

Montane Ecuador: Cloudforests of the Andes II

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This is the kind of breath-taking scenery you can expect on the first day of the trip at the hummingbird haven, Yanacocha. Actually, you can expect this kind of scenery pretty much daily on this tour! (Photo by tour participant Eileen Wheeler)

Now writing this report from the UK, I am looking back at our trip in Ecuador and it makes me realize just how magical a place it is for birding. During this tour, we covered only a tiny area of Ecuador, but at the same time we travelled through so many different types of habitats, ranging in altitude from 4,000 to 14,000 feet, which gave us the opportunity to see over 300 species of birds in only 8 days. Here I just want to mention some of the memorable moments that we had as a group over those 8 days.

Watching Andean Cocks-of-the-rock on the other side of the valley, dancing up and down, giving us a taste of what was to come in the rest of the trip. And, at the same time, having the most-wanted birds of the trip, a family of Plate-billed Mountain-Toucans, feeding their young nearby! I have to say that this Montane Tour gives one of the best opportunities to see them.

Seeing a fantastic combination of Neotropical birds-- Immaculate Antbird, a huge Strong-billed Woodcreeper, Streak-capped Treehunter, Ochre-breasted Antpitta-- enjoying a variety of different bugs fluttering around the blind at Tandayapa. They sure provided us with front seat views!

Witnessing in person, and through the scope, the amazing manner in which male Club-winged Manakins make their unique sound during their full-on display to females.

Going over the spectacular high pass on our way to Papallacta, and having breath-taking views of the landscape covered in

ice. This view contrasted with our arrival to Guango where we were surrounded by remnants of very green cloud forest and swarms of minute, buzzing hummingbirds!

Seeing two Andean Potoos at San Isidro, when just to see one is a huge privilege.

Meeting local people from the reserves along the way is always a wonderful way to enjoy Ecuador and we were lucky enough to meet the local ladies at San Isidro doing their cookery course, and the ranger and his family in Milpe. Trying out local dishes was also a great part of the experience.

And last but not least, I want to mention that it was great to meet all of you who came on this Montane Tour and who shared this adventure. Thank you for coming with us and I hope I will see you in the future again sometime.

--Willy

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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

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

TORRENT DUCK (*Merganetta armata colombiana*) – A pair seen the first day in the Alambi river on the way to Tandayapa, also a male seen diving in the rushing water at Aliso River. Dana was excited to see this one, especially the male.

YELLOW-BILLED PINTAIL (SOUTH GEORGIA) (*Anas georgica georgica*)

ANDEAN TEAL (*Anas andium*)

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

SICKLE-WINGED GUAN (*Chamaepetes goudotii*)

Odontophoridae (New World Quail)

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

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

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

Cathartidae (New World Vultures)

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*)

TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura*)

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

BLACK-CHESTED BUZZARD-EAGLE (*Geranoaetus melanoleucus australis*) – Seen flying in the distance but also perched. Remember how we noted the thick wings and short tail?

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

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Buteo magnirostris magnirostris*)

WHITE-RUMPED HAWK (*Buteo leucorrhous*) – A treat for the guide, who hasn't seen this species very often especially as perched.

SHORT-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo brachyurus brachyurus*)

VARIABLE HAWK (VARIABLE) (*Buteo polyosoma polyosoma*)

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

COLLARED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur semitorquatus semitorquatus*) – Heard several times at San Isidro. [*]

CARUNCULATED CARACARA (*Phalcoboenus carunculatus*) – A handsome caracara species that we saw in the central

valley.

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

APLOMADO FALCON (*Falco femoralis*) – We had brief views of a departing pair in Cayambe Coca Reserve, and many may not have counted it.

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

SLATE-COLORED COOT (*Fulica ardesiaca*)

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)

SOUTHERN LAPWING (NORTHERN) (*Vanellus chilensis cayennensis*)

Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)

ANDEAN GULL (*Chroicocephalus serranus*)

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*)

BAND-TAILED PIGEON (WHITE-NECKED)

(*Patagioenas fasciata albilinea*)

PLUMBEOUS PIGEON (*Patagioenas plumbea*)

RUDDY PIGEON (*Patagioenas subvinacea*)

EARED DOVE (*Zenaida auriculata hypoleuca*)

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

WHITE-THROATED QUAIL-DOVE (*Geotrygon frenata bourcieri*) – One of these normally shy and difficult-to-see quail-doves was eating moths by the blind in Tandayapa, where we got to watch it at extremely close range.

Psittacidae (Parrots)

RED-BILLED PARROT (*Pionus sordidus corallinus*)

SPECKLE-FACED PARROT (WHITE-CAPPED) (*Pionus tumultuosus seniloides*)

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

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

SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga ani*)

Strigidae (Owls)

MOTTLED OWL (*Ciccaba virgata*) [*]

RUFOUS-BANDED OWL (*Ciccaba albitarsis*) [*]

"BLACK-BANDED" OWL TYPE (*Ciccaba* sp. nov. 1) – We had to work hard to see this wonderful owl at San Isidro but managed on our last night there. Jane's favourite bird.

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

RUFOUS-BELLIED NIGHTHAWK (*Lurocalis rufiventris*)

SWALLOW-TAILED NIGHTJAR (*Uropsalis segmentata segmentata*)

LYRE-TAILED NIGHTJAR (*Uropsalis lyra lyra*) – We definitely nailed it with this bird, we had a female roosting on a rock and a male at dusk perching and flying showing every detail in his long streamers.

Nyctibiidae (Potoos)

ANDEAN POTOO (*Nyctibius maculosus*) – We spotted a pair when they came gliding in and then landed on a nearby snag on the road at San Isidro at nightfall; this really sent the nightbirding there over the top!

Apodidae (Swifts)

CHESTNUT-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne rutila brunnitorques*)

WHITE-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)



A male Torrent Duck is in his element, surrounded by the raging waters of a montane river. (Photo by tour participant Eileen Wheeler)

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

WHITE-TIPPED SWIFT (*Aeronautes montivagus montivagus*)

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN (*Florisuga mellivora*)

TAWNY-BELLIED HERMIT (*Phaethornis syrmatorphorus*)

BROWN VIOLETEAR (*Colibri delphinae*)

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

SPARKLING VIOLETEAR (*Colibri coruscans coruscans*) – This is the large and brilliant colored hummer that we saw bathing in the Botanical Garden, also common at Tandayapa.

GORGETED SUNANGEL (*Heliangelus strophianus*)

TOURMALINE SUNANGEL (*Heliangelus exortis*)

GREEN THORNTAIL (*Discosura conversii*)

SPECKLED HUMMINGBIRD (*Adelomyia melanogenys*)

LONG-TAILED SYLPH (*Agelaiocercus kingi mocoa*) – What a tail! We had many fine studies at Guango and San Isidro.

VIOLET-TAILED SYLPH (*Agelaiocercus coelestis coelestis*) – The west-slope relative of the previous species, and no less beautiful.

TYRIAN METALTAIL (*Metallura tyrianthina*)

GLOWING PUFFLEG (*Eriocnemis vestita smaragdinipectus*) – One of the most attractive pufflegs in the group, we had great views at Guango.

SAPPHIRE-VENTED PUFFLEG (SAPPHIRE-VENTED)
(*Eriocnemis luciani luciani*)

EMERALD-BELLIED PUFFLEG (*Eriocnemis alinae alinae*) – A treat to see this species, not seen very often on the tour.

SHINING SUNBEAM (*Aglaeactis cupripennis cupripennis*)

BRONZY INCA (*Coeligena coeligena obscura*)

BROWN INCA (*Coeligena wilsoni*)

COLLARED INCA (*Coeligena torquata*)

BUFF-WINGED STARFRONTLET (*Coeligena lutetiae*)

MOUNTAIN VELVETBREAST (*Lafresnaya lafresnayi saul*)

SWORD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD (*Ensifera ensifera*) – A dream come true! We had many good views of this amazing Andean species.

GREAT SAPPHIREWING (*Pterophanes cyanopterus cyanopterus*)

BUFF-TAILED CORONET (*Boissonneaua flavescens flavescens*)

BUFF-TAILED CORONET (*Boissonneaua flavescens tinochlora*)

CHESTNUT-BREASTED CORONET (*Boissonneaua matthewsii*)

VELVET-PURPLE CORONET (*Boissonneaua jardini*)

BOOTED RACKET-TAIL (*Ocreatus underwoodii melanatherus*)

BOOTED RACKET-TAIL (*Ocreatus underwoodii peruanus*)

WHITE-TAILED HILLSTAR (*Urochroa bougueri leucura*) – Great observations of this beautiful hummingbird feeding along the Guacamayos road.

PURPLE-BIBBED WHITETIP (*Urosticte benjamini*)

FAWN-BREASTED BRILLIANT (*Heliodoxa rubinoides*)

GREEN-CROWNED BRILLIANT (*Heliodoxa jacula jamesoni*)

EMPRESS BRILLIANT (*Heliodoxa imperatrix*)

WHITE-BELLIED WOODSTAR (*Chaetocercus mulsant*)

PURPLE-THROATED WOODSTAR (*Calliphlox mitchellii*)

WESTERN EMERALD (*Chlorostilbon melanorhynchus melanorhynchus*)



Back in the days before feeders, the superb Velvet-purple Coronet was a much-coveted and rarely-seen hummingbird of the west slope. Now with lots of feeders around, they're still much-coveted. (Photo by tour participant Eileen Wheeler)

GREEN-CROWNED WOODNYMPH (GREEN-CROWNED) (*Thalurania fannyi verticeps*)

ANDEAN EMERALD (*Amazilia franciae viridiceps*)

RUFOUS-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD (RUFOUS-TAILED) (*Amazilia tzacatl jucunda*)

Trogonidae (Trogons)

GOLDEN-HEADED QUETZAL (*Pharomachrus auriceps auriceps*)

CRESTED QUETZAL (*Pharomachrus antisianus*) – The hardest of the two to see; we had stunning views of a male at Tandayapa . (This is the one with the white underside of the tail.)

MASKED TROGON (*Trogon personatus personatus*) – Common around the cabins at San Isidro... nice yard bird!

MASKED TROGON (*Trogon personatus assimilis*) – This west-slope race was a regular around the lodge at Tandayapa.

MASKED TROGON (*Trogon personatus temperatus*) – This highland race of the east-slope put in an appearance at Guango.

Momotidae (Motmots)

ANDEAN MOTMOT (*Momotus aequatorialis*) [*]

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

Capitonidae (New World Barbets)

RED-HEADED BARBET (*Eubucco bourcierii aequatorialis*) – How can you beat the views we had at that male at Tandayapa's banana feeders?!

Semnornithidae (Toucan-Barbets)

TOUCAN BARBET (*Semnornis ramphastinus ramphastinus*) – Local in distribution; this tour is a good one for this handsome bird

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

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

CRIMSON-RUMPED TOUCANET (*Aulacorhynchus haematopygus sexnotatus*)

PLATE-BILLED MOUNTAIN-TOUCAN (*Andigena laminirostris*) – A Choco specialty seen on the cover of the Field Guide for Ecuador. At least 3 were seen along the Old Nono Mindo road, where one fed on fruits at close range, affording some wonderful views.

BLACK-BILLED MOUNTAIN-TOUCAN (*Andigena nigrirostris spilorhynchus*) – After seeing the previous one, it became clear that any mountain-toucan would be highly prized. We saw this east-slope specialty twice in the Guacamayos.

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

CHOCO TOUCAN (*Ramphastos brevis*)

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

SMOKY-BROWN WOODPECKER (*Picoides fumigatus fumigatus*)

LITTLE WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis passerinus agilis*)

GOLDEN-OLIVE WOODPECKER (*Colaptes rubiginosus*)

CRIMSON-MANTLED WOODPECKER (*Colaptes rivolii brevirostris*)

GUAYAQUIL WOODPECKER (*Campephilus gayaquilensis*)

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

STOUT-BILLED CINCLODES (*Cinclodes excelsior excelsior*)

CREAM-WINGED CINCLODES (*Cinclodes albiventris*)

PALE-LEGGED HORNERO (PACIFIC) (*Furnarius leucopus cinnamomeus*)

ANDEAN TIT-SPINETAIL (*Leptasthenura andicola andicola*)

AZARA'S SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis azarae media*)

DARK-BREASTED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis albigularis rodolphei*)

RUFOUS SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis unirufa unirufa*)

RED-FACED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca erythrops erythrops*)

MANY-STRIPED CANASTERO (*Asthenes flammulata flammulata*)

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

SPOTTED BARBTAIL (*Premnoplex brunnescens brunnescens*)

PEARLED TREERUNNER (*Margarornis squamiger perlatus*) – A gorgeous member of the family, and common with mixed flocks.

STREAKED TUFTEDCHEEK (*Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii*)

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

LINEATED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Syndactyla subalaris*)

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

STRIPED TREEHUNTER (*Thripadectes holostictus*) [*]

STREAK-CAPPED TREEHUNTER (*Thripadectes virgaticeps*)

STREAKED XENOPS (*Xenops rutilans*)

STRONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER (ANDEAN/NORTHERN) (*Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus promeropirhynchus*) – We had good looks at two of these big woodcreepers that foraged just outside the blind at Tandayapa

SPOTTED WOODCREEPER (BERLEPSCH'S) (*Xiphorhynchus erythropygius aequatorialis*)

OLIVE-BACKED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus triangularis triangularis*)

MONTANE WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger aequatorialis*)

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

LINED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus tenuipunctatus tenuifasciatus*)
– A nice male and female in the scope, as it sang, along the lower Guacamayos road.

UNIFORM ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus unicolor unicolor*) [*]

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

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

IMMACULATE ANT BIRD (*Myrmeciza immaculata macrorhyncha*)
– Very close sight of a pair from the bird blind at Tandayapa!

Formicariidae (Antthrushes)

BARRED ANTTHRUSH (*Chamaeza mollissima mollissima*)

Grallariidae (Antpittas)

GIANT ANTPITTA (*Grallaria gigantea gigantea*)

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

WHITE-BELLIED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria hypoleuca*) – An excellent performance on our first try when we lured the resident, worm-fed bird in. This is particularly nice since this can be a tricky one to get in.

RUFOUS ANTPITTA (*Grallaria rufula rufula*)

TAWNY ANTPITTA (*Grallaria quitensis quitensis*) – We got this one being fed, on our first day at Yanacocha

OCHRE-BREASTED ANTPITTA (*Grallaricula flavirostris mindoensis*)

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

Rhinocryptidae (Tapaculos)

OCELLATED TAPACULO (*Acropternis orthonyx infuscatus*) – We saw a Tapaculo, what a unique bird, a pleasure to have those wonderful views.



If you think the bill of this bird looks freakishly long, even for a Sword-billed Hummingbird, you'd be correct. That's its tongue sticking out, adding some extra length to the already incredible appendage! (Photo by tour participant Eileen Wheeler)

BLACKISH TAPACULO (BLACKISH) (*Scytalopus latrans latrans*) – About half the group saw this blackish bird, which responded to playback, but views were dependent on luck with your viewing angle.

LONG-TAILED TAPACULO (*Scytalopus micropterus*) – Seen by some people along San Isidro's trails

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

Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET (SOUTHERN) (*Camptostoma obsoletum sclateri*)

WHITE-TAILED TYRANNULET (*Mecocerculus poecilocercus*)

WHITE-BANDED TYRANNULET (*Mecocerculus stictopterus stictopterus*)

WHITE-THROATED TYRANNULET (*Mecocerculus leucophrys rufomarginatis*)

TUFTED TIT-TYRANT (*Anairetes parulus aequatorialis*)

AGILE TIT-TYRANT (*Anairetes agilis*)

WHITE-CRESTED ELAENIA (WHITE-CRESTED) (*Elaenia albiceps griseigularis*)

TORRENT TYRANNULET (*Serpophaga cinerea cinerea*)

STREAK-NECKED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes striaticollis*)

SLATY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Leptopogon superciliaris*)

RUFOUS-BREASTED FLYCATCHER (*Leptopogon rufipectus*)

MARBLE-FACED BRISTLE-TYRANT (*Phylloscartes ophthalmicus ophthalmicus*)

SOOTY-HEADED TYRANNULET (*Phyllomyias griseiceps*)

BLACK-CAPPED TYRANNULET (*Phyllomyias nigrocapillus nigrocapillus*)

CHOCO TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius albigularis*)

GOLDEN-FACED TYRANNULET (GOLDEN-FACED)
(*Zimmerius chrysops chrysops*)

ORNATE FLYCATCHER (*Myiotriccus ornatus*)

RUFOUS-HEADED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Pseudotriccus ruficeps*) –
A handsome little understory species that all of us saw along the Guacamayos trail, one of Eileen's favourite birds.

RUFOUS-CROWNED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Poecilotriccus ruficeps*)

COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum cinereum*)

CINNAMON FLYCATCHER (*Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus pyrrhopterus*)

HANDSOME FLYCATCHER (*Nephelomyias pulcher*)

FLAVESCENT FLYCATCHER (*Myiophobus flavicans flavicans*)

SMOKE-COLORED PEWEE (*Contopus fumigatus*)

BLACK PHOEBE (WHITE-WINGED) (*Sayornis nigricans angustirostris*)

RUFOUS-TAILED TYRANT (*Knipolegus poecilurus*) – This flycatcher, scarce this far north in Ecuador, was seen in the same bare tree, its favorite perch for hunting insects along the Guacamayos road.

WHITE-BROWED GROUND-TYRANT (*Muscisaxicola albilora*) – We had some nice scope views at a group of this austral migrant in the agricultural zone as we made our way down from Yanacocha. [**a**]

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

STREAK-THROATED BUSH-TYRANT (*Myiotheretes striaticollis striaticollis*)

MASKED WATER-TYRANT (*Fluvicola nengeta atripennis*)

YELLOW-BELLIED CHAT-TYRANT (*Ochthoeca diadema gratiosa*)

SLATY-BACKED CHAT-TYRANT (SLATY-BACKED) (*Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris cinnamomeiventris*)

RUFOUS-BREASTED CHAT-TYRANT (*Ochthoeca rufipectoralis obfuscata*)



One of the highlights of the trip was watching a family group of gorgeous Plate-billed Mountain-Toucans near the cock-of-the-rock lek in the Tandayapa Valley. (Photo by tour participant Eileen Wheeler)

DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*)
PALE-EDGED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus cephalotes cephalotes*)
RUSTY-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes cayanensis hellmayri*)
SOCIAL FLYCATCHER (SOCIAL) (*Myiozetetes similis similis*)
LEMON-BROWED FLYCATCHER (*Conopias cinchoneti cinchoneti*)
GOLDEN-CROWNED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes chrysocephalus minor*)
TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus melancholicus*)

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

GREEN-AND-BLACK FRUITEATER (*Pipreola riefferii*)
BLACK-CHESTED FRUITEATER (*Pipreola lubomirskii*) [*]
SCARLET-BREASTED FRUITEATER (SQUAMIPECTUS) (*Pipreola frontalis squamipectus*) [*]
SCALED FRUITEATER (*Ampelioides tschudii*) – Excellent views through the scope of a male along the road at Tandayapa.
RED-CRESTED COTINGA (*Ampelion rubrocristatus*)
ANDEAN COCK-OF-THE-ROCK (*Rupicola peruvianus sanguinolentus*) – Our first day was certainly full of glamour birds, and this was one of them, when we watched several males through the scope at a lek along the old Nono-Mindo rd.
DUSKY PIHA (*Lipaugus fuscocinereus*)

Pipridae (Manakins)

GOLDEN-WINGED MANAKIN (*Masius chrysopterus*)
CLUB-WINGED MANAKIN (*Machaeropterus deliciosus*) – It took a while to see this Choco specialty, but we were rewarded by two males displaying at Milpe.

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

MASKED TITYRA (*Tityra semifasciata*)
GREEN-BACKED BECARD (YELLOW-CHEEKED) (*Pachyramphus viridis xanthogenys*)
BARRED BECARD (*Pachyramphus versicolor versicolor*)
CINNAMON BECARD (*Pachyramphus cinnamomeus cinnamomeus*)
WHITE-WINGED BECARD (*Pachyramphus polychropterus dorsalis*)

Vireonidae (Vireos)

BROWN-CAPPED VIREO (*Vireo leucophrys*)
RED-EYED VIREO (RESIDENT CHIVI) (*Vireo olivaceus griseobarbatus*)
OLIVACEOUS GREENLET (*Hylophilus olivaceus*) [*]
BLACK-BILLED PEPPERSHRIKE (*Cyclarhis nigristrois nigristrois*)

Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)

BEAUTIFUL JAY (*Cyanolyca pulchra*) [*]
TURQUOISE JAY (*Cyanolyca turcosa*) – Nice looks at this intensely colored jay on both slopes.
GREEN JAY (INCA) (*Cyanocorax yncas yncas*) – Very common in San Isidro.

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

BLUE-AND-WHITE SWALLOW (CYANOLEUCA) (*Pygochelidon cyanoleuca cyanoleuca*) – Very common on the way.
BROWN-BELLIED SWALLOW (*Orochelidon murina murina*)
WHITE-THIGHED SWALLOW (*Atticora tibialis minima*)
SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

THRUSH-LIKE WREN (*Campylorhynchus turdinus hypostictus*)
SHARPE'S WREN (*Cinnycerthia olivascens olivascens*) – Sharpe, Æôs Wren - This is the northern Andean split of the Sepia-brown Wren group.
PLAIN-TAILED WREN (*Pheugopedius euophrys*) [*]

BAY WREN (SOUTH AMERICAN) (*Cantorchilus nigricapillus nigricapillus*) [*]

MOUNTAIN WREN (*Troglodytes solstitialis solstitialis*)

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

GRAY-BREASTED WOOD-WREN (*Henicorhina leucophrys leucophrys*) – A common voice of mid-elevation cloud forests. We finally had good looks at this species at San Isidro.

Cinclidae (Dippers)

WHITE-CAPPED DIPPER (*Cinclus leucocephalus leuconotus*)

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

ANDEAN SOLITAIRE (*Myadestes raloides*)

GREAT THRUSH (*Turdus fuscater quindio*)

GLOSSY-BLACK THRUSH (*Turdus serranus fuscobrunneus*)

Motacillidae (Wagtails and Pipits)

PARAMO PIPIT (*Anthus bogotensis bogotensis*) – Scope views in the grasslands in Yanacocha on our first day.

Parulidae (New World Warblers)

TROPICAL PARULA (*Setophaga pitiayumi*)

THREE-STRIPED WARBLER (*Basileuterus tristriatus*)

BLACK-CRESTED WARBLER (*Myiothlypis nigrocristatus*)

RUSSET-CROWNED WARBLER (*Myiothlypis coronatus elatus*)

RUSSET-CROWNED WARBLER (*Myiothlypis coronatus orientalis*)

SLATE-THROATED REDSTART (*Myioborus miniatus*)

SPECTACLED REDSTART (*Myioborus melanocephalus ruficoronatus*)

Coerebidae (Bananaquit)

BANANAQUIT (*Coereba flaveola*)

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

MAGPIE TANAGER (*Cissopis leverianus leverianus*) – The longest of all tanagers, and it really does give the impression of a magpie!

WHITE-CAPPED TANAGER (*Sericossypha albocristata*) – This was hard to get but we managed to see them coming out of the forest. One of the aesthetic highlights of the trip!

RUFOUS-CRESTED TANAGER (*Creurgops verticalis*)

BLACK-CAPPED HEMISPINGUS (BLACK-CAPPED) (*Hemispingus atropileus atropileus*)

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

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

RUFOUS-CHESTED TANAGER (*Thlypopsis ornata ornata*)

CINEREOUS CONEBILL (*Conirostrum cinereum fraseri*)

BLUE-BACKED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum sitticolor sitticolor*)

CAPPED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum albifrons atrocyaneum*)

GIANT CONEBILL (*Oreomanes fraseri*) – This is the most desirable of the Conebills - it is hard to find, and only inhabits the high elevation Polylepis forests to be found up in the p^vramo. We had some decent views of a pair near the pass.

GUIRA TANAGER (*Hemithraupis guira*)

WHITE-LINED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus rufus*)

SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER (*Ramphocelus carbo carbo*)

FLAME-RUMPED TANAGER (LEMON-RUMPED) (*Ramphocelus flammigerus icteronotus*)

BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus quaesita*)

BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus coelestis*)



Tawny Antpitta has always been one of the easiest of antpittas to see, but now they're even easier, as the rangers at Yanacocha are now hand-feeding them!
(Photo by tour participant Eileen Wheeler)

PALM TANAGER (*Thraupis palmarum*)

HOODED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Buthraupis montana cucullata*)

BLACK-CHESTED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Buthraupis eximia chloronota*) – One of the key species to get at Yanacocha on this tour. We had excellent views of them a couple of times.

LACRIMOSE MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Anisognathus lacrymosus palpebrosus*)

SCARLET-BELLIED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Anisognathus igniventris erythronotus*)

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

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

BLACK-CHINNED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Anisognathus notabilis*) – It was a real treat to see this hard to find species right next to the Blue-winged at the feeders at Mindo Loma for comparison's-sake.

GRASS-GREEN TANAGER (*Chlorornis riefferii riefferii*) – Undeniably one of the most beautiful tanagers of the Andes, as well as most distinctive. Edgar found these ones at Guacamayos.

FAWN-BREASTED TANAGER (*Pipraeidea melanonota venezuelensis*)

ORANGE-EARED TANAGER (*Chlorochrysa calliparaea bourcieri*)

TURQUOISE TANAGER (*Tangara mexicana*)

PARADISE TANAGER (*Tangara chilensis*) – Such a mad colorful bird. We had close-encounters with this east-slope species in the Guacamayos. Pat's most wanted bird

GOLDEN TANAGER (*Tangara arthus goodsoni*)

SILVER-THROATED TANAGER (*Tangara icterocephala*)

SAFFRON-CROWNED TANAGER (*Tangara xanthocephala venusta*)

GOLDEN-EARED TANAGER (*Tangara chrysotis*)

FLAME-FACED TANAGER (*Tangara parzudakii parzudakii*)

FLAME-FACED TANAGER (*Tangara parzudakii lunigera*)

SPOTTED TANAGER (*Tangara punctata*)

RUFOUS-THROATED TANAGER (*Tangara rufigula*) [*]

BAY-HEADED TANAGER (*Tangara gyrola*)

GOLDEN-NAPED TANAGER (*Tangara ruficervix*)

BLUE-NECKED TANAGER (*Tangara cyanicollis*)

BERYL-SPANGLED TANAGER (*Tangara nigroviridis*)

BLUE-AND-BLACK TANAGER (*Tangara vassorii vassorii*)

BLACK-CAPPED TANAGER (*Tangara heinei*)

BLACK-FACED DACNIS (YELLOW-TUFTED) (*Dacnis lineata egregia*)

BLUE DACNIS (*Dacnis cayana glaucogularis*)

GREEN HONEYCREEPER (*Chlorophanes spiza*)

PURPLE HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*)

SWALLOW TANAGER (*Tersina viridis occidentalis*) – Nice looks at them in good light in Milpe.

GRAYISH SALTATOR (GRAYISH) (*Saltator coerulescens azarae*)

BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR (*Saltator maximus maximus*)

BLACK-WINGED SALTATOR (*Saltator atripennis*)

Emberizidae (Buntings, Sparrows and Allies)

VARIABLE SEEDEATER (*Sporophila corvina ophthalmica*)

CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila castaneiventris*)

SLATY FINCH (*Haplospiza rustica rustica*)

GLOSSY FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa lafresnayii*)

WHITE-SIDED FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa albilatera albilatera*)

DEEP-BLUE FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa glauca tyrianthina*) – A very attractive flowerpiercer, with the royal-blue plumage and bright yellow iris.

BLUISH FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa caerulescens media*)

MASKED FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa cyanea cyanea*)

SAFFRON FINCH (SAFFRON) (*Sicalis flaveola valida*)
CHESTNUT-CAPPED BRUSH-FINCH (CHESTNUT-CAPPED) (*Arremon brunneinucha frontalis*)
TRICOLORED BRUSH-FINCH (CHOCO) (*Atlapetes tricolor crassus*)
YELLOW-BREASTED BRUSH-FINCH (*Atlapetes latinuchus spodionotus*)
SLATY BRUSH-FINCH (*Atlapetes schistaceus schistaceus*)
WHITE-WINGED BRUSH-FINCH (WHITE-WINGED) (*Atlapetes leucopterus leucopterus*)
YELLOW-BROWED SPARROW (*Ammodramus aurifrons aurifrons*)
RUFOUS-COLLARED SPARROW (*Zonotrichia capensis costaricensis*)
COMMON BUSH-TANAGER (NORTHERN ANDES) (*Chlorospingus ophthalmicus phaeocephalus*)
DUSKY BUSH-TANAGER (*Chlorospingus semifuscus semifuscus*)
YELLOW-THROATED BUSH-TANAGER (YELLOW-THROATED) (*Chlorospingus flavigularis marginatus*)
ASHY-THROATED BUSH-TANAGER (ASHY-THROATED) (*Chlorospingus canigularis signatus*)

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)

WHITE-WINGED TANAGER (*Piranga leucoptera ardens*)
RED-HOODED TANAGER (*Piranga rubriceps*) – Thanks to Tom, we saw this rare tanager for this tour.
OCHRE-BREASTED TANAGER (*Chlorothraupis stolzmanni*)
GOLDEN-BELLIED GROSBEAK (*Pheucticus chrysogaster chrysogaster*)

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

SCRUB BLACKBIRD (*Dives warszewiczi warszewiczi*)
MOUNTAIN CACIQUE (GOLDEN-SHOULDERED) (*Cacicus chrysonotus leucoramphus*)
SCARLET-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus uropygialis*)
RUSSET-BACKED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius angustifrons angustifrons*)

Fringillidae (Siskins, Crossbills, and Allies)

THICK-BILLED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia lanirostris*)
GOLDEN-RUMPED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia cyanocephala pelzelni*)
BRONZE-GREEN EUPHONIA (*Euphonia mesochrysa*)
ORANGE-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia xanthogaster*)
HOODED SISKIN (*Spinus magellanicus capitalis*)
OLIVACEOUS SISKIN (*Spinus olivaceus*)

MAMMALS

COMMON OPOSSUM (*Didelphis marsupialis*)
BRAZILIAN RABBIT (*Sylvilagus brasiliensis*)
RED-TAILED SQUIRREL (*Sciurus granatensis*)
BLACK AGOUTI (*Dasyprocta fuliginosa*)
WHITE-TAILED DEER (*Odocoileus virginianus*)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Totals for the tour: 314 bird taxa and 5 mammal taxa