



COLOMBIA: ANDES & SANTA MARTA TOUR REPORT

23rd Aug - 9th Sept
2019

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Either for rarity value, excellent views or simply a group favourite.

- Chestnut-winged Chachalaca
- Colombian Chachalaca
- Rufous-vented Chachalaca
- Cauca Guan
- Chestnut Wood Quail
- Black-and-chestnut Eagle
- Bogota Rail
- Lined Quail-Dove
- Santa Marta Screech-Owl
- Colombia Screech-Owl
- Andean Pygmy-Owl
- Stygian Owl
- Santa Marta Blossomcrown
- Black Inca
- Golden-bellied Starfrontlet
- Blue-throated Starfrontlet
- Sword-billed Hummingbird
- Golden-breasted Puffleg
- White-chinned Sapphire
- Buffy Helmetcrest
- Rainbow-bearded Thornbill
- Santa Marta Woodstar
- White-tipped Quetzal
- American Pygmy Kingfisher
- Russet-throated Puffbird
- Moustached Puffbird
- Lanceolated Monklet
- Santa Marta Toucanet
- Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan
- Chestnut Piculet
- Powerful Woodpecker
- Green-rumped Parrotlet
- Santa Marta Parakeet
- Yellow-eared Parrot
- Black-banded Woodcreeper
- Ruddy Foliage-Gleaner
- Fulvous-dotted Treerunner
- White-whiskered Spinetail
- Santa Marta Antbird
- Undulated Antpitta
- Santa Marta Antpitta
- Bicolored Antpitta
- Brown-banded Antpitta
- Hooded Antpitta
- Rusty-breasted Antpitta
- Slaty-crowned Antpitta
- Crescent-faced Antpitta
- Santa Marta Tapaculo
- Rufous-crowned Tody-Tyrant
- Smoky Bush-Tyrant
- Apical Flycatcher
- Chestnut-crested Cotinga
- Golden-breasted Fruiteater
- Orange-breasted Fruiteater
- Andean Cock-of-the-Rock
- Red-ruffed Fruitcrow
- Choco Vireo
- Antioquia Wren
- Chestnut-breasted Wren
- Black Solitaire
- Sierra Nevada Brushfinch
- Choco Brushfinch
- Santa Marta Warbler
- Yellow-crowned Whitestart
- Crested Ant-Tanager
- Black-and-Gold Tanager
- Gold-ringed Tanager
- Purplish-mantled Tanager
- Multicolored Tanager
- Glistening-green Tanager
- Rufous-throated Tanager
- Capped Conebill
- Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia
- Chestnut-bellied Flowerpiercer
- Plushcap

SUMMARY:

Our Colombia - Andes & Santa Marta tour finished with over 570 species seen including 12 antpittas and 70 hummingbirds amongst a mouth-watering selection of other iconic South American birds. Our tour followed a special route across the majestic Andes beginning with a number of sites around Bogota seeing Bogota Rail, Sword-billed Hummingbird, Blue-throated and Golden-bellied Starfrontlets, Coppery-bellied Puffleg, Rufous-browed Conebill, Silvery-throated Spinetail, White-chinned Thistletail, Spillmann's Tapaculo, Plushcap, and more! Moving on to Otun-Quimbaya we were treated to Colombian Screech-Owl, Hooded & Moustached Antpittas, and Multicoloured Tanager for some. Montezuma and the fabled forests of Tatama National Park held numerous flocks with such iconic birds as Orange-breasted Fruiteater, Gold-ringed, Purplish-Mantled, Rufous-throated & Black-and-gold Tanagers, Chestnut-bellied Flowerpiercer, Munchique Wood Wren, Olive Finch, Crested Ant-Tanager etc. The hummer feeders at the lodge were mind-boggling with Rufous-gaped Hillstar, Green Thorntail and Empress Brilliant being stand-out birds. Rio Blanco was next up and lived up to all of our expectations with Bicoloured, Brown-banded, Chestnut-crowned, Slate-crowned, and a major surprise in an awesome Undulated Antpitta all being seen at incredibly close range. The endemic Buffy Helmetcrest at Nevado del Ruiz followed, and then we visited yet more antpitta feeding stations where Rufous and the super-scarce Crescent-faced Antpitta showed incredibly well. We also birded Jardin for Yellow-eared Parrot, explored Barranquilla and the Gujara Peninsula for a suite of very localized birds before reaching the fabled Santa Marta Mountains. It just doesn't get much better than cracking views of Rusty-breasted Antpitta and Santa Marta Antpitta here although there's so much more to see here and Santa Marta Woodstar & Santa Marta Blossomcrown were also seen well. What a tour!

ARRIVAL DAY - CHICAQUE NATIONAL PARK

Today was simply an arrival day, but with a 4am arrival for some of us and Martin & Lia already in Bogota following their long flight from Johannesburg we decided to make the best of it. Our excellent guide, Jose Fernando Castano, had some time ago suggested we go to Chicaque National Park for the day, so that's what we did but not before picking up some items for breakfast and some much-needed coffee. It was just getting light as we arrived on site and for a change the first bird of the trip wasn't House Sparrow but **Eastern Meadowlark**! We quickly got ourselves



Golden-bellied Starfrontlet

organised, donned birding gear, bins and camera and we were off down the lane that was bordered on one side by open forest and the other by meadows. For the first hour we walked maybe only 75 yards seeing several **Blue-capped Tanagers**, a pair of **Black-crested Warblers**, lots of **Great Thrush**, a pair of **White-throated Tyrannulets**, and a stunning pair of **Rufous-browed Conebills**. A **Superciliaried Hemispingus** then appeared, followed by a beautiful **Pale-naped Brushfinch**, and a group of **Yellow-backed Orioles**. All that within touching distance of the minibus. Walking a little further a **Glowing Puffleg** appeared right beside us, and then the first of many **Black Flowerpiercers**, followed by the equally common **Masked Flowerpiercer** and a stunning little **Coppery-bellied Puffleg**. More and more flowerpiercers were present and we spotted a **White-sided Flowerpiercer** in a close flowering tree just before a **Blackish Tapaculo** began calling. A quick burst from the iPhone and it came straight

in, probably too close and way too quick for everyone to see well unfortunately. A little further down the lane and a pair of **Blue-black Tanagers** were feeding low down in some bushes, a pair of Brown-bellied Swallows were quartering the fields, a **Mountain Elaenia** came in, a **Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager** positively glowed in the early morning sunshine and our first **Black-billed Thrush** appeared. Phew! Birds were coming thick and fast now. Our first **Sparkling Violetears** then appeared and a pair of endemic **Silvery-throated Spinetails** showed well after a short

search. Just then a few **Common Chlorospingus** came into view and a small flock held several **Black-capped** and **Beryl-spangled Tanagers**, **Black-eared Hemispingus**, **Golden-bellied Starfrontlet** and **Tourmaline Sunangel**.

At the restaurant there were quite a few hummers present at the feeders which initially all appeared to be **Sparkling Violetears**. But as we sipped our coffee it was apparent there were some **Lesser Violetears** as well. As time went on a stunning **Golden-bellied Starfrontlet** came in, along with **Collared Inca**, **Tyrian Metaltail**, **Tourmaline Sunangel** and a tiny **White-bellied Woodstar**.

After enjoying this we began the walk down the hill to the next restaurant, which turned out to be a paved path for quite a way and then onto a paved road and finally a trail through excellent forest. Initially things were quiet apart from a little group towards the top that held a few **Moustached Brushfinches**, a **Slaty Brushfinch** that almost snuck past us and a **Bluish Flowerpiercer**. Further down we saw several **Grey-throated** (formerly Emerald) **Toucanets**, a few **Grey-browed Brushfinches**, **Rufous Spinetail**, **Russet-crowned Warbler**, more **Black-eared Hemispingus**, an endemic **Black Inca**, **Speckled Hummingbird** and had fine looks at an **Andean Solitaire** – all in one flock. There were long quiet spells when we didn't see a bird but when the weather is this sunny you just have to find the flocks... and we did. A **Yellow-legged Thrush** eluded some of us and a **Chestnut-crowned Antpitta** was glimpsed by two of us to add to our slight frustrations but a couple **Striped Treehunters** were much appreciated.

Once on the trail we well and truly nailed **Spillmann's Tapaculo**, when one individual literally ran over my right boot before calling away from a couple of semi-exposed perches. Then we hit another flock with **Fawn-breasted Tanagers**, several **Montane Foliage-Gleaners**, **Montane Woodcreeper**, **Grey-breasted Wood-Wrens**, and a couple of close **Three-striped Warblers**. Overhead some **White-tipped Swifts** were seen and from the refuge's restaurant we had even better view of them, along with **Chestnut-collared Swifts**. A **Brown-capped Vireo** was seen during our late lunch and after some much-needed food we walked back along the trail to meet our 4-wheel drive that was going to take us back uphill to our minibus. Along the way a **Chestnut-crowned Antpitta** decided to start singing back at us from a large rock and what a cracker this was, and after hearing maybe 20 birds today to actually see one this well was mind-blowing. A pair of **Chestnut-capped Brushfinches** were practically ignored by the antpitta paparazzi as well. And that was our day.

Day 1 LA FLORIDA – PEDRO PALO

Our international group from the UK, New Zealand, South Africa and USA were finally all together and we set out early doors to La Florida wetlands this morning. This is one of the best places to see **Bogota Rail** and we enjoyed fine



Bogota Rail

views of several birds both along the path to the hide and also some more distant birds from the hide. It took a little while to see our first one but after that we were treated to better and better views. We also saw **Andean Duck**, **American Coot**, **Blue-winged Teal**, many **Bare-faced Ibis**, **Southern Lapwing**, **Grey-breasted Martin**, **Carib Grackle** and several **Yellow-hooded Blackbirds**.

We left here and headed through the infamous Bogota traffic to Pedro Palo an area of rolling hills and remnant patches of forest and even a lake. We walked along the road for around 2.5kms to a house where we enjoyed a fantastic lunch. The road was quite productive and we began with a showy **Tropical Mockingbird** before noticing the trees and bushes were alive with tanager. Literally the first bird was a **Metallic-green Tanager**

that eluded most of the group but more and more birds kept appearing. The common and widespread **Palm** and **Blue-grey Tanagers** were next up, but there was also **Blue-necked**, **Black-capped**, several **Crimson-backed**, **Lemon-rumped** and lots of **Scrub Tanagers**. It was an exciting session as we followed the flock up the road. At a sharp bend

in the road the birds seemed to halt and began to feed in some quite low trees giving better views and we saw **Mountain Elaenia, Crowned Woodnymph, Rusty-margined Flycatcher, Red-billed Emerald, Montane Woodcreeper, Brown-capped Vireo, Bay-headed Tanager, Streaked Saltator, Yellow-bellied Elaenia** and best of all, **Rufous-naped Greenlet**.

Continuing our walk we saw a few **Streaked Xenops, Smoky-brown Woodpecker**, several **Golden-faced Tyrannulets, Azara's Spinetail**, and a large flock of **White-collared** and **Chestnut-collared Swifts**. The next patch of forest was quite dense and we managed to pull out **Plain Antvireo** and **Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant**. Moving on, **Yellow-backed Oriole** showed nicely, a **Rusty Flowerpiercer** was new, and an **Acorn Woodpecker** appeared just as we reached an overlook above the lake. In the surrounding roadside trees **Plain Xenops, Tropical Parula, Flame-faced Tanager, Red-crowned Woodpecker** and **Olivaceous Piculet** showed well. The fields next to our lunch site held **Saffron Finch**, many **Yellow-bellied Seedeaters, Lesser Goldfinch, Smooth-billed Ani** and a few **Spectacled Parrotlets**. But we were more interested in the stunning endemic **Turquoise Dacnis** feeding in a tree out in the fields – what a bird!

Lunch was surprising good and we overindulged a bit but by lingering here we bumped into another flock with all the same tanagers etc but this time added **Streak-necked Flycatcher, Golden-crowned Flycatcher** and a cracking **Red-headed Barbet** to our list. An endemic **Black Inca** was also seen here by a few of the group. Walking back to meet the minibus was a bit tiring but was enlivened by **Beryl-spangled Tanager**, an obliging **Grey-breasted Wood-Wren** and **Moustached Brushfinch**.

Day 2 CHINGAZA NP – OBSERVATORIO DES COLIBRIES

We headed up to the dizzy heights of 3500m at Chingaza National Park this morning. But on the way up we made a few stops in the remnant patches of cloud forest, picking up some goodies along the way. I wouldn't place **White-throated Tyrannulet** in that bracket but this was the first bid of the day, quickly followed by **Pale-**



Plushcap

naped Brush-Finch, several **Glossy** and **Masked Flowerpiercers**, and a perched **Coppery-bellied Puffleg**. A short drive higher and we were getting up close and personal with a pair of **Andean Guans** that flew down to take a look at us, but even they were eclipsed by a group of absolutely stunning **Black-chested Mountain-Tanagers**. Around the next bend the endemic **Golden-fronted Whitestart** appeared briefly, but the endemic **Silvery-throated Spinetail** showed much better. A little higher up the road again and we came across a nice flock with **White-browed Spinetail, Black-crested Warbler, Slaty Brushfinch** and **Blue-backed Conebill** all seen well. As we drove higher the scenery was truly spectacular with mountain peaks appearing out of the cloud and we were distracted from this splendour only by the not-so-splendid **Plumbeous Sierra-Finch**.

Once at the entrance to the National Park we began walking along the road and quickly found the first of several **Bronze-tailed Thornbills** seen this morning. There was also **Glowing Puffleg, Tyrian Metaltail, Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager, Crowned Chat-Tyrant**, and a brief **Blue-throated Starfrontlet**. As the mist came and went and we enjoyed some drizzle we hit one of those purple patches that you get once in a while, although I'm hoping for many more on this trip! At a bend in the road we could look over the lush habitat of dwarf trees, moss-covered ground, epiphytes and bushes. All of a sudden Jose said he could see a **Plushcap**, one of the most wanted birds for my group. After a little panic when directions were given and the birds promptly disappeared from view for a minute or two we thankfully were treated to repeated views of a pair of stunners feeding below us. Wow! Then a pair of **Rufous-browed Conebills** gave mind-blowing views, a couple of **Pale-**

naped Brush-Finches lingered in front of us, **Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager** just wanted to have his photo taken and a **Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant** was seen. With just Rob and I neglecting the draw of a hot cup of coffee in the nearby restaurant, our vigil in the rain paid off with an **Andean Pygmy-Owl** being invited to join us. Fortunately it lingered long enough for everyone to get on it and we lapped up the views in the scope.

Driving back along the road we walked up onto one of the hillsides where we had a great views of a narrow valley which was a good spot to scan for **Green-bearded Helmetcrest**. Only Rob had seen this bird so far and



Blue-throated Starfrontlet

we were mad for it! Unfortunately the thick mist came in shortly after our arrival and apart from a **Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle**, **Many-striped Canastero** and a close **Bronze-tailed Thornbill** we had little else in the short time here so walked back to the bus. We made one further stop in the increasingly bad weather during which time we heard a **White-chinned Thistletail** calling back at us from close by but by now the weather was 'pea soup' so we decided to head lower and find better weather. We did this very quickly and spent a little more time walking along the road and found a thistletail feeding on the hillside above us. Apart from a **Mattoral Tapaculo** calling we had little else so headed to a nearby restaurant for lunch.

The afternoon was spent at Observatorio des Colibries just a short drive away – and what a great couple of hours we were treated to as we enjoyed 13 species of hummingbird visiting the feeders here. Pride of place went to a pair of stunning **Blue-throated Starfrontlets**, although a majestic **Sword-billed Hummingbird** was awesome. A pair of **Gorgeted Woodstars** appeared a few times amidst the numerous **White-bellied Woodstars**, whilst **Mountain Velvetbreast** also came in just a few times. We also saw **Great Sapphirewing**, both **Coppery-bellied** and **Glowing Pufflegs**, **Green-tailed** and **Black-tailed Trainbearers**, Lesser and Sparkling Violetears, and a few Tyrian Metaltails were also present. Both **Black** and **Glossy Flowerpiercers** were also in the garden but really we only had eyes for the hummers.

Day 3 BOGOTA – OTUN QUIMBAYA

We took a 7.30am flight to Pereira and upon arrival met up with our trusty driver Hermes, and drove for around an hour towards Otun Quimbaya. We made a few stops along the way to scan the fast-flowing Otun River and after a few stops found the hoped-for **Torrent Duck**. A pair were feeding on the shady side of the river and we really enjoyed nice views in the scope. We also saw a few **Torrent Tyrannulets**, **White-collared Swifts**, **Thick-billed Euphonia**, **Scrub Tanager** and a **Green-fronted Lancebill** for myself and Vera. It was much warmer today than we had previously experienced so it was nice to get to the isolated Research Station where we would spend the night. A quick walk around the gardens before lunch in the restaurant gave us a pair of stunning (and I know I use that word a lot) **Flame-rumped Tanagers**, **Tropical Pewee**, **Southern Rough-winged Swallow** and a nesting pair of **Pale-edged Flycatchers**. After a nice meal we spent the afternoon walking along the road and found birding to be slow overall, although we did find some great birds. So we began with an **Andean Motmot** spotted by Lia, before Rob picked up our first of several **Red-ruffed Fruitcrows**. What a bird! Next up was an obliging **Chestnut-breasted Wren** singing away from his perch beside the road and what you can only say is 'showing well'. We walked for a couple of kilometres at which point we decided to head back, but just at that moment a **Multicoloured Tanager** was spotted and it duly flew away before everyone could get on it. So we raced around the corner to see if we could relocate it but needless to say it was nowhere to be seen. We heard both **Golden-headed Quetzal** and **Stiles's Tapaculo** before walking back around the corner.

Here we had a lot of activity with lots of birds, most of which skulked in the dense foliage and it was impossible for everyone to see everything. However, there was **Variegated Bristle-Tyrant**, **Black-billed Peppershrike**, **Sooty-headed Tyrannulet**, **Greenish Puffleg**, **Common Bush-Tanager**, and some flyover **Bronze-winged Parrots** and Neil even had a glimpse of another **Multicoloured Tanager**. The walk back to the research station was enlivened by a group of endemic **Cauca Guans**, whilst a **Rufous-tailed Hummingbird** was in the garden.

After dinner a few of us went owling and what a productive hour we had, as first of all a **Colombian Screech-Owl** was found beside the road. Then a throw away comment from Rob about **Mottled Owl** resulted in one flying in within 30 seconds of its call being played! And we finished off with a close **Tropical Screech-Owl**. Oh and an **Opossum** and a confiding **Crab-eating Fox** were also seen tonight.

Day 4 OTUN QUIMBAYA - MONTEZUMA

We had the whole morning in the forests of Otun-Quimbaya beginning at the far end of the road where we staked out a site for the mega **Hooded Antpitta**. We arrived at 5.40am and it was still quite dark but despite the low light we were able to tick **Sickle-winged Guan**, a pair of which were ignoring us at the edge of the car parking area. The next hour or so was taken up with our antpitta search and it appeared at several different spots on 3 occasions in the gloomy understorey and you had to be quick to get on it. It's a mega bird and outstandingly rare. During our search we saw **Pale-eyed Thrush**, a **Chestnut-crowned Antpitta** was as surprised as we were when it hopped out onto the road in front of us, our first **White-capped Tanager** posed nicely at the top of a bare tree and the endemic **Greyish Piculet** was seen in a flock that passed through that included **Masked Trogon**, **Golden-olive Woodpecker**, **Cinnamon Flycatcher** and **Strong-billed Woodcreeper**. By 7.30am



Rufous-gaped Hillstar

the 'antpitta window' had passed so we drove back a few kilometres before walking along the road. A **Black-and-white Warbler** was an early returning winter visitor, and we also saw **Pearled Treerunner**, **Ashy-throated Chlorospingus** (Bush-Tanager) and **Metallic-green Tanager**. All of a sudden a **Moustached Antpitta** began calling and was answered by another behind us, so we spent quite some time trying to see either bird. All they gave were glimpses in the understorey that left us wanting more! Walking on we saw a pair of endemic **Cauca Guans**, **Speckled Hummingbird**, **Bronzy Inca** and finished with the endemic **Chestnut Wood-Quail** that crossed the road twice on either side of us and meant high fives all round. After a 12.00 lunch and a **Western Emerald**

in the garden we set off on the long to Montezuma. It took about 4.5 hours and swapping to a couple of 4-wheel drives for the last 45 minutes bumpy drive to Montezuma Lodge. And what an introduction we had as the hummer feeders were full of birds. It's hard to put numbers on each species but there were a lot of birds. **Purple-throated Woodstar** was the most numerous, followed by **Empress Brilliant** and **Andean Emeralds**. As we got tuned in to the relevant i.d features we also picked up **Steely-vented Hummingbird**, **Tawny-bellied Hermit**, **Rufous-gaped Hillstar**, **Purple-bibbed Whitetip** and **Violet-tailed Sylph** amongst the 13 hummer species present. There was also a **Lemon-rumped Tanager**, **Green Honeycreeper** and **Bananaquit**.

Day 5 TATAMA NATIONAL PARK (MONTEZUMA)

We left in a couple of four-wheel drive vehicles and headed up to the top of the mountain (2500m) early this morning. The weather was good and the views were pretty spectacular as we got our kit together and staked out the hummer feeder just below the army camp.

A **Tourmaline Sunangel**, **Buff-tailed Coronet**, **Masked Flowerpiercer** and **Collared Inca** came in just before the hoped for endemic **Chestnut-bellied Flowerpiercer**, which promptly gave outstanding views. Looking down the slope a pair of **Grass-green Tanagers** could be seen at the top of a moss-covered tree, whilst **Beryl-spangled** and **Blue-capped Tanagers** and **Bluish Flowerpiercer** also appeared. Walking down the road to the next humming feeder produced **Tawny-bellied Hermit**, a group of **Lacrimose Mountain-Tanagers** and a showy **Streak-headed Antbird**. At the feeders we enjoyed a good picnic breakfast along with several **Velvet-purple Coronets**, **Speckled Hummingbird**, **Violet-tailed Sylph** and **Purple-bibbed Whitetip**. We also had great scope views of the endemic **Gold-ringed Tanager** perched above us on a mossy stump and a few stunning **Purplish-mantled Tanagers**. What a result!

Walking lower **Spillman's Tapaculo** showed, an obliging **Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher** appeared, a group of **Dusky Bush-Tanagers** crossed the hillside above us and an endemic **Munchique Wood-Wren** gave great views to everyone. At the next feeders **Empress Brilliant** and **Greenish Puffleg** showed well. We spent some time getting to grips with a **Narino Tapaculo** that called incessantly from the dense vegetation beside the track but our persistence paid off and everyone saw it well. We drove a little lower and at a bend in the road had a magic half an hour with **Sharpe's Wren**, a pair of **Glistening-green Tanagers**, **Fulvous-dotted Treerunner** and a pair of **Saffron-crowned Tanagers**.



Purplish-mantled Tanager

After a hot picnic lunch brought to us on a motorbike the mist began to bug us and hindered our birding for large chunks of the afternoon. Despite this and with much perseverance we saw a pair of **Golden-collared Honeycreepers**, more **Glistening-green Tanagers**, and a **Bronzy Inca** trying its hardest to escape the bullying attentions of a pair of **Velvet-purple Coronets** at another feeder. In the thick mist it was really, really frustrating looking at **Orange-breasted Fruiteater** and **Golden-headed Quetzal**. However when birds were closer it was ok and we saw **Silvery-throated Tanager**, **Handsome Flycatcher** and **Red-faced Spinetail**. Another magic half an hour bonanza resulted in **Flame-faced Tanager**, a group of **Choco Brushfinch**, a skulking **Tawny-throated Leaf-tosser**, and then a flock paused near us with the mega pair of **Rufous-throated**

Tanager and **Black-and-gold Tanager**. There was also several **Golden Tanagers**, **Flame-faced**, **Beryl-spangled** and **Glistening-green Tanagers**, **Rufous-rumped Antwren**, **Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant**, **Buff-fronted Foliage-Gleaner**, and a pair of cracking **Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia**. After that excitement we walked a bit lower seeing some **Yellow-throated Bush-Tanagers** and another **Handsome Flycatcher**. Walking back the last 4 kms with Neil & Rob wasn't my greatest idea but it was a good workout!

Day 6 TATAMA NATIONAL PARK

We birded the mid-elevations of Tatama NP this morning in beautiful clear blue skies and found the beautiful forest much busier than yesterday. We spent the first hour of the day at an overlook where we took our field breakfast and birds kept appearing. Beginning with several close **Dusky Bush-Tanagers**, there was also a pair of **Orange-breasted Fruiteaters**, **Yellow-vented Woodpecker**, several groups of **Black-chinned Mountain-Tanagers**, a pair of **Rufous-crested Tanagers**, **Gold-ringed Tanager**, **Handsome Flycatcher**, a family of **Yellow-collared Chlorophonias**, a pair of **Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonias**, **Black-throated Tody-Tyrant**, **Grey-throated Toucanet**, and we even tracked down a feeding group of stunning **Black Solitaires**. We began walking down from here and found several feeding flocks which added species such as **Pacific Tuftedcheek**, **White-winged Becard**, **Choco Vireo**, **Scaly-throated Foliage-Gleaner**, **Wedge-billed Woodcreeper**, **Yellow-breasted**

Antwren, and **Indigo Flowerpiercer** to our ever growing list. There was also some scope views of a displaying **Club-winged Manakin** too. We also had further views of previously seen species such as **Glistening-green Tanager**, **Golden-collared Honeycreeper**, **Golden-crowned** and **Ornate Flycatchers**, **Rufous-throated**, **Black-and-gold** and **Gold-ringed Tanagers** etc. Just before jumping into the cars and returning to the lodge for lunch we came across a group of stunning **Crested Ant-Tanagers** and a couple **Olive Finches**. I think everyone agreed it had been a good morning. Around the lodge feeders over lunch we added **Green Thorntail**, **Slaty Spinetail** and **Bar-crested Antshrike** as well.

Our late afternoon session was a bit on the slow side but we still saw the endemic **Tatama Tapaculo**, which showed a couple of times and a brief **Parker's Antbird**. A flock along the river held more **Crested Ant-Tanagers**, **Olive Finch**, **Yellow-vented Woodpecker**, **Choco Brushfinch** and other previously seen species. After dinner a Tropical Screech-Owl was seen beside the restaurant.

Day 7 TATAMA NP

We birded the lower elevation of Tatama National Park this morning in beautiful sunny weather. After a 5.30am breakfast we started walking along the forest track seeing a few **Spot-fronted Swifts** flying over, as well as **Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant** and **Slaty Spinetail** beside the track. And then a **Lanceolated Monklet** began responding to the iPod and after a nervous wait it flew in and landed above us. This is still one of the most-wanted Neotropical birds and it's a real privilege to see one and this beauty just stayed on its perch above us for ages, calling away and we lapped up the views. Just around the corner we spent a while getting a decent look at **Ruddy Foliage-Gleaner** but we did eventually, and just before laying eyes on **Slaty Antwren**, **Buff-fronted Foliage-Gleaner**, **Red-headed Barbet**, **Red-faced Spinetail**, a group of **Ochre-breasted Tanagers** and amazingly a pair of **Lanceolated Monklets**! Walking on, an obliging **Sooty-headed Wren** showed really well and sang from several perches around us but then we had difficult spell with **Parker's** and **Zeledon's Antbirds** just heard and unresponding and also a **Golden-collared Manakin** proved really tricky to see - this species is a recent split from White-collared Manakin.



Lanceolated Monklet

Moving on we saw a flyover **Black Hawk-Eagle**, **Andean Solitaire**, **Golden-faced Tyrannulet**, 4 **Lemon-browed Flycatchers**, **Broad-billed Motmot** and ended the morning session with a superb **Moustached Puffbird** perched in a dense patch of forest. By 11.30am we drove back to the wonderful Montezuma Eco-Lodge and packed up our belongings, ate lunch and bid our goodbyes to the excellent staff. We then set out on the long drive of 5 hours to Manizales.

Day 8 RIO BLANCO

When a day you have looked forward to for so long finally arrives, you do wonder if it will live up to expectations. Well, I needn't have worried on that front as this turned out to be the best day of the tour so far. So we began at the main house, which is surrounded by great forest and has hummingbird feeders that attracted **Long-tailed Sylph**, **Fawn-breasted Brilliant**, **Buff-tailed Coronet** and **Bronzy Inca**. More birds kept appearing and before we'd eaten our breakfast we'd seen **Grey-browed Brushfinch**, **Mountain Wren**, **Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager**, **Capped Conebill**, **Black-eared Hemispingus**, **Bar-bellied Woodpecker**, a pair of **Barred**

Becards all passing through the bushes and trees at the edge of the garden and seen from the veranda. There were even some **Scaly-naped Amazons** flying over as well. After a great breakfast it was time for the first feeding station, which was just adjacent to the garden. Here we sat on a bench and waited while our local guide, John, threw some worms down and whistled. We waited and waited. And waited some more. Stomachs tightening all the while. Would the bird show? Well, yes it did. An absolutely fantastic **Bicoloured Antpitta** suddenly emerged from the dense undergrowth and just stood there a few seconds before eating the worms. Wow! It remained on view for several minutes before returning to the gloom. Smiles all round after antpitta no 1. We then birded around the gardens for a little while longer before heading uphill to the next feeding station. A row of seats confronted us and no sooner had we sat down and the worms thrown onto the ground than a **Green-and-black Fruiteater** appeared and promptly began eating all the worms. It flew onto the handrail next to us and even fed from the group's hand. Outrageous! But just then a **Brown-banded Antpitta** appeared right beside us, no more than 3 feet away. OMG! And it just stood there, fed a bit, hopped around, fed some more... And just stood there, way too close to get a decent photo. This was utterly mind-blowing. As if that wasn't enough a **Chestnut-crowned Antpitta** appeared on the other side, and although a little shy it too eventually gave crippling views out in the open some 10 feet away from us. And then a male **Golden-headed Quetzal** appeared in the nearby trees. This was all getting utterly surreal.



Photos clockwise: Bicoloured Antpitta, Brown-banded Antpitta, Slate-crowned Antpitta and Chestnut-crowned Antpitta

We then followed the road along for a bit and bumped into numerous flocks. This was far and away the 'birdiest' site we had visited in Colombia so far. We saw a lot of birds very quickly as we jammed into these mixed feeding flocks with species such as the very common **Blue-and-black Tanager**, **Beryl-spangled Tanager**, **Hooded Siskin**, a group of **Sharpe's Wrens**, **Golden-fronted Whitestart**, **Pale-edged Flycatcher**, **Montane**

Woodcreeper, Lacrimose and Blue-winged Mountain-Tanagers, Pearled Treerunner, Streaked Xenops, and even the rare **Slaty Finch**. Another male **Golden-headed Quetzal** was seen, before reaching the next and final feeding station. From a wooden bench we could look down the slope and this time a cool looking **Slate-crowned Antpitta** appeared, along with another **Brown-banded Antpitta**. Words fail me!

Continuing along the track we had more flocks with **Masked Trogon**, stunning **Powerful** and **Crimson-mantled**



Undulated Antpitta

Woodpeckers, Streaked Tuftedcheek, Black-capped Tyrannulet, Black-eared and Black-capped Hemispingus, and a **Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant** amongst others. But our local guide had one more trick up his sleeve as we returned to the first feeding station and took positions along the trail nearby. After what seemed like an eternity a huge **Undulated Antpitta** appeared and I cannot express the feeling of awe I felt. This bird has only been seen at this site for a couple of weeks here but it was extremely bold and some of us even went back for seconds over lunch.

After that we returned to the main house for lunch and to watch the hummer feeders where **Bronzy Inca** showed well. A quick check of the trail led us to a pair of **Rufous-crowned Tody-tyrants** that performed outrageously. After lunch we saw **Grey-headed Bush-Tanager, Slaty Brushfinch, Andean Motmot, Oleaginous and Superciliaried Hemispingus, Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant, Golden-plumed Parakeet, Blackish Tapaculo, Glossy-black Thrush, Metallic-green Tanager, Black-banded Woodcreeper, White-capped Dipper, Choco Daggerbill** (split from Wedge-billed Hummer), and a **Speckled Hummingbird**.

We had dinner back at the main house but before that we saw a **Band-winged Nightjar**, but failed at owling with **White-throated Screech-Owl** and **Rufous-banded Owl** heard. What a day.

Day 9 NEVADO DEL RUIZ

This morning we headed to the highest altitude of the tour at 4100m and the paramo zone of Nevado Del Ruiz. And boy it was chilly this morning as we began the day with a **Paramo Tapaculo** being seen by most of us, and a **Grass Wren** showing well, but **Ash-coloured Tapaculo** was only heard. We arrived at a small restaurant for breakfast, opposite a lake with **Andean Teal**, a flyover **Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle**, with a flock of **Plain-coloured Seedeaters** in the scrub nearby and some of the friendliest dogs imaginable! Feeling fortified by some good grub we headed to the National Park in dense mist which inhibited our search for the endemic **Buffy Helmetcrest** and initially it was seen quite quickly, with the bird was feeding low beneath the bushes before disappearing quickly. A tense wait followed before another bird was found in a much more open area and everyone feasted their eyes on this little stunner. We tried a few more side roads but the mist was just too thick and we only saw a close **Black-thighed Puffleg** feeding beside the road on some flowers. So we changed tack and tried a totally different area that was much clearer and enjoyed fine looks at **White-chinned Thistletail** and **Andean Tit-Spinetail** amongst some spectacular scenery with snow-capped mountains dominating the horizon. We then drove towards our lunch stop birding along the road seeing **Band-tailed Seedeater, Red-crested Cotinga, Stout-billed Cinclodes, Andean Siskin, Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant** and eventually a pair of **Western Tawny Antpittas** that had us hiking up a field to see them and at this altitude we certainly felt alive!

Driving lower we reached the lovely Termas Hotel for lunch, but not before enjoying the delights of their humming feeders. New for our lists were **Golden-breasted Puffleg**, **Viridian Metaltail**, **Buff-winged Starfrontlet**, numerous **Shining Sunbeams**, and the star of the show was a female **Rainbow-bearded Thornbill**. We also saw another **Black-thighed Puffleg**, **Mountain Velvetbreast**, **Great Sapphirewing** and **Tourmaline Sunangel** here as well. After a delicious lunch we birded the road below the hotel but it was slow going but we still added **Paramo Seedeater**, **Purple-backed Thornbill**, and a **Hooded Mountain-Tanager** to our list. There were other birds seen such as **Lacrimose** and **Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanagers**, and a **Spillman's Tapaculo** showed really well. Driving back towards Manizales we saw another **Paramo Tapaculo** to end a fine day in the mountains.

Day 10 HACIENDA EL BOSQUE

We headed back up into the hills this morning and another appointment with a couple of antpittas. This time it was on the grounds of a cattle ranch, where we had a nice breakfast before driving up in a 4-wheel drive through the fields. At the top we saw at least 3 distant **Grey-breasted Mountain-Toucans**. A short walk down into brilliant cloud forest led us to a viewing area where a **Grey-browed Brushfinch** greeted us. After a tense wait a **Rufous Antpitta** duly appeared and fed for a few minutes before disappearing back into the forest. Wow again! It was a reasonably steep walk back up to the top of the field enlivened by **Golden-fronted Whitestart** and a couple of



Rufous Antpitta

Pearled Treerunners at the forest edge. Once at the top we enjoyed closer looks at a **Grey-breasted Mountain-Toucan** feeding firstly at eye-level and then down the slope below us. And then it was time for the main event as we walked down some steps to another viewing area where amazingly a pair of **Crescent-faced Antpittas**



Crescent-faced Antpitta

appeared almost immediately. This is one hell of a bird and one of the most-wanted Neotropical birds going. They fed just around 25 feet below us and provided incredible views. But that wasn't all as the humming feeders attracted 2 **Sword-billed Hummingbirds**, **Buff-winged Starfrontlet**, **Sparkling Violetear**, **Mountain Velvetbreast** etc. A superb **Barred Fruiteater** was also seen, along with **Paramo Seedeater** and **White-throated Tyrannulet**. Eventually, after repeated views of the antpitta we dragged ourselves away and returned to the main house where a **Cattle Tyrant** and **Purple-backed Thornbill** was seen.

Then we set out on the 7 hour drive to Jardin. Along the way we made a couple of stops

seeing the endemic **Greyish Piculet**, **Highland Hepatic Tanager**, **White-winged Becard**, **Western Emerald**, **Ultramarine Grosbeak**, **Bran-coloured Flycatcher**, **Red-crowned Woodpecker** and **Crimson-backed Tanager**. A

quick lunch stop produced **Carib Grackle**, **Shiny Cowbird** and **Giant Cowbird**. A frustrating drive ensued with numerous roadworks despite our detour but we eventually made it to our lovely hotel in the town square.

Day 11 JARDIN

We headed up into the hills at 5am, with a **Rufous-bellied Nighthawk** and **Band-winged Nightjar** seen on the drive up before reaching the Yellow-eared Parrot Reserve. We stationed ourselves at a particular spot and sure enough we could see flocks of **Yellow-eared Parrots** heading across the sky, all at some distance. Fortunately one group headed our way and we had brilliant views as they flew right over our heads. We decided to linger here and luckily a **Chestnut-naped Antpitta** began calling and as we tried to work out which direction it was in a second bird ran across the track in front of us. After some careful manoeuvring we laid eyes on a pair that came out onto the verge beside the road and lingered for ages. Unbelievably this was our 9th species of antpitta so far. Elated with this we decided to walk down the road a couple hundred metres to where we had heard an **Ocellated Tapaculo** calling on the drive up.



Chestnut-naped Antpitta

Well, they were still in the same place calling away but it took a lot of persistence to get any sort of view on this notorious skulker. But eventually everyone had tickable views, along with a **Tanager Finch** initially found by Lia. With breakfast calling we walked back up the hill, but a few of us stragglers then had crippling views of an **Ocellated Tapaculo** calling away from an open area of moss-covered trees. Wow! Walking back a **Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant** was also seen. Over breakfast we had a superb **Black-and-Chestnut Eagle** and a **Short-tailed Hawk** fly over us, followed by superb looks at a **Smoky Bush-Tyrant**.



Ocellated Tapaculo

From around 9am the forest became very quiet and for 3 hours until lunch we actually didn't see anything new although **Black-capped Tyrannulet**, **Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager** and **Golden-xx Whitestart** etc were seen. So we headed to the other side of the mountain for our picnic lunch at noon and our luck changed. First a pair of **Northern Mountain Caciques** appeared above us and then Jose picked up the stunning **Chestnut-crested Cotinga** feeding on berries at the top of a tree below us. We watched this bird for ages before driving lower in search of the endemic Red-bellied Grackle. We made a few stops seeing **Yellow-bellied Elaenia**, **Inca Jay**, **Russet-backed Oropendola**, **Scarlet-rumped Cacique** and

White-capped Dipper. But with time pressing we had an appointment with the local Jardin **Andean Cock-of-the-Rock** lek and what a great time we had here. There were between 9 and 14 males displaying right in front of us. This is one of nature's most memorable sights and sounds as these bright crimson birds make a variety of

pig-like squealing and grunts. It truly is a sight to behold. Amazingly there were a bunch of **Red-bellied Grackles** feeding in the garden as well, along with **Streak-headed Woodcreeper**, **Black-winged Saltator**, **Bay-headed** and **Scrub Tanagers**, **Streaked Flycatcher**, **Western Emerald**, and **Golden-olive Woodpecker**. Walking back to the car a pair of **Grey-throated Toucanets** and a **White-lined Tanager** were seen.

Day 12 JARDIN – MEDELLIN - BARRANQUILLA

We left our lovely hotel at the edge of Jardin town square and went to Finca Bambusa for breakfast, which is actually Jose's mothers house. Upon arrival we could see there were some feeders in the garden and they attracted a pair of **Blue-necked**, lots of **Palm**, a pair of **White-lined** and a few **Scrub Tanagers**, **Thick-billed Euphonia**, **Ruddy Ground-Dove**, and a **Clay-coloured Thrush**. Around the edges of the garden there were **Social** and **Streaked Flycatchers**, **Great Kiskadee** and a **Squirrel Cuckoo**. The hummer feeders enticed **Steely-vented**, **Western Emerald** and for a short period a superb **Green Hermit** fed. A major surprise was the family of endemic **Colombian Chachalacas** that came in twice to feed. Wow! Oh and we also dashed down the lane to see a pair of endemic **Parker's Antbirds** too. Tearing ourselves away after a fine breakfast we drove down the lane and found at least 9 **Bronze-winged Parrots** feeding in some nearby trees, before heading out on the long drive to Medellin.



Bronze-winged Parrot

Along the way we stopped along the road and surprisingly found quite a few new trip birds such as **Chivi Vireo**, **Yellow-billed Cuckoo**, **Yellow-margined Flycatcher**, **Ruddy-breasted Seedeater**, **Golden-crowned Warbler**, **Common Tody-Flycatcher** and even our first **Turkey Vulture**. An endemic **Greyish Piculet** also appeared, before we homed in on another two endemics. First up was a pair of **Apical Flycatchers**, followed by a skulky **Antioquia Wren** which took a bit of finding.

And then we set out on the 4 hour drive to Medellin, arriving with just an hour to spare before our flight to Barranquilla. Upon arrival we drove straight to our hotel and enjoyed another fine meal in a nearby restaurant. There's no way any of us are losing weight on this tour!

Day 13 SALAMANCA

Our day began with a **Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** calling away from a large tree right outside the front door of the hotel. We then headed over to the port area and as soon as we got out of the minibus a **Chestnut-winged Chachalaca** was seen in a bare tree and it was soon joined by another bird and they began uttering their raucous call. A **Glaucous Tanager** was scoped, whilst **Grey Kingbird**, **Yellow Oriole**, **Yellow Warbler**, **Ringed Kingfisher**, **Greyish Saltator** and **Common Ground-Dove** all appeared around us. Several groups of **Brown-throated Parakeets** flew by, with a few birds landing on the bushes nearby, whilst a cracking pair of **Bicoloured Wrens** showed well and began singing quite close to us. From here we moved on to a trail an hour's drive away which led into open country and some lagoons. A **Caribbean (Pale-legged) Hornero** was the first bird seen, quickly followed by a pair of stunning **Stripe-backed Wrens** and a trio of **Black-crested Antshrikes**. Walking along we were getting very sweaty as it was such a hot day but the birds kept appearing with **Cattle Tyrant**, **Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture**, **Snail Kite** and **Yellow-headed Caracara**. The first of three stunning **Rufous-throated Puffbirds** to be seen today was next up, along with **Greater**, **Smooth-billed** and **Groove-billed Anis**, **Purple Gallinule**, **Wattled Jacana**, **Scaled Dove**, **Pied Water-Tyrant**, **Yellow-bellied Elaenia**, **Spotted** and

Solitary Sandpipers and a perched **Green Kingfisher**. A large lagoon was productive with **White-cheeked Pintail**, **Yellow-crowned Night-Herons**, **Greater** and **Lesser Yellowlegs**, a superb **Stilt Sandpiper**, **Least Sandpiper**, **Black-necked Stilt**, **Yellow-chinned Spinetail** and **White-tipped Dove**. A short drive from here took us to Salamanca Reserve where a shortish walk gave us **Pale-tipped Inezia**, **Pied Puffbird**, **Northern Waterthrush**, **American Pygmy Kingfisher**, **Lineated** and **Golden-green Woodpeckers**, and a day roosting **Lesser Nighthawk**.

A longish drive was made more problematical by the ever-present Colombian roadworks and also a car accident that stalled us for an hour in a long queue. But after lunch and another drive we walked a side track where we heard a **Little Tinamou**, and saw **Trinidad Euphonia**, **Orange-chinned Parakeet**, **Yellow-green Vireo**, another **American Pygmy Kingfisher**, **Buff-breasted Wren**, **Rufous-tailed Jacamar** and a rather flighty **Bright-rumped Attila**. Dinner was taken at a nice seafront restaurant.

Day 14 LOS FLAMENCOS

What a day this was as we added over 50 new species to our ever growing list including a fine selection of Guajara Peninsula specialities. We began with **Rufous-vented Chachalaca**, **Yellow-breasted Flycatcher**, **Scrub Greenlet**, **Northern White-fringed Antwren**, **Tocuyo Sparrow**, **Barred Antshrike**, a pair of **Glaucous Tanagers**, **Yellow-rumped Cacique**, **Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant**, **Ruddy Seed-eater** and a **Brown-crested Flycatcher**. Driving towards the coast we stopped along the road to scope a pair of **Double-striped Thick-knees**, and as we watched them we also noticed a flock of **Yellow-headed Blackbirds**, **Vermilion Flycatcher**, **American Kestrel**, several **Fork-tailed Flycatchers**, and a few **Bare-eyed Pigeons**.

Once at Los Flamencos we walked along a track through the sand forest and notched up many new birds. In fact, new birds came thick and fast and we quickly saw **Tropical Mockingbird**, **Wood Stork**, **Slender-billed Inezia**, **Northern Scrub Flycatcher**, many **Tropical Gnatcatchers**, **Pileated Finch**, a pair of cracking **White-whiskered Spinetails**, **Black-crested Antshrike**, **Shining-green Hummingbird**, **Black-backed Antshrike**, and a group of 3 **Chestnut Piculets**.

Driving on to the next site we saw a pair of **Green-rumped Parrotlets** at their nest hole in a telegraph pole and a **Reddish Egret** feeding in a lagoon. Another path to a large pond was very productive as we saw a pair of awesome **Vermilion Cardinals**, **Grey Kingbird**, **Straight-billed Woodcreeper**, another **Northern White-fringed Antwren**, **Orinoco Saltator**, a confiding **Baird's Sandpiper**, **Black-faced Grassquit**, some flyover **Magnificent Frigatebirds**, **Buffy Hummingbird** and **Bicoloured Wren**.

Lunch was at a fabulous setting along a palm-fringed beach where a flock of **American Flamingo's** flew by.



Vermilion Cardinal

We finished our birding at a huge lagoon with numerous shorebirds and terns roosting in front of us. There were many **Cabot's Terns**, as well as **Least**, **Common**, **Gull-billed** and **Royal Terns** too. An **American White-faced Ibis** skulked below some bushes at the water's edge, several **Laughing Gulls** patrolled the area, but our main focus were the shorebirds. There were **Semipalmated Plovers**, a pair of huge **Wilson's Plovers**, **Semipalmated** and a **Western Sandpiper**, **Willet**, a group of **Short-billed Dowitchers**, **Ruddy Turnstone**, both **Lesser** and **Greater Yellowlegs**, **American**

Oystercatcher, and a breeding-plumaged **Dunlin**. A distant **Cocoi Heron** was scoped, a **Western Osprey** flew by. And that was us done and we had to leave and head towards the Santa Marta Mountains. At the base of the mountains we were met by a couple of four-wheel drive vehicles for a short drive up to Minca, stopping along the way to scope a bunch of **Military Macaws** at their roost.

Day 15 MINCA – EL DORADO LODGE (SANTA MARTA MOUNTAINS)

Breakfast was at the reasonable time of 05:30am in the hotel restaurant during which time we saw a pair of **White-vented Plumeleteer** visiting the feeders, with a **Pale-breasted Thrush** feeding in a large tree. Then we set off in our 4WD Landcruisers up the bumpy mountain track towards El Dorado Lodge where we would be spending the next 2 nights. Our first stop gave us glimpses of **Golden-winged Sparrow**, a **Red-billed Emerald** feeding on some flowers, **Crested Oropendola**, a brief **Coppery Emerald**, **White-chinned Sapphire**, **Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant**, **Grey-headed Tanager**, and frustratingly only heard **Rosy Thrush-Tanager**. We drove on for a few kilometres before checking out another of Jose's favourite spots where **Rufous-capped Warbler**, **Barred Antshrike**, **Santa-Marta Foliage-Gleaner**, **Rufous-and-white Wren**, and several **Swallow Tanagers** were present. We really hadn't driven very far up the mountain at this stage so we made amends and drove for quite a while before our next stop. Here, a **Rusty-breasted Antpitta** proved tricky to see and not everyone managed to get on it but a **Santa Marta Antbird** showed quite well at the same spot, as did a **Lined Quail-Dove** and an **Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush**. Continuing our drive along an ever increasingly poor track produced a pair of **Bat Falcons** in display and perched quite close, before stopping for coffee at a roadside stall. Here we saw **Santa Marta Woodstar** on its favourite perch, **Santa Marta Brushfinch**, skulking **Sierra Nevada Brushfinch**, **Grey-breasted Wood-Wren** of the subspecies *bangsi* and a potential split and a tricky **Santa Marta Tapaculo**.

We eventually reached El Dorado Lodge in the ProAves reserve for a lovely late lunch, but not before checking out the numerous feeding stations here. There was a compost heap with **Strong-billed Woodcreeper** and **Black-hooded Thrush** feeding on it. A pile of seed was attracting **Black-chested Jays** and **Band-tailed Guans**, **Blue-naped Chlorophonia** visited the banana feeders, whilst the hummingbird feeders hosted **Brown Violetear** and a superb **Lazuline Sabrewing** amongst plenty of other previously seen species. Lunch was delicious, as was a female **White-tailed Starfrontlet** (we'd see the male here later today) that came in for a short time.



Lazuline Sabrewing

Our luxury rooms had a fantastic view as one side of the round rooms was completely glass and you could see the ocean many miles below. Wow! But they were a long way from the restaurant and it took 25 minutes to reach them, which made us rather sweaty indeed! Thankfully our luggage was taken up to them by the staff! We spent just 15 minutes getting ourselves sorted before walking the higher trail back to the main lodge/restaurant and this proved to be very rewarding. A group of **Black-capped Tanagers** fed in the low bushes, and we also spotted a **Rusty-headed Spinetail**, and the local Santa Marta race of **Bay-headed Tanager** that is just red and green and

looks totally different from the nominate forms joined the other tanagers, along with an early returning **Blackburnian Warbler**, a fabulous **Santa Marta Mountain-Tanager**, and overhead some **Scaly-naped Parrots** passed by.

Walking down into dark and gloomy forest gave us a pair of **Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrushes**, **Masked Trogon**, endemic **White-lored Warbler**, a pair of stunning **Golden-breasted Fruiteaters** high overhead, a brief **White-tipped Quetzal** and **Sickle-winged Guan**. We returned to the main lodge just in time for the late afternoon feeding frenzy and although we didn't get anything new apart from a fine male **White-tailed Starfrontlet**, it was a very enjoyable experience to witness all the activity. We enjoyed a fine early dinner before setting out along the main track in search of **Santa Marta Screech-Owl** and it didn't take too long to spotlight a calling bird to round off another great day in Colombia! Oh and I almost forgot the pair of **Kinkajous** and a **Night Monkey** in the trees beside the lodge this evening!



Santa Marta Screech-Owl

Day 16 SANTA MARTA MOUNTAINS

Left at 04:30am and drove up to the top of the mountain on the horrid track that's more akin to a dry riverbed. Anyway, it took around 90 minutes to reach the top ridge and upon arrival the weather was clear with occasional bouts of low cloud obscuring things for short periods. A **Santa Marta Warbler** played hard to get initially but a little later we enjoyed point-blank views over breakfast, and we also had nice looks at several **Santa Marta Parakeets**, some **Scaly-naped Parrots** perched up close by, incredibly close **Santa Marta Brushfinch**, the endemic **Yellow-crowned Whitestart**, a pair of endemic **Hermit Wood-Wrens**, **Streak-capped Spinetail**, **Santa Marta Toucanet** (not yet a full species but a ssp of White-throated Toucanet...), **Santa Marta Mountain Tanager**, a very brief **Brown-rumped Tapaculo**, a pair of **Scarlet-fronted Parakeets**, and a few flyover **Red-billed Parrots**. Then we headed lower, stopping at a few places to look for **Santa Marta Antpitta** without any joy. And then the heavens opened so we headed down to lunch.



White-tailed Starfrontlet

Back at the lodge we had a fine meal and waited for the rain to stop, which it did shortly after. The hummer activity in the garden was frenzied and we saw all the same species as yesterday but of particular note was the female **White-tailed Starfrontlet** perching up on several occasions, at least 2 male **Lazuline Sabrewings**, and amazingly 3 **White-tipped Quetzals** found at the front of the lodge.

With some of the group opting for an easy afternoon around the lodge the rest of us headed back up the mountain on our antpitta quest. Well, it took a while but in the end we enjoyed fantastic views of a pair of **Santa Marta Antpittas** 'doing

their thing' and feeding in a relatively open patch of forest even if the photos don't do this awesome bird justice. We also enjoyed good views of the endemic **White-lored Warbler** here too. Higher up we surprisingly

watched an endemic **Brown-rumped Tapaculo** feeding on the track right out in the open for a few brief seconds! With a dramatic sunset and awesome scenery we waited until dark before calling in a fantastic **Stygian Owl**. And that was the end of another great day, just a shame the calling **Spectacled Owl** didn't show to everyone after dinner.

Day 17 EL DORADO – MINCA - BOGOTA

We left the excellent El Dorado Lodge after breakfast, seeing for the last time species such as **Black-hooded Thrush**, **Band-tailed Guan**, **Lazuline Sabrewing** etc. A few stops at various points as we descended the mountain proved to be productive beginning with a perched endemic **Santa Marta Blossomcrown** at a known stake-out for this sometimes tricky species. A **Louisiana Waterthrush** spent some time on the road in front of us as we walked down the road from here, and a **Santa Marta Tapaculo** was extremely confiding here as well. We also saw commoner species such as **Pale-breasted Thrush**, **Bicoloured Wren** and **Santa Marta Brushfinch** before making another stab at seeing **Rusty-breasted Pitta**. This time we well and truly nailed it with calling birds seen on both sides of the road at the same spot. Wow! There was also **Tropical Pewee**, **Boat-billed Flycatcher**, **Grey-lined Hawk**, **American Redstart**, **Rufous-capped Warbler** and the peculiar Santa Marta race of **Bay-headed Tanager**. We finished our birding this morning closer to Minca with perched **Long-billed Starthroat** and **White-chinned Sapphire**, and a **Rosy Thrush-Tanager** for a couple lucky people. Oh and let's not forget the pair of day-roosting **Black-and-white Owls**. We had lunch at the Hotel Minca where **Orange-chinned Parakeets**, **White-vented Plumeleteer** and lots of **White-necked Jacobins** entertained us at the feeders. From here it was a short drive to the airport and a quick flight back to Bogota and conclusion of a very successful tour.



Santa Marta Brushfinch



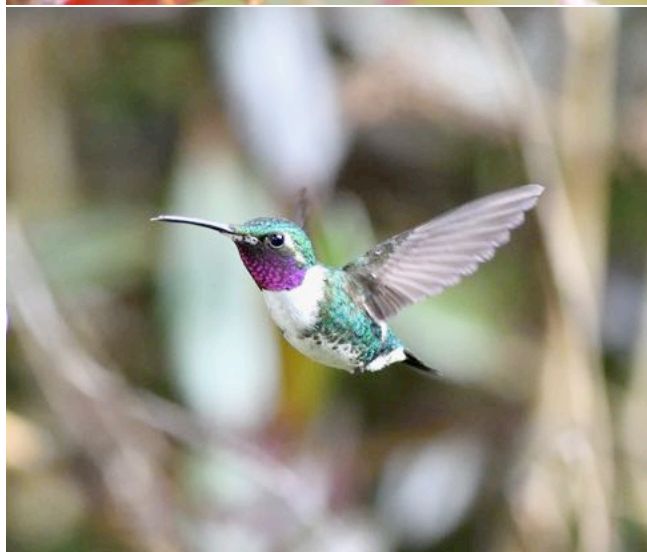
Rusty-breasted Antpitta

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DEPARTURE DAY - SUMAPAZ

Everyone apart from Rob and myself had early flights so we decided to make the most of this 'spare' day and visited Sumapaz with Jose. This is another high-altitude site close to Bogota and I'm including our sightings here for sake of completeness and to give an idea what is possible. We had amazing close views of the endemic **Apolinar's Wren** within a few minutes of arriving. It took a bit longer to find the endemic **Green-bearded Helmetcrest** but we did find a pair eventually, whilst the other stand-out bird was **Northern Tawny Antpitta** – a different species to the one seen on the main tour according to HBW. In fact, this species was incredibly common up here and we enjoyed repeated views. Other birds seen up here included **Andean Teal**, **Andean Duck**, **Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle**, **Chestnut-winged Cincloides**, **Red-rumped Bush-Tyrant**, **Bronze-tailed Thornbill**, a few **Noble Snipe**, **Greater Yellowlegs**, what appeared to be a **Plain-breasted Hawk**, **Andean Siskin**, **Shining Sunbeam**, **Plumbeous Sierra-Finch**, and a flock of 30+ migrating **Lesser Nighthawks**. By mid-morning we were done here and took a longish drive to a secret site with a stack of feeders attracting numerous endemic **Indigo-capped Hummingbirds**. Also present were **Black-throated Mango** and **White-vented Plumeleteer** amongst others. It was a lovely spot to have lunch and enjoy all of the frenzied activity before driving to the airport for our late evening flight home.

I would like to thank Jose Castano for organising this tour, his expert guiding and making this such an overall great tour. I could not think of a better guide to show visiting birders around this great country.



Photos clockwise: Indigo-capped Hummingbird (top left), Northern Tawny Antpitta, Colombian Screech-Owl, White-bellied Woodstar.



Photos clockwise: Rufous-browed Conebill (top left), Andean Pygmy-Owl, Andean Cock-of-the-Rock, Grey-browed Brushfinch, Tanager Finch, Sword-billed Hummingbird.



Photos clockwise: Rufous-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant (top left), Grey-breasted Mountain-Toucan, Velvet-purple Coronet, Russet-throated Puffbird, Grey-throated Toucanet, Chestnut-bellied Flowerpiercer.

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Endemics in bold, * denotes species seen at Sumapaz on 10th September

TINAMIFORMES: Tinamidae

Tawny-breasted Tinamou (H)	<i>Nothocercus julius</i>
Little Tinamou (H)	<i>Crypturellus soui</i>

ANSERIFORMES: Anatidae

Black-bellied Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>
Torrent Duck	<i>Merganetta armata</i>
Blue-winged Teal	<i>Spatula discors</i>
White-cheeked Pintail	<i>Anas bahamensis</i>
Andean (Speckled) Teal	<i>Anas a. andium</i>
Andean Duck	<i>Oxyura ferruginea</i>

GALLIFORMES: Cracidae

Chestnut-winged Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis garrula</i>
Rufous-vented Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis ruficauda</i>
Colombian Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis columbiana</i>
Band-tailed Guan	<i>Penelope argyrotis</i>
Andean Guan	<i>Penelope montagnii</i>
Cauca Guan	<i>Penelope perspicax</i>
Sickle-winged Guan	<i>Chamaepetes goudotii</i>

GALLIFORMES: Odontophoridae

Black-fronted Wood Quail (H)	<i>Odontophorus atrifrons</i>
Chestnut Wood Quail	<i>Odontophorus hyperythrus</i>

PODICIPEDIFORMES: Podicipedidae

Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>
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PHOENICOPTERIFORMES: Phoenicopteridae

American Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopus ruber</i>
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CICONIIFORMES: Ciconiidae

Wood Stork	<i>Mycteria americana</i>
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PELECANIFORMES: Threskiornithidae

Bare-faced Ibis	<i>Phimosus infuscatus</i>
American White Ibis	<i>Eudocimus albus</i>
Roseate Spoonbill	<i>Platalea ajaja</i>

PELECANIFORMES: Ardeidae

Yellow-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>
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Green Heron	<i>Butorides virescens</i>
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>
Cocoi Heron	<i>Ardea cocoi</i>
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Reddish Egret	<i>Egretta rufescens</i>
Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>

PELECANUS: Pelecanidae

Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>
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SULIFORMES: Fregatidae

Magnificent Frigatebird	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>
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SULIFORMES: Phalacrocoracidae

Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>
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ACCIPITRIFORMES: Cathartidae

Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture	<i>Cathartes burrovianus</i>
Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>

ACCIPITRIFORMES: Pandionidae

Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
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ACCIPITRIFORMES: Accipitridae

White-tailed Kite *	<i>Elanus leucurus</i>
Black Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus tyrannus</i>
Black-and-chestnut Eagle	<i>Spizaetus isidori</i>
Snail Kite	<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i>
Barred Hawk	<i>Morphnarchus princeps</i>
Roadside Hawk	<i>Rupornis magnirostris</i>
Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle	<i>Geranoaetus melanoleucus</i>
Grey-lined Hawk	<i>Buteo nitidus</i>
Short-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo brachyurus</i>
Plain-breasted Hawk *	<i>Accipiter ventralis</i>

GRUIFORMES: Rallidae

Bogota Rail	<i>Rallus semiplumbeus</i>
Purple Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio martinica</i>
Common Gallinule	<i>Gallinula galeata</i>
American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>

CHARADRIIFORMES: Burhinidae

Double-striped Thick-knee *Burhinus bistriatus*

CHARADRIIFORMES: Haematopodidae

American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus*

CHARADRIIFORMES: Recurvirostridae

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*

CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis*
Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*
Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus*
Wilson's Plover *Charadrius wilsonia*
Snowy Plover *Charadrius nivosus*
Collared Plover *Charadrius collaris*

CHARADRIIFORMES: Jacanidae

Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana*

CHARADRIIFORMES: Scolopacidae

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*
Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*
Stilt Sandpiper *Calidris himantopus*
Dunlin *Calidris alpina*
Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii*
Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*
Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla*
Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri*
Short-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus griseus*
Noble Snipe * *Gallinago nobilis*
Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*
Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria*
Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*
Willet *Tringa semipalmata*
Greater Yellowlegs * *Tringa melanoleuca*

CHARADRIIFORMES: Laridae

Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla*
Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*
Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus*
Cabot's Tern *Thalasseus acutiflavus*
Least Tern *Sternula antillarum*
Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*
Large-billed Tern *Phaetusa simplex*

COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae

Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>
Scaled Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas speciosa</i>
Bare-eyed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas corensis</i>
Band-tailed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>
Plumbeous Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas plumbea</i>
Scaled Dove	<i>Columbina squammata</i>
Common Ground Dove	<i>Columbina passerina</i>
Ruddy Ground Dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>
White-tipped Dove	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>
Lined Quail-Dove	<i>Zentrygon linearis</i>
Eared Dove	<i>Zenaida auriculata</i>

CUCULIFORMES: Cuculidae

Greater Ani	<i>Crotophaga major</i>
Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>
Groove-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga sulcirostris</i>
Striped Cuckoo (H)	<i>Tapera naevia</i>
Squirrel Cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana</i>
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>

STRIGIFORMES: Strigidae

Tropical Screech Owl	<i>Megascops choliba</i>
White-throated Screech Owl (H)	<i>Megascops albogularis</i>
Colombian Screech Owl	<i>Megascops colombianus</i>
Santa Marta Screech Owl	<i>Megascops gilesi</i>
Great Horned Owl (H)	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>
Mottled Owl	<i>Strix virgata</i>
Rufous-banded Owl (H)	<i>Strix albitarsis</i>
Black-and-white Owl	<i>Strix nigrolineata</i>
Spectacled Owl	<i>Pulsatrix perspicillata</i>
Andean Pygmy Owl	<i>Glaucidium jadinii</i>
Ferruginous Pygmy Owl	<i>Glaucidium brasilianum</i>
Stygian Owl	<i>Asio stygius</i>

CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Nyctibiidae

Common Potoo (H)	<i>Nyctibius griseus</i>
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CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Caprimulgidae

Lesser Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles acutipennis</i>
Rufous-bellied Nighthawk	<i>Lurocalis rufiventris</i>
Pauraque	<i>Nyctidromus albicollis</i>
Band-winged Nightjar	<i>Systellura longirostris</i>

APODIFORMES: Apodidae

Spot-fronted Swift	<i>Cypseloides cherriei</i>
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Chestnut-collared Swift
White-collared Swift
White-tipped Swift

Streptoprocne rutila
Streptoprocne zonaris
Aeronautes montivagus

APODIFORMES: Trochilidae

Rufous-breasted Hermit
Green Hermit
Long-billed Hermit
Tawny-bellied Hermit
Green-fronted Lancebill
Lazuline Sabrewing
White-necked Jacobin
Brown Violetear
Lesser Violetear
Sparkling Violetear
Black-throated Mango *
Green Thorntail
Western Emerald
Red-billed Emerald
Coppery Emerald
Violet-crowned Woodnymph

Glaucis hirsutus
Phaethornis guy
Phaethornis longirostris
Phaethornis syrmatophorus
Doryfera ludovicae
Campylopterus falcatus
Florisuga mellivora
Colibri delphinae
Colibri cyanotus
Colibri coruscans
Anthracothorax nigricollis
Discosura conversii
Chlorostilbon melanorhynchus

Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird
Shining-green Hummingbird
White-chinned Sapphire
Buffy Hummingbird
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird
Andean Emerald
Steely-vented Hummingbird
Indigo-capped Hummingbird *

Chlorostilbon gibsoni
Chlorostilbon russatus
Thalurania colombica
Lepidopyga lilliae
Lepidopyga goudoti
Hylocharis cyanus
Leucippus fallax
Amazilia tzacatl
Amazilia franciae
Amazilia saucerottei
Amazilia cyanifrons

Santa Marta Blossomcrown
White-vented Plumeleteer
Speckled Hummingbird
Fawn-breasted Brilliant
Green-crowned Brilliant
Empress Brilliant
Rufous-gaped Hillstar
Buff-tailed Coronet
Velvet-purple Coronet
Shining Sunbeam
Mountain Velvetbreast
Bronzy Inca
Brown Inca

Anthocephala floriceps
Chalybura buffonii
Adelomyia melanogenys
Heliodoxa rubinoides
Heliodoxa jacula
Heliodoxa imperatrix
Urochroa bougueri
Boissonneaua flavescens
Boissonneaua jardini

Black Inca

Collared Inca

Coeligena coeligena

White-tailed Starfrontlet

Golden-bellied Starfrontlet
Blue-throated Starfrontlet
Buff-winged Starfrontlet
Sword-billed Hummingbird
Great Sapphirewing

Coeligena prunellei

Coeligena torquata

Coeligena phalerata

Coeligena bonapartei

Coeligena helianthea

Coeligena lutetiae

Ensifera ensifera

Pterophanes cyanopterus

Tourmaline Sunangel
 Glowing Puffleg
 Black-thighed Puffleg
 Coppery-bellied Puffleg
 Golden-breasted Puffleg
 Greenish Puffleg
 Purple-bibbed Whitetip
 White-booted Racket-tail
 Black-tailed Trainbearer
 Green-tailed Trainbearer
 Purple-backed Thornbill
Green-bearded Helmetcrest *
Buffy Helmetcrest
 Tyrian Metaltail
 Viridian Metaltail
 Bronze-tailed Thornbill
 Rainbow-bearded Thornbill
 Long-tailed Sylph
 Violet-tailed Sylph
 White-throated Wedgebill
 Long-billed Starthroat
 Purple-throated Woodstar
 White-bellied Woodstar
 Gorgeted Woodstar
Santa Marta Woodstar

Heliangelus exortis
Eriocnemis vestita
Eriocnemis derbyi
Eriocnemis cupreovertris
Eriocnemis mosquera
Haplophaedia aureliae
Urosticte benjamini
Ocreatus underwoodii
Lesbia victoriae
Lesbia nuna
Ramphomicron microrhynchum
Oxypogon guerinii
Oxypogon stuebelii
Metallura tyrianthina districta
Metallura williami
Chalcostigma heteropogon
Chalcostigma herrani tolimae
Agelaiocercus kingii
Agelaiocercus coelestis
Schistes albogularis
Heliomaster longirostris
Calliphlox mitchellii
Chaetocercus mulsant
Chaetocercus heliodor
Chaetocercus astreans

TROGONIFORMES: Trogonidae

Golden-headed Quetzal	<i>Pharomachrus auriceps</i>
White-tipped Quetzal	<i>Pharomachrus fulgidus</i>
Masked Trogon	<i>Trogon personatus</i>

CORACIIFORMES: Alcedinidae

American Pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle aenea</i>
Green Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle americana</i>
Ringed Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle torquata</i>

CORACIIFORMES: Momotidae

Andean Motmot	<i>Momotus aequatorialis</i>
Broad-billed Motmot	<i>Electron platyrhynchum</i>

PICIFORMES: Galbulidae

Rufous-tailed Jacamar	<i>Galbula ruficauda</i>
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PICIFORMES: Bucconidae

Pied Puffbird	<i>Notharchus tectus</i>
Russet-throated Puffbird	<i>Hypnelus ruficollis</i>
Moustached Puffbird	<i>Malacoptila mystacalis</i>

Lanceolated Monklet

Micromonacha lanceolata

PICIFORMES: Capitonidae

Red-headed Barbet

Eubucco bourcierii

PICIFORMES: Semnornithidae

Toucan Barbet (H)

Semnornis ramphastinus

PICIFORMES: Ramphastidae

Santa Marta Toucanet

Aulacorhynchus [albivitta] lautus

Grey-throated Toucanet

Aulacorhynchus [albivitta] griseigularis

Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan

Andigena hypoglaucha

PICIFORMES: Picidae

Olivaceous Piculet

Picumnus olivaceus

Greyish Piculet

Picumnus granadensis

Chestnut Piculet

Picumnus cinnamomeus

Acorn Woodpecker

Melanerpes formicivorus flavigula

Red-crowned Woodpecker

Melanerpes rubricapillus

Yellow-vented Woodpecker

Veniliornis dignus

Bar-bellied Woodpecker

Veniliornis nigriceps equifasciatus

Smoky-brown Woodpecker

Leuconotopicus fumigatus

Golden-green Woodpecker

Piculus chrysochloros

Golden-olive Woodpecker

Colaptes rubiginosus

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker

Colaptes rivoli

Lineated Woodpecker

Dryocopus lineatus

Powerful Woodpecker

Campephilus pollens

FALCONIFORMES: Falconidae

Northern Crested Caracara

Caracara cheriway

Yellow-headed Caracara

Milvago chimachima cordata

Laughing Falcon (H)

Herpetotheres cachinnans

American Kestrel

Falco sparverius

Bat Falcon

Falco rufigularis

PSITTACIFORMES: Psittacidae

Blue-fronted Parrotlet (H)

Touit dilectissimus

Barred Parakeet (H)

Bolborhynchus lineola tigrinus

Rufous-fronted Parakeet (H)

Bolborhynchus ferrugineifrons

Orange-chinned Parakeet

Brotogeris jugularis

Red-billed Parrot

Pionus sordidus saturatus

Bronze-winged Parrot

Pionus chalcopterus

Scaly-naped Amazon

Amazona mercenarius canipalliata

Green-rumped Parrotlet

Forpus passerinus

Spectacled Parrotlet

Forpus conspicillatus

Santa Marta Parakeet

Pyrrhura viridicata

Flame-winged Parakeet (H)
Brown-throated Parakeet
Military Macaw
Golden-plumed Parakeet
Yellow-eared Parrot
Blue-crowned Parakeet
Scarlet-fronted Parakeet

Pyrrhura calliptera
Eupsittula pertinax aeruginosa
Ara militaris
Leptosittaca branickii
Ognorhynchus icterotis
Thectocercus acuticaudatus
Psittacara wagleri

PASSERIFORMES: Furnariidae

Tawny-throated Leaf-tosser
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper
Black-banded Woodcreeper
Strong-billed Woodcreeper
Straight-billed Woodcreeper
Streak-headed Woodcreeper
Montane Woodcreeper
Plain Xenops
Streaked Xenops
Pacific Tuftedcheek
Streaked Tuftedcheek
Rusty-winged Barbtail
Caribbean Hornero
Chestnut-winged Cinclodes *
Stout-billed Cinclodes
Montane Foliage-gleaner
Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner
Ruddy Foliage-gleaner
Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner
Striped Treehunter
Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner
Star-chested Treerunner
Pearled Treerunner
Andean Tit-Spinetail
White-browed Spinetail
Many-striped Canastero
White-chinned Thistletail
Red-faced Spinetail
Streak-capped Spinetail
Yellow-chinned Spinetail
Slaty Spinetail
Silvery-throated Spinetail
Azara's Spinetail
White-whiskered Spinetail
Rusty-headed Spinetail
Rufous Spinetail

Sclerurus mexicanus
Glyphorynchus spirurus
Dendrocolaptes picumnus
Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus
Dendroplex picus
Lepidocolaptes souleyetii
Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger
Xenops minutus
Xenops rutilans
Pseudocolaptes johnsoni
Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii
Premnornis guttuliger
Furnarius longirostris
Cinclodes albidiventris oreobates
Cinclodes excelsior columbiana
Anabacerthia striaticollis
Anabacerthia variegaticeps
Clibanornis rubiginosus
Clibanornis rufipectus
Thripadectes holostictus
Automolus ochrolaemus
Margarornis stellatus
Margarornis squamiger perlatus
Leptasthenura andicola
Hellmayrea gularis
Asthenes flammulata
Asthenes fuliginosa
Cranioleuca erythrops
Cranioleuca hellmayri
Certhiaxis cinnamomeus fuscifrons
Synallaxis brachyura nigrifumosa
Synallaxis subpudica
Synallaxis azarae
Synallaxis candei
Synallaxis fusciorufa
Synallaxis unirufa

PASSERIFORMES: Thamnophilidae

Rufous-rumped Antwren

Euchrepomis callinota

Slaty Antwren
 Northern White-fringed Antwren
 Yellow-breasted Antwren
 Plain Antvireo
 Black-backed Antshrike
 Barred Antshrike
 Bar-crested Antshrike
 Black-crested Antshrike
Santa Marta Antbird
 Streak-headed Antbird
Parker's Antbird
 Zeledon's Antbird

Myrmotherula schisticolor
Formicivora intermedia
Herpsilochmus axillaris
Dysithamnus mentalis
Thamnophilus melanonotus
Thamnophilus doliatus
Thamnophilus multistriatus
Sakesphorus canadensis
Drymophila hellmayri
Drymophila striaticeps
Cercomacroides parkeri
Hafferia zeledoni

PASSERIFORMES: Grallariidae

Undulated Antpitta
 Moustached Antpitta
 Chestnut-crowned Antpitta
Santa Marta Antpitta
 Bicolored Antpitta
 Chestnut-naped Antpitta
 Yellow-breasted Antpitta (H)
 Rufous Antpitta
 Western Tawny Antpitta
 Northern Tawny Antpitta *
Brown-banded Antpitta
 Hooded Antpitta
 Rusty-breasted Antpitta
 Slaty-crowned Antpitta
 Crescent-faced Antpitta

Grallaria squamigera
Grallaria alleni
Grallaria ruficapilla
Grallaria bangsi
Grallaria rufocinerea
Grallaria nuchalis ruficeps
Grallaria flavotincta
Grallaria rufula
Grallaria quitensis
Grallaria
Grallaria milleri
Grallaricula cucullata
Grallaricula ferruginepectus
Grallaricula nana
Grallaricula lineifrons

PASSERIFORMES: Rhinocryptidae

Ocellated Tapaculo
 Ash-colored Tapaculo (H)
Santa Marta Tapaculo
 Narino Tapaculo
Tatama Tapaculo
 Choco Tapaculo (H)
Stiles's Tapaculo (H)
Brown-rumped Tapaculo
 Spillmann's Tapaculo
 Pale-bellied (Mattoral) Tapaculo
 Paramo Tapaculo
 Blackish Tapaculo

Acropternis orthonyx
Myornis senilis
Scytalopus sanctaemartae
Scytalopus vicinior
Scytalopus alvarezlopezi
Scytalopus chocoensis
Scytalopus stilesi
Scytalopus latebricola
Scytalopus spillmanni
Scytalopus griseicollis
Scytalopus opacus
Scytalopus latrans

PASSERIFORMES: Tyrannidae

Sooty-headed Tyrannulet
 Black-capped Tyrannulet
 Yellow-bellied Elaenia
 Mountain Elaenia

Phyllomyias griseiceps
Phyllomyias nigrocapillus
Elaenia flavogaster
Elaenia frantzii browni

Southern Beardless Tyrannulet	<i>Camptostoma obsoletum pusillum</i>
White-throated Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus leucophrys</i>
Torrent Tyrannulet	<i>Serpophaga cinerea</i>
Bronze-olive Pygmy Tyrant (H)	<i>Pseudotriccus pelzelni</i>
Rufous-headed Pygmy Tyrant	<i>Pseudotriccus ruficeps</i>
Golden-faced Tyrannulet	<i>Zimmerius chrysops</i>
Variegated Bristle Tyrant	<i>Pogonotriccus poecilotis</i>
Marble-faced Bristle Tyrant	<i>Pogonotriccus ophthalmicus</i>
Streak-necked Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes striaticollis</i>
Rufous-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Leptopogon rufipectus</i>
Northern Scrub Flycatcher	<i>Sublegatus arenarum</i>
Slender-billed Inezia	<i>Inezia tenuirostris</i>
Pale-tipped Inezia	<i>Inezia caudata</i>
Bran-colored Flycatcher	<i>Myiophobus fasciatus</i>
Handsome Flycatcher	<i>Nephelomyias p. pulcher</i>
Ornate Flycatcher	<i>Myiotriccus ornatus stellatus</i>
Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant	<i>Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer</i>
Black-throated Tody-Tyrant	<i>Hemitriccus granadensis</i>
Scale-crested Pygmy Tyrant	<i>Lophotriccus pileatus</i>
Rufous-crowned Tody-tyrant	<i>Poecilotriccus ruficeps melanomystax</i>
Slaty-headed Tody-Flycatcher (H)	<i>Poecilotriccus sylvia</i>
Common Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum c. cinereum</i>
Yellow-margined Flatbill	<i>Tolmomyias flavotectus</i>
Ochre-lored Flatbill/Yellow-breasted Fly	<i>Tolmomyias flaviventris</i>
Cinnamon Flycatcher	<i>Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus</i>
Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans angustirostris</i>
Tropical Pewee	<i>Contopus cinereus</i>
Vermilion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus obscurus</i>
Smoky Bush-Tyrant	<i>Myiotheretes f. fumigatus</i>
Red-rumped Bush-Tyrant *	<i>Cnemarchus erythropygius</i>
Pied Water Tyrant	<i>Fluvicola pica</i>
Crowned Chat-Tyrant	<i>Silvicultrix f. frontalis</i>
Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant	<i>Silvicultrix diadema</i>
Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris</i>
Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca fumicolor</i>
Cattle Tyrant	<i>Machetornis rixosa flavigularis</i>
Rusty-margined Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes cayanensis</i>
Social Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>
Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>
Lemon-browed Flycatcher	<i>Conopias cinchoneti icterophrys</i>
Golden-crowned Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes chrysocephalus</i>
Streaked Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>
Boat-billed Flycatcher	<i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>
Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>
Fork-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannus s. savana</i>
Grey Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus dominicensis</i>
Apical Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus apicalis</i>
Pale-edged Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus c. cephalotes</i>
Brown-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i>
Bright-rumped Attila	<i>Attila spadiceus</i>

PASSERIFORMES: Cotingidae

Red-crested Cotinga	<i>Ampelion rubrocristatus</i>
Chestnut-crested Cotinga	<i>Ampelion rufaxilla antioquiae</i>
Green-and-black Fruiteater	<i>Pipreola riefferii</i>
Barred Fruiteater	<i>Pipreola a. arcuata</i>
Golden-breasted Fruiteater	<i>Pipreola aureopectus decora</i>
Orange-breasted Fruiteater	<i>Pipreola jucunda</i>
Scaled Fruiteater (H)	<i>Ampelioides tschudii</i>
Andean Cock-of-the-rock	<i>Rupicola peruvianus</i>
Red-ruffed Fruitcrow	<i>Pyroderus scutatus</i>

PASSERIFORMES: Pipridae

Lance-tailed Manakin (H)	<i>Chiroxiphia lanceolata</i>
Golden-winged Manakin	<i>Masius chrysopterus</i>
Golden-collared Manakin	<i>Manacus vitellinus</i>
Club-winged Manakin	<i>Machaeropterus deliciosus</i>

PASSERIFORMES: Tityridae

Barred Becard	<i>Pachyramphus versicolor</i>
White-winged Becard	<i>Pachyramphus polychopterus</i>

PASSERIFORMES: Vireonidae

Rufous-browed Peppershrike (H)	<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>
Black-billed Peppershrike	<i>Cyclarhis n. nigristrois</i>
Choco Vireo	<i>Vireo masteri</i>
Brown-capped Vireo	<i>Vireo leucophrys</i>
Chivi Vireo	<i>Vireo chivi</i>
Yellow-green Vireo	<i>Vireo flavoviridis</i>
Rufous-naped Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus semibrunneus</i>
Scrub Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus f. flavipes</i>

PASSERIFORMES: Corvidae

Beautiful Jay	<i>Cyanolyca pulchra</i>
Black-chested Jay	<i>Cyanocorax a. affinis</i>
Inca Jay	<i>Cyanocorax yncas</i>

PASSERIFORMES: Hirundinidae

Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>
Grey-breasted Martin	<i>Progne c. chalybea</i>
Blue-and-white Swallow	<i>Notiochelidon c. cyanoleuca</i>
Brown-bellied Swallow	<i>Notiochelidon m. murina</i>
Southern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>

PASSERIFORMES: Troglodytidae

Stripe-backed Wren
Bicolored Wren
Sepia-brown (Sharpe's) Wren

Apolinar's Wren ***Grass Wren**

Sooty-headed Wren
Whiskered Wren (H)
Rufous-and-white Wren

Antioquia Wren

Buff-breasted Wren
House Wren
Mountain Wren
Grey-breasted Wood Wren
Bang's Wood Wren

Hermit Wood Wren**Munchique Wood Wren**

Chestnut-breasted Wren

Campylorhynchus nuchalis pardus
Campylorhynchus griseus albicilus
Cinnycerthia olivascens

Cistothorus apolinari***Cistothorus platensis***

Pheugopedius spadix
Pheugopedius mystacalis macrurus
Thryophilus rufalbus

Thryophilus sernai

Cantorchilus leucotis venezuelanus

Troglodytes aedon

Troglodytes solstitialis solitarius

Henicorhina leucophrys

Henicorhina leucophrys bangsi

Henicorhina anachoreta***Henicorhina negreti***

Cyphorhinus thoracicus dichrous

PASSERIFORMES: Polioptilidae

Tropical Gnatcatcher

Polioptila plumbea

PASSERIFORMES: Mimidae

Tropical Mockingbird

Mimus gilvus melanopterus

PASSERIFORMES: Turdidae

Andean Solitaire
Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush
Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush
Black Solitaire
Yellow-legged Thrush
Great Thrush
Glossy-black Thrush
Black-hooded Thrush
Pale-breasted Thrush
Black-billed Thrush
Clay-colored Thrush

Myadestes ralloides plumbeiceps
Catharus aurantiirostris
Catharus fuscater sanctaemartae
Entomodestes coracinus
Turdus flavipes venezuelensis
Turdus fuscater
Turdus serranus fuscobrunneus
Turdus olivater sanctaemartae
Turdus leucomelas albiventer
Turdus ignobilis
Turdus grayi

PASSERIFORMES: Cinclidae

White-capped Dipper

Cinclus leucocephalus leuconotus

PASSERIFORMES: Fringillidae

Lesser Goldfinch
Hooded Siskin
Andean Siskin
Trinidad Euphonia

Spinus psaltria colombiana
Spinus magellanicus
Spinus spinescens
Euphonia trinitatis

Thick-billed Euphonia	<i>Euphonia laniirostris</i>
Orange-bellied Euphonia	<i>Euphonia xanthogaster</i>
Yellow-collared Chlorophonia	<i>Chlorophonia f. flavirostris</i>
Blue-naped Chlorophonia	<i>Chlorophonia cyanea psittacina</i>
Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia	<i>Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys</i>

PASSERIFORMES: Rhodinocichlidae

Rosy Thrush-tanager	<i>Rhodinocichla rosea beebei</i>
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PASSERIFORMES: Passerellidae

Rufous-collared Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>
Tocuyo Sparrow	<i>Arremonops tocuyensis</i>
Golden-winged Sparrow	<i>Arremon s. schlegeli</i>
Chestnut-capped Brushfinch	<i>Arremon brunneinucha frontalis</i>
Sierra Nevada Brushfinch	<i>Arremon basilicus</i>
Grey-browed Brushfinch	<i>Arremon a. assimilis</i>
Olive Finch	<i>Arremon castaneiceps</i>
Moustached Brushfinch	<i>Atlapetes albofrenatus</i>
Santa Marta Brushfinch	<i>Atlapetes melanocephalus</i>
Pale-naped Brushfinch	<i>Atlapetes pallidinucha</i>
Choco Brushfinch	<i>Atlapetes crassus</i>
Slaty Brushfinch	<i>Atlapetes s. schistaceus</i>
Tanager Finch	<i>Oreothraupis arremonops</i>
Common Bush Tanager	<i>Chlorospingus flavopectus exitelus</i>
Dusky Bush Tanager	<i>Chlorospingus semifuscus</i>
Yellow-throated Bush Tanager	<i>Chlorospingus flavigularis</i>
Ashy-throated Bush Tanager	<i>Chlorospingus canigularis</i>

PASSERIFORMES: Icteridae

Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>
Yellow-billed Cacique (H)	<i>Amblycercus holosericeus australis</i>
Russet-backed Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius angustifrons</i>
Crested Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius decumanus melanterus</i>
Yellow-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus cela</i>
Scarlet-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus microrhynchus</i>
Northern Mountain Cacique	<i>Cacicus leucoramphus</i>
Yellow-backed Oriole	<i>Icterus chrysater griaudii</i>
Yellow Oriole	<i>Icterus nigrogularis</i>
Giant Cowbird	<i>Molothrus o. oryzivorus</i>
Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis cabanisii</i>
Carib Grackle	<i>Quiscalus l. lugubris</i>
Great-tailed Grackle	<i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>
Red-bellied Grackle	<i>Hypopyrrhus pyrohypogaster</i>
Yellow-hooded Blackbird	<i>Chrysomus icterocephalus bogotensis</i>

PASSERIFORMES: Parulidae

Louisiana Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>
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Northern Waterthrush
 Black-and-white Warbler
 American Redstart
 Tropical Parula
 Blackburnian Warbler
 American Yellow Warbler
Santa Marta Warbler
 Black-crested Warbler
White-lored Warbler
 Russet-crowned Warbler
 Rufous-capped Warbler
 Golden-crowned Warbler
 Three-striped Warbler
 Slate-throated Whitestart
Yellow-crowned Whitestart
 Golden-fronted Whitestart

Parkesia noveboracensis
Mniotilta varia
Setophaga ruticilla
Setophaga pitaiayumi
Setophaga fusca
Setophaga aestiva
Myiothlypis basilica
Myiothlypis nigrocristata
Myiothlypis conspicillata
Myiothlypis coronata regulus
Basileuterus rufifrons mesochrysus
Basileuterus culicivorus
Basileuterus tristriatus
Myioborus miniatus
Myioborus flavivertex
Myioborus ornatus

PASSERIFORMES: Cardinalidae

Tooth-billed Tanager
Crested Ant Tanager
 Ochre-breasted Tanager
 Vermilion Cardinal
 Ultramarine Grosbeak

Piranga lutea
Habia cristata
Chlorothraupis stolzmanni dugandi
Cardinalis phoeniceus
Cyanocompsa brissonii

PASSERIFORMES: Thraupidae

White-capped Tanager
 Rufous-crested Tanager
 Black-capped Hemispingus
 Superciliaried Hemispingus
 Oleaginous Hemispingus
 Black-eared Hemispingus
 Grey-hooded Bush Tanager
 Grey-headed Tanager
 White-lined Tanager
 Crimson-backed Tanager
 Flame-rumped Tanager
 Lemon-rumped Tanager
 Blue-grey Tanager
 Glaucous Tanager
 Palm Tanager
 Blue-capped Tanager
Black-and-gold Tanager
Gold-ringed Tanager
 Hooded Mountain Tanager
 Black-chested Mountain Tanager
Santa Marta Mountain Tanager
 Lacrimose Mountain Tanager
 Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager

Sericossypha albocristata
Creurgops verticalis
Hemispingus atropileus
Hemispingus superciliaris
Hemispingus frontalis
Hemispingus melanotis
Cnemoscopus r. rubrirostris
Eucometis penicillata
Tachyphonus rufus
Ramphocelus d. dimidiatus
Ramphocelus flammigerus
Ramphocelus icteronotus
Thraupis episcopus
Thraupis glaucocolpa
Thraupis palmarum
Thraupis cyanocephala annectens
Bangsia melanochlamys
Bangsia aureocincta
Buthraupis montana cucullata
Buthraupis eximia zimmeri
Anisognathus melanogenys
Anisognathus lacrymosus
Anisognathus igniventris

Blue-winged Mountain Tanager	<i>Anisognathus somptuosus cyanopterus</i>
Black-chinned Mountain Tanager	<i>Anisognathus notabilis</i>
Grass-green Tanager	<i>Chlorornis r. riefferii</i>
Buff-breasted Mountain Tanager	<i>Dubusia taeniata</i>
Purplish-mantled Tanager	<i>Iridosornis porphyrocephalus</i>
Fawn-breasted Tanager	<i>Pipraeidea melanonota venezuelensis</i>
Glistening-green Tanager	<i>Chlorochrysa phoenicotis</i>
Multicolored Tanager	<i>Chlorochrysa nitidissima</i>
Golden Tanager	<i>Tangara arthus</i>
Silver-throated Tanager	<i>Tangara icterocephala</i>
Saffron-crowned Tanager	<i>Tangara xanthocephala venusta</i>
Flame-faced Tanager	<i>Tangara parzudakii lunigera</i>
Rufous-throated Tanager	<i>Tangara rufigula</i>
Bay-headed Tanager	<i>Tangara gyrola</i>
Bay-headed Tanager	<i>Tangara gyrola toddi</i>
Scrub Tanager	<i>Tangara vitriolina</i>
Metallic-green Tanager	<i>Tangara l. labradorides</i>
Blue-necked Tanager	<i>Tangara cyanicollis granadensis</i>
Beryl-spangled Tanager	<i>Tangara nigroviridis</i>
Blue-and-black Tanager	<i>Tangara v. vassorii</i>
Black-capped Tanager	<i>Tangara heinei</i>
Black-headed Tanager	<i>Tangara c. cyanoptera</i>
Swallow Tanager	<i>Tersina viridis</i>
Turquoise Dacnis	<i>Dacnis hartlaubi</i>
Green Honeycreeper	<i>Chlorophanes spiza subtropicalis</i>
Golden-collared Honeycreeper	<i>Iridophanes pulcherrimus aureinucha</i>
Bicolored Conebill	<i>Conirostrum bicolor</i>
Rufous-browed Conebill	<i>Conirostrum rufum</i>
Blue-backed Conebill	<i>Conirostrum s. sitticolor</i>
Capped Conebill	<i>Conirostrum albifrons centrlandium</i>
Rusty Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa sittoides</i>
Chestnut-bellied Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa gloriosissima</i>
Glossy Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa lafresnayii</i>
Black Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa humeralis</i>
White-sided Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa a. albilatera</i>
Indigo Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa indigotica</i>
Bluish Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa caerulescens saturata</i>
Masked Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa c. cyanea</i>
Grey Pileated Finch	<i>Coryphospingus pileatus brevicaudus</i>
Plumbeous Sierra Finch	<i>Phrygilus unicolor geospizopsis</i>
Slaty Finch	<i>Haplospiza rustica</i>
Saffron Finch	<i>Sicalis f. flaveola</i>
Buff-throated Saltator	<i>Saltator m. maximus</i>
Black-winged Saltator	<i>Saltator atripennis</i>
Greyish Saltator	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>
Orinoco Saltator	<i>Saltator orenocensis</i>
Masked Saltator (H)	<i>Saltator cinctus</i>
Streaked Saltator	<i>Saltator s. striatipectus</i>
Blue-black Grassquit	<i>Volatinia jacarina splendens</i>
Slate-colored Seed eater	<i>Sporophila schistacea</i>
Variable Seed eater	<i>Sporophila corvina hicksii</i>

Yellow-bellied Seedeater
Ruddy-breasted Seedeater
Band-tailed Seedeater
Plain-colored Seedeater
Paramo Seedeater
Bananaquit
Black-faced Grassquit
Plushcap

Sporophila n. nigricollis
Sporophila minuta
Catamenia analis
Catamenia inornata minor
Catamenia homochroa oreophila
Coereba flaveola
Tiaris bicolor omissus
Catamblyrhynchus diadema diadema



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