



Field Guides Tour Report

Peru's Magnetic North: Spatuletails, Owlet Lodge & More 2013

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Northern Peru has been the scene of some pretty exciting ornithological discoveries in the past several decades. In addition to already being home to one of the world's most unusual hummingbirds—the Marvelous Spatuletail—the region has also had more than a dozen new species described since about 1950, with several more awaiting their formal introduction to science! What's more, many of these birds are found along our route in the departments of Amazonas and San Martin.

We started out by flying in to the “jungle city” of Tarapoto from Lima... as different as night and day! Happily, we got there early enough to be able to do some mid-morning birding in a small patch of semi-deciduous forest at a site called Quebrada Upaquihoa, south of the city. Within the first half-hour, we managed to see the Mishana Tyrannulet (recently described), Chestnut-throated Spinetail, and White-flanked Antwren (of an as-yet-unnamed form), as well as several other birds that are more typical of a Bolivian avifauna than Peruvian. Passing a roosting island for Comb Ducks, we stopped and counted an astonishing 548, blowing my earlier high counts clear out of the water! From there, we drove to Moyobamba (after a cold drink and maybe some ice cream) where we spent our first night. The following morning, we continued birding an area I find particularly exciting because of the possibilities: the Mayo valley. We spent most of the morning in the communal reserve of Morro de Calzada, where a unique “campina rupestris” type habitat has more “Bolivian” birds such as Spot-tailed Nightjar and Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant, as well as many tanagers, tyrants, and the occasional barbet, aracari, and saltator to liven up breakfast in the field! A hike into the forest nearby gained us several more birds typical of lowland Amazonia. Some more stops in open marsh and agricultural land netted us some surprises: Pale-eyed Blackbird (which may not have been seen in this area since the '70s... and was described around then, too!) and Black-billed Seed-finch were top of the list. Then a drive up into the mountains to arrive at our lodging at the rustic, but comfortable, Owlet Lodge.



One of the many incredible montane tanagers to be seen in Peru's north: a snazzy Grass-green Tanager. (Photo by guide Dan Lane)

The next few days were spent in the higher elevations of the Owlet Lodge, as well as a couple of stints down into the subtropical zone around Afluente where we enjoyed a different avifauna. This area has pretty incredible birding, and on top of that, the scenery is pretty nice, too! We enjoyed seeing showy birds such as Royal Sunangel (another bird only recently described), Crimson-mantled Woodpecker, White-collared Jay, Grass-green Tanager, among others. Birds with more muted colors were in the ranks, too: Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant, Rufous Spinetail, Pearled Treerunner, and a surprise Olive Finch. Mixed-species flocks of tanagers played beside the road, and we gawked at their beauty. We also enjoyed the fruit-stealing Tayra that came to the feeder at the lodge, and the memorable morning when we enjoyed a White-capped Tanager family followed shortly thereafter by a skulky Chestnut Antpitta hopping about in the open to eat earthworms! There was too much to see, but we enjoyed all of it!

A leap over to Florida de Pomacochas, where we stayed at the “Ghost Motel” (complete with real mummy and bizarre paintings) allowed us the chance to visit the feeders at Huembo where clouds of violetears (both Green and Sparkling) occasionally were tempered by other hummingbirds, including our main target: Marvelous Spatuletail! One male came in several times and got a gasp out of us each time! Some other birds in the Utcubamba valley sweetened the pot, as well. Our local guide Santos told us about the trail by San Lorenzo (called the Chido Trail by most, perhaps better called the “Chido Trial”?), and assured us that it was “not too bad”... well, it certainly was steep and long, but for those who decided to walk to the Pale-billed Antpitta spot, there were some rewards. Even for those who turned back early, views of Red-hooded Tanager, Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia, and a few other choice morsels were excellent additions! Taking the rest of the day off to recover seemed like a good idea at the time... especially because of the plan for the following day...

Our last full day we decided to start early, and try *one last time* for that most mythical of beasts: Long-whiskered Owlet (yet another recently described species... and perhaps the most tantalizing of them all!). Our man Aurelio had told us of a fairly new trail where the bird was fairly easy, so we decided to give it a try... and, oh man, what a result! We not only enjoyed nearly 10 minutes of viewing of this stellar little owl, but then a Cinnamon

Screech-Owl AND a pair of Ochre-fronted Antpittas (*also* recently described!) doing their little twist dances on their perches! Could the day get better? Well, we enjoyed more flocks around Afluente, then stopped at the feeders at Waqanki, before finally heading to Tarapoto. It was a long, but very satisfying, day! Our final morning was spent up on the Cordillera Escalera road, where we enjoyed some more foothills birds. Perhaps the crowning view of the morning was the pair of Plumbeous Euphonias that showed well for us on that little ridge by the road!

All in all, it was a great tour... and reinforced that Peru is a great birding country! I hope you all agree, and Pepe and I hope to see you all again in the near future, perhaps in Peru again, to share more birding adventures! Meanwhile, keep them binoculars handy!

Good birding to all,

--Dan Lane

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)

GRAY TINAMOU (*Tinamus tao*) – One bird heard at the Escalera. [*]

CINEREOUS TINAMOU (*Crypturellus cinereus*) [*]

LITTLE TINAMOU (*Crypturellus soui*) [*]

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

COMB DUCK (SOUTH AMERICAN) (*Sarkidiornis melanotos sylvicola*) – Wow! The roost island on the Rio Huallaga produced an astonishing 548 individuals this time, which may be the most Comb Ducks ever seen together at once in the Americas! Quite a spectacle!

MUSCOVY DUCK (*Cairina moschata*) – One lonely-looking bird was hanging out with the Comb Ducks.

TORRENT DUCK (*Merganetta armata*) – Always a show. Thanks to Gregg for spotting them on the fly...

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

SPECKLED CHACHALACA (*Ortalis guttata*)

ANDEAN GUAN (*Penelope montagnii*)

WATTLED GUAN (*Aburria aburri*) – That funny rising-falling growl we heard on two evenings was the song of this otherwise secretive species. [*]

SICKLE-WINGED GUAN (*Chamaepetes goudotii*) – Pepe spotted a pair on the side of the road. Another pair the same afternoon was out in the open as we passed, but didn't want to be seen: when we backed up to them, they were gone.

Odontophoridae (New World Quail)

STARRED WOOD-QUAIL (*Odontophorus stellatus*) [*]

Podicipedidae (Grebes)

LEAST GREBE (*Tachybaptus dominicus*) – A few individuals in the marsh south of Tarapoto.

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba*)

SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula*)

CATTLE EGRET (*Bubulcus ibis*)

STRIATED HERON (*Butorides striata*)

Cathartidae (New World Vultures)

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*)

TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura*) – These birds are the white-naped 'ruficollis' that are a bit different from the red-headed birds west of the Andes, such as ours in North America.

GREATER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE (*Cathartes melambrotus*) – A widespread species found over lowland rainforest (even up into the Mayo valley).

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE (*Elanoides forficatus*)

SNAIL KITE (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*) – A couple of birds in the Mayo marshes.

BARRED HAWK (*Leucopternis princeps*) – A rare and poorly-known bird in Peru, we had an adult pass over the Afluente Ilanteria several times, suggesting that it was commuting to and from a nest.

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Buteo magnirostris*)

SHORT-TAILED HAWK (*Buteo brachyurus*) – One bird over the Rio Huallaga.

VARIABLE HAWK (*Buteo polyosoma*) – A couple of birds seen in the drier Utcubamba valley area west of Pomacochas.

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

BLACK CARACARA (*Daptrius ater*)

AMERICAN KESTREL (*Falco sparverius*)

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

RUFOUS-SIDED CRAKE (*Laterallus melanophaius*) [*]

RUSSET-CROWNED CRAKE (*Anurolimnas viridis*) [*]

BLACKISH RAIL (*Pardirallus nigricans*) [*]

PLUMBEOUS RAIL (*Pardirallus sanguinolentus*) – The only rail of the tour kind enough to show itself...

PURPLE GALLINULE (*Porphyrio martinica*)

COMMON GALLINULE (*Gallinula galeata*)

Aramidae (Limpkin)

LIMPKIN (*Aramus guarauna*) – Pepe's sharp eyes picked out this snail-eating crane in the Mayo marshes.

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)

PIED LAPWING (*Vanellus cayanus*) – A distant bird on the Rio Huallaga.

ANDEAN LAPWING (*Vanellus resplendens*)

Jacanidae (Jacanas)

WATTLED JACANA (*Jacana jacana*)

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*) [I]

BAND-TAILED PIGEON (*Patagioenas fasciata*)

PLUMBEOUS PIGEON (*Patagioenas plumbea*)

RUDDY PIGEON (*Patagioenas subvinacea*)

WEST PERUVIAN DOVE (*Zenaida meloda*) – One of the only birds we noted on the tour in Lima.

EARED DOVE (*Zenaida auriculata*)

RUDDY GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina talpacoti*)

BLUE GROUND-DOVE (*Claravis pretiosa*) – A snazzy dove we saw well at Morro de Calzada.

WHITE-TIPPED DOVE (DECOLOR) (*Leptotila verreauxi decolor*) – This was the form we heard west of the Owllet Lodge. [*]

WHITE-TIPPED DOVE (BRASILIENSIS GROUP) (*Leptotila verreauxi decipiens*) – Heard in the Mayo valley. [*]

GRAY-FRONTED DOVE (*Leptotila rufaxilla*) – Heard at Quebrada Upaquiuhua. [*]

WHITE-THROATED QUAIL-DOVE (*Geotrygon frenata*) – Seen by Gregg and Judy.

Psittacidae (Parrots)

MAROON-TAILED PARAKEET (*Pyrrhura melanura*) – A small group at the Escalera.

SCARLET-FRONTED PARAKEET (*Aratinga wagleri*) – Seen at our lowest elevation along the Rio Utcubamba.

MITRED PARAKEET (*Aratinga mitrata*) – A large flock around Huembo.

WHITE-EYED PARAKEET (*Aratinga leucophthalma*) – Several in the Mayo and Huallaga areas.

WHITE-WINGED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris versicolurus*) – A small group seen near the Huallaga.

COBALT-WINGED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris cyanoptera*)

BLUE-HEADED PARROT (*Pionus menstruus*)

SPECKLE-FACED PARROT (WHITE-CAPPED) (*Pionus tumultuosus seniloides*) – After hearing them on several days, we finally saw the 'Pimple-faced Parrot' in the scope at the lodge.

SCALY-NAPED PARROT (*Amazona mercenaria*)

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

LITTLE CUCKOO (*Coccyzina minuta*) – Seen at a pond in the Mayo valley.

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (*Piaya cayana*)

SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga ani*)

Strigidae (Owls)

CINNAMON SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops petersoni*) – A lucky find our last full morning!

WHITE-THROATED SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops albogularis*) [*]

ANDEAN PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium jardinii*) [*]

LONG-WHISKERED OWLET (*Xenoglaux loweryi*) – AWWW YEAH! After three tries at the Owllet Lodge, we followed up Aurelio's recommendation, and found a bird quickly at Alto Mayo! And what great views! A fantastic start to our last full day! [E]

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

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

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

COMMON PAURAUQUE (*Nyctidromus albicollis*) [*]

RUFOUS NIGHTJAR (*Caprimulgus rufus*) [*]

SPOT-TAILED NIGHTJAR (*Caprimulgus maculicaudus*) – One of these rare nightjars was seen reasonably well by most at Morro de Calzada.

LYRE-TAILED NIGHTJAR (*Uropsalis lyra*) – Thanks to the advice of a fellow tour guide, we saw a female on a recently-hatched chick beside the highway!

Steatornithidae (Oilbird)

OILBIRD (*Steatornis caripensis*) – On our first day, we enjoyed a view down into a slot canyon that was also home to nesting Oilbirds! Nice!

Apodidae (Swifts)

CHESTNUT-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne rutila*)

WHITE-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)

WHITE-TIPPED SWIFT (*Aeronautes montivagus*)

LESSER SWALLOW-TAILED SWIFT (*Panyptila cayennensis*)

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

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN (*Florisuga mellivora*)

GREEN HERMIT (*Phaethornis guy*)

KOEPCKE'S HERMIT (*Phaethornis koepckeae*) – One of the endemics of the tour, we saw this one well at the feeders in the Escalera. [E]

GRAY-CHINNED HERMIT (*Phaethornis griseogularis*) – These tiny hermits were hard to see well, but they snuck in near the ground from their song perches in the brush along the road at Puente Aguas Verdes.

GREEN-FRONTED LANCEBILL (*Doryfera ludovicae*) – A bird over the creek where the dippers and ducks were.

GREEN VIOLETEAR (*Colibri thalassinus*)

SPARKLING VIOLETEAR (*Colibri coruscans*) – The bullies at Huembo!

BLACK-THROATED MANGO (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*) – Easiest to see when you remove the rind. They also make a great dessert. Oh, wait... that's a different species of mango...

AMETHYST-THROATED SUNANGEL (*Heliangelus amethysticollis*) – Gordon got a view of one that showed up while we played a pygmy-owl cut while hiking up the Chido trail.

PURPLE-THROATED SUNANGEL (*Heliangelus viola*) – A very brief view of a bird at the feeders at Huembo was all we got.

ROYAL SUNANGEL (*Heliangelus regalis*) – Yes! A very lovely hummer we all saw well on that stunted vegetation ridge just above the road.

WIRE-CRESTED THORNTAIL (*Discosura popelairii*) – A female was foraging in the crown of a tree over our meal spot at Afluente.

RUFIOUS-CRESTED COQUETTE (*Lophornis delattrei*) – Great views of a pair at Waqanki.

ECUADORIAN PIEDTAIL (*Phlogophilus hemileucurus*) – After a fleeting glimpse or two by a few folks, one bird posed for us for a while at lower elevations between Afluente and Aguas Verdes.

SPECKLED HUMMINGBIRD (*Adelomyia melanogenys*)

LONG-TAILED SYLPH (*Agelaiocercus kingi*)

GREEN-TAILED TRAINBEARER (*Lesbia nuna*) – Despite my having called it a 'Black-tailed' at first, the trainbearers around the Pomacochas hotel ended up being all Green-tailed.

TYRIAN METALTAIL (*Metallura tyrianthina*)

EMERALD-BELLIED PUFFLEG (*Eriocnemis alinae*) – Quite a good number of views of this lovely, puffy-legged hummer.

MARVELOUS SPATULETAIL (*Loddigesia mirabilis*) – Fantastic! The views were not very long (thanks to the exclusionary Violetears), but a fine male showed at the feeders at Huembo three times or so, so all got to enjoy his splendor! [E]

BRONZY INCA (*Coeligena coeligena*) – The 'drab' hummingbird at the feeders at Huembo.

COLLARED INCA (*Coeligena torquata*)

VIOLET-THROATED STARFRONTLET (*Coeligena violifer dichroua*)

SWORD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD (*Ensifera ensifera*) – Two chance views, one at the pass, the other on the Chido trail (where a tailless bird perched for some of us!).

CHESTNUT-BREASTED CORONET (*Boissonneaua matthewsii*) – The bully at the Owllet Lodge feeder.

BOOTED RACKET-TAIL (*Ocreatus underwoodii*)

GOULD'S JEWELFRONT (*Heliodoxa aurescens*) – A handsome bird we saw at the Escalera feeders.

FAWN-BREASTED BRILLIANT (*Heliodoxa rubinoides*) – Another one at the feeders at Owllet Lodge.

VIOLET-FRONTED BRILLIANT (*Heliodoxa leadbeateri*) – One male showed briefly at Huembo.

WHITE-BELLIED WOODSTAR (*Chaetocercus mulsant*) – The little bumblebee like hummer at the Owllet Lodge.

LITTLE WOODSTAR (*Chaetocercus bombus*) – A female of this tiny species delighted us at Huembo.

BLUE-TAILED EMERALD (*Chlorostilbon mellisugus*) – A brief view of a bird at Upaquihua.

VIOLET-HEADED HUMMINGBIRD (*Klais guimeti*) – Gregg spotted a singing male on a perch below Afluente.

GRAY-BREASTED SABREWING (*Campylopterus largipennis*) – The big hummer at Waqanki.

FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania furcata*)

MANY-SPOTTED HUMMINGBIRD (*Taphrospilus hypostictus*) – At Waqanki.

WHITE-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia chionogaster*) – Common in the garden at Pomacochas and at Huembo.

ANDEAN EMERALD (*Amazilia franciae cyanocollis*) – A bird showed briefly at Huembo, and others were evident farther down the Utcubamba.

SAPPHIRE-SPANGLED EMERALD (*Amazilia lactea*) – Nice views at Waqanki and the Escalera.

GOLDEN-TAILED SAPPHIRE (*Chrysuronia oenone*) – Seen in the same spots as the last.

WHITE-CHINNED SAPPHIRE (*Hylocharis cyanus*) – That one with the incredible violet head at Waqanki.

Trogonidae (Trogons)

GOLDEN-HEADED QUETZAL (*Pharomachrus auriceps*) – Great views along the road above Afluente on Day 6.

GREEN-BACKED TROGON (*Trogon viridis*) – Formerly White-tailed Trogon. Jim saw one at Morro de Calzada.

BLUE-CROWNED TROGON (*Trogon curucui*) [*]

COLLARED TROGON (*Trogon collaris*)

MASKED TROGON (*Trogon personatus*) [*]

Momotidae (Motmots)

RUFOUS MOTMOT (*Baryphthengus martii*) [*]

BROAD-BILLED MOTMOT (*Electron platyrhynchum*) – Nicely seen at Morro de Calzada.

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

AMAZON KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle amazona*) – Seen at the ponds in the Mayo valley.

Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

STRIOLATED PUFFBIRD (*Nystalus striolatus*) – The western Amazonian form has recently been named "Western Striolated Puffbird" (*Nystalus obamai*) by our own Bret Whitney in the just-published Handbook of Birds of the World!

LANCEOLATED MONKLET (*Micromonacha lanceolata*) – A great view of this little cutie at Afluente.

WHITE-FACED NUNBIRD (*Haploptila castanea*) – This rare puffbird was one we heard our first morning on the Owlet Trail. [*]

BLACK-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa nigrifrons*)

WHITE-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa morphoeus*)

SWALLOW-WINGED PUFFBIRD (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*) – A pair near a nest near the Huallaga was nice. [N]

Galbulidae (Jacamars)

BLUISH-FRONTED JACAMAR (*Galbula cyanescens*)

Capitonidae (New World Barbets)

GILDED BARBET (*Capito auratus punctatus*) – Nice views of several at Morro de Calzada.

VERSICOLORED BARBET (*Eubucco versicolor steerii*) – These flashy barbets put on a nice show at Afluente!

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

EMERALD TOUCANET (BLACK-THROATED) (*Aulacorhynchus prasinus cyanolaemus*) – Ignore the 'Black-throated' in the name... here they have blue throats/

CHESTNUT-EARED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus castanotis*)

GOLDEN-COLLARED TOUCANET (*Selenidera reinwardtii*) – A nice male at Morro de Calzada.

WHITE-THROATED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos tucanus cuvieri*) – Seen at the tunnel at the Escalera.

CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos vitellinus culminatus*) – This was the large toucan at Morro de Calzada.

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

LAFRESNAYE'S PICULET (*Picumnus lafresnayi*) – Seen the first two days of the tour at lower elevations.

SPECKLE-CHESTED PICULET (*Picumnus steindachneri*) – The piculet we saw well at Afluente. [E]

YELLOW-TUFTED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes cruentatus*)

SMOKY-BROWN WOODPECKER (*Picoides fumigatus*) – A pair at Afluente was nice!

LITTLE WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis passerinus*)

RED-STAINED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis affinis*) – Seen well at Upaquihua.

WHITE-THROATED WOODPECKER (*Piculus leucolaemus*) – Great views of this often rare woodpecker at the tunnel in the Escalera.

GOLDEN-OLIVE WOODPECKER (*Colaptes rubiginosus*) – In the flocks at Afluente.

CRIMSON-MANTLED WOODPECKER (*Colaptes rivolii*) – An eye-catching woodpecker we enjoyed at the Owlet Lodge.

ANDEAN FLICKER (*Colaptes rupicola cinereicapillus*) – Often found where there is no wood to peck, we saw several at the start of the Chido trail.

LINEATED WOODPECKER (*Dryocopus lineatus*)

CRIMSON-BELLIED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus haematogaster*) – Wow! Great views of a very rare large woodpecker of the Andes!

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

PALE-LEGGED HORNERO (PALE-LEGGED) (*Furnarius leucopus tricolor*) [*]

AZARA'S SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis azarae*)

DARK-BREASTED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis albigularis*)

CHESTNUT-THROATED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis cherriei*) – Another rare species we lucked onto at Upaquihua. One of the first birds of the tour!

RUFOUS SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis unirufa*)

ASH-BROWED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca curtata*) – Unlike the above spinetails, this one is in the canopy, and joins flocks around Afluente.

RUFOUS-FRONTED THORNBIRD (*Phacellodomus rufifrons*) – The big stick nests in the Mayo valley are obvious, but the birds themselves aren't much to get very excited about...

SPOTTED BARBTAIL (*Premnoplex brunnescens*) – Boy, these lil' fellers like to stick to dense vegetation, don't they?

PEARLED TREERUNNER (*Margarornis squamiger*) – A mighty smart-looking furnariid!

STREAKED TUFTEDCHEEK (*Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii*) – Also handsome with its puffy white cheeks.

MONTANE FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Anabacerthia striaticollis*) – Another furnariid of the flocks at Afluente.

BUFF-BROWED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Syndactyla rufosuperciliata*) – This one showed briefly at the bottom of the Chido trail.

BUFF-FRONTED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor rufum*) – Another furnariid of the flocks at Afluente.

BLACK-BILLED TREEHUNTER (*Thripadectes melanorhynchus*) – Great looks at this often-secretive furnariid at Afluente.

RUFOUS-BACKED TREEHUNTER (*Thripadectes scrutator*) – Sheesh, the English name of this one is all over the map: Buff-throated or Peruvian or Rufous-backed Treehunter! This was the one we had one evening near the owlet bench on the Owlet Trail.

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

STREAKED XENOPS (*Xenops rutilans*)

TYRANNINE WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla tyrannina*) [*]

OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (AMAZONIAN) (*Sittasomus griseicapillus amazonus*) – The small, unstreaked woodcreeper we had in the Mayo valley.

WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*)

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

BLACK-BANDED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes picumnus*) – The woodcreeper we saw below Afluente our last full day.

STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Dendroplex picus*) – At Upaquihoa.

BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER (LAFRESNAYE'S) (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus guttatooides*) – Also at Upaquihoa.

OLIVE-BACKED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus triangularis*) – The most common highland woodcreeper.

MONTANE WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger*) – At the road right at the pass.

LINEATED WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes albolineatus*) – At Morro de Calzada.

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

GREAT ANTSHRIKE (*Taraba major*) – The big black-and-white monster with the fiery red eye!

BARRED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus doliatus*)

RUFOUS-CAPPED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus ruficapillus*) – Right in the garden of the hotel at Pomacochas.

LINED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus tenuipunctatus*) – A pair at Afluente showed well.

NORTHERN SLATY-ANTSHRIKE (MARANON) (*Thamnophilus punctatus huallagae*) – This subspecies is only known from around the Upaquihoa area.

VARIABLE ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus caerulescens*) – Truly variable, as males in the lowlands of eastern Bolivia are gray and white, and in southeastern Brazil they are gray and buff. But here in the Andes, they're black.

UNIFORM ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus unicolor*) – A montane species we heard (and, frustratingly, it wouldn't approach to be seen!) on the Owllet Trail. [*]

PLAIN ANTVIREO (*Dysithamnus mentalis*) – Judy saw this one well.

STRIPE-CHESTED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula longicauda*) – The Black-and-white Warbler-like bird we saw at Upaquihoa.

WHITE-FLANKED ANTWREN (WHITE-FLANKED) (*Myrmotherula axillaris melaena*) – The form we saw at Morro de Calzada.

WHITE-FLANKED ANTWREN (WHITE-FLANKED) (*Myrmotherula axillaris* (Huallaga valley)) – The form we saw at Upaquihoa.

SLATY ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula schisticolor*) [*]

YELLOW-BREASTED ANTWREN (*Herpsilochmus axillaris*) – Often a hard one to see. This year, a male sat for a good five or ten minutes and rested in a tree crown at eye level!

RUFOUS-WINGED ANTWREN (*Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus*) – At Upaquihoa.

RUSTY-BACKED ANTWREN (*Formicivora rufa*) – At Upaquihoa.

LONG-TAILED ANTBIRD (*Drymophila caudata*) – A well-named bird that was in the dense bamboo on the Owllet Trail. Recently, friends of mine have reassessed the taxonomy within this species, and the result was a split. The present population has been renamed "Streak-headed Antbird" (*D. striaticeps*)... so now you are warned...

BLACKISH ANTBIRD (BLACKISH) (*Cercomacra nigrescens aequatorialis*) – A pair showed pretty well at Afluente.

WHITE-BACKED FIRE-EYE (*Pyriglena leuconota*) – Also at Afluente.

WHITE-BROWED ANTBIRD (*Myrmoborus leucophrys koenigorum*) – This was one of the antbirds we enjoyed at Upaquihoa. The population there often has an entirely white crown, and belongs to subspecies *koenigorum*.

BLACK-FACED ANTBIRD (*Myrmoborus myotherinus*) – A couple of folks got a glimpse of this antbird near the tunnel at the Escalera, but the bird wasn't responding well to playback.

PERUVIAN WARBLING-ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis peruviana*) – A pair at Morro de Calzada showed well.

SPOT-WINGED ANTBIRD (*Schistocichla leucostigma*) – Also at Morro de Calzada.

Grallariidae (Antpittas)

CHESTNUT-CROWNED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria ruficapilla*) – On the Chido Trail. [*]

PALE-BILLED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria carrikeri*) – I think only Santos, Pepe, and Gregg heard this one. [E*]

RUSTY-TINGED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria przewalskii*) – Heard on a couple of days, but none close enough to work on. [E*]

CHESTNUT ANTPITTA (*Grallaria blakei*) – Thanks to that fellow at the Owllet Lodge, we enjoyed fine views of this local endemic! [E]

OCHRE-FRONTED ANTPITTA (*Grallaricula ochraceifrons*) – Woo hoo! This is the way I like observing antpittas! We had terrific views of a pair, and even got to see them do their 'Shakira' belly dance! [E]

RUSTY-BREASTED ANTPITTA (SOUTHERN) (*Grallaricula ferrugineipectus leymebambae*) – Mostly heard at the Owllet site one evening, but a few saw the silhouette of the bird as it flew over us.

Conopophagidae (Gnateaters)

CHESTNUT-CROWNED GNATEATER (*Conopophaga castaneiceps*) – Seen on two different days around Afluente.

Rhinocryptidae (Tapaculos)

BLACKISH TAPACULO (PERUVIAN) (*Scytalopus latrans intermedius*) – This form (probably best separated out as a species) was seen by a few on the Chido Trail.

TRILLING TAPACULO (*Scytalopus parvirostris*) – Heard close by on the Chido Trail.

RUFOUS-VENTED TAPACULO (*Scytalopus femoralis*) – The widespread tapaculo that we basically heard most days (and never really saw despite

several efforts). [E*]

WHITE-CROWNED TAPACULO (*Scytalopus atratus*) – By comparison, I think pretty much everyone saw the white forehead blaze of this lil' tapaculo! In reality, this form is an undescribed species presently shuffled under this name until better sense can be made of its taxonomic situation.

Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

WHITE-LORED TYRANNULET (*Ornithion inermis*) [*]

SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET (SOUTHERN) (*Camptostoma obsoletum maranonicum*) – Seen in the Utcubamba canyon.

UNSTREAKED TIT-TYRANT (*Anairetes agraphia*) – Great views of this friendly little tyrant. In reality, it is a bit streaked, but compared to other tit-tyrants, not so much. [E]

YELLOW TYRANNULET (*Capsiempis flaveola*) – A pair sang right over our heads at Morro de Calzada.

FOREST ELAENIA (*Myiopagis gaimardii*) – One seen at Morro de Calzada.

YELLOW-BELLIED ELAENIA (*Elaenia flavogaster*) [*]

LESSER ELAENIA (*Elaenia chiriquensis*) – Also at Morro de Calzada.

HIGHLAND ELAENIA (*Elaenia obscura*) [*]

SIERRAN ELAENIA (*Elaenia pallatangae*) – The common elaenia at Abra Patricia.

TORRENT TYRANNULET (*Serpophaga cinerea*) – The tiny gray and black tyrants on the rocks along the creek at the Torrent Duck site.

OLIVE-STRIPED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes olivaceus*) – Seen in several flocks at Afluente.

SEPIA-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Leptopogon amaurocephalus*) – At Morro de Calzada.

SLATY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Leptopogon superciliaris*) – In flocks at Afluente.

INCA FLYCATCHER (*Leptopogon taczanowskii*) – Seen one day at the lodge. [E]

MARBLE-FACED BRISTLE-TYRANT (*Phylloscartes ophthalmicus*) – In Afluente flocks.

MOTTLE-CHEEKED TYRANNULET (*Phylloscartes ventralis*) – At the Owllet Lodge.

ECUADORIAN TYRANNULET (*Phylloscartes gualaquizeae*) – Afluente flocks.

SOOTY-HEADED TYRANNULET (*Phyllomyias griseiceps*) – A pair showed well in the tree by the building at Morro de Calzada.

BLACK-CAPPED TYRANNULET (*Phyllomyias nigrocapillus*) – One was in a flock at the Owllet Lodge.

PLUMBEOUS-CROWNED TYRANNULET (*Phyllomyias plumbeiceps*) – Afluente flocks.

MISHANA TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius villarejoi*) – Two excellent views of this recently-named tyrannulet: one at Upaquihoa, and another at Waqanki [E]

PERUVIAN TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius viridiflavus*) – Common in most areas on the tour (especially at higher elevations). This population has been shuffled back and forth between Peruvian and Golden-faced tyrannulets, but recent molecular work, along with vocalizations, show that it is conspecific with Peruvian despite looking like Golden-faced. [E]

ORNATE FLYCATCHER (*Myiotriccus ornatus*) – A really sharply-dressed little tyrant we enjoyed at Afluente.

RUFOUS-HEADED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Pseudotriccus ruficeps*) – This little feller buzzed and snapped his bill in his cute version of rage on the Owllet trail and again on the entrance to the lodge.

WHITE-BELLIED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Myiornis albiventris*) – Another tiny cute tyrant we enjoyed at Upaquihoa.

SCALE-CRESTED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Lophotriccus pileatus*) – Like a mini-Harpy Eagle, we enjoyed views of this one at Afluente.

WHITE-EYED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus zosterops*) – In the shorter scrub at Morro de Calzada.

STRIPE-NECKED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus striaticollis*) – Also at Morro de Calzada (heck of a place for tyrants, no?), where a chick was being fed by an adult before our own breakfast.

PEARLY-VENTED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer*) – At various sites at the Huallaga and Mayo valleys.

BLACK-THROATED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus granadensis*) – Right near the building at Owllet Lodge.

CINNAMON-BREASTED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus cinnamomeipectus*) – Unfortunate that we didn't see this one, but we heard it at Owllet Lodge and Alto Mayo. [*]

JOHNSON'S TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Poecilatriccus luluae*) – Another stonker we enjoyed on several occasions near Owllet Lodge. [E]

COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum cinereum*) – Best seen at Waqanki.

YELLOW-BROWED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum*) – This tiny critter was chipping away as we enjoyed breakfast at Morro de Calzada.

YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER (ANDES) (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens peruvianus*) – In flocks at Afluente.

YELLOW-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias assimilis*) [*]

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

CINNAMON FLYCATCHER (*Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus*) – Seen at several points in the mountains.

CLIFF FLYCATCHER (*Hirundinea ferruginea*) – Well named: this one breeds at cliffs, such as the ones where we saw it in Alto Mayo and again on the Escalera.

TAWNY-BREASTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiobius villosus*) – The redstart-like yellow-rumped tyrant in a flock at Afluente.

FLAVESCENT FLYCATCHER (*Myiophobus flavicans*) – One Judy photographed showed well subsequently at Owllet Lodge.

OLIVE-CHESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiophobus cryptoxanthus*) – A rather flavorless flycatcher (and thus endearing!) around Afluente.

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

SMOKE-COLORED PEWEE (*Contopus fumigatus*)

BLACK PHOEBE (*Sayornis nigricans*) – Along creeks.

RUFOUS-TAILED TYRANT (*Knipolegus poecilurus*) – Mostly in stunted forest.

LITTLE GROUND-TYRANT (*Muscisaxicola fluviatilis*) – That tan-colored ground tyrant we saw on the patio at Pomacochas as we did the checklist.

SLATY-BACKED CHAT-TYRANT (MAROON-BELTED) (*Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris angustifasciata*) – One pair was being a bit sneaky, but

most saw them with their white headlights and chestnut breast band.

RUFOUS-BREASTED CHAT-TYRANT (*Ochthoeca rufipectoralis*) – This and the next were on the Chido Trail.

BROWN-BACKED CHAT-TYRANT (*Ochthoeca fumicolor*)

LONG-TAILED TYRANT (*Colonia colonus*) – Well named! Often sitting on dead snags by clearings.

RUFOUS CASIORNIS (*Casiornis rufus*) – One seen at Upaquihoa.

PALE-EDGED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus cephalotes*) – Right around the lodge at Owllet Lodge.

BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*) [*]

GREAT KISKADEE (*Pitangus sulphuratus*) – Mostly at lower elevations, along with the next few look-alikes.

BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER (*Megarynchus pitangua*)

SOCIAL FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes similis*)

DUSKY-CHESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes luteiventris*) – A pair showed well at the tunnel at the Escalera.

LEMON-BROWED FLYCATCHER (*Conopias cinchoneti*) – Look up at the treetops to see this one!

GOLDEN-CROWNED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes chrysocephalus*) – A pair at the bridge at Aguas Verdes.

STREAKED FLYCATCHER (SOLITARIUS) (*Myiodynastes maculatus solitarius*)

VARIEGATED FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus varius*) – At Morro de Calzada during breakfast.

CROWNED SLATY FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus aurantioatrocristatus*) – Also at Morro de Calzada.

TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

GREEN-AND-BLACK FRUITEATER (*Pipreola riefferii*) – Seen our first full day at Owllet Lodge, but heard after that.

BARRED FRUITEATER (*Pipreola arcuata arcuata*) – One nice male at Chido Trail.

ANDEAN COCK-OF-THE-ROCK (*Rupicola peruvianus*) – Around Afluente, where on our last day, we saw something like seven or eight in a space of two minutes!

RED-RUFFED FRUITCROW (*Pyroderus scutatus*) – Wow, that was a lucky find! Two birds beside the road the evening we checked the Lyre-tailed Nightjar!

SCREAMING PIHA (*Lipaugus vociferans*) – Heard from the euphonia spot at the Escalera. [*]

Pipridae (Manakins)

SULPHUR-BELLIED TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Neopelma sulphureiventer*) – Nice views at Upaquihoa.

STRIPED MANAKIN (AUREOPECTUS) (*Machaeropterus regulus aureopectus*) – A male performed rather nicely at Morro de Calzada! This form may be best considered a separate species from the rest of Striped Manakin... but the slackers who are supposed to be doing the work are sitting on their thumbs (ahem... am I blushing?).

FIERY-CAPPED MANAKIN (*Machaeropterus pyrocephalus*) [*]

GOLDEN-HEADED MANAKIN (*Pipra erythrocephala*) – Seen at Morro de Calzada.

WING-BARRED PIPRITES (*Piprites chloris*) – One showed well at Afluente.

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

MASKED TITYRA (*Tityra semifasciata*)

GREEN-BACKED BECARD (YELLOW-CHEEKED) (*Pachyramphus viridis xanthogenys*) – A male showed well at the tunnel at Escalera. Turns out, we were standing under its nest! [N]

BARRED BECARD (*Pachyramphus versicolor*) – A regular member of mixed flocks at Owllet Lodge.

Vireonidae (Vireos)

BROWN-CAPPED VIREO (*Vireo leucophrys*) – Also in flocks at Owllet Lodge.

RED-EYED VIREO (*Vireo olivaceus*) – Birds at lower elevations could be local breeders or migrant 'chivi' from Bolivia and Argentina.

LEMON-CHESTED GREENLET (*Hylophilus thoracicus*) [*]

ASHY-HEADED GREENLET (*Hylophilus pectoralis*) – A bird was sneaky, but visible at Upaquihoa.

OLIVACEOUS GREENLET (*Hylophilus olivaceus*) – This rather bland vireo showed well at Afluente.

SLATY-CAPPED SHRIKE-VIREO (*Vireolanius leucotis*) – A bird showed well just before breakfast at the tunnel at Escalera.

RUFOUS-BROWED PEPPERSHRIKE (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*) – After hearing many, we finally enjoyed views at Huembo.

Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)

WHITE-COLLARED JAY (*Cyanolyca viridicyanus*) – Great views of this striking jay on several days!

GREEN JAY (INCA) (*Cyanocorax yncas yncas*) – Another lovely jay we saw well on several occasions.

VIOLACEOUS JAY (*Cyanocorax violaceus*) – Along the Huallaga.

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

BLUE-AND-WHITE SWALLOW (*Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*) – One of the few birds seen every day of the tour.

BROWN-BELLIED SWALLOW (*Orochelidon murina*) – On the Chido Trail.

WHITE-BANDED SWALLOW (*Atticora fasciata*)

SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)

GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN (*Progne chalybea*)

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

THRUSH-LIKE WREN (*Campylorhynchus turdinus*) – Seen well below Afluente.

SHARPE'S WREN (*Cinnycerthia olivascens*) – A family group showed well for us on the Owlet Trail.

PLAIN-TAILED WREN (*Pheugopedius euophrys schulenbergi*) – A family group of these (named for my friend, and lead author of *Birds of Peru*, Tom Schulenberg) was seen on the Chido Trail.

CORAYA WREN (*Pheugopedius coraya*) [*]

SPECKLE-BREASTED WREN (MARANON) (*Pheugopedius sclateri sclateri*) [*]

BUFF-BREASTED WREN (*Cantorchilus leucotis*) [*]

HOUSE WREN (*Troglodytes aedon*) – The only other bird encountered (mostly heard) daily on the tour.

MOUNTAIN WREN (*Troglodytes solstitialis*) – A bit like our Winter Wren, but a flocking bird in cloud forest.

BAR-WINGED WOOD-WREN (*Henicorhina leucoptera*) – Great views of this relatively recently-described species near the Royal Sunangel spot!

GRAY-BREASTED WOOD-WREN (*Henicorhina leucophrys*) – Heard often, but seen well at Afluente.

SCALY-BREASTED WREN (SOUTHERN) (*Microcerculus marginatus marginatus*) – A great experience with this unwrenlike wren at Morro de Calzada.

CHESTNUT-BREASTED WREN (*Cyphorhinus thoracicus thoracicus*) – We certainly tried to see this fine songster, but it beat us in the end...

Polioptilidae (Gnatcatchers)

TROPICAL GNATCATCHER (TROPICAL) (*Polioptila plumbea parvirostris*) – Upaquihua.

Cinclidae (Dippers)

WHITE-CAPPED DIPPER (*Cinclus leucocephalus*) – Good spotting by Jeff at the bridge below Owlet Lodge.

Donacobiidae (Donacobius)

BLACK-CAPPED DONACOBIOUS (*Donacobius atricapilla*) – Amazing to have this--usually marshland--species up in the foothills nearly to Afluente!

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

ANDEAN SOLITAIRE (*Myadestes ralloides*) – Heard several times, but seen well on day 6.

SLATY-BACKED NIGHTINGALE-THRUSH (*Catharus fuscater*) – One of these often very secretive thrushes showed well shortly before dark one evening on the Owlet Trail.

PALE-BREASTED THRUSH (*Turdus leucomelas*) – At Morro de Calzada.

BLACK-BILLED THRUSH (*Turdus ignobilis*) [*]

SLATY THRUSH (*Turdus nigricaps*) – Seen our last full day as we passed below Afluente.

GREAT THRUSH (*Turdus fuscater gigantodes*) – Common!

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

Parulidae (New World Warblers)

TROPICAL PARULA (*Setophaga pitiayumi*)

THREE-STRIPED WARBLER (*Basileuterus tristriatus tristriatus*)

CITRINE WARBLER (*Myiothlypis luteoviridis striaticeps*) – Noisy and very defensive of their territories!

BLACK-CRESTED WARBLER (*Myiothlypis nigrocristatus*) – In the garden at Pomacochas.

BUFF-RUMPED WARBLER (*Myiothlypis fulvicauda*) [*]

RUSSET-CROWNED WARBLER (*Myiothlypis coronatus inaequalis*)

SLATE-THROATED REDSTART (*Myioborus miniatus*)

SPECTACLED REDSTART (*Myioborus melanocephalus*)

Coerebidae (Bananaquit)

BANANAQUIT (*Coereba flaveola*)

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

BLACK-FACED TANAGER (*Schistochlamys melanopsis*) – In the Mayo valley.

MAGPIE TANAGER (*Cissopis leverianus*) – Well named!

WHITE-CAPPED TANAGER (*Sericossypha albocristata*) – A great experience with a family group of these very jaylike tanagers!

CHESTNUT-VENTED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum speciosum*) – At Upaquihua.

BLUE-BACKED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum sitticolor*) – Seen by some at Chido Trail.

WHITE-SHOULDERED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus luctuosus*) – A male at the Huallaga.

WHITE-LINED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus rufus*) – In the Mayo valley.

BLACK-BELLIED TANAGER (*Ramphocelus melanogaster*) – Also called 'Huallaga Tanager', it is actually replaced along the Huallaga (near Tarapoto, anyway) by Silver-beaked now. [E]

SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER (*Ramphocelus carbo*)

BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus*)

PALM TANAGER (*Thraupis palmarum*)

BLUE-CAPPED TANAGER (*Thraupis cyanocephala*)

HOODED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Buthraupis montana*) – These monstrous tanagers were high above us as we hiked through that open area on the Owlet Trail.

LACRIMOSE MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Anisognathus lacrymosus*)

BLUE-WINGED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Anisognathus somptuosus*) – Pretty striking in black, blue, and yellow!

GRASS-GREEN TANAGER (*Chlorornis riefferii*) – A crazy color scheme: deep green, red bill and legs, and chestnut face and vent! Whoever thought

that up!?

BUFF-BREASTED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Dubusia taeniata stictocephala*) – Seen by the group in the lead on the Chido Trail.

YELLOW-THROATED TANAGER (*Iridosornis analis*)

FAWN-BREASTED TANAGER (*Pipraeidea melanonota*) – Larry and Bob saw this one.

ORANGE-EARED TANAGER (*Chlorochrysa calliparaea bourcierii*) – Like a smaller version of the Grass-green, but at lower elevations.

TURQUOISE TANAGER (*Tangara mexicana*) – Not turquoise, technically.

PARADISE TANAGER (*Tangara chilensis*) – Too pretty to be so common!

GREEN-AND-GOLD TANAGER (*Tangara schrankii*)

GOLDEN TANAGER (*Tangara arthus pulchra*) – This and most of the next few Tangaras were all in the mixed flocks around Afluente. What fun it was to watch them!

SAFFRON-CROWNED TANAGER (*Tangara xanthocephala venusta*)

GOLDEN-EARED TANAGER (*Tangara chrysotis*)

FLAME-FACED TANAGER (*Tangara parzudakii*) – Another stonker we enjoyed at the pass!

SPOTTED TANAGER (*Tangara punctata*)

BAY-HEADED TANAGER (*Tangara gyrola*)

GOLDEN-NAPE TANAGER (*Tangara ruficervix amabilis*)

BLUE-NECKED TANAGER (*Tangara cyanicollis caeruleocephala*)

MASKED TANAGER (*Tangara nigrocincta*)

BERYL-SPANGLED TANAGER (*Tangara nigroviridis*)

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

SILVERY TANAGER (*Tangara viridicollis*)

BLACK-FACED DACNIS (*Dacnis lineata*) – Mostly at lower elevations, as were most of the next few.

BLUE DACNIS (*Dacnis cayana*)

GREEN HONEYCREEPER (*Chlorophanes spiza*)

PURPLE HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*)

GOLDEN-COLLARED HONEYCREEPER (*Iridophanes pulcherrimus*) – Drat! It sounded so close, but never showed! [*]

SWALLOW TANAGER (*Tersina viridis*) – Very cootinga-like.

STREAKED SALTATOR (*Saltator striatipectus peruvianus*) – In the Utcubamba canyon, where seen by some.

BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR (*Saltator maximus*)

SLATE-COLORED GROSBEAK (*Saltator grossus*) [*]

Emberizidae (Buntings, Sparrows and Allies)

BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (*Volatinia jacarina*)

CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila castaneiventris*)

CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEED-FINCH (*Oryzoborus angolensis*)

BLACK-BILLED SEED-FINCH (*Oryzoborus atrirostris*) – A nice find was a marsh with several of this rather rare and local finch!

DULL-COLORED GRASSQUIT (*Tiaris obscurus*)

MOUSTACHED FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa mystacalis*) [*]

WHITE-SIDED FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa albilatera*)

RUSTY FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa sittoides*) – In the garden at Pomacochas.

BLUIISH FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa caerulescens*)

MASKED FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa cyanea*)

SAFFRON FINCH (*Sicalis flaveola*) – Now common around Tarapoto, this was introduced there from the Pacific coast population in the past twenty years or so. [I]

RED-CAPPED CARDINAL (*Paroaria gularis*) – A pair near the Huallaga.

OLIVE FINCH (*Arremon castaneiceps*) – A real surprise! Just on a hunch, I played tape below Afluente, and a bird responded almost immediately, which is (as far as I know) the first record for the road!

ORANGE-BILLED SPARROW (*Arremon aurantirostris spectabilis*) [*]

YELLOW-BREASTED BRUSH-FINCH (*Atlapetes latinuchus*) – Seen regularly around the dining room at Owllet Lodge.

YELLOW-BROWED SPARROW (*Ammodramus aurifrons*)

RUFOUS-COLLARED SPARROW (*Zonotrichia capensis*) – Common, but not seen the first day (so it doesn't get on the 'every day list').

COMMON BUSH-TANAGER (*Chlorospingus ophthalmicus*)

YELLOW-THROATED BUSH-TANAGER (*Chlorospingus flavigularis*) – Seen in a couple of flocks near the lodge and again nearer to Afluente.

ASHY-THROATED BUSH-TANAGER (*Chlorospingus canigularis*) – In Afluente flocks.

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)

HEPATIC TANAGER (HIGHLAND) (*Piranga flava lutea*)

WHITE-WINGED TANAGER (*Piranga leucoptera*) – Like a Scarlet Tanager with wing bars.

RED-HOODED TANAGER (*Piranga rubriceps*) – A handsome bird we enjoyed on the Chido Trail.

CARMIOL'S TANAGER (YELLOW-LORED) (*Chlorothraupis carmioli frenata*) [*]

GOLDEN-BELLIED GROSBEAK (*Pheucticus chrysogaster*) – Also called Southern Yellow Grosbeak, we saw it at the Pomacochas hotel.

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

PERUVIAN MEADOWLARK (*Sturnella bellicosa*) – Down by Laguna Pomacochas.

PALE-EYED BLACKBIRD (*Agelasticus xanthophthalmus*) – Another great find! We had one bird in the Seedfinch marshes near Rioja.

GIANT COWBIRD (*Molothrus oryzivorus*)

EPAULET ORIOLE (MORICHE) (*Icterus cayanensis chrysocephalus*) – Bob spotted this one.

ORANGE-BACKED TROUPIAL (*Icterus croconotus croconotus*) – Thanks to Jeff for spotting this fiery oriole.

YELLOW-BILLED CACIQUE (*Amblycercus holosericeus*) – Heard on several occasions on the Owlet Trail. [*]

MOUNTAIN CACIQUE (GOLDEN-SHOULDERED) (*Cacicus chrysonotus peruvianus*) – A flock on the Owlet Trail was nice.

SCARLET-RUMPED CACIQUE (SUBTROPICAL) (*Cacicus uropygialis uropygialis*) – Seen well around Afluente.

YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus cela*)

RUSSET-BACKED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius angustifrons*)

Fringillidae (Siskins, Crossbills, and Allies)

PLUMBEOUS EUPHONIA (*Euphonia plumbea*) – Alright! A species only known from fewer than 10 records in Peru (fewer than that documented with photos or recordings), we enjoyed watching a pair that my friends and I found a few weeks earlier on the Escalera. Best part was: everyone got to see them really well!

PURPLE-THROATED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia chlorotica*) – "Pee pee?"

THICK-BILLED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia laniirostris*)

GOLDEN-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia chrysopasta*)

BRONZE-GREEN EUPHONIA (*Euphonia mesochrysa*)

WHITE-VENTED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia minuta*) – A pair during breakfast at Morro de Calzada.

ORANGE-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia xanthogaster*)

BLUE-NAPED CHLOROPHONIA (*Chlorophonia cyanea*)

CHESTNUT-BREASTED CHLOROPHONIA (*Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys*) – Jim spotted one that showed briefly, but well, at the Chido Trail.

LESSER GOLDFINCH (*Spinus psaltria*) – A few folks lucked onto a female along the Utcubamba.

HOODED SISKIN (*Spinus magellanicus*)

MAMMALS

ANDEAN MOUSE OPOSSUM (*Marmosa impavida*) – One right beside the trail our first morning hike down to try for the owlet.

SADDLEBACK TAMARIN (*Saguinus fuscicollis*)

DUSKY TITI MONKEY (RIO MAYO) (*Callicebus moloch oenanthe*) [*]

WHITE-FRONTED CAPUCHIN (*Cebus albifrons*) – Near Aguas Verdes.

BROWN-THROATED THREE-TOED SLOTH (*Bradypus variegatus*) – An individual in a Cecropia overlooking the Rio Huallaga looked pretty happy about its situation.

ANDEAN BAMBOO RAT (*Dactylomys peruanus*) – At least Gordon and I heard this nocturnal rat's barking on the Owlet Trail, perhaps some others heard it too? [*]

TAYRA (*Eira barbara*)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Bat sp. - several.

Poison dart frog (*Epidobates trivittatus*) - the colorful green and black frog that Pepe caught on the Escalera.

Totals for the tour: 425 bird taxa and 7 mammal taxa