



A **Tropical Birding** CUSTOM tour

Ecuador Custom Tour:  
*The "Ground-Cuckoo Twitch"*

**19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022**



**A Dream Bird and a Dream Twitch:** This **Banded Ground-Cuckoo** was the reason *Tim* jumped on a plane at the last minute from Florida to try and catch sight of this extreme rarity before it disappeared off the birding map once again, as they always do (*Sam Woods/Tropical Birding Tours*).

Guided by **Sam Woods**

*Birds in the photos within this report are denoted in **RED**, all photos by Sam Woods.*

**TOUR SUMMARY:**

In January 2022, news trickled through the birding community in Ecuador that the extremely rare *Banded Ground-Cuckoo* had been regularly sighted at a sanctuary in *Milpe*, near the famous birding town of *Mindo*. By the end of the month, news was rising to fever pitch and the news had reached many North Americans who were keen to see this bird on the rare occasion it looks like it might be "gettable". On hearing that one of the TROPICAL BIRDING guides, *Andres Vasquez*, had managed to twitch it with a US friend of his, (*Rick*), *Tim* contacted *Sam* to put a GROUND-CUCKOO plan in action. He was prepared to fly in from Florida especially for a short, sharp trip to try and get this ground-cuckoo, before it would, inevitably, go to ground again. In short, and seemingly against all odds (read on for the full story), *Tim*, *Sam* and *Keith* had a magical hour or so with the **Banded Ground-Cuckoo** (photos page 1 & 3), as it actively foraged around a swarm of army ants (their preferred mobile "habitat"), called regularly and also was heard regularly bill snapping, making for a near perfect sighting, of a truly difficult bird to track down, due to its undoubted rarity coupled with its nomadic nature, following army ant swarms through dense forest over large areas of inaccessible Andean foothills. To this end, the tour was extremely successful, and good use of just 5 days of birding, where we also saw some other good specialties of the endemic-rich *Choco* bioregion of Northwest Ecuador, with other birds like **Glistening-green**, **Moss-backed and Black-chinned Mountain Tanagers** (photos page 6), featuring, along with **Rose-faced Parrots** (below), **Black and Rufous-brown Solitaires** (photo page 8), **Choco Vireo**, **Blue-tailed Trogon**, and **Orange-breasted Fruiteater** (photo page 8). This was supplemented by some quality high Andean birds, like **Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe** (photo page 9), **Jameson's Snipe** (photo page 10), and **Red-rumped Bush-Tyrant** too.



Day 1 (of birding): 20<sup>th</sup> February – [Milpe and Veintitres de Junio Reserve](#).



This was one of those epic birding days that will certainly live long in the memory of the “ballsy” participant who arranged this high-risk tour, and for the guide too. There are some days in birding that will never be forgotten and stand out whatever has happened before and whatever happens in the future, they are so singularly distinctive and adrenalin-filled they will always be regarded as a classic experience. Circumstances can often dictate how a bird’s sighting is reviewed after the event, and how it is ranked. Going for a seemingly tough bird and getting it without a hitch and no barriers in the way can sometimes leave the feeling of getting a toughie rather flat. The birds that have a challenge to seeing them or have proved troublesome on the way to getting them are often more highly rated and more memorable. And so it was the case for the *Ground-Cuckoo* in this instance.

*Tim* had hatched this plan for a February timed “twitch” shortly after it became clear the cuckoo had been seen with rare regularity for much of January 2022. What he did not foresee, (and could not have foreseen), was that right at the time he plotted this plan, it was also exactly the time when the cuckoo disappeared once more, as they characteristically do. Its ecology is a nomadic one, foraging in a mobile habitat of swarms of army ants that can cover quite some ground. Unbeknown to us when we started the planning of the trip, the local army ant swarm that it had followed into *Milpe*, had left the property, and were gone, seemingly taking the *cuckoo* with it. Sam also visited a week earlier than this tour but had not had a sniff of it.

Indeed, some hardy folks (including one of the World's leading bird listers) had spent SIX consecutive days on site, with the sole purpose of finding the cuckoo, but had not managed to sight it. The odds were going down as each day passed, so that by the time *Tim* arrived, and a few weeks with no cuckoo sightings had gone by, our enthusiasm for it had been diminished. The recent January sightings had unsurprisingly been associated with an influx of a large number of swarming army ants into the reserve. *No ants, no cuckoo.*

So, with this all in our minds, we set off before dawn all the same – the January sightings of the cuckoo had largely been around dawn time, with the bird sometimes visiting a moth trap at that time. Overnight, unusually heavy rains had wreaked havoc in the area, and we needed to try three different routes to get to the reserve, as trees had come down and blocked two of these. At the third option, a tree was down, but a man with a chainsaw was found closeby who soon opened the way for us. All this led us to arrive at the cuckoo reserve very late, well after dawn, and well after the supposed best time for it to visit the moth trap. On reaching the reserve, with even less hope than we had the night before, as a result of our late arrival, we met the local guide, who informed us that the cuckoo had not visited the moth trap anyhow. As we made our first conversations with him, a **Bicolored Antbird** called just behind him. Both us and the local guide were excited to hear this, as it is an obligate ant follower, and it is usually a good indication of the presence of army ants. The local guide quickly confirmed this was the first indication of ants in *weeks* (i.e. since the last sightings of the *cuckoo*). Soon after other ant following species were noted (including **Spotted Nightingale-Thrush**, **Esmeraldas Antbird**, and **Ochre-breasted Antpitta**), and it was clear ants were around, although we could not actually locate the ants themselves. We were excited, as the local guide was also excited and voiced he thought the cuckoo could be with *this* swarm. We changed position to view the birds at the swarm and tried playback of the cuckoo. Almost immediately, to our great shock, the low distinctive "hoot" of a cuckoo replying was heard. Then, with a little playback, Sam spotted the bird advancing towards us! Moments of panic and high-octane excitement ensued, before we all had eyes on this dream bird. We had all got looks, but not amazing looks, cause for muted celebration at least! We changed our position to the main trail when we could not locate the bird, and soon stumbled onto a clear line of ants on the trail. We tried several positions, during which time the cuckoo repeatedly gave its distinctive bill clapping sound, to keep tensions high. Finally, after hearing the bird for some time, it remarkably emerged up onto an open log for all to see in its entirety. The whole body was in full glorious view. We all commented that we could not imagine any better views of the bird and so left the cuckoo and the swarm alone.

After this, anything was a bonus, and we added a few more good birds on site there too, like **Blue-tailed (Choco) Trogon** and **Rufous-fronted Wood-Quail**. After that, greedily, we journeyed on to *Veintitres de Junio*, in search of **Long-wattled Umbrellabird** another major target for Tim. Our luck was clearly in on this day, and we saw a male from the vehicle, before we had even reached the main area. We were ecstatic and enjoyed repeated views of the bird from inside and outside of our vehicle. *Umbrellabird* and *Ground-Cuckoo* in the same day were the clear highlights, which are unlikely to be repeated anytime soon. As a postscript, the *cuckoo* did not get any more regular following our visit, and so we were truly fortunate on this occasion!



**Crowned Woodnymph** was also seen at *Milpe* (Sam Woods).

## Day 2: 21<sup>st</sup> February – Mashpi.

This day was originally assigned as a second day to search for the *Banded Ground-Cuckoo*. With such a resounding success story with the *cuckoo* the day before, we found ourselves with a “spare” day to play with and focus in on any extra lifers for *Tim*. *Mashpi* offered the most locally, and so we went there for the day, as *Rose-faced Parrot*, *Choco Vireo*, *Rufous-brown Solitaire*, and *Golden-collared Honeycreeper* were all possible there...

We set off before first light, which had arrived before we reached the reserve. At *Reserva Amagusa* we watched up to nine different **Rose-faced Parrots** (*photo page 2*), come into the bananas, while **Maroon-tailed Parakeets** came in to perch nearby too. At the feeders, a stream of birds came and went, which included a pair of **Golden-collared Honeycreeper**, as well as other superb birds like **Glistening-green**, **Moss-backed** and **Black-chinned Mountain-Tanagers** (*photos next page*). A pair of **Orange-breasted Fruiteaters** (*photo page 8*), also gave us eye-popping looks nearby too. **Indigo Flowerpiercer**, another very local specialty of this Choco bioregion, was also noted. The hummingbird feeders held an eclectic mix of gorgeous Choco hummingbirds, including **Violet-tailed Sylph**, **Velvet-purple Coronet** (*photo page 7*), **Brown Inca**, and **Purple-bibbed Whitetip**.



Moss-backed and Black-chinned Mountain Tanagers were both seen at the Mashpi feeders (*Sam Woods*).



A walk down the road brought us **Black Solitaire** and better still, good looks at a calling **Choco Vireo**, another specialty on *Tim's* list. We also took a hike on a more difficult, steep, trail at Sergio's recommendation, which yielded the hoped for **Rufous-brown Solitaire**. A later patrol of the forest further along the road towards the town of *Mashpi*, brought yet more quality bird sightings, including **Gray-and-gold and Emerald Tanagers**, **Choco Tyrannulet**, **Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo**, and **Orange-fronted Barbet**, among others! In the evening, we arrived back in Tandayapa Bird Lodge for a final night before departing for the east for the final few days of this short tour.



The spectacular **Velvet-purple Coronet** visited the *Mashpi* feeders too (*Sam Woods*).



Two more *Mashpi* specialties: **Rufous-brown Solitaire** and **Orange-breasted Fruiteater** (Sam Woods).





**Days 4 & 5: 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> February – Cayambe-Coca NP and Papallacta Pass area.**

We left *Tandayapa Bird Lodge* in the dark of night, to drive over to the east side of the Andes and climb up into the high Andes for our final two days of this whistlestop tour. Our goals for the end of the trip were clear: try and find a Spectacled Bear, and some high Andean birds that *Tim* was missing. On the former, we came up short. In spite of finding a number of signs of recent *bear* activity (i.e. demolished *puya* plants), we simply could not find a *bear* or a *tapir*, in spite of covering areas where they had been very recently, and with the use of a thermal scope at our disposal too. However, on the *bird* front, things went well. We drove up to the highest point of the tour, at a lofty 4200m/13,780ft, above *Papallacta Pass* for the highest-dwelling bird in Ecuador, the **Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe** (*photo below*). While searching for that *ptarmigan*-like, high Andean shorebirds among the *bofedal* bogs in the *paramo grasslands*, *Sam* came upon an even more difficult target, a **Jameson's Snipe** (*photo next page*) foraging on a muddy incline. *Tim* barely had time to take that in, before *Keith* indicated he had re-found the *seedsnipe*, which had done a disappearing act a short time before. Therefore, within minutes, *Tim* added *Jameson's Snipe* AND *Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe* onto his list while standing amongst some of the best landscapes the Ecuadorian Andes has to offer. The rest of our good birds came, while scouring the paramo covered slopes for *Spectacled Bears*. *Cayambe-Coca National Park* was productive for a handsome, rare high Andean flycatcher, with regular sightings of **Red-rumped Bush-Tyrant** there, a species that is not normally "regular" anywhere. In the same park we also got to see a **Blue-mantled Thornbill** (*photo page 11*), with its metallic beard lit up by the sun, to round out a very enjoyable trip, where, once the ground-cuckoo was "in the bag", everything else was just gravy!







## **CHECKLIST:**

### **BIRDS**

The taxonomy of the bird list follows Clements, James F., White, Anthony W., and Fitzpatrick, John W. *The Clements Checklist of Birds of the World*. Cornell, 2007. This list is up to date with changes published by Cornell in **August 2021**.

*(H)* - INDICATES A SPECIES THAT WAS HEARD ONLY.

*(GO)* – INDICATES A SPECIES RECORDED BY THE GUIDE ONLY.

#### **NEW WORLD QUAIL**

Rufous-fronted Wood-Quail

#### **PIGEONS AND DOVES**

Rock Pigeon

Ruddy Pigeon

White-throated Quail-Dove

Eared Dove

#### **CUCKOOS**

Banded Ground-Cuckoo

#### **ODONTOPHORIDAE**

*Odontophorus erythrops*

#### **COLUMBIDAE**

*Columba livia*

*Patagioenas subvinacea*

*Zentrygon frenata*

*Zenaida auriculata*

#### **CUCULIDAE**

**NIGHTJARS AND ALLIES**

Rufous-bellied Nighthawk  
Band-winged Nighthawk

**SWIFTS**

Chestnut-collared Swift  
White-collared Swift

**HUMMINGBIRDS**

White-necked Jacobin  
White-whiskered Hermit  
Green-fronted Lancebill  
White-throated (Choco) Daggerbill  
Brown Violetear  
Gorgeted Sunangel  
Green Thorntail  
Violet-tailed Sylph  
Rainbow-bearded Thornbill  
Shining Sunbeam  
Brown Inca  
Collared Inca  
Buff-winged Starfrontlet  
Great Sapphirewing  
Buff-tailed Coronet  
Velvet-purple Coronet  
Booted Racket-tail  
Purple-bibbed Whitetip  
Fawn-breasted Brilliant  
Green-crowned Brilliant  
Empress Brilliant  
Purple-throated Woodstar  
Crowned (Green-crowned) Woodnymph  
Andean Emerald  
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird  
Violet-bellied Hummingbird

**RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS**

White-throated Crake

**PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS**

Andean Lapwing

**CORMORANTS AND SHAGS**

Neotropic Cormorant

**CAPRIMULGIDAE**

*Lurocalis rufiventris*  
*Systellura longirostris*

**APODIDAE**

*Streptoprocne rutila*  
*Streptoprocne zonaris*

**TROCHILIDAE**

*Florisuga mellivora*  
*Phaethornis yaruqui*  
*Doryfera ludovicae*  
*Schistes albogularis*  
*Colibri delphinae*  
*Heliangelus strophianus*  
*Discosura conversii*  
*Agelaiocercus coelestis*  
*Chalcostigma herrani*  
*Aglaeactis cupripennis*  
*Coeligena wilsoni*  
*Coeligena torquata*  
*Coeligena lutetiae*  
*Pterophanes cyanopterus*  
*Boissonneaua flavescens*  
*Boissonneaua jardini*  
*Ocreatus underwoodii*  
*Urosticte benjamini*  
*Heliodoxa rubinoides*  
*Heliodoxa jacula*  
*Heliodoxa imperatrix*  
*Philodice mitchellii*  
*Thalurania colombica*  
*Uranomitra franciae*  
*Amazilia tzacatl*  
*Damophila julie*

**RALLIDAE**

*Laterallus albigularis*

**CHARADRIIDAE**

*Vanellus resplendens*

**PHALACROCORACIDAE**

*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*

**HERONS, EGRETS, AND BITTERNs**

Cattle Egret

**NEW WORLD VULTURES**

Black Vulture

Turkey Vulture

**HAWKS, EAGLES, AND KITES**

Hook-billed Kite

Swallow-tailed Kite

Roadside Hawk

Variable Hawk

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle

Gray-lined Hawk

**OWLS**

Rufescent Screech-Owl

**TROGONS**

Golden-headed Quetzal

Blue-tailed (Chocó) Trogon

(Western) White-tailed Trogon

Collared Trogon

Masked Trogon

**MOTMOTS**

Rufous Motmot

Broad-billed Motmot

**NEW WORLD BARBETS**

Orange-fronted Barbet

Red-headed Barbet

**TOUCAN-BARBETS**

Toucan Barbet

**TOUCANS**

Crimson-rumped Toucanet

Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan

Collared (Pale-mandibled) Aracari

Yellow-throated (Chestnut-mandibled) Toucan

Choco Toucan

**WOODPECKERS**

Lineated Woodpecker

**ARDEIDAE***Bubulcus ibis***CATHARTIDAE***Coragyps atratus**Cathartes aura jota***ACCIPITRIDAE***Chondrohierax uncinatus**Elanoides forficatus**Rupornis magnirostris**Geranoaetus polyosoma**Geranoaetus melanoleucus**Buteo nitidus***STRIGIDAE***Megascops ingens***TROGONIDAE***Pharomachrus auriceps**Trogon comptus**Trogon chionurus**Trogon collaris**Trogon personatus***MOMOTIDAE***Baryphthengus martii**Electron platyrhynchum***CAPITONIDAE***Capito squamatus**Eubucco bourcierii***SEMNORNITHIDAE***Semnornis ramphastinus***RAMPHASTIDAE***Aulacorhynchus haematopygus**Andigena laminirostris**Pteroglossus torquatus erythropygius**Ramphastos ambiguus swainsonii**Ramphastos brevis***PICIDAE***Dryocopus lineatus*

**FALCONS AND CARACARAS**

Carunculated Caracara

**NEW WORLD AND AFRICAN PARROTS**

Rose-faced Parrot

Speckle-faced (White-capped) Parrot

Bronze-winged Parrot

Maroon-tailed Parakeet

**TYPICAL ANTBIRDS**

Rufous-rumped Antwren

Slaty Antwren

Streak-headed (Long-tailed) Antbird

Chestnut-backed Antbird

Esmeraldas Antbird

Zeledon's (Immaculate) Antbird

Bicolored Antbird

**ANTPITTAS**

Chestnut-crowned Antpitta

Tawny Antpitta

Ochre-breasted Antpitta

**TAPACULOS**

Paramo Tapaculo

**OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS**

Plain-brown Woodcreeper

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper

Spotted Woodcreeper

Buffy (Pacific) Tuftedcheek

Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner

Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner

Streak-capped Treehunter

Striped (Western) Woodhaunter

Spotted Barbtail

Pearled Treerunner

Red-faced Spinetail

Azara's Spinetail

Rufous Spinetail

**MANAKINS**

Golden-winged Manakin

White-bearded Manakin

Club-winged Manakin

**FALCONIDAE***Phalcoboenus carunculatus***Psittacidae***Pyrilia pulchra**Pionus tumultuosus seniloides**Pionus chalcopterus**Pyrrhura melanura pacifica***THAMNOPHILIDAE***Euchrepomis callinota**Myrmotherula schisticolor**Drymophila striaticeps**Poliocrania exsul**Sipia nigricauda**Hafferia zeledoni**Gymnopithys bicolor aequatorialis***GRALLARIIDAE***Grallaria ruficapilla**Grallaria quitensis**Grallaricula flavirostris***RHINOCRYPTIDAE***Scytalopus opacus***FURNARIIDAE***Dendrocincla fuliginosa**Glyphorhynchus spirurus**Xiphorhynchus erythropygius**Pseudocolaptes lawrencii johnsoni**Dendroma rufa**Anabacerthia variegaticeps**Thripadectes virgaticeps**Automolus subulatus assimilis**Premnoplex brunnescens**Margarornis squamiger**Cranioleuca erythroptis**Synallaxis azarae**Synallaxis unirufa***PIPRIDAE***Masius chrysopterus**Manacus manacus**Machaeropterus deliciosus*

**COTINGAS**

Orange-breasted Fruiteater  
Long-wattled Umbrellabird

**TITYRAS AND ALLIES**

Northern (Thrush-like) Schiffornis  
Barred Becard

**TYRANT FLYCATCHERS**

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet  
White-throated Tyrannulet  
Streak-necked Flycatcher  
Olive-striped Flycatcher  
Slaty-capped Flycatcher  
Choco (Golden-faced) Tyrannulet  
Ornate Flycatcher  
Bronze-olive Pygmy-Tyrant  
Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant  
Smoke-colored Pewee  
Black Phoebe  
Masked Water-Tyrant  
Crowned Chat-Tyrant  
Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant  
Dusky-capped Flycatcher  
Rusty-margined Flycatcher  
Golden-crowned Flycatcher  
Tropical Kingbird

**VIREOS AND ALLIES**

Black-billed Peppershrike  
Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo  
Lesser Greenlet  
Choco Vireo  
Brown-capped Vireo

**SWALLOWS**

Blue-and-white Swallow  
Brown-bellied Swallow

**GNATCATCHERS**

Tawny-faced Gnatwren

**WRENS**

Scaly-breasted (Southern Nightingale) Wren  
House Wren

**COTINGIDAE**

*Pipreola jucunda*  
*Cephalopterus penduliger*

**TITYRIDAE**

*Schiffornis veraepacis rosenbergi*  
*Pachyramphus versicolor*

**TYRANNIDAE**

*Camptostoma obsoletum*  
*Mecocerculus leucophrys*  
*Mionectes striaticollis*  
*Mionectes olivaceus*  
*Leptopogon superciliaris*  
*Zimmerius (chrysops) albigularis*  
*Myiotriccus ornatus*  
*Pseudotriccus pelzelni*  
*Lophotriccus pileatus*  
*Contopus fumigatus*  
*Sayornis nigricans*  
*Fluvicola nengeta*  
*Ochthoeca frontalis*  
*Ochthoeca fumicolor*  
*Myiarchus tuberculifer*  
*Myiozetetes cayanensis*  
*Myiodynastes chrysocephalus*  
*Tyrannus melancholicus*

**VIREONIDAE**

*Cyclarhis nigristrostris*  
*Vireolanius leucotis*  
*Pachysylvia decurtata*  
*Vireo masteri*  
*Vireo leucophrys*

**HIRUNDINIDAE**

*Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*  
*Orochelidon murina*

**POLIOPTILIDAE**

*Microbates cinereiventris*

**TROGLODYTIDAE**

*Microcerculus marginatus*  
*Troglodytes aedon*

Bay Wren  
Gray-breasted Wood-Wren

**THRUSHES AND ALLIES**

Andean Solitaire  
Speckled (Spotted) Nightingale-Thrush  
Swainson's Thrush  
Black Solitaire  
Rufous-brown Solitaire  
Ecuadorian Thrush  
Great Thrush

**FINCHES, EUPHONIAS AND ALLIES**

Orange-bellied Euphonia  
Yellow-collared Chlorophonia

**NEW WORLD SPARROWS**

Yellow-throated Chlorospingus (Bush-Tanager)  
Dusky Chlorospingus (Bush-Tanager)  
Black-striped Sparrow  
Orange-billed Sparrow  
Rufous-collared Sparrow  
Tricolored Brushfinch

**TROUPIALS AND ALLIES**

Scrub Blackbird  
Shiny Cowbird  
Scarlet-rumped Cacique  
Russet-backed Oropendola

**NEW WORLD WARBLERS**

Olive-crowned Yellowthroat  
Tropical Parula  
Three-striped Warbler  
Black-crested Warbler  
Buff-rumped Warbler  
Golden-bellied (Chocó) Warbler  
Slate-throated Redstart (Whitestart)  
Spectacled Redstart (Whitestart)

**MITROSPINGID TANAGERS**

Dusky-faced Tanager

*Cantorchilus nigricapillus*  
*Henicorhina leucophrys*

**TURDIDAE**

*Myadestes ralloides*  
*Catharus maculatus*  
*Catharus ustulatus*  
*Entomodestes coracinus*  
*Cichlopsis leucogenys*  
*Turdus maculirostris*  
*Turdus fuscater*

**FRINGILLIDAE**

*Euphonia xanthogaster*  
*Chlorophonia flavirostris*

**PASSERELLIDAE**

*Chlorospingus flavigularis*  
*Chlorospingus semifuscus*  
*Arremonops conirostris*  
*Arremon aurantirostris*  
*Zonotrichia capensis*  
*Atlapetes tricolor*

**ICTERIDAE**

*Dives warczewiczi*  
*Molothrus bonariensis*  
*Cacicus uropygialis pacificus*  
*Psarocolius angustifrons*

**PARULIDAE**

*Geothlypis semiflava*  
*Setophaga pitiayumi*  
*Basileuterus tristriatus*  
*Myiothlypis nigrocristata*  
*Myiothlypis fulvicauda*  
*Myiothlypis chrysogaster chlorophrys*  
*Myioborus miniatus*  
*Myioborus melanocephalus*

**MITROSPINGIDAE**

*Mitrospingus cassinii*



**CARDINALS AND ALLIES**

Summer Tanager  
Ochre-breasted Tanager  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak

**TANAGERS AND ALLIES**

Flame-rumped (Lemon-rumped) Tanager  
Moss-backed Tanager  
Black-chested Mountain Tanager  
Black-chinned Mountain Tanager  
Glistening-green Tanager  
Blue-gray Tanager  
Palm Tanager  
Golden-naped Tanager  
Gray-and-gold Tanager  
Blue-necked Tanager  
Rufous-throated Tanager  
Beryl-spangled Tanager  
Bay-headed Tanager  
Flame-faced Tanager (Yellow-faced)  
Golden Tanager  
Emerald Tanager  
Black-faced (Yellow-tufted) Dacnis  
Green Honeycreeper  
Golden-collared Honeycreeper  
Glossy Flowerpiercer  
Black Flowerpiercer  
Indigo Flowerpiercer  
Masked Flowerpiercer  
Plumbeous Sierra Finch  
Variable Seedeater  
Bananaquit  
Buff-throated Saltator  
Black-winged Saltator

**CARDINALIDAE**

*Piranga rubra*  
*Chlorothraupis stolzmanni*  
*Pheucticus ludovicianus*

**THRAUPIDAE**

*Ramphocelus flammigerus icteronotus*  
*Bangsia edwardsi*  
*Cnemathraupis eximia*  
*Anisognathus notabilis*  
*Chlorochrysa phoenicotis*  
*Thraupis episcopus*  
*Thraupis palmarum*  
*Chalcothraupis ruficervix*  
*Poecilostreptus palmeri*  
*Stilpnia cyanicollis*  
*Ixothraupis rufigula*  
*Tangara nigroviridis*  
*Tangara gyrola*  
*Tangara parzudakii lunigera*  
*Tangara arthus*  
*Tangara florida*  
*Dacnis lineata aequatorialis*  
*Chlorophanes spiza*  
*Iridophanes pulcherrimus*  
*Diglossa lafresnayii*  
*Diglossa humeralis*  
*Diglossa indigotica*  
*Diglossa cyanea*  
*Phrygilus unicolor*  
*Sporophila corvina*  
*Coereba flaveola*  
*Saltator maximus*  
*Saltator atripennis*