



West Slope, Ecuador Dec 2005



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Introduction

This trip report covers three shorter trips to the west slope of Ecuador and the X-mas birdcount plus a few other observations around my garden in Mindo.

22-26 nov

This trip was with a Hungarian friend, Lorand Szucs. We stayed in my house in Mindo and used that as a base for birding nearby sites.

22.11 Yanacocha - Bellavista - Mindo
23.11 Bellavista/Tandayapa valley - Mindo Loma - nightbirding at Milpe road
24.11 the Waterfall trail, Mindo - south of Mindo
25.11 Milpe road - Rio Blanco restaurant
26.11 Paz de las Aves - Quito

3-6 dec

I guided two Americans, Randy Sibert and Glenda Brown as an extension to their east slope tour. This trip was organized by Bird Ecuador.

3.12 Yanacocha - old Nono road to Septimo Paraiso
4.12 Septimo Paraiso - Tandayapa bird lodge
5.12 Bellavista - Tandayapa bird lodge
6.12 Tandayapa bird lodge - Paz de las Aves - Mindo Loma - Quito

17 dec

The traditional X-mas Bird Count. I birded with my Andean Birding colleague Charlie Vogt at Ñanca Jatunmi, which is a nice site that has only been birded by Charlie before but certainly merits for more visits.

27-31 dec

An Andean Birding tour lead by Jonas Nilsson and me with two American clients, Macklin and Lynette Smith. This was an extension to their east slope tour.

27.12 Quito - Mindo Loma - Rio Blanco restaurant - Bellavista
28.12 Bellavista - Septimo Paraiso
29.12 Mindo
30.12 Milpe - Pedro Vicente Maldonado - Rio Palenque
31.12 Rio Palenque - Quito

Birding Sites

Yanacocha

One hour from Quito on the north slope of vulcan Pichincha at 3400 m. This site has temperate forest and feeders for hummingbirds. 5\$ entrance fee.

Bellavista

This lodge at 2100 m in the upper Tandayapa valley is well-known and has good roadside birding as well as trails and feeders. 5\$ entrance fee.

Tony Nunnery's

Only a few kilometres below Bellavista this American and his German girlfriend has the most species rich hummingbird garden in the world and welcomes visitors to watch their feeders. 5\$ entrance fee.

Tandayapa Bird Lodge

In the lower Tandayapa valley at about 1600 m. This lodge is designed for birders and has good feeders, trails and a hide. 10\$ entrance fee.

Paz de las Aves

This new site at 1900 m has two habituated Giant Antpittas as their star attraction. Other antpittas are also seen and they are constructing trails in the forest and have some feeders. Visits has to be arranged with the owner. 5\$ entrance fee.

Mindo Loma

This nice place along the highway has feeders and trails. Some species are most easily seen here. 5\$ entrance fee.

Septimo Paraiso

This very nice lodge above Mindo have trails, feeders and makes for a good base to bird the nearby sites. 5\$ entrance fee.

Mindo

This nice little village, which has recently become my home, offers excellent birding and also makes a good base for birding nearby sites. The trail that goes up to the waterfall at rio Nambillo offers excellent birding although the habitat is mostly secondary. The vast areas south of Mindo is poorly birded but offers very good birding between rio Nambillo and rio Cinto. Hotel Descanso have hummingbird feeders which can be visited free of charge.

Milpe Road

Near los Bancos this dead end road offers good birding at around 1000 m. A new reserve has been created here and has trails into the forest and feeders. 8\$ entrance fee to the reserve, valid also for Rio Silanche.

Rio Blanco restaurant

This restaurant in los Bancos offers not only good food but they have feeders for both hummingbirds and other birds. Excellent viewing facilities while eating.

Rio Silanche

At 400-500 m near Pedro Vicente Maldonado this site offers a different set of lowland Choco' birds. The habitat is heavily degraded but a patch has been protected and a canopy tower has recently been built here. 8\$ entrance fee, valid also for Milpe.

Rio Palenque

Some 40 kms south of Santo Domingo, this reserve protects a remnant patch of lowland forest and a lodge is available. This site is very birdy with a good trail system.

I have recently moved permanently to Mindo and work as a birdguide for Andean Birding (www.andeanbirding.com). I will also be available for shorter trips around Mindo and day-trips from there. I have recently bought a car of my own, a Chevrolet Blazer -02 jeep.

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Birding at Yanacocha. Insert photo: Feeding a Giant Antpitta at Paz de las Aves! *Photos by Lorand Szucs*
Front cover photo: Giant Antpitta at Paz de las Aves. *Photo by Roger Ahlman*



List of Species

TINAMOUS *TINAMIDAE*

Little Tinamou *Crypturellus soui*

Heard at Milpe, Rio Silanche and Palenque

CORMORANTS *PHALACROCORACIDAE*

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*

1 juv seen in the Tandayapa valley 22.11, 1 seen at Rio Palenque

HERONS, BITTERNS, AND EGRETS *ARDEIDAE*

Great Egret *Ardea alba*

2 seen at Rio Palenque

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*

Singles seen around Mindo

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

Common

AMERICAN VULTURES *CATHARTIDAE*

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*

Common

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*

Common

KITES, EAGLES, AND HAWKS *ACCIPITRIDAE*

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

1 seen at Palenque

Hook-billed Kite *Chondrohierax uncinatus*

2 seen in the Tandayapa valley 23.11, 2 seen at Mindo Loma 27.11

Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus*

Singles and small groups seen most days

Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis*

1 seen between San Tadeo and Bellavista 28.12

Way out of range in altitude, geographically and habitat!

Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea*

2 seen at Milpe 30.12

Plain-breasted Hawk *Accipiter ventralis*

1 seen on the Waterfall trail, Mindo

Barred Hawk *Leucopternis princeps*

1 seen in the Tandayapa valley 23.11, 1 seen on the Waterfall trail, Mindo 24.11, 2 seen at Milpe 25.11, 2 seen in the Tandayapa valley 28.12

Roadside Hawk *Buteo magnirostris*

Singles seen most days

White-rumped Hawk *Buteo leucorrhous*

1 seen between San Tadeo and Bellavista 28.12

Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus*

1 seen near Mindo 23.11 and 4.12

Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyurus*

1 seen above Mindo 29.12, 1 seen at Palenque 31.12

Black-and-chestnut Eagle *Oroaetus isidori*

1 seen in the Tandayapa valley 23.11

FALCONS AND CARACARAS *FALCONIDAE*

Barred Forest-Falcon *Micrastur ruficollis*

1 heard between San Tadeo and Bellavista 23.11, 1 heard at Ñanca Jatunmi 17.12, 1 heard at Bellavista 28.12, 1 heard at Milpe 30.12

Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans*

2 seen near Pedro Vicente Maldonado 30.12, 1 heard at Palenque 31.12

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*

Singles seen in the highlands.

Bat Falcon *Falco ruficularis*

1 seen in Mindo village 18.12, 2 seen above Mindo 29.12

CURASSOWS, GUANS, AND CHACHALACAS **CRACIDAE**

Andean Guan *Penelope montagnii*

1 seen at Yanacocha 3.12

Wattled Guan *Aburria aburri*

2-3 heard at Septimo Paraiso on all visits.

Sickle-winged Guan *Chamaepetes goudotii*

1 seen near Mindo 29.12

NEW WORLD QUAILS **ODONTOPHORIDAE**

Dark-backed Wood-Quail *Odontophorus melanonotus*

Heard at Bellavista 4.12 and 28.12, heard at Ñanca Jatunmi 17.12, heard at Septimo Paraiso 29.12

RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS **RALLIDAE**

White-throated Crake *Laterallus albigularis*

Singles heard at Mindo and Milpe with one seen flying across the road at Milpe.

Uniform Crake *Amaurolimnas concolor*

1 heard near Rio Silanche 30.12

First record for Pichincha province!

SUNBITTERN **EURYPYGIDAE**

Sunbittern *Eurypyga helias*

2 seen at Rio Cinto, Mindo 29.12

SANDPIPERS, SNIPES, PHALAROPES **SCOLOPACIDAE**

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularia*

Singles seen in rivers near Mindo

PIGEONS AND DOVES **COLUMBIDAE**

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia*

Seen in cities and villages

Band-tailed Pigeon *Columba fasciata*

1 heard above Mindo 29.12

Ruddy Pigeon *Columba subvinacea*

Singles heard and a few seen at Mindo, Milpe and Rio Silanche

Plumbeous Pigeon *Columba plumbea*

Singles heard and a few seen at Mindo and Milpe

Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata*

Seen in the highlands

Blue Ground-Dove *Claravis pretiosa*

1 heard at Palenque

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi*

Singles seen and heard at Mindo, Tandayapa valley and Bellavista

Pallid Dove *Leptotila pallida*

1 seen and a few heard at Palenque

White-throated Quail-Dove *Geotrygon frenata*

Singles heard at Bellavista and 1 seen at Tandayapa bird lodge 5.12

Ruddy Quail-Dove *Geotrygon montana*

Singles heard around Mindo and Palenque with one seen there 31.12

PARROTS AND MACAWS *PSITTACIDAE*

Maroon-tailed Parakeet *Pyrrhura melanura*

5 seen on the Waterfall trail, Mindo 24.11, 15 seen between rio Nambillo and Cinto, Mindo 24.11, 20 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi 17.12, 6+8 seen at Septimo Paraiso 28-29.12

Barred Parakeet *Bolborhynchus lineola*

Heard at Bellavista 27.12, 14 seen between rio Nambillo and Cinto, Mindo 29.12

Pacific Parrotlet *Forpes coelestis*

2 seen at Rio Silanche 30.12, 10 seen at Palenque 31.12

Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus*

2 seen at Rio Silanche 30.12

Red-billed Parrot *Pionus sordidus*

Fairly common at Mindo, Tandayapa valley and Mindo Loma

Bronze-winged Parrot *Pionus chalcopterus*

Fairly common around Mindo and Milpe

CUCKOOS AND ANIS *CUCULIDAE*

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana*

Singles seen daily at all sites

Little Cuckoo *Piaya minuta*

1 seen at Septimo Paraiso 29.12, 1 seen at Palenque 31.12, singles seen in the gardens in Mindo

Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani*

Fairly common from Mindo and lower down

Striped Cuckoo *Tapera naevia*

1 seen at Milpe 25.11

BARN OWLS *TYTONIDAE*

Barn Owl *Tyto alba*

1 found dead at Mindo 24.12. It was stuck on a barb wire since one or two weeks.

TYPICAL OWLS *STRIGIDAE*

Chocó Screech-Owl *Otus centralis*

1 heard at Milpe 23.11

Andean Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium jardinii*

2 heard at Yanacocha 3.12

Cloud-forest Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium nubicola*

1 heard at Septimo Paraiso 24.11 and 4.12, 1 heard at Ñanca Jatunmi 17.12

Mottled Owl *Strix virgata*

1 heard at Milpe 23.11, 1 heard at Bellavista 28.12, 1 heard at Septimo Paraiso 4.12 and 29.12

OILBIRD *STEATORNITHIDAE*

Oilbird *Steatornis caripensis*

1 seen near Mindo 22.11

POTOOS *NYCTIBIIDAE*

Common Potoo *Nyctibius griseus*

1 seen at Bellavista 27.12

NIGHTJARS AND NIGHTHAWKS *CAPRIMULGIDAE*

Short-tailed Nighthawk *Lurocalis semitorquatus*

1 heard at Milpe 22.11

Rufous-bellied Nighthawk *Lurocalis rufiventris*

1 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi 17.12, 2-3 seen and heard at Bellavista 28.12, 1 seen at Septimo Paraiso 29.12

Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis*

Singles seen in the early morning near Mindo and Ñanca Jatunmi 17.12, At least 10 seen and heard at Milpe 22.11, 2 heard at Palenque 30.12

Lyre-tailed Nightjar *Uropsalis lyra*

2 females seen near Mindo 22.11

SWIFTS *APODIDAE*

White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris*

Common

Chestnut-collared Swift *Cypseloides rutilus*

Fairly common

Chimney Swift *Chaetura pelagica*

3+12 seen at Milpe 25.11

Gray-rumped Swift *Chaetura cinereiventris*

Fairly common at

White-tipped Swift *Aeronautes montivagus*

About 10 seen in the Tandayapa valley

Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift *Panyptila cayennensis*

2 seen at Palenque 31.12

HUMMINGBIRDS *TROCHILIDAE*

Band-tailed Barbthroat *Threnetes ruckeri*

3 seen at Palenque 31.12

White-whiskered Hermit *Phaethornis yaruqui*

Singles seen daily from Bellavista down to Milpe

Tawny-bellied Hermit *Phaethornis syrmatorphorus*

Singles seen daily from Bellavista down to Mindo

Baron's Hermit *Phaethornis baroni*

2 seen at Palenque 31.12

Stripe-throated Hermit *Phaethornis striigularis*

1 seen at Milpe 25.11, 2 seen at Palenque 31.12

Green-fronted Lancebill *Doryfera ludovicae*

1 seen at the Waterfall trail, Mindo 24.11, 1 seen at Milpe 25.11

White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora*

Fairly common around Mindo, Septimo Paraiso and singles at Milpe

Brown Violetear *Colibri delphinae*

Singles at Tony Nunner's, Tandayapa bird lodge, Septimo Paraiso and Descanso, Mindo

Green Violetear *Colibri thalassinus*

Singles at Tony Nunnery's and Tandayapa bird lodge

Sparkling Violetear *Colibri coruscans*

Fairly common at Bellavista down to Mindo

Black-throated Mango *Anthracothonax nigricollis*

1 female at hotel Descanso, Mindo

Green Thorntail *Popelairia conversii*

Singles at Milpe and restaurant Rio Blanco, los Bancos

Western Emerald *Chlorostilbon melanorhynchus*

Singles at Tony Nunnery's and Tandayapa bird lodge

Green-crowned Woodnymph *Thalurania fannyi*

Common around Mindo, Milpe and Palenque

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird *Amazilia tzacatl*

Common around Mindo, palenque with singles up in the Tandayapa valley

Amazilia Hummingbird *Amazilia amazilia*

1 seen at Milpe 25.11

First record for Pichincha!

Andean Emerald *Amazilia franciae*

Common in the Tandayapa valley down to Milpe

Speckled Hummingbird *Adelomyia melanogenys*

Common in the upper Tandayapa valley

Purple-bibbed Whitetip *Urosticte benjamini*

Singles at Tandayapa bird lodge and Septimo Paraiso

Empress Brilliant *Heliodoxa imperatrix*

Singles at Tony Nunnery's, Tandayapa bird lodge, Mindo Loma, Septimo Paraiso and Descanso

Green-crowned Brilliant *Heliodoxa jacula*

Singles at Septimo Paraiso Descanso and Milpe

Fawn-breasted Brilliant *Heliodoxa rubinoides*

Singles at Tony Nunnery's, Tandayapa bird lodge, Mindo Loma, Septimo Paraiso and Descanso

Shining Sunbeam *Aglaeactis cupripennis*

1 seen at Yanacocha 3.12

Great Sapphirewing *Pterophanes cyanopterus*

Common at Yanacocha

Brown Inca *Coeligena wilsoni*

Singles at Tony Nunnery's, Tandayapa bird lodge, Mindo Loma, Septimo Paraiso and Descanso

Collared Inca *Coeligena torquata*

Fairly common in the upper Tandayapa valley

Buff-winged Starfrontlet *Coeligena lutetiae*

Common at Yanacocha

Sword-billed Hummingbird *Ensifera ensifera*

2 seen at Yanacocha 22.11 and 4 seen 3.12

Buff-tailed Coronet *Boissonneaua flavescens*

Common in the Tandayapa valley and Mindo Loma

Velvet-purple Coronet *Boissonneaua jardini*

Fairly common at Mindo Loma with singles at Septimo Paraiso, Ñanca Jatunmi and Descanso

Gorgeted Sunangel *Heliangelus strophianus*

Common at Bellavista with singles down to Tandayapa bird lodge

Sapphire-vented Puffleg *Eriocnemis luciani*

Common at Yanacocha

Golden-breasted Puffleg *Eriocnemis mosquera*

2 seen at Yanacocha 22.11 and 3.12

Booted Racket-tail *Ocreatus underwoodii*

Fairly common around Mindo, Tandayapa valley and Milpe

Black-tailed Trainbearer *Lesbia victoriae*

Fairly common at Yanacocha and Quito

Tyrian Metaltail *Metallura tyrianthina*

Singles at Yanacocha

Rainbow-bearded Thornbill *Chalcostigma herrani*

1 seen at Yanacocha 22.11 and 3.12

Violet-tailed Sylph *Aglaiocercus coelestis*

Fairly common from Bellavista down to Septimo Paraiso

Wedge-billed Hummingbird *Schistes geoffroyi*

1 seen on the Waterfall trail, Mindo 24.11, 1 seen at Septimo Paraiso 4.12, 1 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi 17.12

Purple-crowned Fairy *Heliothryx barroti*

2 seen at Milpe 25.11, 1 seen at Milpe 30.12 and 1 seen at Palenque 31.12

Purple-throated Woodstar *Calliphlox mitchellii*

Fairly common from Tony Nunnery's down to Mindo

Little Woodstar *Calliphlox bombus*

1 female seen at Milpe 25.11, 1 female possibly this species at Septimo Paraiso 28.12.

TROGONS AND QUETZALS *TROGONIDAE*

Crested Quetzal *Pharomachrus antisianus*

1 heard at Bellavista 4.12

Golden-headed Quetzal *Pharomachrus auriceps*

Fairly common from Bellavista down to Milpe

Ecuadorian Trogon *Trogon mesurus*

1 seen at Palenque 31.12

Western White-tailed Trogon *Trogon chionurus*

1 seen at Palenque 31.12

Collared Trogon *Trogon collaris*

1 heard at Milpe 30.12, 2 seen at Palenque 31.12

Masked Trogon *Trogon personatus*

Singles seen daily from Bellavista down to above Mindo

Northern Violaceous Trogon *Trogon caligatus*

2 seen at Palenque 31.12

KINGFISHERS ALCEDINIDAE

Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata*

Singles seen around Mindo

MOTMOTS MOMOTIDAE

Broad-billed Motmot *Electron platyrhynchum*

1 seen at Milpe 25.11 and another 30.12

Rufous Motmot *Baryphthengus martii*

Fairly common from Septimo Paraiso down to Palenque

JACAMARS GALBULIDAE

Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda*

1 heard at Rio Silanche 30.12 and 4 seen at Palenque 31.12

PUFFBIRDS BUCCONIDAE

Barred Puffbird *Nystalus radiatus*

1 heard at Nanca Jatunmi 17.12

White-whiskered Puffbird *Malacoptila panamensis*

1 seen at Palenque 31.12

Lanceolated Monklet *Micromonacha lanceolata*

1 juv seen at Milpe 30.12

White-faced Nunbird *Hapaloptila castanea*

1 seen at Septimo Paraiso 4.12

NEW WORLD BARBETS CAPITONIDAE

Orange-fronted Barbet *Capito squamatus*

4 seen at Palenque 31.12

Red-headed Barbet *Eubucco bourcierii*

Singles seen most days from Tandayapa bird lodge down to Palenque

Toucan Barbet *Semnornis ramphastinus*

Fairly common between Bellavista and Septimo Paraiso

TOUCANS RAMPHASTIDAE

Crimson-rumped Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus haematopygus*

Singles seen from Bellavista down to Milpe

Pale-mandibled Araçari *Pteroglossus erythropygius*

Small groups most days between Mindo and Rio Silanche

Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan *Andigena laminirostris*

Pairs seen at Bellavista and Mindo Loma

Chocó Toucan *Ramphastos brevis*

Fairly common between Mindo and Rio Silanche

Chestnut-mandibled Toucan *Ramphastos swainsonii*

2 seen along the Waterfall trail, Mindo 24.11

WOODPECKERS AND PICULETS PICIDAE

Olivaceous Piculet *Picumnus olivaceus*

1 seen south of Mindo 24.11, 1 seen at Rio Silanche 30.12 and 1 seen at Palenque 31.12

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker *Piculus rivolii*

Singles seen daily at Bellavista and Yanacocha

Golden-olive Woodpecker *Piculus rubiginosus*

Singles seen around Mindo

Cinnamon Woodpecker *Celeus loricatus*

1 seen at Rio Silanche 30.12

Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus*

1 pair seen at Milpe 25.11, 1 seen at Milpe 30.12, 1 seen at Palenque 31.12

Black-cheeked Woodpecker *Melanerpes pucherani*

1 seen at Rio Blanco restaurant 25.11 and 27.12, 1 seen at Rio Silanche 31.12

Smoky-brown Woodpecker *Veniliornis fumigatus*

Singles seen mainly around Mindo

Yellow-vented Woodpecker *Veniliornis dignus*

1 seen at Mindo Loma 27.12

Guayaquil Woodpecker *Campephilus guayaquilensis*

1 seen at Milpe 23.11, 3 seen south of Mindo 29.12, 1 seen at Palenque 31.12

Powerful Woodpecker *Campephilus pollens*

1 seen at Bellavista 23.11 and 2 seen 28.12, 1 seen at Mindo Loma 23.11, 1 heard at Ñanca Jatunmi 17.12

OVENBIRDS FURNARIIDAE

Pacific Hornero *Furnarius cinnamomeus*

Fairly common from Mindo down to Palenque

Azara's Spinetail *Synallaxis azarae*

Singles heard at Bellavista

Slaty Spinetail *Synallaxis brachyura*

Fairly common from Septimo Paraiso down to Palenque

Rufous Spinetail *Synallaxis unirufa*

2 seen at Bellavista 5.12 and heard here 27.12

White-browed Spinetail *Hellmayrea gularis*

1 seen at Yanacocha 22.11

Red-faced Spinetail *Craniolaema erythrops*

Fairly common from Septimo Paraiso down to Milpe

Streaked Tuftedcheek *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii*

2 seen at Yanacocha 3.12, fairly common around Bellavista

Pacific Tuftedcheek *Pseudocolaptes johnsoni*

3 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi 17.12

Pearled Treerunner *Margarornis squamiger*

Singles in flocks at Yanacocha and Bellavista

Spotted Barbtail *Premnoplex brunnescens*

Singles most days at Tandayapa, Mindo and Milpe

Rusty-winged Barbtail *Premnornis guttuligera*

2 seen at Bellavista 4.12 and 1 seen 27.12

Lineated Foliage-gleaner *Syndactyla subalaris*

Singles daily from Bellavista down to Milpe

Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner *Anabacerthia variegaticeps*

Singles daily around Mindo

Western Woodhaunter *Hylocistis virgatus*

1 seen at Milpe 25.11, 1 heard at Palenque 31.12

Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner *Philydor rufus*

Fairly common around Mindo

Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner *Automolus ochrolaemus*

Singles heard at Palenque 30-31.12

Ruddy Foliage-gleaner *Automolus rubiginosus*

1 heard at Milpe 30.12

Flammulated Treehunter *Thripadectes flammulatus*

1 seen at Bellavista 23.11, 1 seen between Bellavista and Mindo 28.12

Striped Treehunter *Thripadectes holostictus*

2 seen at Bellavista 3-4.12, 1 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi 17.12

Streak-capped Treehunter *Thripadectes virgaticeps*

2 seen at Mindo Loma 27.12

Plain Xenops *Xenops minutus*
1 seen at Rio Silanche 30.12

WOODCREEPERS DENDROCOLAPTIDAE

Plain-brown Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla fuliginosa*
1 seen at Tandayapa bird lodge 6.12, 1 seen at Palenque 31.12

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper *Glyphorhynchus spirurus*
Singles seen around Mindo, Milpe and Palenque

Strong-billed Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus*
Singles seen most days from Bellavista down to Mindo

Spotted Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes erythropygius*
Common

Streak-headed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*
3 seen at Palenque 31.12

Red-billed Scythebill *Campylorhamphus trochilirostris*
3 seen at Palenque 31.12

Brown-billed Scythebill *Campylorhamphus pusillus*
1 seen at Milpe 25.11 and 30.12

TYPICAL ANT BIRDS THAMNOPHILIDAE

Great Antshrike *Taraba major*
5 seen and heard at Palenque 31.12

Uniform Antshrike *Thamnophilus unicolor*
1 heard at Tandayapa bird lodge 5.12, 2 seen south of Mindo 29.12

Western Slaty-Antshrike *Thamnophilus atrinucha*
1 male seen at Milpe 25.11, 1 heard at Rio Silanche 30.12 and 2 seen at Palenque 31.12

Russet Antshrike *Thamnistes anabatinus*
1 seen at Milpe 30.12

Plain Antvireo *Dysithamnus mentalis*
2 seen at Palenque 31.12

Pacific Antwren *Myrmotherula pacifica*
1 pair seen at Palenque 31.12 and singles seen in Mindo village

Checker-throated Antwren *Myrmotherula fulviventrif*
1 heard at Palenque 31.12

Slaty Antwren *Myrmotherula schisticolor*
2 seen at Septimo Paraiso 4.12, 2 seen at the Waterfall trail, Mindo 29.12, 2 seen at Milpe 30.12

Dot-winged Antwren *Microrhophias quixensis*
4 seen at Palenque 31.12

Long-tailed Antbird *Drymophila caudata*
Singles seen and heard from Bellavista down to Septimo Paraiso

Dusky Antbird *Cercomacra tyrannina*
2 heard at Palenque 31.12

Immaculate Antbird *Myrmeciza immaculata*
Singles seen and heard from Tandayapa bird lodge down to Milpe

Chestnut-backed Antbird *Myrmeciza exsul*
Singles heard near Mindo then more common lower down

Esmeraldas Antbird *Myrmeciza nigricauda*
2 seen at Milpe 30.12

Bicolored Antbird *Gymnophithys leucaspis*
2 seen at Milpe 30.12

ANTPITTAS AND ANTTHRUSHES FORMICARIIDAE

Rufous-breasted Antthrush *Formicarius rufipectus*
Singles seen and heard from Tandayapa bird lodge down to Milpe

Giant Antpitta *Grallaria gigantea*
3-4 seen at Paz de las Aves 26.11 and 6.12. Amazingly two birds are habituated and can be hand-fed!!

Undulated Antpitta *Grallaria squamigera*

1 heard at Yanacocha 3.12 and 1 heard at Bellavista 28.12

Scaled Antpitta *Grallaria guatemalensis*

1 seen at Paz de las Aves 26.11 and 6.12, 1 seen at Tandayapa bird lodge 5-6.12, 2 heard at Septimo Paraiso 28-30.12

Chestnut-crowned Antpitta *Grallaria ruficapilla*

2 seen very well at Bellavista 28.12 and many more heard

Chestnut-naped Antpitta *Grallaria nuchalis*

1 heard at Yanacocha 3.12

Yellow-breasted Antpitta *Grallaria flavotincta*

1 seen at Paz de las Aves 6.12, 4-5 heard and 1 seen between Mindo and Bellavista

Rufous Antpitta *Grallaria rufula*

2 heard at Yanacocha 3.12

Tawny Antpitta *Grallaria quitensis*

1 seen at Yanacocha 22.11 and more heard there

Ochre-breasted Antpitta *Grallaricula flavirostris*

A family group of 4 seen at Septimo Paraiso 28.12

TAPACULOS RHINOCRYPTIDAE

Blackish Tapaculo *Scytalopus latrans*

Singles heard at Yanacocha

Nariño Tapaculo *Scytalopus vicinior*

Fairly common from Mindo up to middle Tandayapa valley

Spillmann's Tapaculo *Scytalopus spillmanni*

Fairly common from middle Tandayapa valley and up to Bellavista

Ocellated Tapaculo *Acropternis orthonyx*

Heard at Bellavista 23.11 and 27-28.12

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS TYRANNIDAE

White-fronted Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias zeledoni*

1 seen and taperecorded south of Mindo between Rio Nambillo and Cinto at 1300 m 29.12

First record for Pichincha and third on the west slope in Ecuador!!

Sooty-headed Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias griseiceps*

2 seen at Palenque 31.12

Black-capped Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias nigrocapillus*

1 seen at Bellavista 28.12

Ashy-headed Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias cinereiceps*

1 seen at Mindo Loma 6.12, 1 heard at Nanca jatunmi 17.12, 1 heard at Mindo Loma 27.12, 1 seen south of Mindo 29.12

Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias uropygialis*

1 seen between Bellavista and Mindo

Golden-faced Tyrannulet *Zimmerius chrysops*

Singles seen or heard most days

Brown-capped Tyrannulet *Ornithion brunneicapillum*

1 seen at Palenque 31.12

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum*

Singles seen or heard most days from Mindo and down

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet *Tyrannulus elatus*

1 heard above Mindo 29.12 and 1 heard at Palenque 31.12

Greenish Elaenia *Myiopagis viridicata*

1 seen at restaurant Rio Blanco 27.12, 1 seen at Milpe 30.12 and 3 seen at Palenque 31.12

Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster*

Singles seen most days in Mindo

Sierran Elaenia *Elaenia pallatangae*

1 seen at Bellavista 27.12

White-throated Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus leucophrys*

Singles seen in flocks at Yanacocha 22.11 and 3.12

White-banded Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus stictopterus*

Fairly common at Yanacocha

White-tailed Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus poecilocercus*

Common between Bellavista and Septimo Paraiso

Rufous-winged Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus calopterus*

1 seen at Mindo Loma 23.11, 1 seen south of Mindo 24.11, 1 seen at Milpe 25.11 and 30.12, 1 seen at Septimo Paraiso 3.12, 1 seen at Tandayapa bird lodge 5.12, 1 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi 17.12 and 1 seen between Mindo and Bellavista 27.12

Torrent Tyrannulet *Serpophaga cinerea*

Singles and pairs seen in rivers near Mindo

Streak-necked Flycatcher *Mionectes striaticollis*

Fairly common from Bellavista down to Septimo Paraiso

Olive-striped Flycatcher *Mionectes olivaceus*

1 seen at Milpe 30.12

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus*

4 seen at Palenque 31.12

Slaty-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon superciliaris*

Singles seen daily from Mindo and down

Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant *Pogonotriccus ophthalmicus*

Singles seen at Tandayapa bird lodge down to Mindo

Yellow Tyrannulet *Capsiempis flaveola*

4 seen along the Waterfall trail, Mindo 24.11 and 29.12

Black-capped Pygmy-Tyrant *Myiornis atricapillus*

2 seen at Milpe 30.12

Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant *Lophotriccus pileatus*

Common from the Tandayapa valley down to Milpe

Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum nigriceps*

1 heard at Milpe 30.12 and 1 seen at Palenque 31.12

Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum*

Common from Bellavista to Palenque

Pacific Flatbill *Rhynchocyclus pacificus*

1 seen at Milpe 30.12

Yellow-margined Flatbill *Tolmomyias flavotectus*

1 seen at Rio Silanche 30.12

Ornate Flycatcher *Myiobius ornatus*

Fairly common from Tandayapa down to Milpe

Tawny-breasted Flycatcher *Myiobius villosus*

1 seen at Septimo Paraiso 28.12 and 1 seen at Milpe 30.12

Flavescent Flycatcher *Myiophobus flavicans*

Singles seen at Bellavista and Mindo Loma

Bran-colored Flycatcher *Myiophobus fasciatus*

Singles seen around Mindo and Septimo Paraiso

Cinnamon Flycatcher *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomea*

Fairly common around Bellavista

Western Wood-Pewee *Contopus sordidulus*

Singles seen mainly around Mindo

Smoke-colored Pewee *Contopus fumigatus*

Singles seen from Bellavista down to Mindo

Olive-sided Flycatcher *Contopus cooperi*

1 seen at Milpe 30.12

Acadian Flycatcher *Empidonax virescens*

2 seen along the Waterfall trail, Mindo 29.12 and 1 south of Mindo 29.12, 1 seen at Milpe 30.12 and 1 heard at Palenque 31.12

Gray-breasted Flycatcher *Lathrotriccus griseipectus*

1 heard at Palenque 31.12

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans*

Singles near rivers

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*

Singles near Palenque 30-31.12

Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris*

1 seen between Nono and Tandayapa 3.12

Crowned Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca frontalis*

1 seen at Yanacocha 3.12

Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca diadema*

1 heard at Bellavista 28.12

Smoky Bush-Tyrant *Myiotheretes fumigatus*

1 seen at Yanacocha 3.12

Masked Water-Tyrant *Fluvicola nengeta*

Singles in Mindo village, more common at Milpe and lower down

Bright-rumped Attila *Attila spadiceus*

1 heard at Ñanca Jatunmi 17.12

Ochraceous Attila *Attila torridus*

1 seen and 1 heard at Palenque 31.12

Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer*

Singles from Bellavista to Palenque

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua*

Singles from Mindo down to Palenque

Rusty-margined Flycatcher *Myiozetetes cayanensis*

Fairly common from Mindo and down

Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus*

2 seen at Septimo Paraiso 29.12 and singles around Mindo

Golden-crowned Flycatcher *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus*

Fairly common from Bellavista down to Mindo

Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus*

Singles seen in fruiting trees in Mindo village

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*

Common

Snowy-throated Kingbird *Tyrannus niveigularis*

3 seen at Milpe 25.11 and 30.12 and 2 seen at Palenque 31.12

Barred Becard *Pachyrhamphus versicolor*

2 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi 17.12, 1 seen at Bellavista 4.12 and 28.12

Cinnamon Becard *Pachyrhamphus cinnamomeus*

Singles seen around Mindo

White-winged Becard *Pachyrhamphus polychopterus*

1 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi 17.12, 1 seen on the Waterfall trail, Mindo 29.12

Black-and-white Becard *Pachyrhamphus albogriseus*

1 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi 17.12, 2 seen at Mindo Loma 27.12

One-colored Becard *Platypsaris homochrous*

Common from Mindo Loma/Ñanca Jatunmi down to Milpe

Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata*

4 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi 17.12, 1 seen at the Waterfall trail, Mindo 29.12, 2 at Milpe 30.12

Black-crowned Tityra *Tityra inquisitor*

1 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi 17.12, 1 seen at Palenque 31.12

COTINGAS *COTINGIDAE*

Barred Fruiteater *Pipreola arcuata*

2 seen at Yanacocha 3.12

Green-and-black Fruiteater *Pipreola riefferii*

Singles seen and heard at Bellavista

Orange-breasted Fruiteater *Pipreola jucunda*

2 heard and seen briefly at Mindo Loma 27.12

Scaled Fruiteater *Ampelioides tschudii*

1 male seen along the Waterfall trail, Mindo 24.11, 1 pair seen at Ñanca Jatunmi 17.12

Olivaceous Piha *Lathria cryptolophus*

1-2 seen at Paz de las Aves 26.11

Purple-throated Fruitcrow *Querula purpurata*

2 seen at Palenque 31.12

Andean Cock-of-the-rock *Rupicola peruviana*

1 male seen along the Waterfall trail, Mindo 24.11 and 1 heard 29.12, 1 seen at Mindo Loma 27.12

MANAKINS *PIPRIDAE*

Golden-winged Manakin *Masius chrysopterus*

5 seen and heard at Milpe 25.11 and 30.12, 1 seen and 2 heard at Tandayapa bird lodge 5.12, 1 heard at Ñanca Jatunmi 17.12, 1 seen at Mindo Loma 17.12

White-bearded Manakin *Manacus manacus*

1 seen and several heard at Milpe 25.11 and 30.12, 1 seen and heard at palenque 31.12

Club-winged Manakin *Manacus deliciosus*

1 seen displaying at Septimo Paraiso 4.12, at least 5 seen displaying at Milpe 25.11 and 30.12

JAYS *CORVIDAE*

Turquoise Jay *Cyanolyca turcosa*

Fairly common around Bellavista and heard at Yanacocha

Beautiful Jay *Cyanolyca pulchra*

3 seen at Tandayapa bird lodge 5.12, 2 seen between Bellavista and Mindo 28.12

VIREOS, PEPPERSHRIKES, SHRIKE-VIREOS *VIREONIDAE*

Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis*

2 seen at Palenque 31.12

Black-billed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis nigristrois*

2 seen and heard at Ñanca Jatunmi 17.12

Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo *Vireolanius leucotis*

1 seen at Milpe 15.11 and 30.12

Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus*

Fairly common

Brown-capped Vireo *Vireo leucophrys*

Fairly common between Mindo and Bellavista

Lesser Greenlet *Hylophilus decurtatus*

2 seen at Milpe 25.11, 1 seen along the lower Waterfall trail, Mindo 29.12, 3 seen at Palenque 31.12

THRUSHES *TURDIDAE*

Andean Solitaire *Myadestes ralloides*

Fairly commonly heard with singles seen between Bellavista and Milpe

Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus fuscater*

1 seen at the composture at Belaavista 4.12, 1 seen above Bellavista 28.12

Swainson's Thrush *Catharus ustulatus*

Fairly common

Pale-eyed Thrush *Platycichla leucops*

1 seen south of Mindo 29.12

Great Thrush *Turdus fuscater*

Common in the highlands and also in downtown Quito

Ecuadorian Thrush *Turdus maculirostris*

Fairly common from Mindo down to Palenque

DIPPERS *CINCLIDAE*

White-capped Dipper *Cinclus leucocephalus*

1 seen in Rio Mindo 24.11, 1 seen between Nono and Tandayapa 3.12

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS *HIRUNDINIDAE*

Brown-bellied Swallow *Notiochelidon murina*

Fairly common in the highlands around Yanacocha - Nono

Blue-and-white Swallow *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*

Common

White-thighed Swallow *Neochelidon tibialis*

10 seen at Milpe 25.11 and 30.12, 2 seen at Palenque 31.12

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*

Fairly common from Mindo down to Palenque

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

1 seen in Mindo 18.12, 5 seen near Palenque 31.12

WRENS *TROGLODYTIDAE*

Band-backed Wren *Campylorhynchus zonatus*

10 seen at Palenque 31.12

Rufous Wren *Cinnycerthia unirufa*

3 seen at Yanacocha 22.11

Sepia-brown Wren *Cinnycerthia olivascens*

2 seen at Mindo Loma 27.12, 1 heard at Bellavista 28.12

Bay Wren *Thryothorus nigricapillus*

Singles seen and heard from Mindo down to Palenque

Whiskered Wren *Thryothorus mystacalis*

Fairly commonly heard with singles seen at Palenque 31.12

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*

Common

Mountain Wren *Troglodytes solstitialis*

1 seen at Bellavista 4.12, 2 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi 17.12, 2 seen at Mindo Loma 27.12

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys*

Common from Bellavista down to Milpe

Southern Nightingale-Wren *Microcerculus marginatus*

Singles heard from Mindo down to Palenque

GNATCATCHERS AND GNATWRENS *POLIOPTILIDAE*

Long-billed Gnatwren *Ramphocaenus melanurus*

5 seen and heard at Palenque 31.12

NEW WORLD WARBLERS AND WRENTHRUSH *PARULIDAE*

Tropical Parula *Parula pitiaiyumi*

Common

Blackburnian Warbler *Dendroica fusca*

Common in mixed flocks

Olive-crowned Yellowthroat *Geothlypis semiflava*

1 seen at Septimo Paraiso 4.12, 1 heard at Ñanca Jatunmi 17.12, 2 seen at Milpe 30.12

Slate-throated Whitestart *Myioborus miniatus*

Fairly common from Bellavista down to Milpe

Spectacled Whitestart *Myioborus melanocephalus*

Singles at Yanacocha

Black-crested Warbler *Basileuterus nigrocristatus*

Fairly common at Yanacocha and Bellavista

Chocó Warbler *Basileuterus chlorophrys*

Fairly common at Milpe

Three-striped Warbler *Basileuterus tristriatus*

Fairly common from Bellavista to Milpe

Russet-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus coronatus*

Fairly common in the Tandayapa valley

Gray-and-gold Warbler *Basileuterus fraseri*

10 seen and heard at Palenque 31.12

Buff-rumped Warbler *Basileuterus fulvicauda*

1 heard at Milpe 25.11, 2 seen at Palenque 31.12

TANAGERS, HONEYCREEPERS, BANANAQUIT, PLUSHCAP**THRAUPIDAE****Bananaquit** *Coereba flaveola*

Fairly common

Purple Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes caeruleus*

1 female seen between Rio Nambillo and Cinto, Mindo 24.11, 2 seen at Milpe 25.11, 2 males seen at Ri Si-lanche 30.12

Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza*

1 female seen at Milpe 25.11, 2 seen at Palenque 31.12

Yellow-tufted Dacnis *Dacnis egregia*

1 pair seen just south of Mindo 23.11, 1 female seen in my garden in Mindo 18.12, 1 male at Conuco, Mindo 20.12, 4 seen at Palenque 31.12

Cinereous Conebill *Conirostrum cinereum*

Fairly common at Yanacocha and Quito

Blue-backed Conebill *Conirostrum sitticolor*

5 seen at Yanacocha 3.12

Capped Conebill *Conirostrum albifrons*

Fairly common around Bellavista and down to Mindo Loma

Masked Flowerpiercer *Diglossopsis cyanea*

Fairly common from Yanacocha down to Bellavista

Glossy Flowerpiercer *Diglossa lafresnayii*

Common at Yanacocha

Black Flowerpiercer *Diglossa humeralis*

Common at Yanacocha and Quito

White-sided Flowerpiercer *Diglossa albilatera*

Singles at Bellavista down to Mindo Loma

Guira Tanager *Hemithraupis guira*

1 female seen on several occasions at Rio Blanco restaurant, 4 seen at Palenque 31.12

Rufous-chested Tanager *T. ornata*

1 seen near Yanacocha 22.11, 1 seen at Bellavista 4.12, 2 seen between Bellavista and Mindo 27.12

Fawn-breasted Tanager *Pipraeidea melanonota*

Singles seen most days from Mindo Loma down to Milpe

Yellow-collared Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia flavirostris*

15 seen along the Waterfall trail 24.11 and 29.12, 2 seen south of Mindo 24.11

Thick-billed Euphonia *Euphonia laniirostris*

Fairly common

Orange-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia xanthogaster*

Common

Glistening-green Tanager *Chlorochrysa phoenicotis*

2 seen at Milpe 25.11

Rufous-throated Tanager *Tangara rufigula*

1 seen on the Waterfall trail, Mindo 24.11, 5 seen south of Mindo 24.11 and 2 on 29.12, 5 seen at Milpe 25.11, 1 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi 17.12, 2-3 seen on several occasions at Rio Blanco restaurant

Golden Tanager *Tangara arthus*

Fairly common

Emerald Tanager *Tangara florida*

1 seen on several occasions at Rio Blanco restaurant

Silver-throated Tanager *Tangara icterocephala*

2 seen south of Mindo 24.11, 5 seen at Milpe 25.11, 3-4 at Rio Blanco restaurant on several occasions, 1 seen at Tandayapa bird lodge 5.12

Flame-faced Tanager *Tangara parzudakii*

Singles daily from Bellavista down to Mindo with 1 at Rio Blanco restaurant

Golden-naped Tanager *Tangara ruficervix*

Fairly common from Bellavista down to Septimo Paraiso

Metallic-green Tanager *Tangara labradorides*

Fairly common from Bellavista down to Septimo Paraiso

Beryl-spangled Tanager *Tangara nigroviridis*

Fairly common from Bellavista down to Septimo Paraiso

Blue-and-black Tanager *Tangara vassorii*

Singles at Yanacocha and Bellavista

Blue-necked Tanager *Tangara cyanicollis*

Fairly common

Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola*

Fairly common

Golden-crowned Tanager *Iridosornis rufivertex*

2 seen at Yanacocha 22.11 and 3.12

Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager *Anisognathus igniventris*

Common at Yanacocha

Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager *Anisognathus somptuosus*

Fairly common from Bellavista down to Septimo Paraiso

Black-chinned Mountain-Tanager *Anisognathus notabilis*

2 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi 17.12, 2 seen at Mindo Loma 27.12, 3 seen at Bellavista 28.12

Hooded Mountain-Tanager *Buthraupis montana*

2 seen at Yanacocha 22.11

Black-chested Mountain-Tanager *Buthraupis eximia*

2 seen at Yanacocha 22.11

Grass-green Tanager *Chlorornis riefferii*

3 seen at Bellavista 5.12 and 1 on 28.12

Swallow Tanager *Tersina viridis*

Fairly common from Mindo to Palenque, with unusually high numbers around Mindo

Blue-gray Tanager *Thraupis episcopus*

Common

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum*

Common

Blue-capped Tanager *Thraupis cyanocephala*

Singles at Yanacocha and Bellavista

Lemon-rumped Tanager *Ramphocelus icteronotus*

Common

Summer Tanager *Pipra rubra*

Singles around Mindo and 2 at Ñanca Jatunmi 17.12

White-winged Tanager *Pipra leucoptera*

Singles and pairs mainly around Mindo

Ochre-breasted Tanager *Chlorothraupis stolzmanni*

5-10 seen at Milpe 25.11 and 30.12

Dusky-faced Tanager *Mitrospingus cassinii*

10 seen at Palenque 31.12

White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus*

Singles mainly around Mindo

White-shouldered Tanager *Tachyphonus luctuosus*

Singles from Mindo down to Palenque

Tawny-crested Tanager *Tachyphonus delatrii*

5 seen at Milpe 25.11

Dusky Bush-Tanager *Chlorospingus semifuscus*

Common from Bellavista down to Septimo Paraiso

Yellow-throated Bush-Tanager *Chlorospingus flavigularis*

Fairly common from Septimo Paraiso down to Milpe

Superciliaried Hemispingus *Hemispingus superciliaris*

2 seen at Yanacocha 3.12

Western Hemispingus *Hemispingus ochraceus*

1 seen at Bellavista 23.11, and 5 on 28.12

Plushcap *Catamblyrhynchus diadema*

1 seen between Bellavista and Mindo 23.11 and 2 on 28.12

SALTATORS, GROSBEAKS, AND CARDINALS CARDINALIDAE

Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus*

Singles daily from Septimo Paraiso down to Palenque

Black-winged Saltator *Saltator atripennis*

Singles most days from Tandayapa bird lodge down to Milpe

Slate-colored Grosbeak *Saltator grossus*

2 seen at Milpe 25.11

Southern Yellow-Grosbeak *Pheucticus chrysogaster*

Singles at Yanacocha and Mindo

Rose-breasted Grosbeak *Pheucticus ludovicianus*

2 seen at Milpe 23.11, 1 seen on the Waterfall trail 24.11, 1 seen at Tandayapa bird lodge 5.12

EMBERIZINE FINCHES EMBERIZIDAE

Crimson-breasted Finch *Rhodospingus cruentus*

5 seen at Palenque 31.12

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina*

Fairly common around Mindo

Yellow-faced Grassquit *Tiaris olivacea*

Singles seen at Paz de las Aves and around Mindo

Lesser Seed-Finch *Oryzoborus angolensis*

2 seen at Conuco, Mindo 20.12, 1 seen at Palenque 31.12

Variable Seedeater *Sporophila corvina*

Common around Mindo and lower down with singles higher up

Black-and-White Seedeater *Sporophila luctuosa*

1 male seen at Milpe 25.11

Yellow-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila nigricollis*

Common around Mindo with singles elsewhere

Plain-colored Seedeater *Catamenia inornata*

Common at Yanacocha

Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola*

Singles in Mindo village, probably relates to escapes

Rufous-naped Brush-Finch *Atlapetes latinuchus*

5-10 seen at Yanacocha 22.11 and 3.12

Tricolored Brush-Finch *Atlapetes tricolor*

Fairly common around Mindo

White-winged Brush-Finch *Atlapetes leucopterus*

2 seen at Tandayapa bird lodge 4-5.12, 2 seen at Bellavista 5.12

Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch *Buarremon brunneinucha*

2-3 seen at Tandayapa bird lodge

Orange-billed Sparrow *Arremon aurantiirostris*

singles seen around Mindo, at Rio Blanco restaurant and Milpe

Black-striped Sparrow *Arremonops conirostris*

2 seen at Milpe 25.11 and 1 seen 30.12

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis*

Common in the highlands down to Bellavista

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES ICTERIDAE

Scarlet-rumped Cacique *Cacicus microrhynchus*

2 seen south of Mindo 24.11 and 3 on 29.12, 1 seen at palenque 31.12

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis*

Fairly common from Mindo and down

Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus*

Singles around Mindo and 1 at Palenque 31.12

Scrub Blackbird *Dives warszewiczi*

Singles in Mindo and 1 at Palenque 31.12

Yellow-tailed Oriole *Icterus mesomelas*

2 seen at Palenque 31.12

Peruvian Meadowlark *Sturnella bellicosa*

5 seen near Palenque 31.12

CARDUELINE FINCHES **FRINGILLIDAE**

Hooded Siskin *Carduelis magellanica*

Fairly common in the dry highlands

Yellow-bellied Siskin *Carduelis xanthogastra*

1 pair seen at Milpe 25.11

OLD WORLD SPARROWS **PASSERIDAE**

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

Common in los Bancos



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