Field Guides Tour Report



PERU'S MAGNETIC NORTH: SPATULETAILS, OWLET LODGE & MORE

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A curious trio of White-fronted Nunbirds trying to sort out where the nunbirds they just heard have gotten to! (Photo by tour participant Paul Cozza)

Our Magnetic North tour provided an excellent opportunity to experience the highly complex Maranon valley region--such a unique and beautiful part of Peru! An important geographic barrier in bird distribution north-south in the Andes, the valley creates special conditions which allow a unique assemblage of birds characterized by many bird taxa restricted to this region. These bird species include the Marvelous Spatuletail, Royal Sunangel, Long-whiskered Owlet, Johnson's Tody-Tyrant, and the new species of Turdus, the Varzea Thrush, among many others.

Our tour began in the Juan Guerra area outside of the city of Tarapoto. Here we had one of our first specialties, the Northern Slaty-Antshrike. It was also here that we saw a pair of Rufous Casiornis, a Bluish-fronted Jacamar, and the Hook-billed Kites, among others. We birded close to the Mayo river while eating our lunch and saw a group of elegant and graceful Swallow-tailed Kites flying around us. After that we headed to our first hotel of the tour located in the "city of the orchids," Moyobamba.

The following early morning we drove to Morro de Calzada in order to look for some nightbirds. We were rewarded in our efforts by getting very good views of a responsive Little Nightjar that Pepper was able to keep in his spotlight while it was in flight! We also had some responses from Spot-tailed and Blackish nightjars, as well as from Pauraques. While enjoying our breakfast next to the road, we saw a small group of Saddleback Tamarins foraging (having breakfast?) across from where we were! Once refueled and energized, we birded along our way to the interpretation center, coming across White-lored and Sooty-headed tyrannulets, Olivaceous Woodcreeper, Lettered Aracari, Broad-billed Motmot, Green-backed and Blue-crowned Trogons, a pair of Striolated Puffbirds, and a responsive pair of Lineated Woodcreepers. We continued our

drive until the Puente Verde area where, in order to give our crew some time to prepare our lunch, we stopped and birded the road. We did not have to travel too far before a flock came across our path and we started to identify birds: Ecuadorian Tyrannulet, Ash-browed Spinetail, Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner, Orange-eared, Paradise, Golden, Spotted, and Masked tanagers, and also the endemic Black-bellied and Yellow-crested tanagers! After lunch, we looked for Torrent Ducks from the bridge and found a male which gave us some good looks before flying out of sight. Seeing that Sickle-winged Guan in the middle of the river deserves special recognition too. From this point we headed to our final destination at the Owlet Lodge.

After long days of traveling, we decided to sleep well our first night and try for the Long-whiskered Owlet the second night in order to be rested and recovered. So, the following night we all hiked 900 meters to await dusk and--more importantly--for the owlet to start singing. Around 6:20 p.m. it began to call (along with the Rufous-banded Owl!). We started some playback, hoping to get it close enough for good looks. Unfortunately we did not succeed this time, despite the fact that Roberto was with us! Two nights later we returned, but again, luck was not on our side and we heard but did not see the owlet.

Our tour encountered very unusual weather that seems to have taken a toll on bird activity, making it difficult to find certain species, such as the Rusty-breasted, Ochre-fronted, Chestnut, and Rusty-tinged antpittas, as well as Crested and Golden-headed quetzals. Despite this, we had a terrific trip filled with many amazing highlights. Where to begin? Remember the Oilbird ravine and those swifts swooping in and out of it? And the Red-ruffed Fruitcrow that Bob found for us along the road? Or, the 42 species of hummingbirds we saw--out of a total of more than 50 that can be seen on this tour! How about the Marvelous Spatuletail coming to the feeders and staging that spectacular performance? And how can we forget the no-show Long-whiskered Owlet that came to tease us not once, but twice! Oh and remember the "Cliff" Flycatcher's spot and all those wonderful birds we saw there? Perhaps it should be renamed the pygmy-owl spot! And of course we cannot forget the flocks in Afluente, the Waqanki feeders and its amazing hummers, and that cooperative Golden-collared Toucanet at the tunnel our last birding day of the tour.

It was a great tour filled with many great birds, and it was a sincere pleasure to meet and travel with each of you--such a highly skilled birding group! The opportunity to get to know enthusiastic bird-lovers from around the world is certainly one of the highlights of being a guide, and we hope to be in the field with each of you on future tours. Our thanks to Maggie Burnett from the Field Guides office for sharing in this journey with us, it was great having you in Peru. Additionally, we are very grateful to our superb local guides Roberto and Santos, and our amazing Manu Expeditions crew. Thanks for ensuring a smooth travel experience and taking such good care of us throughout the tour.

--Pepe

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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**

<u>Tinamidae (Tinamous)</u> CINEREOUS TINAMOU (Crypturellus cinereus) – Heard at Morro de Calzada [\*] TATAUPA TINAMOU (Crypturellus tataupa) – Heard on the Juan Guerra road [\*]

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

**TORRENT DUCK** (Merganetta armata) – We were able to spot at least one male during our stop at the bridge after lunch.

## Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

SPECKLED CHACHALACA (Ortalis guttata) – At Juan Guerra we saw at least five individuals.

**ANDEAN GUAN** (Penelope montagnii) – Satisfying looks of one bird that was very cooperative by staying perched long enough to allow us to get it in the scope.

SICKLE-WINGED GUAN (Chamaepetes goudotii) - This one has to be the very best sight I ever had of this bird. I could

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not believe it was just sitting in the middle of the river. I wonder if that bird had some identity problems and thought it was a torrent duck!

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

GREAT EGRET (Ardea alba) SNOWY EGRET (Egretta thula) LITTLE BLUE HERON (Egretta caerulea) CATTLE EGRET (Bubulcus ibis) STRIATED HERON (Butorides striata)

## Threskiornithidae (Ibises and Spoonbills)

**PUNA IBIS** (Plegadis ridgwayi) – The "mystery" birds that were seen during the drive through the rice paddy country.

#### Cathartidae (New World Vultures)

BLACK VULTURE (Coragyps atratus) TURKEY VULTURE (Cathartes aura)

**GREATER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE** (Cathartes melambrotus)



The distinctive paddle-shaped wings help identify a soaring Hookbilled Kite. (Photo by tour participant Paul Cozza)

**KING VULTURE** (Sarcoramphus papa) – One immature individual was spotted soaring around the Tarapoto airport among other vultures.

## Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

**HOOK-BILLED KITE** (Chondrohierax uncinatus) – We found at least one along the Juan Guerra road.

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE (Elanoides forficatus) - In my humble opinion one of the most graceful raptors!

DOUBLE-TOOTHED KITE (Harpagus bidentatus) – Some folks saw one at the Tunnel area.

BLACK-CHESTED BUZZARD-EAGLE (Geranoaetus melanoleucus)

TINY HAWK (Accipiter superciliosus) – A quick view of an individual flying at Morro.

**ROADSIDE HAWK** (Buteo magnirostris)

WHITE-RUMPED HAWK (Buteo leucorrhous) – Great studies of an adult flying across Huembo.

# BLACK HAWK-EAGLE (Spizaetus tyrannus)

**ORNATE HAWK-EAGLE** (Spizaetus ornatus) – One flying above the Tunnel. Thanks to Paul for the pictures to help us to clear any doubt that it was this species and not a Black-and-White Hawk-Eagle with an unusually long tail.

**BLACK-AND-CHESTNUT EAGLE** (Spizaetus isidori) – Pepper spotted an adult soaring above the Rio Chido area being harassed by a pair of American Kestrels. And for Pepe, it was the first time that he'd seen an adult in full plumage...kind of a lifer!

# Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA (Milvago chimachima) – Two individuals were spotted during our drive the first day.
AMERICAN KESTREL (Falco sparverius) – A pair put up a nice show harassing a Black-and-chestnut Eagle in the Rio Chido area.

BAT FALCON (Falco rufigularis)

# Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

- **RUSSET-CROWNED CRAKE** (Anurolimnas viridis) Nice looks of a pair with at least one chick from the hummer tower at Waqanki.
- **PLUMBEOUS RAIL** (Pardirallus sanguinolentus) A pair showed splendidly in response to Pepper's playback at the Pomacochas lake reeds.

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)

ANDEAN LAPWING (Vanellus resplendens) – Paul was able to spot a flock that went out of sight at Pomacochas.

Recurvirostridae (Stilts and Avocets)

 $\textbf{BLACK-NECKED STILT} \ (\text{Himantopus mexicanus}) - Seen by Nancy in the rice paddy area$ 

Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)

LARGE-BILLED TERN (Phaetusa simplex) – Seen over the Rio Mayo below the Colombia Bridge near where we were rained out for lunch

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

ROCK PIGEON (Columba livia) [I]

SCALED PIGEON (Patagioenas speciosa) – We had good views on at least one at the Morro road.

BAND-TAILED PIGEON (Patagioenas fasciata) - Every day at the Owlet lodge area.

PLUMBEOUS PIGEON (Patagioenas plumbea) – We had good views of this species at Afluente.

RUDDY PIGEON (Patagioenas subvinacea) - Ditto.

EARED DOVE (Zenaida auriculata)

RUDDY GROUND-DOVE (Columbina talpacoti)

BLUE GROUND-DOVE (Claravis pretiosa) – We had briefs looks of one birding the Morro road.

WHITE-TIPPED DOVE (DECOLOR) (Leptotila verreauxi decolor) [\*]

WHITE-TIPPED DOVE (BRASILIENSIS GROUP) (Leptotila verreauxi decipiens) [\*]

#### Psittacidae (Parrots)

- **ROSE-FRONTED PARAKEET** (Pyrrhura roseifrons) We heard them first and then we had dynamite views on the scope of this species. Among the adults there were also some immature individuals with a slightly different plumage.
- **SCARLET-FRONTED PARAKEET** (Aratinga wagleri) We heard a flock flying towards us in the dry part of the Uctubamba River at the Huembo center. We were able to spot them once they perched at the eucalyptus trees.
- **WHITE-EYED PARAKEET** (Aratinga leucophthalma) There was a flock foraging in the vegetation across the road on the opposite direction from the oilbird ravine.

COBALT-WINGED PARAKEET (Brotogeris cyanoptera)

BLUE-HEADED PARROT (Pionus menstruus)

- **SPECKLE-FACED PARROT (WHITE-CAPPED)** (Pionus tumultuosus seniloides) This time we were lucky with this species. We found a group foraging in the cecropia trees at the beginning of the Rio Chido trail.
- SCALY-NAPED PARROT (Amazona mercenaria) This high elevation parrot was seen and heard several times around the Abra Patricia area.

<u>Cuculidae (Cuckoos)</u> SQUIRREL CUCKOO (Piaya cayana) SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (Crotophaga ani)

#### Strigidae (Owls)

- WHITE-THROATED SCREECH-OWL (Megascops albogularis) It did not allow good views of itself. [\*]
- **BAND-BELLIED OWL** (Pulsatrix melanota) We heard it at Morro while looking for nightjars but it did not respond as we wanted to the playback. [\*]
- **ANDEAN PYGMY-OWL** (Glaucidium jardinii) While birding the Mono trail and whistling this call to attract other passerines, we got a responsive individual that despite the leaders' efforts to get it at some point to be seen, it refused to show. [\*]
- **FERRUGINOUS PYGMY-OWL** (Glaucidium brasilianum) While applying the same strategy at the Cliff Flycatcher spot, Elaine found an individual perched that put on an amazing show. Needless to say, we enjoyed the many other birds that came to investigate and harass the pygmy-owl.
- LONG-WHISKERED OWLET (Xenoglaux loweryi) If I were to find a phrase for this moment, I would probably choose "so close, yet to far away"--twice! Ouch. Despite our efforts, this time the mythical Long-whiskered Owlet did not cooperate and we had to settle with hearing it only. [\*]

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

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

COMMON PAURAQUE (Nyctidromus albicollis) - Heard and briefly seen at the Morro

**SPOT-TAILED NIGHTJAR** (Caprimulgus maculicaudus) – Seen at the Morro

LITTLE NIGHTJAR (Caprimulgus parvulus) – Pepper's skill at putting this bird on the spotlight was just amazing! BLACKISH NIGHTJAR (Caprimulgus nigrescens) [\*]

Steatornithidae (Oilbird)

**OILBIRD** (Steatornis caripensis) – We had nice views of this unique bird that uses echolocation to navigate at nights while they search for food.

#### Apodidae (Swifts)

CHESTNUT-COLLARED SWIFT (Streptoprocne rutila)

**WHITE-COLLARED SWIFT** (Streptoprocne zonaris) – Some of these swifts were flying in and out of the oilbird ravine. **WHITE-TIPPED SWIFT** (Aeronautes montivagus) – We saw some at Garcia while searching for the sunangel.

FORK-TAILED PALM-SWIFT (Tachornis squamata) - Seen around the Morro

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN (Florisuga mellivora) - At the feeders in Waqanki

RUFOUS-BREASTED HERMIT (Glaucis hirsutus) - Ditto

GREEN HERMIT (Phaethornis guy) – We saw this bird at the Afluente area.

**KOEPCKE'S HERMIT** (Phaethornis koepckeae) – This Peruvian endemic was a little bit skittish and did not cooperate to allow longer and better looks, however we managed to see it well.

LONG-TAILED HERMIT (Phaethornis superciliosus) - At the feeders in Waqanki

GRAY-CHINNED HERMIT (Phaethornis griseogularis) - We saw this species at the Afluente area.

- **GREEN-FRONTED LANCEBILL** (Doryfera ludovicae) The female of this species was causing certain confusion with the other species, the Blue-fronted Lancebill. Fortunately we were able to get better looks and confirm the ID which was backed up by the elevation range.
- **BROWN VIOLETEAR** (Colibri delphinae) We had nice views of a young individual at the feeders in Waqanki.
- **GREEN VIOLETEAR** (Colibri thalassinus) Seen at the lodge feeders
- **SPARKLING VIOLETEAR** (Colibri coruscans) They were dominating the feeders at Huembo lodge.
- **BLACK-THROATED MANGO** (Anthracothorax nigricollis) We enjoyed wonderful views of both male and female at Waqanki.

AMETHYST-THROATED SUNANGEL (Heliangelus amethysticollis) – I believe only Walt and Nancy managed to see this hummer.

**ROYAL SUNANGEL** (Heliangelus regalis) – This bird tested our patience and played hard to see with us but we managed to have some looks at the Garcia ridges. This specialty for the area was recently discover in Ecuador near the border with Peru.

- **RUFOUS-CRESTED COQUETTE** (Lophornis delattrei) We had some looks of a male at the Morro area (thanks to Maggie), but on our way back, at Waqanki, we had dynamite views of a male visiting the feeders and females feeding on the verbena on the grounds.
- **SPECKLED HUMMINGBIRD** (Adelomyia melanogenys) We saw this species on a regular basis during the trip, mainly at the lodge feeders.
- LONG-TAILED SYLPH (Aglaiocercus kingi) Ditto
- **GREEN-TAILED TRAINBEARER** (Lesbia nuna) Thanks to Oscar's kindness, the guard of Puerto Pumas, we were able to see a nice male at the hotel gardens.
- **RUFOUS-CAPPED THORNBILL** (Chalcostigma ruficeps) Jack saw one around the lodge parking area.
- **GREENISH PUFFLEG** (Haplophaedia aureliae) Unfortunately the illustration in the Birds of Peru does not show some of the most important features to identify this bird, making a good challenge for us. Luckily Paul's very clear and crisp picture was enough for Pepper's experience and expertise to get a positive ID on the bird.



Golden-collared Toucanets can be quite lethargic once lured into view by playback. This male was a classic example, hanging around in the open for a long time after we'd called him in. (Photo by tour participant Paul Cozza)

The illustration of this species in the Handbook of the Birds of the World is very good and covers the details that birds of Peru illustration does not.

EMERALD-BELLIED PUFFLEG (Eriocnemis alinae) – One of the usual suspects at the Owlet Lodge feeders.

- MARVELOUS SPATULETAIL (Loddigesia mirabilis) Mirabilis Admirabilis!!! I cannot think of another hummingbird so flamboyant and spectacular as this species. I cannot tell you how lucky we were by having this unique opportunity to enjoy great views at will as we did on the feeders at the Huembo center. Certainly the work done by ECOAN with ABC to protect these areas (and the species within it!) has been greatly enhanced by hiring Santos Montenegro (the very first warden of the Spatuletail) as the director of Huembo. [E]
- BRONZY INCA (Coeligena coeligena) Another of the regular visitors at the Owlet Lodge feeders
- COLLARED INCA (Coeligena torquata) We had some looks of this hummer at the feeders and also along the road.

**GREAT SAPPHIREWING** (Pterophanes cyanopterus) – Seen by Nancy.

CHESTNUT-BREASTED CORONET (Boissonneaua matthewsii) - The feeder bullies.

- **BOOTED RACKET-TAIL** (Ocreatus underwoodii) This petite beauty was seen mostly at the feeders and occasionally along the road.
- **RUFOUS-VENTED WHITETIP** (Urosticte ruficrissa) Our best looks were from the lodge tower where we saw a male working the flowers below us.
- FAWN-BREASTED BRILLIANT (Heliodoxa rubinoides) Another of the usual suspects at the lodge feeders
- VIOLET-FRONTED BRILLIANT (Heliodoxa leadbeateri) We saw this species among others at the Huembo center.
- **WHITE-BELLIED WOODSTAR** (Chaetocercus mulsant) This bumblebee-like beauty was well seen at he Owlet Lodge feeders almost every day.

LITTLE WOODSTAR (Chaetocercus bombus) – We had several females at the Huembo center.

- AMETHYST WOODSTAR (Calliphlox amethystina) We only had a very brief look of this hummer at Waqanki while trying to get some nectar in the verbena bush at the entrance. Unfortunately two female Rufous-crested Coquettes did not like it and chased it away before we all could lay eyes on it.
- BLUE-TAILED EMERALD (Chlorostilbon mellisugus) Good views at the Waqanki feeders and verbena.
- **GRAY-BREASTED SABREWING** (Campylopterus largipennis) First Nancy got views of this large hummer at Morro and on our way back, we saw it well in Waqanki and at the tunnel.
- NAPO SABREWING (Campylopterus villaviscensio) Seen at the tunnel.
- FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH (Thalurania furcata) We saw it at different locations: Morro, Afluente, and Waqanki.
- MANY-SPOTTED HUMMINGBIRD (Taphrospilus hypostictus) Seen twice in the lower parts of the road and in Waqanki

WHITE-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD (Amazilia chionogaster) – This hummer was seen very well in the rio Chido trail.

ANDEAN EMERALD (Amazilia franciae cyanocollis) – We had very good views of this pretty hummer at the Huembo center.

SAPPHIRE-SPANGLED EMERALD (Amazilia lactea) – Seen at Waqanki and the Tunnel.

- **GOLDEN-TAILED SAPPHIRE** (Chrysuronia oenone) This hummer was seen on one of our day trips to Afluente and later the feeders at Waqanki allowed better views.
- **WHITE-CHINNED SAPPHIRE** (Hylocharis cyanus) First seen briefly in the Morro; the feeders at Waqanki allowed additional views of this little gem.

# <u>Trogonidae (Trogons)</u>

**GREEN-BACKED TROGON** (Trogon viridis) – Seen very well on this trip. We saw a pair nesting on the Tunnel road. [N]

BLUE-CROWNED TROGON (Trogon curucui) – We had a very responsive pair in the Morro interpretative center.

COLLARED TROGON (Trogon collaris) – We saw one in the Tunnel area.

MASKED TROGON (Trogon personatus) - Heard and seen well at the Abra Patricia area

Momotidae (Motmots)

**BROAD-BILLED MOTMOT** (Electron platyrhynchum) – We heard only an individual that played seek-and-hide with us. [\*]

# <u>Bucconidae (Puffbirds)</u>

**STRIOLATED PUFFBIRD** (Nystalus striolatus) – An pair responded well to playback at the Morro trail but did not show.

- LANCEOLATED MONKLET (Micromonacha lanceolata) After several failed attempts, Nancy amazingly spotted an individual that was quietly sitting (very puffbird-like!) on a branch. We had the chance to put the scopes on it and enjoy great views of this little beauty.
- **WHITE-FRONTED NUNBIRD** (Monasa morphoeus) We had a VERY responsive group at Afluente that came after the playback and performed very well!
- **SWALLOW-WINGED PUFFBIRD** (Chelidoptera tenebrosa) We spotted at least one individual while having lunch on our first day along the Mayo river.

## Galbulidae (Jacamars)

BLUISH-FRONTED JACAMAR (Galbula cyanescens) – We had excellent views at the Juan Guerra road our first day.

#### Capitonidae (New World Barbets)

- **GILDED BARBET** (Capito auratus punctatus) We saw this bird on the lower elevation part of the trip: at Morro and at the Tunnel.
- **VERSICOLORED BARBET** (Eubucco versicolor) We were very lucky with this species at Afluente as they showed very well while foraging with the mixed flock that kept us busy there.

#### Ramphastidae (Toucans)

- **EMERALD TOUCANET (BLUE-THROATED)** (Aulacorhynchus prasinus caeruleogularis) We had a pair that responded splendidly to playback and flew across the Rio Chido to give us some wonderful views.
- **LETTERED ARACARI** (Pteroglossus inscriptus) During our birding morning at the Morro we came across a group of this birds foraging in some treetops.
- **CHESTNUT-EARED ARACARI** (Pteroglossus castanotis) We encountered this bird along the Juan Guerra road and next day at breakfast in the Morro.
- **GOLDEN-COLLARED TOUCANET** (Selenidera reinwardtii) What else can I say about the amazingly responsive and tame male that came in response to playback and sat on the open for a very long time allowing great views--and pictures!

BLACK-MANDIBLED TOUCAN (BLACK-MANDIBLED) (Ramphastos ambiguus abbreviatus) – At Afluente we scored with a group of this species that are very vocal.

WHITE-THROATED TOUCAN (Ramphastos tucanus cuvieri) – One was heard at a distance in the Afluente area. [\*]

## Picidae (Woodpeckers)

**SPECKLE-CHESTED PICULET** (Picumnus steindachneri) – During our first outing to Afluente some folks reported a piculetlike species that was later confirmed to be this little woodpecker.



- **SMOKY-BROWN WOODPECKER** (Picoides fumigatus) During our first hike along the road in Abra Patricia we saw at least one individual.
- **RED-STAINED WOODPECKER** (Veniliornis affinis) A female was seen briefly at the Tunnel area. Despite our attempts to lure it into the open, the bird did not show well.

GOLDEN-OLIVE WOODPECKER (Colaptes rubiginosus) – We saw one during our excursion to Afluente.

- **CRIMSON-MANTLED WOODPECKER** (Colaptes rivolii) At first I thought it was a red bromeliad at the distance, but Marjorie called it as a bird and yes! It was indeed this species.
- **LINEATED WOODPECKER** (Dryocopus lineatus) We saw this bird flying and wanted it to be the Crimson-bellied, but it turned out to be the less exciting Lineated.

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)



Lanceolated Monklets can be inconspicuous little devils, but fortunately they can also be pretty inactive, so when you are lucky enough to spot one, you're likely to get incredible, lengthy views, as we did. (Photo by tour participant Paul Cozza)

- **PALE-LEGGED HORNERO** (Furnarius leucopus) One heard at the Cliff Flycatcher spot. We also saw an old nest on one of the distant trees from where we were birding.
- AZARA'S SPINETAIL (Synallaxis azarae) Seen and heard at Abra Patricia.
- **DARK-BREASTED SPINETAIL** (Synallaxis albigularis) During our stop before Aguas Verdes, we heard this bird vocalizing not to far away from our location. After playback it came close and allowed us to see it very well.
- ASH-BROWED SPINETAIL (Cranioleuca curtata) We had a family group foraging in the flock we encountered at the Aguas Verdes area.
- **RUFOUS-FRONTED THORNBIRD** (Phacellodomus rufifrons) We came across quite a few nests of this species, as well as the birds themselves. Along the Juan Guerra road there was one pair working on their nest. [N]
- **EQUATORIAL GRAYTAIL** (Xenerpestes singularis) During our full day at Afluente we had a pair that responded to playback very well allowing great views to everybody.
- **SPOTTED BARBTAIL** (Premnoplex brunnescens) While waiting for our second attempt for the Long-whiskered Owlet, we heard an individual that was lured out with playback. Unfortunately the light was not the best to have great views of it.
- **PEARLED TREERUNNER** (Margarornis squamiger) As far as I know, only Jack saw this species our third day of the trip.

MONTANE FOLIAGE-GLEANER (Anabacerthia striaticollis) – We saw it twice at Afluente.

- **BUFF-BROWED FOLIAGE-GLEANER** (Syndactyla rufosuperciliata) At least one individual was seen but others also heard at Afluente.
- RUFOUS-TAILED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (Philydor ruficaudatum)
- **RUFOUS-RUMPED FOLIAGE-GLEANER** (Philydor erythrocercum) We saw one on that flock we encountered at Aguas Verdes. We even saw the rufous rump!
- **BUFF-FRONTED FOLIAGE-GLEANER** (Philydor rufum) We saw it twice: the first time at Morro and later at the tunnel.
- **BUFF-THROATED FOLIAGE-GLEANER** (Automolus ochrolaemus) Mostly heard, although the last day one individual was seen on the tunnel area.
- STREAKED XENOPS (Xenops rutilans) Seen and heard at different locations.
- **OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER** (Sittasomus griseicapillus) We had a very responsive but more importantly showy individual during our birding outing at the Morro.
- **OLIVE-BACKED WOODCREEPER** (Xiphorhynchus triangularis) We saw this species at Afluente.
- MONTANE WOODCREEPER (Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger) We saw this guy at our first stop along the Rio Chido.
- **LINEATED WOODCREEPER** (Lepidocolaptes albolineatus) We heard this canopy specialist and were able to lure a pair into the open with playback.

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

- **RUFOUS-CAPPED ANTSHRIKE** (Thamnophilus ruficapillus) If there were an easy-to-see award for birds, this species would make the short list. Even before we started playback, Paul saw it very well; then, needless to say, we all had great views.
- LINED ANTSHRIKE (Thamnophilus tenuepunctatus) At Afluente we heard it and lured a male into the open for fine views.
- PLAIN-WINGED ANTSHRIKE (Thamnophilus schistaceus) Heard only around the Waqanki gardens. [\*]
- **NORTHERN SLATY-ANTSHRIKE (MARANON)** (Thamnophilus punctatus huallagae) Yes! One of the specialties from the area that is part of a complex that may be split in the future.
- VARIABLE ANTSHRIKE (Thamnophilus caerulescens) Seen at Abra Patricia
- ASH-THROATED ANTWREN (Herpsilochmus parkeri) Heard only. It did not respond to playback; instead, Yellowbreasted did! [E\*]
- **YELLOW-BREASTED ANTWREN** (Herpsilochmus axillaris) Responded to the previous bird's vocalization, but it did not show. [\*]
- **LONG-TAILED ANTBIRD** (Drymophila caudata) We saw and heard this bird in the bamboo on several locations during the tour.
- BLACKISH ANTBIRD (BLACKISH) (Cercomacra nigrescens aequatorialis) Only heard around Afluente. [\*]
- BLACKISH ANTBIRD (FUSCICAUDA) (Cercomacra nigrescens fuscicauda) Also heard only, but around the Waqanki

area. [\*]

WHITE-BACKED FIRE-EYE (Pyriglena leuconota) – During our hike to the owlet spot, we heard a Rusty-breasted Antpitta and tried to lured it in with playback. Instead we had a very skittish individual of this species.

WHITE-BROWED ANTBIRD (Myrmoborus leucophrys) [\*]

**BLACK-FACED ANTBIRD** (Myrmoborus myotherinus) – A very raspy and unusual vocalization from this species fooled both of the leaders making them think that it was another species (Yellow-browed Antbird), which would have turned out to be a very significant extension of its range. Pepper and I will have a chance to compare the recording I made of its song with Dan Lane's recordings of this same population of Black-faceds at the end of August. If it turns out our bird was Yellow-browed, we'll let you know.

**PERUVIAN WARBLING-ANTBIRD** (Hypocnemis peruviana) [\*]

CHESTNUT-TAILED ANTBIRD (Myrmeciza hemimelaena hemimelaena) [\*]

## Formicariidae (Antthrushes)

BARRED ANTTHRUSH (Chamaeza mollissima) – This bird responded to the playback but never came close enough! [\*]

#### Grallariidae (Antpittas)

**RUSTY-TINGED ANTPITTA** (Grallaria przewalskii) [\*] **OCHRE-FRONTED ANTPITTA** (Grallaricula

- ochraceifrons) Heard about 800 meters out the owlet trail, but it only returned song in response to playback. [\*]
- **RUSTY-BREASTED ANTPITTA (TUMBES)** (Grallaricula ferrugineipectus leymebambae) Heard a couple of times in the Abra Patricia area. Antpitta vocalization was scant during our tour. [\*]

## Conopophagidae (Gnateaters)

**CHESTNUT-CROWNED GNATEATER** (Conopophaga castaneiceps) – Another species that responded to playback but did not show.

## Rhinocryptidae (Tapaculos)

TRILLING TAPACULO (Scytalopus parvirostris) [\*] RUFOUS-VENTED TAPACULO (Scytalopus femoralis) [\*] WHITE-CROWNED TAPACULO (Scytalopus atratus) [\*]



This stunning male Rufous-crested Coquette at the Waqanki feeders was one of an incredible 42 species of hummingbirds seen on the tour! (Photo by tour participant Paul Cozza)

## Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

WHITE-LORED TYRANNULET (Ornithion inerme) – A very responsive and nervous individual was seen at the Morro.
 WHITE-TAILED TYRANNULET (Mecocerculus poecilocercus) – The leaders had some quick views of this bird at the Rio Chido trail.

YELLOW-BELLIED ELAENIA (Elaenia flavogaster) – Seen several times at the lower elevation locations.

WHITE-CRESTED ELAENIA (Elaenia albiceps) – We saw it almost daily at the Abra Patricia area.

SIERRAN ELAENIA (Elaenia pallatangae) – Seen at the lodge and in elsewhere in the Abra Patricia area.

**TORRENT TYRANNULET** (Serpophaga cinerea) – A lifer for Maggie! We saw one at the river during the stop where we also saw the Rufous-capped Antshrike.

STREAK-NECKED FLYCATCHER (Mionectes striaticollis) - Seen almost daily.

**OCHRE-BELLIED FLYCATCHER** (Mionectes oleagineus) – When Nancy was asking about the Mionectes genus at the Tunnel, this little guy came onto the scene. Timing could not have been better!

- **SEPIA-CAPPED FLYCATCHER** (Leptopogon amaurocephalus) One heard at Juan Guerra, another bird briefly seen at the Morro trail.
- **SLATY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER** (Leptopogon superciliaris) Seen twice: once around Juan Guerra and later at Afluente.
- **MARBLE-FACED BRISTLE-TYRANT** (Phylloscartes ophthalmicus) We had good views of this species in one of the flocks we encountered during our full day excursion to Afluente.

**SPECTACLED BRISTLE-TYRANT** (Phylloscartes orbitalis) – Ditto

MOTTLE-CHEEKED TYRANNULET (Phylloscartes ventralis) - Ditto

- **ECUADORIAN TYRANNULET** (Phylloscartes gualaquizae) We saw this bird the two days we went to Afluente; our first encounter at Aguas Verdes was extraordinary.
- **SOOTY-HEADED TYRANNULET** (Phyllomyias griseiceps) We saw a pair extremely well at the Morro.
- **BLACK-CAPPED TYRANNULET** (Phyllomyias nigrocapillus) We had one individual that did not respond well to playback in the Rio Chido area.
- ASHY-HEADED TYRANNULET (Phyllomyias cinereiceps) Jack saw one in the Abra Patricia area.
- **PLUMBEOUS-CROWNED TYRANNULET** (Phyllomyias plumbeiceps) One extremely responsive bird that sat transfixed for us a little above Afluente; what a bird to see in the scope!
- **GOLDEN-FACED TYRANNULET** (Zimmerius chrysops) Common. We saw and heard it many times most every day! **AMAZONIAN SCRUB-FLYCATCHER** (Sublegatus obscurior) – Brief looks of this species at the Morro.
- **ORNATE FLYCATCHER** (Myiotriccus ornatus) Seen by Pepper in Afluente
- **SCALE-CRESTED PYGMY-TYRANT** (Lophotriccus pileatus) Against all odds, this bird performed better that I thought--by far! We all had great views of this little gem a little above Afluente.
- **BLACK-THROATED TODY-TYRANT** (Hemitriccus granadensis) During our hike on the Mono trail we heard and lured into the open this pretty tody-tyrant.
- **JOHNSON'S TODY-FLYCATCHER** (Poecilotriccus luluae) On our first morning birding the road around the lodge we scored this little gem. We all had great views of a pair that responded very well to playback. [E]
- COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER (Todirostrum cinereum) Seen at the Tunnel area
- YELLOW-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (Tolmomyias assimilis) Ditto
- **YELLOW-BREASTED FLYCATCHER** (Tolmomyias flaviventris) We saw this species first along the Juan Guerra road.
- **CINNAMON FLYCATCHER** (Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus) Seen and heard several times around Abra Patricia and Garcia.
- **CLIFF FLYCATCHER** (Hirundinea ferruginea) Well, this time we did not find the Cliff Flycatcher at its spot. Instead we found it at the Tunnel area.
- **OLIVE-CHESTED FLYCATCHER** (Myiophobus cryptoxanthus) One seen during our morning outing to Afluente the third day.
- SMOKE-COLORED PEWEE (Contopus fumigatus) We saw one individual at the Rio Chido area.
- BLACK PHOEBE (Sayornis nigricans) This population is sometimes called "White-winged Black Phoebe."
- RUFOUS-TAILED TYRANT (Knipolegus poecilurus) Common. A female was on the nest at Afluente. [N]
- **SLATY-BACKED CHAT-TYRANT (MAROON-BELTED)** (Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris angustifasciata) Part of the group had some looks of this bird during the second owlet try and later everybody caught up with one bird at the Rio Chido.
- **RUFOUS CASIORNIS** (Casiornis rufus) During Pepe's pilgrimage to find the vehicles, the group was able to see a pair of these birds along the Juan Guerra road.
- PALE-EDGED FLYCATCHER (Myiarchus cephalotes) Seen well at the lodge
- **GREAT KISKADEE** (Pitangus sulphuratus)
- SOCIAL FLYCATCHER (Myiozetetes similis)
- GOLDEN-CROWNED FLYCATCHER (Myiodynastes chrysocephalus) Seen well at the Tunnel
- STREAKED FLYCATCHER (Myiodynastes maculatus) Seen at different locations [N]
- VARIEGATED FLYCATCHER (Empidonomus varius) Our first day, along the Juan Guerra road, Maggie alerted us to this bird, which at first appeared to be a Piratic Flycatcher; but thanks to Bob's close eye, we corrected the ID. TROPICAL KINGBIRD (Tvrannus melancholicus)
- Cotingidae (Cotingas)
- **GREEN-AND-BLACK FRUITEATER** (Pipreola riefferii) We heard a few but none responded to playback. Later we found a pair foraging along the road and had nice views of them.
- BARRED FRUITEATER (Pipreola arcuata arcuata) The largest of the fruiteaters was heard only. [\*]
- CHESTNUT-CRESTED COTINGA (Ampelion rufaxilla) Groan. [\*]
- **ANDEAN COCK-OF-THE-ROCK** (Rupicola peruvianus) Well, we were all expecting to see at least one of these gaudy birds, and little by little, one by one started to emerge from the forest. Remember the vivid orange of the males against the lush green vegetation? We were wondering how many would have to come across before we could say: Oh, just

another cock-of-the-rock! Final count, 13 birds.

- **RED-RUFFED FRUITCROW** (Pyroderus scutatus) I'm still thinking about this one! Bob spotted a male in the middle of the bushes and the bird stayed long enough for us to enjoy amazing views of a bird that its not usually that easy to see. It was the very best I've seen it, by far!
- AMAZONIAN UMBRELLABIRD (Cephalopterus ornatus) Great looks of a male above our heads in the Afluente area.

#### Pipridae (Manakins)

- **FIERY-CAPPED MANAKIN** (Machaeropterus pyrocephalus) Heard around the feeders in Waqanki and along the road belong the Tunnel. [\*]
- BLUE-CROWNED MANAKIN (Lepidothrix coronata) A female was seen along the Juan Guerra road.

#### Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

MASKED TITYRA (Tityra semifasciata) - One seen at Afluente and one more heard at the Tunnel.

BARRED BECARD (Pachyramphus versicolor) - We had several good views of this species.

**WHITE-WINGED BECARD** (Pachyramphus polychopterus) – At the Morro a male responded very well to the playback allowing us great views of him.

#### Vireonidae (Vireos)

BROWN-CAPPED VIREO (Vireo leucophrys) - Seen regularly

**RED-EYED VIREO** (Vireo olivaceus) – Ditto

**DUSKY-CAPPED GREENLET** (Hylophilus hypoxanthus) – Great studies of this species at the lower part of the Tunnel road.

RUFOUS-BROWED PEPPERSHRIKE (Cyclarhis gujanensis) – Heard almost every day. At least one was seen.

#### Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)

- **WHITE-COLLARED JAY** (Cyanolyca viridicyanus) During one of our birding excursions along the Abra Patricia road, some folks were rewarded by having some looks at this jay.
- **GREEN JAY (INCA)** (Cyanocorax yncas yncas) The Inca version of the Green Jay was seen very well our first day. We came across others later during the trip as well.

#### Hirundinidae (Swallows)

BLUE-AND-WHITE SWALLOW (Pygochelidon cyanoleuca) - Seen every day!

WHITE-BANDED SWALLOW (Atticora fasciata) – We saw some at the Rio Mayo area our first day.

SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (Stelgidopteryx ruficollis)

GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN (Progne chalybea) – We had

great looks of an individual perched in front of us along the Rio Mayo.

BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN (Progne tapera)

## Troglodytidae (Wrens)

- **GRAY-MANTLED WREN** (Odontorchilus branickii) We had great views of this unusual wren at Afluente; it's almost invariably seen in mixed-species flocks.
- SHARPE'S WREN (Cinnycerthia olivascens) Nancy and Walt had good views of this species near the lodge tower.
- **CORAYA WREN** (Pheugopedius coraya) We heard them along the Rio Mayo and tried to lure them into view. Unfortunately, they did not show us much.

# SPECKLE-BREASTED WREN (MARANON)

(Pheugopedius sclateri sclateri) – Heard at Huembo. [\*] HOUSE WREN (Troglodytes aedon) – Almost every day!

**BAR-WINGED WOOD-WREN** (Henicorhina leucoptera) – On our first try some folks had some looks of this species. Our next time, the weather was awful and did not help to get another view of this wren.



A gorgeous male Golden-collared Honeycreeper was one of the highlights of a big mixed flock at Afluente. (Photo by tour participant Paul Cozza)

# GRAY-BREASTED WOOD-WREN (Henicorhina leucophrys) [\*]

SCALY-BREASTED WREN (SOUTHERN) (Microcerculus marginatus marginatus) - Heard at the Morro

#### Polioptilidae (Gnatcatchers)

**TROPICAL GNATCATCHER (TROPICAL)** (Polioptila plumbea parvirostris) – Heard along the Juan Guerra road and elsewhere. [\*]

## Cinclidae (Dippers)

WHITE-CAPPED DIPPER (Cinclus leucocephalus) – We spotted an adult on the Rio Chido and to our surprise it was building a nest! I had never seen the structure itself, so it was a very educational experience for me! How big and bulky, yet well-shaped. [N]

## Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

- **ANDEAN SOLITAIRE** (Myadestes ralloides) This bird was heard (remember the squeaking door-like sound?) and seen by some on the second owlet outing and along the Rio Chido.
- PALE-BREASTED THRUSH (Turdus leucomelas) It was seen around the Shilcayo area the last day in Tarapoto.
- **BLACK-BILLED THRUSH** (Turdus ignobilis) At Morro we saw some and later the last day as we drove from Abra Patricia.
- GREAT THRUSH (Turdus fuscater gigantodes) Every day at the proper elevation
- GLOSSY-BLACK THRUSH (Turdus serranus) Mostly heard
- **THRUSH (NEW SPECIES) (MORRO DE CALZADA)** (Turdus sp. nov. 1) =Turdus sanchezorum or Varzea Thrush? A possible flyby at the Morro.

## Parulidae (New World Warblers)

TROPICAL PARULA (Setophaga pitiayumi) – We saw this little beauty several times.

- CITRINE WARBLER (Myiothlypis luteoviridis) [\*]
- **BUFF-RUMPED WARBLER** (Myiothlypis fulvicauda) After hearing one in the lower Tunnel area, we lured it out and it performed well. In fact, I have never seen this species perching as high in vegetation as this individual did!
- **RUSSET-CROWNED WARBLER** (Myiothlypis coronatus inaequalis) Mostly heard but we had brief views of a male on the Mono trail.
- **SLATE-THROATED REDSTART** (Myioborus miniatus) At the lower elevations we found it in the mixed flocks. **SPECTACLED REDSTART** (Myioborus melanocephalus) – Replacing the preceding species at higher elevation.

<u>Coerebidae (Bananaquit)</u>

BANANAQUIT (Coereba flaveola)

## Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

**BLACK-FACED TANAGER** (Schistochlamys melanopis) – We spotted this bird at the Cliff Flycatcher (or should we call it the Pygmy-Owl?) spot sitting just above an aggravated pygmy-owl.

MAGPIE TANAGER (Cissopis leverianus) – Pepe saw one while looking for the bus the first day.

**WHITE-CAPPED TANAGER** (Sericossypha albocristata) – After a very disappointing first encounter with some at the road, we had an incredible show by a group that was foraging around the lodge tower. They came really close and as always blew me away!

BLACK-EARED HEMISPINGUS (Hemispingus melanotis) [\*]

# GRAY-HOODED BUSH TANAGER (Cnemoscopus rubrirostris)

- **GUIRA TANAGER** (Hemithraupis guira) While birding at the Tunnel, Paul spotted some birds foraging among the foliage and one was this species.
- **YELLOW-CRESTED TANAGER** (Tachyphonus rufiventer) We had excellent views of this bird when we stopped before lunch at Puente Verdes and came across a mixed flock. It was one of the first birds we saw and it was very cooperative.
- BLACK-BELLIED TANAGER (Ramphocelus melanogaster) At the same spot we had some looks of this bird but it didn't perform well enough for everybody; later we had several at Afluente; this tanager seemed scarce during our tour.
  [E]

SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER (Ramphocelus carbo) – Seen at several places at lower elevations. BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (Thraupis episcopus)

#### PALM TANAGER (Thraupis palmarum)

- **BLUE-WINGED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER** (Anisognathus somptuosus) During our hike along the Mono trail we came across a group of three.
- **GRASS-GREEN TANAGER** (Chlorornis riefferii) This astonishingly bright tanager was seen very well several times but in my humble opinion the best looks we had were along the Mono trail.
- **ORANGE-EARED TANAGER** (Chlorochrysa calliparaea bourcieri) We saw it at our birding stop at Aguas Verdes and later at Afluente.
- **TURQUOISE TANAGER** (Tangara mexicana) This was one of the species that came to look at the pygmy-owl at the no-Cliff Flycatcher spot.
- **PARADISE TANAGER** (Tangara chilensis) "Siete colores" we call it affectionately in Peru; seen very well at different locations.
- GREEN-AND-GOLD TANAGER (Tangara schrankii) Seen well at Afluente and at the pygmy-owl spot

GOLDEN TANAGER (Tangara arthus pulchra) – Another gem that we enjoyed watching

- **SAFFRON-CROWNED TANAGER** (Tangara xanthocephala venusta) A regular in the flocks we came across at Abra Patricia.
- GOLDEN-EARED TANAGER (Tangara chrysotis) Seen well at Afluente.
- FLAME-FACED TANAGER (Tangara parzudakii) This beauty also was well seen at Abra Patricia.
- **YELLOW-BELLIED TANAGER** (Tangara xanthogastra) Paul's photos confirm that we had at least one of these Tangaras in the mixed tanager flock we had at the Tunnel.
- **SPOTTED TANAGER** (Tangara punctata)
- **DOTTED TANAGER** (Tangara varia) YES! We saw this specialty very well at the Tunnel. In Peru, this gem is very restricted and we were at the right location to see this bird.
- BAY-HEADED TANAGER (Tangara gyrola) Seen very well several times
- **BLUE-NECKED TANAGER** (Tangara cyanicollis caeruleocephala) Sometimes I wonder why it is not called Bluehooded Tanager.
- MASKED TANAGER (Tangara nigrocincta) We saw it well in the tunnel
- **BERYL-SPANGLED TANAGER** (Tangara nigroviridis) Another beauty that we encountered in the Abra Patricia area regularly
- **BLUE-AND-BLACK TANAGER** (Tangara vassorii branickii) Ditto. The highest-dwelling Tangara, sometimes making it to the temperate zone.
- SILVERY TANAGER (Tangara viridicollis) Both male and female were seen repeatedly at Abra Patricia.
- BLACK-FACED DACNIS (Dacnis lineata) This bird with a Zorro mask was seen at the lower areas of our tour.
- BLUE DACNIS (Dacnis cayana) We had quite a few at Aguas Verdes and Afluente.
- GREEN HONEYCREEPER (Chlorophanes spiza) At Aguas Verdes and later a female at Waqanki
- PURPLE HONEYCREEPER (Cyanerpes caeruleus) Seen well at Morro and at the pygmy-owl spot
- **GOLDEN-COLLARED HONEYCREEPER** (Iridophanes pulcherrimus) WOW! Great views of a pair in a flock at Afluente.
- SWALLOW TANAGER (Tersina viridis) This one was seen at the Morro.

GRAYISH SALTATOR (Saltator coerulescens)

BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR (Saltator maximus)

SLATE-COLORED GROSBEAK (Saltator grossus) – Heard only at the tunnel [\*]

- Emberizidae (Buntings, Sparrows and Allies)
- BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (Volatinia jacarina) We saw a few while driving into Waqanki.
- **CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEEDEATER** (Sporophila castaneiventris) One of the very first birds we saw in this tour. There were quite a few perched on the wire outside the airport in Tarapoto.
- **WHITE-SIDED FLOWERPIERCER** (Diglossa albilatera) Seen twice. The way it flicks its wings remind me of the White-flanked Antwren from Amazonian lowlands.
- RUSTY FLOWERPIERCER (Diglossa sittoides) We only saw a female around the Rio Chido area.
- MASKED FLOWERPIERCER (Diglossa cyanea) Seen twice at Abra Patricia.
- SAFFRON FINCH (Sicalis flaveola) At the Tarapoto airport area

GRASSLAND YELLOW-FINCH (Sicalis luteola) - Seen around the Pomacochas lake

YELLOW-BREASTED BRUSH-FINCH (Atlapetes latinuchus) - Common around the lodge

**YELLOW-BROWED SPARROW** (Ammodramus aurifrons) – We heard it and saw it along the Tunnel road. The call of this bird reminds me of Grasshopper Sparrow.

RUFOUS-COLLARED SPARROW (Zonotrichia capensis) - Every day!

**COMMON BUSH-TANAGER** (Chlorospingus ophthalmicus) – Very common at Abra Patricia and the lodge **YELLOW-THROATED BUSH-TANAGER** (Chlorospingus flavigularis)

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)

**HEPATIC TANAGER (HIGHLAND)** (Piranga flava lutea) – We saw a female at the tunnel.

WHITE-WINGED TANAGER (Piranga leucoptera) – A pair seen on our morning outing at Afluente

CARMIOL'S TANAGER (YELLOW-LORED) (Chlorothraupis carmioli frenata) – Seen well at the Tunnel.

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

PERUVIAN MEADOWLARK (Sturnella bellicosa) - Seen briefly at Pomacochas

GIANT COWBIRD (Molothrus oryzivorus)

**ORANGE-BACKED TROUPIAL** (Icterus croconotus croconotus) – We enjoyed great views of this bird at the pygmyowl spot (formerly called the Cliff Flycatcher spot!).

**MOUNTAIN CACIQUE (GOLDEN-SHOULDERED)** (Cacicus chrysonotus peruvianus) [\*]

**SCARLET-RUMPED CACIQUE (SUBTROPICAL)** (Cacicus uropygialis uropygialis) – At Afluente we had great views of this bird. We could even see the scarlet on their rumps!

YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE (Cacicus cela) - Seen at the lower elevations

RUSSET-BACKED OROPENDOLA (Psarocolius angustifrons)

**CRESTED OROPENDOLA** (Psarocolius decumanus) – We had some flying along the road around Moyobamba.

Fringillidae (Siskins, Crossbills, and Allies)

PURPLE-THROATED EUPHONIA (Euphonia chlorotica) – We saw this lovely bird at the pygmy-owl spot...

THICK-BILLED EUPHONIA (Euphonia laniirostris) - And this one too!

BRONZE-GREEN EUPHONIA (Euphonia mesochrysa) – Seen near Puente Verdes while birding before lunch

**ORANGE-BELLIED EUPHONIA** (Euphonia xanthogaster) – We saw this species twice: first at Aguas Verdes and later at Afluente.

OLIVACEOUS SISKIN (Spinus olivaceus) - At least one male in one of the flocks at Afluente

Passeridae (Old World Sparrows)

HOUSE SPARROW (Passer domesticus) – At least one seen by Ron in the Tarapoto area [I]

# MAMMALS

SADDLEBACK TAMARIN (Saguinus fuscicollis) - A small group was seen at our breakfast spot in the Morro.

**BLACK AGOUTI** (Dasyprocta fuliginosa) – I do not know if anybody else saw this guy, but Pepe saw one around the cabins once.

**MOUNTAIN PACA** (Agouti taczanowskii) – A spectacular find by Pepe and his group on the second attempt for the owlet!

**TAYRA** (Eira barbara) – I did not know this species reached this elevation; we had great looks of it when gobbling on the bananas.

# **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Totals for the tour: 332 bird taxa and 4 mammal taxa