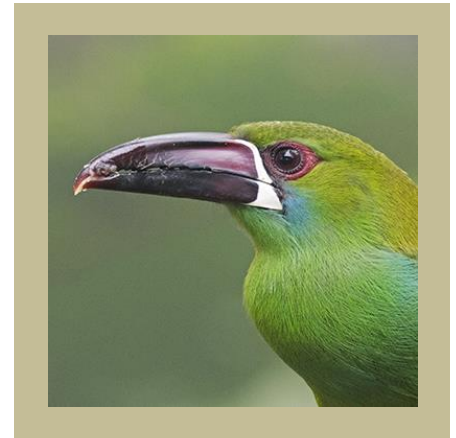
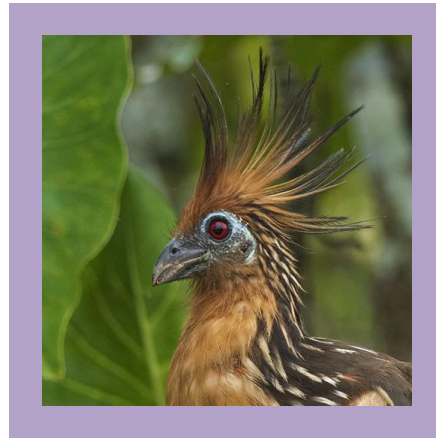
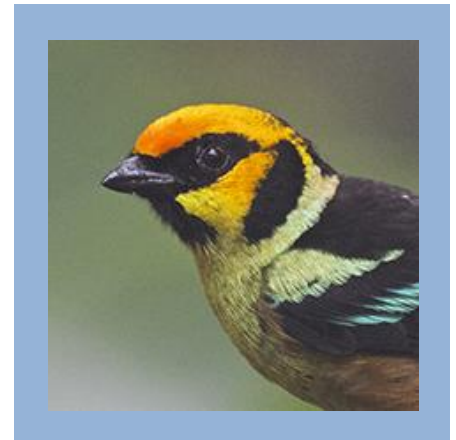
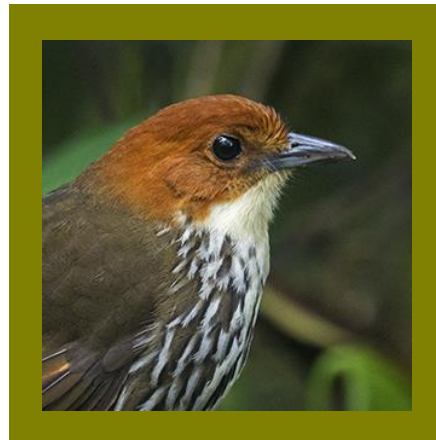


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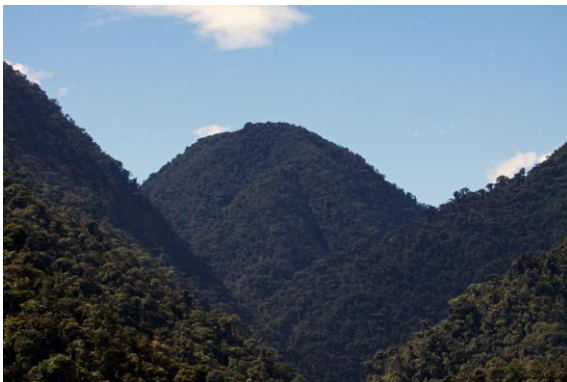


Ecuador Photo Tour January 2019

Guide: Pablo Cervantes D

Ecuador is an amazing destination for birders, nature lovers, and photographers.

Here are some highlights from the January 2019 departure of our Ecuador Photo Tour and Amazon extension, where we got nice shots of over 190 species.



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Northwest Gallery

Using Tandayapa Bird Lodge as our base, we a wide range of habitats from lowland rainforest to elfin cloudforest, allowing us to photograph a huge variety of birds like Black-capped Tanager, Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager, Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager, many small and fast hummingbirds like Booted Racket-tail, Shining Sunbeam, and Violet-tailed Sylph, along with crowd-pleasers like Crimson-rumped Toucanet and Andean Cock-of-the-rock.

Crimson-rumped Toucanet



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Black-capped Tanager



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Black-chested Mountain-Tanager



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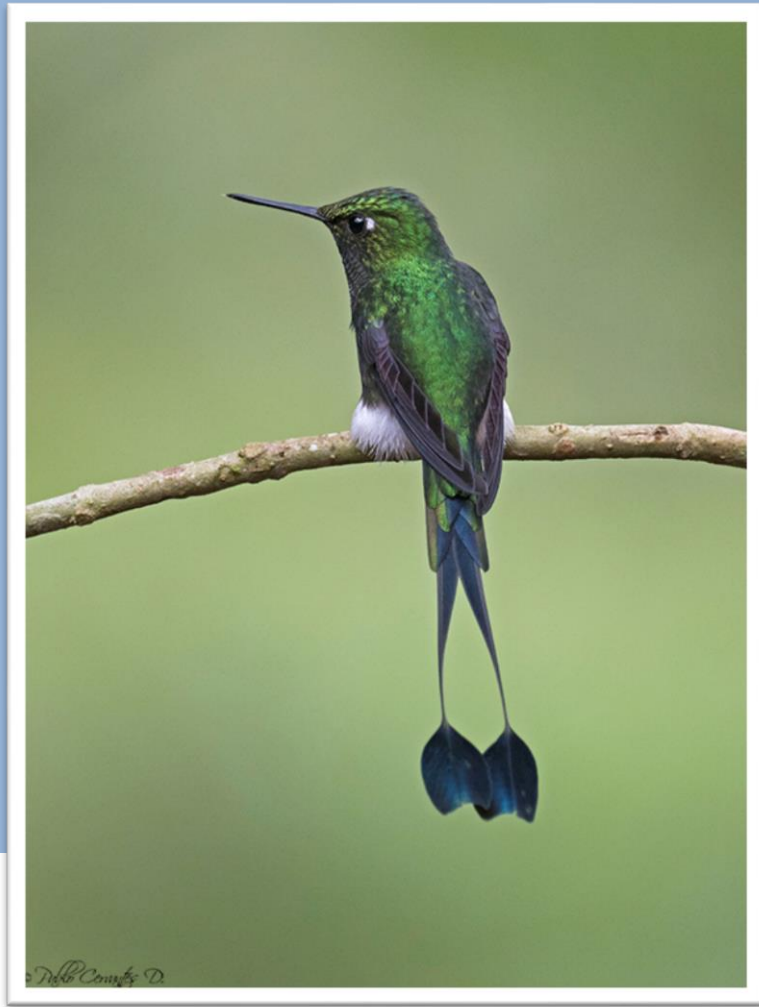
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Black-chinned Mountain-Tanager



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Booted Racket-tail



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Chestnut-crowned Antpitta



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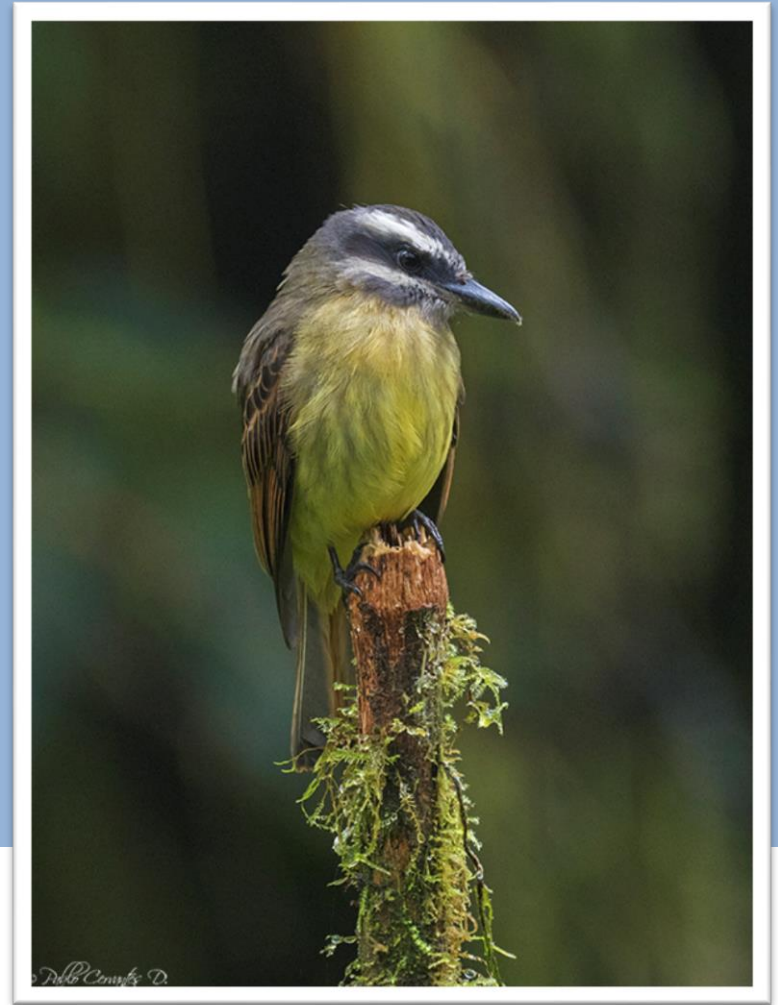
Ecuadorian Thrush



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Fawn-breasted Brilliant and Golden-crowned Flycatcher



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Bronze-winged Parrot



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Flame-faced Tanager



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Glossy Flowerpiercer



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Golden Tanager



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Golden-collared Honeycreeper



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Golden-naped Tanager



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Gray-breasted Wood-Wren



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Moss-backed Tanager



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Ochre-breasted Tanager



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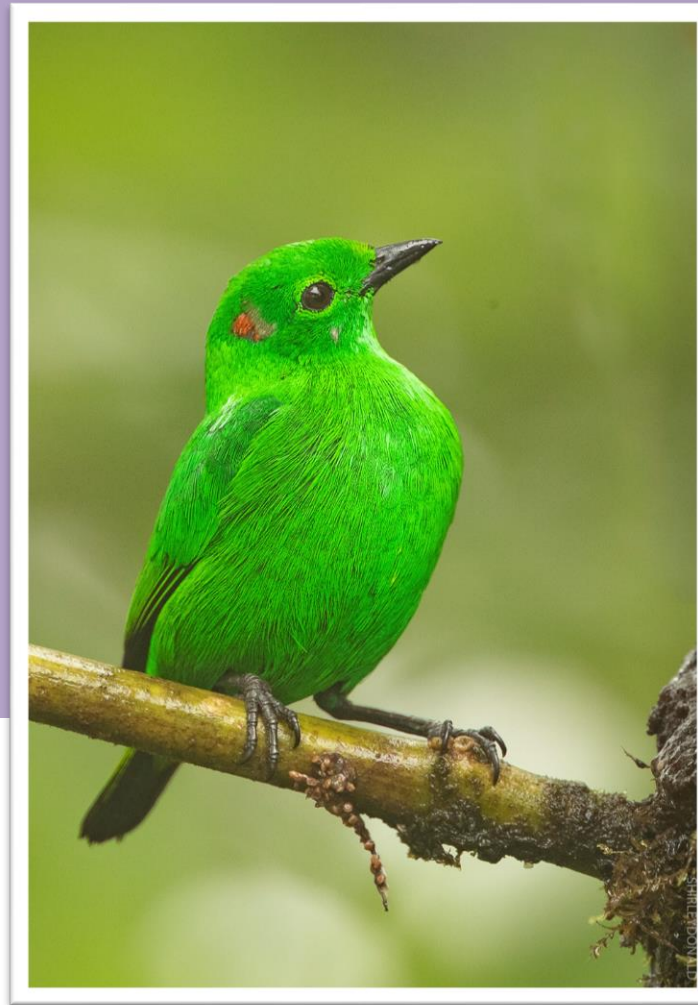
Orange-bellied Euphonia



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Glistening-green Tanager



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Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager



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Swainson's Thrush



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Tricolored Brush-finch



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Shining Sunbeam



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Sparkling Violetear and Brown Inca



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Booted Racket-tail



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Masked Flowerpiercer



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Yellow-breasted Antpitta



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Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager



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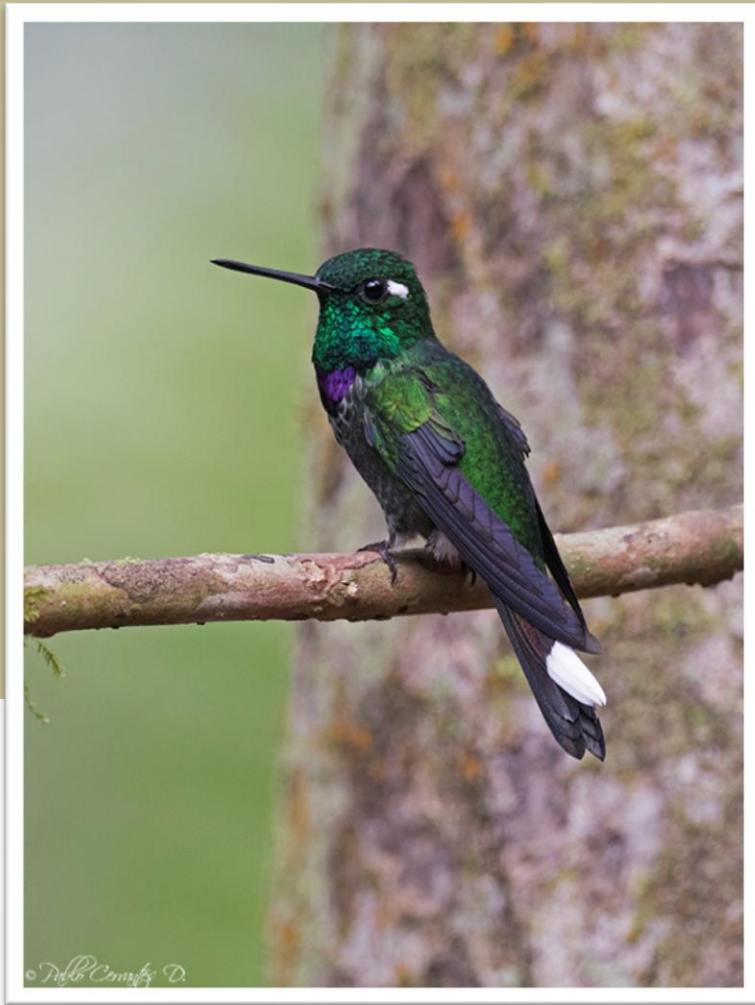
Andean Cock-of-the-rock



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Purple-bibbed Whitetip and
Smoke-colored Pewee



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Slate-throated Whitestart



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White-lined Tanager



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Masked Flowerpiercer



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Velvet-purple Coronet and
Violet-tailed Sylph



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Fawn-breasted Brilliant



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Buff-tailed Coronet



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Eastern Gallery

Ecuador's volcano-studded High Andes are amazing areas for scenery as well as birds like Carunculated Caracara, Black-faced Ibis, Variable Hawk, Andean Lapwing, and Andean Gull.

We stayed in Guango Lodge, where feeders gave us a chance to shoot hummingbirds like Sword-billed Hummingbird, Collared Inca, Chestnut-breasted Coronet, and Tourmaline Sunangel.

Carunculated Caracara



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Chestnut-breasted Coronets



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Tourmaline Sunangel



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Collared Inca



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Green Jay



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Masked Flowerpiercer



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Sword-billed Hummingbird



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Andean Gull



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Turquoise Jay



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Andean Lapwing



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Carunculated Caracara



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Chestnut-winged Cinclodes



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Andean Coot



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Plumbeous Sierra-Finch



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Speckled Hummingbird



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Stout-billed Cinclodes



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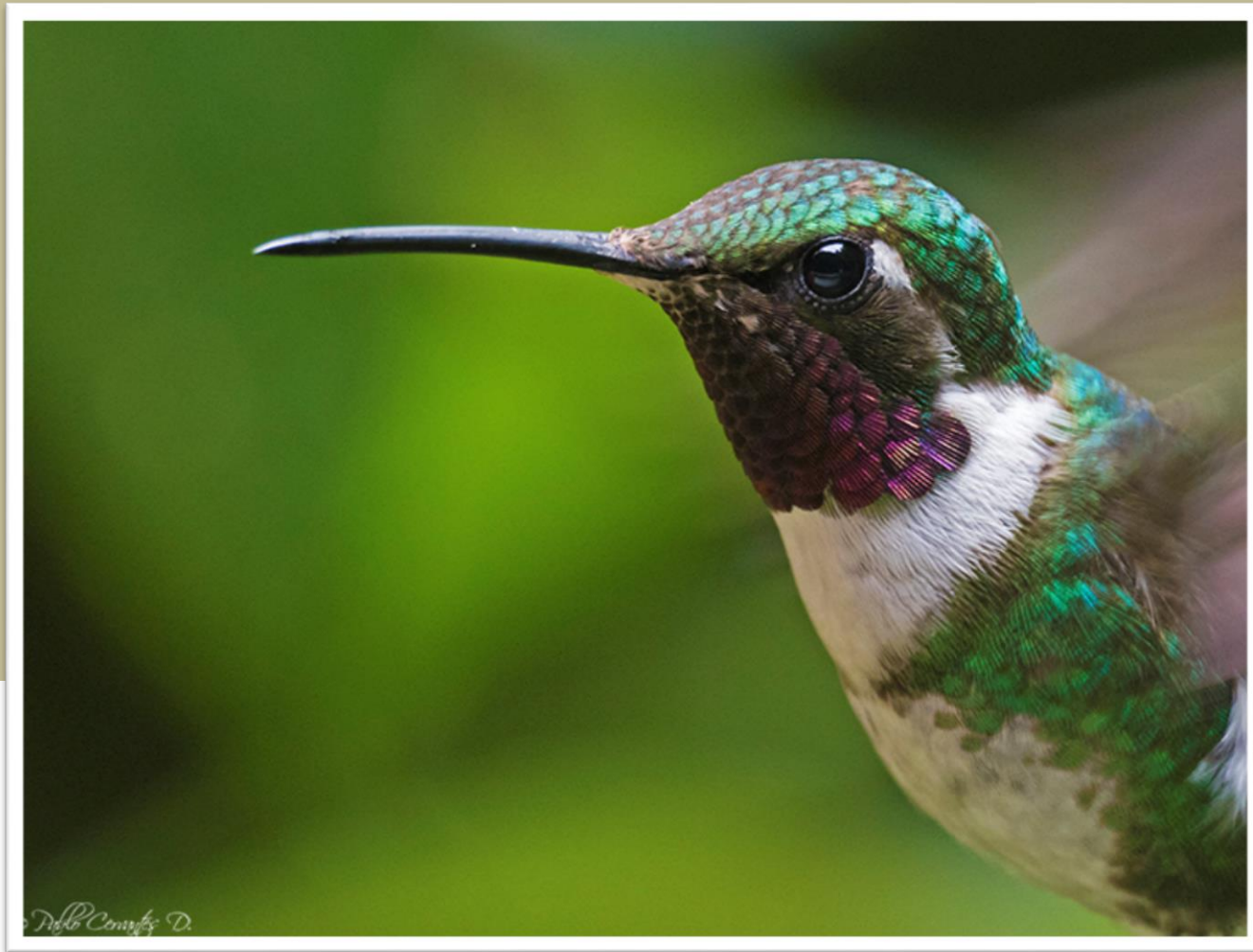
Tyrian Metaltail



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White-bellied Woodstar



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White-capped Dipper



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Mountain Velvetbreast



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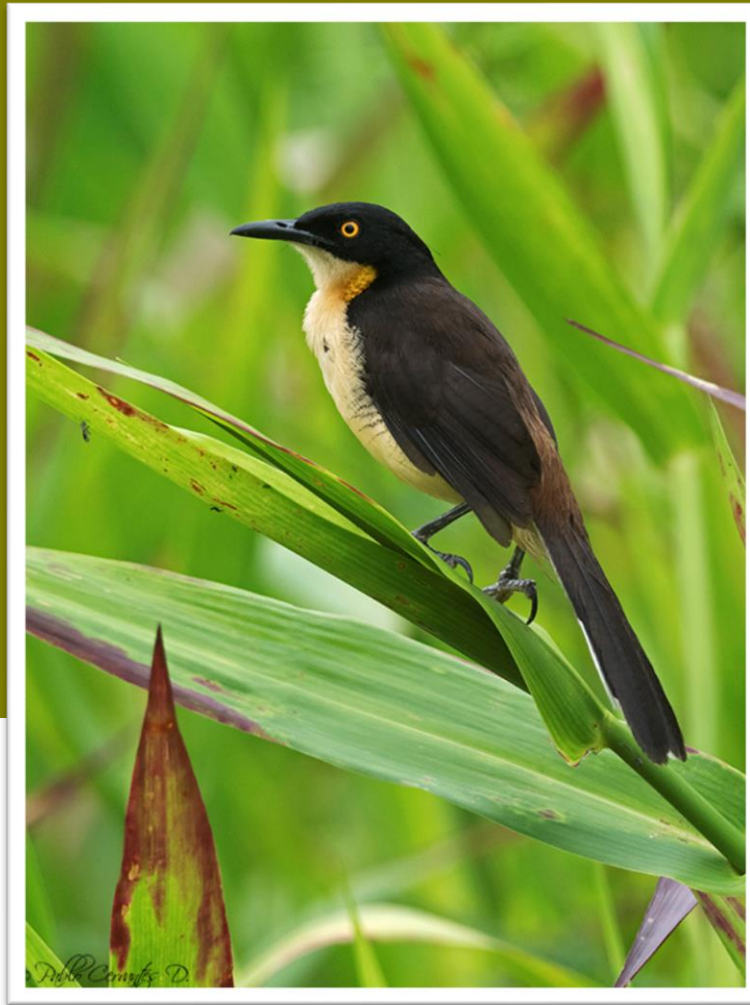
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Amazon Gallery

The Amazon basin has unparalleled diversity, but photography can be challenging! We stayed in one of the best Amazon lodges for photographers, visiting lakes, rivers, a superb canopy tower, parrot clay licks, and more. We got shots of Orange-checked Parrot, Cobalt-winged Parakeet, Mealy Amazon, Many-banded Aracari, Hoatzin, Black-capped Donacobius, Capped Heron, Cocoli Heron, among many others.

Black-capped Donacobius



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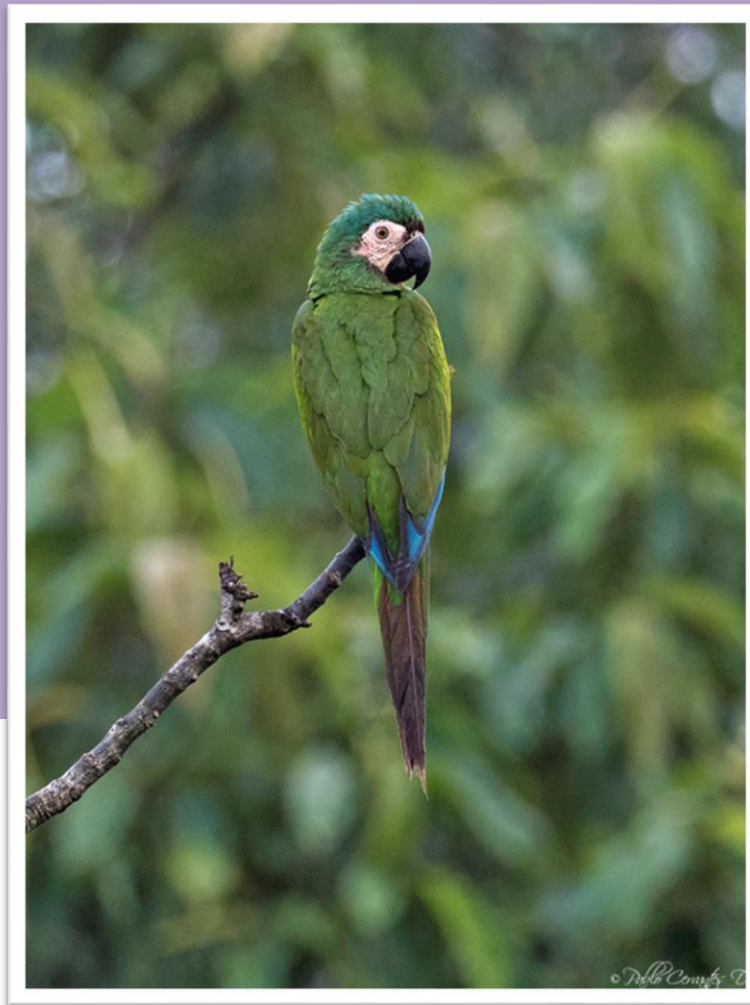
Capped Heron



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Chestnut-fronted Macaw



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Cocoi Heron



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Ladder-tailed Nightjar



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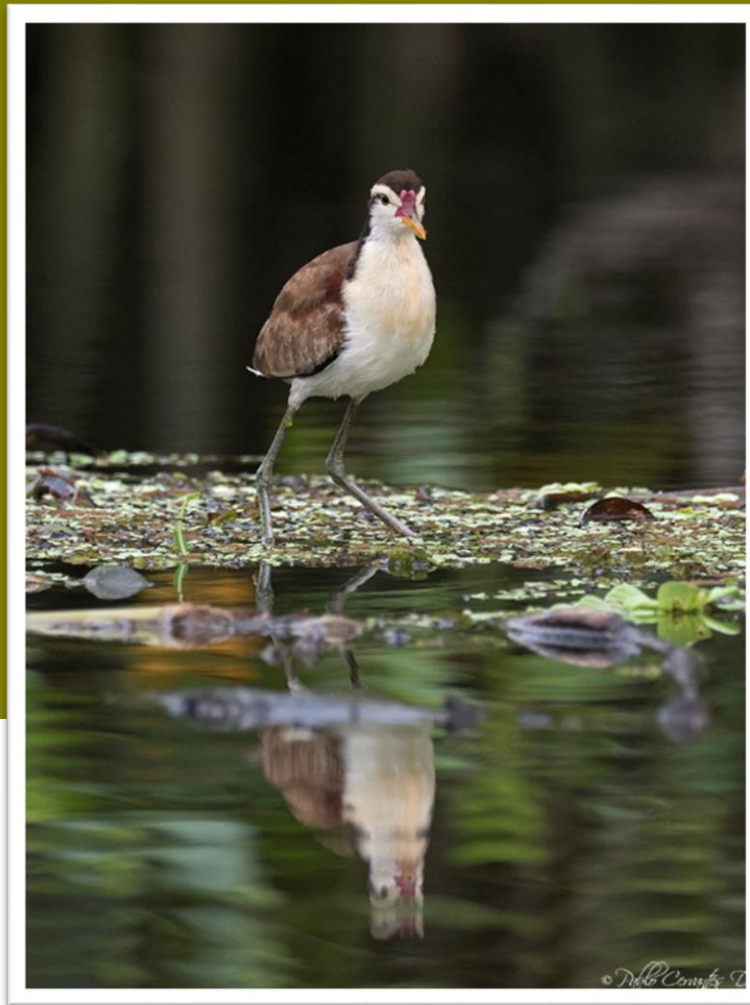
Mealy Amazon



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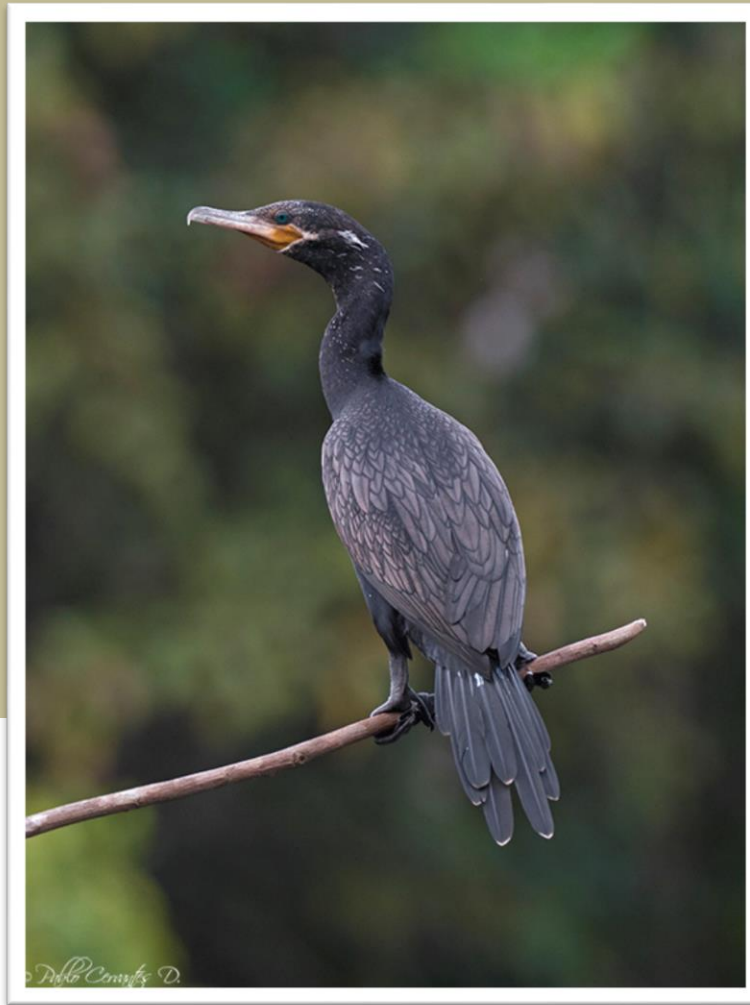
Wattled Jacana



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Neotropic Cormorant



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Orange-winged Parrot



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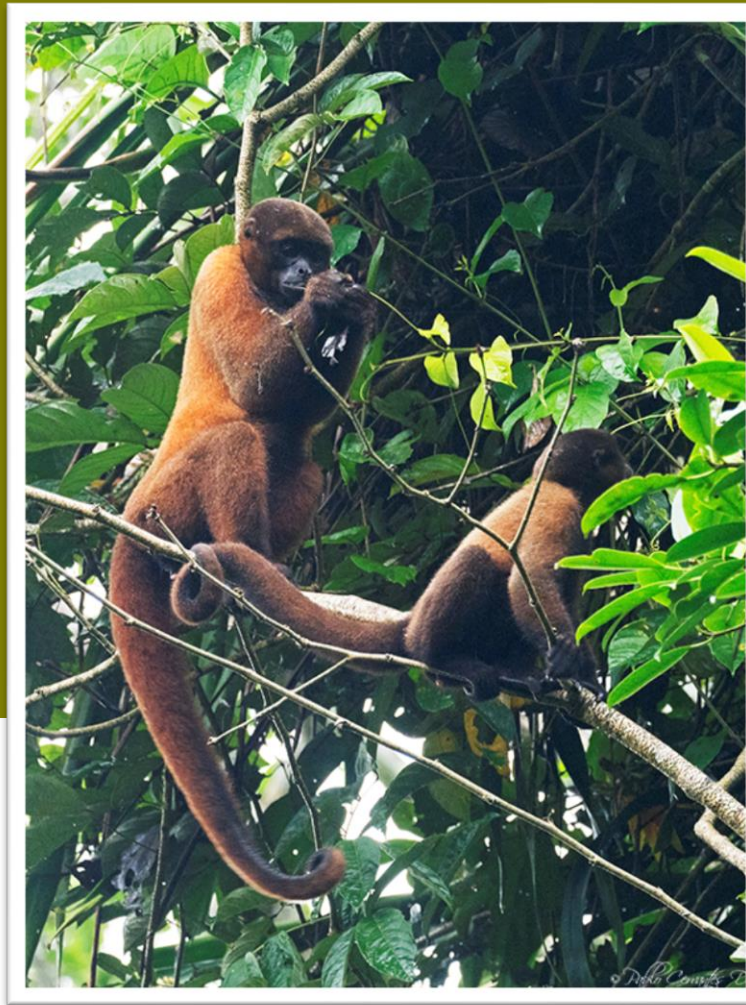
Plum-throated Cotinga (female)



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Poeppig's Woolly monkey



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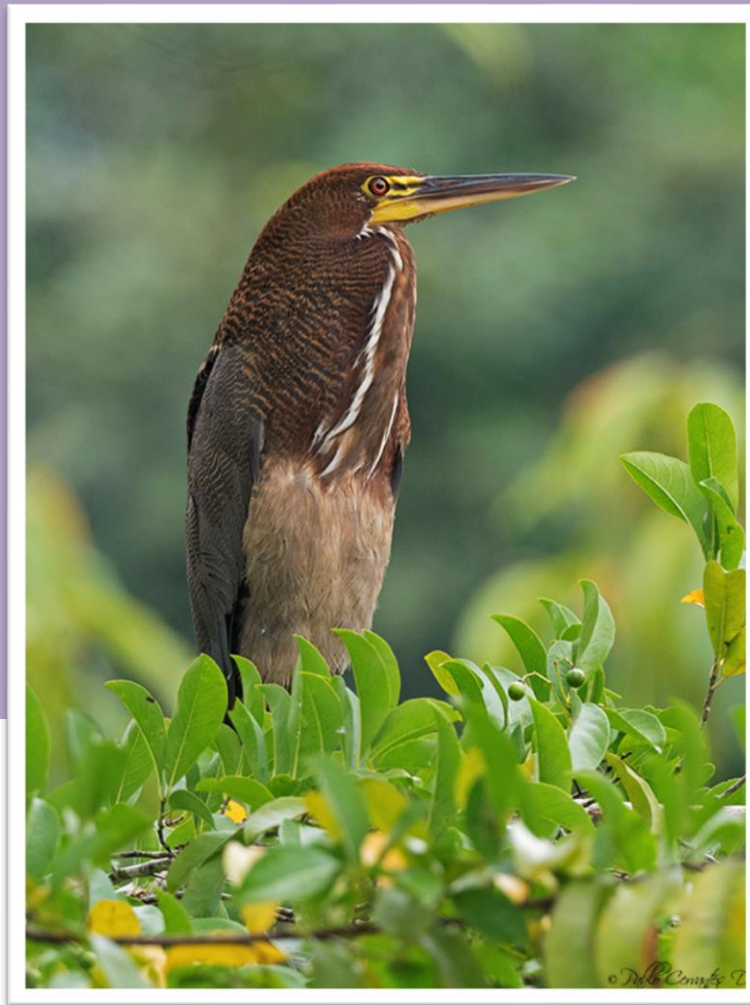
Red Howler Monkey



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Rufescent Tiger-heron



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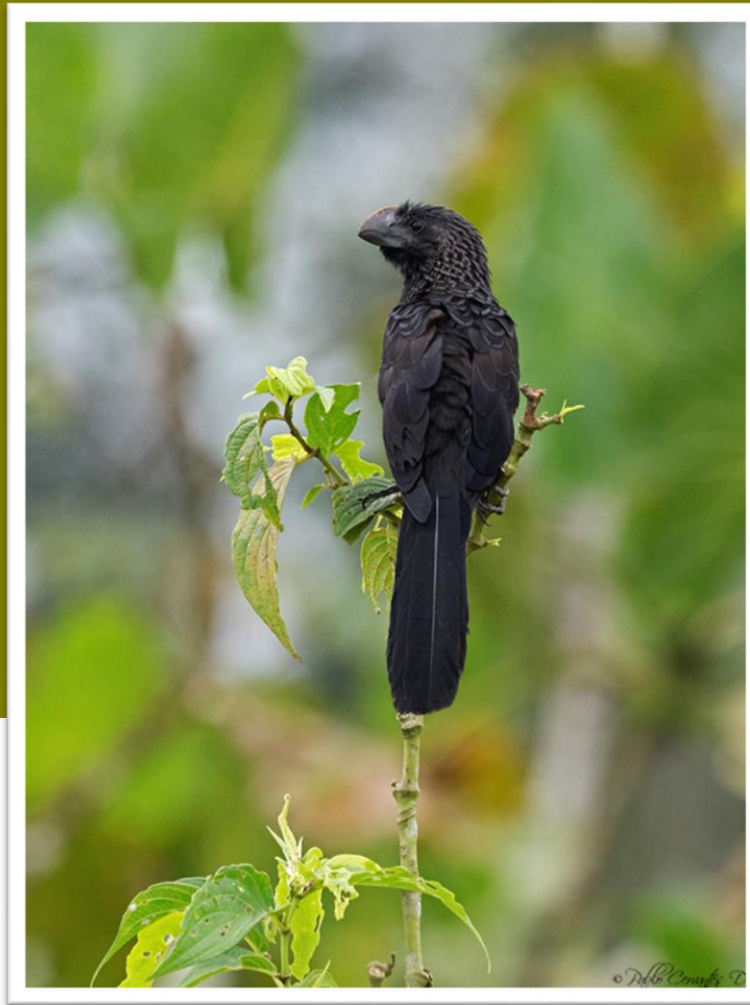
Scarlet-crowned Barbet



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Smooth-billed Ani



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White-winged Swallow



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Wire-tailed Manakin



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Yellow-bellied Dacnis



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One of the parrot clay licks



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Orange-cheeked Parrot



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Crested Owl



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Yellow-rumped Cacique



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Birds Photographed

CRACIDS

Andean Guan

CORMORANTS AND SHAGS

Neotropic Cormorant

ANHINGAS

Anhinga

HERONS, EGRETS, BITTERNs

Rufescent Tiger-Heron

Cocoi Heron

Striated Heron

Capped Heron

Boat-billed Heron

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS

Black-faced (Andean) Ibis

HAWKS, EAGLES, KITES

Roadside Hawk

Variable Hawk

RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS

Azure Gallinule

JACANAS

Wattled Jacana

GULLS

Andean Gull

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Pale-vented Pigeon

Ruddy Quail-Dove

White-tipped Dove

HOATZIN

Hoatzin

CUCKOOS

Squirrel Cuckoo

Greater Ani

Smooth-billed Ani

OWLS

Crested Owl

NIGHTJARS

Ladder-tailed Nightjar

HUMMINGBIRDS

White-necked Jacobin

Brown Violetear

Sparkling Violetear

Gorgeted Sunangel

Tourmaline Sunangel

Green Thorntail

Speckled Hummingbird

Long-tailed Sylph

Violet-tailed Sylph

Rainbow-bearded Thornbill

Tyrian Metaltail

Golden-breasted Puffleg

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Shining Sunbeam
Brown Inca
Collared Inca
Buff-winged Starfrontlet
Mountain Velvetbreast
Sword-billed Hummingbird
Great Sapphirewing
Buff-tailed Coronet
Chestnut-breasted Coronet
Velvet-purple Coronet
Booted Racket-tail
Fawn-breasted Brilliant
Green-crowned Brilliant
Empress Brilliant
White-bellied Woodstar
Purple-throated Woodstar
Crowned (Green-crowned) Woodnymph
Andean Emerald
Golden-tailed Sapphire
TROGONS
Golden-headed Quetzal
Green-backed (Amaz. White-tailed) Trogon
Masked Trogon
MOTMOTS
Rufous Motmot

KINGFISHERS

Ringed Kingfisher
Green Kingfisher
Green-and-rufous Kingfisher

NEW WORLD BARBETS

Scarlet-crowned Barbet
Red-headed Barbet

TOUCANS

Crimson-rumped Toucanet
Many-banded Aracari

WOODPECKERS

Bar-bellied Woodpecker

FALCONS AND CARACARAS

Aplomado Falcon

PARROTS

Cobalt-winged Parakeet
Orange-cheeked Parrot
Blue-headed Parrot
Bronze-winged Parrot
Yellow-crowned Parrot (Amazon)
Mealy Parrot (Amazon)
Orange-winged Parrot (Amazon)
Scarlet Macaw
Chestnut-fronted Macaw



TYPICAL ANTBIRDS

Uniform Antshrike

ANTPITTAS

Moustached Antpitta

Chestnut-crowned Antpitta

Yellow-breasted Antpitta

Tawny Antpitta

Ochre-breasted Antpitta

OVENBIRDS & WOODCREEPERS

Chestnut-winged (Bar-winged) Cincloides

Stout-billed Cincloides

Uniform Treehunter

Streak-capped Treehunter

Pearled Treerunner

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

White-banded Tyrannulet

Torrent Tyrannulet

Ornate Flycatcher

Smoke-colored Pewee

Black Phoebe

Cinnamon Attila

Dusky-capped Flycatcher

Short-crested Flycatcher

Lesser Kiskadee

Great Kiskadee

Social Flycatcher

Golden-crowned Flycatcher

Tropical Kingbird

COTINGAS

Plum-throated Cotinga

MANAKINS

Wire-tailed Manakin

Golden-headed Manakin

CROWS JAYS AND MAGPIES

Turquoise Jay

Green (Inca) Jay

Violaceous Jay

WRENS

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren

DIPPERS

White-capped Dipper

DONACOBIUS

Black-capped Donacobius

THRUSHES AND ALLIES

Swainson's Thrush

Ecuadorian Thrush

Great Thrush

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Blackburnian Warbler

Slate-throated Redstart (Whitestart)

Spectacled Redstart (Whitestart)

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TANAGERS AND ALLIES

Red-capped Cardinal
Gray-hooded Bush Tanager
White-lined Tanager
Flame-rumped (Lemon-rumped) Tanager
Silver-beaked Tanager
Masked Crimson Tanager
Moss-backed Tanager
Hooded Mountain-Tanager
Black-chested Mountain-Tanager
Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager
Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager
Black-chinned Mountain-Tanager
Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager
Glistening-green Tanager
Blue-gray Tanager
Palm Tanager
Golden-naped Tanager
Black-capped Tanager
Rufous-throated Tanager
Blue-and-black Tanager
Flame-faced Tanager
Golden Tanager
Golden-collared Honeycreeper

Yellow-bellied Dacnis
Glossy Flowerpiercer
Black Flowerpiercer
White-sided Flowerpiercer
Masked Flowerpiercer
Plumbeous Sierra-Finch
Slaty Finch
Variable Seedeater
Bananaquit
Grayish Saltator

SPARROWS AND ALLIES

Dusky Chlorospingus (Bush-Tanager)
Black-striped Sparrow
Gray-browed (Stripe-headed) Brushfinch
Rufous-collared Sparrow

GROSBEAKS AND ALLIES

Summer Tanager

TROUPIALS AND ALLIES

Yellow-rumped Cacique
(Northern) Mountain Cacique

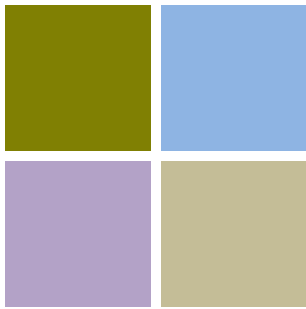
SISKINS AND ALLIES

Thick-billed Euphonia
Orange-bellied Euphonia



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