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Gold-ringed Tanager is one of the fantastic Colombian endemics possible on this trip

This is a summary of a custom tour I guided in 2019 that had almost the exact same itinerary as our current Central Colombia tours taken together. Since it's been two years since the trip, I am focusing on describing the sites and summarizing what we saw and where, rather than writing a detailed narrative. Memories fade after all! However, this should be helpful for people interested in these tours, since we currently don't have a trip report for a set departure tour with the same itinerary. All photos were taken during the trip.

Day 1, Bogotá: This is just the arrival day. Everyone had come in a day early since flights tend to arrive late into Bogota and we didn't want to risk any delays. Everyone did their own thing this morning including sightseeing and just resting. Ben went off to do some birding on his own. We got bed as early as possible tonight (and every night in Bogota) since all sites require a fairly long drive and you want to leave before the traffic gets bad. Some wonder why we spend so much time in such a big city. The simple answer is that there is amazing birding just outside the city in a bunch of great sites, and logistically it just makes sense to be based in a nice city hotel with all the amenities instead of jumping from place to place and staying in less comfy digs.

Day 2, Sumapaz NP and Chicaque: Sumapaz is high elevation site south of Bogotá with excellent páramo as well as lakes. I didn't take any photos today, but here is a public domain image giving you an idea of what it is like:



Endemics seen at Sumapaz: Green-bearded Helmetcrest, Bogota Rail, Tawny Antpitta (endemic subspecies that is likely to be split), Pale-bellied Tapaculo, Silvery-throated Spinetail (outside the park), Apolinar's Wren, and Andean Siskin.

Other selected birds: Andean Teal, Andean Duck, Bronze-tailed Thornbill, Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle, Chestnut-winged Cinclodes, Many-striped Canastero, White-chinned Spinetail, Plain-capped Ground-Tyrant, Brown-backed

Chat-Tyrant, Brown-bellied Swallow, Andean Siskin, Pale-naped Brushfinch, Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager, Rufous-browed Conebill, Glossy Flowerpiercer, and Plumbeous Sierra-Finch.

Traffic was murderous getting to our next site, Chicaque Park, but we made it. Afternoons here tend to be slow and often foggy, but I like to come here to look for Golden-bellied Starfrontlet at the feeders and do a bit of birding along the trails (they are very steep so we don't generally go very far). Unfortunately the starfrontlet was not coming during our visit. We saw no endemics here, but some of the birds we saw included **Tourmaline Sunangel, Glowing Puffleg, White-bellied Woodstar, White-tailed Kite, Blackish Tapaculo, White-throated Tyrannulet, Black-capped Tyrannulet, Black-throated Tody-Tyrant, Ashy-throated Chlorospingus, Common Chlorospingus, Blackburnian Warbler, White-sided Flowerpiercer, and Masked Flowerpiercer.**

Day 3: Bioandina Reserve and Hummingbird Observatory. Another early start got us to this forest northeast of the city just after dawn. The patches of temperate forest here host the scarce **Brown-breasted Parakeet**, the main target. We saw several flocks of them, though a scope was needed to get decent perched views. The parakeet was the only endemic, and we had a bunch of other great birds too including **Andean Guan, Black-billed Mountain-Toucan, Muisca Antpitta** (formerly called Rufous Antpitta, but now treated as a separate species found in the eastern Andes of Colombia and Venezuela), **White-banded Tyrannulet, Mountain Elaenia, Black-capped Tyrannulet, Cinnamon Flycatcher, Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant, Red-crested Cotinga, Black-collared Jay, Rufous Wren, Andean Siskin, Slaty Brushfinch, Eastern Meadowlark, Mountain Cacique, Golden-fronted Redstart, Superciliaried Hemispingus, Hooded Mountain-Tanager, Blue-and-black Tanager, Blue-backed Conebill, and Bluish Flowerpiercer.**

We stopped for lunch at a simple but delicious barbeque place, and then spent a little time at a gravel pit successfully flushing a **Noble Snipe** before heading to the **Hummingbird Observatory**. This is a private reserve with some of the best hummer feeders around, and a nice place to spend the afternoon before heading back to Bogotá. None of the hummers are endemic, but some are difficult to see elsewhere: **Amethyst-throated Sunangel, Black-tailed Trainbearer, Green-tailed Trainbearer, Tyrian Metaltail, Glowing Puffleg, Coppery-bellied Puffleg, Blue-throated Starfrontlet, Sword-billed Hummingbird, Great Sapphirewing, White-bellied Woodstar, and Lesser Violetear.** A **Black Flowerpiercer** also regularly came in for sugar water.



Black-tailed Trainbearer



Blue-throated Starfrontlet



Coppery-bellied Puffleg

Day 4: Laguna Pedro Palo and the Combeima Canyon. Another early start, but this time we were not returning to Bogotá. Laguna Pedro Palo is a lake at middle elevations in the Andes southwest of Bogota, surrounded by a patchwork of cloudforest. It's perhaps best known among birders for being a reliable spot to see the endemic **Turquoise Dacnis**. We found it fairly easily along with a good number of other birds, though we missed the hoped-for Black Inca. Other birds seen at Laguna Pedro Palo: **Sharp-shinned Hawk, Short-tailed Hawk, Southern Emerald-Toucanet, Crimson-rumped Toucanet, Olivaceous Piculet, Acorn Woodpecker, Golden-olive Woodpecker, Plain Antvireo, Brown-billed Scythebill, Streaked Xenops, Montane Foliage-gleaner, Ash-browed Spinetail, Slaty-capped Flycatcher, Golden-faced Tyrannulet, Yellow-olive Flycatcher, Bran-colored Flycatcher, White-winged Becard, Brown-capped Vireo, Thick-billed Euphonia, Moustached Brushfinch, Cerulean Warbler, Tropical Parula, Slate-throated Redstart, Summer Tanager, Black-capped Tanager, Scrub Tanager, Blue-necked Tanager, Bay-headed Tanager, and Golden Tanager.**



Our Turquoise Dacnis... not a great shot, but I was busy getting it in the scope so everyone could have a great view.

We then drove down to the bottom of the Magdalena Valley, grabbed lunch by the mighty river, and continued up to Ibagué, a fairly large city on the east slope of the Central Andes. We headed onward to a small B&B in the scenic Combeima Canyon called Ukuku Lodge. It only has a few rooms with shared bathrooms and requires a strenuous hike to reach, so it is not suitable for most tours, but it worked for this private group. On a set-departure tour, we would spend the night in Ibagué and bird in dry forest in the afternoon, and then visit Combeima Canyon the following morning to search for the same birds mentioned below.

Endemics seen in Combeima Canyon: Tolima Dove, Tolima Blossomcrown, Indigo-capped Hummingbird, and Yellow-headed Brushfinch.

Other selected birds: White-collared Swift, Long-tailed Sylph, Buff-tailed Coronet, Booted Racket-tail, Fawn-breasted Brilliant, Andean Motmot, Smoky-brown Woodpecker, Bronze-winged Parrot, White-tipped Swift, Bar-crested

Antshrike, Torrent Tyrannulet, Green Jay, Blue-and-white Swallow, Whiskered Wren, Swainson's Thrush, Black-billed Thrush, Tropical Mockingbird, Yellow-backed Oriole, Canada Warbler, Crimson-backed Tanager, Hepatic Tanager, Black-and-white Seedeater, and Yellow-faced Grassquit.



Tolima Blossomcrown doesn't visit feeders, so we had to stake out flower patches



Indigo-capped Hummingbird is another endemic found in Combeima Canyon



Tolima Doves are very shy, but may come out into the open early in the morning

Day 5: Combeima Canyon and the Magdalena Valley. After a few hours of productive birding (sightings included in the list on the previous page), we headed off to Rio Claro, making a few very productive stops along the way in the Magdalena Valley in dry and semi-humid forest, as well as at a lake. We managed to find the endemic **Velvet-fronted Euphonia** and saw a ton of other birds as well, including **Groove-billed Ani, White-vented Plumeleteer, Rufous-tailed Hummingbird, Wattled Jacana, Anhinga, Neotropic Cormorant, Striated Heron, Bare-faced Ibis, Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture, Savanna Hawk, Ringed Kingfisher, Green Kingfisher, Russet-throated Puffbird, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Red-crowned Woodpecker, Crested Caracara, Yellow-headed Caracara, Orange-chinned Parakeet, Spectacled Parrotlet, Barred Antshrike, White-fringed Antwren, Jet Antbird, Straight-billed Woodcreeper, Yellow-chinned Spinetail, Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher, Common Tody-Flycatcher, Pied Water-Tyrant, White-headed Marsh Tyrant, Great Kiskadee, Streaked Flycatcher, Piratic Flycatcher, Tropical Kingbird, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, Southern Rough-winged Swallow, White-winged Swallow, Pale-breasted Thrush, Red-breasted Meadowlark, Yellow-hooded Blackbird, Yellow Warbler, Buff-rumped Warbler, Saffron Finch, and Streaked Saltator.** We reached our lodge as it was getting dark, passing Pablo Escobar's famous ranch (now a zoo/theme park) - I surprised to find that the iconic airplane that had long been mounted over the gate had been recently removed. While there is accommodation in Rio Claro itself, I prefer to stay in a nice lodge outside the park that is much more comfortable, and the air conditioning is nice to have in this very steamy climate (by far the hottest place of the tour).



This Andean Motmot was perched right by the road on the drive out of Combeima Canyon



We had a great view of a pair of Russet-throated Puffbirds at a lake in the Magdalena Valley

Day 6 and the morning of Day 7: the Rio Claro area. The Rio Claro Natural Reserve is a magnet for local tourists who like to raft along the scenic river as well as visit caves and waterfalls. The reserve and much of its surroundings are still blanketed in lush rainforest, and many of the tougher endemics are relatively easy to find here. We did much of our birding along a side road farther up the highway as well as a private ranch that has an excellent trail and an active **Oilbird** cave. The bird lists that follow include all the endemics as well some of the other birds during the course of our time in this region.

Endemics seen in the Rio Claro area: White-mantled Barbet, Beautiful Woodpecker, Antioquia Bristle-Tyrant, and Sooty Ant-Tanager.

Other selected birds: White-tipped Dove, Smooth-billed Ani, Squirrel Cuckoo, Oilbird, White-collared Swift, Rufous-breasted Hermit, Pale-bellied Hermit, Stripe-throated Hermit, Long-billed Starthroat, Crowned Woodnymph, Shining-green Hummingbird, Swallow-tailed Kite, White-tailed Trogon, Gartered Trogon, Rufous Motmot, Broad-billed Motmot, White-whiskered Puffbird, Gray-cheeked Nunlet, Collared Aracari, Yellow-throated Toucan, Channel-billed Toucan, Red-rumped Woodpecker, Lineated Woodpecker, Spot-breasted Woodpecker, Blue-headed Parrot, Spectacled Parrotlet, Chestnut-fronted Macaw, Black-crowned Antshrike, Checker-throated Antwren, Chestnut-backed Antbird, Magdalena Antbird, Cocoa Woodcreeper, Streak-headed Woodcreeper, Plain Xenops, Slaty-winged Foliage-gleaner, Yellow-bellied Elaenia, Sepia-capped Flycatcher, Sooty-headed Tyrannulet, Southern Bentbill, Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher, Brownish Twistwing, Bright-rumped Attila, Rufous Mourner, Great Crested Flycatcher, Rusty-margined Flycatcher, White-bearded Manakin, Striolated Manakin, Golden-headed Manakin, Russet-winged Schiffornis, Cinereous Becard, Cinnamon Becard, Chivi Vireo, Bicolored Wren, Bay Wren, Clay-colored Thrush, Fulvous-vented Euphonia, Orange-bellied Euphonia, Crested Oropendola, Yellow-rumped Cacique, Baltimore Oriole, Giant Cowbird, Bay-breasted Warbler, Dusky-faced Tanager, Gray-headed Tanager, White-shouldered Tanager, Crimson-backed Tanager, Yellow-backed Tanager, Golden-hooded Tanager, Plain-colored Tanager, Swallow Tanager, Black-faced (Yellow-tufted) Dacnis, Blue Dacnis, Purple Honeycreeper, Thick-billed Seed-Finch, Bananquit, and Buff-throated Saltator.



We were lucky to see the rare Gray-cheeked Nunlet at Rio Claro



White-mantled Barbets hunch over and bob their tails up and down when they sing



Oilbird. I only shined the light briefly to get a good look and a quick pic to minimize disturbance

Afternoon of Day 7 and morning of Day 8: La Romera Reserve above Medellín. It was a few hours driving up the Central Andes to reach the massive city of Medellín. There is an international airport here, so it serves as a good place to end Part 1 and begin Part 2. We stay in a beautiful lodge that is a restored hacienda high above the city and very convenient to a small cloudforest reserve known as La Romera. We arrived early enough to get a couple of hours of birding in that afternoon, and returned in the morning as well for a couple hours before breakfast. La Romera became a hotspot when local birders discovered that the very rare **Yellow-headed Manakin** could be seen there. I had been here twice before with no luck, but this time was different, and we nailed it for a great view, with the help of a few birders from the city who happened to be there that morning as well. It's always nice for me to get a lifer on a tour – it does not happen often anymore. La Romera is also the best place on the trip to see two other endemics, the stunning **Red-bellied Grackle** (one of my favorite birds) and the skulky **Stiles's Tapaculo**. The grackle was easy to find, but the tapaculo only gave quick views. A few other species that we saw here included **Sickle-winged Guan**, **Spotted Barbtail**, **Azara's Spinetail**, **Yellow-headed Manakin**, **Rufous-naped Greenlet**, **Russet-backed Oropendola**, **Black-and-white Warbler**, **Tennessee Warbler**, **Three-striped Warbler**, **Russet-crowned Warbler**, and **Golden Tanager**.



Yellow-headed Mankain at La Romera – a lifer for all!

PART 2

The rest of Day 8 (i.e. Day 1 of Part 2): Driving to Jardín and visiting some local feeders. After breakfast in the hotel above Medellín, we bid goodbye to Ben who needed to fly to Costa Rica to guide a photo tour there. The rest of us headed out of the city and down into the Cauca Valley, which divides the Central and Western Andes. We had to take a rather circuitous route since the main highway was blocked due to a landslide and lunch was a bit late, but very tasty in a popular roadside restaurant. Normally during this afternoon we would head to Jardín and then visit a display sight for Andean Cock-of-the-rock lek that is very close to the center of town. However, my group had seen plenty of cocks-of-

the-rock before and instead wanted to check out some private feeders I knew about from a previous trip where I had been checking out sites for photo tours. This worked out well in the end and was a relaxing way to see some nice birds. On future trips I may try to squeeze in an hour or so here, if there is time. A few of the birds we saw there were: **Green Hermit, Western Emerald, Moustached Puffbird, Red-headed Barbet, Crimson-rumped Toucanet, Acorn Woodpecker, Bronze-winged Parrot, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Flame-rumped Tanager, Scrub Tanager, Blue-necked Tanager, Bay-headed Tanager, and Guira Tanager.**



We lucked out with a Moustached Puffbird at La Bambusa



An immature male Flame-rumped Tanager near the feeders

We had two nights in hotel near the main plaza in Jardín, a pleasant town popular with local tourists. I prefer to stay in a very nice hotel outside of town, but unfortunately it is state-owned and they frequently cancel reservations with little notice to accommodate special events for politicians and other “vips”. But the hotel in town is acceptable as a backup and there are nice cafes and restaurants around the plaza.

Day 9: The Ventanas road and the Yellow-eared Parrot reserve. We spent the whole day along this superb birding road that passes through excellent cloudforest. The road is in bad shape, so we went up in two 4x4s with excellent local drivers who seemed to enjoy taking a break from hauling coffee and other goods around like they normally do. The road is well known for being one of the best places in the world to see the rare **Yellow-eared Parrot**. It was once considered critically endangered, but conservation efforts helped boost its numbers, and additional populations were discovered in other parts of the Colombian Andes. While not technically an endemic, it effectively is one since it has not been seen in Ecuador in something like 30 years and is probably no longer there. We had lunch at a house in the middle of nowhere that offers feeders and home-cooked meals.

Selected birds seen today: Andean Guan, Band-tailed Pigeon, Black-and-chestnut Eagle, Lesser Violetear, Sparking Violetear, Tourmaline Sunangel, Speckled Hummingbird, Long-tailed Sylph, Tyrian Metaltail, Collared Inca, Mountain Velvetbreast, Buff-tailed Coronet, Fawn-breasted Brilliant, White-bellied Woodstar, Andean Pygmy-Owl, Powerful Woodpecker, Yellow-eared Parrot, Chestnut-naped Antpitta, Blackish Tapaculo, Montane Woodcreeper, Streaked Tuftedcheek, Striped Treehunter, Cinnamon Flycatcher, Smoke-colored Pewee, Black Phoebe, Smoky Bush-Tyrant, Green-and-black Fruiteater, Chestnut-crested Cotinga, Blue-and-white Swallow, Rufous Wren, Great Thrush, Lesser Goldfinch, Slaty Brushfinch, Mountain Cacique, Blackburnian Warbler, Citrine Warbler, Golden-fronted Whitestart, Summer Tanager, White-capped Tanager, Black-capped Hemispingus, Superciliaried Hemispingus, Grass-green Tanager, Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager, Blue-capped Tanager, Metallic-green Tanager, Capped Conebill, White-sided Flowerpiercer, Bluish Flowerpiercer, Masked Flowerpiercer, Plushcap, and Gray-hooded Bush Tanager.



The odd yet handsome Plushcap



We had a memorable encounter with a flock of White-capped Tanagers



Looking down over the forest towards Jardín in the distance

Most of Day 10: Cauca Valley and drive to Rio Blanco. The bottom of the Cauca Valley is quite dry in stark contrast to the cloudforest around Jardín. It's a good place to look for several endemics along a side road before undertaking the rather long drive south to Manizales. There was a lot of road work that we detoured around, though we probably would have been better off just dealing with it since the detour was challenging in places for a van. Hopefully the road work will be done by the time we run the set departure tour. The main birding area near Manizales is the Rio Blanco Reserve, which is owned by the municipal water company to protect the city's watershed. They have a small lodge but only three good guest rooms, so only very small groups can stay on site. On most tours we spend the night in a nice hotel in the outskirts of Manizales.

Endemics seen in the Cauca Valley: Colombian Chachalaca, Grayish Piculet, Apical Flycatcher, and Antioquia Wren.

Other selected species: Scarlet-fronted Parakeet, Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet, Tropical Gnatcatcher, Clay-colored Thrush, Yellow-backed Oriole, Golden-crowned Warbler, White-lined Tanager, Blue Dacnis, Buff-throated Saltator, Grayish Saltator, and Streaked Saltator.



The endemic Antioquia Wren was discovered in 2010

Afternoon of Day 10, Day 11, and morning of Day 12: Rio Blanco Reserve. Rio Blanco has superb local birding guides as well as feeding stations in the forest for antpittas and other birds. One of the antpittas, **Brown-banded Antpitta**, is a Colombian endemic, and **Bicolored Antpitta** is almost one (it is known from one remote area of Ecuador). Both of them showed well for us. Some of the other birds we saw during our stay were **Sickle-winged Guan, Rufous-bellied Nighthawk, White-throated Wedgebill, Lesser Violetear, Sparkling Violetear, Tourmaline Sunangel, Long-tailed Sylph, Bronzy Inca, Collared Inca, Buff-tailed Coronet, Fawn-breasted Brilliant, White-bellied Woodstar, White-throated Screech-Owl, Rufous-banded Owl, Golden-headed Quetzal, Southern Emerald-Toucanet, Black-billed Mountain-Toucan, Powerful Woodpecker, Crimson-mantled Woodpecker, Scaly-naped Parrot, Chestnut-crowned Antpitta, Bicolored Antpitta, Slate-crowned Antpitta, Ocellated Tapaculo, Ash-colored Tapaculo, White-crowned Tapaculo, Spillmann's Tapaculo, Strong-billed Woodcreeper, Montane Woodcreeper, Flammulated Treehunter, Pearled**

Treerunner, Azara's Spinetail, Rufous-breasted Flycatcher, Pale-edged Flycatcher, Dusky Piha, Barred Becard, Brown-capped Vireo, Mountain Wren, Sharpe's Wren, Glossy-black Thrush, Yellow-billed Cacique, Russet-crowned Warbler, Slate-throated Redstart, Golden-fronted Redstart, Summer Tanager, Black-capped Hemispingus, Black-eared Hemispingus, Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager, Blue-capped Tanager, Blue-and-black Tanager, Beryl-spangled Tanager, Metallic-green Tanager, Capped Conebill, Plushcap, and Gray-hooded Bush Tanager.



Brown-banded Antpitta



Bicolored Antpitta

The rest of Day 12 and the morning of Day 13: Termales Ruiz and Los Nevados NP. This trip was a bit different from how we will run our future tours, which will visit a new private reserve this morning that has a couple of antpitta feeders that attract, among others, Crescent-faced Antpitta. We then headed to Termales Ruiz, a hotel at a thermal spring high up in the mountains. They have excellent hummingbird feeders, and it's a good place to spend a night to look for the high elevation birds along the road to Los Nevados National Park. **Buffy Helmetcrest** is realiable near the park entrance, but **Rufous-fronted Parakeet** is a lot harder. We did manage to have a flock fly right over us near dusk on their way to their presumed roosting area.

Endemics seen in this area: Buffy Helmetcrest and Rufous-fronted Parakeet.

Other selected species: Andean Teal, Andean Duck, Rainbow-bearded Thornbill, Tyrian Metaltail, Viridian Metaltail, Black-thighed Puffleg, Golden-breasted Puffleg, Shining Sunbeam, Buff-winged Starfrontlet, Mountain Velvetbreast, Great Sapphirewing, Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle, Paramo Tapaculo, Stout-billed Cinclodes, Andean Tit-Spintail, Brown-bellied Swallow, Sedge (Grass) Wren, Gray-browed Brushfinch, Pale-naped Brushfinch, Superciliaried Hemispingus, Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager, Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager, Plumbeous Sierra-Finch, Plain-colored Seedeater, and Paramo Seedeater.



We had super-close views of Buffy Helmetcrest feeding in a flowering bush



Great Sapphirewing, one of the many hummers at Termales Ruiz

Afternoon of Day 13: Drive to Santa Rosa. It's not a very long drive, and there are a few places to stop along the way to bird for a bit. **"Colombian" Speckle-breasted Wren** (photo below) is an isolated subspecies and very likely to be split, so we specifically targeted that with success. On future trips I may also stop at a lake where Dwarf Cuckoo is pretty reliable. A few other birds we saw this afternoon included **Squirrel Cuckoo, Red-crowned Woodpecker, Yellow-headed Caracara, Blue-headed Parrot, "Colombian" Speckle-breasted Wren, Green Honeycreeper, and Bananaquit.**



Morning of Day 14: Indigo-winged Parrot excursion. After spending a single night in the pleasant town of Santa Rosa, we needed a very early start to take 4WD vehicles way up into the high mountains. There are forest patches here that became famous a few years ago when a local birder discovered a previously unknown population of the rare, endangered, and endemic **Indigo-winged Parrot**. To see the parrot you basically just wait at a lookout and eventually they come through (every time according to the local guide), but it can take hours. It did for us and even the local guide was looking nervous! But patience paid off in the end. A scope was helpful for seeing it well, as you can imagine from my distant photo:



Here are some of the other birds we saw during the morning: **White-collared Swift, Purple-backed Thornbill, Sword-billed Hummingbird, Speckle-faced Parrot, Bronze-winged Parrot, Golden-plumed Parakeet, Streaked Tuftedcheek, Red-crested Cotinga, Andean Siskin, Hooded Mountain-Tanager, Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager, and Masked Flowerpiercer.**

Afternoon of Day 14 and morning of Day 15: Otún Quimbaya Reserve. After seeing the parrots, we drove back to Santa Rosa, checked out, had lunch, then drove south to Pereira and onward to Otun Quimbaya. This is a community-run reserve with a simple but decent lodge. It is the easiest place in Colombia to see the endemic **Cauca Guan**, and **Red-ruffed Fruitcrow** is ridiculously common. There is also a stakeout for the rare **Hooded Antpitta**, which we did manage to find this time, though I missed it on a different trip a few months later.

Endemics seen at Otún Quimbaya: Cauca Guan and Crested Ant-Tanager

Other selected species: Torrent Duck, Chestnut-collared Swift, Western Emerald, Southern Lapwing, Bare-faced Ibis, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Collared Trogon, Andean Motmot, Golden-olive Woodpecker, Hooded Antpitta, Rusty-winged Barbtail, Variegated Bristle-Tyrant, Golden-faced Tyrannulet, Great Kiskadee, Red-ruffed Fruitcrow, Blue-and-white Swallow, Chestnut-breasted Wren, White-capped Dipper, Andean Solitaire, Black-billed Thrush, Orange-bellied Euphonia, Yellow-bellied Siskin, Chestnut-capped Brushfinch, Tropical Parula, Blackburnian

Warbler, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Flame-rumped Tanager, Black-capped Tanager, Scrub Tanager, Blue-necked Tanager, Bay-headed Tanager, Golden Tanager, and Yellow-bellied Seedeater.



Red-ruffed Fruitcrow



Cauca Guan

Afternoon of Day 16 to the morning of Day 18: The Montezuma Road (Tatamá NP). After lunch, we drove several hours up into the Western Andes and then switched into 4WD vehicles before turning onto the rough Montezuma Road, eventually reaching Montezuma Ecolodge. The Montezuma Road is one of the best birding roads I know of. From the lodge all the way up to the end of the road at a military base, it passes through nearly unbroken cloudforest. This area is part of the Choco Bioregion that extends south through Northwest Ecuador, and the number of spectacular birds endemic to this region is almost unmatched, as the lists below attest to. It is also physically easy – all the birding is from the road. The lodge itself is fairly modest, but it has greatly improved over the years and the staff is wonderfully accommodating and serves up tasty food. They also have excellent local guides who know all the best spots for the target birds.

Endemics seen along the Montezuma Road: Parker's Antbird, Tatama Tapaculo, Munchique Wood-Wren, Red-bellied Grackle, Crested Ant-Tanager, Black-and-gold Tanager, Gold-ringed Tanager, and Chestnut-bellied Flowerpiercer.



A Chestnut-bellied Flowerpiercer singing at dawn near the army base

Other selected species: White-throated Quail-Dove, Common Potoo, White-necked Jacobin, White-whiskered Hermit, Tawny-bellied Hermit, Green-fronted Lancebill, Violet-tailed Sylph, Greenish Puffleg, Brown Inca, Collared Inca, Velvet-purple Coronet, Rufous-gaped Hillstar, Green-crowned Brilliant, Empress Brilliant, Purple-throated Woodstar, Crowned Woodnymph, Andean Emerald, Steely-vented Hummingbird, Rufous-tailed Hummingbird, Swallow-tailed Kite, Cloud-forest Pygmy-Owl, Crested Quetzal, Masked Trogon, Moustached Puffbird, Lanceolated Monklet, Toucan Barbet, Rufous-rumped Antwren, Bar-crested Antshrike, Plain Antwren, Slaty Antwren, Yellow-breasted Antwren, Yellow-breasted Antpitta, Ochre-breasted Antpitta, Choco Tapaculo, Nariño Tapaculo, Tyrannine Woodcreeper, Wedge-billed Woodcreeper, Buffy (Pacific) Tuftedcheek, Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner, Fulvous-dotted Treerunner, Red-faced Spinetail, Slaty-capped Flycatcher, Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant, Rufous-browed Tyrannulet, Ornate Flycatcher, Bronze-olive Pygmy-Tyrant, Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant, Dusky-capped Flycatcher, Rusty-margined Flycatcher, Lemon-browed Flycatcher, Golden-crowned Flycatcher, Barred Fruiteater, Orange-breasted Fruiteater, Scaled Fruiteater, Golden-winged Manakin, Club-winged Manakin, White-winged Becard, Sooty-headed Wren, Gray-

breasted Wood-Wren, Swainson's Thrush, Black Solitaire, Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia, Yellow-collared Chlorophonia, Ashy-throated Chlorospingus, Dusky Chlorospingus, Olive Finch, Tricolored (Choco) Brushfinch, Russet-backed Oropendola, Three-striped Warbler, Buff-rumped Warbler, Golden-fronted Redstart, Flame-rumped (Yellow-rumped) Tanager, Crimson-backed Tanager, Black-chinned Mountain-Tanager, Purplish-mantled Tanager, Glistening-green Tanager, Rufous-throated Tanager, Saffron-crowned Tanager, Flame-faced Tanager, Silver-throated Tanager, Golden-collared Honeycreeper, Indigo Flowerpiercer, and Bluish Flowerpiercer.



Rufous-gaped Hillstar is a regular visitor to the lodge feeders



We had a close encounter with a Cloud-forest Pygmy-Owl

The rest of Day 18 was spent driving to Pereira and flying back to Bogotá, where we spent the last night of the trip before transferring to the international airport and flying home on the morning of Day 19.

FULL TRIP LIST

This was a private trip that focused on targeting lifers for the group. Because of that, the number of heard only birds is higher than normal (some could have been seen with a bit of effort) and the overall trip list is probably a little lower than what we might get on a set-departure tour. By my count, the total bird count was 592 species, of which 60 were heard only.

H=heard only

GO=seen only by the guide

(E)=Colombian endemic

(I)=introduced

TINAMOUS

H Tawny-breasted Tinamou

H Little Tinamou

DUCKS, GEESE, AND WATERFOWL

Torrent Duck

Blue-winged Teal

Andean Teal

Andean Duck

GUANS, CHACHALACAS, CURASSOWS

Colombian Chachalaca (E)

Andean Guan

Cauca Guan (E)

H Wattled Guan

Sickle-winged Guan

NEW WORLD QUAIL

H Chestnut Wood-Quail (E)

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon (I)

GO Scaled Pigeon

Pale-vented Pigeon

Band-tailed Pigeon

H Plumbeous Pigeon

H Ruddy Pigeon

Ruddy Ground-Dove

White-tipped Dove

Tolima Dove (E)

White-throated Quail-Dove

Eared Dove

CUCKOOS

Smooth-billed Ani

Groove-billed Ani

Squirrel Cuckoo

NIGHTJARS AND ALLIES

Rufous-bellied Nighthawk

TINAMIDAE

Nothocercus julius

Crypturellus soui

ANATIDAE

Merganetta armata

Spatula discors

Anas andium

Oxyura ferruginea

CRACIDAE

Ortalis columbiana

Penelope montagnii

Penelope perspicax

Aburria aburri

Chamaepetes goudotii

ODONTOPHORIDAE

Odontophorus hyperythrus

COLUMBIDAE

Columba livia

Patagioenas speciosa

Patagioenas cayennensis

Patagioenas fasciata

Patagioenas plumbea

Patagioenas subvinacea

Columbina talpacoti

Leptotila verreauxi

Leptotila conoveri

Zentrygon frenata

Zenaida auriculata

CUCULIDAE

Crotophaga ani

Crotophaga sulcirostris

Piaya cayana

CAPRIMULGIDAE

Lurocalis rufiventris

	Band-winged Nightjar	<i>Systellura longirostris</i>
H	Common Pauraque	<i>Nyctidromus albicollis</i>
	POTOOS	NYCTIBIIDAE
	Common Potoo	<i>Nyctibius griseus</i>
	OILBIRD	STEATORNITHIDAE
	Oilbird	<i>Steatornis caripensis</i>
	SWIFTS	APODIDAE
	Chestnut-collared Swift	<i>Streptoprocne rutila</i>
	White-collared Swift	<i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>
	White-tipped Swift	<i>Aeronautes montivagus</i>
	HUMMINGBIRDS	TROCHILIDAE
	White-necked Jacobin	<i>Florisuga mellivora</i>
	Rufous-breasted Hermit	<i>Glaucis hirsutus</i>
H	Band-tailed Barbthroat	<i>Threnetes ruckeri</i>
	White-whiskered Hermit	<i>Phaethornis yaruqui</i>
	Green Hermit	<i>Phaethornis guy</i>
	Tawny-bellied Hermit	<i>Phaethornis syrmatophorus</i>
	Pale-bellied Hermit	<i>Phaethornis anthophilus</i>
	Stripe-throated Hermit	<i>Phaethornis striigularis</i>
	Green-fronted Lancebill	<i>Doryfera ludovicae</i>
	White-throated Wedgebill (Wedge-billed H.)	<i>Schistes albogularis</i>
	Lesser (Green) Violetear	<i>Colibri thalassinus</i>
	Sparkling Violetear	<i>Colibri coruscans</i>
GO	Black-throated Mango	<i>Anthracothorax nigricollis</i>
	Amethyst-throated Sunangel	<i>Heliangelus amethysticollis</i>
	Tourmaline Sunangel	<i>Heliangelus exortis</i>
	Speckled Hummingbird	<i>Adelomyia melanogenys</i>
	Long-tailed Sylph	<i>Aglaiocercus kingii</i>
	Violet-tailed Sylph	<i>Aglaiocercus coelestis</i>
	Black-tailed Trainbearer	<i>Lesbia victoriae</i>
	Green-tailed Trainbearer	<i>Lesbia nuna</i>
	Purple-backed Thornbill	<i>Ramphomicron microrhynchum</i>
	Bronze-tailed Thornbill	<i>Chalcostigma heteropogon</i>
	Rainbow-bearded Thornbill	<i>Chalcostigma herrani</i>
	Buffy Helmetcrest (E)	<i>Oxypogon stubelii</i>
	Green-bearded Helmetcrest (E)	<i>Oxypogon guerinii</i>
	Tyrian Metaltail	<i>Metallura tyrianthina</i>
	Viridian Metaltail	<i>Metallura williami</i>
	Greenish Puffleg	<i>Haplophaedia aureliae</i>
	Glowing Puffleg	<i>Eriocnemis vestita</i>
	Black-thighed Puffleg	<i>Eriocnemis derbyi</i>
	Coppery-bellied Puffleg	<i>Eriocnemis cupreiventris</i>
	Golden-breasted Puffleg	<i>Eriocnemis mosquera</i>
	Shining Sunbeam	<i>Aglaeactis cupripennis</i>
	Bronzy Inca	<i>Coeligena coeligena</i>
	Brown Inca	<i>Coeligena wilsoni</i>
	Collared Inca	<i>Coeligena torquata</i>
	Buff-winged Starfrontlet	<i>Coeligena lutetiae</i>
	Blue-throated Starfrontlet	<i>Coeligena helianthea</i>
	Mountain Velvetbreast	<i>Lafresnaya lafresnayi</i>

Sword-billed Hummingbird
 Great Sapphirewing
 Buff-tailed Coronet
 Velvet-purple Coronet
 Booted Racket-tail
 Rufous-gaped (White-tailed) Hillstar
 Fawn-breasted Brilliant
 Green-crowned Brilliant
 Empress Brilliant
 Long-billed Starthroat
 White-bellied Woodstar
 Purple-throated Woodstar
 Western Emerald
 Red-billed Emerald
 Short-tailed Emerald
 Tolima Blossomcrown (E)
 White-vented Plumeleteer
 Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer
 Crowned (Violet-crowned) Woodnymph
 Crowned (Green-crowned) Woodnymph
 Andean Emerald
 Steely-vented Hummingbird
 Indigo-capped Hummingbird (E)
 Rufous-tailed Hummingbird
 Shining-green Hummingbird

RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS

Bogota Rail (E)
 Gray-cowled Wood-Rail
 Common Gallinule
 American Coot

GO

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS

Southern Lapwing

JACANAS

Wattled Jacana

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES

Noble Snipe
 Solitary Sandpiper
 Greater Yellowlegs
 Lesser Yellowlegs

GO

ANHINGAS

Anhinga

CORMORANTS AND SHAGS

Neotropic Cormorant

HERONS, EGRETS, AND BITTERNS

Great Egret
 Snowy Egret
 Cattle Egret

Striated Heron

IBISES AND SPOONBILLS

Bare-faced Ibis

Ensifera ensifera
Pterophanes cyanopterus
Boissonneaua flavescens
Boissonneaua jardini
Ocreatus underwoodii
Urochroa bougueri
Heliodoxa rubinoides
Heliodoxa jacula
Heliodoxa imperatrix
Heliomaster longirostris
Chaetocercus mulsant
Calliphlox mitchellii
Chlorostilbon melanorhynchus
Chlorostilbon gibsoni
Chlorostilbon poortmani
Anthocephala berlepschi
Chalybura buffonii
Chalybura urochrysis
Thalurania colombica
Thalurania colombica
Amazilia franciae
Amazilia saucerottei
Amazilia cyanifrons
Amazilia tzacatl
Lepidopyga goudoti

RALLIDAE

Rallus semiplumbeus
Aramides cajaneus
Gallinula galeata
Fulica americana columbiana

CHARADRIIDAE

Vanellus chilensis

JACANIDAE

Jacana jacana

SCOLOPACIDAE

Gallinago nobilis
Tringa solitaria
Tringa melanoleuca
Tringa flavipes

ANHINGIDAE

Anhinga anhinga

PHALACROCORACIDAE

Phalacrocorax brasilianus

ARDEIDAE

Ardea alba
Egretta thula
Bubulcus ibis
Butorides striata

THRESKIORNITHIDAE

Phimosus infuscatus

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Black Vulture

Turkey Vulture

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture

HAWKS, EAGLES, AND KITES

White-tailed Kite

Swallow-tailed Kite

Black-and-chestnut Eagle

Sharp-shinned (Plain-breasted) Hawk

Savanna Hawk

Roadside Hawk

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle

Broad-winged Hawk

Short-tailed Hawk

OWLS

White-throated Screech-Owl

H Tropical Screech-Owl**H** Rufescent Screech-Owl

Cloud-forest Pygmy-Owl

Andean Pygmy-Owl

H Mottled Owl

Rufous-banded Owl

TROGONS

Golden-headed Quetzal

Crested Quetzal

White-tailed Trogon

Gartered Trogon

Collared Trogon

Masked Trogon

MOTMOTS

Andean (Highland) Motmot

Rufous Motmot

H Broad-billed Motmot**KINGFISHERS**

Ringed Kingfisher

Green Kingfisher

PUFFBIRDS

Russet-throated Puffbird

White-whiskered Puffbird

Moustached Puffbird

Lanceolated Monklet

Gray-cheeked Nunlet

H White-faced Nunbird**JACAMARS**

Rufous-tailed Jacamar

NEW WORLD BARBETS

White-mantled Barbet (E)

Red-headed Barbet

TOUCAN-BARBETS

Toucan Barbet

CATHARTIDAE*Coragyps atratus**Cathartes aura**Cathartes burrovianus***ACCIPITRIDAE***Elanus leucurus**Elanoides forficatus**Spizaetus isidori**Accipiter striatus ventralis**Buteogallus meridionalis**Rupornis magnirostris**Geranoaetus melanoleucus**Buteo platypterus**Buteo brachyurus***STRIGIDAE***Megascops albogularis**Megascops choliba**Megascops ingens venezuelanus**Glaucidium nubicola**Glaucidium jardinii**Ciccaba virgata**Ciccaba albitarsis***TROGONIDAE***Pharomachrus auriceps**Pharomachrus antisianus**Trogon viridis**Trogon caligatus**Trogon collaris**Trogon personatus***MOMOTIDAE***Momotus aequatorialis**Baryphthengus martii**Electron platyrhynchum***ALCEDINIDAE***Megaceryle torquata**Chloroceryle americana***BUCCONIDAE***Hypnelus ruficollis ruficollis**Malacoptila panamensis**Malacoptila mystacalis**Micromonacha lanceolata**Nonnula frontalis**Hapaloptila castanea***GALBULIDAE***Galbula ruficauda***CAPITONIDAE***Capito hypoleucus**Eubucco bourcierii***SEMNORNITHIDAE***Semnornis ramphastinus*

TOUCANS

Southern Emerald-Toucanet

Crimson-rumped Toucanet

H Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucan

Black-billed Mountain-Toucan

Collared Aracari

Yellow-throated (Chestnut-mandibled) Toucan

H Choco Toucan

Channel-billed (Citron-throated) Toucan

WOODPECKERS

Olivaceous Piculet

Grayish Piculet (E)

Acorn Woodpecker

Beautiful Woodpecker (E)

Red-crowned Woodpecker

GO Smoky-brown Woodpecker

Red-rumped Woodpecker

Yellow-vented Woodpecker

Powerful Woodpecker

Lineated Woodpecker

Cinnamon Woodpecker

Golden-olive Woodpecker

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker

Spot-breasted Woodpecker

FALCONS AND CARACARAS**H** Barred Forest-Falcon

Crested Caracara

Yellow-headed Caracara

American Kestrel

H Bat Falcon**PARROTS****H** Barred Parakeet

Rufous-fronted Parakeet (E)

Orange-chinned Parakeet

Indigo-winged Parrot (E)

Speckle-faced Parrot

Blue-headed Parrot

Bronze-winged Parrot

Red-lored Parrot

Yellow-crowned Parrot

Scaly-naped Parrot

Spectacled Parrotlet

Brown-breasted (Flame-winged) Parakeet (E)

Chestnut-fronted Macaw

Golden-plumed Parakeet

Yellow-eared Parrot

Scarlet-fronted Parakeet

TYPICAL ANTIBIRDS

Rufous-rumped Antwren

Barred Antshrike

RAMPHASTIDAE*Aulacorhynchus albivitta**Aulacorhynchus haematopygus**Andigena hypoglauca**Andigena nigrirostris**Pteroglossus torquatus**Ramphastos ambiguus swainsonii**Ramphastos brevis**Ramphastos vitellinus citreolaemus***PICIDAE***Picumnus olivaceus**Picumnus granadensis**Melanerpes formicivorus**Melanerpes pulcher**Melanerpes rubricapillus**Dryobates fumigatus**Dryobates kirkii**Dryobates dignus**Campephilus pollens**Dryocopus lineatus**Celeus loricatus**Colaptes rubiginosus**Colaptes rivolii**Colaptes punctigula***FALCONIDAE***Micrastur ruficollis**Caracara cheriway**Milvago chimachima**Falco sparverius**Falco ruficularis***PSITTACIDAE***Bolborhynchus lineola**Bolborhynchus ferrugineifrons**Brotogeris jugularis**Hapalopsittaca fuertesi**Pionus tumultuosus**Pionus menstruus**Pionus chalcopterus**Amazona autumnalis**Amazona ochrocephala**Amazona mercenarius**Forpus conspicillatus**Pyrrhura calliptera**Ara severus**Leptosittaca branickii**Ognorhynchus icterotis**Psittacara wagleri***THAMNOPHILIDAE***Euchrepomis callinota**Thamnophilus doliatus*

	Bar-crested Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus multistriatus</i>
	Black-crowned (Western Slaty) Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus atrinucha</i>
H	Uniform Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus unicolor</i>
	Plain Antvireo	<i>Dysithamnus mentalis</i>
	Checker-throated Antwren	<i>Epinecrophylla fulviventris</i>
	Slaty Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula schisticolor</i>
	Yellow-breasted Antwren	<i>Herpsilochmus axillaris</i>
	White-fringed Antwren	<i>Formicivora grisea</i>
	Streak-headed Antbird	<i>Drymophila striaticeps</i>
	Parker's Antbird (E)	<i>Cercomacroides nigrescens</i>
	Jet Antbird	<i>Cercomacra nigricans</i>
H	White-bellied Antbird	<i>Myrmeciza longipes</i>
	Chestnut-backed Antbird	<i>Poliocrania exsul</i>
	Magdalena Antbird	<i>Sipia palliata</i>
H	Zeledon's (Immaculate) Antbird	<i>Hafferia zeledoni</i>
H	Bicolored Antbird	<i>Gymnopithys leucaspis</i>
	GNATEATERS	CONOPOPHAGIDAE
H	Chestnut-crowned Gnatcatcher	<i>Conopophaga castaneiceps</i>
	ANTPITTAS	GRALLARIIDAE
H	Undulated Antpitta	<i>Grallaria squamigera</i>
H	Plain-backed Antpitta	<i>Grallaria haplonota</i>
	Chestnut-crowned Antpitta	<i>Grallaria ruficapilla</i>
	Bicolored Antpitta	<i>Grallaria rufocinerea</i>
	Chestnut-naped Antpitta	<i>Grallaria nuchalis</i>
	Yellow-breasted Antpitta	<i>Grallaria flavotincta</i>
H	Rufous Antpitta	<i>Grallaria rufula rufula</i>
	Rufous Antpitta (e. Andes)	<i>Grallaria rufula (tax. nov.?)</i>
	Tawny Antpitta (e. Andes)	<i>Grallaria quitensis alticola</i>
H	Tawny Antpitta	<i>Grallaria quitensis quitensis</i>
	Brown-banded Antpitta (E)	<i>Grallaria milleri</i>
	Ochre-breasted Antpitta	<i>Grallaricula flavirostris</i>
	Hooded Antpitta	<i>Grallaricula cucullata</i>
GO	Slate-crowned Antpitta	<i>Grallaricula nana</i>
	TAPACULOS	RHINOCRYPTIDAE
	Ocellated Tapaculo	<i>Acropternis orthonyx</i>
	Ash-colored Tapaculo	<i>Myornis senilis</i>
	Blackish Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus latrans</i>
	White-crowned Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus atratus</i>
	Choco Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus chocoensis</i>
	Stiles's Tapaculo (E)	<i>Scytalopus stilesi</i>
	Tatama Tapaculo (E)	<i>Scytalopus alvarezlopezi</i>
	Nariño Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus vicinior</i>
	Spillmann's Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus spillmanni</i>
	Pale-bellied (Matorral) Tapaculo (E)	<i>Scytalopus griseicollis</i>
	Paramo Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus opacus</i>
	ANTTHRUSHES	FORMICARIIDAE
H	Black-faced Antthrush	<i>Formicarius analis</i>
H	Rufous-breasted Antthrush	<i>Formicarius rufipectus</i>
	OVENBIRDS	FURNARIIDAE: FURNARIINAE
	Tyrannine Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocincla tyrannina</i>

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Glyphorhynchus spirurus</i>
Strong-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus</i>
Cocoa Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus susurrans</i>
Straight-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Dendroplex picus</i>
Brown-billed Scythebill	<i>Campylorhamphus pusillus</i>
Streak-headed Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes souleyetii</i>
Montane Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger</i>
Plain Xenops	<i>Xenops minutus</i>
Streaked Xenops	<i>Xenops rutilans</i>
Buffy (Pacific) Tuftedcheek	<i>Pseudocolaptes lawrencii johnsoni</i>
Streaked Tuftedcheek	<i>Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii</i>
Rusty-winged Barbtail	<i>Premnornis guttuliger</i>
Chestnut-winged (Bar-winged) Cinclodes	<i>Cinclodes albidiventris</i>
Stout-billed Cinclodes	<i>Cinclodes excelsior</i>
Slaty-winged Foliage-gleaner	<i>Philydor fuscipenne</i>
H Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner	<i>Philydor rufum</i>
Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner	<i>Anabacerthia variegaticeps</i>
Montane Foliage-gleaner	<i>Anabacerthia striaticollis</i>
H Lineated Foliage-gleaner	<i>Syndactyla subalaris</i>
H Ruddy Foliage-gleaner	<i>Clibanornis rubiginosus</i>
H Uniform Treehunter	<i>Thripadectes ignobilis</i>
Flammulated Treehunter	<i>Thripadectes flammulatus</i>
Striped Treehunter	<i>Thripadectes holostictus</i>
Spotted Barbtail	<i>Premnoplex brunnescens</i>
Fulvous-dotted Treerunner	<i>Margarornis stellatus</i>
Pearled Treerunner	<i>Margarornis squamiger</i>
Andean Tit-Spinetail	<i>Leptasthenura andicola</i>
Many-striped Canastero	<i>Asthenes flammulata</i>
White-chinned Thistletail	<i>Asthenes fuliginosa</i>
Red-faced Spinetail	<i>Cranioleuca erythroptus</i>
Ash-browed Spinetail	<i>Cranioleuca curtata</i>
Yellow-chinned Spinetail	<i>Certhiaxis cinnamomeus</i>
H Slaty Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis brachyura</i>
Silvery-throated Spinetail (E)	<i>Synallaxis subpudica</i>
H Pale-breasted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis albescens</i>
Azara's Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis azarae</i>
H Rufous Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis unirufa</i>
H Stripe-breasted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis cinnamomea</i>
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS	TYRANNIDAE
Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet	<i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i>
White-banded Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus stictopterus</i>
White-throated Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus leucophrys</i>
H Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet	<i>Tyrannulus elatus</i>
H Forest Elaenia	<i>Myiopagis gaimardii</i>
Yellow-bellied Elaenia	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>
H Lesser Elaenia	<i>Elaenia chiriquensis</i>
Mountain Elaenia	<i>Elaenia frantzii</i>
Torrent Tyrannulet	<i>Serpophaga cinerea</i>
Streak-necked Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes striaticollis</i>
H Ochre-bellied Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes oleagineus</i>

	Sepia-capped Flycatcher	<i>Leptopogon amaurocephalus</i>
	Slaty-capped Flycatcher	<i>Leptopogon superciliaris</i>
	Rufous-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Leptopogon rufipectus</i>
	Variiegated Bristle-Tyrant	<i>Phylloscartes poecilotis</i>
	Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant	<i>Phylloscartes ophthalmicus</i>
	Antioquia Bristle-Tyrant (E)	<i>Phylloscartes lanyoni</i>
	Rufous-browed Tyrannulet	<i>Phylloscartes superciliaris</i>
	Sooty-headed Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias griseiceps</i>
	Black-capped Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias nigrocapillus</i>
H	Ashy-headed Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias cinereiceps</i>
H	Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias uropygialis</i>
H	Plumbeous-crowned Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias plumbeiceps</i>
	Golden-faced Tyrannulet	<i>Zimmerius chrysops chrysops</i>
	Ornate Flycatcher	<i>Myiotriccus ornatus</i>
	Bronze-olive Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Pseudotriccus pelzelni</i>
H	Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Pseudotriccus ruficeps</i>
GO	Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Lophotriccus pileatus</i>
	Southern Bentbill	<i>Oncostoma olivaceum</i>
	Black-throated Tody-Tyrant	<i>Hemitriccus granadensis</i>
	Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Poecilotriccus ruficeps</i>
	Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Poecilotriccus sylvia</i>
	Common Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>
	Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum nigriceps</i>
	Brownish Twistwing	<i>Cnipodectes subbrunneus</i>
	Fulvous-breasted Flatbill	<i>Rhynchocyclus fulvipectus</i>
	Yellow-olive Flycatcher	<i>Tolmomyias sulphurescens exortivus</i>
	Yellow-margined Flycatcher	<i>Tolmomyias assimilis</i>
	White-throated Spadebill	<i>Platyrinchus mystaceus</i>
	Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Terentotriccus erythrurus</i>
	Cinnamon Flycatcher	<i>Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus</i>
	Handsome Flycatcher	<i>Nephelomyias pulcher</i>
	Tawny-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Myiobius villosus</i>
	Black-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Myiobius atricaudus</i>
	Flavescent Flycatcher	<i>Myiophobus flavicans</i>
	Bran-colored Flycatcher	<i>Myiophobus fasciatus</i>
	Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Contopus cooperi</i>
	Smoke-colored Pewee	<i>Contopus fumigatus</i>
	Western Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus sordidulus</i>
	Eastern Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus virens</i>
	Tropical Pewee	<i>Contopus cinereus</i>
	Fuscou Flycatcher	<i>Cnemotriccus fuscatus</i>
	Acadian Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax virescens</i>
	Alder Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax alnorum</i>
	Willow Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>
	Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>
	Vermilion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>
	Rufous-tailed Tyrant	<i>Knipolegus poecilurus</i>
	Plain-capped Ground-Tyrant	<i>Muscisaxicola alpinus</i>
	Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant	<i>Myiotheretes striaticollis</i>
	Smoky Bush-Tyrant	<i>Myiotheretes fumigatus</i>

Red-rumped Bush-Tyrant
 Pied Water-Tyrant
 White-headed Marsh Tyrant
 Crowned Chat-Tyrant
 Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant
 Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant
 Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant
 Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant
 Long-tailed Tyrant
 Cattle Tyrant
 Bright-rumped Attila
 Rufous Mourner
 Dusky-capped Flycatcher
 Panama Flycatcher
 Apical Flycatcher (E)
 Pale-edged Flycatcher
 Great Crested Flycatcher
 Brown-crested Flycatcher
 Lesser Kiskadee
 Great Kiskadee
 Boat-billed Flycatcher
 Rusty-margined Flycatcher
 Social Flycatcher
 Lemon-browed Flycatcher
 Golden-crowned Flycatcher
 Streaked Flycatcher
 Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher
 Piratic Flycatcher
 Tropical Kingbird
 Gray Kingbird
 Fork-tailed Flycatcher

COTINGAS

Green-and-black Fruiteater
 Barred Fruiteater
 Orange-breasted Fruiteater
 Scaled Fruiteater
 Red-crested Cotinga
 Chestnut-crested Cotinga

H Andean Cock-of-the-rock
 Red-ruffed Fruitcrow
 Dusky Piha

MANAKINS

Yellow-headed Manakin
 Golden-winged Manakin
GO Blue-crowned Manakin
 Golden-collared Manakin
 White-bearded Manakin
 Club-winged Manakin
 Striolated (Striped) Manakin
 Golden-headed Manakin

Cnemarchus erythropygius
Fluvicola pica
Arundinicola leucocephala
Ochthoeca frontalis
Ochthoeca diadema
Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris
Ochthoeca rufipectoralis
Ochthoeca fumicolor
Colonia colonus
Machetornis rixosa
Attila spadiceus
Rhytipterna holerythra
Myiarchus tuberculifer
Myiarchus panamensis
Myiarchus apicalis
Myiarchus cephalotes
Myiarchus crinitus
Myiarchus tyrannulus
Pitangus lictor
Pitangus sulphuratus
Megarynchus pitangua
Myiozetetes cayanensis
Myiozetetes similis
Conopias cinchoneti
Myiodynastes chrysocephalus
Myiodynastes maculatus
Myiodynastes luteiventris
Legatus leucophauius
Tyrannus melancholicus
Tyrannus dominicensis
Tyrannus savana

COTINGIDAE

Pipreola riefferii
Pipreola arcuata
Pipreola jucunda
Ampelioides tschudii
Ampelion rubrocristatus
Ampelion rufaxilla
Rupicola peruvianus
Pyroderus scutatus
Lipaugus fuscocinereus

PIPRIDAE

Chloropipo flavicapilla
Masius chrysopterus
Lepidothrix coronata
Manacus vitellinus
Manacus manacus
Machaeropterus deliciosus
Machaeropterus striolatus
Ceratopira erythrocephala

TITYRAS AND ALLIES

Russet-winged Schiffornis
 Barred Becard
 Cinereous Becard
 Cinnamon Becard
 White-winged Becard

VIREOS

- H** Rufous-browed Peppershrike
H Black-billed Peppershrike
H Scrub Greenlet
H Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo
 Lesser Greenlet
 Rufous-naped Greenlet
 Brown-capped Vireo
 Chivi (Red-eyed) Vireo

CROWS, JAYS, AND MAGPIES

Black-collared Jay
 Black-chested Jay
 Green Jay

SWALLOWS

Blue-and-white Swallow
 Brown-bellied Swallow
 White-thighed Swallow
 Southern Rough-winged Swallow
 Gray-breasted Martin
 White-winged Swallow
 Barn Swallow

WRENS

- H** Scaly-breasted Wren
 House Wren
 Mountain Wren
 Sedge (Paramo) Wren
 Apolinar's Wren (E)
H Band-backed Wren
 Bicolored Wren
 Sooty-headed Wren
 Whiskered Wren
 Speckle-breasted Wren
 Antioquia Wren (E)
 Bay Wren
 Rufous Wren
 Sharpe's Wren
H White-breasted Wood-Wren
 Gray-breasted Wood-Wren
 Munchique Wood-Wren (E)
 Chestnut-breasted Wren

GNATCATCHERS

- H** Long-billed Gnatwren
 Tropical Gnatcatcher

DIPPERS**TITYRIDAE**

Schiffornis stenorhyncha
Pachyramphus versicolor
Pachyramphus rufus
Pachyramphus cinnamomeus
Pachyramphus polychopterus

VIREONIDAE

Cyclarhis gujanensis
Cyclarhis nigristrostris
Hylophilus flavipes
Vireolanius leucotis
Pachysylvia decurtata
Pachysylvia semibrunnea
Vireo leucophrys
Vireo chivi

CORVIDAE

Cyanolyca armillata
Cyanocorax affinis
Cyanocorax yncas

HIRUNDINIDAE

Pygochelidon cyanoleuca
Orochelidon murina
Atticora tibialis
Stelgidopteryx ruficollis
Progne chalybea
Tachycineta albiventer
Hirundo rustica

TROGLODYTIDAE

Microcerculus marginatus
Troglodytes aedon
Troglodytes solstitialis
Cistothorus platensis aequatorialis
Cistothorus apolinari
Campylorhynchus zonatus
Campylorhynchus griseus
Pheugopedius spadix
Pheugopedius mystacalis
Pheugopedius sclateri columbianus
Thryophilus sernai
Cantorchilus nigricapillus
Cinnycerthia unirufa
Cinnycerthia olivascens
Henicorhina leucosticta
Henicorhina leucophrys leucophrys
Henicorhina negreti
Cyphorhinus thoracicus

POLIOPTILIDAE

Ramphocaenus melanurus
Polioptila plumbea

CINCLIDAE

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	White-capped Dipper	<i>Cinclus leucocephalus</i>
	DONACOBIUS	DONACOBIIDAE
H	Black-capped Donacobius	<i>Donacobius atricapilla</i>
	THRUSHES AND ALLIES	TURDIDAE
	Andean Solitaire	<i>Myadestes ralloides</i>
	Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>
	Black Solitaire	<i>Entomodestes coracinus</i>
	Pale-breasted Thrush	<i>Turdus leucomelas</i>
	Clay-colored Thrush	<i>Turdus grayi</i>
H	Pale-eyed Thrush	<i>Turdus leucops</i>
	Black-billed Thrush	<i>Turdus ignobilis</i>
	Great Thrush	<i>Turdus fuscater</i>
	Glossy-black Thrush	<i>Turdus serranus</i>
	MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS	MIMIDAE
	Tropical Mockingbird	<i>Mimus gilvus</i>
	SISKINS, CROSSBILLS, AND ALLIES	FRINGILLIDAE
	Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia	<i>Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys</i>
	Yellow-collared Chlorophonia	<i>Chlorophonia flavirostris</i>
	Velvet-fronted Euphonia (E)	<i>Euphonia concinna</i>
	Thick-billed Euphonia	<i>Euphonia laniirostris</i>
	Fulvous-vented Euphonia	<i>Euphonia fulvicrissa</i>
	Orange-bellied Euphonia	<i>Euphonia xanthogaster</i>
	Lesser Goldfinch	<i>Spinus psaltria</i>
	Andean Siskin	<i>Spinus spinescens</i>
	Yellow-bellied Siskin	<i>Spinus xanthogastrus</i>
	NEW WORLD SPARROWS	PASSERELLIDAE
	Yellow-throated Chlorospingus (Bush-Tanager)	<i>Chlorospingus flavigularis</i>
	Ashy-throated Chlorospingus (Bush-Tanager)	<i>Chlorospingus canigularis</i>
	Common Chlorospingus (Bush-Tanager)	<i>Chlorospingus flavopectus</i>
	Dusky Chlorospingus (Bush-Tanager)	<i>Chlorospingus semifuscus</i>
H	Black-striped Sparrow	<i>Arremonops conirostris</i>
	Gray-browed (Stripe-headed) Brushfinch	<i>Arremon assimilis</i>
	Orange-billed Sparrow	<i>Arremon aurantiirostris</i>
	Chestnut-capped Brushfinch	<i>Arremon brunneinucha</i>
	Olive Finch	<i>Arremon castaneiceps</i>
	Rufous-collared Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>
	White-naped (Yellow-throated) Brushfinch	<i>Atlapetes albinucha gutturalis</i>
	Moustached Brushfinch	<i>Atlapetes albofrenatus</i>
	Yellow-headed (Olive-headed) Brushfinch (E)	<i>Atlapetes flaviceps</i>
	Tricolored Brushfinch	<i>Atlapetes tricolor</i>
	Slaty Brushfinch	<i>Atlapetes schistaceus</i>
	Pale-naped Brushfinch	<i>Atlapetes pallidinucha</i>
	TROUPIALS AND ALLIES	ICTERIDAE
	Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>
	Red-breasted Meadowlark (Blackbird)	<i>Leistes militaris</i>
	Yellow-billed Cacique	<i>Amblycercus holosericeus</i>
	Russet-backed Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius angustifrons</i>
	Crested Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius decumanus</i>
	Scarlet-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus uropygialis</i>

Yellow-rumped Cacique

Mountain Cacique

Yellow-backed Oriole

Baltimore Oriole

Shiny Cowbird

Giant Cowbird

Red-bellied Grackle (E)

Yellow-hooded Blackbird

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Black-and-white Warbler

Tennessee Warbler

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Mourning Warbler

Olive-crowned Yellowthroat

American Redstart

Cerulean Warbler

Tropical Parula

Bay-breasted Warbler

Blackburnian Warbler

Yellow Warbler

GO

Rufous-capped Warbler

Golden-crowned Warbler

Three-striped Warbler

Citrine Warbler

Black-crested Warbler

Buff-rumped Warbler

Russet-crowned Warbler

Canada Warbler

Slate-throated Redstart

Golden-fronted Redstart

MITROSPINGID TANAGERS

Dusky-faced Tanager

CARDINALS, AND ALLIES

Hepatic Tanager

Summer Tanager

Sooty Ant-Tanager (E)

Crested Ant-Tanager (E)

Ochre-breasted Tanager

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

H Blue-black Grosbeak

TANAGERS AND ALLIES

Black-faced Tanager

White-capped Tanager

Black-capped Hemispingus

Black-eared Hemispingus

Superciliaried Hemispingus

Gray-headed Tanager

White-shouldered Tanager

White-lined Tanager

Flame-rumped Tanager

Flame-rumped (Yellow-rumped) Tanager

*Cacicus cela**Cacicus chrysonotus**Icterus chrysater**Icterus galbula**Molothrus bonariensis**Molothrus oryzivorus**Hypopyrrhus pyrohypogaster**Chrysomus icterocephalus***PARULIDAE***Mniotilta varia**Oreothlypis peregrina**Geothlypis philadelphia**Geothlypis semiflava**Setophaga ruticilla**Setophaga cerulea**Setophaga pitayumi**Setophaga castanea**Setophaga fusca**Setophaga petechia**Basileuterus rufifrons**Basileuterus culicivorus**Basileuterus tristriatus**Myiothlypis luteoviridis**Myiothlypis nigrocristata**Myiothlypis fulvicauda**Myiothlypis coronata**Cardellina canadensis**Myioborus miniatus**Myioborus ornatus***MITROSPINGIDAE***Mitrospingus cassinii***CARDINALIDAE***Piranga flava**Piranga rubra**Habia gutturalis**Habia cristata**Chlorothraupis stolzmanni**Pheucticus ludovicianus**Cyanocompsa cyanoides***THRAUPIDAE***Schistochlamys melanopsis**Sericossypha albocristata**Kleinotheraupis atropileus**Sphenopsis melanotis**Thlypopsis superciliaris**Eucometis penicillata**Tachyphonus luctuosus**Tachyphonus rufus**Ramphocelus f. flammigerus**Ramphocelus flammigerus*

	<i>icteronotus</i>
Crimson-backed Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus dimidiatus</i>
Black-and-gold Tanager (E)	<i>Bangsia melanochlamys</i>
Gold-ringed Tanager (E)	<i>Bangsia aureocincta</i>
Hooded Mountain-Tanager	<i>Buthraupis montana</i>
Grass-green Tanager	<i>Chlorornis riefferii</i>
Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager	<i>Anisognathus lacrymosus</i>
Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager	<i>Anisognathus igniventris</i>
Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager	<i>Anisognathus somptuosus</i>
Black-chinned Mountain-Tanager	<i>Anisognathus notabilis</i>
Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager	<i>Dubusia taeniata</i>
Purplish-mantled Tanager	<i>Iridosornis porphyrocephalus</i>
H Fawn-breasted Tanager	<i>Pipraeidea melanonota</i>
Glistening-green Tanager	<i>Chlorochrysa phoenicotis</i>
Blue-gray Tanager	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>
Palm Tanager	<i>Thraupis palmarum</i>
Blue-capped Tanager	<i>Thraupis cyanocephala</i>
Rufous-throated Tanager	<i>Ixothraupis rufigula</i>
Black-capped Tanager	<i>Tangara heinei</i>
Scrub Tanager	<i>Tangara vitriolina</i>
Golden-hooded Tanager	<i>Tangara larvata</i>
Blue-necked Tanager	<i>Tangara cyanicollis</i>
Blue-and-black Tanager	<i>Tangara vassorii</i>
Beryl-spangled Tanager	<i>Tangara nigroviridis</i>
Metallic-green Tanager	<i>Tangara labradorides</i>
Plain-colored Tanager	<i>Tangara inornata</i>
Bay-headed Tanager	<i>Tangara gyrola</i>
Saffron-crowned Tanager	<i>Tangara xanthocephala</i>
Flame-faced Tanager	<i>Tangara parzudakii</i>
Golden Tanager	<i>Tangara arthus</i>
Silver-throated Tanager	<i>Tangara icterocephala</i>
Swallow Tanager	<i>Tersina viridis</i>
Black-faced (Yellow-tufted) Dacnis	<i>Dacnis lineata egregia</i>
Turquoise Dacnis (E)	<i>Dacnis hartlaubi</i>
Blue Dacnis	<i>Dacnis cayana</i>
Purple Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes caeruleus</i>
Green Honeycreeper	<i>Chlorophanes spiza</i>
Golden-collared Honeycreeper	<i>Iridophanes pulcherrimus</i>
Guira Tanager	<i>Hemithraupis guira</i>
Yellow-backed Tanager	<i>Hemithraupis flavicollis</i>
Blue-backed Conebill	<i>Conirostrum sitticolor</i>
Capped Conebill	<i>Conirostrum albifrons</i>
Rufous-browed Conebill	<i>Conirostrum rufum</i>
Chestnut-bellied Flowerpiercer (E)	<i>Diglossa gloriosissima</i>
Glossy Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa lafresnayii</i>
Black Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa humeralis</i>
Black-throated Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa brunneiventris</i>
White-sided Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa albilatera</i>
Indigo Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa indigotica</i>
Bluish Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa caerulescens</i>

	Masked Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa cyanea</i>
	Plushcap	<i>Catamblyrhynchus diadema</i>
	Plumbeous Sierra-Finch	<i>Geospizopsis unicolor</i>
	Gray-hooded Bush Tanager	<i>Cnemoscopus rubrirostris</i>
	Saffron Finch	<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>
	Ruddy-breasted Seedeater	<i>Sporophila minuta</i>
	Thick-billed Seed-Finch	<i>Sporophila funerea</i>
	Variable Seedeater	<i>Sporophila corvina</i>
	Yellow-bellied Seedeater	<i>Sporophila nigricollis</i>
	Plain-colored Seedeater	<i>Catamenia inornata</i>
	Paramo Seedeater	<i>Catamenia homochroa</i>
	Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaveola</i>
	Yellow-faced Grassquit	<i>Tiaris olivaceus</i>
	Buff-throated Saltator	<i>Saltator maximus</i>
GO	Black-winged Saltator	<i>Saltator atripennis</i>
	Grayish Saltator	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>
	Streaked Saltator	<i>Saltator striatipectus</i>
H	Masked Saltator	<i>Saltator cinctus</i>
	Slate-colored Grosbeak	<i>Saltator grossus</i>
	MAMMALS	
	Colombian Red Howler Monkey	<i>Alouatta seniculus</i>
	Central American Agouti	<i>Dasyprocta punctata</i>
	Red-tailed Squirrel	<i>Sciurus granatensis</i>
	Andean Squirrel	<i>Sciurus pucheranii</i>
	Crab-eating Fox	<i>Cerdocyon thous</i>