

## ECUADOR: RAINFOREST & ANDES

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I just love leading this tour - the habitats are so diverse and breath taking, and bundles of new birds seem to be around every corner! Ecuador can't be beat for large numbers of species to be found in such a small area, and we made the most of this richness during our two weeks. Northern Ecuador can be a rainy place any time of the year - especially in the east - but any rain we got, we battled through successfully.

Thinking back over the highlight episodes of the trip, I can't help but remember some major events, like these: great canopy tower experiences (on both slopes) with an incredible variety of tanagers, toucans, cotingas and other canopy species; four species of antpittas at our feet between our visits to Paz de Las Aves and San Isidro (who would have ever thought that antpittas could be so confiding?!); plenty of ethereal, early morning birding strolls on the lush Andean slopes where cloud forests roll as far as one can see; and waves of screeching, squawking parrots, parakeets and parrotlets at the lowland clay licks.

There are always some individual bird highlights that deserve a special spotlight, so here are some what I thought stood out as I read back over my bedraggled checklist: a pair cooperative of Torrent Ducks at Guango; perched Tiny Hawks at eye-level; that oh so close group of 'tame' Dark-backed Wood-quail at Paz de las Aves; Hoatzin, just because it's a goofy and characteristic bird of the eastern lowlands that folks loved seeing; an awesome performance from two Chestnut-headed Crakes; what must have numbered into the thousands of screeching and yelping parrots and parakeets at two active clay licks, with the likes of Scarlet-shouldered Parrotlet and Blue-headed Parrot; day roosting Crested Owls; one responsive Andean Potoo that perched for us; a mesmerizing male Lyre-tailed Nightjar perched in the spotlight next to the road; White-chested and Spot-fronted Swifts in the San Isidro area; hummingbirds galore - over 50 species seen - including such beauties (and rarities) as Sword-billed Hummer, Velvet-purple Coronet, and Rainbow-bearded Thornbill; male Golden-headed Quetzal; fantastic studies at Green-and-rufous kingfisher along the Orquidea stream at Sacha; terrific jacamar encounters with the likes of Yellow-billed, Coppery-chested, and Purplish; a pair of singing Barred Puffbirds in the scope; awesome Toucan Barbets at banana feeders; those gorgeous Plate-billed Mountain-Toucans; Crimson-mantled Woodpeckers in the highlands and the Cream-colored and Chestnut in the lowlands; more furnariids ('LBJ's') than most folks probably care to remember, but how about the handsome Orange-fronted Plushcrown, Streaked Tuftedcheek and Short-billed Leaf-tosser in the scope?; a scoped male Lunulated Antbird; San Isidro's resident White-bellied Antpitta that came hopping right in after some whistling; the cute little Ochre-breasted Antpitta at Septimo; Orange-breasted Fruiteaters for scope views at Mindo Loma; Andean Cock-of-the-Rock at Paz de las Aves' lek; 8 species of manakins, like that spectacular Club-winged and chunky Orange-crested; more flycatchers than most will ever digest; close Paramo Pipits in the high grasslands; White-capped Dippers multiple times; and more tanagers than we could have ever hoped for - well you can always hope for more - with the likes of Grass-green, Scarlet-browed, Flame-faced, Blue-browed, and Vermilion.

This is also a trip where mammals vie for a considerable amount of the attention, like in the eastern lowlands where those comical monkeys really put on some entertaining shows. We had nice looks at five species, with the likes of Pygmy Marmoset, Golden-mantle Tamarin, and Red Howler Monkey. That

Tayra running across the road at Septimo wasn't bad either!

One of the neatest features of this trip, as well, are all of the wonderful folks we got to share the trip with: Oscar, Pablo, Angel, and Edgar in particular. All of these guys, in their own ways, really helped mold our trip into a successful one. I send my thanks to all of you for making this tour such a joy to lead and I hope we cross paths again on another birding adventure... Bird-on! Mitch.

*List total: 655 bird taxa and 15 mammal taxa*

*If marked to left of list, \* = heard only, I = introduced, E = endemic,  
N = nesting, a = austral migrant, b = boreal migrant*

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### **Tinamidae**

- \* GREAT TINAMOU (*Tinamus major*)
- \* CINEREOUS TINAMOU (*Crypturellus cinereus*)
- \* LITTLE TINAMOU (*Crypturellus soui*)
- \* UNDULATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus undulatus*)
- \* VARIEGATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus variegatus*)

### **Phalacrocoracidae**

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)  
*John spotted our first one when it flew over at Septimo.*

### **Anhingaidae**

ANHINGA (*Anhinga anhinga*)  
*We had our best looks at a female along the edges of Pilchecocho (Sacha's lake) when we spotted a female perched up, taking a rest before it launched back into the water.*

### **Ardeidae**

CAPPED HERON (*Pilherodius pileatus*)  
*Oscar found three feeding out along the shores of the Napo on a rainy day in the eastern lowlands for distant, but pretty decent views.*

COCOI HERON (*Ardea cocoi*)  
*The large heron (like a white Great Blue) that we saw out along the banks of the Napo.*

GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba*)

SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula*)

CATTLE EGRET (*Bubulcus ibis ibis*)

STRIATED HERON (*Butorides striata*)  
*A couple of times briefly along the edges of Pilchecocho.*

- \* ZIGZAG HERON (*Zebrilus undulatus*)  
*Frustratingly close along the Anaconda stream, but we did all we could... the ball was in his court!*

### **Anatidae**

TORRENT DUCK (*Merganetta armata colombiana*)  
*Very nice scope studies at a pair of this 'must see' Andean duck species at Guango. They played some hardball, but we finally out-waited them and had them sitting right out on the river boulders.*

SPECKLED (ANDEAN) TEAL (*Anas flavirostris andium*)  
*Distant scope views at at least one bird out on some trout ponds near the Papallacta Pass.*

YELLOW-BILLED PINTAIL (*Anas georgica georgica*)  
*A few before the rains hit again out on Papallacta Lake.*

### **Cathartidae**

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*)

TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura*)  
*Common in the lowlands and foothills.*

GREATER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE (*Cathartes melambrotus*)  
*The common forest vulture of the eastern lowlands.*

KING VULTURE (*Sarcoramphus papa*)  
*Well, we never saw an adult, but the young bird checking us out at the wooden canopy tower at Sacha was a real hit. It seemed really interested in us and even came in and sat next to us for a spell on the branches of the canopy tower tree itself... had us wondering who's shirt needed a little bit of laundering!*

### **Pandionidae**

OSPREY (*Pandion haliaetus*)  
*One flying over the Napo.*

### **Accipitridae**

GRAY-HEADED KITE (*Leptodon cayanensis cayanensis*)  
*A few adults at Sacha; one from the metal towers and one perched along the Napo.*

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE (*Elanoides forficatus*)

SNAIL KITE (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*)

*Young birds along Pilchecochoa.*

SLENDER-BILLED KITE (*Rostrhamus hamatus*)

*Common around Sacha.*

DOUBLE-TOOTHED KITE (*Harpagus bidentatus*)

*Also common around Sacha, but seen best through the scope from the metal towers.*

PLUMBEOUS KITE (*Ictinia plumbea*)

*John spotted one in flight from the metal towers.*

TINY HAWK (*Accipiter superciliosus*)

*An uncommon species that we had excellent scope studies of from the Silanche tower. The larger female was the first to show, and then the 'tiny' male popped in, for a nice comparison.*

PLAIN-BREASTED HAWK (*Accipiter ventralis*)

*One soaring bird along the Old Nono-Mindo road, above the town of Tandayapa. Re-lumped by the SACC (South American Classification Committee) with Sharp-shinned Hawk... darn!*

SLATE-COLORED HAWK (*Leucopternis schistaceus*)

*Distant but nice scope views from the metal towers.*

WHITE HAWK (*Leucopternis albigollis*)

*Pablo spotted a distant bird perched from the far metal tower... man, he can find those birds!*

BLACK-CHESTED BUZZARD-EAGLE (*Geranoaetus melanoleucus australis*)

*The large short-tailed eagle of the highlands that we had splendid views of near the Papallacta Pass.*

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Buteo magnirostris magnirostris*)

*A common hawk in humid areas. The one with the rufous in the primaries.*

WHITE-RUMPED HAWK (*Buteo leucorrhous*)

*One quick flyby at San Isidro, but that white rump was visible.*

SHORT-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo brachyurus*)

*One white-morph bird at Silanche as it drifted over the pastures.*

PUNA (VARIABLE) HAWK (*Buteo poecilochrous*)

*The common large Buteo of the highlands such as near the Papallacta Pass.*

### **Falconidae**

BLACK CARACARA (*Daptrius ater*)

CARUNCULATED CARACARA (*Phalcoboenus carunculatus*)

*A handsome highland caracara that we saw well a couple of times.*

YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA (*Milvago chimachima*)

LAUGHING FALCON (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*)

*Nice scope studies of one from the metal towers at Sacha.*

BARRED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur ruficollis*)

*Quick looks for some at dawn as we made our way down to the Cock-of-the-Rock lek at Angel Paz's (Paz de Las Aves).*

\* PLUMBEOUS FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur plumbeus*)

AMERICAN KESTREL (*Falco sparverius*)

APLOMADO FALCON (*Falco femoralis*)

*Spotted by John as it powerfully flew over near Yanacochoa on our first day. This one can easily be recognized at a distance by virtue of its long-tailed appearance.*

BAT FALCON (*Falco rufigularis*)

*A very distant one perched up on a snag as we paddled across Pilchecochoa.*

ORANGE-BREASTED FALCON (*Falco deiroleucus*)

*We could have used a smidge more of luck on this one when it flew in and even landed, but out of sight. Once we relocated it and got it into the scope, it promptly flew, never to be seen again! Guacamayos.*

### **Cracidae**

SPECKLED CHACHALACA (*Ortalis guttata*)

*Scarce this trip at Sacha but we did finally have them a couple of times for nice looks.*

ANDEAN GUAN (*Penelope montagnii*)

*Sally spotted a pair as they crept in through the forest in the Guacamayos for very nice studies.*

SPIX'S GUAN (*Penelope jacquacu*)

*A large Penelope guan, and one we saw pretty well on our first morning at Sacha as we hiked to the towers... a rather nice distraction, I'd say!*

**Odontophoridae**

MARbled WOOD-QUAIL (*Odontophorus gujanensis*)

*Largely quiet this trip, but they really chorused on the last evening at Sacha in the forests behind the lodge... wow! John and Peter had nice views of a roosting pair that Oscar took them over to see as it got dark.*

\* RUFOUS-FRONTED WOOD-QUAIL (*Odontophorus erythrops*)

DARK-BACKED WOOD-QUAIL (*Odontophorus melanonotus*)

*Angel Paz got them to creep upslope for a wonderful feeding session. Wood-quails can be one of the most difficult groups of birds to see.*

**Opisthocomidae**

HOATZIN (*Opisthocomus hoazin*)

*The goofy, turkey-like bird that reminds me of a punk-rocker with that wild crest. Common around the Pilchecocha, the lake at Sacha, but a real highlight for many. A trip to the blackwater lakes of the Amazon wouldn't be complete without them!*

**Aramidae**

LIMPKIN (*Aramus guarauna*)

*Fairly common in blackwater areas around Sacha.*

**Psophiidae**

\* GRAY-WINGED TRUMPETER (*Psophia crepitans*)

**Rallidae**

CHESTNUT-HEADED CRAKE (*Anurolimnas castaneiceps*)

*One of my favorites! We were all more than blown away with this species' performance when not one, but two pranced out of the darkness and into well lit holes in the undergrowth... and then started to call in full view... wow! A lifetime experience.*

BLACK-BANDED CRAKE (*Anurolimnas fasciatus*)

*I know a few folks got onto the one that slipped past an opening through the marshy grasses along the Sacha boardwalk, Patty being one! We tried a few other times, but never had luck with it showing itself again.*

GRAY-BREASTED CRAKE (*Laterallus exilis*)

*A quick glimpse of one that raced across a narrow trail out on an early succession river island.*

**Recurvirostridae**

BLACK-NECKED STILT (*Himantopus mexicanus*)

*While not a rare bird at all, this was one of our more interesting sightings of the trip, as I can find no reference to this species ever having been found on Ecuador's east slope. We had five of them resting out on a sandbar along the Napo as we motored along. The prove how rare it is here, Oscar and Pablo had never seen it!*

**Charadriidae**

PIED LAPWING (*Vanellus cayanus*)

*Some nice looks at this fancy plover (lapwing) out along the Napo.*

COLLARED PLOVER (*Charadrius collaris*)

*Scoped out on a Napo river island.*

**Scolopacidae**

a SPOTTED SANDPIPER (*Actitis macularia*)

a LEAST SANDPIPER (*Calidris minutilla*)

**Laridae**

ANDEAN GULL (*Larus serranus*)  
*A well-marked gull of the high Andes.*

**Sternidae**

YELLOW-BILLED TERN (*Sterna superciliaris*)  
*Fairly common out over the sandbars along the Napo.*

**Columbidae**

I ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*)

*Most common in and around Quito.*

SCALED PIGEON (*Patagioenas speciosa*)

*Flying over along the Loreto rd. Some could even make out the red in the bill.*

BAND-TAILED PIGEON (*Patagioenas fasciata albilinea*)

*The common highland pigeon we scoped one for nice looks on our first day along the the Old Nono-Mindo rd.*

PALE-VENTED PIGEON (*Patagioenas cayennensis*)

*Common in wetter and secondary areas at Sacha. Most surprising though was that large group perched together - 20 birds? - along the Milpe rd. This would seem to be a noteworthy record as it seems really high and away from proper habitat.*

PLUMBEOUS PIGEON (*Patagioenas plumbea*)

*We had them well on our first day along the Old Nono-Mindo rd. when Edgar (our faithful driver) spotted a pair along the roadside.*

RUDDY PIGEON (*Patagioenas subvinacea*)

*Fairly common in the lowlands of both slope.*

DUSKY PIGEON (*Patagioenas goodsoni*)

*Excellent studies from the tower at Silanche of this Choco endemic pigeon.*

EARED DOVE (*Zenaida auriculata hypoleuca*)

*Common in the central valley.*

WHITE-TIPPED DOVE (*Leptotila verreauxi decolor*)

\* GRAY-FRONTED DOVE (*Leptotila rufaxilla*)

PALLID DOVE (*Leptotila pallida*)

*John made an impossible spot of one at Silanche through a tiny hole as it perched for all to at least see part of!*

\* WHITE-THROATED QUAIL-DOVE (*Geotrygon frenata bourcierii*)

**Psittacidae**

RED-BELLIED MACAW (*Orthopsittaca manilata*)

*Small, distant groups over the Napo. Macaws were in short supply.*

WHITE-EYED PARAKEET (*Aratinga leucophthalmus*)

*Seen only as fly overs in the Sacha area.*

DUSKY-HEADED PARAKEET (*Aratinga weddellii*)

*Hundreds of them perched and screeching at the Napo-edge parrot salt lick. This trip the activity was actually best right from the motorized canoe where we had all of the expected species; the blind, just a short walk in wasn't happening.*

MAROON-TAILED PARAKEET (*Pyrrhura melanura pacifica*)

*Seen pretty well from the Silanche tower.*

\* MAROON-TAILED PARAKEET (*Pyrrhura melanura melanura*)

PACIFIC PARROTLET (*Forpus coelestis*)

*An 'invader' from the drier habitats of the SW; not a great indicator species as far as primary, humid forest goes!*

COBALT-WINGED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris cyanoptera*)

*Common and noisy around Sacha. We had some fantastic studies of them when they dropped in for a sip of salty water at the inforest parrot salt lick. Those blue wings in flight were mesmerizing.*

SCARLET-SHOULDERED PARROTLET (*Touit huetii*)

*A very hard species to find any distance from the inforest parrot salt lick, but we were lucky and had them drop in for fantastic studies. What a gorgeous little parrotlet!*

- \* BLACK-HEADED PARROT (*Pionites melanocephala*)
- BLUE-HEADED PARROT (*Pionus menstruus*)  
*Also seen in good numbers at the Napo-edge parrot salt lick.*
- RED-BILLED PARROT (*Pionus sordidus corallinus*)  
*Pretty decent flyby views on both slopes.*
- BRONZE-WINGED PARROT (*Pionus chalcopterus*)  
*Common in the Silanche/Milpe areas. An unusual parrot in that it is mostly royal blue with various bronze and pale highlights.*
- YELLOW-CROWNED PARROT (*Amazona ochrocephala*)  
*The smaller of the two large Amazona parrots at the Napo-edge salt lick, and the one with the bright yellow crown and darker plumage. This says, "oh-wow, oh-wow!"*
- ORANGE-WINGED PARROT (*Amazona amazonica*)  
*Of the parrots that we saw (or heard) at Sacha, this is one of the only ones that does not ever visit the salt licks that we visited... they must somewhere, but I have not heard of this in Ecuador. It's interesting how sight specific they are with respect to which salt lick they visit. Could it be the particular mineral mix? We had a few pairs of this species as flybys.*
- MEALY PARROT (*Amazona farinosa*)  
*The largest parrot that we saw at the salt licks... what a chunk!*

### **Cuculidae**

- YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO (*Coccyzus americanus*)  
*Now this doesn't happen in Ecuador much for the ole 'Treerunner' - that's me, by the way... your leader - but it was a new (and very belated) country bird! A few of us had good looks at one as it did its best to hide in the midstory along the ridge trail above the inforest parrot salt lick. Not a commonly reported bird in Ecuador, and usually on its way back north.*
- SQUIRREL CUCKOO (*Piaya cayana*)  
*And it really does look like a squirrel when it runs along the branches.*
- \* BLACK-BELLIED CUCKOO (*Piaya melanogaster*)
- LITTLE CUCKOO (*Piaya minuta*)  
*Good looks at one from the paddle canoe along the edge of Pilchecochoa during our final trip to the outer dock. That last morning back to Coca always yields something new, and how could it not, with 600+ species on site?!*
- GREATER ANI (*Crotophaga major*)  
*This largest of ani species was common near water, especially out along the Napo.*
- SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga ani*)
- \* STRIPED CUCKOO (*Tapera naevia*)

### **Strigidae**

- \* COLOMBIAN SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops colombianus*)
- \* TAWNY-BELLIED SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops watsonii*)
- \* MOTTLED OWL (*Ciccaba virgata*)
- "BLACK-BANDED OWL" TYPE (*Ciccaba* sp.)  
*Excellent studies of this still undetermined form of Ciccaba owl at San Isidro when we spotlighted a pair right after dinner on our first night. I am hoping to get the taxonomy of this form wrapped up soon now that I have some keen students from Yale interested.*
- RUFIOUS-BANDED OWL (*Ciccaba albitarsus*)  
*A few of us trotted out for a quick search of this species out near the workers house after dinner, and nailed it!*
- CRESTED OWL (*Lophotrix cristata*)  
*Crippling studies of a pair on a day roost at Sacha.*
- \* ANDEAN PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium jardinii jardinii*)
- FERRUGINOUS PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium brasilianum*)  
*We saw one early morning out along the main boardwalk on our way out to see the parrot salt licks; Sacha.*

### **Nyctibiidae**

GREAT POTOO (*Nyctibius grandis*)

*Tremendous scope studies at this hulk of a potoo as it rested on a regular day roost; Sacha.*

ANDEAN POTOO (*Nyctibius maculosus*)

*We were blown away when this one came fluttering up out of the darkness to land on a nearby snag for incredible spotlight views. I think our trusty driver Edgar spotted it first!*

COMMON POTOO (*Nyctibius griseus*)

*Day roosting at Sacha.*

### **Caprimulgidae**

RUFOUS-BELLIED NIGHTHAWK (*Lurocalis rufiventris*)

*Sort of the opening act for the Andean Potoo in the Guacamayos one evening.*

PAURAQUE (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)

*Common out along the edges of Pilchecocha at Sacha.*

LYRE-TAILED NIGHTJAR (*Uropsalis lyra lyra*)

*Absolutely knee-buckling studies at a long-tailed male at a spot not far from San Isidro. Made dinner back at the lodge taste even better!*

SWALLOW-TAILED NIGHTJAR (*Uropsalis segmentata segmentata*)

*Very nice looks at one in the Guacamayos as it fed from a favorite perch.*

LADDER-TAILED NIGHTJAR (*Hydropsalis climacocerca*)

*Day roosting along the edge of the Napo where we saw both a male and female.*

### **Apodidae**

WHITE-CHESTED SWIFT (*Cypseloides lemosi*)

*Although not easy to identify without some prior experience, and thus certainly easily overlooked, this one has turned out to be fairly common in the San Isidro area. We had some pretty nice views of them, and could even see the chest patch a time or two.*

SPOT-FRONTED SWIFT (*Cypseloides cherriei*)

*We had a group of about 20 zoom by overhead at Septimo one morning; it is typical of this species to form tight groups as they head out to feed.*

WHITE-CHINNED SWIFT (*Cypseloides cryptus*)

*Another hard to identify swift, but it too has turned out to be fairly common in the east. Call is almost essential when identifying it.*

CHESTNUT-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne rutila brunnitorques*)

WHITE-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)

GRAY-RUMPED SWIFT (*Chaetura cinereiventris occidentalis*)

*The western race with the rump almost concolor with the back.*

GRAY-RUMPED SWIFT (*Chaetura cinereiventris sclateri*)

*This eastern race has the paler rump.*

SHORT-TAILED SWIFT (*Chaetura brachyura*)

*One of the most common swifts around Sacha.*

FORK-TAILED PALM-SWIFT (*Tachornis squamata*)

*The tiny swift, with the pointy tail, that we saw most days at Sacha.*

LESSER SWALLOW-TAILED SWIFT (*Panyptila cayennensis*)

*The fork-tailed swifts that we saw over the Silanche tower, and again over the lake at Sacha.*

### **Trochilidae**

RUFOUS-BREASTED HERMIT (*Glaucis hirsuta*)

*John and I had one at Sacha.*

WHITE-WHISKERED HERMIT (*Phaethornis yaruqui*)

*A relatively common feeder bird at Septimo and Milpe.*

WHITE-BEARDED HERMIT (*Phaethornis hispidus*)

*Glimpses at Sacha.*

- GREAT-BILLED HERMIT (*Phaethornis malaris*)  
*Nice scope views at a lek near Sacha. I always bet Oscar a beer who can find a perched bird first... I usually end up buying.*
- TAWNY-BELLIED HERMIT (*Phaethornis syrmatophorus*)  
*Fairly common on the west slope this trip.*
- STRAIGHT-BILLED HERMIT (*Phaethornis bourcieri*)  
*Pretty decent naked-eye looks at one responsive bird at Sacha; it was too jumpy to sit for us for any amount of time.*
- WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN (*Florisuga mellivora*)  
*Stunners at Septimo's feeders.*
- BROWN VIOLET-EAR (*Colibri delphinae*)  
*Common this trip at Septimo's feeders. It was nice to have them in such good light and be able to appreciate those violet cheeks.*
- SPARKLING VIOLET-EAR (*Colibri coruscans coruscans*)  
*We had our first of this common highland hummer as we made our way up to Yanacocha for nice looks.*
- WIRE-CRESTED THORNTAIL (*Popelairia popelairii*)  
*Quick looks at females along the Loreto rd.*
- BLACK-BELLIED THORNTAIL (*Popelairia langsdorffi*)  
*Good looks from the wooden tower at Sacha. This can be a tricky one to get much of the time.*
- GREEN THORNTAIL (*Discosura conversii*)  
*Abundant at Milpe's feeders.*
- GREEN-CROWNED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania fannyi verticeps*)  
*In beautiful light at Septimo and Milpe.*
- FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania furcata*)
- GOLDEN-TAILED SAPPHIRE (*Chrysuronia oenone*)  
*Pretty common at Sacha's wooden tower.*
- RUFOUS-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia tzacatl*)  
*The common west slope hummer with the red bill and rusty tail.*
- ANDEAN EMERALD (*Agyrtria franciae viridiceps*)  
*Abundant at Septimo's feeders, among other places. The one with the clean white breast and belly.*
- BLUE-CHESTED HUMMINGBIRD (*Polyerata amabilis*)  
*Common and vocal around the guard house at Silanche.*
- PURPLE-CHESTED HUMMINGBIRD (*Polyerata rosenbergi*)  
*Another Choco endemic, and common at Silanche. Seems more forest-based than the previous species.*
- ECUADORIAN PIEDITAIL (*Phlogophilus hemileucurus*)  
*Quick looks for some at a responsive bird along the Loreto rd.*
- SPECKLED HUMMINGBIRD (*Adelomyia melanogenys*)  
*Most common at San Isidro's feeders. A hermit wanna-be!*
- FAWN-BREASTED BRILLIANT (*Heliodoxa rubinoides*)  
*Most common at San Isidro's feeders.*
- VIOLET-FRONTED BRILLIANT (*Heliodoxa leadbeateri*)  
*Very nice looks at a striking male at a flowering tree in the Guacamayos.*
- EMPRESS BRILLIANT (*Heliodoxa imperatrix*)  
*This stunner, and west slope specialty, was seen very well at Septimo's feeders.*
- GREEN-CROWNED BRILLIANT (*Heliodoxa jacula*)  
*Also common at Septimo's and Milpe's feeders.*
- WHITE-TAILED HILLSTAR (*Urochroa bougueri leucura*)  
*At flowering shrubs along the Loreto rd.*
- CHESTNUT-BREASTED CORONET (*Boissonneaua matthewsii*)  
*Abundant at San Isidro's feeders.*

- BUFF-TAILED CORONET (*Boissonneaua flavescens flavescens*)  
*The nominate form of the east that we saw at Guango; I've never seen it away from feeders!*
- BUFF-TAILED CORONET (*Boissonneaua flavescens tinochlora*)  
*Most common at Mindo Loma's feeders.*
- VELVET-PURPLE CORONET (*Boissonneaua jardini*)  
*One of the most amazingly plumaged hummers, and we had fine studies of them at the feeders in the west... wow!*
- SHINING SUNBEAM (*Aglaeactis cupripennis cupripennis*)  
*Excellent scope studies at perched birds at Yanacocha.*
- MOUNTAIN VELVETBREAST (*Lafresnaya lafresnayi saul*)  
*Good looks at a female-plumaged bird at Yanacocha.*
- BRONZY INCA (*Coeligena coeligena obscura*)  
*Easy at San Isidro's feeders.*
- BROWN INCA (*Coeligena wilsoni*)  
*The west slope relative of the previous species; the one with the the white spots on either side of the neck and the purple throat.*
- COLLARED INCA (*Coeligena torquata*)  
*A well dressed hummer that was a favorite for many.*
- BUFF-WINGED STARFRONTLET (*Coeligena lutetiae*)  
*Abundant at Yanacocha's feeders.*
- SWORD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD (*Ensifera ensifera*)  
*The ultimate species with respect to bill evolution! We enjoyed some fabulous encounters with this highland species at the feeders on both slopes, which is nice because it used to be tricky to find.*
- GREAT SAPPHIREWING (*Pterophanes cyanopterus cyanopterus*)  
*Common at Yanacocha's feeders. The second bulkiest hummingbird.*
- TOURMALINE SUNANGEL (*Heliangelus exortis*)  
*The most common hummer at Guango's feeders.*
- SAPPHIRE-VENTED PUFFLEG (*Eriocnemis luciani luciani*)  
*The most common puffleg at Yanacocha. This was the larger puffleg with the bluish crown and purple vent.*
- GOLDEN-BREASTED PUFFLEG (*Eriocnemis mosquera*)  
*Less common than the previous species, but still pretty easy at the far feeders; Yanacocha.*
- PURPLE-BIBBED WHITETIP (*Urosticte benjamini benjamini*)  
*Great studies at males and females in the west. The one with that dragged out post ocular spot.*
- BOOTED RACKET-TAIL (*Ocreatus underwoodii*)  
*One of the classic, must see hummers of the Andes!*
- BLACK-TAILED TRAINBEARER (*Lesbia victoriae victoriae*)  
*Awesome long-tailed males a few times in the drier Andean woodlands.*
- PURPLE-BACKED THORNBILL (*Ramphomicron microrhynchum microrhynchum*)  
*A real stunner of a male at Yanacocha!*
- TYRIAN METALTAIL (*Metallura tyrianthina*)  
*Common in the highlands of both slopes. This was the one with the purple-rufous tail.*
- RAINBOW-BEARDED THORNBILL (*Chalcostigma herrani herrani*)  
*A nice male in the Papallacta Pass area.*
- LONG-TAILED SYLPH (*Agelaiocercus kingi*)  
*A common hummer of the east slope that sports a really striking and glittering turquoise tail.*
- VIOLET-TAILED SYLPH (*Agelaiocercus coelestis coelestis*)  
*Replaces the previous form on the west slope. What an incredible violet-tail! We were blown away by males during a pre-lunch hummingbird feeders sit at Septimo.*
- \* WEDGE-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD (*Augastes geoffroyi*)

PURPLE-CROWNED FAIRY (*Heliodytes barroti*)

*One seen briefly at Silanche.*

LONG-BILLED STARTRHOAT (*Heliomaster longirostris*)

*Nice looks at one out at the 'Finca' at Sacha during a rainy morning. Really helped beef up the hummer list.*

PURPLE-THROATED WOODSTAR (*Calliphlox mitchellii*)

*We had our best looks at Mindo Loma's feeders.*

WHITE-BELLIED WOODSTAR (*Chaetocercus mulsant*)

*Large numbers at Guango of this pot-bellied woodstar.*

### **Trogonidae**

WHITE-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon viridis*)

*We saw the true "White-tailed" at Silanche, and then the eastern "Green-backed" at Sacha; the SACC committee splits them.*

VIOLACEOUS TROGON (*Trogon violaceus*)

*Seen at Sacha a few times. This east slope form has been split from west slope and Middle American birds (Gartered Trogon) by SACC.*

\* COLLARED TROGON (*Trogon collaris virginalis*)

MASKED TROGON (*Trogon personatus*)

*A common yard bird at San Isidro, where they sit lazily around the cabins.*

BLACK-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon melanurus*)

*Sacha.*

\* CRESTED QUETZAL (*Pharomachrus antisianus*)

GOLDEN-HEADED QUETZAL (*Pharomachrus auriceps auriceps*)

*We had males and females on our first day as we birded down the Old Nono-Mindo rd. for scope studies.*

### **Alcedinidae**

RINGED KINGFISHER (*Ceryle torquatus*)

GREEN-AND-RUFOUS KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle inda*)

*We finally nailed this handsome kingfisher at Sacha along the Orquidea stream where he had multiple perched birds.*

AMERICAN PYGMY KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle aenea*)

*This tiny kingfisher was seen wonderfully along the Anaconda stream.*

### **Momotidae**

\* BLUE-CROWNED MOTMOT (*Momotus momota*)

HIGHLAND MOTMOT (*Momotus aequatorialis aequatorialis*)

*The SACC lumps this large highland highland form back in with Blue-crowned Motmot, but it wouldn't surprise me to see them split again someday; San Isidro.*

RUFOUS MOTMOT (*Baryphthengus martii*)

*Some fair views of this species at Silanche as it did its best to stay out of sight!*

### **Galbulidae**

WHITE-EARED JACAMAR (*Galbalcyrhynchus leucotis*)

*What a fantastic trip for jacamars! We had scope views of this fancy canopy jacamar along the Anangu stream near Sacha. Love that salmon bill!*

BROWN JACAMAR (*Brachygalba lugubris*)

*The usual group from the motorized canoe near the Sacha dock. This is a tiny jacamar, and looks at a distance, like a hummingbird!*

YELLOW-BILLED JACAMAR (*Galbula albirostris*)

*Pablo (man he has good eyes!), one of our guides at Sacha, spotted this terra firme species for us along the hilly Anangu trail.*

RUFOUS-TAILED JACAMAR (*Galbula ruficauda*)

*Silanche; a wide-ranging species throughout much of Tropical America.*

COPPERY-CHESTED JACAMAR (*Galbula pastazae*)

*The eastern foothill representative of this genus; we had them nicely along the Loreto rd.*

WHITE-CHINNED JACAMAR (*Galbula tombacea*)

*In the swampy forests at Sacha, where they are locally common.*

PURPLISH JACAMAR (*Galbula chalcothorax*)

*Seen on our first afternoon at Sacha as we walked our way, sort of a birding stroll, to the lodge.*

\* GREAT JACAMAR (*Jacamerops aureus*)

*The only possible jacamar that escaped us visually.*

### **Bucconidae**

WHITE-NECKED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus macrorhynchos*)

*We spotted one high in the canopy along the hilly forests at Anangu near Sacha.*

BARRED PUFFBIRD (*Nystalus radiatus*)

*Excellent scope studies at a vocal pair along the Milpe road as we battled the rain.*

WHITE-WHISKERED PUFFBIRD (*Malacoptila panamensis*)

*Scoped along the trail at Silanche, where they sneak around.*

BLACK-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa nigrifrons*)

WHITE-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa morphoeus*)

*More common in mature forest than the previous species; Sacha.*

YELLOW-BILLED NUNBIRD (*Monasa flavirostris*)

*We managed to locate a cooperative pair along the trails behind the lodge at Sacha.*

SWALLOW-WING (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*)

### **Capitonidae**

SCARLET-CROWNED BARBET (*Capito aurovirens*)

*Common along river edges at Sacha.*

GILDED BARBET (*Capito auratus*)

*Seen best from the wooden tower at Sacha.*

LEMON-THROATED BARBET (*Eubucco richardsoni*)

*Seen in a huge flock up on the terra firme forest ridge at Anangu.*

RED-HEADED BARBET (*Eubucco bourcierii*)

*Crippling males at Septimo as they moved with the flocks. Their constant singing sure made it easier to track them down!*

TOUCAN BARBET (*Semnornis ramphastinus ramphastinus*)

*Awesome studies at Paz de las Aves where they come into within only a few feet to feed on fruits. A spectacular upper elevation Choco endemic.*

### **Ramphastidae**

ANDEAN TOUCANET (*Aulacorhynchus albivitta albivitta*)

*Lumped back in with Emerald Toucanet by SACC. An east slope bird that we saw well along the roadside at San Isidro.*

CRIMSON-RUMPED TOUCANET (*Aulacorhynchus haematopygus sexnotatus*)

*Tremendous studies at this west slope toucanet at Mindo Loma upon arrival.*

IVORY-BILLED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus azara*)

*As common as I've ever had them from the towers at Sacha.*

COLLARED (PALE-MANDIBLED) ARACARI (*Pteroglossus torquatus erythropygius*)

*Common in the western lowlands and lower foothills.*

MANY-BANDED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus pluricinctus*)

PLATE-BILLED MOUNTAIN-TOUCAN (*Andigena laminirostris*)

*Paty pulled a rabbit out of the hat when she spotted this must see west slope specialty for us along the Old Nono-Mindo rd. We went on to enjoy prolonged scope views of them as they stayed perched just down the slope from us.*

- \* BLACK-BILLED MOUNTAIN-TOUCAN (*Andigena nigrirostris spilorhynchus*)  
*This one sort of got away, as we only had glimpses in the Guacamayos*
- GOLDEN-COLLARED TOUCANET (*Selenidera reinwardtii*)  
*Stunning views from the towers at Sacha.*
- CHOCO TOUCAN (*Ramphastos brevis*)
- CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos vitellinus culminatus*)
- RED-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos tucanus cuvieri*)
- Picidae**
- LAFRESNAYE'S PICULET (*Picumnus lafresnayi*)  
*This little cutie was seen well by all out at the finca at Sacha during some time waiting out the rain... we got some nice birds here though as we waited!*
- BLACK-CHEEKED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes pucherani*)  
*Fairly common at Silanche.*
- YELLOW-TUFTED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes cruentatus*)  
*Sort of the Amazonian counterpart of the previous species here in Ecuador.*
- SMOKY-BROWN WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis fumigatus fumigatus*)  
*Seen first at Septimo during dawn chorus where we had a pair chasing about.*
- LITTLE WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis passerinus*)
- RED-RUMPED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis kirkii*)  
*Common around Silanche this trip.*
- RED-STAINED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis affinis*)  
*Sacha towers.*
- WHITE-THROATED WOODPECKER (*Piculus leucolaemus*)  
*One in a huge canopy flock across the river from Sacha at Anangu.*
- GOLDEN-OLIVE WOODPECKER (*Piculus rubiginosus*)  
*Very nice scope views at Septimo of this handsome woodpecker.*
- CRIMSON-MANTLED WOODPECKER (*Piculus rivolii brevirostris*)  
*Arguably one of the prettiest woodpeckers around!*
- \* SPOT-BREASTED WOODPECKER (*Colaptes punctigula*)
- CINNAMON WOODPECKER (*Celeus loricatus*)  
*Very nice looks at this well marked woodpecker at Silanche.*
- \* SCALY-BREASTED WOODPECKER (*Celeus grammicus*)
- CHESTNUT WOODPECKER (*Celeus elegans*)  
*A nice group of them along the Anaconda stream at Sacha was a treat.*
- CREAM-COLORED WOODPECKER (*Celeus flavus*)  
*Also seen well - at least a pair - along the Anaconda stream. One of the most distinctive woodpeckers here.*
- \* RINGED WOODPECKER (*Celeus torquatus*)
- LINEATED WOODPECKER (*Dryocopus lineatus lineatus*)
- POWERFUL WOODPECKER (*Campephilus pollens pollens*)  
*Nice looks at responsive birds in the Guacamayos of this large, highland species.*
- CRIMSON-CRESTED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus melanoleucos*)
- GUAYAQUIL WOODPECKER (*Campephilus gayaquilensis*)  
*Replaces the previous species on the west slope.*
- Furnariidae**
- BAR-WINGED CINCLODES (*Cinclodes fuscus albidiventris*)  
*We had fine studies and comparisons of both cinclodes species up in the paramos at the Papallacta Pass. Of the two cinclodes species here, this is the smaller one with the more petite bill.*
- STOUT-BILLED CINCLODES (*Cinclodes excelsior excelsior*)  
*The larger of the two cinclodes species here; this one has the thicker, more decurved bill.*

- PALE-LEGGED (PACIFIC) HORNERO (*Furnarius leucopus cinnamomeus*)  
*Common in the western foothills and lowlands.*
- LESSER HORNERO (*Furnarius minor*)  
*Seen blasting by out on a river island near Sacha; some even caught it naked eye as it trotted out of view. A devilishly hard bird to see sometimes.*
- ANDEAN TIT-SPINETAIL (*Leptasthenura andicola andicola*)  
*An elegantly plumaged furnariid that we saw very well in the Papallacta Pass area.*
- RUFIOUS SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis unirufa unirufa*)  
*Seen well along the roadside at San Isidro.*
- AZARA'S SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis azarae media*)
- \* DARK-BREASTED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis albigularis rodolphei*)
  - \* SLATY SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis brachyura nigrofumosa*)
- WHITE-BELLIED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis propinqua*)  
*We showed these guys a thing or two when we flushed them up out of the growth that they were hiding on on an early successional river island along the Napo!*
- \* WHITE-BROWED SPINETAIL (*Hellmayrea gularis*)
  - \* ASH-BROWED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca curtata*)
- RED-FACED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca erythroptus erythroptus*)  
*With the flocks in the west.*
- MANY-STRIPED CANASTERO (*Asthenes flammulata flammulata*)  
*Another smart looking paramo bird that we had in the Papallacta Pass area. This one has nice combination of streaking and orange highlights.*
- ORANGE-FRONTED PLUSHCROWN (*Metopothrix aurantiacus*)  
*Common out at the finca at Sacha. Hard to believe these warbler looking birds are related to the spinetails and foliage-gleaners at first sight, eh?*
- RUSTY-WINGED BARBTAIL (*Premnornis guttuligera*)  
*With mixed flock at Pax de las Aves.*
- SPOTTED BARBTAIL (*Premnoplex brunnescens brunnescens*)
- PEARLED TREERUNNER (*Margarornis squamiger perlatus*)  
*Common in the montane flocks, and one of the most handsome furnariids! And I'm not just saying this because it's my bird name.*
- PLAIN XENOPS (*Xenops minutus*)  
*This and the next species were right next to each other in that large flock we had at Silanche, when we just kept sucking in the birds.*
- STREAKED XENOPS (*Xenops rutilans*)
- MONTANE FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Anabacerthia striaticollis montana*)  
*Another insectivorous flock bird that we ran into in the east along the Loreto rd.*
- SCALY-THROATED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Anabacerthia variegaticeps temporalis*)  
*Nice looks at this well-marked foliage-gleaner with the flocks in the west, such as at Septimo and Mindo Loma.*
- STREAKED TUFTEDCHEEK (*Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii*)  
*A fine looking and large furnariid that we saw very well with montane, through the scope, at San Isidro.*
- FLAMMULATED TREEHUNTER (*Thripadectes flammulatus flammulatus*)  
*Quick flyby views in the Guacamayos.*
- STRIPED TREEHUNTER (*Thripadectes holostictus*)  
*One seen well moving with a flock at Guango.*
- BLACK-BILLED TREEHUNTER (*Thripadectes melanorhynchus*)  
*The treehunter of the east slope foothills We had quick looks, but not too bad - along the Loreto rd.*
- STREAK-CAPPED TREEHUNTER (*Thripadectes virgaticeps*)  
*A couple on the west slope; the more regularly seen treehunter at mid-elevations.*
- \* UNIFORM TREEHUNTER (*Thripadectes ignobilis*)

LINEATED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Syndactyla subalaris*)

*A responsive pair was seen well along the forested roadside at Septimo; for some through the scope. The one that we commented had the puffy, whitish throat.*

STRIPED (WESTERN) WOODHAUNTER (*Hyloctistes subulatus virgatus*)

*From the Silanche tower.*

CHESTNUT-WINGED HOOKBILL (*Ancistrops strigilatus*)

*Seen by about half of the group in a large terra firme flock at Anangu when we called it in for scope views.*

CHESTNUT-WINGED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor erythropterus*)

*Ditto!*

BUFF-FRONTED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor rufus*)

*Seen well with the flocks, such as around Septimo. A richly-colored bird with deep orange-buff tones.*

SHORT-BILLED LEAFTOSSER (*Sclerurus rufularis*)

*It's not often that you get full-frame scope views of this sneaky understory species, but we pulled it off at Sacha when we got o to sit calmly for a few minutes.*

BLACK-TAILED LEAFTOSSER (*Sclerurus caudacutus*)

*Also responsive at Sacha.*

**Dendrocolaptidae**

\* TYRANNINE WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla tyrannina tyrannina*)

PLAIN-BROWN WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*)

*John got onto one at Septimo, but we al caught up with it later on at Sacha.*

\* OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*)

WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*)

*The smallest of the woodcreepers; Sacha.*

LONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Nasica longirostris*)

*See pretty well from the paddle canoes on our last trip across the lake when we called one in.*

CINNAMON-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrexetastes rufigula*)

*Really nice views from the metal towers at Sacha.*

STRONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus promeropirhynchus*)

*One close bird that fed right in front of us during dawn chorus at Septimo. A real hulk of a woodcreeper!*

AMAZONIAN BARRED-WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes certhia*)

*Trails behind Sacha.*

BLACK-BANDED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes picumnus*)

*Nice vies of this large woodcreeper along the main boardwalk at Sacha.*

\* STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus picus*)

\* STRIPED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus obsoletus*)

SPIX'S WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus spixii*)

*Pretty common around Sacha, where we saw it on our first afternoon.*

BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus*)

SPOTTED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus erythropygius aequatorialis*)

*A common flock woodcreeper of the west slope.*

OLIVE-BACKED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus triangularis triangularis*)

*Replaces the previous species on the east slope.*

STREAK-HEADED WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes souleyetii esmeraldae*)

*Seen well with a flock at Silanche.*

MONTANE WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger aequatorialis*)

*Fairly common with flocks at mid-elevations on both slopes.*

**Thamnophilidae**

LINED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus tenuipunctatus tenuifasciatus*)

*Some folks got onto this one before it sneaked away along the Loreto rd... looks like it is wearing a jail-bird outfit!*

- UNIFORM ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus unicolor unicolor*)  
*We reeled in a very responsive male for cracking views at Septimo.*
- PLAIN-WINGED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus schistaceus*)  
*Really hard to see as it stayed way up in the canopy... a real neck-breaker! Sacha.*
- MOUSE-COLORED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus murinus*)  
*Seen well enough through the scope at Anangu when a got a singing bird to hold still for a bit.*
- \* WESTERN SLATY-ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus atrinucha*)
- SPOT-WINGED ANTSHRIKE (*Pygiptila stellaris*)  
*Eye-level, scope views from the wooden tower at Sacha. This one seemed to be the ring-leader in a mobbing session, but we could never figure out what had them all so upset. Must have been a snake that we couldn't see.*
- RUSSET ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnistes anabatinus intermedius*)  
*Scope views with a flock at Silanche.*
- DUSKY-THROATED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes ardesiacus*)  
*A common (and noisy) understory flock leader at Sacha.*
- PACIFIC ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula pacifica*)  
*One of our last birds at Silanche when we stopped to see if we could call it in.*
- \* PLAIN-THROATED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula huxwelli*)
- CHECKER-THROATED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula fulviventris*)  
*Understory flocks at Silanche.*
- \* SLATY ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula schisticolor schisticolor*)
- GRAY ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula menetriesii*)  
*We coaxed one in as it moved with a mid-story flock along the trails behind Sacha, and even had it in the scope for some.*
- BANDED ANTBIRD (*Dichrozona cincta*)  
*A very responsive bird seen well along the terra firme trail at Anangu.*
- DUGAND'S ANTWREN (*Herpsilochmus dugandi*)  
*Awesome scope studies from the wooden tower, where a pair hung around for quite some time, making various passes. This can be a tricky canopy bird to see... thank goodness for those towers!*
- LONG-TAILED ANTBIRD (*Drymophila caudata caudata*)  
*A bamboo specialist. We had some decent looks at males and females at San Isidro.*
- RUFIOUS-RUMPED ANTWREN (*Terenura callinota callinota*)  
*Brief looks for most when we found one with a canopy flock at Milpe.*
- CHESTNUT-SHOULDERED ANTWREN (*Terenura humeralis*)  
*Those of us that went up on the terra firme trail at Anangu worked this one real hard, but we ended up with pretty good views of this hard to find species, despite it being way up in the canopy; at least it was responsive.*
- BLACK-FACED ANTBIRD (*Myrmoborus myotherinus*)  
*In the understory at Anangu.*
- PERUVIAN WARBLING-ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis peruviana*)  
*Good looks in some vine tangles along the main boardwalk at Sacha, where they are often pretty responsive.*
- YELLOW-BROWED ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis hypoxantha*)  
*Replaces the previous species up in the terra firme forests where there are many vine tangles, yet a fairly open understory. Some of us enjoyed some fine studies at close range at Anangu.*
- SILVERED ANTBIRD (*Sclateria naevia*)  
*A loud antbird of swampy forest at Sacha that we saw well along the Orquidea stream.*
- \* CHESTNUT-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza exsul maculifer*)
- \* PLUMBEOUS ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza hyperythra*)
- WHITE-SHOULDERED ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza melanocephala*)  
*Nice looks - sitting right on the boardwalk - at Sacha.*
- SOOTY ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza fortis*)  
*Multiple studies of them with an antswarm at Anangu near Sacha.*

IMMACULATE ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza immaculata macrorhyncha*)

*We could not have had this one any better when we called in a male near the hummingbird feeders at Septimo.*

BICOLORED ANTBIRD (*Gymnopithys leucaspis*)

*Some folks glimpsed this one with an antswarm.*

LUNULATED ANTBIRD (*Gymnopithys lunulata*)

*Very nice looks at this hard to find antbird - through the scope for some - at our antswarm.*

SPOT-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Hylophylax naevia (várzea)*)

*In the swampy forests at Sacha.*

DOT-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Hylophylax punctulata*)

*Some got onto this one along the Anaconda stream at Sacha.*

SCALE-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Hylophylax poecilinotus*)

*Also with our antswarm for excellent views.*

BLACK-SPOTTED BARE-EYE (*Phlegopsis nigromaculata*)

*One of the tougher species to see at our antswarm, but some folks got decent views.*

### **Formicariidae**

\* RUFIOUS-CAPPED ANTTHRUSH (*Formicarius colma*)

*One very fast bird blasting by, but essentially heard only.*

\* BLACK-FACED ANTTHRUSH (*Formicarius analis*)

\* RUFIOUS-BREASTED ANTTHRUSH (*Formicarius rufipectus carrikeri*)

STRIATED ANTTHRUSH (*Chamaeza nobilis*)

*This one really knows how to play a crowd, but to its own liking! It did an excellent job of side-stepping us, but at least some folks glimpsed it when it ran across the trail at Sacha.*

GIANT ANTPITTA (*Grallaria gigantea hylodroma*)

*Well, we had to get all the way down to the river at Paz de las Aves to see it this time, but it was worth the hike for the views we had of this huge antpitta.*

MOUSTACHED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria alleni andaquiensis*)

*Usually the hardest to get, but angel worked hard and coaxed it in for us.*

\* PLAIN-BACKED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria haplonota*)

CHESTNUT-CROWNED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria ruficapilla ruficapilla*)

*Not coming in to feed on worms as they often do at San Isidro, but still seen along the trail between the cabins and the dining room by some.*

YELLOW-BREASTED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria flavotincta*)

*Sitting right on its feeding rock at Paz de las Aves, for incredible studies.*

WHITE-BELLIED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria hypoleuca*)

*The east-slope counterpart of the previous species. A few whistles, and worms in hand, and it popped right out for all to see at San Isidro. 'Antpitta-ing' has come a long way since the old days of having to patiently wait without blinking!*

\* RUFIOUS ANTPITTA (*Grallaria rufula rufula*)

\* TAWNY ANTPITTA (*Grallaria quitensis quitensis*)

\* THRUSH-LIKE ANTPITTA (*Myrmothera campanisona*)

OCHRE-BREASTED ANTPITTA (*Grallaricula flavirostris*)

*Fantastic scope studies of this little antpitta at Septimo; the one with the strong scaling on the breast.*

\* SLATE-CROWNED ANTPITTA (*Grallaricula nana nana*)

### **Conopophagidae**

CHESTNUT-BELTED GNATEATER (*Conopophaga aurita*)

*John, Peter, and I went out with Oscar one late afternoon for a last round of clean-up at Sacha, and nailed this one for fantastic views.*

### **Rhinocryptidae**

\* RUSTY-BELTED TAPACULO (*Liosceles thoracicus*)

ASH-COLORED TAPACULO (*Myornis senilis*)

*Not bad looks, for a tapaculo, when we called in a cooperative pair on our first day at Yanacocha. At one point, one even came in and sat briefly on top of one of those giant Gunnera leaves, right out in the open... not a common response!*

- \* BLACKISH TAPACULO (*Scytalopus latrans latrans*)
- \* NARINO TAPACULO (*Scytalopus vicini*)
- \* SPILLMANN'S TAPACULO (*Scytalopus spillmanni*)
- \* OCELLATED TAPACULO (*Acropternis orthonyx infusata*)

### **Cotingidae**

GREEN-AND-BLACK FRUITEATER (*Pipreola riefferii*)

*Nice looks along the old Nono-Mindo rd.*

ORANGE-BREASTED FRUITEATER (*Pipreola jucunda*)

*Staggering, full-frame scope studies of a male as it hung around the house at Mindo Loma. This is a very local (seems to be restricted to very wet cloud forest) and tricky bird to find much of the time as they are so inconspicuous. Good thing we got rained out at Milpe this afternoon, because Mindo Loma was a real bonanza!*

FIERY-THROATED FRUITEATER (*Pipreola chlorolepidota*)

*Some got onto the eastern foothill species along the Loreto rd. before it escaped us.*

SCALED FRUITEATER (*Ampelioides tschudii*)

*Stunning scope studies of a male along the forested roadside at Septimo was a real hit. Just love getting good looks at these sneaky fruiteaters.*

WHITE-BROWED PURPLETUFT (*Iodopleura isabellae*)

*Really nice scope studies from the wooden tower at Sacha of this small canopy cotingid.*

SCREAMING PIHA (*Lipaugus vociferans*)

*Scope views of it blasting out its song at Sacha.*

PLUM-THROATED COTINGA (*Cotinga maynana*)

*Staggering views from the metal towers at Sacha.*

SPANGLED COTINGA (*Cotinga cayana*)

*As electric as they come; we had males nicely from both the metal and wooden towers at Sacha. Some of these cotingas really make up for their lack of vocalizations with unworldly plumages.*

BARE-NECKED FRUITCROW (*Gymnoderus foetidus*)

*Flybys from the wooden tower at Sacha.*

PURPLE-THROATED FRUITCROW (*Querula purpurata*)

ANDEAN COCK-OF-THE-ROCK (*Rupicola peruviana sanguinolenta*)

*We had our best looks at them at the lek at Paz de las Aves. A true Andean classic.*

### **Pipridae**

WHITE-BEARDED MANAKIN (*Manacus manacus*)

WIRE-TAILED MANAKIN (*Pipra filicauda*)

*Scope views of gorgeous males at Sacha.*

GOLDEN-HEADED MANAKIN (*Pipra erythrocephala*)

*Displaying males at Anangu.*

BLUE-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Lepidothrix coronata*)

GOLDEN-WINGED MANAKIN (*Masius chrysopterus*)

*John found a group of foraging males feeding in some fruiting trees right over our heads at Septimo.*

CLUB-WINGED MANAKIN (*Machaeropterus deliciosus*)

*A scoped male at the lek at Milpe.*

ORANGE-CRESTED MANAKIN (*Heterocercus aurantiivertex*)

*A bird of inundated forests; we had some very nice views from the paddle canoes along the Orquidea stream.*

DWARF TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Tyrannetes stolzmanni*)

WING-BARRED PIPRITES (*Piprites chloris*)

*Scope views from the metal towers at Sacha, where they come in and sit right below you.*

## **Tyrannidae**

BROWN-CAPPED TYRANNULET (*Ornithion brunneicapillus*)

*A canopy bird that we ran into a couple of times with the flocks at Silanche.*

SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)

*Central Valley.*

YELLOW TYRANNULET (*Capsiempis flaveola*)

*A responsive pair along the Loreto rd.*

YELLOW-CROWNED TYRANNULET (*Tyrannulus elatus*)

*Common around Sacha out near the Napo.*

GRAY ELAENIA (*Myiopagis caniceps*)

*Flocks at Silanche.*

YELLOW-BELLIED ELAENIA (*Elaenia flavogaster*)

*In cut-over habitats at Silanche. That tall crest helps identification along!*

WHITE-CRESTED ELAENIA (*Elaenia albiceps griseigularis*)

*Seen best at the fruiting trees at San Isidro.*

\* MOTTLE-BACKED ELAENIA (*Elaenia gigas*)

SIERRAN ELAENIA (*Elaenia pallatangae*)

*Seen briefly by a few folks during some early morning birding at Septimo.*

TORRENT TYRANNULET (*Serpophaga cinerea cinerea*)

RIVER TYRANNULET (*Serpophaga hypoleuca*)

*Very responsive birds for excellent looks out on our river island near Sacha.*

OCHRE-BELLIED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes oleagineus*)

*Nice looks at this understory flycatcher at the base of the wooden tower at Sacha.*

STREAK-NECKED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes striaticollis*)

OLIVE-STRIPED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes olivaceus*)

*The lower elevation replacement of the previous species.*

RUFIOUS-BREASTED FLYCATCHER (*Leptopogon rufipectus rufipectus*)

*A common and loud flock-follower around San Isidro.*

SLATY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Leptopogon superciliaris*)

*Common with flocks in the west.*

\* BRONZE-OLIVE PYGMY-TYRANT (*Pseudotriccus pelzelni*)

\* MARBLE-FACED BRISTLE-TYRANT (*Pogonotriccus ophthalmicus ophthalmicus*)

SOOTY-HEADED TYRANNULET (*Phyllomyias griseiceps*)

*Very responsive birds at Silanche. The tyrannulet with essentially no discernible wingbars.*

ASHY-HEADED TYRANNULET (*Phyllomyias cinereiceps*)

TAWNY-RUMPED TYRANNULET (*Phyllomyias uropygialis*)

SLENDER-FOOTED TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius gracilipes*)

*Common in the canopy at Sacha... another case where we need to bless the towers!*

GOLDEN-FACED TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius chrysops albigularis*)

*We saw this form of the NW very well at Septimo through the scope one afternoon. SACC splits this subspecies out, calling it the 'Choco Tyrannulet'.*

GOLDEN-FACED TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius chrysops chrysops*)

*Common in the eastern foothills, such as along the Loreto rd.*

WHITE-THROATED TYRANNULET (*Mecocerculus leucophrys rufomarginatus*)

*Seen well with the flocks at Yanacocha. The largish, erect-postured tyrannulet with the rufous wingbars.*

WHITE-TAILED TYRANNULET (*Mecocerculus poecilocercus*)

*The common mid-elevation tyrannulet of the canopy.*

SULPHUR-BELLIED TYRANNULET (*Mecocerculus minor*)

*A few with the flocks around San Isidro.*

- WHITE-BANDED TYRANNULET (*Mecocerculus stictopterus stictopterus*)  
*Common with the flocks at Yanacocha.*
- LESSER WAGTAIL-TYRANT (*Stigmatura napensis*)  
*Really hard to see well, as they skulk with talent through the willow beds out on the river islands along the Napo!  
Some folks got onto them briefly, however.*
- TUFTED TIT-TYRANT (*Anairetes parulus aequatorialis*)  
*Nice scope views of this streaky-breasted little tyrannid at Yanacocha.*
- \* BLACK-CAPPED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Myiornis atricapillus*)
- \* SHORT-TAILED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Myiornis ecaudatus*)
- SCALE-CRESTED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Lophotriccus pileatus*)  
*After some work, we all finally clinched nice views of one at Septimo. That scaly crown, when seen well, is quite an attractive characteristic.*
- \* DOUBLE-BANDED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Lophotriccus vitiosus*)
- RUFIOUS-CROWNED TODY-TYRANT (*Poecilotriccus ruficeps*)  
*A bamboo specialist that we saw well around San Isidro.*
- \* GOLDEN-WINGED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Poecilotriccus calopterus*)
- \* WHITE-EYED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus zosterops*)
- BLACK-HEADED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum nigriceps*)  
*Some had quick looks at this one at Silanche.*
- COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum cinereum sclateri*)
- YELLOW-BROWED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum*)  
*Common in the canopy at Sacha; we saw them from the metal towers.*
- LARGE-HEADED FLATBILL (*Ramphotrigon megacephala*)  
*I had not seen this one in years along the Loreto rd., but we called in for fabulous studies as it called from a tall stand of 'Guadua' bamboo.*
- RUFIOUS-TAILED FLATBILL (*Ramphotrigon ruficauda*)  
*This species prefers more inundated forest here at Sacha; we had nice looks at a calling bird along the Orquidea stream.*
- OLIVACEOUS FLATBILL (*Rhynchocyclus olivaceus*)  
*One with a terra firme flock at Anangu, near Sacha.*
- YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens confusus*)  
*Loreto rd.*
- \* YELLOW-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias assimilis flavotectus*)
- YELLOW-MARGINED (ZIMMER'S) FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias assimilis obscuriceps*)  
*Sacha, where it is a commonly heard voice from the canopy.*
- GRAY-CROWNED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias poliocephalus*)  
*Excellent scope views of this small canopy flycatcher from the metal towers.*
- \* YELLOW-BREASTED (OCHRE-LORED) FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias flaviventris*)
- WHITE-THROATED SPADEBILL (*Platyrinchus mystaceus albogularis*)  
*John and I got good looks at one at Silanche, but it skipped town too fast for everybody else to get onto.*
- ORNATE FLYCATCHER (*Myiobius ornatus*)  
*At mid-elevations on the west slope; a very handsome flycatcher.*
- FLAVESCENT FLYCATCHER (*Myiophobus flavicans flavicans*)
- HANDSOME FLYCATCHER (*Myiophobus pulcher*)  
*Fairly common around San Isidro with flocks.*
- BRAN-COLORED FLYCATCHER (*Myiophobus fasciatus*)
- OLIVE-CHESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiophobus cryptoxanthus*)
- RUDDY-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Terenotriccus erythrus*)  
*With an understory flock at Silanche.*
- SULPHUR-RUMPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiobius sulphureipygius sulphureipygius*)

- CINNAMON FLYCATCHER (*Pyrrhomyias cinnamomea pyrrhoptera*)  
 CLIFF FLYCATCHER (*Hirundinea ferruginea*)  
*Wonderful scope studies of this cliff-side dweller along the Loreto rd.*
- \* EULER'S FLYCATCHER (*Lathrotriccus eulerei*)
- b** OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER (*Contopus cooperi*)  
 SMOKE-COLORED PEWEE (*Contopus fumigatus*)  
*Nice views, such as the scoped bird along the Old Nono-Mindo rd. where the pointy crest was in evidence!*
- b** WESTERN WOOD-PEWEE (*Contopus sordidulus*)
- b** EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE (*Contopus virens*)  
*Seems to prefer wintering in the Amazonian lowlands, while the previous species is more commonly found in the west and in the foothills of the east.*
- b** ACADIAN FLYCATCHER (*Empidonax virescens*)  
*Silanche, where it is a common winter resident.*
- BLACK PHOEBE (*Sayornis nigricans angustirostris*)  
 CROWNED CHAT-TYRANT (*Ochthoeca frontalis frontalis*)  
*A stealthy chat-tyrant of the understory that popped right out into the open for killer studies at Yanacochoa; the one with the brow that starts yellow, and the fades to clean white.*
- SLATY-BACKED CHAT-TYRANT (*Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris cinnamomeiventris*)  
*Nice looks at this one in the Guacamayos. This species is often found near water.*
- BROWN-BACKED CHAT-TYRANT (*Ochthoeca fumicolor brunneifrons*)  
*Scope views of one perched up on a tall snag at Yanacochoa.*
- DRAB WATER-TYRANT (*Ochthornis littoralis*)  
*Common along the edges of the Napo.*
- \* STREAK-THROATED BUSH-TYRANT (*Myiotheretes striaticollis striaticollis*)  
 SMOKY BUSH-TYRANT (*Myiotheretes fumigatus*)  
*Nice studies at the this forest-based species at Yanacochoa.*
- MASKED WATER-TYRANT (*Fluvicola nengeta*)  
*A common bird of wet areas and pastures in the western lowlands and foothills.*
- CINNAMON ATTILA (*Attila cinnamomeus*)  
*Excellent views of this beautiful attila along the Anaconda stream at Sacha. A very distinctive voice of the Amazonian lowlands here.*
- \* BRIGHT-RUMPED ATTILA (*Attila spadiceus*)  
 SIRYSTES (*Sirystes sibilator*)  
*Seen well as it called from a large fig tree right over the main boardwalk at Sacha.*
- DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*)  
 SHORT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus ferox*)  
 PALE-EDGED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus cephalotes cephalotes*)  
*The common Myiarchus around San Isidro.*
- LESSER KISKADEE (*Philohydor lictor*)  
 GREAT KISKADEE (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)  
 BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER (*Megarhynchus pitangua*)  
 RUSTY-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes cayanensis hellmayri*)  
 SOCIAL FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes similis*)  
 GRAY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes granadensis*)  
 DUSKY-CHESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes luteiventris*)  
*Nice looks at this canopy flycatcher from the metal towers at Sacha.*
- WHITE-RINGED FLYCATCHER (*Conopias albivittata*)  
*Tough to come by these days in the usually birded areas in western Ecuador, but we lucked into a vocal and responsive pair at Silanche.*

LEMON-BROWED FLYCATCHER (*Conopias cinchoneti cinchoneti*)

*A relative of the previous species that we saw well along the Loreto rd.*

GOLDEN-CROWNED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes chrysocephalus minor*)

*A relative of the Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher that many of you are familiar with. Common in montane zones on both slopes.*

STREAKED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)

*A few at Sacha.*

**b** SULPHUR-BELLIED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes luteiventris*)

*Winters in the Amazonian lowlands.*

PIRATIC FLYCATCHER (*Legatus leucophaeus*)

*Fairly common in the canopy at Sacha.*

VARIEGATED FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus varius*)

*One out at the finca at Sacha, during our rainout!*

TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus melancholicus*)

**b** EASTERN KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus tyrannus*)

*Good numbers of them around Sacha.*

FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannus savana*)

*Common along the Napo river at Sacha.*

CHESTNUT-CROWNED BECARD (*Pachyramphus castaneus*)

*One at Anangu, near Sacha.*

YELLOW-CHEEKED BECARD (*Pachyramphus xanthogenys*)

*With the usual morning activity along the Loreto rd.*

BARRED BECARD (*Pachyramphus versicolor versicolor*)

*Males and females several times on the slopes.*

CINNAMON BECARD (*Pachyramphus cinnamomeus cinnamomeus*)

*Common in the west; we had our first good looks at Septimo.*

WHITE-WINGED BECARD (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*)

*The blacker, western Amazonian race.*

BLACK-AND-WHITE BECARD (*Pachyramphus albogriseus*)

*Seen once with a flock along the Loreto rd.*

BLACK-CAPPED BECARD (*Pachyramphus marginatus*)

*Anangu.*

PINK-THROATED BECARD (*Pachyramphus minor*)

*Nice scope studies from the metal towers at Sacha.*

BLACK-TAILED TITYRA (*Tityra cayana*)

*Usually more common at Sacha, but at least we got them out at the finca during that rainy period!*

MASKED TITYRA (*Tityra semifasciata*)

BLACK-CROWNED TITYRA (*Tityra inquisitor*)

*Nice looks at one male during a flock at Silanche.*

### **Hirundinidae**

BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN (*Progne tapera*)

GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN (*Progne chalybea*)

WHITE-WINGED SWALLOW (*Tachycineta albiventer*)

BLUE-AND-WHITE SWALLOW (*Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*)

*The common swallow at mid-elevations.*

BROWN-BELLIED SWALLOW (*Notiochelidon murina murina*)

*Some quality views at Yanacocha on our first day.*

WHITE-BANDED SWALLOW (*Atticora fasciata*)

WHITE-THIGHED SWALLOW (*Neochelidon tibialis minima*)

SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)

**b** BANK SWALLOW (SAND MARTIN) (*Riparia riparia*)

**b** BARN SWALLOW (*Hirundo rustica*)

**Motacillidae**

PARAMO PIPIT (*Anthus bogotensis bogotensis*)

*One of our first cool birds of the trip when we flushed them up in the grasslands on the way up to Yanacocha.*

**Cinclidae**

WHITE-CAPPED DIPPER (*Cinclus leucocephalus leuconotus*)

*We had many fine studies of this Andean dipper. This species does not submerge itself like the American Dipper.*

**Troglodytidae**

BLACK-CAPPED DONACOBIUS (*Donacobius atricapilla*)

*Nice looks at this swamp dweller along the edges of Pilchecocha.*

BAND-BACKED WREN (*Campylorhynchus zonatus*)

*Some got quick looks at this canopy wren at Silanche.*

THRUSH-LIKE WREN (*Campylorhynchus turdinus*)

*We called them in for scope views along the stream at Anangu. The birds of this genus are largely canopy birds, here in Ecuador.*

RUFIOUS WREN (*Cinnycerthia unirufa unirufa*)

*Common at Yanacocha as they move in tight family groups. We had nice luck calling in a few for some up close and personal studies.*

SHARPE'S (SEPIA-BROWN) WREN (*Cinnycerthia olivascens olivascens*)

*Groups of them along the roadside in the Guacamayos. The lower elevational replacement of the previous species.*

PLAIN-TAILED WREN (*Thryothorus euophrys*)

*A loud wren of bamboo stands that we saw along the roadside at San Isidro.*

\* CORAYA WREN (*Thryothorus coraya*)

BAY WREN (*Thryothorus nigricapillus nigricapillus*)

*Seen around the guard house at Silanche... but a talented skulker.*

HOUSE WREN (*Troglodytes aedon albicans*)

MOUNTAIN WREN (*Troglodytes solstitialis solstitialis*)

*The more forest-based relative of the previous species.*

\* SEDGE (GRASS) WREN (*Cistothorus platensis aequatorialis*)

WHITE-BREASTED WOOD-WREN (*Henicorhina leucosticta*)

*Seen well by most in the understory at Sacha.*

\* GRAY-BREASTED WOOD-WREN (*Henicorhina leucophrys leucophrys*)

\* WING-BANDED WREN (*Microcerculus bambla albigularis*)

**Turdidae**

ANDEAN SOLITAIRE (*Myadestes ralloides*)

*Really nice scope views at Septimo.*

**b** SWAINSON'S THRUSH (*Catharus ustulatus*)

PALE-EYED THRUSH (*Platycichla leucops leucops*)

*Commonly seen up on song perches at San Isidro.*

GREAT THRUSH (*Turdus fuscater quindio*)

*The largest of its genus, and common highland species.*

GLOSSY-BLACK THRUSH (*Turdus serranus fuscobrunneus*)

*Common at San Isidro, where they often hop around on the roads in the early mornings. Like a smaller, darker version of the previous species.*

\* CHESTNUT-BELLIED THRUSH (*Turdus fulviventris*)

BLACK-BILLED THRUSH (*Turdus ignobilis*)

LAWRENCE'S THRUSH (*Turdus lawrencii*)

*Scope views of a singing bird from the metal towers at Sacha. One of Amazonia's best mimics.*

ECUADORIAN THRUSH (*Turdus maculirostris*)

*We had our best looks at this west slope species as it fed at a banana feeders at Septimo.*

- \* WHITE-NECKED THRUSH (*Turdus albicollis*)

### **Poliptilidae**

- \* TROPICAL GNATCATCHER (*Poliptila plumbea*)

- \* SLATE-THROATED GNATCATCHER (*Poliptila schistaceigula*)

### **Corvidae**

GREEN JAY (*Cyanocorax yncas yncas*)

*The South American version of the Green Jay, and recently split from it in the Birds of Ecuador (but not by SACC); very common on the east slope.*

VIOLACEOUS JAY (*Cyanocorax violaceus*)

*The large and very noisy jay that is common at Sacha.*

TURQUOISE JAY (*Cyanolyca turcosa*)

*Excellent studies at a responsive bird at Yanacocha.*

### **Vireonidae**

BROWN-CAPPED VIREO (*Vireo leucophrys*)

*First seen with the flocks at Septimo and San Isidro.*

RED-EYED (CHIVI) VIREO (*Vireo olivaceus chivi*)

*Common around Sacha, mostly in secondary habitats.*

- b YELLOW-GREEN VIREO (*Vireo flavoviridis*)

*Seen a few times from the towers at Sacha.*

DUSKY-CAPPED GREENLET (*Hylophilus hypoxanthus*)

*One with a flock in the terra firme forests at Anangu.*

OLIVACEOUS GREENLET (*Hylophilus olivaceus*)

*Seen along the Loreto rd.; an eastern foothill bird and the one with the pale eye.*

LESSER GREENLET (*Hylophilus decurtatus minor*)

*Common around Silanche.*

SLATY-CAPPED SHRIKE-VIREO (*Vireolanius leucotis*)

*One vocal bird with a large flock at Silanche... a very handsome vireonid.*

BLACK-BILLED PEPPERSHRIKE (*Cyclarhis nigrirostris*)

*Common around San Isidro. It doesn't really have an all black bill!*

### **Fringillidae**

ORANGE-CROWNED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia saturata*)

*Not an easy bird to find, but we were in luck and had nice studies at a male at Silanche. This species differs from the Orange-bellied in that it has all black tail feathers, and a richer orange color; this voice differs as well, of course!*

THICK-BILLED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia laniirostris*)

*The euphonia with the yellow all the way up to the chin.*

GOLDEN-RUMPED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia cyanocephala pelzelni*)

*Seen well at my house in the Central Valley; Tumbaco.*

- \* BRONZE-GREEN EUPHONIA (*Euphonia mesochrysa*)

WHITE-LORED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia chrysopasta*)

*Most common from the wooden tower at Sacha, where they often approached to within only a couple of meters.*

WHITE-VENTED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia minuta*)

*Seen in the lowlands of both slopes. One of the less commonly seen euphonias here.*

ORANGE-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia xanthogaster*)

*The most commonly seen euphonia of the trip.*

RUFIOUS-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia rufiventris*)

*Common in the canopy at Sacha.*

HOODED SISKIN (*Carduelis magellanica capitalis*)

*John got onto them on our first day.*

OLIVACEOUS SISKIN (*Carduelis olivacea*)

*The siskin of the subtropics and foothills of the east.*

### **Parulidae**

TROPICAL PARULA (*Parula pitiayumi*)

*Most common in the west this trip.*

**b** BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER (*Dendroica fusca*)

*Abundant this time of the year.*

**b** BLACKPOLL WARBLER (*Dendroica striata*)

*Winters in the canopy of lowland forests of the east.*

**b** BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER (*Mniotilta varia*)

*Seen by most with a flock at Septimo.*

**b** NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH (*Seiurus noveboracensis*)

*We had one of this uncommon boreal migrant on a river island along the Napo.*

**b** CANADA WARBLER (*Wilsonia canadensis*)

*A common understory bird this time of the year, especially on the east slope.*

SLATE-THROATED REDSTART (*Myioborus miniatus*)

*A very common bird of mixed flocks at mid-elevations.*

SPECTACLED REDSTART (*Myioborus melanocephalus ruficoronatus*)

*Replaces the previous species at higher elevations, but the two do overlap around San Isidro.*

BLACK-CRESTED WARBLER (*Basileuterus nigrocristatus*)

RUSSET-CROWNED WARBLER (*Basileuterus coronatus*)

*What a lovely duet!*

THREE-STRIPED WARBLER (*Basileuterus tristriatus*)

*Fairly common with mixed understory flocks in the west; we had good looks at one cooperative bird at Septimo.*

\* BUFF-RUMPED WARBLER (*Phaeothlypis fulvicauda*)

### **Coeribidae**

BANANAQUIT (*Coereba flaveola*)

### **Thraupidae**

CINEREOUS CONEBILL (*Conirostrum cinereum fraseri*)

*The conebill that sort of reminds me of a female Black-throated Blue-Warbler, since it has that white wing-spot.*

*We saw this one well in the Central Valley.*

BLUE-BACKED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum sitticolor sitticolor*)

*Nicely with the canopy flocks at Yanacocha.*

CAPPED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum albifrons atrocyaneum*)

MAGPIE TANAGER (*Cissopis leveriana*)

*The longest tanager of all!*

GRASS-GREEN TANAGER (*Chlorornis riefferii riefferii*)

*Another Andean classic! We had fine studies at this flock bird a few times in the highlands.*

COMMON BUSH-TANAGER (*Chlorospingus ophthalmicus phaeocephalus*)

*Common around San Isidro.*

DUSKY BUSH-TANAGER (*Chlorospingus semifuscus semifuscus*)

*Tends to replace the previous species on the west slope.*

YELLOW-THROATED BUSH-TANAGER (*Chlorospingus flavigularis*)

*Common on both slopes, and regular with flocks.*

GRAY-HOODED BUSH-TANAGER (*Cnemoscopus rubrirostris rubrirostris*)

*This was the one that I mentioned reminded me of a Connecticut Warbler... in plumage, not behavior. This species is a canopy dweller and constantly flicks its tail; Guango.*

- BLACK-CAPPED HEMISPINGUS (*Hemispingus atropileus atropileus*)  
*With the understory flocks at Guango. A real chunky hemispingus.*
- SUPERILIARIED HEMISPINGUS (*Hemispingus superciliaris nigrifrons*)  
*A few of this canopy hemispingus with the flocks at Yanacochoa.*
- BLACK-EARED HEMISPINGUS (*Hemispingus melanotis melanotis*)  
*Seen easily with the understory flocks at Guango and San Isidro. Another bamboo dweller.*
- BLACK-EARED (WESTERN) HEMISPINGUS (*Hemispingus melanotis ochraceus*)  
*Seen well with a bamboo flock along the old Nono-Mindo rd. This very dull form is sometimes split from the true east slope birds.*
- ORANGE-HEADED TANAGER (*Thlypopsis sordida*)  
*Seen on our Napo river island as they foraged and sang loudly.*
- GUIRA TANAGER (*Hemithraupis guira*)  
*Fairly common with the flocks at Silanche.*
- YELLOW-BACKED TANAGER (*Hemithraupis flavicollis*)  
*We saw one female bird with our large terra firme, canopy flock at Anangu, across the river from Sacha.*
- OCHRE-BREASTED TANAGER (*Chlorothraupis stolzmanni*)  
*A hefty, and very loud, species that we dug out of the flocks at Silanche.*
- FULVOUS SHRIKE-TANAGER (*Lanio fulvus*)  
*With our canopy flock at Anangu.*
- SCARLET-BROWED TANAGER (*Heterospingus xanthopygius*)  
*Nice studies at a vocalizing group from the Silanche tower.*
- FLAME-CRESTED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus cristatus*)  
*With the tanager flocks from the metal towers at Sacha.*
- WHITE-SHOULDERED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus luctuosus*)  
*Fairly common at Silanche. Remember that the female of this species has the gray head and yellow belly.*
- b** SCARLET TANAGER (*Piranga olivacea*)
- b** SUMMER TANAGER (*Piranga rubra*)
- VERMILION TANAGER (*Calochaetes coccineus*)  
*We were all thrilled to have found a small group of this intensely colored, and relatively scarce, tanager in the roadside forests in the Guacamayos!*
- MASKED CRIMSON TANAGER (*Ramphocelus nigrogularis*)  
*Equally impacting as the previous species! We had good looks around Sacha, where they are pretty regular.*
- SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER (*Ramphocelus carbo*)
- FLAME-RUMPED TANAGER (*Ramphocelus flammigerus icteronotus*)  
*Abundant in the west, but a real looker... well, the male anyway; what the 'Birds of Ecuador' calls the 'Lemon-rumped Tanager'.*
- BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus quaesita*)  
*The duller west slope form.*
- BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus coelestis*)  
*This east slope bird has more of a powder-blue tone to its plumage in addition to that striking white shoulder patch.*
- BLUE-AND-YELLOW TANAGER (*Thraupis bonariensis darwinii*)  
*Good looks at them in the Central Valley.*
- PALM TANAGER (*Thraupis palmarum*)  
*Plenty on both slopes.*
- HOODED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Buthraupis montana cucullata*)  
*The large and fairly common mountain-tanager at middle and upper elevations. The one with the red eye.*
- SCARLET-BELLIED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Anisognathus igniventris erythrotis*)  
*We had our first encounters with this beauty at Yanacochoa.*

BLUE-WINGED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Anisognathus somptuosus*)

*The common mid-elevation mountain-tanager on both slopes. We enjoyed especially nice views of them at Mindo Loma where they visited the banana feeders.*

BLACK-CHINNED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Anisognathus notabilis*)

*A west slope mountain-tanager that seems to prefer particularly humid and misty cloud forests. This can be a tough bird to track down, as it seems to be a relatively low density species, but things were made much easier at Mindo Loma, where they frequently come to raid the banana feeders. We had some spectacular views of them at really close range... very satisfying.*

\* YELLOW-THROATED TANAGER (*Iridosornis analis*)

\* BUFF-BREASTED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Dubusia taeniata taeniata*)

FAWN-BREASTED TANAGER (*Pipraeidea melanonota venezuelensis*)

*Seen a few times over the course of the trip.*

TURQUOISE TANAGER (*Tangara mexicana*)

*With flocks along the Loreto rd. This species is not particularly 'turquoise', nor does it occur anywhere near Mexico, as its scientific name implies!*

GRAY-AND-GOLD TANAGER (*Tangara palmeri*)

*Nicely around Silanche.*

PARADISE TANAGER (*Tangara chilensis*)

*Some satisfying studies of this unbelievable tanager species. A bird architect could not have done any better!*

GREEN-AND-GOLD TANAGER (*Tangara schrankii*)

*Common in the canopy at Sacha.*

GOLDEN TANAGER (*Tangara arthus*)

*Common on both slopes. The eastern birds have more of an orange cast to their plumage.*

SILVER-THROATED TANAGER (*Tangara icterocephala*)

*Seen well at Silanche.*

GOLDEN-EARED TANAGER (*Tangara chrysotis*)

*A very responsive group in the Guacamayos really put on a show, and allowed for some exceptional scope views.*

SAFFRON-CROWNED TANAGER (*Tangara xanthocephala venusta*)

*The common - and very striking - Tangara around San Isidro. Should be called, "Saffron-helmeted Tanager".*

FLAME-FACED TANAGER (*Tangara parzudakii*)

*We both forms of this beautiful tanager.*

SPOTTED TANAGER (*Tangara punctata*)

*Common on the east-slope in the foothills.*

RUFOUS-THROATED TANAGER (*Tangara rufigula*)

*Nice nice mid-elevation, Choco clean-up bird at Milpe.*

BAY-HEADED TANAGER (*Tangara gyrola*)

SCRUB TANAGER (*Tangara vitriolina*)

*Seen well at my house in the the Central Valley at Tumbaco, where we had them sitting out in nice morning light for scope views. At the southern end of its range.*

GOLDEN-NAPED TANAGER (*Tangara ruficervix*)

*Particularly nice studies at Mindo Loma's banana feeders.*

BLUE-BROWED TANAGER (*Tangara cyanotis lutleyi*)

*Guacamayos, where we had good looks at a foraging group with a flock.*

BLUE-NECKED TANAGER (*Tangara cyanicollis*)

*Another common tanager found on both slopes, but also a real dandy bird.*

GOLDEN-HOODED TANAGER (*Tangara larvata*)

*Common in the canopy around Silanche.*

MASKED TANAGER (*Tangara nigrocincta*)

*Not always easy, but we had a nice run with this species from the canopy towers at Sacha.*

- BERYL-SPANGLED TANAGER (*Tangara nigroviridis*)  
*Common with flocks on both slopes at mid-elevations.*
- BLUE-AND-BLACK TANAGER (*Tangara vassorii vassorii*)  
*The common high elevation Tangara that we saw at Guango.*
- BLACK-CAPPED TANAGER (*Tangara heinei*)  
*Most common in open country around San Isidro.*
- OPAL-RUMPED TANAGER (*Tangara velia*)  
*Common from the canopy towers at Sacha. A very cobalt looking bird, with the bright opalescent rump.*
- OPAL-CROWNED TANAGER (*Tangara callophrys*)  
*Much like the previous species, and seen with it often, but has that bold pale brow.*
- BLACK-FACED DACNIS (*Dacnis lineata*)  
*Common from the canopy towers at Sacha.*
- BLACK-FACED (YELLOW-TUFTED) DACNIS (*Dacnis lineata egregia*)  
*Sometimes split from the previous species, but not by SACC! We had this one well a few times at Silanche.*
- YELLOW-BELLIED DACNIS (*Dacnis flaviventer*)  
*From the metal towers at Sacha through the scope.*
- SCARLET-THIGHED DACNIS (*Dacnis venusta*)  
*Silanche, where they can be common.*
- BLUE DACNIS (*Dacnis cayana*)  
*Another commonly seen dacnis from the canopy at Sacha; the female is green.*
- GREEN HONEYCREEPER (*Chlorophanes spiza*)
- PURPLE HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*)
- SWALLOW TANAGER (*Tersina viridis*)
- Emberizidae**
- BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (*Volatinia jacarina*)
- CAQUETA SEEDEATER (*Sporophila murallae*)  
*A few along the Loreto rd.*
- VARIABLE SEEDEATER (*Sporophila corvina ophthalmica*)
- YELLOW-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila nigricollis*)
- CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila castaneiventris*)
- THICK-BILLED SEED-FINCH (*Oryzoborus funereus*)
- BAND-TAILED SEEDEATER (*Catamenia analis soederstromi*)  
*The yellow-billed seedeater that we saw in the Central Valley, agricultural zones.*
- PLAIN-COLORED SEEDEATER (*Catamenia inornata minor*)  
*Very nice scope views at a male in the grasslands below Yanacocha; the one with the salmon-colored bill.*
- GLOSSY FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa lafresnayii*)  
*A feeder bird at Yanacocha... hummingbird feeders, that is! This was the all blackish flowerpiercer with the bluish-gray shoulder patch.*
- BLACK FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa humeralis aterrima*)  
*Common in Central Valley semi-humid scrub.*
- DEEP-BLUE (GOLDEN-EYED) FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossopsis glauca tyrianthina*)  
*I think this is the fanciest of the flowerpiercers to be seen on this trip, and we had smashing views of them in the Guacamayos. That bright yellow eye is hard to beat!*
- BLUISH FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossopsis caerulescens media* (?))  
*Nice scope views of this relatively drab, bluish flowerpiercer - with the dull reddish eye - at San Isidro.*
- MASKED FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossopsis cyanea cyanea*)  
*The most wide-ranging of the flowerpiercers on our route.*
- RED-CAPPED CARDINAL (*Paroaria gularis*)  
*Seen along the lake edge at Sacha.*

PALE-NAPED BRUSH-FINCH (*Atlapetes pallidinucha papallactae*)

*Outstanding looks at a couple of birds foraging with an understory flock at Guango; the one with the crown stripe that starts orange and then goes white.*

YELLOW-BREASTED (RUF-NAP) BRUSH-FINCH (*Atlapetes latinuchus spodionotus*)

*Good looks at this species a couple of times in the high elevation temperate forests, not far from Quito.*

SLATY BRUSH-FINCH (*Atlapetes schistaceus schistaceus*)

*A common east-slope flock bird at Guango, and one of the best looking of the genus in Ecuador.*

TRICOLORED BRUSH-FINCH (*Atlapetes tricolor crassus*)

*We ran across this west slope species a couple of times. Like the previous species, but duller.*

WHITE-WINGED BRUSH-FINCH (*Atlapetes leucopterus leucopterus*)

STRIPE-HEADED BRUSH-FINCH (*Buarremon torquatus*)

*For some in the undergrowth at Yanacocha.*

YELLOW-BROWED SPARROW (*Ammodramus aurifrons*)

RUFOUS-COLLARED SPARROW (*Zonotrichia capensis*)

### **Cardinalidae**

GRAYISH SALTATOR (*Saltator coerulescens*)

*Common along the Loreto rd.*

BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR (*Saltator maximus*)

SLATE-COLORED GROSBEAK (*Saltator grossus*)

BLACK-WINGED SALTATOR (*Saltator atripennis*)

*A bit retiring, but we finally outsmarted them at Septimo.*

GOLDEN-BELLIED GROSBEAK (*Pheucticus chrysogaster chrysogaster*)

*Also known as Southern Yellow-Grosbeak.*

### **Icteridae**

SCRUB BLACKBIRD (*Dives warszewiczi warszewiczi*)

*Common in the cut-over humid western lowlands.*

MORICHE ORIOLE (*Icterus chryscephalus*)

*Seen a few times from the towers at Sacha.*

ORANGE-BACKED TROUPIAL (*Icterus croconotus*)

*Sort of like a bottle of Fanta, with respect to its coloration. We had nice looks at them at Sacha.*

YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus cela*)

*An abundant and talented mimic of the eastern lowlands.*

\* SCARLET-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus microrhynchus*)

SUBTROPICAL CACIQUE (*Cacicus uropygialis*)

*A split from the Scarlet-rumped Cacique, if you go by the 'Birds of Ecuador'; SACC lumps them. This one inhabits zones higher than the previous species, but on the east-slope.*

\* MOUNTAIN CACIQUE (NORTHERN) (*Cacicus chrysonotos leucoramphus*)

CRESTED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius decumanus*)

*Common in the eastern lowlands; the oropendola with the pale bill and darker plumage.*

RUSSET-BACKED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius angustifrons*)

ORIOLE BLACKBIRD (*Gymnomystax mexicanus*)

*A brightly colored blackbird of river edges and islands in the eastern lowlands.*

### **MAMMALS**

PYGMY MARMOSET (*Cebuella pygmaea*)

*Seen on our first afternoon at Sacha; the smallest primate of the New World!*

BLACK-MANTLE TAMARIN (*Saguinus nigricollis*)

*Common right around the cabins at Sacha.*

GOLDEN-MANTLE TAMARIN (*Saguinus tripartitus*)

*We happened across a small group of this range-restricted primate across the river from Sacha at Anangu.*

COMMON SQUIRREL MONKEY (*Saimiri sciureus*)

*Abundant at Sacha, and a really comical monkey to watch.*

THREE-STRIPED NIGHT MONKEY (*Aotus trivirgatus*)

*We saw the tops of the heads of this one when they peeked out at us from their day roost in a dead trunk.*

\* DUSKY TITI MONKEY (*Callicebus moloch*)

RED HOWLER MONKEY (*Alouatta seniculus*)

*One of the great neotropical sounds, when they crank up and sound like a hurricane. We had some nice encounters with this red-haired monkey at Sacha a couple of times.*

WHITE-FRONTED CAPUCHIN (*Cebus albifrons*)

BRAZILIAN RABBIT (*Sylvilagus brasiliensis*)

*Common at Yanacocha this trip... a long way from Brazil!*

RED-TAILED SQUIRREL (*Sciurus granatensis*)

*The common mammal in the highlands.*

NORTHERN AMAZON RED SQUIRREL (*Sciurus igniventris*)

*This large, bushy-tailed Squirrel was seen a couple of times at Sacha.*

CAPYBARA (*Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris*)

*Well, I'm kinda cheating here, because we only saw the tracks out on a river island near Sacha, but worth including for the memory.*

CENTRAL AMERICAN AGOUTI (*Dasyprocta punctata*)

*Seen by some along the trail at Silanche, before it scooted off.*

BLACK AGOUTI (*Dasyprocta fuliginosa*)

*Fairly common around Sacha, where they often enter camp to forage around the cabins.*

TAYRA (*Eira barbara*)

*One crossed the road right in front of us at Septimo! In Ecuador they call this beast, 'Cabeza de Mate'. 'Mate' is a tan-colored gourd, similar in color to the head of this animal.*