

# ECUADOR

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- birding on public transportation -

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## Introduction

ECUADOR has become one of the most popular birding countries in South America the last few years. Guided tours with highly skilled tourleaders are a comfortable but expensive way of experiencing one of the worlds largest avifaunas. There is a much more inexpensive and often more exciting way to bird Ecuador. If you're well prepared and a bit adventurous you can visit most of the best birding sites on public transportation. You will probably not find as many species as on a tour (in the same amount of time), but you do find the birds on your own. This is what my friend Daniel Bengtsson and I did in the summer of 1997. Buses go almost anywhere, and if they don't go all the way, there are the possibilities of either taking a taxi, to hitch-hike or simply walk. Our very useful guidebook was "A guide to birdwatching in Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands" by Best et al. Except for the sometimes misguiding maps, this guide is very good and by far the best available. When it comes to the Amazon, low cost birding of high quality is hardly non-existing. Therefore we spent 5 days (3½ days of birding) at La Selva Lodge, where we were guided by the splendid guide José Hualinga. These days were more expensive than the other 7½ weeks of our journey! During our two months we managed to find no less than 871 species, including many rare and spectacular birds. The facts that we spent 10 full days non-birding and that buses can't be stopped when ever you want them to, makes this number quite impressive.

The birdwatching guide has some valuable information on many localities about public transportation. Complement this with information from either the Lonely Planet Guide or South American Handbook. Both books provides useful information on transportation, accomodation and lots of other stuff. Remember though, timetables are subjects to change and many transports and places to stay the night exist which are not mentioned in these books. As a matter of fact it seems that you can get to almost any tiny little village in Ecuador connected with a road (but make sure to ask about departures so you don't get stuck!). Bus stations in Ecuador, terminal terrestres, are very good. All long-distance buses usually depart from the same terminal (while local buses often depart from a separate terminal) which makes travelling very easy. If not full, you can stop a bus anywhere on the road, and the bus drops you off where ever you like it to. A general advice is to try to avoid Friday and Sunday afternoons if you intend to get on a bus on one of the main roads, since many people travel in the weekends and buses may pass by full. You should be very unlucky to get stuck more than a few hours, though. Hitch-hiking is relatively easy. Some expect a fare but most don't. You'll notice. Trucks won't stop, they're not allowed to take passengers. Avoid hitch-hiking in the cities. Taxis are well worth the price to get to certain places like Bombuscaro (\$5) and Cajanuma (\$7,50). If you want to be picked up to get back you should make a deal with the taxi-driver. We never did that (when the food and water is gone it's OK to walk, especially downhill),

but I have exclusively positive experiences from Costa Rica in that matter. Now about accommodation. Though we dragged the tent along several times, we only used it at Cerro Mongus. It clearly depends on how hardy birders you are if a tent will be useful. For a site like Cerro Mongus it is necessary. Otherwise accommodation can be found at or fairly close to many birding locations. A common price for a room with two beds (or double bed) at a simple hotel is \$5, the cheapest we stayed was only \$2,50, in Sozoranga. The rooms are often small and highly spartanic, often with more or less uncomfortable beds, but they serve their purpose. Many of these hotels are nice and safe (probably safer than "tourist" hotels), however, and extra options like a fan or private bathroom are often possible at a reasonable cost.

If you have the time, if you want to save a lot of money and get more of the adventure - take the bus! The hordes of fabulous ecuadorian birds are within reach also for the low budget traveller!

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## **Summary of the journey**

### **June**

16 Arrival to Quito at 22.30  
17 Quito  
18 To Mindo (afternoon birding)  
19-21 Mindo  
22 Mindo-Tandayapa-halfway to Bella Vista, to Quito  
23 Quito  
24 Quito-Cerro Mongus  
25-26 Cerro Mongus  
27 Cerro Mongus (morning birding), to Quito  
28 Quito  
29 Quito-Tena  
30 Tena, Puerto Napo

### **July**

1 Reserva Jatun Sacha (morning), Loreto Road (afternoon)  
2 Loreto Road  
3 Guacamayos (morning), San Isidro (afternoon)  
4 San Isidro  
5 Guacamayos (morning), to Quito  
6 Cotopaxi NP, Lasso  
7 Quito, to Ibarra  
8 Ibarra-Lita (birding from 12.30)  
9 Lita (morning), to El Placer  
10-11 El Placer  
12 El Placer (morning), to Quito  
13 Papallacta Pass (bommer!)  
14 Quito  
15 To San Rafael Falls (afternoon birding)  
16 San Rafael Falls, to Quito  
17 Quito, to Río Palenque

18 Río Palenque  
19 Río Palenque (morning), to Chone (evening birding)  
20 Chone Lakes (morning), to Puerto Lopez  
21 Isla de la Plata  
22 Ayampe  
23 Ayampe (morning), Monteverde Saltlakes, San Pablo, to La Libertad  
24 Punta Carnero and Lagunas Ecuasal (morning), to Guayaquil and Quito  
25 Quito  
26 Otavalo, to Loja (night bus)  
27-28 Cajanuma  
29 Cajanuma (morning), to Bombuscaro  
30 Bombuscaro  
31 Bombuscaro (morning), to Piñas

## **August**

1 Buenaventura  
2 Piñas-Loja-Sozoranga (evening birding)  
3 Sozoranga,  
4 walk (!) to Tambo Negro (morning), Sozoranga (afternoon)  
5 Utuana, to Loja and Quito (20 hours on bus!)  
6 Quito  
7 To Bella Vista (afternoon birding)  
8 Bella Vista (morning), to Quito  
9 Quito-Coca (airplane), To La Selva (birding from 13.30)  
10-12 La Selva  
13 La Selva-Coca-Quito  
14 Quito  
15 Papallacta Pass  
16 Quito, departure to Sweden at 14.30

## **Short description of visited sites**

This is only a short oversight of the sites we visited. You will need a guidebook, preferably "A guide to Birdwatching in Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands" which is mentioned in the introduction. Here you may find some valuable details, though, not covered in the book.

### **Western Lowlands**

**Río Palenque** Remnant lowland rainforest (167 ha) surrounded by plantations. Easily reached by bus. Accomodation available for \$15/night. Many rare species have been recorded, but we found the birding very frustrating. This is however one of the most easily reached lowland rainforest remnants in the west.

**Chone Lakes** Ponds 1 km. east of town and lake with associated marshes 10 km. SW of town by the road towards Manta and Portoviejo. Tons of waterbirds! The town as well as both sites are right by a busy transport road to the coast. Several cheap hotels in town.

**Isla de la Plata** Daily departures from Puerto Lopez with several tour agencies, most take \$40 (including the \$10 national park fee). Don't miss this experience! There are two trails on the island.

You will only have the chance to walk one trail in a single day (choosed by the guides). To see the Waved Albatross (normally 2 pairs, March-September) you have to walk the Punta Machete trail. On the Punta Escalera trail there is a small colony of Red-footed Booby, a species hard to get if you don't walk that trail (we missed it). There are several hotels in Puerto Lopez.

**Ayampe** Deciduous and humid dry forest, very good for Tumbesian endemics. Ayampe is about 20 kilometers south of Puerto Lopez. If you take the 06.00 bus you will get to the river by 06.30, shortly before sunrise. Follow the road by the river. The area is remarkably undisturbed, but few trails enter the forest. Try some dry riverbeds (but watch out for snakes!). Birding is good also south of town, though it's even harder to get into any forest.

**Monteverde Saltlakes** is right by the road between Puerto Lopez and La Libertad/Salinas. Lots of shorebirds and terns are present at any time. The beach at the nearby village San Pablo is good for gulls and terns.

**Lagunas Ecuasal and Punta Carnero** These saltpans hold large concentrations of birds, and you have a good chance of finding rare birds for Ecuador. Surrounding desert scrub is good for several scrub species. Take a taxi from either La Libertad or Salinas.

## Northwestern foothills (Upper Tropical Zone)

**Lita** is a small village at 570 m. in the northwest, easily reached by bus or train from Ibarra. Birding in the surrounding forest patches by the railroad can be rewarding. There is one simple hotel in the village.

**El Placer**, 23 km. west of Lita, is a superb birdwatching site at 650 m. accessible only by railroad. The area holds many Chocó endemics and rare species. This is a tiny village with only seven houses, so you have to bring along a tent. We were lucky to stay with a man called Mario. This is the last wilderness in western lowland Ecuador, with forest stretching out over the lowlands as far as the eye can see. El Placer is a site for the more adventurous. Birding is probably excellent by the newly finished Ibarra-San Lorenzo road as well.

## Western Subtropical Zone

**Mindo** A classical birding site (1250-1750 m.) close to Quito, holding many Chocó endemics as well as large mixed species flocks of tanagers and lots of hummingbirds. The deep red west andean race of Cock-of-the-Rock is absolutely stunning and rather easily found on the Yellow House Trail! Mindo can be reached by bus, though you might have to walk 8 kilometers from the main road. The walk is downhill, and there are lots of birds on the way. There are several hotels in the town.

**Bella Vista** (1750-2350 m.) is a small eco-lodge opened in 1995. It has become very popular, not least for the hummingbird feeders and rare species like Tanager Finch and Giant Antpitta. The forest property isn't very large and a major portion is secondary, but the birding is still great and differs markedly from that in Mindo.

## Temperate Zone

**Cerro Mongus** (3200-3750 m.) is a very good site holding cloud forest, elfin forest and páramo, though a bit hard to reach. You must bring a tent and all supplies, but you who manage will probably be rewarded with some fabulous and rare birds. Chestnut-bellied Cotinga (described in 1994) is the main attraction but it seems to be seen rather infrequently. Both Daniel and I think that Cerro Mongus was one of the most exciting sites visited. Good trails not depicted on the map in the guidebook lead south from the only clearing in the forest and from the southern edge of the páramo.

**Papallacta Pass** (2500-4250 m.) is passed when going eastwards from Quito towards the Amazon, a must for birdwatchers. Many buses pass daily, but avoid Fridays and Sundays. The weather is often quite awful by the pass itself (bring warm and wind-proof clothes), but when it's not this is the place to see the Andean Condor. Beyond the pass there is a lake which often have some waterbirds, and birding the temperate forest can be rewarding.

**Cotopaxi NP** (plateau at 3800, road ends at 4600 m.). A classical area for Rufous-breasted Seed-snipe and Ecuadorian Hillstar, both which can be seen at Papallacta as well. Magnificent views of Cotopaxi itself in suitable weather. We didn't have much of a chance to do any birding. Without a car you have to hitch-hike to get here. Especially at weekends this shouldn't be very difficult, but I don't recommend it.

**Lasso** (3000 m.) is a village some 10 kilometers south of the Cotopaxi NP turn-off. Here you can see some agricultural species as well as Suptropical Doradito in a nearby marsh (we did not). This is a site you might stop at if you're passing through, otherwise this is not a site of priority.

**Cajanuma** (P.N. Podocarpus, 2550-3400 m.) is a locality not to be missed if going to southern Ecuador. Birding is simply great! If the weather conditions allows, don't hesitate to take the strenuous (but rather short) walk up to the páramo, where you will be rewarded with fantastic views and hopefully Neblina Metaltail (described in 1980). Take a taxi from Loja. It will drive you all the way to the refugio on request. There are a few simple guestrooms at the refugio, but it might be good to bring a tent just in case.

## The Southwest

**Buenaventura** (900 m.) is a frequently visited site in the southwest, famed for the El Oro Parakeet described in 1985. The forest is severely fragmented, but still there are many birds around. There are several hotels in nearby Piñas, and the first morning bus to Machala will drop you off at the Virgen at dawn. The map in the guidebook is very confusing.

**Sozoranga** (1300-2650 m.) is a little visited site (as the two following sites) in a largely deforested but beautiful area. Birding is quite good, though the good forest left is almost impenetrable. Expect to see lots of Tumbesian Endemics. The only hotel in town is very cheap and has nesting Chestnut-collared Swallows. As for Buenaventura, the map isn't good.

**Tambo Negro** (600-1000 m.) holds even more Tumbesian Endemics than Sozoranga. We did hardly no birding here (read about this adventure in the diary!), but we were told not to wade across the river without rubber boots. You might get some kind of infection, though I didn't understand exactly what it was all about. If staying in Macará, you can reach Tambo Negro at or even before dawn. I strongly recommend not to walk from Sozoranga, as we did (see diary)!!

**Ututana** (2500 m.) is a small forest site easily reached from Sozoranga. The most interesting bird found here is the rare Gray-headed Antbird, and several new species for Ecuador have been found here, 10 kilometers from the Peruvian border. We only stayed a few hours here, without seeing any rarities, but the area is well worth investigating.

## Eastern Subtropical Zone

**San Isidro** (1700-2000 m.), just above Cosanga between Baeza-Tena is a rather new and popular site with good trails and expensive lodge accommodation. Day visitors have to pay \$10. If staying in Baeza the first bus will drop you off at Cosanga at 06.30, and then it is 3 km to walk to the lodge. You miss an important morning hour, but birds seem to be very active also in the afternoon. San Isidro is a must for east slope birding, though many species are the same as at Guacamayos.

**Guacamayos** (1700-2300 m.) is a completely forested ridge only 8 km south of San Isidro. Birding is very good, but there is only one trail which goes almost on top of the ridge. We found it hard birded despite the fact that we had the privilege to enjoy a totally clear morning, which is rare. The same bus that passes Cosanga at 06.30 reaches the Virgen of Guacamayos 15 minutes later, and many buses pass daily.

**San Rafael Falls** (1300-1400 m.) is right by the road to Lago Agrio in the Amazon (5 hours from Quito). The waterfall itself is magnificent, and the surrounding forest hosts large mixed-species flocks and many goodies. Accommodation is available for \$2.50 (simple) or \$6. A very nice site.

## Eastern Upper Tropical Zone

**Loreto Road** (500-1200 m.), south of Guacamayos, offers superb birding in the entire upper tropical zone. A car is highly favourable, but there are also regular buses. We stayed in Tena. The first bus reached km. 16, where we got off, at sunrise. One of the best areas is around km 3. The road is well worth much more time than we gave it.

**Bombuscaro** (P.N. Podocarpus, 950-1200 m.) is a very nice site in southern Ecuador. The superb endemic White-breasted Parakeet is frequently seen in this area, and there are many other good birds all over the place. There is limited space for a few visitors to stay (free) at the refugio, otherwise you can stay in nearby Zamora 8 km away and take a taxi to Bombuscaro. The NP fee is \$10 at Bombuscaro but only \$5 at Cajanuma. The ticket is valid at both entrances, so to save 5 boxes just go to Cajanuma first. The Loja-Zamora Road has lots of good birds. We didn't do any birding there, but I will do that next time I get there in July 1999.

## The Amazon

**Tena** (530 m.) is a town just below the Andean foothills. Secondary forest just outside town holds many of the more common Amazonian species as well as foothill species, some of which prefer degraded habitat. Austral migrants seem to like the area. The area is well worth birding.

**Reserva Jatun Sacha** (400-500 m.) is supposed to hold 530 species, which seems impossible due to the secondary condition of the forest in general. We didn't spend much time there, only a few hours. Birds and even bird sounds were few. The staff came first at 07.00. The best area in the

reserve should be investigated, though. There are a canopy tower there also. The entrance fee, which we never paid, is \$25.

**La Selva Lodge** (250 m.) is one of the most famous lodges in the Amazon. The multitude of habitats around the lodge hold a bird list of probably 550 species. Cocha Antshrike and Zigzag Heron is perhaps the two most sought-after birds here, of which we saw both. During our 3½ days at La Selva we recorded about 250 species, which is quite OK. Our guide José Hualinga was superb, and excellent guiding was the reason why we chose an expensive lodge as La Selva. There are many cheaper alternatives, but guides and habitats may be less good. A 5 day/4 night programme at La Selva is \$800 (1997), including air fare from Quito, while the cheaper alternative might cost \$350-450 and perhaps only will give half as many species of birds. A good trip to the Amazon is expensive, that's just how it is. I've read about another lodge on the Internet, which is supposed to be the even better than La Selva, situated in an area with large tracts of untouched forest in the surroundings. Check it up! Kapawi is another very good lodge, though the most expensive and lacking a canopy tower.

## Short diary

**6/16** We left Stockholm early in the morning. The first plane took us to Paris, from where we were supposed to fly to Bogotá and Quito. However, our plane from Stockholm was delayed. We arrived at the gate 5 minutes before departure - too late for boarding. About 10 hours later we landed at **Miami International Airport in Florida!** Birds were disappointingly few, but we managed to find both Common and Boat-tailed Grackles. Bonus birds! The time was about 23.30 when we rang the bell at **Casa Sueca** (the former Swedish school in Quito), 5 hours late. Finally in **Ecuador!**

**6/17** Our first day we did some bank visits, shopping and look around in the surroundings. Casa Sueca was our superb base throughout the summer. Lying just a 15 minute walk from the airport and having all necessary comforts like a stove, cooler, hot shower, washing machine and a Swedish library, we couldn't have a better place to rest after our birding trips! Since we travelled around by bus all the time, it was very good to be able to leave everything you didn't need there.

**6/18** We had planned to take the 06.30 bus towards Mindo (Puerto Quito), but it was canceled. Next bus left at 09.00. We reached the **Mindo** crossroad at 11-11.30. Having passed all superb forests next to the road (frustrating!), it was very exciting to start the walk down to Mindo. The weather was cloudy, but we only had some drops of rain. The highlight was undoubtedly a pair of stunning Velvet-purple Coronets, one of the no. 1 dream hummers! A male Golden-headed Quetzal was another great bird, and among many Tanagers were Metallic-green, Rufous-throated and Swallow-Tanagers. In Mindo we checked in at the cheap hostel Guadual.

**6/19** We started the day with the Yellow House Trail. The bird activity was somewhat slow, but we found 2 male Andean Cock-of-the-Rocks, 1 male Green-crowned Woodnymph, a pair of Pale-eyed Thrushes, 4 Slaty Antwrens, 3 Silver-throated Tanagers and 2 Black-billed Peppershrikes. In the afternoon we walked by the Mindo River. We found a Yellow-tufted Dacnis before heavy rain ended the birding. Great dinner in the evening!

**6/20** Today we started by the river and walked on the ridge south of Mindo. We had several great mixed species flocks containing 2-3 Glistening-green and 2 White-winged Tanagers as well as

6 Toucan Barbets. Hummers included 3 Purple-bibbed Whitetips, 7 Booted Racket-tails, 2 male Purple-throated Woodstars and 1 Brown Inca. Club-winged Manakins at lek and 3 Golden-headed Quetzals were other goodies. Heavy rain spoiled the late afternoon, but we were quite satisfied with the day!

**6/21** This our last day in Mindo we did another try at the Yellow House trail - a smart move! Good birds included 1 Rufous-bellied Nighthawk, 4-5 male Cock-of-the-Rocks (marvelous views!), 1 Ochre-breasted Antpitta, several Esmeraldas Antbirds, 1 Tawny-throated Leaf-tosser, 1 Barred Hawk, 2 male Violet-tailed Sylphs and 1 male Fawn-breasted Brilliant. In the afternoon we climbed halfway to the main road to see a male Velvet-purple Coronet, a male Masked Trogon and a pair of Powerful Woodpeckers at nest hole. We stayed the night in Mindo to catch the 06.30 bus the next morning.

**6/22** During the night I got a bad stomach, which wasn't too funny. We decided to try to get to **Bella Vista** anyway, to see the Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan. It was no good idea walking to Bella Vista by foot. We got a lift to Tandayapa, but since I felt rather weak we didn't make it all the way. Some nice birds were seen though, i.e. White-tipped Swift, Green-and-black Fruiteater and Yellow-faced Grassquit. On our way back to **Quito** we had splendid views of Cayambe, Antisana (a rather uncommon occurrence) and Cotopaxi. I spent the rest of the day in bed with fever.

**6/23** Well needed rest in **Quito**.

**6/24** A day to remember. Packed with food for three days, a tent and sleeping bags, we headed north with a bus towards Tulcán. We got off the bus at **El Juncal** in the dry Chota Valley. To get to **Cerro Mongus** wouldn't be an easy task. Hardly no one had heard about the village of Impuerán... At the Río Chota bridge we had a pair of Scrub Tanagers on our way to the nearby village Piquiriche. After several discussions with locals we were told to take a bus towards Monte Olivo. From the village Caldera de San Francisco (5 kms. from Piquiriche) the road climbs about 1500 meters to Impuer n. We were lucky to get a ride with a truck after just half an hour of waiting. After that we only had to walk 4 kms. (strenuous, but a Black-and-chestnut Eagle gave us strength!) to get to the forest and a good camping site. The tent was up at 17.00, just minutes before a shower! A short birding walk gave us a beautiful Buff-winged Starfrontlet, 2 Golden-crowned Tanagers and several Slaty Brush-Finches before going to bed. What a day! We fell asleep to the calls of three White-throated Screech-Owls.

**6/25** A great day, though starting with rain. Star birds were everywhere, but nothing bet the feeling of observing a pair of Chestnut-bellied Cotinga in the fascinating elfin forest. The Cotinga was only described in 1994, and very few have seen it! Yes! YES! 1 Masked Mountain-Tanager, 1 Andean Guan, 2 male Rainbow-bearded Thornbills, 1 male Viridian Metaltail, 2 female Great Sapphire-wings, several Golden-breasted Pufflegs, 1 White-browed Spinetail, 3 White-chinned Thistletails, 2 Black-headed Hemispinguses and 10 Andean Siskins were a few of the other highlights. We also saw a displaying Red-crested Cotinga! But still we had more to come...

**6/26** If yesterday was superb, this day was just unbelievable! The ultimate observation was that of a male Chestnut-bellied Cotinga, a Masked Mountain-Tanager and a Black-backed Bush-Tanager sitting next to each other in the same treetop!! The best new species were Black-thighed Puffleg, Purple-backed Thornbill, Black-chested Mountain-Tanager and a Tawny-breasted Tinamou that almost hit us when stumbling down from nowhere!



**6/27** Our last morning at Cerro Mongus was almost cloudless and thus gave us tremendous views of Cayambe to the south. Sword-billed Hummingbirds were seen very briefly, and as bad as these observations were, as little food and water we had left - hardly nothing! We also saw c. 10 Slaty Finches, 2 Barred Fruiteaters and 1 Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant. Back in Impuer n we joined a local transport to El Juncal. After a while the truck was completely filled with crops and people! Starved and thirsty we celebrated our success at a small restaurant. After some trouble finding a bus to stop (and being accused of being racists by some black women, probably because of our poor spanish and that we wouldn't buy pepinos), we finally made our way back to **Ibarra** and **Quito**.

**6/28** Rest in **Quito**. In the evening we had an appointment with a swedish tourist group that we were to follow to Tena the next day.

**6/29** Mostly a bus-day. We gave some lectures about the nature in Ecuador for our free ride. At noon we visited the radio station Interoceanica in Santa Rosa (half an hour east of Baeza - I did some birding there last time in Ecuador) managed by the Iglesia del Pacto, a sister church to the covenant church of Sweden and USA. We reached **Tena** in the evening. As the others continued to Misahualli, we checked in at the simple hotel Jumani.

**6/30** At dawn we started birding the Auca Trail by the Tena River. Shortly thereafter it started to rain... However the rain stopped after some time, and we were able to find several nice birds. Most interesting were 1 female Napo Sabrewing, 5 Orange-fronted Plushcrows, 2-3 Large Elaenias, 6 Golden-winged Tody-Flycatchers and a female Lemon-throated Barbet. In the afternoon we tried some birding at the nearby Puerto Napo, but strong heat and lack of suitable habitats made the walk rather boring. Better luck tomorrow!

**7/1** We started with a real bommer! The **Reserva Jatun Sacha**, easily reached by bus, is supposed to hold 530 species. It was a very quiet morning, the staff was very late, and there were hardly no birds at all! We gave up after a few hours (we didn't visit the best area, though), and found our way to the upper parts of the **Loreto Road** (Km. 3-5). The birding was a lot better. A pair of Black-and-white Tody-Tyrants (I only saw the female), a female Andean Cock-of-the-Rock, a pair of Bronze-green Euphonias and 1-2 Ecuadorian Tyrannulets were the best birds seen before heavy rain forced us back to Tena, first in an open truck and later a bus.

**7/2 Loreto Road** again. We jumped off the bus at c. km. 16 shortly before sunrise and started to walk our way back to Hollín. Steep slopes made the first 2 hours hard birded, but soon we had a pretty good list: Crested Quetzal (heard), Golden-collared Honeycreeper, Golden-eyed Flowerpiercer and lots of Tanagers including our first Paradise and Green-and-gold Tanagers were great, and Daniel saw a Coppery-chested Jacamar. Later on we caught a bus to the upper part of the road where the day was completed with some fabulous birds: 47 (fortyseven!) Military Macaws flew eastward at a distance, and a pair of Solitary Eagles soared over the forest. A flowering tree at the same spot provided us with extreme observations of a superb male Wire-crested Thorntail (dream hummer!), together with a male Booted Racket-tail and a less-spectacular female Violet-headed Hummingbird. In the roadside scrub there was a pair of Dusky Spinetail. At about 17.00 we took a bus to **Baeza**, which was our base for the next three nights.

**7/3** We left Baeza by bus at 06.00 and got off at the top of the **Guacamayos** ridge 45 minutes later. It might sound impossible, but this almost always foggy, rainy and damp place was bathing in sunshine with great views in all directions! Birding was however frustrating. Many birds were heard but few seen. Luckily we could identify the Boreal/Tengmalm's Owl-like song of the very rare Moustached Antpitta (or sp. nov.!), and an adult Solitary Eagle flew by at a distance of only

25 meters! In the afternoon we birded at **San Isidro** for a few hours. We heard a Highland Tinamou and 3 Emerald Toucanets, 1 Chestnut-breasted Coronet and 1 Grass-green Tanager were other highlights. The area needed much further investigation!

**7/4** Back at San Isidro. The morning was slow, but it got better in the afternoon. Among the best birds were a female of the rare Lazuline Sabrewing, a pair of Black-and-chestnut Eagles and a male Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia. Skulkers seen were one bird each of Chestnut-crowned Antpitta, Ash-colored Tapaculo and Equatorial Rufous-vented Tapaculo. Back to Baeza in the evening.

**7/5** Desperate to see a Black-billed Mountain-Toucan we headed to **Guacamayos** again. Weather today was back to normal - foggy, but at least not rainy. The Mountain-Toucan didn't cooperate, but 1 Green-fronted Lancebill and 2 male Collared Incas gave us a splendid show. Notable were also 1 Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant and an extremely dense flock of Chestnut-collared Swifts. A mudslide had been stopping the traffic from Tena for hours, but fortunately the traffic came through just when we wanted it to. It was great to come "home" to our comfortable **Casa Sueca** after a week of hard birding and much rain.

**7/6** Today we were going to try to convince the swedish tourist group to pay a visit to **Cotopaxi NP**. We started with a visit to the evangelical church Santisima Trinidad in southern Quito, a great experience! After that, we managed to convince them that Cotopaxi was worth a try. The visit became disappointingly short, because of windy and cool weather combined with lightly dressed swedes. Andean Lapwings were the best birds. The others were going to Baños, but we jumped off at the nearby village **Lasso** to look for Subtropical Doradito. We had to be satisfied with Chiguanco Thrushes and 1 Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch. Back to Quito in the afternoon.

**7/7** Rest and food shopping for our next trip. In the evening we took a bus to **Ibarra** where we spent the night.

**7/8** A travel agency in Quito told us that the train between Ibarra and San Lorenzo was daily. This was not the case. We waited in vain for the train to come, and were finally told that it didn't go until the next day. For a moment the day seemed to be a miserable failure, but suddenly I got a brilliant idea. Why not try to find a bus to Lita? Two hours later we left Ibarra with a San Lorenzo bus (yes, the road was finished and we had no idea of that!). At 12.00 we reached **Lita** and got a room at the only hotel in the village, Los Naranjos (newly painted in a mint green color). At 12.30 we started birding by the railroad track. Bird activity was rather slow at the beginning, but during the afternoon we found several good birds: 42 (!) Swallow-tailed Kites in one flock, Maroon-tailed Parakeets, Stripe-billed Aracaris, a male Purple-chested Hummingbird, a female Green Thorntail, a pair of Scarlet-browed Tanagers and a beautiful male Scarlet-thighed Dacnis. Not bad at all!

**7/9** The train was supposed to arrive at 10.30 so we had several hours for birding in the morning. We birded the hill of the opposite side of the river. Hummingbirds were plentiful, with several good species seen like Bronzy Hermit, Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer and our first Purple-crowned Fairy. Other good birds included Band-rumped Swifts, a pair of Orange-fronted Barbets and an Indigo Flowerpiercer. The train was delayed, but there were many butterflies to try to photograph and the station guy was very polite and friendly. He showed us his pet which was no less than a Hoffman's Three-toed Sloth. What a cool animal! Finally the train arrived and we were on our way to the real wilderness of El Placer. Suddenly the train stopped inside a tunnel. A team of railway workers were repairing the track! After 45 minutes they were done, and after a while we finally reached the 7-house village **El Placer**. When we got off the train a man, Mario, offered us to stay at his home, and since camping sites seemed difficult to find we accepted his offer. We found a pair of beautiful

Moss-backed Tanagers and some White-thighed Swallows before rain ended the birding. Back at Mario's home (one small room), we soon went to bed. Daniel and I shared a big bed, and Mario and his son a smaller. This was really an adventure!

**7/10** A full birding day in the exciting chocó forests. Two Berlepsch's Tinamous were heard, and among the many starbirds seen were 2 White-tipped Sicklebills, a male Lita Woodpecker, a pair of Spot-crowned Antvireos, a male Black-tipped Cotinga and Gray-and-gold-, Emerald-, Rufous-winged and Moss-backed Tanagers. Less spectacular were 1 Uniform Treehunter, 2 Common Tufted-Flycatchers, 1 Pacific Flatbill, 3 Checker-throated Antwrens, tons of Ochre-breasted Tanagers and 5 Tawny-faced Gnatwrens to name a few others. Great!

**7/11** Another great birding day, with a chocó hat trick: Chocó Toucans, a pair of Chocó Woodpeckers and 4 undescribed (!) Chocó Tapaculos. A Tiny Hawk chased a flock of 12 Rose-faced Parrots and 2 White-eyed Trogon females were seen with males heard. Two female Red-capped Manakins should have been males, but several other attractive birds rescued today's splash of color: 2 male Black-tipped Cotingas, a male Collared Trogon and a pair of Scarlet-and-white Tanagers (among several Tanagers). In the afternoon we met Mario's neighbour Segundo in the forest with a shot Chocó Toucan, still alive and heartbreakingly screaming. Supper... In the evening we showed the guys our bird guide. They knew many birds (far too many!), reliably Long-wattled Umbrellabird and Baudó/Crested Guan. This was the last night and I could only hope that I would sleep at least 3 hours. The bed was hard as stone...

**7/12** Morning birding didn't produce many new birds, only 2 Striped Woodhaunters, but possibly also the first Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher seen in Ecuador!! The Tody-Flycatcher was seen rather briefly. Daniel didn't see much of it though, and the observation circumstances are too poor for official acceptance. The train came at about 10.00. Mario & Co. were going to Alto Tambo, we on the other hand to Ibarra and **Quito**, dirty and tired after hard birding days and far too little sleep. But what a journey!

**7/13** After a good night's sleep we were fit for fight to bird the **Papallacta Pass**. At the pass the weather was windy and a bit rainy in the beginning. We flushed a Noble Snipe and a Tawny Antpitta, before heading towards the radio masts. Wind and rain increased, and after a while it was just horrible. Wet and frozen we started to walk back and down the road towards Quito for several kilometers. We were still freezing and no buses stopped (it was a Sunday). Fortunately a young pair from Quito picked us up, and drove us almost all the way to Casa Sueca! I spent my second evening with fever in bed...

**7/14** Well needed rest in **Quito**.

**7/15** At 07.00 we caught a Lago Agrio bus at Terminal Terrestre to drop us by the **San Rafael Falls** 5½ hours later. There we got a cheap room with two huge mattresses and nothing else in it. The fall was magnificent! Two Coppery-chested Jacamars were the best birds, other goodies were 1 female Wire-crested Thorntail, 1 Highland Motmot, 1 Lemon-browed Flycatcher, 4 Golden-collared Honeycreepers and Blue-browed, Golden-eared and Orange-eared Tanagers. We also saw an unidentified mammal. It was probably a Mountain Coati, but we only saw the animal's head in front position before it just disappeared!

**7/16** When waking up in the morning both Daniel and I found our wrists itching from about a hundred insect bites! How we got them is a mystery... Bird activity this morning was rather slow, nevertheless we found some great birds. Most notable was a Gray Tinamou that was seen very

good right by the trail. We also had great views of a female Amazonian Umbrellabird, 2 Green Hermits, 1 Bronzy Inca, 1 White-tipped Sicklebill (couldn't be closer!) and 5 Golden-eyed Flowerpiercers. A Short-tailed Antthrush sang for us. In the evening we were back in **Quito**.

**7/17** In the afternoon we went to Santo Domingo and **Río Palenque**, where we arrived, after a few kilometers extra walk, at dusk.

**7/18** A full day at Río Palenque, which started with rain. Since we had left our rubber boots in Quito our shoes got wet and dirty in an instance... Birding was frustrating, but we found a few goodies: 2 Rufous-fronted Wood-Quails (1 juv. seen very well), 3 White-necked Jacobins, 6 Pale-mandibled Aracaris, c. 10 Orange-fronted Barbets, 1 White-whiskered Puffbird, Black-headed Antthrushes (heard) and 1 Chestnut-backed Antbird. Supper was our usual mix of tuna, eggs, carrots, bread, bananas, biscuits and water...

**7/19** The morning once more started with rain with extremely slow birding later on. The only new birds were 1 male Guayaquil Woodpecker and 1 female Black-tailed Trogon. Our stay at the scientific station became a lot more expensive than expected - \$15/night! We felt kind of hustled and rather disappointed with the birding, so we left for Santo Domingo and **Chone** near the coast, where we arrived in the evening. In a few ponds just east of town we had lots of waterbirds, notably 5 Least Grebes, c. 10 Fulvous Whistling-Ducks, 1 Pinnated Bittern, c. 20 Purple Gallinules, c. 50 Wattled Jacanas and 8 Masked Water-Tyrants. A seemingly miserable day ended up in joy!

**7/20** To find **Chone Lakes** as shown on the birding guide map was a hard task. Where the lakes were supposed to be we found nothing but pastures. Nevertheless there were many birds around: a flock of 20 Red-masked Parakeets flew by, and we also saw 1 male Green-breasted Mango and a pair of Black-crowned Tityras. Some locals pointed out the real direction of the lakes, where we found tons of Egrets (c. 2000), 3 White Ibises, 2 Pinnated Bitterns, 1 Anhinga and 1 Pearl Kite. By noon we caught a Guayaquil bus and got off at Jipijapa a few hours later. A really bad film with maximum volume made the trip to **Puerto Lopez** less funny. In Puerto Lopez we met a young english couple, with whome we shared a four bed (2 rooms) room for three nights at the cheapest hostería in town. In the evening we also booked a trip to Isla de la Plata, the exciting event of next day.

**7/21** The boat that took us to **Isla de la Plata** (30 kms offshore) was small and the waves high. That's no good combination. I felt very sea sick the last hour... Isla de la Plata was great, though. We desperately wanted to walk the Waved Albatross trail, and stubborn as we were it became ours! Our first bird was a Long-tailed Mockingbird of the endemic race platensis. To walk in the seabird colony was extremely fun, the first birds being Masked and Blue-footed Boobies. The highlight was a Waved Albatross with a tiny chick just 2 meters from the trail, and later we saw three more adults (the whole population?!). From a viewing point we saw 4-6 ad. Red-billed Tropicbirds and 3 Humpback Whales. Our guide and staff pushed us forward all the time with the hereafter famous word "vamos!". Before departure we did some snorkeling (great experience!), and then we headed homewards. Halfway, 3 Killer Whales appeared right by the boat! Sea sick as I was, I puked shortly thereafter... Back in Puerto Lopez only the light memories of the day remained, and these were many, be sure of that!

**7/22** Today's birding locality was **Ayampe River** and the tropical dry forest. Very good! Rarest were 2-3 Gray-backed Hawks (excellent views) and c. 20 Saffron Siskins. Other good birds were 1 Laughing Falcon (close!), c. 50 Red-masked Parakeets, 4 Pale-mandibled Aracaris, 1 Blue-crowned Motmot (also heard), 3 Red-billed Scythebills, c. 10 Speckle-breasted Wrens and many of the more common Tumbesian Endemics, i.e. Black-capped Sparrow, Gray-and-gold Warbler

and Ecuadorian Piculet. Our last night in Puerto Lopez produced a massive roost of Gray-breasted Martins, at least 3500 birds! To find bread in the evening was an adventure...

**7/23** We started the day with birding by the road south of **Ayampe**. The good forest was hard to access, and bird activity was slow. Good observations of 3 Violaceous Trogons, 2 Bat Falcons and 3 White-backed Fire-eyes were some of the highlights, we noted very few new species. At 10.30 we stopped a bus to continue south to **San Pablo** and **Monteverde Saltlakes**. It was very nice with some "normal birding" (using the telescope for the second time - the first was around Chone) for a change. Gray Gulls flew by and waders were present in good numbers. A Hudsonian Godwit was a surprise, more normal were the c. 10 Wilson's Plovers and c. 100 Short-billed Dowitchers. A Black-bellied Plover in full breeding plumage must have been newly arrived. In the afternoon we ended up in **La Libertad**, a rather dull and busy city, where we stayed at a fairly expensive hotel.

**7/24** Shortly after dawn we took a taxi to **Punta Carnero**, less than 10 kms away, to watch for seabirds and beach waders. We didn't find very much, and thus took another taxi to drop us by the **Lagunas Ecuasal** - much better! Peruvian Pelicans were everywhere, maybe 500 birds altogether. Gull-billed and Elegant Terns numbered about 100 each, and there was also a flock of 61 Gray Gulls. In the central parts of the salinas the most interesting birds were found. Surprisingly at least 10 ad. summer-plumaged South American Terns (acting like breeding!) and a winter plumaged Red Knot were seen, both species very rare in Ecuador! A flock of 76 ad. Chilean Flamingos and 1 Kelp Gull were other goodies. In the nearby scrub we found 5 Burrowing Owls, 2 Lesser Nighthawks and 2 Short-tailed Field-Tyrants among others. By now the sun was high and the degree 36 C, so we went to the hotel and took a bus to **Guayaquil**. We passed Cerro Blanco on our way, hoping to see most of its species in southern Ecuador instead. In Guayaquil we took a bus to Quito. Egrets were abundant (1000s) and several Snail Kites (one did actually carry a snail!) were seen through the window. After a very long day we finally arrived to **Casa Sueca** in the middle of the night and got to bed at 01.30. La Costa was done!

**7/25** Rest in **Quito**. A group of 20 americans had been sleeping in the house, resulting in vanished rubber boots(!) and some other stuff. I had a hole in one of my rubbers, so I had to buy new ones anyway. One of few places to buy rubber boots is near Terminal Terrestre in the old city, we were told, so I went there and bought rubbers and tickets to Loja. Sothern Ecuador was our next project!

**7/26** For the first time we did a real tourist trip. We joined a swedish missionary family to the market of **Otavalo**! Great experience (though tons of tourists)! I bought a perfect, handsome jacket and a poncho for only \$20. We had to leave after a few hours, so we took a bus back and prepared ourselves for our 10 day trip due south. We travelled with Panamericana, who has the most comfortable buses in Ecuador, and left by 19.30.

**7/27** We arrived at **Loja** at 09.45 after a 14 hour bus ride. A taxi then drove us all the way up to the refugio at **Cajanuma, Podocarpus NP**, which was our base for two nights. A british couple had been here for several days in terrible weather. This was their first day with sun! We birded the road and the loop trails in the afternoon. 3 Bearded Guans, 1 Flame-throated Sunangel and several species of Tanagers were cooperative. Thanks to Dick, the english guy, we could identify the song of a Chusquea Tapaculo - the second undescribed species of Tapaculo of our journey! We fell asleep early with great expectations for the next day...

**7/28** Our expectations were to be fulfilled! The weather was great, and we had no trouble reaching the p ramo though it still was a bit windy. Poor englishmen that left today! The forest gave us

2 Glowing Pufflegs, 6 Barred Fruiteaters, very tame Pale-naped Brush-Finches and a Masked Mountain-Tanager (again!). Chusquea and Ocellated Tapaculos were heard. In the transition zone between elfin forest and páramo we found 2 Mouse-colored Thistletails, 1 Páramo Tapaculo and a female of our target species Neblina Metaltail! Great views impressed us at the top of the ridge where we flushed an Andean Snipe and got 2 male Neblina Metaltails. Afternoon birding was also great. By the road we found a soaring Black-and-chestnut Eagle, 1 male Purple-backed Thornbill, 1 Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager, 2 male Red-hooded Tanagers and 1 male Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia. By the loop trails we had excellent observations of 2 Chestnut-naped Antpittas and 1 Yellow-billed Cacique. At dusk we heard a Band-winged Nightjar and a Rufous-banded Owl. What a day!

**7/29** Morning birding produced some new species: 2 White-browed Ground-Tyrants were totally unexpected, while 1 Purple-throated Sunangel, 1 male Chestnut-breasted Coronet, 1 White-throated Quail-Dove and 3 Masked Trogons were other nice contributions to our list. We walked the 8 kilometers down to the main road and caught a bus to **Loja** where we drank one of many coca colas during the summer and filled up the Oreo-biscuit stock. **Zamora** and the **Bombuscaro** entrance of Podocarpus NP was 2 hours away. Late in the afternoon we arrived at the Bombuscaro refugio, where the staff offered us their beds so they could sleep at home for a change. The englishmen were also present!

**7/30** The star bird of the day was undoubtedly the absolutely stunning White-breasted Parakeet, which was seen good both sitting and flying, about 20 birds altogether. During the day our list became rather impressive, though it was slow at many times: 1 Sickle-winged Guan, 1 pair of Torrent Ducks, 1 Ecuadorian Piedtail, 2 Black-streaked Puffbirds, 1 Lanceolated Monklet (cool bird!), 2 Orange-crested Flycatchers, 3 Gray-mantled Wrens, 2 male White-winged Tanagers and 1-2 Vermilion Tanagers were some of the best birds seen. Moreover, we saw lots of "89-butterflies", and we even took a swim in the Bombuscaro River. Cold, but refreshing!

**7/31** The morning was spent birding near the refugio. Good birds were 1 Brown Tinamou (heard), 1 Ecuadorian Piedtail, 1 Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher, 3 Andean Cock-of-the-rocks (2 males!), 1 female (of course) Blue-rumped Manakin and 2 Masked Tanagers. After a few hours we started to walk back to Zamora, 8 kms away. We missed our bus in spite of walking rather fast, but a taxi driver offered us a good price to Loja if he could get a full car. He soon did, and off we went back to **Loja**. Here we waited a couple of hours for a bus to Piñas on the west slope. The bus trip had the best music so far, and we arrived safely in **Piñas** in the evening.

**8/1** At dawn we jumped off a bus at **Buenaventura**, 9 km. west of Piñas, where Spotted Night-ingale-Thrushes and Andean Solitaires dominated the pleasant morning chorus. The forest of the Buenaventura area is severely fragmented but still many birds are present. Actually we had one of our highest day totals here - 103 species. Mixed species flocks contained many good species like 4 Line-cheeked Spinetails, 1 Pacific Tuftedcheek, 3 species of Antshrike, 1 White-throated Spadebill, 1 Rufous-winged Tyrannulet and a female Golden-winged Manakin. Among many species of raptors overhead were 3 Gray-backed Hawks, 1 Great Black-Hawk and 1 Hook-billed Kite. Song Wrens entertained us with their amazing song, and Rufous-headed Chachalacas were also heard. Two different mammals appeared on almost the same spot, a Tayra (large marten) and a Central American Agouti! The target species of the day was naturally the El Oro Parakeet. They came in the afternoon. Daniel saw the flock of four birds pretty far away, but I only heard them... We hitchhiked back to Piñas late in the afternoon for our last night there.

**8/2** Up early to catch a bus to **Loja**. We arrived at 10.28, with the only bus towards Sozoranga leaving at 10.30! I ran away to watch for the bus and Daniel waited for our baggage. With only seconds left we got on the next bus for another 4 ½ hour ride... We arrived at **Sozoranga**, 30 kms from the peruvian border, in the afternoon. We checked in at the only hotel in town, where Chestnut-collared Swallows nested. The evening was spent birding just east/northeast of town in scrub and remnant forest patches. A pair of Red-masked Parakeets flew by in superb light. Hummingbirds were plentiful. We had extreme observations of a Short-tailed Woodstar and, surprisingly, a female Little Woodstar. A male Woodstar was perhaps also a Little, but the literature didn't help us much. Moreover we found 1 White-headed Brush-Finch, 1 Black-cowled Saltator and a close-up Watkins' Antpitta. A Barn Owl appeared by the town plaza at dusk. What a good start!

**8/3** Full day at Sozoranga. We started to walk towards Yaramine in darkness, with the sky just full of stars. In roadside scrub and forest (hard to get into) we saw many good species like 1 male Purple-collared Woodstar, 5 Scarlet-backed Woodpeckers, 2 Chapman's Antshrikes, 4 Elegant Crescent-chests, 6 Mouse-colored Tyrannulets, 1 Gray-breasted Flycatcher, 3 White-tailed Jays and 1 Black-cowled Saltator. Guayaquil Squirrels were also seen. In the afternoon we birded a ridge above the same road and found 2 Rainbow Starfrontlets and 4 Silver-backed Tanagers. In the evening we were invited to dance with some young ecuadorians. I went there, but Daniel stayed at the hotel. Cool experience, but the dancing was unfortunately westernized.

**8/4** At 04.15 we started a walk that was to last much longer than expected. The birdwatching guide told us that the distance to **Tambo Negro** is 10 kms. The village Sabiango should be halfway. We arrived at Sabiango around 07.00, despite fast downhill walking! At least we saw our first Gray-cheeked Parakeets. It was probably the first time two gringos passed the military checkpoint at Sabiango by foot! Finally at Tambo Negro, by 09.15 we had a coke at a medical station. The 10 kilometers must have been about 22!!! The birding spirit was rather low, not least after we'd met a local that warned us to wade across the river without rubber boots. He invited us to eat coco nut and papaya, which was very nice of him. Daniel didn't feel well, so we took a bus (not uncommon in that direction) back to Sozoranga. Before leaving we did find some good birds: 2 Ochre-bellied Doves (one of our target species), 3 White-edged Orioles, 5 White-tailed Jays, 2 Short-tailed Hawks and Gray-cheeked and Red-masked Parakeets. Back at the military checkpoint we didn't have to show our passports - they were merely smiling at us... In the afternoon Daniel rested when I birded. The birds were mostly like the day before, but I found i.e. 3 Purple-collared Woodstars and a Pacific Elaenia. Very tired after 30 kms of walking, I retired early. Tomorrow was going to be another long day.

**8/5** At 06.00 we left Sozoranga for the nearby locality **Ututana**, at a higher elevation. Hummingbirds were common, especially the beautiful Purple-throated Sunangel. We also saw 3 female Green-tailed Trainbearers and 4 Silver-backed Tanagers. We didn't stay very long and failed finding any of the rare birds that have been seen here. At 10.30 we took a bus to the now familiar bus terminal of **Loja**, where we found another one going home to Quito. The night on the bus was horrible. First they showed a disgusting film (I tried not to watch it), then I only had my t-shirt and the rest of my stuff on the roof. It was very cold, and I didn't get any sleep at all! We arrived at **Casa Sueca** at 06.45. The first thing I did was taking a hot shower!

**8/6** Sleep, rest and lots of food in **Quito**.

**8/7** We just had to make a try (kind of desperate!) to see at least one species of Mountain-Toucan on our journey, so we went to **Bella Vista**. This time we didn't walk, a man in Nanegalito drove us there for a cost of \$10. Bella Vista was great! Hummingbird feeders were everywhere, which was a big surprise for us. WHY is this the only place in this hummer-country to have hummingbird feeders? To watch totally unaware Buff-tailed Coronets and Gorgeted Sunangels from a distance of 15 centimeters was such an incredibly amazing experience! Among other hummers were Collared Incas (superb observations, but not as close as the above mentioned) and a female Fawn-breasted Brilliant. We finally got to see 3 Plate-billed Mountain-Toucans (YES! Superb birds!), and we also found 1 Barred Forest-Falcon, 1 Toucan Barbet and 1 Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant. But the day wasn't over. At dusk we both heard and saw an amazing male Swallow-tailed Nightjar, and when it got all dark we heard 1 Colombian Screech-Owl, 1 Mottled Owl and 1 Common Potoo! Excellent!

**8/8** The day started with both Lyre-tailed and Swallow-tailed Nightjars heard! Otherwise it was rather slow. We missed 2 Beautiful Jays, but saw 4 Turquoise Jays, 1 Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan, 3 Grass-green Tanagers and 3 Golden-rumped Euphonias. Three merry and kind girls were cooking the food in absence of the chef who was on vacation. Though we were running out of money and just wanted the breakfast, the girls spoiled us and even made lunch packets for our walk (downhill) to the main road. We would have liked to stay longer, but we had to say farewell at 10.30. Back in **Casa Sueca** we packed our bags for our last big adventure, 3 ½ days at La Selva Lodge! One third of our total budget was invested in this outrageously expensive trip, so we had great expectations...

**8/9** The plane to **Coca** departed on time, at 08.00. At 09.30 we started our 3 hour boat ride down the Napo River. On our way we saw several species, remarkably a male Yellow-hooded Blackbird. There are no previous official (but unofficial) records in Ecuador, but as we saw the bird in front position it should be almost impossible to confuse it with Oriole Blackbird. Finally at **La Selva** we first checked in and after that met our superb birdwatching guide José, (who was the main reason to chose La Selva). From the beginning we were 7 people in the "hard birder group", the figure dropped to 4 later on. The afternoon was primarily spent in the canopy tower. José has a very good knowledge in bird sounds, but you had to ask him to know what bird that was singing most of the time. Some of the birds seen were 1 Double-toothed Kite, 2 Black-headed Parrots, Lettered and Many-banded Aracaris, 1 male Spangled Cotinga, 1 Cinereous Mourner and 2 Olive Oropendolas. Many species were heard, including 4 species of Tinamou, Red-throated Caracara and Rufous-capped Antthrush. After the delicious supper we went owling. We heard 5 Tawny-bellied Screech-Owls and 1 Spectacled Owl, while 1 Pauraque and 1 Rufescent Tiger-Heron were spotlighted. Our first day had come to an end.

**8/10** Up before dawn to have an early breakfast. After that we got lunch packets and headed to Río Napo. On our way we heard a Ringed Woodpecker which soon was seen flying across Lake Garzacochoa, and we also heard a Cream-colored Woodpecker. From the boardwalk we heard a Gray-necked Wood-Rail and by the boats we saw a few Black-mantled Tamarins and Common Squirrel-Monkeys. First we looked for Parrots at the salt licks, which unfortunately were almost deserted. At the river edge was a Spix's Guan and a male Plum-throated Cotinga. We soon arrived at the landing place for one of the famous trails on the southern side of Río Napo. Now the real birding began. With the help of José the 4-5 hour walk gave us an impressive list of birds: 1 White-eared Jacamar was seen at the forest edge and shortly thereafter we saw a pair of Brown Nunlets and a male Golden-collared Toucanet. Deeper inside the forest we were lucky to find army ants, which of course means lots of Antbirds! Bicolored, Lunulated, Scale-backed and Sooty Antbirds were seen very well and Daniel had the great luck of seeing 2 White-plumed Antbirds... We heard 1 Hairy-crested Antbird, 1 Ochre-striped Antpitta, 1 Noble Antthrush and several Rusty-



belted Tapaculos. Among other birds seen here were 1 Straight-billed Hermit, 1 Black-tailed Leaf-tosser, 1 Gray Antwren, 1 Black-faced Antthrush, 2 White-chested Puffbirds and 3 Dusky-capped Greenlets. For a while after this rush it was rather slow, and then the birds came again, i.e. 1 Great Jacamar, 1 Yellow-browed Antbird, 1 Brownish Twistwing and 3 Long-billed Gnatwrens. After this superb walk we went to one of the nearby river islands to see 1 Large-billed Tern, 2 Ladder-tailed Nightjars, 1 Lesser Hornero, 1 Lesser Wagtail-Tyrant, 2 Castelnau's Antshrikes and 2 Dusky-cheeked Foliage-gleaners. Back at the lodge the hardest birders (a German and us) walked to the canopy tower to find 2 male Spangled Cotingas, 1 White-necked Puffbird and a mixed species flock containing Opal-rumped, Opal-crowned and Paradise Tanagers as well as 1 Yellow-bellied Dacnis and 1 White-lored Euphonia. After the supper buffet we heard a Great Potoo and summed up the day list to about 150 species. Not bad at all!!

**8/11** Today we started to walk to Lake Mandicocha (1 roosting Great Potoo, 1 male Plain-throated Antwren and 1 female Plain-winged Antshrike by the trail), where we took a boatride on the Mandiyacu stream. Azure Gallinules were seen very well by the lake, and by the stream we saw several nice birds with the help of José and his tape recorder. A pair of Dot-backed Antbirds came very close, as did a pair of Yellow-crowned Elaenias. Plumbeous Antbirds were harder to get a good view at, and we had almost given up hope to see the Cocha Antshrike when a male suddenly was heard at a distance. José taped it in to be watched under good circumstances! We also saw Red Howler Monkeys. On our way back to the lake we saw 1 White-chinned Jacamar, 2 overflying Blue-and-yellow Macaws and 1 Várzea Mourner. When the boatride was finished we splitted up in two groups, one going to the canopy tower and the other into the forest. José, the Germans, Daniel and I chose the forest. An Ornate Hawk-Eagle soared high above us, visible only for a few seconds but heard for a long time. A pair of Sapphire Quail-Doves was seen very well, and we also found Spot-winged, Cinereous and Dusky-throated Antshrikes, a male Casqued Oropendola and a few Dusky Titi Monkeys. In the afternoon we had great views of a newly fledged Zigzag Heron and 2 Pygmy Marmosets by the lodge. After that we went boating around Garzacocha to see 4 Ivory-billed Aracaris (close!), lots of Hoatzins, 1 Rufous-breasted Hermit and 1 Green-and-rufous Kingfisher and 1 Boat-billed Heron to the lucky, myself not included. Well, I did see the Kingfisher (that it was a bird, that is) and I heard the wingbeats of the Heron... Evening owling produced 1 Black-banded Owl, 2 Crested Owls and 5 Ferruginous Pygmy-Owls heard, but the only thing we saw was the nightly creature Kincajou. One day left!

**8/12** Today we went to the opposite side of the river again. During the night many of the guests at La Selva began to feel sick. The most safe and expensive place was ironically the place where we got a really bad stomach! For me it was no problem, but Daniel had a hard time. A flock of Scarlet-shouldered Parrotlets flew by at a distance just before we reached the boardwalk. Too bad we couldn't see their beauty. At the forest edge on the other side of the river we found 1 Variegated Flycatcher and 2 Chestnut-eared Aracaris, but José took the prize with a male Rufous-headed Wood-pecker! Unfortunately the bird disappeared before anyone else could see it, but at least we got to hear it... Inside the forest we were lucky to find army ants once again! Despite Daniel's illness he found his third White-plumed Antbird among Bicolored, Sooty and Lunulated Antbirds. It disappeared as usual, and I was very close to get a serious nerve brake! Suddenly 2 birds appeared right on the trail, and the story got a lucky ending (with 2 more birds seen!). Spectacular birds indeed! Our Antbird list grew considerably during the day, with Undulated, Fasciated and Mouse-colored Antshrikes, Gray, Warbling, Silvered and Spot-backed Antbirds and Rufous-tailed Antwren seen. Our miserable male Manakin-list could add a heard Wire-tailed Manakin, not much of a comfort... During a shower we could watch 4 Scarlet Macaws and the uncommon Monk Saki Monkey, the latter being a very odd creature! In the afternoon we went to a river island further downriver to look for Amazonian Umbrellabirds, but we only found a Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl.

Back at Garzacochoa we saw a male Scale-breasted Woodpecker, our 5:th Celeus in three days! There was one hour of light left, but we were just too tired to do any more birding.

**8/13** After breakfast we headed straight to the boats to be transported back to Coca and Quito. We took farewell to the Amazon forest and its birds. Our 3:rd seen Great Potoo, 4 Blue-and-yellow Macaws and a singing White-shouldered Antbird were some of the last birds noted. During the boattrip we found 1 Black Skimmer and 1 Capped Heron, both species rather unexpected. Problems met us at the airport in **Coca**. Our plane was "broken", so we had to wait for 5 hours for the next available flight! La Selva payed for dinner at a restaurant, and at the airport we found c. 10 Red-breasted Blackbirds and 3 Pectoral Sandpipers. We finally arrived to **Quito** at 17.30. Our total list for the La Selva trip ended up at c. 250 species, a good result, much thanks to José.

**8/14** Rest, shopping and photographing in the old town of **Quito**.

**8/15** We just had to do another try at the **Papallacta Pass**. At the pass the weather was bad as usual, so we continued to the lake where we found 29 Yellow-billed Pintails, 25 Andean Teals, 5 Páramo Seedeaters and 2 Shining Sunbeams. The sky miraculously cleared up, so we took a bus to the pass where we found 2 ad. Andean Condors after just a few minutes! Wow! The radio masts were barely visible, so we didn't even think of walking up there again. However, instead of Rufous-bellied Seedsnipes, we found 1 male Blue-mantled Thornbill, 3 Ecuadorian Hillstars and 2 Andean Tit-Spinetails which was just as good! This time we didn't freeze too much, and buses were not full, so we got to Quito again in the afternoon with plenty of time for packing. Our two months in Ecuador had come to an end.

**8/16** We spent our last sures on a bus to La Carolina to take some "panic photos" of common birds and people. The swedish missionaries that took us to Otavalo were at Casa Sueca again. They helped us to get to the airport with all our baggage and saw that we got away safely. This time we flew to Bogotá, then to Paris and Stockholm, where our families met us at the airport. Full of memories of our many adventures, the images and sounds of 872 species of birds in our heads, and of much lighter weight (I had lost 10 kilos!), we were both glad and sad of being back in Sweden again. But one thing's for sure. There will be more journeys to South America!

## Species list

**Gray Tinamou** *Tinamus tao* 7/16 1 San Rafael Falls.

**Great Tinamou** *Tinamus major* 8/9 2 heard, 8/10 1 heard La Selva.

**Highland Tinamou** *Nothocercus bonapartei* 7/3 1 heard San Isidro.

**Tawny-breasted Tinamou** *Nothocercus julius* 6/26 1 (flying!) Cerro Mongus.

**Cinereous Tinamou** *Crypturellus cinereus* 8/9 3 heard, 8/10 2 heard, 8/11 1 heard, 8/12 2 heard La Selva.

**Berlepsch's Tinamou** *Crypturellus berlepschi* 7/10 2 heard, 7/11 1 heard El Placer.

**Little Tinamou** *Crypturellus soui* 6/30 1 heard Tena, 7/18 2 heard, 7/19 1 heard Río Palenque, 8/9 2 heard, 8/11 2 heard La Selva.

**Brown Tinamou** *Crypturellus obsoletus* 7/31 1 heard Bombuscaro.

**Variegated Tinamou** *Crypturellus variegatus* 8/9 1 heard, 8/10 1 heard (probably the same bird) La Selva.

**Least Grebe** *Tachybaptus dominicus* 7/19 at least 5 Chone, 7/20 2 Chone Lakes.

**Pied-billed Grebe** *Podilymbus podiceps* 7/19 c. 10 Chone, 7/20 c. 15 Chone Lakes, 4 Chone-Portoviejo, 7/24 c. 50 Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Waved Albatross** *Phoebastria irrorata*\* 7/21 4 ad., 1 chick Isla de la Plata.

**Red-billed Tropicbird** *Phaethon aethereus* 7/21 4-6 ad. Isla de la Plata.

**Magnificent Frigatebird** *Fregata magnificens* Common by the coast and at Isla de la Plata.

**Blue-footed Booby** *Sula nebouxii* 7/20 c. 50 Puerto Lopez, 7/21 c. 300 Isla de la Plata, 7/24 c. 10 Punta Carnero.

**Nazca Booby** *Sula granti* 7/21 c. 150 Isla de la Plata. Recent split from Masked Booby.

**Neotropic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* 7/18 7 Río Palenque, 7/20 c. 200 Chone Lakes, 24/7 c. 30 Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Anhinga** *Anhinga anhinga* 7/20 1 juv. Chone Lakes.

**Brown Pelican** *Pelecanus occidentalis* 7/20 1 Puerto Lopez, 7/24 c. 10 Punta Carnero.

**Peruvian Pelican** *Pelecanus thagus* 7/20 c. 180 Puerto Lopez, 7/21 1 Isla de la Plata, 7/23 5 Monteverde Saltlakes and 5 La Libertad, 7/24 c. 500 Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Fulvous Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna bicolor* 7/19 c. 10 Chone.

**Torrent Duck** *Merganetta armata* 7/3 2 males Cosanga, 7/30 1 pair Bombuscaro.

**Andean Teal** *Anas andium* 7/6 4 Cotopaxi NP, 8/15 25 Papallacta Lake.

**White-cheeked Pintail** *Anas bahamensis* 7/24 c. 400 Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Yellow-billed Pintail** *Anas georgica* 8/15 29 Papallacta Lake.

**Chilean Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus chilensis* 7/24 76 ad. Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Cocoi Heron** *Ardea cocoi* 7/19 2 ad. Chone, 7/20 c. 25 Chone Lakes, 8/4 1 ad. Tambo Negro, 8/10 1 La Selva, 8/13 2 La Selva-Coca.

**Great Egret** *Egretta alba* Abundant around Chone (maybe 1000) 7/19-20 and even more abundant north of Guayaquil 7/24 (more than 1000).

**Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula* Abundant around Chone (about 1000) 7/19-20. At least 1000 (maybe 2000) Guayaquil-Quevedo 7/24.

**Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea* 7/19 1 subad. Chone.

**Tricolored Heron** *Egretta tricolor* 7/20 1 juv. Chone Lakes.

**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis* Common in the west (100s). Seen in small numbers in many other places.

**Striated Heron** *Butorides striatus* 7/19 c. 10 Chone, 7/20 c. 20 Chone Lakes, 8/11 3 La Selva.

**Capped Heron** *Pilherodius pileatus* 8/13 1 La Selva-Coca.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax* 7/20 1 subad. Chone Lakes and 1 Chone-Portoviejo, 8/10 1 ad. La Selva.

**Rufescent Tiger-Heron** *Tigrisoma lineatum* 8/9 1 ad. La Selva.

**Zigzag Heron** *Zebrilus undulatus*\* 11/8 1 juv. La Selva. The bird was just newly fledged!

**Pinnated Bittern** *Botaurus pinnatus* 7/19 1 Chone, 7/20 2 Chone Lakes.

**American White Ibis** *Eudocimus albus* 7/20 3 ad. Chone Lakes.

**Andean Condor** *Vultur gryphus* 8/15 2 ad. (at a distance) Papallacta Pass.

**Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus* Common in the west, fairly common elsewhere except in temperate zone.

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura* Fairly common, less common in lower temperate zone.

**Greater Yellow-headed Vulture** *Cathartes melambrotos* 6/30 1-2 near Puerto Napo, 7/1 1, 7/2 1 Loreto Road, 8/9 8 Coca-La Selva, 8/9 1, 8/10 c. 5, 8/11 c. 10, 8/12 5-10 La Selva.

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus* 8/11 1 La Selva.

**Hook-billed Kite** *Chondrohierax uncinatus* 8/1 1 (displaying) Buenaventura.

**Swallow-tailed Kite** *Elanoides forficatus* 6/18 12, 6/20 2, 6/21 5-10, 6/22 c. 25 Mindo, 7/1 15, 7/2 c. 10 Loreto Road, 7/8 42 (!) Lita, 7/15 4 San Rafael Falls, 7/30 8 Bombuscaro, 8/1 12 Buenaventura.

**Pearl Kite** *Gampsonyx swainsonii* 7/20 1 Chone Lakes.

**Snail Kite** *Rostrhamus sociabilis* 7/24 at least 4 ad., 1 juv. Guayaquil-Quevedo.

**Double-toothed Kite** *Harpagus bidentatus* 8/9 1, 8/11 1 La Selva.

**Plumbeous Kite** *Ictinia plumbea* 8/11 6 ex. La Selva.

**Plain-breasted Hawk** *Accipiter ventralis* 6/24 1 (light phase), 6/26 1 Cerro Mongus, 7/2 2 (light phase) Loreto Road, 7/3 1 juv., 7/4 1 San Isidro, 8/5 2 (light phase) Utuana, 8/8 1 Bella Vista.

**Tiny Hawk** *Accipiter superciliosus* 7/11 1 El Placer.

**Slate-colored Hawk** *Leucopternis schistacea* 8/9 2, 8/11 1 heard La Selva.

**Gray-backed Hawk** *Leucopternis occidentalis*\*\* 7/22 2-3 ad. Ayampe, 8/1 3 ad. Buenaventura.

**Barred Hawk** *Leucopternis princeps* 6/21 1 ad. Mindo.

**Savanna Hawk** *Buteogallus meridionalis* 7/20 3 Chone Lakes, 7/24 1 Guayaquil-Quevedo, 8/1 2 Buenaventura, 8/3 1 Sozoranga, 8/4 1 Tambo Negro.

**Great Black-Hawk** *Buteogallus urubitinga* 8/1 1 ad. Buenaventura.

**Harris' Hawk** *Parabuteo unicinctus* 6/24 1 Piquiriche, Chota Valley, 7/18 1 Río Palenque, 8/2 1, 8/3 4 Sozoranga, 8/4 2 Tambo Negro.

**Solitary Eagle** *Harpyhaliaetus solitarius*\* 7/2 2 ad. Loreto Road, 7/3 1 ad. Guacamayos (at 25 meters!!).

**Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle** *Geranoaetus melanoleucus* 6/29 1 ad., 7/13 1 ad. Papallacta Pass.

**Roadside Hawk** *Buteo magnirostris* Seen at many locations between tropical and subtropical zone.

**Short-tailed Hawk** *Buteo brachyurus* 6/30 1 (dark phase) Tena och 8/4 2 (light phase) Tambo Negro.

**Zone-tailed Hawk** *Buteo albonotatus* 8/1 2 ad. Buenaventura.

**Red-backed Hawk** *Buteo polyosoma* 6/24 1 juv. Piquiriche, 6/27 1 ad. male and 1 juv. near Impuerán, 6/29 2 Pifo, 7/6 2 Cotopaxi NP, 7/24 1 female Lagunas Ecuasal, 7/28 1 male Cajanuma, 8/3 4 Sozoranga.

**Puna Hawk** *Buteo poecilochrous* 6/29 4 Papallacta Pass, 7/6 3 Cotopaxi NP, 8/15 6 Papallacta Pass.

**Ornate Hawk-Eagle** *Spizaetus ornatus* 8/11 1 (displaying) La Selva.

**Black-and-chestnut Eagle** *Oroaetus isidori*\* 6/22 1 near Bella Vista, 6/24 1 juv., 6/26 1 juv. (another bird) Cerro Mongus, 7/4 2 ad. San Isidro, 7/28 1 ad. Cajanuma.

**Black Caracara** *Daptrius ater* 8/10 2, 8/11 3, 8/12 1+1 heard La Selva.

**Red-throated Caracara** *Daptrius americanus* 8/9 1 heard La Selva.

**Crested Caracara** *Caracara plancus* 7/23 1 S. Puerto Lopez, 7/24 1 Lagunas Ecuasal, 8/1 3 Buenaventura.

**Carunculated Caracara** *Phalcoboenus carunculatus* 7/13 1 juv., 8/15 1-2 juv. Papallacta Pass.

**Yellow-headed Caracara** *Milvago chimachima* 8/9 1 ad., 1 juv. Coca-La Selva, 8/10 1 ad., 1 juv., 8/12 2 ad. La Selva, 8/13 6 La Selva-Coca.

**Barred Forest-Falcon** *Micrastur ruficollis* 8/7 1 Bella Vista.

**Laughing Falcon** *Herpetotheres cachinnans* 7/22 1 Ayampe, 8/11 1 heard La Selva.

**American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius* 6/19 2, 6/21 1 pair Mindo, 6/22 1 male Tandayapa and 1 N. Quito, 6/24 a few Quito-Ibarra and c. 5 Piquiriche-Impuerán, 6/27 5 Impuerán-Piquiriche, 7/6 3 Lasso, 7/8 1 W. Ibarra, 7/12 3 Lita-Ibarra, 7/15 1 E. Pifo, 8/3 1 Sozoranga, 8/16 1 male La Carolina, Quito.

**Bat Falcon** *Falco rufigularis* 6/19 1 ad. Mindo, 7/2 1 ad. Loreto Road, 7/23 1 pair Ayampe, 8/11 2 heard La Selva.

**Speckled Chachalaca** *Ortalis guttata* 8/12 2 La Selva.

**Rufous-headed Chachalaca** *Ortalis erythroptera*\*\* 8/1 4 heard Buenaventura. Probably heard near Sozoranga as well.

**Bearded Guan** *Penelope barbata*\*\* 7/27 and 7/29 3 Cajanuma (probably the same birds).

**Andean Guan** *Penelope montagnii* 6/25 1, 6/26 1, 6/27 2 Cerro Mongus.

**Spix's Guan** *Penelope jacquacu* 8/10 1 La Selva.

**Sickle-winged Guan** *Chamaepetes goudotii* 6/20 2 Mindo, 7/30 1 Bombuscaro.

**Rufous-fronted Wood-Quail** *Odontophorus erythrops* 7/18 1 newly fledged juv.+ 1 Río Palenque.

**Gray-necked Wood-Rail** *Aramides cajanea* 8/10 1 heard La Selva.

**Purple Gallinule** *Porphyryula martinica* 7/19 c. 20 Chone.

**Azure Gallinule** *Porphyryula flavirostris* 8/11 4 La Selva.

**Common Gallinule** *Gallinula chloropus* 7/19 c. 20 Chone.

**Andean Coot** *Fulica ardesiaca* 7/6 c. 20 Cotopaxi NP.

**Wattled Jacana** *Jacana jacana* 7/19 c. 50 Chone, 7/20 c. 15 Chone Lakes, 7/24 a few Guayaquil-Quevedo.

**Greater Yellowlegs** *Tringa melanoleuca* 7/24 3 Lagunas Ecuasal, 8/9 1 Coca-La Selva,

8/10 3 La Selva, 8/15 2 Papallacta Lake.

**Willet** *Catoptrophorus semipalmatus* 7/23 c. 10 Monteverde Saltlakes, 7/24 c. 60 Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularia* 7/24 1 Lagunas Ecuasal, 8/9 1 Coca-La Selva, 8/10 1 ad. La Selva.

**Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus hudsonicus* 7/23 1 Monteverde Saltlakes, 7/24 11 Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Hudsonian Godwit** *Limosa haemastica*\* 7/23 1 Monteverde Salt Lakes.

**Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres* 7/20 4, 7/21 3 Puerto Lopez, 7/23 3 Monteverde Saltlakes, 7/24 c. 25 Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Semipalmated Sandpiper** *Calidris pusilla* 7/23 c. 10 Montverde Saltlakes, 7/24 c. 50 Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Western Sandpiper** *Calidris mauri* 7/23 c. 25 Monteverde Saltlakes, 7/24 c. 25 Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Red Knot** *Calidris canutus* 7/24 1 (non-breeding plumage) Lagunas Ecuasal. Perhaps only the 5:th record in Ecuador!

**Sanderling** *Calidris alba* 7/23 21 Monteverde Saltlakes, 7/24 c. 40 Punta Carnero and c. 20 Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Least Sandpiper** *Calidris minutilla* 7/23 8 Monteverde Saltlakes, 7/24 c. 5 Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Pectoral Sandpiper** *Calidris melanotos* 8/13 3 Coca Airport, 8/15 1 Papallacta Lake.

**Short-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus griseus* 7/23 c. 100 Monteverde Saltlakes, 7/24 c. 200 Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Noble Snipe** *Gallinago nobilis* 7/13 1 Papallacta Pass.

**Andean Snipe** *Gallinago jamesonii* 6/24 1 heard Cerro Mongus, 7/28 1 Cajanuma.

**Wilson's Phalarope** *Steganopus tricolor* 7/24 6 Lagunas Ecuasal.

**American Oystercatcher** *Haematopus palliatus* 7/23 2 Monteverde Saltlakes.

**Black-necked Stilt** *Himantopus mexicanus* 7/19 5 Chone, 7/23 c. 20 Monteverde Saltlakes, 7/24 c. 200 Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Andean Lapwing** *Vanellus resplendens* 7/6 c. 10 Cotopaxi NP.

**Black-bellied Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola* 7/23 34 (1 ad. summer plumage) Monteverde Saltlakes, 7/24 a few Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Semipalmated Plover** *Charadrius semipalmatus* 23/7 3 Monteverde Saltlakes, 7/24 c. 10 Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Wilson's Plover** *Charadrius wilsonia* 7/23 c. 10 Monteverde Saltlakes, 7/24 5 Punta Carnero and 2 Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Snowy Plover** *Charadrius alexandrinus occidentalis* 7/23 c. 10 Monteverde Saltlakes, 7/24 c. 20 Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Collared Plover** *Charadrius collaris* 7/22 2 ad., 1 chick Ayampe, 8/9 1 ad. Coca Airport, 8/10 3, 8/12 1 La Selva.

**Gray Gull** *Larus modestus* 7/23 8 San Pablo-Monteverde, 7/24 7 Punta Carnero and 61 Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Kelp Gull** *Larus dominicanus* 7/24 1 ad. Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Gray-hooded Gull** *Larus cirrocephalus* 7/23 c. 50 San Pablo-Monteverde, 7/24 c. 250 Punta Carnero-Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Andean Gull** *Larus serranus* 7/6 1 ad., 3 juv. Cotopaxi NP and c. 40 ad. Lasso, 7/12 15-20 ad. S. Otavalo, 7/13 c. 10 ad. Pifo, 8/15 2 ad. Papallacta Lake.

**Laughing Gull** *Larus atricilla* 7/23 2 San Pablo.

**Gull-billed Tern** *Gelochelidon nilotica* 7/23 c. 50 San Pablo-Monteverde, 7/24 c. 100 Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Royal Tern** *Thalasseus maximus* 7/23 1 San Pablo.

**Elegant Tern** *Thalasseus elegans* 7/24 1 Punta Carnero, c. 100 Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Sandwich Tern** *Sterna sandvicensis* 7/24 1 Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo* 7/24 2 ad. Punta Carnero and 1 ad., 9 juv. Lagunas Ecuasal.

**South American Tern** *Sterna hirundinacea* 7/24 at least 10 ad. (breeding plumage) Lagunas Ecuasal. The birds were aggressive, as if they were breeding. I was lucky to get several nice photographs of a few of the birds. From what I understand there are very few previous records of South American Tern in Ecuador.

**Yellow-billed Tern** *Sterna supercilialis* 8/9 4 Coca-La Selva, 8/10 5-7, 8/12 2 La Selva, 8/13 3 La Selva-Coca.

**Large-billed Tern** *Phaetusa simplex* 8/10 1 La Selva.

**Black Skimmer** *Rynchops nigra* 8/13 1 La Selva-Coca.

**Rock Dove** *Columba livia domest.* Common in towns and cities.



**Band-tailed Pigeon** *Columba fasciata* 6/25 6, 6/26 c. 10, 6/27 c. 10 Cerro Mongus, 7/4 1 San Isidro, 7/27 3, 7/28 c. 20, 7/29 a few Cajanuma, 8/3 c. 10 Sozoranga, 8/5 a few Utuana, 8/8 c. 15 Bella Vista.

**Pale-vented Pigeon** *Columba cayennensis* 7/18 4+1 heard Río Palenque, 7/22 3 Ayampe, 8/9 1 heard, 8/10 1+1 heard, 8/11 1 heard, 8/12 3 La Selva.

**Ruddy Pigeon** *Columba subvinacea* Seen but mostly heard at many places.

**Plumbeous Pigeon** *Columba plumbea* As with Ruddy Pigeon, perhaps somewhat more common..

**Dusky Pigeon** *Columba goodsoni* 7/11 2 heard, 7/12 2 heard El Placer.

**Eared Dove** *Zenaida auriculata* Common in towns and in the west.

**West Peruvian Dove** *Zenaida meloda* 7/23 1 Monteverde Saltlakes.

**Common Ground-Dove** *Columbina passerina* 6/24 6 Chota Valley, 7/12 6 Lita-Ibarra.

**Croaking Ground-Dove** *Columbina cruziana* Common in the west and southwest.

**White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi* 6/22 1 near Bella Vista, 7/22 2 Ayampe+ many heard 7/22-23, 8/2-4 fairly common Sozoranga, 8/4 c. 30 Tambo Negro.

**Pallid Dove** *Leptotila pallida* 7/8 1 Lita, 7/19 2 Río Palenque, 7/22 2 Ayampe.

**Gray-fronted Dove** *Leptotila rufaxilla* 8/10 1 heard, 8/11 c. 5 heard, 8/12 1+ a few heard La Selva.

**Ochre-bellied Dove** *Leptotila ochraceiventris*\*\* 8/4 2 Tambo Negro.

**Sapphire Quail-Dove** *Geotrygon saphirina* 8/11 2 La Selva.

**White-throated Quail-Dove** *Geotrygon frenata* 7/3 1, 7/4 2 San Isidro, 7/29 1 Cajanuma.

**Blue-and-yellow Macaw** *Ara ararauna* 8/11 2, 8/13 4 La Selva, 8/13 8 La Selva-Coca.

**Military Macaw** *Ara militaris*\*\* 7/2 An amazing group of 47 birds flew eastwards at Km. 2, Loreto Road.

**Scarlet Macaw** *Ara macao* 8/10 4, 8/11 2, 8/12 4 La Selva.

**Chestnut-fronted Macaw** *Ara severa* 7/2 c. 50 Loreto Road, 8/9 c. 20, 8/10 c. 10, 8/11 c. 10 La Selva.

**Red-bellied Macaw** *Orthopsittaca manilata* 8/9 c. 10, 8/10 6, 8/11 2, 8/12 4 La Selva.

**Red-masked Parakeet** *Aratinga erythrogenys*\* 7/20 20 near Chone Lakes, 7/22 c. 50, 7/23 16 Ayampe, 8/2 2 Sozoranga, 8/4 6 Tambo Negro.

**White-eyed Parakeet** *Aratinga leucophthalmus* 8/11 a few La Selva.

**Dusky-headed Parakeet** *Aratinga weddellii* 8/9 c. 30 Coca-La Selva, 8/9 c. 60, 8/10-11 seen in moderate numbers, 8/12 c. 40 La Selva.

**Maroon-tailed Parakeet** *Pyrrhura melanura* 7/8 c. 20, 7/9 c. 10 Lita, 7/10 c. 10, 7/11 a few+heard El Placer.

**El Oro Parakeet** *Pyrrhura orcesi*\*\* 8/1 4 heard (seen by Daniel, not close) Buenaventura.

**White-breasted Parakeet** *Pyrrhura albipectus*\*\* 7/30 at least 20, 7/31 4 Bombuscaro. Stunning birds!

**Pacific Parrotlet** *Forpus coelestis* Common in the west and southwest.

**Gray-cheeked Parakeet** *Brotogeris pyrrhopterus*\* 8/4 c. 30 Sabiango-Tambo Negro.

**Cobalt-winged Parakeet** *Brotogeris cyanoptera* 6/30 c. 10 Tena and c. 10 near Puerto Napo, 8/9-13 common at La Selva.

**Scarlet-shouldered Parrotlet** *Touit huetii* 8/12 10-15 La Selva.

**Black-headed Parrot** *Pionites melanocephala* 8/9 2+heard, 8/10 1 heard, 8/11 2 La Selva.

**Rose-faced Parrot** *Pionopsitta pulchra* 7/11 12 El Placer.

**Orange-cheeked Parrot** *Pionopsitta barrabandi* 8/10 a few heard La Selva.

**Blue-headed Parrot** *Pionus menstruus* 7/22 2 Ayampe, 8/12 5 La Selva.

**Red-billed Parrot** *Pionus sordidulus* 6/18 5, 6/19 7, 6/20 c. 5, 6/21 c. 10 Mindo, 8/7 4, 8/8 a few Bella Vista.

**Speckle-faced Parrot** *Pionus tumultuosus* 7/3 c. 10, 7/4 c. 10 San Isidro.

**Bronze-winged Parrot** *Pionus chalcopterus* Fairly common on the western slope. 7/22 c. 5, 7/23 5 Ayampe.

**Yellow-crowned Amazon** *Amazona ochrocephala* 8/10 4, 8/12 c. 10 La Selva.

**Orange-winged Amazon** *Amazona amazonica* 8/9 4 La Selva.

**Scaly-naped Amazon** *Amazona mercenaria* 7/4 1 San Isidro.

**Mealy Amazon** *Amazona farinosa* 7/10 4+heard El Placer, 7/19 2 heard Río Palenque, 8/9 4, 8/10 4, 8/11 heard, 8/12 c. 25 La Selva.

**Dark-billed Cuckoo** *Coccyzus melanocoryphus* 6/30 3 Tena, 7/2 1 Loreto Road, 7/22 1 Ayampe.

**Squirrel Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana* Fairly common in forest habitats of the subtropical zone and below.

**Little Cuckoo** *Piaya minuta* 8/11 1 La Selva.

**Greater Ani** *Crotophaga major* 8/9-12 c. 20 La Selva.

**Smooth-billed Ani** *Crotophaga ani* Common in several areas, the only odd bird was seen at Cosanga 7/4.

**Groove-billed Ani** *Crotophaga sulcirostris* 7/22 c. 5 Ayampe, fairly common in the southwest.

**Hoatzin** *Opisthocomus hoazin* 8/9 4, 8/10 5, 8/11-12 c. 20 La Selva.

**Barn Owl** *Tyto alba* 8/2 1 Sozoranga (by the plaza), 8/4 2 heard Sozoranga-Sabiango.

**Colombian Screech-Owl** *Otus colombianus*\* 8/7 1 heard Bella Vista.

**Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl** *Otus watsonii* 8/9 5 heard, 8/10 1 heard, 8/11 4 heard La Selva.

**White-throated Screech-Owl** *Otus albogularis* 6/24 3 heard, 6/26 1 heard Cerro Mongus.

**Crested Owl** *Lophotrix cristata* 8/11 2 heard La Selva.

**Spectacled Owl** *Pulsatrix perspicillata* 8/9 1 heard, 8/11 1 heard La Selva.

**Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** *Glaucidium brasilianum* 8/10 1 heard, 8/11 5 heard, 12/8 1 male+ 2 heard La Selva.

**Burrowing Owl** *Athene cunicularia* 7/24 5 Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Black-banded Owl** *Ciccaba huhula* 8/11 1 heard La Selva

**Mottled Owl** *Ciccaba virgata* 8/7 1 heard Bella Vista.

**Rufous-banded Owl** *Ciccaba albitarsus* 6/27 1 heard Cerro Mongus, 7/27-28 1 heard Cajanuma.

**Great Potoo** *Nyctibius grandis* 8/10 1 heard, 8/11 1+1 heard, 8/12 1, 8/13 1 La Selva. 3 different birds seen!

**Common Potoo** *Nyctibius griseus* 8/7 1 heard, 8/8 2 heard Bella Vista, 8/11 2 heard La Selva.

**Rufous-bellied Nighthawk** *Lurocalis rufiventris* 6/19 1 Mindo. Probably heard at Cerro Mongus.

**Lesser Nighthawk** *Chordeiles acutipennis* 7/24 2 near Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Pauraque** *Nyctidromus albicollis* 6/21 1 heard Mindo, 6/30 2 heard Tena, 7/11 1 heard, 7/12 1 heard El Placer, 7/17-18 1 heard Río Palenque, 8/1 1 heard Buenaventura, 8/9 1 seen+1 heard, 8/11 6 heard La Selva.

**Band-winged Nightjar** *Caprimulgus longirostris* 7/28 1 heard Cajanuma.

**Ladder-tailed Nightjar** *Hydropsalis climacocerca* 8/10 2 La Selva.

**Swallow-tailed Nightjar** *Uropsalis segmentata* 8/7 1 male Bella Vista. Seen and heard at very close range, also heard in the morning of 8/8.

**Lyre-tailed Nightjar** *Uropsalis lyra* 8/8 1 heard Bella Vista.

**White-collared Swift** *Streptoprocne zonaris* 6/22 5-10 near Bella Vista, 6/24 c. 70 Piquiriche-Impuerán, 6/30 1 Tena, 7/8 c. 100 Lita, 7/10 c. 5, 7/12 c. 5 El Placer, 7/18 1 Río Palenque, 8/2 c. 300 Sozoranga, 8/8 seen Bella Vista, 8/9 c. 100 Coca-La Selva, 8/9-12 fairly common La Selva.

**Chestnut-collared Swift** *Cypseloides rutilus* 6/18 c. 30, 6/20 c. 50 Mindo, 6/22 a few near Bella Vista, 7/5 c. 25 ex. (extremely dense flock!) Guacamayos, 7/29 c. 10 near Cajanuma.

**Short-tailed Swift** *Chaetura brachyura* 6/30 c.10 Tena and c. 25 ex. near Puerto Napo, 8/9 at least 100 Coca-La Selva, 8/9-12 fairly common La Selva.

**Band-rumped Swift** *Chaetura spinicauda* 7/9 c. 5 Lita, 7/9 c. 30, 7/10 c. 20, 7/11 a few El Placer.

**Gray-rumped Swift** *Chaetura cinereiventris* 7/1 1, 7/2 c. 10 Loreto Road, 7/8 c. 5, 7/9 c. 25 Lita, 7/30 c. 10 Bombuscaro.

**White-tipped Swift** *Aeronautes montivagus* 6/22 c. 10 near Bella Vista, 6/24 c. 25 Piquiriche-Impuerán, 6/25 c. 5, 6/26 5 Cerro Mongus, 6/27 a few Impuerán-Piquiriche.

**Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift** *Panyptila cayennensis* 7/8 c. 20, 9/7 c. 5 Lita, 8/9 1 La Selva.

**Neotropical Palm-Swift** *Reinarda squamata* 6/30 1 Tena, 8/9-12 daily at La Selva, highest numbers were 8/9 c. 40 and 8/10 c. 50.

**Bronzy Hermit** *Glaucis aenea* 7/9 1 Lita.

**Rufous-breasted Hermit** *Glaucis hirsuta* 8/11 1 La Selva.

**Band-tailed Barbthroat** *Threnetes ruckeri* 7/10 1 El Placer, 7/18 3 Río Palenque.

**White-whiskered Hermit** *Phaethornis yaruqui* 6/21 1 Mindo, 7/9 1 Lita, 7/10 5, 7/12 2 El Placer, 7/18 2 Río Palenque, 8/1 2 Buenaventura.

**Green Hermit** *Phaethornis guy* 7/16 2 San Rafael Falls, 7/30 1+1 heard at lek (both heard 7/31) Bombuscaro, 1/8 1 Buenaventura.

**Tawny-bellied Hermit** *Phaethornis syrmatorphorus* 6/20 1, 6/21 1 Mindo, 8/1 1 Buenaventura, 8/3 4 Sozoranga, 8/7 1 Bella Vista.

**Western Long-tailed Hermit** *Phaethornis longirostris* 7/18 1 Río Palenque, 7/22 3, 7/23 1 Ayampe. Recent split.

**Great-billed Hermit** *Phaethornis malaris* 30/7 1 Bombuscaro. According to Handbook of the Birds of the World, the "Long-tailed" Hermits of the central and southern Amazon are as a matter of fact Great-bills.

**White-bearded Hermit** *Phaethornis hispidus* 8/12 1 La Selva.

**Straight-billed Hermit** *Phaethornis bourcieri* 8/10 1 La Selva.

**Stripe-throated Hermit** *Phaethornis striigularis* 6/19 1, 6/20 1 Mindo, 7/8 1 Lita, 7/10 1 El Placer. Recent split from Little Hermit.

**Black-throated Hermit** *Phaethornis atrimentalis* 6/30 2 Tena. Recent split from Little Hermit.

**White-tipped Sicklebill** *Eutoxeres aquila* 7/10 2 El Placer, 7/16 1 San Rafael Falls. Excellent observations!

**Green-fronted Lancebill** *Doryfera ludovicae* 7/3 1, 5/7 1 Guacamayos.

**Lazuline Sabrewing** *Campylopterus falcatus* 7/4 1 female San Isidro. Apparently very rare in Ecuador. However, strongly curved bill, dark throat and light whisker makes confusion with Fawn-breasted Brilliant (the only hummer here that comes close in appearance) most unlikely.

**Napo Sabrewing** *Campylopterus villaviscencio*\* 6/30 1 female Tena.

**White-necked Jacobin** *Florisuga mellivora* 7/18 3, 7/19 1 female Río Palenque, 8/11 1 male La Selva.

**Brown Violetear** *Colibri delphinae* 6/18 3, 6/19 2, 6/20 1, 6/21 4+2 heard Mindo.

**Green Violetear** *Colibri thalassinus* 6/21 2 Mindo, 6/22 1 Tandayapa-Bella Vista, 8/7 c. 5 Bella Vista.

**Sparkling Violetear** *Colibri coruscans* Fairly common in Quito. 6/18 c. 5 ex., 6/21 c. 10 Mindo, 6/27 c. 5 Impuerán, 7/6 c. 10 Lasso, 8/7 a few Bella Vista.

**Green-breasted Mango** *Anthracothorax prevostii* 7/20 1 male near Chone Lakes.

**Violet-headed Hummingbird** *Klais guimeti* 7/2 1 female Loreto Road, 7/30 1 male Bombuscaro.

**Wire-crested Thorntail** *Discosura popelairii* 7/2 1 male Loreto Road (Km. 2 - fabulous observation!), 7/15 1 female San Rafael Falls. Wow, what a hummer!

**Green Thorntail** *Discosura conversii* 7/8 1 female, 7/9 1 female Lita, 7/11 1 female El Placer.

**Blue-tailed Emerald** *Chlorostilbon (mellisugus) melanorhynchus* 6/22 2 males near Tandayapa, 7/9 1 male Lita.

**Fork-tailed Woodnymph** *Thalurania furcata* 7/30 3 males, 1 female, 7/31 2 females Bombuscaro, 10/8 1 female, 8/11 1 male La Selva.

**Green-crowned Woodnymph** *Thalurania fannyi* 6/19 1 male Mindo, 7/8 1 female, 7/9 2 females Lita, 7/11 2 males, 3 females, 7/12 2 males, 1 female El Placer

**Golden-tailed Sapphire** *Chrysuronia oenone* 6/30 2 males Tena.

**Glittering-throated Emerald** *Polyerata fimbriata* 6/30 c. 10 Tena.

**Purple-chested Hummingbird** *Polyerata rosenbergi* 7/9 1 male Lita.

**Andean Emerald** *Agyrtria franciae* 6/18 1, 20/6 6, 21/6 1 male Mindo, 6/22 c. 5 Tandayapa-Bella Vista.

**Rufous-tailed Hummingbird** *Amazilia tzacatl* Common in the west to c. 1800 metres.

**Amazilia Hummingbird** *Amazilia amazilia* 7/20 1 Chone Lakes, 7/22 1 Ayampe, 8/2 c. 5, 8/4 a few Tambo Negro.

**Loja Hummingbird** *Amazilia alticola* 8/3 c. 5, 8/4 4 Sozoranga. Newly recognized species.

**Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer** *Chalybura urochrysis* 7/9 1 female Lita, 7/11 1 male, 1 female El Placer.

**Speckled Hummingbird** *Adelomyia melanogenys* 6/22 1 Tandayapa-Bella Vista, 7/3 2, 7/4 2 San Isidro, 7/16 1 San Rafael Falls, 8/2 3, 8/3 1 Sozoranga, 8/7 3, 8/8 2 Bella Vista.

**Purple-bibbed Whitetip** *Urosticte benjamini* 6/20 1 male, 2 females Mindo.

**Ecuadorian Piedtail** *Phlogophilus hemileucurus*\* 7/30 1, 7/31 1 Bombuscaro.

**Green-crowned Brilliant** *Heliodoxa jacula* 6/20 1 female Mindo, 7/12 1 female El Placer.

**Fawn-breasted Brilliant** *Heliodoxa rubinoides* 6/21 1 male Mindo, 8/7-8 1 female Bella Vista.

**Ecuadorian Hillstar** *Oreotrochilus chimborazo* 8/15 1 male, 2 females Papallacta Pass.

**White-tailed Hillstar** *Urochroa bougeri* 7/2 c. 7 Loreto Road, 7/16 4 San Rafael Falls.

**Shining Sunbeam** *Aglaeactis cupripennis* 7/15 2 Papallacta Lake.

**Mountain Velvetbreast** *Lafresnaya lafresnayi* 6/25 1 male Cerro Mongus.

**Great Sapphirewing** *Pterophanes cyanopterus* 6/25 2 females, 6/26 1 female Cerro Mongus.

**Bronzy Inca** *Coeligena coeligena* 7/3 1 San Isidro, 7/4 1 S. Baeza, 7/16 1 San Rafael Falls.

**Brown Inca** *Coeligena wilsoni* 6/20 1 Mindo.

**Collared Inca** *Coeligena torquata* 7/3 1 female, 5/7 2 males Guacamayos, 7/28 2 males, 2 females, 7/29 2 females Cajanuma, 8/7 c. 3 males, 2 females, 8/8 1 male Bella Vista.

**Buff-winged Starfrontlet** *Coeligena lutetiae* 6/24 1, 6/25 1, 6/27 1 Cerro Mongus, 7/28 10-15, 7/29 c. 5 Cajanuma.

**Rainbow Starfrontlet** *Coeligena iris* 7/27 2, 7/28 2 Cajanuma, 8/3 2 Sozoranga, 8/5 2-3 Utuana.

**Sword-billed Hummingbird** *Ensifera ensifera* 6/27 3 Cerro Mongus.

**Buff-tailed Coronet** *Boissonneaua flavescens* 8/7 c. 25, 8/8 c. 15 Bella Vista.

**Chestnut-breasted Coronet** *Boissonneaua matthewsii* 7/3 1 San Isidro, 7/28 1 male Cajanuma.

**Velvet-purple Coronet** *Boissonneaua jardini* 6/18 1 pair (excellent views!), 6/21 1 male Mindo. Stunning!

**Gorgeted Sunangel** *Heliangelus strophianus* 8/7 5 males, 8/8 2 males Bella Vista.

**Flame-throated Sunangel** *Heliangelus micraster* 7/27 1 male, 7/28 1 male, 7/29 2 males Cajanuma.

**Purple-throated Sunangel** *Heliangelus viola* 7/29 1 male Cajanuma, 8/5 c. 10 Utuana.

**Glowing Puffleg** *Eriocnemis vestitus* 7/28 3 males, 7/29 2 males Cajanuma.

**Golden-breasted Puffleg** *Eriocnemis mosquera* 6/24 1, 6/25 5, 6/26 c. 10 Cerro Mongus.

**Black-thighed Puffleg** *Eriocnemis derbyi*\* 6/26 2, 6/27 1 Cerro Mongus. Seen very well!

**White-booted Racket-tail** *Ocreatus underwoodii* 6/20 4 males, 3 females, 6/21 2 males, 3 females Mindo, 6/22 3 males Tandayapa-Bella Vista.

**Buff-booted Racket-tail** *Ocreatus (underwoodii) addae* 7/2 4 males, 1 female Loreto Road. Probably deserves species status.

**Black-tailed Trainbearer** *Lesbia victoriae* 6/17 1 male, 8/14 1 male Casa Sueca, Quito, 6/17 2, 8/16 5 La Carolina, Quito, 7/6 1 female Lasso.

**Green-tailed Trainbearer** *Lesbia nuna* 7/29 1 female Cajanuma, 8/5 3 females Utuana.

**Purple-backed Thornbill** *Ramphomicron microrhynchum* 6/26 1 male Cerro Mongus, 7/28 1 male Cajanuma.

**Viridian Metaltail** *Metallura williami* 6/25 1 male, 6/26 1 female Cerro Mongus, 15/8 1 male Papallacta lake.

**Neblina Metaltail** *Metallura odomae*\* 7/28 2 males, 1 female Cajanuma.

**Tyrian Metaltail** *Metallura tyrianthina* 6/25-27 at least 10 females Cerro Mongus, 7/3 1 female Guacamayos, 7/27 1 male, 1 female, 7/28 4 males, 3 females, 7/29 c. 5 Cajanuma.

**Blue-mantled Thornbill** *Chalcostigma stanleyi* 8/15 1 male Papallacta Pass.

**Rainbow-bearded Thornbill** *Chalcostigma herrani* 6/25 2 males, 6/26 at least 7 Cerro Mongus.

**Long-tailed Sylph** *Agelaiocercus kingi* 6/20 1 male Mindo (*mocoa*), 7/2 1 male Loreto Road, 7/3 2 males Guacamayos, 7/3 4 males, 7/4 3 males San Isidro, 7/16 1 male San Rafael Falls.

**Violet-tailed Sylph** *Agelaiocercus coelestis* 6/21 2 males Mindo, 8/1 1 male, 1 female Buenaventura.

**Purple-crowned Fairy** *Heliothryx barroti* 7/9 1 female Lita, 7/10 4, 7/11 1 pair, 7/12 1 male El Placer, 7/18 1, 7/19 1 Río Palenque.

**Long-billed Starthroat** *Helimaster longirostris* 6/30 2-3 Tena, 8/4 2 Tambo Negro.

**Purple-throated Woodstar** *Calliphlox mitchellii* 6/20 2 males Mindo, 7/9 2-3 Lita, 8/8 1 female Bella Vista-Tandayapa.

**Purple-collared Woodstar** *Myrtis fanny* 8/3 1 male, 8/4 1 male, 2 females Sozoranga.

**Short-tailed Woodstar** *Myrmia micrura* 7/21 2 Isla de la Plata, 8/2 2 Sozoranga, 8/4 1 female Tambo Negro.

**White-bellied Woodstar** *Chaetocercus mulsant* 8/7 1 male Bella Vista.

**Little Woodstar** *Chaetocercus bombus*\*\* 8/2 1 female (+1 male??) Sozoranga. A new locality for this endangered hummer.

**Crested Quetzal** *Pharomachrus antisianus* 7/2 1 heard Loreto Road.

**Golden-headed Quetzal** *Pharomachrus auriceps* 6/18 1 male, 6/20 3 males Mindo.

**White-eyed Trogon** *Trogon comptus* 7/11 2 females+2 heard, 7/12 1+1 heard El Placer.

**Black-tailed Trogon** *Trogon melanurus* 7/18 1 heard, 7/19 1 female Río Palenque, 8/10 1 male, 1 female+2 heard La Selva.

**White-tailed Trogon** *Trogon viridis* 8/9 1 heard, 8/10 1 heard, 8/12 1 male+1 heard La Selva.

**Collared Trogon** *Trogon collaris* 7/10 1 pair, 11/7 1 male El Placer, 7/18 1 male Río Palenque, 7/30 2 heard, 7/31 1 heard Bombuscaro.

**Masked Trogon** *Trogon personatus* 6/21 1 male Mindo, 7/29 2 males, 1-2 females Cajanuma.

**Violaceous Trogon** *Trogon violaceus* 7/22 1 male, 7/23 2 males, 1 female Ayampe.

**Ringed Kingfisher** *Megaceryle torquata* 6/22 1 Mindo, 7/20 4 Chone Lakes, 7/22 2 Ayampe, 8/2 1 E. Portovelo, 8/4 2-3 Tambo Negro, 8/9 1 Coca-La Selva, 8/10 2 La Selva.

**Amazon Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle amazona* 8/13 2 La Selva.



**Green Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle americana* 6/30 1 Tena, 7/22 2 Ayampe, 8/11 1 La Selva.

**Broad-billed Motmot** *Electron platyrhynchum* 7/10 1 pair, 7/11 1 heard El Placer, 8/10 1 heard La Selva.

**Rufous Motmot** *Baryphthengus martii* 7/10-12 c. 5 heard El Placer, 7/18 c. 10 heard, 7/19 6 heard Río Palenque, 7/22 a few heard Ayampe, 8/1 1 (finally seen!)+c. 5 heard Buenaventura, 8/12 1 heard La Selva.

**Blue-crowned Motmot** *Momotus momota* 7/22 1+a few heard Ayampe, 8/11 1 heard La Selva.

**Highland Motmot** *Momotus aequatorialis* 7/15 1 San Rafael Falls, 7/30 1 Bombuscaro.

**White-eared Jacamar** *Galbalcyrhynchus leucotis* 8/10 1, 8/12 3 La Selva.

**White-chinned Jacamar** *Galbula tombacea* 8/11 1 male La Selva.

**Coppery-chested Jacamar** *Galbula pastazae*\*\* 7/15 2 San Rafael Falls.

**Rufous-tailed Jacamar** *Galbula ruficauda* 7/10 1, 7/11 1 El Placer, 7/18 1+1 heard Río Palenque.

**Great Jacamar** *Jacamerops aurea* 8/10 1 La Selva.

**White-necked Puffbird** *Notharchus macrorhynchos* 8/10 2, 8/11 1, 8/12 1 La Selva.

**Pied Puffbird** *Notharchus tectus* 8/11 2 La Selva.

**White-chested Puffbird** *Malacoptila fusca* 8/10 2 La Selva.

**Black-streaked Puffbird** *Malacoptila fulvogularis* 7/29 1, 7/30 2 Bombuscaro.

**White-whiskered Puffbird** *Malacoptila panamensis* 7/18 1 Río Palenque.

**Lanceolated Monklet** *Micromonacha lanceolata*\* 7/30 1 Bombuscaro.

**Brown Nunlet** *Nonnula brunnea* 8/10 1 pair La Selva.

**Black-fronted Nunbird** *Monasa nigrifrons* 8/10 2, 8/12 3 La Selva, 8/13 1 La Selva-Coca.

**White-fronted Nunbird** *Monasa morphoeus* 8/10 1+1 heard, 8/11 2, 8/12 1 La Selva.

**Yellow-billed Nunbird** *Monasa flavirostris* 7/1 1 Jatun Sacha, 8/9 2, 8/10 1 La Selva.

**Swallow-wing** *Chelidoptera tenebrosa* 8/10 a few La Selva, 8/13 c. 5 La Selva-Coca.

**Scarlet-crowned Barbet** *Capito aurovirens* 8/10 1 heard, 8/12 c. 5 La Selva.

**Orange-fronted Barbet** *Capito squamatus*\* 7/9 1 pair Lita, 7/18 c. 10, 7/19 2 Río Palenque.

**Black-spotted Barbet** *Capito niger* 6/30 5 Tena and 4 near Puerto Napo, 7/1 2+heard Jatun Sacha, 7/1 1 heard Loreto Road, 8/10 3 heard, 8/11 1 heard La Selva.

**Lemon-throated Barbet** *Eubucco richardsoni* 6/30 1 female Tena.

**Red-headed Barbet** *Eubucco bourcierii* 6/18 1 male, 6/19 2 males, 6/20 2 males, 1 female Mindo, 7/2 1 female Loreto Road, 7/11 1 female El Placer, 7/15 1 male, 1 female, 7/16 2 males, 2 females San Rafael Falls.

**Toucan Barbet** *Semnornis ramphastinus*\* 6/20 6+1 heard, 6/21 1 heard Mindo, 8/7 2+3 heard, 8/8 1+2 heard Bella Vista.

**Emerald Toucanet** *Aulacorhynchus prasinus* 7/3 1, 7/4 3 San Isidro.

**Crimson-rumped Toucanet** *Aulacorhynchus haematopygus* 6/18 6, 6/19 c. 5, 6/20 4 Mindo, 6/22 1 near Tandayapa, 7/10 3 El Placer, 8/1 2 Buenaventura.

**Stripe-billed Aracari** *Pteroglossus sanguineus* 7/8 c. 10 Lita, 7/10 1, 7/11 1 El Placer.

**Pale-mandibled Aracari** *Pteroglossus erythropygius* 7/18 6 Río Palenque, 7/22 4 Ayampe.

**Chestnut-eared Aracari** *Pteroglossus castanotis* 8/12 2 La Selva.

**Many-banded Aracari** *Pteroglossus pluricinctus* 8/9 1, 8/10 1 La Selva.

**Ivory-billed Aracari** *Pteroglossus azara* 8/11 4 La Selva.

**Lettered Aracari** *Pteroglossus inscriptus* 8/9 1 La Selva.

**Golden-collared Toucanet** *Selenidera reinwardtii* 8/10 1 male+ 2 heard, 8/11 2 heard La Selva.

**Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan** *Andigena laminirostris*\* 8/7 3 (great views!), 8/8 1 Bella Vista.

**Yellow-ridged Toucan** *Ramphastos culminatus* 7/2 2 Loreto Road.

**Chocó Toucan** *Ramphastos brevis* 6/19 9, 6/21 4 Mindo, 7/10 4, 7/11 2 heard, 7/12 2 heard El Placer, 1/8 2 heard Buenaventura.

**Chestnut-mandibled Toucan** *Ramphastos swainsonii* 8/1 at least 1 Buenaventura.

**White-throated Toucan** *Ramphastos tucanus* 8/9 1+c. 5 heard, 8/10 1+4 heard, 8/11 c. 5 heard, 8/12 a few heard La Selva.

**Olivaceous Piculet** *Picumnus olivaceus* 7/18 1 female Río Palenque, 7/22 2 males Ayampe.

**Lafresnaye's Piculet** *Picumnus lafresnayi* 6/30 1 Tena, 7/2 2 Loreto Road, 7/15 1 San Rafael Falls, 7/30 1 Bombuscaro.

**Ecuadorian Piculet** *Picumnus sclateri* 7/22 1 Ayampe, 8/2 1, 8/4 1 Sozoranga.

**Spot-breasted Woodpecker** *Colaptes punctigula* 8/9 2 Coca-La Selva, 8/10 1 La Selva.

**Crimson-mantled Woodpecker** *Piculus rivolii* 6/25 1 Cerro Mongus, 7/3 2, 7/4 2 San Isidro, 7/29 2 Cajanuma, 8/8 1 Bella Vista.

**Golden-olive Woodpecker** *Piculus rubiginosus* 6/19 2 Mindo, 6/30 1 Tena, 7/15 1, 7/16 2 San Rafael Falls, 7/18 4 Río Palenque, 7/22 3 Ayampe.

**Lita Woodpecker** *Piculus litae* 7/10 1 male El Placer.

**Chestnut Woodpecker** *Celeus elegans* 8/11 1, 8/12 2 La Selva.

**Scale-breasted Woodpecker** *Celeus grammicus* 8/12 1 male La Selva.

**Cream-colored Woodpecker** *Celeus flavus* 8/10 1 heard La Selva.

**Rufous-headed Woodpecker** *Celeus spectabilis* 8/12 1 heard La Selva. Seen by José.

**Ringed Woodpecker** *Celeus torquatus* 8/10 1 male (overflying) La Selva.

**Lineated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus lineatus* 6/19 1 male Mindo, 7/2 2 Loreto Road, 7/18 1 female Río Palenque, 8/10 1 female La Selva.

**Yellow-tufted Woodpecker** *Melanerpes cruentatus* 6/30 1 Tena, 7/2 1 Loreto Road, 8/9 2 La Selva.

**Black-cheeked Woodpecker** *Melanerpes pucherani* 7/17 1 pair S. Río Palenque, 7/18 c. 5, 7/19 3 Río Palenque, 7/22 2, 7/23 1 Ayampe.

**Smoky-brown Woodpecker** *Veniliornis fumigatus* 6/18 1, 6/19 2, 6/20 1, 6/21 5 Mindo, 7/2 1 Loreto Road, 7/3 1 San Isidro, 7/30 1 Bombuscaro, 8/3 1 male Sozoranga.

**Little Woodpecker** *Veniliornis passerinus* 7/2 1 Loreto Road, 8/10 1 male La Selva.

**Chocó Woodpecker** *Veniliornis chocoensis*\* 7/11 1 pair El Placer.

**Red-rumped Woodpecker** *Veniliornis kirkii* 7/18 1 male Río Palenque.

**Scarlet-backed Woodpecker** *Veniliornis callonotus* 7/18 1 male Río Palenque, 7/22 1 male, 7/23 2 males Ayampe, 8/3 c. 5, 8/4 2 males Sozoranga.

**Crimson-crested Woodpecker** *Campephilus melanoleucos* 7/30 1 male Bombuscaro, 8/9 1 male Coca-La Selva, 8/10 1 male, 3 females La Selva.

**Guayaquil Woodpecker** *Campephilus guayaquilensis* 7/19 1 male Río Palenque, 7/22 1, 7/23 1 female Ayampe.

**Powerful Woodpecker** *Campephilus pollens* 6/21 1 pair at nest hole (young heard) Mindo, 7/3 1 male, 4/7 1 male San Isidro.

**Bar-winged Cinclodes** *Cinclodes fuscus* 7/13 4, 8/15 2 Papallacta Pass.

**Pacific Hornero** *Furnarius cinnamomeus* Common in the west.

**Lesser Hornero** *Furnarius minor* 8/10 1 La Selva.

**Andean Tit-Spintail** *Leptasthenura andicola* 8/15 2 Papallacta Pass.

**Azara's Spinetail** *Synallaxis azarae* 7/3 4 heard, 7/4 c. 10 heard San Isidro, 7/5 c. 5 heard S. Baeza, 7/16 1 heard San Rafael Falls, 8/7 2+3 heard, 8/8 c. 10 heard Bella Vista.

**Dusky Spinetail** *Synallaxis moesta* 7/2 1 pair Loreto Road (Km. 2).

**Slaty Spinetail** *Synallaxis brachyura* 6/19 1, 6/20 1 heard, 6/21 1 Mindo, 7/9 2 Lita, 7/10 1 El Placer, 7/18 2 Río Palenque, 7/22 3, 7/23 1 heard Ayampe, 8/1 2+3 heard Buenaventura.

**Dark-breasted Spinetail** *Synallaxis albigularis* 6/30 4+c. 10 heard Tena and 2 heard near Puerto Napo, 7/2 3 heard Loreto Road och 7/31 1 heard Bombuscaro.

**White-bellied Spinetail** *Synallaxis propinqua* 8/10 1+3 heard La Selva.

**Rufous Spinetail** *Synallaxis unirufa* 7/3 1 San Isidro, 7/5 2 Guacamayos.

**Necklaced Spinetail** *Synallaxis stictothorax* 7/22 3 Ayampe.

**White-browed Spinetail** *Hellmayrea gularis* 6/25 1 Cerro Mongus.

**Red-faced Spinetail** *Cranioleuca erythrops* 6/18 3, 6/19 1, 6/20 1, 6/21 3 Mindo.

**Parker's Spinetail** *Cranioleuca vulpecula* 8/10 3+1 heard La Selva. Recent split from Rusty-backed Spinetail.

**Line-cheeked Spinetail** *Crainoleuca antisimensis* 8/1 4 Buenaventura, 8/3 3 Sozoranga.

**White-chinned Thistletail** *Schizoeaca fuliginosa* 6/25 3 Cerro Mongus, 8/15 1 Papallacta Pass.

**Mouse-colored Thistletail** *Schizoeaca griseomurina* 7/28 1+1 heard Cajanuma.

**Many-striped Canastero** *Asthenes flammulata* 6/26 2 Cerro Mongus, 7/28 1 Cajanuma.

**Orange-fronted Plushcrown** *Metopothrix aurantiacus* 6/30 6 Tena and 1 near Puerto Napo.

**Streaked Tuftedcheek** *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii* 6/25 1 Cerro Mongus, 7/3 1 San Isidro, 7/27 1, 7/28 2, 7/29 2 Cajanuma, 8/5 1 Utuana.

**Pacific Tuftedcheek** *Pseudocolaptes johnsoni* 8/1 1 Buenaventura.

**Pearled Treerunner** *Margarornis squamiger* 7/3 1, 7/5 2 Guacamayos, 7/3 3, 7/4 3 San Isidro, 7/27 3 Cajanuma.

**Spotted Barbtail** *Premnoplex brunnescens* 7/1 1, 7/2 1 Loreto Road, 7/3 1 Guacamayos.

**Lineated Foliage-gleaner** *Syndactyla subalaris* 6/21 1 Mindo.

**Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner** *Anabecerthia variegaticeps* 6/19 1, 6/20 c. 10, 6/21 2 Mindo, 8/1 c. 10 Buenaventura.

**Montane Foliage-gleaner** *Anabecerthia striaticollis* 7/31 2 Bombuscaro.

**Striped Woodhaunter** *Hyloctistes subulatus* 7/12 2 El Placer.

**Chestnut-winged Hookbill** *Ancistrops strigilatus* 8/11 1 La Selva.

**Chestnut-winged Foliage-gleaner** *Philydor erythropterus* 8/10 1 heard La Selva.

**Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner** *Philydor rufus* 6/21 1 Mindo, 7/19 1 Río Palenque.

**Dusky-cheeked Foliage-gleaner** *Anabazenops dorsalis* 8/10 2 males La Selva.

**Striped Treehunter** *Thripadectes holostictus* 6/20 1 Mindo.

**Streak-capped Treehunter** *Thripadectes virgaticeps* 6/21 2 Mindo.

**Uniform Treehunter** *Thripadectes ignobilis* 7/10 1 El Placer.

**Streaked Xenops** *Xenops rutilans* 7/1 2 Loreto Road, 7/15 1 San Rafael Falls, 7/30 3 Bombuscaro, 8/1 c. 5 Buenaventura.

**Plain Xenops** *Xenops minutus* 7/10 1, 7/11 1 El Placer, 8/1 1 Buenaventura, 8/12 1 La Selva.

**Tawny-throated Leaf Tosser** *Sclerurus mexicanus* 6/21 1 Mindo.

**Black-tailed Leaf Tosser** *Sclerurus caudacutus* 8/10 1, 8/11 1 La Selva.

**Plain-brown Woodcreeper** *Dendrocincla fuliginosa* 7/18 5, 7/19 1 Río Palenque, 7/22 2 Ayampe, 7/31 1 Bombuscaro, 8/12 1 La Selva.

**Wedge-billed Woodcreeper** *Glyphorhynchus spirurus* 7/10 4 El Placer, 7/16 1 San Rafael Falls, 7/18 2, 19/7 1 Río Palenque, 8/1 3+1 heard Buenaventura, 8/11 1 La Selva.

**Olivaceous Woodcreeper** *Sittasomus griseicapillus* 7/2 2 Loreto Road, 7/22 1, 7/23 1 Ayampe, 7/30 2 Bombuscaro.

**Long-billed Woodcreeper** *Nasica longirostris* 8/10 1 heard, 8/11 1 heard, 8/12 2+1 heard La Selva.

**Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper** *Dendrexetastes rufigula* 8/9 2 heard, 8/10 1 heard La Selva.

**Strong-billed Woodcreeper** *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus* 6/21 3 Mindo, 7/3 2 San Isidro.

**Black-banded Woodcreeper** *Dendrocolaptes picumnus* 8/12 1 heard La Selva.

**Striped Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus obsoletus* 8/11 1 heard La Selva.

**Ocellated Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus ocellatus* 8/9 2 heard, 8/11 1 heard La Selva.

**Buff-throated Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus guttatus* 8/9 1+2 heard, 8/10 2+4 heard, 8/11 1+ a few heard, 8/12 1+2 a few heard La Selva.

**Spotted Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus erythropygis* 6/19 4 Mindo, 7/10 2, 7/11 2, 7/12 1+2 heard El Placer, 8/1 1 Buenaventura.

**Olive-backed Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus triangularis* 7/1 2, 7/2 2 Loreto Road, 7/3 1 San Isidro, 15/7 1 San Rafael Falls.

**Streak-headed Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii* 6/18 3-4, 6/21 1 Mindo, 7/18 2 Río Palenque, 7/22 3, 7/23 1 Ayampe, 8/1 1 Buenaventura, 8/3 1 Sozoranga, 8/4 2 Sabiango.

**Montane Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes lachrymiger* 6/20 3, 6/21 3 Mindo, 7/3 1, 7/4 2 San Isidro, 7/5 1 S. Baeza, 8/7 1, 8/8 1 Bella Vista.

**Red-billed Scythebill** *Campylorhamphus trochilirostris* 7/22 3 Ayampe.

**Fasciated Antshrike** *Cymbilaimus lineatus* 8/9 1 heard, 8/10 1 heard, 8/12 1 male La Selva.

**Undulated Antshrike** *Frederickena unduligera* 8/12 1 pair La Selva.

**Great Antshrike** *Taraba major* 8/1 1 male, 1 female Buenaventura, 8/11 1 heard La Selva.

**Collared Antshrike** *Sakesphorus bernardi* 7/22 1 male, 2 females Ayampe, 8/3 3, 8/4 2 females Sozoranga, 8/4 1 female Tambo Negro.

**Chapman's Antshrike** *Thamnophilus zarumae* 8/3 2 males, 8/4 2 males, 1 female Sozoranga.

**Lined Antshrike** *Thamnophilus tenuepunctatus* 6/30 c. 5 Tena.

**Cocha Antshrike** *Thamnophilus praecox*\* 8/11 1 male La Selva.

**Castelnau's Antshrike** *Thamnophilus cryptoleucus* 8/10 2 males La Selva.

**Uniform Antshrike** *Thamnophilus unicolor* 8/1 1 pair Buenaventura.

**Plain-winged Antshrike** *Thamnophilus schistaceus* 8/11 1 female La Selva.

**Mouse-colored Antshrike** *Thamnophilus murinus* 8/11 1 heard, 8/12 1-2 males, 1 female+ 3 heard La Selva.

**Western Slaty-Antshrike** *Thamnophilus atrinucha* 7/18 1 male, 1 female Río Palenque.

**Spot-winged Antshrike** *Pygoptila stellaris* 8/11 1-2 males, 8/12 3 heard La Selva.

**Russet Antshrike** *Thamnistes anabatinus* 8/1 3 Buenaventura.

**Plain Antvireo** *Dysithamnus mentalis* 7/22 6, 7/23 5 Ayampe, 7/31 1 pair Bombuscaro.

**Spot-crowned Antvireo** *Dysithamnus puncticeps* 7/10 1 pair, 7/11 1 pair El Placer.

**Dusky-throated Antshrike** *Thamnomanes ardesiacus* 8/11 1 male La Selva.

**Cinereous Antshrike** *Thamnomanes caesius* 8/9 1 heard, 8/10 1 heard, 8/11 1 male, 8/12 6 La Selva.

**Pygmy Antwren** *Myrmotherula brachyura* 8/10 1 heard La Selva.

**Short-billed Antwren** *Myrmotherula obscura* 8/10 1 pair, 8/12 1 heard La Selva.

**Pacific Streaked-Antwren** *Myrmotherula pacifica* 7/8 2 females, 7/9 1 pair Lita.

**Stripe-chested Antwren** *Myrmotherula longicauda* 6/30 6 Tena.

**Plain-throated Antwren** *Myrmotherula huxwelli* 8/10 1 heard, 8/11 1 male, 8/12 1 female La Selva.

**Checker-throated Antwren** *Myrmotherula fulviventeris* 7/10 1 male, 2 females, 7/11 1 female, 7/12 1 male El Placer, 7/18 1 male Río Palenque.

**Foothill Antwren** *Myrmotherula spodionota* 7/2 1 male Loreto Road (Km. 3).

**Rufous-tailed Antwren** *Myrmotherula erythrura* 8/12 1 male La Selva.

**White-flanked Antwren** *Myrmotherula axillaris* 7/10 1 male El Placer, 8/11 2 males La Selva.

**Slaty Antwren** *Myrmotherula schisticolor* 6/19 2 pairs, 6/20 1 male, 6/21 1 male Mindo, 7/10 1 pair El Placer, 8/1 1 male Buenaventura.

**Gray Antwren** *Myrmotherula menetriesii* 8/10 1 male La Selva.

**Dot-winged Antwren** *Microrhophias quixensis* 7/10 2 males El Placer, 7/18 7 Río Palenque, 8/12 3-4 La Selva.

**Long-tailed Antbird** *Drymophila caudata* 7/3 1+3 heard, 7/4 2+3 heard San Isidro.

**Gray Antbird** *Cercomacra cinerascens* 8/10 1 heard, 8/11 2 heard, 8/12 1 male+2 heard La Selva.

**Dusky Antbird** *Cercomacra tyrannina* 7/18 2 males Río Palenque.

**Blackish Antbird** *Cercomacra nigrescens* 6/30 1 male Tena.

**Black/Blackish Antbird** *Cercomacra serva/nigrescens* 7/2 1 pair Loreto Road. Probably Black Antbird.

**Black-faced Antbird** *Myrmoborus myotherinus* 8/10 1 female+3, 8/11 1 heard, 12/8 2 heard La Selva.

**Warbling Antbird** *Hypocnemis cantator* 8/12 1 male La Selva.

**Yellow-browed Antbird** *Hypocnemis hypoxantha* 8/10 1 male La Selva.

**Spot-backed Antbird** *Hylophylax naevia* 8/12 1 male La Selva.

**Dot-backed Antbird** *Hylophylax punctulata* 8/11 1 pair La Selva.

**Scale-backed Antbird** *Hylophylax poecilonota* 7/30-31 1 male Bombuscaro, 8/10 3, 8/11 1 heard La Selva.

**Spot-winged Antbird** *Schistocichla leucostigma* 8/12 1 heard La Selva.

**Silvered Antbird** *Sclateria naevia* 8/10 2 heard, 8/12 1 male+1 heard, 8/13 1 heard La Selva.

**White-backed Fire-eye** *Pyriglena leuconota* 7/22 1 male, 1 female/imm., 7/23 2-3 males Ayampe.

**Plumbeous Antbird** *Myrmeciza hyperythra* 8/10 1+3 heard, 8/11 2 males+2 heard, 8/12 1 male La Selva.

**White-shouldered Antbird** *Myrmeciza melanocephala* 8/9 1 heard, 8/13 1 heard La Selva.

**Sooty Antbird** *Myrmeciza fortis* 8/10 2 females, 8/11 1 heard, 8/12 c. 5 La Selva.

**Immaculate Antbird** *Myrmeciza immaculata* 8/1 1 male Buenaventura.

**Chestnut-backed Antbird** *Myrmeciza exsul* 7/18 1 male Río Palenque.

**Esmeraldas Antbird** *Myrmeciza nigricauda* 6/21 1 male+1 heard Mindo, 7/10 1 male, 7/11 1 male El Placer.

**White-plumed Antbird** *Pithys albifrons* 8/10 1 heard, 8/12 2 ad. (stunning!), 2 juv. La Selva.

**Bicolored Antbird** *Gymnopithys leucapis* 8/10 c. 5 ad., 2 juv., 8/12 3-4 ad. La Selva.

**Lunulated Antbird** *Gymnopithys lunulata* 8/10 1-2 males, 1 female, 8/12 1 pair La Selva.

**Hairy-crested Antbird** *Rhegmatorhina melanosticta* 8/10 1 heard La Selva.

**Rufous-capped Antthrush** *Formicarius colma* 8/9 1 heard La Selva.

**Black-faced Antthrush** *Formicarius analis* 8/9 2 heard, 8/10 1+4 heard, 8/11 3 heard La Selva.



**Black-headed Antthrush** *Formicarius nigricapillus* 7/18 c. 5 heard, 7/19 3 heard Río Palenque

**Rufous-breasted Antthrush** *Formicarius rufipectus* 6/19 2 heard, 6/20 1 heard, 6/21 4 heard Mindo, 8/7 1 heard Bella Vista.

**Short-tailed Antthrush** *Chamaeza campanisona* 7/16 1 heard San Rafael Falls.

**Noble Antthrush** *Chamaeza nobilis* 8/10 1 heard La Selva.

**Scaled Antpitta** *Grallaria guatemalensis* 7/29 1 juv. (on the road by the parking lot!) Bombuscaro.

**Moustached Antpitta** *Grallaria alleni*\*\* 7/3 1 heard Guacamayos.

**Chestnut-crowned Antpitta** *Grallaria ruficapilla* 7/3 2 heard, 7/5 2 heard Guacamayos, 7/4 1+ c. 5 heard San Isidro, 7/29 2 heard Cajanuma, 8/7 2 heard, 8/8 c. 7 heard Bella Vista.

**Watkins' Antpitta** *Grallaria watkinsi* 8/2 1 (close!), 8/3 c. 5 heard Sozoranga, 8/4 c. 5 heard Sabiango-Tambo Negro.

**Chestnut-naped Antpitta** *Grallaria nuchalis* 7/27 1 heard, 7/28 2 (close!)+3 heard, 7/29 3-4 heard Cajanuma.

**White-bellied Antpitta** *Grallaria hypoleuca* 7/3 2 heard, 7/4 3 heard San Isidro.

**Tawny Antpitta** *Grallaria quitensis* 6/25-26 1 heard Cerro Mongus, 7/13 1+1 heard, 8/15 1+2 heard Papallacta Pass.

**Ochre-striped Antpitta** *Grallaria dignissima* 8/10 1 heard, 8/12 1 heard La Selva.

**Thrush-like Antpitta** *Myrmothera campanisona* 8/10 2 heard, 8/12 1 heard La Selva.

**Ochre-breasted Antpitta** *Grallaricula flavirostris* 6/21 1 Mindo.

**Rusty-belted Tapaculo** *Liosceles thoracicus* 8/10 4 heard, 8/12 1 heard La Selva.

**Elegant Crescent-chest** *Melanopareia elegans* 8/3 4, 8/4 2 Sozoranga.

**Ash-colored Tapaculo** *Myornis senilis* 7/4 1 male San Isidro.

**Chusquea Tapaculo** *Scytalopus parkeri* 7/27 1 heard, 7/28 c. 5 heard, 7/29 3 heard Cajanuma. 2-3 unidentified Tapaculos were probably Chusqueas.

**Equatorial Rufous-vented Tapaculo** *Scytalopus micropterus* 7/4 1 San Isidro.

**Chocó Tapaculo** *Scytalopus chocoensis* 7/11 4 El Placer. Still undescribed when we saw them!

**Spillman's Tapaculo** *Scytalopus spillmani* 7/5 3-4 heard Guacamayos, 7/8 c. 7 heard, 8/8 5 heard Bella Vista.

**Páramo Tapaculo** *Scytalopus canus* 7/28 1+1 heard Cajanuma

**Ocellated Tapaculo** *Acropternis orthonyx* 7/28 3 heard Cajanuma.

**Sooty-headed Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias griseiceps* 7/23 2 Ayampe.

**Black-capped Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias nigrocapillus* 6/26 2 Cerro Mongus, 7/29 1 Cajanuma.

**Ashy-headed Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias cinereiceps* 6/21 1 Mindo, 7/4 1 San Isidro.

**Slender-footed Tyrannulet** *Zimmerius gracilipes* 8/9 1 heard La Selva.

**Golden-faced Tyrannulet** *Zimmerius chrysops* 6/19 2, 6/20 2 Mindo, 7/1 2, 7/2 c. 5 Loreto Road, 7/9 1 Lita, 8/2 3+1 heard, 8/3 c. 10, 8/4 a few Sozoranga.

**Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet** *Camptostoma obsoletum* 6/18 1 Mindo, 6/24 3 El Juncal, 7/2 c. 5 Loreto Road, 7/20 1 near Chone Lakes, 7/22 5, 7/23 2 Ayampe, 8/2 1, 8/3 c. 6 Sozoranga.

**Tumbes Tyrannulet** *Phaeomyias (murina) tumbezana* 8/3 6, 8/4 1 Sozoranga.

**Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet** *Tyrannulus elatus* 8/10 1 heard, 8/11 1, 8/12 1 heard La Selva.

**Pacific Elaenia** *Myiopagis subplacens* 7/22 6, 7/23 1 Ayampe, 8/4 1 Sozoranga.

**Yellow-crowned Elaenia** *Myiopagis flavivertex* 8/11 1 pair La Selva.

**Yellow-bellied Elaenia** *Elaenia flavogaster* 7/8 4 Lita, 7/22 c. 5 Ayampe.

**Large Elaenia** *Elaenia spectabilis* 6/30 2-3 Tena.

**Lesser Elaenia** *Elaenia chiriquensis* 6/18 1 Mindo.

**Mottle-backed Elaenia** *Elaenia gigas* 8/9 1 Coca.

**Sierran Elaenia** *Elaenia pallatangae* 7/28 3, 7/29 2 Cajanuma.

**White-crested Elaenia** *Elaenia albiceps* 6/24 2 Impuerán, 7/28 3 Cajanuma.

**Small-billed Elaenia** *Elaenia parvirostris* 6/30 4 Tena.

**White-throated Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus leucophrys* 6/26 3, 6/27 1 Cerro Mongus.

**White-tailed Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus poecilocercus* 7/3 3, 7/4 3 San Isidro.

**Rufous-winged Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus calopterus* 8/1 1 Buenaventura.

**White-banded Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus stictopterus* 6/25 2, 6/26 2 Cerro Mongus, 7/27 2, 7/29 c. 8 Cajanuma, 8/5 1 heard Utuana.

**Sulphur-bellied Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus minor* 7/3 2 Guacamayos, 7/3 2, 7/4 1 San Isidro.

**Torrent Tyrannulet** *Serpophaga cinerea* 6/19 3, 6/20 4 Mindo, 7/3 1 Cosanga.

**Lesser Wagtail-Tyrant** *Stigmatura napensis* 8/10 1 La Selva.

**Tufted Tit-Tyrant** *Anairetes parulus* 7/6 4 Lasso.

**Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant** *Euscarthmus meloryphus* 7/22 2 Ayampe, 8/2 1, 8/3 4 Sozoranga, 8/4 1 Tambo Negro.

**Streak-necked Flycatcher** *Mionectes striaticollis* 6/19 2 Mindo, 7/4 3 San Isidro, 8/7 3 Bella Vista.

**Olive-striped Flycatcher** *Mionectes olivaceus* 7/2 1 Loreto Road, 7/9 1 Lita, 7/10 2, 7/11 1 El Placer, 8/1 c. 7 Buenaventura. Many unidentified *Mionectes*.

**Ochre-bellied Flycatcher** *Mionectes oleagineus* 7/18 4, 7/19 1 Río Palenque, 7/22 2 Ayampe.

**Slaty-capped Flycatcher** *Leptopogon superciliaris* 6/20 1 Mindo, 7/1 1, 7/2 2 Loreto Road, 8/1 c. 5 Buenaventura.

**Ecuadorian Tyrannulet** *Phylloscartes gualaquizae* 7/1 1-2 Loreto Road (Km. 3), 7/15 2 San Rafael Falls, 7/30 2 Bombuscaro.

**Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant** *Phylloscartes ophthalmicus* 6/19 1, 6/20 1 Mindo, 7/15 2, 7/16 1 San Rafael Falls, 7/30 2, 7/31 2 Bombuscaro.

**Variegated Bristle-Tyrant** *Phylloscartes poecilotis* 7/1 2 Loreto Road, 7/30 1 Bombuscaro.

**Yellow Tyrannulet** *Capsiempis flaveola* 6/18 1 Mindo.

**Bronze-olive Pygmy-Tyrant** *Pseudotriccus pelzelni* 8/1 1 Buenaventura.

**Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant** *Pseudotriccus ruficeps* 8/7 1 Bella Vista.

**Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant** *Lophotriccus pileatus* 6/18-21 1 daily Mindo, 7/9 2 Lita, 7/10 1 heard El Placer, 7/18 3+c. 10 heard Río Palenque, 7/23 3+1 heard Ayampe, 8/1 c. 10 Buenaventura.

**Rufous-crowned Tody-Tyrant** *Poecilotriccus ruficeps* 7/3 2, 7/4 5 San Isidro.

**Black-and-white Tody-Tyrant** *Poecilotriccus capitalis* 7/1 1 female Loreto Road.

**Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum nigriceps* 7/10 1 El Placer, 7/18 1 Río Palenque.

**Golden-winged Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum calopterum* 6/30 6 Tena.

**Common Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum cinereum* 6/18 1 Mindo, 6/30 several Tena, 7/2 2 Loreto Road, 7/8 4, 7/9 5 Lita, 7/18 1 Río Palenque, 7/22 c. 5 Ayampe.

[**Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum sylvia* 7/12 1 El Placer. The bird was seen briefly, not well enough for publication, so I've decided to treat it as a possible Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher only. There are no previous records from Ecuador.]

**Brownish Twistwing** *Cnipodectes subbrunneus* 8/10 1 male La Selva.

**Pacific Flatbill** *Rhynchocyclus pacificus* 7/10 1 El Placer.

**Fulvous-breasted Flatbill** *Rhynchocyclus fulvipectus* 7/2 1 Loreto Road, 7/31 2 Bombuscaro.

**Olivaceous Flatbill** *Rhynchocyclus olivaceus* 7/30 1 Bombuscaro.

*Tolmomyias* sp. 6/30 2 Tena. Gray-crowned or Yellow-margined Flycatcher.

**Yellow-breasted Flycatcher** *Tolmomyias flaviventris* 8/10 2 heard, 8/11 1 La Selva.

**White-throated Spadebill** *Platyrinchus mystaceus* 6/21 1 heard Mindo, 8/1 1 Buenaventura.

**Ornate Flycatcher** *Myiotoriccus ornatus* Common in the upper tropics and subtropics of both slopes.

**Cinnamon Flycatcher** *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomea* 6/22 4 Tandayapa-Bella Vista, 7/2 2 males Loreto Road, 3/7 4, 7/5 3+heard Guacamayos, 7/3 c. 5, 7/4 c. 15 San Isidro, 7/29 4 Cajanuma, 7/30 2 heard Bombuscaro.

**Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher** *Terenotriccus erythrurus* 7/31 1 Bombuscaro.

**Tawny-breasted Flycatcher** *Myiobius villosus* 6/21 2 Mindo.

**Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher** *Myiobius barbatus* 7/10 2 El Placer, 8/1 1 Buenaventura.

**Black-tailed Flycatcher** *Myiobius atricaudus* 7/18 1 Río Palenque, 7/22 3, 7/23 1 Ayampe.

**Flavescent Flycatcher** *Myiophobus flavicans* 7/3 2 San Isidro, 8/7 1 Bella Vista.

**Orange-crested Flycatcher** *Myiophobus phoenicomitra* 7/30 2 Bombuscaro.

**Bran-colored Flycatcher** *Myiophobus fasciatus* 6/18 1, 6/21 2 Mindo, 6/30 2 Tena, 7/22 4 Ayampe, 8/1 3 Buenaventura, 8/2 2, 8/3 1 Sozoranga.

**Olive-chested Flycatcher** *Myiophobus cryptoxanthus* 6/29 1, 6/30 c. 5 Tena, 7/2 1 Loreto Road.

**Handsome Flycatcher** *Myiophobus pulcher* 7/3 c. 10, 7/5 2 Guacamayos, 7/3 at least 2, 7/4 2 San Isidro.

**Common Tufted-Flycatcher** *Mitrephanes phaeocercus* 7/10 2, 7/12 1 El Placer.

**Tropical Pewee** *Contopus cinereus* 7/22 5, 7/23 1 Ayampe, 8/11 1 heard La Selva.

**Smoke-colored Pewee** *Contopus fumigatus* 6/18 6-7, 6/21 3 Mindo, 6/22 1 near Tandayapa,

7/3 1 San Isidro, 8/1 4 Buenaventura, 8/4 1 Sozoranga.

**Gray-breasted Flycatcher** *Lathrotriccus griseipectus*\*\* 8/3 1 Sozoranga.

**Black Phoebe** *Sayornis nigricans* 6/19 2, 6/20 1, 6/21 2 Mindo, 6/22 2 Tandayapa, 7/8 2 Lita, 7/16 2 San Rafael Falls, 7/31 1 Bombuscaro

**Vermilion Flycatcher** *Pyrocephalus rubinus* 6/17 4, 8/16 c. 5 La Carolina, 6/24 1 male Piquiriche-Impuerán, 7/6 3 Lasso, 7/19 2 females Chone, 7/20 a few Chone Lakes, 7/22 c. 5 Ayampe, 7/24 c. 5 Lagunas Ecuasal och 8/4 5 Tambo Negro.

**Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant** *Ochthoeca fumicolor* 6/25 2 Cerro Mongus, 7/13 1 Papallacta Pass, 7/27 1, 7/28 1, 7/29 2 Cajanuma, 8/15 2 Papallacta Pass.

**Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant** *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis* 6/27 1 Cerro Mongus, 7/27 4, 7/28 c. 10, 7/29 c. 5, Cajanuma, 8/15 1 Papallacta Lake.

**Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant** *Silvicultrix diadema* 7/5 1 Guacamayos.

**Drab Water-Tyrant** *Ochthornis littoralis* 8/9 5 Coca-La Selva, 8/10 c. 10 La Selva, 8/13 c. 5 La Selva-Coca.

**Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant** *Myiotheretes striaticollis* 6/27 1 Cerro Mongus.

**Smoky Bush-Tyrant** *Myiotheretes fumigatus* 7/3 2 Guacamayos, 7/28 2, 7/29 1 Cajanuma.

**Cliff Flycatcher** *Hirundinea ferruginea* 7/2 6 Loreto Road, 7/30 1 Bombuscaro.

**Plain-capped Ground-Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola alpina* 7/13 1 Papallacta Pass.

**White-browed Ground-Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola albilora* 7/29 2 Cajanuma (at cliffs below the refugio).

**Short-tailed Field-Tyrant** *Muscigralla brevicauda* 7/24 2 Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Rufous-tailed Tyrant** *Knipolegus poecilurus* 7/2 2 Loreto Road.

**Long-tailed Tyrant** *Colonia colonus* 6/30 1 Tena, 7/1 1 Jatun Sacha-Puerto Napo, 7/9 2, 7/10 4, 7/11 1 El Placer, 7/30 2 Bombuscaro.

**Masked Water-Tyrant** *Fluvicola nengeta* 7/19 8 Chone, 7/20 2 Chone Lakes, 7/22 4 Ayampe.

**Bright-rumped Attila** *Attila spadiceus* 8/10 1 heard, 8/12 1 heard La Selva.

**Cinnamon Attila** *Attila cinnamomeus* 8/9 1 heard La Selva.

**Grayish Mourner** *Rhytipterna simplex* 8/12 1 heard La Selva.

**Sirystes** *Sirystes sibilator* 8/11 1 heard La Selva.

**Dusky-capped Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tuberculifer* 6/19 1, 6/21 2 Mindo, 7/1 1 Loreto Road, 8/9 1+1 heard, 8/10 1, 8/11 3 heard, 8/12 2 heard La Selva.

**Swainson's Flycatcher** *Myiarchus swainsoni* 6/30 1 Tena.

**Pale-edged Flycatcher** *Myiarchus cephalotes* 7/4 2 San Isidro, 7/15 1, 7/16 1 San Rafael Falls.

**Sooty-crowned Flycatcher** *Myiarchus phaeocephalus* 7/23 2 Ayampe.

**Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus* 8/9 1 Coca and 1 Coca-La Selva, 8/9 1+1 heard, 8/10 a few+c. 5 heard, 8/12 5-10 La Selva.

**Lesser Kiskadee** *Philohydor lictor* 8/11 4 La Selva.

**Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua* 6/30 2+1 heard Tena, 7/1 2, 7/2 a few Loreto Road, 7/18 1 Río Palenque, 7/20 2 Chone Lakes, 7/22 5, 7/23 c. 5 Ayampe, 8/4 5 Sabiango-Tambo Negro, 8/9 1, 8/11 1 La Selva.

**Rusty-margined Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes cayanensis* 7/9 2 Lita. Probably more birds seen.

**Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis* Common to 1500 metres, especially in the west.

**Gray-capped Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes granadensis* 7/18 1 Río Palenque.

**Lemon-browed Flycatcher** *Conopias cinchoneti* 7/15 1 San Rafael Falls, 7/30 4 Bombuscaro.

**Streaked Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes maculatus* 6/30 1 Tena, 7/1 1 Jatun Sacha, 7/18 3, 7/19 2 Río Palenque.

**Baird's Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes bairdii* 7/22 1 Ayampe, 8/4 3 Tambo Negro.

**Golden-crowned Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus* 6/18 3 (pair at nest), 6/20 2+1 heard Mindo, 6/22 1 near Tandayapa.

**Piratic Flycatcher** *Legatus leucophaeus* 6/18 1 heard Mindo, 7/22 1 Ayampe, 8/10 3, 8/13 1 La Selva.

**Crowned Slaty-Flycatcher** *Griseotyrannus aurantioatrocristatus* 8/10 1, 8/11 2 La Selva.

**Variegated Flycatcher** *Empidonomus varius* 8/12 1 La Selva.

**Sulphury Flycatcher** *Tyrannopsis sulphurea* 8/11 1 heard La Selva.

**Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus* Common. Absent in the temperate zone.

**Snowy-throated Kingbird** *Tyrannus niveigularis* 7/20 1 near Chone Lakes and 1 Puerto Lopez.

**Barred Becard** *Pachyramphus versicolor* 6/21 1 male Mindo, 7/22 1 male near Tandayapa.

**Cinnamon Becard** *Pachyramphus cinnamomeus* 6/18 1 Mindo, 7/10 1 El Placer, 7/18 4, 7/19 1 Río Palenque.

**White-winged Becard** *Pachyramphus polychopterus* 8/10 1 female La Selva.

**Black-and-white Becard** *Pachyramphus albogriseus* 6/19 1 pair Mindo, 7/16 1 female San Rafael Falls, 8/1 4 females Buenaventura, 8/3 1 female Sozoranga.

**One-colored Becard** *Pachyramphus homochrous* 7/18 3 females Río Palenque, 7/22 1 female Ayampe, 8/1 5 females Buenaventura, 8/4 1 male Tambo Negro.

**Pink-throated Becard** *Pachyramphus minor* 8/10 1 male, 8/11 1 male La Selva.

**Black-tailed Tityra** *Tityra cayana* 8/9 2 pairs, 8/10 2 La Selva.

**Masked Tityra** *Tityra semifasciata* 6/20 2 Mindo, 7/2 3 Loreto Road, 7/8 1, 7/9 3 Lita, 7/22 2, 7/23 1 Ayampe.

**Black-crowned Tityra** *Tityra inquisitor* 7/20 1 pair near Chone Lakes.

**Red-crested Cotinga** *Ampelion rubrocristata* 6/24 1, 6/25 4 (displaying male!), 6/26 2, 6/27 1 Cerro Mongus, 7/4 1 San Isidro.

**Chestnut-bellied Cotinga** *Doliornis remseni*\*\* 6/25 1 pair, 6/26 1 pair+1 male Cerro Mongus. One of the real star birds of our trip! An amazing and truly unforgettable sight was that of a male Chestnut-bellied Cotinga, a Masked Mountain-Tanager and a Black-backed Bush-Tanager sitting next to each other in the same tree!!

**Barred Fruiteater** *Pipreola arcuata* 6/27 1 female+1 Cerro Mongus, 7/28 6 Cajanuma.

**Green-and-black Fruiteater** *Pipreola riefferii* 6/22 1 female near Bella Vista, 7/3 1 male, 7/5 1 pair Guacamayos, 7/27 1 female, 7/29 1 female Cajanuma.

**Cinereous Mourner** *Laniocerca hypopyrrha* 8/9 1 La Selva.

**Screaming Piha** *Lipaugus vociferans* 8/9 1 male+1 heard, 8/10 1 heard, 11/8 1 male+3 heard La Selva.

**Plum-throated Cotinga** *Cotinga maynana* 8/10 1 male La Selva.

**Spangled Cotinga** *Cotinga cayana* 8/9 1 male, 8/19 2 males La Selva.

**Black-tipped Cotinga** *Carpodectes hopkei*\* 7/10 1 male, 7/11 2 males El Placer.

**Bare-necked Fruitcrow** *Gymnoderus foetidus* 8/9 2 males, 1 female, 8/11 4 males, 8/12 3 males La Selva.

**Purple-throated Fruitcrow** *Querula purpurata* 7/18 4 Río Palenque, 8/11 1 La Selva.

**Amazonian Umbrellabird** *Cephalopterus ornatus* 7/16 1 female San Rafael Falls.

**Andean Cock-of-the-Rock** *Rupicola peruviana* 6/18 2-3 heard, 6/19 2 males, 6/21 4-5 males Mindo (great!), 7/1 1 female Loreto Road, 7/16 1 heard San Rafael Falls, 7/30 1 female+1 heard, 7/31 2 males, 1 female+3 heard Bombuscaro.

**Red-capped Manakin** *Pipra mentalis* 7/11 2 females El Placer.

**Blue-rumped Manakin** *Pipra isidorei* 7/31 1 female Bombuscaro.

**Blue-crowned Manakin** *Pipra coronata* 8/9 1 heard, 8/11 1 female La Selva.

**Wire-tailed Manakin** *Pipra filicauda* 8/12 1 heard La Selva.

**Golden-winged Manakin** *Masius chrysopterus* 8/1 1 female Buenaventura.

**White-bearded Manakin** *Manacus manacus* 6/20 1 female Mindo, 7/10 2 females, 7/11 1 ad. male, 1 juv. male, 7/12 2 females El Placer, 7/18 2 females Río Palenque, 7/22 2 heard, 7/23 1 heard Ayampe.

**Club-winged Manakin** *Machaeropterus deliciosus* 6/20 3-4 males (display)+2-3 heard Mindo, 7/10 1 heard, 7/12 2 heard El Placer, 8/1 2 males (display)+2 heard Buenaventura.

**Thrush-like Mourner** *Schiffornis turdinus* 6/19 1 heard, 6/21 1 heard Mindo, 7/10 1 heard El Placer.

**Várzea Mourner** *Schiffornis major* 8/9 1 heard, 8/11 1 male+1 heard La Selva.

**Turquoise Jay** *Cyanolyca turcosa* 6/24 3, 6/27 3 Cerro Mongus, 7/27 1+2 heard, 7/28 1, 7/29 3 Cajanuma, 8/8 4 Bella Vista.

**Violaceous Jay** *Cyanocorax violaceus* 8/9 3, 8/11 3 La Selva.

**White-tailed Jay** *Cyanocorax mystacalis* 8/3 3, 8/4 2 Sozoranga, 8/4 5 Tambo Negro.

**Green Jay** *Cyanocorax yncas* 7/3 5 Cosanga, 7/3 7, 7/4 c. 10 San Isidro, 7/15 2, 7/16 c. 10 San Rafael Falls, 7/30 10-15, 7/31 c. 5 Bombuscaro.

**Rufous-browed Peppershrike** *Cyclarhis gujanensis* 7/18 1 Río Palenque, 7/20 1 Chone Lakes, 7/22 2+2 heard, 7/23 3 Ayampe, 8/3 3, 8/4 2 Sozoranga.

**Black-billed Peppershrike** *Cyclarhis nigrirostris* 6/19 2 Mindo.

**Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo** *Vireolanius leucotis* 7/30 1 Bombuscaro.

**Red-eyed Vireo** *Vireo olivaceus* 8/1 1 Buenaventura, 8/10 1 La Selva.

**Brown-capped Vireo** *Vireo leucophrys* 6/18 1 male Mindo, 7/2 1 Loreto Road, 7/4 2 San Isidro, 8/1 1 Buenaventura, 8/7 1 Bella Vista.

**Dusky-capped Greenlet** *Hylophilus hypoxanthus* 8/10 3 La Selva.



**Lesser Greenlet** *Hylophilus decurtatus* 7/22 7, 7/23 1 Ayampe, 8/1 c. 10 Buenaventura.

**Olivaceous Greenlet** *Hylophilus olivaceus* 7/3 4 Loreto Road, 7/16 1 San Rafael Falls.

**Tawny-crowned Greenlet** *Hylophilus ochraceiceps* 8/10 2 heard La Selva.

**Andean Solitaire** *Myadestes ralloides* 6/18 1 heard, 6/20 1+7-8 heard, 6/21 2 heard Mindo, 7/4 1 San Isidro, 7/10 2 heard, 7/11 3 heard El Placer, 8/1 1+c. 10 heard Buenaventura, 8/7 2+2 heard, 8/8 c. 5 heard Bella Vista.

**Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush** *Catharus fuscater* 7/31 1 heard Bombuscaro.

**Spotted Nightingale-Thrush** *Catharus dryas* 7/15 2 heard San Rafael Falls, 8/1 2 heard Buenaventura.

**Pale-eyed Thrush** *Platycichla leucops* 6/19 1 pair Mindo.

**Chiguanco Thrush** *Turdus chiguanco* 7/6 4 Lasso, 8/2 1, 8/3 5 Sozoranga.

**Great Thrush** *Turdus fuscater* Common in the temperate zone.

**Glossy-black Thrush** *Turdus serranus* 6/22 1 male Tandayapa-Bella Vista, 7/4 2 males San Isidro.

**Black-billed Thrush** *Turdus ignobilis* 6/29 3, 6/30 c. 10 Tena, 7/5 2 S. Baeza, 7/30 1 Bombuscaro, 8/13 1 La Selva-Coca.

**Plumbeous-backed Thrush** *Turdus reevei* 7/22 2 Ayampe, 8/3 c. 10 Sozoranga, 8/4 c. 5 Sabiango-Tambo Negro.

**Pale-vented Thrush** *Turdus obsoletus* 6/19 1 Mindo, 7/11 5 El Placer, 8/1 1 Buenaventura.

**Ecuadorian Thrush** *Turdus maculirostris* 7/18 1 Río Palenque, 7/22 5, 7/23 2 Ayampe, 8/3 1 Sozoranga.

**Long-tailed Mockingbird** *Mimus longicaudatus* 7/21 5 Isla de la Plata (the endemic race *platensis*), 7/20-22 c. 10 Puerto Lopez, 7/22 c. 5 Ayampe, 7/24 c. 5 Lagunas Ecuasal.

**White-capped Dipper** *Cinclus leucocephalus* 6/19 1, 6/20 2 Mindo, 6/29 1 Papallacta-Baeza, 7/9 1 Lita, 7/16 1 San Rafael Falls, 7/31 1 Zamora-Loja.

**Brown-chested Martin** *Progne tapera* 8/9 c. 5, 8/13 c. 10 Coca Airport.

**Gray-breasted Martin** *Progne chalybea* Common by the coast. A very impressive night roost of at least 3500 birds was found on telephone wires in Puerto Lopez. Fairly common in the east.

**White-winged Swallow** *Tachycineta albiventer* 8/9 c. 10 Coca and c. 15 Coca-La Selva, 8/9-12 fairly common La Selva, 8/13 10-15 La Selva-Coca.

**Brown-bellied Swallow** *Notiochelidon murina* Locally common in the temperate/upper subtropical zone. Seen in Quito, at Papallacta, Papallacta-Baeza, San Isidro, Ibarra, Cerro Mongus and Cajanuma.

**Blue-and-white Swallow** *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca* Common mostly in the subtropical/upper tropical zone.

**White-banded Swallow** *Atticora fasciata* 6/29 1, 6/30 c. 10 Tena, 7/30 1, 7/31 c. 5 Bombuscaro, 8/9 c. 15, Coca-La Selva, 8/12 5-10 La Selva, 8/13 c. 10 La Selva-Coca.

**White-thighed Swallow** *Neochelidon tibialis* 7/9 10, 7/10 c. 5 El Placer.

**Southern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* 6/18-21 common Mindo, 30/6 c. 50 Tena, 7/8-12 common Lita-El Placer, 1/8 common Buenaventura. Many more seen.

**Chestnut-collared Swallow** *Petrochelidon rufocollaris* 8/2 c. 40, 8/3-4 c. 100 Sozoranga.

**Black-capped Donacobius** *Donacobius atricapillus* 6/29 2, 6/30 3 heard Tena, 6/30 1 heard near Puerto Napo, 8/11 4 La Selva.

**Band-backed Wren** *Campylorhynchus zonatus* 7/18 3-4 heard, 7/19 2 Río Palenque.

**Fasciated Wren** *Campylorhynchus fasciatus* 7/20 4+heard near Chone Lakes, 8/2-4 common Sozoranga, 8/4 c. 10 Sabiango-Tambo Negro.

**Thrush-like Wren** *Campylorhynchus turdinus* 7/1 1 heard, 7/2 4 heard Loreto Road, 8/10 2+3 heard, 8/12 1 heard La Selva.

**Gray-mantled Wren** *Odontorchilus branickii* 7/30 3 Bombuscaro.

**Rufous Wren** *Cinnycerthia unirufa* 6/25 1, 6/26 3 Cerro Mongus, 7/27 5, 7/28 c. 10 Cajanuma.

**Grass Wren** *Cistothorus platensis* 6/25 c. 7, 6/26 3 Cerro Mongus, 7/6 3 Lasso, 8/15 1 Papallacta Pass.

**Plain-tailed Wren** *Thryothorus euophrys* 7/3 2 heard Guacamayos, 7/3 1 heard, 7/4 a few heard San Isidro, 7/27 2+4 heard, 7/28 c. 10+c. 10 heard, 7/29 a few+heard Cajanuma.

**Whiskered Wren** *Thryothorus mystacalis* 7/18 3 heard, 7/19 2 heard Río Palenque, 8/1 1+2 heard Buenaventura.

**Coraya Wren** *Thryothorus coraya* 6/30 4 heard Tena, 7/1 2 heard Loreto Road, 8/10 2+1 heard La Selva.

**Bay Wren** *Thryothorus nigricapillus* 6/18 1 heard, 6/19 2-3, 6/20 1, 6/21 1 heard Mindo, 7/8 2+3 heard, 7/9 1 heard Lita, 7/10-12 common El Placer, 7/18 3-4 heard Río Palenque, 8/1 15 Buenaventura.

**Superciliated Wren** *Thryothorus superciliaris* 7/22 2, 7/23 1 Ayampe.

**Speckle-breasted Wren** *Thryothorus sclateri* 7/22 c. 10 Ayampe.

**House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon* Seen in many places, primarily in the west and southwest.

**Mountain Wren** *Troglodytes solstitialis* 6/26 3 Cerro Mongus, 7/4 3+c. 7 heard San Isidro, 7/5 2 Guacamayos, 7/28 2, 7/29 3 Cajanuma.

**White-breasted Wood-Wren** *Henicorhina leucosticta* 7/10 2+1 heard El Placer, 8/9 1 heard, 8/10 1+1 heard, 8/11 1+2 heard La Selva.

**Gray-breasted Wood-Wren** *Henicorhina leucophrys* Common in the upper tropical and subtropical zones. Also 1+2 heard 7/23 at Ayampe.

**Song Wren** *Cyphorhinus phaeocephalus* 8/1 2 heard Buenaventura.

**Southern Nightingale-Wren** *Microcerculus marginatus* 6/30 2 heard Tena, 7/1 1 heard Jatun Sacha, 7/9 1 heard Lita, 7/10 1 heard, 7/11 1 El Placer, 7/18 4 heard, 7/19 3 heard Río Palenque, 8/10 1+4 heard, 8/11 1+2 heard La Selva.

**Wing-banded Wren** *Microcerculus bambla* 7/1 1 heard, 7/2 4 heard Loreto Road.

**Tawny-faced Gnatwren** *Microbates cinereiventris* 6/21 1 Mindo, 7/10 5, 7/11 2 El Placer.

**Long-billed Gnatwren** *Ramphocaenus melanurus* 8/10 3, 8/12 1 La Selva.

**White-browed Gnatcatcher** *Polioptila (plumbea) bilineata* 6/18 1 female Mindo, 7/18 2 Río Palenque, 7/24 1 Punta Carnero, 2 Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Páramo Pipit** *Anthus bogotensis* 7/28 1 Cajanuma.

**Tropical Parula** *Parula pitiayumi* 6/18 3, 6/19 4, 6/20 5, 6/21 c. 5 Mindo, 7/15 c. 5, 7/16 c. 5 San Rafael Falls, 7/22 c. 10, 7/23 1 Ayampe, 7/30 c. 5 Bombuscaro, 8/1 c. 10 Buenaventura, 8/4 1 Sozoranga, 8/8 2 Bella Vista.

**Olive-crowned Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis semiflava* 6/18 1 male, 6/20 1 female, 6/21 1 male feeding a juv. Shiny Cowbird, Mindo, 7/9 1 male Lita.

**Slate-throated Whitestart** *Myioborus miniatus* 6/18-21 c. 40 Mindo, 7/2 2 Loreto Road, 7/3 4, 7/4 c. 10 San Isidro, 7/15-16 fairly common San Rafael Falls, 8/2 2 Sozoranga.

**Spectacled Whitestart** *Myioborus melanocephalus* 6/24 c. 7, 6/25 c. 10, 6/26 c. 10, 6/27 c. 5 Cerro Mongus, 7/27 8, 7/28 c. 15, 7/29 5-10 Cajanuma.

**Chocó Warbler** *Basileuterus chlorophrys* 7/10 c. 20 El Placer.

**Three-striped Warbler** *Basileuterus tristriatus* 6/19 3, 6/20 c. 10, 6/21 c. 10 Mindo, 6/22 3 near Tadayapa, 7/4 1 San Isidro, 7/15 1, 7/16 2 San Rafael Falls.

**Three-banded Warbler** *Basileuterus trifasciatus* 8/1 3 Buenaventura, 8/2 2, 8/3 10, 8/4 1 Sozoranga, 8/5 1 Utuana.

**Citrine Warbler** *Basileuterus luteoviridis* 7/3 5 Guacamayos, 7/29 5 Cajanuma.

**Black-crested Warbler** *Basileuterus nigrocristatus* 6/25 1 Cerro Mongus, 7/5 1 male Guacamayos, 8/7 3, 8/8 1 Bella Vista.

**Russet-crowned Warbler** *Basileuterus coronatus* 7/28 1, 7/29 1 Cajanuma, 8/7 1, 8/8 1 Bella Vista.

**Gray-and-gold Warbler** *Basileuterus fraseri* 7/22 8, 7/23 c. 10 Ayampe, 8/1 c. 5 Buenaventura, 8/3 1 Sozoranga.

**Buff-rumped Warbler** *Basileuterus fulvicauda* 6/30 2+1 heard Tena, 7/10 3+2 heard, 7/11 2+1 heard, 7/12 1 heard El Placer, 7/18 1 Río Palenque.

**Bananaquit** *Coereba flaveola* 6/18 2, 6/19 1 Mindo, 6/29 3, 6/30 c. 30 Tena, 7/12 1 El Placer. More birds seen.

**Purple Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes caeruleus* 6/30 1 pair Tena, 7/2 5 Loreto Road, 7/15 10-15, 7/16 several San Rafael Falls, 7/31 1 female Bombuscaro.

**Green Honeycreeper** *Chlorophanes spiza* 7/8 1 male, 7/9 2 Lita, 8/1 3 Buenaventura, 8/10 1 male La Selva.

**Golden-collared Honeycreeper** *Iridophanes pulcherrima* 7/2 2-3 pairs Loreto Road, 7/15 4, 7/16 6 San Rafael Falls, 7/30 1 male Bombuscaro.

**Blue Dacnis** *Dacnis cayana* 7/2 4 males, 3 females Loreto Road.

**Black-faced Dacnis** *Dacnis lineata* 7/2 2 pairs Loreto Road, 7/30 1 pair Bombuscaro, 8/10 1 male La Selva.

**Yellow-tufted Dacnis** *Dacnis egregia* 6/19 1 male Mindo.

**Yellow-bellied Dacnis** *Dacnis flaviventer* 8/10 1 male, 8/11 1 female La Selva.

**Scarlet-thighed Dacnis** *Dacnis venusta* 7/8 1 male Lita.

**Cinereous Conebill** *Conirostrum cinereum* 6/17 3-4, 8/16 1 La Carolina, 7/6 4 Lasso, 8/15 4 Papallacta Pass.

**Blue-backed Conebill** *Conirostrum sitticolor* 6/25 1, 6/26 1-2 Cerro Mongus, 7/27 1, 7/28 7 Cajanuma.

**Bluish Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa caerulescens* 7/4 2 San Isidro, 7/5 1 Guacamayos.

**Masked Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa cyanea* 6/24 1, 6/26 5, 6/27 c. 5 Cerro Mongus, 7/3 1 Guacamayos, 7/3 2, 7/4 4 San Isidro, 7/28 4, 7/29 2 Cajanuma, 8/7 c. 5, 8/8 a few Bella Vista.

**Golden-eyed Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa glauca* 7/2 1, Loreto Road, 7/15 2, 7/16 5 San Rafael Falls.

**Indigo Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa indigotica* 7/9 1 Lita, 1 El Placer.

**Glossy Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa lafresnayii* 6/24 1, 6/25 c. 5, 6/26 5 Cerro Mongus, 7/28 4, 7/29 1 Cajanuma.

**Black Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa humeralis* 6/24 1 near Impuerán, 7/6 5 Lasso, 7/29 1 Cajanuma.

**White-sided Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa albilatera* 6/18 2 males Mindo, 6/22 2 Tandayapa-Bella Vista, 7/3 1 female Guacamayos, 7/3 1 male, 7/4 1 female San Isidro, 8/7 1 male, 8/8 3 Bella Vista.

**Scarlet-and-white Tanager** *Chrysothlypis salmoni* 7/11 1 pair, 7/12 1 pair El Placer.

**Orange-headed Tanager** *Thlypopsis sordida* 6/30 2 males Tena, 8/10 1 male La Selva.

**Rufous-chested Tanager** *Thlypopsis ornata* 7/28 1, 7/29 1 Cajanuma, 8/7 1, 8/8 1 Bella Vista.

**Fawn-breasted Tanager** *Pipraeidea melanonota* 6/19 1 male Mindo, 7/2 3 Loreto Road, 8/1 4 Buenaventura.

**Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia** *Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys* 7/4 1 male San Isidro, 7/28 1 male Cajanuma.

**Thick-billed Euphonia** *Euphonia lanirostris* 6/18 1 male Mindo, seen on a few more occasions (where?).

**Golden-rumped Euphonia** *Euphonia cyanocephala* 7/4 2 males San Isidro, 8/8 3 Bella Vista-Tandayapa.

**Orange-bellied Euphonia** *Euphonia xanthogaster* Common in both east and west to 1500 meters.

**White-vented Euphonia** *Euphonia minuta* 6/30 1 male Tena, 7/9 1 male Lita.

**Rufous-bellied Euphonia** *Euphonia rufiventris* 8/11 1 male, 1 female La Selva.

**Bronze-green Euphonia** *Euphonia mesochrysa* 7/1 1 pair Loreto Road, 7/16 1 female San Rafael Falls.

**White-lored Euphonia** *Euphonia chrysopasta* 8/10 1 La Selva.

**Orange-eared Tanager** *Chlorochrysa calliparaea* 7/1 1, 7/2 6 Loreto Road, 7/15 1, 7/16 1 San Rafael Falls, 7/30 c. 5, 7/31 1 Bombuscaro.

**Glistening-green Tanager** *Chlorochrysa phoenicotis* 6/20 2-3 Mindo.

**Rufous-throated Tanager** *Tangara rufigula* 6/18 1, 6/19 1, 6/20 2 Mindo, 7/10 2, 7/11 1 El Placer.

**Gray-and-gold Tanager** *Tangara palmeri* 7/10 2, 7/11 1, 7/12 3 El Placer.

**Golden Tanager** *Tangara arthus* 6/18-21 c. 70 Mindo, 6/22 c. 5 Tandayapa-Bella Vista, 7/2 c. 10 Loreto Road, 7/15 2, 7/16 1 San Rafael Falls, 7/30 c. 10 Bombuscaro, 8/1 c. 20 Buenaventura.

**Emerald Tanager** *Tangara florida* 7/10 1, 7/11 1, 7/12 2 El Placer.

**Silver-throated Tanager** *Tangara icterocephala* 6/19 3 Mindo, 7/10 1 El Placer, 8/1 7 Buenaventura.

**Saffron-crowned Tanager** *Tangara xanthocephala* 7/3 1, 7/4 2 San Isidro, 7/5 1 S. Baeza.

**Golden-eared Tanager** *Tangara chrysotis* 7/15 3, 7/16 1 San Rafael Falls, 7/30 3 Bombuscaro.

**Flame-faced Tanager** *Tangara parzudakii* 6/18 1, 6/20 2 Mindo, 6/22 1 near Tandayapa, 7/3 3 San Isidro, 8/1 3 Buenaventura.

**Golden-naped Tanager** *Tangara ruficervix* 6/19 c. 10, 6/20 c. 20 Mindo, 7/15 2, 7/16 1 San Rafael Falls, 8/1 2 Buenaventura, 8/8 2 Bella Vista.

**Blue-browed Tanager** *Tangara cyanotis* 7/15 1, 7/16 1 San Rafael Falls.

**Metallic-green Tanager** *Tangara labradorides* 6/18 a few, 6/19 1, 6/20 3, 6/21 1 Mindo.

**Beryl-spangled Tanager** *Tangara nigroviridis* 6/18-21 c. 100 Mindo, 7/3 c. 10, 7/4 5-10 San Isidro, 8/1 2 Buenaventura, 8/7 c. 10 Bella Vista.

**Blue-and-black Tanager** *Tangara vassorii* 6/26 c. 10 Cerro Mongus, 7/3 c. 20, 7/5 3 Guacamayos, 7/4 c. 10 San Isidro, 7/29 3 Cajanuma, 8/5 2 Utuana, 8/7 c. 25, 8/8 1 Bella Vista.

**Black-capped Tanager** *Tangara heinei* 6/22 3 near Tandayapa, 7/3 6 San Isidro, 7/16 1 pair San Rafael Falls.

**Silver-backed Tanager** *Tangara viridicollis* 3/8 3 males, 1 female Sozoranga, 4/8 3 males, 1 female Utuana.

**Scrub Tanager** *Tangara vitriolina* 6/24 2 El Juncal.

**Blue-necked Tanager** *Tangara cyanicollis* Common in the upper tropical/subtropical zone.

**Masked Tanager** *Tangara nigrocincta* 7/31 1 pair Bombuscaro.

**Golden-hooded Tanager** *Tangara larvata* 7/8 2, 7/9 3 ad., 1 juv. Lita+1 El Placer.

**Turquoise Tanager** *Tangara mexicana* 6/29 4, 6/30 c. 10 Tena, 6/30 c. 5 near Puerto Napo, 8/10 3 La Selva.

**Opal-rumped Tanager** *Tangara velia* 8/10 3, 8/11 2 La Selva.

**Opal-crowned Tanager** *Tangara callophrys* 6/30 4 Tena, 8/10 4 La Selva.

**Paradise Tanager** *Tangara chilensis* 7/2 2 Loreto Road, 7/15 2, 7/16 6 San Rafael Falls, 7/29 6, 7/30 c. 10 Bombuscaro, 8/10 2 La Selva.

**Green-and-gold Tanager** *Tangara schrankii* 7/2 3 Loreto Road, 7/15 1 San Rafael Falls, 7/30 1, 7/31 1-2 Bombuscaro.

**Spotted Tanager** *Tangara punctata* 7/2 4 Loreto Road, 7/15 1 San Rafael Falls, 7/30 4, 7/31 1 Bombuscaro.

**Bay-headed Tanager** *Tangara gyrola* 6/19 2 Mindo, 7/2 2 Loreto Road, 7/8 1, 7/9 2 Lita, 7/15 3, 7/16 4 San Rafael Falls, 7/19 1 Río Palenque, 7/30 2, 7/31 1 Bombuscaro, 8/1 4 Buenaventura.

**Rufous-winged Tanager** *Tangara lavinia* 7/10 1 El Placer.

**Golden-crowned Tanager** *Iridosornis rufivertex* 6/24 2, 6/25 4, 6/26 3 Cerro Mongus, 7/27 at least 2, 7/28 c. 10, 7/29 2 Cajanuma.

**Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager** *Anisognathus igniventris* 6/25 3, 6/26 5, 6/27 2 Cerro Mongus, 7/28 c. 5 Cajanuma, 8/15 1 Papallacta Lake.

**Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager** *Anisognathus lacrymosus* 6/24 2, 6/26 2 Cerro Mongus, 7/5 1 Guacamayos, 7/27 4, 7/28 6, 7/29 6 Cajanuma.

**Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager** *Anisognathus somptuosus* 6/20 2 Mindo, 6/22 2 Tandayapa-Bella Vista, 7/3 4, 7/4 6 San Isidro, 8/7 c. 15, 8/8 c. 10 Bella Vista.

**Hooded Mountain-Tanager** *Buthraupis montana* 6/25 6, 6/26 5, 6/27 2 Cerro Mongus, 7/28 6, 7/29 3 Cajanuma.

**Masked Mountain-Tanager** *Buthraupis wetmorei*\*\* 6/25 1, 6/26 1-2 Cerro Mongus, 7/28 1 Cajanuma.

**Black-chested Mountain-Tanager** *Buthraupis eximia* 6/26 2, 6/27 2-3 Cerro Mongus.

**Moss-backed Tanager** *Bangsia edwardsi* 7/9 2, 7/10 5, 7/11 4, 7/12 1 El Placer.

**Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager** *Dubusia taeniata* 7/28 1 Cajanuma.

**Grass-green Tanager** *Chlorornis riefferii* 7/3 1 San Isidro, 7/27 1, 7/28 3, 7/29 3 Cajanuma, 8/8 3 Bella Vista.

**Rufous-crested Tanager** *Creurgops verticalis* 7/3 1 male, 7/4 1 male San Isidro.

**Swallow-Tanager** *Tersina viridis* 6/18 and 21 1 male Mindo, 7/10 1 male El Placer.

**Blue-gray Tanager** *Thraupis episcopus* Common in the west, less common in the east.

**Palm Tanager** *Thraupis palmarum* Fairly common in the lowlands up to 1500 metres.

**Blue-capped Tanager** *Thraupis cyanocephala* 7/27 1, 7/28 3, 7/29 2 Cajanuma, 8/5 1 Utuana,

8/7 1, 8/8 2 Bella Vista.

**Blue-and-yellow Tanager** *Thraupis bonariensis* 6/17 1 pair, 8/16 1 female La Carolina, 7/6 5 Lasso.

**Silver-beaked Tanager** *Ramphocelus carbo* 6/30 c. 5, 7/1 c. 40 Tena, 7/2 c. 10 Loreto Road, 8/10 1 La Selva.

**Masked Crimson Tanager** *Ramphocelus nigrogularis* 7/1 2 Jatun Sacha, 8/10 1, 8/11 4 La Selva.

**Bright-rumped Tanager** *Ramphocelus flammigerus* Common in the west up to 1500 metres.

**Vermilion Tanager** *Calochaetes coccineus* 7/30 1-2 Bombuscaro.

**Hepatic Tanager** *Piranga flava* 7/22 1 pair, 7/23 1 female Ayampe, 8/2 3, 8/3 3 females, 8/4 1 pair Sozoranga.

**White-winged Tanager** *Piranga leucoptera* 6/20 1 male, 1 female Mindo, 7/30 2 males Bombuscaro.

**Red-hooded Tanager** *Piranga rubriceps* 7/28-29 2 males Cajanuma.

**Ochre-breasted Tanager** *Chlorothraupis stolzmanni* 7/10-12 c. 30 El Placer, 8/1 1 Buenaventura.

**Dusky-faced Tanager** *Mitrospingus cassinii* 7/8 c. 20 Lita, 7/18 c. 10 Río Palenque.

**Fulvous Shrike-Tanager** *Lanio fulvus* 8/10 1 male La Selva.

**White-lined Tanager** *Tachyphonus rufus* 6/18 1 pair Mindo, 6/30 1 male Tena, 7/8 1 female Lita.

**Flame-crested Tanager** *Tachyphonus cristatus* 8/11 1 male La Selva.

**White-shouldered Tanager** *Tachyphonus luctuosus* 7/18 3 females Río Palenque.

**Tawny-crested Tanager** *Tachyphonus delatrii* 7/8 1 male, 2 females Lita, 7/11 2 pairs El Placer.

**Scarlet-browed Tanager** *Heterospingus xanthopygius* 7/8 1 pair, 7/9 1 male Lita.

**Common Bush-Tanager** *Chlorospingus ophthalmicus* 7/3 2, 7/5 c. 5 Guacamayos, 7/3 c. 5, 7/4 c. 10 San Isidro, 8/1 c. 15 Buenaventura.

**Ashy-throated Bush-Tanager** *Chlorospingus canigularis* 7/15 3 San Rafael Falls, 7/30 4 Bombuscaro, 8/1 c. 5 Buenaventura.

**Dusky Bush-Tanager** *Chlorospingus semifuscus* 6/20 1 Mindo, 8/7 c. 7 Bella Vista.

**Yellow-throated Bush-Tanager** *Chlorospingus flavigularis* Common primarily in the upper tropical zone.



**Gray-hooded Bush-Tanager** *Cnemoscopus rubrirostris* 7/28 2, 7/29 2 Cajanuma.

**Black-backed Bush-Tanager** *Urothraupis stolzmanni* 6/25 1, 6/26 at least 6 Cerro Mongus.

**Black-capped Hemispingus** *Hemispingus atropileus* 7/28 1, 7/29 1 Cajanuma.

**Superciliaried Hemispingus** *Hemispingus superciliaris* 6/25 1, 6/26 3 Cerro Mongus.

**Black-eared Hemispingus** *Hemispingus melanotis* 7/4 4 San Isidro.

**Black-headed Hemispingus** *Hemispingus verticalis* 6/25 2, 6/26 3 Cerro Mongus, 7/27 1 Cajanuma.

**Magpie Tanager** *Cissopis leveriana* 1/7 3, 2/7 2 Loreto Road, 7/30 2 Bombuscaro, 8/9 1, 8/10 2 La Selva.

**Plushcap** *Catamblyrhynchus diadema* 7/27 1, 7/29 3 Cajanuma.

**Buff-throated Saltator** *Saltator maximus* Fairly common at lower elevations.

**Black-winged Saltator** *Saltator atripennis* 6/18 4, 6/19 1, 6/20 1, 6/21 2 Mindo, 7/10 4, 7/11 1 El Placer, 8/1 3 Buenaventura.

**Grayish Saltator** *Saltator coerulescens* 6/30 2 Tena, 7/2 2, Loreto Road.

**Black-cowled Saltator** *Saltator nigriceps* 8/2 1, 8/3 1 Sozoranga.

**Streaked Saltator** *Saltator cinctus* 7/22 c. 5 Ayampe, 8/3 1 Sozoranga, 8/4 4 Sabiango-Tambo Negro.

**Slate-colored Grosbeak** *Saltator grossus* 7/2 1 Loreto Road, 7/18 2-3 Río Palenque, 7/22 1 Ayampe, 7/30 1, 7/31 1 Bombuscaro.

**Red-capped Cardinal** *Paroaria gularis* 8/10 4, 8/12 4 La Selva.

**Southern Yellow-Grosbeak** *Pheucticus chrysogaster* 6/17 1 female La Carolina, 6/27 1 male Cerro Mongus, 7/6 a few Lasso, 7/22 Ayampe, 8/1 1 Sozoranga, 8/2 1, 8/3 3 Sozoranga.

**Blue-black Grosbeak** *Cyanocompsa cyanooides* 6/30 1 pair Tena, 7/22 2 females Ayampe.

**Crimson Finch-Tanager** *Rhodospingus cruentus* 7/18-19 1 pair Río Palenque.

**Blue-black Grassquit** *Volatinia jacarina* 6/20 1 Mindo. Seen a few more times, but where?

**Yellow-faced Grassquit** *Tiaris olivacea* 6/22 1 Tandayapa-Bella Vista.

**Dull-colored Grassquit** *Tiaris obscura* 7/8 3, 7/9 2 Lita.

**Wing-barred Seedeater** *Sporophila americana* 6/30 1 male near Puerto Napo, 8/13 1 male Coca Airport.

**Variable Seedeater** *Sporophila aurita* Vanlig i väster.

**Lined Seedeater** *Sporophila lineola* 7/1 1 male Tena.

**Yellow-bellied Seedeater** *Sporophila nigricollis* Common on the west slope.

**Parrot-billed Seedeater** *Sporophila peruviana* 7/20 1 male Chone Lakes, 7/24 c. 10 near Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Chestnut-bellied Seedeater** *Sporophila castaneiventris* Common in the east to c. 1200 metres, i.e. 6/30 100 Tena.

**Chestnut-throated Seedeater** *Sporophila telasco* 7/19 c. 100 Chone, 7/20 3 females Chone Lakes.

**Lesser Seed-Finch** *Oryzoborus angolensis* 6/30 c. 10 Tena, c. 5 ex. near Puerto Napo, 7/1 a few Jatun Sacha, 7/23 1 male Ayampe, 8/1 1 female Buenaventura.

**Plain-colored Seedeater** *Catamenia inornata* 6/26 c. 10, 6/27 c. 15 Cerro Mongus+c. 40 Impuerán-El Juncal, 7/13 1 male near Papallacta Pass.

**Páramo Seedeater** *Catamenia homochroa* 8/15 5 Papallacta Lake.

**Plumbeous Sierra-Finch** *Phrygilus unicolor* 6/25 1 male Cerro Mongus, 7/13 2 males Papallacta Pass.

**Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch** *Phrygilus plebejus* 7/6 1 male Lasso, 8/2 4 males, 8/3 c. 15, 8/4 c. 20 Sozoranga.

**Band-tailed Sierra-Finch** *Phrygilus alaudinus* 7/24 2 pairs+1 female Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Saffron Finch** *Sicalis flaveola* 8/2 2 Piñas-Loja, 8/3 8, 8/4 c. 10 Sozoranga.

**Slaty Finch** *Haplospiza rustica* 6/25 1 male, 6/27 c. 10 Cerro Mongus.

**Pale-naped Brush-Finch** *Atlapetes pallidinucha* 6/25 3, 6/26 4 Cerro Mongus, 7/28 7 Cajanuma.

**Rufous-naped Brush-Finch** *Atlapetes rufinucha* 6/25 1 Cerro Mongus, 7/28 6, 7/29 c. 7 Cajanuma.

**Tricolored Brush-Finch** *Atlapetes tricolor* 6/18 1, 6/20 1, 6/21 2 Mindo, 7/12 2 El Placer, 8/1 2 Buenaventura

**White-winged Brush-Finch** *Atlapetes leucopterus* 8/2 1, 8/3 c. 15, 8/4 c.5 Sozoranga.

**Slaty Brush-Finch** *Atlapetes schistaceus* 6/24 c. 5, 6/25 c. 5, 6/26 2, 6/27 1 Cerro Mongus.

**White-headed Brush-Finch** *Atlapetes albiceps* 8/2 1 Sozoranga. New species for Sozoranga?

**Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch** *Atlapetes brunneinuchus* 7/3 1 Guacamayos.

**Stripe-headed Brush-Finch** *Buarremon torquatus* 7/29 1 Cajanuma.

**Orange-billed Sparrow** *Arremon aurantirostris* 7/10 1 El Placer, 7/18 1 Río Palenque, 7/22 3, 7/23 5 Ayampe, 7/31 1+2 heard Bombuscaro, 8/1 1 Buenaventura.

**Black-capped Sparrow** *Arremon abeillei* 7/22 5, 7/23 1 Ayampe, 8/3 6, 8/4 2 Sozoranga.

**Black-striped Sparrow** *Arremonops conirostris* 7/22 2, 7/23 6 Ayampe, 8/1 1 Buenaventura.

**Yellow-browed Sparrow** *Ammodramus aurifrons* Common in the east to c. 1500 meters.

**Rufous-collared Sparrow** *Zonotrichia capensis* Common in Quito and in disturbed habitats of the temperate and subtropical (less common) zones.

**Collared Warbling-Finch** *Poospiza hispaniolensis* 7/21 2 females, 2 juv. Isla de la Plata, 7/24 1 male, 2 females Lagunas Ecuasal.

**Hooded Siskin** *Carduelis magellanica* 6/17 3 La Carolina, 7/6 c. 15 Lasso, 8/2 c. 15 Sozoranga.

**Saffron Siskin** *Carduelis siemiradzkii*\*\* 7/22 c. 20 (maybe more!) Ayampe.

**Olivaceous Siskin** *Carduelis olivaceus* 7/2 c. 10 Loreto Road, 7/3 2 San Isidro.

**Andean Siskin** *Carduelis spinescens* 6/25 c. 10, 6/26 c. 10 Cerro Mongus. Found all over the place.

**Lesser Goldfinch** *Carduelis psaltria* 8/8 3 females/imm. Bella Vista.

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* 7/19 c. 20 Santo Domingo, 7/29 several Zamora.

**Shiny Cowbird** *Molothrus bonariensis* 6/19 c. 10, 6/21 1 juv. (fed by a male Olive-crowned Yellowthroat!) Mindo, 8/4 many Tambo Negro.

**Giant Cowbird** *Scaphidura oryzivora* 6/19 2, 6/20 c. 20 Mindo, 8/11 6, 8/12 2 La Selva.

**Casqued Oropendola** *Psarocolius oseryi* 8/11 1 male, 8/12 2 females La Selva.

**Crested Oropendola** *Psarocolius decumanus* 8/9 c. 20 Coca-La Selva, 8/9-12 common (i.e. 150 8/11)La Selva.

**Russet-backed Oropendola** *Psarocolius angustifrons* 7/1 c. 15, 7/2 c. 20 Loreto Road, 7/3 5+heard, 7/4 c. 50 San Isidro, 7/15 2, 7/16 a few San Rafael Falls, 7/30 4 Bombuscaro, 8/9-12 common La Selva.

**Amazonian Oropendola** *Psarocolius bifasciatus* 8/9 2 males, 8/10 3 males La Selva.

**Yellow-rumped Cacique** *Cacicus cela* 6/30 4 Tena, 8/9-12 fairly common La Selva.

**Red-rumped Cacique** *Cacicus haemorrhous* 8/9 1 La Selva.

**Subtropical Cacique** *Cacicus uropygialis* 7/3 3, 7/4 8 San Isidro.

**Scarlet-rumped Cacique** *Cacicus microrhynchus* 7/11 3 El Placer, 7/18 1 Río Palenque.

**Mountain Cacique** *Cacicus chrysonotus* 7/4 2 San Isidro.

**Solitary Cacique** *Cacicus solitarius* 8/9 1, 8/12 1 La Selva.

**Yellow-billed Cacique** *Amblycercus holosericeus* 7/28 1 Cajanuma.

**Scrub Blackbird** *Dives warszewiczi* Fairly common in the west.

**Yellow-hooded Blackbird** *Agelaius icterocephalus* 8/9 1 male Coca-La Selva. Apparently there are no previous confirmed records of Yellow-hooded Blackbird in Ecuador, and this observation is probably too brief to be officially accepted. However, we saw our bird with its breast towards us - confusion with Oriole Blackbird thus seems quite impossible!

**Moriche Oriole** *Icterus chryscephalus* 8/9 1 Coca-La Selva and 1 La Selva.

**Troupial** *Icterus icterus* 8/10 1 pair+1 heard, 8/12 1 heard La Selva.

**White-edged Oriole** *Icterus graceannae* 8/4 2 Tambo Negro.

**Yellow-tailed Oriole** *Icterus mesomelas* 7/22 5, 7/23 2 Ayampe, 8/2 2, 8/3 3, 8/4 5 Sozoranga, 4/8 3 Tambo Negro.

**Oriole Blackbird** *Gymnomystax mexicanus* 8/10 2 La Selva.

**Red-breasted Blackbird** *Sturnella militaris* 8/13 c. 10 Coca Airport.

**Peruvian Meadowlark** *Sturnella bellicosa* 7/20 5 near Chone Lakes.

The list above contains only the birds that I saw or heard. Daniel have many observations of his own, but the following species were the only ones I didn't see (or doesn't count):

**Boat-billed Heron** *Cochlearius cochlearius* 8/11 1 La Selva. I heard the wingbeats...

**Pale-tailed Barbthroat** *Threnetes leucurus* 6/30 1 Tena.

**Green-and-rufous Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle inda* 8/11 1 La Selva.

**Undulated Antpitta** *Grallaria squamigera* 6/26 1 Cerro Mongus. Seen very shortly.

**Rufous Antpitta** *Grallaria rufa* 7/28 1 Cajanuma. As with the species above.

**Yellow-bellied Tanager** *Tangara xanthogastra* 7/30 1 Bombuscaro. I probably saw the bird, high up in the canopy.

**Yellow-backed Tanager** *Hemithraupis flavicollis* 8/10 1 La Selva.

**Yellow-bellied Siskin** *Carduelis xanthogaster* 8/1 1 female Buenaventura.

## **The grand total of species is thus 873 species**

\*\* = threatened  
\* = near-threatened

### **Mammals**

**Pygmy Marmoset** *Cebuella pygmaea* 8/11 2 La Selva.

**Black-mantled Tamarin** *Saguinus nigricollis* 8/10 3 La Selva.

**Night Monkey sp.** *Aotus sp.* 8/11 1 heard La Selva.

**Dusky Titi** *Callicebus moloch* 8/9 2 heard, 8/10 1 heard, 8/11 5 La Selva.

**Common Squirrel Monkey** *Saimiri sciureus* 8/10 3, 8/12 a few La Selva.

**Monk Saki Monkey** *Pithecia monachus* 8/12 1 La Selva.

**Red Howler Monkey** *Alouatta seniculus* 8/9 a few heard, 8/10 several heard, 8/11 2+heard, 8/12 2 La Selva.

**Culpeo Fox** *Vulpes culpaeus* 8/15 1 Papallacta Pass.

**Kincajou** *Potos flavus* 8/11 1 La Selva.

**Tayra** *Eira barbata* 8/1 1 Buenaventura.

**Humpback Whale** *Megaptera novaeangliae* 7/21 3 Isla de la Plata.

**Killer Whale** *Orcinus orca* 7/21 3 Isla de la Plata - Puerto Lopez.

**Dolphin sp.** 7/23 5 La Libertad.

**White-tailed Deer** *Odocoileus virginianus* 8/15 1 female Papallacta Pass.

**Northern/Southern Red Squirrel** *Sciurus igniventris/spadiceus* Seen in small numbers on a number of localities.

**Guayaquil Squirrel** *Sciurus stramineus* 7/23 1 Ayampe, 8/3 5 Sozoranga.

**Western Dwarf Squirrel** *Microsciurus mimulus* 7/10 a few El Placer.

**Central American Agouti** *Dasyprocta punctata* 8/1 1 Buenaventura.

**Brazilian Rabbit** *Silvilagus brasiliensis* 7/28 1 Cajanuma.

## **Endemics:**

### **Ecuador Endemics: 4**

El Oro Parakeet, White-breasted Parakeet, Pale-mandibled Aracari, Cocha Antshrike.

### **Chocó Endemics: 24**

Berlepsch's Tinamou, Dusky Pigeon, Rose-faced Parrot,  
Colombian Screech-Owl, Purple-chested Hummingbird, Brown Inca, Velvet-purple Coronet,  
Gorgeted Sunangel, Purple-bibbed Whitetip, Violet-tailed Sylph, White-eyed Trogon,  
Orange-fronted Barbet, Toucan Barbet, Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan, Chocó Toucan,  
Chocó Woodpecker, Lita Woodpecker, Uniform Treehunter, Club-winged Manakin,  
Dusky Bush-Tanager, Scarlet-and-white Tanager, Moss-backed Tanager,  
Glistening-green Tanager, Indigo Flowerpiercer.

### **North Central Andes Endemics: 1**

Black-thighed Puffleg

### **South Central Andes Endemics: 3**

Bearded Guan, Rainbow Starfrontlet, Purple-throated Sunangel.

### **Central Andes Páramo Endemics: 6**

Carunculated Caracara, Neblina Metaltail, Mouse-colored Thistletail, Chestnut-bellied Cotinga,  
Black-backed Bush-Tanager, Masked Mountain-Tanager.

### **Ecuador-Peru East Andes Endemics: 5**

White-breasted Parakeet, Napo Sabrewing, Ecuadorian Piedtail,  
Coppery-chested Jacamar, Ecuadorian Tyrannulet.

### **Upper Amazon-Napo Lowlands Endemics: 5**

Brown Nunlet, Cocha Antshrike, Ochre-striped Antpitta, Golden-winged Tody-Flycatcher,  
Olive-chested Flycatcher.

### **Tumbesian Endemics: 30**

Gray-backed Hawk, Rufous-headed Chachalaca, Ochre-bellied Dove, Red-masked Parakeet,  
El Oro Parakeet, Pacific Parrotlet, Gray-cheeked Parakeet, Ecuadorian Piculet,  
Necklaced Spinetail, Chapman's Antshrike, Collared Antshrike, Watkins' Antpitta, Elegant  
Crescent-chest, Pacific Elaenia, Gray-breasted Flycatcher, Sooty-crowned Flycatcher,  
Baird's Flycatcher, Superciliated Wren, White-tailed Jay, Plumbeous-backed Thrush,

Ecuadorian Thrush, Black-capped Sparrow, White-headed Brush-Finch,  
Crimson Finch-Tanager, Black-cowled Saltator, Gray-and-gold Warbler,  
Three-banded Warbler, White-edged Oriole, Saffron Siskin.

**Total number of endemics: 74**