

Southern Ecuador
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2013-14



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This trip was organized and guided by Roger Ahlman, resident bird-guide in Ecuador. The group were all Swedes and had been around the World extensively before so the trip was designed to see as many as possible of the sothern Ecuadorian specialities. Timing of the year was set to coincide with the Christmas and New Year holidays so less vacations days would be used. We were a bit early for the main breeding activity in the southwest but still managed to see all species present at this time of the year. The activity in the temperate forest was all but good and we had a lot of sunny whether there which is not good. The eastern foothills was a bit rainy but we didn't loose too much time to rain and birding was excellent.

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Itinerary overview

16 dec - Guayaquil-->Manglares-Churute-->Puerto Jeli-->Buenaventura reserve
17 dec - Buenaventura reserve
18 dec - Buenaventura reserve
19 dec - Buenaventura-->Zaruma-->Jorupe reserve
20 dec - Jorupe-->Zapotillo-->Jorupe
21 dec - Utuana reserve and Jorupe
22 dec - Jorupe-->Utuana-->Vilcabamba
23 dec - Cerro Toledo-->Tapichalaca lodge
24 dec - Tapichalca reserve
25 dec - Tapichalaca-->Cajanuma-->Yankuam lodge
26 dec - Yankuam and surroundings
27 dec - Yankuam and surroundings
28 dec - Yankuam-->Paquisha-->Chinapintza-->Copalinga lodge
29 dec - Bombuscara-->old Loja-Zamora road-->Copalinga lodge
30 dec - Old Loja-Zamora road-->Acanama forest and Huashapamba-->Saraguro
31 dec - Acanama forest-->Oña-->La Union
1 jan - Yunguilla reserve-->El Cajas NP-->Cuenca
2 jan - Laguna Llaviucu, El Caljas NP-->Salinas
3 jan - Pelagic off Salinas-->Pacoa-->Ayampe
4 jan - Ayampe
5 jan - Ayampe-->Puerto Hondo-->Guayquil airport

Day-by-day

15 December 2013

The group was met at Guayaquil international airport by Roger and driver Wilson. Lars and Anita came later. Night was spent at Hotel Doral in Guayaquil.

16 dec

Pre-dawn start for about an hour drive to the Manglares-Churute reserve. Three Horned Screamers were teed up in top of trees as expected. We called in at the park headquarter and registered and had something to eat. A flock of 9 Comb Ducks flew over and some Gray-cheeked Parakeets were in the nearby trees. We then moved on to a trail at the slope of the hills but were held up by two Limpkins and an Ecuadorian Trogon. While playing Pacific Pygmy-Owl to attract birds, a Baron's Hermit flew into our bus! Birds started to come in to mob the Pygmy-Owl and among them were some Orange-crowned Euphonias. More birds were added on the trail and on the way back Roger heard a Pacific Royal-Flycatcher that everybody got a look at. At the edge of the mangroves we had good looks at Mangrove Warbler and a very obliging Rufous-necked Wood-Rail working like a woodpecker on a crab. While looking at that, a Jet Antbird came in to random playback. It was getting hot and we had some ground to cover so we headed south having an early lunch in Puerto Inca. After passing through endless banana plantations, we arrived at Puerto Jeli in the afternoon for some more wetland birding. A flock of 6 Wood Storks were soaring with Black Vultures and Masked Water-Tyrants were also seen. Another hour up into the foothills took us to the very nice Buenaventura reserve and the Umbrellabird lodge. The busy hummingbird feeders had us held up for a while before heading a few minutes up the road and the short pilgrimage down the trail to the Long-wattled Umbrellabird lek. It was foggy but we still had good views of a displaying male and heard another. In the evening everybody in the group got the new identification guide to Ecuadorian Hummingbirds from Roger who has a lot of pictures in that book.

17 Dec.

The weather was favorable and we headed up to the higher parts of the reserve to try for the endemic El Oro Parakeet and Tapaculo. While walking down the track to a stake-out for the Tapaculo we recorded Rufous-winged Tyrannulet and Pale-vented Thrush. The Tapaculo was quiet (as it was three weeks ago as well). We then moved a bit further up the track to nest-boxes for the Parakeet and soon had a small flock down to a few meters. While waiting for more views a small flock moved through with White-winged Tanager and Russet Antshrike among others. Two distant Gray-backed Hawks were perched and soon the parakeets came back and performed for the cameras. Higher up we tried for another Tapaculo and that one came in. After lunch at the lodge we walked the road downhill only to be caught by rain. In the evening Roger set up a wine tasting session with two Ecuadorian wines that was appreciated.

18 Dec.

We headed up the track above the lodge to the start of the Umbrellabird trail and eventually had good views of displaying Club-winged Manakins. Walking the track we had White-tipped Sicklebills, Emerald-bellied Woodnymph, Song Wrens and Guayaquil Woodpecker among others. In the afternoon we went back to the Umbrellabird lek and had gripping views of two males at around 4 pm without fog. Northern Schiffornis was also seen by those without cameras.



19 Dec.

This was going to be one of several long traveling days. We started by birding our way down the road from the lodge, aiming to pick up Ochraceous Attila and Slaty Becard. Both were duly seen and we also found a nest of Pauraque with an egg. We then went an hour to Zaruma to a private garden with a feeder and our target, White-vented Plumeleteer, was seen immediately. A female Little Woodstar came to some flowers briefly. We then hit the road south and just

Displaying male Long-wattled Umbrellabird at Buenaventura lodge

made a stop for our packed lunch. Later in the afternoon we made a stop at a stake-out for White-headed Brush-Finch which was soon tracked down. Another hour took us to another Jocotoco Foundation reserve, Jorupe. Before getting out of the bus we saw Pale-browed Tinamou and late in the afternoon an obliging Watkin's Antpitta showed for everybody.

20 Dec.

We walked the track downhill from the lodge and, even though it was at the end of the dry season, we still had decent activity the first morning hours. A calling Blackish-headed Spinetail was not interested nor were two Henna-hooded Foliage-Gleaners. Lower down we had, somewhat surprisingly, a female Chapman's Antshrike and the local guide Alex took us on a side-trail and here we had good looks at both the Spinetail and the Foliage-Gleaner. The walk uphill was less eventful but we did see some Tumbes Swifts, Gray-backed Hawks and an adult King Vulture. After lunch we made a 'twitch' down to Zapotillo. Coming here in the middle of the afternoon during the driest time of the year was not ideal but we soon found one of the targets, a pair of Tumbes Tyrants. We also saw several Tumbes Hummingbirds and two female Short-tailed Woodstars. Nearby we also had good looks at two Comb Ducks before heading back to the lodge.

21 Dec.

As this is still the dry season and activity is poor and the Utuana reserve higher up holds a number of important species, I decided to make a day-trip there to have two chances to clean up. We had local guide Leo with us to improve our chances. First stop was Sozoranga town which has a big colony of Chestnut-collared Swallows. At a stake-out at the Utuana reserve, we only heard a Gray-headed Antbird and we soon saw Black-cowled Saltator and two Black-crested Tit-Tyrants. Further up the track we had good looks at Jelski's Chat-Tyrant and at another stake-out a Gray-headed Antbird came in silently and was seen by some in the group. The hummingbird feeders were busy with Rainbow Starfrontlets and Purple-throated Sunangels. On the way back we had good looks at Rufous-necked Foliage-Gleaner and some saw Blackish Tapaculo and Jonas had a brief view of Piura Hemispingus. Afternoon around the lodge gave good looks at White-tailed Jays, Whooping Motmots and others at the feeders.

22 Dec.

Again an early start for the higher parts, this time we were going to try the El Tundo reserve but only found a locked gate and that had to be aborted. We headed up towards Utuana and at a spot along the road that had some woodland we stopped and soon I heard something that could be Piura Hemispingus and sure enough, a pair came in very nicely to playback and everybody had good looks. We also picked up Bay-crowned Brush-Finch and some species we had seen before. At Utuana we saw an adult Mountain Caracara that turned out to be new for the reserve list! We again only heard Gray-headed Antbird before hitting the road for a few hours drive to Vilcabamba. At one spot we did some midday birding and had a brief view of what was probably a White-tailed Shrike-Tyrant but it was one that got away. Around Vilcabamba we heard two or three Plumbeous Rails but they were in bad spots. We had some time to take advantage of the very nice hostería.

23 Dec.

Early start for Cerro Toledo. Weather was nice in the morning and we soon had good looks at our main target here, the near-endemic Neblina Metaltail (photo below). A flock here had Masked-, Lacrimose- and Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanagers, Golden-crowned Tanagers, two Plushcaps and Pale-naped Brush-Finch. That was the highlight of the day. Sun in the mountains is devastating for birding and the rest of the morning was pretty dull, so we headed down to Tapichalaca and installed ourselves. The feeders were busy and we got both Sunangels, Flame- and Amethyst-throated. In the late afternoon we tried a bit down the road for White-breasted Parakeet but in vain. Swallow-tailed Nightjar didn't want to show either.

24 Dec.

Christmas Eve and the gift this year was to be the Jocotoco Antpitta. The morning started well just outside the lodge with a Red-hooded Tanager before heading up to the quebrada Honda trail and onto the trail to the feeding place. The forest was ridiculously quiet but the White-throated Quail-Dove came in to feed on corn and soon we were waiting for the Jocotoco Antpitta that came in nicely several times. Pale-footed Swallow was heard while waiting. The walk back over the ridge was event less until we hit a flock which had three Red-hooded Tanagers that performed well. Bar-bellied Woodpecker was in the



Neblina Metaltail at Cerro Toledo. The species is almost endemic to southern Ecuador and lives at tree-line above range of Tyrrian Metaltail. This is the easiest accessible site for it.

flock as well as Grass-green Tanagers and others. After lunch we tried higher up along the road but with the roadwork that was going on, the road cuts had been severely damaged and with the sunny weather it was hard to see anything. The only Smoky Bush-Tyrant of the trip was seen and in the late afternoon the Golden-plumed Parakeets came in and showed well.

25 Dec.

Pre-dawn we headed down the road to a spot for the recently found paynteri subspecies of White-winged Brush-Finch. Immediately one bird was singing but it took some time to see it but eventually we had excellent views of a pair. This taxon may turn out to be a separate species. At much the same place we also had good looks at a pair of Highland Elaenia which is rare and local in southern Ecuador. While looking at them Jonas spotted a feeding hummingbird that turned out to be a male Blue-fronted Lancebill which was new for the lodge list. A pair of Emerald Toucanets came by and showed well. Happy with this we headed back up to the lodge and packed up and got ready for a long drive to Yankuam lodge in the Cordillera del Condor. We made a stop at the Cajanuma part of Podocarpus NP and walked the road downhill. Hooded Mountain-Tanagers were seen and we all had good looks at a Black-throated Tody-Tyrant. Lower down while having lunch, Roger spotted a movement which turned out to be a Bearded Guan, another near-endemic. Between Loja and Zamora we stopped at a stake-out for Cliff Flycatcher.

26 Dec.

The morning started a bit slow due to some fog and light rain but a male White-throated Woodpecker helped and when we found an antswarm crossing the road we started to pick up things. A pair of Hairy-crested Antbirds were hard to see but Purplish Jacamar showed better and Bamboo Foliage-Gleaner, some antbirds and others had us stand there for about an hour. Roger then heard Orange-throated Tanagers and we had good looks at a flock of four, arguably the main target here. Other good birds were Yellow-shouldered Grosbeak and heard Dusky Spinetail and Gray-tailed Piha.

In the afternoon we did another part of the road and scored good looks at Fiery-throated Fruiteater, Green Manakin and briefly Zimmer's Antbird among others. Uniform Crake was singing next to the lodge as was Chestnut-headed Crake.



*Orange-throated Tanager. This is now **the** World stake-out for this species endemic to the Cordillera del Cóndor, the mountain range that borders Peru. Up until a few years ago people went to a remote site in Peru a camped for a few days and some got lucky. Here it is almost guaranteed - roadside!*

27 Dec.

Today we started further up the road past Miazi village on the road to the Shaime village. A pair of Bicolored Hawks were teed up on a dead snag. Red Pileated-Finch, Euler's Flycatcher and Yellow-cheeked Becards were all singing and brought into view. Further on up the road we encountered Spot-winged Antbirds, a pair of White-browed Purpletufts, no less than four male Spangled Cotingas, Golden-collared Toucanet and surprisingly two Blackish Pewees. The White-bellied Pygmy-Tyrant eventually responded and came into view. On the way back we stopped at a Stake-out for Red-billed Tyrannulet and they came in nicely to playback. From the lodge deck we had a female Spangled Coquette, Chestnut-crowned Becard and Mottle-backed Elaenia. The afternoon yielded Olive-chested Flycatcher before the rain started.

28 Dec.

As we had done really well here, I decided to have a very early start and bird some secondary habitat and make a try for the higher parts around Chinapintza before

going to Copalinga lodge. We arrived at a spot south of Paquisha and 'enjoyed' the dawn chorus of many Speckled Chachalacas. We picked up some good birds as well like Olive-chested Flycatchers, Stripe-chested Antwren, Black-throated Hermit, the distinctive amazonas subspecies of Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet which is sure to be a split. Some people saw a Bluish-fronted Jacamar, this site being the only known territory in Ecuador. Blackish Rail was heard and two seen by some, Black-billed Seed-Finches for which this is a good place. Anders picked out a male Striped Manakin sitting in the open. Happy with this we hit the road and stopped at a football field and looked at a male Collared Plover. At Chinapintza we walked the track opposite the nightclub (which was busy). Roger heard a fruiteater and soon we had excellent views of a male Black-chested Fruiteater. A small flock had Oleaginous Hemispingus and another flock had two Blue-browed Tanagers. A Black-streaked Puffbird and a pair of Uniform Antshrikes were also seen. A Rusty Flowerpiercer was a surprise and we heard the only White-bellied Antpitta of the trip. Lunch near the nightclub yielded Yellow-throated Tanagers and a Golden-eyed Flowerpiercer. We walked down the road and picked up our fourth and last Toucanet of the trip, Chestnut-tipped Toucanet. Everybody caught up with a singing Wedge-billed Hummingbird and we had a brief Tawny-bellied Hermit before hitting the road for a couple of hours to Copalinga lodge. Once there we headed straight up to the feeding station for Gray Tinamou but it didn't come in today.

29 Dec.

All morning along the trail at the Bombuscará entrance of the Podocarpus NP. One of the targets was Foothill Elaenia which was heard in the first flock and came in to playback. Black-billed Treehunter showed briefly and an Amazonian Umbrellabird was teed up on a snag. An Orange-crested Flycatcher called and showed well for everybody. On the way back we found a nest of Highland Motmot and a flock had Fulvous Shrike-Tanager. Afternoon was spent along the lower parts of the old Loja-Zamora road with a nice and lingering flock below eye-level. A male Chestnut-vented Conebill, Ashy-throated Bush-Tanagers and Lemon-browed Flycatchers were just some members. The real surprise was a Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant! This species is usually found in temperate forest near the tree-line, not at 1150 m. On the way back Anders spotted a Fasciated Tiger-Heron in the river which we stopped for. Then a quick rush up the trails to the feeding station for the Tinamou and there it was! Back at the lodge the flowers had no less than two Little Woodstars, a female and an immature male that had started to develop the red throat. Into the bus for a short drive to a stake-out for Blackish Nightjar and after some wait we had good looks at two birds.

30 Dec.

Saraguro was our final destination today and we started at the old Loja-Zamora road hoping to get up higher on a new road, but the rain during the night and morning had made the road un-passable for our bus and there was a new sign telling unauthorized people to stay away. A flock along the lower parts had Ash-browed Spinetails and a pair of Golden-collared Honeycreepers plus many things from yesterday. Higher up we had a Spotted Barbtail and a family group of Fulvous-breasted Flatbills. Also three pairs each of White-capped Dippers and Torrent Ducks. Wilson had a stake-out for Oilbird in a ravine but with the high water-level it was difficult to see but there it was! We also had a Green-fronted Lancebill before having some problems getting up onto the main highway. In the afternoon we came to the Acanama forest but in the sunny whether it was difficult but a calling Gray-breasted mountain-Toucan could be tracked down and some also had a brief view of a Bearded Guan. We moved to the Huashapamba parts and walked into the clearing where Red-faced Parrots are sometimes seen. After a while we heard one calling and had great views. Even better when two bird flew across the clearing and perched in the open to the photographers delight. Night in Saraguro and dinner at a gourmet restaurant in town.

31 Dec.

Morning at the higher parts of the Acanama forest. During breakfast Roger spotted a Black-chested Mountain-Tanager that some got onto. Our main target here was the rare Chestnut-bellied Cotinga that I had seen twice before in august and september. While looking for that we saw a few Glowing Pufflegs. The group, except Anders, walked up the road only to be caught up by him and be informed that two Cotingas had come through with a flock! Unfortunately we failed to connect with them and instead tried for the Crescent-faced Antpitta. That one was difficult too but eventually showed down to two meters. A flock of 10 Paramo Seed eaters and 4 Mountain Caracaras ended the birding here before heading north. A stop north of Oña for the local azuayae subspecies of Streak-backed Canastero resulted only in a briefly heard individual, but we saw two each of both Black-billed and White-tailed Shrike-Tyrants. At the nice hostería in La Union we had time to take advantage of the facilities like swimming pool and heated jacuzzi and enjoy some fire-works before our New Year dinner which was a nice parillada.



1 January 2014

The new year started with one of the rarest birds on earth - Pale-headed Brush-Finch known only from this valley and the small reserve owned by the Jocotoco Foundation. We met the caretaker Enrique Calle and walked into the reserve. A singing Andean Slaty-Thrush was a nice bonus but it was overshadowed by the Brush-Finch. Enrique put out oranges and soon we had seen several Pale-headed Brush-Finches (photo left) and also a couple of Gray-browed Brush-Finches coming in. When we were happy we packed up and headed north for the El Cajas NP just west of Cuenca. Very fresh trout was the lunch on the way up. A stake-out I had proved reliable for the endemic Violet-throated Metal-tail and three individuals were seen. Also two Tawny Antpittas hopped in the open and our only Tufted Tit-Tyrants of the trip were here. Higher up we immediately connected with Tit-like Dacnis and soon also Giant Conebill and Blue-mantled Thornbill. Two males Ecuadorian Hillstars showed up as did an Andean Tit-Spinetail and the site was pretty much done. Night at a nice hotel in Cuenca.

Pale-headed Brush-Finch. One of the rarest birds in the World with a total population of about 100 pairs all in a small reserve owned and managed by the Jocotoco Foundation.

2 Jan.

Today was to be a long traveling day to Salinas on the southwest point of Ecuador. We started a bit above Cuenca at the lower parts of El Cajas NP. Wilson spotted a Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant which all got to see. When we came to laguna Llaviucu we found out that they didn't open until 8 am so we had to wait but not in vain. Hummingbirds were abundant and we picked up our only Sword-billed Hummingbird and Black-tailed Trainbearers of the trip as well as Mountain Velvetbreast. When the guard came he wouldn't let us in because I lacked a guide license. A bit of negotiations took care of this and we could walk down to the lake and heard two Ecuadorian Rails and had good looks at Rufous-chested Tanager. Some Coots, Andean Teals and an incubating Andean Gull were also present. Happy with this we hit the road for a rather uneventful journey down the west slope until a stop for ice-cream. In the afternoon we came to Salinas and I organized for a visit to the Ecuasal salt pans which yielded many new trip-birds like all regular shorebirds. Photo-ops were many and the photographers took advantage of every stop. Night in Salinas.

3 Jan.

Today was to be an experiment that has not been done on any tours in Ecuador before. We made a pelagic off Salinas. After picking up people, chum and food we boarded the very nice Black Jack yacht. Inshore we saw some Elegant Terns and Blue-footed Boobies and then came a slow spell before we found a small boat that had a Pomarine Jaeger next to it. We also saw some Sooty Shearwaters and Dolphins and some smaller whales. Further out we had a flock of 11 Black Terns migrating south. Another boat had both Black and Least Storm-Petrels and a Pink-footed Shearwater near it. We threw out some chum here but only a Magnificent Frigatebird came a grabbed something. The rest of the day was surprisingly dull with just the odd Storm-Petrel, Sooty Shearwater and small flocks of mainly Gray Phalarope with a few Red-necked among them. On the way back we had a look at the Sealions on the south side of the peninsula. Some people saw a Wandering Tattler here on the rocks. A flock of about 100 Franklin's Gulls were in Salinas as we got ashore. Wilson was waiting and soon we headed north towards Ayampe. At Ballenita we stopped to look at Burrowing Owl and at the entrance to Pacoa salt pans we made another quick stop to see the Great Grebe that has been here for a while. Cabañas La Tortuga in Ayampe was nice and we could enjoy the sunset with a drink.

4 Jan.

We started the morning on the track next to the Ayampe river at a stake-out for Esmeraldas Woodstar, our main target here. After a short wait the male came in to its favorite perch to everybody's delight. A few more Esmeraldas Woodstars showed up before Roger heard a call that corresponded with a recording of Colombian Crake. (Tomorrow we were trying to see it and found out that this call is actually from Yellow-billed Cacique!)

We kept birding the track and picked up Gray-breasted Flycatcher that we somehow missed at Jorupe. Another Ecuadorian Trogon, both Little and Esmeraldas Woodstar, Pacific Pygmy-Owl a pair of Crimson-breasted Finches and White-backed Fire-eye and many things we had seen before. On the way back we picked up some raptors like 2-3 Gray-backed Hawks, 3 Gray-lined Hawks and an immature King Vulture. At the start of the track we walked around to try and flush nightjars that we saw here pre-dawn and that looked like Scrub Nightjar. We soon flushed two but they were actually Lesser Nighthawks. Short-tailed Field-Tyrant and Superciliated Wren were here too. We birded the same track again in the afternoon but didn't see much new. We walked down to the river mouth and had some shorebirds like Collared Plovers, an Elegant Tern with 3 Royal Terns and some Mangrove Warblers.

5 Jan.

We started the day by walking along the river crossing it several times to the place where we had heard the supposed Colombian Crake. No luck with that and we later found out that it in fact was a Yellow-billed Cacique. However, we didn't leave empty-handed as we had good looks at a Henna-hooded Foliage-Gleaner, Little Cuckoo and the hoped-for Saffron Siskin, 3 males and 2 females. Dull-colored Grassquit was also new for the trip list. We went back and packed up and headed back to Guayaquil making a short stop at Puerto Hondo, but as it was Sunday, the place was seriously crowded. We hit low tide and saw some White Ibises and Yellow-crowned Night-Herons and at the parking was a small flock of Ecuadorian Ground-Doves. This was the last birding and we made it to the airport without any problems and said goodbye.

TINAMOUS - TINAMIDAE

Gray Tinamou *Tinamus tao*

1 seen coming in to feed on corn at Copalinga lodge (photo below)

Little Tinamou *Crypturellus soui*

Singles heard at Buenaventura, Bombuscara, Yankuam and Ayampe

Pale-browed Tinamou *Crypturellus transfasciatus*

A few seen and many heard at Jorupe (photo below)



Pale-browed Tinamou. Common, vocal and readily seen at Jorupe



Gray Tinamou. Rare and difficult to see everywhere - except here at Copalingo lodge where they are being fed

GREBES - PODICIPEDIDAE

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps*

Common at Ecuasal salt pans, Salinas with singles at Pacoa and Ayampe

Great Grebe *Podiceps major*

One dead and one live bird at Pacoa salt pans 3 and 5 jan.

Still a major rarity in Ecuador with all but one record from the Santa Elena peninsula.

SHEARWATERS AND PETRELS - PROCELLARIIDAE

Pink-footed Shearwater *Puffinus creatopus*

1 seen on the pelagic off Salinas

Sooty Shearwater *Puffinus griseus*

7 seen on the pelagic off Salinas

STORM-PETRELS - HYDROBATIDAE

Least Storm-Petrel *Oceanodroma microsoma*

5 seen on the pelagic off Salinas (photo right)

Black Storm-Petrel *Oceanodroma melania*

5 seen on the pelagic off Salinas

Black Storm-Petrel. Regular off Ecuador during the boreal winter, but rarely seen as pelagics are seldom arranged.



FRIGATEBIRDS - FREGATIDAE

Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens*

Common along the coast

BOOBIES - SULIDAE

Blue-footed Booby *Sula nebouxii*

Fairly common around Salinas and Ayampe

CORMORANTS - PHALACROCORACIDAE

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*

Common along the coast and also a few in the rivers in the southwest

DARTERS - ANHINGIDAE

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga*

1 seen at Manglares-Churute

PELICANS - PELECANIDAE

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis*

2 seen at Puerto Jelí. Common at Salinas and Ayampe

SCREAMERS - ANHIMIDAE

Horned Screamer *Anhima cornuta*

3 seen at Manglares-Churute

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS - ANATIDAE

Comb Duck *Sarkidiornis melanotos*

9 seen at Manglares-Churute, 2 seen at Zapotillo (photo below)

Torrent Duck *Merganetta armata*

Three pairs seen along the old Loja-Zamora road

Andean Teal *Anas andium*

About 10 seen at El Cajas NP

White-cheeked Pintail *Anas bahamensis*

Hundreds seen at Manglares-Churute and Puerto Jelí. Fairly common at Ecuasal salt pans and Pacoa.

Blue-winged Teal *Anas discors*

About 400 seen at Manglares-Churute and 200 at Puerto Jelí. 10 seen at Ayampe.



Male Comb Duck. Scarce in southwest Ecuador where this one was photographed.

Andean Ruddy-Duck *Oxyura ferruginea*
10 seen at laguna Llaviucu, El Cajas NP

FLAMINGOS - PHOENICOPTERIDAE

Chilean Flamingo *Phoenicopterus chilensis*
About 200 seen at Ecuasal saltpans, Salinas and some seen at Pacoa saltpans

HERONS, BITTERNS, AND EGRETS - ARDEIDAE

Fasciated Tiger-Heron *Tigrisoma fasciatum*

1 seen at Copalinga lodge

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi*

4 seen at Mangalres-Churute, 1 at Ecuasal saltpans and 1 at Pacoa

Great Egret *Ardea alba*

Common in wetlands and along rivers

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*

Common in wetlands and along rivers

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*

1 seen at Puerto Jelí, 1 seen at Ecuasal saltpans and 1 white seen at Ayampe

Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor*

5 seen at Ecuasal saltpans

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

Seen along the coast and Buenaventura and singles near Yankuam

Striated Heron *Butorides striatus*

1 seen at Manglares-Churute, 2 seen near Yankuam, 1 seen at Paquisha, 2 seen at Ecuasal saltpans and 1 seen at Ayampe

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

1 seen at Salinas

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *Nyctanassa violacea*

5 seen at Puerto Jelí, 1 seen at Ayampe and 1 from the bus south of Ayampe and 2 seen at Puerto Hondo

IBISES AND SPOONBILLS - THRESKIORNITHIDAE

White Ibis *Eudocimus albus*

About 20 seen at Manglares-Churute, 3 seen at Puerto Hondo

Roseate Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja*

4 seen at Manglares-Churute, 1 seen at Punta Carnero, Salinas

STORKS - CICONIIDAE

Wood Stork *Mycteria americana*

6 seen soaring with Black Vultures at Puerto Jelí, 1+2 seen near Jorupe

AMERICAN VULTURES - CATHARTIDAE

King Vulture *Sarcorampus papa*

1 adult seen at Jorupe, 1 subad seen at Ayampe

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*

Common

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*

Common

Greater Yellow-headed Vulture *Cathartes melambrotus*

Singles seen at Yankuam

KITES, EAGLES, AND HAWKS - ACCIPITRIDAE

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

1 seen at Manglares-Churute and 1 seen at Ecuasal saltpans

Hook-billed Kite *Chondrohierax uncinatus*

2 seen at Ayampe

Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus*

Fairly common throughout

Pearl Kite *Gampsonyx swainsonii*

1 seen at Manglares-Churute and 2 seen near Salinas

White-tailed Kite *Elanus leucurus*

1 seen from the bus east of Guayaquil, 1 seen from the taxi at Pifo, Quito

Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis*

Common in the wetlands east of Guayaquil and Manglares-Churute

Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea*

1 seen at Buenaventura, 2 seen at Bombuscara and 1 along the old Loja-Zamora road

Plain-breasted Hawk *Accipiter ventralis*

2 seen near Utuana and 1 seen at laguna Llaviucu, El Cajas NP

Sometimes lumped with Sharp-shinned Hawk Accipiter striatus

Bicolored Hawk *Accipiter bicolor*

1 seen at Buenaventura and a pair seen near Yankuam lodge

Gray-backed Hawk *Leucopternis occidentalis*

2 seen at Buenaventura, 2 seen at Jorupe and 3 seen at Ayampe

Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis*

1+1 seen at Manglares-Churute

Harris's Hawk *Parabuteo unicinctus*

Singles seen at Jorupe and Zapotillo and 1 seen west of Guayaquil

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle *Geranoaetus melanoleucus*

1 seen near Catacocha, 2 north of Loja, 1 north of Oña

Gray-lined Hawk *Buteo nitidus*

3 seen at Ayampe

Sometimes lumped with Gray Hawk Buteo plagiatus

Roadside Hawk *Buteo magnirostris*

Singles in lowlands

Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus*

2-3 seen at Tapichalca, 1 seen at Bombuscara and seen along the old Loja-Zamora road

Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyurus*

1 pale morph seen at Buenaventura, 1 dark morph seen at Yankuam

Variable Hawk *Buteo polyosoma*

3 seen near Zapotillo, 1 dark at Acanama forest, 1+1 seen at El Cajas NP

The ones at Zapotillo would be referable to the lowland form sometimes split as Red-backed Hawk Buteo polyosoma. The ones in the highlands would be referable to Puna Hawk Buteo poecilochrous.

FALCONS AND CARACARAS - FALCONIDAE

Black Caracara *Daptrius ater*

1 seen near Paquisha

Northern Crested-Caracara *Caracara cheriway*

Singles seen in the western lowlands and around Zapotillo

Mountain Caracara *Phalcoboenus megalopterus*

1 adult seen at Utuana, 1 seen at Cerro Toledo, 5 seen at Acanama forest, Saraguro

First record for the Utuana reserve!

Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans*

1 seen west of Macará, heard at Jorupe, Yankuam, Paquisha och Ayampe

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*

Singles in the highlands

Bat Falcon *Falco ruficularis*

1 seen at Buenaventura and 1 seen at Jorupe

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

1 seen from the bus south of Manglares-Churute (Jonas Starck)

CURASSOWS, GUANS, AND CHACHALACAS - CRACIDAE

Speckled Chachalaca *Ortalis guttata*
Singles at Copalinga and Yankuam, common around Paquisha

Rufous-headed Chachalaca *Ortalis erythroptera*

3 seen at Buenaventura, 2 between Portovelo and Catacocha, 3 seen at Jorupe and 2 seen Ayampe

Bearded Guan *Penelope barbata*

1 seen at Cajanuma (photo right) and 1 seen at Acanama forest, Saraguro

NEW WORLD QUAILS - ODONTOPHORIDAE

Rufous-fronted Wood-Quail *Odonotophorus erythrops*

Several heard at Buenaventura

RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS - RALLIDAE

White-throated Crane *Laterallus albigularis*

Heard at Buenaventura and Ayampe

Chestnut-headed Crane *Anurolimnas castaneiceps*

Several heard around Yankuam lodge

Uniform Crane *Amaurolimnas concolor*

Heard at Yankuam lodge

Ecuadorian Rail *Rallus aequatorialis*

3 heard at laguna Llaviucu, El Cajas NP



Bearded Guan. Another species almost endemic to mountains of southern Ecuador



Rufous-necked Wood-Rail. This mangrove specialist was seen at Manglares-Churute working on a crab like a Woodpecker!

Blackish Rail *Pardirallus nigricans*

2 seen and heard near Paquisha

Plumbeous Rail *Pardirallus sanguinolentus*

2-3 heard at Vilcabamba

Rufous-necked Wood-Rail *Aramides axillaris*

1 seen at Manglares-Churute (photo below)

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata*

Seen at Manglares-Churute and 4 seen at Ayampe

Has been split from Old World Moorhen Gallinula chloropus

Andean Coot *Fulica ardesiaca*

Several seen at laguna Llaviucu and 1 at the higher parts of El Cajas NP

Also known as Slate-colored Coot

SUNBITTERN - EURYPYGIDAE

Sunbittern *Eurypyga helias*

1 seen at Buenaventura

LIMPKIN - ARAMIDAE

Limpkin *Aramus guarauna*

2 seen at Manglares-Churute

JACANAS - JACANIDAE

Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana*

Several seen at Manglares-Churute, singles seen at Ecuasal saltpans and Ayampe

SANDPIPERS, SNIPES, PHALAROPES - SCOLOPACIDAE

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*

Singles at Ecuasal saltpans and 1 seen at Ayampe

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*

Singles at Ecuasal saltpans

Willet *Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*

Fairly common at Ecuasal saltpans and singles at Salinas

Wandering Tattler *Heteroscelus incanus*

1 seen near Salinas

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularia*

Singles near water at several places

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*

1 seen at Puerto Jelí, 1 seen at Ayampe. Singles at Ecuasal saltpans and Pacoa

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

Singles at Ecuasal saltpans

Sanderling *Calidris alba*

Several at Ecuasal saltpans

Wilson's Phalaropes at the Ecuasal saltpans



Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla*

Common at Ecuasal salt pans

Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri*

Several at Ecuasal salt pans

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*

Common at Ecuasal salt pans and singles at Ayampe

Stilt Sandpiper *Micropalama himantopus*

About 20 seen at Ecuasal salt pans

Short-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus griseus*

1 seen at Ecuasal salt pans and 20 seen at Pacoa

Red Phalarope *Phalaropus fulicaria*

About 15 seen on the pelagic off Salinas

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*

About 5 seen on the pelagic off Salinas

Wilson's Phalarope *Phalaropus tricolor*

Hundreds at Ecuasal salt pans (photos above)

OYSTERCATCHERS - HAEMATOPODIDAE

American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus*

Fairly common at Ecuasal salt pans

STILTS AND AVOCETS - RECURVIROSTRIDAE

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*

Common at Mangalres-Churute, about 1000 at Ecuasal salt pans and small numbers at Ayampe and along the coast road.

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS - CHARADRIIDAE

Gray Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*

Singles at Ecuasal salt pans, about 100 at Pacoa

Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus*

Small numbers at Ecuasal salt pans and singles at Ayampe

Wilson's Plover *Charadrius wilsonia*

2 seen at Punta Carnero, Salinas

Snowy Plover *Charadrius nivosus*

About 25 seen at Ecuasal salt pans

Has been split from Kentish Plover Charadrius alexandrinus

Collared Plover *Charadrius collaris*

1 male seen near Paquisha, 4 seen at Ayampe

SKUAS AND JAEGER - STERCORARIIDAE

Pomarine Jaeger *Stercorarius pomarinus*

1 seen on the pelagic off Salinas

GULLS AND TERNS - LARIDAE

Gray Gull *Larus modestus*

1 immature at Ecuasal salt pans

Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus*

1 immature at Ecuasal salt pans

Gray-hooded Gull *Larus cirrocephalus*

Common at Ecuasal, Salinas and San Pablo

Andean Gull *Larus serranus*

11 seen at El Cajas NP

Laughing Gull *Larus atricilla*

Common around Salinas

Franklin's Gull *Larus pipixcan*

1 immature at Ecuasal salt pans and about 100 at Salinas

Royal Tern *Sterna maxima*

Common around Salinas and 3 seen at Ayampe

Elegant Tern *Sterna elegans*

About 40 at Ecuasal salt pans, singles seen on the pelagic off Salinas and 1 seen at Ayampe

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*

Seen at Puerto Jeli

Cabot's Tern *Sterna aculeata*

About 40 at Ecuasal salt pans, singles seen on the pelagic off Salinas

A recent split from Old World Sandwich Tern *Sterna sandvicensis*

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*

1 seen at Ecuasal salt pans

Black Tern *Chlidonias niger*

About 25 seen migrating southward on the pelagic off Salinas

PIGEONS AND DOVES - COLUMBIDAE

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia*

Common in towns

Band-tailed Pigeon *Columba fasciata*

Fairly common in the highlands

Scaled Pigeon *Columba speciosa*

1 heard at Yankuam

Pale-vented Pigeon *Columba cayennensis*

Singles near Santa Rosa and Ayampe

Ruddy Pigeon *Columba subvinacea*

2 seen at Buenaventura and heard at Yankuam

Plumbeous Pigeon *Columba plumbea*

Seen at Buenaventura, seen and heard at Yankuam

Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata*

Singles along the coast and in the highlands

West Peruvian Dove *Zenaida meloda*

2 seen near Zapotillo

Golden-plumed Parakeet. Here around Tapichalca they have their strong-hold in Ecuador nesting in nest-boxes



Ecuadorian Ground-Dove *Columbina buckleyi*

2 seen at Puerto Jelí, 1 seen at Ayampe and about 10 seen at Puerto Hondo

Croaking Ground-Dove *Columbina cruziana*

Small numbers along the coast and at Jorupe and Zapotillo

Blue Ground-Dove *Claravis pretiosa*

Commonly heard at Ayampe and Jorupe, one seen at Jorupe

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi*

Fairly common mainly in the lowlands



El Oro Parakeet. A rare strictly Ecuadorian endemic living only in foothill forests on the humid Pacific slope in the southwest. At the Buenaventura reserve they nest in nest-boxes and are doing well.

Pallid Dove *Leptotila pallida*

Singles heard at Manglares-Churute and Buenaventura

Gray-fronted Dove *Leptotila rufaxilla*

2 seen coming in to feed on corn at Copalinga lodge

White-throated Quail-Dove *Geotrygon frenata*

1 seen at Tapichalca, 2 seen along the old Loja-Zamora road. 1 heard at Cerro Toledo

PARROTS AND MACAWS - PSITTACIDAE

Red-masked Parakeet *Aratinga erythrogenys*

Fairly common at Buenaventura, Jorupe and at Salinas

White-eyed Parakeet *Aratinga leucophthalmus*

2+4+40 seen at Yankuam lodge

Golden-plumed Parakeet *Leptosittaca branickii*

About 20 seen at Tapichalca (photo above)

El Oro Parakeet *Pyrrhura orcesi*

5 seen at Buenaventura (photo above)

Pacific Parrotlet *Forpus coelestis*

Small numbers along the coast, at Jorupe and at Ayampe

Gray-cheeked Parakeet *Brotoyeris pyrrhopterus*

Fairly common at Mangalres-Churute, Jorupe and 2 seen near Puerto Inca

Cobalt-winged Parakeet *Brotoyeris cyanoptera*

A few small groups at Yankuam lodge

Red-faced Parrot *Hapalopsittaca pyrrhops*

2 seen and two heard at Huashapamba, Saraguro ((photo below)

Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus*

Common around Yankuam-Paquisha, a few seen at Ayampe

Red-billed Parrot *Pionus sordidus*

1 seen below Tapichalca

Speckle-faced Parrot *Pionus tumultuosus*

1 seen at Cerro Toledo

Northern population sometimes split and called

White-capped Parrot *Pionus seniloides*

Bronze-winged Parrot *Pionus chalcopterus*

Common at Manglares-Churute, Buenaventura and Ayampe

Scaly-naped Amazon *Amazona mercenaria*

25 seen at Tapichalaca

CUCKOOS AND ANIS - CUCULIDAE

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana*

Singles seen at most places

Little Cuckoo *Piaya minuta*

1 seen at Ayampe

Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani*

Common in humid east

Groove-billed Ani *Crotophaga sulcirostris*

Common in dry west

Striped Cuckoo *Tapera naevia*

1 heard at Jorupe and 1 heard at Yunguilla

TYPICAL OWLS - STRIGIDAE

West Peruvian Screech-Owl *Otus roboratus*

1 seen at Jorupe

Andean Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium jardinii*

2 heard at Acanama forest

Pacific Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium peruanum*

Singles along the coast and at Jorupe

Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia*

1 seen at Ballenita

Band-bellied Owl *Pulsatrix melanota*

1 heard one evening at Yankuam

OILBIRD - STEATORNITHIDAE

Oilbird *Steatornis caripensis*

1 seen along the old Loja-Zamora road. Thanks to Wilson for this stake-out!

NIGHTJARS AND NIGHTHAWKS - CAPRIMULGIDAE

Lesser Nighthawk *Chordeiles acutipennis*

2 seen at La Union and 1 seen at Salinas, 1 pair with a just about fledged chick at Ayampe



Red-faced Parrot. Another scarce near-endemic inhabiting mountains on the slightly drier interandean valley slopes of southern Ecuador

Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis*

Singles seen or heard at Buenaventura, Jorupe and Yunguilla. 5 seen pre-dawn between Yankuam and Paquisha. Nests with one egg was found at Buenaventura and Yunguilla

Band-winged Nightjar *Caprimulgus longirostris*

1 heard at the hotel in Cuenca

Blackish Nightjar *Caprimulgus nigrescens*

One seen near Yankuam. 2 seen at Copalinga lodge

SWIFTS - APODIDAE

White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris*

Seen most days, sometimes in big flocks

Chestnut-collared Swift *Cypseloides rutilus*

Fairly common

Short-tailed Swift *Chaetura brachyura*

A few seen at Yankuam

Tumbes Swift *Chaetura ocypetes*

About 10 seen at Jorupe

Often lumped with previous species

Gray-rumped Swift *Chaetura cinereiventris*

Seen at Buenaventura (ssp *occidentalis*) and Yankuam and Bombuscara (ssp *sclateri*)

White-tipped Swift *Aeronautes montivagus*

About 10 seen at Yankuam lodge

According to Birds of Ecuador, not known from Cordillera del Condor

Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift *Panyptila cayennensis*

1 seen at Buenaventura

HUMMINGBIRDS - TROCHILIDAE

Male White-necked Jacobin. Numerous at the feeders at Umbrellabird lodge, Buenaventura



White-whiskered Hermit *Phaethornis yaruqui*

Fairly common at Buenaventura including at a lek, 1 seen at Ayampe

Green Hermit *Phaethornis guy*

A few seen at Copalinga lodge

Tawny-bellied Hermit *Phaethornis syrmatophorus*

1 seen at Chinapintza

Baron's Hermit *Phaethornis baroni*

1 flew into our bus at Manglares-Churute!

Sometimes considered a subspecies of Western Long-tailed Hermit *Phaethornis longirostris*

Stripe-throated Hermit *Phaethornis striigularis*

1 seen briefly at Buenaventura lodge

Black-throated Hermit *Phaethornis atrimentalis*

1-2 seen near Paquisha including singing

White-tipped Sickbill *Eutoxeres aquila*

A few seen at Buenaventura

Buff-tailed Sickbill *Eutoxeres condamini*

1 seen briefly at Yankuam lodge (Roger Ahlman)

Blue-fronted Lancebill *Doryfera johannae*

1 male seen below Tapichalaca lodge, 1 *Doryfera sp* seen at Yankuam was probably this species (Lars Petersson)

First record for Tapichalaca lodge!

Green-fronted Lancebill *Doryfera ludovicae*

1 seen along the old Loja-Zamora road

White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora*

Common at Buenaventura, 2 seen near Puerto Inca

Brown Violetear *Colibri delphinae*

Common at Buenaventura

Green Violetear *Colibri thalassinus*

A few seen at Chinapintza

Sparkling Violetear *Colibri coruscans*

Common at Copalinga

Black-throated Mango *Anthracothorax nigricollis*

1 male seen at Yankuam (ssp *nigricollis*), 2 females seen at Ayampe (ssp *iridescens*)

Western birds sometimes considered a subspecies of Green-breasted Mango *Anthracothorax prevostii*.

Violet-headed Hummingbird *Klais guimeti*

Singles seen at Copalinga lodge

Spangled Coquette *Lophornis stictolophus*

1 female seen at Yankuam lodge and 1 female seen at Copalinga lodge

Very rare in Ecuador. Not mentioned from Cordillera del Condor in Birds of Ecuador.

Wire-crested Thorntail *Popelairia popelairii*

1 female seen at Chinapintza and 1 male seen at Copalinga lodge and 1 male along the old Loja-Zamora road

Green Thorntail *Popelairia conversii*

Common at Buenaventura lodge

Fork-tailed Woodnymph *Thalurania furcata*

Singles seen at Yankuam, 1 seen at Copalinga

Green-crowned Woodnymph *Thalurania fannyi*

2 seen at Ayampe

Emerald-bellied Woodnymph *Thalurania hypochlora*

2 females and 1 male seen at Buenaventura

By Clements lumped with previous species under that name

Violet-bellied Hummingbird *Damophila julie*

Common at Buenaventura

Golden-tailed Sapphire *Chrysuronia oenone*

2 seen at Yankuam lodge and 2 seen at Copalinga lodge

Tumbes Hummingbird *Leucippus baeri*

4 seen at Zapotillo

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird *Amazilia tzacatl*

Singles seen at Buenaventura and Ayampe

Amazilia Hummingbird *Amazilia amazilia*

Fairly common at Manglares-Churute, singles at Buenaventura and Ayampe (ssp *dumerilii*) and a few seen at Vilcabamba (ssp *alticola*)

alticola is sometimes considered a separate species - Loja Hummingbird

Andean Emerald *Amazilia franciae*

Common at Buenaventura lodge

Glittering-throated Emerald *Amazilia fimbriata*

Singles seen at Yankuam lodge and 1 seen at Coplainga lodge

White-vented Plumeleteer *Chalybura buffonii*

1 male seen in a private garden in Zaruma

It has been suggested that this taxon should be treated as a separate species Ecuadorian Plumeleteer *Chalybura intermedia*

Speckled Hummingbird *Adelomyia melanogenys*

Singles seen at Utuana, Cerro Toledo, Tapichalaca and Chinapintza

Rufous-vented Whitetip *Urosticte ruficrissa*

1 female seen at Bombuscara (Jonas Starck)

Green-crowned Brilliant *Heliodoxa jacula*

Common at Buenaventura

Violet-fronted Brilliant *Heliodoxa leadbeateri*

Several seen at Copalinga lodge

Fawn-breasted Brilliant *Heliodoxa rubinoides*

A few seen at Tapichalaca lodge

Ecuadorian Hillstar *Oreotrochilus chimborazo*

2 males seen at El Cajas NP

Mountain Velvetbreast *Lafresnaya lafresnayi*

1 seen at Cerro Toledo, 2 seen at Acanama forest and 1 female seen at laguna Llaviucu, El Cajas NP

Bronzy Inca *Coeligena coeligena*

1 seen at Chinapintza

Collared Inca *Coeligena torquata*

Singles seen at Tapichalaca

Buff-winged Starfrontlet *Coeligena lutetiae*

1 heard at Cerro Toledo

Rainbow Starfrontlet *Coeligena iris*

Common at Utuana, 1 seen at El Cajas NP

Sword-billed Hummingbird *Ensifera ensifera*

1 seen at laguna Llaviucu, El Cajas NP

Chestnut-breasted Coronet *Boissonneaua matthewsii*

Common at Tapichalca, 4 seen at Chinapintza

Amethyst-throated Sunangel *Helianthus amethysticollis*

Up to three seen at the feeders at Tapichalaca

Flame-throated Sunangel *Helianthus micraster*

1 seen at Cerro Toledo, 2-3 seen at Tapichalaca

Sometimes called Little Sunangel

Purple-throated Sunangel *Helianthus viola*

Common at Utuana, 1 seen at Cajanuma, 1 seen at laguna Llaviucu, El Cajas NP

Glowing Puffleg *Eriocnemis vestitus*

5 seen at Cerro Toledo, 1 seen at Cajanuma, 5-6 seen at Acanama forest and 1 seen at laguna Llaviucu, El Cajas NP

Booted Racket-tail *Ocreatus underwoodii*

2 females seen along the old Loja-Zamora road

Black-tailed Trainbearer *Lesbia victoriae*

2-3 seen at laguna Llaviucu, El Cajas NP

Green-tailed Trainbearer *Lesbia nuna*

2 seen at Utuana

Violet-throated Metaltail *Metallura baroni*

3 seen at El Cajas NP

Neblina Metaltail *Metallura odomae*

3 seen at Cerro Toledo

Tyrian Metaltail *Metallura tyrianthina*

Singles seen at Cerro Toledo, Tapichalaca, Acanama forest and El Cajas NP

Rainbow-bearded Thornbill *Chalcostigma herrani*

1 seen at Cerro Toledo (Anders Jihmanner)

Blue-mantled Thornbill *Chalcostigma stanleyi*

1 male seen at El Cajas NP

Long-tailed Sylph *Agelaiocercus kingi*

3 seen at Tapichalaca, 1 seen at Chinapintza

Violet-tailed Sylph *Agelaiocercus coelestis*

Singles seen at the higher parts of Buenaventura

Wedge-billed Hummingbird *Schistes geoffroyi*

1 seen at Buenaventura (ssp *albugularis*) (Lars Petersson), 1 male seen at Chinapintza (ssp *geoffroyi*)

Purple-crowned Fairy *Heliothryx barroti*

2 seen at Buenaventura

Black-eared Fairy *Heliothryx aurita*

3 seen at Yankuam, 1 seen along the old Loja-Zamora road

Long-billed Starthroat *Helioaster longirostris*

1 seen at Manglares-Churute, 1 seen at Buenaventura, 2-3 seen at Jorupe, 1 seen at Zapotillo and 2 seen at Ayampe



Male Esmeraldas Woodstar. This tiny hummingbird is endemic to the coast of Ecuador. It is seasonal here at Ayampe, coming during the wet season to breed. Non-breeding whereabouts is poorly known but it seems like they move higher up into the foothills with a few records in the Mindo-Tandayapa area.

Amethyst Woodstar *Calliphlox amethystina*

1 male seen at Yankuam lodge

Short-tailed Woodstar *Myrmia micrura*

2 seen at Zapotillo

White-bellied Woodstar *Chaetocercus mulsant*

2 seen at Bombuscara

Little Woodstar *Chaetocercus bombus*

1 female seen in a private garden in Zaruma, 1 female+1 immature male seen at Copalinga lodge and 1 female seen at Ayampe

Esmeraldas Woodstar *Chaetocercus berlepschi*

6-7 seen at Ayampe (photo above)

TROGONS AND QUETZALS - TROGONIDAE

Golden-headed Quetzal *Pharomachrus auriceps*

Heard at Buenaventura and 2 seen below Tapichalca lodge

Ecuadorian Trogon *Trogon mesurus*

2 seen at Manglares-Churute, 2 seen at Buenaventura, 1 seen and 2 heard at Ayampe

Green-backed Trogon *Trogon viridis*

6 seen at Yankuam

Often known as Amazonian White-tailed Trogon

Collared Trogon *Trogon collaris*

2 seen at Buenaventura and 1 heard at Yanjuam

Masked Trogon *Trogon personatus*

2 seen at Cerro Toledo, 3 seen at Tapichalca

This taxon, *temperatus*, may be better treated as a separate species - Highland Trogon

Gartered Trogon *Trogon caligatus*

4 seen at Buenaventura

Sometimes known as Northern Violaceous Trogon

KINGFISHERS - ALCEDINIDAE

Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata*

Singles around Manglares-Churute, 2 seen near Vilcabamba, 1 seen near Salinas and singles seen at Ayampe

Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana*

1 seen at Zapotillo, 1 found dead at Yankuam lodge, 2 seen at Ecuasal salt pans and 1 seen at Ayampe

MOTMOTS - MOMOTIDAE

Whooping Motmot *Momotus subrufescens*

1 seen at Buenaventura, fairly common at Jorupe

Formerly part of Blue-crowned Motmot *Momotus momota*

Andean Motmot *Momotus aequatorialis*

2 seen at Bombuscara including at a nest hole

When the Blue-crowned Motmot *complex was split up, this taxon's name was changed from* Highland Motmot

JACAMARS - GALBULIDAE

Bluish-fronted Jacamar *Galbula cyane-scens*

1 male seen near Paquisha (photo below)

Recently re-found in Ecuador and this is at present the only known territory. A century-old specimen taken near Zamora was recently located in a collection in Italy!

Purplish Jacamar *Galbula chalcothorax* 2+1 seen near Yankuam lodge

PUFFBIRDS - BUCCONIDAE

Black-streaked Puffbird *Malacoptila fulvogularis*

1 seen at Chinapintza



Bluish-fronted Jacamar. Recently re-found in Ecuador and this site is currently the only known territory. Formerly known from south of the Marañon river in Peru.

NEW WORLD BARBETS - CAPITONIDAE

Gilded Barbet *Capito auratus*

Fairly common around Yankuam lodge

Red-headed Barbet *Eubucco bourcierii*

1 seen at Chinapintza, 5 seen at Bombuscara and old Loja-Zamora road

TOUCANS - RAMPHASTIDAE

Emerald Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus prasinus*

2 seen below Tapichalaca and 3 seen at Cajanuma

The Emerald Toucanet is sometimes split into several species. The one in southern Ecuador is called Andean or Black-throated Toucanet. The taxon is either way cyanolaemus.

Chestnut-tipped Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus derbianus*

3 seen below Chinapintza



Male Golden-collared Toucanet

Crimson-rumped Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus haematopygus*

2 seen at Buenaventura

Golden-collared Toucanet *Selenidera reinwardtii*

1 male seen at Yankuam

Pale-mandibled Araçari *Pteroglossus erythropygius*

3 seen at Buenaventura

Sometimes lumped with Stripe-billed and Collared Aracari under the latter name

Chestnut-eared Araçari *Pteroglossus castanotis*

1 seen at Yankuam

Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucan *Andigena hypoglauca*

1 seen at Acanama forest

Channel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos vitellinus*

Singles seen and heard at Yankuam

Chocó Toucan *Ramphastos brevis*

Singles seen and heard at Buenaventura

Chestnut-mandibled Toucan *Ramphastos swainsonii*

Singles seen and heard at Buenaventura and Ayampe

WOODPECKERS AND PICULETS - PICIDAE

Lafresnaye's Piculet *Picumnus lafresnayi*

1+2 seen near Yankuam, 1 seen near Paquisha and 1 seen along the old Loja-Zamora road

Olivaceous Piculet *Picumnus olivaceus*

2 seen at Manglares-Churute and 2 seen at Buenaventura

Ecuadorian Piculet *Picumnus sclateri*

A total of 7 seen at Jorupe

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker *Piculus rivolii*

2 seen at Utuana, 1 seen at Cerro Toledo and 4 seen at Tapichalaca

Golden-olive Woodpecker *Piculus rubiginosus*

1 seen at Jorupe, 1 seen at Yankuam and 1 seen at Yunguilla

White-throated Woodpecker *Piculus leucolaemus*

1 male seen at Yankuam

Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus*

Singles seen at most sites

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker *Melanerpes cruentatus*

Singles seen between Paquisha and Yankuam

Black-cheeked Woodpecker *Melanerpes pucherani*

3 seen at Manglares-Churute, 2 seen at Buenaventura and heard at Ayampe

Smoky-brown Woodpecker *Veniliornis fumigatus*

2 seen at Utuana and 1 seen at Chinapintza

Bar-bellied Woodpecker *Veniliornis nigriceps*

1 pair seen with a flock at Tapichalaca

Scarlet-backed Woodpecker *Veniliornis callonotus*

Singles seen at Mangalres-Churute, Buenaventura, Jorupe and Ayampe

Guayaquil Woodpecker *Campephilus gayaquilensis*

1 male+1 pair seen at Buenaventura, 1 seen at Jorupe

OVENBIRDS - FURNARIIDAE

Chestnut-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes albidiventris*

A few seen at El Cajas NP

Formerly known as Bar-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes fuscus*

Pacific Hornero *Furnarius cinnamomeus*

Common in the western lowlands and around Vilcabamba

Sometimes considered a subspecies of Pale-legged Hornero *Furnarius leucopus*

Andean Tit-Spinetail *Leptasthenura andicola*

1 seen at El Cajas NP

Azara's Spinetail *Synallaxis azarae*

Singles seen or heard at most highland places

Dusky Spinetail *Synallaxis moesta*

1 heard at Yankuam

Slaty Spinetail *Synallaxis brachyura*

2 seen at Buenaventura and 1 seen at Ayampe

Dark-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis albigularis*

Heard at Yankuam and Paquisha

Blackish-headed Spinetail *Synallaxis tithys*

1 seen and 1 heard at Jorupe

Ash-browed Spinetail *Cranioleuca curtata*

2+2 seen along the old Loja-Zamora road

Line-cheeked Spinetail *Cranioleuca antisimensis*

1 seen at Buenaventura, 5 seen at Utuana and fairly common at Yunguilla

Mouse-colored Thistletail *Schizoeaca griseomurina*

Singles seen and heard at Cerro Toledo, Acanama forest and El Cajas NP

Streak-backed Canastero *Asthenes wyatti*

1 heard north of Oña (Roger Ahlman)

Refers to the azuayae subspecies

Many-striped Canastero *Asthenes flammulata*

2 seen at Acanama forest and heard at El Cajas NP

Streaked Tuftedcheek *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii*

2 seen at Cerro Toledo, 3 seen at Acanama forest

Pearled Treerunner *Margarornis squamiger*

Singles seen at Cerro Toledo and Tapichalaca

Spotted Barbtail *Premnoplex brunnescens*

1 seen along the old Loja-Zamora road

Rufous-necked Foliage-gleaner *Syndactyla ruficollis*

1 seen at Utuana and 1 heard below Utuana

Montane Foliage-gleaner *Anabacerthia striaticollis*

1 seen along the old Loja-Zamora road

Western Woodhaunter *Hylocistis virgatus*

3 seen at Buenaventura

Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner *Philydor rufus*

1 seen at Buenaventura

Bamboo Foliage-gleaner *Anabazenops dorsalis*

2 seen at Yankuam

Henna-hooded Foliage-gleaner *Hylocryptus erythrocephalus*

1 seen and 2 heard at Jorupe, 1 seen at Ayampe

Black-billed Treehunter *Thripadectes melanorhynchus*

1 seen at Bombuscara

Uniform Treehunter *Thripadectes ignobilis*

1 seen at Buenaventura (Jonas Starck)

Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans*

Singles seen at Buenaventura and 1 seen along the old Loja-Zamora road

Plain Xenops *Xenops minutus*

2 seen at Buenaventura and singles around Yankuam-Paquisha

WOODCREEPERS - DENDROCOLAPTIDAE

Plain-brown Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla fuliginosa*

1 seen at Buenaventura and 1 seen at Ayampe

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper *Glyphorhynchus spirurus*

1 seen at Buenaventura, fairly common at Bombuscara and old Loja-Zamora road

Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus*

3 seen at Buenaventura, 1 seen at Jorupe and a few at Ayampe (ssp *aequatorialis*). Several seen and heard at Yankuam and Bombuscara (ssp *amazonus*)

These two subspecies surely represent separate species as the voice is totally different

Strong-billed Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus*

1 seen at Chinapintza

Spotted Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus erythropygius*

Several seen at Buenaventura

Streak-headed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*

Fairly common at Manglares-Churute, Buenaventura, Jorupe and Ayampe

Lineated Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes albolineatus*

2 seen at Yankuam

Red-billed Scythebill *Campylorhamphus trochilirostris*

1 seen at Manglares-Churute, 3 seen at Jorupe and 1 seen at Ayampe

TYPICAL ANT BIRDS - THAMNOPHILIDAE

Fasciated Antshrike *Cymbilaimus lineatus*

2 seen at Yankuam

Great Antshrike *Taraba major*

1 seen and 1 heard at Ayampe

Collared Antshrike *Sakesphorus bernardi*

Fairly common at Jorupe (ssp *piurae*) and singles seen and heard at Ayampe (ssp *bernardi*)

Lined Antshrike *Thamnophilus tenuipunctatus*

1 seen at Yankuam, 2 seen near Paquisha and heard along the old Loja-Zamora road

Chapman's Antshrike *Thamnophilus zarumae*

1 female seen at Jorupe, 4 seen and heard at Utuana and below

Uniform Antshrike *Thamnophilus unicolor*

1 heard at Buenaventura (ssp *unicolor*), 1 pair seen at Chinapintza (ssp *grandior*)

Plain-winged Antshrike *Thamnophilus schistaceus*

2 heard at Yankuam

Western Slaty-Antshrike *Thamnophilus atrinucha*

Singles seen and heard at Buenaventura

Russet Antshrike *Thamnistes anabatinus*

1 seen at Buenaventura

Plain Antvireo *Dysithamnus mentalis*

1 seen at Manglares-Churute, several seen at Jorupe and Ayampe (ssp *aequatorialis*), heard at Yankuam (ssp *tambillanus*)

Pygmy Antwren *Myrmotherula brachyura*

Heard at Yankuam

Stripe-chested Antwren *Myrmotherula longicauda*

1 male seen near Paquisha

Foothill Antwren *Myrmotherula spodionota*

1 heard at Copalinga lodge

Slaty Antwren *Myrmotherula schisticolor*

3 seen at Buenaventura

Yellow-breasted Antwren *Herpsilochmus axillaris*

2 seen along the old Loja-Zamora road

Rufous-winged Antwren *Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus*

Several heard at Yankuam

Black Antbird *Cercomacra serva*

2 seen and others heard at Yankuam

Jet Antbird *Cercomacra nigricans*

1 seen at Manglares-Churute

White-browed Antbird *Myrmoborus leucophrys*

Several seen and heard at Yankuam and Paquisha

Black-faced Antbird *Myrmoborus myotherinus*

Singles heard and glimpsed at Yankuam

Peruvian Warbling Antbird *Hypocnemis peruviana*

Several seen and heard at Yankuam and Paquisha

The Warbling Antbird *Hypocnemis cantator* has been split up and this is the taxon seen here.

Spot-winged Antbird *Schistocichla leucostigma*

A pair plus 1 seen at Yankuam

White-backed Fire-eye *Pyriglena leuconota*

A few seen and heard at Ayampe

The subspecies *pacifica* has been suggested to represent a separate species. However, in that case the species needs to be split up into several species.

Gray-headed Antbird *Myrmeciza griseiceps*

1 seen and 1 heard at Utuana



Jocotoco Antpitta. One of the star birds of southern Ecuador. Up to three birds come to feed on worms on a daily basis.

Zimmer's Antbird *Myrmeciza castanea*

1 seen at Yankuam

Split from Chestnut-tailed Antbird *Myrmeciza hemimelaena*, sometimes called Northern Chestnut-tailed Antbird

Chestnut-backed Antbird *Myrmeciza exsul*

Singles seen and heard at Buenaventura

Hairy-crested Antbird *Rhegmatorhina melanosticta*

1 seen at Yankuam

ANTPITTAS AND ANTTHRUSHES - FORMICARIIDAE

Undulated Antpitt *Grallaria squamigera*

1 heard at Utuana

Scaled Antpitta *Grallaria guatemalensis*

1 heard at Buenaventura and 1 heard at Yankuam

Plain-backed Antpitta *Grallaria haplonota*

1 heard at Buenaventura (ssp *parambae*) and 1 heard at Bombuscara (ssp *chaplinae*)

Chestnut-crowned Antpitta *Grallaria ruficapilla*

Heard at Utuana and Yunguilla

Watkins's Antpitta *Grallaria watkinsi*

2 seen and other s heard at Jorupe, also 1 heard at Ayampe

Jocotoco Antpitta *Grallaria ridgelyi*

1 or 2 coming to the worm feeder at Tapichalaca

Chestnut-naped Antpitta *Grallaria nuchalis*

A few heard at Tapichalaca

White-bellied Antpitta *Grallaria hypoleuca*

1 heard at Chinapintza

Rufous Antpitta *Grallaria rufula*

Heard at Cerro Toledo, Acanama forest and El Cajas NP

Tawny Antpitta *Grallaria quitensis*

3 seen at El Cajas NP

Thrush-like Antpitta *Myrmothera campanisona*

Singles heard at Yankuam

Crescent-faced Antpitta *Grallaricula lineifrons*

1 seen down to two meters at Acanama forest

TAPACULOS - RHINOCRYPTIDAE

Elegant Crescentchest *Melanopareia elegans*

1 seen at Zapotillo

Ash-colored Tapaculo *Myornis senilis*

1 heard at Cerro Toledo, 1 seen at Tapichalca and 2 seen at Acanama forest

Blackish Tapaculo *Scytalopus latrans*

1 seen and heard at Utuana (ssp *subcinereous*)

Blackish Tapaculo is split from Unicolored Tapaculo *Scytalopus unicolor* which is endemic to northwest Peru.

Northern White-crowned Tapaculo *Scytalopus atratus*

1 heard at Chinapintza

El Oro Tapaculo *Scytalopus robbinsi*

1 seen at Buenaventura

Chusquea Tapaculo *Scytalopus parkeri*

1 seen and several heard at Tapichalca and heard at Acanama forest

Paramo Tapaculo *Scytalopus canus*

Heard at Cerro Toledo

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS - TYRANNIDAE

Sooty-headed Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias griseiceps*

Singles seen at Buenaventura, heard at Copalinga lodge and Ayampe

Black-capped Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias nigrocapillus*

1 heard at Cerro Toledo and 1 seen at Tapichalaca

Golden-faced Tyrannulet *Zimmerius chrysops*

Singles seen and heard at Yankuam, Chinapintza and along the old Loja-Zamora road

Loja Tyrannulet *Zimmerius flavidifrons*

1 seen at Buenaventura, singles seen and heard at Utuana

Often considered a subspecies of previous species

Red-billed Tyrannulet *Zimmerius cinereicapillus*

2 seen at Yankuam

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum*

Fairly common along the coast and at Jorupe (ssp *sclateri*) and 2 seen near Paquisha (ssp *olivaceum*)

The two taxa bears little resemblance to each other are an obvious example of a to-be split.

Tumbesian Tyrannulet *Phaeomyias tumbezana*

About 5 seen and heard at Yunguilla and singles at Ayampe

Often considered a subspecies of Mouse-colored Tyrannulet Phaeomyias murina

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet *Tyrannulus elatus*

Singles seen and heard at Yankuam-Paquisha

Foothill Elaenia *Myiopagis olallai*

1 seen and heard at Bombuscara

Pacific Elaenia *Myiopagis subplacens*

Fairly common at Jorupe

Greenish Elaenia *Myiopagis viridicata*

1 seen at Buenaventura

Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster*

5 seen at Ayampe

Mottle-backed Elaenia *Elaenia gigas*

1 seen at Yankuam lodge

Highland Elaenia *Elaenia obscura*

2 seen below Tapichalaca lodge

White-crested Elaenia *Elaenia albiceps*

Singles seen at Utuana, Cerro Toledo and Tapichalaca

Sierran Elaenia *Elaenia pallatangae*

3 seen at Cerro Toledo

White-throated Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus leucophrys*

2 seen at El Cajas NP

White-banded Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus stictopterus*

Several seen at Cerro Toledo and Tapichalaca

White-tailed Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus poecilocercus*

2 seen at Utuana

Rufous-winged Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus calopterus*

1 seen at Buenaventura

Tufted Tit-Tyrant *Anairetes parulus*

2 seen at El Cajas NP

Black-crested Tit-Tyrant *Anairetes nigrocristatus*

2 seen at Utuana

Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant *Euscarthmus meloryphus*

Singles at Manglares-Churute, Jorupe, Utuana, Yunguilla and Ayampe

Olive-striped Flycatcher *Mionectes olivaceus*

Singles at Buenaventura, Yankuam and along the old Loja-Zamora road

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus*

2 seen at Manglares-Churute and 1 seen at Ayampe

Slaty-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon superciliaris*

Singles seen and heard at most lowland/foothill sites

Ecuadorian Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes gualaquizae*

Several seen and heard at Yankuam and along the old Loja-Zamora road

Yellow Tyrannulet *Capsiempis flaveola*

Singles seen at Buenaventura and 1 heard at Ayampe

Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant *Pseudotriccus ruficeps*

1 heard at Tapichalaca

White-bellied Pygmy-Tyrant *Myiornis albiventris*

1 seen and 2 heard at Yankuam

Recently found in Ecuador in this area. About 10 territories known.

Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant *Lophotriccus pileatus*

Fairly common at Manglares-Churute, Buenaventura, Paquisha and Ayampe

White-eyed Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus zosterops*

1 seen at Yankuam

Black-throated Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus granadensis*

2 seen and 1 heard at Tapichalca and 2 seen at Cajanuma. Southern subspecies *pyrrhops*

Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilotriccus ruficeps*

Heard at Yunguilla

Black-and-white Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilotriccus capitalis*

1 seen at Yankuam

Golden-winged Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilotriccus calopterus*

Several seen and heard at Yankuam

Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilotriccus latirostris*

1 seen near Paquisha

Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum*

Singles at Manglares-Churute, Buenaventura and Ayampe (ssp *sclateri*) and singles at Yankuam, Paquisha and Copalinga (ssp *peruanum*)

Fulvous-breasted Flatbill *Ramphotrigon fulvipectus*

3-4, a family group, seen along the old Loja-Zamora road

Yellow-olive Flatbill *Tolmomyias sulphureus*

Fairly common at Jorupe (ssp *aequatorialis*), 3 seen at Yankuam and 2 at Bombuscara (ssp *peruvianus*)

More than one species is probably involved in this species complex.

Olive-faced Flatbill *Tolmomyias viridiceps*

1 heard and 1 seen at Yankuam, 1 seen along the old Loja-Zamora road

Sometimes merged with Yellow-breasted Flycatcher *Tolmomyias flaviventris*

Pacific Royal-Flycatcher *Onychorhynchus occidentalis*

1 seen at Manglares-Churute

Sometimes merged with other Royal-Flycatchers under *Onychorhynchus coronatus*.

Ornate Flycatcher *Myiobius ornatus*

Common at Buenaventura (ssp *stellatus*) and fairly common at Yankuam, Chinapintza and around Zamora (ssp *phoenicurus*)

Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher *Terenotriccus erythrurus*

2 seen at Yankuam

Black-tailed Flycatcher *Myiobius atricaudus*

2 seen at Ayampe

Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher *Myiobius sulphureipygius*

2 seen at Buenaventura

Orange-crested Flycatcher *Myiophobus phoenicomitra*

1 seen at Bombuscara

Bran-colored Flycatcher *Myiophobus fasciatus*

2 seen at Buenaventura, singles at Jorupe and Ayampe

Olive-chested Flycatcher *Myiophobus cryptoxanthus*

1 seen at Yankuam and 2 seen near Paquisha

Cinnamon Flycatcher *Pyrrhomys cinnamomea*

2 seen at Cerro Toledo, 2 seen at Tapichalaca and 2 seen at Acanama forest

Western Wood-Pewee *Contopus sordidulus*

Fairly common at Yankuam and around Zamora

Tumbes Pewee *Contopus punensis*

1 heard at Manglares-Churute, singles at Jorupe and Ayampe

Sometimes considered a subspecies of Tropical Pewee *Contopus cinereus*

Blackish Pewee *Contopus nigrescens*

2 seen at Yankuam

Smoke-colored Pewee *Contopus fumigatus*

1 seen between Portovelo and Catacocha and 2 seen at Chinapintza

Olive-sided Flycatcher *Contopus cooperi*

1 seen at Manglares-Churute, 1 seen at Yankuam and 1 seen along the old Loja-Zamora road

Euler's Flycatcher *Lathrotriccus eulerei*

1 seen at Yankuam

Gray-breasted Flycatcher *Lathrotriccus griseipectus*

4 seen and heard at Ayampe

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans*

Singles near water

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*

Singles at Manglares-Churute, Jorupe, Zapotillo and Ayampe

Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca fumicolor*

1 seen at Cerro Toledo, 2 seen at Acanama forest and 5 seen at El Cajas NP

Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis*

1 seen at Derro Toledo, 1 seen at Tapichalaca and an outrageous record of one along the old Loja-Zamora road at 1150 meters altitude!

Crowned Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca frontalis*

1 seen at Acanama forest

Jelski's Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca jelskii*

2 seen at Utuana

Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant *Myiotheretes striaticollis*

1 seen above Cuenca

Smoky Bush-Tyrant *Myiotheretes fumigatus*

1 seen at Tapichalaca

Cliff Flycatcher *Hirundinea ferruginea*

1 seen above Zamora

Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant *Agriornis montana*

2 seen north of Oña

White-tailed Shrike-Tyrant *Agriornis andicola*

2 seen north of Oña

Short-tailed Field-Tyrant *Muscigralla brevicauda*

1 seen at Ayampe

Long-tailed Tyrant *Colonia colonus*

Common around Yankuam and Paquisha

Tumbes Tyrant *Tumbezia salvini*

2 seen at Zapotillo

Recently found in Ecuador at this site

Masked Water-Tyrant *Fluvicola nengeta*

2 seen at Manglares-Churute and 6 seen at Ayampe

Ochraceous Attila *Attila torridus*

1 seen at Buenaventura

Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer*

Singles seen at Buenaventura and 2 at Yunguilla (ssp *nigriceps*) and 1 seen at Yankuam (ssp *atriceps*)

Short-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus ferox*

2 seen at Yankuam and 2 seen at Copalinga

Sooty-crowned Flycatcher *Myiarchus phaeocephalus*

6 seen at Jorupe

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus*

Singles around Paquisha

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua*

1 seen at Manglares-Churute, 2+2 seen at Jorupe (ssp *chrysogaster*) and 2 seen near Paquisha (ssp *pitangua*)

Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis*

Common in the lowlands, ssp *similis* in the east and ssp *grandis* in the west.



The displaying Long-wattled Umbrellabirds at Buenaventura is arguably one of the highlights on a southern Ecuador tour!

Gray-capped Flycatcher *Myiozetetes granadensis*

2 seen at Yankuam and 2 seen near Paquisha

Lemon-browed Flycatcher *Conopias cinchoneti*

2+1 seen at Yankuam and 2 seen along the old Loja-Zamora road

Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus*

1 seen at Ayampe

Baird's Flycatcher *Myiodynastes bairdii*

2 seen at Manglares-Churute and 2 seen at Jorupe

Golden-crowned Flycatcher *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus*

1 seen along the old Loja-Zamora road

Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus*

2 seen at Buenaventura

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*

Common in the lowlands and foothills

Snowy-throated Kingbird *Tyrannus niveigularis*

1 seen at Ayampe

Yellow-cheeked Becard *Pachyrhamphus xanthogenys*

1 pair seen at Yankuam

Barred Becard *Pachyrhamphus versicolor*

1 seen at Tapichalca (Jonas Starck)

Slaty Becard *Pachyrhamphus spodiurus*

2 seen at Buenaventura and a male seen twice at Jorupe

Chestnut-crowned Becard *Pachyrhamphus castaneus*

1 seen at Yankuam

Black-and-white Becard *Pachyrhamphus albogriseus*

1 male seen along the old Loja-Zamora road

One-colored Becard *Platypsaris homochrous*

Several seen at Buenaventura

Black-tailed Tityra *Tityra cayana*

2 seen at Yankuam

Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata*

3 seen at Yankuam

COTINGAS - COTINGIDAE

Red-crested Cotinga *Ampelion rubrocristatus*

2+3 seen at Utuana, 1 seen at Cerro Toledo, 1 seen at Tapichalaca and 1 seen at Acanama forest

Chestnut-bellied Cotinga *Doliornis remseni*

2 seen at Acanama forest (Anders Jihmanner)

Green-and-black Fruiteater *Pipreola riefferii*

2 seen at Tapichalaca

Black-chested Fruiteater *Pipreola lubomirskii*

1 male seen at Chinapintza

Fiery-throated Fruiteater *Pipreola chlorolepidota*

A pair seen at Yankuam

White-browed Purpletuft *Iodopleura isabellae*

2 seen at Yankuam

Gray-tailed Piha *Lathria subalaris*

Heard at Yankuam

Spangled Cotinga *Cotinga cayana*

4 males seen at Yankuam

Amazonian Umbrellabird *Cephalopterus ornatus*

1 seen at Bombuscara

Long-wattled Umbrellabird *Cephalopterus penduliger*

2 males displaying at Buenaventura (photos above)

MANAKINS - PIPRIDAE

White-bearded Manakin *Manacus manacus*

1 seen at Manglares-Churute, 1 seen plus heard at Buenaventura, heard at Paquisha

Striped Manakin *Machaeropterus regulus*

1 male seen near Paquisha

Club-winged Manakin *Machaeropterus deliciosus*

Seen and heard at a lek at Buenaventura

Green Manakin *Chloropipo holochlora*

1 seen at Yankuam

Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin *Tyranneutes stolzmanni*

Heard at Yankuam

Wing-barred Piprites *Piprites chloris*

1 seen and 1 heard at Yankuam

Northern Schiffornis *Schiffornis veraepacis*

1 seen at Buenaventura and 1 heard at Ayampe (Lars Petersson)

Formerly part of Thrush-like Schiffornis *Schiffornis turdina*

JAYS - CORVIDAE

Turquoise Jay *Cyanolyca turcosa*

Singles at Tapichalaca and Acanama forest and 3 seen at El Cajas NP

Violaceous Jay *Cyanocorax violaceus*

Fairly common around Yankuam

White-tailed Jay *Cyanocorax mystacalis*

Several at Jorupe

Inca Jay *Cyanocorax yncas*

Singles along the old Loja-Zamora road

VIREOS, PEPPERSHRIKES, SHRIKE-VIREOS - VIREONIDAE

Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis*

1 seen at Manglares-Churute, 1 seen at Jorupe, 1 seen at Utuana, 1 seen at Cerro Toledo, 2 seen and heard at Yunguilla and 1 seen at Ayampe

Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo *Vireolanius leucotis*

2 seen at Yankuam

Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus*

Common in the west. Refers to resident subspecies *griseobarbatus*

Brown-capped Vireo *Vireo leucophrys*

Singles at Utuana, Tapichalaca and Yunguilla

Lesser Greenlet *Hylophilus decurtatus*

Fairly common at Manglares-Churute and Buenaventura. 1 heard at Ayampe

Olivaceous Greenlet *Hylophilus olivaceus*

1 seen at Paquisha, 1+2 seen along the old Loja-Zamora road

THRUSHES - TURDIDAE

Andean Solitaire *Myadestes ralloides*

Heard at Buenaventura (ssp *plumbeiceps*) and 1 seen at Chinapintza (ssp *venezuelensis*)

Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus fuscater*

2 heard at Utuana and 1 seen and 2 heard at Yunguilla

Swainson's Thrush *Catharus ustulatus*

Singles in the foothills

Chiguanco Thrush *Turdus chiguanco*

1 seen near Gonzanamá

Great Thrush *Turdus fuscater*

Common in the highlands

Glossy-black Thrush *Turdus serranus*

Heard at Utuana

Plumbeous-backed Thrush *Turdus reevei*

2 seen at Buenaventura, fairly common at Jorupe

Black-billed Thrush *Turdus ignobilis*

Fairly common in the eastern foothills in open country

Pale-vented Thrush *Turdus obsoletus*

2 seen at Buenaventura

Ecuadorian Thrush *Turdus maculirostris*

Singles at Manglares-Churute, Buenaventura, Jorupe and Ayampe

White-necked Thrush *Turdus albicollis*

1 seen at Yankuam, 2 seen at Bombuscara including a nest with one egg and one just hatched chick.

Andean Slaty-Thrush *Turdus nigriceps*

1 male singing at Yunguilla

MOCKINGBIRDS - MIMIDAE

Long-tailed Mockingbird *Mimus longicaudatus*

Common in the drier western lowlands

DIPPERS - CINCLIDAE

White-capped Dipper *Cinclus leucocephalus*

3 pairs seen along the old Loja-Zamora road

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS - HIRUNDINIDAE

Gray-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea*

Fairly common in the lowlands

Brown-bellied Swallow *Notiochelidon murina*

Common in the highlands

Blue-and-white Swallow *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*

Common almost everywhere

Pale-footed Swallow *Notiochelidon flavipes*

Heard at Tapichalaca

White-banded Swallow *Atticora fasciata*

Singles near Paquisha

White-thighed Swallow *Neochelidon tibialis*

About 10 seen at Yankuam and 2 along the old Loja-Zamora road

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*

Common in the lowlands, ssp *uropygalis* in the west and ssp *ruficollis* in the east

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

10 seen at Manglares-Churute

Chestnut-collared Swallow *Petrochelidon rufocollaris*

Many at the colony in Sozoranga

WRENS - TROGLODYTIDAE

Black-capped Donacobius *Donacobius atrocapillus*

Singles seen around Paquisha and Yankuam

Thrush-like Wren *Campylorhynchus turdinus*

Heard at Yankuam

Fasciated Wren *Campylorhynchus fasciatus*

Fairly common in the western lowlands and at Vilcabamba

Rufous Wren *Cinnycerthia unirufa*

2 seen at Tapichalaca

Sepia-brown Wren *Cinnycerthia olivascens*

1 seen at Chinapintza

Grass Wren *Cistothorus platensis*

Singles in the páramo at Acanama forest and El Cajas NP

Bay Wren *Thryothorus nigricapillus*

Singles seen and several heard at Buenaventura

Plain-tailed Wren *Thryothorus euophrys*

Seen at Cerro Toledo, heard at Tapichalaca and Acanama forest

Whiskered Wren *Thryothorus mystacalis*

Heard at Buenaventura

Coraya Wren *Thryothorus coraya*

A few seen and heard at Yankuam

Superciliated Wren *Thryothorus superciliaris*

2 seen at Ayampe

Speckle-breasted Wren *Thryothorus sclateri*

2 seen at Jorupe and a few at Ayampe

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*

Singles at most places

Mountain Wren *Troglodytes solstitialis*

Singles seen and heard at Cerro Toledo and Tapichalaca

White-breasted Wood-Wren *Henicorhina leucosticta*

1 heard at Yankuam

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys*

Several seen and heard at Buenaventura and Chinapintza

Musician Wren *Cyphorhynchus aradus*

1 heard at Yankuam

Song Wren *Cyphorhynchus phaeocephalus*

2 seen at Buenaventura

Southern Nightingale-Wren *Microcerculus marginatus*

Singles heard at Yankuam

GNATCATCHERS AND GNATWRENS - POLIOPTILIDAE

Tropical Gnatcatcher *Polioptila plumbea*

Common in the western lowlands. Subspecies *bilineata* (White-faced Gnatcatcher)

NEW WORLD WARBLERS AND WRENTHRUSH - PARULIDAE

Tropical Parula *Parula pitiayumi*

Fairly common at most lowland and foothill sites

Mangrove Warbler *Dendroica petechia*

5 seen at Manglares-Churute and 5 seen at Ayampe

*Often considered conspecific with American Yellow Warbler *Dendroica aestiva**

Blackburnian Warbler *Dendroica fusca*

Singles seen at Chinapintza and around Zamora

Olive-crowned Yellowthroat *Geothlypis semiflava*

5 seen at Buenaventura

Black-lored Yellowthroat *Geothlypis auricularis*

2 seen at Ayampe

Canada Warbler *Wilsonia canadensis*

Singles seen at Yankuam and around Zamora

Slate-throated Whitestart *Myioborus miniatus*

Fairly common in the foothills both east and west

Spectacled Whitestart *Myioborus melanocephalus*

Singles at Cerro Toledo, Tapichalaca and at El Cajas NP

Black-crested Warbler *Basileuterus nigrocristatus*

Several seen and heard in the subtropical and temperate forests

Citrine Warbler *Basileuterus luteoviridis*

1 seen at Tapichalaca

Three-striped Warbler *Basileuterus tristriatus*

3 seen at Chinapintza

Three-banded Warbler *Basileuterus trifasciatus*

2 seen at Buenaventura and 3 seen at Utuana

Russet-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus coronatus*

Singles heard at Tapichalaca and Yunguilla



Giant Conebill. The only true polylepis specialist in Ecuador

Gray-and-gold Warbler *Basileuterus fraseri*

Common at Buenaventura, Jorupe and Utuana (ssp *fraseri*) and several at Ayampe (ssp *ochraceicrista*)

Buff-rumped Warbler *Basileuterus fulvicauda*

2 heard at Yankuam

TANAGERS, HONEYCREEPERS, BANANAQUIT, PLUSHCAP - THRAUPIDAE

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola*

Seen at all lowland and foothill sites

Purple Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes caeruleus*

1 seen at Buenaventura, several seen at Yankuam and around Zamora

Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza*

Common at Buenaventura and singles seen at Yankuam and around Zamora

Golden-collared Honeycreeper *Iridophanes pulcherrima*

1 pair seen along the old Loja-Zamora road

Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana*

2 seen at Yankuam and singles seen along the old Loja-Zamora road

Black-faced Dacnis *Dacnis lineata*

Fairly common around Yankuam

Yellow-tufted Dacnis *Dacnis egregia*

1 seen at Manglares-Churute and 3 seen at Buenaventura

Yellow-bellied Dacnis *Dacnis flaviventer*

2 seen at Yankuam

Chestnut-vented Conebill *Conirostrum speciosum*

1 male seen along the old Loja-Zamora road

Blue-backed Conebill *Conirostrum sitticolor*

3 seen at Tapichalaca

Giant Conebill *Oreomanes fraseri*

2 seen at El Cajas NP (photo above)

Tit-like Dacnis *Xenodacnis parina*

4 seen at El Cajas NP

Bluish Flowerpiercer *Diglossopsis caerulea*

1 heard at Chinapintza

Masked Flowerpiercer *Diglossa cyanea*

Fairly common in temperate forests

Golden-eyed Flowerpiercer *Diglossa glauca*

1 seen at Chinapintza

Glossy Flowerpiercer *Diglossa lafresnayii*

Fairly common at Cerro Toledo, a few at Tapichalaca, Acanama forest and El Cajas NP

White-sided Flowerpiercer *Diglossa albilatera*

Singles at UtuanaYunguilla and El Cajas NP

Rusty Flowerpiercer *Diglossa sittoides*

1 male seen at Chinapintza

Not mentioned in Birds of Ecuador from Cordillera del Condor

Guira Tanager *Hemithraupis guira*

2 seen at Manglares-Churute, 2 seen at Buenaventura, 2 seen along the old Loja-Zamora road and 1 seen at Ayampe

Yellow-backed Tanager *Hemithraupis flavicollis*

About 10 seen at Yankuam

Rufous-chested Tanager *Thlypopsis ornata*

1 seen at Utuana, 1 seen at Tapichalaca and 1 seen at laguna Llaviucu, El Cajas NP

Fawn-breasted Tanager *Pipraeidea melanonota*

1 seen at Buenaventura

Blue-naped Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia cyanea*

Heard along the old Loja-Zamora road

Thick-billed Euphonia *Euphonia laniirostris*

Common at Manglares-Churute, Buenaventura, Jorupe and Ayampe. A few at Yankuam and Copalinga

Golden-rumped Euphonia *Euphonia cyanocephala*

A pair seen at Utuana

Orange-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia xanthogaster*

Fairly common at most sites

Orange-crowned Euphonia *Euphonia saturata*

6 seen at Manglares-Churute

Bronze-green Euphonia *Euphonia mesochrysa*

1 seen at Bombuscara and 2 seen along the old Loja-Zamora road

White-lored Euphonia *Euphonia chrysopasta*

About 5 seen in total at Yankuam

Orange-eared Tanager *Chlorochrysa calliparaea*

2 seen along the old Loja-Zamora road

Rufous-throated Tanager *Tangara rufigula*

3 seen at Buenaventura

Golden Tanager *Tangara arthus*

Singles seen at Buenaventura and Yankuam

Silver-throated Tanager *Tangara icterocephala*

A few seen at Buenaventura

Masked Mountain-Tanager. A family group was part of a spectacular flock at Cerro Toledo. Scarce in Elfin Forest.



Saffron-crowned Tanager *Tangara xanthocephala*

Seen at Cerro Toledo and 1 at Chinapintza

Golden-eared Tanager *Tangara chrysotis*

2 seen along the old Loja-Zamora road

Flame-faced Tanager *Tangara parzudakii*

1 seen at Buenaventura (ssp *lunigera*) and 1 seen at Chinapintza (ssp *parzudakii*)

Blue-browed Tanager *Tangara cyanotis*

2 seen at Chinapintza

Beryl-spangled Tanager *Tangara nigroviridis*

2 seen at Buenaventura

Blue-and-black Tanager *Tangara vassorii*

3 seen at Utuana, 1 seen at Tapichalaca and 1 seen at Acanama forest

Silver-backed Tanager *Tangara viridicollis*

Singles seen at Utuana and 1 seen at Tapichalaca

Blue-necked Tanager *Tangara cyanicollis*

Common in the lowlands and foothills. Subspecies *caeruleocephala* in the east and *cyanopygia* in the west

Masked Tanager *Tangara nigrocincta*

Several seen at Yankuam

Turquoise Tanager *Tangara mexicana*

1+7 seen at Yankuam

Paradise Tanager *Tangara chilensis*

Common at Yankuam and around Zamora

Green-and-gold Tanager *Tangara schrankii*

Fairly common at Yankuam and around Zamora

Spotted Tanager *Tangara punctata*

A few seen around Zamora

Yellow-bellied Tanager *Tangara xanthogastra*

Singles seen at Yankuam and around Zamora

Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola*

Fairly common at lowland and foothill sites



Masked Mountain-Tanager

Yellow-throated Tanager *Iridosornis analis*

4 seen at Chinapintza

Golden-crowned Tanager *Iridosornis rufivertex*

5 seen at Cerro Toledo and 1 seen at Acanama forest

Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager *Anisognathus igniventris*

2 seen at Cerro Toledo, 2 seen at Acanama forest and 1 seen at El Cajas NP

Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager *Anisognathus lacrymosus*

2 seen at Cerro Toldeo, 5 seen at Tapichalaca

Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager *Anisognathus somptuosus*

4 seen at Chinapintza



Orange-throated Tanager

Hooded Mountain-Tanager *Buthraupis montana*

3+3 seen at Tapichalaca and 3 seen at Cajanuma

Masked Mountain-Tanager *Buthraupis wetmorei*

3 seen at Cerro Toledo (2 ad and 1 juv) (photos above)

Black-chested Mountain-Tanager *Buthraupis eximia*

1 seen at Acanama forest

Orange-throated Tanager *Wetmorethraupis sterrhopteron*

At least 4 seen at Yankuam (photo below)

Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager *Dubusia taeniata*

1 heard at Acanama forest

Grass-green Tanager *Chlorornis riefferii*

4+2 seen at Tapichalaca

Swallow Tanager *Tersina viridis*

A total of 6 seen at Copalinga and along the old Loja-Zamora road

Blue-gray Tanager *Thraupis episcopus*

Common in the lowlands and foothills of both east and west. Subspecies *quaesita* in the west and *caerulea* in the east

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum*

A few seen at Buenaventura (ssp *violilavata*) and more common in the lowlands and foothills in the east (ssp *melanoptera*)

Blue-capped Tanager *Thraupis cyanocephala*

2 seen at Utuana, 4 seen at Tapichalaca

Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo*

Common in the east

Lemon-rumped Tanager *Ramphocelus icteronotus*

Common in the western lowlands

Tooth-billed Tanager *Piranga lutea*

1 female seen at Jorupe and 1 male seen at Ayampe

Formerly called Hepatic-Tanager *Piranga lutea*

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra*

1 male seen at Buenaventura, 2 seen at Yankuam and 2 seen along the old Loja-Zamora road



Piura Hemispingus. Rare in southwest Ecuador and northwest Peru. Taxonomic status is uncertain as it is often lumped with *Black-eared hemispingus*

Scarlet Tanager *Piranga olivacea*

1 seen at Yankuam

White-winged Tanager *Piranga leucoptera*

1 male seen at Buenaventura

Red-hooded Tanager *Piranga rubriceps*

1+3 seen at Tapichalaca

Ochre-breasted Tanager *Chlorothraupis stolzmanni*

2 seen at Buenaventura

White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus*

1 seen at Yankuam, 1 seen at Copalinga and 2 seen at Ayampe

Flame-crested Tanager *Tachyphonus cristatus*

A total of 6 seen at Yankuam

White-shouldered Tanager *Tachyphonus luctuosus*

Singles seen at Manglares-Churute and Buenaventura

Fulvous Shrike-Tanager *Lanio fulvus*

1 male seen in a flock at Bombuscara

Common Bush-Tanager *Chlorospingus ophthalmicus*

Several seen at Buenaventura

Ashy-throated Bush-Tanager *Chlorospingus canigularis*

3 seen at Buenaventura (ssp *paulus*) and 2+2 seen along the old Loja-Zamora road (ssp *signatus*)

Yellow-throated Bush-Tanager *Chlorospingus flavigularis*

Common at Buenaventura (ssp *marginatus*) and common at Yankuam and around Zamora (ssp *flavigularis*)

Gray-hooded Bush-Tanager *Cnemoscopus rubrirostris*

2 seen at Cerro Toledo and 2 seen at Tapichalaca

Black-capped Hemispingus *Hemispingus atropileus*

3 seen at Tapichalaca

Oleaginous Hemispingus *Hemispingus frontalis*

1 seen at Chinapintza

Piura Hemispingus *Hemispingus piurae*

1 seen at Utuana and 2 seen between Sozoranga and Utuana

Often considered a subspecies of Black-eared Hemispingus *Hemispingus melanotis*

Magpie Tanager *Cissopis leveriana*

Fairly common in the eastern lowlands and foothills

White-capped Tanager *Sericossypha albocristata*

Heard at Tapichalaca

Plushcap *Catamblyrhynchus diadema*

2 seen in a flock at Cerro Toledo

SALTATORS, GROSBEAKS, AND CARDINALS - CARDINALIDAE

Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus*

Fairly common in lowlands and foothills both in the east and west

Grayish Saltator *Saltator coerulescens*

Heard near Paquisha and 2 seen along the old Loja-Zamora road

Black-cowled Saltator *Saltator nigriceps*

About 7-8 seen at Utuana and below

Streaked Saltator *Saltator striatipectus*

Fairly common at Jorupe and also seen at Ayampe. All belonging to the unstreaked subspecies *flavidicollis*

Slate-colored Grosbeak *Saltator grossus*

1 heard at Yankuam

Southern Yellow-Grosbeak *Pheucticus chrysogaster*

1 seen at Buenaventura, fairly common at Jorupe, Utuana and Yunguilla and 1 seen at Ayampe

Blue-black Grosbeak *Cyanocompsa cyanooides*

1 heard near Paquisha

Yellow-shouldered Grosbeak *Parkerthraustes humeralis*

2 seen at Yankuam

EMBERIZINE FINCHES - EMBERIZIDAE

Crimson-breasted Finch *Rhodospingus cruentus*

A pair seen at Ayampe

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina*

Common in grassy areas

Dull-colored Grassquit *Tiaris obscura*

1 seen at Ayampe

Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch *Oryzoborus angolensis*

Singles seen at Yankuam and Paquisha

Thick-billed Seed-Finch *Oryzoborus funereus*

2 seen at Buenaventura

This and the previous species was previously called Lesser Seed-Finch Oryzoborus angolensis

Black-billed Seed-Finch *Oryzoborus atrirostris*

3 seen near Paquisha

Variable Seedeater *Sporophila corvina*

Singles seen in the western lowlands

Black-and-white Seedeater *Sporophila luctuosa*

2 seen at Yankuam lodge

Yellow-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila nigricollis*

Singles seen at Buenaventura and Ayampe

Chestnut-throated Seedeater *Sporophila telasco*

singles seen at Manglares-Churute and Ayampe

Chestnut-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila castaneiventris*

Fairly common at Yankuam and Paquisha

Plain-colored Seedeater *Catamenia inornata*

4 seen at El Cajas NP



White-winged Brush-Finch. This distinctive taxon has been suggested to represent a separate species - Paynter's Brush-Finch. It has got a very small distribution in northern Peru and was recently found here in Ecuador with only a few territories known.

Paramo Seed-eater *Catamenia homochroa*

10 seen at Acanama forest

Plumbeous Sierra-Finch *Phrygilus unicolor*

Seen at El Cajas NP

Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola*

Fairly common in the southwest lowlands and 2 at Ayampe

Red Pileated-Finch *Coryphospingus cucullatus*

1 male seen at Yankuam

Pale-naped Brush-Finch *Atlapetes pallidinucha*

2 seen at Cerro Toledo

Rufous-naped Brush-Finch *Atlapetes latinuchus*

A few seen at Tapichalaca. Subspecies here is *latinuchus*

White-winged Brush-Finch *Atlapetes leucopterus*

2 seen below Tapichalaca lodge. (photo above)

These are of the distinct paynteri subspecies which may prove to be a separate species (Paynter's Brush-Finch).

Recently found in Ecuador and known only from here.

Bay-crowned Brush-Finch *Atlapetes seebohmi*

2 seen between Sozoranga and Utuana

White-headed Brush-Finch *Atlapetes albiceps*

2 seen near El Empalme

Pale-headed Brush-Finch *Atlapetes pallidiceps*

About 10 seen at Yunguilla

Gray-browed Brush-Finch *Buarremon assimilis*

2 seen and 2 heard at Yunguilla

Split from the Stripe-headed Brush-Finch Buarremon torquatus complex

Orange-billed Sparrow *Arremon aurantirostris*

Several seen and heard at Buenaventura (ssp *santarosae*) , singles seen at Yankuam and Copalinga (ssp *spectabilis*) and a few seen and heard at Ayampe (ssp *occidentalis*)

Black-capped Sparrow *Arremon abeillei*

Fairly common at Jorupe and 1 seen at Ayampe

Black-striped Sparrow *Arremonops conirostris*

2 seen at Jorupe and 5 seen at Ayampe

Yellow-browed Sparrow *Ammodramus aurifrons*

Fairly common in the eastern foothills

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis*

Common in the highlands

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES - ICTERIDAE

Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela*

Singles seen at Manglares-Churute, Buenaventura, Jorupe and Ayampe (ssp *flavicrissus*) and fairly common at Yankuam, Paquisha and around Zamora (ssp *cela*)

Northern Mountain-Cacique *Cacicus leucoramphus*

1 seen at Cajanuma

Subtropical Cacique *Cacicus uropygialis*

Heard along the old Loja-Zamora road

Yellow-billed Cacique *Amblycercus holosericeus*

1 seen at Ayampe

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus*

Fairly common at Yankuma, Paquisha and around Zamora

Russet-backed Oropendola *Psarocolius angustifrons*

Fairly common at Yankuma, Paquisha and around Zamora

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis*

A pair seen in Vilcabamba. We also saw many unidentified black birds that were either this species or Scrub Blackbird.

Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus*

2 seen at Yankuam

Scrub Blackbird *Dives warszewiczi*

Common in the west and in interandean valleys like Vilcabamba and Yunguilla

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus*

Several seen at Puerto Jeli, 1 seen west of Guayaquil and 1 seen at Ayampe

White-edged Oriole *Icterus graceannae*

Singles seen at Jorupe

Yellow-tailed Oriole *Icterus mesomelas*

Singles seen and heard at Jorupe and Ayampe

Peruvian Meadowlark *Sturnella bellicosa*

A few seen at Zapotillo, singles seen in the highlands between Loja and Cuenca



High altitude birding at Cerro Toledo



CARDUELINE FINCHES - FRINGILLIDAE

Hooded Siskin *Carduelis magellanica*

15 seen near Sozoranga, 10 seen at Yunguilla and a few seen at El Cajas NP

Saffron Siskin *Carduelis siemiradzkii*

3 males and 2 females seen at Ayampe

Yellow-bellied Siskin *Carduelis xanthogastra*

3 seen at Buenaventura

OLD WORLD SPARROWS - PASSERIDAE

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

Seen in lowland towns in the west

Red-faced Parrot. Surely one of the better pictures ever taken of this species.

Mammal list

Central American Agouti *Dasyprocta punctata*
Seen at Buenaventura lodge

Black Agouti *Dasyprocta fuliginosa*
1 seen at Copalinga lodge

South American Coati *Nasua nasua*
A group of about 15 at Buenaventura lodge

Ecuadorian mantled Howler *Alouatta palliata aequatorialis*
1 seen at Manglares-Churute and heard at Buenaventura

White-fronted Capuchin *Cebus albifrons aequatorialis*
2 seen at Manglares-Churute

Guayaquil Squirrel *Sciurus stramineus*
Singles at Manglares-Churute and Jorupe

Common Opossum *Didelphis marsupialis*
1 seen after dusk at Copalinga lodge (Lars and Anita)

Tayra *Eira barbara*
1 seen at Buenaventura and 1 seen at Ayampe (ssp *madeirensis*)

Brazilian Rabbit *Sylvilagus brasiliensis*
Singles seen in the páramo at El Cajas NP and Acanama forest

Common Bottlenose Dolphin *Tursiops truncatus*
Seen on the pelagic off Salinas

Common Dolphin *Delphinus delphis*
Seen on the pelagic off Salinas

Short-finned Pilot Whale *Globicephala macrorhynchus*
A family group seen on the pelagic off Salinas

South American Sealion *Otaria flavescens*
About 10 seen on the pelagic off Salinas

Tayra at Ayampe



Birding site by province

Manabí

Ayampe

Santa Elena

Pacoa, Salinas, pelagic off Salinas

Santa Elena was formerly part of Guayas but since 7 november 2007 it is a province of its own.

Guayas

Puetro Hondo, Guayaquil, Manglares-Churute

El Oro

Puerto Jelí, Buenaventura, Zaruma

Loja

Catacocha, El Empalme, Jorupe, Zapotillo, Utuana, Sozoranga, Vilcambamba, Cerro Toledo, Acanama Forest, Huashabamba

Zamora-Chinchipe

Tapichalaca, Copalinga, Yankuam, Old Loja-Zamora road

Azuay

Oña, Yunguilla, El Cajas NP

