Ecuador – West slope and Highlands 18-30 november 2007



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Introdution

This trip was organized by me, Roger Ahlman, for Thomas Rostedt and Max Jensen from Sweden. As it was the first time in South America for them, we decided to take it easy; that doesn't mean late mornings etc but to concentrate on a smaller area with a shorter total of recorded birds rather than cramming too much into the trip. The west slope of the Andes in Ecuador offers first class birding with good accomodation and short travelling distances between the sites. Two highland sites, Antisana and Papallacta, were added at the end. Originaly we were meant to stop at Guango lodge on the east slope but Thomas and Max wanted to see the more well-known San Isidro lodge so we did that for one day.

We used my own Nissan Pathfinder 2003 for the entire trip and I was driving as well.

All in all the trip went very well with no hick-ups and a lot of birds seen. In fact, it was my best west slope tour over the years I've been running trips here!

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Front cover photo: Giant Antpitta

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Detailed itinerary

18 november. I picked up Thomas and Max at Hostal Jhomana in downtown Quito at 6 am for the one-hour trip up to Yanacocha. As they had been birding a bit on their own in the Metropolitan park the previous day, we didn't stop for the more common birds on the way up. Once up at Yanacocha we walked the level trail and soon started to pick up birds like Barred Fruiteater, Crowned Chat-Tyrant, White-browed Spinetail, Hooded- and Black-chested Mountain-Tanagers as well as more common birds like Superciliated Hemispingus and Blue-backed Conebill. The feeders provided the spectacular Sword-billed Hummingbird as well as Golden-breasted Puffleg and the more common Sapphire-vented Puffleg and many Buff-winged Starfrontlets. Masked Trogon and Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant were seen in the forest on the way back. At the parking lot we enjoyed a nice tuna salad and coffee before decending towards Bellavista.

Driving slowly with the windows pulled down and listen can often pay off. We heard singing Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrants and stopped and got good looks at those. Later I heard a Golden-crowned Flyctacher and we stopped. While looking for the Flycatcher a Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan flew over and we heard a juvenile Black-and-chestnut Eagle calling and found it in a tree and the adult came in giving gripping views of both! The only Wedge-billed Hummingbird of the trip fed nearby and a flock with Toucan Barbet, Plushcap and Western Hemispingus passed by. Crimson-rumped Toucanet was also part of the scenery!

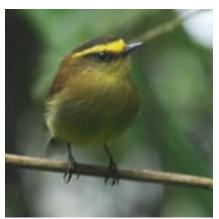
Another flock later had Metallic-green Tanager and Red-headed Barbet among others.

At Bellavista lodge we picked up the new hummingbirds at the feeders like Gorgeted Sunangel, Booted Raquet-tail and Purple-throated Woodstar. Around the lodge were also Sickle-winged Guans and Green-and-black Fruiteaters and White-throated Quail-Doves were at the composture heap.



Juvenile Black-and-chestnut Eagle between Nono and Tandayapa. A recording of this bird can be found at www.xeno-canto.org

19 november. We started at the composture heap and got Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush. On the way up to the lodge we found a pair of the rare White-faced Nunbird and also Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant. The morning was spent along the reseach road but it was rather slow. Plain-breasted Hawk and Plate-billed Mountain-Toucans were seen well. Once back we hit a big flock that had Crimson-mantled Woodpeckers, Western Hemispingus, Black-and-white Becard, Rufous-chested Tanager and Spotted Barbtail among others. As the weather was nice we tried for raptors below the lodge and were rewarded with displaying Black-and-chestnut Eagles! Birding around the lodge at lunchtime gave White-winged Brush-Finch and Flammulated Treehunter. Afternoon along the research road and repeted views of many birds from the morning plus Masked Trogon and Striped Treehunter. In the afternoon we taped out an Ocellated Tapaculo which doesn't happen every day. In the evening we tried for Nightjars at a stake-out and got good looks at Band-winged- and a pair of Swallow-tailed Nightjars.







Birds at Bellavista. Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant (left), White-winged Brush-Finch (centre) and Tri-coloured Brush-Finch (right)

20 november. Dawn at the lodge gave heard Rufous-bellied Nighthawk, Andean Pygmy-Owl and Mottled Owl before breakfast. We started at the top of the Tandayapa valley and got a family of Powerful Woodpeckers. At the same trail we watched a pair of Strong-billed Woodcreepers tearing moss off a branch. Another Ocellated Tapaculo was taped in and showed well enough to take some pictures! Birding along the road to San Tadeo gave White-rumped Hawk, a flock of Barred Parakeets, some Black-chinned Mountain-Tanagers, a pair of Uniform Antshrikes and six heard Yellow-breasted Antpittas. Thomas got a good look at one.

Afternoon was spent around Mindo with some secondary habitat birding. Red-faced Spinetail, Olive-crowned Yellowthroat, heard White-throated Crakes and a White-capped Dipper were just some of the birds seen. At dusk we enjoyed Lyre-tailed Nightjars at a stake-out.

21 november. Early departure for a Cock-of-the-Rock lek near Mindo. My friend Nolberto Jumbo from the village joined us. A rather tough uphill walk took us to a hide and soon the males started to call. We didn't see much of the display probably because someone had taken pictures with flash recently so the birds stayed mainly in cover which was very unsatisfying. A Whiskered Wren was singing nearby. On the way back we found a Golden-headed Quetzal and taped in a pair of Esmeraldas Antbirds and Nolberto found a Common Potoo with a chick sitting on top of a broken tree trunk. Once out of the forest we had good looks at many birds including Chocó Toucan, Yellow Tyrannulet and Black-winged Saltator. Rest of the morning was spent along the trail to the waterfall. This trail always produces and this time we got a pair of Black-cheeked Woodpeckers nestbuilding, Maroon-tailed Parakeets, Black-and-white Seedeaters, Orange-crowned Euphonia and in the same tree a pair of the stunning Yellow-collared Chlorophonia.

After a nice lunch at Septimo Paraiso we birded at Ñanca Jatunmi, a site that has been birded by very few birders but certainly merits for a visit. A pair of Esmeraldas Antbirds showed well as did a Broad-billed Motmot. Several Maroon-tailed Parakeets and a flock of twelve Barred Parakeets were seen while a Cloud-forest Pygmy-Owl responded but never came in. In a clearing I heard a distant Scaled Fruiteater which came in nicely to playback and Max could get good pictures. On the way back we found a group of three Pacific Tuftedcheeks.

After dinner we went up to the main road and saw a Black-and-white Owl sitting by a lamp waiting for big moths.

22 november. Today we went to Paz de las Antpittas. This day is usually the best on the west slope tours and this time was no exception! We started with the Cock-of-the-Rock lek. This time we got much better looks at the birds. A Rufous-bellied Nighthawk was staked out on a branch. A walk on a trail to some fruiting trees gave Toucan Barbet and Olivaceous Piha and some Tanagers. Maestro himself, Angel Paz, took us up and down trails and within an hour we had had good looks at two Giant-, two Moustached- and one Yellow-breasted Antpitta! On the way up we got responce from an Ochre-breasted Antpitta and today was the first time it came in to eat worms! It's going to be named Pamela after my wife! Once out of the forest we relaxed a while at the hummingbird feeders with Empress Brilliants and Velvet-purple Coronets before going for the traditional coffee and bolones de verde. After that we didn't have to search long before we found a female Orange-breasted Fruiteater but it took another hour to track down the stunning male.

The afternoon was spent south of Mindo and gave perched Barred Hawk, two Sunbitterns, White-capped Dipper and Torrent Tyrannulets.





Two of the star-birds at Paz de las Antpittas – Yellow-breasted Antpitta (left) and Moustached Antpittas (right)





The scarse Olivaceous Piha is regularily seen at Paz de las Antpittas in fruiting trees. The Hummingbird feeders at the forest edge are always busy. Here Buff-tailed Coronet (right) and Violet-tailed Sylph (left)

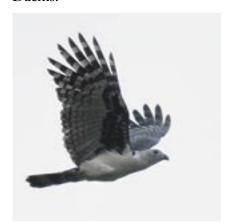
23 november. Mist and a light drizzle at Milpe road. We stood at the parking lot a while and saw many of the more common birds. An Immaculate Antbird was singing nearby and taped in. The feeders had a male Purple-chested Hummingbird which shouldn't be this high up and was not on the list! Some White-thighed Swallows flew around. We walked a bit on the trail and soon found a flock that had a surprising male Slaty Becard! The Club-winged Manakin lek was silent and so was the rest of the forest so we decided to move on. Along the road we found some Snowy-throated Kingbirds that spend the dry season at the coast higher up in the mountains. Black-striped Sparrow was also seen. At the end of the road we immideately hit a flock with Pacific- and Dot-winged Antwrens, Plain Xenops and others. A pair of White-whiskered Puffbirds showed well and I got a good look at a White-tipped Sicklebill in a *Helicornia* flower but it flew of before the others got onto it. Bicoloured Antbirds were singing and we had brief views of female and immature male Golden-winged Manakins. A pair of Collared Trogons showed well as did Chocó Warblers.

We went to los Bancos and Mirador Rio Blanco to install ourselves and have lunch. The feeders were busy with many tanagers and Crimson-rumped Toucanet while a White-throated Quail-Dove and four Pallid Doves walked around below the feeders looking for left-overs.

After lunch we went back to the reserve and the weather had improved. We found Rufous-rumped Antwren, Yellow Tyrannulet, Smoky-brown- and Guayaquil Woodpeckers. Along the road we picked up Bat Falcon, Guira- and Gray-and-gold Tanagers and heard Spotted Nightingale-Thrush.

24 november. Early departure for the private Mangaloma reserve. It was a bit misty and some light rain in the morning but not too disturbing. A quick walk, partly muddy, took us to a stream that was easy to cross now at the end of the dry season. Once across we started to pick up things. Max spotted a Barred Puffbird and we taped out a pair of Dusky Antbirds. A pair of Purple-throated Fruitcrows were whistled in and higher up on the trail we heard two Long-wattled Umbrellabirds singing. Despite a good effort we couldn't see them. At the end of the trail we hit a flock with a Rufous Piha and Spot-crowned Antvireo. Checker-throated- and Slaty Antwrens were common in the flocks. Two Brown-billed Scythebills were seen on the way down and I saw a male Golden-winged Manakin. Two Slate-throated Gnatcatchers were a nice surprise in a flock. The red trail produced heard Indigo-crowned Quail-Doves and a pair of Golden-crowned Spadebills, a Bicoloured Antbird and Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher. After our box-lunch we tried the yellow trail and had a flock with several Antwrens. I tried playing Scaly-throated Leaftosser and one came in! It mostly flew by but eventually sat down in the open so everyone could get a good look. Graymantled Wren was seen in a canopy flock. Around the residence house and on the way back we picked up Sootyheaded Tyrannulets, Band-backed Wrens, Black-striped Sparrows and a Dull-coloured Grassquit.

In the afternoon we went to Pedro Vicente Maldonado and installed ourselves at Hostería Ayalir. Late afternoon was spent on the road to Rio Silanche. Not much activity but we saw some Golden-hooded Tanagers and Blue Dacnis.







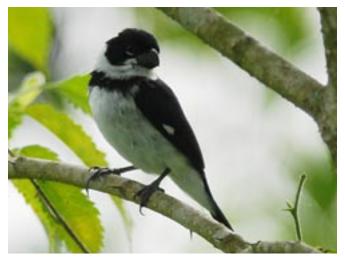
Some birds seen from the excellent canopy tower at Rio Silanche. Adult Gray-headed Kite (left), Black-striped Wood-creeper (centre) and Rufous-winged- and Emerald Tanagers in a fruit. They were occasionally joined by Blue-whiskered-, Silver-throated- and Gray-and-gold Tanagers, making the scenery spectacular!

25 november. Early start for Rio Silanche. A bit foggy when we arrived so we started with the trail but it was very silent. We did see a covey of Rufous-fronted Wood-Quails. Rest of the morning was spent in the canopy tower. As always the activity varies and we had both good and bad spells. A big flower-shaped fruit atracted many tanagers and the scenery was spectacular when two Emerald-, two Blue-whiskered- and two Rufous-winged Tanagers sat in the fruit at the same time, occasionally joined by Silver-throated- or Gray-and-gold Tanagers!

Other birds seen during the morning were Red-rumped Woodpecker, Gray Elaenia, Yellow-tufted- and Scarlet-thighed Dacnis, Dusky Pigeon, White-tailed- and Gray-headed Kites, Short-tailed Hawk, several Plumbeous Kites, Lesser Goldfinch, Black-striped Woodcreeper, Orange-fronted Barbet, Western White-tailed Trogon and Tawny-crested Tanager to mention some. In the afternoon transport to Rio Palenque.

26 november. Walking 500 m back and forth can take an entire morning as it did today at the very birdy Rio Palenque. Just the first hundred metres took time as I taped in Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Long-billed Gnatwren, Grayand-gold Warbler, Blue-black Grosbeak and Red-billed Scythebill. Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher was elusive in the tree tops but eventually showed well. Golden-hooded Tanagers, Streak-headed Woodceepers, a pair of White-whiskered Puffbirds and a Pied puffbird were among other birds seen during the morning. At the parking lot we

found a Pauraque on its nest with one egg. After lunch we tried the "playa" and were rewarded with Pied- and Collared Plovers, Pied-billed Grebes, Wattled Jacana, Green Kingfisher and a flock of Chestnut-throated Seedeaters. Later in the afternoon we walked the same trail again and got Ochraceous Attila and Ecuadorian Trogon.

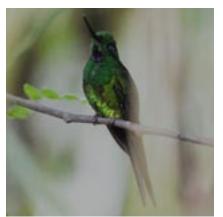




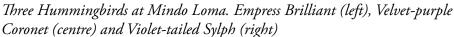
Variable Seedeater is a common open-country bird. This Pauraque (right) was nesting next to the parking lot

27 november. A morning walk didn't give much new, just Buff-rumped Warbler and Orange-billed Sparrow. We had such a good day yesterday and it was hot already at 8 am today so we decided to hit the road for more productive birding. We had a nice four-course lunch at Mindo Loma enjoying ourselves with the busy hummingbird feeders while waiting. Lots of Velvet-purple- and Buff-tailed Coronets, Violet-tailed Sylphs and Empress Brilliants.

After lunch we headed for Quito but stopped near Calacalí for some dry habitat birding. While driving in we saw a pair of Band-tailed Sierra-Finches and some Common Ground-Doves. Walking the trail was quiet in the afternoon heat but I taped out Streak-backed Canasteros and we saw some stunning Golden-rumped Euphonias. Higher up I spotted the star-bird of the site – the rare White-tailed Shrike-Tyrant sitting on top of a *puya* plant. Happy with this we returned and went to another site I have for some interandean valley-species. We soon found a pair of Vermilion Flycatchers here and later a nice male Blue-and-yellow Tanager (Swedish Tanager ;-). A Giant Hummingbird flew by and while searching for it I spotted a Purple-collared Woodstar. It took some time to relocated them but eventually everyone got good looks at both.









28 november. The weather was nice today and when going to Antisana you want nice weather as it is at high altitude and the scenery is spectacular. Our first stop gave nice views of Black-tailed Trainbearer males. Thomas soon spotted a Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant and we saw another two during the day. The last month I had seen lots of Grassland Yellow-Finches at a certain spot and this time we saw about 25 of those and also Streak-backed Canastero. Several Ecuadorian Hillstars were seen and we found six active nests. Higher up we stopped for a Paramo Pipit and enjoyed not only that but also four Andean Condors! Black-winged Ground-Doves and Carunculated Caracaras were more common and we saw several Andean Lapwings and Gulls. An Aplomado Falcon was sitting just next to the road and stayed there as we stopped to the delight of our cameras and their owners. At the hacienda

Ecuadorian Hillstar come to the feeders and we could enjoy a male down to about a metre. Nearby we also saw Many-striped Canastero and Greater Yellowlegs. On the way to laguna Mica we had good looks at a male Cinereous Harrier. The lake held several Silvery Grebes, Andean Coots and Teals and Ruddy Ducks. The pasta salad with chicken went down well after a successful day.













The open habitat in the páramo at Antisana offers excellent photo oportunities. Raptors include Aplomado Falcon (top left), Carunculated Caracara immature (centre) and Puna Hawk also immature (top right).

Stout-billed Cinclodes (bottom left), Páramo Pipit (centre) and female Ecuadorian Hillstar (bottom right)

Andean Gulls (below) are readily seen



29 november. Another day with good weather in the highlands. A short stop on the way up to Papallacta, mainly for looking for Condors, gave good looks at the otherwise tricky Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet. Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager was heard only. Higher up we found a flock of Siskins and at least two turned out to be the rare Andean Siskin, the others being the more widespread Hooded Siskin. A total of five Red-crested Cotingas and nesting Andean Tit-Spinetails were also in the notebook before we came up to the antennas at 4250 m. This is the site for Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe. Walking up here is hard due to the thin air. We split up and Thomas and Max scored a female Seedsnipe with two chicks seen down to a metre while I enjoyed a Blue-mantled Thornbill 'jumping' on the ground from flower to flower. When the mission up here was accomplished we moved down to a polylepis grove but it was quiet. On the back side we found an Andean Tit-Spinetail that was joined by a White-chinned Thistletail.

Extensive trolling with the tape for Giant Conebill eventually paid off with good scope-views of one. An Andean Condor flew by as we watched it. We then moved up in a side valley and enjoyed my box-lunch which today was smoked trout with a potato salad. Higher up the weather got bad with rain. We saw several Shining Sunbeams and a couple of Viridian Metaltails. Not much in terms of flocks but playing Masked Mountain-Tanager paid off with a pair seen well of this scarse bird. With this good bird under the belt, we went down to Guango lodge and enjoyed the hummingbirds while having a cup of coffee. Several Sword-billed Hummingbirds, White-bellied Woodstars, Long-tailed Sylphs, Chestnut-breasted Coronets and Tourmaline Sunangels were buzzing around. Some careful looks at the hummers revealed the presence of the scarse Mountain Avocetbill and two Glowing Pufflegs. Happy with this we walked a trail in search for the Torrent Duck which was on both Thomas' and Max' hitlists. The bridge didn't give anything so we tried a bit further down the river and finally scored a pair.

As the rain picked up we went down to San Isidro and an hour later saw us at their feeders notching up the last hummer of the trip – Bronzy Inca.

The food at San Isidro is well-known worldwide and we were not disappointed! My request for the vanilla icecream with black peppar and sweet basil sause had apparently reached the kitchen (thank you RuhAnn!) After dinner we went owling and got both Rufous-banded Owl and the 'mystery' San Isidro Owl which may prove to be a new species to science.







The scarse Andean Siskin (left) was seen with a flock of Hooded Siskins (centre) at Papallacta. Yellow-bellied Siskin was seen at Paz de las Antpittas.

30 november. Thomas and Max had their path blocked by a Chestnut-crowned Antpitta on the way to the dining room! After breakfast we hung around the lodge to see what came in to feed on the moths that gather around the lamps during the night. Subtropical Caciques, Russet-backed Oropendolas, Montane Woodcreepers, Black-billed Pepper-Shrikes and others entertained us. Later we enjoyed the feeding of Chestnut-crowned- and White-bellied Antpittas. While waiting we also saw a female Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia. The rest of the morning would be wrestling with Flycatchers... We walked the Antvireo-trail and soon heard a Collared Forest-Falcon calling but only got to see the rear part before it flew off. A flock later had Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant and Sulphur-bellied Tyrannulets while a pair of Variegated Bristle-Tyrants were nesting next to the trail. Another flock had Ashy-headed Tyrannulet, Handsome- and Rufous-breasted Flycatchers!

The Rock-trail had a couple of nice flocks with among others Oleaginous Hemispingus while Crested Quetzal was heard only and we also saw a Guan flying away.

As the weather was all but good after lunch we decided to pack up and move on. We tried another valley nearby and found a big flock but all we could find were birds that we had seen before. Thomas and Max walked up the road while I went for the car and while doing that I heard White-capped Tanagers calling across the valley and ran for the others. It took some time but eventually we found a pair in a tree allowing nice scope-views. A male Golden-headed Quetzal was also admired before we headed back to Quito for the farewell dinner at Mi Viejo Arrabal. We ended the trip with 495 species recorded out of which 471 (or 95%) were seen!

TINAMOUS

Little Tinamou Heard at Rio Palenque

GREBES

Silvery Grebe 7 seen at Antisana Pied-billed Grebe 5 seen at Rio Palenque

CORMORANTS

Neotropic Cormorant 15 seen at Rio Palenque Anhinga 2 seen at Rio Palenque

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS

Torrent Duck 1 pair seen at Guango lodge

Andean Teal 10 seen at Antisana
Yellow-billed Pintail 5 seen at Antisana
Blue-winged Teal 15 seen at Rio Palenque

Andean Ruddy-Duck Seen at Antisana and Papallacta

HERONS, BITTERNS, AND EGRETS

Great Egret Singles at Rio Palenque

Snowy Egret Singles at Mindo and Rio Palenque

Little Blue Heron 4 seen at Rio Palenque

Cattle Egret Common

Striated Heron 2 seen at Rio Palenque

IBISES AND SPOONBILLS

Black-faced Ibis 1 seen at Antisana

AMERICAN VULTURES

Andean Condor 4 seen at Antisana and 1 seen at Papallacta

Black Vulture Common
Turkey Vulture Common

KITES, EAGLES, AND HAWKS

Osprey 1 seen at Rio Palenque Gray-headed Kite 1 ad seen at Rio Silanche Swallow-tailed Kite 3 seen at Rio Silanche

White-tailed Kite 1 seen at Rio Silanche and 1 near Santo Domingo Plumbeous Kite 2 seen at Manga Loma, 15 seen at Rio Silanche

Cinereous Harrier 1 male seen at Antisana
Plain-breasted Hawk 1 ad seen at Bellavista
Barred Hawk 1 seen south of Mindo
Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle 2 seen at Antisana

Roadside Hawk Singles

White-rumped Hawk 1 seen between Bellavista and Mindo

Broad-winged Hawk 1 seen near Mindo and 1 seen at Paz de las Antpittas

Short-tailed Hawk 1 seen at Rio Silanche

Puna (Variable) Hawk Singles seen at Antisana and Papallacta

Black-and-chestnut Eagle 1 ad+1 juv seen between Nono and Tandayapa, 1 pair in display flight

below Bellavista

FALCONS AND CARACARAS

Carunculated Caracara

Barred Forest-Falcon

Collared Forest-Falcon

Laughing Falcon

American Kestrel

Aplomado Falcon

Common at Antisana

1 heard at Rio Silanche
1 seen at San Isidro
1 heard at Rio palenque
Singles in the highlands
1 seen at Antisana

Bat Falcon 1 seen at Milpe and 1 at Rio Silanche

Peregrine Falcon 1 seen over Quito

CURASSOWS, GUANS, AND CHACHALACAS

Wattled Guan 1 heard at Septimo Paraiso

Sickle-winged Guan Fairly common at Bellavista, 1 at Paz de las Antpittas

NEW WORLD QUAILS

Rufous-fronted Wood-Quail At least 3 seen at Rio Silanche and also heard at Manga Loma

RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS

White-throated Crake Heard near Mindo
Wattled Jacana 1 seen at Rio Palenque

Andean Coot Seen at Antisana and Papallacta

SUNBITTERN

Sunbittern 2 seen south of Mindo

SANDPIPERS, SNIPES, PHALAROPES

Greater Yellowlegs 1 seen at Antisana Lesser Yellowlegs 1 seen at Antisana

Spotted Sandpiper 5 seen south of Mindo and 3 seen at Rio Palenque

SEEDSNIPES

Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe 1 ad+2 juv seen at Papallacta

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS

Andean Lapwing Common at Antisana
Pied Plover 1 seen at Rio Palenque
Collared Plover 2 seen at Rio Palenque

GULLS AND TERNS

Andean Gull Common at Antisana and 50 seen near Papallacta

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon Seen

Band-tailed Pigeon Common around Bellavista-Mindo

Ruddy Pigeon Singles seen and heard from Mindo to Rio Silanche Plumbeous Pigeon Singles seen and heard between Bellavista and Mindo

Dusky Pigeon 2 seen at Rio Silanche Eared Dove Common around Quito

Common Ground-Dove Common at Calacalí and Mitad del Mundo

Ecuadorian Ground-Dove Fairly common at Rio Palenque

Black-winged Ground-Dove Common at Antisana

White-tipped Dove Singles seen and heard at most places

Pallid Dove 4 seen at Mirador Rio Blanco Indigo-crowned Quail-Dove 2 heard at Manga Loma

White-throated Quail-Dove 2 seen at Bellavista and 1 seen at Mirador Rio Blanco

Ruddy Quail-Dove 1 heard above Mindo

PARROTS AND MACAWS

Maroon-tailed Parakeet Small flocks seen at Mindo, Nanca Jatunmi, Paz de las Antpittas and

Rio Silanche

Barred Parakeet 5 seen between Bellavista and Mindo, 12 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi

Pacific Parrotlet Common at Hostería Ayalir and 2 seen at Rio Palenque

Blue-headed Parrot Seen at Rio Silanche

Red-billed Parrot Small flocks seen around Mindo

Bronze-winged Parrot Common between Mindo and Rio Silanche

CUCKOOS AND ANIS

Squirrel Cuckoo Singles seen or heard most days

Little Cuckoo 1 seen at Rio Palenque

Smooth-billed Ani Common

Striped Cuckoo 1 heard at Rio Palenque

TYPICAL OWLS

Spectacled Owl 1 seen at Rio Palenque
Andean Pygmy-Owl 1 heard at Bellavista
Cloud-forest Pygmy-Owl 1 heard at Ńanca Jatunmi
Black-and-white Owl 1 seen above Mindo
'San Isidro' Owl 1 seen at San Isidro
Rufous-banded Owl 1 seen at San Isidro
Mottled Owl 1 heard at Bellavista

POTOOS

Common Potoo 1 seen at Bellavista, 1 ad+1 pull seen south of Mindo

NIGHTJARS AND NIGHTHAWKS

Rufous-bellied Nighthawk Heard at Bellavista, 1 seen at daytime at Paz de las Antpittas and several

seen at San Isidro

Pauraque 1 seen at Paz de las Antpittas, 1 seen on nest at Rio Palenque

Band-winged Nightjar 1 seen at Bellavista Swallow-tailed Nightjar 1 pair seen at Bellavista

Lyre-tailed Nightjar 1 seen and 1 heard near Mindo

SWIFTS

White-collared Swift Common

Chestnut-collared Swift Seen at Bellavista

Gray-rumped Swift Common at Rio Silanche. Dark *Chaetura*-swifts at Milpe were either

this species or Chimney Swift

Band-rumped Swift 3 seen at Rio Silanche

Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift 1 seen at Manga Loma and 2 seen at Rio Silanche

Band-tailed Barbthroat 3 seen at Rio Palenque White-whiskered Hermit Fairly common

Tawny-bellied Hermit 2 seen at Bellavista and 2 between Bellavista and Mindo

Baron's Hermit 5 seen at Rio Palenque

Stripe-throated Hermit 1 seen at Manga loma, 1 seen at Rio Silanche and 1 at Rio Palenque

White-tipped Sicklebill 1 seen at Milpe

White-necked Jacobin Failry common around Mindo-Milpe Brown Violetear Singles seen at Septimo Paraiso

Green Violetear Singles at Bellavista and Septimo Paraiso
Sparkling Violetear Singles at Bellavista and Septimo Paraiso
Green Thorntail Common around Milpe, 1 at Rio Silanche
Green-crowned Woodnymph Fairly common around Mindo-Milpe

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird Common

Andean Emerald Common from Bellavista to Milpe

Purple-chested Hummingbird 1 male seen at Milpe and 2-3 seen at Rio Silanche.

Probably new for the Milpe reserve!

Speckled Hummingbird Common at Bellavista, Paz de las Antpittas, Guango and San Isidro

Purple-bibbed Whitetip Singles at Septimo Paraiso

Empress Brilliant Singles at Septimo Paraiso, Paz de las Antpittas and Mindo Loma

Green-crowned Brilliant Singles around Mindo-Milpe

Fawn-breasted Brilliant Singles at Bellavista, Septimo Paraiso, Guango and San Isidro Ecuadorian Hillstar Common at Antisana incl several nesta, singles at Papallacta

Giant Hummingbird 1 seen at Mitad del Mundo Shining Sunbeam Common at Papallacta Mountain Velvetbreast Singles at Guango Lodge

Great Sapphirewing 3 seen at Yanacocha, 1 seen at Papallacta

Brown Inca Singles at Bellavista, Septimo Paraiso and Mindo Loma

Bronzy Inca Common at San Isidro

Collared Inca Common at Bellavista, Guango and San Isidro

Buff-winged Starfrontlet Common at Yanacocha, Papallacta and Guango Sword-billed Hummingbird 1 seen at Yanacocha and 5 at Guango lodge

Buff-tailed Coronet Common at Bellavista, Paz de las Antpittas, Mindo Loma and Guango

Chestnut-breasted Coronet Common at Guango Lodge

Velvet-purple Coronet 1 seen at Septimo Paraiso, 3 seen at Paz de las Antpittas and common

at Mindo Loma

Gorgeted Sunangel Singles at Bellavista

Tourmaline Sunangel Common at Guango lodge
Glowing Puffleg 2 seen at Guango lodge
Sapphire-vented Puffleg Common at Yanacocha
Golden-breasted Puffleg 1 seen at Yanacocha

Booted Racket-tail Common at Bellavista and Septimo Paraiso Black-tailed Trainbearer Singles at Calacalí, Antisana and Papallacta

Viridian Metaltail 2 seen at Papallacta

Tyrian Metaltail Common at Yanacocha and Guango

Blue-mantled Thornbill 3 seen at Papallacta Mountain Avocetbill 1 seen at Guango Lodge

Long-tailed Sylph Common at Guango and San Isidro lodges

Violet-tailed Sylph Fairly common at Septimo Paraiso, Paz de las Antpittas and Mindo Loma

Wedge-billed Hummingbird 1 seen between Nono and Tandayapa

Purple-crowned Fairy 1 seen at Rio Silanche

Purple-throated Woodstar Common at Bellavista, Septimo paraiso and Paz de las Antpittas

Purple-collared Woodstar 1 im male seen at Mitad del Mundo

White-bellied Woodstar Common at Guango lodge
Little Woodstar 1 female seen at Septimo Paraiso

TROGONS AND QUETZALS

Crested Quetzal 1 heard at San Isidro

Golden-headed Quetzal 1 seen near Mindo and 1 seen near San Isidro

Ecuadorian Trogon 1 male seen at Rio Palenque Western White-tailed Trogon 1 seen at Rio Silanche

Collared Trogon Singles seen or heard at Milpe, Manga Loma, Silanche and Palenque

Masked Trogon Singles seen at Bellavista and San Isidro

KINGFISHERS

Ringed Kingfisher 1 seen south of Mindo Green Kingfisher 1 seen at Rio Palenque

MOTMOTS

Broad-billed Motmot 1 heard near Mindo and 1 seen at Ńanca Jatunmi

Rufous Motmot Heard at Septimo Paraiso and Palenque, seen at Milpe and Silanche

Highland Motmot Heard at San Isidro

JACAMARS

Rufous-tailed Jacamar 1 seen and 1 heard at Rio Palenque

PUFFBIRDS

Pied Puffbird 1 seen at Rio Palenque Barred Puffbird 1 seen at Manga Loma

White-whiskered Puffbird 2 seen at Milpe and 2 seen at Rio Palenque

White-faced Nunbird 2 seen at Bellavista

NEW WORLD BARBETS

Orange-fronted Barbet 1 seen at Manga Loma, 2 seen at Rio Silanche, 3 seen at Rio Palenque

Red-headed Barbet Singles seen or heard most days

Toucan Barbet Singles seen or heard daily at Bellavista-Mindo-Paz de las Antpittas

TOUCANS

Crimson-rumped Toucanet As for Toucan Barbet

Pale-mandibled Araçari Small groups seen daily between Mindo and Rio Palenque
Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan 1 seen between Nono and Tandayapa, 5 seen around Bellavista
Chocó Toucan Singles seen or heard daily between Mindo and Rio Silanche

WOODPECKERS AND PICULETS

Olivaceous Piculet 1 seen at Manga Loma

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker 4 seen at Bellavista and 1 at Paz de las Antpittas Golden-olive Woodpecker Singles seen at Mindo, Manga Loma and Rio Silanche

Lineated Woodpecker 1 seen at Milpe and 1 at Manga Loma

Black-cheeked Woodpecker Fairly common in the lowlands also 2 above Mindo

Smoky-brown Woodpecker 1 seen near Mindo and 2 at Milpe

Red-rumped Woodpecker 1 seen at Rio Silanche Guayaquil Woodpecker 1 seen at Milpe

Powerful Woodpecker 3 (a family) seen at Bellavista

OVENBIRDS

Bar-winged Cinclodes Common at Antisana and Papallacta Stout-billed Cinclodes Common at Antisana and Papallacta

Pacific Hornero Fairly common in the lowlands up to Mindo

Andean Tit-Spinetail 3 seen at Papallacta

Azara's Spinetail Singles seen and heard in the higlands Slaty Spinetail Singles seen or heard most days

Rufous Spinetail 1 seen at Bellavista

White-browed Spinetail 1 seen and 1 heard at Yanacocha

Red-faced Spinetail Singles seen all days in the western foothills

White-chinned Thistletail 1 seen at Papallacta

Streak-backed Canastero 3 seen at Calacalí and 2 seen at Antisana

Many-striped Canastero Singles seen and heard at Antisana and Papallacta

Streaked Tuftedcheek 5 seen at Bellavista
Pacific Tuftedcheek 3 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi

Pearled Treerunner Fairly common at Yanacocha, Bellavista, Guango and San Isidro

Spotted Barbtail 2 seen at Bellavista

Lineated Foliage-gleaner 2 seen at Bellavista, also heard at Mindo and Paz de las Antpittas

Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner Seen at Mindo, Milpe and Manga Loma

Western Woodhaunter 1 seen at Rio Silanche
Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner Singles at Mindo and Milpe
Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner Singles heard at Rio Palenque

Flammulated Treehunter 2 seen at Bellavista
Striped Treehunter 2 seen at Bellavista
Streak-capped Treehunter 1 seen at Septimo Paraiso
Streaked Xenops 1 seen at Rio Silanche

Plain Xenops Singles seen at Milpe, Manga Loma and Rio Silanche

Scaly-throated Leaftosser 1 seen at Manga Loma

WOODCREEPERS

Plain-brown Woodcreeper Singles seen at Milpe, Manga Loma and Rio Palenque

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper 1 seen at Milpe, 5 seen at Manga Loma and 3 at Rio Palenque

Strong-billed Woodcreeper 2 seen at Bellavista and heard at Paz de las Antpittas

Black-striped Woodcreeper 1 seen at Rio Silanche

Spotted Woodcreeper Singles at Milpe, Manga Loma and Rio Silanche

Olive-backed Woodcreeper 1 seen at San Isidro

Streak-headed Woodcreeper Singles at manga Loma, Rio Silanche and Rio Palenque Montane Woodcreeper Fairly common at Bellavista-Mindo and San Isidro

Red-billed Scythebill 3 seen at Rio Palenque Brown-billed Scythebill 3 seen at Manga Loma

TYPICAL ANTBIRDS

Great Antshrike 2 seen at Rio Palenque

Uniform Antshrike 2 seen between Bellavista and Mindo, heard at Paz de las Antpittas Western Slaty-Antshrike Heard at Rio Silanche, 1 seen and more heard at Rio Palenque

Spot-crowned Antvireo 2 seen at Manga Loma

Pacific Antwren 1 seen at Milpe and 1 heard at Rio Silanche

Checker-throated Antwren

Common at Manga Loma

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Dot-winged Antwren 2 seen at Milpe

Long-tailed Antbird 3 seen between Bellavista and Mindo, also heard at San Isidro

Rufous-rumped Antwren 1 seen at Milpe

Dusky Antbird 2 seen at Manga Loma, heard at Rio Silanche and Palenque

Immaculate Antbird 1 seen and 1 heard at Milpe

Chestnut-backed Antbird Common at Milpe, Manga Loma, Rio Silanche and Palenque

Esmeraldas Antbird 2 seen near Mindo, 2 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi Bicolored Antbird 1 heard at Milpe and 1 seen at Manga Loma

ANTPITTAS AND ANTTHRUSHES

Black-headed Antthrush Heard at Manga Loma and Rio Silanche

Rufous-breasted Antthrush 1 seen at Nanca Jatunmi and heard around Mindo-Milpe

Giant Antpitta 2 seen at Paz de las Antpittas

Undulated Antpitta Heard at Yanacocha

Moustached Antpitta 1 heard at Bellavista and 2 seen at Paz de las Antpittas Chestnut-crowned Antpitta Commonly heard at Bellavista and 1 seen at San Isidro

White-breasted Antpitta 1 seen and more heard at San Isidro

Yellow-breasted Antpitta 6 heard between Bellavista and Mindo, 1 seen at Paz de las Antpittas

Rufous Antpitta Heard at Yanacocha

Tawny Antpitta Heard at Yanacocha, Antisana and Papallacta

Ochre-breasted Antpitta 1 seen at Paz de las Antpittas

TAPACULOS

Blackish Tapaculo 1 seen and more heard at Yanacocha, Papallacta and San Isidro Long-tailed Tapaculo Heard at San Isidro. Also called Equatorial Rufous-vented Tapaculo.

Nariño Tapaculo Heard at Paz de las Antpittas

Spillmann's Tapaculo 1 seen and commonly heard at Bellavista

Paramo Tapaculo 1 heard at Papallacta

Ocellated Tapaculo 2 seen and more heard at Bellavista

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Sooty-headed Tyrannulet 2 seen at Manga Loma and 2 seen at Rio Palenque

Ashy-headed Tyrannulet 1 seen at San Isidro
Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet 2 seen near Papallacta

Golden-faced Tyrannulet

Brown-capped Tyrannulet

Singles seen most days between Mindo and Rio Silanche
Singles seen and heard at Rio Silanche and Palenque
Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet

Singles seen most days between Mindo and Rio Silanche

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet Singles seen and heard at Rio Palenque

Gray Elaenia 1 pair seen at Rio Silanche

Greenish Elaenia 3 seen at Milpe and 1 at Rio Palenque White-crested Elaenia 1 seen at Bellavista and singles at San Isidro

Sierran Elaenia 2 seen at Bellavista

White-throated Tyrannulet 3 seen at Yanacocha and 2 at Papallacta

White-banded Tyrannulet 5 seen at Yanacocha

White-tailed Tyrannulet Common at Bellavista, Paz de las Antpittas and San Isidro

Sulphur-bellied Tyrannulet 3 seen at San Isidro

Torrent Tyrannulet 4 seen near Mindo and 1 at Guango

Tufted Tit-Tyrant 2 seen at Calacalí

Streak-necked Flycatcher
Olive-striped Flycatcher
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher
Singles seen at Bellavista and San Isidro
1 seen at Milpe and 2 at Manga Loma
1 seen at Rio Silanche and 3 at Rio Palenque

Slaty-capped Flycatcher Fairly common
Rufous-breasted Flycatcher 4 seen at San Isidro
Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant 1 seen at San Isidro

Variegated Bristle-Tyrant A pair at nest seen at San Isidro

Yellow Tyrannulet Singles seen or heard at Mindo, Milpe, manga Loma and Rio Palenque

Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant Fairly common

Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher Singles seen and heard at San Isidro

Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher 2-3 seen at Rio Palenque

Common Tody-Flycatcher Singles seen at Mindo, Milpe, Manga Loma and Rio Palenque

Yellow-margined Flatbill 3 seen at Rio Silanche

Golden-crowned Spadebill 2 seen and 1 heard at Manga Loma Ornate Flycatcher Singles seen at Mindo and Milpe

Black-tailed Flycatcher 1 seen at Rio Palenque

Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher 1 seen at Milpe and 1 at Manga Loma

Tawny-breasted Flycatcher1 seen at MilpeFlavescent Flycatcher3 seen at BellavistaHandsome Flycatcher2 seen at San Isidro

Cinnamon Flycatcher Fairly common at Bellavista, Guango and San Isidro

Western Wood-Pewee Singles seen almost daily between Mindo and Rio Palenque

Smoke-colored Pewee Singles seen in the subtropics
Olive-sided Flycatcher 1 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi
Black Phoebe Singles seen near water

Vermilion Flycatcher 1 pair seen at Mitad del Mundo and 1 male seen near Santo Domingo

Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant 4 seen at Papallacta

Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant 3 seen between Nono and Tandayapa and 3 seen at Guango lodge

Crowned Chat-Tyrant 1 seen at Yanacocha Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant 2 seen at Bellavista Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant 1 seen at Yanacocha Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant 3 seen at Antisana White-tailed Shrike-Tyrant 1 seen at Calacalí

Paramo Ground-Tyrant Common at Antisana and Papallacta

Masked Water-Tyrant 2 seen at Milpe, 1 at Manga Loma and 4 at Rio Palenque

Ochraceous Attila 1 seen at Rio Palenque

Dusky-capped Flycatcher Singles at Mindo, Milpe and Rio Silanche

Pale-edged Flycatcher 2 seen at San Isidro

Boat-billed Flycatcher Singles seen and heard in the western lowlands Rusty-margined Flycatcher Singles seen and heard in the western lowlands

White-ringed Flycatcher 2 seen at Rio Silanche

Streaked Flycatcher 1 seen at Mindo, 1 at Rio Silanche and 2 Rio Palenque

Golden-crowned Flycatcher 4 seen at Bellavista and singles at Mindo and Paz de las Antpittas

Piratic Flycatcher 1 seen at Rio Silanche

Tropical Kingbird Common

Snowy-throated Kingbird Singles seen at Milpe, Manga Loma and Rio Palenque

Barred Becard 1 seen at Bellavista, 1 at Paz de las Antpittas and 3 at Guango

Slaty Becard 1 male seen at Milpe

Cinnamon Becard

Singles Manga Loma, Silanche and Palenque
White-winged Becard

1 seen at Milpe and 1 at Manga Loma
Black-and-white Becard

2 seen at Bellavista and 1 seen at Milpe
One-colored Becard

Singles in the western lowlands/foothills
Masked Tityra

3 seen at Rio Silanche and 1 at Rio Palenque

COTINGAS

Red-crested Cotinga 5 seen at Papallacta

Barred Fruiteater 1 seen and 1 heard at Yanacocha

Green-and-black Fruiteater 5 seen at Bellavista

Orange-breasted Fruiteater

1 pair seen at Paz de las Antpittas
Scaled Fruiteater

1 male seen at Nanca Jatunmi
Olivaceous Piha
1 seen at Paz de las Antpittas
Rufous Piha
1 seen at Manga Loma
Black-tipped Cotinga
1 male seen at Rio Silanche

Purple-throated Fruitcrow 2 seen at Manga Loma and 3 seen at Rio Palenque

Long-wattled Umbrellabird 2 heard displaying at Manga Loma

Andean Cock-of-the-rock 1 seen between Nono and Tandayapa, 7 males at a lek near Mindo and

4 males at the lek at Paz de las Antpittas

MANAKINS

Golden-winged Manakin 3 seen at Milpe and 1 at Manga Loma

White-bearded Manakin Singles seen at Milpe, Manga Loma, Rio Silanche and Palenque

IAYS

Turquoise Jay Seen at Bellavista and Guango Inca Jay Fairly common at San Isidro

VIREOS, PEPPERSHRIKES, SHRIKE-VIREOS

Rufous-browed Peppershrike 2 seen at Rio Palenque Black-billed Peppershrike 3 seen at Rio Palenque

Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo 1 seen at Manga Loma and heard at Mindo and Milpe

Red-eyed Vireo Common

Brown-capped Vireo Fairly common in the subtropics

Lesser Greenlet Fairly common at manga Loma, Rio Silanche and Palenque

THRUSHES

Andean Solitaire Heard around Mindo Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush 1 seen at Bellavista

Spotted Nightingale-Thrush Heard at Milpe and Manga Loma

Swainson's Thrush Singles seen most days

Great Thrush Fairly common in the highlands

Glossy-black Thrush 2 seen at Bellavista nad 2 seen at San Isidro Ecuadorian Thrush Singles seen daily in the lowlands/foothills

DIPPERS

White-capped Dipper 2 seen near Mindo and 1 near San Isidro

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS

Gray-breasted Martin Singles at Rio Silanche and Palenque Brown-bellied Swallow Common in the highlands and páramo

Blue-and-white Swallow Common

White-thighed Swallow Fairly common at Milpe, Manga Loma and Rio Palenque

Southern Rough-winged Swallow Common

Barn Swallow 2 seen at Rio Palenque

WRENS

Band-backed Wren Heard at Milpe, 2 seen at Manga Loma and Rio Silanche and Palenque

Rufous Wren 3 seen at Yanacocha and 1 seen at Papallacta

Sepia-brown Wren 5 seen at Bellavista

Bay Wren Singles seen and heard most days in the lowlands/foothills

Plain-tailed Wren 1 seen at Guango and heard daily at Bellavista

Whiskered Wren 1 heard near Mindo, 1 seen and more heard at Rio Palenque

Gray-mantled Wren 1 seen at Manga Loma

House Wren Seen

Mountain Wren 1 seen at Guango

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren Common

Southern Nightingale-Wren Mostly heard but seen at Mindo and Manga Loma

GNATCATCHERS AND GNATWRENS

Tawny-faced Gnatwren 3 seen at Manga Loma

Long-billed Gnatwren 1 seen and more heard at Rio Palenque

Slate-throated Gnatcatcher 2 seen at Manga Loma

PIPITS AND WAGTAILS

Paramo Pipit 5 seen at Antisana and 2 seen at Papallacta

NEW WORLD WARBLERS AND WRENTHRUSH

Tropical Parula Seen or heard most days

Blackburnian Warbler Fairly common in the subtropics and foothills

Black-and-white Warbler 1 seen at San Isidro

Olive-crowned Yellowthroat Seen at Mindo and Milpe, also heard

Canada Warbler 1 seen between Bellavista and Mindo, 1 seen at Mindo and 3 seen at

San Isidro

Slate-throated Whitestart Common from Bellavista to Milpe

Spectacled Whitestart Common at Yanacocha and Guango. Seen at Bellavista and Papallacta

Black-crested Warbler Singles at Bellavista, Guango and San Isidro Chocó Warbler Fairly common at Milpe and Manga Loma Three-striped Warbler Seen most days in the subtropics and foothills

Russet-crowned Warbler Common at Bellavista and San Isidro

Gray-and-gold Warbler 5 seen at Rio Palenque

Buff-rumped Warbler 2 seen at Manga Loma, 6 seen at Rio Silanche and 2 seen at Palenque

TANAGERS, HONEYCREEPERS, BANANAQUIT, PLUSHCAP

Bananaquit Singles seen most days Purple Honeycreeper 2 seen at Rio Silanche

Green Honeycreeper A few seen daily in the lowlands/foothills

Blue Dacnis 7 seen at Rio Silanche

Yellow-tufted Dacnis 3 seen at Rio Silanche and 1 at Rio Palenque

Scarlet-thighed Dacnis 1 female seen at Rio Silanche

Cinereous Conebill 2 seen between Nono and Tandayapa, 2 seen at Papallacta

Blue-backed Conebill 10 seen at Yanacocha and 3 at Guango Capped Conebill 2 seen at Bellavista and 2 at Guango

Giant Conebill 1 seen at Papallacta

Masked Flowerpiercer Singles seen daily at Bellavista and common at Guango

Bluish Flowerpiercer 3 seen at San Isidro

Glossy Flowerpiercer Common at Yanacocha and 1 at Papallacta

Black Flowerpiercer 3 seen at Papallacta
White-sided Flowerpiercer Singles daily at Bellavista

Guira Tanager 2 seen at Milpe and 10 at Rio Silanche

Rufous-chested Tanager 3 seen at Bellavista

Fawn-breasted Tanager 1 seen between Bellavista and Mindo, 1 near mindo and 1 at San Isidro

Yellow-collared Chlorophonia 1 pair seen above Mindo Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia 1 female seen at San Isidro Thick-billed Euphonia Singles seen most days

Golden-rumped Euphonia 3 seen at Calacalí and a pair at Mitad del Mundo

Orange-bellied Euphonia Common

Orange-crowned Euphonia 1 male seen above Mindo

Rufous-throated Tanager 5 seen at Milpe and Mirador Rio Blanco
Gray-and-gold Tanager 2 seen at Milpe and 2 at Rio Silanche
Golden Tanager Singles daily in the subtropics and foothills

Emerald Tanager 2 seen at Rio Silanche

Silver-throated Tanager 2 seen near Mindo and 2 at Rio Silanche. Fairly common around Milpe

Saffron-crowned Tanager Common at San Isidro

Flame-faced Tanager

1 seen at Paz de las Antpittas and 5 at Milpe. Singles at San Isidro
Golden-naped Tanager

2 seen at Bellavista, 2 near Mindo and 3 at Paz de las Antpittas
Metallic-green Tanager

2 seen at Bellavista, 2 near Mindo and 2 at Paz de las Antpittas
Beryl-spangled Tanager

Fairly common at Bellavista, Paz de las Antpittas and San Isidro

Blue-and-black Tanager 2 seen at Bellavista

Black-capped Tanager 1 seen between Bellavista and Mindo, 1 pair at Paz de las Antpittas

Blue-necked Tanager Singles seen most days

Golden-hooded Tanager Common at Rio Silanche and Palenque

Blue-whiskered Tanager 2 seen at Rio Silanche

Bay-headed Tanager Fairly common in the lowlands/foothills

Rufous-winged Tanager 2 seen at Rio Silanche

Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager 5 seen at Yanacocha and 2 at Papallacta

Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager Failry common at Bellavista, Paz de las Antpittas and San Isidro

Black-chinned Mountain-Tanager 3 seen between Bellavista and Mindo

Hooded Mountain-Tanager4 seen at YanacochaMasked Mountain-Tanager2 seen at PapallactaBlack-chested Mountain-Tanager1 seen at YanacochaBuff-breasted Mountain-Tanager1 heard at PapallactaGrass-green Tanager6 seen at Bellavista

Swallow Tanager 10 seen at Milpe and 2 at Rio Silanche

Blue-gray Tanager Common
Palm Tanager Common

Blue-capped Tanager 3 seen at Bellavista

Blue-and-yellow Tanager 1 seen at Mitad del Mundo and 1 at Papallacta

Lemon-rumped Tanager Common

Summer Tanager 1 seen at Milpe, 2+1 at Rio Palenque

Ochre-breasted Tanager 10 seen at Milpe

Dusky-faced Tanager 1 seen at Manga Loma, 5 at Rio Silanche and 10 at Palenque

White-lined Tanager Singles seen around Mindo-Milpe

White-shouldered Tanager Singles seen most days
Tawny-crested Tanager 1 male seen at Rio Silanche
Scarlet-browed Tanager 3 seen at Rio Silanche

Dusky Bush-Tanager Common at Bellavista and surprisingly also at Milpe

Common Bush-Tanager Several seen at San Isidro

Yellow-throated Bush-Tanager Fairly common around Mindo-Milpe

Gray-hooded Bush-Tanager 2 seen at Guango Superciliaried Hemispingus 10 seen at Yanacocha Black-eared Hemispingus 1 seen at San Isidro

Western Hemispingus 1 seen between Nono and Tandayapa and common around Bellavista

Oleaginous Hemispingus 2 seen at San Isidro White-capped Tanager 2 seen near San Isidro

Plushcap 1 seen between Nono and Tandayapa, 2 seen at Bellavista

SALTATORS, GROSBEAKS, AND CARDINALS

Buff-throated Saltator Singles most days
Black-winged Saltator Singles most days
Slate-colored Grosbeak 1 seen at Rio Palenque
Blue-black Grosbeak 3 seen at Rio Palenque

Southern Yellow-Grosbeak 3 seen at Yanacocha and 2 at Bellavista

Rose-breasted Grosbeak 1 seen at Hostería Ayalir

EMBERIZINE FINCHES

Crimson-breasted Finch 10 seen at Rio Palenque

Blue-black Grassquit Common

Yellow-faced Grassquit 1 seen at Paz de las Antpittas Dull-coloured Grassquit 1 seen at Manga Loma

Variable Seedeater Common

Black-and-white Seedeater 1 male seen above Mindo

Yellow-bellied Seedeater Common

Chestnut-throated Seedeater

Plain-colored Seedeater

Band-tailed Seedeater

20 seen at Rio Palenque

Common in the highlands

Common at Mitad del Mundo

Plumbeous Sierra-Finch Common at Antisana and singles at Papallacta

Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch Common at Calacalí and singles at Mitad del Mundo

Band-tailed Sierra-Finch 1 pair seen at Calacalí Grassland Yellow-Finch 25 seen at Antisana

Rufous-naped Brush-Finch 5 seen at Yanacocha, 2 at Bellavista and 1 at Papallacta

Tricolored Brush-Finch Singles at Bellavista, Mindo and Milpe

White-winged Brush-Finch 2 seen at Bellavista and 2 below Paz de las Antpittas

Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch 3 seen at Bellavista

Orange-billed Sparrow 1 seen at Mindo, 2 at Milpe, 1 at Manga Loma and 1 at Palenque

Black-striped Sparrow 1 seen at Milpe and 3 at Manga Loma

Rufous-collared Sparrow Common in the highlands

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES

Northern Mountain-Cacique Singles seen near San Isidro Scarlet-rumped Cacique 5 seen at Rio Silanche Subtropical Cacique Several seen at San I sidro Russet-backed Oropendola Common at San Isidro

Shiny Cowbird 1 seen at Mindo and more common around Silanche and 2 ar Palenque

Scrub Blackbird 3 seen at Rio Silanche and 3 at Rio Palenque

CARDUELINE FINCHES

Hooded Siskin 10 seen at Papallacta

Andean Siskin 2 seen at Papallacta with the Hooded above Yellow-bellied Siskin 2 seen at Paz de las Antpittas and 1 seen at Milpe

Lesser Goldfinch 1 female seen at Rio Silanche

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

House Sparrow Seen in Santo Domingo