

TROPICAL BIRDING

Northern Colombia

The Santa Marta Mountains & The Caribbean

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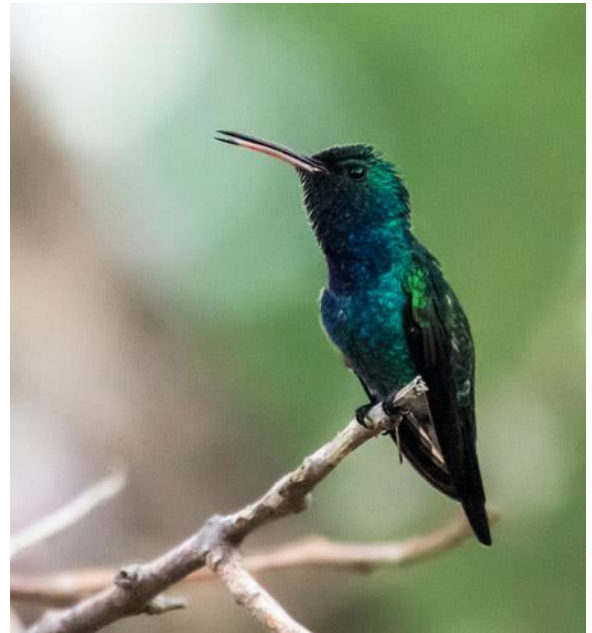


The often shy Black-backed Antshrike decided to really put on a show for us

This is a great little tour that features a nice variety of habitats, accommodation, scenery, and of course birds in a surprisingly small area. The Santa Marta mountain range (*Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta*) dominates the landscape; it is totally isolated from the Andes yet is home to Colombia's highest mountains, reaching nearly 19000 ft. (about 5700 m.); as it is home to a large concentration of endemics, it was the main focus of the tour, but we also did not ignore the deserts, lowlands forest, and wetlands also found in the region. We saw over 300 species of birds on the tour, including 18 of the Santa Marta endemics. It's hard to pick favorites, but some that come to mind include several glowing **Vermilion Cardinals**, a bold **Chestnut Piculet**, **Crested Bobwhites** out in the open, a posing **Lance-tailed Manakin**, flashy

White-tailed Starfrontlets, record numbers of **White-tipped Quetzals**, the **Santa Marta Antpitta** that *finally* showed itself, a pair of **Strong-billed Woodcreepers** so close we could nearly touch them, a close encounter with the as-of-yet-undescribed “**Santa Marta**” **Screech-Owl**, protracted views of a **Lined Quail-Dove**, and the very expressive **Black-backed Antshrike** shown above. Once again we had a cheerful and fun-loving tour group that made it enjoyable for everyone; thank you!

We started in Barranquilla, a city of a bit more than a million people on the Caribbean coast. Barranquilla is kind of like the New Orleans of Colombia, and their *Carnaval* (Mardi Gras) celebration is the biggest event of the year. Even though we were there a couple weeks before, the city had a festive mood and was bustling in preparation. However we were all eager to get out into the field, and we started at dawn in the mangroves of Salamanca Island National Park. Nearly the first bird we found was a singing **Sapphire-throated Hummingbird** (*photo right*) in the parking lot, quickly followed by **Panama Flycatcher** and a flock of impressive **Greater Anis**. **Prothonotary Warblers** were all around us as we then tracked down a singing **Black-crested Antshrike**. A few **Bicolored Conebills** joined us for our field breakfast while a **Common Black Hawk** flew over a few times before perching. After adding a **Straight-billed Woodcreeper**, we drove to another spot a few miles away and spent a few hours along a very birdy dirt road. Noisy flocks of **Brown-throated Parakeets** greeted us as we got out of the van, and soon after we were looking at inquisitive groups of both **Stripe-backed** and **Bicolored Wrens**. We picked out a couple of **Plain-breasted Ground-Doves** among the more common **Ruddy’s**, but neither could compete with the **Scaled Doves** for pure “cuteness”. A hulking shape perched up in the distance turned out to be a **Northern Screamer**, a



great sighting for this trip though we wished it has been closer. Another Tropical Birding group led by José Illanes was nearby and we called them over to have a look. José is a longtime friend, and since we had the same itineraries, our groups got to know each other pretty well during the tour, and shared info. José told us about a **Spot-breasted Woodpecker** which we tracked down shortly. We saw many other birds along this great track including **White-faced** and **Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks**, **Cocoi Heron**, **Bare-faced Ibis**, **Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture**, **Pearl Kite**, **Purple Gallinule**, **Limpkin**, **Southern Lapwing**, **Wattled Jacana**, **Smooth-billed** and **Groove-billed Anis**, three **kingfishers**, **Russet-throated Puffbird** (*photo left*), **Crested** and **Yellow-headed Caracaras**, **Pale-legged Hornero**, **Yellow-chinned Spinetail**, **Pied Water-Tyrant**, **White-headed Marsh Tyrant**, **Cattle Tyrant**, **Gray Kingbird**, **Yellow-hooded Blackbird**, **Yellow Oriole**, and **Red-crowned Woodpecker**. Finally we started our rather long drive northeast along the

coast. We took a break at a nice roadside restaurant which even had a few birds like **Masked Tityra**, then carried on driving into the afternoon. A toll booth and *baño* stop proved very productive with a flock of diminutive **Green-rumped Parrotlets**, some **Tropical Mockingbirds**, and a nice comparison between **Blue-gray** and **Glaucous Tanagers**. A couple more stops got us our first desert species like the superb **White-whiskered Spinetail** (which we would see even better tomorrow), which was perhaps outdone by a great sighting of **Chestnut Piculet**. We also had first sightings of **Savanna Hawk**, **White-fringed Antwren**, **White-whiskered Spinetail**, **Slender-billed Tyrannulet**, and **Red-billed Emerald** before calling it a day and driving to our hotel.

Dawn saw us in the Los Flamencos Sanctuary, where our first bird was a **Double-striped Thick-knee** walking away from the van, while a **Reddish Egret** danced around nearby. We planned for a short pre-breakfast walk while our driver, Virgilio, ordered some delivery *arepas*. The desert was pumping, and our breakfast was a bit late, but it was well worth it! Almost immediately a covey of **Crested Bobwhites** crossed the trail, and another group was seen even better a little bit later. Hordes of **Pileated Finches** and **Black-faced Grassquit**



towards a small pond. A pair of superb **Vermilion Cardinals** perched up on the treetops, and another tree held several **Orinoco Saltators** that vied for our attention. **Grayish** and **Streaked Saltators** also moved through the bushes, while several **Northern Scrub-Flycatcher** squeaked excitedly, and another **Chestnut Piculet** put in an appearance. A few wintering migrants also turned up, like a **Dickcissel** and even a surprise **Common Yellowthroat**, a South American lifer for me. We headed back to the van, where Virgilio was waiting with tasty *arepas con huevo* (a ball of fried cornbread with an egg inside). We were distracted from our feast by a very washed out **Scarlet Ibis** that was almost passed off for a **Roseate Spoonbill** (they were around too). A **Bare-eyed Pigeon** also perched up giving us nice views of the "targets" on its face, and we had some better views of **Glaucous Tanager**. After breakfast, we spent time searching for **Buffy Hummingbird**, a local specialty that had so far eluded us, and finally after much persistence we located one perched up next to the cactus. Activity had slowed down a lot, but we managed to add **Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant**, **Rufous-tailed Jacamar**, and **Trinidad Euphonia** before

heading back to the laguna to watch waterbirds for a while. Mostly there were lots of gulls and terns, such as **Laughing** and **Lesser Black-backed Gulls**, and **Caspian**, **Common**, **Royal**, and **Sandwich Terns**. However we were sidetracked by a **Green-rumped Parrotlet** (*photo above*) feeding low in a fruiting tree, posing for photos. We had a long, leisurely lunch in the heat of the day at a restaurant on the beach, then started driving back along the coast. We tried a side road in some dry forest, not expecting much in the still hot afternoon. A **Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** started singing, so we tracked

it down and watched as a mob of small birds came in to harass it, including **Rufous-browed Peppershrike** and **Yellow-breasted (Ochre-lored) Flycatcher**. A few flocks of **Blue-crowned Parakeets** flew over and we coaxed a pair of **Scrub Greenlets** into view. Our last stop was along the Gaviotas road, where we hoped to relocate a **Santa Marta Woodstar** that José's group had seen the day before. Sure enough, we found it, an immature male, feeding at the same flower patch. At close to sea level, it is an unusually low record for this montane species. **White-bellied Antbird** and some **Crimson-backed Tanagers** finished things off as we headed to our lodge in time to actually see it in daylight.



Vermilion Cardinal at Los Flamencos (photo by Mike Grant)



A flock of Orinoco Saltators chattering to each other as a Gray Kingbird looks on

Next morning we returned to the Gaviotas road and had great activity for the few hours we spent there. Several **Blue-and-yellow Macaws** flew over shortly after we started birding, and the trees were alive with passerines like **Sepia-capped Flycatcher**, **Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher**, **Golden-fronted Greenlet**, **Brown-capped Tyrannulet**, **Red-legged Honeycreeper**, and **Black-striped Sparrow**. A strange hummer was feeding on the same flowers where we had seen the woodstar yesterday, and after studying it carefully we determined it was a female **Santa Marta Woodstar (right)**, which was even more unexpected at this elevation. As we continued down the track there was always something to look for. Gaudy birds like **Lance-tailed Manakin**, **White-chinned Sapphire**, **Whooping Motmot**, and **Crimson-crested Woodpecker** attracted the most appreciation, but even the less colorful species were enjoyed: **Gray Seedeater**, **Barred** and **Black-crowned Antshrikes**, **Plain-brown** and **Cocoa Woodcreepers**, **Forest Elaenia**, **Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher**, **Streaked Flycatcher**, **White-winged** and **One-colored Becards**, and a very loud **Buff-breasted Wren**. Later in the morning, we drove into the foothills of the Santa Martas and had lunch at a hotel in Minca where we would later spend a night on the way back down. We enjoyed the feeders before lunch with regular **White-necked Jacobins**, **Black-throated Mangos**, **White-vented Plumeleteers**, **Steely-vented Hummingbirds** and **Pale-breasted Thrushes**, but it was the pair of **Golden-winged Sparrows** that really stole the show. A few lucky observers managed to see a **Pale-bellied Hermit**, which didn't stick around. After lunch, we transferred into 4x4's for the very rough road to the El Dorado Lodge and Reserve. Our drivers knew where a **Black-and-white Owl** was roosting along the way, so we stopped for a look before continuing higher. We started seeing more endemics at various stops along the way including **Santa Marta Antbird**, **Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner**, **Santa Marta Brushfinch**, and the near-endemic **Streak-capped Spinetail**. **Long-billed Hermit**, **Golden-crowned Flycatcher**, **Yellow-backed Oriole**, and **Black-headed Tanager** were also appreciated. We spent late afternoon enjoying the scenery and the birds at El Dorado Lodge. **Band-tailed Guans** have become virtually tame there in the last few years and sometimes almost crashed into us as they flew clumsily back and forth! **Sickle-winged Guans**, while a bit shier, were also very much in evidence. **Brown** and **Lesser (Green) Violeaters**, and **Crowned Woodnymphs** were crowding the hummer feeders, and we had our first **Emerald Toucanets** feeding in a *Cecropia*. The Emerald Toucanets here are an endemic subspecies that are sometimes split as Santa Marta Toucanet.



Black-headed Tanager



Lance-tailed Manakin

We had our earliest start of the trip the next day, as we gathered at 4:30am to have a hot drink before enduring the extremely rough 1 hour+ ride up to the San Lorenzo ridge. Those in the lead vehicle had a Band-winged Nightjar in the headlights, and we were all relieved to finally reach the higher forest just before dawn. We had a field breakfast with coffee and hot chocolate, hoping for Santa Marta Parakeets, but for the time being having to settle for **Scarlet-fronted Parakeets** and **Scaly-naped Parrots**. These higher patches of forest have numerous birds not possible lower down, and it



was our goal to see as many as possible this morning to avoid the necessity of having to come up again another day. With that in mind, we got to work and right off the bat started seeing key endemics like **Santa Marta Warbler (left)**, **Black-cheeked Mountain-Tanager**, and **Yellow-crowned Redstart**. We walked up the road a bit looking for good spots to call in some of the skulkier targets, having good success with **Rusty-headed Spinetail** and **Santa Marta Wood-Wren**, and managing some quick looks at a **Brown-rumped Tapaculo**. We also had nice views of endemic subspecies of **Tyrian Metaltail** and **Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant**. We bumped into José's group, and they hadn't had any luck with the parakeet

either. We walked back down to where the vehicles were parked and suddenly they were heard nearby. I had barely called them out when a flock of **Santa Marta Parakeets** screamed right over our heads, low enough to make out the orange and yellow in their wings! While we had to be satisfied with a flight view, at least the light was nice. A bit farther down the road we found a small flock of **Paramo Seedeaters**, then invested quite a bit of time trying to see a **Rufous Antpitta** ("soon-to-be-split"), and finally managed to coax one to hop across the road. Having done well in the higher forest, we drove 20 minutes back down the road. There weren't many birds, but what we saw was pretty amazing: the first of record numbers of **White-tipped Quetzals (female right)**, a male **White-tailed Starfrontlet** (truly one of the most spectacular hummingbirds), a pair of **Golden-breasted Fruiteaters**, and a low-flying **Black-and-chested Eagle**. We had lunch at a lookout near the national park ranger station, spotting our only **Golden Grosbeak** of the tour, then chased after a singing Santa Marta Antpitta behind the buildings without success. However the effort did get us **Mountain Velvetbreast** and **Black Flowerpiercer**. Our main target that afternoon as we worked our way back to the lodge was Santa Marta Antpitta. This bird has become harder in recent years (once upon a time it came to feeder near the lodge) and it usually



takes a lot of effort. For a while we didn't see much other than a **Mountain Elaenia** and a cute **Black-throated Tody-Tyrant**, and the only antpitta we heard nearby turned out to be José... A bit later on, another one sang near the road. Both groups had heard it and we converged on it from different directions. I moved down the road to call it into a more open spot, and José stayed back brandishing his laser pointer. Suddenly a **Santa Marta Antpitta** hopped into view giving satisfying views to all! Great fun. We were pretty close to the lodge at that point, so we just walked the rest of the way, finding a few new birds like **Golden-olive Woodpecker**, **Montane Woodcreeper**, **Spotted Barbtail**, and enjoying some great photo ops of a pair of **Masked Trogons**. A nocturnal attempt for still-undescribed Santa Marta Screech-Owl came up empty, but despite that it had been a fantastic day.

It was nice to have a later start as we watched the sun come over the distant Caribbean. Birds are always a distraction from late breakfasts here, and this time it was a flock of **Black-chested Jays** that prompted a mad rush for cameras. Our first endemic of the day came in the form of a **Sierra Nevada Brushfinch** visiting a feeder, while nearby an endemic subspecies (and possible future split) of **Gray-breasted Wood-Wren** hopped around in the undergrowth. We headed down the road this morning, stopping at various points for target birds. One of the hardest we had left was **Santa Marta Tapaculo**, and we lucked out this time with a very confiding bird at the first place we tried. Farther down the road, we got our best views yet of another endemic, **White-lored Warbler**, as well as a handsome **Groove-billed Toucanet**, and both **Plain** and **Streaked Xenops** on either sides of the road. We also had reasonable success with **Rusty-breasted Antpitta**, and were very fortunate to find a small covey of **Black-fronted Wood-Quails** in a surprisingly open area next to the road. Other birds of the morning included **Scaled Pigeon**, **Red-billed Parrot**, **Montane Foliage-gleaner**, **Olive-striped, Cinnamon**, and **Dusky-capped Flycatchers**, **Yellow-legged Thrush**, and **Blue-capped, Bay-headed, Black-capped**, and **Swallow Tanagers**. We had a fairly quiet afternoon birding near the lodge, where the only new trip bird may have been **Black-hooded Thrush** and our pre-dinner attempt at **Santa Marta Screech-Owl** was another bust. Not willing to give up so easily, most of the group tried again after dinner. Finally one was heard distantly, and with patience we finally tracked it down and put one of these in the spotlight right by the side of a trail. It was worth it!



Groove-billed Toucanet



Black-chested Jay



Blue-naped Chlorophonias were frequent visitors to the fruit feeders at El Dorado Lodge



A pair of Swallow Tanagers (female left; male right) along the road below the lodge (Photo: Susan Eaton)

For our last morning at El Dorado Lodge, we decided to walk a new trail to look for some of the last few birds we hadn't seen. Things started off well with a responsive **Gray-throated Leaf-tosser**, then we noticed a lot of bird activity along one part of the trail, especially the pair **Strong-billed Woodcreepers** that acted like we weren't even standing there a few feet away. Curious, we backed up a little bit and waited. Soon, birds started popping out of the undergrowth and perching on or above the trail. Clearly something was attracting them. We had better views of **Sierra Nevada Brushfinch**, more **White-lored Warblers**, then a **Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush** posed obligingly, quickly followed by a **Black-hooded Thrush**. The woodcreepers continued to entertain, and we finally noticed that the trail was covered by a swarm of tiny crickets that must have just hatched; mystery solved. Seeing these normally shy birds so close was a trip highlight for me. Heading down the trail, we had only one target left, the shy **Lined Quail-Dove**, which we had heard all over the place but failed to even glimpse. Our luck continued as we very soon located one perched up at eye-level in a tree. It was a nice bird to finish our visit to El Dorado with, and we loaded up the 4x4's and started heading down to

Minca. We stopped in the foothills on the way down for various species like **Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush**, **Keel-billed Toucan**, **Yellow-backed Oriole**, **Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant**, **Ochre-bellied Flycatcher**, **Rufous-breasted Wren**, and **Rusty Flowerpiercer**. Warblers were all over, especially **Blackburnians**, but there were also good numbers of **Rufous-capped Warblers**, a few **Tennessee Warblers**, and a **Black-and-white**. We checked into the hotel in Minca, had lunch, and spent more time at the feeders, especially enjoying the **Golden-winged Sparrows** and **Bicolored Wrens**. After a break, we had great success targeting the **Black-backed Antshrike** that headlines the report, and also finding **Scaled Piculet**, **Blue-headed Parrot**, **Boat-billed Flycatcher**, **Golden-crowned Warbler**, **Rosy Thrush-Tanager**, and more wintering migrants like **Orchard Oriole** and **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**.



One of the Strong-billed Woodcrepers, and the Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush that we along the trail at El Dorado



A Lined Quail-Dove perched high up in a tree (Photo by Susan Eaton)

It was hard to believe we were down to our last birding day. We spent the morning in the forest patches and shade grown coffee plantations above Minca. We especially enjoyed the memorable songs of the **Rufous-and-white Wren**, though it took some time to nail one down. We had some more views of **Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner**, and also a female **Santa Marta Woodstar** (this time where you would expect it). **Cinereous Becard** was also a nice find. Other new trip birds for the morning included **White-collared Swift**, **Long-billed Starthroat**, **Streak-headed Woodcreeper**, **Pale-breasted Spinetail**, **Sooty-headed Tyrannulet**, **Rusty-margined Flycatcher**, **Cinnamon Becard**, **Yellow-throated Vireo**, and **Thick-billed Euphonia**. After lunch, we had one more major target before heading back to Barranquilla, **Chestnut-winged Chachalaca**, which is a Colombian endemic. José's group got there before we did and had already spotted a small flock, but they quickly vanished into the dense woodland. José, undeterred by a few thorns and sharp branches, disappeared from view and soon flushed the birds up in spectacular fashion! Several flapped up into the canopy and screeched at us. Happy with the sighting, we let them calm down and return to their siesta. We reached our city hotel safely and enjoyed a farewell dinner at a superb seafood restaurant nearby, a nice end to the trip.



Bicolored Wren and Golden-winged Sparrow near the Hotel Minca

BIRD LIST

The list includes everything that was seen by at least one of the group. Taxonomy follows: Clements, J. F., T. S. Schulenberg, M. J. Iliff, D. Roberson, T. A. Fredericks, B. L. Sullivan, and C. L. Wood. 2016. The eBird/Clements checklist of birds of the world: v2016. Downloaded from <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/clementschecklist/download/>

308 species seen, 17 heard only

H=heard only

GO=guide only

E=Endemic to Colombia

TINAMOUS

H Little Tinamou

SCREAMERS

Northern Screamer

WATERFOWL

White-faced Whistling-Duck

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck

Blue-winged Teal

CRACIDS

Chestnut-winged Chachalaca (E)

Band-tailed Guan

Sickle-winged Guan

NEW WORLD QUAIL

Crested Bobwhite

Black-fronted Wood-Quail

FLAMINGOS

GO American Flamingo

FRIGATEBIRDS

Magnificent Frigatebird

CORMORANTS AND SHAGS

Neotropic Cormorant

ANHINGAS

Anhinga

PELICANS

Brown Pelican

HERONS, EGRETS, BITTERNs

Cocoi Heron

Great Egret

Snowy Egret

Little Blue Heron

Tricolored Heron

Reddish Egret

Cattle Egret

Striated Heron

Black-crowned Night-Heron

IBISES AND SPOONBILLS

Scarlet Ibis

Bare-faced Ibis

Roseate Spoonbill

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Black Vulture

Turkey Vulture

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture

TINAMIDAE*Crypturellus soui***ANHIMIDAE***Chauna chavaria***ANATIDAE***Dendrocygna viduata**Dendrocygna autumnalis**Anas discors***CRACIDAE***Ortalis garrula**Penelope argyrotis**Chamaepetes goudotii***ODONTOPHORIDAE***Colinus cristatus**Odontophorus atrifrons***PHOENICOPTERIDAE***Phoenicopterus ruber***FREGATIDAE***Fregata magnificens***PHALACROCORACIDAE***Phalacrocorax brasilianus***ANHINGIDAE***Anhinga anhinga***PELECANIDAE***Pelecanus occidentalis***ARDEIDAE***Ardea cocoi**Ardea alba**Egretta thula**Egretta caerulea**Egretta tricolor**Egretta rufescens**Bubulcus ibis**Butorides striata**Nycticorax nycticorax***THRESKIORNITHIDAE***Eudocimus ruber**Phimosus infuscatus**Platalea ajaja***CATHARTIDAE***Coragyps atratus**Cathartes aura**Cathartes burrovianus*

OSPREY

Osprey

HAWKS, EAGLES, AND KITES

Pearl Kite

White-tailed Kite

Black-and-chestnut Eagle

Snail Kite

Plumbeous Kite

Common Black Hawk

Savanna Hawk

Harris's Hawk

H White-rumped Hawk

Broad-winged Hawk

Short-tailed Hawk

RAILS, GALLINULES, COOTS

White-throated Crake

Rufous-necked Wood-Rail

Gray-cowled Wood-Rail

Sora

Purple Gallinule

Common Gallinule

LIMPKIN

Limpkin

THICK-KNEES

Double-striped Thick-knee

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS

Black-bellied (Gray) Plover

Southern Lapwing

OYSTERCATCHERS

American Oystercatcher

STILTS AND AVOCETS

Black-necked Stilt

JACANAS

Wattled Jacana

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES

Whimbrel

Spotted Sandpiper

Solitary Sandpiper

Willet

Lesser Yellowlegs

GULLS

Laughing Gull

Lesser Black-backed Gull

PANDIONIDAE*Pandion haliaetus***ACCIPITRIDAE***Gampsonyx swainsonii**Elanus leucurus**Spizaetus isidori**Rostrhamus sociabilis**Ictinia plumbea**Buteogallus anthracinus**Buteogallus meridionalis**Parabuteo unicinctus**Parabuteo leucorrhous**Buteo platypterus**Buteo brachyurus***RALLIDAE***Laterallus albigularis**Aramides axillaris**Aramides cajaneus**Porzana carolina**Porphyrio martinicus**Gallinula galeata***ARAMIDAE***Aramus guarauna***BURHINIDAE***Burhinus bistriatus***CHARADRIIDAE***Pluvialis squatarola**Vanellus chilensis***HAEMATOPODIDAE***Haematopus palliatus***RECURVIROSTRIDAE***Himantopus mexicanus***JACANIDAE***Jacana jacana***SCOLOPACIDAE***Numenius phaeopus**Actitis macularius**Tringa solitaria**Tringa semipalmata**Tringa flavipes***LARIDAE: LARINAE***Leucophaeus atricilla**Larus fuscus*

TERNs

Large-billed Tern
 Gull-billed Tern
 Caspian Tern
 Common Tern
 Royal Tern
 Sandwich Tern

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon
 Pale-vented Pigeon
 Scaled Pigeon
 Bare-eyed Pigeon
 Band-tailed Pigeon
 Common Ground-Dove
 Plain-breasted Ground-Dove
 Ruddy Ground-Dove
 Scaled Dove
 White-tipped Dove
 Lined Quail-Dove

CUCKOOS

Greater Ani
 Smooth-billed Ani
 Groove-billed Ani
 H Striped Cuckoo
 Squirrel Cuckoo

OWLS

Santa Marta Screech-Owl (E)
 H Spectacled Owl
 Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl
 Black-and-white Owl

NIGHTJARS AND ALLIES

Band-winged Nightjar
 H Common Pauraque

SWIFTS

White-collared Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

White-necked Jacobin
 GO Rufous-breasted Hermit
 Long-billed (W. Long-tailed) Hermit
 Pale-bellied Hermit
 Brown Violetear
 Lesser (Green) Violetear
 Sparkling Violetear

LARIDAE: STERNINAE

Phaetusa simplex
Gelochelidon nilotica
Hydroprogne caspia
Sterna hirundo
Thalasseus maximus
Thalasseus sandvicensis

COLUMBIDAE

Columba livia
Patagioenas cayennensis
Patagioenas speciosa
Patagioenas corensis
Patagioenas fasciata
Columbina passerina
Columbina minuta
Columbina talpacoti
Columbina squammata
Leptotila verreauxi
Zentrygon linearis

CUCULIDAE

Crotophaga major
Crotophaga ani
Crotophaga sulcirostris
Tapera naevia
Piaya cayana

STRIGIDAE

Megascops sp.nov.
Pulsatrix perspicillata
Glaucidium brasilianum
Ciccaba nigrolineata

CAPRIMULGIDAE

Systellura longirostris
Nyctidromus albicollis

APODIDAE

Streptoprocne zonaris

TROCHILIDAE

Florisuga mellivora
Glaucis hirsutus
Phaethornis longirostris
Phaethornis anthophilus
Colibri delphinae
Colibri thalassinus
Colibri coruscans

Black-throated Mango
 Santa Marta Blossomcrown (E)
 Tyrian Metaltail
 White-tailed Starfrontlet (E)
 Mountain Velvetbreast
 Long-billed Starthroat
 Santa Marta Woodstar (E)
 Red-billed Emerald
 Lazuline Sabrewing
 White-vented Plumeleeter
 Crowned (Violet-crowned) Woodnymph
 Buffy Hummingbird
 Steely-vented Hummingbird
 Rufous-tailed Hummingbird
 Sapphire-throated Hummingbird
 White-chinned Sapphire

TROGONS

White-tipped Quetzal
 Gartered Trogon
 Masked Trogon

MOTMOTS

Whooping Motmot

KINGFISHERS

Ringed Kingfisher
 Amazon Kingfisher
 Green Kingfisher

PUFFBIRDS

H Pied Puffbird
 Russet-throated Puffbird

JACAMARS

Rufous-tailed Jacamar

TOUCANS

Emerald (Santa Marta) Toucanet
 Groove-billed (Yellow-billed) Toucanet
 Collared Aracari
 H Yellow-throated Toucan (see note at end)
 Keel-billed Toucan

WOODPECKERS

Scaled Piculet
 Chestnut Piculet
 Red-crowned Woodpecker
 Golden-olive Woodpecker
 Spot-breasted Woodpecker

Anthracothorax nigricollis
Anthocephala floriceps
Metallura tyrianthina
Coeligena phalerata
Lafresnaya lafresnayi
Heliomaster longirostris
Chaetocercus astreans
Chlorostilbon gibsoni
Campylopterus falcatus
Chalybura buffonii
Thalurania colombica
Leucippus fallax
Amazilia saucerrottei
Amazilia tzacatl
Lepidopyga coeruleogularis
Hylocharis cyanus

TROGONIDAE

Pharomachrus fulgidus
Trogon caligatus
Trogon personatus

MOMOTIDAE

Momotus subrufescens

ALCEDINIDAE

Megaceryle torquata
Chloroceryle amazona
Chloroceryle americana

BUCCONIDAE

Notharchus tectus
Hypnelus ruficollis ruficollis

GALBULIDAE

Galbula ruficauda

RAMPHASTIDAE

Aulacorhynchus prasinus lautus
Aulacorhynchus sulcatus calorhynchus
Pteroglossus torquatus
Ramphastos ambiguus
Ramphastos sulfuratus

PICIDAE

Picumnus squamulatus
Picumnus cinnamomeus
Melanerpes rubricapillus
Colaptes rubiginosus
Colaptes punctigula

Lineated Woodpecker

Crimson-crested Woodpecker

FALCONS AND CARACARAS

H Barred Forest-Falcon

H Collared Forest-Falcon

Crested Caracara

Yellow-headed Caracara

H Laughing Falcon

PARROTS

Orange-chinned Parakeet

Red-billed Parrot

Blue-headed Parrot

Scaly-naped Parrot

Green-rumped Parrotlet

Santa Marta Parakeet (E)

Brown-throated Parakeet

Blue-and-yellow Macaw

Blue-crowned Parakeet

Scarlet-fronted Parakeet

TYPICAL ANTIBIRDS

Black-crested Antshrike

Barred Antshrike

Black-crowned (West. Slaty) Antshrike

Black-backed Antshrike

White-fringed Antwren

Santa Marta Antbird (E)

White-bellied Antbird

ANTPITTAS

Santa Marta Antpitta (E)

Rufous Antpitta (Sierra Nevada)

Rusty-breasted Antpitta

TAPACULOS

Santa Marta Tapaculo (E)

Brown-rumped Tapaculo (E)

OVENBIRDS

Gray-throated Leaf-tosser

Plain-brown Woodcreeper

Strong-billed Woodcreeper

Cocoa Woodcreeper

Straight-billed Woodcreeper

Streak-headed Woodcreeper

Montane Woodcreeper

Plain Xenops

Dryocopus lineatus

Campephilus melanoleucos

FALCONIDAE

Micrastur ruficollis

Micrastur semitorquatus

Caracara cheriway

Milvago chimachima

Herpetotheres cachinnans

PSITTACIDAE

Brotogeris jugularis

Pionus sordidus

Pionus menstruus

Amazona mercenarius

Forpus passerinus

Pyrrhura viridicata

Eupsittula pertinax

Ara ararauna

Thectocercus acuticaudatus

Psittacara wagleri

THAMNOPHILIDAE

Sakesphorus canadensis

Thamnophilus doliatus

Thamnophilus atrinucha

Thamnophilus melanonotus

Formicivora grisea

Drymophila hellmayri

Myrmeciza longipes

GRALLARIIDAE

Grallaria bangsi

Grallaria rufula spatiator

Grallaricula ferrugineipectus

RHINOCRYPTIDAE

Scytalopus sanctaemartae

Scytalopus latebricola

FURNARIIDAE

Sclerurus albigularis

Dendrocincla fuliginosa

Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus

Xiphorhynchus susurrans

Dendroplex picus

Lepidocolaptes souleyetii

Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger

Xenops minutus

	Streaked Xenops	<i>Xenops rutilans</i>
	Pale-legged Hornero	<i>Furnarius leucopus</i>
	Montane Foliage-gleaner	<i>Anabacerthia striaticollis</i>
	Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner (E)	<i>Clibanornis rufipectus</i>
	Spotted Barbtail	<i>Premnoplex brunnescens</i>
	Streak-capped Spinetail	<i>Cranioleuca hellmayri</i>
	Yellow-chinned Spinetail	<i>Certhiaxis cinnamomeus</i>
	Pale-breasted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis albescens</i>
	Rusty-headed Spinetail (E)	<i>Synallaxis fuscorufa</i>
	White-whiskered Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis candei</i>
	TYRANT FLYCATCHERS	TYRANNIDAE
	Brown-capped Tyrannulet	<i>Ornithion brunneicapillus</i>
	Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet	<i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i>
	White-throated Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus leucophrys</i>
	Mouse-colored Tyrannulet	<i>Phaeomyias murina</i>
H	Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet	<i>Tyrannulus elatus</i>
	Forest Elaenia	<i>Myiopagis gaimardii</i>
	Yellow-bellied Elaenia	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>
	Mountain Elaenia	<i>Elaenia frantzii</i>
	Olive-striped Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes olivaceus</i>
	Ochre-bellied Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes oleagineus</i>
	Sepia-capped Flycatcher	<i>Leptopogon amaurocephalus</i>
	Sooty-headed Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias griseiceps</i>
H	Paltry (Specious) Tyrannulet	<i>Zimmerius vilissimus tamae</i>
	Northern Scrub-Flycatcher	<i>Sublegatus arenarum</i>
	Slender-billed Tyrannulet	<i>Inezia tenuirostris</i>
	Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Atalotriccus pilaris</i>
	Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant	<i>Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer</i>
	Black-throated Tody-Tyrant	<i>Hemitriccus granadensis</i>
	Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Poecilotriccus sylvia</i>
	Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum nigriceps</i>
	Yellow-breasted (Ochre-ored) Flycatcher	<i>Tolmomyias flaviventris aurulentus</i>
	Cinnamon Flycatcher	<i>Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus</i>
H	Tropical Pewee	<i>Contopus cinereus</i>
H	Acadian Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax virescens</i>
	Willow Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>
	Vermilion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>
	Pied Water-Tyrant	<i>Fluvicola pica</i>
	White-headed Marsh Tyrant	<i>Arundinicola leucocephala</i>
	Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca diadema</i>
	Cattle Tyrant	<i>Machetornis rixosa</i>
H	Bright-rumped Attila	<i>Attila spadiceus</i>
	Dusky-capped Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>

	Panama Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus panamensis</i>
H	Great Crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>
	Brown-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i>
	Lesser Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus lictor</i>
	Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>
	Boat-billed Flycatcher	<i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>
	Rusty-margined Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes cayanensis</i>
	Social Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>
	Golden-crowned Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes chrysocephalus</i>
	Streaked Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>
	Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>
	Gray Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus dominicensis</i>
	Fork-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannus savana</i>
	COTINGAS	COTINGIDAE
	Golden-breasted Fruiteater	<i>Pipreola aureopectus</i>
	MANAKINS	PIPRIDAE
	Lance-tailed Manakin	<i>Chiroxiphia lanceolata</i>
	White-bearded Manakin	<i>Manacus manacus</i>
	TITYRAS AND ALLIES	TITYRIDAE
	Masked Tityra	<i>Tityra semifasciata</i>
	Cinereous Becard	<i>Pachyramphus rufus</i>
	Cinnamon Becard	<i>Pachyramphus cinnamomeus</i>
	White-winged Becard	<i>Pachyramphus polychopterus</i>
	One-colored Becard	<i>Pachyramphus homochrous</i>
	VIREOS	VIREONIDAE
	Rufous-browed Peppershrike	<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>
	Scrub Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus flavipes</i>
	Golden-fronted Greenlet	<i>Pachysylvia aurantiifrons</i>
	Yellow-throated Vireo	<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>
	Brown-capped Vireo	<i>Vireo leucophrys</i>
	CROWS, JAYS, AND MAGPIES	CORVIDAE
	Black-chested Jay	<i>Cyanocorax affinis</i>
	SWALLOWS	HIRUNDINIDAE
	Southern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>
	Bank Swallow	<i>Riparia riparia</i>
	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
	WRENS	TROGLODYTIDAE
	House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>
	Stripe-backed Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus nuchalis</i>
	Bicolored Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus griseus</i>
	Rufous-breasted Wren	<i>Pheugopedius rutilus</i>
	Rufous-and-white Wren	<i>Thryophilus rufalbus</i>
	Buff-breasted Wren	<i>Cantorchilus leucotis</i>

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren

Santa Marta Wood-Wren (E)

GNATCATCHERS

Long-billed Gnatwren

Tropical Gnatcatcher

THRUSHES AND ALLIES

Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush

Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush

Swainson's Thrush

Yellow-legged Thrush

Pale-breasted Thrush

Clay-colored Thrush

Black-hooded Thrush

Great Thrush

MOCKINGBIRDS

Tropical Mockingbird

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Black-and-white Warbler

Prothonotary Warbler

Tennessee Warbler

Common Yellowthroat

American Redstart

H Tropical Parula

Blackburnian Warbler

Yellow Warbler

Rufous-capped Warbler

Golden-crowned Warbler

Santa Marta Warbler (E)

White-lored Warbler (E)

Slate-throated Redstart

Yellow-crowned Redstart (E)

TANAGERS AND ALLIES

White-lined Tanager

Crimson-backed Tanager

Black-cheeked Mountain-Tanager (E)

Blue-gray Tanager

Glaucous Tanager

Palm Tanager

Blue-capped Tanager

Black-headed Tanager

Black-capped Tanager

Bay-headed Tanager

Swallow Tanager

Henicorhina leucophrys bangsi

Henicorhina anachoreta

POLIOPTILIDAE

Ramphocaenus melanurus

Polioptila plumbea

TURDIDAE

Catharus aurantiirostris

Catharus fuscater

Catharus ustulatus

Turdus flavipes

Turdus leucomelas

Turdus grayi

Turdus olivater

Turdus fuscater

MIMIDAE

Mimus gilvus

PARULIDAE

Mniotilta varia

Protonotaria citrea

Oreothlypis peregrina

Geothlypis trichas

Setophaga ruticilla

Setophaga pitiayumi

Setophaga fusca

Setophaga petechia

Basileuterus rufifrons

Basileuterus culicivorus

Basileuterus basilicus

Myiothlypis conspicillatus

Myioborus miniatus

Myioborus flavivertex

THRAUPIDAE

Tachyphonus rufus

Ramphocelus dimidiatus

Anisognathus melanogenys

Thraupis episcopus

Thraupis glaucocolpa

Thraupis palmarum

Thraupis cyanocephala

Tangara cyanoptera

Tangara heinei

Tangara gyrola

Tersina viridis

Blue Dacnis
Red-legged Honeycreeper
Bicolored Conebill
Black Flowerpiercer
White-sided Flowerpiercer
Rusty Flowerpiercer
Saffron Finch
Blue-black Grassquit
Gray Seedeater
Yellow-bellied Seedeater
Paramo Seedeater
Pileated Finch
Bananaquit
Dull-colored Grassquit
Black-faced Grassquit
Rosy Thrush-Tanager
Buff-throated Saltator
Orinocan Saltator
Grayish Saltator
Streaked Saltator

SPARROWS AND ALLIES

Black-striped Sparrow
Sierra Nevada (Stripe-headed) Brushfinch (E)
Golden-winged Sparrow
Rufous-collared Sparrow
Santa Marta Brushfinch (E)

CARDINALS AND ALLIES

Summer Tanager
Vermilion Cardinal
Golden (-bellied) Grosbeak
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Dickcissel

TROUPIALS AND ALLIES

Great-tailed Grackle
Carib Grackle
Yellow-hooded Blackbird
Shiny Cowbird
Orchard Oriole
Yellow-backed Oriole
Yellow Oriole
Baltimore Oriole
Yellow-rumped Cacique
Crested Oropendola

Dacnis cayana
Cyanerpes cyaneus
Conirostrum bicolor
Diglossa humeralis
Diglossa albilatera
Diglossa sittoides
Sicalis flaveola
Volatinia jacarina
Sporophila intermedia
Sporophila nigricollis
Catamenia homochroa
Coryphospingus pileatus
Coereba flaveola
Tiaris obscurus
Tiaris bicolor
Rhodinocichla rosea
Saltator maximus
Saltator orenocensis
Saltator coerulescens
Saltator striatipectus

EMBERIZIDAE

Arremonops conirostris
Arremon basilicus
Arremon schlegeli
Zonotrichia capensis
Atlapetes melanocephalus

CARDINALIDAE

Piranga rubra
Cardinalis phoeniceus
Pheucticus chrysogaster
Pheucticus ludovicianus
Spiza americana

ICTERIDAE

Quiscalus mexicanus
Quiscalus lugubris
Chrysomus icterocephalus
Molothrus bonariensis
Icterus spurius
Icterus chrysater
Icterus nigrogularis
Icterus galbula
Cacicus cela
Psarocolius decumanus

Trinidad Euphonia

Euphonia trinitatis

Thick-billed Euphonia

Euphonia laniirostris

Blue-naped Chlorophonia

Chlorophonia cyanea

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

PASSERIDAE

House Sparrow

Passer domesticus

Note: A "yelping" toucan was heard from the Las Acacias restaurant near the entrance to Tayrona National Park. Range maps indicate that no "yelping" toucan should be here. The only one to occur anywhere near the Santa Marta range is the black-mandibled *abbreviatus* ssp. of Yellow-throated Toucan. I wonder if this was a cage bird that was confiscated by authorities and released into the park?

MAMMALS

H Venezuelen Red Howler
Red-tailed Squirrel
GO Crab-eating Fox
Central American Agouti

Alouatta seniculus
Sciurus granatensis
Cerdocyon thous
Dasyprocta granatensis