



Northern Peru Custom Tour



Once one of South America's great mythical birds, now attainable – Long-whiskered Owlet

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Northern Peru is a bit of an enigma to me. It has some of the best birding anywhere in South America, and its list of rare, local, and near-mythical endemics is sky high. But for some reason it gets far less birding attention than other parts of South America right next door. This is a real shame, and the area deserves far more attention than it gets.

This trip was a short, custom tour to Northern Peru, shorter than our usual itinerary, and with less time at some sites. It was also a tour where we were targeting certain species, and some more common birds that we would usually try to see went unrecorded. But it was also one of the best tours I've ever guided in terms of our luck with rare and local species – not only did we get unbelievably amazing close views of the near-mythical **Long-whiskered Owlet**, in the open **Pale-billed Antpitta**, an unusually cooperative **Cinnamon-breasted Tody-Tyrant**, a surprise **White-faced Nunbird**, and **Russet-mantled Softtail**, but we also had superb looks at nearly all the target species we were looking for.

Quebrada Mishquiyacu and environs

The lowest elevation we birded on during the tour was at Quebrada Mishquiyacu near Moyobamba, at the edge of the Amazonian woodlands. Unfortunately, it was here that we had our only bad luck with the weather. On the first day when we arrived we did ok (including a quick stop outside of Moyobamba to look at some **Oilbirds** at a colony under a bridge).

We started at the feeders at the Waqanki Lodge, where we had a stunning male **Rufous-crested Coquette**, **Gray-chinned** and **Long-tailed Hermits**, **Many-spotted Hummingbird**, and **Black-throated Brilliant** among the more common visitors. Walking back down to the main buildings we had some superb views of the newly described **Varzea Thrush** right on the trail, and some careful playback gave us some quick views of a male **Fiery-capped Manakin**. An endemic **Mishana Tyrannulet** played around in the garden as well, allowing some excellent views of this local bird.



With a few hours remaining for the afternoon we headed up into the Quebrada. It was fairly quiet, but we did have absolutely superb views of an extremely responsive **Chestnut-throated Spinetail** near a large bamboo patch. A fruiting

tree occupied us for most of the rest of the day, and had such goodies as **Paradise, Green-and-gold**, and the endemic **Black-bellied (Huallaga) Tanager**. The last bird of the day was a singing **Hauxwell's Thrush** that gave us far better views than typical for this shy species.

The next day things started to go south, in terms of weather. Luckily we got a few hours in during the morning, including some quality time at a fruiting tree. Woodcreepers featured especially well, with **Long-tailed (foothill form)** and **Ocellated** being the highlights. Both **Ornate** and **Yellow-breasted Antwrens** were found in one large flock, while **Spot-backed** and **Scale-backed Antbirds** cooperated beautifully in response to playback.

A **Scaly-breasted Wren** also obliged us with some spectacular views, but shortly afterwards it started to rain. And rain and rain and rain. It kept up for nearly the entire day, though in a short break we ran out into the garden and found some **Black-faced Tanagers**, a pair of **Coraya Wrens**, and a **Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher**. But in general the day was a wash, and a huge number of species typically found here were missed because of it.



On our last morning in the lowlands we made a quick stop by a large *Moriche* palm grove near Rioja. The main target here was **Point-tailed Palmcreeper**, which gave us only poor views, but we also found some **Red-bellied Macaws**, a few **Orange-backed Troupials**, and had beautiful views at a **Blackish Rail** in the rice fields at the edge of the grove.

Afluente

At an elevation between Moyobamba and Abra Patricia, the roadside forest patches at Afluente are among the best places to look for a number of foothill birds not seen elsewhere on the tour. For roadside birding, the flocks at this location tend to be among the best in northern Peru, and this tour was no exception!

We had barely stepped out of the car when we found a large flock. And we had barely lifted our binoculars when two of the higher-value species in the area put in an appearance – first a **Blue-browed Tanager**, then a beautiful **Speckle-chested Piculet** at close range. A few **Peruvian Tyrannulets** sang from nearby, while more common tanagers such as **Paradise, Green-and-gold, Spotted**, and **Bay-headed** made up the majority of our first flock.



Heading uphill along the road it wasn't long before we found a second flock. And this one was among the best I've ever seen in Peru. Not only was it large, but it also stayed around the same few fruiting trees for well over an hour, with birds coming down low and close time and again. It was spectacular to say the least. In addition to the species mentioned above we saw **Orange-eared, White-winged, Yellow-bellied, Golden-eared, and Silvery Tanagers, Black-faced Dacnis, and White-eared Solitaire.** Flycatchers also featured prominently, and included the rare **Plumbeous-crowned Tyrannulet**, and more common **Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant, Ecuadorian Tyrannulet, Slaty-capped Flycatcher, and White-tailed Tyrannulet.**

Finally tearing ourselves away from the mega-flock, we headed even further up the road. While the activity never equaled the activity from earlier, it was a steady march of new species. A flowering tree gave us a female **Wire-crested Thorntail** and a **Violet-fronted Brilliant**, while a smaller flock had our first **Versicolored Barbet** and a few larger species like **Andean Cock-of-the-Rock** and **Scarlet-rumped (Subtropical) Cacique.**

At this point it was starting to heat up in a major way, and the activity was dying down, so we worked our way back to the car. About the only new bird we saw before heading further up the mountain was a surprise "**Andean**" **Slaty Thrush.**

Abra Patricia

There are few birding locations in South America as famous as Abra Patricia. Ever since a series of expeditions in the 70s and onwards the birding world has known of the avian treasures to be found there. In the past few years the construction of a comfortable lodge at the high point of the pass has made birding here easier than ever, and increased knowledge of the various specialties has helped many a birder see some of the rarest birds on the continent.



On this tour we spent a total of two and a half days on Abra Patricia, birding trails both around the lodge, and lower down around the “Sunangel Ridge”. The weather cooperated beautifully for us, and we only had to deal with a little bit of rain during the afternoons.

The lowest elevations on the Abra that we covered we down on some of the last

ridges, one of which is named for one of the flagship birds of the area, **Royal Sunangel**. We had to wait a bit before one appeared, but in the end we had an excellent view of a male bird feeding at some nearby flowers. While we were waiting a small flock went by that had a **Sulphur-bellied** and a few **Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulets**, and a singing wren proved to be a very cooperative **Bar-winged Wood-Wren**.

Back by the road a distant call followed by some playback soon turned into a single **White-capped Tanager** (quite unusual for this species, which almost always comes in larger flocks). An overgrown trail allowed us to try for some shy understory and ground birds, including an exceptionally cooperative **Barred Anthrush**, and a flock that included a **Gray-mantled Wren** and another **Royal Sunangel**.

A new track going to a distant village was our next stop, just below the sunangel ridge. I hadn't birded this location before, so I was quite pleased at how productive it proved to be. Right at the start a family group of **Rufous-tailed Tyrants** allowed us some very close looks at this uncommon species. A few flocks along the trail gave us a few new birds, including a **Deep-blue (Golden-eyed) Flowerpiercer**.

But the best bird we found along the trail was not one, but two exceptionally well behaved **Cinnamon-breasted Tody-Tyrants**, a bird that is typically hard to find and even harder to see well! Some speculative playback gave us a couple of heard only Jet Manakins, though they refused to come into the open. Another **Sulphur-bellied Tyrannulet** was in one of the flocks we saw, while a **Plain-breasted Hawk** terrorized another of the flocks (which

also had some **Yellow-throated Tanagers** among the more common species).

Mid-way between the ridge and the higher parts of the pass we birded the roadside some for a few species not easily found elsewhere. Among these were a couple of **White-collared Jays** in a flock with **Hooded Mountain-Tanagers** and **Mountain Caciques**. A quick hit of playback along a



stream gave us one of the most cooperative **Slaty-backed (Maroon-belted) Chat-Tyrants** I've ever seen.

The upper parts of the Abra Patricia area tended towards quiet and hard to bird. But some sustained effort gave us some good reward. Far and away the best find was a pair of **White-faced Nunbirds**, which we serendipitously found when taking a random turn to check a lookout. Other fun birds included **Johnson's** and **Black-throated Tody-Tyrants**, **Sharpe's (Sepia-brown) Wren**, **Rusty-winged Barbtail**, **Yellow-vented Woodpecker**, and a flyover **White-chinned Swift**. Antbirds at this elevation were fewer and further between, but we did come across both **Uniform** and **Variable Antshrikes**.

But perhaps nothing draws birders more at Abra Patricia than night birding. The first night we went out we followed a trail downhill for 900m, played a tape, and waited. And heard nothing. Just as we were about to give up, though, there it was! The fast tooting of a **Cinnamon Screech-Owl!** A bit of strategic positioning, and some playback, and we were soon enjoying some amazing views.

But it was another owl that we were especially interested in. So, the next night it was out on the trails again, this time down a steeper and rougher trail. But it was worth it when after five minutes we were staring right into the face of a diminutive **Long-whiskered Owlet** (see cover photo)! Not only was the bird completely in the open, it was only 30 feet away, singing its little heart out, completely ignoring us! It was probably the most amazing night-birding experience I've had in my life, and easily the bird of the trip for everyone.

San Lorenzo, Huembo & the Utcubamba Canyon

We covered all three of these minor sites in one day, starting the morning at Abra Patricia and ending it in Leimebamba. First up was the ridge above San Lorenzo, a spot I had just learned about a few days before. A 45-minute walk up a steep but well-kept mule trail had us in an enormous patch of bamboo. Now anyone who knows birds in this part of Peru knows what a large patch of bamboo means, and it was only after about a minute of playback that our main goal bird answered, right next to us! A quick scramble down into the stand, some searching for the best view point, and a bit more playback, and then right in front of us scampered a **Pale-billed Antpitta**! We had some extremely good luck as it stopped, completely in the open, and let us ogle it for nearly a minute. It would be hard to imagine a better look than we had at this beautifully patterned localized endemic.

Before we headed down I decided to play speculatively for one of the best singers in the country, **schulenbergi Plain-tailed Wren**. And not unexpectedly, a family group answered fairly nearby. It took a bit of work, but eventually we had some nice visuals. The last target species of the site was found much lower down, near the car. A singing **Rusty-tinged Antpitta** required quite a bit more work than its Pale-billed cousin, but in the end we prevailed, and walked away triumphant.



Huembo is a site famous for one bird. But man what a bird it is! Luckily it's also an easy bird, and not long after arriving and seating ourselves in front of the hummingbird feeders we were looking at a glorious male **Marvelous Spatuletail!** This peerless hummingbird is among the best birds in the world, and clearly a most wanted on any trip to northern Peru. Other birds at the reserve were scarce, though the feeders also drew in a number of **Sparkling Violetears**, some **Purple-throated Sunangels** and **White-bellied Hummingbirds**, and a number of **Chestnut-breasted Coronets**.

The rest of the day's birding was spent along the arid Utcubamba Canyon. Unfortunately we weren't there during the best time of the day, but we still managed to find a number of **Marañon Thrushes**, and almost a dozen **Torrent Ducks** along the river. A few **Torrent Tyrannulets** and two young **Fasciated Tiger-Herons** rounded out the torrentially-inclined birds.



Our last order of business was a well-known stakeout at a small hotel along the highway to Leimebamba. It took us a while to find them, but eventually we had some excellent views of a pair of **Koepcke's Screech-Owls**, here at probably the best spot to see it in the world.

Abra Barro Negro

The name of this locations translates as "Black Mud Pass", though luckily now a days there isn't much mud up there anymore. Unfortunately there isn't much habitat left up there either, at least not in the areas where there used to be forest. Despite that the remaining patches still have some good birds that are difficult to find elsewhere on the tour.

We started our day at the first, and largest, patch of remaining forest. We quickly found a few good flocks, which has species such as **Moustached Flowerpiercer**, **Scarlet-**

bellied Mountain-Tanager, **Blue-capped Tanager**, and **Smoky Bush-Tyrant**.

Moving up to a large bamboo patch, I randomly played the song of the one of the rarest species present on the pass, and was shocked when almost immediately there was a response! A bit of searching and then right in front of us was a very angry **Russet-mantled**

Softtail, one of the hardest endemic species to find in northern Peru due to widespread habitat destruction in its remaining range. Abra Barro Negro has long been known as one of the best spots to find this bird, but in recent years it has become difficult even here, so we were quite lucky to find it.

The rest of our time in the lower patch of forest was taken up with two skulkers. First, a bit of work had us getting some decent views of an **obscura Rufous Antpitta**. Then some more work and we were looking at the dark, mouse-like shape of a **Blackish Tapaculo** scurrying through the brush.

Working our way to a higher patch of forest, we stumbled across a pair of **Andean Lapwings** along the road. The next bit of woodland was not far below treeline, and has a different mix of species than the patch we had birded earlier. Luckily pygmy-owl playback still works like a charm, and it wasn't long before we had a cooperative flock. Among the birds we found were **Pearled Treerunner**, **Drab Hemispingus**, **Blue-and-black Tanager**, and a good number of the endemic **Coppery Metaltail**. A singing **White-chinned Thistletail** and a **Many-striped Canastero** nearby added an above-treeline feel to the mix.



Our last birding of the morning was at the very top of the pass and just down on the other side. Here there were no trees at all, just wind-swept puna grassland. There were also very few birds present, but the ones that were there were new. The one we spent the most time on was the Peruvian endemic **Neblina Tapaculo**. It first sang from up very steep grassy slope, and refused to come in. Finally, we bit the bullet and scrambled up the slope. Finally, about 50m up from the road, the bird came in. And boy did it come in! We probably had better views of this local species than I've had of a Tapaculo in Peru before, and I even managed to get a photo!

The Marañón Canyon

There are few canyons in the Americas that have the sheer size and grandeur of the Marañón. From the top of Abra Barro Negro it's nearly 10,000 feet to the bottom at Balsas,



and then nearly the same back up to the high point above Celendin. And the views as you descend and ascend again are simply staggering. Since the canyon is in the rainshadow of the eastern chain of the Andes it is filled with arid vegetation, and a birdlife completely unlike that found at Abra Barro Negro.

On this tour we only had a couple of hours during one afternoon and a few more the next morning to look for the specialties in the canyon. While the Marañón has many endemic

species, only a few make it as far up the canyon as we were birding, but those are also some of the most sought after and hardest to find elsewhere.

The first of the bunch we managed to find was **Peruvian Pigeon**, which was refreshingly easy along the river near Balsas. A few **Vermilion Flycatchers** were perched along the road, while playback of pygmy-owl brought in some very angry "**Maranon**" **Tropical Gnatcatchers**. It took a bit longer to find the next of the Marañón endemics, but eventually a small flock of **Yellow-faced Parrotlets** landed on the top of a tall bush not far off the road and allowed us some spectacular views.

With the parrotlet under our belts we worked uphill. A lucky spot as we were driving had us staring point-blank at a **Peruvian Pygmy-Owl**, which completely ignored us as we watched it for a good ten minutes. The last stop of the afternoon was right as the road crested from the first steep ascent. Here a quick walk into the brush gave us our first Inca-Finch, a pair of **Buff-bridled Inca-Finches**, in addition to some more (and better) views at **Peruvian Pigeon**.

We returned to the upper part of the Marañón Canyon the next morning to pick up the few remaining endemics we needed. It took us almost no time at all to get a pair of very cooperative **Gray-winged Inca-Finches**, and very little more time to find a few **Chestnut-backed Thornbirds**. The two biggies out of the way we had time to look at the more common birds in the area, which include a few noisy **Fasciated Wrens**, a cooperative **“Black-lored” Masked Yellowthroat**, many singing **Peruvian Meadowlarks**, and good numbers of **“Maranon” Tropical Gnatcatchers** and **Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrants**.



A stop just over the lip of the canyon, near the town of Celendin, produced a pair of aggressive **Jelski’s Chat-Tyrants**, and some gorgeous **Black-crested Tit-Tyrants**. Unfortunately almost all the remaining habitat between Celendin and Cajamarca had been cut down, and given restrictions on stopping due to construction we were unable to stop and look for some of the species usually found in that stretch of road.

Rio Chonta

Just outside of Cajamarca, this is a fairly minor site usually visited for one bird. We spent one afternoon here (and dipped on our target species), so we returned late the next morning to try again. During the first afternoon we found a few new birds for the trip, including some **White-winged Cinclodes** along the rushing river, a few fly-by **Black**

Metaltails, a single **Giant Hummingbird**, a small flock of **Band-tailed Seedeaters**, and a couple of **Torrent Tyrannulets**. In general, though, the birding was quite slow, and when a heavy rainstorm hit we decided to call it a day.

When we returned late the next morning it was quickly apparent that the bird activity had improved. In addition to the species we had found the day before, we found a small flock of **Rusty-crowned Tit-Spinetails** and had much better looks at some **Black Metaltails** visiting some flowers. Then, while watching the metaltails a larger hummingbird flew in and we were staring right at a **Gray-bellied Comet!** This very local, rare, and endemic hummingbird is the main reason for visiting the Rio Chonta, and I at least was quite relieved to see it!



San Marcos & Abra Gavilan

The dry scrub just outside of the town of San Marcos, south of Cajamarca, is the best place to find Great Spinetail, a local and rare bird endemic to the upper Marañón Valley. We left Cajamarca early one morning and drove the hour and a half to the site, and had barely stepped out of the car when I heard a pair! Quickly walking up the road, I played the tape, and the pair of **Great Spinetails** flew and landed right by our heads. Over the next fifteen minutes we got to watch them as they moved through the flowering locust-like trees, making for a very photogenic experience.

A few other birds moved through the same scrub, among them our first **Black-necked Woodpeckers** and a **Bran-colored Flycatcher**. A small flock of **Croaking Ground-Doves** was our first of the tour, while some excellent views of **Vermilion Flycatchers** and **Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrants**, while not new, were fun to see nonetheless.

Abra Gavilán is a minor site just outside Cajamarca. We spent our last birding of the tour just below the pass in one of the few bits of vegetation left. We quickly found our target **Unicolored Tapaculo** and headed to the airport, and the end of the trip.



Trip List

The taxonomy of the list follows: **Clements, James F., White, Anthony W., and Fitzpatrick, John W. *The Clements Checklist of Birds of the World*. Cornell, 2007** with updates through 2012.

Species endemic to Peru are marked with an (E), introduced ones with an (I), while those heard only on the tour are in parenthesis.

TINAMOUS

(Cinereous Tinamou)

(Little Tinamou)

(Gray Tinamou)

DUCKS, GEESE, WATERFOWL

TINAMIDAE

Crypturellus cinereus

Crypturellus soui

Tinamus tao

ANATIDAE

Torrent Duck

CRACIDS

Speckled Chachalaca

Andean Guan

(Wattled Guan)

HERONS, EGRETS, BITTERNs

Fasciated Tiger-Heron

Great Egret

Cattle Egret

Striated Heron

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Black Vulture

Turkey Vulture

Greater Yellow-headed Vulture

HAWKS, EAGLES, AND KITES

Swallow-tailed Kite

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Roadside Hawk

Variable Hawk

FALCONS AND CARACARAS

Mountain Caracara

American Kestrel

LIMPKIN

Limpkin

RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS

(Rufous-sided Crake)

Spotted Rail

Blackish Rail

(Common Moorhen)

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS

Andean Lapwing

GULLS, TERNS, AND SKIMMERS

Andean Gull

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon (I)

Band-tailed Pigeon

Peruvian Pigeon

(Plumbeous Pigeon)

West Peruvian Dove

Eared Dove

Croaking Ground-Dove

Ruddy Ground-Dove

Blue Ground-Dove

Merganetta armata

CRACIDAE

Ortalis guttata

Penelope montagnii

Aburria aburri

ARDEIDAE

Tigrisoma fasciatum

Ardea alba

Bubulcus ibis

Butorides striata

CATHARTIDAE

Coragyps atratus

Cathartes aura

Cathartes melambrotus

ACCIPITRIDAE

Elanoides forficatus

Accipiter striatus

Buteo magnirostris

Buteo polyosoma

FALCONIDAE

Phalcoboenus megalopterus

Falco sparverius

ARAMIDAE

Aramus guarauna

RALLIDAE

Laterallus melanophaius

Pardirallus maculatus

Pardirallus nigricans

Gallinula chloropus

CHARADRIIDAE

Vanellus resplendens

LARIDAE

Chroicocephalus serranus

COLUMBIDAE

Columba livia

Patagioenas fasciata

Patagioenas oenops

Patagioenas plumbea

Zenaida meloda

Zenaida auriculata

Columbina cruziana

Columbina talpacoti

Claravis pretiosa

Bare-faced Ground-Dove
White-tipped Dove
Gray-fronted Dove
White-throated Quail-Dove

PARROTS

Golden-plumed Parakeet
(Scarlet-fronted Parakeet)
Mitre Parakeet
White-eyed Parakeet
Red-bellied Macaw
Yellow-faced Parrotlet (E)
Cobalt-winged Parakeet
Blue-headed Parrot
Red-billed Parrot
Speckle-faced Parrot
Orange-winged Parrot
Scaly-naped Parrot

CUCKOOS

Squirrel Cuckoo
(Striped Cuckoo)
Smooth-billed Ani
Groove-billed Ani

OWLS

Koepcke's Screech-Owl (E)
Cinnamon Screech-Owl
(Yungas Pygmy-Owl)
(Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl)
Peruvian Pygmy-Owl
Long-whiskered Owlet (E)

OILBIRD

Oilbird

SWIFTS

White-chinned Swift
Chestnut-collared Swift
Gray-rumped Swift
Short-tailed Swift
Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift
Fork-tailed Palm-Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

Green Hermit
Tawny-bellied Hermit
Long-tailed Hermit
Black-throated Hermit

Metriopelia ceciliae
Leptotila verreauxi
Leptotila rufaxilla
Geotrygon frenata

PSITTACIDAE

Leptosittaca branickii
Aratinga wagleri
Aratinga mitrata chlorogenys
Aratinga leucophthalma
Orthopsittaca manilata
Forpus xanthops
Brotogeris cyanopectera
Pionus menstruus
Pionus sordidus
Pionus tumultuosus tumultuosus
Amazona amazonica
Amazona mercenaria

CUCULIDAE

Piaya cayana
Tapera naevia
Crotophaga ani
Crotophaga sulcirostris

STRIGIDAE

Megascops koepckeae
Megascops petersoni
Glaucidium bolivianum
Glaucidium brasilianum
Glaucidium peruanum
Xenoglaux loweryi

STEATORNITHIDAE

Steatornis caripensis

APODIDAE

Cypseloides cryptus
Streptoprocne rutila
Chaetura cinereiventris
Chaetura brachyura
Panyptila cayennensis
Tachornis squamata

TROCHILIDAE

Phaethornis guy
Phaethornis syrmatophorus
Phaethornis superciliosus
Phaethornis atrimentalis

Gray-chinned Hermit
Brown Violetear
Sparkling Violetear
Black-throated Mango
Amethyst-throated Sunangel
Purple-throated Sunangel
Royal Sunangel
Wire-crested Thorntail
Rufous-crested Coquette
Ecuadorian Piedtail
Speckled Hummingbird
Long-tailed Sylph
Gray-bellied Comet (E)
Green-tailed Trainbearer
Tyrian Metaltail
Coppery Metaltail (E)
Black Metaltail (E)
Buff-thighed Puffleg
Emerald-bellied Puffleg
Marvelous Spatuletail (E)
Shining Sunbeam
Bronzy Inca
Collared Inca
Violet-throated Starfrontlet
Rainbow Starfrontlet
Mountain Velvetbreast
Chestnut-breasted Coronet
Booted Racket-tail
Fawn-breasted Brilliant
Violet-fronted Brilliant
Black-throated Brilliant
Giant Hummingbird
White-bellied Woodstar
Blue-tailed Emerald
Gray-breasted Sabrewing
Fork-tailed Woodnymph
Many-spotted Hummingbird
Spot-throated Hummingbird (E)
White-bellied Hummingbird
Andean Emerald
Sapphire-spangled Emerald
Golden-tailed Sapphire

TROGONS

Phaethornis griseogularis
Colibri delphinae
Colibri coruscans
Anthracothorax nigricollis
Heliangelus amethysticollis decolor
Heliangelus viola
Heliangelus regalis
Discosura popelairii
Lophornis delattrei
Phlogophilus hemileucurus
Adelomyia melanogenys
Aglaiocercus kingi
Taphrolesbia griseiventris
Lesbia nuna
Metallura tyrianthina
Metallura theresiae
Metallura phoebe
Haplophaedia assimilis
Eriocnemis alinae
Loddigesia mirabilis
Aglaeactis cupripennis
Coeligena coeligena
Coeligena torquata
Coeligena violifer
Coeligena iris
Lafresnaya lafresnayi
Boissonneaua matthewsii
Ocreatus underwoodii
Heliodoxa rubinoides
Heliodoxa leadbeateri
Heliodoxa schreibersii
Patagona gigas
Chaetocercus mulsant
Chlorostilbon mellisugus
Campylopterus largipennis
Thalurania furcata
Taphrospilus hypostictus
Leucippus taczanowskii
Amazilia chionogaster
Amazilia franciae
Amazilia lactea
Chrysuronia oenone

TROGONIDAE

(Golden-headed Quetzal)
Green-backed (Amaz. White-tailed)
Trogon

Blue-crowned Trogon
Collared Trogon

MOTMOTS

Broad-billed Motmot

KINGFISHERS

Ringed Kingfisher

PUFFBIRDS

White-faced Nunbird

NEW WORLD BARBETS

(Gilded Barbet)

Versicolored Barbet

TOUCANS

Emerald Toucanet

Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucan
(Black-mandibled Toucan)

WOODPECKERS

Speckle-chested Piculet (E)

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker

Smoky-brown Woodpecker

Yellow-vented Woodpecker

Little Woodpecker

Golden-olive Woodpecker

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker

Black-necked Woodpecker (E)

Andean Flicker

OVENBIRDS

Cream-winged (Bar-winged)

Cinclodes

White-winged Cinclodes

Rusty-crowned Tit-Spinetail (E)

Rufous-fronted Thornbird

Azara's Spinetail

(Dark-breasted Spinetail)

Rufous Spinetail

Chestnut-throated Spinetail

Great Spinetail (E)

Ash-browed Spinetail

Baron's Spinetail (E)

Russet-mantled Softtail (E)

Many-striped Canastero

Pharomachrus auriceps

Trogon viridis

Trogon curucui

Trogon collaris

MOMOTIDAE

Electron platyrhynchum

ALCEDINIDAE

Megaceryle torquata

BUCCONIDAE

Hapaloptila castanea

CAPITONIDAE

Capito auratus

Eubucco versicolor steerii

RAMPHASTIDAE

Aulacorhynchus prasinus cyanolaemus

Andigena hypoglauca lateralis

Ramphastos ambiguus

PICIDAE

Picumnus steindachneri

Melanerpes cruentatus

Picoides fumigatus

Veniliornis dignus

Veniliornis passerinus

Colaptes rubiginosus

Colaptes rivolii

Colaptes atricollis

Colaptes rupicola

FURNARIIDAE: FURNARIINAE

Cinclodes albiventris

Cinclodes atacamensis atacamensis

Leptasthenura pileata cajabambae

Phacellodomus rufifrons

Synallaxis azarae

Synallaxis albigularis

Synallaxis unirufa

Synallaxis cherriei

Siptornopsis hypochondriaca

Cranioleuca curtata

Cranioleuca baroni

Thripophaga berlepschi

Asthenes flammulata

White-chinned Thistletail
Chestnut-backed Thornbird (E)
Rusty-winged Barbtail
(Spotted Barbtail)
Pearled Treerunner
Streaked Tuftedcheek
Montane Foliage-gleaner
Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner
Plain Xenops
Streaked Xenops

WOODCREEPERS

Tyrannine Woodcreeper
Plain-brown Woodcreeper
Olivaceous Woodcreeper
Long-tailed Woodcreeper
(Strong-billed Woodcreeper)
Ocellated Woodcreeper
Olive-backed Woodcreeper
Buff-throated Woodcreeper

TYPICAL ANTIBIRDS

Lined Antshrike
Variable Antshrike
Uniform Antshrike
Ornate Antwren
Yellow-breasted Antwren
Long-tailed Antbird
(Blackish Antbird)
White-backed Fire-eye (east)
Spot-winged Antbird
Peruvian Warbling-Antbird
Spot-backed Antbird
Scale-backed Antbird

ANTTHRUSHES

(Rufous-breasted Antthrush)
Barred Antthrush

ANTPITTAS

(Chestnut-crowned Antpitta)
Pale-billed Antpitta (E)
Rusty-tinged Antpitta (E)
Rufous Antpitta (east)
(Ochre-fronted Antpitta) (E)

TAPACULOS

Ash-colored Tapaculo

Asthenes fuliginosa peruviana
Phacellodomus dorsalis
Premnornis guttuligera
Premnoplex brunnescens
Margarornis squamiger
Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii
Anabacerthia striaticollis
Philydor rufum
Xenops minutus
Xenops rutilans

FURNARIIDAE: DENDROCOLAPTINAE

Dendrocincla tyrannina
Dendrocincla fuliginosa
Sittasomus griseicapillus amazonus
Deconychura longicauda
Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus
Xiphorhynchus ocellatus napensis
Xiphorhynchus triangularis
Xiphorhynchus guttatus

THAMNOPHILIDAE

Thamnophilus tenuipunctatus
Thamnophilus caerulescens subandinus
Thamnophilus unicolor
Epinecrophylla ornata
Herpsilochmus axillaris
Drymophila caudata
Cercomacra nigrescens aequatorialis
Pyriglena leuconota picea
Schistocichla leucostigma
Hypocnemis peruviana
Hylophylax naevius
Willisornis poecilinotus

FORMICARIIDAE

Formicarius rufipectus
Chamaeza mollissima

GRALLARIIDAE

Grallaria ruficapilla
Grallaria carrikeri
Grallaria przewalskii
Grallaria rufula (obscura)
Grallaricula ochraceifrons

RHINOCRYPTIDAE

Myornis senilis

Blackish Tapaculo
Unicolored Tapaculo (E)
Trilling Tapaculo
Rufous-vented Tapaculo (E)
(White-crowned Tapaculo)
Neblina Tapaculo (E)
CRESCENTCHESTS
(Maranon Crescentchest)
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS
Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet
White-tailed Tyrannulet
White-banded Tyrannulet
White-throated Tyrannulet
Sulphur-bellied Tyrannulet
Black-crested Tit-Tyrant
Mouse-colored Tyrannulet
Yellow-bellied Elaenia
White-crested Elaenia
Sierran Elaenia
Lesser Elaenia
Torrent Tyrannulet
Streak-necked Flycatcher
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher
Sepia-capped Flycatcher
Slaty-capped Flycatcher
Variegated Bristle-Tyrant
Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant
Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet
Ecuadorian Tyrannulet
Plumbeous-crowned Tyrannulet
Red-billed Tyrannulet
Mishana Tyrannulet
Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant
Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant
White-bellied Pygmy-Tyrant
Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant
Black-throated Tody-Tyrant
Cinnamon-breasted Tody-Tyrant
Johnson's Tody-Flycatcher (E)
Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher
Common Tody-Flycatcher
Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher
Yellow-olive Flycatcher

Scytalopus latrans intermedius
Scytalopus unicolor
Scytalopus parvirostris
Scytalopus femoralis
Scytalopus atratus atratus
Scytalopus altirostris
MELANOPAREIIDAE
Melanopareia maranonica
TYRANNIDAE
Camptostoma obsoletum sclateri/maranonicum
Mecocerculus poecilocercus
Mecocerculus stictopterus
Mecocerculus leucophrys
Mecocerculus minor
Anairetes nigrocristatus
Phaeomyias murina inflava/maranonica
Elaenia flavogaster
Elaenia albiceps
Elaenia pallatangae
Elaenia chiriquensis
Serpophaga cinerea
Mionectes striaticollis
Mionectes oleagineus
Leptopogon amaurocephalus
Leptopogon superciliaris
Phylloscartes poecilotis
Phylloscartes ophthalmicus
Phylloscartes ventralis angustirostris
Phylloscartes gualaquizae
Phyllomyias plumbeiceps
Zimmerius cinereicapilla
Zimmerius villarejoi
Pseudotriccus ruficeps
Euscarthmus meloryphus
Myiornis albiventris
Lophotriccus pileatus
Hemitriccus granadensis pyrrhops
Hemitriccus cinnamomeipectus
Poecilotriccus luluae
Poecilotriccus latirostris
Todirostrum cinereum
Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum
Tolmomyias sulphurescens peruvianus

Yellow-breasted Flycatcher
Cinnamon Flycatcher
Euler's Flycatcher
Flavescent Flycatcher
Bran-colored Flycatcher
Smoke-colored Pewee
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Black Phoebe
Vermilion Flycatcher
Rufous-tailed Tyrant
White-winged Black-Tyrant
Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant
White-tailed Shrike-Tyrant
Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant
Smoky Bush-Tyrant
Rufous-webbed Bush-Tyrant
Jelski's Chat-Tyrant
Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant
Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant
Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant
White-browed Chat-Tyrant
Dusky-capped Flycatcher
Short-crested Flycatcher
Pale-edged Flycatcher
Great Kiskadee
Boat-billed Flycatcher
Social Flycatcher
Streaked Flycatcher
Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher
Piratic Flycatcher
Tropical Kingbird
COTINGAS
Green-and-black Fruiteater
Red-crested Cotinga
Andean Cock-of-the-rock
MANAKINS
Fiery-capped Manakin
(Jet Manakin)
Golden-headed Manakin
Wing-barred Piprites
TITYRAS AND ALLIES
(Barred Becard)
White-winged Becard

Tolmomyias flaviventris
Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus
Lathrotriccus euleri
Myiophobus flavicans
Myiophobus fasciatus
Contopus fumigatus
Contopus virens
Sayornis nigricans
Pyrocephalus rubinus
Knipolegus poecilurus
Knipolegus aterrimus heterogyna
Agriornis montanus
Agriornis albicauda
Myiotheretes striaticollis
Myiotheretes fumigatus
Polioxolmis rufipennis
Ochthoeca jelskii
Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris angustifasciata
Ochthoeca rufipectoralis
Ochthoeca fumicolor
Ochthoeca leucophrys
Myiarchus tuberculifer
Myiarchus ferox
Myiarchus cephalotes
Pitangus sulphuratus
Megarynchus pitangua
Myiozetetes similis
Myiodynastes maculatus
Myiodynastes luteiventris
Legatus leucophaeus
Tyrannus melancholicus
COTINGIDAE
Pipreola riefferii
Ampelion rubrocristatus
Rupicola peruvianus
PIPRIDAE
Machaeropterus pyrocephalus
Xenopipo unicolor
Pipra erythrocephala
Piprites chloris
TITYRIDAE
Pachyramphus versicolor
Pachyramphus polychopterus

Black-and-white Becard

VIREOS

Brown-capped Vireo

Red-eyed Vireo

Olivaceous Greenlet

Rufous-browed Peppershrike

CROWS, JAYS, AND MAGPIES

White-collared Jay

Green (Inca) Jay

SWALLOWS

Blue-and-white Swallow

Brown-bellied Swallow

Gray-breasted Martin

WRENS

Fasciated Wren

Thrush-like Wren

Gray-mantled Wren

Sharpe's Wren

Plain-tailed Wren

Coraya Wren

House Wren

(Mountain Wren)

Sedge Wren

Bar-winged Wood-Wren

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren

Scaly-breasted Wren

GNATCATCHERS

Tropical Gnatcatcher (Marañon)

DONACOBIUS

Black-capped Donacobius

THRUSHES AND ALLIES

(Andean Solitaire)

Swainson's Thrush

White-eared Solitaire

Pale-breasted Thrush

Varzea Thrush

Hauxwell's Thrush

Black-billed Thrush

Marañon Thrush

Slaty Thrush

Great Thrush

Chiguanco Thrush

Glossy-black Thrush

Pachyramphus albogriseus

VIREONIDAE

Vireo leucophrys

Vireo olivaceus

Hylophilus olivaceus

Cyclarhis gujanensis

CORVIDAE

Cyanolyca viridicyanus

Cyanocorax yncas yncas/longirostris

HIRUNDINIDAE

Pygochelidon cyanoleuca

Orochelidon murina

Progne chalybea

TROGLODYTIDAE

Campylorhynchus fasciatus

Campylorhynchus turdinus

Odontorchilus branickii

Cinnycerthia olivascens

Pheugopedius euophrys

Pheugopedius coraya

Troglodytes aedon

Troglodytes solstitialis

Cistothorus platensis

Henicorhina leucoptera

Henicorhina leucophrys leucophrys

Microcerculus marginatus

POLIOPTILIDAE

Polioptila plumbea maior

DONACOBIIDAE

Donacobius atricapilla

TURDIDAE

Myadestes ralloides

Catharus ustulatus

Entomodestes leucotis

Turdus leucomelas

Turdus sanchezorum

Turdus hauxwelli

Turdus ignobilis

Turdus maranonicus

Turdus nigriceps nigriceps

Turdus fuscater

Turdus chiguanco

Turdus serranus

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

Long-tailed Mockingbird

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Blackburnian Warbler

Cerulean Warbler

Masked Yellowthroat

Canada Warbler

Slate-throated Redstart

Spectacled Redstart

Black-crested Warbler

Russet-crowned Warbler

Buff-rumped Warbler

Three-striped Warbler

BANANAQUIT

Bananaquit

TANAGERS AND ALLIES

Black-faced Tanager

Magpie Tanager

White-capped Tanager

Superciliaried Hemispingus

Drab Hemispingus

Gray-hooded Bush Tanager

Buff-bellied Tanager

Cinereous Conebill

Blue-backed Conebill

Chestnut-vented Conebill

Yellow-crested Tanager

White-lined Tanager

Black-bellied Tanager (E)

Blue-gray Tanager

Palm Tanager

Blue-capped Tanager

Blue-and-yellow Tanager

Hooded Mountain-Tanager

Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager

Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager

Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager

Grass-green Tanager

Yellow-throated Tanager

Orange-eared Tanager

Turquoise Tanager

Paradise Tanager

Green-and-gold Tanager

MIMIDAE

Mimus longicaudatus

PARULIDAE

Dendroica fusca

Dendroica cerulea

Geothlypis aequinoctialis peruviana/auricularis

Wilsonia canadensis

Myioborus miniatus

Myioborus melanocephalus

Basileuterus nigrocristatus

Basileuterus coronatus

Basileuterus fulvicauda

Basileuterus tristriatus

COEREBIDAE

Coereba flaveola

THRAUPIDAE

Schistochlamys melanopis

Cissopis leverianus

Sericossypha albocristata

Hemispingus superciliaris insignis

Hemispingus xanthophthalmus

Cnemoscopus rubrirostris

Thlypopsis inornata

Conirostrum cinereum

Conirostrum sitticolor

Conirostrum speciosum

Tachyphonus rufiventer

Tachyphonus rufus

Ramphocelus melanogaster

Thraupis episcopus

Thraupis palmarum

Thraupis cyanocephala

Thraupis bonariensis

Buthraupis montana

Anisognathus lacrymosus

Anisognathus igniventris

Anisognathus somptuosus

Chlorornis riefferii

Iridosornis analis

Chlorochrysa calliparaea

Tangara mexicana

Tangara chilensis

Tangara schrankii

Golden Tanager
Saffron-crowned Tanager
Golden-eared Tanager
Flame-faced Tanager
Yellow-bellied Tanager
Spotted Tanager
Bay-headed Tanager
Metallic-green Tanager
Blue-browed Tanager
Blue-necked Tanager
Beryl-spangled Tanager
Blue-and-black Tanager
Silvery Tanager
Black-faced Dacnis
Blue Dacnis
Green Honeycreeper
Streaked Saltator (Marañon)
Grayish Saltator
Golden-billed Saltator
BUNTINGS, SPARROWS, ALLIES
Peruvian Sierra-Finch
Mourning Sierra-Finch
Plumbeous Sierra-Finch
Band-tailed Sierra-Finch
Gray-winged Inca-Finch (E)
Buff-bridled Inca-Finch (E)
Blue-black Grassquit
Chestnut-bellied Seedeater
Band-tailed Seedeater
Plain-colored Seedeater
Dull-colored Grassquit
Moustached Flowerpiercer
Black-throated Flowerpiercer
White-sided Flowerpiercer
Deep-blue Flowerpiercer
Masked Flowerpiercer
Saffron Finch
Common Bush-Tanager
Ashy-throated Bush-Tanager
(Orange-billed Sparrow)
Stripe-headed Brush-Finch
Yellow-breasted Brush-Finch (east)
Rufous-collared Sparrow

Tangara arthus
Tangara xanthocephala
Tangara chrysotis
Tangara parzudakii
Tangara xanthogastra
Tangara punctata
Tangara gyrola
Tangara labradorides
Tangara cyanotis
Tangara cyanicollis
Tangara nigroviridis
Tangara vassorii
Tangara viridicollis
Dacnis lineata
Dacnis cayana
Chlorophanes spiza
Saltator striatipectus peruvianus
Saltator coerulescens azarae
Saltator aurantiirostris iteratus
EMBERIZIDAE
Phrygilus punensis
Phrygilus fruticeti
Phrygilus unicolor
Phrygilus alaudinus
Incaspiza ortizi
Incaspiza laeta
Volatinia jacarina
Sporophila castaneiventris
Catamenia analis
Catamenia inornata
Tiaris obscurus
Diglossa mystacalis
Diglossa brunneiventris
Diglossa albilatera
Diglossa glauca
Diglossa cyanea
Sicalis flaveola
Chlorospingus ophthalmicus hiaticolus
Chlorospingus canigularis
Arremon aurantiirostris spectabilis
Arremon torquatus nigrifrons
Atlapetes latinuchus latinuchus
Zonotrichia capensis

CARDINALS AND ALLIES

Hepatic Tanager
Summer Tanager
Scarlet Tanager
White-winged Tanager
Golden-bellied Grosbeak

TROUPIALS AND ALLIES

Peruvian Meadowlark
Orange-backed Troupial
Yellow-tailed Oriole
Mountain Cacique
Scarlet-rumped Cacique
Yellow-rumped Cacique
Russet-backed Oropendola
Crested Oropendola

SISKINS, CROSSBILLS, ALLIES

Thick-billed Euphonia
Orange-bellied Euphonia
Lesser Goldfinch
Hooded Siskin
Olivaceous Siskin

CARDINALIDAE

Piranga flava
Piranga rubra
Piranga olivacea
Piranga leucoptera
Pheucticus chrysogaster

ICTERIDAE

Sturnella bellicosa
Icterus croconotus
Icterus mesomelas
Cacicus chrysonotus peruvianus
Cacicus uropygialis
Cacicus cela
Psarocolius angustifrons
Psarocolius decumanus

FRINGILLIDAE

Euphonia laniirostris
Euphonia xanthogaster
Spinus psaltria
Spinus magellanicus
Spinus olivaceus