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Trip Report

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Buff-fronted Owl by Dušan Brinkhuizen

Trip report by tour leader Dušan M. Brinkhuizen

Top ten birds as voted for by participants:

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| 1. Hairy-crested Antbird | 6. Long-wattled Umbrellabird |
| 2. Buff-fronted Owl | 7. Grey Tinamou |
| 3. Orange-throated Tanager | 8. Jocotoco Antpitta |
| 4. Neblina Metaltail | 9. El Oro Parakeet |
| 5. Rose-faced Parrot | 10. Rainbow-bearded Thornbill |

11 March 2016: Guayaquil, Cerro Blanco reserve & Puerto Hondo. We all arrived today, with participants flying in to Guayaquil from different parts of the world. Some people that had arrived early and decided to do some pre-tour birding along the boulevard (Malecon). They were able to see species including: Great-tailed Grackle; Pacific Hornero; Pacific Parrotlet, and Grey-cheeked Parakeet. Just after lunchtime, the group got together and decided on a plan to do some afternoon birding at Cerro Blanco, because we still had a couple of hours worth of daylight left. Unfortunately, one participant got stuck in Sao Paulo airport and she was not able to join us for this spontaneous afternoon adventure. Bird activity in the parking lot inside the Cerro Blanco reserve was quite good.

We played a pygmy-owl tape and several species came in quickly, including: Yellow-olive Flatbill; Golden Grosbeak (Southern Yellow); Tropical Gnatcatcher; Fasciated Wren; Southern Beardless Tyrannulet; Red-eyed Vireo; Saffron Finch; Pacific Hornero, and several Ecuadorian Thrushes. An actual Pacific Pygmy-owl also responded to our tape and was soon followed by another, which was really nice. A Sooty-crowned Flycatcher was also clearly spotted by some participants. We took a trail going up the reserve, looking for a viewpoint to wait and see a flyby of *Amazona* parrots. The local subspecies *lilacina*, of the Red-lore Amazon, were migrating, from



Superciliaried Wren by Dušan Brinkhuizen



Collared Antshrike by John Hopkins

the deciduous forest of Cerro Blanco to the coastal mangroves, in the late afternoon. This was the best chance we had at seeing this rare species, a prime target for any enthusiast. Especially since this migration usually involves a separate species endemic to Ecuador (already split by some authorities as the Lilacine Amazon). A pair of Pacific Parrotlet were seen at their nesting site on the way to our viewpoint. Shortly after we got to the viewpoint, a couple of Lilacine Amazons flew by at a fairly close range, affording us the opportunity to see some diagnostic plumage details in flight. A few Short-tailed Swifts (this subspecies *ocypetes* is sometimes split as Tumbes Swift) flew over as well. An Ecuadorian Piculet was spotted working its way through a dense bush. Later on, we spotted a male Collared Antshrike in the same bush. An Elegant Crescentchest came in to sight,

but it was rather skulky, which meant it was missed by some of us. A Speckle-breasted Wren also played hard-to-get. A late afternoon visit to Puerto Hondo at the edge of the mangroves yielded excellent sightings of both Superciliaried Wren and Mangrove Warbler. At the same time a small flock of Lilacine Amazons flew high overhead. A Yellow-crowned Night-heron was spotted foraging along the water edge nearby.

12 March 2016: Catamayo to Copalinga. After a short, early morning flight, we arrived in Catamayo for a delicious Ecuadorian breakfast. Lisl had been travelling all night (via Sao Paulo, Lima and Panama City!), and was lucky enough to make it to Guayaquil in time, completing our team. A few Chestnut-collared Swallows were flying around in the city centre of Catamayo which was a welcomed surprise. After breakfast, we went to a nearby site to look for special species like the Tumbes Sparrow. Once we arrived, Pacific Parrotlets were present in good numbers, and a few Golden-olive Woodpeckers presented themselves nicely along the river. A handsome Croaking Ground-dove was seen and fairly soon afterwards, John spotted a Tumbes Sparrow that was perched in the open for a prolonged amount of time. Other species that we picked up in the scrub were: Elegant Crescentchest (again a skulky bird); Tawny-crowned Pygmy-tyrant, and a very confident male Collared Antshrike.



Grey Tinamou by Dušan Brinkhuizen

On the way up to Loja we made a few stops along a side track. Again the pygmy-owl tape proved to be a success, yielding a nice pair of Bay-crowned Brush Finches as well as an excited female Andean Slaty Thrush - which was a big surprise. A pair of Tumbesian Tyrannulets flew in and perched at nearby and at least three Andean Tinamous were heard singing at one point. Further along the road we stopped to see a singing male Andean Slaty Thrush. It remained secretive but we all got a brief glimpse at the rare and erratic rainy season breeder. After an early lunch in Loja, we made a stop at La Tira to see Mouse-colored Thistletail. The thistletail was heard, but activity was very slow so after a short while, we decided to move on. Along the lower stretch of the old Loja-Zamora road we ran into a few mixed-species flocks. Memorable species that we picked out included: Yellow-breasted Antwren; Ash-browed Spinetail; Montane Foliage-gleaner; Lafresnaye's Piculet; Ashy-throated; Yellow-throated Bush-tanager; Orange-eared, Spotted, Yellow-bellied, Blue-necked and Bay-headed Tanager. A quick phone call with Catherine



Tumbesian Tyrannulet by Dušan Brinkhuizen

of Copalinga informed us that the very rare Grey Tinamou had been showing up at the hide recently. Late afternoon was apparently our best opportunity, so the decision was made hastily. We stopped for a juvenile Fasciated Tigerheron at the bridge before continuing our drive to Copalinga. Once we reached the lodge, we immediately hiked to the tinamou hide. We waited for quite some time and the first birds we saw from the hide were Grey-fronted Doves on the trail. A Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher was seen soon afterwards. We were taking our turns at the hide when suddenly people started to whisper. An astonishing adult Grey Tinamou appeared on the trail and headed straight for the corn! Everybody secured exceptional close range views. It was an unforgettable experience! At dusk we

spotted a male Blackish Nightjar at his foraging perch. A Pauraque was also beautifully illuminated for us by the spotlight.

13 March 2016: Rio Bombuscaro, Copalinga & Zamora.

Just after dawn we admired the Verbena flowers around the cabins of Copalinga. There was no sign of the coquette but a stunning male Wire-crested Thorntail was a real treat to see. We also saw a Greenish Puffleg which is a very unusual visitor to Copalinga because it normally inhabits areas of higher elevation. According to Catherine the puffleg had been around for several weeks but sightings of the coquette were sporadic. A nice male Lineated Woodpecker was seen from the parking lot. The famous Rio Bombuscaro track at the lower entrance of Podocarpus N.P. was our destination for the morning. On one of the first curves, Clare spotted a Chestnut-tipped Toucanet, but it hastily disappeared, unfortunately meaning not everyone

got to see it. A pair of Andean Motmot (sometimes named Highland Motmot) were spotted nicely in close range. Near the motmots, a noisy but skulking Black-billed Treehunter was seen by some participants. A few tanagers that we picked up along the way included: Green-and-gold; Golden-eared; Golden, and Swallow Tanager. At the ranger station we hit the jackpot. Nestor called out umbrellabird and there it was, a large black bird perched in the open! To our surprise multiple Amazonian Umbrellabirds flew in and at least three of them perched directly in front of us. Two males started to act in an exciting display. It was spectacular to watch them raise their weird crests and stretch their wattles. At one point we counted at least five individuals, an unusual sighting at Rio Bombuscaro. The party wasn't over as another cotinga species, a splendid male Andean Cock-of-the-Rock, flew into a nearby tree to steal the show! A little later a mixed-species flock moved through and we could clearly hear our target bird, the Foothill Elaenia, sing. Unfortunately, we never got clear views of the elaenia since it remained high up in the canopy.



Andean Cock-of-the-Rock by Dušan Brinkhuizen

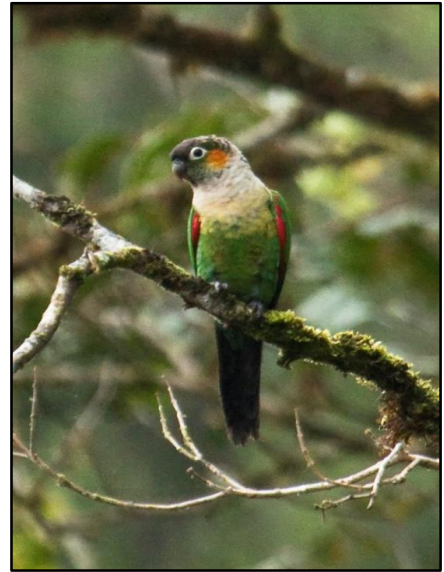


Amazonian Umbrellabirds by John Hopkins

We also got to see a Yellow-olive Flatbill that showed up at the same moment. We tried for the elaenia for quite a while but the pair was not that responsive to our tape playback. The same happened with the Coppery-chested Jacamar; it was vocalizing nearby but it never came into view. At the river we watched a Torrent Tyrannulet and looked at a few White-thighed Swallows that were perched on a wire. At lunch we birded from the porch and kept an eye on the hummingbird feeders. Violet-fronted Brilliant, Fork-tailed Woodnymph and Green Hermit were the regular species that attended the feeders, but we were also able to see a single Many-spotted Hummingbird. The scarce Black-throated Brilliant did not show up although it was high on our wanted list. A Wedge-billed Woodcreeper was building its nest in the orchid garden while we were enjoying our meals. After lunch we went into the town of Zamora to try for

Spangled Coquette. The first hummer we saw at the small, colourful bush of flowers was a Blue-tailed Emerald. Shortly after a female-type Spangled Coquette flew in and presented us with an excellent view of it. Unfortunately, only two individual coquettes were seen.

From the little tower, we were able to watch the hummers in the light rain. Following this lovely experience, we drove to the old Loja-Zamora road to bird the upper “Chinese” hydro-electric section. It was quite foggy but we were still able to spot a few in the restricted visibility. A nice mixed-species flock showed up at eye-level and the star bird was a Grey-mantled Wren. Other species in the flock included: Streaked Xenops; Ecuadorian Tyrannulet; Orange-eared, Blue-necked, Green-and-gold, Golden-eared and Spotted Tanager; Lafresnaye's Piculet, and Yellow-breasted Antwren. An Orange-crested Flycatcher was heard singing but it never came in to our sight. A few Red-billed Parrot were seen perching and our first Long-tailed Tyrant was spotted as well. A male Lined Antshrike showed itself nicely while it sang and wiggled its tail. A responsive pair of Blackish Antbird were watched while they skulked through the undergrowth at nearby. In the late afternoon we visited the airstrip of Zamora. Here we searched for a Striped Owl that was reported to be seen a few days before, but we were unsuccessful in finding it. Species that we picked up in the riparian habitat included: Olive-chested Flycatcher; Chestnut-bellied Seed-finch, and some participants managed to see some Speckled Chachalaca who were chanting their calling. A male Ladder-tailed Nightjar surprised us at dusk and presented itself well in the spotlight. Only one previous record from the far southeast was mentioned in the literature of Ridgely & Greenfield (2001), so our sighting was a nice confirmation of the species' occurrence in the Zamora valley.



White-breasted Parakeet
by Dušan Brinkhuizen



Coppery-chested Jacamar
by John Hopkins

14 March 2016: Copalinga, Paquisha & Yankuam. The early morning was spent on the Copalinga grounds looking for some of our targets. Some people stayed at the feeders in the hope the Black-throated Brilliant would show up, while others went birding nearby. A female Red Pileated Finch and a Short-crested Flycatcher were seen from the parking lot. A few of us attempted to find the Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper that had been heard two mornings in a row. Our first attempt was unsuccessful, but the second time we went down to the small stream we got stunning views of this attractively spotted furnarid. Just before starting our journey to Yankuam a Coppery-chested Jacamar was located near the cabins. The group was called together and after some minutes of hide-and-see, the jacamar presented itself nicely for all of us to get a look. A great sighting of a fantastic near-endemic species! On our way to Yankuam we made an important birding stop at the cordillera located behind Paquisha. The road conditions were good, allowing us to make it to the end of the track. About half way through, we ran into a small flock of White-breasted Parakeets. This rare and near-endemic species was seemingly difficult to spot (or maybe even absent) at Rio Bombuscaro this time of year, so finding them here was a great bonus. The parakeets were perched for a while and scope views were just

brilliant. A mixed-species flock produced wonderful sighting of Equatorial Graytail, a male Black-and-

white Becard and White-winged Tanager. Another mixed-flock further along included species such as: Golden-eyed Flowerpiercer; Marble-faced Bristle-tyrant; Golden-winged Manakin (female-type); Ash-throated Spinetail; Streak Xenops; Montane Foliage-gleaner; Olive-backed Woodcreeper, and the rare Rufous-browed Tyrannulet. The latter was picked out by its very active foraging method.

The stunning Yellow-throated Tanager also showed itself. A neighbouring mixed-flock yielded stunning sightings of: Vermillion Tanager; Variegated Bristle-tyrant; Rufous-rumped Antwren, and Lemon-browed Flycatcher. Other tanagers included: Paradise; Beryl-spangled; Spotted; Golden; Flame-faced; Magpie, and Blue-necked Tanager. Bronze-green Euphonia, Blackburnian Warbler and Yellow-breasted Antwren were also moving along with the flock. A few Subtropical Caciques were loosely associated with the flock. When we arrived at Yankuam in the afternoon we immediately went to a nearby site to try for the Orange-throated Tanager, which was our principal target for the area. Bird activity was relatively slow because of the rain, but we did pick up a few new sightings. The definite highlight of the afternoon, and possibly the day, was a single adult Hairy-crested Antbird in the roadside understory. The bird popped out on a branch fully in the open and sang its heart out. We all got superb views of this rare and attractive antbird - a species that is most often encountered when following army ants. The subspecies involved was most probably *brunniceps* (or a hybrid thereof) because of the brownish (and not creamy white) coronal stripe.



Hairy-crested Antbird by John Hopkins



Orange-throated Tanager by Dušan Brinkhuizen

15 March 2016: Yankuam, Maycu Reserve, Shaime road & Nuevo Paraiso. It had been raining almost the entire night and unfortunately it was still raining at dawn. Nevertheless, we made our way to the nearby Orange-throated Tanager reserve named Maycu. Here we walked the track with our raingear and umbrellas but our yield was minimal and the only bird that some of us saw was a soaked male Green-backed Trogon (sometimes named Amazonian White-tailed Trogon). We waited in the vehicle for the heavy rain to stop and eventually it did. Bird activity immediately picked up as it became drier. Fairly soon we chased what felt like promising flock activity. The Orange-throated Tanager was heard for a short while, but we couldn't manage to find it. It was still wet and misty, this caused our binoculars to fog up constantly. Many tanager-sized birds moved by but remained unidentified. We did identify a lovely White-throated Woodpecker. Suddenly, a lone Orange-throated

Tanager appeared in the top of a tall tree and everybody secured a brief but satisfactory look at the bird. It flew to another tree and soon we noticed a pair in our scope. Viewing conditions began to improve significantly and the pair sat and sang for a prolonged time while we enjoyed excellent views of this

illustrious species. Mission accomplished! After a while they flew off and we continued to bird further along the road.

A pair of Fiery-throated Fruiteater was spotted near a fruiting tree. Bird activity here was relatively good. Others species that we picked out included a gorgeous Masked Crimson-tanager and Slate-colored Grosbeak. On a perfect snag at eye-level we got great looks at both Gilded Barbet and Lemon-throated Barbet through our binoculars. A singing Grey-tailed Piha, unfortunately remained only heard. Further along the road we got looks at both Golden-winged Tody-flycatcher and Spot-winged Antbird. A pair of Purplish Jacamars were perched and showed themselves very nicely. Here we also spotted a Black-eared Fairy fluttering along the forest edge. A male White-browed Antbird showed itself briefly after playback. In the secondary habitat around Miazi we saw several birds of interest including: the fancy Black-capped Donacobius; Little Woodpecker; Lettered Aracari, and Chestnut-eared Aracari. In a mixed-flock, in more forested habitat, we had notable sightings like Rufous-winged Antwren, Bamboo Foliage-gleaner, Red-stained Woodpecker and Duida Woodcreeper (a split of Lineated Woodcreeper). Plain-winged Antshrike and White-shouldered Antshrike were seen by only a few of us. Our lunch spot was lovely, we were able to add several new species to our list including Double-toothed Kite and Black Caracara.



Northern Chestnut-tailed Antbird by John Hopkins



Yellow-cheeked Becard
by Dušan Brinkhuizen

A male Yellow-cheeked Becard presented itself for a wonderful viewing. Weirdly enough a Red-billed Tyrannulet did not show up even though it continuously responded to our tape. A real bonus was the two Military Macaws that flew by. We were able to pick up their colours nicely through our binoculars. At Shaime road we added a few new tanagers to our list, including: Flame-crested; Masked, and Opal-crowned Tanager. A White-bellied Pygmy-tyrant was seen, perched on a bare twig. This species was only recently discovered in Ecuador, and the recent sightings provide a significant range extension for the species (Brinkhuizen *et al.* 2013). A crisp, male, Fiery-throated Fruiteater showed up at the same site and a male Black-and-white Tody-flycatcher was also observed. Northern Chestnut-tailed Antbirds (also named Zimmer's Antbird) were difficult to get in view because of the very dense vegetation along the road. In the late afternoon we arrived at a marshy site near Nuevo Paraiso where we watched a small flock of the bizarre creatures named Hoatzins. Other new species seen here included: a male Stripe-chested Antwren; Caquetta Seedeater, and Mottle-backed Elaenia. A Chestnut-crowned Becard was only heard.

16 March 2016: Yankuam, Paquisha & Chinapinza to Loja. We had an early morning start as we moved towards Paquisha in order to bird for a couple of hours at the higher elevations of the isolated Cordillera del Condor. On the way we detected a singing Northern Chestnut-tailed Antbird from the car window, a scarce species that most of the group still needed to see. We made our way into the forest and positioned ourselves before we started the tape once again. A splendid male came in very soon and

everybody got excellent looks at it. A Peruvian Warbling Antbird was singing nearby and also came in after playback. Seeing two handsome antbirds was a good start to the day!

A mixed-species flock provided us with sightings of White-lored Tyrannulet and a male Guira Tanager, amongst others. Speckled Chachalacas were seen at several road stops, unfortunately they were surprisingly skittish. At a stakeout we got scope views of a pair of Bluish-fronted Jacamars. This is another species that was recently discovered to inhabit Ecuador (Brinkhuizen *et al.* 2015). Lynn spotted a pair of Black-billed Seed-finch that we managed to scope as well. A furtive Dusky Spinetail was only able to be seen by some of us. After Paquisha we drove towards Chinapintza and while ascending, the subtropical habitat around us got more and more spectacular. Our first stop provided us with the sighting of a male Napo Sabrewing feeding on flowers inside the forest. Unfortunately, not everybody was able to see it in time, but luckily, much to our surprise we saw many more of them (about seven individuals) later on. Our first mixed-species flock was brimming with beautiful species but unfortunately the birds moved away very quickly. The lucky ones of the group got to see Blue-browed Tanager, Scarlet-breasted Fruiteater and Chestnut-bellied Thrush. All are considered to be rare species. Other hummers that we saw included a male Rufous-vented Whitetip and White-tailed Hillstar. We watched two more mixed-species flocks that moved through at eye-level. With species including: Rufous-crested, Yellow-throated, Orange-eared and Golden-eared Tanager; Golden-eyed Flowerpiercer; Red-headed Barbet; Grey-mantled Wren; Slaty-capped Shrike-vireo, and Yellow-breasted Antwren. Although we really would have liked to spend more time in this bustling area we had to start our journey back to Zamora and Loja.



Napo Sabrewing by Dušan Brinkhuizen



Drab Seedeater by John Hopkins

We made a short stop at Copalinga to pick up Lisl's lost luggage, which was retrieved and sent, to Zamora by the airline company. It all worked out fantastically, it also gave us a small window to try and spot the Black-throated Brilliant again. Just as we were leaving, Catherine screamed: "there it is; a female-type Black-throated Brilliant at the bar feeder!" The excitement among the group was palpable. It was the perfect experience to end the day with!

17 March 2016: Catamayo, El Empalme & Jorupe. The Andean Tinamou was the first bird that we stopped for on the way to Catamayo. The bird crossed the track and the people in the front vehicle were able to get their binoculars out in time. We waited for the tinamou to cross again but we were not able to see it a second time. A little further down the road we tried to spot an Elegant Crescentchest and most of us got to see it. An Andean Slaty Thrush was singing in the background but stayed out of sight. Another stop

in the Catamayo valley yielded a singing Drab Seedeater, a rare and local species in Ecuador but not a very attractive one. Up near Las Chinchas we watched a Purple-throated Sunangel in the process of building its nest. A Black-cowled Saltator was heard singing but it was very difficult to locate.

It was Lisl that spotted the saltator eventually and scope views of this striking Tumbesian endemic were brilliant. Three-banded Warblers were heard and our only Sparkling Violetear for the trip was seen here. Our next stop was near El Empalme where we got brief views of a pair of White-headed Brush Finches. We arrived at Jorupe reserve at lunchtime and settled in at the comfortable Uracca Lodge, run by the Jocotoco Foundation. White-tailed Jay and Red-masked Parakeet were quickly seen by some at the corn feeder. We birded the main entrance track in the afternoon and picked up a notable number of speciality species. A Grey-breasted Flycatcher was singing on the territory and was easily scoped. Clare spotted a nice pair of Scarlet-backed Woodpeckers nearby. A little further down the track we watched our first male Ecuadorian Trogon, always an attractive and cooperative species. Blackish-headed Spinetail was seen with easier effort than expected but it mostly stayed well within cover. We also got our first Grey-and-gold Warbler and Pacific Elaenia. Our views of Speckle-breasted Wren were significantly upgraded from previous sightings.

A stunning Henna-hooded Foliage-gleaner crossed the path at a close range. In the late afternoon we attempted to find Watkin's Antpitta at a nearby track named El Corral. We heard the antpitta but it never revealed itself. Several Pale-browed Tinamou were calling too, which was typical for the late afternoon. Our first Tumbes Pewee was seen at a close range while it perched on a bare twig. A vocal Red-billed Scythebill came in nicely thanks to the playback of the tape. We also saw a responsive Rufous-necked Foliage-gleaner that flew overhead several times. At dusk we listened along the main road for owls and other night birds. A Rufous-necked Wood-rail was calling in the distance but not much else made its presence known. We played the song of a Buff-fronted Owl, a very rare species that had been seen in the area more than a year ago. To our warranted surprise, we heard something that sounded just like it from fairly close by. We crossed the road and walked in the direction of where we thought the sound had come from. We positioned ourselves and softly played another bout of the song. We got an instant response from nearby and adrenaline surged through us all. It was a species the tour leader had never seen before! There was no doubt we were a couple of feet away from a Buff-fronted Owl and seeing it was the next step. We continued forward carefully with the tape. The owl started singing louder and louder. It was



Ecuadorian Trogon by John Hopkins



White-tailed Jay by John Hopkins

clearly moving towards us. When the moment felt right Dušan switched on the spotlight, there it was, an adult Buff-fronted Owl, perched at eye-level right in front of us! Everybody got their binoculars out on this little yellow stunner and we watched it for several minutes. This let us soak up its astonishing details, like its well-pronounced facial disk and blue eyelids. What a fantastic way to end off our day!

18 March 2016: Jorupe & Zapotillo. At dawn, we spent some time watching the corn feeder in front of the dining room. Our main target was the Pale-browed Tinamou and

according to the staff, our best opportunity to see it was in the early morning. Activity at the feeder slowly built up as White-tailed Jays, a female Blue Ground-dove and Red-masked Parakeets started coming in.

Guayaquil Squirrels and an unidentified rodent (a small native rat) came to feed as well. It took a little while before the Pale-browed Tinamou showed up but when it did it, we were able to see it from a wonderful perspective. Two or possibly even three Pale-browed Tinamous were present at one point. After this fortunate experience, we successfully targeted a male Slaty Becard along the entrance track. Speckle-breasted Wren and Blackish-headed Spinetail were seen even better than the day before. A cute flock of Grey-cheeked Parakeets were perched on a bare limb and were easily scoped. An adult Bicolored Hawk perched for a split second and flew by us at close range. Other raptors that we saw included Swallow-tailed and Hook-billed Kite, and Harris's Hawk. Amy spotted a nice Black-capped Sparrow that showed itself well. Ecuadorian Piculets were a nice catch-up for Lisl.



Pale-browed Tinamou by John Hopkins

We worked hard to see Watkin's Antpitta along a narrow trail inside the forest. We got very close to seeing it but the bird outwitted us. It had crossed the trail and we did not even get a glimpse of it. A wooden bridge, halfway though the forest trail, had collapsed so we had to backtrack. A cute mouse opossum was seen and photographed at close range. It was most probably a Little Woolly Mouse Opossum (*Marmosa phaea*) based on species ranges given by IUCN. After lunch we drove to lower elevations in the Zapotillo area. A stop at the bridge near La Ceiba got us a small flock of Comb Ducks, including an adult male with an impressive comb. Here we also saw a Green Kingfisher. Fasciated Wrens were nesting

in the metal bridge towers. A few Baird's Flycatchers were also seen as we took the track up to the local rubbish dump. A Woodstork soared overhead. Our first Black-and-white Tanager was heard fairly soon but getting the bird in our sights was a challenge. This species is an erratic rainy-season breeder and their movements are not well-known. For some reason, ideal numbers did not reach Jorupe this season but they were evidently present around Zapotillo. A female was swiftly seen and some people got lucky with glimpses of a male. Other species that we picked up along the track included: Snowy-throated Kingbird; Crimson-breasted Finch; Plumbeous-backed Thrush; Parrot-billed Seedeater, and Superciliated Wren. Late afternoon we located a cooperative male Black-and-white Tanager that everybody was able to see. A Grey-capped Cuckoo called back and we waited for this rare species to appear out of the dense scrub. It responded a few times to the tape but never came much closer. Lisl found a nice White-edged Oriole perched atop a bush. We tried for Tumbes Hummingbird at the cemetery but only got an *Amazilia* Hummingbird. A Burrowing Owl showed itself nicely here as well.



Grey-cheeked Parakeet by Dušan Brinkhuizen

19 March 2016: El Tundo to Tapichalaca. Spectacled Owls were calling during breakfast, so our first mission was to go find them. A Whooping Motmot seen on the way was already foraging on insects. The owls did not come closer to our playback but we managed to approach them on a forest trail. It was still dark but we were able to make out two large silhouettes on a limb in the distance. Watching the pair singing in duet was a unique experience. We left early towards Utuana with the knowledge that access to the reserve would be problematic. Near Sozoranga we were informed that there was no passage because of severe landslides, which meant we had to devise a backup plan. We went to the nearby El Tundo reserve instead, where a number of the same species can be found. Unfortunately, we did miss a few of our targets because El Tundo does not reach the same elevation as Utuana. Loja Tyrannulet was the first target we got to cross of our list at El Tundo. We also saw both Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet and White-tailed Tyrannulet. Three-banded Warbler and Line-cheeked Spinetail were found fairly easily and we managed to see them from a lovely perspective. Silver-backed Tanagers (sometimes called Silvery Tanager) were also around. A Blackish Tapaculo (vocally distinct subspecies *subcinereus*) popped out when we played the tape.

Our first visuals of Rufous-headed Chacalaca were a couple of birds that crossed the track. Here we also saw Russet-backed Oropenolas which were, according to Ridgely & Greenfield (2001), well out of their known range. Along the way we saw Bay-crowned Brush Finch and Grey-browed Brush Finch (previously named Stripe-headed Brush Finch) and a pair of Tooth-billed Tanagers (Highland Hepatic Tanager) were also observed. A male Guayaquil Woodpecker was seen nicely - at what must have been its upper elevational range. We also got a Smoky-brown Woodpecker. After a lot of trawling we finally located the rare, and localized, Grey-headed Antbird. A pair came in and moved through the dense vegetation at very close range. Some of us got lucky to see the birds, but it was rather frustrating because it was difficult to spot them even though they were only a couple of feet away! To our surprise, the pair lost its interest fairly quickly and moved back into the forest never to be seen again. A female White-vented Plumeleteer of the race *intermedia* (although by some authorities considered a subspecies of Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer) was seen for a prolonged period of time while it was perched on a bare twig. This isolated race is probably best considered a separate species, Ecuadorian Plumeleteer, as described by Ridgely (2011). A lunch stop along the road was very productive; Watkin's Antpitta and Chapman's Antshrike were both seen from an ideal perspective. The rest of the day was spent driving to Tapichalaca.



White-throated Quail-dove by John Hopkins



Jocotoco Antpitta by Dušan Brinkhuizen

A Blackish Tapaculo (vocally distinct subspecies *subcinereus*) popped out when we played the tape. Our first visuals of Rufous-headed Chacalaca were a couple of birds that crossed the track. Here we also saw Russet-backed Oropenolas which were, according to Ridgely & Greenfield (2001), well out of their known range. Along the way we saw Bay-crowned Brush Finch and Grey-browed Brush Finch (previously named Stripe-headed Brush Finch) and a pair of Tooth-billed Tanagers (Highland Hepatic Tanager) were also observed. A male Guayaquil Woodpecker was seen nicely - at what must have been its upper elevational range. We also got a Smoky-brown Woodpecker. After a lot of trawling we finally located the rare, and localized, Grey-headed Antbird. A pair came in and moved through the dense vegetation at very close range. Some of us got lucky to see the birds, but it was rather frustrating because it was difficult to spot them even though they were only a couple of feet away! To our surprise, the pair lost its interest fairly quickly and moved back into the forest never to be seen again. A female White-vented Plumeleteer of the race *intermedia* (although by some authorities considered a subspecies of Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer) was seen for a prolonged period of time while it was perched on a bare twig. This isolated race is probably best considered a separate species, Ecuadorian Plumeleteer, as described by Ridgely (2011). A lunch stop along the road was very productive; Watkin's Antpitta and Chapman's Antshrike were both seen from an ideal perspective. The rest of the day was spent driving to Tapichalaca.

20 March 2016: Tapichalaca & Valladolid. The Quebrada Honda and Jocotoco trail were on the programme for this morning. It had

been raining almost continuously, but luckily it changed into more of a drizzle once we started our walk. At the Quebrada Honda pass we saw several Scaly-naped Amazons flying by through the fog.

There was no sign of Golden-plumed Parakeets, but it is most likely because the viewing conditions were bad. A Black-capped Tyrannulet and a Bluish Flowerpiercer were seen before we got on to the Jocotoco trail. A White-browed Spineail was very cooperative and presented itself wonderfully. A Rufous Wren was also seen along the way. At the hide we were able to spot White-throated Quail-dove. We met Franco at the hide, he told us that the Jocotoco Antpittas had shown up earlier in the day. This motivated us to increase our walking pace so that we got to the site on time for feeding. This soon became unnecessary because further down the trail a Jocotoco Antpitta was standing right out in the open! The pair had gotten hungry and they had actually followed Franco up the trail. We savoured our first outstanding views



Marañon Thrush by John Hopkins

of this enigmatic species for a couple of minutes before we continued along the trail. At the antpitta feeding station we sat down and waited for the Jocotoco's to show up again. The pair had followed us and soon they were feeding on the heap of worms that Franco had put out. It was an amazing experience to observe such a rare species at such a close range. We waited for a Chestnut-naped Antpitta, a species that occasionally shows up at the feeder, but none made an appearance.



Amethyst-throated Sunangel by John Hopkins

On our way back we made another stop at the quail-dove hide. A Chestnut-naped Antpitta was standing on the trail! After some patience, we all got to see the bird when it crossed the trail for a second time. Other species that we observed nicely on our way back were Chusquea Tapaculo and Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant. Past the Quebrada de los Muertos at the border of Podocarpus N.P. we jumped out of the vehicle to gaze at an amazing flock of mixed-species. Birds were moving up the road bank and viewing conditions were just perfect. We were able to identify most of the species in the flock which included: the striking Golden-crowned and Grass-green Tanagers; Lacrimose Mountain Tanager; Blue-backed Conebill; Grey-hooded Bush Tanager; Glossy, Masked and White-sided Flowerpiercer; Pearled Treerunner, and Yellow-breasted Brush Finch. A delightful bonus was a Bearded Guan that flew overhead. On the way back we made another stop at

Quebrada Honda. This time the Golden-plumed Parakeets were visible, so we observed them in their nest boxes. Hummingbirds attending the feeders at Casa Simpson were: Chestnut-breasted Coronet; Collared Inca; Amethyst-throated Sunangel; Flame-throated (Little) Sunangel; Speckled Hummingbird; Fawn-breasted Brilliant, and Long-tailed Sylph. It was raining and very foggy at Tapichalaca, so we decided to bird in the late afternoon and at lower elevations in the hope to find better weather - and birds.

A couple of kilometres before Valladolid visibility started to improve and the first bird we saw was a Rufous-tailed Tyrant. Another notable bird was the Highland Elaenia that responded to our tape playback.

In the same stretch of scrub we watched both Booted Racket-tail and Bronzy Inca foraging on flowers and a small flock of White-breasted Parakeets swiftly flew by. Further down the road we found a White-winged Brush Finch - of the distinct and poorly known race *paynteri* that possibly involves a future split as Paynter's Brush Finch. It seemed to be an immature bird because of the pale bill and the irregular facial pattern, a plumage that most probably had not been photographed before. Specialties that we got around the town of Valladolid were Marañon Thrush and Rufous-fronted Thornbird.



Paynter's Brush Finch by Dušan Brinkhuizen

21 March 2016: Tapichalaca, Tapala & Valladolid.

We started the morning at the higher elevations of Las Ventanillas, but the weather was not that great. In a mixed-species flock we managed to pick out singing Citrine Warblers and a Lacrimose Mountain Tanager. Lower down we had more visibility and here we added Common Bush Tanager and Capped Conebill to the list. A Slaty-backed Chat-tyrant was seen well near a small stream. Andean Solitaire was singing along the roadside and we eventually saw it. A small flock of Yellow-whiskered Bush Tanagers showed well and a Tyrannine Woodcreeper was moving with the party. A male Golden-headed Quetzal was perched nearby but once we got out of the car it flew off into the forest. Another mixed-species flock yielded species including: Crimson-mantled Woodpecker; Montane Woodcreeper; and Beryl-spangled, Golden and Flame-faced Tanager. The tail of a mixed-flock outside Valladolid produced excellent eye-level views of both Blue-browed Tanager and Lafresnaye's Piculet.

We patrolled a patch of forest outside Tapala where Straw-backed Tanager had been seen recently, unfortunately we failed to find this rare species. Birds that we did see here included: Golden-rumped Euphonia; Olivaceous Siskin; Pale-eyed Marañon; Swainson's Thrush; Brown-capped vireo; Golden-naped Tanager; Blue-winged Mountain Tanager, and a plethora of Silver-backed Tanagers. Lower down, at the Rio Nambala, the habitat looked amazing but the bird activity was uncommonly slow this time of day. New birds that we saw inside a beautiful gorge were White-tipped Swifts and a pair of Golden-collared Honeycreeper. Perched White-eyed Parakeets were clearly observable through our binoculars. A



Ochraceous Attila
by Dušan Brinkhuizen

White-necked Thrush was also seen feeding at a fruiting *Cecropia* tree. We got back to Casa Simpson as dusk approached. The weather had improved slightly so some of us went owling at Quebrada Honda. We attempted to find both Swallow-tailed Nightjar and Andean Potoo at several sites, but did not get any response. We did, however, spot a Band-winged Nightjar successfully at Quebrada Honda.

22 March 2016: Cerro Toledo to Buenaventura. On the way to Cerro Toledo we heard the dawn song of an Orange-banded Flycatcher so we made a quick stop on the side of the road. After a few minutes, Jane located the bird and we watched it through our binoculars. At the road entrance to Cerro Toledo two pickup trucks with local drivers were waiting for us. It took us about an hour to drive up the paramo. Thankfully the road was in a fairly good state. Our primary target for the day was the very local and near-endemic Neblina Metaltail. It was very windy and foggy on top of the mountain so birding was certainly

going to be a challenge. We started our search at the tree line, where it was less windy, but without success. We did get lovely looks at both Pale-naped Brush Finch and Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant.

The first hummer that we saw here was a Glowing Puffleg that presented itself exceptionally well. After a while, we decided to drive up towards the antennas to try our luck there. The weather on this side of the mountain was miserable which made our chances seem very slim. We stopped at a side gully to look for a less windy spot and played the metaltail tape. We got an instant response and a hummer perched right in front of us. A stunning male Rainbow-bearded Thornbill was attracted by the call but we had definitely heard the metaltail responding. The Neblina Metaltail was discovered soon after, perched to the left of the Rainbow-bearded Thornbill. Everyone was able to secure a brief but satisfying look at the metaltail before it was actually chased off by the thornbill. Another bonus here was a Mouse-colored Thistletail that popped out in the same bush and presented itself well. We searched a little more for the metaltail but soon decided that it was better to go down - given the weather and time. We still had a long drive to Buenaventura ahead. Chestnut-collared Swallows were seen during a lunch stop in the centre park of Malacatos. In the late afternoon we birded the lower part of the Buenaventura reserve as we made our way in. We had a great start with Lynn spotting an Ochraceous Attila. A pair was perched in the trees below us and scope views were excellent. Other birds that we saw nicely before settling in at the Umbrellabird Lodge included: Plain-brown Woodcreeper; Black-crowned Antshrike (previously named Western Slaty Antshrike), and Black-tailed Myiobius.



Striped Cuckoo by Dušan Brinkhuizen



Barred Puffbird by Dušan Brinkhuizen

23 March 2016: Buenaventura. Just after dawn, a flock of Rufous-headed Chachalacas showed up in a fruiting tree next to the dining hall. They were not shy at all which made it a nice upgrade to our previous sightings of this species. We went to the upper section of the reserve to look for both El Oro Parakeet and El Oro Tapaculo. On the way we spotted a Barred Puffbird that was perched nicely along the trail entrance. Local guide Leovigildo was researching the El Oro Tapaculo and gave us exact directions to a fairly reliable territory that was not too difficult to get to. All the other known tapaculo territories were off-track and not reachable with a group. We had to hike up a trail to get to the tapaculo site and on the way we heard several El Oro Parakeets. At the site we played the tapaculo tape but did not get any response. While waiting, a nice flock moved past, with species including: Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner; Lineated Foliage-gleaner; Spotted Woodcreeper; Slaty Antwren, and Russet Antshrike. Two Scaled Antpittas were singing in the background. A few hundred meters further along the trail we found the tapaculo singing, unfortunately it was far away and down the slope. It was clearly audible to us but

chances of getting the bird closer to us were very slim. We played the tape of both tapaculo and antpitta but neither species came any closer.

El Oro Parakeet was our next target so Leovigildo brought us to a single occupied nest box which significantly increased our chances of seeing the parakeets. On the way we saw our first Grey-backed Hawk in flight and a Striped Cuckoo showed itself nicely in a bush along the track. We waited for quite a while at the nest boxes but only got a flyby of Red-masked Parakeets. A male Black-and-white Seedeater was a new addition to the list. Nestor had possibly heard the parakeets so we walked up to the forest edge. There was still no sign of the parakeets but a mixed-species flock yielded some tanagers including Fawn-breasted Tanager and Common Bush Tanager (which possibly involves an undescribed west-slope race). A cooperative Uniform Treehunter was a welcomed surprise and showed itself exceptionally well for a treehunter.



Slaty-winged Foliage-gleaner by John Hopkins

Around noon we had to leave the nest boxes behind and backtrack to the Umbrellabird Lodge for lunch. The amazing hummingbird feeders at the lodge attracted hundreds of hummers including: White-necked Jacobin; Brown Violetear; Green Thorntail; Crowned Woodnymph (this subspecies is sometimes split as Emerald-bellied Woodnymph); Violet-bellied Hummingbird; Rufous-tailed Hummingbird; Andean Emerald, and Green-crowned Brilliant. A single Velvet-purple Coronet occasionally visited the feeders, even though it was well out of its elevational range. Searching for the amazing Long-wattled Umbrellabird was on our afternoon programme. Leovigildo joined us and showed us a day roost of an adult Black-and-white Owl. The bird was well hidden in the canopy, but it was clearly visible through our binoculars. Along the trail down we got lovely views of a White-throated Spadebill in the understory. A pair of Slaty-winged Foliage-gleaners moving through the canopy was a good score too. After a few minutes of waiting



Uniform Treehunter
by Dušan Brinkhuizen

we located an adult male Long-wattled Umbrellabird perched in the midstory. It was perched for a prolonged time and we watched this spectacular bird with much joy. On the way back we spotted a female Club-winged Manakin. Checker-throated Antwren and Slaty Antwren were seen in a small understory flock. We waited at some *Heliconia* flowers for the sicklebill to show up but it never did. A female Collared Trogon was perched at close range and Lynn spotted a Pale-mandibled Aracari in a treetop in the distance. A pair of Song Wren were seen just before we got back to the lodge.

24 March 2016: Buenaventura. In the morning we birded the lower parts of the reserve and the El Oro endemics were scheduled for a second attempt in the afternoon. The Barred Puffbird was seen at the same site as the day before and Ochraceous Attilas were suddenly all over the place. It was almost as if the Attilas were following us along the track! New birds that we saw here included: Red-rumped Woodpecker; Olive-crowned Yellowthroat; Yellow Tyrannulet, and an adult Grey-lined Hawk (a split from Grey Hawk).

A skulky pair of Great Antshrikes eventually conceded some lovely viewing perspectives for us. We also got decent looks at a Brownish Twistwing in the understory.

A recently deserted nest of a Pacific Royal Flycatcher was located in the curve but the only similar looking birds seen were Ochraceous Attilas. We decided to spread out along the track and wait for the Pacific Royal Flycatcher to show up. This tactic worked because soon someone down the road called it out. The next few minutes were like a cat-and-mouse game but eventually everybody got nice looks at this impressive flycatcher. With the royal flycatcher in the bag we went back to the start of the umbrellabird trail to look for new species. The Black-and-white Owl was located again in the same general area but on a different branch. The sighting of a Rufous Motmot that was digging its nest hole inside a huge armadillo cavity was an interesting experience. We gave the *Heliconia* flowers a second try for the sicklebill but saw a Purple-crowned Fairy and a Wedge-billed Hummingbird instead. Esmeraldas Antbirds were singing in a nearby gully but never showed themselves. A decent mixed-species flock held many nice birds including new ones like Silver-throated Tanager, Lesser Greenlet and Scarlet-rumped Cacique. Another pair of Song Wren was seen in the understory. During a short siesta after lunch we scoped a Plumbeous Kite and Chestnut-mandibled Toucan from the lodge deck.



Rose-faced Parrot by Dušan Brinkhuizen

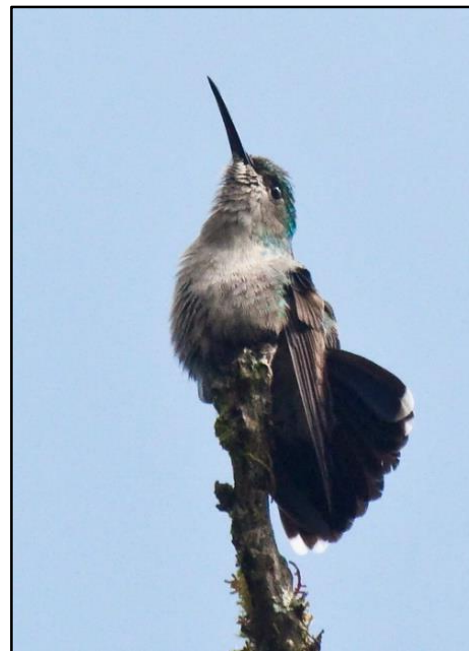


Long-wattled Umbrellabird by John Hopkins

Some of us caught up with the Velvet-purple Coronet at the feeders. In the afternoon we drove back to the upper part of the reserve, straight to the parakeet nest boxes. We waited for quite a while and wondered if the chicks had possibly fledged. In the meantime we worked on a White-throated Crake that was moving through the pastureland but it never crossed the track. Then we heard a parrot-like squeak. Rose-faced Parrots with a fledgling were perched right in front of us at eye-level! It was an amazing sight of a rare species and we got great photographic opportunities. The juvenile was regularly begging for food while the adults were keeping an eye out. Suddenly the Rose-faced Parrots flew off as a Grey-backed Hawk dove in to catch them. The attempt on the parrots was unsuccessful and consequently, we got scope views of a perched Grey-backed Hawk. A little later we clearly heard El Oro Parakeets calling from around the corner. Within a short time we had a flock of El Oro Parakeets in our sights. They were perched at eye-level too and we watched them for quite some time. It was an awesome sighting! We still had a little time left to try for the tapaculo. Once we arrived at the site the El Oro Tapaculo sang back once and the bird sounded closer to us than the previous day. We patiently scanned the understory but it never appeared or called back again. While waiting for the tapaculo we did see a Bronze-olive Pygmy-tyrant and a Spotted Barbtail.

25 March 2016: Buenaventura, La Tembladera & Manglares Churute to Guayaquil.

A pair of Chestnut-backed Antbird showed itself nicely at Buenaventura just before we commenced our long journey to Guayaquil. Our first birding stop was at a large natural wetland named La Tembladera. It was raining, so much of the birding was done from the car. At a small marsh we did get out of the car to scope species including: Peruvian Meadowlark; Roseate Spoonbill; American White Ibis, and a Solitary Sandpiper. A little further along the main road we got a flock of Black-bellied Whistling Ducks, with a single Fulvous Whistling Duck and eleven Muscovy Ducks. Genuine non-domesticated Muscovy Ducks are a rare sighting in Ecuador, especially a flock of this size. In the marsh we also saw Masked Water Tyrants and an Anhinga. At another marsh we carefully scanned for Spotted Rail but got at least five Sora's foraging out in the open instead! Other birds that we saw here included: Purple Gallinule; Black-necked Stilt, and Pale-vented Pigeon. Ecuadorian Ground Dove and Barn Swallows were seen on the wire in the small village we passed. On the way back we found the majestic Horned Screamer. At Puerto Jeli we tried for the Rufous-necked Wood-rail. This is a reliable spot for that species, unfortunately we were not able to see any. There is a theory that the wood-rails migrate seasonally from the mangroves to the deciduous forest of the foothills for nesting. This theory does fit our observation of the birds we heard at Jorupe. However, wood-rails were neither seen nor heard in the mangroves. Birds that we scoped on the mudflats during low tide were: Yellow-crowned Night Heron; Roseate Spoonbill; American White Ibis; Whimbrel; Cocoi Heron; Spotted Sandpiper; American Oystercatcher, and a pair of Wilson's Plover.



'Ecuadorian' Plumeteer
by Dušan Brinkhuizen



Peruvian Thicknee chick by John Hopkins

Great-tailed Grackles and Grey-breasted Martins were present around the buildings of the small port. Bill spotted a perched Brown-chested Martin during our lunch stop just outside of Machala. We continued driving north and soon Snail Kites started to appear every few hundred meters, many of them perched on the wires. Some rice paddies along the way to Manglares Churute produced a large flock of Stilt Sandpipers and Lesser Yellowlegs. At Manglares Churute we spotted a Limpkin from the highway. Along the side road that goes into the reserve, we saw several waders at close range including: Least Sandpiper; Stilt Sandpiper; Lesser Yellowlegs (also a leucistic individual); Solitary Sandpiper, and a pair of Killdeer. At the start of the trail, named Mono Aullador, we had great sightings of a male Jet Antbird which was one of our key targets for this area. By playing pygmy-owl tape we were able to attract several smaller birds including a Greenish Elaenia, which was new. Nestor found a Pacific Royal Flycatcher building a nest. We did see the flycatcher but it was quite shy. A singing Black-headed Antthrush here was an unexpected but welcomed experience for us. When we placed the speaker on the side of the trail it crossed very swiftly. A singing

male Blue-black Grosbeak was also well observed. On the way out we tried a little more pygmy-owl tape and actually saw Pacific Pygmy Owls coming in at several sites.

26 March 2016: Atahualpa, Ecuasal & La Chicolatera. We arrived at Atahualpa just before dawn and attempted to find some Scrub Nightjar. It was possible that it responded in the distance, but we were not able to confirm it. A little later, Clare did spot a Lesser Nighthawk and soon we observed several individuals hawking the sky. A nice surprise was a pair of Peruvian Thicknee that were flushed in front of us. One of them showed rather weird behaviour by raising its tail and spreading its wings. Later on we learned that the pair had a recently fledged chick, a cute and an unusual sighting in Ecuador! We birded the scrub for a couple of hours and made use of our pygmy-owl whistle to attract other bird species. A female Short-tailed Woodstar, the second smallest bird in the world, showed itself nicely at close range. A pair of Pacific Pygmy Owls attracted several species including: Parrot-billed Seedeater; Short-tailed Field Tyrant; Necklaced Spinetail; Crimson-breasted Finch (including a crisp male); Collared Warbling Finch; Tumbesian Tyrannulet; Vermilion Flycatcher, and Grey-and-white Tyrannulet. The birds were perched close

to the owl, some of them even mobbing it, giving us wonderful views. Other species that we saw in the area were: Baird's Flycatcher; Snowy-throated Kingbird, and White-edged Oriole. We also got our first confirmed Groove-billed Ani sighting - a species which is typically found in more arid areas.

Peruvian Meadowlarks and Long-tailed Mockingbirds were common. Unfortunately we did not

find the Sulphur-throated Finch we had hoped for – this is an erratic species which is generally difficult to target. Our next stop was at the salt pans of Ecuasal. Here we added a decent number of new species including: White-cheeked Pintail; Tricolored Heron; Peruvian Pelican; Grey Plover; Semipalmated Plover; Semipalmated Sandpiper; Ruddy Turnstone, and Greater Yellowlegs. We spotted a good-sized flock of gulls and terns that included: Gull-billed Tern; Royal Tern; Cabot's Tern (a split from Sandwich Tern); Grey-headed Gull, and Laughing Gull. At Punta Carnero we got a single adult-plumaged Kelp Gull. Along the beach of Mar Bravo several immature Grey Gulls were observed and a few Willets were foraging at the shoreline as well. Two adult Chilean Flamingos with a couple of juveniles (still with downy feathers) must have had arrived recently from the south. According to a local expert, there has not been any record of the species nesting at Ecuasal. A flock of hundreds of Wilson's Phalaropes was quite a spectacular sight. An adult Peregrine Falcon perched at the edge of a pond was probably a boreal migrant on its way back. Our last birding stop was at a scenic spot called La Chicolatera, which is the far western tip of the Santa Elena



Grey Gull by John Hopkins



El Oro Parakeet by Dušan Brinkhuizen

peninsula. Here we scoped several Blue-footed Boobies that were foraging at sea. A light morph Variable Hawk of the lowland subspecies (by some regarded as a full species; Red-backed Hawk) was our last new bird of an incredibly successful and enjoyable trip.

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Key to abbreviations:

E: an endemic species

NE: a near-endemic species

I: an introduced species

Conservation Status

C: critical **En:** endangered **VU:** vulnerable **NT:** near-threatened

Tinamous Tinamidae

Grey Tinamou (VU)

Tinamus tao kleei

Up to 1 Copalinga Lodge 12-14.3

Cracking views of an adult at the hide at Copalinga.

Little Tinamou

Crypturellus soui

1 heard Manglares Churute 25.3

nigriceps:

1 heard Yankuam 15.3

Pale-browed Tinamou (NT) (NE)

Crypturellus transfasciatus

1 heard Jorupe Reserve 17.3 and Jorupe Reserve 18.3

Great views of 2 or 3 individuals seen in the early morning at the corn feeders.

Andean Tinamou*Nothoprocta pentlandii ambigua*

3 heard Catamayo area 12.3 and Catamayo area 17.3

One bird seen while it crossed the road in front of the vehicle.

Screamers *Anhimidae***Horned Screamer***Anhima cornuta*

La Tembladera 25.3

A single bird scoped in the distance.

Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl *Anatidae***Black-bellied Whistling Duck***Dendrocygna autumnalis autumnalis*

Manglares Churute 25.3 and Puerto Jeli 25.3

Several flocks. Also perched in a tree.

Fulvous Whistling Duck*Dendrocygna bicolor*

La Tembladera 25.3

A single bird with the Muscovy Ducks.

Comb Duck*Sarkidiornis sylvicola*

La Ceiba ricefields 18.3

1 adult male and 4 female types of this rare species.

Muscovy Duck*Cairina moschata*

La Tembladera 25.3

A flock of 11 genuine wild birds (no sign of any domestic influence).

White-cheeked Pintail*Anas bahamensis rubrirostris*

Puerto Jeli 25.3, en route 25.3 and Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3

Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows *Cracidae***Rufous-headed Chachalaca (VU) (NE)***Ortalis erythroptera*

1 heard Jorupe Reserve 18.3, El Tundo reserve 19.3, Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 25.3

Several groups seen and heard. We got our best views of this near-endemic at Buenaventura.

Speckled Chachalaca*Ortalis guttata guttata*

Zamora Airport 13.3, Copalinga Lodge 14.3, 1 heard Yankuam 15.3 and en route 16.3

Several groups seen and heard.

Bearded Guan (VU) (NE)*Penelope barbata*

Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3

A single bird flying overhead.

Sickle-winged Guan

Chamaepetes goudotii

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

tschudii:

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, 1 heard Copalinga Lodge 13.3, Paquisha 14.3, Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3 and Tapichalaca Reserve 22.3

A rather tame individual was present at Casa Simpson, Tapichalaca.

New World Quail *Odontophoridae*

Rufous-fronted Wood Quail

Odontophorus erythrops erythrops

1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 23.3

Heard-only at dawn.

Flamingos *Phoenicopteridae*

Chilean Flamingo (NT)

Phoenicopterus chilensis

Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3

Two adults with a few juveniles. Probably fresh arrivals from Northern Peru?

Storks *Ciconiidae*

Wood Stork

Mycteria americana

en route 11.3 and Zapotillo 18.3

A bird seen en route to Guayaquil. Another seen soar over at Zapotillo.

Ibises and Spoonbills *Threskiornithidae*

American White Ibis

Eudocimus albus ramobustorum

La Tembladera 25.3, Manglares Churute 25.3, Puerto Jeli 25.3 and Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3

Several small flocks at different sites.

Roseate Spoonbill

Platalea ajaja

La Tembladera 25.3 and Puerto Jeli 25.3

A few individuals.

Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns *Ardeidae*

Fasciated Tiger Heron

Tigrisoma fasciatum salmoni

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

A juvenile seen nicely from the bridge at the old Zamora-Loja road.

Black-crowned Night Heron

Nycticorax nycticorax hoactli

Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3

Fairly common in the salt pans.

Yellow-crowned Night Heron *Nyctanassa violacea caliginis*

Puerto Hondo 11.3, Puerto Jeli 25.3 and Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3

Foraging at close range at Puerto Hondo. Also fairly common at Punta Carnero, Salinas.

Striated Heron *Butorides striata striata*

Puerto Hondo 11.3, Zamora Airport 13.3 and Puerto Jeli 25.3

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

Puerto Hondo 11.3, Zamora Airport 13.3, en route 14.3, en route 16.3, Zapotillo 18.3, Manglares Churute 25.3, Puerto Jeli 25.3 and en route 26.3

Common and widespread.

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi*

Puerto Jeli 25.3

Great Egret *Ardea alba egretta*

Puerto Hondo 11.3, Guayaquil 11.3, Zamora area 13.3, La Ceiba ricefields 18.3, Puerto Jeli 25.3 and Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3

Common and widespread.

Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor tricolor*

Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*

Puerto Hondo 11.3 and Puerto Jeli 25.3

A pale individual at Puerto Hondo and adult dark morphs at other sites.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula thula*

Guayaquil 11.3, Zamora area 13.3, La Ceiba ricefields 18.3, Puerto Jeli 25.3 and Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3

Common and widespread.

Pelicans *Pelecanidae*

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis murphyi*

Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3

Peruvian Pelican (NT) *Pelecanus thagus*

Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3

Frigatebirds *Fregatidae*

Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens*

Puerto Hondo 11.3, Puerto Jeli 25.3, en route 25.3 and Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3

Boobies and Gannets *Sulidae*

Blue-footed Booby

Sula nebouxii nebouxii

La Chocolatera 26.3

Cormorants and Shags *Phalacrocoracidae*

Neotropic Cormorant

Phalacrocorax brasilianus brasilianus

Puerto Hondo 11.3, Macará 18.3, Puerto Jeli 25.3 and Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3

Anhingas *Anhingidae*

Anhinga

Anhinga anhinga anhinga

La Tembladera 25.3

A single bird standing in a wet marsh.

New World Vultures *Cathartidae*

Turkey Vulture

Cathartes aura

en route 12.3, Zamora area 13.3, en route 14.3, Yankuam 15.3, Paquisha 16.3, observed en route 17-19.3, Valladolid 21.3, en route 22.3, Buenaventura Reserve 23.3, Buenaventura Reserve 24.3 and en route 25.3

falklandicus:

Cerro Blanco 11.3 and Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3

Black Vulture

Coragyps atratus

Cerro Blanco 11.3, en route 12.3, Zamora area 13.3, en route 14.3, Yankuam 15.3, Paquisha 16.3, observed en route 17-19.3, Valladolid 20.3, Valladolid 21.3, en route 22.3, Buenaventura Reserve 23.3, Buenaventura Reserve 24.3, en route 25.3 and Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3

A common and widespread species.

Osprey *Pandionidae*

Western Osprey

Pandion haliaetus carolinensis

Puerto Jeli 25.3

Hawks, Eagles, and Kites *Accipitridae*

Hook-billed Kite

Chondrohierax uncinatus uncinatus

Jorupe Reserve 18.3

A single female in flight.

Swallow-tailed Kite

Elanoides forficatus yetapa

Yankuam 15.3, Jorupe Reserve 17.3, Jorupe Reserve 18.3, en route 22.3, Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

A fairly common and widespread species in the foothills.

Double-toothed Kite *Harpagus bidentatus bidentatus*

Shaime Road 15.3

A single perched bird.

Plain-breasted Hawk *Accipiter ventralis*

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3

A single bird flying over.

Bicolored Hawk *Accipiter bicolor bicolor*

Jorupe Reserve 18.3

Brief but close looks of an adult at Jorupe.

Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea*

Observed Buenaventura Reserve 23-25.3

Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis sociabilis*

Manglares Churute 25.3

Good numbers seen in the rice paddies near Manglares Churute.

Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis*

Puerto Hondo 11.3, Jorupe Reserve 18.3, en route 19.3 and Manglares Churute 25.3

Birds seen at several sites.

Great Black Hawk *Buteogallus urubitinga urubitinga*

Jorupe Reserve 18.3

A single adult in flight.

Barred Hawk *Morphnarchus princeps*

1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris magnirostris*

1 heard Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, Paquisha 14.3, Shaime Road 15.3, Yankuam 15.3, 1 heard El Tundo reserve 19.3, Valladolid 21.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

A common and widespread species.

Harris's Hawk *Parabuteo unicinctus harrisi*

Jorupe Reserve 17.3 and Jorupe Reserve 18.3

Variable Hawk *Geranoaetus polyosoma polyosoma*

La Chocolatera 26.3

Pale morph of coastal subspecies "Red-backed Hawk".

Grey-backed Hawk (En) (NE) *Pseudastur occidentalis*

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Seen nicely on several occasions both in flight and perched.

Grey-lined Hawk *Buteo nitidus blakei*

Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

An adult seen briefly.

Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus platypterus*

Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3

Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyurus brachyurus*

Yankuam 14.3

A dark morph flying overhead.

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots *Rallidae*

Chestnut-headed Crake *Anurolimnas castaneiceps castaneiceps*

1 heard Shaime Road 15.3

White-throated Crake *Laterallus albigularis albigularis*

1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 23.3, 1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 24.3 and 1 heard La Tembladera 25.3

Close encounters but no visual.

Rufous-necked Wood Rail *Aramides axillaris*

1 heard Jorupe Reserve 17.3

Heard just before the Buff-fronted Owl started calling.

Sora *Porzana carolina*

La Tembladera 25.3

At least 5 different individuals seen foraging in the open.

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinicus*

La Tembladera 25.3 and Manglares Churute 25.3

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata pauxilla*

La Tembladera 25.3

Limpkin *Aramidae*

Limpkin *Aramus guarauna guarauna*

Manglares Churute 25.3

A single bird scoped along the highway.

Stone-curlews and Thick-knees *Burhinidae*

Peruvian Thick-knee *Burhinus superciliaris*

Atahualpa 26.3

Fantastic views of two adults and a chick. A rare sighting in Ecuador!

Oystercatchers *Haematopodidae*

American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus palliatus*
Puerto Jeli 25.3 and Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3

Stilts and Avocets *Recurvirostridae*

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus mexicanus*
La Tembladera 25.3, Manglares Churute 25.3, en route 25.3 and Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3

Plovers and Lapwings *Charadriidae*

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola cynosurae*
Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3

Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus*
Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3
A single bird in the salt pans.

Wilson's Plover *Charadrius wilsonia beldingi*
Puerto Jeli 25.3
A few adults scoped at low tide.

Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus vociferus*
Manglares Churute 25.3
2 adults at a small wetland.

Jacanas *Jacanidae*

Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana scapularis*
La Tembladera 25.3 and Manglares Churute 25.3
Adults and juveniles.

Sandpipers and Allies *Scolopacidae*

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus hudsonicus*
Guayaquil 11.3, Puerto Jeli 25.3 and Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*
Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3
A single bird in a channel.

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*
Manglares Churute 25.3 and en route 25.3

Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria cinnamomea</i>
La Tembladera 25.3 and Manglares Churute 25.3	
Willet	<i>Tringa semipalmata</i>
Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3	
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>
Guayaquil 11.3 and Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3	
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres morinella</i>
Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3	
Semipalmated Sandpiper (NT)	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>
Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3	
A single bird in the salt pans.	
Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>
Manglares Churute 25.3, en route 25.3 and Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3	
Stilt Sandpiper	<i>Calidris himantopus</i>
Manglares Churute 25.3 and en route 25.3	
Quite a large flock (c. 150) in a rice paddy en route.	
Wilson's Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>
Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3	
An impressive flock of hundreds of individuals in the salt pans.	

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers Laridae

Grey-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus cirrocephalus</i>
Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3	
Several in the salt pans.	
Laughing Gull	<i>Leucophaeus atricilla megalopterus</i>
Manglares Churute 25.3 and Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3	
Grey Gull	<i>Leucophaeus modestus</i>
Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3	
A few individuals seen on the beach at Mar Bravo.	
Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus dominicanus</i>
Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3	
A single adult at Punta Carnero.	
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica vanrossemi</i>
Puerto Jelí 25.3 and Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3	
Large flock in the salt pans of which some birds performing courtship display.	
Royal Tern	<i>Thalasseus maximus maximus</i>

Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3

Cabot's Tern

Thalasseus acuflavidus acuflavidus

Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3

Pigeons and Doves Columbidae

Rock Dove

Columba livia livia

Guayaquil 11.3, Catamayo area 12.3, Zamora area 13.3, en route 14.3, Yankuam 15.3, en route 16.3, en route 17.3, Zapotillo 18.3, en route 19.3, Valladolid 20.3, Valladolid 21.3, en route 22.3, Puerto Jeli 25.3 and Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3

Band-tailed Pigeon

Patagioenas fasciata albilinea

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3, en route 17.3, Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3, Valladolid 21.3 and Cerro Toledo 22.3

Pale-vented Pigeon

Patagioenas cayennensis occidentalis

La Tembladera 25.3

Plumbeous Pigeon

Patagioenas plumbea

1 heard Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, 1 heard Paquisha 14.3 and en route 16.3
Seen feeding on the track (presumably consuming gravel).

chapmani:

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and 1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Ruddy Pigeon (VU)

Patagioenas subvinacea ogilviegranti

Shaime Road 15.3

Ecuadorian Ground Dove (NE)

Columbina buckleyi buckleyi

Cerro Blanco 11.3 and La Tembladera 25.3

One photographed from the vehicle while it was perched on an electric wire.

Croaking Ground Dove

Columbina cruziana

Guayaquil 11.3, Catamayo area 12.3, en route 17.3, Zapotillo 18.3, en route 19.3, en route 22.3 and Atahualpa 26.3

Nice scope views in the Catamayo valley of this handsome species.

Blue Ground Dove

Claravis pretiosa

Jorupe Reserve 17.3 and Jorupe Reserve 18.3

At the corn feeder at Urraca Lodge, Jorupe.

White-tipped Dove

Leptotila verreauxi decolor

Jorupe Reserve 17.3, Jorupe Reserve 18.3, en route 19.3 and Manglares Churute 25.3

Grey-fronted Dove

Leptotila rufaxilla dubusi

Copalinga Lodge 12.3, Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, 1 heard Shaime Road 15.3 and 1 heard en route 16.3

Best seen at the tinamou hide at Copalinga.

Ochre-bellied Dove (VU) (NE)

Leptotila ochraceiventris

1 heard Jorupe Reserve 18.3

Heard-only calling only twice.

White-throated Quail-Dove

Zentrygon frenata bourcieri

Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3 and 1 heard Valladolid 21.3

Seen nicely from the hide along the Jocotoco trail, Tapichalaca.

Eared Dove

Zenaida auriculata hypoleuca

Guayaquil 11.3, Catamayo area 12.3, Catamayo area 17.3, Zapotillo 18.3, en route 19.3 and en route 22.3

West Peruvian Dove

Zenaida meloda

Cerro Blanco 11.3, Zapotillo 18.3 and Atahualpa 26.3

Scoped at Zapotillo.

Hoatzin Opisthocomidae

Hoatzin

Opisthocomus hoazin

A small flock of this unique species observed at a small marsh near Nuevo Paraiso.

Cuckoos Cuculidae

Smooth-billed Ani

Crotophaga ani

Cerro Blanco 11.3, Zamora area 13.3, en route 14.3, Yankuam 15.3, observed en route 16-18.3, Valladolid 20.3, Valladolid 21.3, en route 22.3, Buenaventura Reserve 23.3, Buenaventura Reserve 24.3, La Tembladera 25.3, Manglares Churute 25.3 and en route 25.3

A common and widespread species.

Groove-billed Ani

Crotophaga sulcirostris

Atahualpa 26.3

A family group of 3 birds observed along the road.

Striped Cuckoo

Tapera naevia

1 heard Jorupe Reserve 18.3, Buenaventura Reserve 23.3, 1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 24.3 and 1 heard Manglares Churute 25.3

Nice views at the upper part of the Buenaventura reserve.

Squirrel Cuckoo

Piaya cayana

Jorupe Reserve 17.3, Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Manglares Churute 25.3

A fairly common and widespread species.

mesura:

1 heard Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, Paquisha 14.3, Yankuam 14.3, Yankuam 15.3 and Chinapintza 16.3

Grey-capped Cuckoo*Coccyzus lansbergi*

1 heard Zapotillo 18.3

Heard at close range but wouldn't come out in the open.

Owls Strigidae**West Peruvian Screech Owl***Megascops roboratus pacificus*

1 heard Jorupe Reserve 19.3

Heard-only by some participants around the cabins of Uracca Lodge.

Rufous-banded Owl*Strix albitarsis albitarsis*

1 heard Tapichalaca Reserve 19.3

Heard at Casa Simpson.

Black-and-white Owl*Strix nigrolineata*

Up to 1 Buenaventura Reserve 22-25.3

An adult seen nicely on a day-roost.

Spectacled Owl*Pulsatrix perspicillata chapmani*

Jorupe Reserve 19.3

A pair seen at dawn.

Band-bellied Owl*Pulsatrix melanota melanota*

1 heard Copalinga Lodge 13.3 and 1 heard Copalinga Lodge 14.3

Briefly heard from the dining table.

Ferruginous Pygmy Owl*Glaucidium brasilianum ucayalae*

1 heard Yankuam 15.3

Pacific Pygmy Owl*Glaucidium peruanum*

Cerro Blanco 11.3, Catamayo area 17.3, Manglares Churute 25.3 and Atahualpa 26.3

Species seen nicely on several occasions.

Burrowing Owl*Athene cunicularia nanodes*

Zapotillo 18.3 and Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3

Great views of a bird at the Zapotillo cemetery.

Buff-fronted Owl*Aegolius harrisii harrisii*

Jorupe Reserve 17.3

Superb looks of this very rare species at dusk at the lower entrance of the reserve.

Nightjars and Allies Caprimulgidae**Lesser Nighthawk***Chordeiles acutipennis aequatorialis*

Atahualpa 26.3

A few birds seen at dawn.

Blackish Nightjar*Nyctipolus nigrescens*

Copalinga Lodge 12.3

Great views of a male at dusk.

Pauraque*Nyctidromus albicollis albicollis*

Copalinga Lodge 12.3, 1 heard Copalinga Lodge 14.3, Yankuam 16.3, up to 1 Jorupe Reserve 17-19.3 and up to 1 Buenaventura Reserve 23-25.3

A fairly common and widespread species at lower elevations. Watched in the spotlight several times.

Band-winged Nightjar*Systellura longirostris ruficervix*

Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3

A single bird in the spotlight at Quebrada Honda trail.

Ladder-tailed Nightjar*Hydropsalis climacocerca climacocerca*

Zamora Airport 13.3

A bird seen and heard very well at the airport strip at dusk.

Swifts Apodidae**Chestnut-collared Swift***Streptoprocne rutila brunnitorques*

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, Copalinga Lodge 14.3, Valladolid 21.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 22.3

White-collared Swift*Streptoprocne zonaris subtropicalis*

Shaime Road 15.3, Chinapintza 16.3, Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Grey-rumped Swift*Chaetura cinereiventris*

Jorupe Reserve 17.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 22.3

sclateri:

Paquisha 14.3 and en route 16.3

Short-tailed Swift*Chaetura brachyura*

Yankuam 15.3 and en route 16.3

ocypetes:

Cerro Blanco 11.3 and Jorupe Reserve 17.3

The western subspecies *ocypetes* is split by some authorities as Tumbes Swift.**White-tipped Swift***Aeronautes montivagus montivagus*

Tapala 21.3

A few birds in the beautiful gorge passed Tapala.

Hummingbirds Trochilidae

- White-whiskered Hermit** *Phaethornis yaruqui*
1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and 1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 24.3
- Green Hermit** *Phaethornis guy apicalis*
Observed Copalinga Lodge 12-14.3 and Copalinga Lodge 16.3
Coming to the bar feeders at Copalinga.
- Grey-chinned Hermit** *Phaethornis griseogularis griseogularis*
Paquisha 14.3 and Chinapintza 16.3
- Napo Sabrewing (NT)** *Campylopterus villaviscensio*
Chinapintza 16.3
Seemingly fairly common at Chinapintza. Both males and females seen at several sites.
- White-necked Jacobin** *Florisuga mellivora mellivora*
Observed Buenaventura Reserve 22-25.3
Abundant at the feeders at Buenaventura.
- Brown Violetear** *Colibri delphinae*
Observed Buenaventura Reserve 23-25.3
Common at the feeders at Buenaventura.
- Sparkling Violetear** *Colibri coruscans coruscans*
en route 17.3
- Violet-headed Hummingbird** *Klais guimeti guimeti*
Observed Copalinga Lodge 12-14.3
On the Verbena flowers at Copalinga.
- Spangled Coquette** *Lophornis stictolophus*
Zamora area 13.3
Two females (or immatures) seen nicely in Zamora town.
- Wire-crested Thorntail (NT)** *Discosura popelairii*
Copalinga Lodge 13.3
A stunning male on the Verbena at Copalinga.
- Green Thorntail** *Discosura conversii*
Observed Buenaventura Reserve 23-25.3
Abundant at the feeders at Buenaventura.
- Blue-tailed Emerald** *Chlorostilbon mellisugus phoeopygus*
Zamora area 13.3
A single bird at the coquette site in Zamora town.
- Crowned Woodnymph** *Thalurania colombica hypochlora*
Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

This subspecies hypochlora is sometimes split as Emerald-bellied Woodnymph.

Fork-tailed Woodnymph *Thalurania furcata viridipectus*

Observed Copalinga Lodge 12-14.3 and Copalinga Lodge 16.3

At the feeders at Copalinga.

Violet-bellied Hummingbird *Juliamyia julie feliciana*

Observed Buenaventura Reserve 23-25.3

Common at the feeders at Buenaventura.

Golden-tailed Sapphire *Chrysuronia oenone oenone*

Copalinga Lodge 13.3, Copalinga Lodge 14.3 and Chinapintza 16.3

On the Verbena flowers.

Many-spotted Hummingbird *Taphrospilus hypostictus*

Copalinga Lodge 13.3, Copalinga Lodge 14.3, Yankuam 15.3 and Copalinga Lodge 16.3

At the feeders at Copalinga.

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird *Amazilia tzacatl jucunda*

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Fairly common at the feeders at Buenaventura.

Amazilia Hummingbird *Amazilia amazilia*

Catamayo area 12.3

dumerilii:

Cerro Blanco 11.3, Jorupe Reserve 17.3, Jorupe Reserve 18.3, Zapotillo 18.3, en route 19.3, Manglares Churute 25.3 and Atahualpa 26.3

Coming to the feeder at Urraca Lodge. Also seen at various other sites.

Andean Emerald *Amazilia franciae viridiceps*

Tapala 21.3 and observed Buenaventura Reserve 23-25.3

Fairly common at the feeders at Buenaventura.

Glittering-throated Emerald *Amazilia fimbriata fluviatilis*

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, Copalinga Lodge 12.3, Zamora area 13.3, Yankuam 15.3, Copalinga Lodge 16.3 and Valladolid 21.3

White-vented Plumeleteer *Chalybura buffonii*

Sozoranga 19.3

This isolated race intermedia is often considered being a separate species "Ecuadorian Plumeleteer".

Speckled Hummingbird *Adelomyia melanogenys melanogenys*

Paquisha 14.3, Chinapintza 16.3, El Tundo reserve 19.3, Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3 and Tapala 21.3

Ecuadorian Piedtail (NT) *Phlogophilus hemileucurus*

1 heard Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3

Common by voice inside the National Park.

Black-throated Brilliant *Heliodoxa schreibersii schreibersii*

Copalinga Lodge 16.3

One female-type at the bar feeders at Copalinga. A last-minute target!

Fawn-breasted Brilliant *Heliodoxa rubinoides cervinigularis*

Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3 and Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3

Fairly common at the feeders at Casa Simpson.

Green-crowned Brilliant *Heliodoxa jacula jamersoni*

Observed Buenaventura Reserve 23-25.3

Common at the feeders at Buenaventura.

Violet-fronted Brilliant *Heliodoxa leadbeateri sagitta*

Observed Copalinga Lodge 12-14.3, Chinapintza 16.3 and Copalinga Lodge 16.3

Common at the feeders at Copalinga.

White-tailed Hillstar *Urochroa bougueri leucura*

Paquisha 16.3

One bird foraging in the canopy.

Chestnut-breasted Coronet *Boissonneaua matthewsii*

Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3, Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3 and Tapala 21.3

Common at the feeders at Casa Simpson.

Velvet-purple Coronet *Boissonneaua jardini*

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

A single adult at the feeders at Buenaventura. This species is normally found at higher elevations.

Bronzy Inca *Coeligena coeligena obscura*

Valladolid 20.3

See at flowers along the road above Valladolid.

Collared Inca *Coeligena torquata fulgidigula*

Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3 and Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3

Common at the feeders at Casa Simpson.

Amethyst-throated Sunangel *Heliangelus amethysticollis laticlavus*

Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3 and Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3

Common at the feeders at Casa Simpson.

Flame-throated Sunangel *Heliangelus micraster micraster*

Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3 and Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3

Fairly common at the feeders at Casa Simpson.

Purple-throated Sunangel *Heliangelus viola*

en route 17.3

A single bird observed while nestbuilding at Las Chinchas.

Glowing Puffleg *Eriocnemis vestita smaragdinipectus*

Cerro Toledo 22.3

Nice views of several adults while looking for Neblina Metaltail.

Greenish Puffleg *Haplophaedia aureliae russata*

Copalinga Lodge 13.3 and Copalinga Lodge 14.3

A single bird feeding on the Verbena flowers. This species is normally found at higher elevations but it has been present at Copalinga for several weeks.

Rufous-vented Whitetip *Urosticte ruficrissa*

Paquisha 16.3

A male was seen by part of the group.

Booted Racket-tail *Ocreatus underwoodii*

Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Males of both subspecies were observed.

peruanus:

Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, Chinapintza 16.3 and Valladolid 20.3

Tyrian Metaltail *Metallura tyrianthina tyrianthina*

Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3

A single bird seen along the road near Quebrada de los Muertos.

Neblina Metaltail (NT) (NE) *Metallura odomae*

Cerro Toledo 22.3

A single bird seen well after an intense search in bad weather.

Rainbow-bearded Thornbill *Chalcostigma herrani herrani*

Cerro Toledo 22.3

A stunning male chasing the Neblina Metaltail.

Long-tailed Sylph *Agelaiocercus kingii mocoa*

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3, Paquisha 14.3, Chinapintza 16.3, Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3 and Tapala 21.3

Males seen at several sites.

Violet-tailed Sylph *Agelaiocercus coelestis aethereus*

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

At higher elevations in the reserve.

Wedge-billed Hummingbird *Schistes geoffroyi albogularis*

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3

Very brief views of a single bird visiting a Heliconia flower.

Purple-crowned Fairy *Heliothryx barroti*

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Views of a single bird visiting a Heliconia flower.

Black-eared Fairy

Heliothryx auritus auritus

Yankuam 15.3

Foraging in the canopy.

Short-tailed Woodstar

Myrmia micrura

Atahualpa 26.3

Nice views of a female bird.

Trogons Trogonidae

Golden-headed Quetzal

Pharomachrus auriceps auriceps

Valladolid 21.3

An adult male seen briefly.

Ecuadorian Trogon (NE)

Trogon mesurus

Jorupe Reserve 17.3 and Jorupe Reserve 18.3

Birds seen well on several occasions.

Green-backed Trogon

Trogon viridis

Maycu Reserve 15.3

A male briefly observed. Sometimes named Amazonian White-tailed Trogon.

Collared Trogon

Trogon collaris virginalis

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and 1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

A female seen at close range.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae

Green Kingfisher

Chloroceryle americana cabanisii

Guayaquil 11.3, La Ceiba ricefields 18.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 23.3

Ringed Kingfisher

Megaceryle torquata torquata

Zamora Airport 13.3, Paquisha 16.3, Manglares Churute 25.3 and en route 25.3

Motmots Momotidae

Whooping Motmot

Momotus subrufescens argenticinctus

Jorupe Reserve 18.3 and Jorupe Reserve 19.3

Seen at dawn foraging on the lights around the cabins.

Andean Motmot

Momotus aequatorialis aequatorialis

Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3

A pair seen nicely along the trail. Sometimes called Highland Motmot.

Rufous Motmot

Baryphthengus martii semirufus

Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

An adult digging its nest in a deserted armadillo hole.

Jacamars Galbulidae

Coppery-chested Jacamar (VU) (NE)

Galbula pastazae

1 heard Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, 1 heard Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3, Copalinga Lodge 14.3 and 1 heard Tapala 21.3

Great views of a male at the cabins at Copalinga.

Bluish-fronted Jacamar

Galbula cyanescens

Paquisha 16.3

A recent addition to Ecuador's avifauna. A pair was observed in the scope near Paquisha.

Purplish Jacamar

Galbula chalcothorax

1 heard Yankuam 14.3 and Maycu Reserve 15.3

Superb views of a pair along the road to Miazi.

Puffbirds Bucconidae

Barred Puffbird

Nystalus radiatus

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

A single bird watched beautifully while it was calling.

New World Barbets Capitonidae

Gilded Barbet

Capito auratus punctatus

Maycu Reserve 15.3

Good views at eye-level in the scope.

Lemon-throated Barbet

Eubucco richardsoni richardsoni

Maycu Reserve 15.3

Good views at eye-level in the scope.

Red-headed Barbet

Eubucco bourcierii

Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

orientalis:

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, Paquisha 14.3, Chinapintza 16.3 and Tapala 21.3

Seen at several sites but a pair nicely observed at eye-level in a mixed-species flock at Chinapintza.

Toucans Ramphastidae

- Chestnut-tipped Toucanet** *Aulacorhynchus derbianus*
 Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3 and 1 heard Paquisha 14.3
 One bird briefly seen.
- Lettered Aracari** *Pteroglossus inscriptus humboldti*
 Yankuam 15.3
- Chestnut-eared Aracari** *Pteroglossus castanotis castanotis*
 Yankuam 15.3
- Pale-mandibled Aracari (NE)** *Pteroglossus erythropygius*
 Buenaventura Reserve 23.3
- Choco Toucan** *Ramphastos brevis*
 1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 24.3
- White-throated Toucan** *Ramphastos tucanus cuvieri*
 Shaime Road 15.3
- Yellow-throated Toucan (VU)** *Ramphastos ambiguus swainsonii*
 Up to 1 Buenaventura Reserve 22-24.3

Woodpeckers Picidae

- Lafresnaye's Piculet** *Picumnus lafresnayi lafresnayi*
 Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3,
 Yankuam 15.3 and Tapala 21.3
 Seen for a prolonged time on the way to Tapala.
- Ecuadorian Piculet (NE)** *Picumnus sclateri*
 Cerro Blanco 11.3
sclateri:
 Jorupe Reserve 18.3
 Tumbesian speciality seen well, especially at Jorupe.
- Olivaceous Piculet** *Picumnus olivaceus harterti*
 Manglares Churute 25.3
 Very briefly seen.
- Yellow-tufted Woodpecker** *Melanerpes cruentatus*
 Yankuam 15.3, Paquisha 16.3 and Valladolid 20.3
 Fairly common in open secondary habitat.
- Smoky-brown Woodpecker** *Picoides fumigatus fumigatus*
 1 heard Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, El Tundo reserve 19.3 and Tapala 21.3
- Scarlet-backed Woodpecker** *Veniliornis callonotus major*

Jorupe Reserve 17.3 and Manglares Churute 25.3

Nice views of this handsome species.

Little Woodpecker

Veniliornis passerinus agilis

Yankuam 15.3

Red-rumped Woodpecker

Veniliornis kirkii ceciliae

Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Red-stained Woodpecker

Veniliornis affinis hiliaris

Shaime Road 15.3

A single bird came in to tape.

White-throated Woodpecker

Piculus leucolaemus

Maycu Reserve 15.3

In a mixed-species flock.

Golden-olive Woodpecker

Colaptes rubiginosus

Catamayo area 12.3, El Tundo reserve 19.3 and Tapala 21.3

rubripileus:

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

coloratus:

Paquisha 16.3

Fairly common and widespread.

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker

Colaptes rivolii brevirostris

1 heard en route 17.3 and Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3

A single bird watched in a mixed-species flock.

Lineated Woodpecker

Dryocopus lineatus lineatus

Copalinga Lodge 12.3, Copalinga Lodge 13.3 and Zamora Airport 13.3

Crimson-crested Woodpecker

Campephilus melanoleucos melanoleucos

Yankuam 14.3

Guayaquil Woodpecker (NT) (NE)

Campephilus gayaquilensis

El Tundo reserve 19.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

A male at El Tundo and a female at Buenaventura.

Falcons and Caracaras Falconidae

Black Caracara

Daptrius ater

Yankuam 15.3 and en route 16.3

Northern Crested Caracara

Caracara cheriway

Zapotillo 18.3, en route 19.3, Buenaventura Reserve 23.3, Buenaventura Reserve 24.3, Manglares Churute 25.3, en route 25.3 and Atahualpa 26.3

Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans*
Yankuam 15.3

fulvescens:

1 heard Jorupe Reserve 18.3 and 1 heard Manglares Churute 25.3

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius peruvianus*
en route 19.3, Valladolid 20.3, Valladolid 21.3, en route 25.3 and en route 26.3

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus cassini*
Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3

A single bird perched in the salt pans.

African & New World Parrots *Psittacidae*

Grey-cheeked Parakeet (En) (NE) *Brotogeris pyrrhoptera*
Guayaquil 11.3, Jorupe Reserve 17.3, 1 heard Jorupe Reserve 18.3 and 1 heard en route 19.3
Several flocks seen at the boulevard in downtown Guayaquil. Also a lovely flock scoped at Jorupe reserve.

Rose-faced Parrot *Pyrilia pulchra*
Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Superb views of an adult feeding a juvenile. Three birds were present.

Red-billed Parrot *Pionus sordidus corallinus*
1 heard Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3 and Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3

Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus menstruus*
Yankuam 14.3, Yankuam 15.3 and Paquisha 16.3

Bronze-winged Parrot *Pionus chalcopterus*
Observed Buenaventura Reserve 22-24.3 and Manglares Churute 25.3

Red-lored Amazon *Amazona autumnalis lilacina*
Cerro Blanco 11.3

This rare and local subspecies *lilacina* is often regarded as being a separate species; **Lilacine Amazon (C)**, endemic to Ecuador.

Scaly-naped Amazon *Amazona mercenarius canipalliata*
Observed Tapichalaca Reserve 20-22.3

Pacific Parrotlet *Forpus coelestis*
Cerro Blanco 11.3, Catamayo area 12.3, Catamayo area 17.3, en route 22.3, Manglares Churute 25.3 and Atahualpa 26.3

A fairly common Tumbesian specialty seen well at several sites.

El Oro Parakeet (En) (E) *Pyrrhura orcesi*

1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and 8 Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Prolonged views of a family group perched at close range.

White-breasted Parakeet (VU) (NE) *Pyrrhura albipectus*

Paquisha 14.3 and Valladolid 20.3

Great views of a small flock near Paquisha. Fly-by birds at Valladolid.

Military Macaw (VU) *Ara militaris militaris*

Shaime Road 15.3

A fly by during lunch of this rare and impressive species.

Golden-plumed Parakeet (VU) *Leptosittaca branickii*

Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3

Nice scope views of birds at their nestboxes along Quebrada Honda.

Red-masked Parakeet *Psittacara erythrogenys*

Cerro Blanco 11.3, Jorupe Reserve 17.3, Jorupe Reserve 18.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

At the corn feeders at Urraca Lodge, Jorupe reserve.

White-eyed Parakeet *Psittacara leucophthalmus callogenys*

Yankuam 15.3, Valladolid 20.3 and Tapala 21.3

Perched birds in the scope at the gorge past Tapala.

Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers *Furnariidae*

Pacific Hornero *Furnarius cinnamomeus*

Cerro Blanco 11.3, Catamayo area 12.3, Jorupe Reserve 17.3, observed en route 17-19.3, en route 22.3, Buenaventura Reserve 24.3, Manglares Churute 25.3 and en route 25.3

Common and widespread in the southwest.

Mouse-colored Thistletail *Asthenes griseomurina*

en route 12.3 and Cerro Toledo 22.3

Great views of a bird while watching Neblina Metaltail and Rainbow-bearded Thornbill.

Many-striped Canastero *Asthenes flammulata flammulata*

1 heard Cerro Toledo 22.3

Rufous Spinetail *Synallaxis unirufa unirufa*

1 heard Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3 and 1 heard Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3

Azara's Spinetail *Synallaxis azarae*

1 heard El Tundo reserve 19.3, 1 heard Valladolid 20.3 and 1 heard Tapala 21.3

ochracea:

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and 1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Dark-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis albigularis albigularis*

1 heard Zamora Airport 13.3, 1 heard Copalinga Lodge 14.3 and Yankuam 15.3

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- Blackish-headed Spinetail (En) (NE)** *Synallaxis tithys*
 Jorupe Reserve 17.3 and Jorupe Reserve 18.3
 Good views of an often very skulky species.
- Dusky Spinetail (NT)** *Synallaxis moesta brunneicaudalis*
 Paquisha 16.3
 Glimpses at the Bluish-fronted Jacamar site.
- Necklaced Spinetail** *Synallaxis stictothorax stictothorax*
 Atahualpa 26.3
 Fairly common in scrub of the Santa Elena peninsula.
- White-browed Spinetail** *Hellmayrea gularis gularis*
 Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3
 A cooperative individual showing nicely.
- Ash-browed Spinetail (VU)** *Cranioleuca curtata cisandina*
 Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3, 1 heard
 Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, Paquisha 14.3, Chinapintza 16.3 and Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3
 Seen in several mixed-species flocks.
- Line-cheeked Spinetail** *Cranioleuca antisiensis antisiensis*
 1 heard en route 17.3, El Tundo reserve 19.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 23.3
- Rufous-fronted Thornbird** *Phacellodomus rufifrons peruvianus*
 Valladolid 20.3 and Valladolid 21.3
 Several birds seen near Valladolid; influence of the Marañon drainage.
- Equatorial Greytail (NT)** *Xenerpestes singularis*
 Paquisha 14.3
 Good views of a singing bird in a mixed-species flock.
- Spotted Barbtail** *Premnoplex brunnescens brunnescens*
 1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3
- Pearled Treerunner** *Margarornis squamiger perlatus*
 Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3 and Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3
 Seen in several mixed-species flocks.
- Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner** *Anabacerthia variegaticeps temporalis*
 Buenaventura Reserve 23.3
- Montane Foliage-gleaner** *Anabacerthia striaticollis montana*
 Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3,
 Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, Paquisha 14.3, Chinapintza 16.3 and 1 heard Tapala 21.3
 Seen in several mixed-species flocks.
- Lineated Foliage-gleaner** *Syndactyla subalaris subalaris*
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Buenaventura Reserve 23.3

Rufous-necked Foliage-gleaner (VU) (NE) *Syndactyla ruficollis*

Jorupe Reserve 17.3, 1 heard Jorupe Reserve 18.3 and 1 heard El Tundo reserve 19.3

A very responsive bird seen in the late afternoon.

Western Woodhaunter *Hyloctistes virgatus assimilis*

1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 23.3

Slaty-winged Foliage-gleaner *Philydor fuscipenne erythronotum*

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3

Great looks of a pair in the canopy along the umbrellabird trail.

Bamboo Foliage-gleaner *Anabazenops dorsalis*

Shaime Road 15.3

This rare species is sometimes named Dusky-cheeked Foliage-gleaner.

Uniform Treehunter *Thripadectes ignobilis*

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3

Superb views of this skulky Chocó specialty.

Black-billed Treehunter *Thripadectes melanorhynchus melanorhynchus*

Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3

Henna-hooded Foliage-gleaner (VU) (NE) *Hylocryptus erythrocephalus erythrocephalus*

Jorupe Reserve 17.3 and 1 heard Jorupe Reserve 18.3

Short but good views of this large attractive foliage-gleaner.

Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper *Lochmias nematura sororius*

1 heard Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3 and Copalinga Lodge 14.3

Superb views of a bird foraging along a small stream at the entrance of Copalinga.

Plain Xenops *Xenops minutus*

Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

obsoletus:

Yankuam 15.3

Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans peruvianus*

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3, Paquisha 14.3 and Chinapintza 16.3

Seen in several mixed-species flocks.

Tyrannine Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla tyrannina tyrannina*

Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3

A single bird following a small mixed-flock along the road in the lower part of the reserve.

Plain-brown Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla fuliginosa ridgwayi*

Up to 1 Buenaventura Reserve 22-24.3

Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus*

Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

amazonus:

1 heard Copalinga Lodge 12.3, 1 heard Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3 and Copalinga Lodge 16.3

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper

Glyphorhynchus spirurus

1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

castelnaudii:

Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, Copalinga Lodge 13.3, Copalinga Lodge 14.3, Yankuam 15.3 and Copalinga Lodge 16.3

Nest building in the orchid garden at Copalinga.

Spotted Woodcreeper

Xiphorhynchus erythropygius aequatorialis

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Olive-backed Woodcreeper

Xiphorhynchus triangularis triangularis

Paquisha 14.3

Streak-headed Woodcreeper

Lepidocolaptes souleyetii

Cerro Blanco 11.3 and 1 heard Manglares Churute 25.3

souleyetii:

Jorupe Reserve 17.3, Jorupe Reserve 18.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Montane Woodcreeper

Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger aequatorialis

Paquisha 14.3, 1 heard El Tundo reserve 19.3 and Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3

Duida Woodcreeper

Lepidocolaptes duidae

Shaime Road 15.3

Red-billed Scythebill

Campylorhamphus trochilirostris thoracicus

Jorupe Reserve 17.3 and 1 heard Manglares Churute 25.3

Seen nicely at Jorupe in the afternoon.

Antbirds *Thamnophilidae*

Fasciated Antshrike

Cymbilaimus lineatus intermedius

1 heard Maycu Reserve 15.3

Great Antshrike

Taraba major

1 heard Jorupe Reserve 18.3, Buenaventura Reserve 24.3 and 1 heard Manglares Churute 25.3

Both male and female seen but skulking.

melanurus:

1 heard Zamora Airport 13.3 and 1 heard Yankuam 15.3

Collared Antshrike (NE)

Thamnophilus bernardi

Puerto Hondo 11.3 and Cerro Blanco 11.3

piurae:

Catamayo area 12.3, Catamayo area 17.3 and Jorupe Reserve 18.3

Both males and females seen nicely at several localities.

Chapman's Antshrike (NE) *Thamnophilus zarumae zarumae*

El Tundo reserve 19.3

Seen nicely at our lunch stop.

Lined Antshrike (VU) *Thamnophilus tenuipunctatus berlepschi*

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3, Paquisha 14.3, Yankuam 15.3, Chinapintza 16.3, Valladolid 20.3 and Tapala 21.3

Fairly common in the eastern foothills.

White-shouldered Antshrike *Thamnophilus aethiops aethiops*

Yankuam 15.3

Seen by only few.

Uniform Antshrike *Thamnophilus unicolor unicolor*

1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and 1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Plain-winged Antshrike *Thamnophilus schistaceus capitalis*

Yankuam 15.3

Black-crowned Antshrike *Thamnophilus atrinucha atrinucha*

Up to 1 Buenaventura Reserve 22-24.3

A pair seen well. Previously named Western Slaty Antshrike.

Russet Antshrike *Thamnistes anabatinus intermedius*

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Plain Antwireo *Dysithamnus mentalis*

1 heard Jorupe Reserve 18.3

napensis:

Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, Zamora area 14.3 and 1 heard El Tundo reserve 19.3

Checker-throated Antwren *Epinecrophylla fulviventris fulviventris*

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3

In an small understory flock

Stripe-chested Antwren *Myrmotherula longicauda pseudoaustralis*

Yankuam 15.3

A single male came in to playback near Nuevo Paraiso.

White-flanked Antwren *Myrmotherula axillaris melaena*

1 heard Maycu Reserve 15.3

Slaty Antwren *Myrmotherula schisticolor schisticolor*

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3

Yellow-breasted Antwren (VU) *Herpsilochmus axillaris aequatorialis*

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3, 1 heard Paquisha 14.3 and Chinapintza 16.3

Seen well in several mixed-species flocks.

Rufous-winged Antwren

Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus frater

Yankuam 15.3

High up in the canopy.

Rufous-rumped Antwren

Terenura callinota callinota

Paquisha 14.3

Seen well in a mixed-species flock.

Blackish Antbird

Cercomacra nigrescens aequatorialis

1 heard Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3 and 1 heard Paquisha 14.3

A pair seen in the understory.

Jet Antbird

Cercomacra nigricans nigricans

Manglares Churute 25.3

Good looks at a male.

White-backed Fire-eye

Pyriglena leuconota castanoptera

1 heard Chinapintza 16.3

White-browed Antbird

Myrmoborus leucophrys leucophrys

Yankuam 15.3

Black-faced Antbird

Myrmoborus myotherinus napensis

1 heard Yankuam 15.3

Peruvian Warbling Antbird

Hypocnemis peruviana saturata

1 heard Yankuam 14.3, 1 heard Yankuam 15.3 and en route 16.3

Fantastic looks of a male en route to Paquisha.

Spot-winged Antbird

Schistocichla leucostigma subplumbea

Yankuam 15.3

Chestnut-backed Antbird

Myrmeciza exsul maculifer

Up to 1 Buenaventura Reserve 22-25.3

Seen nicely on the last morning of our stay at Buenaventura.

Esmeraldas Antbird

Myrmeciza nigricauda

1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Northern Chestnut-tailed Antbird

Myrmeciza castanea castanea

Shaime Road 15.3 and en route 16.3

Fantastic looks of a male en route to Paquisha. Often named "Zimmer's Antbird".

Grey-headed Antbird (VU) (NE)

Myrmeciza griseiceps

El Tundo reserve 19.3

Very brief looks of an extremely skulky pair.

Hairy-crested Antbird

Rhegmatorhina melanosticta melanosticta

Yankuam 14.3

Fantastic views of a singing male in the understory. The bird here possibly belongs to the Peruvian subspecies *brunneiceps* with a chestnut crown (or a hybrid therewith).

Antthrushes *Formicariidae*

Black-headed Antthrush

Formicarius nigricapillus destructus

Manglares Churute 25.3

Swiftly seen on the track after playback.

Rufous-breasted Antthrush

Formicarius rufipectus carrikeri

1 heard Chinapintza 16.3 and 1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 23.3

Antpittas *Grallariidae*

Scaled Antpitta

Grallaria guatemalensis regulus

1 heard Yankuam 15.3, 1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and 1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Plain-backed Antpitta

Grallaria haplonota

1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

chaplinae:

1 heard Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3 and 1 heard Chinapintza 16.3

Chestnut-crowned Antpitta

Grallaria ruficapilla connectens

1 heard en route 17.3

Watkins's Antpitta (NT) (NE)

Grallaria watkinsi

1 heard Jorupe Reserve 17.3, 1 heard Jorupe Reserve 18.3 and El Tundo reserve 19.3

Great looks of a bird during our lunch break.

Jocotoco Antpitta (En) (NE)

Grallaria ridgelyi

Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3

A pair watched for a prolonged time feeding on worms at a very close range.

Chestnut-naped Antpitta

Grallaria nuchalis nuchalis

Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3 and 1 heard Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3

Seen from the quail-dove hide.

Rufous Antpitta

Grallaria rufula rufula

1 heard en route 12.3 and 1 heard Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3

Thrush-like Antpitta

Myrmothera campanisona signata

1 heard Yankuam 14.3 and 1 heard Yankuam 15.3

Tapaculos *Rhinocryptidae***Ash-colored Tapaculo***Myornis senilis*

1 heard Cerro Toledo 22.3

Northern White-crowned Tapaculo*Scytalopus atratus atratus*

1 heard Copalinga Lodge 12.3, 1 heard Paquisha 14.3 and 1 heard Chinapintza 16.3

Long-tailed Tapaculo*Scytalopus micropterus*

1 heard Tapala 21.3

Sometimes called Equatorial Rufous-vented Tapaculo.

El Oro Tapaculo (En) (E)*Scytalopus robbinsi*

1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and 1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Chusquea Tapaculo*Scytalopus parkeri*

Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3

Seen nicely in the bamboo.

Blackish Tapaculo*Scytalopus latrans subcinereus*

1 heard en route 17.3 and El Tundo reserve 19.3

Seen nicely at El Tundo.

Crescentchests *Melanopareidae***Elegant Crescentchest (NE)***Melanopareia elegans elegans*

Cerro Blanco 11.3, Catamayo area 12.3 and Catamayo area 17.3

Seen twice but individuals remained generally secretive.

Tyrant Flycatchers *Tyrannidae***Sooty-headed Tyrannulet***Phyllomyias griseiceps griseiceps*

1 heard Yankuam 15.3, 1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 22.3 and 1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Black-capped Tyrannulet*Phyllomyias nigrocapillus nigrocapillus*

Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3

Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet*Phyllomyias uropygialis*

El Tundo reserve 19.3

Came in nicely to tape playback.

Foothill Elaenia (VU)*Myiopagis olallai olallai*

Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3

Bad looks of a vocal bird moving through the canopy.

Pacific Elaenia*Myiopagis subplacens*

Jorupe Reserve 17.3 and Jorupe Reserve 18.3

Several birds seen inside the reserve.

Greenish Elaenia	<i>Myiopagis viridicata implacens</i>
1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 24.3 and Manglares Churute 25.3	
Yellow-bellied Elaenia	<i>Elaenia flavogaster semipagana</i>
Valladolid 21.3	
Adult and juvenile (without crest).	
White-crested Elaenia	<i>Elaenia albiceps griseigularis</i>
Chinapintza 16.3 and 1 heard El Tundo reserve 19.3	
Mottle-backed Elaenia	<i>Elaenia gigas</i>
Yankuam 15.3	
Highland Elaenia	<i>Elaenia obscura obscura</i>
Valladolid 20.3	
A bird coming in to tape in roadside scrub.	
White-lored Tyrannulet	<i>Ornithion inerme</i>
en route 16.3	
Singing in a mixed-flock.	
Southern Beardless Tyrannulet	<i>Camptostoma obsoletum sclateri</i>
Cerro Blanco 11.3, Catamayo area 12.3, en route 17.3, Zapotillo 18.3, Jorupe Reserve 18.3, El Tundo reserve 19.3, Valladolid 20.3 and Manglares Churute 25.3	
White-tailed Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus poecilocercus</i>
El Tundo reserve 19.3	
Torrent Tyrannulet	<i>Serpophaga cinerea cinerea</i>
Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3	
Tumbesian Tyrannulet	<i>Phaeomyias tumbezana tumbezana</i>
Catamayo area 12.3, Catamayo area 17.3 and Atahualpa 26.3	
Seen nicely outside Catamayo.	
Yellow Tyrannulet	<i>Capsiempis flaveola magnirostris</i>
1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3	
Bronze-olive Pygmy Tyrant	<i>Pseudotriccus pelzelni annectens</i>
Buenaventura Reserve 24.3	
Seen well while waiting for the El Oro Tapaculo.	
Tawny-crowned Pygmy Tyrant	<i>Euscarthmus meloryphus fulviceps</i>
Catamayo area 12.3, Zapotillo 18.3 and Atahualpa 26.3	
Grey-and-white Tyrannulet	<i>Pseudelaenia leucospodia cinereifrons</i>
Atahualpa 26.3	
Good views of a bird showing its typical crest.	
Red-billed Tyrannulet (VU)	<i>Zimmerius cinereicapilla</i>

1 heard Shaime Road 15.3

Heard sing and call for a prolonged time but did not come in to the playback.

Golden-faced Tyrannulet *Zimmerius chrysops*

Copalinga Lodge 13.3, Paquisha 14.3, Shaime Road 15.3, Chinapintza 16.3 and Tapala 21.3

Loja Tyrannulet *Zimmerius flavidifrons*

El Tundo reserve 19.3 and 1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 23.3

Variegated Bristle Tyrant *Pogonotriccus poecilotis poecilotis*

Paquisha 14.3

Brief views of a bird in a mixed-species flock.

Marble-faced Bristle Tyrant *Pogonotriccus ophthalmicus ophthalmicus*

Paquisha 14.3 and Chinapintza 16.3

Ecuadorian Tyrannulet (NT) *Phylloscartes gualaquizae*

1 heard Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3, Paquisha 14.3, Maycu Reserve 15.3 and 1 heard Chinapintza 16.3

Rufous-browed Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes superciliaris griseocapillus*

Paquisha 14.3 and 1 heard Paquisha 16.3

Nice views of a bird in a mixed-species flock.

Streak-necked Flycatcher *Mionectes striaticollis columbianus*

Chinapintza 16.3 and Valladolid 21.3

Slaty-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon superciliaris*

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

superciliaris:

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, 1 heard Copalinga Lodge 12.3, Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, Paquisha 14.3, Yankuam 15.3 and Chinapintza 16.3

Orange-crested Flycatcher *Myiophobus phoenicomitra phoenicomitra*

1 heard Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3

Singing but did not respond to tape after playback.

Olive-chested Flycatcher *Myiophobus cryptoxanthus*

Zamora Airport 13.3, 1 heard Yankuam 15.3, Chinapintza 16.3 and 1 heard Tapala 21.3

Bran-colored Flycatcher *Myiophobus fasciatus crypterythrus*

Catamayo area 12.3 and El Tundo reserve 19.3

Orange-banded Flycatcher (NT) (NE) *Nephelomyias lintoni*

1 heard Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3 and Tapichalaca Reserve 22.3

Scoped during dawn song along the road near Quebrada Honda.

Ornate Flycatcher *Myiotriccus ornatus*

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

phoenicurus:

Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, Paquisha 14.3, 1 heard Yankuam 14.3, Yankuam 15.3 and Chinapintza 16.3

White-eyed Tody-Tyrant*Hemitriccus zosterops zosterops*

1 heard Maycu Reserve 15.3

Black-throated Tody-Tyrant*Hemitriccus granadensis pyrrhops*

1 heard Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3

White-bellied Pygmy Tyrant*Myiornis albiventris*

1 heard Yankuam 14.3 and Shaime Road 15.3

A recent addition to Ecuador's avifauna. An adult was seen very well along the river Nangaritza.

Scale-crested Pygmy Tyrant*Lophotriccus pileatus*

1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

pileatus:

Paquisha 14.3 and 1 heard Chinapintza 16.3

Black-and-white Tody-Flycatcher*Poecilotriccus capitalis*

Shaime Road 15.3

A male seen nicely in dense understory.

Golden-winged Tody-Flycatcher*Poecilotriccus calopterus*

Maycu Reserve 15.3

Pair seen along the track.

Common Tody-Flycatcher*Todirostrum cinereum*

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

peruanum:

Observed Copalinga Lodge 12-14.3, Paquisha 14.3, Yankuam 15.3, 1 heard Copalinga Lodge 16.3, Valladolid 20.3 and Tapala 21.3

Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher*Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum guttatum*

Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3

A first record for Podocarpus NP. This species is usually found at lower elevations.

Brownish Twistwing*Cnipodectes subbrunneus subbrunneus*

1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Seen perched in the midstory.

Yellow-olive Flatbill*Tolmomyias sulphurescens*

Cerro Blanco 11.3, Jorupe Reserve 17.3, Jorupe Reserve 18.3 and Manglares Churute 25.3

peruvianus:

Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, Yankuam 15.3 and Tapala 21.3

Olive-faced Flatbill*Tolmomyias viridiceps viridiceps*

Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, Copalinga Lodge 13.3, Copalinga Lodge 14.3, Paquisha 14.3 and Shaime Road 15.3

White-throated Spadebill*Platyrinchus mystaceus albogularis*

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3

Nice views of a bird in the understory.

Cinnamon Flycatcher*Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus pyrrhopterus*

1 heard Paquisha 14.3, Chinapintza 16.3 and Tapala 21.3

Grey-breasted Flycatcher (VU) (NE)*Lathrotriccus griseipectus*

Jorupe Reserve 17.3

A singing male on territory watched in the scope.

Black Phoebe*Sayornis nigricans angustirostris*

Copalinga Lodge 12.3, Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3, Zapotillo 18.3, Tapala 21.3 and observed Buenaventura Reserve 22-25.3

Olive-sided Flycatcher (NT)*Contopus cooperi*

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3 and Yankuam 15.3

Smoke-colored Pewee*Contopus fumigatus*

Paquisha 14.3 and Chinapintza 16.3

zarumae:

El Tundo reserve 19.3

Western Wood Pewee*Contopus sordidulus sordidulus*

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3

Vocalizing.

Eastern Wood Pewee*Contopus virens*

1 heard Tapala 21.3

Vocalizing.

Tumbes Pewee*Contopus punensis*

Jorupe Reserve 17.3 and Zapotillo 18.3

Seen nicely.

Vermilion Flycatcher*Pyrocephalus rubinus piurae*

Atahualpa 26.3

Fairly common around Atahualpa.

Rufous-tailed Tyrant*Knipolegus poecilurus peruanus*

Valladolid 20.3 and Valladolid 21.3

A fairly common bird around Valladolid.

Masked Water Tyrant*Fluvicola nengeta atripennis*

La Tembladera 25.3

Scoped in the marsh.

Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant*Silvicultrix diadema gratiosa*

Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3

Seen at very close range.

Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant*Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris*

Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3

Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant*Ochthoeca fumicolor brunneifrons*

Cerro Toledo 22.3

Long-tailed Tyrant*Colonia colonus niveiceps*

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3, en route 14.3, Yankuam 15.3 and en route 16.3

Short-tailed Field Tyrant*Muscigralla brevicauda*

Atahualpa 26.3

Piratic Flycatcher*Legatus leucophaeus leucophaeus*

1 heard Valladolid 20.3 and Tapala 21.3

Social Flycatcher*Myiozetetes similis*

Zamora Airport 13.3, Yankuam 15.3, Valladolid 20.3 and Tapala 21.3

grandis:

Cerro Blanco 11.3, Jorupe Reserve 18.3, Buenaventura Reserve 23.3, Buenaventura Reserve 24.3, La Tembladera 25.3 and Manglares Churute 25.3

Grey-capped Flycatcher*Myiozetetes granadensis obscurior*

Yankuam 15.3

Great Kiskadee*Pitangus sulphuratus sulphuratus*

Zamora Airport 13.3, 1 heard en route 14.3, Yankuam 15.3 and Valladolid 20.3

Lemon-browed Flycatcher (VU)*Conopias cinchoneti cinchoneti*

1 heard Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, 1 heard Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3, Paquisha 14.3 and 1 heard Tapala 21.3

Golden-crowned Flycatcher*Myiodynastes chrysocephalus minor*

1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Baird's Flycatcher*Myiodynastes bairdii*

1 heard Cerro Blanco 11.3, Zapotillo 18.3 and Atahualpa 26.3

Seen nicely at Zapotillo.

Streaked Flycatcher*Myiodynastes maculatus chapmani*

Cerro Blanco 11.3, Jorupe Reserve 17.3, Jorupe Reserve 18.3 and Manglares Churute 25.3

Boat-billed Flycatcher*Megarynchus pitangua pitangua*

Cerro Blanco 11.3 and Jorupe Reserve 18.3

Snowy-throated Kingbird*Tyrannus niveigularis*

Zapotillo 18.3 and Atahualpa 26.3

Pairs seen at both sites.

Tropical Kingbird

Tyrannus melancholicus melancholicus

Cerro Blanco 11.3, Catamayo area 12.3, Zamora area 13.3, en route 14.3, Yankuam 15.3, observed en route 16-19.3, Valladolid 20.3, Valladolid 21.3, Tapala 21.3, en route 22.3, Buenaventura Reserve 23.3, Buenaventura Reserve 24.3, Manglares Churute 25.3, Puerto Jeli 25.3 and en route 25.3

A common and widespread species.

Dusky-capped Flycatcher

Myiarchus tuberculifer nigriceps

El Tundo reserve 19.3 and 1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Short-crested Flycatcher

Myiarchus ferox ferox

Copalinga Lodge 14.3

Sooty-crowned Flycatcher

Myiarchus phaeocephalus phaeocephalus

Cerro Blanco 11.3 and Zapotillo 18.3

Great views at Cerro Blanco and Jorupe.

Ochraceous Attila (VU) (NE)

Attila torridus

Buenaventura Reserve 22.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Superb views of several individuals.

Cotingas Cotingidae

Scarlet-breasted Fruiteater

Pipreola frontalis squamipectus

Chinapintza 16.3

Male and female seen briefly in a mixed-species flock.

Fiery-throated Fruiteater (NT)

Pipreola chlorolepidota

Shaime Road 15.3 and Maycu Reserve 15.3

Good looks of both male and female at two sites.

Andean Cock-of-the-rock

Rupicola peruvianus aequatorialis

Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3

A male of the eastern race *aequatorialis* perched in the same tree as the Amazonian Umbrellabirds.

Grey-tailed Piha (NT)

Snowornis subalaris

1 heard Maycu Reserve 15.3

Amazonian Umbrellabird

Cephalopterus ornatus

5 Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3

Up to five individuals seen fantastically.

Long-wattled Umbrellabird (VU) (NE)

Cephalopterus penduliger

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3

A single adult male showing for a prolonged time.

Manakins Pipridae**Golden-winged Manakin***Masius chrysopterus pax*

Paquisha 14.3

An immature or female type bird feeding in a mixed-species flock.

Club-winged Manakin*Machaeropterus deliciosus*

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and 1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

A female seen perched in the understory and several males heard.

White-bearded Manakin*Manacus manacus maximus*

Buenaventura Reserve 22.3 and 1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 23.3

Tityras, Becards Tityridae**Pacific Royal Flycatcher (VU) (NE)***Onychorhynchus occidentalis*

Buenaventura Reserve 24.3 and Manglares Churute 25.3

Seen nicely at Buenaventura. Building a nest at Manglares Churute.

Black-tailed Myiobius*Myiobius atricaudus portovela*

Observed Buenaventura Reserve 22-24.3

Good views of several birds along the entry road.

Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher*Terenotriccus erythrurus signatus*

Copalinga Lodge 12.3 and Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3

Masked Tityra*Tityra semifasciata fortis*

Paquisha 14.3, Yankuam 15.3 and Paquisha 16.3

Northern Schiffornis*Schiffornis veraepacis rosenbergi*

1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 23.3

Yellow-cheeked Becard*Pachyramphus xanthogenys xanthogenys*

Shaime Road 15.3

A very confiding male.

Slaty Becard (En) (NE)*Pachyramphus spodiurus*

Jorupe Reserve 18.3

A male seen nicely.

Chestnut-crowned Becard*Pachyramphus castaneus saturatus*

1 heard Yankuam 15.3

At a marshy site near Nuevo Paraiso.

Black-and-white Becard*Pachyramphus albogriseus*

Jorupe Reserve 17.3

salvini:

Paquisha 14.3

A male in a mixed-species flock seen well.

One-colored Becard*Pachyramphus homochrous homochrous*

Cerro Blanco 11.3, Jorupe Reserve 17.3, Jorupe Reserve 18.3 and 1 heard Manglares Churute 25.3

Both males and females seen.

Vireos Vireonidae**Rufous-browed Peppershrike***Cyclarhis gujanensis*

1 heard Cerro Blanco 11.3, Catamayo area 17.3, 1 heard Jorupe Reserve 17.3, Jorupe Reserve 18.3 and 1 heard El Tundo reserve 19.3

Common by voice in the south west.

contrerasi:

1 heard Valladolid 20.3 and 1 heard Valladolid 21.3

Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo*Vireolanius leucotis leucotis*

1 heard Yankuam 15.3 and Chinapintza 16.3

One seen in a mixed-species flock.

Brown-capped Vireo*Vireo leucophrys leucophrys*

1 heard Paquisha 14.3, Chinapintza 16.3, 1 heard El Tundo reserve 19.3 and Tapala 21.3

Red-eyed Vireo*Vireo olivaceus*

Cerro Blanco 11.3, Zapotillo 18.3 and Manglares Churute 25.3

solimoensis:

Tapala 21.3

Dusky-capped Greenlet*Hylophilus hypoxanthus fuscicapillus*

1 heard Yankuam 15.3

Olivaceous Greenlet (NT)*Hylophilus olivaceus*

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, 1 heard Copalinga Lodge 13.3, Paquisha 14.3, 1 heard Paquisha 16.3 and Tapala 21.3

Lesser Greenlet*Hylophilus decurtatus minor*

1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 22.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Crows, Jays, and Magpies Corvidae**Turquoise Jay***Cyanolyca turcosa*

1 heard Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3

Violaceous Jay*Cyanocorax violaceus violaceus*

Copalinga Lodge 13.3, 1 heard Yankuam 14.3, 1 heard Yankuam 15.3 and Paquisha 16.3

White-tailed Jay (NE)*Cyanocorax mystacalis*

Jorupe Reserve 17.3 and Jorupe Reserve 18.3

Attending the corn feeder at Urraca Lodge, Jorupe reserve.

Inca Jay*Cyanocorax yncas yncas*

Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3, Paquisha 14.3 and Tapala 21.3

Swallows *Hirundinidae***Grey-breasted Martin***Progne chalybea chalybea*

Cerro Blanco 11.3, Catamayo area 12.3, Jorupe Reserve 17.3, Macará 18.3, Zapotillo 18.3, en route 19.3, en route 22.3, La Tembladera 25.3 and Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3

Brown-chested Martin*Progne tapera tapera*

Guayaquil 11.3 and en route 25.3

Blue-and-white Swallow*Notiochelidon cyanoleuca cyanoleuca*

Cerro Blanco 11.3, Catamayo area 12.3, Zamora area 13.3, en route 14.3, en route 17.3, en route 19.3, Valladolid 20.3, Valladolid 21.3, Tapala 21.3, en route 22.3, Buenaventura Reserve 23.3, Buenaventura Reserve 24.3, en route 25.3 and en route 26.3

White-thighed Swallow*Neochelidon tibialis griseiventris*

Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3

Along the river.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*

Cerro Blanco 11.3, Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

ruficollis:

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, en route 14.3, Yankuam 15.3, en route 16.3 and Valladolid 20.3

Barn Swallow*Hirundo rustica erythrogaster*

La Tembladera 25.3

Chestnut-collared Swallow*Petrochelidon rufocollaris aequatorialis*

Catamayo area 12.3, Macará 18.3, Zapotillo 18.3 and en route 22.3

Nesting in several towns.

Donacobius *Donacobiidae***Black-capped Donacobius***Donacobius atricapilla nigrodorsalis*

Yankuam 15.3 and Paquisha 16.3

In a field near Miazí.

Wrens Troglodytidae

- Fasciated Wren** *Campylorhynchus fasciatus pallescens*
Cerro Blanco 11.3, Catamayo area 12.3, Catamayo area 17.3, Jorupe Reserve 17.3, Jorupe Reserve 18.3 and Zapotillo 18.3
- Thrush-like Wren** *Campylorhynchus turdinus hypostictus*
1 heard Yankuam 15.3
- Grey-mantled Wren** *Odontorchilus branickii branickii*
Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3 and Chinapintza 16.3
Superb views of birds participating in mixed-species flocks.
- Rufous Wren** *Cinnycerthia unirufa unibrunnea*
Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3
- Plain-tailed Wren** *Pheugopedius euophrys longipes*
1 heard Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3
- Whiskered Wren** *Pheugopedius mystacalis mystacalis*
1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and 1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 24.3
- Coraya Wren** *Pheugopedius coraya griseipectus*
1 heard Yankuam 15.3
- Speckle-breasted Wren** *Pheugopedius sclateri paucimaculatus*
Cerro Blanco 11.3, Jorupe Reserve 17.3, Jorupe Reserve 18.3 and 1 heard El Tundo reserve 19.3
A skulky species seen nicely at Jorupe.
- Superciliated Wren** *Cantorchilus superciliaris*
Puerto Hondo 11.3, Manglares Churute 25.3 and 1 heard Atahualpa 26.3
A dueting pair seen well at Puerto Hondo. Also seen at Zapotillo.
baroni:
1 heard Catamayo area 12.3 and Zapotillo 18.3
- Bay Wren** *Cantorchilus nigricapillus nigricapillus*
Up to 1 Buenaventura Reserve 22-24.3
- House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon albicans*
Cerro Blanco 11.3, Catamayo area 12.3, Copalinga Lodge 12.3, Zamora area 13.3, Copalinga Lodge 14.3, 1 heard Yankuam 15.3, en route 16.3, en route 17.3, Zapotillo 18.3, Jorupe Reserve 18.3, El Tundo reserve 19.3, Tapala 21.3, en route 22.3, 1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3
A common and widespread species.
- Mountain Wren** *Troglodytes solstitialis solstitialis*
1 heard Tapala 21.3
- White-breasted Wood Wren** *Henicorhina leucosticta hauxwelli*

1 heard Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, 1 heard Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3, 1 heard Copalinga Lodge 12.3, Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, 1 heard Yankuam 14.3 and 1 heard Yankuam 15.3

Grey-breasted Wood Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys*

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Subspecies *hilaris* is a possible future split.

leucophrys:

1 heard Paquisha 14.3, 1 heard Chinapintza 16.3 and Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3

Southern Nightingale-Wren *Microcerculus marginatus marginatus*

1 heard Yankuam 14.3 and 1 heard Yankuam 15.3

Song Wren *Cyphorhinus phaeocephalus phaeocephalus*

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Great looks of a confiding pair moving through the understory.

Gnatcatchers *Poliophtilidae*

Tropical Gnatcatcher *Poliophtila plumbea bilineata*

Cerro Blanco 11.3, Catamayo area 12.3, Jorupe Reserve 17.3, en route 17.3, Zapotillo 18.3, Manglares Churute 25.3 and Atahualpa 26.3

Mockingbirds and Thrashers *Mimidae*

Long-tailed Mockingbird *Mimus longicaudatus albogriseus*

Catamayo area 12.3, Catamayo area 17.3, en route 17.3, Macará 18.3, Zapotillo 18.3, Jorupe Reserve 18.3, en route 19.3, en route 22.3 and Atahualpa 26.3

Common in the more arid habitats.

Thrushes and Allies *Turdidae*

Andean Solitaire *Myadestes ralloides venezuelensis*

Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3

One bird seen.

Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus fuscater fuscater*

1 heard El Tundo reserve 19.3

Swainson's Thrush *Catharus ustulatus swainsoni*

Copalinga Lodge 14.3, Yankuam 15.3, Tapala 21.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 23.3

Pale-eyed Thrush *Turdus leucops*

Tapala 21.3

A male.

- Great Thrush** *Turdus fuscater gigantodes*
en route 12.3, en route 16.3, en route 17.3 and observed Tapichalaca Reserve 20-22.3
- Chiguanco Thrush** *Turdus chiguanco conradi*
Catamayo area 17.3
- Andean Slaty Thrush** *Turdus nigriceps*
Catamayo area 12.3
Good but brief views of both male and female. A seasonal breeder in Ecuador during the rainy season. Several birds were heard singing.
- Plumbeous-backed Thrush** *Turdus reevei*
Jorupe Reserve 17.3, en route 17.3 and Zapotillo 18.3
- Marañon Thrush (NE)** *Turdus maranonicus*
Valladolid 20.3, Valladolid 21.3 and Tapala 21.3
Several birds seen near Valladolid; influence of the Marañon drainage.
- Chestnut-bellied Thrush** *Turdus fulviventris*
Paquisha 16.3
Very brief but good views of an adult in a mixed-species flock.
- Black-billed Thrush** *Turdus ignobilis debilis*
Zamora Airport 13.3 and Yankuam 15.3
- Ecuadorian Thrush** *Turdus maculirostris*
Cerro Blanco 11.3, Buenaventura Reserve 24.3 and Manglares Churute 25.3
- White-necked Thrush** *Turdus albicollis spodiolaemus*
1 heard Copalinga Lodge 12.3, 1 heard Copalinga Lodge 13.3, 1 heard Shaime Road 15.3 and Tapala 21.3
A single bird seen at a fruiting Cecropia tree.

Old World Sparrows *Passeridae*

- House Sparrow (I)** *Passer domesticus domesticus*
Catamayo area 12.3, 1 heard en route 14.3, en route 16.3, Catamayo area 17.3 and en route 26.3
Fairly common in human settlements.

Finches, Euphonias *Fringillidae*

- Olivaceous Siskin** *Spinus olivaceus*
1 heard Valladolid 20.3 and Tapala 21.3
- Hooded Siskin** *Spinus magellanicus paulus*
Catamayo area 12.3 and Catamayo area 17.3
- Thick-billed Euphonia** *Euphonia laniirostris*

Yankuam 14.3, Yankuam 15.3, Paquisha 16.3, El Tundo reserve 19.3 and Manglares Churute 25.3

hypoxantha:

Cerro Blanco 11.3, Jorupe Reserve 17.3, Jorupe Reserve 18.3, Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Golden-rumped Euphonia

Euphonia cyanocephala insignis

Tapala 21.3

White-lored Euphonia

Euphonia chrysopasta chrysopasta

Yankuam 15.3

Bronze-green Euphonia

Euphonia mesochrysa mesochrysa

Paquisha 14.3, Chinapintza 16.3 and 1 heard Tapala 21.3

Orange-bellied Euphonia

Euphonia xanthogaster

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

brevirostris:

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3, Paquisha 14.3, Yankuam 15.3 and Chinapintza 16.3

Blue-naped Chlorophonia

Chlorophonia cyanea longipennis

Chinapintza 16.3

New World Warblers Parulidae

Olive-crowned Yellowthroat

Geothlypis semiflava semiflava

1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Tropical Parula

Setophaga pitiayumi

1 heard Cerro Blanco 11.3, Jorupe Reserve 17.3, Jorupe Reserve 18.3, 1 heard El Tundo reserve 19.3, Buenaventura Reserve 24.3 and Manglares Churute 25.3

alarum:

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3, Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, Paquisha 14.3, Yankuam 15.3, Paquisha 16.3 and Valladolid 21.3

Blackburnian Warbler

Setophaga fusca

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3, Paquisha 14.3, Chinapintza 16.3, Tapala 21.3 and Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3

Mangrove Warbler

Setophaga petechia peruviana

Cerro Blanco 11.3

A male seen nicely at Puerto Hondo.

Citrine Warbler

Myiothlypis luteoviridis luteoviridis

Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3

A pair in a mixed-species flock.

- Black-crested Warbler** *Myiothlypis nigrocristata*
1 heard en route 12.3 and Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3
- Buff-rumped Warbler** *Myiothlypis fulvicauda*
Buenaventura Reserve 22.3 and 1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 24.3
fulvicauda:
1 heard Paquisha 14.3
- Grey-and-gold Warbler (NE)** *Myiothlypis fraseri fraseri*
Jorupe Reserve 17.3 and Jorupe Reserve 18.3
- Russet-crowned Warbler** *Myiothlypis coronata orientalis*
Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3
- Three-banded Warbler (NE)** *Basileuterus trifasciatus nitidior*
1 heard en route 17.3 and El Tundo reserve 19.3
- Three-striped Warbler** *Basileuterus tristriatus*
Buenaventura Reserve 23.3
tristriatus:
Chinapintza 16.3 and Tapala 21.3
- Canada Warbler** *Cardellina canadensis*
Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3, Copalinga Lodge 12.3, Yankuam 14.3 and Tapala 21.3
- Slate-throated Whitestart** *Myioborus miniatus*
El Tundo reserve 19.3, Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3
verticalis:
Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3, Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, Paquisha 14.3, Chinapintza 16.3, Valladolid 20.3 and Tapala 21.3
- Spectacled Whitestart** *Myioborus melanocephalus ruficoronatus*
Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3 and Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3

Troupials and Allies Icteridae

- Peruvian Meadowlark** *Sturnella bellicosa bellicosa*
La Tembladera 25.3, Ecuasal, Salinas 26.3 and Atahualpa 26.3
- Russet-backed Oropendola** *Psarocolius angustifrons*
El Tundo reserve 19.3
Subspecies at El Tundo is a question mark. Apparently very rare in this area.
alfredi:
Copalinga Lodge 12.3, Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, Paquisha 14.3, en route 16.3, Valladolid 20.3 and Tapala 21.3

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- Crested Oropendola** *Psarocolius decumanus decumanus*
Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, en route 14.3, Yankuam 15.3 and en route 16.3
- Solitary Cacique** *Cacicus solitarius*
1 heard Zamora Airport 13.3 and 1 heard Yankuam 15.3
- Yellow-rumped Cacique** *Cacicus cela*
Cerro Blanco 11.3
- cela:*
- Zamora area 13.3, Yankuam 15.3 and Paquisha 16.3
- Scarlet-rumped Cacique** *Cacicus microrhynchus pacificus*
Buenaventura Reserve 24.3
- Subtropical Cacique** *Cacicus uropygialis*
Paquisha 14.3 and 1 heard Chinapintza 16.3
- Yellow-tailed Oriole** *Icterus mesomelas taczanowskii*
Jorupe Reserve 17.3, Jorupe Reserve 18.3 and 1 heard La Tembladera 25.3
- White-edged Oriole (NE)** *Icterus graceannae*
Zapotillo 18.3 and Atahualpa 26.3
- Giant Cowbird** *Molothrus oryzivorus oryzivorus*
Yankuam 15.3
- Shiny Cowbird** *Molothrus bonariensis aequatorialis*
en route 18.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 23.3
- Scrub Blackbird** *Dives waczewiczi waczewiczi*
Cerro Blanco 11.3, Catamayo area 12.3, observed en route 17-19.3, Valladolid 20.3, en route 22.3,
Buenaventura Reserve 24.3, Manglares Churute 25.3, Puerto Jeli 25.3, en route 25.3 and Atahualpa 26.3
A common and widespread species in the southwest.
- Great-tailed Grackle** *Quiscalus mexicanus peruvianus*
Guayaquil 11.3 and Puerto Jeli 25.3
Common along the boulevard in Guayaquil.

Bananaquit Coerebidae

- Bananaquit** *Coereba flaveola intermedia*
Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3,
Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, Paquisha 14.3, Yankuam 15.3, Paquisha 16.3, Tapala 21.3 and
observed Buenaventura Reserve 23-25.3
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Buntings, Sparrows and Allies Emberizidae

- Rufous-collared Sparrow** *Zonotrichia capensis costaricensis*
 Catamayo area 12.3, Catamayo area 17.3, en route 19.3, Valladolid 20.3, Valladolid 21.3, Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3, en route 22.3, Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3
- Yellow-browed Sparrow** *Ammodramus aurifrons aurifrons*
 Zamora Airport 13.3, en route 16.3 and Valladolid 20.3
- Tumbes Sparrow (NE)** *Rhynchospiza stolzmanni*
 Catamayo area 12.3 and Catamayo area 17.3
 Seen well in the Catamayo valley. A localized species in Ecuador.
- Orange-billed Sparrow** *Arremon aurantirostris*
 Buenaventura Reserve 22.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 23.3
spectabilis:
 Copalinga Lodge 12.3, 1 heard Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, 1 heard Yankuam 14.3 and 1 heard Yankuam 15.3
- Black-capped Sparrow** *Arremon abeillei abeillei*
 1 heard Cerro Blanco 11.3, 1 heard Jorupe Reserve 17.3 and Jorupe Reserve 18.3
 Great views of this smart sparrow along the entry track at Jorupe.
- Chestnut-capped Brush Finch** *Arremon brunneinucha frontalis*
 1 heard Tapala 21.3
- Grey-browed Brush Finch** *Arremon assimilis nigrifrons*
 El Tundo reserve 19.3
- Pale-naped Brush Finch** *Atlapetes pallidinucha papallactae*
 Cerro Toledo 22.3
- Yellow-breasted Brush Finch** *Atlapetes latinuchus latinuchus*
 Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3 and Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3
- White-winged Brush Finch** *Atlapetes leucopterus paynteri*
 Valladolid 20.3
 Great looks of the distinct race *paynteri*, a possible future split as Paynter's Brush Finch.
- White-headed Brush Finch** *Atlapetes albiceps*
 en route 17.3
- Bay-crowned Brush Finch** *Atlapetes seebohmi simonsi*
 Catamayo area 12.3, 1 heard Catamayo area 17.3 and El Tundo reserve 19.3
- Common Bush Tanager** *Chlorospingus flavopectus phaeocephalus*
 Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 23.3
- Yellow-whiskered Bush Tanager** *Chlorospingus parvirostris huallagae*
 Tapala 21.3 and Valladolid 21.3
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Several small flocks were observed at close range.

Yellow-throated Bush Tanager*Chlorospingus flavigularis*

Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

flavigularis:

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3, Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, Paquisha 14.3 and Paquisha 16.3

Ashy-throated Bush Tanager*Chlorospingus canigularis*

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

signatus:

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3, Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3 and Chinapintza 16.3

Tanagers and Allies Thraupidae**Magpie Tanager***Cissopis leverianus leverianus*

Paquisha 14.3 and Yankuam 15.3

Black-and-white Tanager (NT)*Conothraupis speculigera*

Zapotillo 18.3

Good lucks of an adult male skulking through the understory. A female was also swiftly seen.

Rufous-crested Tanager*Creurgops verticalis*

Chinapintza 16.3

Grey-hooded Bush Tanager

Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3 and Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3

Flame-crested Tanager*Tachyphonus cristatus fallax*

Yankuam 15.3

White-shouldered Tanager*Tachyphonus luctuosus panamensis*

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3, Buenaventura Reserve 24.3 and Manglares Churute 25.3

White-lined Tanager*Tachyphonus rufus*

Valladolid 21.3

Masked Crimson Tanager*Ramphocelus nigrogularis*

Maycu Reserve 15.3 and Yankuam 15.3

Silver-beaked Tanager*Ramphocelus carbo carbo*

Copalinga Lodge 12.3, Zamora area 13.3, Paquisha 14.3, Yankuam 15.3, Paquisha 16.3 and Tapala 21.3

Lemon-rumped Tanager*Ramphocelus icteronotus*

Observed Buenaventura Reserve 22-24.3

Blue-grey Tanager*Thraupis episcopus*

Cerro Blanco 11.3, Catamayo area 12.3, Jorupe Reserve 17.3, en route 17.3, Zapotillo 18.3, Buenaventura Reserve 23.3, Buenaventura Reserve 24.3, La Tembladera 25.3 and Atahualpa 26.3

caerulea:

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, Copalinga Lodge 12.3, Zamora area 13.3, Paquisha 14.3, Yankuam 15.3, Paquisha 16.3, Valladolid 20.3, Valladolid 21.3 and Tapala 21.3

A common and widespread species. Eastern subspecies with white wing bars.

Palm Tanager

Thraupis palmarum

Cerro Blanco 11.3, Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

melanoptera:

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, Zamora area 13.3, Copalinga Lodge 14.3, Yankuam 15.3 and Paquisha 16.3

Vermilion Tanager

Calochaetes coccineus

Paquisha 14.3

Great looks of two birds in a mixed-species flock.

Orange-throated Tanager (VU) (NE)

Wetmorethraupis sterrhoipteron

Maycu Reserve 15.3

Superb views of a pair scoped for a prolonged time.

Lacrimose Mountain Tanager

Anisognathus lacrymosus caeruleus

Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3 and Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3

Blue-winged Mountain Tanager

Anisognathus somptuosus somptuosus

Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3

Grass-green Tanager

Chlorornis riefferii riefferii

Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3

Yellow-throated Tanager

Iridosornis analis

Paquisha 14.3 and Paquisha 16.3

Several encounters with this attractive tanager.

Golden-crowned Tanager

Iridosornis rufivertex rufivertex

Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3

Great views of this stunning tanager in an amazing mixed-species flock.

Fawn-breasted Tanager

Pipraeidea melanonota venezuelensis

El Tundo reserve 19.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 23.3

Orange-eared Tanager

Chlorochrysa calliparaea bourcieri

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3, Paquisha 14.3, Chinapintza 16.3 and Tapala 21.3

Paradise Tanager

Tangara chilensis chilensis

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, 1 heard Copalinga Lodge 13.3, Paquisha 14.3, Yankuam 15.3, Paquisha 16.3 and Tapala 21.3

Green-and-gold Tanager *Tangara schrankii schrankii*

Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, Yankuam 14.3, Yankuam 15.3 and Paquisha 16.3

Golden Tanager *Tangara arthus*

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

aequatorialis:

Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, Paquisha 14.3 and Chinapintza 16.3

Silver-throated Tanager *Tangara icterocephala icterocephala*

Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Golden-eared Tanager *Tangara chrysotis*

Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, Paquisha 14.3, Paquisha 16.3 and Tapala 21.3

Flame-faced Tanager *Tangara parzudakii parzudakii*

Paquisha 14.3 and Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3

Yellow-bellied Tanager *Tangara xanthogastra xanthogastra*

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3 and Yankuam 15.3

Spotted Tanager *Tangara punctata zamorae*

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3, Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, Paquisha 14.3, Chinapintza 16.3 and Tapala 21.3

Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola*

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

catharinae:

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3, Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, Paquisha 14.3, Yankuam 14.3 and Paquisha 16.3

Golden-naped Tanager *Tangara ruficervix taylori*

Tapala 21.3

Blue-browed Tanager *Tangara cyanotis lutleyi*

Paquisha 16.3 and Tapala 21.3

Great looks of a bird at eye-level.

Blue-necked Tanager *Tangara cyanicollis*

Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3, Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, Paquisha 14.3, Paquisha 16.3 and Tapala 21.3

cyanopygia:

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Masked Tanager *Tangara nigrocincta*

Yankuam 15.3

Beryl-spangled Tanager	<i>Tangara nigroviridis</i>
Buenaventura Reserve 23.3	
	<i>nigroviridis:</i>
Paquisha 14.3, Chinapintza 16.3 and Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3	
Silver-backed Tanager	<i>Tangara viridicollis fulvigula</i>
El Tundo reserve 19.3, Valladolid 20.3 and Tapala 21.3	
Numerous sightings but unfortunately no luck in refinding the reported Straw-backed Tanager at Tapala.	
Opal-crowned Tanager	<i>Tangara callophrys</i>
Yankuam 15.3	
Swallow Tanager	<i>Tersina viridis occidentalis</i>
Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, Yankuam 15.3 and Tapala 21.3	
Black-faced Dacnis	<i>Dacnis lineata</i>
Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 12.3, Shaime Road 15.3, Yankuam 15.3 and Tapala 21.3	
Yellow-tufted Dacnis	<i>Dacnis egregia aequatorialis</i>
Buenaventura Reserve 23.3	
Blue Dacnis	<i>Dacnis cayana glaucogularis</i>
Shaime Road 15.3	
Purple Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes caeruleus microrhynchus</i>
Maycu Reserve 15.3, Yankuam 15.3 and Tapala 21.3	
Green Honeycreeper	<i>Chlorophanes spiza</i>
Observed Buenaventura Reserve 22-24.3	
	<i>caerulescens:</i>
Shaime Road 15.3	
Golden-collared Honeycreeper	<i>Iridophanes pulcherrimus pulcherrimus</i>
Tapala 21.3	
A confiding pair feeding on berries at the gorge past Tapala.	
Guira Tanager	<i>Hemithraupis guira</i>
Buenaventura Reserve 24.3 and Manglares Churute 25.3	
	<i>huambina:</i>
Copalinga Lodge 14.3 and en route 16.3	
Blue-backed Conebill	<i>Conirostrum sitticolor sitticolor</i>
Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3	
Capped Conebill	<i>Conirostrum albifrons atrocyaneum</i>
Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3	
Glossy Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa lafresnayii</i>
en route 12.3 and Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3	

White-sided Flowerpiercer Valladolid 20.3 and Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3	<i>Diglossa albilatera albilatera</i>
Golden-eyed Flowerpiercer Paquisha 14.3 and Paquisha 16.3 Sometimes named Deep-blue Flowerpiercer.	<i>Diglossa glauca tyrianthina</i>
Bluish Flowerpiercer Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3	<i>Diglossa caerulescens media</i>
Masked Flowerpiercer Tapichalaca Reserve 20.3 and Tapichalaca Reserve 21.3	<i>Diglossa cyanea cyanea</i>
Red Pileated Finch Copalinga Lodge 14.3 A female type bird.	<i>Coryphospingus cucullatus</i>
Crimson-breasted Finch Zapotillo 18.3 and Atahualpa 26.3 Great scope views of an adult male at Atahualpa.	<i>Rhodospingus cruentus</i>
Ash-breasted Sierra Finch Catamayo area 12.3 and El Tundo reserve 19.3	<i>Phrygilus plebejus ocularis</i>
Collared Warbling Finch Atahualpa 26.3 Great scope views of an adult male at Atahualpa.	<i>Poospiza hispaniolensis</i>
Saffron Finch Cerro Blanco 11.3, Catamayo area 12.3, observed en route 17-19.3, Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and en route 25.3 A common and widespread species in southern Ecuador.	<i>Sicalis flaveola valida</i>
Blue-black Grassquit Catamayo area 12.3, Zamora Airport 13.3, en route 14.3 and Valladolid 20.3	<i>Volatinia jacarina splendens</i>
Variable Seedeater Cerro Blanco 11.3, Jorupe Reserve 17.3, Zapotillo 18.3 and Manglares Churute 25.3	<i>Sporophila corvina ophthalmica</i>
Caqueta Seedeater Yankuam 15.3 A pair near Nuevo Paraiso.	<i>Sporophila murallae</i>
Black-and-white Seedeater Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and 1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 24.3	<i>Sporophila luctuosa</i>
Yellow-bellied Seedeater Valladolid 20.3 and observed Buenaventura Reserve 22-24.3	<i>Sporophila nigricollis olivacea</i>
Parrot-billed Seedeater	<i>Sporophila peruviana devronis</i>

Zapotillo 18.3 and Atahualpa 26.3

Drab Seedeater *Sporophila simplex*

Catamayo area 17.3

A single singing male seen well in the outskirts of Catamayo.

Chestnut-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila castaneiventris*

Yankuam 15.3 and Paquisha 16.3

Chestnut-throated Seedeater *Sporophila telasco*

La Ceiba ricefields 18.3 and La Tembladera 25.3

Thick-billed Seed Finch *Oryzoborus funereus aethiops*

Buenaventura Reserve 24.3

Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch *Oryzoborus angolensis torridus*

Zamora area 13.3, 1 heard Yankuam 14.3 and Tapala 21.3

Black-billed Seed Finch *Oryzoborus atrirostris atrirostris*

Paquisha 16.3

A pair scoped nicely in a field near Paquisha.

Dull-colored Grassquit *Tiaris obscurus pauper*

Catamayo area 12.3 and Valladolid 20.3

Cardinals and Allies *Cardinalidae*

Tooth-billed Tanager *Piranga lutea lutea*

El Tundo reserve 19.3

Sometimes named Highland Hepatic Tanager.

White-winged Tanager *Piranga leucoptera ardens*

1 heard Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3 and Paquisha 14.3

Golden Grosbeak *Pheucticus chrysogaster chrysogaster*

Cerro Blanco 11.3, Catamayo area 12.3, Catamayo area 17.3, Jorupe Reserve 17.3, Jorupe Reserve 18.3, Zapotillo 18.3, en route 19.3 and Atahualpa 26.3

Often named Golden-bellied or Southern Yellow Grosbeak.

Slate-colored Grosbeak *Saltator grossus grossus*

Maycu Reserve 15.3

Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus maximus*

Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3, Old Loja-Zamora Road (Chinese Section) 13.3, Paquisha 14.3 and 1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 23.3

Black-cowled Saltator *Saltator nigriceps*

en route 17.3

Streaked Saltator *Saltator striatipectus*

Cerro Blanco 11.3, Jorupe Reserve 17.3 and Jorupe Reserve 18.3
Unstreaked subspecies.

peruvianus:

Valladolid 20.3, Valladolid 21.3 and Tapala 21.3
Streaked subspecies.

Blue-black Grosbeak

Cyanocopsa cyanoides cyanoides

1 heard Maycu Reserve 15.3, 1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 22.3, 1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 23.3
and Manglares Churute 25.3

A singing male showing at Manglares Churute.

Mammals

Raccoons and relatives Procyonidae

White-nosed Coati

Nasua narica

Buenaventura Reserve 24.3 According to the local guides it involves this species but morphological features fit better on South American Coati *Nasua nasua*.

Opossums Didelphidae

Little Woolly Mouse Opossum

Marmosa phaea

Jorupe Reserve 18.3. Most probably this species or a closely related undescribed taxon.

Howler, Spider, and Woolly Monkeys Atelidae

Mantled Howler Monkey

Alouatta palliata aequatorialis

1 heard Buenaventura Reserve 23.3

Agoutis Dasyproctidae

Central American Agouti

Dasyprocta punctata

Buenaventura Reserve 23.3 and Buenaventura Reserve 24.3 Most likely this species involved.

Squirrels Sciuridae

Red-tailed Squirrel

Sciurus granatensis

Bombuscaro, Podocarpus NP 13.3

Guayaquil Squirrel

Sciurus stramineus

Jorupe Reserve 17.3 and Jorupe Reserve 18.3 A common species at the corn feeder.

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