

West Slope, Ecuador 23 Apr - 1 May 2006



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Introduction

This trip report covers the west slope of Ecuador and a day-trip to Cotopaxi. The main site for this trip was the Canandé reserve in the Chocó lowlands where we spent four nights and three full days. The subtropics were only visited during one and a half day. The trip ended with a day at Cotopaxi. We recorded altogether 381 species and drove 850 km (which gives 0.45 species per km!)

Leaders

Jonas Nilsson, Roger Ahlman and Boris Herrera

Participants

Jim and Bonnie Olsen, Macklin Smith



The group celebrating the first successful morning at Paz de las Aves. From left to right: Macklin, Jim, Bonnie, Jonas, Boris and the 'Magic Man' - Angel Paz. Roger is obviously behind the camera.

Birding Sites

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.

Paz de las Aves

This new site at 1900 m has habituated Giant-, Moustached- and Yellow-breasted Antpittas as well as a convey of Dark-backed Wood-quails as their star attraction. They've also got some hummingbird feeders. Visits has to be arranged with the owner. 10\$ entrance fee.

Ñanca Jatunmi

This is a lodge near a dead-end road west of the highway in the subtropics. Good roadside birding and along a logging trail at the end of the road.

Septimo Paraiso

This very nice lodge above Mindo has trails, feeders and makes for a good base to bird the nearby sites.

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. A kilometre further down the road is Milpe Garden, a new private reserve with trails that are easier to walk. 5\$ entrance fee.

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. We stayed here one night.

Km 106.5

This is a private 50 ha reserve in the foothills some 10 kms past los Bancos. Most of the birding is done in secondary habitat but further on is primary forest as well. 5\$ entrance fee.

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.

Canandé

This reserve owned by Fundacion Jocotoco offers access to lowland forest in the Chocó region. This was our first visit here and to be honest it was a bit of a disapointment. The foundation has got 1300 ha of forest here but you only bird in secondary forest albeit good secondary forest. Chain saws are heard all the time as a big logging company owns the neighbouring land. The lodge itself is highly overpriced and rather basic. Despite this, the site holds a good number of



This Crane Hawk may be the first documentet record for the Esmeraldas province

Chocó lowland birds that are hard to find elsewhere e.g. at Rio Silanche. I have nowhere in the world seen as many moths as here, some very big and spectacular once.

Diary

23 april

The clients were met at hotel Sebastian at 5.30 am for the drive to our first destination. We arrived at Paz de las Aves around 7.30 and went straight into the forest with the "magic guy" Angel Paz. He started to call for the Antpittas by name and soon we found Maria which is a Giant Antpitta and she was fed with worms and we got gripping views. Some Yellow-breasted Antpittas were also fed and he told us to stay put while he went away. He soon came back - with a convey of four Dark-backed Wood-quails on his trail! The Moustached Antpitta took some time to call in but eventually we all had good looks at that one too. On the way back we found a female Orange-breasted Fruiteater before ending our birding session in the forest with some hummingbirds. A cup of coffee and bolones verdes' at the house was nice after the forest walk. Just when we were about to leave we found a stunning male Orange-breasted Fruiteater just by the house! Prolonged, gripping views and good pictures ended a very good morning. We continued down the mountain to los Bancos and the nice restaurante Rio Blanco. Good food and some birds in the garden. Afternoon along Milpe road in light drizzle. We did pick up Moss-backed Tanager and Yellow-collared Chlorophonia.

24 april

We started with a walk at km 106.5, which is a private reserve. Rather slow but the early morning rain may have held back the activity. We did find a pair of Black-and-white Owls on their daytime roost and after some playback everyone had got good looks at Black-headed Antthrush. We continued to Pedro Vicente Maldonado and spent a few afternoon hours at Rio Silanche without seeing anything special.

25 april

Again we went to Rio Silanche and spend most part of the morning at the new canopy tower but activity was rather slow. On the way back we heard a Brown Wood-rail calling but it never showed itself. After lunch we started the long drive to Canandé. North of Rio Canandé there is some habitat along the road and a stop here yielded the local Slate-coloured Seedeater. We arrived at the lodge around 5 pm and did some birding around the lodge while installing ourselves.

26 april

Today should be a long day. We sat off at 6.30 for the ridge trail bringing box lunch. All day walking up to the ridge and a poor box lunch at the viewpoint. We came back to the lodge at 5.30 pm after 11 hours walk and some good birds in the bag like Lita-, Cinnamon- and Crimson-bellied Woodpeckers, Dagua Thrush, Rufous Piha etc.

27 april

We woke up to the sound of rain and that was to be the wheather until lunch. After lunch we walked down the road

and onto a logging trail. Roger found a perched Black-and-white Hawk-eagle but birding was slow along the trail until we found a flock that had most of the lowland tanagers, Scarlet-breasted Dacnis and others. A perched Plumbeous Hawk was nice. The steep uphill back split up the group and I was ahead of the others and was rewarded with a Semi-plumbeous Hawk at the lodge. That one would have been new to Jonas but he would have to wait.

28 april

Again we tried the logging trail as it looked good yesterday. A short bit down the road and Jonas and the others got their Semi-plumbeous Hawk. Along the trail we again found goodies like Blue-whiskered Tanager, Scarlet-breasted Dacnis, Slate-throated Gnatcatcher, Tiny Hawk, White-ringed Flycatcher and others. A short walk on the trails by the lodge didn't produce much.

29 april

Rain in the morning. Those that went out early was rewarded with seen Spectacled Owl while Chocó Screech-owl and Poorwill were only heard. After breakfast we headed back to civilization making numer-



Plumbeous Hawk is a scarce raptor found in the forest interiors

ous stops along the way. Some of the goodies we found included Crane Hawk and Northern Tufted-Flycatcher, slight range-extensions to the north and south respectively. Most of the day was just driving to Septimo Paraiso above Mindo where we arrived in the late afternoon and did a short walk around the lodge.

30 april

Early start and some night-birding around the lodge. Seen Wattled Guan and heard Mottled Owl was the result. After some playbacking we eventually got to see a Scaled Antpitta. After breakfast we did a walk on the trails and had good looks at Ochre-breasted Antpittas among other things. We sat off for Bellavista making a few stops along the way. By midday it was rather quiet but we found Flammulated Treehunter and Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan before enjoying our box-lunch. A drizzly afternoon hour at Ñanca Jatunmi was surprisingly rewarding with Moss-backed- and Glistering-green Tanagers and seen Cloud-forest Pygmy-Owl. The trip back to Quito was eventless and this was the end of the main trip.

1 may

Today Roger and Macklin went to Cotopaxi for some high-altitude birding. The plain around laguna Limpiopongo produced the usual stuff like Stout-billed Cinclodes and Paramo Ground-Tyrant. Near the lake Streak-backed Canasteros showed well but the search for Noble Snipe ended in a less glorious way with Roger sinking down to the waist and Macklin got wet as well! And we didn't see the snipe. Ecuadorian rail was heard and 9 Blue-winged Teals lingered in the lake. Higher up the mountain we saw an Ecuadorian Hillstar before we decided to try another site. Lunch at Hacienda Cienega nearby was good but a lot of people today. Nearby we soon found Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant and Chiguanco Thrush. After some playbacking we had gripping views of Ecuadorian Rail. A nice end to a very good trip.

Front cover photos: Plumbeous Hawk at Canandé. Photo by Roger Ahlman

List of Species

TINAMOUS TINAMIDAE

Great Tinamou *Tinamus major*

1 heard at Canandé

Little Tinamou Crypturellus soui

Heard at Milpe, Rio Silanche and Canandé

CORMORANTS PHALACROCORACIDAE

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*

Singles seen at Rio Blanco restaurant

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS ANATIDAE

Andean Teal Anas andium

10 at Cotopaxi

Yellow-billed Pintail A. georgica

10 at Cotopaxi

Blue-winged Teal A. discors

6 males and 3 females at Cotopaxi

HERONS, BITTERNS, AND EGRETS ARDEIDAE

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

10 seen near Pedro Vicente Maldonado

Striated Heron *Butorides striatus*

1 seen en route to Canandé

AMERICAN VULTURES CATHARTIDAE

Black Vulture Coragyps atratus

Common, with only singles at Canandé

Turkey Vulture Cathartes aura

Common, with only singles at Canandé

KITES, EAGLES, AND HAWKS ACCIPITRIDAE

Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus*

1 seen at Milpe road and 2-3 at Septimo Paraiso

Plumbeous Kite Ictinia plumbea

1 seen at Canandé

Plain-breasted Hawk Accipiter ventralis

1 seen Paz de las Aves

Tiny Hawk Accipiter superciliosus

1 female seen at Canandé

Crane Hawk Geranospiza caerulescens

1 seen near Canandé

According to Ridgely & Greenfield 2001, this species is not known from Esmeraldas but Boris has seen it twice near Canandé.

Plumbeous Hawk Leucopternis plumbea

1 bird seen two days at Canandé

Semiplumbeous Hawk Leucopternis semiplumbea

2 birds seen at Canandé

Gray Hawk Buteo nitidus

1 seen near Rio Canandé

Roadside Hawk Buteo magnirostris

2 seen at Paz de las Aves, 1 seen near Pedro Vicente Maldonado and 1 heard at Canandé

White-rumped Hawk Buteo leucorrhous

1 seen between San Tadeo and Bellavista

Short-tailed Hawk Buteo brachyurus

1 seen at Rio Blanco restaurant



Semi-plumbeous Hawk is, like Plumbeous Hawk, mostly found inside the forest

Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle Spizastur melanoleucus 1 seen at Canandé

FALCONS AND CARACARAS FALCONIDAE

Carunculated Caracara Phalcoboenus carunculatus

2 adults seen at Cotopaxi

Barred Forest-Falcon *Micrastur ruficollis*

1 heard at Septimo Paraiso

Plumbeous Forest-Falcon Micrastur plumbeus

2 heard at Canandé

Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans*

2 heard at Rio Silanche and 1 seen at Canandé

American Kestrel Falco sparverius

3 seen at Paz de las Aves

Bat Falcon Falco rufigularis

1 seen at Rio Silanche

CURASSOWS, GUANS, AND CHACHALACAS

CRACIDAE

Andean Guan Penelope montagnii

1 seen along the road to Quito

Wattled Guan Aburria aburri

1 seen at Septimo Paraiso

NEW WORLD QUAILS ODONTOPHORIDAE

Rufous-fronted Wood-Quail Odontophurus erythrops

Heard daily at Canandé

Dark-backed Wood-Quail Odontophurus melanonotus

4 habituated birds seen at Paz de las Aves

RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS RALLIDAE

White-throated Crake Laterallus albigularis

1 seen at Rio Silanche and 1 heard en route to Canandé

Ecuadorian Rail Rallus aequatorialis

1 heard at Cotopaxi and 1 seen at Hacienda Cienega

Brown Wood-Rail Aramides wolfi

1 heard near Rio Silanche

SANDPIPERS, SNIPES, PHALAROPES SCOLOPACIDAE

Lesser Yellowlegs Tringa flavipes

1 seen at Cotopaxi

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS CHARADRIIDAE

Andean Lapwing Vanellus resplendens

30 seen at Cotopaxi

16/4 at least 200 were seen here suggesting local movements

GULLS AND TERNS LARIDAE

Andean Gull Larus serranus

50 at Cotopaxi

PIGEONS AND DOVES COLUMBIDAE

Rock Pigeon Columba livia

Seen in cities and villages

Band-tailed Pigeon Columba fasciata

2 seen at Paz de las Aves and 5 seen en route to Quito

Ruddy Pigeon Columba subvinacea

Singles heard and a few seen all days except at Cotopaxi



The rare and impressing Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle is always a spectacular sight.
This individual showed very well close to the lodge

Plumbeous Pigeon Columba plumbea

2 seen at Paz de las Aves

Dusky Pigeon Columba goodsoni

Fairly common at Canandé

Eared Dove Zenaida auriculata

Seen in the highlands

Ecuadorian Ground-Dove Columbina buckleyi

2 seen en route from Canandé

Blue Ground-Dove Claravis pretiosa

2 heard near Rio Canandé

White-tipped Dove Leptotila verreauxi

1 heard at Paz de las Aves, 1 seen en route from Canandé and

1 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi

Pallid Dove Leptotila pallida

1 seen at km 106.5 and 1 at Rio Silanche, 1 seen at Canandé

Indigo-crowned Quail-Dove Geotrygon purpurata

1 heard at Canandé

Olive-backed Quail-Dove Geotrygon veraguensis

1 heard at Canandé

White-throated Quail-Dove Geotrygon frenata

1 seen at Septimo Paraiso

Ruddy Quail-Dove Geotrygon montana

2 ad and 1 pull seen at Canandé

PARROTS AND MACAWS PSITTACIDAE

Great Green Macaw Ara ambigua

1 seen from the lodge at Canandé

Maroon-tailed Parakeet *Pyrrhura melanura*

Singles or small groups seen or heard at most places.

Pacific Parrotlet Forpes coelestis

5 seen at Rio Silanche and 5 seen near Canandé

Rose-faced Parrot Pionopsitta pulchra

Heard 1 day at Canandé and 2 seen en route from Canandé

Blue-headed Parrot Pionus menstruus

5 seen at Rio Silanche, heard and/or seen most days at Canandé

Red-billed Parrot *Pionus sordidus*

2 seen at Septimo Paraiso

Bronze-winged Parrot *Pionus chalcopterus*

Common in the lowlands up to Milpe

Scaly-naped Amazon Amazona mercenaria

1 heard at Bellavista

Mealy Amazon Amazona farinosa

4 seen most days from the lodge at Canandé

CUCKOOS AND ANIS CUCULIDAE

Squirrel Cuckoo Piaya cayana

Singles seen daily at most sites

Little Cuckoo Piaya minuta

1 seen at Rio Silanche

Smooth-billed Ani Crotophaga ani

Fairly common from Mindo and lower down. Absent from Canandé

Striped Cuckoo *Tapera naevia*

2 seen en route from Canandé

TYPICAL OWLS STRIGIDAE

Chocó Screech-Owl Otus centralis

1 heard at Canandé



Dark-backed Wood-quails at Paz de las Aves. They, like the Antpittas, were being hand-fed!

Cloud-forest Pygmy-Owl Glaucidium nubicola

1 heard and seen at Ñanca Jatunmi

Spectacled Owl Pulsatrix perspicillata

1 heard and seen at Canandé

Black-and-white Owl Strix nigrolineata

1 pair seen on day-time roost at km 106.5, 1 heard at Canandé

Mottled Owl Strix virgata

2 heard at Septimo Paraiso

POTOOS NYCTIBIIDAE

Common Potoo *Nyctibius griseus*

1 seen at Paz de las Aves on day-time roost

NIGHTIARS AND NIGHTHAWKS CAPRIMULGIDAE

Short-tailed Nighthawk *Lurocalis semitorquatus*

1 seen near Rio Silanche and 1 seen at Canandé

Pauraque Nyctidromus albicollis

1 heard near Septimo Paraiso

Chocó Poorwill Nyctiphrynus rosenbergi

1 heard and seen briefly at Canandé

Band-winged Nightjar Caprimulgus longirostris

1 heard in Quito at hotel Sebastian

SWIFTS APODIDAE

White-collared Swift Streptoprocne zonaris

Common

Chestnut-collared Swift Cypseloides rutilus

10 seen at Bellavista

Band-rumped Swift Chaetura spinicauda

Common at Canandé

Gray-rumped Swift Chaetura cinereiventris

Fairly common at Rio Silanche

Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift Panyptila cayennensis

2 seen at Milpe and 5 seen at Rio Silanche

HUMMINGBIRDS TROCHILIDAE

Bronzy Hermit Glaucis aenea

1 seen at Hostería Ayalir near PVM

White-whiskered Hermit Phaethornis yaruqui

Singles seen almost daily from Bellavista down to Canandé

Tawny-bellied Hermit Phaethornis syrmatophorus

1 seen at Paz de las Aves

Stripe-throated Hermit *Phaethornis striigularis*

2+1 seen at Canandé

White-tipped Sicklebill Eutoxeres aquila

1 seen at km 106.5 and 1 seen at Canandé

Tooth-billed Hummingbird Androdon aequatorialis

1 seen at Canandé

White-necked Jacobin Florisuga mellivora

1 seen at Septimo Paraiso

Brown Violetear Colibri delphinae

2 seen at Septimo Paraiso

Green Violetear Colibri thalassinus

2 seen at Paz de las Aves

Sparkling Violetear Colibri coruscans

1 seen at Septimo Paraiso, common at Hac Cienega

Green Thorntail Popelairia conversii

7 seen at restaurant Rio Blanco, los Bancos, 2 females at Canandé



Male Purple-chested Hummingbird at Canandé

Western Emerald *Chlorostilbon melanorhynchus* 1 seen at Paz de las Aves

Green-crowned Woodnymph *Thalurania fannyi* Common around Mindo - Milpe

Violet-bellied Hummingbird Damophila julie 2 males seen att Canandé

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird *Amazilia tzacatl* Seen all days except at Cotopaxi

Andean Emerald *Amazilia franciae* 2 seen at Milpe and 3 at Septimo Paraiso

Blue-chested Hummingbird Amazilia amabilis 2 seen at Canandé

Purple-chested Hummingbird *Amazilia rosenbergi* Singles seen daily at Rio Silanche and Canandé

Speckled Hummingbird *Adelomyia melanogenys* 3 seen at Paz de las Aves and 2 at Bellavista

Purple-bibbed Whitetip Urosticte benjamini 1 seen at Septimo Paraiso

Empress Brilliant *Heliodoxa imperatrix* 2 seen at Paz de las Aves and 1 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi

Green-crowned Brilliant Heliodoxa jacula Singles at Septimo Paraiso, Milpe and Rio Blanco

Fawn-breasted Brilliant Heliodoxa rubinoides 3 seen at Paz de las Aves

Ecuadorian Hillstar Oreotrochilus chimborazo 1 seen at Cotopaxi

Brown Inca *Coeligena wilsoni* 3 seen at Paz de las Aves and 2 at Ñanca Jatunmi

Collared Inca Coeligena torquata 2 seen at Bellavista

Buff-tailed Coronet *Boissonneaua flavescens* 1 seen at Paz de las Aves and 1 seen at Bellavista

Velvet-purple Coronet2 seen at Paz de las Aves

Gorgeted Sunangel *Heliangelus strophianus* 1 seen at Bellavista

Booted Racket-tail *Ocreatus underwoodii* 3 seen at Paz de las Aves and 5 at Septimo Paraiso

Black-tailed Trainbearer Lesbia victoriae

1 male seen at Cotopaxi

Violet-tailed Sylph *Aglaiocercus coelestis* Singles at Paz de las Aves, Septimo Paraiso and Ñanca Jatunmi

Purple-crowned Fairy Heliothryx barroti Singles seen at Canandé most days

Long-billed Starthroat Heliomaster longirostris 1 seen at Hostería Ayalir near PVM, 1 seen at Canandé

Purple-throated Woodstar Calliphlox mitchellii 4 seen at Paz de las Aves and 1 at Septimo Paraiso

TROGONS AND QUETZALS TROGONIDAE

 $\textbf{Golden-headed Quetzal} \ \textit{Pharomachrus auriceps}$

2 seen at Septimo Paraiso

Chocó Trogon *Trogon comptus*

1 seen at Rio Silanche, heard most days at Canandé

Western White-tailed Trogon Chionurus

1 seen at Rio Silanche, singles seen or heard all days at Canandé



Female Fawn-breasted Brilliant at Paz de las Aves

Collared Trogon *Trogon collaris*

1 heard at Canandé

Masked Trogon Personatus

Heard at Paz de las Aves and Septimo Paraiso and 1 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi

Black-throated Trogon *Trogon rufus*

1 female seen at km 106.5

MOTMOTS *MOMOTIDAE*

Broad-billed Motmot *Electron platyrhynchum*

1 seen at Rio Silanche, Seen or heard most days at Canandé and 1 seen at Septimo Paraiso

Rufous Motmot Baryphthengus martii

Singles heard at Canandé

JACAMARS GALBULIDAE

Rufous-tailed Jacamar Galbula ruficauda

2 heard at Rio Silanche, Up to 5 seen at Canandé

Great lacamar Jacamerops aureus

1 seen at Canandé

PUFFBIRDS BUCCONIDAE

Barred Puffbird Nystalus radiatus

2 seen at Canandé with 1 or 2 more heard

White-whiskered Puffbird Malacoptila panamensis

2-3 seen at Canandé

NEW WORLD BARBETS CAPITONIDAE

Orange-fronted Barbet Capito squamatus

2 seen at Rio Silanche. Up to 10 seen at Canandé

Red-headed Barbet Eubucco bourcierii

Heard at Rio Silanche and daily at Canandé. 2 seen at Septimo Paraiso

Toucan Barbet Semnornis ramphastinus

2 seen at Paz de las Aves, 1 seen at Septimo Paraiso and 2 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi

TOUCANS RAMPHASTIDAE

Crimson-rumped Toucanet Aulacorhynchus haematopygus

Heard at Paz de las Aves, Canandé and Ñanca Jatunmi

Pale-mandibled Araçari Pteroglossus erythropygius

Small groups most days between Milpe and Canandé

Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan Andigena laminirostris

1 seen at Bellavista

Chocó Toucan Ramphastos brevis

Fairly common between Mindo and Canandé

Chestnut-mandibled Toucan Ramphastos swainsonii

Fairly common at Rio Silanche and Canandé

WOODPECKERS AND PICULETS PICIDAE

Olivaceous Piculet Picumnus olivaceus

1 seen at Canandé

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker Piculus rivolii

2 heard at Bellavista

Golden-olive Woodpecker Piculus rubiginosus

1 seen at km 106.5 and 1 seen at Rio Silanche

Lita Woodpecker Piculus litae

2+1 seen at Canandé

Cinnamon Woodpecker Celeus loricatus

2 seen and 1 heard at Canandé



Female Empress Brilliant at Paz de las Aves

Lineated Woodpecker Dryocopus lineatus

1 seen at Rio Silanche and 3 seen at Canandé

Black-cheeked Woodpecker Melanerpes pucherani

1 seen at Rio Silanche 31.12, 5 seen daily at Canandé

Smoky-brown Woodpecker Veniliornis fumigatus

1 heard at Paz de las Aves, 1 seen at Rio Silanche and 1 seen at Septimo Paraiso

Red-rumped Woodpecker Veniliorni kirkii

1 seen at Rio Silanche and 5 seen at Canandé

Guayaquil Woodpecker Campephilus gayaquilensis

1 seen at Rio Silanche

Crimson-bellied Woodpecker Campephilu haematogaster

1 heard at km 106.5 and 1 seen at Canandé

OVENBIRDS FURNARIIDAE

Bar-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes fuscus*

5 seen at Cotopaxi

Stout-billed Miner Cinclodes excelsion

5 seen at Cotopaxi

Pacific Hornero Furnarius cinnamomeus

Fairly common from Mindo down to Rio Silanche, absent from Canandé

Azara's Spinetail Synallaxis azarae

Singles heard at Septimo Paraiso

Slaty Spinetail Synallaxis brachyura

Fairly common from Septimo Paraiso down to Canandé

Rufous Spinetail Synallaxis unirufa

1 heard at Bellavista

Red-faced Spinetail Cranioleuca erythrops

1 heard at Milpe road and 3 seen at Septimo Paraiso

Streak-backed Canastero Asthenes wyatti

2 seen at Cotopaxi

Many-striped Canastero Asthenes flammulata

2 heard at Cotopaxi

Streaked Tuftedcheek Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii

3 seen at Bellavista

Pearled Treerunner *Margarornis squamiger*

1 seen at Bellavista

Spotted Barbtail *Premnoplex brunnescens*

Heard at Paz de las Aves and Bellavista, 1 seen at Septimo Paraiso

Lineated Foliage-gleaner Syndactyla subalaris

1 seen at Paz de las Aves, heard at Septimo Paraiso

Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner Anabacerthia variegaticeps

2 seen at Milpe road

Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner *Philydor rufus*

2 seen at Milpe road and 2 seen at km 106.5

Flammulated Treehunter Thripadectes flammulatus

2 seen at Bellavista

Streak-capped Treehunter Thripadectes virgaticeps

1 seen at Paz de las Aves and 2 seen at Septimo Paraiso

Plain Xenops *Xenops minutus*

Singles seen at Milpe, Rio Silanche and Canandé

Tawny-throated Leaftosser Sclerurus mexicanus

1 heard at Septimo Paraiso

WOODCREEPERS DENDROCOLAPTIDAE

Tyrannine Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla tyrannina*

2 heard at Paz de las Aves and 1 heard below Bellavista



Male Western White-tailed Trogon at Canandé

 ${\bf Plain\text{-}brown\ Woodcreeper}\ \ Dendrocincla\ fuliginos a$

2 seen at km 106.5 and 3 seen at Canandé

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper Glyphorynchus spirurus

A few seen daily at Canandé

Strong-billed Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus* 1 heard near Bellavista

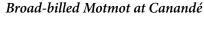
Northern Barred-Woodcreeper Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae 4 seen at Canandé

Black-striped Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus lachrymosus* 2 seen at Rio Silanche and 4 seen at Canandé

Spotted Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes erythropygius* Singles most days

Streak-headed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii* 2 seen at Rio Silanche and 1 heard at Canandé

Montane Woodcreeper Lepidocolaptes lachrymiger 3 seen at Septimo Paraiso



TYPICAL ANTBIRDS THAMNOPHILIDAE

Fasciated Antshrike Cymbilaimus lineatus

1 heard at Canandé

Western Slaty-Antshrike Thamnophilus atrinucha

1 heard at Rio Silanche 30.12 and about 5 seen and/or heard at Canandé

Russet Antshrike Thamnistes anabatinus

1 seen at km 106.5, 2 seen at Rio Silanche and 2 seen at Canandé

Plain Antvireo *Dysithamnus mentalis*

1 seen at Canandé

Spot-crowned Antvireo *Dysithamnus puncticeps*

2 seen at km 106.5, 2 heard at Canandé

Griscom's Antwren *Myrmotherula ignota*

2 seen and 1 heard at Canandé

Pacific Antwren Myrmotherula pacifica

2 seen at Rio Silanche, Up to seen and/or heard at Canandé daily

Checker-throated Antwren *Myrmotherula fulviventris*

2 seen at km 016.5, 2 heard at Rio Silanche and 6 seen at Canandé

White-flanked Antwren Myrmotherula axillaris

Singles seen or heard daily at Canandé

Dot-winged Antwren *Microrhopias quixensis*

2 seen at km 106.5, 2 seen at Rio Silanche and 5 seen at Canandé

Long-tailed Antbird *Drymophila caudata*

3 seen at Septimo Paraiso

Dusky Antbird Cercomacra tyrannina

2 heard at Canandé

Spotted Antbird *Hylophylax naevioides*

2 females seen at Canandé

Immaculate Antbird Myrmeciza immaculata

Singles heard at km 106.5, Rio Silanche, Canandé and Septimo Paraiso

Chestnut-backed Antbird Myrmeciza exsul

Commonly heard from km 106.5 to Canandé

Esmeraldas Antbird Myrmeciza nigricauda

2 seen at km 106.5

Bicolored Antbird *Gymnopithys leucaspis*

5 seen at Canandé

Ocellated Antbird Phaenostictus mcleannani

2 seen at Canandé

ANTPITTAS AND ANTTHRUSHES FORMICARIIDAE

Black-headed Antthrush Formicarius nigricapillus

1 seen at km 106.5, singles heard at Rio Silanche and Canandé

Rufous-breasted Antthrush Formicarius rufipectus

Singles heard at Septimo Paraiso

Giant Antpitta Grallaria gigantea

1 seen at Paz de las Aves

Scaled Antpitta Grallaria guatimalensis

1 seen and 1 heard at Septimo Paraiso

Moustached Antpitta Grallaria alleni

1 seen at Paz de las Aves

Chestnut-crowned Antpitta Grallaria ruficapilla

1 heard at Bellavista

Yellow-breasted Antpitta Grallaria flavotincta

3 seen at Paz de las Aves and 1 heard between Mindo

and Bellavista

Tawny Antpitta Grallaria quitensis

5 heard at Cotopaxi

Ochre-breasted Antpitta *Grallaricula flavirostris*

2 seen at Septimo Paraiso

TAPACULOS RHINOCRYPTIDAE

Nariño Tapaculo Scytalopus vicinior

Heard at Paz de las Aves and Septimo Paraiso

Chocó Tapaculo Scytalopus chocoensis

1 heard at Canandé

Spillmann's Tapaculo Scytalopus spillmanni

Heard at Bellavista

Ocellated Tapaculo *Acropternis orthonyx*

1 heard at Bellavista

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS TYRANNIDAE

Sooty-headed Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias griseiceps*

1 seen at Rio Silanche, singles seen daily at Canandé

Ashy-headed Tyrannulet Phyllomyias cinereiceps

1 heard at Paz de las Aves

Golden-faced Tyrannulet *Zimmerius chrysops*

Fairly common from Milpe to Canandé

Brown-capped Tyrannulet *Ornithion brunneicapillum*

Singles seen and/or heard daily at Canandé

 $\textbf{Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet} \ \ \textit{Camptostoma obsoletum}$

Singles seen or heard most days from Mindo to Canandé

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulus *elatus*

2 seen at Canandé

Gray Elaenia Myiopagis caniceps

1 pair seen at Rio Silanche, heard at Canandé

Yellow-bellied Elaenia Elaenia flavogaster

1 seen at Rio Silanche and 1 heard at Canandé

White-tailed Tyrannulet Mecocerculus poecilocercus

5 seen and/or heard at Paz de las Aves, 2 seen at Bellavista

Olive-striped Flycatcher Mionectes olivaceus

Up to 5 daily at Canandé

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus*

1 seen all days at the lodge at Canandé

Slaty-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon superciliaris*

Singles seen daily from Milpe to Canandé



Female Rufous-tailed Jacamar at Canandé

Yellow Tyrannulet Capsiempsis flaveola

1 seen at Rio Silanche

Black-capped Pygmy-Tyrant *Myiornis atricapillus* 2 seen at Rio Silanche and 2 heard at Canandé

Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant Lophotriccus pileatus Common

Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum nigriceps* Heard all days at Rio Silanche and Canandé

Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum* 2 seen at Rio Silanche and 1 seen at Canandé

Pacific Flatbill Rhynchocyclus pacificus

1 heard at Canandé

Yellow-margined Flatbill Tolmomyias flavotectus 3 seen at Canandé

White-throated Spadebill Platyrinchus mystaceus 2 seen at km 106.5

Ornate Flycatcher Myiotriccus ornatus Singles at all sites except Cotopaxi

Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher Terenotriccus erythrurus 3 seen at Canandé

Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher *Myiobius sulphureipygius* 1 seen at km 106.5 and 1 seen at Canandé

Cinnamon Flycatcher *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomea* 2 seen at Bellavista

Northern Tufted-Flycatcher *Mitrephanes phaeocercus* 1 seen at Canandé

Maybe a slight range-extention southwards.

Western Wood-Pewee Contopus sordidulus 1 seen at km 106.5

Smoke-colored Pewee *Contopus fumigatus* 4 seen at paz de las Aves and 2 seen at Bellavista

 ${\bf Olive\text{-}sided} \ {\bf Flycatcher} \ \ {\it Contopus} \ {\it cooperi}$

1 seen at Paz de las Aves

Black Phoebe Sayornis nigricans

Singles near rivers

Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant Ochthoeca fumicolor 2 seen at Cotopaxi

Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant *Myiotheretes striaticollis* 1 seen at Hac Cienega

Paramo Ground-Tyrant Muscisaxicola alpina 5 seen at Cotopaxi

 $\textbf{Long-tailed Tyrant} \quad \textit{Colonia colonus}$

A family seen daily at Canandé

Masked Water-Tyrant Fluvicola nengeta

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

Western Sirystes Sirystes albogriseus

2 seen at Canandé

 $\textbf{Dusky-capped Flycatcher} \ \textit{Myiarchus tuberculifer}$

1 seen at Rio Silanche

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua*

1 seen at km 106.5, singles heard daily at Canandé

Social Flycatcher Myiozetetes similis

1 seen at Pedro Vicente Maldonado, 5 seeen at Canandé

Rusty-margined Flycatcher Myiozetetes cayanensis

Fairly common from Milpe and down

Gray-capped Flycatcher Myiozetetes granadensis

2 seen daily at Canandé



Barred Puffbird at Canandé

White-ringed Flycatcher Conopias albovittata

Up to 4 seen at Canandé

Golden-crowned Flycatcher Myiodynastes chrysocephalus

Singles from Bellavista down to Milpe

Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaius* 1 heard at Rio Silanche, 5 daily ar Canandé

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* Common

Barred Becard Pachyrhamphus versicolor 1 heard at Ñanca Jatunmi

Cinnamon Becard *Pachyrhamphus cinnamomeus* A few daily

Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata* 2 seen at Milpe, singles daily at Canandé

Black-crowned Tityra *Tityra inquisitor* 1 male seen at Canandé

COTINGAS COTINGIDAE

Green-and-black Fruiteater Pipreola riefferii

1 heard at Bellavista

Orange-breasted Fruiteater Pipreola jucunda

2 seen at Paz de las Aves

Rufous Piha Lipaugus unirufus

Singles seen and/or heard daily at Canandé

 $\textbf{Purple-throated Fruitcrow} \ \ \textit{Querula purpurata}$

1seen at Rio Silanche, Up to 5seen at Canandé

MANAKINS PIPRIDAE

Red-capped Manakin Pipra mentalis

Up to 10 seen at Canandé

Blue-crowned Manakin Lepidothrix coronata

1 male and 1 female seen at Canandé

 ${\bf Golden\text{-}winged\ Manakin}\ \textit{Masius\ chrysopterus}$

1 female seen at km 106.5, 2 seen at Septimo Paraiso

White-bearded Manakin Manacus manacus

A few seen and/or heard daily ar Rio Silanche and Canandé

Club-winged Manakin Manacus deliciosus

1 heard at Milpe

VIREOS, PEPPERSHRIKES, SHRIKE-VIREOS VIREONIDAE

Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo *Vireolanius leucotis*

A few heard almost daily

Red-eyed Vireo olivaceus

1 heard at Rio Silanche

Brown-capped Vireo Vireo leucophrys

Heard at Paz de las Aves, 2 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi

Lesser Greenlet Hylophilus decurtatus

A few seen or heard daily

THRUSHES TURDIDAE

Andean Solitaire Myadestes ralloides

Heard at Paz de las Aves and Septimo Paraiso

Chiquanco Thrush Turdus chiquanco

2 seen at Hac Cienega

Great Thrush *Turdus fuscater*

Common in the highlands and also in downtown Quito

Dagua (Chocó) Thrush Turdus daguae



White-whiskered Puffbird at Canandé

1 seen and 3 heard at Canandé

Ecuadorian Thrush Turdus maculirostris Fairly common at Milpe and los Bancos

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS HIRUNDINIDAE

Gray-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea*

5-10 seen en route to Canandé

Brown-bellied Swallow *Notiochelidon murina*

Common at Cotopaxi

Blue-and-white Swallow Notiochelidon cyanoleuca

Common

White-thighed Swallow Neochelidon tibialis

Fairly common from Milpe to Canandé

Southern Rough-winged Swallow Stelgidopteryx ruficollis

Fairly common from Mindo down to Canandé





Band-backed Wren Campylorhynchus zonatus

1 seen at Rio Silanche, 1 heard at Canandé, 2 seen en route from Canandé

Sepia-brown Wren Cinnycerthia olivascens

2 seen at Paz de las Aves and 2 seen at Septimo Paraiso

Bay Wren Thryothorus nigricapillus

Singles seen and heard

Stripe-throated Wren Thryothorus leucopogon

1 heard at Canandé

House Wren Troglodytes aedon

Singles daily

Mountain Wren Troglodytes solstitialis

1 seen at Paz de las Aves

White-breasted Wood-Wren Henicorhina leucosticta

Singles heard in the lowlands

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren Henicorhina leucophrys

Heard at Bellavista, Septimo Paraiso and Paz de las Aves

Song Wren *Cyphorhinus phaeocephalus*

1 seen at Canandé

Southern Nightingale-Wren *Microcerculus marginatus*

Singles heard daily from Mindo down to Canandé with 1 seen down to 1 m!

GNATCATCHERS AND GNATWRENS POLIOPTILIDAE

Tawny-faced Gnatwren Microbates cinereiventris

5 seen and heard at km 106.5, heard daily at Canandé

Long-billed Gnatwren Ramphocaenus melanurus

1 seen at Canandé

Tropical Gnatcatcher *Polioptila plumbea*

2 seen at Canandé

Slate-throated Gnatcatcher Polioptila schistaceigula

1+2 seen at Canandé

PIPITS AND WAGTAILS MOTACILLIDAE

Paramo Pipit Anthus bogotensis

3 seen at Cotopaxi

NEW WORLD WARBLERS AND WRENTHRUSH PARULIDAE

Tropical Parula Parula pitiayumi

Common but not recorded at Canandé

Blackburnian Warbler Dendroica fusca

1 female seen at Paz de las Aves



Female Black-cheeked Woodpecker at Ca-

Olive-crowned Yellowthroat Geothlypis semiflava

1 heard at Milpe and 1 seen at Canandé

Slate-throated Whitestart Myioborus miniatus

Fairly common from Bellavista down to Milpe

Chocó Warbler Basileuterus chlorophrys

3 seen at km 106.5, 3 seen at Rio Silanche and 2 seen at Canandé

Three-striped Warbler Basileuterus tristriatus

3 seen at Paz de las Aves, about 10 seen at Septimo Paraiso

Russet-crowned Warbler Basileuterus coronatus

Heard at Bellavista

Buff-rumped Warbler Basileuterus fulvicauda

2 seen at Rio Silanche, 2+3 seen at Canandé and 1 seen at Septimo Paraiso

TANAGERS, HONEYCREEPERS, BANANAQUIT THRAUPIDAE

Bananaquit Coereba flaveola

Fairly common

Purple Honeycreeper Cyanerpes caeruleus

2 seen at Milpe, 5 seen at Rio Silanche, fairly common at Canandé

Red-legged Honeycreeper Cyanerpes cyaneus

2 seen at Canandé

Green Honeycreeper Chlorophanes spiza

5 seen at Rio Silanche and singles daily at Canandé

Yellow-tufted Dacnis Dacnis egregia

1 seen at Rio Silanche and singles daily at Canandé

Scarlet-thighed Dacnis Dacnis venusta

5 seen near Rio Canandé and 3 seen at Canandé

Scarlet-breasted Dacnis Dacnis berlepschi

5 seen at Canandé

Cinereous Conebill Conirostrum cinereum

2 seen at Cotopaxi

Black Flowerpiercer Diglossa humeralis

1 in Quito and 5 at Cotopaxi

White-sided Flowerpiercer Diglossa albilatera

Singles at Bellavista

Guira Tanager *Hemithraupis guira*

1 seen at Milpe, 2 seen at Rio Silanche and 2 at Canandé

Scarlet-and-white Tanager Erythrothlypis salmoni

3 seen at Canandé

Fawn-breasted Tanager Pipraeidea melanonota

3 seen at Milpe and Paz de las Aves

Yellow-collared Chlorophonia Chlorophonia flavirostris

2 seen on Milpe road

Thick-billed Euphonia Euphonia laniirostris

5 seen at Milpe and Rio Blanco, 2 at km 16.5 and 2 en route from Canandé

Orange-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia xanthogaster*

Common

White-vented Euphonia Euphonia minuta

1 heard at Canandé

Fulvous-vented Euphonia Euphonia fulvicrissa

About 10 seen at Canandé

Glistering-green Tanager Chlorochrysa phoenicotis

2 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi

Rufous-throated Tanager Tangara rufigula

4 seen at Milpe

Gray-and-gold Tanager Tangara palmeri

2 seen at km 106.5, 2 seen at Rio Silanche and 7 seen at Canandé



Northern Tufted-Flycatcher at Canandé

Golden Tanager Tangara arthus

Fairly common in the subtropics

Emerald Tanager Tangara florida

2 seen at Canandé

Silver-throated Tanager Tangara icterocephala

2 seen at Milpe and 3 seen at Rio Silanche

Flame-faced Tanager Tangara parzudakii

1 at Paz de las Aves and 4 at Ñanca Jatunmi

Golden-naped Tanager Tangara ruficervix

2 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi

Metallic-green Tanager Tangara labradorides

2 seen at Paz de las Aves

Beryl-spangled Tanager Tangara nigroviridis

2 seen at Paz de las Aves and 3 at Septimo Paraiso

Blue-necked Tanager Tangara cyanicollis

Fairly common

Golden-hooded Tanager Tangara larvata

1 seen at Rio Silanche and fairly common at Canandé

Blue-whiskered Tanager Tangara johannae

4 seen at Canandé

Bay-headed Tanager Tangara gyrola

2 seen at Milpe road, 5 at Rio Silanche and 1 at Canandé

Rufous-winged Tanager Tangara lavinia

1 seen at Rio Silanche, 6 seeen at Canandé

 $\textbf{Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager} \ \textit{Anisognathus somptuosus}$

1 seen at Paz de las Aves

Hooded Mountain-Tanager Buthraupis montana

2 seen betweeen Septimo Paraiso and Bellavista

Golden-chested Tanager Bangsia rothschildi

1 seen at Canandé

Moss-backed Tanager Bangsia edwardsi

2 seen at Milpe road and 2 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi

Grass-green Tanager Chlorornis riefferii

5 seen at Bellavista

Swallow Tanager *Tersina viridis*

2 seen at Canandé

Blue-gray Tanager *Thraupis episcopus*

Common

Palm Tanager Thraupis palmarum

Common

Lemon-rumped Tanager Ramphocelus icteronotus

Common

Ochre-breasted Tanager Chlorothraupis stolzmanni

Singles most days from Milpe to Canandé

Dusky-faced Tanager Mitrospingus cassinii

Fairly common at Rio Silanche and Canandé

White-lined Tanager Tachyphonus rufus

1 seen at km 106.5

White-shouldered Tanager Tachyphonus luctuosus

10 seen at Rio Silanche and 1 at Canandé

Tawny-crested Tanager Tachyphonus delatrii

5 seen at Rio Silanche and fairly common at Canandé

Scarlet-browed Tanager *Heterospingus xanthopygius*

3 seen at Rio Silanche and 4 at Canandé

Dusky Bush-Tanager Chlorospingus semifuscus

5 seen at Paz de las Aves and 5 at Bellavista



Long-tailed Tyrant at Canandé

Yellow-throated Bush-Tanager Chlorospingus flavigularis 5 seen at km 106.5

SALTATORS, GROSBEAKS, AND CARDINALS CARDINALIDAE Buff-throated Saltator Saltator maximus

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Singles daily

Black-winged Saltator Saltator atripennis

1 seen at Paz de las Aves, 1 at Rio Silanche and 2 at Septimo Paraiso

Slate-colored Grosbeak Saltator grossus

1 heard at km 106.5 and heard daily at Canandé

Black-backed Grosbeak Pheucticus aureoventris

3 seen at Hac Cienega

EMBERIZINE FINCHES EMBERIZIDAE

Blue-black Grassquit Volatinia jacarina

Fairly common in open habitat

Yellow-faced Grassquit Tiaris olivacea

2 seen at Paz de las Aves

Lesser Seed-Finch Oryzoborus angolensis

2 seen at Canandé

Slate-colored Seedeater Sporophila schistacea

3 seen near Rio Canandé including a nest-building pair.

Variable Seedeater Sporophila corvina

Common

Yellow-bellied Seedeater Sporophila nigricollis

Singles at Milpe and to and from Canandé

Plumbeous Sierra-Finch Phrygilus unicolor

7 seen at Cotopaxi

Tricolored Brush-Finch Atlapetes tricolor

2 seen at Paz de las Aves and 5 seen at Septimo Paraiso

Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch Buarremon brunneinucha

1 heard at Paz de las Aves and 1 heard at Septimo Paraiso

 ${\bf Orange-billed~Sparrow~} {\it Arremon~aurantiir ostris}$

Singles seen most days

Black-striped Sparrow Arremonops conirostris

1 heard at Hostería Ayalir

Rufous-collared Sparrow Zonotrichia capensis

Common in the highlands and also 1 at Septimo Paraiso

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES ICTERIDAE

Yellow-rumped Cacique Cacicus cela

1 seen near Pedro Vicente Maldonado

Scarlet-rumped Cacique Cacicus microrhynchus

10 seen at Rio Silanche and singles at Canandé

Shiny Cowbird Molothrus bonariensis

Fairly common around Pedro Vicente Maldonado

Scrub Blackbird Dives warszewiczi

5 seen at km 106.5 and singles near PVM

Yellow-tailed Oriole Icterus mesomelas

1 heard near Rio Silanche and 1 heard at Rio Canandé

CARDUELINE FINCHES FRINGILLIDAE

Hooded Siskin Carduelis magellanica

3 seen at Hac Cienega



Male Variable Seedeater at Canandé

OLD WORLD SPARROWS PASSERIDAE

House Sparrow Passer domesticus Seen in PVM

Some birds are better than others...



Male Orange-breasted Fruiteater at Paz de las Aves.



Purple-throated Fruitcrow at Rio Silanche



Male Red-capped Manakin at Canandé



Giant Antpitta at Paz de las Aves. This individual listens to the name 'Maria'



An absolutely fantastic moth at Canadé lodge! About 15 cms between the wing-tips. If anyone knows the name of this creature, please drop me a line.



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