



*Field Guides Tour Report*

**Ecuador: Rainforest & Andes (Private) 2018**

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*We saw some amazing hummingbirds on this tour, including the endemic Ecuadorian Hillstar. These gorgeous birds were seen up at Antisana. Photo by participant Wally Levernier.*

What a monster trip, with tons of birds - some rare, and many gorgeous! - stunning scenery all the way down the Andes and into the Amazon, and even some fascinating mammal species, including the rare and endangered Spectacled Bear. Our trip concentrated on the riches of the east slope, from the high windswept paramos that crest the Andes, through the lush temperate, subtropical, and foothill forests that blanket the slopes, and finally ending up down in the mega-diverse Amazonian lowlands along the mighty Napo River that, believe it or not, lie only about 800 feet above sea level... what a ride all the way! Denis, you put yet another wonderful adventure together for all of us.

Everybody will certainly have their personal favorite birds of the trip, but here are some of the leader's picks for the birds that really sent the trip over the top, whether from an aesthetic standpoint, for rarity, or just for excitement: how about that scoped and singing Wattled Guan that we had from the porch at San Isidro (?); those range-restricted Black-faced Ibis feeding out on the plains at Antisana; those spectacular Andean Condors soaring at close range; a scoped female of the rare Semicollared Hawk from the deck at San Isidro; that Black-banded Crake that came sneaking in at Sani; a stunning pair of Rufous-bellied Seedsnipes at 4,200 meters elevation (!); those clown-like Hoatzins that posed on numerous occasions; the Crested Owl on a day roost at Sani as it stared us down; fabulous views at the "San Isidro" Owl one evening around the lodge; a Band-winged Nightjar on a day roost; hummingbirds of all shapes and sizes (and colors!), but how can you beat that magnificent Sword-billed (?); that sly Chestnut-capped Puffbird at Sani that we nailed; some excellent jacamar species, including Coppery-chested and Purplish; unforgettable scope views of Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucan; that active Powerful Woodpecker in the Guacamayos; a variety of handsome parrot species; some fabulous antbirds, but the pair of range-restricted Cocha Antshrikes heading to roost right in front of us was a real charge; that incredible pair of Ocellated Tapaculos at close range; rare scope studies of Rufous-capped Anthrush at Sani, and a cooperative Short-tailed Anthrush at Wild Sumaco; that pair of colorful Fiery-throated Fruiteaters; Gray-tailed Piha at a fruiting tree right along the roadside with Scaled Fruiteater; beautiful male Blue-rumped Manakins; a menagerie of tanagers including Golden-crowned and Black-chested Mountain-Tanager; and to top it off, that spectacular pair of Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonias. I could go on and on, but this is what the list that follows is for, so have a read though to relive some memories!

I had a fabulous time birding - and laughing! - with all of you during our almost two weeks together, and hope to see you somewhere soon in the near future, and good birding!

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## KEYS FOR THIS LIST

One of the following keys may be shown in brackets for individual species as appropriate: \* = heard only, I = introduced, E = endemic, N = nesting, a = austral migrant, b = boreal migrant

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## BIRDS

### Tinamidae (Tinamous)

**GREAT TINAMOU** (*Tinamus major*) – Mostly heard, but we had one "blast off" right in front of us along the trails at Sani Lodge.

**CINEREOUS TINAMOU** (*Crypturellus cinereus*) [\*]

**LITTLE TINAMOU** (*Crypturellus soui*) [\*]

**UNDULATED TINAMOU** (*Crypturellus undulatus*) [\*]

### Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

**TORRENT DUCK** (*Merganetta armata colombiana*)

**YELLOW-BILLED PINTAIL (SOUTH AMERICAN)** (*Anas georgica spinicauda*)

**ANDEAN TEAL** (*Anas andium*)

**RUDDY DUCK (ANDEAN)** (*Oxyura jamaicensis ferruginea*)

### Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

**SPECKLED CHACHALACA** (*Ortalis guttata*)

**SPIX'S GUAN** (*Penelope jacquacu*) – Nice looks at this large guan from Sani's canopy tower.

**BLUE-THROATED PIPING-GUAN** (*Pipile cumanensis*) – This one has gotten harder to find in the Napo area, but they still seem to persist around Sani.

**WATTLED GUAN** (*Aburria aburri*) – Up and singing at San Isidro where we saw them through the scope right from the dining room porch.

**SICKLE-WINGED GUAN** (*Chamaepetes goudotii*)

### Odontophoridae (New World Quail)

**MARbled WOOD-QUAIL** (*Odontophorus gujanensis*) – Some got quick looks when a pair flushed from almost under our feet along the trails at Sani.

### Podicipedidae (Grebes)

**SILVERY GREBE (ANDEAN)** (*Podiceps occipitalis juninensis*) – We saw what is probably the largest, northern-most population at Antisana.

### Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)

**NEOTROPIC CORMORANT** (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

### Anhingidae (Anhingas)

**ANHINGA** (*Anhinga anhinga*)

### Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

**LEAST BITTERN** (*Ixobrychus exilis*) – Fairly common around Lake Challuacocha at Sani Lodge.

**RUFESCENT TIGER-HERON** (*Tigrisoma lineatum*) – Fabulous close studies along the lake edge at Sani.

**COCOI HERON** (*Ardea cocoi*) – In perfect afternoon light at Sani.

**GREAT EGRET** (*Ardea alba*)

**SNOWY EGRET** (*Egretta thula*)

**CATTLE EGRET (WESTERN)** (*Bubulcus ibis ibis*)

**STRIATED HERON** (*Butorides striata*)

**CAPPED HERON** (*Pilherodius pileatus*) – Perched up in a Cecropia tree along the lake edge at Sani in all of its glory.

**BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON** (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)

### Threskiornithidae (Ibises and Spoonbills)

**BLACK-FACED IBIS (BRANICKII)** (*Theristicus melanopis branickii*) – A very local bird, and Antisana Reserve is the place to find them here in Ecuador. We had them at pretty close range for fine scope studies.

**ROSEATE SPOONBILL** (*Platalea ajaja*) – Sani's mascot bird; we finally turned them up out along the sandbars along the Napo River.

### Cathartidae (New World Vultures)

**BLACK VULTURE** (*Coragyps atratus*)

**TURKEY VULTURE** (*Cathartes aura*)

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

**ANDEAN CONDOR** (*Vultur gryphus*) – Soaring majestically right overhead at Antisana; always a thrill to see!

**KING VULTURE** (*Sarcoramphus papa*) – Seen soaring from the tower at Sani; like a stunted, white condor.

### Pandionidae (Osprey)

**OSPREY** (*Pandion haliaetus*)

### Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

**SWALLOW-TAILED KITE** (*Elanoides forficatus*)

**BLACK-AND-CHESTNUT EAGLE** (*Spizaetus isidori*) – We had one immature bird fly over.

**SLENDER-BILLED KITE** (*Helicolestes hamatus*)

**DOUBLE-TOOTHED KITE** (*Harpagus bidentatus*)

**PLUMBEOUS KITE** (*Ictinia plumbea*)

**SEMICOLLARED HAWK** (*Accipiter collaris*) – Scoped from the dining room porch at San Isidro. It took some careful observation to be sure of the identification at first, as it was a tad distant, but it finally gave us the marks we needed, and netted us a wonderful and rare species.

**SLATE-COLORED HAWK** (*Buteogallus schistaceus*) – An elegant hawk of the eastern lowlands that we saw well at Sani.

**ROADSIDE HAWK** (*Rupornis magnirostris*) – Those rufous wing panels give this one away.

**VARIABLE HAWK** (*Geranoaetus polyosoma*) – The common hawk of the paramo highlands.

**BLACK-CHESTED BUZZARD-EAGLE** (*Geranoaetus melanoleucus australis*) – Great looks at this large raptor in the paramo highlands at Antisana; its short tail and wide wings really give it a thick-set look.

*Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)*

**CHESTNUT-HEADED CRAKE** (*Anurolimnas castaneiceps*) [✱]

**BLACK-BANDED CRAKE** (*Anurolimnas fasciatus*) – This one has gotten hard to find along the Napo, but our excellent guide, "Churi", at Sani led us to a spot where he almost guaranteed it. Well, he came through, true to his promise, and we managed to call a pair in for quick, but pretty decent views!

**SLATE-COLORED COOT** (*Fulica ardesiaca*)

*Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)*

**SOUTHERN LAPWING** (*Vanellus chilensis*) – On the soccer field at Sani!

**ANDEAN LAPWING** (*Vanellus resplendens*) – Seen well out on the highland plains at Antisana.

**COLLARED PLOVER** (*Charadrius collaris*)

*Thinocoridae (Seedsnipes)*

**RUFOUS-BELLIED SEEDSNIPE** (*Attagis gayi latreillii*) – We had some fine luck locating a pair up in the high paramos above Papallacta... always a thrill!

*Jacanidae (Jacanas)*

**WATTLED JACANA** (*Jacana jacana*)

*Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)*

**BAIRD'S SANDPIPER** (*Calidris bairdii*) [b]

**LEAST SANDPIPER** (*Calidris minutilla*) [b]

**JAMESON'S SNIPE** (*Gallinago jamesoni*) [✱]

**SPOTTED SANDPIPER** (*Actitis macularius*) [b]

*Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)*

**ANDEAN GULL** (*Chroicocephalus serranus*)

**LARGE-BILLED TERN** (*Phaetusa simplex*) – Nice looks at this flashy and large tern along the Napo River.

*Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)*

**ROCK PIGEON** (*Columba livia*)

**PALE-VENTED PIGEON** (*Patagioenas cayennensis*)

**PLUMBEOUS PIGEON** (*Patagioenas plumbea*)

**RUDDY PIGEON** (*Patagioenas subvinacea*)

**RUDDY GROUND-DOVE** (*Columbina talpacoti*)

**BLACK-WINGED GROUND-DOVE** (*Metriopelia melanopectera*) – Up at Antisana on our first day, where they are locally common.

**GRAY-FRONTED DOVE** (*Leptotila rufaxilla*) [✱]

**WHITE-THROATED QUAIL-DOVE** (*Zentrygon frenata bourcierii*) [✱]

**EARED DOVE** (*Zenaida auriculata hypoleuca*)

*Opisthocomidae (Hoatzin)*

**HOATZIN** (*Opisthocomus hoazin*) – A comical bird of Amazonian lake edges that entertained us at Sani during our canoe rides.

*Cuculidae (Cuckoos)*

**GREATER ANI** (*Crotophaga major*) – A stunning and large ani species of the Amazon lowlands that move around in groups, usually near water.

**SMOOTH-BILLED ANI** (*Crotophaga ani*)

**LITTLE CUCKOO** (*Coccyzua minuta*) – Nice looks at this handsome species during a rainy morning at Sani right from the cover of the bar room!

**SQUIRREL CUCKOO** (*Piaya cayana*)

*Strigidae (Owls)*

**TROPICAL SCREECH-OWL** (*Megascops choliba*) – Seen around the lodge at Sani where a pair hooted near the cabins.

**CRESTED OWL** (*Lophotrix cristata*) – Fabulous studies at a bird on a day roost at Sani.

**FERRUGINOUS PYGMY-OWL** (*Glaucidium brasilianum*)

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

**"BLACK-BANDED" OWL TYPE** (*Ciccaba* sp. nov. 1) – Wonderful studies at this one at San Isidro on our first evening there where they sit around the lodge almost every night.

*Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)*

**BAND-WINGED NIGHTJAR** (*Systellura longirostris*) – Scope views at a male on a day roost at Antisana.

**COMMON PAURAUQUE** (*Nyctidromus albicollis*) – Around the lodge at Sani.

*Nyctibiidae (Potoos).*

**COMMON POTOO** (*Nyctibius griseus*) [\*]

*Apodidae (Swifts)*

**SPOT-FRONTED SWIFT** (*Cypseloides cherriei*) – We ran into a group of this one as they called and circled above us in the Wild Sumaco area.

**CHESTNUT-COLLARED SWIFT** (*Streptoprocne rutila brunntorques*)

**WHITE-COLLARED SWIFT** (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)

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

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

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

*Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)*

**RUFOUS-BREASTED HERMIT** (*Glaucis hirsutus*) – Seen well at Sani, where we even managed to locate a nest. [N]

**GREEN HERMIT** (*Phaethornis guy*) – Common in the Wildsumaco area.

**TAWNY-BELLIED HERMIT** (*Phaethornis syrmatophorus*)

**STRAIGHT-BILLED HERMIT** (*Phaethornis bourcieri*) – Scope studies of this lowland species at Sani.

**GRAY-CHINNED HERMIT** (*Phaethornis griseogularis*) – Joe S. had the best look at Wildsumaco.

**GREEN-FRONTED LANCEBILL** (*Doryfera ludovicae ludovicae*)

**BROWN VIOLETEAR** (*Colibri delphinae*)

**LESSER VIOLETEAR (ANDEAN)** (*Colibri cyanotus cyanotus*)

**SPARKLING VIOLETEAR** (*Colibri coruscans coruscans*)

**BLACK-THROATED MANGO** (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*) – We had nest in a rather bizarre spot along the lake at Sani when Denis spotted it, of all places, right up on a tree right in the middle of the lake! Makes for a safe place from many predators at any rate. [N]

**TOURMALINE SUNANGEL** (*Heliangelus exortis*) – Common at Guango.

**WIRE-CRESTED THORNTAIL** (*Discosura popelairii*) – An incredible male wowed us at the feeders at Wild Sumaco.

**ECUADORIAN PIEDTAIL** (*Phlogophilus hemileucurus*) – Good looks at a responsive bird along the roadside at Wild Sumaco.

**SPECKLED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Adelomyia melanogenys*)

**LONG-TAILED SYLPH** (*Aglaiocercus kingii*) – At the feeders at Guango and San Isidro... awesome!

**ECUADORIAN HILLSTAR** (*Oreotrochilus chimborazo*) – Males and females up at Antisana dazzled us! This is certainly one of the best places to find this species.

**BLACK-TAILED TRAINBEARER** (*Lesbia victoriae victoriae*) – The longest hummingbird in South America; we had fine studies at Antisana.

**PURPLE-BACKED THORNBILL** (*Ramphomicron microrhynchum microrhynchum*) [\*]

**BLUE-MANTLED THORNBILL** (*Chalcostigma stanleyi stanleyi*) – Wonderful views at a male in the paramos above Papallacta, green beard and all!

**RAINBOW-BEARDED THORNBILL** (*Chalcostigma herrani herrani*) – The thornbill with the large white tail tips.

**TYRIAN METALTAIL** (*Metallura tyrianthina*)

**VIRIDIAN METALTAIL (ECUADORIAN)** (*Metallura williami primolina*)

**SHINING SUNBEAM** (*Aglaeactis cupripennis cupripennis*) – At the feeders at Antisana, displaying that rainbow rump!

**BRONZY INCA** (*Coeligena coeligena obscura*) – Common at San Isidro's feeders.

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

**BUFF-WINGED STARFRONTLET** (*Coeligena lutetiae*)

**MOUNTAIN VELVETBREAST** (*Lafresnaya lafresnayi saul*)

**SWORD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Ensifera ensifera*) – Stunning males at Guango's feeders. The bill on this species really proves the ability of evolution!

**GREAT SAPPHIREWING** (*Pterophanes cyanopterus cyanopterus*) – The second largest hummer species, and a real beauty.

**BUFF-TAILED CORONET** (*Boissonneaua flavescens flavescens*)

**CHESTNUT-BREASTED CORONET** (*Boissonneaua matthewsii*)

**BOOTED RACKET-TAIL** (*Ocreatus underwoodii*) – Of the buff-booted race, that we had fabulous males of at Wildsumaco.

**RUFOUS-VENTED WHITETIP** (*Urosticte ruficrissa*)

**BLACK-THROATED BRILLIANT** (*Heliodoxa schreibersii*) – A hard hummer to find, even though it isn't particularly rare. We had males daily at Wild Sumaco.

**GOULD'S JEWELFRONT** (*Heliodoxa aurescens*) – A female showed up at Wildsumaco.

**FAWN-BREASTED BRILLIANT** (*Heliodoxa rubinoides*)

**VIOLET-FRONTED BRILLIANT** (*Heliodoxa leadbeateri*)

**GIANT HUMMINGBIRD** (*Patagona gigas peruviana*) – Always a treat to see this largest of hummers; we had one at close range at the feeders at Antisana.

**WHITE-BELLIED WOODSTAR** (*Chaetocercus mulsant*)

**GORGETED WOODSTAR** (*Chaetocercus heliodor*) – A female was visiting the feeders at San Isidro during our visit.

**WESTERN EMERALD** (*Chlorostilbon melanorhynchus*) – We had a male of this tiny hummer in the central valley around the San Jose. Note that this form has been split from the birds of the Amazonian lowlands, the Blue-tailed Emerald, which we saw around Sani.

**BLUE-TAILED EMERALD** (*Chlorostilbon mellisugus*)

**VIOLET-HEADED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Klais guimeti*)

**NAPO SABREWING** (*Campylopterus villaviscensio*) – Fabulous views at the feeders at Wildsumaco.

**FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH** (*Thalurania furcata*) – Excellent and close studies at all of the following four hummer species at Wildsumaco's feeders; those feeders were time well spent!

**MANY-SPOTTED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Taphrospilus hypostictus*)

**GLITTERING-THROATED EMERALD** (*Amazilia fimbriata*)

**GOLDEN-TAILED SAPPHIRE** (*Chrysuronia oenone*)

*Trogonidae (Trogons)*

**CRESTED QUETZAL** (*Pharomachrus antisianus*) – Some got onto a male around San Isidro, but we later had nice scope views at a female here as well.

**BLACK-TAILED TROGON** (*Trogon melanurus*) [\*]

**GREEN-BACKED TROGON** (*Trogon viridis*) – Common in the eastern lowlands.

**BLUE-CROWNED TROGON** (*Trogon curucui*) – Nice looks at a pair at Sani along a blackwater stream.

**COLLARED TROGON (COLLARED)** (*Trogon collaris virginalis*) – Males and females at Sani.

**MASKED TROGON** (*Trogon personatus*) – We saw both forms of the east: the temperate form around Guango, and then the subtropical form lower down at San Isidro. The two look fairly similar, but their vocalizations are noticeably different.

*Momotidae (Motmots)*

**AMAZONIAN MOTMOT** (*Momotus momota*) [\*]

**ANDEAN MOTMOT** (*Momotus aequatorialis aequatorialis*) [\*]

*Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)*

**RINGED KINGFISHER** (*Megaceryle torquata*)

**AMAZON KINGFISHER** (*Chloroceryle amazona*)

**GREEN KINGFISHER** (*Chloroceryle americana*)

**AMERICAN PYGMY KINGFISHER** (*Chloroceryle aenea*) – Wonderful views along the water channel that leads into Sani Lodge one afternoon as it sat patiently for us.

*Bucconidae (Puffbirds)*

**PIED PUFFBIRD** (*Notharchus tectus*) – Good looks from the tower at Sani.

**CHESTNUT-CAPPED PUFFBIRD** (*Bucco macrodactylus*) – One surprised us during some birding around the Sani community center! This is usually a very unobtrusive bird, but we weeded it out of its vine-tangled haunts!

**BLACK-FRONTED NUNBIRD** (*Monasa nigrifrons*) – Common in riparian forests in the eastern lowlands.

**YELLOW-BILLED NUNBIRD** (*Monasa flavirostris*) – At close range from the Sani tower.

**SWALLOW-WINGED PUFFBIRD** (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*) – Fairly common on high perches in the eastern lowlands; that white rump really stands out when it sallies out for prey.

*Galbulidae (Jacamars)*

**WHITE-EARED JACAMAR** (*Galbalcyrhynchus leucotis*) – We managed to eek them out near the Napo River at Sani... a real stunner.

**BROWN JACAMAR** (*Brachygalba lugubris*) – A tiny jacamar usually found along water courses. We managed to get a small family group interested for decent views.

**WHITE-CHINNED JACAMAR** (*Galbula tombacea*) – A swamp forest bird that we scoped at Sani along the lake edge, after having chased it around a bit.

**COPPERY-CHESTED JACAMAR** (*Galbula pastazae*) – A stunning pair at Wildsumaco performed well out along the road down from the lodge.

**PURPLISH JACAMAR** (*Galbula chalcothorax*) – After some neck-breaking looks, we finally got the scope on them along the Chorongo trail at Sani!

**GREAT JACAMAR** (*Jacamerops aureus*) – Scope views from the base of the tower at Sani as it sat, observing us!

*Capitonidae (New World Barbets)*

**SCARLET-CROWNED BARBET** (*Capito aurovirens*) – Fairly common out along the Napo River; we called them in a couple of times, and even had them in full song a time or two. The female has the white crown.

**GILDED BARBET** (*Capito auratus*) – Common in the canopy of foothill and lowland forests.

**LEMON-THROATED BARBET** (*Eubucco richardsoni*) [\*]

**RED-HEADED BARBET** (*Eubucco bourcierii*) – Regular with the flocks at Wildsumaco.

*Ramphastidae (Toucans)*

**SOUTHERN EMERALD-TOUCANET (ANDEAN)** (*Aulacorhynchus albivitta albivitta*) – Quick flyby at Guango.

**GRAY-BREASTED MOUNTAIN-TOUCAN** (*Andigena hypoglauca*) – Awesome scope studies at Guango of this almost clown-like toucan species.

**CHESTNUT-EARED ARACARI** (*Pteroglossus castanotis*) – Out along the roadside at Wildsumaco.

**MANY-BANDED ARACARI** (*Pteroglossus pluricinctus*) – The common aracari of the eastern lowlands.

**IVORY-BILLED ARACARI** (*Pteroglossus azara*) – Jon was the only one to get onto this one this trip!

**GOLDEN-COLLARED TOUCANET** (*Selenidera reinwardtii*) [\*]

**YELLOW-THROATED TOUCAN (BLACK-MANDIBLED)** (*Ramphastos ambiguus abbreviatus*) – We had fine views at all three possible *Ramphastos* toucans this trip, this one with the yellow throat at Wildsumaco, the other two with white throats at Sani.

**WHITE-THROATED TOUCAN (CUVIER'S)** (*Ramphastos tucanus cuvieri*)

**CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN (YELLOW-RIDGED)** (*Ramphastos vitellinus culminatus*)

*Picidae (Woodpeckers)*

**LAFRESNAYE'S PICULET** (*Picumnus lafresnayi*) – This tiny woodpecker species popped in for us during a canoe ride near the lodge at Sani during some bird activity.

**YELLOW-TUFTED WOODPECKER** (*Melanerpes cruentatus*) – Common in the eastern foothills and lowlands.

**SMOKY-BROWN WOODPECKER** (*Picoides fumigatus fumigatus*)

**LITTLE WOODPECKER** (*Veniliornis passerinus*)

**CRIMSON-MANTLED WOODPECKER (CRIMSON-MANTLED)** (*Colaptes rivolii brevirostris*) – Gregg was the only one to get onto this stunner around the San Jose on our last afternoon.

**SPOT-BREASTED WOODPECKER** (*Colaptes punctigula*) – Out along the Napo River near Sani when we called one in for scope views.

**CREAM-COLORED WOODPECKER** (*Ceuleus flavus*) – Always an exhilarating find!

**LINEATED WOODPECKER (LINEATED)** (*Dryocopus lineatus lineatus*) – The neotropical version of the Pileated Woodpecker.

**POWERFUL WOODPECKER** (*Campephilus pollens*) – Killer views of a female along the Guacamayos trail was a welcome sight!

**CRIMSON-CRESTED WOODPECKER** (*Campephilus melanoleucos*) – A few of this large woodpecker in the eastern lowlands around Sani.

*Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)*

**BARRED FOREST-FALCON** (*Micrastur ruficollis*) – Glimpsed at Wildsumaco; it was just too stealthy.

**LINED FOREST-FALCON** (*Micrastur gilvicollis*) [\*]

**COLLARED FOREST-FALCON** (*Micrastur semitorquatus semitorquatus*) [\*]

**BLACK CARACARA** (*Daptrius ater*)

**RED-THROATED CARACARA** (*Ibycter americanus*) – Distant views at Sani.

**CARUNCULATED CARACARA** (*Phalcoboenus carunculatus*)

**YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA** (*Milvago chimachima*)

**LAUGHING FALCON** (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*) – Nice looks at this well-marked falcon out along the lake at Sani.

**AMERICAN KESTREL** (*Falco sparverius*)

*Psittacidae (New World and African Parrots)*

**COBALT-WINGED PARAKEET** (*Brotogeris cyanoptera*) – We had some nice scope views of these noisy parakeets from the tower at Sani.

**ORANGE-CHEEKED PARROT** (*Pyrilia barrabandi*) [\*]

**RED-BILLED PARROT** (*Pionus sordidus corallinus*) – Flybys only.

**SPECKLE-FACED PARROT (WHITE-CAPPED)** (*Pionus tumultuosus seniloides*) – Scope views at San Isidro during our full day of birding there.

**BLUE-HEADED PARROT** (*Pionus menstruus*) – We stopped by the Napo-edge clay lick on our way back up river to Coca, and lucked into this and the Mealy Parrot in the trees above the bank.

**MEALY PARROT** (*Amazona farinosa*)

**ORANGE-WINGED PARROT** (*Amazona amazonica*) – We caught some perched on our last day.

**SCALY-NAPED PARROT** (*Amazona mercenarius*) – Good looks at them flying by at almost eye level in the Guacamayos near San Isidro.

**BLUE-WINGED PARROTLET** (*Forpus xanthopterygius*) – On a river along out along the Napo River.

**BLACK-HEADED PARROT** (*Pionites melanocephalus*) – Good looks from the tower at Sani.

**MAROON-TAILED PARAKEET (MAROON-TAILED)** (*Pyrrhura melanura souancei*) – We nabbed some perched birds along the roadside at Wildsumaco.

**DUSKY-HEADED PARAKEET** (*Aratinga weddellii*) – On the clay on our last pass by the parrot salt lick, incessantly screeching!

**RED-BELLIED MACAW** (*Orthopsittaca manilatus*) – Groups of them flying over at Sani; a small macaw species.

**BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW** (*Ara ararauna*) – Fabulous studies at Sani out along the lake.

**CHESTNUT-FRONTED MACAW** (*Ara severus*) – Daily at Wildsumaco and Sani, where we had some exceptional perched views.

**WHITE-EYED PARAKEET** (*Psittacara leucophthalmus*) – Wildsumaco.

*Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)*

**FASCIATED ANTSHRIKE** (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*) [\*]

**LINED ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus tenuipunctatus tenuifasciatus*) – Males and females at Wildsumaco; the one wearing the jailbird suit!

**PLAIN-WINGED ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus schistaceus*) – We called this rather drab, midstory antshrike species on for good looks along the Chorongó trail at Sani.

**COCHA ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus praecox*) – Rediscovered in the early 90's here in Ecuador after only having been known from a female specimen. We really lucked out one afternoon along the main lake channel when a pair spontaneously approached us and perched calmly only meters away from where we floated in the paddle canoe; I suspect they were headed for a night roost. It goes without saying that this is a very localized species that we were fortunate to have seen so well!

**CASTELNAU'S ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus cryptoleucus*) – Very shy out on the river islands, but we ended up outsmarting them for the most part, getting decent looks.

**RUSSET ANTSHRIKE (TAWNY)** (*Thamnistes anabatinus intermedius*) – With a flock in the foothills; a canopy antshrike.

**DUSKY-THROATED ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnomanes ardesiacus*) – This and the following - which are quite similar physically - were regular with the understory flocks around Sani; good thing that their voices are very distinctive, because visual id can be tricky.

**CINEREOUS ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnomanes caesius*)

**PLAIN-THROATED ANTWREN** (*Isleria hauxwelli*) – A nice and responsive male in the understory at Sani.

**SPOT-WINGED ANTSHRIKE** (*Pygiptila stellaris*) – We called this short-tailed, chunky antshrike in along the Chorongó trail.

**FOOTHILL ANTWREN** (*Epinecrophylla spodionota*) – We got a male to pop in along the roadside at Wildsumaco.

**ORNATE ANTWREN** (*Epinecrophylla ornata*) – We spotted a male in a vine tangle as it called back to us at Wildsumaco.

**PYGMY ANTWREN** (*Myrmotherula brachyura*)

**WHITE-FLANKED ANTWREN** (*Myrmotherula axillaris*)

**PLAIN-WINGED ANTWREN** (*Myrmotherula behni*) – Quick looks at an immature bird along the trails at Wildsumaco.

**GRAY ANTWREN** (*Myrmotherula menetriesii*) – Scope views at a singing male were nice; Sani.

**DUGAND'S ANTWREN** (*Herpsilochmus dugandi*) [\*]

**YELLOW-BREASTED ANTWREN** (*Herpsilochmus axillaris*) – Right around the lodge at Wildsumaco.

**BLACKISH ANTIBIRD** (*Cercomacroides nigrescens aequatorialis*) [\*]

**WHITE-BACKED FIRE-EYE** (*Pyriglena leuconota*) – Mostly heard, but Jon did get a decent look at one along the Loreto rd.  
**BLACK-FACED ANTBIRD** (*Myrmoborus myotherinus*) – Scope studies at Sani; nice that it kept still long enough!  
**PLUMBEOUS ANTBIRD** (*Myrmelastes hyperythrus*) – Along the water channels at Sani.  
**SPOT-WINGED ANTBIRD** (*Myrmelastes leucostigma*) [\*]  
**WHITE-SHOULDERED ANTBIRD** (*Akletos melanoceps*) – In the Riparian woodlands in the lowlands.  
**DOT-BACKED ANTBIRD** (*Hylophylax punctulatus*) – Readily seen near the lodge at Sani along the backwater channels.  
**COMMON SCALE-BACKED ANTBIRD** (*Willisornis poecilinotus*) – We pulled in a nice male out of the understory at Sani.  
**BLACK-SPOTTED BARE-EYE** (*Phlegopsis nigromaculata*) – Seen surprisingly well along the boardwalk at Sani; this one is usually much more difficult to see.

*Conopophagidae (Gnateaters).*

**CHESTNUT-CROWNED GNATEATER** (*Conopophaga castaneiceps*) – Angela was the only one who had the angle during some afternoon trail birding at Wildsumaco.

*Grallariidae (Antpittas).*

**PLAIN-BACKED ANTPITTA** (*Grallaria haplonota*) [\*]  
**CHESTNUT-CROWNED ANTPITTA** (*Grallaria ruficapilla ruficapilla*) [\*]  
**WHITE-BELLIED ANTPITTA** (*Grallaria hypoleuca*) [\*]  
**RUFOUS ANTPITTA (RUFOUS)** (*Grallaria rufula rufula*) – Most got onto this one when it popped in during some birding in the treeline forests above Papallacta.  
**TAWNY ANTPITTA (WESTERN)** (*Grallaria quitensis quitensis*) – Nice looks at this paramo species on our first day at Antisana; they tend to run around out in the open.  
**WHITE-LORED ANTPITTA** (*Hylopezus fulviventris*) [\*]  
**THRUSH-LIKE ANTPITTA** (*Myrmothera campanisona*) [\*]

*Rhinocryptidae (Tapaculos).*

**RUSTY-BELTED TAPACULO** (*Liosceles thoracicus*) [\*]  
**OCELLATED TAPACULO** (*Acropternis orthonyx infuscatus*) – Spectacular studies at this amazing tapaculo species along the Guacamayos trail; it took some work, but they performed wonderfully!  
**ASH-COLORED TAPACULO** (*Myornis senilis*) [\*]  
**BLACKISH TAPACULO (BLACKISH)** (*Scytalopus latrans latrans*) – Very responsive, and seen well!  
**LONG-TAILED TAPACULO** (*Scytalopus micropterus*) [\*]  
**WHITE-CROWNED TAPACULO** (*Scytalopus atratus confusus*) [\*]  
**SPILLMANN'S TAPACULO** (*Scytalopus spillmanni*) [\*]  
**PARAMO TAPACULO** (*Scytalopus opacus*) [\*]

*Formicariidae (Antthrushes).*

**RUFOUS-CAPPED ANTTHRUSH** (*Formicarius colma*) – Scope studies at Sani when one came blasting in!  
**SHORT-TAILED ANTTHRUSH** (*Chamaeza campanisona*) – I couldn't believe our luck when we got one to sit right up in full song for scope views at Wildsumaco.

*Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers).*

**OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER** (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*) [\*]  
**TYRANNINE WOODCREEPER** (*Dendrocincla tyrannina tyrannina*) – Popped right in at Guango!  
**PLAIN-BROWN WOODCREEPER** (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*) – Common around Sani.  
**WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER** (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*) – The tiniest of woodcreepers.  
**CINNAMON-THROATED WOODCREEPER** (*Dendrexetastes rufigula*) – Seen around the lodge at Sani.  
**LONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER** (*Nasica longirostris*) – Stunning as always! We got them in the lowlands at Sani.  
**AMAZONIAN BARRED-WOODCREEPER** (*Dendrocolaptes certhia*) [\*]  
**BLACK-BANDED WOODCREEPER** (*Dendrocolaptes picumnus*) – This large woodcreeper was seen in the riparian forests around Sani.  
**STRONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER (ANDEAN/NORTHERN)** (*Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus promeropirhynchus*)  
**STRIPED WOODCREEPER** (*Xiphorhynchus obsoletus*) – Common in the swamp forests around Sani, but tough to see; we did finally get it though right near the lake a short ways into the channel.  
**ELEGANT WOODCREEPER** (*Xiphorhynchus elegans*) – A shy woodcreeper species, but we ended up with good looks along the Pantano trail at Sani.  
**BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER** (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus*) – Usually more common, but at least we did find one at Sani with some flock activity.  
**OLIVE-BACKED WOODCREEPER** (*Xiphorhynchus triangularis triangularis*) – Fairly common with the flocks around San Isidro and Wildsumaco.  
**STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER** (*Dendroplex picus*) – A denizen of swampy habitats, such as along the lake edges at Sani, where we saw it. This one really does have a straighter bill compared to other similar woodcreepers.  
**MONTANE WOODCREEPER** (*Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger aequatorialis*) – Common with the flocks at San Isidro, this one is well marked and easy to recognize.  
**DUIDA WOODCREEPER** (*Lepidocolaptes duidae*) – Glimpsed from the tower at Sani during some flock activity.  
**PLAIN XENOPS** (*Xenops minutus*) – Joe S. got onto one at Sani during some understory flock activity.  
**STREAKED XENOPS** (*Xenops rutilans*) – A couple of times with the flocks at Wildsumaco.  
**STREAKED TUFTEDCHEEK** (*Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii*) – We ran into a pair with the flocks at Guango; a really striking bird!  
**LESSER HORNERO** (*Furnarius minor*) – Flybys were the best we could do out on the river island at Sani.

**CHESTNUT-WINGED CINCLODES** (*Cinclodes albidiventris albidiventris*) – We had excellent studies at both cinclodes species on our first two days in the paramos for top-notch comparisons.

**STOUT-BILLED CINCLODES** (*Cinclodes excelsior excelsior*)

**RUFIOUS-RUMPED FOLIAGE-GLEANER** (*Philydor erythrocerum*) – One responsive bird with a flock along the Chorongó trail at Sani.

**BUFF-FRONTED FOLIAGE-GLEANER** (*Philydor rufum*) – A handsome canopy flock bird of the foothills that we saw around Wildsumaco.

**CINNAMON-RUMPED FOLIAGE-GLEANER** (*Philydor pyrrhodes*) – Only seen as a flyby!

**MONTANE FOLIAGE-GLEANER** (*Anabacerthia striaticollis montana*) – Common with the flocks at Wildsumaco; the one with the strong facial pattern.

**LINEATED FOLIAGE-GLEANER** (*Syndactyla subalaris*) – A responsive popped in for good looks at San Isidro.

**CHESTNUT-WINGED HOOKBILL** (*Ancistrops strigilatus*) – We pulled one down from a canopy flock at Sani for surprisingly close views.

**STRIPED TREEHUNTER** (*Thripadectes holostictus*) [\*]

**BLACK-BILLED TREEHUNTER** (*Thripadectes melanorhynchus*)

**SPOTTED BARBTAIL** (*Premnoplex brunnescens brunnescens*)

**PEARLED TREERUNNER** (*Margarornis squamiger perlatus*) – Common with the flocks around San Isidro, and a really good looking bird.

**ANDEAN TIT-SPINETAIL** (*Leptasthenura andicola andicola*) – A boldly patterned paramo species that we even got in the scope!

**MANY-STRIPED CANASTERO** (*Asthenes flammulata flammulata*) – We got one to come blasting in out of its grassland haunts up in the paramo at Antisana.

**STREAK-BACKED CANASTERO** (*Asthenes wyatti*) – Mostly heard, but Joe C. got a look! [\*]

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

**ORANGE-FRONTED PLUSHCROWN** (*Metopothrix aurantiaca*) – This one has gotten tough of late, but we finally managed to track them down, even locating an active nest at Sani! [N]

**DARK-BREASTED SPINETAIL** (*Synallaxis albigularis rodolphei*)

**AZARA'S SPINETAIL** (*Synallaxis azarae media*)

**RUFIOUS SPINETAIL (UNIRUFA)** (*Synallaxis unirufa unirufa*)

#### *Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)*

**SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANULET** (*Camptostoma obsoletum*) – We had two forms this trip. We heard the lowland form of the east at Sani out along the lake, but never saw it, but did see the more common, grayer form on our last day in the central valley around the San Jose.

**WHITE-TAILED TYRANULET** (*Mecocerculus poecilocercus*) – With the flocks at both Guango and San Isidro.

**WHITE-BANDED TYRANULET** (*Mecocerculus stictopterus stictopterus*) – Common with the flocks at Guango; a well marked tyrannulet.

**WHITE-THROATED TYRANULET** (*Mecocerculus leucophrys rufomarginatus*) – A rather elongate tyrannulet of treeline forests; we had them a couple of times for good looks.

**SULPHUR-BELLIED TYRANULET** (*Mecocerculus minor*) – Superb studies at San Isidro when one came in for memorably close views.

**TUFTED TIT-TYRANT** (*Anairetes parulus aequatorialis*) – A sprite bird of the highlands that we saw on our first day around Antisana; that crest really gives it some extra personality!

**YELLOW-CROWNED TYRANULET** (*Tyrannulus elatus*)

**FOREST ELAENIA** (*Myiopagis gaimardii*) – On our exit day from Sani along the boardwalk, when we called one in.

**GRAY ELAENIA** (*Myiopagis caniceps*) – In essentially the same spot as the previous species, and with the same flock!

**FOOTHILL ELAENIA (FOOTHILL)** (*Myiopagis olallai olallai*) – We worked hard to try and get looks at this localized, foothill species along the trails at Wildsumaco, and under the conditions, we did a decent job considering the bird's behavior; it really preferred to stay high!

**YELLOW-CROWNED ELAENIA** (*Myiopagis flavivertex*) – Some excellent views of this swamp dweller at Sani during a paddle canoe trip from the lodge.

**WHITE-CRESTED ELAENIA (WHITE-CRESTED)** (*Elaenia albiceps griseigularis*) – Nice looks at this rather drab flycatcher on our first day at Antisana.

**COOPMANS'S ELAENIA** (*Elaenia brachyptera*) – Split from the Lesser Elaenia; I think Denis and I might have been the only ones to get onto it at San Isidro.

**STREAK-NECKED FLYCATCHER** (*Mionectes striaticollis*) – Good looks from the porch at San Isidro when one came in to forage on fruits.

**OCHRE-BELLIED FLYCATCHER** (*Mionectes oleagineus*)

**SLATY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER** (*Leptopogon superciliosus*) – This and the following species are noisy flock birds, this one occurring more in the foothills, and the Rufous-breasted at higher elevations, such as around San Isidro.

**RUFIOUS-BREASTED FLYCATCHER** (*Leptopogon rufipectus*)

**VARIEGATED BRISTLE-TYRANT** (*Phylloscartes poecilotis*) – Some got onto them at San Isidro with a flock.

**MARBLE-FACED BRISTLE-TYRANT** (*Phylloscartes ophthalmicus ophthalmicus*) – Moving with the flocks at San Isidro.

**ECUADORIAN TYRANULET** (*Phylloscartes gualaquizae*) – Common and noisy with the flocks in the foothills.

**SOOTY-HEADED TYRANULET** (*Phyllomyias griseiceps*) – We had a responsive pair come in along the roadside near Wildsumaco; the one with the essentially mark-less wing.

**ASHY-HEADED TYRANULET** (*Phyllomyias cinereiceps*) [\*]

**PLUMBEOUS-CROWNED TYRANULET** (*Phyllomyias plumbeiceps*) – We had a pair along the trails at Wildsumaco, but they really were a challenge to see as they stayed high in the canopy.

**SLENDER-FOOTED TYRANULET** (*Zimmerius gracilipes*) – Common in the canopy in the lowlands around Sani.

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

**ORNATE FLYCATCHER** (*Myiobittacus ornatus*) – A fancy little flycatcher!

**BRONZE-OLIVE PYGMY-TYRANT** (*Pseudotriccus pelzelni*) – Pretty good looks in the understory along the Guacamayos trail.

**RUFIOUS-HEADED PYGMY-TYRANT** (*Pseudotriccus ruficeps*) [\*]

**SHORT-TAILED PYGMY-TYRANT** (*Myiornis ecaudatus*) – Along the Sani boardwalk; the smallest passerine in the world!

**SCALE-CRESTED PYGMY-TYRANT** (*Lophotriccus pileatus*) [\*]  
**BUFF-THROATED TODY-TYRANT** (*Hemitriccus ruficularis*) [\*]  
**RUFOUS-CROWNED TODY-FLYCATCHER** (*Poecilotriccus ruficeps*) – A bamboo specialist that is readily found around San Isidro.  
**BLACK-AND-WHITE TODY-FLYCATCHER** (*Poecilotriccus capitalis*) – Wildsumaco where we called them in.  
**SPOTTED TODY-FLYCATCHER** (*Todirostrum maculatum*) – Fine views of this river island specialist at Sani.  
**COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER** (*Todirostrum cinereum sclateri*)  
**YELLOW-BROWED TODY-FLYCATCHER** (*Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum*) – Nice views from the Sani tower; a gorgeous little tody-flycatcher.  
**YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER (CONFUSUS)** (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens confusus*) – We saw the eastern foothill race in the Wildsumaco area.  
**GRAY-CROWNED FLYCATCHER** (*Tolmomyias poliocephalus*) – A lowland canopy species that we saw at point blank range from the Sani canopy tower.  
**YELLOW-BREASTED FLYCATCHER** (*Tolmomyias flaviventris*) – Wally and maybe a few others got onto the this secondary forest flycatcher out near the Napo River at Sani.  
**CINNAMON FLYCATCHER** (*Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus pyrrhopterus*) – Common around San Isidro, where they often sit right around cabins.  
**CLIFF FLYCATCHER** (*Hirundinea ferruginea*) – At the usual cliffs along the Loreto rd. on our way to Wildsumaco from San Isidro.  
**HANDSOME FLYCATCHER** (*Nephelomyias pulcher*) [\*]  
**FLAVESCENT FLYCATCHER** (*Myiophobus flavicans flavicans*) – An inconspicuous bird, but we had good looks at them around the gardens at San Isidro.  
**OLIVE-CHESTED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiophobus cryptoxanthus*) – Common in grassy and cleared areas in the foothills.  
**EULER'S FLYCATCHER** (*Lathrotriccus euleri*) – We scored one as it called from a bamboo patch at Wildsumaco.  
**OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER** (*Contopus cooperi*) [b]  
**SMOKE-COLORED PEWEE** (*Contopus fumigatus*)  
**WESTERN WOOD-PEWEE** (*Contopus sordidulus*) [b]  
**FUSCOUS FLYCATCHER** (*Cnemotriccus fuscatus*) [\*]  
**BLACK PHOEBE (WHITE-WINGED)** (*Sayornis nigricans angustirostris*)  
**VERMILION FLYCATCHER (OBSCURUS GROUP)** (*Pyrocephalus rubinus piurae*) – We had this one both in the central valley (the native breeding form), and also around Coca at the airport. The birds at Coca have me a tad perplexed, as I'm not sure if they pertain to the breeding form from the highlands just sneaking down, or to the nominate migratory race, recently split out by some as the Scarlet Flycatcher. October is a confusing month to be of much help since birds are in the process of migrating. Hmmm... need more data.  
**DRAB WATER TYRANT** (*Ochthornis littoralis*) – Less common than usual out along the Napo River, but we still tagged in with some nice views of this sandy-colored tyrant.  
**PLAIN-CAPPED GROUND-TYRANT** (*Muscisaxicola alpinus alpinus*) – Plenty up at Antisana on our first day.  
**SMOKY BUSH-TYRANT** (*Myiotheretes fumigatus*) – Nice looks at a cooperative bird up at the Guacamayos as it perched up on wires.  
**YELLOW-BELLIED CHAT-TYRANT** (*Ochthoeca diadema gratiosa*) [\*]  
**SLATY-BACKED CHAT-TYRANT (SLATY-BACKED)** (*Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris cinnamomeiventris*) – A pair came blasting for us in the Guacamayos for killer views.  
**BROWN-BACKED CHAT-TYRANT (BROWN-BACKED)** (*Ochthoeca fumicolor brunneifrons*) – The common chat-tyrant of the highlands, often sitting out right in the open.  
**LONG-TAILED TYRANT** (*Colonia colonus*) – Angela spotted our first one in the foothills.  
**RUFOUS-TAILED FLATBILL** (*Ramphotrigon ruficauda*) – Very responsive at Sani during some afternoon birding from the paddle canoe.  
**CINNAMON ATTILA** (*Attila cinnamomeus*) – Quite common around the swamps at Sani, and we nabbed one for excellent views.  
**CITRON-BELLIED ATTILA** (*Attila citriniventris*) – This one seems to have invaded the area over the last ten years or so; before they seemed non-existent.  
**BRIGHT-RUMPED ATTILA** (*Attila spadiceus*) [\*]  
**WHITE-RUMPED SIRYSTES** (*Sirystes albocinereus*) – We called one in for fine scope views near the Napo at Sani at the same spot where we scored the Black-banded Crane.  
**GRAYISH MOURNER** (*Rhytipterna simplex*) – Responsive along the Chorongo trail at Sani.  
**DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*) – Seen best from the tower at Sani.  
**SHORT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiarchus ferox*) – A bushy-headed *Myiarchus* species that we saw well in the foothills.  
**PALE-EDGED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiarchus cephalotes cephalotes*) – Common around the gardens at San Isidro; a subtropical species.  
**LESSER KISKADEE** (*Pitangus lictor*)  
**GREAT KISKADEE** (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)  
**BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER** (*Megarynchus pitangua*)  
**SOCIAL FLYCATCHER** (*Myiozetetes similis*)  
**GRAY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiozetetes granadensis*)  
**LEMON-BROWED FLYCATCHER** (*Conopias cinchoneti cinchoneti*) – We our first looks at this forest canopy species at San Isidro one afternoon.  
**GOLDEN-CROWNED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiodynastes chrysocephalus minor*) – Common in the subtropical and foothill zones, and quite noisy!  
**STREAKED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)  
**SULPHUR-BELLIED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiodynastes luteiventris*) [b]  
**PIRATIC FLYCATCHER** (*Legatus leucophaeus*)  
**CROWNED SLATY FLYCATCHER** (*Empidonomus aurantioatrocristatus*) [a]  
**SULPHURY FLYCATCHER** (*Tyrannopsis sulphurea*) – A low density bird of Moriche palm swamps that we had around Sani.  
**TROPICAL KINGBIRD** (*Tyrannus melancholicus melancholicus*)  
**EASTERN KINGBIRD** (*Tyrannus tyrannus*) [b]

Cotingidae (Cotingas).

- GREEN-AND-BLACK FRUITEATER** (*Pipreola riefferii*) – Nice views of this mostly subtropical species along the Guacamayos trail.
- FIERY-THROATED FRUITEATER** (*Pipreola chlorolepidota*) – A toughie to track down as they are small and inconspicuous, with very soft calls. We got lucky though, and nailed a pair with a flock at Wildsumaco during some roadside birding.
- SCALED FRUITEATER** (*Ampelioides tshudii*) – A male visiting a fruiting tree at Wildsumaco right next to the road... wow!
- RED-CRESTED COTINGA** (*Ampelion rubrocristatus*) – A highland cotinga that we snagged up above Papallacta.
- GRAY-TAILED PIHA** (*Snowornis subalaris*) – Right in the same fruiting tree along the roadside at Wildsumaco as the Scaled Fruiteater... awesome!  
This piha can be very tricky to track down, so we were really lucky indeed.
- PURPLE-THROATED FRUITCROW** (*Querula purpurata*) – Common in the eastern lowlands where loud groups forage about in the canopy.
- AMAZONIAN UMBRELLABIRD** (*Cephalopterus ornatus*) – Always a thrill to see!
- PLUM-THROATED COTINGA** (*Cotinga maynana*) – Some got onto the distant male that we had out from the lake at Sani before it vanished.
- SPANGLED COTINGA** (*Cotinga cayana*) – We had one female from the Sani tower.
- DUSKY PIHA** (*Lipaugus fuscocinereus*) – Fabulous looks at a perched bird Guango!
- SCREAMING PIHA** (*Lipaugus vociferans*) [\*]
- BARE-NECKED FRUITCROW** (*Gymnoderus foetidus*)

Pipridae (Manakins).

- DWARF TYRANT-MANAKIN** (*Tyrannetes stolzmanni*)
- GOLDEN-WINGED MANAKIN** (*Masius chrysopterus*) – We had a female at Wildsumaco.
- BLUE-RUMPED MANAKIN** (*Lepidothrix isidorei*) – Excellent views at males on two days at Wildsumaco.
- WHITE-BEARDED MANAKIN** (*Manacus manacus*) [\*]
- WIRE-TAILED MANAKIN** (*Pipra filicauda*) – We had a male at a small lek at Sani near the tower tree for good looks.
- WHITE-CROWNED MANAKIN** (*Dixiphia pipra*) – One male gave us some nice views along the trails at Wildsumaco.
- GOLDEN-HEADED MANAKIN** (*Ceratopipra erythrocephala*) – Right along the trail to the tower at Sani, we found a gorgeous male.
- WING-BARRED PIPRITES** (*Piprites chloris*) [\*]

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies).

- BLACK-TAILED TITYRA** (*Tityra cayana*)
- BLACK-CROWNED TITYRA** (*Tityra inquisitor*) – A nice pair put in an appearance Wildsumaco.
- BARRED BECARD** (*Pachyramphus versicolor versicolor*) – With a flock at San Isidro.
- WHITE-WINGED BECARD** (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*) – We turned up a responsive pair out along the Napo at Sani.
- PINK-THROATED BECARD** (*Pachyramphus minor*) – We pulled in a female as it moved with a flock along the Chorongo trail at Sani.

Vireonidae (Vireos, Shrike-Babblers, and Erpornis).

- BLACK-BILLED PEPPERSHRIKE** (*Cyclarhis nigrirostris*) – Common and vocal around San Isidro.
- OLIVACEOUS GREENLET** (*Hylophilus olivaceus*) – One along the roadside at Wildsumaco.
- SLATY-CAPPED SHRIKE-VIREO** (*Vireolanius leucotis*) – Glimpsed by some.
- RUFOUS-NAPED GREENLET** (*Pachysylvia semibrunnea*) – Fast-moving with a flock at Wildsumaco, but we ended up with nice views of this foothill species in the end.
- BROWN-CAPPED VIREO** (*Vireo leucophrys*)
- YELLOW-GREEN VIREO** (*Vireo flavoviridis*) – Common around Sani. [b]

Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies).

- TURQUOISE JAY** (*Cyanolyca turcosa*) – Plentiful at Guango where they run with mountain-tanagers and other larger species.
- GREEN JAY (INCA)** (*Cyanocorax yncas yncas*)
- VIOLACEOUS JAY** (*Cyanocorax violaceus*)

Hirundinidae (Swallows).

- BLUE-AND-WHITE SWALLOW** (*Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*)
- BROWN-BELLIED SWALLOW** (*Orochelidon murina murina*) – The swallow of the high paramos.
- WHITE-THIGHED SWALLOW** (*Atticora tibialis minima*) – We had a few in the foothills.
- WHITE-BANDED SWALLOW** (*Atticora fasciata*) – Fairly common along Amazonian waterways.
- GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN** (*Progne chalybea*)
- BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN** (*Progne tapera*) – Seen on our last day along the Napo River.
- WHITE-WINGED SWALLOW** (*Tachycineta albiventer*)
- BARN SWALLOW** (*Hirundo rustica*) [b]

Troglodytidae (Wrens).

- WING-BANDED WREN** (*Microcerculus bambla*) [\*]
- GRAY-MANTLED WREN** (*Odontorchilus branickii*) [\*]
- HOUSE WREN (SOUTHERN)** (*Troglodytes aedon albicans*)
- MOUNTAIN WREN** (*Troglodytes solstitialis solstitialis*) – Nice looks around the gardens at San Isidro.
- SEDGE WREN (PARAMO)** (*Cistothorus platensis aequatorialis*) – We called them up out of the paramo grass at Antisana.
- THRUSH-LIKE WREN** (*Campylorhynchus turdinus*) – We had a group of three near the Napo dock at Sani on our last day for good looks.
- PLAIN-TAILED WREN** (*Pheugopedius euophrys*) [\*]
- CORAYA WREN** (*Pheugopedius coraya*) [\*]

**RUFOUS WREN** (*Cinnycerthia unirufa unirufa*) – At close range along the Guacamayos trail.  
**SHARPE'S WREN** (*Cinnycerthia olivascens olivascens*) – Also along the Guacamayos trail, but further down.  
**WHITE-BREASTED WOOD-WREN** (*Henicorhina leucosticta*) – Pretty responsive along the trails at Wildsumaco.  
**GRAY-BREASTED WOOD-WREN (ANDEAN)** (*Henicorhina leucophrys leucophrys*) – A common garden bird at San Isidro.

*Poliptilidae (Gnatcatchers)*

**LONG-BILLED GNATWREN (LONG-BILLED)** (*Ramphocaenus melanurus duidae*) – We found one moving about in a vine tangle along the Chorongó trail at Sani.

*Donacobiidae (Donacobius)*

**BLACK-CAPPED DONACOBIOUS** (*Donacobius atricapilla*) – Now in its own monotypic family, this one is particularly common along the lake edges at Sani.

*Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)*

**ANDEAN SOLITAIRE** (*Myadestes ralloides*) – Glimpsed at San Isidro.

**SLATY-BACKED NIGHTINGALE-THRUSH (SLATY-BACKED)** (*Catharus fuscater fuscater*) [\*]

**SPOTTED NIGHTINGALE-THRUSH** (*Catharus dryas*) [\*]

**SWAINSON'S THRUSH** (*Catharus ustulatus*) – Wally and I were the only ones to get looks at this one. [b]

**PALE-EYED THRUSH** (*Turdus leucops*) – We had our first one - a nice male - at San Isidro as it sang from a high perch.

**HAUXWELL'S THRUSH** (*Turdus hauxwelli*) – Some got quick looks at this swamp forest species at Sani.

**LAWRENCE'S THRUSH** (*Turdus lawrencii*) – Excellent views at males at Sani; this species is certainly one of the best mimics of them all!

**BLACK-BILLED THRUSH** (*Turdus ignobilis*) – Common in secondary habitats of the foothills and lowlands.

**CHESTNUT-BELLIED THRUSH** (*Turdus fulviventris*) – We scored good looks at a couple of individuals in the Guacamayos as we made our way down into the foothills.

**GREAT THRUSH** (*Turdus fuscater quindio*) – A common sight in the highlands.

**GLOSSY-BLACK THRUSH** (*Turdus serranus fuscobrunneus*) – The all dark thrush with the reddish-orange soft part colors; we had good looks at San Isidro.

**WHITE-NECKED THRUSH** (*Turdus albicollis*) [\*]

*Mimidae (Mockingbirds and Thrashers)*

**TROPICAL MOCKINGBIRD** (*Mimus gilvus*) – Seen on our last day around the San José during some final birding. This species has really invaded the drier valleys around Quito of late.

*Motacillidae (Wagtails and Pipits)*

**PARAMO PIPIT** (*Anthus bogotensis bogotensis*) – Nice looks in the paramo grasslands at Antisana as they popped up along the roadsides.

*Parulidae (New World Warblers)*

**CERULEAN WARBLER** (*Setophaga cerulea*) – We had males on two days around Wildsumaco, and it is really a thrill to see them on their wintering grounds. [b]

**TROPICAL PARULA** (*Setophaga pitiayumi*) [\*]

**BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER** (*Setophaga fusca*) – One of the most common boreal migrants here. [b]

**BLACKPOLL WARBLER** (*Setophaga striata*) – Tends to winter more in the forest canopy of the eastern lowlands; but we caught one in the foothills. [b]

**THREE-STRIPED WARBLER** (*Basileuterus tristriatus*) – With the understory flocks around San Isidro.

**BLACK-CRESTED WARBLER** (*Myiothlypis nigrocristata*) – Common at edges at San Isidro.

**RUSSET-CROWNED WARBLER** (*Myiothlypis coronata*) – This species' duetted song is always a joy to hear; we saw them well at San Isidro.

**CANADA WARBLER** (*Cardellina canadensis*) – Common from the temperate zone down into the foothills. [b]

**SLATE-THROATED REDSTART** (*Myioborus miniatus*) – The common redstart with flocks in the subtropical and foothill zones.

**SPECTACLED REDSTART** (*Myioborus melanocephalus ruficoronatus*) – Replaces the previous species at higher elevations, such as around Guango.

*Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)*

**RED-CAPPED CARDINAL** (*Paroaria gularis*) – A few out along the lake edges at Sani where they almost always stay low to the water.

**MAGPIE TANAGER** (*Cissopis leverianus*) – The longest tanager species; we saw them a few times in the foothills and lowlands.

**RUFOUS-CRESTED TANAGER** (*Creurgops verticalis*) – We had our first looks at this canopy flock tanager along the roadside at San Isidro one afternoon, and even managed scope views, which is unusual as it is usually so active.

**BLACK-CAPPED HEMISPINGUS (BLACK-CAPPED)** (*Kleinotheraupis atropileus atropileus*) – We ran into an active group of this hefty hemispingus near the head of the Guacamayos trail.

**OLEAGINOUS HEMISPINGUS** (*Sphenopsis frontalis frontalis*) – About as markless as a bird could be! We had pretty good views at a pair along the trails at San Isidro one morning as they called loudly.

**BLACK-EARED HEMISPINGUS (BLACK-EARED)** (*Sphenopsis melanotis melanotis*) – Skulking about in the bamboo at San Isidro as they usually do!

**ORANGE-HEADED TANAGER** (*Thlypopsis sordida*) – Joe S. was the only one to catch a look at this one out on a river island at Sani.

**WHITE-LINED TANAGER** (*Tachyphonus rufus*) – Males (black) and females (rufous) in the foothills.

**SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER** (*Ramphocelus carbo*) – Abundant in the foothills and lowlands anywhere there is secondary habitat.

**MASKED CRIMSON TANAGER** (*Ramphocelus nigrogularis*) – Common around Sani in noisy groups; the velvety reds and blacks are just stunning on this species.

**HOODED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER** (*Buthraupis montana cucullata*) – This large mountain-tanager in a couple of spots in the highlands, Guango being the first! The one with the red eye.

**BLACK-CHESTED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER** (*Cnemathraupis eximia*) – An uncommon mountain-tanager of highland forests up to treeline. We ran into a pair feeding about quietly in the elfin forests above Papallacta... dazzling!

**GRASS-GREEN TANAGER** (*Chlorornis riefferii riefferii*) – An Andean classic! We had very nice studies along the first stretches of the Guacamayos trail.

**LACRIMOSE MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (PALPEBROSUS GROUP)** (*Anisognathus lacrymosus palpebrosus*) – With the flocks at Guango; the one with the yellow teardrops!

**BLUE-WINGED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER** (*Anisognathus somptuosus*) – The mountain-tanager of middle elevations, such as around San Isidro, where they can often be found raiding the fruits of *Cecropia* trees.

**BUFF-BREASTED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (BUFF-BREASTED)** (*Dubusia taeniata taeniata*) [\*]

**GOLDEN-CROWNED TANAGER** (*Iridosornis rufivertex*) – Excellent and close views in the high temperate forests above Papallacta; this tanager species tends to prefer to forage in the understory rather than higher up in the treetops.

**FAWN-BREASTED TANAGER** (*Pipraeidea melanonota venezuelensis*) – We called one in for good looks on the slopes of the Guacamayos.

**BLUE-AND-YELLOW TANAGER (GREEN-MANTLED)** (*Pipraeidea bonariensis darwini*) – Waiting for us on the last day around the gardens of the San Jose!

**ORANGE-EARED TANAGER (ORANGE-EARED)** (*Chlorochrysa calliparaea bourcierii*) – The tone of green on this tanager is almost indescribable! We had some nice encounters with them in the foothills.

**BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (BLUE-GRAY)** (*Thraupis episcopus quaesita*) – We had this drab west slope form on our last day around the San Jose where they frequent the gardens.

**BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (WHITE-EDGED)** (*Thraupis episcopus coelestis*) – The paler blue form of the east with the white wing bars.

**PALM TANAGER** (*Thraupis palmarum*)

**YELLOW-BELLIED TANAGER** (*Ixothraupis xanthogastra*) – With the tanager flocks at Wildsumaco. This one has the weird spectacled look about.

**SPOTTED TANAGER** (*Ixothraupis punctata*) – Common with the flocks in the foothills. although not full of wild colors, this species has a more subdued beauty.

**BLACK-CAPPED TANAGER** (*Tangara heinei*) – Seen briefly around San Isidro.

**SCRUB TANAGER** (*Tangara vitriolina*) – A bird of the central valley where it prefers drier areas and gardens. We cleaned this one up on our last day at the San Jose.

**MASKED TANAGER** (*Tangara nigrocincta*) [\*]

**BLUE-NECKED TANAGER** (*Tangara cyanicollis*) – "Blue-headed Tanager" might have been a better name! Common in the foothills.

**BLUE-AND-BLACK TANAGER (BLUE-AND-BLACK)** (*Tangara vassorii vassorii*) – The highest occurring tanager of this genus here in Ecuador. we had them along the Guacamayos trail.

**BERYL-SPANGLED TANAGER** (*Tangara nigroviridis*) – Common with the flocks at San Isidro, and we had some close encounters.

**TURQUOISE TANAGER** (*Tangara mexicana*) – A few popped up into a tree at the edge of a field near the Napo River at Sani. I've never really found anything particularly "turquoise" about this species.

**PARADISE TANAGER** (*Tangara chilensis*) – Such an appropriate name for such a spectacular tanager!

**OPAL-RUMPED TANAGER** (*Tangara velia*) – Fine studies of this deep cobalt-purple tanager species from the Sani tower.

**BAY-HEADED TANAGER** (*Tangara gyrola*) – Numerous times in the foothills.

**GOLDEN-EARED TANAGER** (*Tangara chrysotis*) – Some folks got onto this east slope species on our last day at Wildsumaco before it got away.

**SAFFRON-CROWNED TANAGER** (*Tangara xanthocephala venusta*) – This one really has more of a saffron helmet, doesn't it? Whatever it is called, it is a stunner, and one we saw commonly around San Isidro.

**FLAME-FACED TANAGER** (*Tangara parzudakii*) – Wonderful studies at San Isidro as they fed through the forest canopy. This east slope race has more defined red and yellow in the head.

**GREEN-AND-GOLD TANAGER** (*Tangara schrankii*) – We scored our best views of this colorful tanager from the tower at Sani.

**GOLDEN TANAGER** (*Tangara arthus*) – Common with the flocks in the foothills. This east slope form has more of an orange tinge to its plumage.

**BLACK-FACED DACNIS** (*Dacnis lineata*) – Nice looks at a pair from the tower at Sani.

**YELLOW-BELLIED DACNIS** (*Dacnis flaviventer*) – Nice looks from the tower at Sani, the male of this very distinctive dacnis has bright red eye and bold black and yellow plumage.

**BLUE DACNIS** (*Dacnis cayana*) – Seen numerous times in the foothills and lowlands. The female of this species is one of the more colorful of the females of this genus, with a mix of blues and greens.

**PURPLE HONEYCREEPER** (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*) – The male of this honeycreeper is unmistakable with those bright yellow legs!

**GREEN HONEYCREEPER** (*Chlorophanes spiza*) – Seen from the Sani tower; common and wide-ranging.

**GOLDEN-COLLARED HONEYCREEPER** (*Iridophanes pulcherrimus pulcherrimus*) – We enjoyed some superb views of a male in the foothills, golden collar and all!

**GIANT CONEBILL** (*Conirostrum binghami*) – This high elevation, *Polylepis* forest specialist can be tricky one to nail down, but we did so with relative ease near the Papallacta Pass at a well-known spot for it; lucky for us, just the right was moving through during our visit.

**BLUE-BACKED CONEBILL** (*Conirostrum sitticolor sitticolor*) – With the flocks at Guango, where we had excellent luck with bird activity.

**CAPPED CONEBILL** (*Conirostrum albifrons atrocyaneum*) – In the same flock as the previous species; this one has the curious habit of pumping its tail as it forages, different from others of the genus.

**CINEREOUS CONEBILL (OCHRACEOUS)** (*Conirostrum cinereum fraseri*) – The rather drab conebill with the pale brow and wing-spot.

**GLOSSY FLOWERPIERCER** (*Diglossa lafresnayii*) – The all black flowerpiercer with the blue-gray shoulder patch. We had good looks at singing birds in the treeline forests above Papallacta.

**BLACK FLOWERPIERCER** (*Diglossa humeralis aterrima*) – And all black it is! We had our first looks at them in the highland forest patches at Antisana.

**WHITE-SIDED FLOWERPIERCER** (*Diglossa albilatera albilatera*) [\*]

**RUSTY FLOWERPIERCER** (*Diglossa sittoides decorata*) – We tagged in with a male in the gardens at the San Jose; one of the best places to find this species.

**DEEP-BLUE FLOWERPIERCER** (*Diglossa glauca tyrianthina*) – A stunning flowerpiercer, with its royal blue plumage and bright yellow eye. We pinned one down for crippling studies on the slopes of the Guacamayos.

**BLuish FLOWERPIERCER** (*Diglossa caerulescens media*) – Fairly common around San Isidro; the one with the dull bluish plumage, and reddish-brown eye.

**MASKED FLOWERPIERCER** (*Diglossa cyanea*) – Fairly common around Guango, where they even visit the hummer feeders from time to time.

**PLUMBEOUS SIERRA-FINCH** (*Geospizopsis unicolor geospizopsis*) – Hopping out and about in the paramo highlands at Antisana.

**GRAY-HOODED BUSH TANAGER (RUBRIROSTRIS)** (*Cnemoscopus rubrirostris rubrirostris*) – Another one that forages about, pumping its tail all the while; with the mixed canopy flocks at Guango.

**SAFFRON FINCH** (*Sicalis flaveola*) – Now fairly common in the valleys around Quito, and even around Coca; this species was non-existent in these areas not too long ago. I wonder if these are derived from caged birds that have escaped?

**BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT** (*Volatinia jacarina*)

**CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEEDEATER** (*Sporophila castaneiventris*) – Common in secondary habitats.

**CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEED-FINCH** (*Sporophila angolensis*) – Often up and singing!

**BLACK-AND-WHITE SEEDEATER** (*Sporophila luctuosa*) – We hit a patch of them fluttering about along the Loreto rd. in the foothills, flashing those white wing patches.

**PLAIN-COLORED SEEDEATER** (*Catamenia inornata minor*) – Perfect, pink-billed males, strutting their stuff up in the paramo on our first day at Antisana.

**BANANAQUIT** (*Coereba flaveola*) – A ubiquitous species that will likely see some splits in the near future. Common in the foothills.

**YELLOW-SHOULDERED GROSBEAK** (*Parkerthraustes humeralis*) [\*]

**BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR** (*Saltator maximus*) – Seen a few times in the lowlands; a commonly heard voice.

**GRAYISH SALTATOR** (*Saltator coerulescens*) – A saltator of more open and riparian habitats.

#### *Passerellidae (New World Buntings and Sparrows)*

**YELLOW-THROATED CHLOROSPINGUS** (*Chlorospingus flavigularis*) – The birds in this genus were once called bush-tanagers; changing the group name to chlorospingus makes sense since there are a number of other genera called bush-tanager... helps ease some of the nomenclatural confusion. This one was common in the foothills with flocks in small active groups.

**SHORT-BILLED CHLOROSPINGUS** (*Chlorospingus parvirostris huallagae*) – Good looks at Guango where this species is right up at its upper elevational limit.

**COMMON CHLOROSPINGUS (NORTHERN ANDES)** (*Chlorospingus flavopectus phaeocephalus*) – Common in the subtropical zone, such as around San Isidro.

**YELLOW-BROWED SPARROW** (*Ammodramus aurifrons*) – Common along roadsides in the foothills.

**CHESTNUT-CAPPED BRUSHFINCH (CHESTNUT-CAPPED)** (*Arremon brunneinucha frontalis*) [\*]

**RUFOUS-COLLARED SPARROW** (*Zonotrichia capensis*)

**SLATY BRUSHFINCH (SLATY)** (*Atlapetes schistaceus schistaceus*) [\*]

**PALE-NAPED BRUSHFINCH** (*Atlapetes pallidinucha papallactae*) – A high elevation brushfinch that we had good looks at Guango.

#### *Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)*

**SCARLET TANAGER** (*Piranga olivacea*) – This species spends the northern winter in the lowlands and foothills. [b]

**GOLDEN GROSBEAK** (*Pheucticus chrysogaster chrysogaster*) – Used to be called the Golden-bellied or Southern Yellow Grosbeak. This was another last day cleanup around the San Jose, and really snazzy one as well.

**BLUE-BLACK GROSBEAK** (*Cyanoloxia cyanoides*) – Some got looks at the pair that came in in the understory along the Pantano trail at Sani.

#### *Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)*

**RED-BREASTED MEADOWLARK** (*Sturnella militaris*) – Seen on our last day at the Coca airport right at the edge of the runway before our flight to Quito.

**YELLOW-BILLED CACIQUE (CHAPMAN'S)** (*Amblycercus holosericeus australis*) – We pulled a pair through an opening in thick bamboo a few times for good looks at San Isidro; a real skulker, unlike most other cacique species.

**RUSSET-BACKED OROPENDOLA** (*Psarocolius angustifrons*) – Common all the way from the subtropics to the lowlands on the east slope.

**CRESTED OROPENDOLA** (*Psarocolius decumanus*) – The oropendola with the all ivory colored bill; common in the foothills and lowlands.

**OLIVE OROPENDOLA** (*Psarocolius bifasciatus*) [\*]

**SCARLET-RUMPED CACIQUE** (*Cacicus uropygialis*) – Common at San Isidro right around the lodge.

**YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE** (*Cacicus cela*) – Abundant in the lowlands. This one is an excellent mimic, and almost never shuts up!

**MOUNTAIN CACIQUE (GOLDEN-SHOULDERED)** (*Cacicus chrysonotus leucoramphus*) – Nesting at Guango right near the lodge.

**CASQUED CACIQUE** (*Cacicus oseryi*) [\*]

**ORANGE-BACKED TROUPIAL** (*Icterus croconotus*) – A beautiful icterid that we had great looks in some secondary woodland near the Napo River at Sani.

**SHINY COWBIRD** (*Molothrus bonariensis*)

**GIANT COWBIRD** (*Molothrus oryzivorus*) – Good looks a few times in the foothills and lowlands.

**ORIOLE BLACKBIRD** (*Gymnomystax mexicanus*) [\*]

#### *Fringillidae (Finches, Euphonias, and Allies)*

**BLUE-NAPED CHLOROPHONIA** (*Chlorophonia cyanea*) – Some got onto the female that popped in briefly in the foothills.

**CHESTNUT-BREASTED CHLOROPHONIA** (*Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys*) – Nice views at a pair feeding in mistletoe at San Isidro; the male is just spectacular!

**THICK-BILLED EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia laniirostris*) – The euphonia with the yellow right up to the chin.

**GOLDEN-BELLIED EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia chrysopasta*) – Also known as White-lored Euphonia, we had them right at eye level from the tower at Sani.

**BRONZE-GREEN EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia mesochrysa*) – Good looks at this rather uniform euphonia in the foothills. The most distinctive feature of this one is the male's yellow frontal patch.

**ORANGE-BELLIED EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia xanthogaster*) – The common euphonia at many elevations.

**RUFOUS-BELLIED EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia rufiventris*) – Brief views at Sani.

**HOODED SISKIN** (*Spinus magellanicus capitalis*) – On our first day at Antisana.

**OLIVACEOUS SISKIN** (*Spinus olivaceus*) – Common in the subtropical and foothill zones; we saw them a few times.

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## MAMMALS

**LONG-NOSED BAT** (*Rhynchonycteris naso*) – Great looks at them at close range out along the lake at Sani where they perched on emergent branches and logs.

**GREATER BULLDOG BAT** (*Noctilio leporinus*) – Also known as Fishing Bat. We had this one flying about over the lake at Sani.

**PYGMY MARMOSET** (*Cebuella pygmaea*) – This one has gotten quite hard to find over the last decade, seeing some pretty significant population declines. Some of the staff led us to a territory right along the Napo River edge on our last day for very nice views.

**BLACK-MANTLE TAMARIN** (*Saguinus nigricollis*) – We ran into a group of them along the road down from Wildsumaco as they jumped about.

**COMMON SQUIRREL MONKEY** (*Saimiri sciureus*) – Common in large groups at Sani where we enjoyed their antics a few times.

**THREE-STRIPED NIGHT MONKEY** (*Aotus trivirgatus*) – At a day roost along the Chorongó trail.

**RED HOWLER MONKEY** (*Alouatta seniculus*) – Scoped from the tower as they lounged about in the canopy.

**WHITE-FRONTED CAPUCHIN** (*Cebus albifrons*) – Some folks got onto them before they got away at Sani.

**BRAZILIAN RABBIT** (*Sylvilagus brasiliensis*) – Scurrying around up in the paramo.

**RED-TAILED SQUIRREL** (*Sciurus granatensis*) – Common around the lodge at San Isidro.

**CAPYBARA** (*Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris*) – We didn't see the animal itself, but we saw enough tracks out on the river islands that I thought it significant to include.

**BLACK AGOUTI** (*Dasyprocta fuliginosa*) [\*]

**SPECTACLED BEAR** (*Tremarctos ornatus*) – One of the most exciting moments of the trip when we spotted two right from the highway on our way up to the Papallacta Pass, enjoying some fabulous scope views... wow! This one used to be almost mythical, but it has gotten easier to find over the last few years, probably due to new laws banning hunting.

**BRAZILIAN TAPIR** (*Tapirus terrestris*) – Tracks only at San Isidro, where they sometimes come in close to the lodge.

**WHITE-TAILED DEER** (*Odocoileus virginianus*) – In good numbers up in the paramo at Antisana where their populations seem to be increasing.

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## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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**Totals for the tour: 553 bird taxa and 15 mammal taxa**