

Ecuador: Rainforest & Andes

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Wow, yet another Ecuador Rainforest & Andes tour that just soared over the top with marvelous birds, scenery and fun! We saw so many species that my fingers were left cramped after writing up this report; if all of the sudden the screen changes into a long flat-line of dots..... you'll now know why. This trip nets a lot of birds, but how could it not in bird-rich Ecuador? We hit some of the most birdy areas on the planet -Choco foothills and lowlands, the east slope of the Andes, and the staggeringly diverse Amazon - so when combining all of these places into one tour, it can get overwhelming. But what fun, eh? Like a bunch of kids in a candy store. What also adds to the trip are all of the visual textures, varied topographies, flowering orchids (oh yes!), and even comical monkeys. Ecuador can be a rainy place, but I don't ever remember really ever needing an umbrella to bird under - oh yes, it can happen... for days at a time! - so we really lucked out on this front as well.

Time to get to the birds that deserve top honors... not too different from Letterman's top 10, but in this review there are more, and there really can't be a #1, #2, or #3, just a symphony that comes together and paints wonderful memories! Here is my stab at the birds that really got the adrenaline pumping: a mesmerizing Agami Heron on our first afternoon at Sacha (Wilbur filled us in on the rigors of trying to find this shy heron... you lucky dogs!); a scoped, and calling, Barred Forest-Falcon; a Chestnut-headed Crake that came in to investigate the speaker as if it were a real intruder; that pair of Rufous-bellied Seedsnipes in the surreal paramo; scoped Rose-faced Parrots; Crested Owls on a day roost and that territorial Spectacled Owl in the spotlight at Sacha; more hummers than anybody could possibly remember, but I think Sword-billed and Giant Hummingbirds were hard to top, just for sheer shock value; our male Choco (Blue-tailed) Trogon that came in and sat near us as if in a trance at Milpe; stunning views at both Green-and-rufous and American Pygmy Kingfishers at Sacha; those Toucan Barbets that finally emerged for us with Angel's help; loads of toucans, but it is really hard to beat the beauty of the Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan; a long list of furnariids and antbirds, but I'd have to say that the antpittas stole the show - how can you beat three species seen in one morning: Giant, Moustached, and Yellow-breasted?!; some dazzling cotingas, including males of Orange-breasted and Scaled Fruiteaters in the highlands, and Black-tipped, Spangled, and Plum-throated Cotingas in the lowlands; the always entertaining Andean Cock-of-the-Rock at Angel Paz's lek; the brilliant Wire-tailed Manakin; that pair of Giant Conebills up in the high Polylepis forests; and some incredible tanagers, like Black-chested and Black-chinned Mountain-Tanagers, and all of those gaudy Tangaras that seem to make use of every possible color hue! Some of the mammal-watching was pretty impressive too, with six species of monkeys at Sacha - including that confiding group of Pygmy Marmosets - and the Tayra that came prancing right by us, seemingly unconcerned by our presence!

I had a wonderful time sharing this Ecuador experience with all of you and hope not too much time passes before we see each other in the field again, so thanks to all of you (as well as Luis, Oscar, and Donald!) for making this a memorable and fun experience all the way around. I'll stop rambling here, so read on! Mitch.

List total: 651 bird taxa and 12 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 (Tinamous)

GREAT TINAMOU (*Tinamus major*)

A tinamous go, we had a pretty nice look at one that Robert spotted when it crossed the main boardwalk at Sacha. After it crossed, we stayed with it and hunted it down as it stalked about on the ground at pretty close range.

- * CINEREOUS TINAMOU (*Crypturellus cinereus*)
- * LITTLE TINAMOU (*Crypturellus soui*)
- * UNDULATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus undulatus*)
- * VARIEGATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus variegatus*)
- * BARTLETT'S TINAMOU (*Crypturellus bartletti*)
Oh, and I still have yet to see this one!

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

TORRENT DUCK (*Merganetta armata colombiana*)

We all jumped off of the bus in a hurry to get looks at the pair along the old Nono-Mindo rd.!

YELLOW-BILLED PINTAIL (SOUTH AMERICAN) (*Anas georgica spinicauda*)

A few of this yellow-billed duck in the highlands.

ANDEAN TEAL (*Anas flavirostris andium*)

Grayer than the previous species; also up near the Papallacta Pass.

RUDDY DUCK (ANDEAN) (*Oxyura jamaicensis ferruginea*)

A few distant birds up on Lake Sucus, but we could see those blue bills.

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

SPECKLED CHACHALACA (*Ortalis guttata*)

Common and noisy at Sacha.

SPIX'S GUAN (*Penelope jacquacu*)

Excellent views at a couple of birds from the metal towers at Sacha.

- * WATTLED GUAN (*Aburria aburri*)
- SICKLE-WINGED GUAN (*Chamaepetes goudotii*)
Point-blank views at Angel Paz's fruit feeders!

Odontophoridae (New World Quail)

MARbled WOOD-QUAIL (*Odontophorus gujanensis*)

After a lot of scrounging around on our last evening at Sacha, Oscar persisted and pulled out a roosting pair for us for amazing spotlight views!

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

Like pet chickens at Angel Paz's!

Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

One flying up the Napo River near Sacha.

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

RUFESCENT TIGER-HERON (*Tigrisoma lineatum*)

One bird that flushed and then perched briefly, along the Orquidea stream at Sacha.

COCOI HERON (*Ardea cocoi*)

In small numbers along the Napo.

GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba*)

SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula*)

CATTLE EGRET (IBIS) (*Bubulcus ibis ibis*)

STRIATED HERON (*Butorides striata*)

One bird along the Napo at Sacha.

AGAMI HERON (*Agamia agami*)

Our first big score at Sacha when Oscar spotted one down in the swamp along the main boardwalk on our first afternoon there!

Cathartidae (New World Vultures)

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*)

TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura*)

GREATER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE (*Cathartes melambrotus*)

The common, large vulture around Sacha... with the yellow head, of course!

Pandionidae (Osprey)

OSPREY (*Pandion haliaetus*)

One very distantly along the Napo.

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

HOOK-BILLED KITE (HOOK-BILLED) (*Chondrohierax uncinatus uncinatus*)

One bird in flight at Mindo Loma.

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE (*Elanoides forficatus*)

Always elegant.

SLENDER-BILLED KITE (*Helicolestes hamatus*)

One distant perched bird from the wooden tower at Sacha.

DOUBLE-TOOTHED KITE (*Harpagus bidentatus*)

Common from the metal towers, and seen well perched and in flight.

PLUMBEOUS KITE (*Ictinia plumbea*)

In flight around Sacha.

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

In flight distantly at Yanacocha. Remember how we noted the thick wings and short tail?

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK (PLAIN-BREASTED) (*Accipiter striatus ventralis*)

One immature bird perched for nice scope views at Yanacocha; all dark underneath. This South American form is now considered by the South American Classification Committee (SACC) to be conspecific with the Sharp-shinned Hawk... hmmm.

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Buteo magnirostris*)

WHITE-THROATED HAWK (*Buteo albigula*)

One of what seemed to be this species at Yanacocha, but it was just too far away to be sure.

VARIABLE HAWK (*Buteo polyosoma*)

White-gray and black morphs in the highlands.

BLACK-AND-CHESTNUT EAGLE (*Spizaetus isidori*)

Robert - our raptor spotter - found this one for us as it soared over San Isidro briefly before getting away behind the trees.

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

BARRED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur ruficollis*)

Scope views of a calling bird on our first morning at Sacha.

* PLUMBEOUS FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur plumbeus*)

* COLLARED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur semitorquatus semitorquatus*)

BLACK CARACARA (*Daptrius ater*)

The black caracara with the bright orange face that we saw in the Sacha area.

RED-THROATED CARACARA (*Ibycter americanus*)

Loud and raucous along the Providencia trail (Sacha) one morning. Most managed to get at least some sort of a scope view!

CARUNCULATED CARACARA (*Phalcoboenus carunculatus*)

Distant birds in flight near the Papallacta Pass.

YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA (*Milvago chimachima*)

Common along the Napo.

LAUGHING FALCON (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*)

One came flying in, and landed, for quick scope views before it vanished; Silanche.

AMERICAN KESTREL (*Falco sparverius*)

Seen well in the central valley.

BAT FALCON (*Falco ruficularis*)

Fly-bys a couple times.

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

* BROWN WOOD-RAIL (*Aramides wolfi*)

GRAY-NECKED WOOD-RAIL (*Aramides cajanea*)

About half of the group saw this one scoot across the trail at Sacha.

CHESTNUT-HEADED CRAKE (*Anurolimnas castaneiceps*)

Tremendous studies of this very skittish species when it came out and stood near the speaker that I had placed out in the swamp to lure it in; Providencia trail.

N BLACK-BANDED CRAKE (*Anurolimnas fasciatus*)

Another very hard crake species to see well under most circumstances, but we pulled in a pair for very nice looks at Sacha... where they seemed to be gathering nesting material.

SLATE-COLORED COOT (*Fulica ardesiaca*)

Out along the edges of Lake Papallacta.

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)

SOUTHERN LAPWING (*Vanellus chilensis*)

Excellent scope views in some pastures near San Isidro where they have moved in from lower elevations in recent years. We also had one flying over at Sacha.

ANDEAN LAPWING (*Vanellus resplendens*)

A pair for nice scope views up on a bog near the Papallacta Pass.

COLLARED PLOVER (*Charadrius collaris*)

Brief looks out on a sandbar along the Napo.

Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)

a SPOTTED SANDPIPER (*Actitis macularius*)

A common austral migrant that we saw many times... especially along the Napo.

Thinocoridae (Seedsnipes)

RUFIOUS-BELLIED SEEDSNIPE (*Attagis gayi latreillii*)

Certainly one of the highlights of the trip when our faithful driver, Luis, kicked them up in the high, treeless páramo at our highest point of the trip! This bizarre shorebird relative has such a gorgeous and intricate plumage... something we all saw well through the scope.

Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)

YELLOW-BILLED TERN (*Sternula superciliaris*)

Fairly common out along the Napo; much like the Least Tern that many of you are familiar with from up north.

LARGE-BILLED TERN (*Phaetusa simplex*)

Hannah spotted a fairly distant bird out along the Napo near the parrot licks that some of us got onto.

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

I ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*)

PALE-VENTED PIGEON (*Patagioenas cayennensis*)

The common pigeon around the lodge at Sacha.

* SCALED PIGEON (*Patagioenas speciosa*)

BAND-TAILED PIGEON (WHITE-NECKED) (*Patagioenas fasciata albilinea*)

Common in the highlands... remember all of those entrancing scope studies???

* PLUMBEOUS PIGEON (*Patagioenas plumbea*)

RUDDY PIGEON (*Patagioenas subvinacea*)

Nice looks at this richly colored pigeon on both sides of the Andes, and down at Sacha.

DUSKY PIGEON (*Patagioenas goodsoni*)

We whistled in a pair for some quick scope studies from the Silanche tower.

EARED DOVE (*Zenaida auriculata hypoleuca*)

ECUADORIAN GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina buckleyi*)

One near Silanche where it has moved in due to the forest clearance.

BLACK-WINGED GROUND-DOVE (*Metriopelia melanoptera*)

We lucked into the three birds on our way up to the Papallacta Pass; I don't usually get this one on this route.

WHITE-TIPPED DOVE (DECOLOR) (*Leptotila verreauxi decolor*)

We had our best looks at one as it trotted along a stretch of the old Nono-Mindo rd.

PALLID DOVE (*Leptotila pallida*)

Quick looks at Milpe.

GRAY-FRONTED DOVE (*Leptotila rufaxilla*)

*A few folks had looks at this Amazonian *Leptotila* along the Shipati stream near Sacha.*

Psittacidae (Parrots)

MAROON-TAILED PARAKEET (*Pyrrhura melanura pacifica*)

The west-slope form that we saw well around Milpe and Silanche. Some feel that this subspecies should be split out from the others.

MAROON-TAILED PARAKEET (*Pyrrhura melanura souancei*)

Fly-overs along the Loreto rd.

WHITE-EYED PARAKEET (*Aratinga leucophthalma*)

One large group flew past the metal towers at Sacha for decent in-flight looks.

DUSKY-HEADED PARAKEET (*Aratinga weddellii*)

I think we scored big at the parrot salt lick along the Napo river edge, seeing all of the expected species very well, some even dropping down to eat clay. We had some really nice looks at groups of this species as the chowed down on that yummy clay... but I guess we'd do the same if we had to detoxify our systems!

CHESTNUT-FRONTED MACAW (*Ara severus*)

Seen a few times this trip, but the sighting that stands out has to be the group that came by the metal towers at Sacha.

* SCARLET MACAW (*Ara macao*)

I thought Hannah was going to leap out of her shoes when this one let out a loud yell!

RED-BELLIED MACAW (*Orthopsittaca manilata*)

Several times around Sacha when they flew by.

PACIFIC PARROTLET (*Forpus coelestis*)

Another species that has moved in due to loss of forest as they are birds of normally drier zones. We had nice scope views at a group of them in the cut-over areas around Silanche.

COBALT-WINGED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris cyanoptera*)

The inner parrot salt like didn't do it for us this trip; the birds were around up in the trees, but apparently a hawk was prowling and not allowing them to drop down to feed. We did manage to see this loud and gregarious species through the scope though as they perched in some high trees.

* SCARLET-SHOULDERED PARROTLET (*Touit huetii*)

BLACK-HEADED PARROT (*Pionites melanocephalus*)

Excellent studies of this handsome parrot from the metal towers.

ROSE-FACED PARROT (*Pyrilia pulchra*)

Hannah spotted a perched pair along the Milpe road that allowed for some awesome scope views of this beauty of a parrot!

* ORANGE-CHEEKED PARROT (*Pyrilia barrabandi*)

BLUE-HEADED PARROT (*Pionus menstruus*)

Seen on the clay bank at the outer salt like.

RED-BILLED PARROT (*Pionus sordidus corallinus*)

Flybys.

SPECKLE-FACED PARROT (*Pionus tumultuosus seniloides*)

Ditto! Wish we could have had a little better luck with highland parrots on perches...

BRONZE-WINGED PARROT (*Pionus chalcopterus*)

Nice scope views at perched birds at Milpe. Different from other parrots in that its main color is a dark, royal blue.

SCALY-NAPED PARROT (*Amazona mercenaria*)

As usual, seen as a fly-over!

MEALY PARROT (*Amazona farinosa*)

The large, grayish-green parrot at the outer salt lick.

YELLOW-CROWNED PARROT (*Amazona ochrocephala*)

Slightly smaller than the previous species. We many at the outer salt lick where we could discern the yellow crown patch and darker green plumage.

Opisthocomidae (Hoatzin)

HOATZIN (*Opisthocomus hoazin*)

Now this is one goofy bird: it looks like a punk-rocker, eats leaves, and just flops all over the place! We had many fine views along the lake edge at Sacha.

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

LITTLE CUCKOO (*Coccyzua minuta*)

We called one up out of the swamp at Sacha for excellent vies of it calling.

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (*Piaya cayana*)

Fairly common in many habitat types.

DARK-BILLED CUCKOO (*Coccyzus melacoryphus*)

One surprise bird along the Napo for very nice views.

STRIPED CUCKOO (*Tapera naevia*)

We called one up out of a palm plantation near Silanche.

GREATER ANI (*Crotophaga major*)

Fairly common around Sacha; the one with the pale eye and glossy plumage.

SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga ani*)

The common ani in cleared areas.

Strigidae (Owls)

TROPICAL SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops choliba*)

Quick but very nice views of one around the cabins at Sacha when Oscar spotted one and then got the spotlight on it.

- * COLOMBIAN SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops colombianus*)
- * TAWNY-BELLIED SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops watsonii*)
- * WHITE-THROATED SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops albogularis*)

CRESTED OWL (*Lophotrix cristata*)

Fantastic views of a pair on a day roost at Sacha, a spot where they can be frequently found.

SPECTACLED OWL (*Pulsatrix perspicillata*)

After a little patience, we got one to come swooping and and land for incredible spotlight views at Sacha. What a fearsome looking owl, but at the same time so beautiful.

- * CLOUD-FOREST PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium nubicola*)
- * FERRUGINOUS PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium brasilianum*)
- * MOTTLED OWL (*Ciccaba virgata*)
- * RUFOUS-BANDED OWL (*Ciccaba albitarsis*)

"BLACK-BANDED" OWL TYPE (*Ciccaba* sp. nov. 1)

It took us until the third night at San Isidro to nab this one, but we all ended up with nice looks behind the cabins, where it was lurking around.

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

RUFOUS-BELLIED NIGHTHAWK (*Lurocalis rufiventris*)

A flyby in the Guacamayos one evening, but it never circled back! Robert might have seen this on our first morning at Septimo as well.

- * COMMON PAURAQUE (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)

LADDER-TAILED NIGHTJAR (*Hydropsalis climacocerca*)

Very nice views of a male along the Napo edge near the parrot salt licks... hidden right in plain sight!

SWALLOW-TAILED NIGHTJAR (*Uropsalis segmentata segmentata*)

Excellent studies at a female just after dark in the Guacamayos.

Nyctibiidae (Potoos)

GREAT POTOO (*Nyctibius grandis*)

Whoever found this one on its day roost must have been born with x-ray vision as it was very well concealed behind numerous branches from the metal tower... wow. Even though a bit covered by leaves, we found a decent angle and could see most of the bird.

COMMON POTOO (*Nyctibius griseus*)

One juvenile bird perched during the day at Septimo; I think it was still learning how to find just the right day roost.

Apodidae (Swifts)

WHITE-CHESTED SWIFT (*Cypseloides lemosi*)

As many as I've ever had in the Guacamayos as they zoomed out in the early morning to go feed. Remember how we talked about the lanky shape and long, forked tail?

CHESTNUT-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne rutila brunnitorques*)

Some nice looks at low-flying birds not far from San Isidro.

WHITE-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)

The large and common swift in most habitats.

SHORT-TAILED SWIFT (*Chaetura brachyura*)

Finally on our last days at Sacha when they came down low over the lake. A swift with a very distinctive shape.

GRAY-RUMPED SWIFT (ASH-RUMPED) (*Chaetura cinereiventris occidentalis*)

The west-slope form with the more concolor rump, which we saw around Silanche.

GRAY-RUMPED SWIFT (ASH-RUMPED) (*Chaetura cinereiventris sclateri*)

A few groups around Sacha. This eastern form has the paler rump.

LESSER SWALLOW-TAILED SWIFT (*Panyptila cayennensis*)

A clean-cut swift that flew right over the tower at Silanche.

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

Quite numerous around Sacha. The biggest thrill in seeing this was when we got to see one hit a Pale-vented Pigeon and snatch one of its feathers, with which they line their nests... feather thief!

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

RUFIOUS-BREASTED HERMIT (*Glaucis hirsutus*)

A couple of quick, but decent, views at Sacha... mainly along the Orquidea stream.

WHITE-BEARDED HERMIT (*Phaethornis hispidus*)

Briefly along the Shipati stream.

WHITE-WHISKERED HERMIT (*Phaethornis yaruqui*)

Fine studies at this long-billed species at Septimo and Milpe.

GREEN HERMIT (*Phaethornis guy*)

Quick flybys along the Loreto rd.

TAWNY-BELLIED HERMIT (*Phaethornis syrmatophorus*)

One quick flyby at Septimo.

STRAIGHT-BILLED HERMIT (*Phaethornis bourcierii*)

Now these guys can move quickly, eh? Most did get a decent look when they would come in to perch briefly in between bouts of fast flight at Sacha.

GREAT-BILLED HERMIT (*Phaethornis malaris*)

Scope views at a lek at Anangu.

WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN (*Florisuga mellivora*)

What a gorgeous hummer! We had cracking views of them at Septimo's feeders.

BROWN VIOLETEAR (*Colibri delphinae*)

Common in small numbers at Septimo's feeders.

GREEN VIOLETEAR (ANDEAN) (*Colibri thalassinus cyanotus*)

Finally well at San Isidro's feeders. this one is smaller than the Sparkling and lacks the blue in the throat and belly.

SPARKLING VIOLETEAR (*Colibri coruscans coruscans*)

The larger and more colorful relative of the previous species; seen best at San Isidro's feeders.

- GREEN THORNTAIL (*Discosura conversii*)
This tiny hummer was seen in small numbers (one?) at Milpe's feeders... I remember a female!
- GREEN-CROWNED WOODNYMPH (GREEN-CROWNED) (*Thalurania fannyi verticeps*)
Greens and violets don't get any more intense!
- FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania furcata*)
Seen a few times as it fed at bromeliad flowers at the wooden tower at Sacha... but not in the best of light.
- VIOLET-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD (*Damophila julie*)
*One male feeding at the pinkish *Aphelandra* flowers at Silanche.*
- GOLDEN-TAILED SAPPHIRE (*Chrysuronia oenone*)
Just after climbing the wooden tower at Sacha, a few of us had a single perched female of this species.
- ANDEAN EMERALD (*Amazilia franciae viridiceps*)
The hummer with the clean white belly and glittering aqua crown that we saw at Septimo's and Milpe's feeders.
- BLUE-CHESTED HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia amabilis*)
The dominant and aggressive hummer around the flowers at Silanche.
- PURPLE-CHESTED HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia rosenbergi*)
In lesser numbers this trip than the previous species, at least around the guard station. Most of us did see one for quick views though... the one with the snow-white vent.
- RUFIOUS-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia tzacatl*)
The abundant hummer at the feeders in the west with the reddish bill and rufous tail.
- SPECKLED HUMMINGBIRD (*Adelomyia melanogenys*)
The small and very common hummer at San Isidro's feeders.
- * ECUADORIAN PIEDTAIL (*Phlogophilus hemileucurus*)
- FAWN-BREASTED BRILLIANT (*Heliodoxa rubinoides*)
A common hummer at mid-elevations on both slopes, especially at the feeders.
- GREEN-CROWNED BRILLIANT (*Heliodoxa jacula*)
Dazzling views at Milpe and Septimo, where they are feeders addicts.
- EMPRESS BRILLIANT (*Heliodoxa imperatrix*)
We had our best studies of this mid-elevation Choco endemic at Mindo Loma, where there were some flashy males.
- * WHITE-TAILED HILLSTAR (*Urochroa bougueri leucura*)
- BUFF-TAILED CORONET (*Boissonneaua flavescens flavescens*)
The east-slope form with the larger and paler patches of buff in the tail; Guango.
- BUFF-TAILED CORONET (*Boissonneaua flavescens tinochlora*)
The west-slope form that we saw repeatedly at Septimo's and Angel Paz's feeders.
- CHESTNUT-BREASTED CORONET (*Boissonneaua matthewsii*)
An east-slope hummer that we saw regularly at Guango's and San Isidro's feeders.
- VELVET-PURPLE CORONET (*Boissonneaua jardini*)
Arguably the most brilliant hummer of them all! We had stunning views at Mindo Loma's feeders.
- SHINING SUNBEAM (*Aglaeactis cupripennis cupripennis*)
Quick views at Yanacocha.
- ECUADORIAN HILLSTAR (*Oreotrochilus chimborazo*)
One flyby of a female in the paramo.
- MOUNTAIN VELVETBREAST (*Lafresnaya lafresnayi saul*)
The decurve-billed hummer at Yanacocha's feeders.
- BRONZY INCA (*Coeligena coeligena obscura*)
The rather dull hummer that was common at San Isidro's feeders.
- BROWN INCA (*Coeligena wilsoni*)
We all remember those big white spots on the side of the neck.
- COLLARED INCA (*Coeligena torquata*)
As confirmed on the trip, this one looks like it is wearing a tuxedo!

- BUFF-WINGED STARFRONTLET (*Coeligena lutetiae*)
One of the most abundant hummers at Yanacocha.
- SWORD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD (*Ensifera ensifera*)
I'm just glad that this one never appeared when I needed a booster vaccination! This is one of the great examples of how evolution can really take things to the extreme, and we were rewarded with many fine studies, such as at Guango and Yanacocha.
- GREAT SAPPHIREWING (*Pterophanes cyanopterus cyanopterus*)
The second bulkiest hummer, next to the Giant of course! We had repeated nice views at Yanacocha.
- GIANT HUMMINGBIRD (*Patagona gigas peruviana*)
The hulk of hummingbirds! We enjoyed some fine studies of this dry habitat species right at my house in the central valley not far from Quito.
- TOURMALINE SUNANGEL (*Heliangelus exortis*)
The abundant, mostly all dark hummer at Guango's feeders.
- SAPPHIRE-VENTED PUFFLEG (*SAPPHIRE-VENTED*) (*Eriocnemis luciani luciani*)
The common puffleg up at Yanacocha... love that glittering blue crown!
- GOLDEN-BREASTED PUFFLEG (*Eriocnemis mosquera*)
Less common than the previous species at Yanacocha's feeders, but we still nailed a few for good looks.
- GREENISH PUFFLEG (*Haplophaedia aureliae russata*)
A rather dull-plumaged puffleg of the east-slope that we saw extremely well along the roadside in the Guacamayos as it fed on some pinkish flowers.
- PURPLE-BIBBED WHITETIP (*Urosticte benjamini*)
Most common at Septimo's feeders. The males had that nice purple chest spot.
- BOOTED RACKET-TAIL (*Ocreatus underwoodii*)
You can't leave subtropical Ecuador without having seen this classic! We were treated this species' presence many times at the feeders on the west. Tennis anyone!
- BLACK-TAILED TRAINBEARER (*Lesbia victoriae victoriae*)
Now that is a long tail! We had excellent studies at males at my house in the central valley.
- GREEN-TAILED TRAINBEARER (*Lesbia nuna gracilis*)
Many of them zipping around Yanacocha, calling all the while. This one only shows up here around this time of the year, so we hit it right... just like we hit it right for those biting gnats!
- PURPLE-BACKED THORNBILL (*Ramphomicron microrhynchum microrhynchum*)
Another seasonal hummer that we saw a few of at Yanacocha... no full-blown males though, as I recall. What a tiny bill; they use this to feed on flowers that otherwise only insects can feed on.
- TYRIAN METALTAIL (*Metallura tyrianthina*)
A common hummer in temperate habitats.
- VIRIDIAN METALTAIL (*Metallura williami primolinus*)
Replaces the previous species in the high paramo shrub zone on the east slope; we had good looks at one perched up near the Papallacta Pass.
- BLUE-MANTLED THORNBILL (*Chalcostigma stanleyi stanleyi*)
We called in a gorgeous male near the Papallacta Pass, getting it to perch within only feet of the group, for dazzling views of that greenish beard.
- LONG-TAILED SYLPH (*Agelaiocercus kingi*)
The west-slope sylph species that we saw many times well at the feeders. That tail is just unreal!
- VIOLET-TAILED SYLPH (*Agelaiocercus coelestis coelestis*)
The sylph the east-slope, and no less spectacular! We had them commonly at San Isidro's feeders, for instance.
- WEDGE-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD (*Schistes geoffroyi*)
One came in and posed for us along the roadside in the Guacamayos, which is pretty atypical for this inforest, and fast-moving species.
- PURPLE-THROATED WOODSTAR (*Calliphlox mitchellii*)
Seen best at Mindo Loma's and Angel Paz's feeders. The one that flies with its pointy tail cocked up!
- WHITE-BELLIED WOODSTAR (*Chaetocercus mulsant*)
Chunkier than the previous species, and a shade of richer green. We had them well at Guango.

Trogonidae (Trogons)

GOLDEN-HEADED QUETZAL (*Pharomachrus auriceps auriceps*)

A pretty good turnout for this species this trip, with multiple females and at least one striking male.

- * CRESTED QUETZAL (*Pharomachrus antisianus*)

BLUE-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon comptus*)

What I was calling "Choco Trogon"... and it has also gone by "White-eyed"! It is now back to its original old name. We saw a very cooperative male from all angles along the Milpe rd.

BLACK-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon melanurus*)

Donaldo spotted a male for us right after descending the metal towers at Sacha.

GREEN-BACKED TROGON (*Trogon viridis*)

Essentially the Amazonian form of the White-tailed Trogon, but now accepted as a split by the SACC. This was the most commonly seen trogon around Sacha.

- * VIOLACEOUS TROGON (*Trogon violaceus*)

COLLARED TROGON (COLLARED) (*Trogon collaris virginalis*)

Joel spotted this one for us at Silanche; remember that his one has the coarser barring on the tail than the Masked.

MASKED TROGON (*Trogon personatus*)

The common highland trogon; we saw the western and eastern forms.

Momotidae (Motmots)

BLUE-CROWNED MOTMOT (*Momotus momota*)

We called one responsive in at Anangu. After sitting in view for a short bout, it vanished up into a large tree.

- * RUFIOUS MOTMOT (*Baryphthengus martii*)

BROAD-BILLED MOTMOT (BROAD-BILLED) (*Electron platyrhynchum platyrhynchum*)

Fantastic studies of a pair at Septimo where they were quite tame.

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

RINGED KINGFISHER (*Megaceryle torquata*)

The large and common kingfisher around Sacha.

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

We had an easy time with the two blackwater kingfishers this trip at Sacha. We had this one for nice looks out on the lake and then again for even closer looks along the Orquidea stream. This is one of my favorites and often a big target bird for folks.

AMERICAN PYGMY KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle aenea*)

Lou Anne spotted this one for us along the Orquidea stream for near point-blank studies... wow!

Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

PIED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus tectus*)

One distant bird through the scope from the wooden tower.

- * COLLARED PUFFBIRD (*Bucco capensis*)

WHITE-CHESTED PUFFBIRD (*Malacoptila fusca*)

This can be a tricky understory puffbird to track down at times, but we ran into them a few times around Sacha for excellent looks.

- * BROWN NUNLET (*Nonnula brunnea*)

BLACK-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa nigrifrons*)

The common nunbird out along the river edges - the all dark one with the coral bill.

WHITE-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa morphoeus*)

Replaces the previous species inside the forest where it often moves with mixed flocks.

SWALLOW-WINGED PUFFBIRD (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*)

The common puffbird that usually sits up on tall snags along the Napo.

Galbulidae (Jacamars)

WHITE-EARED JACAMAR (*Galbalcyrrhynchus leucotis*)

We had a great trip for jacamars, seeing most of the possible species. We had this riparian species for nice scope view at Anangu.

BROWN JACAMAR (*Brachygalba lugubris*)

The tiny jacamar that we saw from the motor canoe out along the Napo. Sort of reminds of of a hummingbird way up there!

* YELLOW-BILLED JACAMAR (*Galbula albirostris*)

RUFIOUS-TAILED JACAMAR (*Galbula ruficauda*)

Scope views at Silanche.

WHITE-CHINNED JACAMAR (*Galbula tombacea*)

We had a best looks at this swamp forest species on our last morning at Sacha as we made our way to the Napo for the final time.

COPPERY-CHESTED JACAMAR (*Galbula pastazae*)

Nice looks at this eastern foothill species a couple of times.

PURPLISH JACAMAR (*Galbula chalcothorax*)

Seen well through the scope soon after the canoe ride down to Sacha.

Capitonidae (New World Barbets)

SCARLET-CROWNED BARBET (*Capito aurovirens*)

What a charge to see that male up there singing his heart out at Anangu, across the river from Sacha.

ORANGE-FRONTED BARBET (*Capito squamatus*)

A beautiful barbet of the west-slope lowlands that we pulled out of a large flock that slammed into us the moment we stepped off of the bus at Silanche!

GILDED BARBET (*Capito auratus*)

Repeated nice views from the towers at Sacha.

* LEMON-THROATED BARBET (*Eubucco richardsoni*)

This really has to go down as a heard only as a few folks only saw it way up in the canopy, backlit!

RED-HEADED BARBET (*Eubucco bourcierii*)

How can you beat the views we had at that male at Milpe's banana feeders?!

Semnornithidae (Toucan-Barbets)

TOUCAN BARBET (*Semnornis ramphastinus ramphastinus*)

We have to really hand it to Angel Paz for sticking with us - after having missed this species at his fruit feeders - and going the extra mile with us to pry it out of some forests up the hill, where we ended up getting awesome looks!

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

EMERALD TOUCANET (ANDEAN) (*Aulacorhynchus prasinus albivitta*)

Joel came through one quiet afternoon and livened up things with this one, when he spotted it over our heads along a trail at San Isidro.

CRIMSON-RUMPED TOUCANET (*Aulacorhynchus haematopygus sexnotatus*)

Kathy spotted our first one along the old Nono-Mindo rd. as it fed in a Cecropia tree. Three days later we were treated to them at point-blank range at Angel Paz's feeders.

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

An amazingly patterned species of toucan that offered up some excellent views along the old Nono-Mindo rd.

* BLACK-BILLED MOUNTAIN-TOUCAN (*Andigena nigrirostris spilorhynchus*)

LETTERED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus inscriptus*)

A few of this small aracari - with the all yellow underparts - around Sacha.

COLLARED ARACARI (STRIPE-BILLED) (*Pteroglossus torquatus erythropygius*)

The common aracari of the west-slope that we saw commonly and at very close range at Silanche when they came in to feed on that fruiting fig tree. This form is sometimes considered to represent a different species, the "Pale-mandibled Aracari".

CHESTNUT-EARED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus castanotis*)

On our way down to Sacha we had a pair attending a nest hole along the Napo, for ok views.

MANY-BANDED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus pluricinctus*)

The common aracari around Sacha.

IVORY-BILLED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus azara*)

Some outstanding views of this species from the metal towers at Sacha, where a few noisy groups came by.

GOLDEN-COLLARED TOUCANET (*Selenidera reinwardtii*)

We called in a very responsive male at the beginning of the Providencia trail for nice scope views.

CHESTNUT-MANDIBLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos swainsonii*)

The common and large toucan at Silanche this visit - especially from the tower! This was the larger one with the notably longer bill; remember that we were scrutinizing it so as not to confuse it with the Choco Toucan.

WHITE-THROATED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos tucanus cuvieri*)

This west-Amazonian form is sometimes lumped with the Red-billed Toucan, of other parts of Amazonia. We had many fine looks at this large toucan at Sacha.

CHOCO TOUCAN (*Ramphastos brevis*)

In lesser numbers at Silanche, but we had some confirmed birds for scope views.

CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos vitellinus culminatus*)

Like a smaller version of the White-throated; also seen at Sacha from the towers. This one 'croaks', while the White-throated 'yelps'.

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

LAFRESNAYE'S PICULET (*Picumnus lafresnayi*)

Very nice looks at this tiny woodpecker relative along the Loreto rd.

OLIVACEOUS PICULET (*Picumnus olivaceus harterti*)

With our large understory flock at Silanche.

YELLOW-TUFTED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes cruentatus*)

Plenty of fine studies at Sacha of this striking woodpecker species.

BLACK-CHEEKED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes pucherani*)

Many of you realized right away that this species is a relative of the Red-bellied Woodpecker! This one was common at Silanche.

SMOKY-BROWN WOODPECKER (*Picoides fumigatus fumigatus*)

A few times on the slopes.

RED-RUMPED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis kirkii*)

Fairly common with the mixed flocks at Silanche, and we did even get to see the rump, that can be quite concealed.

LITTLE WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis passerinus*)

One responsive pair up in the canopy along the Loreto rd.

SCARLET-BACKED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis callonotus*)

We lucked into fine studies at a family group near Silanche, where they sometimes frequent the cut-over areas.

YELLOW-VENTED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis dignus*)

Very nice scope views a t male in large flock at San Isidro.

GOLDEN-OLIVE WOODPECKER (*Colaptes rubiginosus*)

Very nicely with a flock at Milpe.

CRIMSON-MANTLED WOODPECKER (*Colaptes rivolii brevirostris*)

Probably the most striking woodpecker of the trip, with those deep red tones; pretty common around San Isidro.

CHESTNUT WOODPECKER (*Celeus elegans*)

Quick looks at one for a few that were in the front of the canoe before it dived into a roost hole along the Anaconda stream.

CREAM-COLORED WOODPECKER (*Celeus flavus*)

Not as easy to get as usual ,but we still finally managed to nab them a couple if times for pretty good looks.

LINEATED WOODPECKER (*Dryocopus lineatus fuscipennis*)

One seen really well at a presumed nest hole at Silanche... a close relative of the Pileated Woodpecker.

CRIMSON-CRESTED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus melanoleucos*)

Scope views of this large species from the metal towers at Sacha.

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

* TAWNY-THROATED LEAFTOSSER (*Sclerurus mexicanus*)

- SHORT-BILLED LEAFTOSSER (*Sclerurus ruficularis*)
Bet you never thought that you'd walk away from the trip having seen a on a night-roost... or even a leaftosser at all! Oscar has had this one staked out for a while behind the cabins at Sacha, and even though it changes spots now and then, it usually comes back. We had some pretty memorable spotlight views.
- BLACK-TAILED LEAFTOSSER (*Sclerurus caudacutus*)
It took a while to work this one into the right position - and it only got harder as it was getting dark fast - but we lucked out when it finally jumped out onto the trail for good looks; Sacha.
- STOUT-BILLED CINCLODES (*Cinclodes excelsior excelsior*)
The larger of the two species of cinclodes here in Ecuador, with the thicker, more decurved bill; both are paramo species.
- BAR-WINGED CINCLODES (ALBIDIVENTRIS GROUP) (*Cinclodes fuscus albidiventris*)
Smaller than the previous species, and with a much more petite bill.
- PALE-LEGGED HORNERO (PACIFIC) (*Furnarius leucopus cinnamomeus*)
Litters the roadsides in the western lowlands.
- ANDEAN TIT-SPINETAIL (*Leptasthenura andicola andicola*)
A beautiful little streaky furnariid of paramo shrubbery that we had very nice looks at near the pass.
- * WHITE-CHINNED THISTLETAIL (*Schizoeaca fuliginosa fuliginosa*)
- AZARA'S SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis azarae media*)
Seen well as it sneaked in through the shrubbery during some morning birding around San Isidro.
- SLATY SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis brachyura nigrofumosa*)
While frequently heard, this one can be a real devil to see, but we actually scored big-time at Septimo with a pretty cooperative pair.
- * DUSKY SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis moesta*)
- * WHITE-BROWED SPINETAIL (*Hellmayrea gularis*)
- RED-FACED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca erythroptus erythroptus*)
An arboreal spinetail of the west slope that we saw well in the flocks.
- MANY-STRIPED CANASTERO (*Asthenes flammulata flammulata*)
Common up in the paramo shrubbery, and what an intricately patterned species, full of streaks and orange tones!
- * RUSTY-WINGED BARBTAIL (*Premnornis guttuligera*)
- SPOTTED BARBTAIL (*Premnoplex brunnescens brunnescens*)
I was surprised when this one crept up into the open - this is usually a talented skulker - for nice looks; the chocolate colored bird (hmmm) with the buffy spots underneath.
- PEARLED TREERUNNER (*Margarornis squamiger perlatus*)
One of the prettiest furnariid, and a common bird in montane forest flocks.
- STREAKED TUFTEDCHEEK (*Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii*)
We enjoyed some nice scope views of this very distinctive species.
- SCALY-THROATED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (SPOT-BREASTED) (*Anabacerthia variegaticeps temporalis*)
Common with the flocks in the west... the one with the orangish brow.
- MONTANE FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Anabacerthia striaticollis montana*)
The east slope relative of the previous species, and also common with mixed flocks. We had this one well in the Guacamayos.
- LINEATED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Syndactyla subalaris*)
A streaky foliage-gleaner of mid-elevations. We had very nice looks at a responsive pair at Septimo.
- * STRIPED WOODHAUNTER (CENTRAL AMERICAN) (*Hyloctistes subulatus virgatus*)
- CHESTNUT-WINGED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor erythropterum*)
Really responsive for nice looks in a large canopy flock at Anangu. These canopy birds of the lowlands can be really difficult to see well, but we this one really came bombing down.
- BUFF-FRONTED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor rufum*)
Good looks with the flocks in the west at Septimo.

- BLACK-BILLED TREEHUNTER (*Thripadectes melanorhynchus*)
Well, we were all ready for it to blast across the road... and it did... as fast as lightening. Kathy did see it creep through a window in the foliage though!
- STREAK-CAPPED TREEHUNTER (*Thripadectes virgaticeps*)
Very nice looks at one from the porch at Mindo Loma.
- BUFF-THROATED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Automolus ochrolaemus*)
As responsive and visible as one could hope for with this skulking species of foliage-gleaner at Anangu.
- PLAIN XENOPS (*Xenops minutus*)
Seen with the flocks at Silanche in the west and a few times with understory flocks at Sacha.
- STREAKED XENOPS (*Xenops rutilans*)
Regular with flocks on both slopes.
- TYRANNINE WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla tyrannina tyrannina*)
One flew right in unexpectedly for excellent views along the old Nono-Mindo. The woodcreeper with no streaking and a straight bill with a hook at the end.
- PLAIN-BROWN WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*)
A few in the west; another dull woodcreeper without much patterning.
- * OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*)
- WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*)
The smallest of woodcreepers, and a common bird with flocks on both slopes.
- CINNAMON-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrozetetes rufiflora*)
A few around Sacha.
- STRONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER (ANDEAN/NORTHERN) (*Xiphocolaptes promeropygus promeropygus*)
A hulk of a woodcreeper that gave us wonderful looks at Septimo.
- * AMAZONIAN BARRED-WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes certhia*)
- BLACK-BANDED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes picumnus*)
Lou Anne was the only one to get good looks at this large woodcreeper along the boardwalk on our last walk across.
- STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Dendroplex picus*)
Pretty good looks at this crisply marked woodcreeper along the lake edges at Sacha.
- STRIPED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus obsoletus*)
Quick looks for some at this swamp forest species along the Anaconda stream.
- * SPIX'S WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus spixii*)
- BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus*)
One of the more common woodcreepers and nd voices of the eastern lowlands; we had this bulky woodcreeper a few times at Sacha.
- BLACK-STRIPED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus lachrymosus*)
We pulled one out of a large canopy flock at Silanche.
- SPOTTED WOODCREEPER (BERLEPSCH'S) (*Xiphorhynchus erythropygius aequatorialis*)
Common with the flocks in the west. The one that sounds like a horse!
- OLIVE-BACKED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus triangularis triangularis*)
The east slope representative of the previous species which Joel spotted for some of us, but it got away before the rest could get onto it.
- STREAK-HEADED WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes souleyetii esmeraldae*)
Common with the flocks at Silanche.
- MONTANE WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger aequatorialis*)
The montane relative of the previous species, and a snazzy looking bird.
- Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)***
- FASCIATED ANTSHRIKE (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*)
Hannah spotted a female for us at close range along the Orquidea stream at Sacha.

UNDULATED ANTSHRIKE (*Frederickena unduligera*)

It was getting pretty dark to see much detail, but I do remember that at least Wilbur saw it singing momentarily! This is a really husky antshrike with a big crest that is easy to recognize in even low light... maybe we should call it the 'Undulated Antshrek'!

LINED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus tenuipunctatus tenuifasciatus*)

One nice male in the scope, as it sang, along the Loreto rd.

WESTERN SLATY-ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus atrinucha*)

A responsive pair right next to the guard station at Silanche as they called back to us and worked through the vine tangles.

PLAIN-WINGED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus schistaceus*)

Up in some high vine tangles at Anangu, but the looks weren't bad.

* MOUSE-COLORED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus murinus*)

* UNIFORM ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus unicolor unicolor*)

RUSSET ANTSHRIKE (TAWNY) (*Thamnistes anabatinus intermedius*)

Scope views with a flock at Silanche. This one, at first sight, doesn't look much like an antshrike, with its orange tones.

DUSKY-THROATED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes ardesiacus*)

Nice views at noisy group near the wooden tower at Sacha, where they moved with a small understory flock.

CINEREOUS ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes caesius*)

Very similar in appearance to the previous species, and one that most saw well in the terra firme flocks across the Napo at Anangu.

CHECKER-THROATED ANT WREN (*Epinecrophylla fulviventris*)

A common member of understory mixed flocks at Silanche. This one prefers to feed in dead leaf clusters, something we saw it doing.

* ORNATE ANT WREN (*Epinecrophylla ornata*)

RUFIOUS-TAILED ANT WREN (*Epinecrophylla erythrura*)

Seen well by most in the same terra firme flock as the Cinereous Antshrike at Anangu.

* PYGMY ANT WREN (*Myrmotherula brachyura*)

MOUSTACHED ANT WREN (SHORT-BILLED) (*Myrmotherula ignota obscura*)

This west-slope form was once considered to be more allied to the Pygmy Antwren group, but was later on realized to be of the Moustached group. This one has also been split out as Griscom's Antwren by some authors; now it is lumped with Moustached! Make sense? We had great looks at a responsive bird in the flocks at Silanche.

PLAIN-THROATED ANT WREN (*Myrmotherula hauxwelli*)

Awesome scope views at a male when it sat and sang in the understory near the wooden tower at Sacha.

WHITE-FLANKED ANT WREN (*Myrmotherula axillaris*)

With some understory activity at Sacha; the mostly blackish antwren with the poofed out white flanks.

SLATY ANT WREN (*Myrmotherula schisticolor schisticolor*)

A family group with a flock at Septimo.

GRAY ANT WREN (*Myrmotherula menetriesii*)

An antwren of the midstory that travels with flocks, mostly in terra firme forest.

BANDED ANT BIRD (*Dichrozona cincta*)

* DUGAND'S ANT WREN (*Herpsilochmus dugandi*)

* YELLOW-BREASTED ANT WREN (*Herpsilochmus axillaris*)

DOT-WINGED ANT WREN (*Microrhophias quixensis*)

In the same flock as the Checker-throated Antwren at Silanche for very nice looks.

LONG-TAILED ANT BIRD (*Drymophila caudata caudata*)

A bamboo specialist that we saw well one afternoon at San Isidro.

RUFIOUS-RUMPED ANT WREN (*Terenura callinota callinota*)

The little canopy antwren that we pulled out of flock at Milpe. This was the one that I said, "was right over my feet". Well, I wasn't wrong, but I guess I should have said, "over my head"! Anyway, we had quick but good looks. Don even got a pretty nice photo.

GRAY ANTBIRD (*Cercomacra cinerascens*)

Another sneaky antbird that we had up along the Anangu trail as it lurked about up in a vine tangle. For a bird that stays out of sight, way overhead most of the time, we had nice looks. This one had big white spots on the tail-tips.

DUSKY ANTBIRD (*Cercomacra tyrannina*)

After a little persistence, we pulled one out into the open at Silanche along the roadside.

* BLACKISH ANTBIRD (BLACKISH) (*Cercomacra nigrescens aequatorialis*)

BLACK ANTBIRD (*Cercomacra serva*)

Nice views at a male along the Loreto rd. when we coaxed one out of that fern tangle.

* BLACK-FACED ANTBIRD (*Myrmoborus myotherinus*)

PERUVIAN WARBLING-ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis peruviana*)

Very responsive at Sacha. This one likes tangles - surprise, huh? - but we pulled it out into the open.

YELLOW-BROWED ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis hypoxantha*)

A specialty of the ridge forests over at Anangu. We got a response almost immediately and had wonderful studies of this gorgeous little antbird.

SILVERED ANTBIRD (*Sclateria naevia*)

Pretty easily a couple of times in the swampy undergrowth at Sacha.

SPOT-WINGED ANTBIRD (*Schistocichla leucostigma*)

A few of us who ventured out on the last evening got twilight views of this one when it popped out of the undergrowth a couple of times... but hey, it looks dark gray in good light too!

* CHESTNUT-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza exsul maculifer*)

* WHITE-SHOULDERED ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza melanoceps*)

PLUMBEOUS ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza hyperythra*)

The chunky gray antbird with the bluish skin around the eye that we pulled out of the swamp forest along the main boardwalk at Sacha.

SOOTY ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza fortis*)

One fairly cooperative male across the Napo along the Providencia trail.

IMMACULATE ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza immaculata macrorhyncha*)

I could not believe our luck when they came out onto the roadside at Septimo for incredible, late afternoon views!

WHITE-PLUMED ANTBIRD (*Pithys albifrons*)

Glimpsed only along the Providencia trail.

LUNULATED ANTBIRD (*Gymnopithys lunulatus*)

We had a pair along the Providencia trail that toyed with us, but I think just about everybody ended up with strong views. It was interesting how we came across a few of the obligate army antswarm followers away from ants... must not have been swarming.

SPOT-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Hylophylax naevius*)

One cooperative bird in some swampy forest below the wooden tower at Sacha.

DOT-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Hylophylax punctulatus*)

Seen just before the previous species, when Robert spotted one right over a stream.

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

Seen well by most along the main boardwalk at Sacha... always a tricky one to trick into to coming in, but worth the effort as it is really a handsome antbird!

Formicariidae (Antthrushes)

* BLACK-FACED ANTTHRUSH (*Formicarius analis*)

RUFIOUS-BREASTED ANTTHRUSH (*Formicarius rufipectus carrikeri*)

Incredible studies at 'Pepito' at Angel Paz's. Angel continues to find new, hard birds to tame!

STRIATED ANTTHRUSH (*Chamaeza nobilis*)

We outsmarted this one at Sacha when we got one of a pair to trot by not far from the lodge!

Grallariidae (Antpittas)

GIANT ANTPITTA (*Grallaria gigantea hylodroma*)

The antpitta show at Angel Paz's is now legendary, and we had one of the best visits I can remember, seeing four species as if they were puppies on a leash! The Giant Antpitta is a bird that was lost to science until only fairly recently, but now Angel has them eating out of his hand, literally! Not only did we see the famous 'Maria' up-close and personal, but we were also treated others of her family: Carino and Manuela; how he knows what sex they are is still beyond me, but even if he doesn't, it's still fun!

MOUSTACHED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria alleni andaquiensis*)

In my experience, this is the hardest of the antpittas to nail Angel's, but there it was waiting for us, in the form of 'Susan'! This is another species that had scientists baffled for decades.

* PLAIN-BACKED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria haplonota*)

* OCHRE-STRIPED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria dignissima*)

And we were so close!

* CHESTNUT-NAPED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria nuchalis obsoleta*)

YELLOW-BREASTED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria flavotincta*)

'Willie' is now known to be a girl... don't ask me how they know this though. Willie posed for us wonderfully as she fed on a rock at REALLY close range!

WHITE-BELLIED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria hypoleuca*)

San Isidro's own, 'tame' antpitta. I'm not sure that we will ever give it a name, but if we ever do, it won't be 'Carmen', because she wouldn't stand for that. We had phenomenal views when this sneaky species came in and fed right in front of us, right below the dining room.

* RUFOUS ANTPITTA (*Grallaria rufula rufula*)

TAWNY ANTPITTA (*Grallaria quitensis quitensis*)

In full view right on the trail at Yanacocha. Our first antpitta of the trip.

* WHITE-LORED ANTPITTA (*Hylopezus fulviventris*)

OCHRE-BREASTED ANTPITTA (*Grallaricula flavirostris*)

We had excellent views of this tennis ball-sized species at Septimo, and then again at Angel's, where 'Shakira' put in an appearance.

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

Rhinocryptidae (Tapaculos)

RUSTY-BELTED TAPACULO (*Liosceles thoracicus*)

Seen briefly by some when it scooted across the trail at Sacha.

* ASH-COLORED TAPACULO (*Myornis senilis*)

* BLACKISH TAPACULO (*Scytalopus latrans latrans*)

* LONG-TAILED TAPACULO (*Scytalopus micropterus*)

* WHITE-CROWNED TAPACULO (*Scytalopus atratus confusus*)

* NARINO TAPACULO (*Scytalopus vicinior*)

Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

BROWN-CAPPED TYRANNULET (*Ornithion brunneicapillus*)

Fine views of this canopy flock species at Silanche.

WHITE-LORED TYRANNULET (*Ornithion inermis*)

The Amazonian representative of the previous species. We had very nice scope views of a singing bird from the metal towers at Sacha.

SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)

A common bird of cleared and drier habitats.

WHITE-TAILED TYRANNULET (*Mecocerculus poecilocercus*)

The common tyrannulet at mid-elevations.

WHITE-BANDED TYRANNULET (*Mecocerculus stictopterus stictopterus*)

Common

WHITE-THROATED TYRANNULET (*Mecocerculus leucophrys rufomarginatis*)

Common with the flocks at Yanacocha.

SULPHUR-BELLIED TYRANNULET (*Mecocerculus minor*)

San Isidro, where it follows mixed flocks most of the time.

- YELLOW-CROWNED TYRANNULET (*Tyrannulus elatus*)
Common around Sacha; we had some good views of them around the lake.
- GRAY ELAENIA (*Myiopagis caniceps*)
Common with the canopy flocks at Silanche.
- GREENISH ELAENIA (*Myiopagis viridicata*)
Good looks at one in the understory at Milpe.
- YELLOW-BELLIED ELAENIA (*Elaenia flavogaster*)
A bird that has moved in due to forest disturbance; we had good looks at Silanche.
- WHITE-CRESTED ELAENIA (WHITE-CRESTED) (*Elaenia albiceps griseigularis*)
A few along the old Nono-Mindo rd.
- MOTTLE-BACKED ELAENIA (*Elaenia gigas*)
One out on a river island along the Napo.
- TORRENT TYRANNULET (*Serpophaga cinerea cinerea*)
Seen along a roaring river during some birding along the Loreto rd.
- STREAK-NECKED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes striaticollis*)
Common at forest edges at San Isidro.
- OCHRE-BELLIED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes oleagineus*)
Good looks at a responsive bird in the understory at Sacha.
- SLATY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Leptopogon superciliaris*)
A common and noisy flock species; we had good looks around Septimo, among other places in the west.
- RUFIOUS-BREASTED FLYCATCHER (*Leptopogon rufipectus*)
Another noisy species of this genus; we had them a few times in the flocks around San Isidro.
- * VARIEGATED BRISTLE-TYRANT (*Phylloscartes poecilotis*)
- MARBLE-FACED BRISTLE-TYRANT (*Phylloscartes ophthalmicus ophthalmicus*)
We pulled one out of a canopy flock at San Isidro and even managed to get it in the scope for most folks.
- ECUADORIAN TYRANNULET (*Phylloscartes gualaquizae*)
Very responsive in a roadside flock along the Loreto rd.
- SOOTY-HEADED TYRANNULET (*Phyllomyias griseiceps*)
This one is always a real sucker for its own sound, and we had nice and close perched views at Silanche... the one with no discernible wing bars.
- * ASHY-HEADED TYRANNULET (*Phyllomyias cinereiceps*)
- CHOCO TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius albigularis*)
The west-slope relative of the Golden-faced Tyrannulet, from which it was recently split. Common around Milpe and Silanche.
- SLENDER-FOOTED TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius gracilipes*)
The 'Zimmerius of the east lowlands that we saw well from the towers at Sacha.
- GOLDEN-FACED TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius chrysops*)
A few on the slopes of the Guacamayos... very similar in appearance to the Choco Tyrannulet of the west.
- ORNATE FLYCATCHER (*Myiotriccus ornatus*)
A fancy little flycatcher of forest undergrowth on both slopes; we had them well at close range at Milpe. This was the one with the white spots on the face.
- BLACK-CAPPED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Myiornis atricapillus*)
One of the smallest passerines in the world, and much like a ping-pong ball with legs and a bill! We called one in for scope views at Silanche.
- SCALE-CRESTED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Lophotriccus pileatus*)
Good looks at Silanche where some folks even saw the scaly effect to the crown.
- DOUBLE-BANDED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Lophotriccus vitiosus*)
Sometimes a really tricky one to get to perform the right way, but we had a very cooperative pair along the Providencia trail at eye level for excellent looks.

- WHITE-EYED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus zosterops*)
All of these 'pygmy-tyrants' and 'Tody-tyrants' can really start to run together - and this is one of the most drab! - until one gains a little experience about their habits, vocalizations, etc. We finally nailed this one along the Anangu trail across from Sacha as it sat up in the midstory.
- RUFIOUS-CROWNED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Poecilatriccus ruficeps*)
Very nice looks a this bamboo specialist around the gardens at San Isidro.
- COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum cinereum sclateri*)
Commonly in the western lowlands.
- BLACK-HEADED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum nigriceps*)
Good looks at one of this tiny canopy species at Silanche.
- YELLOW-BROWED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum*)
Very fine studies from the wooden tower at Sacha; this can be a tough one to see without the aid of the towers... as would be a number of the species we saw on the tour.
- * YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER (CONFUSUS) (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens confusus*)
- * ORANGE-EYED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias traylori*)
- * YELLOW-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (YELLOW-MARGINED) (*Tolmomyias assimilis flavotectus*)
Common with the flocks at Silanche.
- * YELLOW-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (ZIMMER'S) (*Tolmomyias assimilis obscuriceps*)
- * GRAY-CROWNED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias poliocephalus*)
- YELLOW-BREASTED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias flaviventris*)
Scope views near the Napo at Sacha... about as dull as they come!
- * RUDDY-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Terenotriccus erythrus*)
- CINNAMON FLYCATCHER (*Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus pyrrhopterus*)
Common in open areas around San Isidro.
- CLIFF FLYCATCHER (*Hirundinea ferruginea*)
As its name suggests, this species spends its entire life on cliff faces. Here in Ecuador this species is restricted to the east-slope; we saw it along the Loreto rd. at a well-known road-cut spot where they never fail us!
- FLAVESCENT FLYCATCHER (*Myiophobus flavicans flavicans*)
For some around San Isidro.
- HANDSOME FLYCATCHER (*Myiophobus pulcher*)
A small and cooperative flock around the cabins at San Isidro.
- OLIVE-CHESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiophobus cryptoxanthus*)
A second-growth species that we pulled out of an old pasture at San Isidro.
- BRAN-COLORED FLYCATCHER (*Myiophobus fasciatus*)
One responsive bird around Milpe.
- b** OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER (*Contopus cooperi*)
I don't usually see this one on the eastern lowlands, but we had one up on a snag along the Shipati stream.
- SMOKE-COLORED PEWEE (*Contopus fumigatus*)
Common at mid-elevations in humid forest. Once lumped with the Greater Pewee.
- b*** WESTERN WOOD-PEWEE (*Contopus sordidulus*)
- BLACK PHOEBE (WHITE-WINGED) (*Sayornis nigricans angustirostris*)
A common bird along rivers and streams in the Andes.
- VERMILION FLYCATCHER (VERMILION) (*Pyrocephalus rubinus piurae*)
Good looks in my yard in the central valley where a resident pair patrols the yard.
- DRAB WATER TYRANT (*Ochthornis littoralis*)
As we noted on the trip, this one is spectacular in its drabness! This is a common species at water's edge along the Napo.
- a** WHITE-BROWED GROUND-TYRANT (*Muscisaxicola albilora*)
We had some nice scope views at a group of this austral migrant in the agricultural zone as we made our way up to the Papallacta Pass; this one seems to prefer plowed fields on its wintering grounds.

- PLAIN-CAPPED GROUND-TYRANT (*Muscisaxicola alpinus alpinus*)
A few of this rather drab species up in the treeless paramos above the Papallacta Pass.
- SMOKY BUSH-TYRANT (*Myiotheretes fumigatus*)
Common at Yanacocha this trip.
- RED-RUMPED BUSH-TYRANT (*Cnemarchus erythropygius erythropygius*)
A tough one to connect with sometimes, but we had really nice scope views of this handsome and large tyrannid in the paramos not far from the seedsnipe spot.
- MASKED WATER-TYRANT (*Fluvicola nengeta*)
What a charge to see them launch into their wing displays near Silanche!
- CROWNED CHAT-TYRANT (CROWNED) (*Ochthoeca frontalis frontalis*)
Good looks at this skulking chat-tyrant species at Yanacocha for just about everybody!
- SLATY-BACKED CHAT-TYRANT (SLATY-BACKED) (*Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris cinnamomeiventris*)
Very nice scope views of this good-looking chat-tyrant in the Guacamayos!
- BROWN-BACKED CHAT-TYRANT (*Ochthoeca fumicolor brunneifrons*)
The common chat-tyrant at high elevations.
- * LARGE-HEADED FLATBILL (*Ramphotrigon megacephalum*)
- RUFOUS-TAILED FLATBILL (*Ramphotrigon ruficauda*)
We called one up, out of the swamps along the Orquidea stream at Sacha, for good looks, especially in light of having to bird from a paddle canoe.
- * CINNAMON ATTILA (*Attila cinnamomeus*)
- CITRON-BELLIED ATTILA (*Attila citriniventris*)
Oscar did a fine job of scanning this one out for us as it sang from a difficult to find perch along the main boardwalk at Sacha; we all ended up with wonderful scope views, taking into account that the bird was way up in the canopy!
- * BRIGHT-RUMPED ATTILA (*Attila spadiceus*)
- * SIRYSTES (*Sirystes sibilator*)
- DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*)
The common 'Myiarchus' in the west.
- SHORT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus ferox*)
A common bird of the eastern lowlands here in Ecuador. We had many good looks at this bushy crested species around Sacha, especially around the lake.
- PALE-EDGED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus cephalotes cephalotes*)
The 'Myiarchus' to be found at mid-elevations on the east slope; we had them commonly around San Isidro.
- LESSER KISKADEE (*Pitangus lictor*)
Fairly common along the lake edges at Sacha.
- GREAT KISKADEE (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)
Best known for its characteristic voice!
- BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER (*Megarynchus pitangua*)
Common in the lowlands on both sides of the Andes. This one is largely a fruit-eater!
- RUSTY-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes cayanensis hellmayri*)
Common in humid areas on the west slope.
- SOCIAL FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes similis*)
Common in riparian areas around Sacha.
- GRAY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes granadensis*)
A common species along lake and river edges at Sacha.
- LEMON-BROWED FLYCATCHER (*Conopias cinchoneti cinchoneti*)
A colonial species of foothill areas; we had good looks at this cleanly marked species in the Guacamayos.
- GOLDEN-CROWNED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes chrysocephalus minor*)
A common and noisy bird of mid-elevations.
- STREAKED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)
Plenty around Silanche.

PIRATIC FLYCATCHER (*Legatus leucophaeus*)

A common flycatcher of the canopy in the lowlands on both sides of the Andes.

a VARIEGATED FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus varius*)

Nice scope views of this austral migrant at Sacha.

a CROWNED SLATY FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus aurantioatrocristatus*)

Common in the canopy at Sacha this time of the year.

SNOWY-THROATED KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus niveigularis*)

One bird for scope views at Milpe, where they have moved in due to loss of forest!

TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus melancholicus*)

Omnipresent in the foothills and lowlands of both slopes.

b EASTERN KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus tyrannus*)

Migrating through this time of the year.

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

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

Nice views at a male and female at San Isidro.

* BARRED FRUITEATER (*Pipreola arcuata arcuata*)

ORANGE-BREASTED FRUITEATER (*Pipreola jucunda*)

Angel Paz led us right to the land of Orange-breasted Fruiteaters, didn't he? I was in awe of the looks we had at both a female and stunning male!

SCALED FRUITEATER (*Ampelioides tschudii*)

A very responsive male at Septimo for scope studies.

RED-CRESTED COTINGA (*Ampelion rubrocristatus*)

Joel spotted our first one at Yanacocha; later on in the trip we had some nice repeat views.

ANDEAN COCK-OF-THE-ROCK (*Rupicola peruvianus sanguinolentus*)

The visit to Angel Paz's - after a steep hike downhill - was kicked off with really nice looks at a few males of this unbelievable species at pretty close range.

OLIVACEOUS PIHA (*Snowornis cryptolophus*)

On a nest at Angel's... and what a tiny nest for such a chunky bird.

PURPLE-THROATED FRUITCROW (*Querula purpurata*)

Seen pretty well by most at Silanche.

PLUM-THROATED COTINGA (*Cotinga maynana*)

Seen well from the wooden tower at Sacha. Most striking was seeing it perched up in a tall tree - through the scope - next to a male of the Spangled! I was busy trying not to inhale sweat-bees while all of you enjoyed the views...

SPANGLED COTINGA (*Cotinga cayana*)

This one really looks like it is from electric bird-land! Many fine views from the towers at Sacha.

SCREAMING PIHA (*Lipaugus vociferans*)

Not much of a plumage to ogle at, but it packs about 100 decibels! We actually did have some fun watching it throw its mouth open upon belting out its song; Sacha.

BLACK-TIPPED COTINGA (*Carpodectes hopkei*)

Not a common bird at Silanche, but we were treated to really close views of a gorgeous male from the metal tower... that fruiting fig tree really did us some big favors!

BARE-NECKED FRUITCROW (*Gymnoderus foetidus*)

A few from the metal towers; this one has a distinctive, buoyant flight.

Pipridae (Manakins)

DWARF TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Tyrannetes stolzmanni*)

One at very close range in the wooden tower when it came to nibble on fig fruits. This was an excellent trip for manakins, with nine seen well by everybody.

GOLDEN-WINGED MANAKIN (*Masius chrysopterus*)

We had our best looks at this one when we spotted a perched male along the roadside in the Guacamayos... awesome!

STRIPED MANAKIN (WESTERN) (*Machaeropterus regulus striolatus*)

It took some maneuvering to finally get this one in the scope for everybody, as it was a tad jumpy, but Lou Anne managed to re-find it for us for the victory shot!

BLUE-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Lepidothrix coronata*)

Very nice looks at an actively foraging male along the Anangu trail.

WHITE-BEARDED MANAKIN (*Manacus manacus*)

A beautiful male feeding on fig fruits at eye-level from the tower at Silanche... exceptional!

* BLUE-BACKED MANAKIN (*Chiroxiphia pareola*)

ORANGE-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Heterocercus aurantiivertex*)

It took a couple of tries along the Orquidea stream to get good looks for all, but it was worth it. This is a very localized species that can only be found in swamp forest in the eastern lowlands, so a canoe is almost always necessary to get into its habitat.

WIRE-TAILED MANAKIN (*Pipra filicauda*)

Tremendous scope views at a male at Sacha; we could even see the thin, wire-like filaments extending from the tip of the tail.

GOLDEN-HEADED MANAKIN (*Pipra erythrocephala*)

Awesome males along the Anangu ridge trail as we sweated our way up!

WING-BARRED PIPRITES (*Piprites chloris*)

A very cooperative pair in the midstory along the Anangu trail... the one with the big eye!

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

BLACK-TAILED TITYRA (*Tityra cayana*)

Scoped from the wooden tower at Sacha... sort of hard to come by this trip.

MASKED TITYRA (*Tityra semifasciata*)

Plenty in the fruiting fig tree next to the tower at Silanche.

CINEREOUS MOURNER (*Laniocera hypopyrra*)

One territorial bird in the understory at Sacha... the one with the cinnamon-colored spots on the wings.

WHITE-BROWED PURPLETUFT (*Iodopleura isabellae*)

Now placed in a newly erected family with the becards and tityras. Robert spotted a family group of this species in the treetops next to the metal towers just before heading down... a nice finale, I'd say!

BARRED BECARD (*Pachyramphus versicolor versicolor*)

Common around San Isidro where we had some close studies at pairs.

CINNAMON BECARD (*Pachyramphus cinnamomeus cinnamomeus*)

Abundant in the west!

WHITE-WINGED BECARD (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*)

Good looks at this grayer west-slope race at Septimo.

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

An unusual visitor to San Isidro, but we had a pair foraging in some trees around the dining room during our first morning of birding there.

ONE-COLORED BECARD (*Pachyramphus homochrous*)

Plentiful around Milpe, where they seem to invade seasonally.

Vireonidae (Vireos)

BROWN-CAPPED VIREO (*Vireo leucophrys*)

Common with mid-elevation flocks on both slopes.

RED-EYED VIREO (*Vireo olivaceus*)

The common west-slope race.

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

Sacha.

RUFIOUS-NAPED GREENLET (*Hylophilus semibrunneus*)

One very cooperative bird in a flock along the Loreto rd., when it came blasting across the road and sat in a low tree, to close to focus on!

DUSKY-CAPPED GREENLET (*Hylophilus hypoxanthus*)

We pulled this canopy greenlet out of a flock along the Providencia trail for good looks.

OLIVACEOUS GREENLET (*Hylophilus olivaceus*)

Loreto rd., where we manipulated one for nice scope views.

LESSER GREENLET (GRAY-HEADED) (*Hylophilus decurtatus minor*)

Common with the flocks at Milpe and Silanche, but not always easy to see, but we had one or two cooperative birds.

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

Very nice scope views of a responsive bird at Silanche... the one with the droning song that has a very ventriloquial quality.

BLACK-BILLED PEPPERSHRIKE (*Cyclarhis nigrirostris*)

Common around the gardens at San Isidro and in the flocks otherwise.

Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)

GREEN JAY (INCA) (*Cyanocorax yncas yncas*)

Common and noisy around the cabins at San Isidro.

VIOLACEOUS JAY (*Cyanocorax violaceus*)

The only jay of the eastern lowlands, and very common and vocal.

TURQUOISE JAY (*Cyanolyca turcosa*)

Some good looks at this colorful species along the old Nono-Mindo rd.

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

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

The common swallow at mid-elevations and in the central valley.

BROWN-BELLIED SWALLOW (*Orochelidon murina murina*)

Replaces the previous species at higher elevations, such as in the paramo.

WHITE-THIGHED SWALLOW (*Atticora tibialis minima*)

A few of the larger east-slope race along the Loreto rd.

WHITE-BANDED SWALLOW (*Atticora fasciata*)

Most common along the Napo River. The one with the dark blue-black plumage, and white chest band.

SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)

Common in the west.

GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN (*Progne chalybea*)

Common around Sacha. especially along the lake edge.

BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN (*Progne tapera*)

A few out along the Napo.

WHITE-WINGED SWALLOW (*Tachycineta albiventer*)

The common swallow out on the lake at Sacha.

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

BAND-BACKED WREN (*Campylorhynchus zonatus*)

Killer views of this large canopy wren at Silanche.

RUFIOUS WREN (*Cinnycerthia unirufa unirufa*)

Common in large family groups at Yanacocha.

* SHARPE'S WREN (*Cinnycerthia olivascens olivascens*)

* PLAIN-TAILED WREN (*Thryothorus euophrys*)

* CORAYA WREN (*Thryothorus coraya*)

* BAY WREN (SOUTH AMERICAN) (*Thryothorus nigricapillus nigricapillus*)

HOUSE WREN (SOUTHERN) (*Troglodytes aedon albicans*)

A few in the west.

MOUNTAIN WREN (*Troglodytes solstitialis solstitialis*)

Most common around San Isidro, where it replaces the House Wren in more forested habitats.

* SEDGE WREN (POLYGLOTTUS GROUP) (*Cistothorus platensis aequatorialis*)

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

Very nice looks at this understory species in some treefall aftermath at Sacha.

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

A common and explosive voice of mid-elevation cloud forests. We finally had looks at this species at San Isidro.

SCALY-BREASTED WREN (*Microcerculus marginatus*)

A tricky bird to get good looks at most of the time, but we coaxed one on along the Providencia trail across the river from Sacha. Sometimes also called 'Southern Nightingale Wren'.

MUSICIAN WREN (*Cyphorhinus arada*)

Our persistence paid off again, and after changing angles, we managed to get this one to come in from a different angle for very nice looks. The song of this species is really the fun part though!

Poliptilidae (Gnatcatchers)

SLATE-THROATED GNATCATCHER (*Poliptila schistaceigula*)

A responsive pair was seen well at Silanche when we called them into some Cecropia trees overhead.

Cinclidae (Dippers)

WHITE-CAPPED DIPPER (*Cinclus leucocephalus leuconotus*)

On our first day when we spotted them along the Alambi River, along the old Nono-Mindo rd.

Donacobiidae (Donacobius)

BLACK-CAPPED DONACOBIUS (*Donacobius atricapilla*)

Conspicuous out along the lake edges at Sacha. Aside from being quite an attractive bird, this species' dueted song is quite a show as well.

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

ANDEAN SOLITAIRE (*Myadestes ralloides*)

In the gardens at San Isidro.

HAUXWELL'S THRUSH (*Turdus hauxwelli*)

A thrush of swampy forests in the east lowlands. We finally scored when we called one in along the main boardwalk at Sacha.

ECUADORIAN THRUSH (*Turdus maculirostris*)

Fairly common in the west, such as around Septimo and Milpe.

LAWRENCE'S THRUSH (*Turdus lawrencii*)

After some hardcore scanning we finally picked this one out of the canopy (for scope views) from where it was having a good time running through its repertoire of mimiced songs; Sacha.

BLACK-BILLED THRUSH (*Turdus ignobilis*)

Common in cleared habitats in the eastern lowlands.

CHESTNUT-BELLIED THRUSH (*Turdus fulviventris*)

As close as a bird can get to looking like an American Robin... without being one! An individual had been hanging around the gardens at San Isidro, and we saw it well a few times right in the same spot. I don't ever remember it behaving this way before around the lodge... hope it sticks around.

GREAT THRUSH (*Turdus fuscater quindio*)

The common thrush of the highlands... like around Quito!

GLOSSY-BLACK THRUSH (*Turdus serranus fuscobrunneus*)

Common around San Isidro, where they have taken up hopping around the yard of late!

WHITE-NECKED THRUSH (*Turdus albicollis*)

Seen by most along the trail at Sacha, where most saw one on feeding about in the understory.

Motacillidae (Wagtails and Pipits)

PARAMO PIPIT (*Anthus bogotensis bogotensis*)

Scope views in the grasslands leading in to Yanacocha on our first day.

Parulidae (New World Warblers)

TROPICAL PARULA (*Parula pitiayumi*)

A common flock bird on both slopes.

OLIVE-CROWNED YELLOWTHROAT (*Geothlypis semiflava semiflava*)

A nice responsive male at Milpe.

b CANADA WARBLER (*Wilsonia canadensis*)

On their way in to the wintering grounds this time of the year; we spotted a couple along the Loreto rd.

SLATE-THROATED REDSTART (*Myioborus miniatus*)

The common redstart (whitestart) in mid-elevation flocks on both slopes.

SPECTACLED REDSTART (*Myioborus melanocephalus ruficoronatus*)

Replaces the previous species at higher elevations, right up to paramo-edge shrubbery, although they do overlap, such as around San Isidro. The one with the thick yellow ring around the eye.

GOLDEN-BELLIED WARBLER (CHOCO) (*Basileuterus chrysogaster chlorophrys*)

We could not have had better looks at this west-slope species at Milpe when we had a noisy family group in a small tree right over our heads. This one is sometimes split out from the true 'Golden-bellied Warbler' and called 'Choco Warbler',

BLACK-CRESTED WARBLER (*Basileuterus nigrocristatus*)

The one that we likened - superficially - to the Wilson's Warbler.

RUSSET-CROWNED WARBLER (*Basileuterus coronatus*)

Common around the cabins at San Isidro, where they foraged about in the understory, wagging their tail all the while! We also heard the beautiful dueted song on many instances.

THREE-STRIPED WARBLER (*Basileuterus tristriatus*)

Common with understory flocks on both slopes.

* BUFF-RUMPED WARBLER (*Phaeothlypis fulvicauda*)

Coerebidae (Bananaquit)

BANANAQUIT (*Coereba flaveola*)

A common and well-known bird of the tropics. There is even an 'Orangequit' from Jamaica. I think it'd be great to have the 'Papayaquit', the 'Babacoquit'... and how about a 'Watermelonquit'?!

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

MAGPIE TANAGER (*Cissopis leverianus*)

The longest of all tanagers, and it really does give the impression of a magpie! Common in the eastern foothills and lowlands.

RUFIOUS-CRESTED TANAGER (*Creurgops verticalis*)

We saw this canopy species with a small flock in the Guacamayos. The one with the all rich rufous color underneath, and the clean slaty-gray on top.

SUPERCILIARIED HEMISPINGUS (SUPERCILIARIED) (*Hemispingus superciliaris nigrifrons*)

Common in the canopy flocks at Yanacocha.

BLACK-EARED HEMISPINGUS (BLACK-EARED) (*Hemispingus melanotis melanotis*)

A bamboo specialist of the understory on the east slope. We had them nicely around San Isidro.

CINEREOUS CONEBILL (*Conirostrum cinereum fraseri*)

The one that we said sort of looked like a female Black-throated Blue-Warbler. This is a common highland species in humid and drier habitats.

BLUE-BACKED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum sitticolor sitticolor*)

Very nice views of this good-looking species with the flocks at Yanacocha.

CAPPED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum albifrons atrocyaneum*)

With the flocks at San Isidro. This one constantly wags its tail.

GIANT CONEBILL (*Oreomanes fraseri*)

*We ran the cone-bills, and this was the most desirable of them all - it is sometimes hard to find, and only inhabits the high elevation *Polylepis* forests to be found up in the paramo. We had splendid scope views of a pair near the pass.*

COMMON BUSH-TANAGER (NORTHERN ANDES) (*Chlorospingus ophthalmicus phaeocephalus*)

The common bush-tanager of the east-slope, montane zone, such as around San Isidro.

DUSKY BUSH-TANAGER (*Chlorospingus semifuscus semifuscus*)

Replaces the previous species on the west slope.

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

A few in the eastern foothills of the Guacamayos.

GUIRA TANAGER (*Hemithraupis guira*)

Common with the flocks around Silanche.

- DUSKY-FACED TANAGER (*Mitrospingus cassinii*)
A vocal group of this understory tanager along the trail at Silanche.
- GRAY-HEADED TANAGER (*Eucometis penicillata*)
One singing bird along the Orquidea stream.
- SCARLET-BROWED TANAGER (*Heterospingus xanthopygius*)
Really nice scope views at Silanche when we located a cooperative group with a large canopy flock.
- FLAME-CRESTED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus cristatus*)
A canopy flock bird of the eastern foothills and lowlands. We had some nice looks at them from the towers at Sacha, where a male was flashing its bright crest.
- WHITE-SHOULDERED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus luctuosus*)
Fairly common around Silanche.
- TAWNY-CRESTED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus delatrii*)
Kathy had a male along the trail at Silanche along with some understory activity.
- WHITE-LINED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus rufus*)
The tanager with the mostly all, glossy-black male, and rufous female; we saw it a few times on both slopes, but best at Milpe's feeders.
- MASKED CRIMSON TANAGER (*Ramphocelus nigrogularis*)
A strikingly, colorful species of the eastern lowlands that we saw well at Sacha.
- SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER (*Ramphocelus carbo*)
Common in secondary habitats in the eastern foothills and lowlands.
- FLAME-RUMPED TANAGER (LEMON-RUMPED) (*Ramphocelus flammigerus icteronotus*)
We got to know this west-slope species well as it occupies most secondary habitats to be found in the foothills and lowlands!
- BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus quaesita*)
The duller west-slope form.
- BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus coelestis*)
This east-slope subspecies has the white patch on the wing and richer blue plumage.
- PALM TANAGER (*Thraupis palmarum*)
One of the most common and wide-ranging tanagers of the slopes and lowlands in Ecuador.
- BLUE-AND-YELLOW TANAGER (*Thraupis bonariensis darwinii*)
Males and females in the central valley.
- HOODED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Buthraupis montana cucullata*)
The large red-eyed mountain-tanager with the bold blue, black, yellow plumage that we saw in a couple of family groups at Yanacocha.
- BLACK-CHESTED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Buthraupis eximia*)
One of the key species to get at Yanacocha on this tour. We had excellent views of them at a couple of times.
- SCARLET-BELLIED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Anisognathus igniventris erythronotus*)
A stunning tanager species with a bold red, black and blue plumage. We had them commonly at Yanacocha for some excellent scope studies.
- BLUE-WINGED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Anisognathus somptuosus*)
The common mountain-tanager at mid-elevations on both slopes. We had unbelievable views of them at the banana feeders at Mindo Loma.
- BLACK-CHINNED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Anisognathus notabilis*)
It was a real treat to see this hard to find species right next to the Blue-winged at the feeders at Mindo Loma for comparison's-sake.
- * GRASS-GREEN TANAGER (*Chlorornis riefferii riefferii*)
- * BUFF-BREASTED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Dubusia taeniata taeniata*)
- FAWN-BREASTED TANAGER (*Pipraeidea melanonota venezuelensis*)
We got this one along the Loreto rd. at our last possible spot, before heading down to the lowlands!
- ORANGE-EARED TANAGER (*Chlorochrysa calliparaea bourcierii*)
The almost glittering-green species that we saw in the eastern foothills that knocked us out!

- GRAY-AND-GOLD TANAGER (*Tangara palmeri*)
A Choco species that we had fine views of many times at Silanche.
- TURQUOISE TANAGER (*Tangara mexicana*)
Joel saw this one before it got away from the rest of the group at Sacha.
- PARADISE TANAGER (*Tangara chilensis*)
To cram any more colors into a bird would be obscene! We had close-encounters with this east-slope species a couple of times in the Guacamayos and at Sacha.
- BLUE-WHISKERED TANAGER (*Tangara johannae*)
A real specialty of the west-slope, Choco forests. This one popped in a few times from the tower at Silanche, and really dazzled us.
- GREEN-AND-GOLD TANAGER (*Tangara schrankii*)
Most common from the towers at Sacha where we celebrated many fine views.
- GOLDEN TANAGER (*Tangara arthus*)
Common on the west slope, especially at the banana feeders at Mindo Loma.
- SILVER-THROATED TANAGER (*Tangara icterocephala*)
Especially easy to see at Milpe, where they hit the feeders.
- SAFFRON-CROWNED TANAGER (*Tangara xanthocephala venusta*)
The common tanager at San Isidro; the one with the yellow helmet.
- FLAME-FACED TANAGER (*Tangara parzudakii*)
We saw the very different forms of the west and east slopes. The western birds have the more orange, flame head, while the birds in the east sport the more demarcated yellow and red pattern.
- YELLOW-BELLIED TANAGER (*Tangara xanthogastra*)
For a few folks at Sacha as we birded a canopy flock at Anangu.
- SPOTTED TANAGER (*Tangara punctata*)
A common flock bird in the eastern foothills.
- RUFIOUS-THROATED TANAGER (*Tangara rufigula*)
Milpe where this species is pretty regular.
- BAY-HEADED TANAGER (*Tangara gyrola*)
Most common at Silanche, where it outnumbers the Rufous-winged.
- RUFIOUS-WINGED TANAGER (*Tangara lavinia*)
A couple of times when they came to feed at the fruiting fig next to the tower.
- SCRUB TANAGER (*Tangara vitriolina*)
The Tangara of the drier central valley that we saw at my house.
- GOLDEN-NAPED TANAGER (*Tangara ruficervix*)
We had our best looks at Mindo Loma's banana feeders.
- METALLIC-GREEN TANAGER (*Tangara labradorides labradorides*)
A few with the flocks at Septimo.
- BLUE-NECKED TANAGER (*Tangara cyanicollis*)
Common on both slopes... the one with the bright blue head.
- GOLDEN-HOODED TANAGER (*Tangara larvata*)
One of the first tanagers to put in an appearance at the Silanche tower.
- MASKED TANAGER (*Tangara nigrocincta*)
Seen from both towers at Sacha for nice scope views.
- BERYL-SPANGLED TANAGER (*Tangara nigroviridis*)
Another common flock bird of the slopes.
- BLUE-AND-BLACK TANAGER (*Tangara vassorii vassorii*)
Hannah kept seeing this one!
- BLACK-CAPPED TANAGER (*Tangara heinei*)
Quick looks a few times... this one kept getting away.
- OPAL-RUMPED TANAGER (*Tangara velia*)
This and the next tanager were the common ones from the towers at Sacha. Both have opal rumps, but this one lacks the bold brow.

OPAL-CROWNED TANAGER (*Tangara callophrys*)

A lot like the previous species, but sports the bold opal brow.

BLACK-FACED DACNIS (*Dacnis lineata*)

The Amazonian form with the white belly... no yellow. We saw them from the towers at Sacha.

BLACK-FACED DACNIS (*Dacnis lineata egregia*)

This western form is sometimes split out and called the Yellow-tufted Dacnis. This one is pretty common in the canopy around Silanche.

YELLOW-BELLIED DACNIS (*Dacnis flaviventer*)

A few from the metal towers. The dacnis with the reddish eye.

BLUE DACNIS (*Dacnis cayana*)

Males (mostly blue) and females (mostly green) from the wooden tower.

SCARLET-BREADED DACNIS (*Dacnis berlepschi*)

The real big final score at Silanche. Joel spotted this one, and I knew it soundd good when he started talking about a bird with a bark head and red breast! We all got onto it and enjoyed some fabulous views of a pair right along the road, and even had the male singing in the scope!

GREEN HONEYCREEPER (*Chlorophanes spiza*)

A common canopy bird of tropical zones.

PURPLE HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*)

The one with the yellow legs, that we saw from the metal towers.

GOLDEN-COLLARED HONEYCREEPER (*Iridophanes pulcherrimus pulcherrimus*)

Excellent looks at a male for just about everybody as it moved with a flock along the Loreto rd.

SWALLOW TANAGER (*Tersina viridis*)

Common nd in small groups at Milpe; also at Sacha on one day.

GRAYISH SALTATOR (*Saltator coerulescens*)

Good looks at them along the Loreto rd.

BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR (*Saltator maximus*)

A wide-ranging species in humid areas.

BLACK-WINGED SALTATOR (*Saltator atripennis*)

Restricted to the west slope. We had plenty of good views at this very well-marked saltator species, such as around Septimo.

Emberizidae (Buntings, Sparrows, and Allies)

PLUMBEOUS SIERRA-FINCH (*Phrygilus unicolor geospizopsis*)

Common up in the treeless paramo where we saw streaky females and blue-gray males.

BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (*Volatinia jacarina*)

Common in the pastures in the western lowlands.

VARIABLE SEEDEATER (*Sporophila corvina ophthalmica*)

The very obvious black and white (male) seedeater of the western lowlands that we saw in large numbers.

BLACK-AND-WHITE SEEDEATER (*Sporophila luctuosa*)

We ran into a small group of this species for good looks at both sexes along the Loreto rd.

YELLOW-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila nigricollis*)

Another common seedeater of the west.

CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila castaneiventris*)

The common seedeater of the eastern foothills and lowlands; we had some nice males.

PLAIN-COLORED SEEDEATER (*Catamenia inornata minor*)

Common in the high grasslands, such as near Yanacocha and around the Papallacta Pass. We had our first good looks at them on our first day, when we discussed the finer points: salmon-colored bill, rusty vent, etc.

GLOSSY FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa lafresnayii*)

One of the common flowerpiercers at Yanacocha; the one with the bluish shoulder patches.

BLACK FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa humeralis aterrima*)

Most common in the drier central valley shrubbery. Like the Glossy, but smaller and lacks the shoulder patch.

WHITE-SIDED FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa albilatera albilatera*)

Don got a photo of one at San Isidro during an afternoon break.

DEEP-BLUE FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa glauca tyrianthina*)

A very attractive flowerpiercer, with the royal-blue plumage and bright yellow iris.

BLUISH FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa caerulea media*)

One of the common flowerpiercers around the gardens at San Isidro where it can often be found feeding on extrafloral nectaries.

RED-CAPPED CARDINAL (*Paroaria gularis*)

Common along the lake edge at Sacha, where the views were tops.

TRICOLORED BRUSH-FINCH (*Atlapetes tricolor crassus*)

Very nice looks at a bird that posed for us during our morning of birding around Septimo.

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

Replaces the previous species at higher elevations, and looks a lot like it, but this one is brighter in overall color. Most folks had decent looks at this species at Yanacocha.

CHESTNUT-CAPPED BRUSH-FINCH (CHESTNUT-CAPPED) (*Arremon brunneinucha frontalis*)

Angel Paz pointed this understory species out to a few folks that were in the front of the line as we made our way down to the Cock-of-the-Rock lek.

ORANGE-BILLED SPARROW (*Arremon aurantirostris*)

One hopped right up onto the banana feeder at Milpe for awesome looks at this pretty bird.

BLACK-STRIPED SPARROW (*Arremonops conirostris*)

Seen at both Milpe and Silanche.

RUFIOUS-COLLARED SPARROW (*Zonotrichia capensis*)

The abundant sparrow of the highlands... and the one that reminded many folks of an Eastern Towhee.

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)

OCHRE-BREASTED TANAGER (*Chlorothraupis stolzmanni*)

Well this one got tossed in with the cardinals - calling it 'Ochre-breasted Cardinal' just doesn't work. This one was pretty common and noisy with the flocks at Milpe.

GOLDEN-BELLIED GROSBEAK (*Pheucticus chrysogaster chrysogaster*)

Awesome studies at a pair at my house (we actually my sister-in-law's house!) in the central valley as they feed in one of the fruiting trees of the garden.

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

SCRUB BLACKBIRD (*Dives warszewiczi warszewiczi*)

Scrub Blackbirds are moving in from drier areas due to forest disturbance, and we saw plenty of them along the highway to Silanche.

ORIOLE BLACKBIRD (*Gymnomystax mexicanus*)

Many nice studies of this colorful blackbird along the Napo edges.

SHINY COWBIRD (*Molothrus bonariensis*)

Also around Silanche.

GIANT COWBIRD (*Molothrus oryzivorus*)

It was interesting to see that one female sneaking around the cacique colony, looking for a nest to parasitize.

EPAULET ORIOLE (MORICHE) (*Icterus cayanensis chrysocephalus*)

Common from the towers at Sacha.

ORANGE-BACKED TROUPIAL (*Icterus croconotus*)

We had our best looks at a young bird along the Shipati stream as it preened.

MOUNTAIN CACIQUE (GOLDEN-SHOULDERED) (*Cacicus chrysonotus leucoramphus*)

We called in a family group for close studies along a trail at San Isidro. The one with the yellow rump and shoulders.

RED-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus haemorrhous*)

SCARLET-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus uropygialis*)

It didn't take too much effort to whistle a small group of them into the trees above us; Silanche.

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

Sometimes split out from the true Scarlet-rumped of the west. This form is common in the subtropical zones of the east slope.

YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus cela*)

The common and very noisy cacique around Sacha. This one also happens to be a great mimic.

RUSSET-BACKED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius angustifrons*)

Common in the east from the subtropics, all the way down to the lowlands, where it is the most easily seen oropendola species.

GREEN OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius viridis*)

This one gave us fits, staying out of sight much of the time as it sang from high up in tall trees along the Providencia trail. Just before it flew off for the final time, Robert, Hannah and I got 10 second looks of it through the leaves...

CRESTED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius decumanus*)

The common oropendola around Sacha with the mostly dark plumage and ivory-colored bill... all oropendolas have yellow tails, by the way!

CASQUED OROPENDOLA (*Clypicterus oseryi*)

We chased a fast moving group from the understory as they breezed through the canopy... a pretty quick race that they won! Lou Anne did get looks at one that stopped momentarily though!

Fringillidae (Siskins, Crossbills, and Allies)

THICK-BILLED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia laniirostris*)

Common at middle and lower elevations on both slopes... the one with the yellow running right up to the chin.

GOLDEN-RUMPED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia cyanocephala pelzelni*)

Excellent looks at males and females in the central valley at my house. That male has to be one of the most beautiful euphonias around.

GOLDEN-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia chrysopasta*)

Also goes by the name 'White-lored Euphonia' in some lists. We had them numerous times from the towers at Sacha. I think 'White-lored' is a better name since almost all other male euphonias have 'golden bellies', and this one really doesn't.

BRONZE-GREEN EUPHONIA (*Euphonia mesochrysa*)

A rather dull euphonia of the eastern foothills, but the male does have that yellow forehead, sort of the color of a hardboiled egg yolk!

ORANGE-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia xanthogaster*)

The most regularly seen euphonia of the trip.

RUFIOUS-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia rufiventris*)

The only male euphonia with the all dark hood. We had them at very close range from the wooden tower at Sacha.

* CHESTNUT-BREASTED CHLOROPHONIA (*Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys*)

YELLOW-COLLARED CHLOROPHONIA (*Chlorophonia flavirostris*)

Quick but decent views for some at Septimo where we spotted them feeding briefly at melastome fruits in the canopy.

* YELLOW-BELLIED SISKIN (*Spinus xanthogastrus*)

HOODED SISKIN (*Spinus magellanicus capitalis*)

Flybys in the highlands.

OLIVACEOUS SISKIN (*Spinus olivaceus*)

Scope views of them along the Loreto rd.

Mammals

LONG-NOSED BAT (*Rhynchonycteris naso*)

We spotted a roosting group of this small bat species right under the barbeque dock at Sacha as we dragged it in after a long day!

PYGMY MARMOSET (*Cebuella pygmaea*)

The smallest New World primate. We really lucked out when we had a couple of them feeding on sap right over our heads (only a few feet away) along the boardwalk between the cabins and the dining room at Sacha. Sacha has got to be one of the best spots to see monkeys up close... and a lot of them!

BLACK-MANTLE TAMARIN (*Saguinus nigricollis*)

Nice views at a noisy group from the metal towers.

SADDLEBACK TAMARIN (*Saguinus fuscicollis*)

This was the one that we spotted briefly along the Loreto rd. I'm not totally clear on this species' taxonomy, but I have heard through the grapevine that it is now being called 'Napo Tamarin'. Not sure if this is simply a name change or a split.

GOLDEN-MANTLE TAMARIN (*Saguinus tripartitus*)

This tamarin is only found on the south side of the river, and has quite a small range. We ran into a group of them along the Shipati stream for pretty good looks.

COMMON SQUIRREL MONKEY (*Saimiri sciureus*)

We took some time out from the birding to enjoy the antics of these comical monkeys a few times at Sacha.

RED HOWLER MONKEY (*Alouatta seniculus*)

This large and richly colored monkey has a territorial call that we all likened to a wind storm! Howler monkeys use these calls to establish territories without the need to even see each other. We had some nice looks at these guys a few times at Sacha.

RED-TAILED SQUIRREL (*Sciurus granatensis*)

The common squirrel on both slopes.

CENTRAL AMERICAN AGOUTI (*Dasyprocta punctata*)

One at Milpe.

BLACK AGOUTI (*Dasyprocta fuliginosa*)

Commonly seen scurrying around at San Isidro and Sacha.

TAYRA (*Eira barbara*)

One came running right by us along the Anangu ridge trail as we worked some understory birds... wow!

WHITE-TAILED DEER (*Odocoileus virginianus*)

A couple of them up in the paramo right at the Papallacta Pass. This was not such a common animal in the recent past, but the lack of hunting has really allowed them to flourish!