



Our bird of the trip – the simply stunning Golden-backed Mountain Tanager (Pete Morris)

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This was the second time that I have had the privilege of leading this wonderful tour to some of the more remote and definitely more scenic parts of Peru's central Andes. With a somewhat quicker vehicle and some efficient back-up, the tour went surprisingly well. We had very few logistical problems, the journeys went much more quickly in our faster vehicle and the weather was largely good. Best of all though were the birds, and in this department we were truly spoilt, with just about all of the targeted specialities showing very well, and a few surprises too! Pride of place must go to the stunning Golden-backed Mountain Tanager, that was inevitably



The unique White-cheeked Cotinga showed very well on this year's tour (Pete Morris)

our bird of the tour, but the supporting cast was strong. High up tiny Diademed Plovers, Puna Tinamous and critically endangered White-bellied Cinclodes were particularly popular, whilst the little-known Junin Crake and Junin Grebe both excited us. Bay-vented and White-cheeked Cotingas both obliged, Masked, Band-tailed, Barred and 'Huánuco' Fruiteaters added colour, a whole suite of poorly-known tapaculos showed well, Stripe-headed, Bay, Chestnut, Rufous and Undulated Antpittas all gave great views and other rarities included Andean Snipe, Taczanowski's Tinamou, stunning Orange-breasted Falcons, Fiery-throated and Coppery Metaltails, Bronze-tailed Comet, Tawny Tit-Spinetail, Ash-breasted and Unstreaked Tit-Tyrants, Rufous-breasted and Plain-tailed Warbling Finches, Rufous-backed and Great Inca Finches, Pardusco and the stunning Rufous-browed Hemispingus. And that's just a few of the highlights we managed while not gazing open-jawed



This incredible pair of Orange-breasted Falcons gave a magic performance (Pete Morris)



The scenery at Llanganuco Lakes has to be seen to be believed!! (Pete Morris)

at the incredible scenery! We also managed a little time on the coast where we successfully saw the birds at Lomas de Lachay, including the endemic Raimondi's Yellow Finch and Cactus Canastero, and nearby we also enjoyed some rare Peruvian Terns. Out on the ocean, Hornby's (or Ringed) Storm Petrel was the pick of the bunch, but other goodies included Peruvian Diving Petrel, Humboldt Penguin and Swallow-tailed Gull.

Having assembled in Lima, we were whisked off to Santa Eulalia to be in position for our first exciting day, exploring the arid slopes around San Pedro de Casta. After a comfortable night we headed up a rather tortuous road and set up for our first of many field breakfasts - a theme of this tour! Activity was good and it didn't take too long for our first main target to materialize, the endemic Great Inca Finch which showed spectacularly well. Other highlights whilst taking breakfast included the endemic Black-necked Woodpecker and a fabulous Peruvian Pygmy Owl as well as a variety of common species such as the interesting local form of Southern Beardless Tyrannulet and Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant. We then spent the rest of the morning in high-altitude scrub. Here Mourning Warbling Finches were abundant in the area and Giant Hummingbirds flashed all around. By



Rufous-browed Warbling Finch and Great Inca Finch - two quality birds from our first morning (Pete Morris)



A charming little Peruvian (or Pacific) Pygmy-Owl (Pete Morris)

searching carefully we all ended up with stellar views of the rare endemic Rufous-breasted Warbling Finch. Plenty of other goodies were present too and highlights included a couple of Black-breasted Buzzard-Eagles, smart Bronze-tailed Comets, some superb Purple-collared Woodstars, skulking Canyon Canasteros, the delightful Pied-crested Tit-Tyrant, White-browed Chat-Tyrant and the endemic Rusty-bellied Brush Finch. On the way back down we made a couple of stops, including at an amazing bridge where we found Oasis Hummingbird and Peruvian Sheartails, and nearby we enjoyed a spectacular Andean Condor drifting around the cliffs. Lower down we failed to find too much of interest, making do with common species such as Long-tailed Mockingbird and Blue-and-yellow Tanager as well as an unexpected pair of Thick-billed Miners.

The following day we made the long haul up to the highest parts of the Santa Eulalia valley visiting the high Andean bogs at Marcapomacocha. An accident held up our progress a little, but eventually we arrived at our favoured bog. It was cold, but luckily it did not take us too long to track down our main quarry, the spectacular Diademed (Sandpiper-) Plover, and we enjoyed many minutes watching two adults and a juvenile. Stunning Olivaceous Thornbills fed on the ground flora displaying their multicoloured gorgets and we found numerous



The other adult and juvenile Diademed (Sandpiper-) Plovers (Pete Morris)



The critically endangered White-bellied Cinclodes gave great views (Pete Morris)

Grey-breasted Seedsnipe. A little higher up, a loud song led us to a spectacular group of four Puna Tinamous, and it was a delight to watch this cryptic species through the scope. In the thin air we made a number of other roadside stops, noting a number of hardy passerines including Plain-breasted Earthcreeper, Dark-winged Miner, Streak-throated Canastero, Cream-winged Cinclodes, Puna, Cinereous, Taczanowski's, White-fronted and Ochre-naped Ground Tyrants, White-winged Diuca-Finch and Bright-rumped Yellow-Finch. Concerted effort also brought us a singing endemic Junin Canastero, hopping through the tussocks in rodent stile. We then made our way to a higher bog where we found the superb and crisply marked White-bellied Cinclodes, the largest in its genus and a critically endangered endemic with a tiny range. We also got some excellent views of Rufous-bellied Seedsnipes. The recent remnants of a light aircraft by the road were a pertinent reminder of the hazards of travel in the high Andes! By now, the altitude was taking its toll, and we decided to move on and make our way on to our quaint hotel in Concepcion.

The following day we set out along the much-improved Satipo Road, arriving at our stake-out in good time. Lovely blue skies and the crisp (though very thin) mountain air provided the inspiration, and very soon we were



Two classy birds from the Satipo Road: Eye-ringed Thistle-tail and Creamy-crested Spinetail (Pete Morris)



The endemic Fiery-throated Metaltail gave wonderful views (Pete Morris)

knocking the targets off one by one. The as yet undescribed 'Millpo' Tapaculo put on a good performance, noisy Eye-ringed Thistletails were teased from the shrubbery, a superb Creamy-crested Spinetail posed in the morning sun, Striated Earthcreeper showed well, a fantastic egg-on-legs Stripe-headed Antpitta delighted, and, after a while, amongst the many splendid Shining Sunbeams, we also found the stunning endemic Fiery-throated Metaltail, one of which perched at virtual touching distance! After breakfast we began the trek back, birding as we went. Through the course of the morning we saw a number of other goodies including the endemic Tschudi's Tapaculo, Red-crested Cotingas, Slaty Brush-Finches, Chestnut-bellied and Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanagers, Rufous-chested Tanager and the endemic Brown-flanked Tanager. As we ate lunch, Mountain Caracaras and Variable Hawks drifted overhead, whilst Torrent Ducks and their young played in the river below. We then made our way back, over a high pass where we studied Common, Slender-billed and the endemic Dark-winged Miner as well as more Grey-breasted Seedsnipe. A nearby lake held a nice selection of waterbirds including Andean Geese, Puna Teal, Andean Ducks, Andean Gulls and our first good view of a Giant Coot.



Andean Ibis was seen well along the Pariahuanca Road (Pete Morris)

The following day we had another long haul, this time along the Pariahuanca Road. As with most days, the actual distance was not great, but the time required was due to the nature of the roads, so a reasonably early start was required. We punctuated the journey with the odd stop for one or two birds such as a roadside Ornate Tinamou, White-capped Dipper and, a little lower, a surprise Taczanowski's Tinamou! Eventually we arrived at an isolated patch of habitat in the middle Mantaro Valley. Here we had some very specific targets. First was the as yet undescribed 'Mantaro' Wrens, possibly a new race of the endemic Inca Wren or of Plain-tailed Wren, but more likely an undescribed species. Next was the attractive endangered endemic Black-spectacled Brush Finch which showed well in the scope to all. Crimson-mantled Woodpeckers added colour and lower down we found Green-tailed Trainbearer, White-winged Black-Tyrant and Pale-legged Warbler, before the roadworks stopped us in our tracks. The only thing to do was to head back, noting a few new birds such as Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant and splendid Andean Ibises as we went. It was good to arrive back at base not too late.



Chilean Flamingos added a splash of colour to Lake Junin (Pete Morris)

Another early start was required the following day, and we made our way comfortably and in good time to Lake Junin, Peru's second largest lake. The marshes bordering the lake were alive with birds but we had little time to stop as we needed to get out on to the lake. Our first attempt to see the endemic grebe was not successful as we were nobly punted around a wetland by our amiable and hard-working local guide. Plenty of wetland birds included numerous skittish Andean Coots, good numbers of Puna and Speckled (Sharp-winged) Teals, Yellow-billed Pintails, Andean Ducks, several groups of Chilean Flamingos and a couple of confiding Puna Snipe. Sadly the only grebes we could find were White-tufted Grebes and Silvery Grebes, and we could not convince ourselves that any of the rather shy grebes present were the much-wanted Junin Grebe. Slightly dejected, we made our way back to shore to refuel and throw plan b into action. With that safely secured, we made sure



Streak-backed Canastero and Black-breasted Hillstar were also seen around Lake Junin (Pete Morris)



Short-billed Pipit and Junin Rail (photographed two years earlier at the same site) brightened up our afternoon! (Pete Morris)

that we enjoyed the rest of the day. We began with numerous Andean Flickers, some gorgeous Black-breasted Hillstars and an unexpected Streak-backed Canastero, and then made our way out to another marshy area. Here, we soon found some obliging Short-billed Pipits of the interesting Andean subspecies, and then spent the rest of the day playing cat and mouse. Despite the fact that we only concentrated on a small area, we heard several Junin Crakes though they proved devilishly hard to see until, eventually, one waved the white flag and paraded in front of us just a few feet away. Magic stuff... Elsewhere we logged our first Andean Avocets and Puna Plovers, and retired for an unexpected night in the late Junin area.

The following day we returned early to the lake, pausing for a fine Ornate Tinamou and some Vicuña as we went. We then continued further around the lake and, despite protestations, all boarded a rather small zodiac and headed out into the lake. We made our way to areas where I had been previously and soon found a single, a pair with a full-grown youngster, and another single Junin Grebe. Views were sensational, and as the wind picked up we made our way back to the shore, amused as the coots took flight 500m ahead of us! A brief stop



We eventually got the encounters we wanted with the critically endangered Junin Grebe (Pete Morris)

brought some good views of Andean Avocets, and we then made our way towards Huánuco. We made a couple of stops along the way. The first was at a remnant patch of *Polylepis* forest, and here we found a spectacular pair of Giant Conebills and our first Baron's Spinetails (as well as lunch!). Our final stop saw us arriving at a bromeliad clad landscape where we were greeted by the localized Rufous-backed Inca-Finch which showed well before the weather closed in.

The next couple of days were mostly spent along the legendary Paty Trail and birding at the nearby Carpish Tunnel, where we found an excellent variety of cloudforest species, including some great rarities. Highlights along the Paty Trail included a magnificent pair of Orange-breasted Falcon, perched and calling at point blank



The wonderful Orange-breasted Falcons (Pete Morris)

range, superb views of Bay Antpitta (though sadly the Leymebamba Antpittas only showed fleetingly), the magical White-eared Solitaire, stunning ‘Huánuco’, Band-tailed, and Masked Fruiteaters and endemic White-browed Hemispingus and Tricolored Brush-Finch. Higher up at the tunnel we found the endemic Chestnut Antpitta which showed spectacularly after a struggle, and other goodies here included Unstreaked Tit-Tyrant, Grey-browed Brush-Finch and the colourful Barred Fruiteater. Between the two sites we saw a great number of other interesting species including a sneaky White-throated Quail-Dove on the trail, Black-throated Toucanet, showy Speckle-faced Parrots, a number of hummers including Emerald-bellied Puffleg, the attractive Violet-throated Starfrontlet and Chestnut-breasted Coronet, the wonderful Grey-breasted Mountain-Toucan, Pearled Treerunner, smart Spotted and Rusty-winged Barbtails, showy Striped Treehunters, Buff-browed



Masked Fruiteater and Band-tailed Fruiteater both showed superbly along the Paty Trail (Pete Morris)

Foliage-gleaner, Variable and Uniform Antshrikes, Streak-headed Antbird, Trilling, Rufous-vented and more Tschudi's Tapaculos, White-tailed and White-banded Tyrannulets, endemic Peruvian Tyrannulet and Inca Flycatchers, Barred Becard, the very sneaky White-collared Jay, noisy groups of strange-looking Peruvian Wrens, Superciliated, Black-eared and Oleaginous Hemispinguses, the scarce Rufous-crested, Grass-green, Blue-and-black, Saffron-crowned and stunning Flame-faced Tanagers, Lacrimose and Blue-winged Mountain-Tanagers, sprightly Spectacled Whitestarts and Russet-crowned Warblers.

After that feast of birds the fun really began, and following our final morning birding at the Carpath Tunnel and Paty trail, we began the uphill journey to our next base at Bosque Unchog. We stopped for lunch where we conveniently found some White-bellied Hummingbirds, Plain-breasted Ground-Doves and noisy Fasciated Wrens. It was a pretty long and tortuous drive on narrow roads, but by late afternoon we'd made it up to camp. An initial exploration was fairly quiet, though we did find Many-striped Canastero and our first smart Coppery Metaltails, before returning to camp for a beer. It was then that all hell broke loose! Just as the light was fading and we'd turned our attention to staying warm and drinking beer (two quite illogical things to do at the same time!), the call of *Buthraupis* went up. We scrambled, grabbing bins and dropping beers, and there, right in front of us, was a pair of truly awesome Golden-backed Mountain Tanagers. Stragglers were rounded up from the toilet tent and their own tents and we all enjoyed a brilliant fifteen minutes with this top, top bird. Dreams were sweet that night, and despite the icy temperatures, camping seemed quite comfortable!



The remarkable Rufous-browed Hemispingus was a highlight of Bosque Unchog (Pete Morris)

We had two more full days to explore the tree-line forests at Bosque Unchog, one of those truly legendary areas. The terrain was not especially difficult though doing anything at this altitude requires a fair amount of effort! Fortunately, luck stayed on our side, and we managed to find just about every speciality possible! Pride of place probably went to the stunning Rufous-browed Hemispinguses which showed so well to all at just a few metres range. Equally stunning were the brilliant Bay-vented Cotingas, and the amazingly showy Large-footed Tapaculo which was surprisingly impressive. We also spent some time tracking down the elusive Undulated Antpitta. This brute of a bird was initially difficult, but eventually showed well. Delightful Coppery Metaltails frequently showed well whilst mixed flocks featured a number of goodies including Ochraceous-breasted Flycatchers, superb endemic Yellow-scarfed and smart Golden-collared Tanagers, Scarlet-bellied and Buff-breasted Mountain Tanagers and, after a bit of initial searching, several unique Parduscos. Other goodies included fine Great Sapphirewings, Amethyst-throated Sunangels, some remarkably cooperative 'Fulvous' Antpittas, the *plengei* subspecies of White-chinned Thistletail, the uncommon Line-fronted Canastero, a couple of mouse-



The rare Bay-vented Cotinga was another highlight (Pete Morris)

like Neblina Tapaculos, the excellent and localized Red-rumped Bush-Tyrant, showy Peruvian Chat-Tyrants and Paramo Pipit. Both mornings and evenings we heard the bizarre song of the roding Andean Snipes, but they fell silent in the half light and eluded us.

We awoke on the final morning to another cold crisp day. The camping had been surprisingly bearable and we had been well looked-after. We still however had some unfinished business, and took-off across the bog under a starry sky for one last attempt at the snipes. Initially the result was the same, though we knew we were close as we'd fine-tuned our search over the three mornings! Suddenly there was an explosion at our feet, and we then went on to get several excellent flight views in the morning sun of this well-barred, chunky and dark snipe. Indeed it reminded me of a Wood Snipe which I'd seen in China in a similar habitat a month earlier! Job done!



Peruvian Chat-Tyrant and the strange Pardusco were also appreciated at Bosque Unchog (Pete Morris)



The fabulous Puya raimondii in Huascarán National Park (Pete Morris)

We walked down the first bit of the mountain (rather more than we'd anticipated), and didn't see a great deal new. Flocks of White-collared Swifts zipped overhead and more Baron's Spinetails and Brown-flanked Tanagers showed well amongst a selection of other common birds. We then made our way back to Huánuco for a hot shower, a freshen-up, a nice meal and a well-earned rest!

We then made the long journey from Huánuco to Huaraz. It really was virtually an all day affair with the odd stop for leg stretches, lunch and a bit of birding. A lunch stop provided some excellent Giant Coots and Plumbeous Rails, and later we reached the high pass between the fabulous Cordillera Blanca range and the Cordillera



This Ancash Tapaculo was our showiest tapaculo in what was a tour of showy tapaculos (Pete Morris)



Gorgeous dawn scenery above Llanganuco Lakes (Pete Morris)

Huayhuash. The scenery was quite breathtaking, and for once there were few avian distractions. As we headed on, we were amazed to see our first Ancash Tapaculos so high above the tree line, rubbing shoulders with Grey-breasted Seedsnipes. Further on we stopped at some stands of the awe-inspiring *Puya raimondii*, which has the world's largest flowering stalk, and halted at a lake where we saw more Giant Coots. Eventually we reached our pleasant hotel in Caraz where we settled into our comfortable hotel for the next couple of nights.

We then had two full days to explore the superbly scenic Quebrada Llanganuco (or Llanganuco Lakes). Here the towering Huascaran and adjacent peaks in Peru's Cordillera Blanca provided a breathtaking backdrop for our birding. Our first day went reasonably well and we found most of our targets. Highlights included stunning Green-headed Hillstars and numerous Black Metaltails, more showy and endemic Ancash Tapaculos, elegant Rufous-webbed Tyrants, endemic Rusty-crowned Tit-Spinetails, smart Black-crested Tit-Tyrants, several D'Orbigny's Chat-Tyrants, Taczanowski's and Rufous-naped Ground Tyrants, colourful Tit-like Dacnises and several pairs of the endemic Rufous-eared Brush-Finch. Lower down, taller and more sheltered *Polylepis* woodland brought us the smart and endangered Plain-tailed Warbling Finch and fine Jelski's Chat-Tyrants. That afternoon we visited a cactus-studded slope lower down in the Callejon de Huaylas where we found the highly localized cinnamon-tailed race of Pale-tailed Canastero as well as the endemic Spot-throated Hummingbird and an unexpected Band-winged Nightjar.



Band-winged Nightjar and Pale-tailed Canastero at Pueblo Libre(Pete Morris)

Our second day here we tried a slightly different and more extensive area of Polylepis and scrub. This proved to be a fantastic move. Not only did the birds of the previous day seem more common and easy to see, including many more Plain-tailed Warbling Finches, but we struck gold with several superb White-cheeked Cotingas. It was a glorious morning and we just soaked up more and more views of the great birds. The scenery was astounding, and incredibly we added five write-ins. A couple of Blue-mantled Thornbills showed well, several Thick-billed Siskins were found, and a pair of Andean Tit-Spinetails were a surprise, but the real icing on the cake was a fabulous pair of Ash-breasted Tit-Tyrants and some neat Tawny Tit-Spinetails. What a morning! Quite literally, it was all down hill from there and we made our way to our comfortable hotel in Huaraz in good time!



Ash-breasted Tit-Tyrant and Tawny Tit-Spinetail were two good bonus birds! (Pete Morris)

As we made our way through the bunch grass the next day, we stopped for some tame Ornate Tinamous and an excellent Andean Fox (Culpeo). A lake held vast numbers of waterbirds with thousands of ducks and coots, a few Puna Plovers and several Baird's Sandpipers. Moving on, we made a couple of good stops, finding the endemic Bay-crowned Brush Finch, Smoky-brown Woodpecker, an unexpected Tumbes Pewee and more Bronze-tailed Comets and Great Inca Finches. By early afternoon we reached the grey and cool coast and made our way straight to the bird-rich Laguna Paraiso. Here we soon found the much-wanted Peruvian Tern, and added a whole host of coastal species to our lists including Great Grebe, Cinnamon Teal, White-cheeked Pintail, ridiculous numbers of Common Gallinules and a good selection of shorebirds, gulls and terns at the



A smart Culpeo (or Andean Fox) surveys his surroundings! (Pete Morris)



A Peruvian Snowy Plover from Laguna Paraiso (Pete Morris)

estuary which included smart Snowy Plovers, American and Blackish Oystercatchers, Western Willet, Surf-birds, Grey, Kelp, Belchers and Grey-hooded Gulls, over-summering Franklin's Gulls and Elegant Terns, South American Terns and much more. We also saw our first endemic Coastal Miners as well as 'coastal' Yellowish Pipits before heading to our hotel in Lima, despite the rather horrendous traffic!

Our day at sea the following day turned out to be a real highlight of the trip for many of us. As we headed out to sea, we soon found Peruvian Diving Petrels and good numbers of Sooty Shearwaters, before the first of many little black things, a storm-petrel, buzzed over the sea! Now I've done quite a bit of pelagic birding, but I've never seen so many storm-petrels as we do on this trip – at times it was like passing through swarms of mosquitoes! Literally hundreds of Elliot's Storm Petrels were joined by similar numbers of Wilson's Storm Petrels though it took a lot of effort to find a few Wedge-rumped and a couple of Ringed (or Hornby's) Storm-Petrels, and all showed brilliantly and at close range. This has to be one of THE trips for storm petrels anywhere in the world; incredible stuff. But it wasn't just the storm petrels. There was plenty else besides, including numerous Cape and White-chinned Petrels, Peruvian and Blue-footed Boobies, Guanay Cormorants, a few Chilean Skuas and a couple of Swallow-tailed Gulls. Albatrosses however were conspicuous by their absence! Closer



Hornby's Storm Petrel - the holy grail of the pelagic! (Pete Morris)



Inca Terns never fail to delight (Pete Morris)

to the coast we visited some islands where we enjoyed our first views of the endemic Peruvian Seaside Cinclodes as well as brilliant views of breeding seabirds including colourful Peruvian Pelicans and Red-legged Cormorants, amazing Inca Terns, Peruvian Boobies, Blackish Oystercatcher and smart Humboldt Penguins alongside thousands of South American Sea-Lions. It had been a great trip and we enjoyed a hearty seafood lunch before heading to a local fish market where we enjoyed spectacular close-up views of Peruvian Pelicans and Inca Terns as well as a very tame Peruvian Seaside Cinclodes



A Peruvian Pelican Snaps up a tasty snack! (Pete Morris)

We rounded off the tour with an excellent (though typically grey) morning at Lomas de Lachay, an area of often fog-enshrouded hills north of Lima. We first explored an arid cactus-studded canyon where we quickly found Burrowing Owls, the localized Greyish Miner and the endemic Cactus Canastero. Along the entrance road to the main part of the reserve we observed several tiny Least Seedsnipes, more Burrowing Owls, more endemic Coastal Miners, and an excellent Peruvian Thick-knee. Hiking up to some rocky outcrops we soon found numerous tame Andean Tinamous and the endemic local race of Thick-billed Miner, though in the damp conditions, nothing was coming to drink. Much time was spent scouring a large and flighty flock of Grassland Yellow Finches. These contained several Raimondi's Yellow Finches, though the flighty nature of the birds, and the densely packed flocks made them difficult to see at times.

By now it was time to head back to Lima - some of us for an extra night, others for our flights home. It had been a great tour, with a great group who were determined to overcome the difficulties of travel in the remote Peruvian Andes. I'm sure the numbers of new birds and specialities exceeded most expectations - there can seldom have been a more successful clean-up to this fabulous part of the world!



A damp-looking Peruvian Thick-knee at Lomas de Lachay (Pete Morris)



The unusual Diademed (Sandpiper-) Plover (or DSP) was undoubtedly a highlight of the tour (Pete Morris)

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR

The species names and taxonomy used in the report mostly follows Gill, F & D Donsker (Eds). **IOC World Bird Names**. This list is updated several times annually and is available at <http://www.worldbirdnames.org>.

Species which were heard but not seen are indicated by the symbol (H).

Species which were only recorded by the leader are indicated by the symbol (LO).

Species which were not personally recorded by the leader are indicated by the symbol (NL).

Species marked with the diamond symbol (◊) are either endemic to the country or local region or considered 'special' birds for some other reason (e.g. it is only seen on one or two Birdquest tours; it is difficult to see across all or most of its range; the local form is endemic or restricted-range and may in future be treated as a full species).

Conservation threat categories and information are taken from *Threatened Birds of the World*, BirdLife International's magnificent book on the sad status of the rarest 10% of the world's avifauna, and updates on the BirdLife website:

<http://www.birdlife.org/datazone/home>

(C) = Critically Endangered, **(E)** = Endangered, **(V)** = Vulnerable, **(NT)** = Near Threatened, **(DD)** = Data Deficient.

For polytypic species, the subspecies seen on the tour, where known, is placed in parentheses at the end of the species comment.

Potential splits that are considered reasonably likely to be split in the near future, but that are not yet split by the IOC, are treated as 'allospecies'. Each allospecies is given a unique English name and is identified in its scientific name by a trinomial with the superspecies name preceding it in square brackets.



Andean Tinamou (left) and Ornate Tinamou both showed remarkably well (Pete Morris)

- Brown Tinamou** ◇ *Crypturellus obsoletus* (H) One heard along the Paty Trail, Huánuco, [*ochraceiventris*].
- Taczanowski's Tinamou** *Nothoprocta taczanowskii* (VU) A single seen well along the Pariahuanca Road. Rarely seen!
- Ornate Tinamou** ◇ *Nothoprocta ornata* Seen well along the Pariahuanca Road, near Ondores, and near Huaraz [*branickii*].
- Andean Tinamou** *Nothoprocta pentlandii* Briefly at San Pedro de Casta [*oustaletii*] and several at Lomas de Lachay [*niethammeri*].
- Puna Tinamou** ◇ *Tinamotis pentlandii* Great scope views of three near to Marcopomacocha. Superb birds, great song.
- Torrent Duck** *Merganetta armata* A few seen well. First seen from the bridge below San Pedro de Casta [*leucogenis*].
- Andean Goose** *Chloephaga melanoptera* Quite common. First seen in the Marcopomacocha area.
- Crested Duck** *Lophonetta specularioides* Fairly common. First seen near to Ticlio Bog [*alticola*].
- Cinnamon Teal** *Anas cyanoptera* A pair seen near to Ondores [*orinoma*] and quite a few at the coast [nominate].
- White-cheeked Pintail** *Anas bahamensis* Common at Laguna Paraiso [*rubrirostris*].
- Speckled Teal** *Anas flavirostris* Very common on high altitude lakes. Form [*oxyptera*] = Sharp-winged Teal.
- Yellow-billed Pintail** *Anas georgica* First seen near to Ondores, Lake Junin, [*spinicauda*].
- Puna Teal** *Anas puna* First seen near to Comas, particularly common near to Ondores, Lake Junin.
- Andean Duck** *Oxyura ferruginea* Fairly common, first seen at the lake at the pass above Comas.
- Humboldt Penguin** ◇ *Spheniscus humboldti* (VU) c20 seen around the islands at the end of the pelagic from Callao.



Humboldt Penguins off Lima (Pete Morris)

Cape Petrel *Daption capense* c10 seen on the pelagic from Callao [nominate].

White-chinned Petrel *Procellaria aequinoctialis* (VU) c10 seen on the pelagic from Callao.

Sooty Shearwater *Puffinus griseus* 20+ seen on the pelagic from Callao, Lima.

Wilson's Storm Petrel *Oceanites oceanicus* Common on the pelagic from Callao, Lima.

Elliot's Storm Petrel ◇ *Oceanites gracilis* (DD) Common on the pelagic from Callao, Lima, with many stunning views.

Wedge-rumped Storm Petrel ◇ *Oceanodroma tethys* c3 seen well on the pelagic from Callao, Lima [*ke/salli*].



Elliot's (left) and Wedge-rumped Storm Petrels from our pelagic (Pete Morris)

Hornby's Storm Petrel ◇ *Oceanodroma hornbyi* (DD) At least 2 seen well on the pelagic from Callao, Lima. A real stunner.

Peruvian Diving Petrel ◇ *Pelecanoides garnotii* (E) c6 seen on the pelagic from Callao, Lima. Difficult to see well.

White-tufted Grebe *Rollandia rolland* Two forms: [*morrisoni*] at Lake Junin, and [*chilensis*] elsewhere.

Great Grebe *Podiceps major* Good numbers on the sea at Laguna Paraiso [*major*].

Silvery Grebe *Podiceps occipitalis* Seen well at several sites including Lake Junin. Northern Silvery Grebe [*juninensis*].

Junin Grebe ◇ *Podiceps taczanowskii* (C) Great views of 5 on the boat trip from inc a pair with a recently fledged juv. Superb.

Chilean Flamingo *Phoenicopterus chilensis* Many seen well near to Ondores, Lake Junin and a single near Huaraz.

Andean Ibis ◇ *Theristicus branickii* 3 seen along the Satipo Road, and 3 more seen well along the Pariahuanca Road.

Puna Ibis *Plegadis ridgwayi* Common. First seen in the Marcopomacocha area, 11/7.

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* A few seen at Lake Junin, and a few more at the coast [*hoactli*].

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* Plenty seen along the coast on the journey back to Lima.

American Great Egret *Ardea [alba] egretta* A few seen at Lake Junin and along the coast. A potential split.

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* A few at Laguna Paraiso.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula* A few seen near to Ondores, Lake Junin, and common at the coast [nominate].

Peruvian Pelican ◇ *Pelecanus thagus* (NT) Seen around the islands off Callao and tame birds seen at Chorrillos.

Blue-footed Booby *Sula nebouxii* Several seen on the pelagic from Callao. [nominate].

Peruvian Booby ◇ *Sula variegata* Plenty on the pelagic off Lima including a large and impressive colony!

Red-legged Cormorant ◇ *Phalacrocorax gaimardi* (NT) Several seen on the pelagic from Callao, Lima.

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* Plenty along the coast, especially at Laguna Paraiso [nominate].

Guanay Cormorant ◇ *Leucocarbo bougainvillii* (NT) Several seen on the pelagic from Callao, Lima.

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* First seen at the Paty Trail; most common along the coast [*jota*].

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* First seen at the Paty Trail, more common on the coast.

Andean Condor *Vultur gryphus* (NT) Great views of 1 (looking down on it!) near the bridge below San Pedro de Casta.

Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus* Great views at the top of the Paty Trail, Huánuco [*yetapa*].

Cinereous Harrier *Circus cinereus* A few seen well at Lake Junin, and a single at Lomas de Lachay.



A Peruvian Booby colony off Lima (Pete Morris)

- Variable Hawk** *Geranoaetus polyosoma* The commonest hawk up in the highlands – Puna Hawk [*ffjeldsai*].
- Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle** *Geranoaetus melanoleucus* First seen above Huachapampa and 1 other [*australis*].
- Mountain Caracara** *Phalcoboenus megalopterus* Common, up to 40 in a day. Many great views of smart adults.
- American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius* Small numbers - first seen in the Santa Eulalia valley [*peruvianus*].
- Aplomado Falcon** *Falco femoralis* A single over Ticlio Bog, and 1 on the journey to Caraz [*pichincha*].
- Orange-breasted Falcon** ♦ *Falco deiroleucus* (NT) A brilliant pair along the Paty Trail. Absolutely superb birds!!
- Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus* A single circling on the way down to the coast from Huaraz [*cassini*].
- Junin Crake** ♦ *Laterallus [jamaicensis] tuerosi* (E) See note.
- Plumbeous Rail** *Pardirallus sanguinolentus* Several seen well at Lake Junin, and 1 on the way to Caraz [*simonsi*].
- Common Gallinule** *Gallinula galeata* Common at Lake Junin, and abundant at Laguna Paraiso [*garmani*].
- Andean Coot** *Fulica ardesiaca* Common at many sites [nominated], including along the coast [*atrura*].
- Giant Coot** *Fulica gigantea* First seen along the Satipo Road. Many more seen well inc 100+ south of Huaraz.
- Peruvian Thick-Knee** ♦ *Burhinus superciliaris* Great views of 1 at Lomas de Lachay. Stunning bird!



Mountain Caracaras were common in the highlands (Pete Morris)



Giant Coot and Blackish Oystercatcher (Pete Morris)

- Blackish Oystercatcher** *Haematopus ater* Seen on the rocks at Laguna Paraiso, and on the islets off Callao.
- American Oystercatcher** *Haematopus palliatus* Common at Laguna Paraiso [nominate].
- Black-necked Stilt** *Himantopus mexicanus* A few at Laguna Paraiso [nominate].
- Andean Avocet** *Recurvirostra andina* At Lake Junin, a pair scoped up near Ondores, and 4 near to Pari.
- Andean Lapwing** *Vanellus resplendens* Common in the highlands, first seen in the Marcopomacocha area.
- Grey Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola* Common at Laguna Paraiso.
- Semipalmated Plover** *Charadrius semipalmatus* Several at Laguna Paraiso.
- Killdeer** *Charadrius vociferus* A few seen at Laguna Paraiso [*peruvianus*].
- Snowy Plover** *Charadrius nivosus* Several seen well, including well-grown chicks at Laguna Paraiso [*occidentalis*].
- Puna Plover** *Charadrius alticola* A few at Ondores, Lake Junin, and 3+ at Lago Conococha, south of Huaraz.
- Diademed Plover** ◇ *Phegornis mitchellii* (NT) Great views of a pair and a juvenile at Marcopomacocha. Amazingly confiding!
- Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe** ◇ *Attagis gayi* Great scope views of three feeding birds at Ticlio Bog [*simonsi*].
- Grey-breasted Seedsnipe** *Thinocorus orbignyianus* Plenty seen, first seen in the Marcopomacocha area [*ingae*].



Least Seedsnipes were common at Lomas de Lachay (Pete Morris)

- Least Seedsnipe** *Thinocorus rumicivorus* Many seen very well at Lomas de Lachay [*cuneicauda*].
- Puna Snipe** ◇ *Gallinago andina* First seen at Ticlio Bog, then several seen well at Lake Junin.
- Andean Snipe** ◇ *Gallinago jamesoni* Excellent flight views of at least 3 at Bosque Unchog - big and heavy, great song too!

American Whimbrel *Numenius [phaeopus] hudsonicus* Very common at Laguna Paraiso. Not yet split by the IOC.
Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* Several at Lago Conococha and at Laguna Paraiso.
Western Willet *Tringa [semipalmata] inornata* Several at Laguna Paraiso. Not yet split by the IOC.
Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* Common at Laguna Paraiso [*morinella*].
Surfbird *Aphriza virgata* About 10, including a couple of juvs, at Laguna Paraiso. Smart!
Sanderling *Calidris alba rubida* Abundant at Laguna Paraiso [*rubida*].
Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii* Several at Lago Conococha, south of Huaraz.
Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger* A single skimming at Laguna Paraiso was a surprise [*cinerascens*].
Swallow-tailed Gull ◊ *Creagrus furcatus* Great views of 1+ 1cy birds (seen several times) on the pelagic from Callao.
Andean Gull *Chroicocephalus serranus* First seen near to Ticlio Bog. Many seen thereafter – many smart adults.
Grey-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus* First seen at Laguna Paraiso; common along the coast [nominate].
Franklin's Gull *Leucophaeus pipixcan* Several scruffy individuals at Laguna Paraiso.
Grey Gull ◊ *Leucophaeus modestus* First seen at Laguna Paraiso, many along the coast.
Belcher's Gull ◊ *Larus belcheri* First seen at Laguna Paraiso, many along the coast.



Gulls on the coast included Franklin's Gull and Belcher's Gull (Pete Morris)

Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus* First seen at Laguna Paraiso, and several more along the coast [nominate].
Elegant Tern *Thalasseus elegans* (NT) 6+ seen very well at Laguna Paraiso, 25/7.
Peruvian Tern ◊ *Sternula lorata* (E) Excellent views of c30 at Laguna Paraiso, including a recently fledged juvenile.



Several Peruvian Terns were seen well at Laguna Paraiso (Pete Morris)

South American Tern *Sterna hirundinacea* A single smart adult at Laguna Paraiso, and a few more on the pelagic.
Inca Tern ◊ *Larosterna inca* (NT) Plenty along the coast and on the pelagic – stunning!
Chilean Skua ◊ *Stercorarius chilensis* Several seen on the pelagic from Callao, Lima.
Rock Dove (Feral Pigeon) *Columba livia* 'feral' Introduced nonsense.
Band-tailed Pigeon *Patagioenas fasciata* Particularly common at Chilifruta Forest, Pariahuanca Road [*albilinea*].
Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata hypoleuca* Fairly common. First seen in the Santa Eulalia valley [*hypoleuca*].
West Peruvian Dove *Zenaida meloda* First seen in the Santa Eulalia valley, and seen at the coast at the end.
Plain-breasted Ground Dove ◊ *Columbina minuta* Good scope views of 3 on the way to Bosque Unchog, [*amazilia*].
Croaking Ground Dove ◊ *Columbina cruziana* First seen at Pueblo Libre, north of Huaraz, also 1 at Lomas de Lachay.
Bare-faced Ground Dove ◊ *Metriopelia ceciliae* Only seen around San Pedro de Casta [nominated].
Black-winged Ground Dove ◊ *Metriopelia melanoptera* First seen above Huachapampa, Santa Eulalia valley [nominated].
White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi* Seen well in the Santa Eulalia valley [*decolour*].
White-throated Quail-Dove ◊ *Geotrygon frenata* One seen on the Paty Trail and others heard there [nominated].
Plum-crowned Parrot *Pionus tumultuosus* Excellent views of a couple perched at the start of the Paty Trail.
Groove-billed Ani *Crotophaga sulcirostris* Seen in the Santa Eulalia valley, and a few on the coast.
Rufous-banded Owl *Strix albitarsis* (H) Heard distantly at the Carpish Tunnel, Huánuco, [*opaca*].
Yungas Pygmy Owl ◊ *Glaucidium bolivianum* (H) Despite much effort, only heard at Bosque Unchog.
Pacific Pygmy Owl ◊ (Peruvian P O) *Glaucidium peruanum* Fantastic views in the Santa Eulalia valley.
Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia* c10 seen very well at Lomas de Lachay [*intermedia*].
Band-winged Nightjar *Systellura longirostris* Great views of a female at Pueblo Libre, near Huaraz [*atripunctata*].
Swallow-tailed Nightjar *Uropsalis segmentata* (H) Heard distantly at Carpish Tunnel and Bosque Unchog [*kalinowski*].
Chestnut-collared Swift *Streptoprocne rutila* Seen well on the way to Bosque Unchog [*brunnitorques*].
White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris* Seen very well on the way back from Bosque Unchog [*subtropicalis*].
Andean Swift *Aeronautes andecolus* Best views were above Huachapampa, Santa Eulalia valley [*parvulus*].
Green Violetear *Colibri thalassinus* Seen well along the Paty Trail, Huánuco [*crissalis*] = Andean Violetear.
Sparkling Violetear *Colibri coruscans* Quite common. First seen in the Santa Eulalia valley [nominated].
Spot-throated Hummingbird ◊ *Leucippus taczanowskii* Great views of several at Pueblo Libre, north of Huaraz.
White-bellied Hummingbird *Amazilia chionogaster* A couple seen on the way up to Bosque Unchog [nominated].
Amazilia Hummingbird ◊ *Amazilia amazilia* A couple seen below San Pedro de Casta [nominated].



Two of the drabber hummingbirds seen were White-bellied Hummingbird and Spot-throated Hummingbird (Pete Morris)

Speckled Hummingbird *Adelomyia melanogenys* A single seen along the Paty Trail, Huánuco [nominated].
Fawn-breasted Brilliant *Heliodoxa rubinoides* A few seen along the Paty Trail, Huánuco, [*ceruinigularis*].
Chestnut-breasted Coronet ◊ *Boissonneaua matthewsii* Several seen well along the Paty Trail, Huánuco.
Shining Sunbeam *Aglaeactis cupripennis* Seen at the Satipo Road [*caumatonota*] and Llanganuco Lakes [nominated].
Green-headed Hillstar ◊ *Oreotrochilus [estella] stolzmanni* See note.
Black-breasted Hillstar ◊ *Oreotrochilus melanogaster* Great views of a pair near to Ondores, Lake Junin.
Mountain Velvetbreast *Lafresnaya lafresnayi* Seen briefly on the way down from Bosque Unchog [*rectirostris*].
Bronzy Inca *Coeligena coeligena* A few seen along the Paty Trail, Huánuco [*obscura*].
Collared Inca *Coeligena torquata* Seen along the Paty Trail, Huánuco [*insectivora*].
Violet-throated Starfrontlet ◊ *Coeligena violifer* Several seen well at the Carpish Tunnel and Bosque Unchog [*dichroua*].



Two of the cracking hummers seen: Emerald-bellied Puffleg and a juvenile Blue-mantled Thornbill (Pete Morris)

- Great Sapphirewing** *Pterophanes cyanopterus* Best views were of a stunner at Bosque Unchog [*peruvianus*].
- Giant Hummingbird** *Patagona gigas* First seen in the Santa Eulalia valley. Many seen very well! Aptly named! [*peruviana*].
- Amethyst-throated Sunangel** *Heliangelus amethysticollis* Seen at the Carpish Tunnel and Bosque Unchog [*decolor*].
- Emerald-bellied Puffleg** ◇ *Eriocnemis aline* Several seen well along the Paty Trail, Huánuco [*dybowskii*].
- Booted Racket-Tail** *Ocreatus underwoodii annae* Several vocal females along the Paty Trail [*annae*].
- Green-tailed Trainbearer** *Lesbia nuna* Two forms: Pariahuanca Road [*huallagae*]; Llanganuco Lakes [*pallidiventris*].
- Bronze-tailed Comet** ◇ *Polyonymus caroli* Seen well in the Santa Eulalia valley and on the way to the coast from Huaraz.
- Tyrian Metaltail** *Metallura tyrianthina* Seen along the Satipo and Pariahuanca Roads and Bosque Unchog [*septentrionalis*].
- Coppery Metaltail** *Metallura theresiae* Common at Bosque Unchog, where many seen well [nominate].
- Fiery-throated Metaltail** ◇ *Metallura eupogon* Stunning views of 2 or 3 along the Satipo Road.
- Black Metaltail** ◇ *Metallura phoebe* 1 in the Santa Eulalia valley then common at Llanganuco Lakes.
- Olivaceous Thornbill** ◇ *Chalcostigma olivaceum* A few seen well in the Marcopomacocha area [*pallens*].
- Blue-mantled Thornbill** ◇ *Chalcostigma stanleyi* Several seen well high up at Llanganuco Lakes [*versigulare*].
- Long-tailed Sylph** *Aglaiocercus kingii* (LO) A male glimpsed along the Paty Trail, Huánuco.
- Oasis Hummingbird** ◇ *Rhodopis vesper* Fine views of a male near to San Pedro de Casta [nominate].
- Peruvian Sheartail** ◇ *Thaumastura cora* A few seen in the Santa Eulalia valley.
- Purple-collared Woodstar** *Myrtis fanny* Many seen well in the Santa Eulalia valley and on the way back to the coast [nominate].
- Golden-headed Quetzal** *Pharomachrus auriceps* Heard and seen briefly along the Paty Trail [nominate].
- Masked Trogon** *Trogon personatus* Seen very well along the Paty Trail, Huánuco.
- Black-throated Toucanet** ◇ *Aulacorhynchus atrogularis* A single seen well along the Paty Trail, Huánuco [nominate].
- Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan** ◇ *Andigena hypoglauca* (NT) Great views of a pair along the Paty Trail [*lateralis*].



Grey-breasted Mountain Toucans never fail to delight (Pete Morris)

Smoky-brown Woodpecker *Picoides fumigatus* One seen well on the way to the coast from Huaraz, [*obscuratus*].
Bar-bellied Woodpecker ◇ *Veniliornis nigriceps* Seen along the Paty Trail and at Bosque Unchog [*pectoralis*].
Crimson-mantled Woodpecker *Colaptes rivolii* First seen well along the Pariahuanca Road [*brevirostris*].
Black-necked Woodpecker ◇ *Colaptes atricollis* Excellent views below San Pedro de Casta [*brevirostris*].
Andean Flicker *Colaptes rupicola* Common, but smart. First seen in the Marcopomacocha area [*puna*].
Common Miner *Geositta cunicularia* Excellent views above Comas and at Lake Junin [*juninensis*] = Altiplano Miner.
Slender-billed Miner *Geositta tenuirostris* Three seen. Seen well below the pass above Comas [nominate].



Opposite ends of the spectrum: Slender-billed Miner and Thick-billed Miner (Pete Morris)

Greyish Miner ◇ *Geositta maritima* Great views of a pair at Lomas de Lachay.
Coastal Miner ◇ *Geositta peruviana* First seen at Laguna Paraiso. Also common at Lomas de Lachay [nominate].
Dark-winged Miner ◇ *Geositta saxicolina* A couple in the Marcopomacocha area and many seen well above Comas.
Thick-billed Miner ◇ *Geositta crassirostris* See note.
Plain-breasted Earthcreeper *Upucerthia validirostris* Two forms: Marcopomacocha area [*jelskii*]; Llanganuco Lakes [*saturata*].
Striated Earthcreeper ◇ *Geocerthia serrana* Good views along the Satipo Road and at Llanganuco Lakes [nominate].
Cream-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes albiventris* Common. First seen in the Marcopomacocha area [nominate].
White-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes atacamensis* Shy pairs seen well above Comas and at Llanganuco Lakes [nominate].
White-bellied Cinclodes ◇ *Cinclodes palliatus* (C) Several (5+) seen superbly at Ticlio Bog. A real stunner
Peruvian Seaside Cinclodes ◇ *Cinclodes taczanowskii* 1 on islands off Callao and another seen brilliantly at Chorrillos.
Tawny Tit-Spinetail ◇ *Leptasthenura yanacensis* (NT) Great views of at least 4 in Polylepis forest at Llanganuco Lakes.
Rusty-crowned Tit-Spinetail ◇ *Leptasthenura pileata* See note.
Andean Tit-Spinetail *Leptasthenura andicola* A pair high at Llanganuco Lakes. A surprise. [*peruviana*].



Andean Tit-Spinetail and Line-fronted Canastero - two of the scarcer furnarids (Pete Morris)

White-chinned Thistletail ◇ *Asthenes fuliginosa* Great views of several at Bosque Unchog [*plengei*].
Eye-ringed Thistletail ◇ *Asthenes palpebralis* Great views of 3+ of this speciality along the Satipo Road.
Canyon Canastero ◇ *Asthenes pudibunda* A few seen well above Huachapampa, Santa Eulalia valley [nominated].
Streak-throated Canastero ◇ *Asthenes humilis* **Seen at a few sites.** First seen in the Marcopomacocha area [nominated].
Pale-tailed Canastero ◇ *Asthenes huancavelicae* An undescribed form seen very well at Pueblo Libre, near Huaraz.
Streak-backed Canastero ◇ *Asthenes wyatti* Great views of a singing bird near to Ondores, Lake Junin [*graminicola*].
Line-fronted Canastero ◇ *Asthenes urubambensis* (NT) Great views of a pair at Bosque Unchog [*huallagae*].
Many-striped Canastero *Asthenes flammulata* Seen well at Bosque Unchog, and at Llanganuco Lakes [*taczanowskii*].
Junin Canastero ◇ *Asthenes virgata* At least two seen very well in the Marcopomacocha area.
Cactus Canastero ◇ *Pseudasthenes cactorum* One seen well and others heard at Lomas de Lachay, [nominated].
Rufous Spinetail *Synallaxis unirufa* Good views of a pair along the Paty Trail, Huánuco [*ochrogaster*].
Azara's Spinetail *Synallaxis azarae* First seen along the Paty Trail, Huánuco, [*infumata*].
Creamy-crested Spinetail ◇ *Cranioleuca albicapilla* A stunner, common along the Satipo and Pariahuanca Roads [nominated].
Baron's Spinetail ◇ *Cranioleuca baroni* A few seen. Best views on the way down from Bosque Unchog [nominated].
Wren-like Rushbird *Phleocryptes melanops* Several seen well near to Ondores, Lake Junin [*juninensis*].
Rusty-winged Barbtail *Premnornis guttuliger* Excellent views of a responsive bird along the Paty Trail [nominated].
Spotted Barbtail *Premnoplex brunnescens* Excellent views of a responsive bird along the Paty Trail [nominated].
Pearled Treerunner *Margarornis squamiger* Common at higher altitudes. First seen at the Carpish Tunnel [nominated].
Streaked Tuftedcheek *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii* A few seen in mixed flocks along the Paty Trail.
Buff-browed Foliage-Gleaner *Syndactyla rufosuperciliata* Quite common but skulking along the Paty Trail [*cabanisi*].
Striped Treehunter *Thripadectes holostictus* Great views of a smart pair along the Paty Trail [*moderatus*].
Montane Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger* A couple seen along the Paty Trail, Huánuco, [*warscewiczii*].
Uniform Antshrike *Thamnophilus unicolor* A male seen well along the Paty Trail, Huánuco.
Variable Antshrike *Thamnophilus caerulescens* A couple seen well along the Paty Trail, Huánuco.
Streak-headed Antbird ◇ *Drymophila striaticeps* Common by voice along the Paty Trail; excellent views of a pair there.
Undulated Antpitta ◇ *Grallaria squamigera* After much effort, great views of a shy bird at Bosque Unchog [*canicauda*].
Stripe-headed Antpitta ◇ *Grallaria andicolus* Seen well along the Satipo Road, and at Llanganuco Lakes [nominated].
Bay Antpitta ◇ *Grallaria capitalis* Great views of 1 in the open along the Paty Trail. Superb views. Others heard.
Rufous Antpitta ◇ *Grallaria rufula* Great views of 1 singing at Bosque Unchog and another on the trail there [*obscura*].
Chestnut Antpitta ◇ *Grallaria blakei* (NT) Incredible views of 1 down to a couple of metres at the Carpish Tunnel, Huánuco.
Leymebamba Antpitta ◇ *Grallaricula [ferrugineipectus] leymebambae* A few heard along the Paty Trail, 1 glimpsed.
Rufous-vented Tapaculo ◇ *Scytalopus femoralis* After some effort, good views of one along the Paty Trail.
Trilling Tapaculo ◇ *Scytalopus parvirostris* Great views of 1 along the Paty Trail, Huánuco. Several more heard.
Tschudi's Tapaculo ◇ *Scytalopus acutirostris* Fairly common. Best views at the Satipo Road and Bosque Unchog.
Ancash Tapaculo ◇ *Scytalopus affinis* Common in Huascarán National Park, the first at 3740m by the road side!!
Neblina Tapaculo ◇ *Scytalopus altirostris* A few seen well at Bosque Unchog, including a female in the bog!
Millpo Tapaculo ◇ *Scytalopus sp. nov.* Great views of this yet to be described form at c3680m along the Satipo Road.



Two rarities: Unstreaked Tit-Tyrant and the yet-to-be-described Millpo Tapaculo (Pete Morris)

Large-footed Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus macropus* Brilliant views of 1 of these large tapaculos at Bosque Unchog.
Highland Elaenia *Elaenia obscura* Several seen well below Chilifruta Forest, along the Pariahuanca Road [*obscura*].
Sierran Elaenia *Elaenia pallatangae* Several seen. First seen along the Pariahuanca Road [*intensa*].
Southern Beardless Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum* See note.
White-throated Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus leucophrys* See note.
White-tailed Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus poecilocercus* First seen along the Paty Trail. Distinctive high-pitched song.
White-banded Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus stictopterus* Seen well at the Carpish Tunnel/Paty Trail [*taeniopterus*].
Black-crested Tit-Tyrant ◊ *Anairetes nigrocristatus* A couple of pairs seen well at the Llanganuco Lakes.
Pied-crested Tit-Tyrant ◊ *Anairetes reguloides* First seen well above Huachapampa, Santa Eulalia valley, [*albiventris*].
Ash-breasted Tit-tyrant ◊ *Anairetes alpinus* (E) Brilliant views of a pair in a Polylepsis patch at Llanganuco Lakes [nominate].
Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant *Anairetes flavirostris* First seen in the Santa Eulalia valley [*arequipae*].
Tufted Tit-Tyrant *Anairetes parulus* First seen along the Satipo Road [*aequatorialis*].
Unstreaked Tit-Tyrant ◊ *Uromyias agraphia* Great views at the Carpish Tunnel, Huánuco [*squamiger*].
Torrent Tyrannulet *Serpophaga cinerea* Seen on a river on the way to Huánuco from Lake Junin [nominate].
Rufous-headed Pygmy Tyrant *Pseudotriccus ruficeps* Seen very well along the Paty Trail and others heard there.
Peruvian Tyrannulet ◊ *Zimmerius viridiflavus* Seen well along the Paty Trail, Huánuco.
Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes ventralis* Good views of 1 along the Paty Trail [*angustirostris*].
Streak-necked Flycatcher *Mionectes striaticollis* Several seen along the Paty Trail [*palamblae*].
Inca Flycatcher ◊ *Leptopogon taczanowskii* (NT) Several good sightings in mixed flocks along the Paty Trail.
Flavescent Flycatcher *Myiophobus flavicans* A single seen along the Paty Trail [*supercilius*].
Ochraceous-breasted Flycatcher ◊ *Nephelomyias ochraceiventris* Common in flocks at Bosque Unchog.
Many-colored Rush Tyrant *Tachuris rubrigastra* Several seen well at Lake Junin [*alticola*].
Cinnamon Flycatcher *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus* A few along the Paty Trail.
Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans* A few on the river on the way to Huánuco [*angustirostris*] = White-winged.
Smoke-coloured Pewee *Contopus fumigatus* A few seen along the Paty Trail [*ardosiacus*].
Tumbes Pewee *Contopus punensis* A single seen well on the way down to the coast from Huaraz, 25/7.
Vermillion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus* Near to the coast *obscurus*, a stunner. Near to Pueblo Libre *piurae*.
Andean Negrito ◊ *Lessonia oreas* First seen at the lake at the pass above Comas. Common at Lake Junin.
White-winged Black Tyrant *Knipolegus aterrimus* Several seen along the Pariahuanca Road [*anthracinus*].
Spot-billed Ground Tyrant *Muscisaxicola maculirostris* A single by the bridge below San Pedro de Casta [nominate].
Taczanowski's Ground Tyrant ◊ *Muscisaxicola griseus* A few. First seen in the Marcopomacocha area. Tricky group!
Puna Ground Tyrant ◊ *Muscisaxicola juninensis* A few. First seen well in the Marcopomacocha area.
Cinereous Ground Tyrant *Muscisaxicola cinereus* Most of those seen were in the Marcopomacocha area [nominate].
White-fronted Ground Tyrant *Muscisaxicola albifrons* Common and only seen in in the Marcopomacocha area.
Ochre-naped Ground Tyrant *Muscisaxicola flavinucha* First seen in the Marcopomacocha area [nominate – I think].
Rufous-naped Ground Tyrant *Muscisaxicola rufivertex* First seen on the way down from Bosque Unchog [*occipitalis*].



Two highland tyrants: Red-rumped Bush Tyrant and White-fronted Ground Tyrant (Pete Morris)

White-browed Ground Tyrant *Muscisaxicola albilora* Several seen at Llanganuco Lakes.

Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant *Agriornis montanus* First seen along the Pariahuanca Road [*insolens*].

Streak-throated Bush Tyrant *Myiotheretes striaticollis* 5 seen, the first 3 in the Santa Eulalia valley [nominate].

Smoky Bush Tyrant *Myiotheretes fumigatus* Nice views of 1 at the Carpish Tunnel [*cajamarcae*].

Red-rumped Bush Tyrant ◊ *Cnemarchus erythropygius* Great views of a smart pair at Bosque Unchog [nominate].

Rufous-webbed Bush Tyrant *Polioxolmis rufipennis* Several seen well at Llanganuco Lakes [nominate].

Kalinowski's Chat-Tyrant ◊ *Silvicultrix spodiota* Brilliant views at Bosque Unchog. Great little bird [*boliviana*].

Jelski's Chat-Tyrant ◊ *Silvicultrix jelskii* Excellent views of two at Llanganuco Lakes.

Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis* First seen along the Satipo Road [*centralis*].

Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca fumicolor* A few seen at Bosque Unchog [*brunneifrons*].

D'Orbigny's Chat-Tyrant ◊ *Ochthoeca oenanthoides* Seen on the way to Huánuco and at Llanganuco Lakes [*polionota*].

White-browed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca leucophrys* Santa Eulalia valley [*leucometopa*] and Bosque Unchog [*interior*].

Short-tailed Field Tyrant ◊ *Muscigralla brevicauda* 1 seen at Lomas de Lachay on the last day.

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* Only in the lowlands. First seen in Chosica [nominate].

Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer* First seen at the Carpish Tunnel, the black-capped *atriceps* form.

Red-crested Cotinga *Ampelion rubrocristatus* Seen along the Satipo and Pariahuanca Roads and at Bosque Unchog.

White-cheeked Cotinga ◊ *Zaratornis stresemanni* (VU) Brilliant views of 6+ near to Llanganuco Lakes. Brilliant stuff.

Bay-vented Cotinga ◊ *Doliornis sclateri* (VU) Several seen superbly at Bosque Unchog.



The distinctive Huánuco form of Green-and-black Fruiteater (Pete Morris)

Green-and-black Fruiteater *Pipreola riefferii* Great views of a pair of Huánuco Fruiteaters along the Paty Trail [*tallmanorum*].

Band-tailed Fruiteater ◊ *Pipreola intermedia* Brilliant views of a pair along the Paty Trail [nominate].

Barred Fruiteater *Pipreola arcuata* A few including brilliant views of a male at the Carpish Tunnel [nominate].

Masked Fruiteater ◊ *Pipreola pulchra* Great views of a very smart male along the Paty Trail.

Barred Becard *Pachyrhamphus versicolor* A few seen along the Paty Trail and by the Carpish Tunnel [*meridionalis*].

Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis* (H) First heard along the Paty Trail, Huánuco [*saturata*].

Brown-capped Vireo *Vireo leucophrys* 1 seen along the Paty Trail, Huánuco.

White-collared Jay *Cyanolyca viridicyanus* (NT) Only seen very briefly flying over the road at the Paty Trail [*jolyaea*].

Blue-and-white Swallow *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca* First seen along the Pariahuanca Road. Also on the coast [*peruviana*].

Brown-bellied Swallow *Notiochelidon murina* First seen along the Satipo Road [nominate].

Pale-footed Swallow ◊ *Notiochelidon flavipes* First seen at the Carpish Tunnel. Also seen well at Bosque Unchog.

Andean Swallow *Haplochelidon andecola* Especially common at Lake Junin [*oroyae*].

Chestnut-collared Swallow ◊ *Petrochelidon rufocollaris* At least 2 seen well at Lomas de Lachay [nominate].



Noisy Fasciated Wrens were easy to see (Pete Morris)

- Fasciated Wren** ◇ *Campylorhynchus fasciatus* Great views of several at the river crossing below Cochobamba [nominate].
- Peruvian Wren** ◇ *Cinnycerthia peruana* Fairly common along the Paty Trail and at the Carpish Tunnel.
- Sedge Wren** *Cistothorus platensis* Great views at Bosque Unchog [*polyglottus*-group].
- Plain-tailed Wren** ◇ *Pheugopedius euophrys* Great views of the undescribed form with the barred tail along the Pariahuanca Road.
- Southern House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon* First seen in the Santa Eulalia valley [*audax*], *carabayae* at the Paty Trail.
- Mountain Wren** *Troglodytes solstitialis* Seen very well along the Paty Trail [*macrourus*].
- Grey-breasted Wood Wren** *Henicorhina leucophrys* Common along the Paty Trail [nominate].
- Tropical Gnatcatcher** *Polioptila plumbea* Several 'White-browed' Gnatcatchers seen on the way down to the coast [*bilineata*].
- Long-tailed Mockingbird** ◇ *Mimus longicaudatus* A few seen in the Santa Eulalia valley [nominate].
- White-eared Solitaire** ◇ *Entomodestes leucotis* Great views at the Paty Trail and Carpish Tunnel. A real cracker.
- Great Thrush** *Turdus fuscater* Prefers wetter areas. First seen along the Satipo Road [*gigantodes*].
- Chiguanco Thrush** *Turdus chiguanco* Two forms: nominate first seen Santa Eulalia valley; *conradi* below Bosque Unchog.
- White-capped Dipper** *Cinclus leucocephalus* Best views along the Pariahuanca Road [nominate].
- House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* Introduced [nominate].
- Yellowish Pipit** *Anthus lutescens* Several along the coast. The interesting form *peruvianus* is a potential split.
- Short-billed Pipit** ◇ *Anthus furcatus* Great views of 2 and a few others in song flight at Lake Junin [*brevirostris*].
- Paramo Pipit** *Anthus bogotensis* A few seen well at Bosque Unchog [*immaculatus*].
- Hooded Siskin** *Spinus magellanica* See note.
- Thick-billed Siskin** ◇ *Spinus crassirostris* See note.
- Black Siskin** *Spinus atrata* (NL) A few seen, mostly from the bus, high in the Santa Eulalia valley and at Lake Junin.
- Citrine Warbler** *Myiothlypis luteoviridis* A single along the Satipo Road, and common at sites around Huánuco [*striaticeps*].
- Pale-legged Warbler** *Myiothlypis signata* Great views of a confiding pair below Chilifruta Forest [nominate].
- Black-crested Warbler** *Myiothlypis nigrocristata* Excellent views of a pair at Llanganuco Lakes.
- Russet-crowned Warbler** *Myiothlypis coronata* Seen well along the Paty Trail – great song.
- Spectacled Whitestart** *Myioborus melanocephalus* See note.
- Yellow-billed Cacique** *Amblycercus holosericeus* A single seen briefly but well along the Paty Trail [*australis*].
- Scrub Blackbird** *Dives warszewiczi* Seen in the Santa Eulalia valley, and on the way back to the coast [*kalinowskii*].
- Peruvian Meadowlark** *Sturnella bellicosa* Seen on the way down from Bosque Unchog and at Lomas de Lachay [nominate].
- Rufous-collared Sparrow** *Zonotrichia capensis* Two forms: *peruviansis* (coastal areas); *pulacayensis* (High Andes).
- Chestnut-capped Brush Finch** *Arremon brunneinucha* A single seen fairly briefly along the Paty Trail [*frontalis*].
- Grey-browed Brush Finch** *Arremon assimilis* Great views of a pair at the Carpish Tunnel [*poliophrys*].

Tricolored Brush Finch ◊ *Atlapetes tricolor* Several seen well along the Paty Trail.
Rufous-eared Brush Finch ◊ *Atlapetes rufigenis* (NT) Many seen well at Llanganuco Lakes.
Black-spectacled Brush Finch ◊ *Atlapetes melanopsis* (E) Good scope views of 4 along the Pariahuanca Road.
Slaty Brush Finch *Atlapetes schistaceus* Seen on the Satipo Road, at the Carpish Tunnel and Bosque Unchog [*taczanowskii*].
Bay-crowned Brush Finch ◊ *Atlapetes seebohmi* Excellent views of a pair on the way to the coast from Huaraz [nominate].
Rusty-bellied Brush Finch ◊ *Atlapetes nationi* Common in the Santa Eulalia valley [nominate].
Common Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus flavopectus* A few seen and heard along the Paty Trail [*hiaticolus*].
Rufous-crested Tanager *Creurgops verticalis* A few seen along the Paty Trail.
White-browed Hemispingus ◊ *Hemispingus auricularis* Seen at the Paty Trail, and the Carpish Tunnel.
Superciliaried Hemispingus *Hemispingus superciliaris* A single grey and white bird at the Carpish Tunnel [*insignis*].
Oleaginous Hemispingus *Hemispingus frontalis* First seen along the Paty Trail [nominate].
Black-eared Hemispingus *Hemispingus melanotis* (LO) A single seen along the Paty Trail [*berlepschi*].
Rufous-browed Hemispingus ◊ *Hemispingus rufosuperciliaris* (VU) Brilliant views of a pair at Bosque Unchog.
Drab Hemispingus ◊ *Hemispingus xanthophthalmus* A single seen well in a mixed flock at the Carpish Tunnel.
Grey-hooded Bush Tanager *Cnemoscopus rubrirostris* Several seen along the Paty Trail [*chrysogaster*].
Rufous-chested Tanager *Thlypopsis ornata* A few seen inc. 1 in a mixed flock with Brown-flanked Tanager! [*media*].
Brown-flanked Tanager *Thlypopsis pectoralis* Great views along the Satipo Road and below Bosque Unchog.



We enjoyed some fine views of the endemic Brown-flanked Tanager (Pete Morris)

Pardusco ◊ *Nephelornis oneilli* Several flocks seen well at Bosque Unchog. An odd thing!
Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus* Seen on the way down from Bosque Unchog [*caerulea*].
Blue-capped Tanager *Thraupis cyanocephala* First seen along the Paty Trail [nominate].
Blue-and-yellow Tanager *Thraupis bonariensis* First seen in the Santa Eulalia valley [*darwinii*].
Hooded Mountain Tanager *Buthraupis montana* A few seen at the Paty Trail/Carpish Tunnel [*cyanonota*].
Golden-backed Mountain Tanager ◊ *Buthraupis aureodorsalis* (E) Incredible views of a pair by the camp at Bosque Unchog.
Lacrimose Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus lacrymosus* First seen at the Carpish Tunnel [nominate].
Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus igniventris* See note.
Blue-winged Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus somptuosus* Seen well along the Paty Trail [nominate].
Grass-green Tanager *Chlorornis riefferii* A few in mixed flocks. First seen at the Carpish Tunnel [*elegans*].
Buff-breasted Mountain Tanager *Dubusia taeniata* Singles along the Paty Trail and Bosque Unchog [*stictocephala*].
Chestnut-bellied Mountain Tanager ◊ *Delothraupis castaneiventris* A single seen well along the Satipo Road.
Golden-collared Tanager ◊ *Iridosornis jelskii* Fairly common in mixed flocks at Bosque Unchog [nominate].



Two of the best! Yellow-scarfed Tanager and the unbeatable Golden-backed Mountain-Tanager (Pete Morris)

- Yellow-scarfed Tanager** ◊ *Iridosornis reinhardti* Brilliant bird, fairly common in mixed flocks at Bosque Unchog.
- Saffron-crowned Tanager** *Tangara xanthocephala* A few seen along the Paty Trail [*venusta*].
- Flame-faced Tanager** *Tangara parzudakii* A few seen along the Paty Trail [*urubambae*].
- Beryl-spangled Tanager** *Tangara nigroviridis* A few seen along the Paty Trail, Huánuco [*berlepschi*].
- Blue-and-black Tanager** *Tangara vassorii* A couple at the Paty Trail and 1 at Bosque Unchog [*atrocoerulea*].
- Tit-like Dacnis** ◊ *Xenodacnis parina* Very common at Llanganuco Lakes. Smart, many seen very well [*petersi*].
- Cinereous Conebill** *Conirostrum cinereum* Two forms seen. Coastal areas *littorale* and Andes nominate.
- Blue-backed Conebill** *Conirostrum sitticolor* A few seen at the Carpish Tunnel, Huánuco [*cyaneum*].
- Capped Conebill** *Conirostrum albifrons* A few seen at the sites around Huánuco [*sordidum*].
- Giant Conebill** ◊ *Oreomanes fraseri* (NT) Great views of a pair in Quinua Polylepis Forest and several at Llanganuco Lakes.
- Rusty Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa sittoides* Seen below San Pedro de Casta and on the way to the coast from Huaraz [*decorata*].
- Moustached Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa mystacalis* First seen well along the Satipo Road and many more seen [*pectoralis*].
- Black-throated Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa brunneiventris* Also first seen well along the Satipo Road [nominate].
- Masked Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa cyanea* Several seen. First seen well along the Satipo Road [*melanopis*].
- Peruvian Sierra Finch** ◊ *Phrygilus punensis* Especially common at Llanganuco Lakes [*chloronotus*].
- Mourning Sierra Finch** *Phrygilus fruticeti* Very common above Huachapampa, Santa Eulalia valley [*peruvianus*].
- Plumbeous Sierra Finch** *Phrygilus unicolor* First seen at Bosque Unchog [*inca*].



Giant Conebill and Rufous-backed Inca Finch - two more of the stars! (Pete Morris)

Ash-breasted Sierra Finch *Phrygilus plebejus* Common at altitude. First seen at Marcopomacocha [nominate].

Band-tailed Sierra Finch *Phrygilus laudinus* Seen near to San Pedro de Casta and a few at the end of the tour [humboldtii].

White-winged Diuca Finch *Diuca speculifera* Seen in the Marcopomacocha and on the way to Huaraz [magnirostris].

Great Inca Finch ◊ *Incaspiza pulchra* Sev. below San Pedro de Casta and a few on the way to the coast from Huaraz.

Rufous-backed Inca Finch ◊ *Incaspiza personata* Excellent views of two, one singing south of Huánuco.

Plain-tailed Warbling Finch ◊ *Poospiza alticola* (E) Several seen very well at Llanganuco Lakes.

Rufous-breasted Warbling Finch ◊ *Poospiza rubecula* (E) Great views of 3+ above Huachapampa, Santa Eulalia valley.

Collared Warbling Finch *Poospiza hispaniolensis* Seen in the Santa Eulalia valley, and later, near to the coast.

Bright-rumped Yellow Finch *Sicalis uropigyalis* First seen in the Marcopomacocha area [sharpei].

Greenish Yellow Finch *Sicalis olivascens* A good flock seen at Pueblo Libre, north of Huaraz [salvini].

Grassland Yellow Finch *Sicalis luteola* Big, skittish, flocks at Lomas de Lachay [luteiventris] = Misto Yellow Finch.

Raimondi's Yellow Finch ◊ *Sicalis raimondii* At least 3 or 4 seen in the yellow finch flocks at Lomas de Lachay.

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina* One in the Santa Eulalia and Common at Pueblo Libre [peruviansis].

Black-and-white Seedeater *Sporophila luctuosa* Singles at the Carpish Tunnel and below Bosque Unchog.

Yellow-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila nigricollis* (NL) A single seen by some on the journey to Bosque Unchog.

Drab Seedeater *Sporophila simplex* A few seen well on the way down to the coast from Huaraz.

Band-tailed Seedeater *Catamenia analis* First seen in the Santa Eulalia valley [analoides].

Plain-coloured Seedeater *Catamenia inornata* First seen along the Satipo Road. Common below Bosque Unchog [minor].

Paramo Seedeater *Catamenia homochroa* Good views of a male in bamboo at Bosque Unchog [nominate].

Tooth-billed Tanager *Piranga lutea* A female seen well on the way down to the coast from Huaraz [nominate].

Southern Yellow Grosbeak *Pheucticus chrysogaster* First seen in the Santa Eulalia valley [nominate].

Golden-billed Saltator *Saltator aurantirostris* First seen along the Satipo Road [albociliaris].

Masked Saltator ◊ *Saltator cinctus* (NT) (NL) Seen along the Paty trail for a lucky couple.



A watchful Burrowing Owl guards its burrow at Lomas de Lachay (Pete Morris)



An elegant Vicuña on the high plains (Pete Morris)

MAMMALS

Northern Viscacha (Mountain V) *Lagidium peruanum* A few of these long-tailed rabbits seen well!

European Rabbit (Common R) *Oryctolagus cuniculus* Introduced.

Culpeo (Andean Fox) *Pseudalopex culpaeus* A lovely individual in grassland south of Huaraz.

South American Sea-Lion *Otaria flavescens* Huge numbers in the colony during the pelagic.

Dusky Dolphin *Lagenorhynchus obscurus* A couple of pods seen during the pelagic.

Vicuña (Vicugna) *Vicugna vicugna* Good numbers seen on the way to Lake Junin.

Peruvian Guemal (Andean Huemul) *Hippocamelus antisensis* A few of these marshland guinea-pigs at Lake Junin.



Just a fraction of the South American Sea Lion colony off Lima!! (Pete Morris)

NOTES TO THE SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED

Junin Crane *Laterallus [jamaicensis] tuerosi*

Several heard near to Ondores, Lake Junin. After much effort we lucked out with brilliant views of a pair that repeatedly crossed a small gap, sometimes pausing for a few seconds, only a few metres away. The upperparts looked spottier than depicted in the book. Superb birds. Note that the IOC treat this sometimes-split form as part of Black Rail *L. jamaicensis*. At the very least, it would seem logical to split off the distinctive South American forms as a separate species.

Green-headed Hillstar *Oreotrochilus [estella] stolzmanni*

Several seen well in Huascarán National Park, especially around Llanganuco Lakes. The IOC include this form in Andean Hillstar.

Thick-billed Miner *Geositta crassirostris*

Two rather different-looking forms were seen. A pair of the form *fortis* were seen well along the main road below San Pedro de Casta in the Santa Eulalia valley. They seemed paler, cleaner and perhaps longer-billed than the nominate form which we saw at Lomas de Lachay at the end of the tour.

Rusty-crowned Tit-Spinetail *Leptasthenura pileata*

We saw two forms. The nominate form was seen above Huachapampa in the Santa Eulalia valley. Around the Llanganuco Lakes, we saw the form *cajabambae* which is colloquially known as Streak-crowned Tit-Spinetail.

Southern Beardless Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum*

Two forms seen. A few of the distinctive (especially the bright buff wing-bars) form *griseum* were seen in the Santa Eulalia valley whilst at Pueblo Libre, north of Huaraz, we saw the form *maranonicum*.

White-throated Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus leucophrys*

Two forms noted. The form *brunneomarginatus* was first seen at Bosque Unchog, whilst the form *pallidior* was seen in a high patch of Polylepis forest at Llanganuco Lakes, Huascarán National Park.

Hooded Siskin *Spinus magellanica*

Two forms noted. The form *paula* was first seen in the Santa Eulalia valley, whilst the form *peruana* was first seen on the way down from Bosque Unchog. In addition, a male seen along the Paty Trail looked more like an Olivaceous Siskin, and may well have been one, but the views were too brief.



The endemic Peruvian Seaside Cinclodes showed well in Lima (Pete Morris)

Thick-billed Siskin *Spinus crassirostris*

Siskins seen high up at Llanganuco Lakes, Huascarán National Park, 24/7, were thought to be the 'small, bright, as yet undescribed subspecies of this species.

Spectacled Whitestart [malaris] *Myioborus melanocephalus*

We saw two forms of this stunner. The form *malaris* was first seen along the Satipo Road, whilst the nominate form was common along the Paty Trail and at the Carpish Tunnel, and was also seen on the way down from Bosque Unchog.

Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus igniventris*

We saw two forms. The nominate form was common along the Satipo and Pariahuanca Roads whilst the form *ignicrissa* was common at Bosque Unchog, where first seen 19/7.

APPENDIX 1

TOP 10 BIRDS OF THE TOUR

- 1st **GOLDEN-BACKED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER**
- 2nd **WHITE-CHEEKED COTINGA**
- 3rd **BAY ANTPITTA**
- 4th **Junin Crake**
- 5th **Orange-breasted Falcon**
- 6th **Hornby's Storm-Petrel**
- 7th **Undulated Antpitta**
- 8th **Chestnut Antpitta**
- 9th= **Large-footed Tapaculo**
- 9th= **Rufous-browed Hemispingus**



One that didn't make it! A Swallow-tailed Gull during the pelagic! (Pete Morris)