CATHARTIDAE

- Coragyps atratus*
- Cathartes aura*

PANDIONIDAE

- Pandion haliaetus*

ACCIPITRIDAE

- Chondrohierax uncinatus*
- Ictinia plumbea*
- Leucopternis princeps*
- Parabuteo unicinctus*

Roadside Hawk

White-rumped Hawk

Zone-tailed Hawk

FALCONS AND CARACARAS

Laughing Falcon

Barred Forest-Falcon

American Kestrel

RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS

Virginia (Ecuadorian) Rail

h Brown Wood-Rail

h Uniform Crake

Common Moorhen (Gallinule)

LAPWINGS

Andean Lapwing

SANDPIPERS

Whimbrel

Spotted Sandpiper

Lesser Yellowlegs

Willet

Sanderling

GULLS AND TERNS

Andean Gull

Franklin's Gull

Gull-billed Tern

Royal Tern

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon

Scaled Pigeon

Band-tailed Pigeon

Pale-vented Pigeon

h Plumbeous Pigeon

Ruddy Pigeon

Dusky Pigeon C

Eared Dove

Ecuadorian Ground-Dove

Croaking Ground-Dove

White-tipped Dove

Pallid Dove C

White-throated Quail-Dove

PARROTS

Maroon-tailed Parakeet

h Barred Parakeet

Pacific Parrotlet

Rose-faced Parrot C

Blue-headed Parrot

Red-billed Parrot

Speckle-faced (White-capped) Parrot

Bronze-winged Parrot

Scaly-naped Parrot (Amazon)

Mealy Parrot (Amazon)

CUCKOOS

Squirrel Cuckoo

Buteo magnirostris

Buteo leucorrhous

Buteo albonotatus

FALCONIDAE

Herpetotheres cachinnans

Micrastur ruficollis

Falco sparverius

RALLIDAE

Rallus limicola aequatorialis

Aramides wolffi

Amaurolimnas concolor

Gallinula chloropus

CHARADRIIDAE

Vanellus resplendens

SCOLOPACIDAE

Numenius phaeopus

Actitis macularius

Tringa flavipes

Tringa semipalmata

Calidris alba

LARINAE

Chroicocephalus serranus

Leucophaeus pipixcan

Gelochelidon nilotica

Thalasseus maximus

COLUMBIDAE

Columba livia

Patagioenas speciosa

Patagioenas fasciata

Patagioenas cayennensis

Patagioenas plumbea

Patagioenas subvinacea

Patagioenas goodsoni

Zenaida auriculata

Columbina buckleyi

Columbina cruziana

Leptotila verreauxi

Leptotila pallida

Geotrygon frenata

PSITTACIDAE

Pyrrhura melanura pacifica

Bolborhynchus lineola

Forpus coelestis

Pyrilia pulchra

Pionus menstruus

Pionus sordidus

Pionus tumultuosus seniloides

Pionus chalcopterus

Amazona mercenaria

Amazona farinosa

CUCULIDAE

Piaya cayana

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Smooth-billed Ani

OWLS

- h Crested Owl
- Vermiculated (Choco) Screech-Owl **C**

- h Andean Pygmy-Owl

NIGHTJARS

Rufous-bellied Nighthawk
Common Pauraque
Choco Poorwill **C**
Lyre-tailed Nightjar

POTOOS

Common Potoo

SWIFTS

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

HUMMINGBIRDS

Bronzy Hermit
Band-tailed Barbthroat
White-whiskered Hermit **C**
Tawny-bellied Hermit
Long-billed (Baron's) Hermit
Stripe-throated Hermit
Tooth-billed Hummingbird
White-necked Jacobin
Brown Violetear
Green Violetear
Sparkling Violetear
Green Thorntail
Western Emerald
Green-crowned Woodnymph
Violet-bellied Hummingbird
Blue-headed Sapphire
Andean Emerald
Blue-chested Hummingbird
Purple-chested Hummingbird **C**
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird
Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer
Speckled Hummingbird
Fawn-breasted Brilliant
Green-crowned Brilliant
Empress Brilliant **C**
Buff-tailed Coronet
Velvet-purple Coronet **C**
Shining Sunbeam
Brown Inca **C**
Collared Inca
Buff-winged Starfrontlet
Sword-billed Hummingbird
Great Sapphirewing

Crotophaga ani

STRIGIDAE

Lophostrix cristata
Megascops guatemalae vermiculatus

Glaucidium jardiinii

CAPRIMULGIDAE

Lurocalis rufiventris
Nyctidromus albicollis
Nyctiphrynus rosenbergi
Uropsalis lyra

NYCTIBIIDAE

Nyctibius griseus

APODIDAE

Streptoprocne rutila
Streptoprocne zonaris
Chaetura spinicaudus
Chaetura cinereiventris
Panyptila cayennensis

TROCHILIDAE

Glaucis aeneus
Threnetes ruckeri
Phaethornis yaruqui
Phaethornis syrmatophorus
Phaethornis longirostris baroni
Phaethornis striigularis
Androdon aequatorialis
Florisuga mellivora
Colibri delphinae
Colibri thalassinus
Colibri coruscans
Discosura conversii
Chlorostilbon melanorhynchus
Thalurania fannyi verticeps
Damophila julie
Hylocharis grayi
Amazilia franciae
Amazilia amabilis
Amazilia rosenbergi
Amazilia tzacatl
Chalybura urochrysis
Adelomyia melanogenys
Heliodoxa rubinoides
Heliodoxa jacula
Heliodoxa imperatrix
Boissonneaua flavescens
Boissonneaua jardiinii
Aglaeactis cupripennis
Coeligena wilsoni
Coeligena torquata
Coeligena lutetiae
Ensifera ensifera
Pterophanes cyanopterus

Gorgeted Sunangel C
Sapphire-vented Puffleg
Golden-breasted Puffleg
Purple-bibbed Whitetip C
Booted Racket-tail
Black-tailed Trainbearer
Green-tailed Trainbearer
Tyrian Metaltail
Violet-tailed Sylph C
Wedge-billed Hummingbird
Purple-crowned Fairy
Purple-throated Woodstar
Purple-collared Woodstar

TROGONS

Golden-headed Quetzal
Crested Quetzal
Slaty-tailed Trogon
(Western) White-tailed Trogon
Gartered (Northern Violaceous) Trogon
Black-throated Trogon
Collared Trogon
Masked Trogon

MOTMOTS

Rufous Motmot
Broad-billed Motmot

KINGFISHERS

Ringed Kingfisher
Green Kingfisher

PUFFBIRDS

White-necked Puffbird
Black-breasted Puffbird
Pied Puffbird
White-whiskered Puffbird
h White-faced Nunbird

JACAMARS

Rufous-tailed Jacamar

NEW WORLD BARBETS

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

TOUCAN-BARBETS

Toucan Barbet C

TOUCANS

Crimson-rumped Toucanet
Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan C
Collared (Pale-mandibled) Aracari C
h Collared (Stripe-billed) Aracari C
Chestnut-mandibled Toucan
Choco Toucan C

WOODPECKERS

Olivaceous Piculet
Black-cheeked Woodpecker

Heliangelus strophianus
Eriocnemis luciani
Eriocnemis mosquera
Urosticte benjamini
Ocreatus underwoodii
Lesbia victoriae
Lesbia nuna
Metallura tyrianthina
Aglaiocercus coelestis
Schistes geoffroyi
Heliothryx barroti
Calliphlox mitchellii
Myrtis fanny

TROGONIDAE

Pharomachrus auriceps
Pharomachrus antisianus
Trogon massena
Trogon chionurus
Trogon violaceus concinnus
Trogon rufus
Trogon collaris
Trogon personatus

MOMOTIDAE

Baryphthengus martii
Electron platyrhynchum

ALCEDINIDAE

Megaceryle torquatus
Chloroceryle americana

BUCCONIDAE

Notharchus hyperrhynchus
Notharchus pectoralis
Notharchus tectus
Malacoptila panamensis
Hapaloptila castanea

GALBULIDAE

Galbula ruficauda

CAPITONIDAE

Capito squamatus
Capito quinticolor
Eubucco bourcierii

SEMNORNITHIDAE

Semnornis ramphastinus

RAMPHASTIDAE

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

PICIDAE

Picumnus olivaceus
Melanerpes pucherani

	Smoky-brown Woodpecker	<i>Picoides fumigatus</i>
	Red-rumped Woodpecker	<i>Veniliornis kirkii</i>
	Scarlet-backed Woodpecker	<i>Veniliornis callonotus</i>
h	Bar-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Veniliornis nigriceps</i>
	Choco Woodpecker C	<i>Veniliornis chocoensis</i>
	Lita Woodpecker C	<i>Piculus litae</i>
	Golden-olive Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes rubiginosus</i>
	Crimson-mantled Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes rivolii</i>
	Cinnamon Woodpecker	<i>Celeus loricatus</i>
h	Lineated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>
	Crimson-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Campephilus haematogaster</i>
	Guayaquil Woodpecker	<i>Campephilus gayaquilensis</i>
	BROADBILLS	EURYLAIMIDAE
	Sapayoa (Broad-billed Sapayoa)	<i>Sapayoa aenigma</i>
	OVENBIRDS	FURNARIIDAE
	Pale-legged (Pacific) Hornero	<i>Furnarius leucopus cinnamomeus</i>
	Azara's Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis azarae</i>
h	Rufous Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis unirufa</i>
	Slaty Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis brachyura</i>
	White-browed Spinetail	<i>Hellmayrea gularis</i>
	Red-faced Spinetail	<i>Cranioleuca erythropus</i>
	Rusty-winged Barbtail	<i>Premnornis guttuligera</i>
	Spotted Barbtail	<i>Premnoplex brunnescens</i>
	Fulvous-dotted (Star-chested) Treerunner C	<i>Margarornis stellatus</i>
	Pearled Treerunner	<i>Margarornis squamiger</i>
	Buffy (Pacific) Tuftedcheek C	<i>Pseudocolaptes lawrencii johnsoni</i>
	Streaked Tuftedcheek	<i>Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii</i>
	Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner	<i>Anabacerthia variegaticeps</i>
	Lineated Foliage-gleaner	<i>Syndactyla subalaris</i>
	Striped (Western) Woodhaunter	<i>Hyloctistes subulatus assimilis</i>
	Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner	<i>Philydor rufum</i>
	Uniform Treehunter C	<i>Thripadectes ignobilis</i>
	Striped Treehunter	<i>Thripadectes holostictus</i>
h	Streak-capped Treehunter	<i>Thripadectes virgaticeps</i>
h	Ruddy Foliage-gleaner	<i>Automolus rubiginosus</i>
	Plain Xenops	<i>Xenops minutus</i>
	WOODCREEPERS	FURNARIIDAE/DENDROCOLAPTINAE
	Tyrannine Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocincla tyrannina</i>
	Plain-brown Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocincla fuliginosa</i>
	Wedge-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Glyphorhynchus spirurus</i>
	Strong-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus</i>
	Northern Barred-Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae</i>
	Black-striped Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus lachrymosus</i>
	Spotted Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus erythropygius</i>
	Streak-headed Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes souleyetii</i>
	Montane Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger</i>
	Red-billed Scythebill	<i>Campylorhamphus trochilirostris</i>
	Brown-billed Scythebill	<i>Campylorhamphus pusillus</i>
	TYPICAL ANTIBIRDS	THAMNOPHILIDAE
	Great Antshrike	<i>Taraba major</i>
	Western Slaty-Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus atrinucha</i>
	Uniform Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus unicolor</i>

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Russet Antshrike	<i>Thamnistes anabatinus</i>
Spot-crowned Antwren	<i>Dysithamnus puncticeps</i>
Checker-throated Antwren	<i>Epinecrophylla fulviventris</i>
Dot-winged Antwren	<i>Microrhopias quixensis</i>
Moustached (Griscom's) Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula ignota</i>
Pacific Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula pacifica</i>
White-flanked Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula axillaris</i>
Slaty Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula schisticolor</i>
Long-tailed Antbird	<i>Drymophila caudata</i>
Rufous-rumped Antwren	<i>Terenura callinota</i>
Dusky Antbird	<i>Cercomacra tyrannina</i>
Jet Antbird	<i>Cercomacra nigricans</i>
Chestnut-backed Antbird	<i>Myrmeciza exsul</i>
Esmeraldas Antbird C	<i>Myrmeciza nigricauda</i>
Stub-tailed Antbird C	<i>Myrmeciza berlepschi</i>
Immaculate Antbird	<i>Myrmeciza immaculata</i>
Bicolored Antbird	<i>Gymnopithys leucaspis</i>
Spotted Antbird	<i>Hylophylax naevioides</i>
Ocellated Antbird	<i>Phaenostictus mcleannani</i>
ANTHRUSHES	FORMICARIIDAE
Black-headed Antthrush	<i>Formicarius nigricapillus</i>
h Rufous-breasted Antthrush	<i>Formicarius rufipectus</i>
ANTPITTAS	GRALLARIIDAE
Giant Antpitta	<i>Grallaria gigantea</i>
Moustached Antpitta	<i>Grallaria alleni</i>
Scaled Antpitta	<i>Grallaria guatemalensis</i>
Chestnut-crowned Antpitta	<i>Grallaria ruficapilla</i>
h Chestnut-naped Antpitta	<i>Grallaria nuchalis</i>
Yellow-breasted Antpitta C	<i>Grallaria flavotincta</i>
Rufous Antpitta	<i>Grallaria rufula</i>
h Tawny Antpitta	<i>Grallaria quitensis</i>
Streak-chested Antpitta	<i>Hylopezus perspicillatus</i>
Ochre-breasted Antpitta	<i>Grallaricula flavirostris</i>
TAPACULOS	RHINOCRYPTIDAE
Ash-colored Tapaculo	<i>Myornis senilis</i>
Blackish (Unicolored) Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus (unicolor) latrans</i>
h Choco Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus chocoensis</i>
Narino Tapaculo C	<i>Scytalopus vicinior</i>
Spillmann's Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus spillmanni</i>
Ocellated Tapaculo	<i>Acropternis orthonyx</i>
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS	TYRANNIDAE
Brown-capped Tyrannulet	<i>Ornithion brunneicapillus</i>
Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet	<i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i>
White-tailed Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus poecilocercus</i>
White-banded Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus stictopterus</i>
White-throated Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus leucophrys</i>
Subtropical Doradito	<i>Pseudocolopteryx acutipennis</i>
Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet	<i>Tyrannulus elatus</i>
Gray Elaenia	<i>Myiopagis caniceps</i>
Greenish Elaenia	<i>Myiopagis viridicata</i>
Yellow-bellied Elaenia	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>
White-crested Elaenia	<i>Elaenia albiceps</i>

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Streak-necked Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes striaticollis</i>
Olive-striped Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes olivaceus</i>
h Ochre-bellied Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes oleagineus</i>
Slaty-capped Flycatcher	<i>Leptopogon superciliosus</i>
Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant	<i>Pogonotriccus ophthalmicus</i>
Sooty-headed Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias griseiceps</i>
h Ashy-headed Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias cinereiceps</i>
Choco (Golden-faced) Tyrannulet	<i>Zimmerius (chrysops) albigularis</i>
Ornate Flycatcher	<i>Myiotriccus ornatus</i>
Bronze-olive Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Pseudotriccus pelzelni</i>
h Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Pseudotriccus ruficeps</i>
Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Euscarthmus meloryphus</i>
Black-capped Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Myiornis atricapillus</i>
h Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Lophotriccus pileatus</i>
Common Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>
Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum nigriceps</i>
Yellow-margined Flycatcher (Flatbill)	<i>Tolmomyias assimilis flavotectus</i>
Cinnamon Flycatcher	<i>Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus</i>
Tawny-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Myiobius villosus</i>
Flavescent Flycatcher	<i>Myiophobus flavicans</i>
Bran-colored Flycatcher	<i>Myiophobus fasciatus</i>
Smoke-colored Pewee	<i>Contopus fumigatus</i>
Western Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus sordidulus</i>
Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>
Vermilion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>
White-tailed Shrike-Tyrant	<i>Agriornis albicauda</i>
Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant	<i>Myiotheretes striaticollis</i>
Masked Water-Tyrant	<i>Fluvicola nengeta</i>
Crowned Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca frontalis</i>
Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca diadema</i>
Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris</i>
Long-tailed Tyrant	<i>Colonia colonus</i>
Bright-rumped Attila	<i>Attila spadiceus</i>
Rufous Mourner	<i>Rhytipterna holerythra</i>
Dusky-capped Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>
Great Crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>
Boat-billed Flycatcher	<i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>
Rusty-margined Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes cayanensis</i>
Social Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>
Gray-capped Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes granadensis</i>
White-ringed Flycatcher	<i>Conopias albobittatus</i>
Golden-crowned Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes chrysocephalus</i>
Streaked Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>
Piratic Flycatcher	<i>Legatus leucophaeus</i>
Snowy-throated Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus niveigularis</i>
Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>
COTINGAS	COTINGIDAE
Green-and-black Fruiteater	<i>Pipreola riefferii</i>
Barred Fruiteater	<i>Pipreola arcuata</i>
Orange-breasted Fruiteater C	<i>Pipreola jucunda</i>
Andean Cock-of-the-rock	<i>Rupicola peruvianus</i>
Olivaceous Piha	<i>Snowornis cryptolophus</i>

Purple-throated Fruitcrow

Rufous Piha

MANAKINS

Golden-winged Manakin

Club-winged Manakin **C**

Blue-crowned Manakin

White-bearded Manakin

Green Manakin

Red-capped Manakin

TITYRAS AND ALLIES

Black-crowned Tityra

Masked Tityra

Cinnamon Becard

Black-and-white Becard

One-colored Becard

VIREOS

Choco Vireo **C**

Brown-capped Vireo

Red-eyed Vireo

h Tawny-crowned Greenlet

Lesser Greenlet

h Black-billed Peppershrike

CROWS JAYS AND MAGPIES

Turquoise Jay

Beautiful Jay **C**

SWALLOWS

Blue-and-white Swallow

Brown-bellied Swallow

White-thighed Swallow

Southern Rough-winged Swallow

Gray-breasted Martin

Barn Swallow

WRENS

h Band-backed Wren

Sharpe's (Sepia-brown) Wren

Plain-tailed Wren

Bay Wren

Stripe-throated Wren

House Wren

Mountain Wren

White-breasted Wood-Wren

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren

Scaly-breasted (Southern Nightingale) Wren

Song Wren

DIPPERS

White-capped Dipper

GNATCATCHERS

Tawny-faced Gnatwren

Tropical Gnatcatcher

Slate-throated Gnatcatcher

THRUSHES AND ALLIES

Andean Solitaire

Querula purpurata

Lipaugus unirufus

PIPRIDAE

Masius chrysopterus

Machaeropterus deliciosus

Lepidothrix coronata

Manacus manacus

Xenopipo holochlora litae

Pipra mentalis

TITYRIDAE

Tityra inquisitor

Tityra semifasciata

Pachyramphus cinnamomeus

Pachyramphus albogriseus

Pachyramphus homochrous

VIREONIDAE

Vireo masteri

Vireo leucophrys

Vireo olivaceus

Hylophilus ochraceiceps

Hylophilus decurtatus

Cyclarhis nigrirostris

CORVIDAE

Cyanolyca turcosa

Cyanolyca pulchra

HIRUNDINIDAE

Pygochelidon cyanoleuca

Orochelidon murina

Atticora tibialis

Stelgidopteryx ruficollis

Progne chalybea

Hirundo rustica

TROGLODYTIDAE

Campylorhynchus zonatus

Cinnycerthia olivascens

Thryothorus euophrys

Thryothorus nigricapillus

Thryothorus leucopogon

Troglodytes aedon

Troglodytes solstitialis

Henicorhina leucosticta

Henicorhina leucophrys

Microcerculus marginatus

Cyphorhinus phaeocephalus

CINCLIDAE

Cinclus leucocephalus

POLIOPTILIDAE

Microbates cinereiventris

Polioptila plumbea

Polioptila schistaceigula

TURDIDAE

Myadestes ralloides

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- h Spotted Nightingale-Thrush
- Swainson's Thrush
- Black Solitaire **C**
- Ecuadorian Thrush
- Great Thrush
- h Glossy-black Thrush
- White-throated (Dagua) Thrush
- WAGTAILS AND PIPITS**
- h Paramo Pipit
- NEW WORLD WARBLERS**
- Tropical Parula
- Blackburnian Warbler
- Olive-crowned Yellowthroat
- Slate-throated Redstart
- Spectacled Redstart
- Golden-bellied (Chocó) Warbler **C**
- Black-crested Warbler
- Russet-crowned Warbler
- Three-striped Warbler
- h Buff-rumped Warbler
- BANANAQUIT**
- Bananaquit
- TANAGERS AND ALLIES**
- Rufous-crested Tanager
- Black-eared (Western) Hemispingus **C**
- Cinereous Conebill
- Blue-backed Conebill
- Capped Conebill
- Dusky Bush-Tanager **C**
- Yellow-throated Bush-Tanager
- Yellow-green Bush-Tanager **C**
- Guira Tanager
- Scarlet-and-white Tanager **C**
- Dusky-faced Tanager
- Scarlet-browed Tanager **C**
- White-shouldered Tanager
- Tawny-crested Tanager
- Flame-rumped (Lemon-rumped) Tanager
- Blue-gray Tanager
- Palm Tanager
- Blue-capped Tanager
- Blue-and-yellow Tanager
- Golden-chested Tanager **C**
- Moss-backed Tanager **C**
- Hooded Mountain-Tanager
- Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager
- Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager
- Black-chinned Mountain-Tanager **C**
- Grass-green Tanager
- Purplish-mantled Tanager **C**
- Fawn-breasted Tanager
- Glistening-green Tanager **C**
- Catharus dryas*
- Catharus ustulatus*
- Entomodestes coracinus*
- Turdus maculirostris*
- Turdus fuscater*
- Turdus serranus*
- Turdus assimilis daguae*
- MOTACILLIDAE**
- Anthus bogotensis*
- PARULIDAE**
- Parula pitiayumi*
- Dendroica fusca*
- Geothlypis semiflava*
- Myioborus miniatus*
- Myioborus melanocephalus*
- Basileuterus chrysogaster chlorophrys*
- Basileuterus nigrocristatus*
- Basileuterus coronatus*
- Basileuterus tristriatus*
- Phaeothlypis fulvicauda*
- COEREBIDAE**
- Coereba flaveola*
- THRAUPIDAE**
- Creurgops verticalis*
- Hemispingus melanotis ochraceus*
- Conirostrum cinereum*
- Conirostrum sitticolor*
- Conirostrum albifrons*
- Chlorospingus semifuscus*
- Chlorospingus flavigularis*
- Chlorospingus flavovirens*
- Hemithraupis guira*
- Chrysothlypis salmoni*
- Mitrospingus cassinii*
- Heterospingus xanthopygius*
- Tachyphonus luctuosus*
- Tachyphonus delatrii*
- Ramphocelus flammigerus icteronotus*
- Thraupis episcopus*
- Thraupis palmarum*
- Thraupis cyanocephala*
- Thraupis bonariensis*
- Bangsia rothschildi*
- Bangsia edwardsi*
- Buthraupis montana*
- Anisognathus igniventris*
- Anisognathus somptuosus*
- Anisognathus notabilis*
- Chlorornis riefferii*
- Iridosornis porphyrocephalus*
- Pipraeidea melanonota*
- Chlorochrysa phoenicotis*

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Gray-and-gold Tanager		<i>Tangara palmeri</i>
Blue-whiskered Tanager C		<i>Tangara johannae</i>
Emerald Tanager		<i>Tangara florida</i>
Golden Tanager		<i>Tangara arthus</i>
Silver-throated Tanager		<i>Tangara icterocephala</i>
Flame-faced Tanager		<i>Tangara parzudakii</i>
Rufous-throated Tanager C		<i>Tangara rufigula</i>
Bay-headed Tanager		<i>Tangara gyrola</i>
Saffron-crowned Tanager		<i>Tangara xanthocephala</i>
Rufous-winged Tanager		<i>Tangara lavinia</i>
Scrub Tanager		<i>Tangara vitriolina</i>
Golden-naped Tanager		<i>Tangara ruficervix</i>
Metallic-green Tanager		<i>Tangara labradorides</i>
Blue-necked Tanager		<i>Tangara cyanicollis</i>
Golden-hooded Tanager		<i>Tangara larvata</i>
Beryl-spangled Tanager		<i>Tangara nigroviridis</i>
Blue-and-black Tanager		<i>Tangara vassorii</i>
Black-capped Tanager		<i>Tangara heinei</i>
Black-faced (Yellow-tufted) Dacnis C		<i>Dacnis lineata aequatorialis</i>
Scarlet-thighed Dacnis		<i>Dacnis venusta</i>
Blue Dacnis		<i>Dacnis cayana</i>
Scarlet-breasted Dacnis		<i>Dacnis berlepschi</i>
Green Honeycreeper		<i>Chlorophanes spiza</i>
Purple Honeycreeper		<i>Cyanerpes caeruleus</i>
Red-legged Honeycreeper		<i>Cyanerpes cyaneus</i>
Swallow Tanager		<i>Tersina viridis</i>
Buff-throated Saltator		<i>Saltator maximus</i>
Black-winged Saltator		<i>Saltator atripennis</i>
Slate-colored Grosbeak		<i>Saltator grossus</i>
SPARROWS AND SEEDEATERS		EMBERIZIDAE
Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch		<i>Phrygilus plebejus</i>
Blue-black Grassquit		<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>
Variable Seedeater		<i>Sporophila corvina</i>
Yellow-bellied Seedeater		<i>Sporophila nigricollis</i>
Ruddy-breasted Seedeater		<i>Sporophila minuta</i>
Thick-billed (Lesser) Seed-Finch		<i>Oryzoborus (angolensis) funereus</i>
Band-tailed Seedeater		<i>Catamenia analis</i>
Plain-colored Seedeater		<i>Catamenia inornata</i>
Yellow-faced Grassquit		<i>Tiaris olivaceus</i>
Dull-colored Grassquit		<i>Tiaris obscurus</i>
Glossy Flowerpiercer		<i>Diglossa lafresnayii</i>
Black Flowerpiercer		<i>Diglossa humeralis</i>
White-sided Flowerpiercer		<i>Diglossa albilatera</i>
Indigo Flowerpiercer C		<i>Diglossa indigoticus</i>
Masked Flowerpiercer		<i>Diglossa cyaneus</i>
Tanager Finch C		<i>Oreothraupis arremonops</i>
Tricolored (Choco) Brush-Finch C		<i>Atlapetes tricolor crassus</i>
Yellow-breasted (Rufous-naped) Brush-Finch		<i>Atlapetes latinuchus</i>
White-winged Brush-Finch		<i>Atlapetes leucopterus</i>
h Olive Finch		<i>Arremon castaneiceps</i>
Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch		<i>Arremon brunneinucha</i>
Orange-billed Sparrow		<i>Arremon aurantirostris</i>

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h Stripe-headed Brush-Finch

Black-striped Sparrow

Rufous-collared Sparrow

GROSBEAKS AND ALLIES

Summer Tanager

White-winged Tanager

Lemon-spectacled Tanager

Ochre-breasted Tanager **C**

Golden-bellied (Southern Yellow) Grosbeak

TROUPIALS AND ALLIES

Scrub Blackbird

Great-tailed Grackle

Shiny Cowbird

Scarlet-rumped Cacique

SISKINS AND ALLIES

Orange-crowned Euphonia

Thick-billed Euphonia

Golden-rumped Euphonia

Fulvous-vented Euphonia

White-vented Euphonia

Orange-bellied Euphonia

Yellow-collared Chlorophonia **C**

Lesser Goldfinch

Yellow-bellied Siskin

Hooded Siskin

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

House Sparrow

Arremon torquatus

Arremonops conirostris

Zonotrichia capensis

CARDINALIDAE

Piranga rubra

Piranga leucoptera

Chlorothraupis olivacea

Chlorothraupis stolzmanni

Pheucticus chrysogaster

ICTERIDAE

Dives warszewiczi

Quiscalus mexicanus

Molothrus bonariensis

Cacicus uropygialis

FRINGILLIDAE

Euphonia saturata

Euphonia laniirostris

Euphonia cyanocephala

Euphonia fulvicrissa

Euphonia minuta

Euphonia xanthogaster

Chlorophonia flavirostris

Spinus psaltria

Spinus xanthogastrus

Spinus magellanicus

PASSERIDAE

Passer domesticus



Crimson-bellied Woodpecker

SOME MORE PHOTOS OF THE TRIP



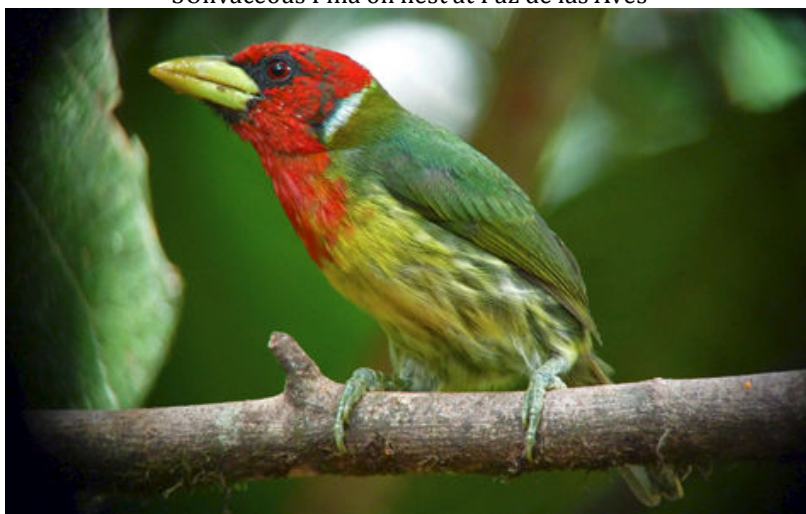
1 The landslide on the road to Chical and how we worked it out



2 The boat ride to Playa de Oro on the Santiago River, ohh so much fun!



3 Olivaceous Piha on nest at Paz de las Aves



4 Red-headed Barbet at Tandayapa Bird Lodge fruit feeders