



ECUADOR: RAINFOREST & ANDES, 4th departure

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For its length, this has to be one of the highest totaling trips that we run: 600+ species in about two weeks of birding? Wow! No fancy statistics needed as this means two things: big numbers and also big-time fun! What this trip most affords the traveler is a healthy cross-section of the different elevations and habitats that northern Ecuador harbors, all in a relatively small area.

Ecuador has come a long way in the last few decades with respect to comfortable places to stay, and we stayed at three of the premier spots: Septimo Paraiso, San Isidro, and Sacha, all with their own charm and spice, and most importantly, close to the great birding areas.

Highlight species were many, but here is a small selection that I believe fittingly represents some of our most interesting scores: an immature Andean Condor gliding right over the pass; all of those screeching parrots out at the Napo salt lick; Rose-faced Parrots in the scope at Silanche; some great owls, including Crested on a day roost, and Rufous-banded and the "San Isidro" owls around the cabins at San Isidro, of course; a full-blown male Swallow-tailed Nightjar in the Guacamayos; four species of potoos, including Long-tailed and Andean; more species of hummingbirds than you could fill a very large trick-or-treat bag with (but I think we were all most taken with those two sylph species and the Sword-billed); male Golden-headed Quetzals; Toucan Barbets at Paz's fruit feeders; three Black-billed Mountain-Toucans that popped up into a tree for us; some great woodpeckers (but I would have to say that the Ringed at Sacha stole the show); a Point-tailed Palmcreeper for scope views at Sacha; the most cooperative White-plumed Antbird ever; eight species of antpitta seen (but despite the great show at Angel's, that Peruvian at San Isidro really blew us away!); those awesome male Andean Cocks-of-the-rock and an Olivaceous Piha on a nest at Angel's; dazzling males of both Plum-throated and Spangled cotingas at Sacha; nine species of seen manakins with display flights from Blue-crowned that knocked us out... hard not to mention the Striped and Wire-tailed though (!); Giant Conebills up in the Polylepis forests; three Plushcaps that we pulled out of the bamboo at San Isidro; and an obscene number of tanagers that precipitated some very exciting moments indeed, with the likes of Vermilion and Paradise, Black-chested Mountain-Tanager, and Scarlet-breasted Dacnis! That was a long paragraph (and sentence!), but it had to be said, because the birding was spectacular.

A special thanks has to go out to our experienced driver Luis, who handled thousands of Andean curves with nerves of steel, as well as our bird guide at Sacha, Oscar, who knows every "peep" and "squeek" in the jungle! And thanks to all of you for being a real pleasure to bird with!!!

--Mitch

We have more information about this itinerary and future departures on our web page for [Ecuador: Rainforest & Andes](#).

KEYS FOR THIS LIST

One of the following keys may be shown in brackets for individual species as appropriate: * = heard only, I = introduced, E = endemic, N = nesting, a = austral migrant, b = boreal migrant

BIRDS

Tinamidae (Tinamous)

GREAT TINAMOU (*Tinamus major*) – I had never seen one on a roost with a chick before, despite having seen many on their roosts before, so this was a special thrill. Another one of Oscar's cool stake-outs!

CINEREOUS TINAMOU (*Crypturellus cinereus*) [*]

LITTLE TINAMOU (*Crypturellus soui*) [*]

UNDULATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus undulatus*) [*]

VARIEGATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus variegatus*) [*]

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

TORRENT DUCK (*Merganetta armata colombiana*) – Really nice studies at Guango at two males and a female.

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

ANDEAN TEAL (*Anas andium*)

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

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

SPECKLED CHACHALACA (*Ortalis guttata*)

ANDEAN GUAN (*Penelope montagnii*)

SPIX'S GUAN (*Penelope jacquacu*)

WATTLED GUAN (*Aburria aburri*)

Odontophoridae (New World Quail)

MARbled WOOD-QUAIL (*Odontophorus gujanensis*)

RUFous-FRONTED WOOD-QUAIL (*Odontophorus erythrops*)

DARK-BACKED WOOD-QUAIL (*Odontophorus melanonotus*) – As tame as little chickens at Paz de las Aves when a family group came sneaking in through the undergrowth along the trails. Wood-quails are a very tough group of birds to see, so this was a real treat.

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

ZIGZAG HERON (*Zebrilus undulatus*)

RUFESCENT TIGER-HERON (*Tigrisoma lineatum*) – After having heard them at down from the lodge at Sacha, we finally had nice looks at two birds out along the edges of Pilchicocha.

COCOI HERON (*Ardea cocoi*)

GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba*)

SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula*)

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

STRIATED HERON (*Butorides striata*)

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)

BOAT-BILLED HERON (*Cochlearius cochlearius*)

Threskiornithidae (Ibises and Spoonbills)

GREEN IBIS (*Mesembrinibis cayennensis*) – Quick flybys and then what were presumably the same two birds perched right up behind that only seen Limpkin of the trip; Sacha.

Cathartidae (New World Vultures)

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*)

TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura*)

GREATER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE (*Cathartes melambrotus*)

ANDEAN CONDOR (*Vultur gryphus*) – Fabulous views at an immature bird as it flew low right over the Papallacta Pass.

KING VULTURE (*Sarcoramphus papa*) – David got us onto our first one from the metal towers for distant, but still decent, scope views; later on we had one in flight from the wooden tower.

Pandionidae (Osprey)

OSPREY (*Pandion haliaetus*)

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

HOOK-BILLED KITE (HOOK-BILLED) (*Chondrohierax uncinatus uncinatus*) – Some really good views at a male (mostly gray) as it flew from perch to perch out along the edges of Pilchicocha.

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE (*Elanoides forficatus*)

SLENDER-BILLED KITE (*Helicolestes hamatus*) – Distant views at a perched bird from the wooden tower.

DOUBLE-TOOTHED KITE (*Harpagus bidentatus*)

PLUMBEOUS KITE (*Ictinia plumbea*)

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

BICOLORED HAWK (*Accipiter bicolor*) – Leslie saw the one that was harassing the parakeets at the inner lick while we were up the hill digging out other terra firme birds.

CRANE HAWK (*Geranoospiza caerulescens*) – A couple of this slender hawk with the long red legs at Sacha.

SLATE-COLORED HAWK (*Leucopternis schistaceus*) – Chunkier and darker than the previous species, this one also has a lot of red in the facial skin; Sacha.

WHITE HAWK (*Leucopternis albicollis*) – Allen and I were the only ones to catch scope views from the metal tower before it flew off, never to be seen again... at least on our trip.

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Buteo magnirostris*)

SHORT-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo brachyurus*)

WHITE-THROATED HAWK (*Buteo albigula*) – A couple of them up in the highlands. [a]

VARIABLE HAWK (*Buteo polyosoma*)

BLACK HAWK-EAGLE (*Spizaetus tyrannus*) [*]

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

BARRED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur ruficollis*) – We glimpsed one at Silanche just as it flew off; couldn't get it back though for a look.

PLUMBEOUS FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur plumbeus*) [*]

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

BLACK CARACARA (*Daptrius ater*) – The mostly black caracara with the reddish face.

CARUNCULATED CARACARA (*Phalcoboenus carunculatus*)

YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA (*Milvago chimachima*) – Finally on the canoe ride back to Coca on our last day.

AMERICAN KESTREL (*Falco sparverius*)

BAT FALCON (*Falco rufigularis*)

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

BLACK-BANDED CRAKE (*Anurolimnas fasciatus*) [*]

SLATE-COLORED COOT (*Fulica ardesiaca*)

Heliornithidae (Finfoots)

SUNGREBE (*Heliornis fulica*) [*]

Aramidae (Limpkin)

LIMPKIN (*Aramus guarauna*)

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)

SOUTHERN LAPWING (*Vanellus chilensis*) – We had our first looks at them up the road from San Isidro for nice scope views. We ran into them again in larger numbers at Sacha where they hung out on a Napo sandbar.

COLLARED PLOVER (*Charadrius collaris*) – A couple out on a Napo sandbar.

Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)

SPOTTED SANDPIPER (*Actitis macularius*) [b]

GREATER YELLOWLEGS (*Tringa melanoleuca*) [a]

Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)

ANDEAN GULL (*Chroicocephalus serranus*) – Distant scope views on our way up to the Papallacta Pass.

YELLOW-BILLED TERN (*Sternula superciliaris*) – Fairly common along the Napo.

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*) [I]

PALE-VENTED PIGEON (*Patagioenas cayennensis*) – Most common - and seen best - along the edges of Pilchicocha.

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

PLUMBEOUS PIGEON (*Patagioenas plumbea*)

RUDDY PIGEON (*Patagioenas subvinacea*)

DUSKY PIGEON (*Patagioenas goodsoni*) – The most range restricted pigeon of the trip, this Choco endemic was seen

beautifully through the scope at Silanche from the tower.

EARED DOVE (*Zenaida auriculata hypoleuca*)

RUDDY GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina talpacoti*)

BLACK-WINGED GROUND-DOVE (*Metriopelia melanoptera*) – A few flew off along the roadside as we neared the paramo.

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

PALLID DOVE (*Leptotila pallida*) – Along the trail at Milpe.

GRAY-FRONTED DOVE (*Leptotila rufaxilla*) [*]

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

RUDDY QUAIL-DOVE (*Geotrygon montana*)

Psittacidae (Parrots)

MAROON-TAILED PARAKEET (*Pyrrhura melanura pacifica*) – We saw this west slope form best at Milpe when a group whirled around and landed in a tree right overhead.

MAROON-TAILED PARAKEET (*Pyrrhura melanura melanura*)

DUSKY-HEADED PARAKEET (*Aratinga weddellii*) – In larger numbers than any of the other parrots at the outer salt lick.

CHESTNUT-FRONTED MACAW (*Ara severus*)

SCARLET MACAW (*Ara macao*)

BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW (*Ara ararauna*) – One of the trip highlights, I'd have to say, when we scoped a fairly close group of this gorgeous bird along the Providencia trail. We had counted about five birds, but when Victor saw them fly from a different angle, he counted 10... my theory held on this one! Long live the great macaws.

RED-BELLIED MACAW (*Orthopsittaca manilata*)

BARRED PARAKEET (*Bolborhynchus lineola tigrinus*) [*]

COBALT-WINGED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris cyanoptera*) – By far the dominant bird at the inner salt lick; the only other psittacids we could detect was the small group of Scarlet-shouldered Parrotlets, one of which we saw through the scope. That patrolling Bicolored Hawk just wouldn't allow them to hit the lick.

SCARLET-SHOULDERED PARROTLET (*Touit huetii*)

BLACK-HEADED PARROT (*Pionites melanocephalus*) – Very nice eye level scope views from the metal towers.

ROSE-FACED PARROT (*Pyrilia pulchra*) – As common - and visible - as I've ever had them from the tower at Silanche... and what a great looking parrot.

BLUE-HEADED PARROT (*Pionus menstruus*) – In good numbers at the outer parrot salt lick near Sacha. This is quite a fancy parrot with a head the color of pool cue chalk and an intense red vent.

RED-BILLED PARROT (*Pionus sordidus corallinus*) – Nice scope views on our second day around Septimo.

SPECKLE-FACED PARROT (*Pionus tumultuosus seniloides*) – Mainly seen as flybys at San Isidro.

BRONZE-WINGED PARROT (*Pionus chalcopterus*) – An unusually colored parrot in that it is mostly all dark blue. We had them for repeated views at Milpe and Silanche.

ORANGE-WINGED PARROT (*Amazona amazonica*) – Fly-overs at Sacha. Once the yellow cheeks were visible.

SCALY-NAPED PARROT (*Amazona mercenaria*) – High fly-overs at San Isidro.

MEALY PARROT (*Amazona farinosa*) – The large parrot with the grayish tinge that we saw best at the outer salt lick.

YELLOW-CROWNED PARROT (*Amazona ochrocephala*) – Smaller and darker green than the previous species, this one also has a yellow crown. Also present at the outer salt lick, but in smaller numbers than the other three species.

Opisthocomidae (Hoatzin)

HOATZIN (*Opisthocomus hoazin*) – One of the Amazon's most bizarre birds. Not only does it have a crazy punk "hair-style", but it is a vegetarian. We got a kick out of them during our stay at Sacha as they comically flopped about along the lake edge.

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (*Piaya cayana*)

STRIPED CUCKOO (*Tapera naevia*) – Very nice views at a singing bird - from the bus - as we made our way out from Silanche.

GREATER ANI (*Crotophaga major*)

SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga ani*)

Strigidae (Owls)

TROPICAL SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops choliba*) [*]

COLOMBIAN SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops colombianus*) [*]

TAWNY-BELLIED SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops watsonii*) – As quick of a response as I think I have ever had when we called one right out into views within seconds during some pre-dinner owling at Sacha.

CRESTED OWL (*Lophotrix cristata*) – Spectacular studies at the regular staked-out pair on their day roost behind the lodge at Sacha.. nice!

FERRUGINOUS PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium brasilianum*) [*]

"BLACK-BANDED" OWL TYPE (*Ciccaba* sp. nov. 1) – San Isidro's mystery owl that has been shown to be closely related to Black-banded Owl. Further genetic studies may reveal that it deserves specific status. We had tremendous views of this one at San Isidro where it perched near the cabins, wrapping up a really nice evening of nightbirding!

RUFOUS-BANDED OWL (*Ciccaba albitarsis*) – A quick walk down the San Isidro entrance road yielded really nice looks at this subtropical species.

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

RUFOUS-BELLIED NIGHTHAWK (*Lurocalis rufiventris*) – We had our best looks in the Guacamayos when they came in and swirled around overhead at dusk.

COMMON PAURAQUE (*Nyctidromus albicollis*) [*]

LADDER-TAILED NIGHTJAR (*Hydropsalis climacocerca*) – Very nice views of a roosting male along the Napo River.

SWALLOW-TAILED NIGHTJAR (*Uropsalis segmentata segmentata*) – Tremendous spotlight studies at a feeding, long-tailed male at dusk in the Guacamayos. Another real trip highlight.

Nyctibiidae (Potoos)

GREAT POTOO (*Nyctibius grandis*) – Scope views from the metal tower. It was a bit hidden by branches, but you could make out most of the upper body.

LONG-TAILED POTOO (*Nyctibius aethereus*) – I thought we were going to be out of luck for this one, but what do you know? It came back to the roost it had been at for about two weeks prior to our visit. What struck me most about this individual of rare potoo species was how rufous it was; as far as I can recall, all of the others I have seen in the past have been browner.

COMMON POTOO (*Nyctibius griseus*) – I think that the most interesting views that we had of this species were of that fluffy baby bird on a nest at Sacha.

ANDEAN POTOO (*Nyctibius maculosus*) – One bird on a feeding perch at San Isidro for pretty decent spotlight views; it wouldn't stay around long enough for closer approach or scope views.

Apodidae (Swifts)

WHITE-CHESTED SWIFT (*Cypseloides lemosi*) – Pretty regular on the east slope this trip, such as right over the cabins at San Isidro.

CHESTNUT-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne rutila brunntorques*)

WHITE-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)

SHORT-TAILED SWIFT (*Chaetura brachyura*) – We finally found them as they whizzed by the wooden tower one morning.

GRAY-RUMPED SWIFT (ASH-RUMPED) (*Chaetura cinereiventris occidentalis*) – Fairly common at Silanche.

GRAY-RUMPED SWIFT (ASH-RUMPED) (*Chaetura cinereiventris selateri*) – The east slope race that we saw numerous times over Pilchicocha.

PALE-RUMPED SWIFT (*Chaetura egregia*) – We had at least one zoom by the wooden tower.

LESSER SWALLOW-TAILED SWIFT (*Panyptila cayennensis*) – Over the Silanche tower.

FORK-TAILED PALM-SWIFT (*Tachornis squamata*) – We saw them pecking birds in flight a few times trying to pluck feathers for their nests.

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN (*Florisuga mellivora*) – We had our best looks at this flashy hummer at Septmo's feeders.

RUFOUS-BREASTED HERMIT (*Glaucis hirsutus*) – Pretty good looks in blackwater areas at Sacha.

PALE-TAILED BARBTHROAT (*Threnetes leucurus*) – Very good looks at this swamp forest species along the main boardwalk at Sacha; that pale tail was very evident.

WHITE-BEARDED HERMIT (*Phaethornis hispidus*) – Common in secondary and swampy woodland at Sacha.

WHITE-WHISKERED HERMIT (*Phaethornis yaruqui*) – Best at Milpe's feeders where we had them only feet away.

GREEN HERMIT (*Phaethornis guy*) – One came in and perched for us in the eastern foothills along the Loreto rd.

STRAIGHT-BILLED HERMIT (*Phaethornis bourcierii*) – Scope views of singing males at a lek behind the lodge at Sacha.

GREAT-BILLED HERMIT (*Phaethornis malaris*) – Scoped cross the river for nice views as they sang at a lek.

BROWN VIOLETEAR (*Colibri delphinae*) – Particularly common and vocal at Septimo this trip.

GREEN VIOLETEAR (ANDEAN) (*Colibri thalassinus cyanotus*) – Seen best at San Isidro's feeders where they dueled for position with the larger Sparkling Violetears.

SPARKLING VIOLETEAR (*Colibri coruscans coruscans*)

PURPLE-CROWNED FAIRY (*Heliodytes barroti*) – Nice looks at Silanche and Milpe of this west slope species.

TOURMALINE SUNANGEL (*Heliangelus exortis*) – The most common hummer at Guango's feeders.

GREEN THORNTAIL (*Discosura conversii*) – Common at Milpe's feeders, this tiny hummer with the white rump dazzled us for a while!

SPECKLED HUMMINGBIRD (*Adelomyia melanogenys*) – Most common at San Isidro's feeders.

LONG-TAILED SYLPH (*Agelaiocercus kingi*) – This and the next species are both adorned with glittering tails that one never gets tired of looking at... wow! This one was common at Guango's and San Isidro's feeders.

VIOLET-TAILED SYLPH (*Agelaiocercus coelestis coelestis*) – Fairly common in the west at Septimo and Mindo Loma.

BLACK-TAILED TRAINBEARER (*Lesbia victoriae victoriae*) – No other hummer beats this one for tail length! We enjoyed nice looks at males on our way up to the Papallacta Pass.

BLUE-MANTLED THORNBILL (*Chalcostigma stanleyi stanleyi*) – Papallacta Pass area for nice views at a perched male.

TYRIAN METALTAIL (*Metallura tyrianthina*) – Common at Yanacocha's and Guango's feeders.

VIRIDIAN METALTAIL (*Metallura williami primolinus*) – Replaces the previous species at higher elevations on the eastern cordillera.

SAPPHIRE-VENTED PUFFLEG (SAPPHIRE-VENTED) (*Eriocnemis luciani luciani*) – The most common puffleg at Yanacocha; the one with the purple vent.

GOLDEN-BREASTED PUFFLEG (*Eriocnemis mosquera*) – The puffleg with the golden-orange wash across its breast; Yanacocha.

SHINING SUNBEAM (*Aglaeactis cupripennis cupripennis*) – A few folks got onto this one up at Yanacocha.

BRONZY INCA (*Coeligena coeligena obscura*) – We finally found one on the slopes of the Guacamayos after an unusual absence of them at San Isidro!

BROWN INCA (*Coeligena wilsoni*) – The hummer with the big white spots on the sides of the neck which we saw daily on the west slope, such as at Septimo's feeders.

COLLARED INCA (*Coeligena torquata*) – We had our best looks at this cleanly marked hummer at Guango.

BUFF-WINGED STARFRONTLET (*Coeligena lutetiae*) – Most abundant at Yanacocha!

SWORD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD (*Ensifera ensifera*) – The undisputed king of hummers... could anybody disagree?! They were inexplicably absent at Yanacocha, but we caught up with them later in the trip in the east at Guango for tremendous studies!

GREAT SAPPHIREWING (*Pterophanes cyanopterus cyanopterus*) – A large hummer that we saw numerous times well at Yanacocha.

BUFF-TAILED CORONET (*Boissonneaua flavescens tinochlora*) – Common at some feeders sites in the west.

CHESTNUT-BREASTED CORONET (*Boissonneaua matthewsii*) – This east slope coronet was seen well at Guango's and San Isidro's feeders.

VELVET-PURPLE CORONET (*Boissonneaua jardini*) – A gorgeous species of coronet found in the lower subtropics of the west slope. The colors on this one are almost unreal!

BOOTED RACKET-TAIL (*Ocreatus underwoodii*) – Common on the west slope where we had repeated views of males at the feeders. An Andean classic!

PURPLE-BIBBED WHITETIP (*Urosticte benjamini*) – The one with that long post ocular spot that we saw in the west.

FAWN-BREASTED BRILLIANT (*Heliodoxa rubinoides*) – Common at mid-elevations on both slopes. The one with the pink throat patch.

GREEN-CROWNED BRILLIANT (*Heliodoxa jacula*) – We had our best looks at this one in very good light at Milpe.

EMPRESS BRILLIANT (*Heliodoxa imperatrix*) – This used to be a very hard one to track down before the advent of the feeders. These days distinctive and beautiful species if brilliant is very findable, such as at the feeders at Mindo Loma.

WHITE-BELLIED WOODSTAR (*Chaetocercus mulsant*) – Very nice views at Guango's feeders. This one has a pot-bellied look to it.

PURPLE-THROATED WOODSTAR (*Calliphlox mitchellii*) – More slender and darker in coloration than the previous species. We had good looks at both males and females in the west, where they are fairly common at some spots.

AMETHYST WOODSTAR (*Calliphlox amethystina*) – One quick female along the Loreto rd.

BLUE-TAILED EMERALD (*Chlorostilbon mellisugus*) – Quick views at a female along the edges of Pilchicocha at Sacha.

GREEN-CROWNED WOODNYMPH (GREEN-CROWNED) (*Thalurania fannyi verticeps*) – A stunning hummer that we saw best at Milpe, where the light was perfect.

FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania furcata*) – Most common around Sacha where we had them a few times.

ANDEAN EMERALD (*Amazilia franciae viridiceps*) – The hummer with the clean white breast and aqua-colored crown that was common in the west.

BLUE-CHESTED HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia amabilis*) – Common around the parking area at Silanche where we had them on song perches and feeding at the nearby flowers. The one with the dusky vent.

PURPLE-CHESTED HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia rosenbergi*) – Similar to the previous species but with a clean white vent. This one one was also seen well at Silanche a couple of times.

RUFOUS-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia tzacatl*) – Abundant in the west at middle and lower elevations.

GOLDEN-TAILED SAPPHIRE (*Chrysuronia oenone*) – One female from the wooden tower at Sacha.

VIOLET-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD (*Damophila julie*) – Quick but decent views of a female at Silanche when she came in to feed at some garden flowers.

Trogonidae (Trogons)

GOLDEN-HEADED QUETZAL (*Pharomachrus auriceps auriceps*) – Tremendous studies at males and females over the course of the trip.

CRESTED QUETZAL (*Pharomachrus antisianus*) – Really nice scope views at a female - red eye and all! - along the forested roadside at San Isidro.

BLUE-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon comptus*) – Has also been known as "White-eyed" and "Choco Trogon", we had crippling views at a male from the base of the tower at Silanche.

BLACK-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon melanurus*) – We had our best looks at this species one evening out behind Sacha when a male and female came down to nearly eye level!

WHITE-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon chionurus*) [*]

GREEN-BACKED TROGON (*Trogon viridis*) – The (Amazonian) split from the White-tailed Trogon. We had this one well a few times at Sacha.

AMAZONIAN TROGON (*Trogon ramonianus*) – A split from the Violaceous trogon. We had some nice views of this trogon with the yellow eye-ring (male) at Sacha.

BLACK-THROATED TROGON (*Trogon rufus*) – Oscar made a great spot when he found a calling male of this species across the river, which we did actually get in the scope through a little hole in the foliage.

COLLARED TROGON (COLLARED) (*Trogon collaris virginalis*) – Glimpsed... at best. [*]

MASKED TROGON (*Trogon personatus*) – Really nice looks a few times in the highlands.

Momotidae (Motmots)

AMAZONIAN MOTMOT (*Momotus momota*) – The Blue-crowned Motmot went three ways here in Ecuador, and this is the one that occurs in the Amazon lowlands; we had nice scope views.

ANDEAN MOTMOT (*Momotus aequatorialis aequatorialis*) [*]

RUFOUS MOTMOT (*Baryphthengus martii*) – Really responsive right at Septimo when we got a group of them excited and into position for scope views.

BROAD-BILLED MOTMOT (BROAD-BILLED) (*Electron platyrhynchum platyrhynchum*) – While we were all looking at this one along the trail at Milpe, Terry was having great looks at Crimson-rumped Toucanets, thinking she was looking

at the same thing! Once she spotted what we were looking at, it all became crystal clear why what we were talking about wasn't all green.

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

RINGED KINGFISHER (*Megaceryle torquata*) – Most common around Sacha.

AMAZON KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle amazona*) – Flybys a couple of times along the Napo.

GREEN-AND-RUFOUS KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle inda*) – A beautiful kingfisher of blackwater swamps that we saw well around Sacha a few times... nice!

Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

PIED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus tectus*) – We had our best views when one flew right into the tower tree with us.

CHESTNUT-CAPPED PUFFBIRD (*Bucco macrodactylus*) [*]

LANCEOLATED MONKLET (*Micromonacha lanceolata*) [*]

BROWN NUNLET (*Nonnulla brunnea*) – Awesome scope views at a responsive bird along the trails at Sacha... this one is fond of vine tangles.

BLACK-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa nigrifrons*) – Common in non-primary woodland, such as along the Napo.

WHITE-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa morphoeus*) – Replaces the previous species in more mature forests, such as around the towers.

SWALLOW-WINGED PUFFBIRD (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*) – Very common along the Napo River.

Galbulidae (Jacamars)

WHITE-EARED JACAMAR (*Galbalcyrhynchus leucotis*) – Found in similar habitats as the Black-fronted Nunbird. We had nice scope views at a single bird at the beginning of the main boardwalk on the Napo side.

RUFOUS-TAILED JACAMAR (*Galbula ruficauda*) [*]

WHITE-CHINNED JACAMAR (*Galbula tombacea*) – Nice looks at this swamp forest species at Sacha a couple of times.

COPPERY-CHESTED JACAMAR (*Galbula pastazae*) – It took us a while to coax it in, but one finally came zipping in for scope views along the Loreto rd.

PURPLISH JACAMAR (*Galbula chalcothorax*) – Most folks got into position on time for views of this one across the river from Sacha.

Capitonidae (New World Barbets)

SCARLET-CROWNED BARBET (*Capito aurovirens*) – A pair came bolting in along the Napo River for excellent views as they called back to us.

GILDED BARBET (*Capito auratus*) – The common barbet at Sacha; we had numerous nice views from the towers.

LEMON-THROATED BARBET (*Eubucco richardsoni*) – We lucked into some really nice looks at one near the Napo boat dock at Sacha on our last morning.

RED-HEADED BARBET (*Eubucco bourcierii*) – Tremendous views at males and females in the flocks on the west slope.

Semnornithidae (Toucan-Barbets)

TOUCAN BARBET (*Semnornis ramphastinus ramphastinus*) – The barbet in a clown suit! Good thing we had such good looks at them at Paz da las Aves, because they weren't having anything to do with us anywhere else.

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

EMERALD TOUCANET (ANDEAN) (*Aulacorhynchus prasinus albivitta*) – A few times in the east around San Isidro; the one with the yellow on the culmen.

CRIMSON-RUMPED TOUCANET (*Aulacorhynchus haematopygus sexnotatus*) – I guess it pays to look through the scope and make sure you are looking at the bird that everybody else is, but it all worked out to everybody's benefit in the end!

PLATE-BILLED MOUNTAIN-TOUCAN (*Andigena laminirostris*) – Karen hunted this one down for us along the old Nono-Mindo rd. for awesome scope views.

BLACK-BILLED MOUNTAIN-TOUCAN (*Andigena nigrirostris spilorhynchus*) – We were really hoping to see this one in the Guacamayos, so when they started calling, the adrenaline surged. It took a little work to get them into view, but finally three birds popped up for incredible studies.

LETTERED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus inscriptus*) – The smallest of the aracaris here, we had them a couple of times at Sacha, such as at the wooden tower.

COLLARED ARACARI (STRIPE-BILLED) (*Pteroglossus torquatus erythropygius*) – The only aracari of the west.
CHESTNUT-EARED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus castanotis*) – Seen well from the metal towers; the one with the red belly band.
MANY-BANDED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus pluricinctus*) – One of the most common aracaris around Sacha, and we had them well repeatedly from the towers.
IVORY-BILLED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus azara*) – The aracari with the mostly pale bill that was pretty common from the Sacha towers.
GOLDEN-COLLARED TOUCANET (*Selenidera reinwardtii*) – We heard them a couple of times, but did end up laying eyes on a pair along the Shipati stream across the river from Sacha.
CHESTNUT-MANDIBLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos swainsonii*) – It was nice to have one individual in particular fly in, perch up, and start singing at Milpe. The "yelper" of the west.
WHITE-THROATED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos tucanus cuvieri*) – Scoped from the metal towers at Sacha... the "yelper" of the east.
CHOCO TOUCAN (*Ramphastos brevis*) – The "croaker" of the west slope. Seen well at Milpe.
CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos vitellinus culminatus*) – The "croaker" of the east. Strangely, the only one we ever saw was along the Loreto rd.

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

LAFRESNAYE'S PICULET (*Picumnus lafresnayi*) – The tiny woodpecker relative that we saw along the Loreto rd.
YELLOW-TUFTED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes cruentatus*) – Scarce this trip, but we did eke out a few at Sacha.
BLACK-CHEEKED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes pucherani*) – Great looks from the Silanche tower.
SMOKY-BROWN WOODPECKER (*Picooides fumigatus fumigatus*) – Seen by some around the cabins at San Isidro.
RED-RUMPED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis kirkii*) – Responsive from the Silanche tower.
LITTLE WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis passerinus*) – Good looks at a pair of this riparian woodland species along the Napo.
BAR-BELLIED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis nigriceps equifasciatus*) [*]
GOLDEN-OLIVE WOODPECKER (*Colaptes rubiginosus*) – Scope views at Silanche during some flock activity.
CRIMSON-MANTLED WOODPECKER (*Colaptes rivolii brevirostris*) – Arguably the most beautiful woodpecker in the new world!
SPOT-BREASTED WOODPECKER (*Colaptes punctigula*) – Scoped across the river from Sacha for really nice views.
SCALE-BREASTED WOODPECKER (*Celeus grammicus*) – One with a small flock across the river from Sacha.
CHESTNUT WOODPECKER (*Celeus elegans*) – Fantastic studies a of couple of times at Sacha of this beautiful woodpecker.
RINGED WOODPECKER (*Celeus torquatus*) – It took a while to get it in, but one finally put in an appearance at the metal tower for scope views.
LINEATED WOODPECKER (*Dryocopus lineatus lineatus*) – Fairly common around Sacha.
LINEATED WOODPECKER (*Dryocopus lineatus fuscipennis*) [*]
POWERFUL WOODPECKER (*Campephilus pollens pollens*) – That striking male at San Isidro was a hit!
CRIMSON-CRESTED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus melanoleucos*) – A couple of them as they fed about at Sacha.
GUAYAQUIL WOODPECKER (*Campephilus gayaquilensis*) – From the tower at Silanche.

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

TAWNY-THROATED LEAFTOSSER (*Sclerurus mexicanus*) [*]
SHORT-BILLED LEAFTOSSER (*Sclerurus rufularis*) – Seen well at a night roost at Sacha.
BLACK-TAILED LEAFTOSSER (*Sclerurus caudacutus*) [*]
STOUT-BILLED CINCLODES (*Cinclodes excelsior excelsior*) – This and the next species were seen exceptionally well up at the Papallacta Pass for nice comparisons.
CHESTNUT-WINGED CINCLODES (*Cinclodes albidiventris albidiventris*)
PALE-LEGGED HORNERO (PACIFIC) (*Furnarius leucopus cinnamomeus*) – Common in cleared areas of the west.
ANDEAN TIT-SPINETAIL (*Leptasthenura andicola andicola*) – Scope views at a pair up in the paramo.
AZARA'S SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis azarae media*) – The common highland spinetail.
DARK-BREASTED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis albigularis rodolpheii*) – Seen by a few along the Loreto rd.

RUFOUS SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis unirufa unirufa*) – Very nice views one afternoon at San Isidro when we called one out from its dark haunts.

SLATY SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis brachyura nigrofumosa*) – Seen by a few folks in the west.

DUSKY SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis moesta*) [*]

WHITE-BROWED SPINETAIL (*Hellmayrea gularis*) – Very cooperative on our first day at Yanacochoa.

RED-FACED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca erythroptus erythroptus*) – The common flock following spinetail in the west.

MANY-STRIPED CANASTERO (*Asthenes flammulata flammulata*) – After a few tries, we clinched nice views for all; Papallacta Pass.

WHITE-CHINNED THISTLETAIL (*Asthenes fuliginosa fuliginosa*) [*]

PEARLED TREERUNNER (*Margarornis squamiger perlatus*) – A really gorgeous highland furnariid.

STREAKED TUFTEDCHEEK (*Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii*) – Scoped at San Isidro!

POINT-TAILED PALMCREEPER (*Berlepschia rikeri*) – This can be a tough one to pry out, but we had one on our first morning at Sacha for nice scope views.

SCALY-THROATED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (SPOT-BREASTED) (*Anabacerthia variegaticeps temporalis*) – Common with flocks in the west.

LINEATED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Syndactyla subalaris*) [*]

CHESTNUT-WINGED HOOKBILL (*Ancistrops strigilatus*) – Now this is a cool name! We actually managed some really nice views of this one across the Napo from Sacha as it moved with a small flock.

CHESTNUT-WINGED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor erythropterum*) – Ditto!

BUFF-FRONTED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor rufum*) – Common with the flocks in the west.

UNIFORM TREEHUNTER (*Thripadectes ignobilis*) [*]

BLACK-BILLED TREEHUNTER (*Thripadectes melanorhynchus*) – All in all, we had pretty good looks at this skittish species along the Loreto rd.

STRIPED TREEHUNTER (*Thripadectes holostictus*) [*]

STREAK-CAPPED TREEHUNTER (*Thripadectes virgaticeps*) – Good looks with a flock at Septimo.

BUFF-THROATED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Automolus ochrolaemus*) [*]

PLAIN XENOPS (*Xenops minutus*) – A few with the flocks at Silanche.

TYRANNINE WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla tyrannina tyrannina*) – Responsive at San Isidro!

PLAIN-BROWN WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*)

OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*)

WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*)

LONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Nasica longirostris*) – An unbelievable woodcreeper that we had tremendous studies of out near the river at Sacha.

CINNAMON-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrozetetes rufigula*) – Nicely from the metal towers.

STRONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER (ANDEAN/NORTHERN) (*Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus promeropirhynchus*) [*]

NORTHERN BARRED-WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae*) – Along the trails at Silanche.

BLACK-BANDED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes picumnus*) – I'm sure glad I wasn't that bug, whose head was getting turned into pudding before our very eyes... ouch! Well, at least the woodcreeper had a nice meal; he's gotta eat too!

STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Dendroplex picus*) [*]

STRIPED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus obsoletus*) – Good looks in the blackwater swamps at Sacha.

SPIX'S WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus spixii*) – Finally, nearing the end of our stay at Sacha.

BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus*) – The common woodcreeper of the eastern lowlands.

BLACK-STRIPED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus lachrymosus*) [*]

SPOTTED WOODCREEPER (BERLEPSCH'S) (*Xiphorhynchus erythropygius aequatorialis*) – Common with the flocks in the west.

OLIVE-BACKED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus triangularis triangularis*) – Replaces the previous species on the east slope.

STREAK-HEADED WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes souleyetii esmeraldae*) – This well marked species was seen well at Silanche.

MONTANE WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger aequatorialis*) – Common with the highland flocks.

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

FASCIATED ANTSHRIKE (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*) [*]

UNDULATED ANTSHRIKE (*Frederickena unduligera*) – It was getting dark, but we did see this one quite well, especially when it sat in that hole and preened for us; Sacha. This is often a very tough bird to see well, for any more than a split second.

LINED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus tenuipunctatus tenuifasciatus*) – Especially nice views of the female along the Loreto rd.

WESTERN SLATY-ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus atrinucha*) – Good looks at one along the trail at Silanche.

MOUSE-COLORED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus murinus*) – Scope views of a singing male across the river from Sacha; this one is a terra firme forest specialist.

UNIFORM ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus unicolor unicolor*) – A pretty cooperative pair was seen well along the trails at Angel Paz's.

RUSSET ANTSHRIKE (TAWNY) (*Thamnistes anabatinus intermedius*) – The first bird of that big flock we birded at Milpe!

DUSKY-THROATED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes ardesiacus*) – An understory flock leader. We had this one well, and even in the scope, at Sacha.

CINEREOUS ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes caesius*) – Some got looks at this one across the river from Sacha.

SPOT-WINGED ANTSHRIKE (*Pygoptila stellaris*) – One very close female along the Anaconda stream one afternoon.

CHECKER-THROATED ANT WREN (*Epinecrophylla fulviventris*) [*]

PYGMY ANT WREN (*Myrmotherula brachyura*) – One along the main boardwalk at Sacha.

MOUSTACHED ANT WREN (SHORT-BILLED) (*Myrmotherula ignota obscura*) – Very similar to the previous species, and occurs with it. We outsmarted this little pest and got it to pop into an overhead vine tangle one afternoon.

PACIFIC ANT WREN (*Myrmotherula pacifica*) – We finally managed to dig them out of the roadside forest at Silanche.

PLAIN-THROATED ANT WREN (*Myrmotherula hauxwelli*) – Fine views at a responsive pair across the river from Sacha.

WHITE-FLANKED ANT WREN (*Myrmotherula axillaris*) – Nicely along the Orquidea stream.

SLATY ANT WREN (*Myrmotherula schisticolor schisticolor*) – A very nice family group in the understory at Milpe.

GRAY ANT WREN (*Myrmotherula menetriesii*) – One male across the river from Sacha.

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

DOT-WINGED ANT WREN (*Microrhopias quixensis*) – With a flock at Silanche.

LONG-TAILED ANT BIRD (*Drymophila caudata caudata*) – Seen in the bamboo patches on both slopes.

RUFOUS-RUMPED ANT WREN (*Terenura callinota callinota*) – One very responsive bird with a large mixed flock at Milpe.... man did he have that rump flared!

GRAY ANT BIRD (*Cercomacra cinerascens*) – One male seen well as it crept about in some overhead vine tangle; Sacha.

DUSKY ANT BIRD (*Cercomacra tyrannina*) – In the understory at Silanche.

BLACK ANT BIRD (*Cercomacra serva*) – Fabulous views at a pair across the river from Sacha; M that male really had the white back patch puffed out!

BLACK-FACED ANT BIRD (*Myrmoborus myotherinus*) – One close male for good looks at Sacha.

PERUVIAN WARBLING-ANT BIRD (*Hypocnemis peruviana*) – Check out Bret Whitney's paper on the splitting of the Warbling Antbird complex. After a few tries we finally got them to come in for a look; Sacha.

YELLOW-BROWED ANT BIRD (*Hypocnemis hypoxantha*) – Colored almost more like a Spring-plumaged warbler! We had a really nice experience with this one across the river from Sacha.

SILVERED ANT BIRD (*Sclateria naevia*) – The understory, swamp forest species that we saw along the main boardwalk at Sacha.

WHITE-SHOULDERED ANT BIRD (*Myrmeciza melanoceps*) – Glimpses at Sacha.

PLUMBEOUS ANT BIRD (*Myrmeciza hyperythra*) [*]

IMMACULATE ANT BIRD (*Myrmeciza immaculata macrorhyncha*) [*]

WHITE-PLUMED ANT BIRD (*Pithys albifrons*) – One of the trip highlights when we hit an antswarm with this ornate species in attendance; I can't remember the last time I had scope views of this one!

BICOLORED ANT BIRD (*Gymnopithys leucaspis*) – In the same spot as the previous species.

SPOT-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Hylophylax naevius*) – Seen well by most along the main boardwalk at Sacha.

DOT-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Hylophylax punctulatus*) [*]

SCALE-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Willisornis poecilinotus*) – Excellent studies of a male bird that circled us a few times while we paddled down the Orquidea stream at Sacha.

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

Formicariidae (Antthrushes)

BLACK-HEADED ANTTHRUSH (*Formicarius nigricapillus*) [*]

RUFOUS-BREASTED ANTTHRUSH (*Formicarius rufipectus carrikeri*) [*]

STRIATED ANTTHRUSH (*Chamaeza nobilis*) [*]

Grallariidae (Antpittas)

GIANT ANTPITTA (*Grallaria gigantea hylodroma*) – Even though much of the group saw this one pretty well in the early morning light on our way down to the Cock-of-the-Rock lek at Angel Paz's, I think we were all still blown away when one came in on its own and hopped right out into the open front of us at the fruit feeding station!

MOUSTACHED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria alleni andaquiensis*) – Another one of Angel's trained antpittas. He brought this one in for nice looks in a particularly shady and humid spot in the understory.

PLAIN-BACKED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria haplonota*) [*]

CHESTNUT-CROWNED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria ruficapilla ruficapilla*) [*]

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

YELLOW-BREASTED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria flavotincta*) – The third species we saw at Angel's when he lured in what appeared to be an adult and young along the roadside up the hill from his place.

WHITE-BELLIED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria hypoleuca*) – As Angel Paz taught us all, it doesn't take more than a bucket of worms, some patience, and a little sweet talk to get antpittas to tame down and feel relatively comfortable with the presence of people. San Isidro now has its resident antpitta show, with this shy species as an opening act. We had tremendous views when one came trotting up the trail towards us.

RUFOUS ANTPITTA (*Grallaria rufula rufula*) – Our second antpitta of the trip (on the first day) when one of this species popped onto the trail ahead of us at Yanacocha.

TAWNY ANTPITTA (*Grallaria quitensis quitensis*) – Our first antpitta of the trip; this one too hopped right out onto the trail without any prompting.

THRUSH-LIKE ANTPITTA (*Myrmothera campanisona*) [*]

OCHRE-BREASTED ANTPITTA (*Grallaricula flavirostris*) – Top-notch looks at a pair at Septimo.

PERUVIAN ANTPITTA (*Grallaricula peruviana*) – The prize antpitta score of the trip, because it is rare (San Isidro is the only place where one can really target this species anywhere!), it is really shy and was almost unknown in life until recently, and it is really a handsome species. We had very nice looks at female e coming to eat worms set out for it not far from the cabins... wow!

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

Conopophagidae (Gnateaters)

CHESTNUT-BELTED GNATEATER (*Conopophaga aurita*) – It didn't want to stay in one place for very long, but most of us did end up with very nice looks at a male along the trails at Sacha.

Rhinocryptidae (Tapaculos)

RUSTY-BELTED TAPACULO (*Liosceles thoracicus*) – We pulled one in for unbeatable views across the river from Sacha when it came in and song from a fallen tree in the understory.

OCELLATED TAPACULO (*Acropternis orthonyx infuscatus*) [*]

BLACKISH TAPACULO (*Scytalopus latrans latrans*) [*]

LONG-TAILED TAPACULO (*Scytalopus micropterus*) [*]

NARINO TAPACULO (*Scytalopus vicinior*) – Allen and Richard had pretty decent views of the one we called in along the trails at Septimo.

SPILLMANN'S TAPACULO (*Scytalopus spillmanni*) [*]

Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

BROWN-CAPPED TYRANNULET (*Ornithion brunneicapillus*) – One responsive bird of this canopy species at Silanche

for quick scope views.

SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET (*Camptostoma obsoletum*) – With a flock at Milpe.

WHITE-TAILED TYRANNULET (*Mecocerculus poecilocercus*) – Common with flocks on both slopes at mid-elevations.

WHITE-BANDED TYRANNULET (*Mecocerculus stictopterus stictopterus*) – Seen well at both Yanacocha and Guango with the flocks.

WHITE-THROATED TYRANNULET (*Mecocerculus leucophrys rufomarginatis*) – Fairly common with highland flocks all the way up to treeline.

SULPHUR-BELLIED TYRANNULET (*Mecocerculus minor*) – A few around San Isidro.

TUFTED TIT-TYRANT (*Anairetes parulus aequatorialis*) – Good looks at an active little group of them in the central valley.

YELLOW TYRANNULET (*Capsiempis flaveola*) [*]

YELLOW-CROWNED TYRANNULET (*Tyrannulus elatus*) – Scoped at Sacha out along the Napo edge.

FOREST ELAENIA (*Myiopagis gaimardii*) [*]

GREENISH ELAENIA (*Myiopagis viridicata*) – One at Milpe for nice scope views.

YELLOW-BELLIED ELAENIA (*Elaenia flavogaster*) – Responsive near Silanche.

WHITE-CRESTED ELAENIA (WHITE-CRESTED) (*Elaenia albiceps griseigularis*) – Fairly common in the highlands.

TORRENT TYRANNULET (*Serpophaga cinerea cinerea*) – Common along rushing highland streams and rivers.

STREAK-NECKED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes striaticollis*) – Fairly common around San Isidro.

OLIVE-STRIPED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes olivaceus*) – Replaces the previous species at lower elevations. Some folks had quick looks along the Loreto rd.

OCHRE-BELLIED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes oleagineus*) – Seen best at Sacha a few times.

RUFOUS-BREASTED FLYCATCHER (*Leptopogon rufipectus*) – This one is usually not too hard to see at San Isidro, but it gave us fits, despite hearing it repeatedly. I think Richard is the only who can claim it!

VARIEGATED BRISTLE-TYRANT (*Phylloscartes poecilotis*) – We really worked on getting good looks at this one as it moved with a large mixed flock at San Isidro, and it paid off with some knock-out views.

MARBLE-FACED BRISTLE-TYRANT (*Phylloscartes ophthalmicus ophthalmicus*) – In the same flock as the previous species.

SOOTY-HEADED TYRANNULET (*Phyllomyias griseiceps*) – Good looks at Silanche... the one without any discernable wingbars.

ASHY-HEADED TYRANNULET (*Phyllomyias cinereiceps*) – A scoped and singing bird at Septimo.

CHOCO TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius albigularis*) – Split from the Golden-faced Tyrannulet, so now a separate species of the west slope.

SLENDER-FOOTED TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius gracilipes*) – A canopy bird that we saw well from the metal towers at Sacha.

GOLDEN-FACED TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius chrysops*) – Common in the eastern foothills.

ORNATE FLYCATCHER (*Myiotriccus ornatus*) – A fancy little flycatcher that lives up to its name.

BRONZE-OLIVE PYGMY-TYRANT (*Pseudotriccus pelzelni*) [*]

RUFOUS-HEADED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Pseudotriccus ruficeps*) – That pair at point-blank range in the Guacamayos was just magnificent!

BLACK-CAPPED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Myiornis atricapillus*) – Seen as a quick fly-over at Silanche.

SCALE-CRESTED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Lophotriccus pileatus*) – Seen first at Milpe, where we had our best looks.

DOUBLE-BANDED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Lophotriccus vitiosus*) – A cooperative pair across the river from Sacha as they flitted about in some viney growth.

WHITE-EYED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus zosterops*) – Quick looks up in the terra firme forests across from Sacha.

RUFOUS-CROWNED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Poecilotriccus ruficeps*) – Fabulous studies at this bamboo specialist at San Isidro.

COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum cinereum sclateri*) – Silanche area.

BLACK-HEADED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum nigriceps*) – Nice looks at this one from the tower at Silanche.

YELLOW-BROWED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum*) – Seen from both the metal and wooden towers at Sacha.

YELLOW-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (YELLOW-MARGINED) (*Tolmomyias assimilis flavotectus*) – With the flocks at Silanche

YELLOW-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (ZIMMER'S) (*Tolmomyias assimilis obscuriceps*) – This Amazonian bird is sometimes split from the previous form on the west slope. We had great looks from the metal tower.

GRAY-CROWNED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias poliocephalus*) – Seen on our last day along the Napo edge when we called one in to an overhead tree.

YELLOW-BREASTED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias flaviventris*) [*]

RUDDY-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Terenotriccus erythrurus*) [*]

CINNAMON FLYCATCHER (*Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus pyrrhopterus*) – Common at forest edges at mid-elevations.

CLIFF FLYCATCHER (*Hirundinea ferruginea*) – Right up on the cliff they always are along the Loreto rd.

HANDSOME FLYCATCHER (*Nephelomyias pulcher*) – Good looks of them with the flocks in the Guacamayos.

OLIVE-CHESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiophobus cryptoxanthus*) – Responsive on the Loreto rd. where we had two perched together through the scope.

BRAN-COLORED FLYCATCHER (*Myiophobus fasciatus*) – Silanche.

EULER'S FLYCATCHER (*Lathrotriccus euleri*) [*]

SMOKE-COLORED PEWEE (*Contopus fumigatus*) – Common in the highlands.

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE (*Contopus virens*) – Must have recently arrived as a migrant. [b]

BLACK PHOEBE (WHITE-WINGED) (*Sayornis nigricans angustirostris*) – Common along rivers and streams in the highlands.

VERMILION FLYCATCHER (VERMILION) (*Pyrocephalus rubinus piurae*) – What was most certainly an austral migrant form at the Coca airport. [a]

DRAB WATER TYRANT (*Ochthornis littoralis*) – A few along the Napo where they stay close to the water.

WHITE-BROWED GROUND-TYRANT (*Muscisaxicola albilora*) – This one was probably getting ready to head south to breed. We had nice studies of this and the next species next to each other for scope views. [a]

PLAIN-CAPPED GROUND-TYRANT (*Muscisaxicola alpinus alpinus*)

BLACK-BILLED SHRIKE-TYRANT (*Agriornis montanus solitarius*) – The large tyrant with the bold white tail that we saw on the central valley slopes.

STREAK-THROATED BUSH-TYRANT (*Myiotheretes striaticollis striaticollis*) – Allen had what must have been this species on our first day; his description was right on and the habitat was perfect.

SMOKY BUSH-TYRANT (*Myiotheretes fumigatus*) [*]

MASKED WATER-TYRANT (*Fluvicola nengeta*) – Nice to see one launch into its wing display; Silanche.

CROWNED CHAT-TYRANT (CROWNED) (*Ochthoeca frontalis frontalis*) – Wonderful views at a cooperative bird on our first day at Yanacocha.

SLATY-BACKED CHAT-TYRANT (SLATY-BACKED) (*Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris cinnamomeiventris*) – A fancy little chat-tyrant that we saw well on the slopes of the Guacamayos.

BROWN-BACKED CHAT-TYRANT (*Ochthoeca fumicolor brunneifrons*) – The highest elevation chat-tyrant here in Ecuador, that we saw a few times well.

LONG-TAILED TYRANT (*Colonia colonus*) – We came to a screeching halt along the Loreto rd. for good looks at one.

RUFOUS-TAILED FLATBILL (*Ramphotrigon ruficauda*) [*]

CINNAMON ATTILA (*Attila cinnamomeus*) – Great looks a this attractive bird along the Anaconda stream at Sacha.

CITRON-BELLIED ATTILA (*Attila citriniventris*) – Wonderful scope views along the main boardwalk at Sacha.

BRIGHT-RUMPED ATTILA (*Attila spadiceus*) [*]

SIRYSTES (*Sirystes sibilator*) [*]

GRAYISH MOURNER (*Rhytipterna simplex*) – In a canopy mixed flock in the terra firme forests across the river from Sacha.

DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*) – Common in many habitats throughout the country.

SHORT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus ferox*) – Fairly common in riparian habitats around Sacha.

PALE-EDGED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus cephalotes cephalotes*) – The common *Myiarchus* on the east slope.

LESSER KISKADEE (*Pitangus lictor*) – Common along the lake edge at Sacha.

GREAT KISKADEE (*Pitangus sulphuratus*) – Known to many!

BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER (*Megarynchus pitangua*) – The largest relative of this group... and mostly a fruit-eating

species as well.

RUSTY-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes cayanensis hellmayri*) – Common on the west slope in lowland and foothill areas.

SOCIAL FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes similis*) – Common in open habitats in the eastern lowlands and foothills.

GRAY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes granadensis*) – On a daily basis at Sacha.

DUSKY-CHESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes luteiventris*) – This canopy flycatcher was seen well from the metal towers.

LEMON-BROWED FLYCATCHER (*Conopias cinchoneti cinchoneti*) – Great looks at a pair of the mid-elevation, canopy tyrant along the roadside at San Isidro.

GOLDEN-CROWNED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes chrysocephalus minor*) – Another common mid-elevation tyrannid that we saw mostly in the west.

STREAKED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes maculatus*) – On both slopes.

SULPHUR-BELLIED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes luteiventris*) – From the wooden tower at Sacha. [b]

PIRATIC FLYCATCHER (*Legatus leucophaeus*) – Common in the lowlands. This one badgers others species into abandoning their nests so that they can take it over.

VARIEGATED FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus varius*) – Similar to the previous species, but slimmer and with some subtle rufous highlights.

CROWNED SLATY FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus aurantioatrocristatus*) – The longest scientific name! We had a few from the towers at Sacha as they probably thought about venturing south to breed. [a]

SULPHURY FLYCATCHER (*Tyrannopsis sulphurea*) – Nice looks at a pair perched up along the Shipati stream across the river from Sacha.

TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus melancholicus*) – Won the award for being the only bird that we saw on every day of the trip!

EASTERN KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus tyrannus*) [b]

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

GREEN-AND-BLACK FRUITEATER (*Pipreola riefferii*) – The fruiteater with the dark eye that we saw well in the Guacamayos.

BARRED FRUITEATER (*Pipreola arcuata arcuata*) – Wonderful views at a female at Yanacocha on our first morning.

SCALED FRUITEATER (*Ampelioides tschudii*) [*]

RED-CRESTED COTINGA (*Ampelion rubrocristatus*) – We had a tree full of them - adults and young birds - at Yanacocha.

ANDEAN COCK-OF-THE-ROCK (*Rupicola peruvianus sanguinolentus*) – It was a long, steep hike down, but we all got there and enjoyed some excellent views at males displaying at a lek at Angel Paz's.

OLIVACEOUS PIHA (*Snowornis cryptolophus*) – It is sort of comical really how such a chunky bird could raise chicks in such a tiny nest! We did see this stealthy and uncommon species very well at Angel Paz's as it sat on its nest!

PURPLE-THROATED FRUITCROW (*Querula purpurata*) – Excellent views in nice light at both males and females from the wooden tower at Sacha.

PLUM-THROATED COTINGA (*Cotinga maynana*) – A gorgeous shade of turquoise that just seems to clash with the surrounding tropical forest! We enjoyed some fantastic studies of males from both towers at Sacha.

SPANGLED COTINGA (*Cotinga cayana*) – This one has an electric quality to its plumage... unbelievable! We had some really nice encounters with this one from the canopy towers at Sacha.

DUSKY PIHA (*Lipaugus fuscocinereus*) – One came swooping in along the Guacamayos trail for really nice looks one morning.

SCREAMING PIHA (*Lipaugus vociferans*) – The voice really out-weighs the plumage in the impact department for this all gray species. We took the time to scope a singing male through the scope as it belted out its ridiculously loud song!

BARE-NECKED FRUITCROW (*Gymnoderus foetidus*) – Some incredible right in the wooden tower tree at Sacha.

Pipridae (Manakins)

GOLDEN-WINGED MANAKIN (*Masius chrysopterus*) – That scoped male at Milpe was a treat.

CLUB-WINGED MANAKIN (*Machaeropterus deliciosus*) – Lekking males at Milpe makes the visit worth it in itself.

STRIPED MANAKIN (WESTERN) (*Machaeropterus regulus striolatus*) – Manakins are one of the great neotropical groups, and we saw a healthy percentage of the possible species. The scoped male of this species in the terra firme forests

across the river from Sacha was a most memorable sighting!

BLUE-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Lepidothrix coronata*) – What an amazing spectacle when those two males went into that butterfly flight display!

WHITE-BEARDED MANAKIN (*Manacus manacus*) – Good looks at this loud species in the lowlands of the east and west.

BLUE-BACKED MANAKIN (*Chiroxiphia pareola*) [*]

ORANGE-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Heterocercus aurantiivertex*) – A very local swamp forest species, mostly restricted to Ecuador. We had some excellent views along the Orquidea stream at Sacha.

WIRE-TAILED MANAKIN (*Pipra filicauda*) – Stunning scope views at Sacha of a male.

GOLDEN-HEADED MANAKIN (*Pipra erythrocephala*) – Males engaging in lek behavior.

WING-BARRED PIPRITES (*Piprites chloris*) – We had to work it a bit but I think we ended up with nice scope views eventually from the metal towers at Sacha.

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

BLACK-TAILED TITYRA (*Tityra cayana*) – Relatively common from the Sacha towers.

BLACK-CROWNED TITYRA (*Tityra inquisitor*) – Quick views out along the Napo.

MASKED TITYRA (*Tityra semifasciata*) – Seen a few times on both slopes.

CINEREOUS MOURNER (*Laniocera hypopyrra*) – One of our great stalking, team action events! We heard it calling below the metal towers and sneaked in together, and finally clinched wonderful views.

WHITE-BROWED PURPLETUFT (*Iodopleura isabellae*) – It is still hard to get used to the idea of this being a becard relative rather than a cotinga relative! We had some great views of this little canopy dweller from the wooden tower at Sacha.

GREEN-BACKED BECARD (YELLOW-CHEEKED) (*Pachyramphus viridis xanthogenys*) – Really nice looks at a male along the Loreto rd.

BARRED BECARD (*Pachyramphus versicolor versicolor*) – We called in a male at San Isidro for looks at those narrow bars.

CINNAMON BECARD (*Pachyramphus cinnamomeus cinnamomeus*) – Common in the west.

WHITE-WINGED BECARD (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*) – We saw the gray and white form of the west and the black form of the Amazon.

BLACK-AND-WHITE BECARD (*Pachyramphus albogriseus*) – Good looks at a male in the west.

ONE-COLORED BECARD (*Pachyramphus homochrous*) – Common this trip in the west, this large becard seems to move into the area in large numbers at times.

Vireonidae (Vireos)

BROWN-CAPPED VIREO (*Vireo leucophrys*)

RED-EYED VIREO (*Vireo olivaceus*)

YELLOW-GREEN VIREO (*Vireo flavoviridis*) – A common bird in the Amazon as a boreal migrant. [b]

DUSKY-CAPPED GREENLET (*Hylophilus hypoxanthus*) [*]

OLIVACEOUS GREENLET (*Hylophilus olivaceus*) – A pair for scope views along the Loreto rd. The one with the pale eye and bill.

TAWNY-CROWNED GREENLET (*Hylophilus ochraceiceps*) – A very responsive pair in the terra firme forests across the river from Sacha.

LESSER GREENLET (GRAY-HEADED) (*Hylophilus decurtatus minor*) – A few with the flocks at Milpe and Silanche.

BLACK-BILLED PEPPERSHRIKE (*Cyclarhis nigrirostris*) – We had to chase it around a bit on the grounds at San Isidro, but finally ended up with nice scope views.

Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)

TURQUOISE JAY (*Cyanolyca turcosa*) – Maybe not really all that "turquoise", but a beautiful jay nonetheless! We had great looks at them a few times in the highlands.

GREEN JAY (INCA) (*Cyanocorax yncas yncas*) – Abundant around San Isidro where they forage about in noisy groups.

VIOLACEOUS JAY (*Cyanocorax violaceus*) – The only jay of the eastern lowlands in Ecuador, we had it on every day at Sacha.

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

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

BROWN-BELLIED SWALLOW (*Orochelidon murina murina*) – Replaces the previous species at higher elevations.

WHITE-THIGHED SWALLOW (*Atticora tibialis minima*) – The small and dark swallow that we saw well in the west.

WHITE-BANDED SWALLOW (*Atticora fasciata*) – The elegant swallow that we saw on a daily basis in the Amazon.

SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)

GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN (*Progne chalybea*) – Common around the lake at Sacha.

BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN (*Progne tapera*) – Fairly common along the Napo.

WHITE-WINGED SWALLOW (*Tachycineta albiventer*) – The common swallow out along the Napo and along Pilchicocha.

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

THRUSH-LIKE WREN (*Campylorhynchus turdinus*) – A loud canopy wren that we saw along the Loreto rd.

RUFOUS WREN (*Cinnycerthia unirufa unirufa*) [*]

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

PLAIN-TAILED WREN (*Pheugopedius euophrys*) – Good looks at a vocal pair along the trails at San Isidro.

CORAYA WREN (*Pheugopedius coraya*) – One came in nicely across the river from Sacha for quality views of this skulker.

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

MOUNTAIN WREN (*Troglodytes solstitialis solstitialis*) – A more forest-based bird than the previous species, we had them numerous times on the east slope.

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

WHITE-BREASTED WOOD-WREN (*Henicorhina leucosticta*) – Responsive at Sacha when we pulled them out of the understory.

GRAY-BREASTED WOOD-WREN (*Henicorhina leucophrys leucophrys*) – Good looks at this skulker at Septimo.

SCALY-BREASTED WREN (*Microcerculus marginatus*) – We pulled one in to close range along the trail at Silanche.

WING-BANDED WREN (*Microcerculus bamba*) [*]

MUSICIAN WREN (*Cyphorhinus arada*) [*]

Poliophtilidae (Gnatcatchers)

TAWNY-FACED GNATWREN (*Microbates cinereiventris*) – A couple sneaking about in the understory at Silanche.

LONG-BILLED GNATWREN (LONG-BILLED) (*Ramphocaenus melanurus duidae*) – Quick but decent views for some of one sneaking about in a vine tangle across the river from Sacha.

SLATE-THROATED GNATCATCHER (*Poliophtila schistaceigula*) [*]

Cinclidae (Dippers)

WHITE-CAPPED DIPPER (*Cinclus leucocephalus leuconotus*) – Along the Papallacta River at Guango!

Donacobiidae (Donacobius)

BLACK-CAPPED DONACOBIOUS (*Donacobius atricapilla*) – Great looks at them around the lake at Sacha where they inhabit the swampy edge growth.

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

ANDEAN SOLITAIRE (*Myadestes ralloides*) – Some nice looks at this reclusive species.

PALE-EYED THRUSH (*Turdus leucops*) – We managed to get a distant singing bird in the scope at San Isidro for pretty good views.

HAUXWELL'S THRUSH (*Turdus hauxwelli*) – Brief but decent views (for some) along the main boardwalk at Sacha, but they sure were jumpy!

ECUADORIAN THRUSH (*Turdus maculirostris*) – Seen by most at Septimo.

LAWRENCE'S THRUSH (*Turdus lawrencii*) – After having heard many of them at Sacha, we finally got one in the scope; it was a tad distant, but once it shifted, you could see the yellow soft part colors.

BLACK-BILLED THRUSH (*Turdus ignobilis*) – Common in cleared areas of the eastern foothills and lowlands.

CHESTNUT-BELLIED THRUSH (*Turdus fulviventris*) – Allen had one around the cabins at San Isidro, where it sometimes shows up.

GREAT THRUSH (*Turdus fuscater quindio*) – The common highland thrush.

GLOSSY-BLACK THRUSH (*Turdus serranus fuscobrunneus*) [*]

WHITE-NECKED THRUSH (*Turdus albicollis*) [*]

Motacillidae (Wagtails and Pipits)

PARAMO PIPIT (*Anthus bogotensis bogotensis*) – In the grassy fields as we came back down from Yanacocha.

Parulidae (New World Warblers)

TROPICAL PARULA (*Parula pitiayumi*) – Common on the west slope.

SLATE-THROATED REDSTART (*Myioborus miniatus*) – Very common with mid-elevation flocks on both slopes.

SPECTACLED REDSTART (*Myioborus melanocephalus ruficoronatus*) – Replaces the previous species at higher elevations.

GOLDEN-BELLIED WARBLER (CHOCO) (*Basileuterus chrysogaster chlorophrys*) – One popped up for us along a trail at San Isidro, where I had never had it.

BLACK-CRESTED WARBLER (*Basileuterus nigrocristatus*) – Common in secondary growth, and quite a handsome warbler.

RUSSET-CROWNED WARBLER (*Basileuterus coronatus*) – Just love that dueted song! We had them on both slopes, the east being much more gray-bellied.

THREE-STRIPED WARBLER (*Basileuterus tristriatus*) – A few groups of them at Septimo.

Coerebidae (Bananaquit)

BANANAQUIT (*Coereba flaveola*) – Leslie spotted this one first at Milpe, but we all later caught up for good looks at Silanche where they were common.

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

MAGPIE TANAGER (*Cissopis leverianus*) – Good looks at this longest of tanagers in the east.

BLACK-CAPPED HEMISPINGUS (BLACK-CAPPED) (*Hemispingus atropileus atropileus*) – Wonderful views with an understory flock at Guango.

SUPERCILIARIED HEMISPINGUS (SUPERCILIARIED) (*Hemispingus superciliaris nigrifrons*) – A canopy hemispingus that we saw really well on our first day with the flocks at Yanacocha.

BLACK-EARED HEMISPINGUS (BLACK-EARED) (*Hemispingus melanotis melanotis*) – The east slope - and nominate - form that we had with the understory bamboo flocks at San Isidro; loved it when they popped up right into the open on those stalks!

BLACK-EARED HEMISPINGUS (WESTERN) (*Hemispingus melanotis ochraceus*) – This western form is duller than the previous one, but still tied to bamboo.

GRAY-HOODED BUSH TANAGER (RUBRIROSTRIS) (*Cnemoscopus rubrirostris rubrirostris*) – The canopy flock bird with the gray hood and pink bill; it also has that peculiar habit of constantly flicking its tail. We had them at point-blank range with the flocks at Guango.

CINEREOUS CONEBILL (*Conirostrum cinereum fraseri*) – We got all of the conebills this trip. This was the one that we saw in the central valley scrub that had that had the white wing spot.

BLUE-BACKED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum sitticolor sitticolor*) – Wonderful views of them with the canopy flocks at Yanacocha; a really attractive little conebill.

CAPPED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum albifrons atrocyaneum*) – We finally caught up with this species as it moved with the flocks at Guango.

GIANT CONEBILL (*Oreomanes fraseri*) – The king of conebills! We remained persistent up at our Polylepsis patch and finally got one to come in for great views... nice spotting Richard.

PLUSHCAP (*Catamblyrhynchus diadema*) – A little song playback was all that they needed when we ran into an understory bamboo flock at San Isidro; a pair came blasting in for awesome studies!

Emberizidae (Buntings, Sparrows and Allies)

COMMON BUSH-TANAGER (NORTHERN ANDES) (*Chlorospingus ophthalmicus phaeocephalus*) – Abundant around San Isidro where they chorus loudly every afternoon.

DUSKY BUSH-TANAGER (*Chlorospingus semifuscus semifuscus*) – Replaces the previous species at similar elevations in the west.

YELLOW-THROATED BUSH-TANAGER (*Chlorospingus flavigularis*) – Most abundant around Milpe!

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

GUIRA TANAGER (*Hemithraupis guira*) – Fairly common with the flocks at Silanche.

FULVOUS SHRIKE-TANAGER (*Lanio fulvus*) – We called in a beautiful male across the river from Sacha for really nice scope views.

SCARLET-BROWED TANAGER (*Heterospingus xanthopygius*) – Perched right up in the open at Silanche for scope studies.

WHITE-SHOULDERED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus luctuosus*) – The females are quite different with that gray head and yellow belly. WE had them well both at Milpe and Silanche.

WHITE-LINED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus rufus*) – A few times on both slopes; the male is mostly black, but the female is all rufous... hence the scientific name.

MASKED CRIMSON TANAGER (*Ramphocelus nigrogularis*) – What a spectacular tanager! We saw than stunningly well a few times at Sacha.

SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER (*Ramphocelus carbo*) – Common in cleared areas of the eastern lowlands and foothills.

FLAME-RUMPED TANAGER (LEMON-RUMPED) (*Ramphocelus flammigerus icteronotus*) – We got to know this abundant tanager species well in the west!

BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus quaesita*) – The more plainly colored subspecies that is common in the west.

BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus coelestis*) – The east slope form with the white shoulder patch.

PALM TANAGER (*Thraupis palmarum*) – Common in the foothills and lowlands of both slopes.

BLUE-CAPPED TANAGER (*Thraupis cyanocephala cyanocephala*) – This one called up really nicely at Angel Paz's.

BLUE-AND-YELLOW TANAGER (*Thraupis bonariensis darwini*) – Some nice views at those spectacular males in the central valley scrub.

VERMILION TANAGER (*Calochaetes coccineus*) – We really lucked out in picking that family group of this brilliantly colored species in a distant tree for nice scope views.

HOODED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Buthraupis montana cucullata*) – The large mountain-tanager with the red eye that we saw well first at Yanacocha.

BLACK-CHESTED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Buthraupis eximia*) – This can be a hard one to track down, but we got it right where we needed it in the temperate forests at Yanacocha where it is probably easier to find than anywhere... nice!

SCARLET-BELLIED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Anisognathus igniventris erythronotus*) – One of the most striking mountain-tanagers, wouldn't you say?! Many fine views were had at Yanacocha on our first morning.

BLUE-WINGED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Anisognathus somptuosus*) – A common bird at mid-elevations on both slopes, but always a welcome sight.

GRASS-GREEN TANAGER (*Chlorornis riefferii riefferii*) [*]

FAWN-BREASTED TANAGER (*Pipraeidea melanonota venezuelensis*) – A common bird at mid-elevations. We had our first looks at them at Septimo as they fed about in the garden trees.

GRAY-AND-GOLD TANAGER (*Tangara palmeri*) – A Choco endemic species that ranges from eastern Panama, south through western Colombia, and into NW Ecuador. We had a group of them - even through the scope - as they moved with a flock.

TURQUOISE TANAGER (*Tangara mexicana*) – Seen first along the Loreto rd., but we topped these looks at Sacha's wooden tower on fine morning.

PARADISE TANAGER (*Tangara chilensis*) – Colors on a bird like this would seem impossible, but we witnessed them first-hand when we scoped a bird on the slopes of the Guacamayos during a fruitful tanager stop.

GREEN-AND-GOLD TANAGER (*Tangara schrankii*) – A few with the tanagers as they zipped about at Sacha... the one with the black mask.

GOLDEN TANAGER (*Tangara arthus*) – David and Leslie had them on the first day, but they came out of the woodwork over the next few days in the west for nice looks.

SILVER-THROATED TANAGER (*Tangara icterocephala*) – Common at Milpe and Silanche.

SAFFRON-CROWNED TANAGER (*Tangara xanthocephala venusta*) – Should be called the "Saffron-helmeted Tanager" as it is not just the crown that is yellow! This is one of the more common Tangaras around San Isidro.

GOLDEN-EARED TANAGER (*Tangara chrysotis*) – We called this one out from its concealed perch in the Guacamayos for awesome scope views.

FLAME-FACED TANAGER (*Tangara parzudakii*) – We saw both the east and west slope forms. birds in the west have

more of a flaming orange head, while birds in the east have more distinct reds and yellows.

SPOTTED TANAGER (*Tangara punctata*) – Very clean views at a group of them along the Loreto rd.

RUFIOUS-THROATED TANAGER (*Tangara rufigula*) – This one seems to replace the previous species on the west slope... they certainly have similar plumage features and sound much alike. We had great views at this west slope bird at Milpe where they are relatively common.

BAY-HEADED TANAGER (*Tangara gyrola*) – Common with the flocks in the west, and a well known bird to neotropical birders.

RUFIOUS-WINGED TANAGER (*Tangara lavinia*) – Similar to the previous species in plumage, and even vocalizations, but this species has a more restricted range and even there, occurs in fewer numbers. I find this one to have a beautiful gloss and such an intense rufous color to the head and wings. We had some fabulous studies at a calling male from the Silanche tower.

GOLDEN-NAPED TANAGER (*Tangara ruficervix*) – Common at mid-elevations on both slopes.

METALLIC-GREEN TANAGER (*Tangara labradorides labradorides*) – This one has a way of getting away through the canopy leaves, but some folks still did manage to see them before they slipped away in the west.

BLUE-NECKED TANAGER (*Tangara cyanicollis*) – Even though common on both slopes, this one never gets old!

MASKED TANAGER (*Tangara nigrocincta*) – Nice scope views from the metal towers at Sacha... and thank goodness for the towers, because you wouldn't see it much otherwise.

BERYL-SPANGLED TANAGER (*Tangara nigroviridis*) – This bird lives up to its name in visual impact!

BLUE-AND-BLACK TANAGER (*Tangara vassorii vassorii*) – With the flocks at Guango.

BLACK-CAPPED TANAGER (*Tangara heinei*) – Another *Tangara* that you find commonly at mid-elevations, and one that we saw well many times.

OPAL-RUMPED TANAGER (*Tangara velia*) – This and the next species dazzled us up at the Sacha canopy towers!

OPAL-CROWNED TANAGER (*Tangara callophrys*)

BLACK-FACED DACNIS (*Dacnis lineata*) – The nominate Amazonian form, with the white belly and lighter blue plumage.

BLACK-FACED DACNIS (*Dacnis lineata egregia*) – The west slope form with the yellow belly and shoulders; the blue on the male of this one has more of a turquoise tone. Seen well at Milpe and Silanche.

SCARLET-THIGHED DACNIS (*Dacnis venusta*) – Seen briefly a couple of times with the flocks at Silanche.

BLUE DACNIS (*Dacnis cayana*) – Seen best from the wooden tower at Sacha, where we had males and females.

SCARLET-BREASTED DACNIS (*Dacnis berlepschi*) – Awesome scope views of this rare west slope dacnis at Silanche... what a thrill!

GREEN HONEYCREEPER (*Chlorophanes spiza*) – A common neotropical species.

PURPLE HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*) – Seen on both slopes, but best from the canopy towers at Sacha... those yellow legs are pretty bright!

SWALLOW TANAGER (*Tersina viridis*) – A prominent canopy species that often moves about in large groups. We had them well on both slopes.

GRAYISH SALTATOR (*Saltator coerulescens*) – First seen along the Loreto rd., but then again in the Sacha area where they inhabit river islands and second-growth areas along the Napo.

BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR (*Saltator maximus*) – A wide ranging and well-known saltator. We had them a few times on both slopes. Note that the saltators have been placed with the tanagers.

BLACK-WINGED SALTATOR (*Saltator atripennis*) – Fairly common on the west slope. We had our first good looks at this strongly patterned saltator at Septimo on our first afternoon.

Emberizidae (Buntings, Sparrows and Allies)

PLUMBEOUS SIERRA-FINCH (*Phrygilus unicolor geospizopsis*) – The common, and very plump, finch up in the highest paramos around the pass. Maybe it should be called the "Plumpiest Sierra-Finch".

BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (*Volatinia jacarina*) – One both slopes.

VARIABLE SEEDEATER (*Sporophila corvina ophthalmica*) – Common in cleared areas around Silanche.

BLACK-AND-WHITE SEEDEATER (*Sporophila luctuosa*) – We hit a small patch of them feeding in seeding roadside grasses along the upper Loreto rd.

YELLOW-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila nigricollis*) – Pretty common in the central valley in suburban areas.

CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila castaneiventris*) – The common seedeater in the eastern lowlands and

foothills, wherever there is cleared habitat.

THICK-BILLED SEED-FINCH (*Oryzoborus funereus*) – Fairly common in cleared areas in the west. We had one at Silanche.

CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEED-FINCH (*Oryzoborus angolensis*) – Sometimes lumped with the previous species, but the two do not come into contact and the male of this one has a rich chestnut belly. We had nice looks at this one along the Loreto rd.

PLAIN-COLORED SEEDEATER (*Catamenia inornata minor*) – A highland bird that favors grasslands. We had some nice studies of them as we made our way up to the Papallacta Pass.

YELLOW-FACED GRASSQUIT (*Tiaris olivaceus pusillus*) – We called them in right from the deck at Angel Paz's. The male is a really snazzy bird!

GLOSSY FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa lafresnayii*) – The all black flowerpiercer with the bluish shoulder patch that actually hits the hummer feeders at Yanacocha!

BLACK FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa humeralis aterrima*) – This one is all black and replaces the previous species in drier areas of the central valley, for the most part.

WHITE-SIDED FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa albilatera albilatera*) – The flowerpiercer with the white underwings that we saw a few times in the highlands.

DEEP-BLUE FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa glauca tyrianthina*) – It took some work, but we finally clinched nice views of this handsome flowerpiercer, with the yellow iris, along the Loreto rd. as we made our way down to Coca.

BLUISH FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa caerulescens media*) – Common with and away from flocks at San Isidro.

MASKED FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa cyanea*) – The most common flowerpiercer, throughout many elevational gradients.

SAFFRON FINCH (*Sicalis flaveola*) – I'm not sure we can really count the birds we saw in the central valley as I have seen them caged right at that very spot, and then noticed free birds not too long after, but we'll include the sighting anyway!

RED-CAPPED CARDINAL (*Paroaria gularis*) – A daily sight around the lake at Sacha.

CHESTNUT-CAPPED BRUSH-FINCH (CHESTNUT-CAPPED) (*Arremon brunneinucha frontalis*) – Seen well on our last day on the west slope.

ORANGE-BILLED SPARROW (*Arremon aurantiirostris*) [*]

STRIPE-HEADED BRUSH-FINCH (*Arremon torquatus*) [*]

TRICOLORED BRUSH-FINCH (*Atlapetes tricolor crassus*) – Multiple views on the west slope, where they are fairly common.

YELLOW-BREASTED BRUSH-FINCH (*Atlapetes latinuchus spodionotus*) – Part of the Rufous-naped Brush-Finch complex. We saw this temperate forest species really well on our first day during our morning of birding at Yanacocha.

WHITE-WINGED BRUSH-FINCH (WHITE-WINGED) (*Atlapetes leucopterus leucopterus*) – Very nice looks at this clean-cut species at Angel Paz's place.

RUFOUS-COLLARED SPARROW (*Zonotrichia capensis*) – Yep!

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)

WHITE-WINGED TANAGER (*Piranga leucoptera ardens*) – We dug this one out during our morning of birding of birding at Septimo.

OCHRE-BREASTED TANAGER (*Chlorothraupis stolzmanni*) – Vocal and responsive at Milpe.

GOLDEN-BELLIED GROSBEAK (*Pheucticus chrysogaster chrysogaster*) – Prefers drier habitats of the central valley.

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

ORIOLE BLACKBIRD (*Gymnomystax mexicanus*) – A beautiful bird of the Napo river islands that we saw well on numerous occasions.

GIANT COWBIRD (*Molothrus oryzivorus*) – Seen along the Napo during our trip in to Sacha.

MOUNTAIN CACIQUE (GOLDEN-SHOULDERED) (*Cacicus chrysonotus leucoramphus*) – Common in the temperate and subtropical zones of the east slope. The one with the yellow shoulders and rump.

SOLITARY BLACK CACIQUE (*Cacicus solitarius*) – All black with a pale bill. We called in a pair of responsive birds out along the Napo at Sacha. This one prefers thickets in riparian woodlands.

SCARLET-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus uropygialis*) – Common at San Isidro where they frequently come to glean insects at the lamp posts in the morning; the one with the red rump, bluish eye, and pale bill.

SCARLET-RUMPED CACIQUE (SCARLET-RUMPED) (*Cacicus uropygialis microrhynchus*) – Now lumped by many

- experts with the previous form, this being the west slope representative, that we saw well at Silanche.
- YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE** (*Cacicus cela*) – A daily sight in the eastern lowlands.
- RUSSET-BACKED OROPENDOLA** (*Psarocolius angustifrons*) – The common oropendola in the east and up into the Andes.
- CRESTED OROPENDOLA** (*Psarocolius decumanus*) – The oropendola with the overall blackish body and pale bill that we saw a few times at Sacha.
- OLIVE OROPENDOLA** (*Psarocolius bifasciatus*) – A large and handsome oropendola that Oscar spotted at quite a distance from the metal towers. Some had looks at it before it flew, but it was distant!
- Fringillidae (Siskins, Crossbills, and Allies)*
- ORANGE-CROWNED EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia saturata*) – We called in a singing bird at Silanche.
- THICK-BILLED EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia laniirostris*) – The common and chunkier euphonia with the yellow running all the way up the chin.
- GOLDEN-RUMPED EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia cyanocephala pelzelni*) – I think I might have been the only one to get onto this.
- GOLDEN-BELLIED EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia chrysopasta*) – Also known as the White-lored Euphonia, this is a common bird in the lowland canopy and easily spotted from the wooden tower at Sacha.
- BRONZE-GREEN EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia mesochrysa*) – Common in the eastern foothills, where we had some nice looks along the Loreto rd.
- ORANGE-BELLIED EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia xanthogaster*) – The common euphonia of the trip.
- RUFOUS-BELLIED EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia rufiventris*) – Very nice studies at males and females from the wooden tower at Sacha.
- CHESTNUT-BREASTED CHLOROPHONIA** (*Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys*) [*]
- YELLOW-COLLARED CHLOROPHONIA** (*Chlorophonia flavirostris*) – Fabulous studies at this stunning chlorophonia species at Septimo. The male is just unbelievable with those bright yellows and greens, superbly highlighted with the red bill and legs! Small groups of them are attracted to the melastome fruits this time of the year.
- YELLOW-BELLIED SISKIN** (*Spinus xanthogastrus*) [*]
- HOODED SISKIN** (*Spinus magellanicus capitalis*) – The common highland siskin.
- OLIVACEOUS SISKIN** (*Spinus olivaceus*) – The siskin of the eastern foothills and subtropics which was fairly common around San Isidro and along the Loreto rd.
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MAMMALS

- PYGMY MARMOSET** (*Cebuella pygmaea*) – The New World's smallest primate; an adult's body is about the size a human fist. We had great looks at them on our last full day at Sacha.
- BLACK-MANTLE TAMARIN** (*Saguinus nigricollis*) – A daily site right in camp at Sacha!
- COMMON SQUIRREL MONKEY** (*Saimiri sciureus*) – The common monkey in large troops around Sacha. We had some fun watching their acrobatic antics!
- DUSKY TITI MONKEY** (*Callicebus moloch*) [*]
- RED HOWLER MONKEY** (*Alouatta seniculus*) – We had our best looks at this often heard species along the Orquidea stream when we connected with a small family group.
- WHITE-FRONTED CAPUCHIN** (*Cebus albifrons*) – Small groups around Sacha, where they often mix with the Squirrel Monkeys.
- BRAZILIAN RABBIT** (*Sylvilagus brasiliensis*) – Along the road near San Isidro.
- RED-TAILED SQUIRREL** (*Sciurus granatensis*) – The common montane squirrel.
- NORTHERN AMAZON RED SQUIRREL** (*Sciurus igniventris*) – A large, bright orange squirrel of the eastern lowlands that we saw well a couple of times.
- BLACK AGOUTI** (*Dasyprocta fuliginosa*) – Probably seen best by most when it came to feed at the corn feeders near the hummingbird feeders at San Isidro; also seen at Sacha.
- ALLEN'S OLINGO** (*Bassaricyon alleni*) – A fitting animal to find, with Allen on the tour! We didn't get our owl that evening but we did have fine studies at this seldom seen mammal.
- TAYRA** (*Eira barbara*) – One out on a log over the Napo River as we made our way to Coca on the last day.
- COLLARED PECCARY** (*Tayassu tajacu*) – Leslie even got awesome video at two of these coming through the salt lick

across the river while the rest of us birded up on the ridge... nice!

WHITE-TAILED DEER (*Odocoileus virginianus*) – Nice looks at them up in the paramo.

RED BROCKET DEER (*Mazama americana*) – Another one that Leslie got video of at the salt lick... wow! I think I'll have to station somebody there more regularly.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Totals for the tour: 647 bird taxa and 15 mammal taxa