



Field Guides Tour Report

Southwestern Ecuador Specialties: Private tour for Denis Kania 2013

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Well, I don't know how to start to describe this tour and the reason is that there are so many facts that I want to put in this introduction! There was the crazy change of weather along the way, with flooding in Guayaquil City, which was quite something; there were breathtaking landscapes and beautiful reserves with such stunning forest; and there were a lot of good people who were helpful and kind, with incredible food cooked by a local chef that travelled with us all the way, to all the Jocotoco reserves. And of course there were all the incredible, wonderful, and rare birds that we saw along the way.

You can have all of this only in Ecuador, because we say that Ecuador has everything! We covered just a bit of the country but we managed to see so many different unique habitats like the Tumbesian dry forest, fantastic cloud forest, the southernmost part of the Choco forest, and High Andes mountain habitat as well, all done by covering a small area of the country and in a short period of time.

During this trip there were countless additional highlights that I would like to share with you, some of which you shared with me during the time that we spent together:

When you felt that the day was over after heavy rain and the most wanted bird wasn't seen, then suddenly a Gray-capped Cuckoo was spotted just around the corner. What a feeling!

The iridescent Violet-bellied Hummingbird and the cloud of hummingbirds at Buenaventura, with all the combinations of colors from green, blue, purple, and red to white, black, and brown.

The Elvis-like Long-wattled Umbrellabird that was displaying so close but filled us with admiration at how well camouflaged a black bird can be in the forest.

The many different and good views of a family of Ochraceous Attilas in good light at Buenaventura.

Pale-browed Tinamou moving around out in the open, which seemed to mock me for all my effort trying to pull it out of the forest before.

Black-and-white birds are definitely beautiful and the Black-crested Tit-Tyrant must be one of the best.

The Rainbow Starfrontlet got the right name, especially the ones that we saw at Utuana; what a fantastic combination of bright colors!

The family of Spectacled Owls that were seen on a day roost, but also the chorus of them every night at Jorupe.

The small, sneaky Rufous Antpitta that crossed the trail several times at Cajanuma, proving to us that you can see antpittas well without the worms.

The flock of tanagers on the way back from Valladolid with some of the really fancy ones like Flame-faced and Silvery.

The really stunning Jocotoco Antpittas that we saw taking big worms away.

The Guira Tanager that stayed for a long time shining all its colors that distracted us from all the others around.

But the most memorable time for all of us was the surprise that the Crescent-faced Antpitta gave us, an unusually close sighting of a pair, which was superb.



Posing at Urraca Lodge, named for the beautiful White-tailed Jays that roam the Tumbesian forests here. (Photo by guide Willy Perez)

I just want to mention that Edgar did a great job along all the road construction and some landslides so it is a big hooray for him too.

I would like to thank all of you, too, for your unbeatable energy, great sense of humor, patience, and of course for being so well-prepared for this trip. I had a great time and I hope that I will see you soon.

Regards.

--Willy

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)

LITTLE TINAMOU (*Crypturellus soui*) – Heard at Manglares Churute the second day of the tour. [*]

PALE-BROWED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus transfasciatus*) – Tinamous are some of the characteristic voices of the forest; seeing any tinamou is a victory, and on this trip we were fortunate to see this one coming to eat corn just out of the lodge.

ANDEAN TINAMOU (*Nothoprocta pentlandii*) [*]

Anhimidae (Screamers)

HORNED SCREAMER (*Anhima cornuta*) – It was great to be early enough at Manglares Churute to see this bizarre looking bird perch on top of a tree. So we were able to see how big it was.

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*)

COMB DUCK (*Sarkidiornis melanotos*)

WHITE-CHEEKED PINTAIL (WHITE-CHEEKED) (*Anas bahamensis rubrirostris*)

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

RUFOUS-HEADED CHACHALACA (*Ortalis erythroptera*) – A group of five coming to the feeders in Buenaventura.

BEARDED GUAN (*Penelope barbata*) – Scope views of one bird that stayed a long time feeding at Huashapamba reserve on the way to Cuenca.

SICKLE-WINGED GUAN (*Chamaepetes goudotii fagani*)

Odontophoridae (New World Quail)

RUFOUS-FRONTED WOOD-QUAIL (*Odontophorus erythrops*) – One came very close to the road and flew across in Buenaventura, very few people managed to see it.

Fregatidae (Frigatebirds)

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD (*Fregata magnificens*)

Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus brasilianus*)

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

COCOI HERON (*Ardea cocoi*)

GREAT EGRET (AMERICAN) (*Ardea alba egretta*)

SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula thula*)

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

STRIATED HERON (SOUTH AMERICAN) (*Butorides striata striata*)

Cathartidae (New World Vultures)

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*)

TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura*)

KING VULTURE (*Sarcoramphus papa*)

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

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

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE (*Elanoides forficatus*)

WHITE-TAILED KITE (*Elanus leucurus*)

SNAIL KITE (*Rostrhamus sociabilis sociabilis*)

PLUMBEOUS KITE (*Ictinia plumbea*)

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

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

CRANE HAWK (BLACKISH) (*Geranoospiza caerulescens balzarenis*)

BARRED HAWK (*Leucopternis princeps*) – A pair soaring and calling at Buenaventura.

GRAY-BACKED HAWK (*Leucopternis occidentalis*) – Seen on different occasions but the first one that we saw had mud on its breast which looked very different, but still neat hawk.

SAVANNA HAWK (*Buteogallus meridionalis*)

HARRIS'S HAWK (HARRIS'S) (*Parabuteo unicinctus harrisi*)

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Buteo magnirostris*)

BROAD-WINGED HAWK (NORTHERN) (*Buteo platypterus platypterus*)

WHITE-RUMPED HAWK (*Buteo leucorrhous*)

SHORT-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo brachyurus brachyurus*)

VARIABLE HAWK (*Buteo polyosoma*)

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

AMERICAN KESTREL (COLOMBIAN) (*Falco sparverius peruvianus*)

APLOMADO FALCON (*Falco femoralis*) – At Acacana we had one that caught a big bug in mid flight, the bug was as big as a Swift.

BAT FALCON (*Falco rufigularis*)

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

RUFOUS-NECKED WOOD-RAIL (*Aramides axillaris*) [*]

PLUMBEOUS RAIL (*Pardirallus sanguinolentus*)

PURPLE GALLINULE (*Porphyrio martinica*)

Recurvirostridae (Stilts and Avocets)

BLACK-NECKED STILT (BLACK-NECKED) (*Himantopus mexicanus mexicanus*)

Jacaniidae (Jacanas)

WATTLED JACANA (*Jacana jacana scapularis*)

Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)

SPOTTED SANDPIPER (*Actitis macularia*)

Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)

LAUGHING GULL (*Leucophaeus atricilla*) [b]

SANDWICH TERN (CABOT'S) (*Thalasseus sandvicensis acuflavidus*) [b]

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*)

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

RUDDY PIGEON (BERLEPSCH'S) (*Patagioenas subvinacea berlepschi*) [*]

EARED DOVE (*Zenaida auriculata hypoleuca*)

ECUADORIAN GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina buckleyi*)

CROAKING GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina cruziana*)

BLUE GROUND-DOVE (*Claravis pretiosa*)

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

WHITE-THROATED QUAIL-DOVE (*Geotrygon frenata*) – The best view at Tapichalaca on the way to the Jocotoco feeders.

Psittacidae (Parrots)

GOLDEN-PLUMED PARAKEET (*Leptosittaca branickii*) – We had great looks of this very unique parakeet that were feeding on a palm tree in Tapichalaca.

EL ORO PARAKEET (*Pyrrhura orcesi*) – An Ecuadorian endemic. Very restricted to the humid cloud forests of SW Ecuador; a habitat that has been severely affected by human activities but some are still nesting in the Buenaventura reserve where we saw them. Leo our local guide took us right up to an active nest box where we saw a group just before the fog. It took a little bit of waiting, but it was worth it! [E]

WHITE-NECKED PARAKEET (*Pyrrhura albipectus*) [*]

RED-MASKED PARAKEET (*Aratinga erythrogenys*) – It was great to see them coming to the patio at Hurraca lodge in Jorupe where the rangers put corn to feed them, there were at least 15 of them.

BARRED PARAKEET (*Bolborhynchus lineola*)

PACIFIC PARROTLET (*Forpus coelestis*)

GRAY-CHEEKED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris pyrrhoptera*)

BRONZE-WINGED PARROT (*Pionus chalcopterus*)

RED-LORED PARROT (SALVIN'S) (*Amazona autumnalis lilacina*)

SCALY-NAPED PARROT (*Amazona mercenaria*)

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

LITTLE CUCKOO (*Coccyzua minuta gracilis*)

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (NIGRICRISSA) (*Piaya cayana nigrigrissa*)

GRAY-CAPPED CUCKOO (*Coccyzus lansbergi*)

BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO (*Coccyzus erythrophthalmus*)

STRIPED CUCKOO (*Tapera naevia naevia*) – After trying for a while Diann found this bird perched on a tree on the other side of the valley, it was a

good find for such a well disguised bird.

SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga ani*)

GROOVE-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*)

Strigidae (Owls)

PERUVIAN SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops roboratus pacificus*) [*]

SPECTACLED OWL (*Pulsatrix perspicillata chapmani*) – We saw them on a couple of occasions on their day roost, also very vocal at night in Jorupe reserve.

GREAT HORNED OWL (*Bubo virginianus*)

ANDEAN PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium jardinii*)

PERUVIAN PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium peruanum*)

BURROWING OWL (*Athene cunicularia*)

BLACK-AND-WHITE OWL (*Ciccaba nigrolineata*) [*]

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

RUFOUS-BELLIED NIGHTHAWK (*Lurocalis rufiventris*) [*]

COMMON PAURAQUE (*Nyctidromus albicollis*) – We found one that was nesting on the way to the Umbrellabird spot, It was interesting to see how they have the egg on the ground and no nest. It makes sense the way local people call them "Pajaro Vago" ie lazy bird. [N]

BAND-WINGED NIGHTJAR (BAND-WINGED) (*Caprimulgus longirostris ruficervix*)

Nyctibiidae (Potoos)

ANDEAN POTOO (*Nyctibius maculosus*) – Another impressive night bird on a day roost was this bird that we saw after the Jocotoco show, this is a hard potoo to see.

Apodidae (Swifts)

CHESTNUT-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne rutila brunntorques*)

WHITE-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)

SHORT-TAILED SWIFT (TUMBES) (*Chaetura brachyura ocybetes*)

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

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN (*Florisuga mellivora*)

WHITE-TIPPED SICKLEBILL (*Eutoxeres aquila heterurus*)

BAND-TAILED BARBTHROAT (*Threnetes ruckeri*)

WHITE-WHISKERED HERMIT (*Phaethornis yaruqui*) – Nicely seen through the scope at Buenaventura.

LONG-BILLED HERMIT (BARON'S) (*Phaethornis longirostris baroni*)

WEDGE-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD (*Schistes geoffroyi albogularis*)

BROWN VIOLETEAR (*Colibri delphinae*)

GREEN VIOLETEAR (*Colibri thalassinus*)

SPARKLING VIOLETEAR (*Colibri coruscans coruscans*)

PURPLE-CROWNED FAIRY (*Heliothryx barroti*)

AMETHYST-THROATED SUNANGEL (AMETHYST-THROATED) (*Heliangelus amethysticollis laticlavus*)

LITTLE SUNANGEL (*Heliangelus micraster*)

PURPLE-THROATED SUNANGEL (*Heliangelus viola*)

GREEN THORNTAIL (*Discosura conversii*) – The most common ones at the feeders in Buenaventura.

SPECKLED HUMMINGBIRD (*Adelomyia melanogenys maculata*)

LONG-TAILED SYLPH (*Agelaiocercus kingi mocoa*)

VIOLET-TAILED SYLPH (*Agelaiocercus coelestis aethereus*)

BLACK-TAILED TRAINBEARER (*Lesbia victoriae*)

RUFOUS-CAPPED THORNBILL (*Chalcostigma ruficeps*)

TYRIAN METALTAIL (*Metallura tyrianthina tyrianthina*)

GLOWING PUFFLEG (*Eriocnemis vestita smaragdinipectus*) – All of the bird GLOWS, but especially on the lower back and rump [bright golden], and we saw many of them at Acacana.

BRONZY INCA (*Coeligena coeligena*)

COLLARED INCA (COLLARED) (*Coeligena torquata fulgidigula*)

BUFF-WINGED STARFRONTLET (*Coeligena lutetiae*)

RAINBOW STARFRONTLET (*Coeligena iris iris*) – We had them in Cajanuma but the best views were at Utuana where some males showed all the colors of a rainbow and maybe more.

MOUNTAIN VELVETBREAST (*Lafresnaya lafresnaya saul*)

CHESTNUT-BREASTED CORONET (*Boissonneaua matthewsii*) – The most common hummingbird at Tapichalaca was one of the best birds of the trip for Jenny.

FAWN-BREASTED BRILLIANT (*Heliodoxa rubinoides aequatorialis*)

GREEN-CROWNED BRILLIANT (*Heliodoxa jacula jamesoni*)

GIANT HUMMINGBIRD (*Patagona gigas peruviana*) – The quick stop that we did in the dry valley on the way from Loja to Cuenca worked out well

when a Giant came to feed in the Agave flowers, perfect timing.

LONG-BILLED STARTHROAT (*Heliomaster longirostris albicrissa*)

PURPLE-COLLARED WOODSTAR (*Myrtis fanny fanny*)

WHITE-BELLIED WOODSTAR (*Chaetocercus mulsant*)

SHORT-TAILED WOODSTAR (*Myrmia micrura*)

GREEN-CROWNED WOODNYMPH (EMERALD-BELLIED) (*Thalurania fannyi hypochlora*)

TUMBES HUMMINGBIRD (*Leucippus baeri*) – Another Tumbesian specialty; we saw one on the way to Jorupe from Buenaventura.

AMAZILIA HUMMINGBIRD (AMAZILIA) (*Amazilia amazilia dumerilii*) – I liked this one, he was the one that was doing some yoga on a tree, and we saw it the first day at Cerro Blanco.

AMAZILIA HUMMINGBIRD (LOJA) (*Amazilia amazilia alticola*)

ANDEAN EMERALD (*Amazilia franciae*)

RUFOUS-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia tzacatl*)

VIOLET-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD (*Damophila julie*)

Trogonidae (Trogons)

GOLDEN-HEADED QUETZAL (*Pharomachrus auriceps auriceps*)

ECUADORIAN TROGON (*Trogon mesurus*)

GARTERED TROGON (*Trogon caligatus*)

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

MASKED TROGON (*Trogon personatus temperatus*)

Momotidae (Motmots)

WHOOPIING MOTMOT (ARGENTICINCTUS) (*Momotus subrufescens argenticinctus*)

RUFOUS MOTMOT (*Baryphthengus martii*) – Linda found this motmot sitting very quietly the first day at Buenaventura.

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

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

RINGED KINGFISHER (*Megaceryle torquata*)

Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

BARRED PUFFBIRD (*Nystalus radiatus*)

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

EMERALD TOUCANET (BLACK-THROATED) (*Aulacorhynchus prasinus cyanolaemus*)

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

BLACK-MANDIBLED TOUCAN (CHESTNUT-MANDIBLED) (*Ramphastos ambiguus swainsonii*)

CHOCO TOUCAN (*Ramphastos brevis*)

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

LAFRESNAYE'S PICULET (*Picumnus lafresnayi*)

ECUADORIAN PICULET (*Picumnus sclateri*) – We had some of them at Jorupe but also we saw one at Utuana reserve.

OLIVACEOUS PICULET (*Picumnus olivaceus*)

BLACK-CHEEKED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes pucherani*)

SMOKY-BROWN WOODPECKER (*Picoides fumigatus*)

RED-RUMPED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis kirkii cecilia*)

SCARLET-BACKED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis callonotus*)

GOLDEN-OLIVE WOODPECKER (RUBRIPILEUS) (*Colaptes rubiginosus rubripileus*)

CRIMSON-MANTLED WOODPECKER (*Colaptes rivoli brevisrostris*)

LINEATED WOODPECKER (*Dryocopus lineatus fuscipennis*)

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

PALE-LEGGED HORNERO (PACIFIC) (*Furnarius leucopus cinnamomeus*) – What is this?

AZARA'S SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis azarae ochracea*)

RUFOUS SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis unirufa unirufa*)

BLACKISH-HEADED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis tithys*)

WHITE-BROWED SPINETAIL (*Hellmayrea gularis gularis*) [*]

LINE-CHEEKED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca antisiensis antisiensis*) – It was good to see a pair of this species nesting at Buenaventura, a big nest for a small bird. [N]

MOUSE-COLORED THISTLETAIL (*Asthenes griseomurina*)

RUFOUS-FRONTED THORNBIRD (*Phacellodomus rufifrons*)

PEARLED TREERUNNER (*Margarornis squamiger perlatus*)

STREAKED TUFTEDCHEEK (*Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii orientalis*)

SCALY-THROATED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (SPOT-BREASTED) (*Anabacerthia variegaticeps temporalis*)

RUFOUS-NECKED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Syndactyla ruficollis*)

STRIPED WOODHAUNTER (CENTRAL AMERICAN) (*Hylocistis subulatus virgatus*)

FLAMMULATED TREEHUNTER (*Thripadectes flammulatus*)
HENNA-HOODED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Hylocryptus erythrocephalus*)
STREAKED XENOPS (*Xenops rutilans guayae*)
PLAIN-BROWN WOODCREEPER (PLAIN-BROWN) (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa ridgwayi*)
OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (PACIFIC) (*Sittasomus griseicapillus aequatorialis*)
WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus pectoralis*)
SPOTTED WOODCREEPER (BERLEPSCH'S) (*Xiphorhynchus erythropygius aequatorialis*)
STREAK-HEADED WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*)
MONTANE WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger aequatorialis*)
RED-BILLED SCYTHEBILL (*Campylorhamphus trochilirostris thoracicus*)

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

GREAT ANTSHRIKE (*Taraba major transandeanus*) – We did well with these ones, male and female seen at Churute reserve and they stayed out for some minutes and even people who went to the bathroom were able to see them.
CHAPMAN'S ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus zarumae zarumae*)
LINED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus tenuipunctatus*)
COLLARED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus bernardi*)
WESTERN SLATY-ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus atrinucha atrinucha*)
UNIFORM ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus unicolor unicolor*)
RUSSET ANTSHRIKE (TAWNY) (*Thamnistes anabatinus intermedius*)
PLAIN ANTVIREO (*Dysithamnus mentalis aequatorialis*)
SLATY ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula schisticolor schisticolor*)
JET ANTBIRD (*Cercomacra nigricans*)
CHESTNUT-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza exsul*)
ESMERALDAS ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza nigricauda*) – We had a very responsive couple of this Choco Endemic that came very close for good views.
IMMACULATE ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza immaculata macrorhyncha*)
GRAY-HEADED ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza griseiceps*) – It took some time but we all saw this bird. It has more color than expected if you see it well.

Formicariidae (Antthrushes)

BARRED ANTTHRUSH (*Chamaeza mollissima mollissima*) [*]

Grallariidae (Antpittas)

CHESTNUT-CROWNED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria ruficapilla connectens*) [*]
WATKINS'S ANTPITTA (*Grallaria watkinsi*) – We had good looks of this hard one.
JOCOTOCO ANTPITTA (*Grallaria ridgelyi*) – The show was good and two of these very impressive birds came to the feeding place and they were on time at 8:30 precisely!
CHESTNUT-NAPED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria nuchalis nuchalis*) – This one gave us a good surprise when very quickly appeared when the Jocotocos were not there, they got some worms and disappeared. It was quick but good.
WHITE-BELLIED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria hypoleuca*) – I have to say that we did well with Antpittas, especially with this one that you don't normally see on this tour. One responded very well in the perfect place so we could see him clearly.
RUFOUS ANTPITTA (*Grallaria rufula rufula*)
SLATE-CROWNED ANTPITTA (SLATE-CROWNED) (*Grallaricula nana nana*) [*]
CRESCENT-FACED ANTPITTA (*Grallaricula lineifrons*) – The bird of the trip for most of the people and why not! I have never seen this species so well. A pair come out and had a good look at all of us and I am very sure that they were shocked to see us so close.

Rhinocryptidae (Tapaculos)

OCELLATED TAPACULO (*Acropternis orthonyx infuscatus*) – About half the group saw this skulker, which responded to playback, but views were dependent on luck with your viewing angle.
ASH-COLORED TAPACULO (*Myornis senilis*)
BLACKISH TAPACULO (PACIFIC) (*Scytalopus latrans subcinereus*) [*]
CHUSQUEA TAPACULO (*Scytalopus parkeri*)

Melanopareiidae (Crescentchests)

ELEGANT CRESCENTCHEST (*Melanopareia elegans elegans*) – We really tried hard for this one but only Marscha managed to see this sneaky bird.

Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANULET (SOUTHERN) (*Camptostoma obsoletum sclateri*)
WHITE-TAILED TYRANULET (*Mecocerculus poecilocercus*)
WHITE-BANDED TYRANULET (*Mecocerculus stictopterus stictopterus*)
SULPHUR-BELLIED TYRANULET (*Mecocerculus minor*)
BLACK-CRESTED TIT-TYRANT (*Anairetes nigrocristatus*) – One of Donnalyn's favorite birds of the trip was seen nicely at Utuana Reserve, in the most far northern range of the species.
MOUSE-COLORED TYRANULET (TUMBES) (*Phaeomyias murina tumbezana*)
YELLOW TYRANULET (*Capsiempis flaveola magnirostris*)
PACIFIC ELAENIA (*Myiopagis subplacens*)

GREENISH ELAENIA (GREENISH) (*Myiopagis viridicata implacens*)
YELLOW-BELLIED ELAENIA (*Elaenia flavogaster semipagana*)
MOTTLE-BACKED ELAENIA (*Elaenia gigas*) – This is the most distinctive of the Elenias (with two upright horns) and was common at Valladolid.
OLIVE-STRIPED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes olivaceus hederaceus*)
SLATY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Leptopogon superciliaris*) [N]
SOOTY-HEADED TYRANNULET (*Phyllomyias griseiceps*)
BLACK-CAPPED TYRANNULET (*Phyllomyias nigrocapillus nigrocapillus*) – One answered very well at Huashapamba.
GOLDEN-FACED TYRANNULET (LOJA) (*Zimmerius chrysops flavidifrons*)
ORNATE FLYCATCHER (*Myiorticcus ornatus stellatus*)
RUFOUS-HEADED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Pseudotriccus ruficeps*)
TAWNY-CROWNED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Euscarthmus meloryphus fulviceps*)
SCALE-CRESTED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Lophotriccus pileatus squamaecrista*)
BLACK-THROATED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus granadensis pyrrops*)
COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum cinereum sclateri*)
BROWNISH TWISTWING (*Cnipodectes subbrunneus*) – A treat for the guide, who hasn't seen this species very often!
YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER (EQUATORIAL) (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens aequatorialis*) [N]
WHITE-THROATED SPADEBILL (*Platyrinchus mystaceus albogularis*)
CINNAMON FLYCATCHER (*Pyrhomyias cinnamomeus pyrropterus*)
ORANGE-BANDED FLYCATCHER (*Nephelomyias lintoni*)
SULPHUR-RUMPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiobius sulphureipygius aureatus*)
OLIVE-CHESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiophobus cryptoxanthus*)
BRAN-COLORED FLYCATCHER (BRAN-COLORED) (*Myiophobus fasciatus crypterythrus*) [N]
GRAY-BREASTED FLYCATCHER (*Lathrotriccus griseipectus*)
SMOKE-COLORED PEWEE (*Contopus fumigatus zarumae*)
TROPICAL PEWEE (TUMBES) (*Contopus cinereus punensis*)
BLACK PHOEBE (WHITE-WINGED) (*Sayornis nigricans angustirostris*)
VERMILION FLYCATCHER (VERMILION) (*Pyrocephalus rubinus piurae*)
BLACK-BILLED SHRIKE-TYRANT (*Agriornis montanus solitarius*) – We had nice scope views at San Lucas, its white iris showing nicely.
WHITE-TAILED SHRIKE-TYRANT (*Agriornis albicauda*) – This is the larger Shrike-tyrant with a heavier, more hooked bill and dark iris, also seen through the scope in the same place as the previous one. Fortunately we could hear it singing too.
STREAK-THROATED BUSH-TYRANT (*Myiotheretes striaticollis striaticollis*)
SMOKY BUSH-TYRANT (*Myiotheretes fumigatus cajamarcae*)
JELSKI'S CHAT-TYRANT (*Ochthoeca jelskii*)
YELLOW-BELLIED CHAT-TYRANT (*Ochthoeca diadema gratiosa*) [*]
SLATY-BACKED CHAT-TYRANT (SLATY-BACKED) (*Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris cinnamomeiventris*)
RUFOUS-BREASTED CHAT-TYRANT (*Ochthoeca rufipectoralis obfusca*)
SHORT-TAILED FIELD TYRANT (*Muscigralla brevicauda*)
OCHRACEOUS ATTLA (*Attila torridus*) – Denis found this handsome Attila one afternoon at Buenaventura.
DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tuberculifer nigriceps*)
SOOTY-CROWNED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus phaeocephalus phaeocephalus*)
BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER (TUMBES) (*Megarynchus pitangua chrysogaster*)
RUSTY-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes cayanensis hellmayri*)
SOCIAL FLYCATCHER (TUMBES) (*Myiozetetes similis grandis*)
BAIRD'S FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes bairdii*) – This big flycatcher was spotted along the way back from Jorupe to Loja, our last chance, it worked well because this stop was very productive for other species too.
STREAKED FLYCATCHER (STREAKED) (*Myiodynastes maculatus chapmani*)
PIRATIC FLYCATCHER (*Legatus leucophaeus*)
TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus melancholicus*)

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

GREEN-AND-BLACK FRUITEATER (GREEN-AND-BLACK) (*Pipreola riefferii occidentalis*)
BARRED FRUITEATER (*Pipreola arcuata arcuata*)
SCALED FRUITEATER (*Ampelioides tshudii*) [*]
RED-CRESTED COTINGA (*Ampelion rubrocristatus*)
LONG-WATTLED UMBRELLABIRD (*Cephalopterus penduliger*) – To see that male was a real pleasure, what a nice funny looking bird. One of Jack's favorite birds of the trip.

Pipridae (Manakins)

GOLDEN-WINGED MANAKIN (*Masius chrysopterus coronulatus*) [*]
CLUB-WINGED MANAKIN (*Machaeropterus deliciosus*) – We saw some of them displaying on a couple of occasions at Buenaventura.
WHITE-BEARDED MANAKIN (*Manacus manacus*)

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

- MASKED TITYRA** (*Tityra semifasciata nigriceps*)
BARRED BECARD (*Pachyramphus versicolor versicolor*)
SLATY BECARD (*Pachyramphus spodiurus*) [N]
BLACK-AND-WHITE BECARD (*Pachyramphus albogriseus guayaquilensis*)
ONE-COLORED BECARD (*Pachyramphus homochrous homochrous*) [N]

Vireonidae (Vireos)

- BROWN-CAPPED VIREO** (*Vireo leucophrys josephae*)
RED-EYED VIREO (RESIDENT CHIVI) (*Vireo olivaceus griseobarbatus*)
LESSER GREENLET (GRAY-HEADED) (*Hylophilus decurtatus minor*)
RUFIOUS-BROWED PEPPERSHRIKE (YELLOW-BACKED) (*Cyclarhis gujanensis virenticeps*)

Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)

- TURQUOISE JAY** (*Cyanolyca turcosa*)
GREEN JAY (INCA) (*Cyanocorax yncas yncas*)
WHITE-TAILED JAY (*Cyanocorax mystacalis*)

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

- BLUE-AND-WHITE SWALLOW (CYANOLEUCA)** (*Pygochelidon cyanoleuca cyanoleuca*)
SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis uropygialis*)
GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN (*Progne chalybea chalybea*)
BARN SWALLOW (AMERICAN) (*Hirundo rustica erythrogaster*) [b]
CHESTNUT-COLLARED SWALLOW (*Petrochelidon rufocollaris aequatorialis*)

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

- FASCIATED WREN** (*Campylorhynchus fasciatus pallescens*)
RUFIOUS WREN (*Cinnycerthia unirufa unibrunnea*)
PLAIN-TAILED WREN (*Pheugopedius euophrys*)
WHISKERED WREN (*Pheugopedius mystacalis mystacalis*) [*]
SPECKLE-BREASTED WREN (SPECKLE-BREASTED) (*Pheugopedius sclateri paucimaculatus*)
BAY WREN (SOUTH AMERICAN) (*Cantorchilus nigricapillus nigricapillus*)
SUPERCILIATED WREN (*Cantorchilus superciliaris*)
HOUSE WREN (SOUTHERN) (*Troglodytes aedon albicans*)
MOUNTAIN WREN (*Troglodytes solstitialis solstitialis*)
SEDGE WREN (POLYGLOTTUS GROUP) (*Cistothorus platensis aequatorialis*)
GRAY-BREASTED WOOD-WREN (*Henicorhina leucophrys hilaris*)
SONG WREN (*Cyphorhinus phaeocephalus phaeocephalus*) – The first day at Buenaventura we heard the song of this beautiful bird but the last day we managed to see it, even the blue skin on its face.

Poliptilidae (Gnatcatchers)

- TROPICAL GNATCATCHER (WHITE-BROWED)** (*Poliptila plumbea bilineata*)

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

- ANDEAN SOLITAIRE** (*Myadestes ralloides*) [*]
SLATY-BACKED NIGHTINGALE-THRUSH (SLATY-BACKED) (*Catharus fuscater fuscater*) [*]
SWAINSON'S THRUSH (OLIVE-BACKED) (*Catharus ustulatus swainsoni*)
PLUMBEOUS-BACKED THRUSH (*Turdus reevei*)
ECUADORIAN THRUSH (*Turdus maculirostris*) – We had good sights of one nesting and the head of the chicks at Buenaventura. [N]
MARANON THRUSH (*Turdus maranonicus*)
GREAT THRUSH (*Turdus fuscater gigantodes*)
CHIGUANCO THRUSH (*Turdus chiguanco chiguanco*)

Mimidae (Mockingbirds and Thrashers)

- LONG-TAILED MOCKINGBIRD** (*Mimus longicaudatus*)

Parulidae (New World Warblers)

- OLIVE-CROWNED YELLOWTHROAT** (*Geothlypis semiflava semiflava*)
TROPICAL PARULA (*Setophaga pitiayumi pacifica*)
BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER (*Setophaga fusca*) [b]
YELLOW WARBLER (MANGROVE) (*Setophaga petechia peruviana*) – We saw this warbler at the mangroves during the quick visit to Churute Reserve.
THREE-BANDED WARBLER (*Basileuterus trifasciatus nitidior*)
CITRINE WARBLER (*Myiothlypis luteoviridis luteoviridis*)
BLACK-CRESTED WARBLER (*Myiothlypis nigrocristatus*)

BUFF-RUMPED WARBLER (*Myiothlypis fulvicauda*)
GRAY-AND-GOLD WARBLER (*Myiothlypis fraseri ochraceicrista*)
GRAY-AND-GOLD WARBLER (*Myiothlypis fraseri fraseri*)
RUSSET-CROWNED WARBLER (*Myiothlypis coronatus castaneiceps*)
SLATE-THROATED REDSTART (*Myioborus miniatus*)
SPECTACLED REDSTART (*Myioborus melanocephalus*)

Coerebidae (Bananaquit)

BANANAQUIT (*Coereba flaveola intermedia*)

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

BLACK-FACED TANAGER (*Schistochlamys melanopsis*)
BLACK-AND-WHITE TANAGER (*Conothraupis speculigera*) [*]
BLACK-CAPPED HEMISPINGUS (BLACK-CAPPED) (*Hemispingus atropileus atropileus*)
BLACK-HEADED HEMISPINGUS (*Hemispingus verticalis*)
RUFOUS-CHESTED TANAGER (*Thlypopsis ornata media*)
BLUE-BACKED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum sitticolor sitticolor*)
GUIRA TANAGER (*Hemithraupis guira*) – Ann's favorite bird of the trip, we were lucky with a male that stayed at the same place for long scope views and the light was so good. We saw him in Valladolid.
WHITE-SHOULDERED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus luctuosus panamensis*)
WHITE-LINED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus rufus*)
FLAME-RUMPED TANAGER (LEMON-RUMPED) (*Ramphocelus flammigerus icteronotus*)
BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus quaesita*)
PALM TANAGER (*Thraupis palmarum*)
BLUE-CAPPED TANAGER (*Thraupis cyanocephala*)
HOODED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Buthraupis montana cucullata*)
LACRIMOSE MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Anisognathus lacrymosus caeruleus*)
SCARLET-BELLIED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Anisognathus igniventris erythronotus*)
GRASS-GREEN TANAGER (*Chlorornis riefferii riefferii*)
GOLDEN-CROWNED TANAGER (*Iridosornis rufivertex rufivertex*)
FAWN-BREASTED TANAGER (*Pipraeidea melanonota venezuelensis*)
PARADISE TANAGER (*Tangara chilensis*) – This tanager was seen at Valladolid on the day that I call the tanager's day, we had many species at the same spot, but this one was the flashy one..
GOLDEN TANAGER (*Tangara arthus*)
SILVER-THROATED TANAGER (*Tangara icterocephala icterocephala*)
SAFFRON-CROWNED TANAGER (*Tangara xanthocephala*)
FLAME-FACED TANAGER (*Tangara parzudakii*) – We saw the eastern race that has more red on the face, even with very poor light we were able to see the flame face.
SPOTTED TANAGER (*Tangara punctata*)
RUFOUS-THROATED TANAGER (*Tangara rufigula*)
BAY-HEADED TANAGER (BAY-AND-BLUE) (*Tangara gyrola nupera*)
BLUE-NECKED TANAGER (*Tangara cyanicollis*)
BERYL-SPANGLED TANAGER (*Tangara nigroviridis*)
BLUE-AND-BLACK TANAGER (*Tangara vassorii vassorii*)
SILVERY TANAGER (*Tangara viridicollis fulvigula*)
BLACK-FACED DACNIS (*Dacnis lineata*)
BLUE DACNIS (*Dacnis cayana*)
GREEN HONEYCREEPER (*Chlorophanes spiza exsul*)
SWALLOW TANAGER (*Tersina viridis*)
STREAKED SALTATOR (*Saltator striatipectus flavidicollis*)
STREAKED SALTATOR (*Saltator striatipectus peruvianus*)
BLACK-COWLED SALTATOR (*Saltator nigriceps*) – A gorgeous species of saltator with a bright salmon-colored bill! We had some nice studies of one in the montane forests close to Utuana Reserve.
BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR (*Saltator maximus maximus*)
BLACK-WINGED SALTATOR (*Saltator atripennis*)

Emberizidae (Buntings, Sparrows and Allies)

ASH-BREASTED SIERRA-FINCH (*Phrygilus plebejus ocularis*)
BAND-TAILED SIERRA-FINCH (*Phrygilus alaudinus*)
BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (*Volatinia jacarina peruviansis*)
VARIABLE SEEDEATER (*Sporophila corvina corvina*)
BLACK-AND-WHITE SEEDEATER (*Sporophila luctuosa*)

YELLOW-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila nigricollis*)
DRAB SEEDEATER (*Sporophila simplex*)
CHESTNUT-THROATED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila telasco*)
THICK-BILLED SEED-FINCH (*Oryzoborus funereus*)
DULL-COLORED GRASSQUIT (*Tiaris obscurus pauper*)
SLATY FINCH (*Haplospiza rustica rustica*)
GLOSSY FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa lafresnayii*)
WHITE-SIDED FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa albilatera schistacea*)
RUSTY FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa sittoides*)
MASKED FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa cyanea dispar*)
SAFFRON FINCH (SAFFRON) (*Sicalis flaveola valida*)
ORANGE-BILLED SPARROW (*Arremon aurantiirostris santarosae*) [*]
BLACK-CAPPED SPARROW (*Arremon abeillei abeillei*)
GRAY-BROWED BRUSH-FINCH (*Arremon assimilis nigrifrons*)
BLACK-STRIPED SPARROW (*Arremonops conirostris striaticeps*)
PALE-NAPED BRUSH-FINCH (*Atlapetes pallidinuca papallactae*)
YELLOW-BREASTED BRUSH-FINCH (*Atlapetes latinuchus*)
WHITE-HEADED BRUSH-FINCH (*Atlapetes albiceps*)
PALE-HEADED BRUSH-FINCH (*Atlapetes pallidiceps*) – We were lucky with this one in the sense that It was raining but not too heavily so the activity was good for a couple of hours and we saw the birds a couple of times even through the scope. This species, only fairly recently having been rediscovered (at what is now the Yunguilla Reserve) after decades of being "lost".
TUMBES SPARROW (*Rhynchospiza stolzmanni*)
RUFIOUS-COLLARED SPARROW (*Zonotrichia capensis*)
COMMON BUSH-TANAGER (NORTHERN ANDES) (*Chlorospingus ophthalmicus phaeocephalus*)
YELLOW-THROATED BUSH-TANAGER (YELLOW-THROATED) (*Chlorospingus flavigularis marginatus*)

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)

HEPATIC TANAGER (HIGHLAND) (*Piranga flava lutea*)
WHITE-WINGED TANAGER (*Piranga leucoptera ardens*) [*]
OCHRE-BREASTED TANAGER (*Chlorothraupis stolzmanni*)
GOLDEN-BELLIED GROSBEAK (*Pheucticus chrysogaster chrysogaster*)
BLUE-BLACK GROSBEAK (*Cyanocompsa cyanoides*)

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

PERUVIAN MEADOWLARK (*Sturnella bellicosa bellicosa*)
SCRUB BLACKBIRD (*Dives warszewiczi warszewiczi*)
GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE (*Quiscalus mexicanus*)
SHINY COWBIRD (*Molothrus bonariensis*)
WHITE-EDGED ORIOLE (*Icterus graceannae*)
YELLOW-TAILED ORIOLE (*Icterus mesomelas taczanowskii*)
MOUNTAIN CACIQUE (GOLDEN-SHOULDERED) (*Cacicus chrysonotus leucoramphus*)
SCARLET-RUMPED CACIQUE (PACIFIC) (*Cacicus uropygialis pacificus*)
YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE (WESTERN) (*Cacicus cela flavicrissus*)
RUSSET-BACKED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius angustifrons atrocastaneus*)

Fringillidae (Siskins, Crossbills, and Allies)

THICK-BILLED EUPHONIA (THICK-BILLED) (*Euphonia laniirostris hypoxantha*)
ORANGE-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia xanthogaster*)
YELLOW-BELLIED SISKIN (*Spinus xanthogastrus xanthogastrus*)
HOODED SISKIN (*Spinus magellanicus*)
OLIVACEOUS SISKIN (*Spinus olivaceus*)

MAMMALS

MANTLED HOWLER MONKEY (*Alouatta palliata*)
RED-TAILED SQUIRREL (*Sciurus granatensis*)
GUAYAQUIL SQUIRREL (*Sciurus stramineus*)
CENTRAL AMERICAN AGOUTI (*Dasyprocta punctata*)
CULPEO FOX (*Pseudalopex culpaeus*)
SOUTH AMERICAN COATI (*Nasua nasua*)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Additionally we had other animals to mention that we saw during the trip, the Phantasmal Poison dart frog at Buenaventura, the Rhinoceros beetle at Tapichalaca and the Land crabs at Yunguilla.

Totals for the tour: 409 bird taxa and 6 mammal taxa