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COLOMBIA: FROM THE CHOCO TO AMAZONIA

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This was only the second time that we had run our revised Colombia With a Difference tour under the new name and itinerary: From the Choco to Amazonia. Our main tour is designed to get a superb insight to this bird-packed country but as no single tour can do justice to such an amazingly varied location like Colombia we have created a second tour where we try to see most other gettable special birds of this amazing place. However the itinerary allways changing as new destinations, locations and birds being found. We can say that our second Colombia tour is a specialist one as we target some key birds around the country which require more travel then just visiting the regular circuit. Nevertheless the effort is well worth it as the number of rare and hard to find birds on this tour is simply amazing and of course it gives a chance to see a wide range of widely distributed endemics too. We have recorded a total of 737 species on the main tour plus the exciting post tour Mitu Extension. Travelling to the Pacific Coast, the High Andes and the Amazon in one trip was quite an experience, and the variety and diversity of species recorded, at times, almost overwhelming! Highlights on the main tour included the critically endangered Blue-billed Curassow, the skulking Brown Wood Rail, Brown-breasted or Flame-winged Parakeet, Rose-faced Parrot, Dwarf Cuckoos, White-throated,

Cinnamon and Choco Screech Owls, White-tipped Sicklebill, Blue-throated and Dusky Starfrontlets, Short-tailed Emerald, the endemic Black Inca, Chestnut-bellied and Indigo-capped Hummingbirds, the rare Humboldt's Sapphire, White-mantled Barbet, Greyish Piculet, Beautiful Woodpecker, Black-billed Mountain-Toucan, the subtle but unique Sapayoa, the endangered Recurve-billed Bushbird, Cundinamarca and Urrao Antpittas, Bare-crowned Antbird, Niceforo's and Antioquia Wrens, the amazing Baudo Oropendola, superb Crested and Sooty Ant Tanagers and the very rare Colombian Mountain Grackle. And that really is just the tip of the iceberg! On the Mitu Extension in Amazonia the Orinoco Piculet was a Birdquest lifer while other highlights included Tawny-tufted Toucanet, Yellow-throated Antwren, the rare Grey-bellied Antbird, the superb Chestnut-crested Antbird, Azure-naped Jay, Fiery Topaz, Collared Gnatwren and Plumbeous Euphonia.



One of the star birds of this exciting tour was the critically endangered Blue-billed Curassow (János Oláh).

The main tour started with a couple of days exploring the Eastern Andes close to Bogotá. We began with a visit to Mundo Nuevo, close to the capital, where our main target, the localized Brown-breasted Parakeet was soon located though a calling Black-billed Mountain Toucan refused to show. After the parakeet experience which was soon over we climbed higher and explored the mossy forest of the Chingaza National Park. We found a number of other high elevation species including Andean Guan, Coppery-bellied and Glowing Pufflegs, Crimson-mantled Woodpecker, Scaly-naped Amazon, Pearled Treerunner, a stunning Ocellated Tapaculo, the endemic Pale-bellied (or Mattoral) Tapaculo, Red-crested Cotingas, an Andean Siskin, showy Golden-fronted Whitestarts, Superciliaried Hemispingus, colourful Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager, endemic Rufous-browed Conebills as well as Blue-backed Conebills and Masked Flowerpiercers. As the sun slowed the activity at high elevation we decided to make our way along some pretty tortuous roads to a private house with some very busy hummingbird feeders. This turned out to be excellent. The undoubted stars of the show were the amazing Blue-throated Starfrontlets and Sword-billed Hummingbirds! Several of both species showed brilliantly but the supporting cast of Glowing and Coppery-bellied Pufflegs, Lesser and Sparkling Violetears, Shining Sunbeam, Tyrian Metaltails, Green and Black-tailed Trainbearers and White-bellied Woodstars were also much appreciated. It was an action-packed start to the tour with some localised endemics and also several iconic Andean birds for our first day!

We had an unusually early start as we headed to the southeast of the capital the following morning, our destination the remnant forests above Monterredondo. This amazing cloud forest is the only accessible site for the endemic and rather elusive Cundinamarca Antpitta. We had to work hard as usual and only heard one distantly for most of the morning. However when a little Slaty-crowned Antpitta showed well our luck has turned! A Cundinamarca Antpitta started calling nearby and first we had fleeting views of the endemic ground-dweller but with persistence we got superb looks of this rather dull but very prized bird! Whilst looking we did find some other goodies including Speckled Hummingbird and Collared Inca, Masked Trogon, the localized White-throated Toucanet, some more Brown-breasted Parakeets in flight, Mountane Foliage-gleaner, smart Rufous-headed Pygmy Tyrant and Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatchers, many Green-and-black Fruiteaters, Black-crested Warbler, and colourful Grass-green, Beryl-spangled and Blue-and-black Tanagers. A singing Buff-breasted Mountain Tanager and some foraging Mountain Coatis were extra bonuses. After the great success we spent some time to track down the localised Green-bellied Hummingbird at a flowering tree where we had about five of these little-known hummers as well as Northern Mountain Cacique, Crested Oropendola and a pair of Burnished-buff Tanagers for some before we returned to the capital.



Ocellated Tapaculo (left), Brown-breasted Parakeet (right) and Sword-billed Hummingbird was seen on our first day (János Oláh)!

The following day we began on the outskirts of Bogotá, now with our excellent driver Jovanni and in our trusty new van, our home for the next couple of weeks! We started at a small wetland where we soon found our targets which included the endemic Bogota Rail, Spot-flanked Gallinule, a singing Apolinar's Wren, and a few Subtropical Doraditos. We also found a variety of commoner wetland species such as Pied-billed Grebe, various waterfowl, Solitary Sandpiper and Greater Yellowlegs before embarking on the relatively long drive to Soata. The roads were in good conditions and we arrived in time for some late afternoon birding. We had time to visit some nice dry interandean habitat where we secured good looks of the rare endemic Chestnut-bellied Hummingbird, the distinctive endemic Apical Flycatcher, and the local Bar-crested Antshrike. Supporting cast included Scrub Tanager, Golden-rumped Euphonia and Yellow-backed Oriole.



Sword-billed Hummingbird was also seen on our first day (János Oláh)!



The rare endemic Chestnut-bellied Hummingbird near Soata (János Oláh).

Next morning we drove well above Soata in the quest of finding the very rare Colombian Mountain Grackle. The day started with a calling pair of White-throated Screech Owl and a male Band-winged Nightjar. It was a rather slow and desparate birding day. We have been patrolling the suitable habitat along the road for hours in the search of the grackles with no success. In the early morning we heard – somebody glimpsed – Rusty-faced Parrots and throughout the day we found many interesting birds like Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle, Mountain Velvetbreast, Coppery-bellied Puffleg, smart Amethyst-throated (or Longuemare's) Sunangel, White-throated Toucanet, colourful Crimson-mantled Woodpeckers, Streaked Tuftedcheek, Strong-billed and Montane Woodcreepers, Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant, Golden-fornted Whitestart, the localized Moustached Brush Finch and the more widesread Pale-naped Brush Finch, Capped Conebill and Bluish Flowerpiercers. In the late afternoon, at the very last minute we eventually found three Colombian Mountain Grackles with the help of some local people and enjoyed superb looks as the males were displaying. We had to work hard for this rare endemic but finally were granted with amazing looks! We were super delighted and retraced our steps back to our base. Next morning we spent a little time to find another rare endemic, the Niceforo's Wren. We heard the amazing duet straight away at dawn but the birds did not show in the twilight. Not much later we located another pair and had superb looks of this often awkward endemic. Our misson in the Soata area was completed as we found our main targets so it was time to change location. We drove back towards Duitama where we lost several hours while repairing the breaks of the bus. After this unfortunate time loss we had a brief visit to a wonderful flower garden at Rogitama near Arcabuco. It was very dry and only a few flowers were available for the hummers but we were delighted to find the endemic Black Inca and the localized Short-tailed Emerald on our short break. The rest of the afternoon and evening was spent driving and it was very late arrival to the Cerulean Warbler Reserve above San Vicente de Chucuri.



The rare endemic Colombian Mountain Grackle in display near Soata (János Oláh).

As we rolled in very late to the ProAves lodge we decided to spend the morning around the lodge area where we had great looks of the endemic Turquoise Dacnis which was one of our endemic target for this area. Feeders around the lodge hosted dazzling Lemon-rumped Tanagers as well as confiding Streaked Saltators and Swainson's Thrushes while in the trees and bushes around the lodge we found Ruddy Pigeon, Striped Cuckoo, Olivaceous Piculet, Great and Bar-crested Antshirkes, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, yet another

Niceforo's Wren, Yellow-legged and Spectacled Thrushes, Cerulean and Mourning Warblers as well as Yellow-backed and Yellow-tailed Orioles. The various hummingbird feeders housed the endemic Indigo-capped Hummingbirds as well as Green Hermits, Brown Violetear, (Violet) Crowned Woodnymphs, Andean Emeralds, Fawn-breasted and Green-crowned Brilliants and Buff-tailed Coronets. Later in the day we have visited the higher parts of the reserve where we spent some time around the wood quail feeders. Unfortunately no Gorgeted Wood Quails has been seen on the feeders for several month so our chances were slim. We had great looks of Lined Quail-Dove and Grey-cheeked Thrush as well as many Black Incas on the forest feeders but not a sniff of the wood quails. The forest was very quiet in the afternoon but at dusk we managed to see a fine male Lyre-tailed Nightjar and had absolutely amazing views of Cinnamon Screech-Owl. Stunning!



The rare endemic Niceforo's Wren near Soata (János Oláh).

Our next day we started our hike early and arrived to the forest edge by dawn. All morning was spent in the forest above the lodge in search of the endemic wood quail and Magdalena Tapaculo. Another visit to the feeding area produced more Lined Quail-Doves and a pair of Uniform Antshrikes but no wood quails. We slowly worked our way higher on the amazingly slippery and uncomfortable stony path. We had an Andean Cock-of-the-Rock, Powerful Woodpeckers and some people managed to see a Highland Tinamou. Eventually we arrived to the right elevation and lured the endemic Magdalena Tapaculo into view! Mixed flocks were rather scarce but throughout the morning we encountered some and managed to see some goodies like Montane Foliage-gleaner, Plain Xenops, Slaty Antwrens, the canopy-loving Rufous-rumped Antwren, a female Golden-winged Manakin, Ornate Flycatchers, two rare Rufous-browed Tyrannulets, Rufous-naped Greenlet, gorgeous Cerulean Warblers, Three-striped, Canada and Black-and-white Warblers, Golden, Flame-faced and White-winged Tanagers. Throughout our stay we have not heard or seen any wood quails at all. Late afternoon and our last morning was spent on the the road below the lodge where saw Black Hawk-Eagle, Orange-chinned Parakeet, attractive Spectacled Parrotlets, Sooty-headed and Golden-faced Tyrannulets, Flammulated (Bright-rumped) Attila, Rufous-capped Warblers, Scrub, Blue-necked and Black-capped Tanagers, White-vented Euphonia, Thick-billed Seed Finch and even some smart White-eared Conebills. It was time to say good-bye to our hosts at this fine lodge and after another nice lunch we descended to San Vicente de Chucuri where Jovanni was waiting for us with our bus and we started our

long journey towards Ocaña in the north. We made a short stop in some marshes where Northern Screamers were the highlights but we also had a Northern Scrub Flycatcher and various waterbirds.



Cinnamon Screech-Owl in the Cerulean Warbler Reserve (János Oláh).



Black Inca alias Príncipe de Arcabuco is one of the star hummingbirds on this tour (János Oláh).

Ocaña is famous for another ProAves protected area: the Recurve-billed Bushbird Reserve. Of course we were on a mission the following morning, it was to find this much localised antbird! In the bamboo understorey dominated forest soon after dawn we heard the distant song of a bushbird but it was very far. For the next two hours we concentrated in the best spots for the bird but we have not had a sniff. We located the recently-split Klages's Antbird, some sneaky Stripe-breasted Spinetails, stolid Moustached Puffbird and in the thick bamboo patches the uncommon Grey-throated Warbler. The morning was coming to an end when we finally heard the song of the bushbird again in a thick, impenetrable bushy area on a steep hillside. This time however luck was on our side and with a bit of cautious coaxing we managed to get a fine male coming closer and finally we got excellent looks of this much sought-after bird! This remarkable species was only rediscovered in 2004.



Recurve-billed Bushbird male near Ocaña (János Oláh).

After successfully connecting with Ocaña's main speciality, we opted not to have a second morning in the reserve, but instead embarked upon the long drive to El Paujil, so as to arrive there in good time. After a relaxed breakfast in the Magdalena Valley we stopped at some wetlands where we had a very productive hour of birding! We saw many waterbirds including several Northern Screamers again but our best birds were unexpected goodies like a Dwarf Cuckoo, a Russet-throated Puffbird, Masked Yellowthroat and a Grey Seedeater. Migrants included Eastern Kingbird and American Yellow Warbler. We paused for lunch by the mighty Magdalena River, and here, as well as getting a good feed, we were entertained by a variety of new species including Yellow-billed and impressive Large-billed Terns and breeding Black Skimmers. Getting into the famous ProAves El Paujil reserve is an adventure on its own. We made our way past various Northern Screamers and hundreds of herons to the reserve itself. Our most notable bird on the journey was a male Large-billed Seed Finch. The very last leg of the tour was a ten minutes boatride upriver – with some hole on the boat. We arrived at the reserve just in time to connect with a female Blue-billed Curassow around the lodge – albeit most likely this individual was a reintroduced one from a previous year.



Northern Screamer (top left), female Blue-billed Curassow (top right), a male Bare-crowned Antbird (left) and the bamboo-loving Black-billed Flycatcher in the El Paujil Reserve (János Oláh).

We had two full days at El Paujil and it proved to be pretty productive with many great birds! Our main reason for visiting the reserve and therefore our main target, was to try to see the impressive and critically endangered Blue-billed Curassow. This we achieved, with some great views of both sexes! Although the habituated wild male is not visiting the lodge area daily we were lucky enough to see it on our very last afternoon. Amazing bird! Hurry up if you want to see this impressive bird because just as with the habituated Palawan Peacock Pheasant in the Philippines we do not know how long they are available! In the two full days we explored the various trails of the reserve and managed to see a number of other 'special' birds like the aptly-named endemic Beautiful Woodpecker, White-mantled Barbet, a nice female Black Antshrike, the incredible Bare-crowned Antbird, the range-restricted and somewhat dowdy Black-billed Flycatcher, impressive Sooty Ant Tanager, the unobtrusive Southern Bentbill, colourful little Western Striped Manakin and Shining Green and Blue-chested Hummingbirds as well as White-vented Plumeteer. We spent much time looking from a viewpoint. Here we saw Colombian Chachalacas, colourful Citron-throated and Chestnut-mandibled Toucans in fruiting trees, and a good variety of parrots including Chestnut-fronted Macaws, Orange-winged and Southern Mealy Amazons and a smart Orange-crowned Oriole. Whilst exploring the forest trails we found a number of other species including Collared Forest-Falcon, Grey-necked Wood Rail, impressive Barred Puffbirds, Black-striped Woodcreeper, Black-crowned Antshrike, Chestnut-backed and Bicolored Antbirds, Panamanian Flycatcher, Black-chested Jays, Black-bellied Wren, Fulvous-vented Euphonia, Plain-colored Tanager as it was even showing its azure epauletts, Yellow-backed

Tanagers whilst colour was added by White-tailed and Gartered Trogons. At night the reserve was rather unusually quiet but with hard work we finally managed to see Choco Screech Owl.



Beautiful Woodpecker (left) and a male Sooty Ant Tanager were top birds at El Paujil (János Oláh)!

We left the amazing reserve and following the quick boat journey out and some bumpy track we got back on our trusty bus and headed for Libano. On the way we paused at a rather uninspiring looking site close to Laguna del Ato. It proved to be very birdy though, and in just a brief visit we added the endemic Velvet-fronted Euphonia as well as White-bellied and Jet Antbirds, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Ruddy-breasted Seedeater and a trio of Crested Bobwhites to our list!

The following morning we explored some forest fragment close to Libano. The habitat is really just a few forest patches with a handful of proper trees left! Nevertheless, we had a very birdy morning and came up with an impressive array of good birds. These included two endemics and we got repeated stunning looks of both: the Crested Ant Tanager and the Yellow-headed Brush Finch. A number of other good birds put in an appearance including Andean Motmots, Moustached Puffbird, Golden-winged Manakin, Northern White-crowned Tapaculo and the localized Black-headed Brush Finch. By lunchtime we were moving on again, this time to Victoria, where we had just an afternoon and an early morning to explore the birdy Bellavista Reserve. Once again we were target orientated! We soon found a fruiting tree where we had great looks of the localized White-bibbed Manakin as well as Golden-headed, White-bearded and Western Striped Manakins. However the Magdalena Antbird remained heard-only despite much effort. The following morning we spent another hour or so in the reserve but apart from excellent looks of four White-mantled Barbets and Bay Wrens there was not much to be mentioned. As the extremely loud concert of the local cicadas started we decided to start our long drive to Urrao. Indeed it was a long drive but for most of the day we had nothing else to do other than admire the scenery from the bus window! We did sneak in a short stop near Bolombolo where we notched up two more endemics in the form of a Greyish Piculet and the recently described Antioquia Wren.



White-bellied Antbird (top) at Laguna del Ato and a male Crested Ant Tanager near Libano (János Oláh).



Dusky Starfrontlet (left), Chestnut-bellied Flowerpiercer (right) and Urrao Antpitta at the Colibri del Sol Reserve (János Oláh).

We were off early the following day in order to get all the way up to the paramo in the fantastically scenic Colibri del Sol Reserve. Just after we have returned from Colombia we heard the sad news that the reserve was closed down for unlimited time and perhaps we were the last birding group who entered this amazing area for some time! Getting there was a bit of challenge however! We had to take horses to be able to reach the paramo habitat in time as we had to ascend well over 800 meters of elevation. Not all of us considered ourselves great jockeys, but somehow got to the paramo! Suffice to say, we used the horses only for limited sections and mostly walked down the following day! At the Colibri del Sol Reserve once again we were driven on by rare endemic targets. Pride of place went to the amazing Dusky Starfrontlet which literally glowed from the undergrowth, but the Chestnut-bellied Flowerpiercers were nearly as good, though the Paramillo Tapaculo did not show to everybody all that well. The recently described endemic Urrao Antpittas were much appreciated the following morning. In amongst these goodies, we enjoyed a number of other high altitude species. The hummingbird feeders held a lovely selection including amazing Sword-billed Hummingbirds, Collared Inca, colourful Tourmaline Sunangels, Mountain Velvetbreast, stunning Long-tailed Sylphs, and numerous White-bellied Woodstars that buzzed around like miniature drones! Other species in the forest included Black-billed Mountain Toucan, Streaked Tuftedcheek, a lovely Striped Treehunter,

Streak-headed Antbird, Black-capped Tyrannulet, Rufous Wren, Grey-browed Brush Finch, Black-capped Hemispingus, Hooded and Lacrimose Mountain Tanagers and Black-throated Flowerpiercer. Once back down, we boarded our bus and headed for Medellin. Roadside stop produced Andean Motmot and Acorn Woodpeckers!

As our flight to the Choco – to the final leg of the main tour – was near to midday so we decided to go birding. What a surprise! A short visit to La Romera on the outskirts of Medellin gave us some superb endemic Red-bellied Grackles, a much-wanted male Yellow-headed Manakin, the endemic Stiles's Tapaculo, as well as Greenish Puffleg and Yellow-throated Brush Finch for some. After this unscheduled excursion it was time to say goodbye to the trusty bus and excellent driver and board our plane for Bahia Solano over on the Pacific Coast. Once again, we had a couple of days to work with, and once again, a list of targets, though the diversity in the area meant that the species on the combined hit lists could have kept us going for much longer. Upon arrival we were transferred to our lodge situated on the coast and we were soon out birding. In the late afternoon birding we got some goodies like Dusky Pigeon, White-necked and Pied Puffbirds, Spot-crowned Barbets, Rose-faced Parrots, Red-lored Amazons, Golden-collared Manakins, Fulvous-vented Euphonias, Baltimore Oriole, Scarlet-thighed Dacnis, Dusky-faced, Tawny-crested, Plain-colored and Scarlet-browed Tanagers. On our first full day we have visited the Utria National Park which we accessed by boat. It was a shorter visit than we hoped for as the tide situation is crucial and we had to leave in the early afternoon. Nevertheless it was a really action-packed morning with many of our Choco targets being seen. Soon after arriving found our first major target, the rare Brown Wood Rail alongside Grey-chested Dove and Pacific Streaked Antwren. The mangrove boardwalk gave us superb Great Jacamars and both the rare Humboldt's Sapphire and Sapphire-throated Hummingbird as well as some distant male Black-tipped Cotinga. As it was quickly getting warm we decided to walk along a shady forest trail just across a small bay. It was classic, rather slow Choco birding but in a few hours we managed to see a fantastic selection of goodies which included absolutely amazing looks of several Sapayoas, pair of Great Curassows for some, Western Woodhaunter, Spot-crowned Antwren, Bicoloured Antbirds, the localized Stripe-throated Wren, Tawny-faced Gnatwren, the bulky Lemon-spectacled Tanager and Pacific Flatbill.



Pacific Streaked Antwren (left), Sapayoa (center) and Great Jacamar in the Utria National Park (János Oláh).

The following day we birded the access trail from El Valle to Utria National Park. Our number one primary target was to try and locate the endemic Baudo Oropendola. It is not a very common bird and it does need clearings in forested habitat. We began with a party of Grey-headed Chachalacas at dawn and more Grey-chested Doves on the path. Birding along the trail wasn't the easiest one, but we managed a number of

goodies including Laughing Falcon, impressive Black-breasted Puffbird, Checker-throated Antwrens and Spotted Antbird. When we got to a good-looking clearing it started to rain. We sheltered in a little hut and as soon as the rain stopped the activity was really good and did not take long to locate an amazing male Baudo Oropendola which even displayed and sung for us! We also had two more very good birds in this clearing, a Plumbeous Hawk as it was drying its wings after the rain and a pair of Western or Choco Sirystes. In the late afternoon we have visited the Bahia Solano and El Valle road again where we got to see a Crested Guan which caused an initial excitement until the identification was confirmed not to be the rare Baudo Guan. Highlights this afternoon included Cinnamon Woodpecker, more Spot-crowned Barbets, Black-capped Pygmy Tyrant and a female Black-tipped Cotinga and a stunning male Blue Cotinga. Before our flight back to Medellin and to Bogota we had another morning birding along this road and we still picked up some new birds like a Tiny Hawk, a male Purple-chested Hummingbird, White-tipped Sicklebill and a pair of Rufous-winged Tanagers. Some of us even managed to see a Jaguarundi crossing the road in full sunlight! In the Medellin airport we said cheerio to one of our group members, whilst the rest of us continued to Bogota for a little sleep before we drove to Villavicencio early next morning to catch our flight for the Amazon!



Male Baudo Oropendola (left) and male Spotted Antbird on the access trail to the Utria National Park (János Oláh).

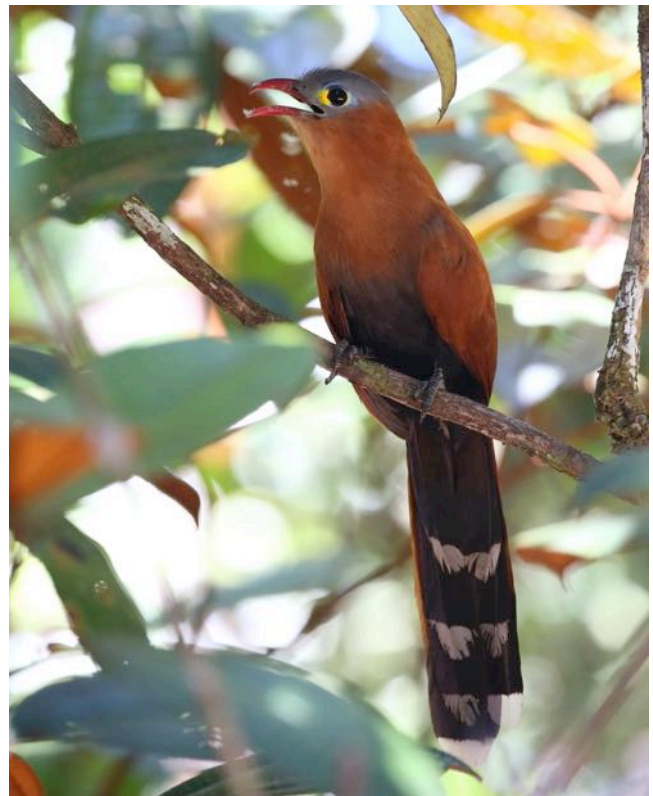
Mitu is deep in the Colombian Amazon and the area was out of reach for a long time. Nowadays it is safe and in the last few years more and more birders get there to look for the nice selection of special birds. We had an afternoon, four full days and a morning to explore the various remnant forest patches around town. Amazonia is amazingly diverse and though many Amazonian species are widespread every location has a few special birds and we were concentrating to find these more localized or difficult targets. Perhaps the most spectacular of these was the superb Chestnut-crested Antbird, which gave such unbelievably good views eventually. Superb male Fiery Topaz, Tawny-tufted Toucanets, the Birdquest lifer Orinoco Piculet, the tiny Yellow-throated Antwren, the rare Grey-bellied Antbird, flocks of Azure-naped Jays, the diminutive Plumbeous Euphonia and the seldom-seen Curve-billed Scythebill were amongst the other good rarities we found.

Also here were a number of essentially local white sand and riparian specialists such as Cherrie's Antwren, Amazonian Inezia, Citron-bellied Attila, Yellow-crested Manakin and Brown-headed Greenlet. Unfortunately the canopy-loving and rather scarce Brown-banded Puffbird remained heard only despite much effort. Other species which can be hard to find such as Collared Gnatwren, Ringed Antpipit, Rufous-tailed Xenops, White-eyed Tody-Tyrant and the soon to be split *duidae* Fuscous Flycatcher all showed well, and we enjoyed brilliant encounters with male Guinan Cock-of-the-Rocks and Spotted Puffbird. Indeed antbirds were rather well represented, with highlights including Fasciated Antshrike, Dusky-throated and Cinereous Antshrikes as flock leaders, canopy loving Spot-winged and Mouse-colored Antshrikes, the localized Negro Stipple-throated Antwren, Moustached and Pygmy Antwrens, the scarce Spot-backed Antwren, Black-faced, Black-

chinned, Imeri Warbling, Yellow-browed, Silvered, Black-headed, Black-throated, Spot-backed and Common Scale-backed Antbirds. We came across two tiny antswarms where we saw White-cheekd Antbird and some of us also had the gorgeous White-plumed Antbird. Elsewhere in the mixed flocks we found Lemon-throated Barbet, Scaly-breasted, Woodpecker, Cinnamon-rumped and Olive-backed Foliage-gleaners, Slender-billed Xenops, Amazonian Barred and Elegant Woodcreepers, Grey Elaenia, Double-banded Pygmy Tyrant, Yellow-throated and palm-loving Sulphury Flycatchers as well as Fulvous Shrike-Tanager.



Female Chestnut-crested Antbird was one of the highlights of the extension to Mitu (János Oláh).



Bronzy Jacamar (left) and Black-bellied Cuckoo near Mitu (János Oláh).

Colour was added by the uncommon Black-bellied Cuckoo, Golden-headed Manakins, Yellow-billed, Paradise and Bronzy Jacamars, Lettered, Ivory-billed, Chestnut-eared and Many-banded Aracaris, stunning Scarlet Macaws and amazing Red-fan Parrots, the diminutive White-browed Purpletuft, Green Oropendolas and Epaulet (Moriche) Oriole. Also in the canopy were a variety of colourful tanagers which included Flame and Fulvous-crested, Turquoise, Paradise, Green-and-gold and Masked Tanagers, Blue, Black-faced and Yellow-bellied Dacnises, Red-legged and Short-billed Honeycreepers and we were also pleased to see Yellow-green and Slate-coloured Grosbeaks. Good hummingbirds included Pale-tailed Barbthroat, White-bearded and Straight-billed Hermits, Black-bellied Throntail, White-chinned Sapphire and Green-tailed Goldenthoatant. Nightbirding is not a real feature of the area but we saw Lesser Nighthawks and Pauraques. After these action-packed days in Amazonia we flew back to Bogotá where the tour ended. This was yet again an exceptional adventure in this truly remarkable and bird-rich country!



The endemic Brown-breasted or 'Flame-winged' Parakeet in the Chingaza National Park (János Oláh).

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR

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 only seen on the post-tour Mitu extension are indicated by the symbol (E).

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>

CR = Critically Endangered, **E** = Endangered, **V** = Vulnerable, **NT** = Near Threatened

For polytypic species, the subspecies seen on the tour, where known, is placed in parentheses at the end of the species comment. Generally, species listed with trinomials are not currently split by the IOC.

The species names and taxonomy used in the report mostly follows Gill, F & D Donsker (Eds). 2017. IOC World Bird List (v 7.1). This list is updated several times annually and is available at <http://www.worldbirdnames.org>. Please note, this was the current version when the report checklist was created. Some alternative names are given in parentheses.

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Great Tinamou *Tinamus major* (H) It was regularly heard at El Paujil and on the Mitu extension.

Highland Tinamou ◊ *Nothocercus bonapartei* (NL) Several heard at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [nominate].

Tawny-breasted Tinamou ◊ *Nothocercus julius* (H) Heard distantly at Colibri del Sol, Urrao.

Little Tinamou *Crypturellus soui* (H) Regularly heard at lowland sites but no sighting this year.

Grey-legged Tinamou (E) *Crypturellus duidae* (H) We got very close to one but remained heard only near Mitu.

Choco Tinamou ◊ *Crypturellus kerriae* (H) One was heard in the Utria NP, but was not accessible. **VU**

Northern Screamer ◊ *Chauna chavaria* Four on the drive to Ocaña and common on the El Paujil journeys. **NT**

Black-bellied Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis* Commonest at the marsh on the drive to Ocaña [nominate].

Blue-winged Teal *Anas discors* It was common at Parque La Florida.

Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis* About 12 were seen at Parque La Florida.

Andean Duck *Oxyura ferruginea* See note.

Grey-headed Chachalaca *Ortalis cinereiceps* A party of five were seen in Utria NP. Others heard there.

Speckled Chachalaca (E) *Ortalis guttata* One was seen near Mitu [nominate].

Colombian Chachalaca ◊ *Ortalis columbiana* Several seen in the Cerulean WR, at El Paujil and La Romera.

Andean Guan ◊ *Penelope montagnii* Two were seen in the Chingaza NP on our first day.

Crested Guan *Penelope purpurascens* One near Bahía Solano, caused initial excitement [aequatorialis].

Wattled Guan ◊ *Aburria aburri* (H) Heard pre-dawn at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve. **NT**

Sickle-winged Guan ◊ *Chamaepetes goudotii* (H). It was heard in a few locations but not seen.

Great Curassow ◊ *Crax rubra* (NL) A pair was seen crossing the trail at Utria NP. **VU**

Blue-billed Curassow ◊ *Crax alberti* Excellent looks of a fine male in the last minute at El Paujil. **CR**



The endemic Blue-billed Curassow at El Paujil (János Oláh).

Crested Bobwhite *Colinus cristatus* Two were flushed at Laguna del Ato [leucotis].

Marbled Wood Quail ◊ *Odontophorus gujanensis* (H) Heard regularly at El Paujil.

Chestnut Wood Quail ◊ *Odontophorus hyperythrus* (H) We heard them distantly at Colibri del Sol.

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps* Eight were seen at Parque La Florida [antarcticus].

Wood Stork *Mycteria americana* One seen at the marsh stop on the drive to Ocaña.

Buff-necked Ibis *Theristicus caudatus* Three were seen on our way to El Paujil [nominate].

Green Ibis *Mesembrinibis cayennensis* Heard along the El Valle Trail, and seen well near Mitu.

Bare-faced Ibis *Phimosus infuscatus* Commonly seen in the Magdalena Valley [berlepschi].

Rufescent Tiger Heron *Tigrisoma lineatum* One was seen near El Paujil [nominate].

Yellow-crowned Night Heron *Nyctanassa violacea* Just two were seen in Utria NP in the magroves [violacea-group].

Striated Heron *Butorides striata* Common [nominate].

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* Common and widespread.

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi* First seen at the marsh stop on the drive from San Vicente de Chucuri to Ocaña.

[American] Great Egret *Ardea [alba] egretta* Pretty common and widespread.

Capped Heron *Pilherodius pileatus* Great views of an adult on the way out of El Paujil.

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* Widespread in small numbers. It was particularly common around El Valle.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula* Common and widespread.

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis* A few were seen on our boat ride to Utria NP [murphyi]. See note.

Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens* Common along the coast at El Valle.

Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster* Three adults were seen on our boat ride to Utria NP [etesiac].

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* Small numbers at several wetlands [nominate].

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga* Just two sightings on the tour [nominate].

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* Common and widespread.

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture *Cathartes burrovianus* A single bird was seen near the Cerulean WR [nominate].

Greater Yellow-headed Vulture (E) *Cathartes melambrotus* Several seen on the extension near at Mitu.

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* Common and widespread.

Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* A few seen at various wetlands [carolinensis].

White-tailed Kite *Elanus leucurus* Just two were seen in the Bogotá area.

Grey-headed Kite *Leptodon cayanensis* Good scope views of an adult at El Paujil.

Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus* Common in the El Valle area and on the Mitu extension.

Black Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus tyrannus* One was seen below the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [serus].

Double-toothed Kite (E) *Harpagus bidentatus* One was seen near Mitu along the Bocatoma trail [nominate].

Tiny Hawk *Accipiter superciliosus* One was seen near El Valle.

Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea* Commonly seen around El Valle and Mitu.

Black-collared Hawk *Busarellus nigricollis* (LO) One was seen on our bumpy ride to El Pujil [nominate].

Plumbeous Hawk ♦ *Cryptoleucopteryx plumbea* One was seen while watching the Baudo Oropendolas near El Valle.

Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis* It was commonly seen in open habitat especially in the Magdalena Valley.

Great Black Hawk *Buteogallus urubitinga* (H) Heard in Utria NP while we were on the Cocalito trail [nominate].

Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris* Common and widespread [nominate].

White-tailed Hawk *Geranoaetus albicaudatus* Nice views of one on the way back from Colibri del Sol [hypospodius].

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle *Geranoaetus melanoleucus* One was seen near Soata [australis].

Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus* Quite common all along the tour [nominate].

Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyurus* One was seen near Bolombolo [nominate].

White-throated Crake *Laterallus albigularis* (H) It was heard on our way to El Paujil.

Bogota Rail *Rallus semiplumbeus* Great views of this endemic at Parque La Florida [nominate]. **EN**

Grey-necked Wood Rail *Aramides cajaneus* Two sightings at El Paujil [nominate].

Brown Wood Rail ♦ *Aramides wolffi* We had great looks of one in the Utria NP. **VU**

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinicus* A few were seen on our bumpy ride out from El Pujil.

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata* Common at Parque La Florida [pauvilla].

Spot-flanked Gallinule *Gallinula melanops* Just four were seen well at Parque La Florida [bogotensis].

American Coot *Fulica americana* It was common at Parque La Florida. Yellow bills! [columbiana].

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis* Common and widespread. First seen at Parque La Florida [cayennensis].

Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus* Several on the mud at El Valle.

Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana* Common at the various marsh in the Magdalena Valley [hypomelaena].

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* It was seen at Parque La Florida and at some roadside marshes.

Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria* Common at Parque La Florida, and a few later in the tour.

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* A few sightings on the tour.

Dunlin *Calidris alpina* One was seen on the mudflats at El Valle. Rare bird in Colombia.



The endemic Bogota Rail at Parque La Florida (left) and Capped Heron near El Paujil (János Oláh).

- Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger*** About 15 were seen well on the River Magdalena near Puerto Boyaca [cinerascens].
- Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla*** It was common around El Valle.
- Cabot's Tern *Thalasseus acutiflavus*** A singleton was seen flying along the coast at El Valle [nominat].
- Yellow-billed Tern *Sternula superciliosa*** A few seen on the Rio Magdalena near Puerto Boyaca.
- Large-billed Tern *Phaetusa simplex*** Good numbers on the Rio Magdalena near Puerto Boyaca.
- Rock Dove *Columba livia*** A 'feral' Introduced, why on the list!
- Band-tailed Pigeon *Patagioenas fasciata*** Common. First seen at Mundo Nuevo [albilinea].
- Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis*** Common at El Paujil [pallidicrissa] and around El Valle [occidentalis].
- Plumbeous Pigeon *Patagioenas plumbea*** Heard at El Paujil (form?), and the form bogotensis seen at Mitu.
- Ruddy Pigeon *Patagioenas subvinacea*** Seen in the Cerulean WR and also on the Mitu extension. See note **VU**
- Dusky Pigeon** ◊ *Patagioenas goodsoni* Several sightings in the El Valle and Utria NP area.
- Common Ground Dove (E) *Columbina passerina*** A few seen around Mitu.
- Plain-breasted Ground Dove (E) *Columbina minuta*** A couple around Mitu [nominat].
- Ruddy Ground Dove *Columbina talpacoti*** Common and widespread [rufipennis].
- Scaled Dove *Columbina squammata*** Just two were seen on our way to El Paujil.
- Blue Ground Dove *Claravis pretiosa*** A few seen in the El Valle area and a few seen at Mitu.
- Ruddy Quail-Dove *Geotrygon montana*** Two sightings at El Paujil and one was seen near Mitu [nominat].
- White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi*** Common, especially at the Cerulean WR and at El Paujil [nominat].
- Grey-fronted Dove (E) *Leptotila rufaxilla*** (LO) Several heard and one seen on the Mitu extension [dubusi].
- Grey-chested Dove *Leptotila cassinii*** Heard at El Paujil and a few seen in Utria NP [nominat].
- Lined Quail-Dove** ◊ *Zentrygon linearis* Brilliant views at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve.
- Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata*** Two forms: pentheria first in Bogotá, antioquiae further west.
- Greater Ani *Crotophaga major*** It was common at El Paujil.
- Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani*** Common and widespread.
- Groove-billed Ani *Crotophaga sulcirostris*** A few seen at Laguna del Ato.
- Striped Cuckoo *Tapera naevia*** Our best views were below the lodge at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve.
- Dwarf Cuckoo** ◊ *Coccyua pumila* We had two sightings in wetland areas of the Magdalena Valley.
- Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana*** First seen at the Bushbird Reserve [mehleri] and common around Mitu [mesura].
- Black-bellied Cuckoo (E) *Piaya melanogaster*** Two sightings on the Mitu extension. Best views on the Bocatoma trail.
- Tropical Screech Owl *Megascops choliba*** Good views at the Cerulean WR, at El Paujil and near Urrao [cruciger].



Tropical Screech Owl at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve (János Oláh).

Cinnamon Screech Owl ♦ *Megascops petersoni* Brilliant views of a pair in the forest at the Cerulean WR. Stunning!

Choco Screech Owl ♦ *Megascops centralis* Hard work but finally had good looks at El Paujil.

White-throated Screech Owl *Megascops albogularis* A pair was seen above Soata [nominate].

Mottled Owl *Strix virgata* (H) Remained heard only at El Paujil [nominate].

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (E) *Glaucidium brasilianum* (H) One was heard along the Bocatoma trail near Mitu.

Common Potoo *Nyctibius griseus* (H) Just heard one distantly at the Cerulean WR [panamensis].

Lesser Nighthawk (E) *Chordeiles acutipennis* About 80 were seen over Mitu.

Rufous-bellied Nighthawk *Lurocalis rufiventris* One was seen briefly above the Cerulean WR lodge.

Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis* The form gilvus was seen at El Paujil while around Mitu the nominate form.

Band-winged Nightjar *Systellura longirostris* It was seen at Monterredondo, above Soata and at Ocaña [ruficervix].

Lyre-tailed Nightjar *Uropsalis lyra* A fine male was seen at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve.

Chestnut-collared Swift *Streptoprocne rutila* Just a few were seen on our way to Bucaramanga.

White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris* See note.

Band-rumped Swift *Chaetura spinicaudus* Several seen well from the viewpoint at El Paujil [aetherodroma].

Pale-rumped Swift (E) *Chaetura egregia* Three were seen on the extension near Mitu.

Grey-rumped Swift *Chaetura cinereiventris* Several seen at El Paujil. Rumps quite dark here [occidentalis].

Short-tailed Swift *Chaetura brachyura* Also seen well at El Paujil [occidentalis].

White-tipped Swift *Aeronautes montivagus* A few seen above Soata [montivagus].

Neotropical Palm Swift (E) *Tachornis squamata* Common around Mitu [semota].

Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift *Panyptila cayennensis* (LO) Three were seen around El Valle.

White-tipped Sicklebill *Eutoxeres aquila* Good views for everybody near El Valle [salvini].

Rufous-breasted Hermit *Glaucis hirsutus* Good views at El Paujil [nominate].

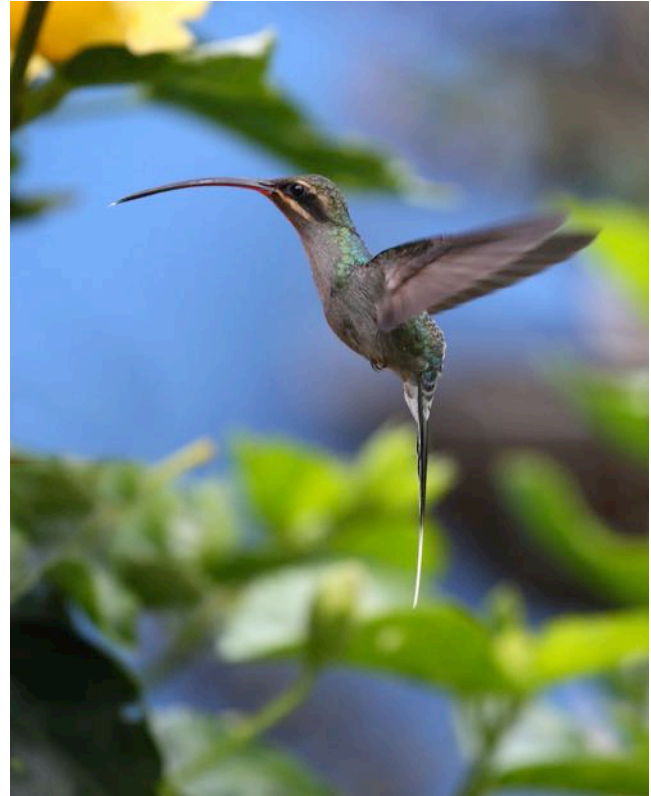
Pale-tailed Barbthroat (E) *Threnetes leucurus* One was seen at Ceima Chachivera near Mitu [cervinicauda].

White-whiskered Hermit ♦ *Phaethornis yaruqui* (H) It was heard near El Valle.

Green Hermit *Phaethornis guy* Several seen well at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [emiliae].

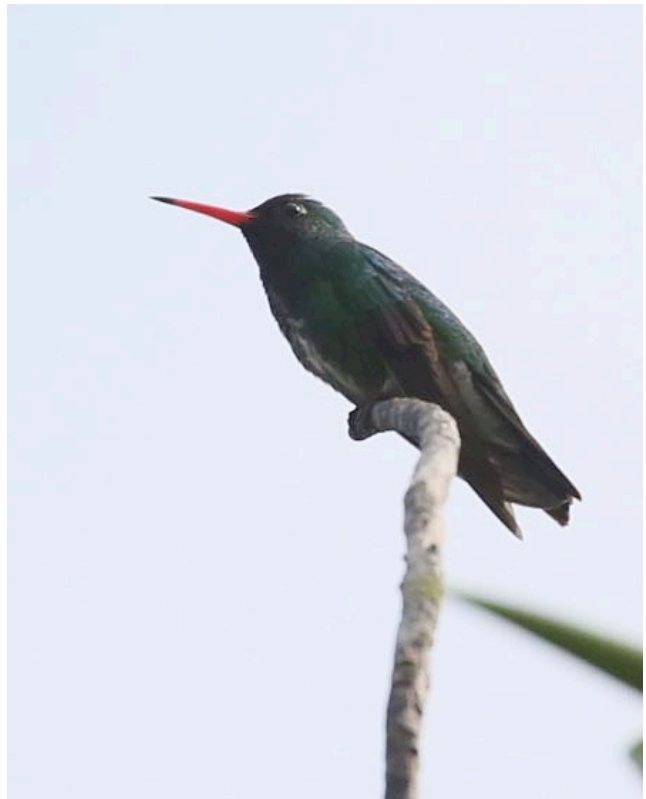
White-bearded Hermit (E) *Phaethornis hispidus* One was seen at Urania near Mitu.

Long-billed Hermit (Western L-tailed H) *Phaethornis longirostris* A few seen at El Paujil and El Valle [cephalus].



White-tipped Sicklebill (left) near El Valle and Green Hermit at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve (János Oláh).

- Great-billed Hermit (E) *Phaethornis malaris*** A couple seen well around Mitu [moorei].
- Straight-billed Hermit (E) *Phaethornis bourcierii*** Some of us had great views at Pueblo Nuevo near Mitu [bourcierii].
- Pale-bellied Hermit *Phaethornis anthophilus*** It was seen at El Paujil.
- Reddish Hermit (E) *Phaethornis ruber*** Several seen at Mitu. First seen at Pueblo Nuevo [nigricinctus].
- Stripe-throated Hermit *Phaethornis striigularis*** Three were seen at the Recurve-billed Bushbird Reserve [nominated].
- Tooth-billed Hummingbird ◊ *Androdon aequatorialis* (H)** Just heard along the Cocalito Trail in Utria NP.
- Grey-breasted Sabrewing ◊ (E) *Campylopterus largipennis*** Great views at Pueblo Nuevo near Mitu.
- White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora*** Quite common. First seen at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve.
- Brown Violetear *Colibri delphinae*** Common at the feeders at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve.
- Lesser Violetear *Colibri cyanotus*** Reasonably common at Colibri del Sol [nominated]. See note.
- Sparkling Violetear *Colibri coruscans*** Common on the tour. First seen at La Calera [nominated].
- Black-throated Mango *Anthracothorax nigricollis*** Common and widespread.
- Fiery Topaz ◊ (E) *Topaza pyra*** Excellent looks of two males at Pueblo Nuevo near Mitu.
- Black-bellied Thorntail (E) *Discosura langsdorffi*** A female was seen Urania near Mitu.
- Red-billed Emerald ◊ *Chlorostilbon gibsoni*** We saw it below the Cerulean WR and also at El Paujil [nominated].
- Short-tailed Emerald ◊ *Chlorostilbon poortmani*** Great views of a male at Rogitama.
- (Violet) Crowned Woodnymph ◊ *Thalurania [colombica] colombica*** Common at the Cerulean WR feeders.
- (Green) Crowned Woodnymph ◊ *Thalurania [colombica] fannyae*** Several seen well in the El Valle area.
- Fork-tailed Woodnymph (E) *Thalurania furcata*** Several seen at Mitu. First seen at Pueblo Nuevo.
- Sapphire-throated Hummingbird ◊ *Lepidopyga coeruleogularis*** Two seen in the mangroves at Utria NP [confinis].
- Shining-green Hummingbird ◊ *Lepidopyga goudoti*** One was seen on the feeders at El Paujil [nominated].
- White-chinned Sapphire (E) *Hylocharis cyanus*** Two were seen at Pueblo Nuevo near Mitu [viridiventris].
- Humboldt's Sapphire ◊ *Hylocharis humboldtii*** Very good views of a fine male at Utria NP. Rare bird!



Indigo-capped Hummingbird (left) in the Cerulean Warbler Reserve and the rare Humboldt's Sapphire at Utria NP (János Oláh).

- Green-tailed Goldenthrout** ◊ (E) *Polytmus theresiae* A female seen along the Bocatoma trail near Mitu [leucorrhous].
- Rufous-tailed Hummingbird** *Amazilia tzacatl* Common at the Cerulean WR and at El Paujil [fuscicaudata].
- Chestnut-bellied Hummingbird** ◊ *Amazilia castaneiventris* Brilliant views of five birds near Soata. **EN**
- Versicolored Emerald** (E) *Amazilia versicolor* Several were seen around Mitu [millerii].
- Andean Emerald** *Amazilia franciae* In was common on the feeders at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [nominate].
- Blue-chested Hummingbird** *Amazilia amabilis* Great views at El Paujil. Surprisingly bright and attractive.
- Purple-chested Hummingbird** ◊ *Amazilia rosenbergi* A fine male was seen near El Valle.
- Steely-vented Hummingbird** *Amazilia saucerottei* Just one was seen near La Calera on our first day.
- Indigo-capped Hummingbird** ◊ *Amazilia cyanifrons* Common at the feeders at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve.
- Green-bellied Hummingbird** ◊ *Amazilia viridigaster* Great views of at least five birds near Guayabetal [nominate].
- White-vented Plumeleteer** *Chalybura buffonii* Commonly seen at El Paujil [nominate].
- Speckled Hummingbird** *Adelomyia melanogenys* Several seen, first at Monterredondo [nominate].
- Fawn-breasted Brilliant** *Heliodoxa rubinoides* A few at the upper feeders at the Cerulean WR [nominate].
- Green-crowned Brilliant** *Heliodoxa jacula* Common at the feeders at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [nominate].
- Buff-tailed Coronet** *Boissonneaua flavescens* A few seen at the Cerulean WR, common at Urrao [nominate].
- Shining Sunbeam** *Aglaeactis cupripennis* One was seen near La Calera.
- Mountain Velvetbreast** *Lafresnaya lafresnayi* We enjoyed many great views at the Colibri del Sol Reserve [saul].
- Bronzy Inca** *Coeligena coeligena* One was seen at La Romera [columbiana].
- Black Inca** ◊ *Coeligena prunellei* Great views at Rogitama, and at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve. **VU**
- Collared Inca** *Coeligena torquata* Two forms: conradii at Monterredondo; nominate at Colibri del Sol, Urrao.
- Dusky Starfrontlet** ◊ *Coeligena orina* Brilliant views of about 9 individuals at Colibri del Sol, Urrao. Absolute stunners!
- Blue-throated Starfrontlet** *Coeligena helianthea* Fantastic views of several males and females at La Calera.
- Sword-billed Hummingbird** *Ensifera ensifera* Several great views at La Calera and Colibri del Sol, Urrao. Mega!
- Great Sapphirewing** *Pterophanes cyanopterus* Five were seen on the feeders near La Calera.
- Amethyst-throated Sunangel** ◊ *Heliangelus amethysticollis* See note.
- Tourmaline Sunangel** *Heliangelus exortis* Great views of this stunner at Colibri del Sol, Urrao.
- Glowing Puffleg** *Eriocnemis vestita* See note.
- Coppery-bellied Puffleg** ◊ *Eriocnemis cupreovertris* Seen very well at La Calera and the Onzaga Road. **NT**



The fantastic endemic Black Inca is not just black (János Oláh)!

- Greenish Puffleg *Haplophaedia aureliae*** One was seen at La Romera near Medellín.
- Booted Racket-tail *Ocreatus underwoodii*** Several seen well at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [nominate].
- Black-tailed Trainbearer *Lesbia victoriae*** Great views of good numbers at La Calera [nominate].
- Green-tailed Trainbearer *Lesbia nuna*** Great views of a few at La Calera [gouldii].
- Purple-backed Thornbill *Ramphomicron microrhynchum*** (LO) One was seen at Colibri del Sol.
- Tyrian Metaltail *Metallura tyrianthina*** Great views at La Calera, Onzaga Road and Colibri del Sol [nominate].
- Long-tailed Sylph *Aglaiocercus kingii*** Great views of several at Colibri del Sol, Urrao. Smart! [caudatus].
- Purple-crowned Fairy *Heliotheryx barroti*** One was seen in the El Valle area.
- Black-eared Fairy (E) *Heliotheryx auritus*** Two were seen near Mitu on the extension [nominate].
- White-bellied Woodstar *Chaetocercus mulsant*** Great views of good numbers at several sites.
- Gorgeted Woodstar *Chaetocercus heliodor*** A female was seen below Mundo Nuevo.
- Pavonine Quetzal (E) *Pharomachrus pavoninus*** (H) After some hard work it still remained heard-only near Mitu.
- Golden-headed Quetzal *Pharomachrus auriceps*** (H) Heard at Colibri del Sol, Urrao.
- White-tailed Trogon *Trogon chionurus*** Several were seen at El Paujil and also common in the El Valle area.
- Green-backed Trogon (E) *Trogon viridis*** Regular sightings around Mitu on the extension.
- Gartered Trogon *Trogon caligatus*** (NL) A pair was seen by some at El Paujil. Others heard [nominate].
- Amazonian Trogon (E) *Trogon ramonianus*** Two encounters near Mitu on the extension.
- Black-throated Trogon (E) *Trogon rufus*** A female was seen at Pueblo Nuevo near Mitu [sulphureus].
- Masked Trogon *Trogon personatus*** A few sightings along the tour at higher elevations. See note.
- Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana*** A few seen at El Paujil and Utria NP [septentrionalis].
- Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona*** It was seen on the journey from Ocaña to El Paujil.
- Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata*** Common at various sites on the trip [nominate].
- Amazonian Motmot (E) *Momotus momota*** (H) Regularly heard around Mitu but no sightings [microstephanus].
- Andean Motmot ◊ *Momotus aequatorialis*** A few seen well, the first in the forest fragment above Libano.
- Rufous Motmot *Baryphthengus martii*** Just heard at El Paujil, and and seen near El Valle [semirufus].
- Broad-billed Motmot *Electron platyrhynchum*** (H) One was heard at El Paujil but we had bigger fish to fry.
- Yellow-billed Jacamar (E) *Galbula albirostris*** One seen very well at Pueblo Nuevo near Mitu [chalcocephala].

Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda* A few, mostly heard but first seen at Laguna del Ato [nominate].

Bronzy Jacamar ◊ (E) *Galbula leucogastra* Several great looks on the extension near Mitu.

Paradise Jacamar (E) *Galbula dea* A few seen at Mitu. First seen at Pueblo Nuevo [brunneiceps].

Great Jacamar *Jacamerops aureus* Excellent looks of a pair in the Utria NP [penardi].

White-necked Puffbird *Notharchus hyperrhynchus* One was seen near El Valle and another near Mitu [nominate].

Black-breasted Puffbird ◊ *Notharchus pectoralis* Great views of one along the El Valle trail.

Brown-banded Puffbird ◊ (E) *Notharchus ordii* (H) Despite much effort in remained heard only on the extension.

Pied Puffbird *Notharchus tectus* Several seen well in the El Valle area and seen around Mitu too [subtectus].

Spotted Puffbird ◊ (E) *Bucco tamatia* Great views of one along the Bocatoma trail near Mitu [pulmentum].



Spotted Puffbird near Mitu (János Oláh)!

Barred Puffbird ◊ *Nystalus radiatus* Great views of this smart bird at El Paujil.

Russet-throated Puffbird *Hypnelus ruficollis* One was seen on our way from Ocana to El Paujil [nominate].

Moustached Puffbird ◊ *Malacoptila mystacalis* Great views at the Bushbird Reserve and at Libano.

White-fronted Nunbird (E) *Monasa morphoeus* It was only seen near Mitu on the extension [peruana].

Swallow-winged Puffbird (E) *Chelidoptera tenebrosa* Common at Mitu. First seen at Urania.

Spot-crowned Barbet ◊ *Capito maculicoronatus* Excellent looks of both sexes near El Valle [rubrilateralis].

White-mantled Barbet ◊ *Capito hypoleucus* First seen at El Paujil but best views were near Victoria [nominate]. **VU**

Gilded Barbet ◊ (E) *Capito auratus* Several seen at Mitu. First seen at Cheima Cachivera [punctatus].

Lemon-throated Barbet (E) *Eubucco richardsoni* Two males were seen near Mitu on the extension.

Red-headed Barbet *Eubucco bourcierii* Just a male seen at La Romera [nominate].

Grey-throated Toucanet ◊ *Aulacorhynchus griseigularis* Good views at Libano and near Medellin.

White-throated Toucanet ◊ *Aulacorhynchus albivitta* Seen well at Monterredondo, and at Soata [nominate].

Lettered Aracari (E) *Pteroglossus incriptus* Just two were seen near Mitu on the extension.

Ivory-billed Aracari (E) *Pteroglossus azara* Several seen around Mitu [flavirostris].

Chestnut-eared Aracari (E) *Pteroglossus castanotis* We had two sightings on the extension near Mitu [nominate].

Many-banded Aracari (E) *Pteroglossus pluricinctus* Just two encounters around Mitu.

Collared Aracari *Pteroglossus torquatus* Seen well at several lowland sites [nominate].

Stripe-billed Aracari ◇ *Pteroglossus sanguineus* Common in the El Valle area.

Tawny-tufted Toucanet ◇ (E) *Selenidera nattereri* A shy pair and a male was seen well near Mitu.

Black-billed Mountain Toucan ◇ *Andigena nigrirostris* Heard at Mundo Nuevo and seen at Colibri de Sol [nominate].

Channel-billed Toucan (E) *Ramphastos vitellinus* (H) Several heard at Mitu [culminatus]. VU

Citron-throated Toucan ◇ *Ramphastos citreolaemus* Several seen at El Paujil.



Black-billed Mountain Toucan in the Colibri del Sol Reserve (János Oláh)!

Choco Toucan ◇ *Ramphastos brevis* Quite common in the El Valle area.

White-throated Toucan (E) *Ramphastos tucanus* Commonly seen around Mitu [cuvieri].

Yellow-throated Toucan *Ramphastos [ambiguus] swainsonii* Several at El Paujil and El Valle. NT

Orinoco Piculet ◇ (E) *Picumnus pumilus* Two were seen near Mitu. It was a Birdquest lifer!

Olivaceous Piculet *Picumnus olivaceus* Many great views, first seen at the Cerulean WR.

Greyish Piculet ◇ *Picumnus granadensis* See note [antioquensis].

Scaled Piculet (E) *Picumnus squamulatus* One was seen near Villavicencio Airport at the beginning of the extension.

Acorn Woodpecker *Melanerpes formicivorus* Three were seen near Medellín [flavigula].

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker (E) *Melanerpes cruentatus* Quite common around Mitu. First seen at Urania.

Beautiful Woodpecker ◇ *Melanerpes pulcher* We had excellent looks of 3 birds at El Paujil.

Black-cheeked Woodpecker *Melanerpes pucherani* Common in the El Valle area.

Red-crowned Woodpecker *Melanerpes rubricapillus* Reasonably common and widespread [nominate].

Smoky-brown Woodpecker *Picoides fumigatus* (H) Heard at La Romera [nominate].

Yellow-throated Woodpecker (E) *Piculus flavigula* (H) heard at Pueblo Nuevo near Mitu but no sightings.

Golden-olive Woodpecker *Colaptes rubiginosus* (NL) One was seen by some at the Bushbird Reserve.

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker *Colaptes rivolii* Good views at Mundo Nuevo and above Soata [nominate].

Spot-breasted Woodpecker *Colaptes punctigula* It was seen on our way out of El Paujil [ujhelyii].

Cinnamon Woodpecker *Celeus loricatus* Seen well in the El Valle area [mentalis].

Scaly-breasted Woodpecker (E) *Celeus grammicus* A few seen around Mitu where first seen at Urania.

Chestnut Woodpecker (E) *Celeus elegans* (H) One was heard near Mitu.

Cream-colored Woodpecker (E) *Celeus flavus* (H) Only heard it near Mitu.

Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus* Several sightings throughout the tour [nominate].

Powerful Woodpecker *Campephilus pollens* A pair was seen in the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [nominate].

Crimson-crested Woodpecker *Campephilus melanoleucos* See note.

Black Caracara (E) *Daptrius ater* Several seen at Mitu. First seen at Urania.

Red-throated Caracara (E) *Ibycter americanus* Quite common at Mitu. It was seen along the Bocatoma trail.

Northern Crested Caracara *Caracara cheriway* Fairly common and widespread.

Yellow-headed Caracara *Milvago chimachima* Common [cordata].

Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans* Several excellent looks on the tour [nominate].

Collared Forest Falcon *Micrastur semitorquatus* One was seen at El Paujil.

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius* Fairly common and widespread [ochraceus].

Merlin *Falco columbarius* One was seen near Libano [nominate].

Bat Falcon (E) *Falco ruficularis* Just one seen on the extension near Mitu.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* (LO) One was seen at El Valle [tundrius].

Orange-chinned Parakeet *Brotogeris jugularis* A few including and the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [nominate].

Cobalt-winged Parakeet (E) *Brotogeris cyanoptera* Common at Mitu. First seen at Urania.

Rose-faced Parrot ◊ *Pyrrhura pulchra* Mostly in flight but one nice perched view in the El Valle area.

Orange-cheeked Parrot ◊ (E) *Pyrrhura barrabandi* Just one was seen in flight near Mitu.

Rusty-faced Parrot ◊ *Hapalopsittaca amazonina* (H) Heard above Soata, fleeting glimpses for some. **VU**

Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus* Common, first seen near the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [rubrigularis].

Red-lored Amazon *Amazona autumnalis* Excellent views in the El Valle area [salvini].

Yellow-crowned Amazon *Amazona ochrocephala* Several seen in the El Paujil area [panamensis].



Yellow-crowned Amazon near El Paujil and Crimson-crested Woodpecker in the Utria NP (János Oláh)!

Scaly-naped Amazon *Amazona mercenarius* Four were seen at Mundo Nuevo on our first day.

Southern Mealy Amazon *Amazona farinosa* Seen well at El Paujil, around El Valle and near Mitu. **NT**

Orange-winged Amazon *Amazona amazonica* It was commonly seen at El Paujil.

Spectacled Parrotlet ◊ *Forpus conspicillatus* Quite a few seen - first below the Cerulean Warbler Reserve.

Black-headed Parrot (E) *Pionites melanocephalus* Excellent looks along the Bocatoma trail near Mitu [pallidus].

Red-fan Parrot ◊ (E) *Deroyptus accipitrinus* One seen at Mitu Cachivera and others at Pueblo Nuevo [nominate].

Maroon-tailed Parakeet (E) *Pyrrhura melanura* Quite common at Mitu. First seen at Pueblo Nuevo [nominate].

Brown-breasted Parakeet ◊ *Pyrrhura calliptera* Seen well above Mundo Nuevo and in flight at Monterredondo. **VU**

Blue-and-yellow Macaw *Ara ararauna* Just a few sightings in the Magdalena Valley and El Valle.

Scarlet Macaw (E) *Ara macao* Several seen in the Mitu area [nominate].

Chestnut-fronted Macaw *Ara severus* It was common in the El Paujil area.

Sapayoa ◊ *Sapayoa aenigma* Fantastic views along the Cocalito Trail in Utria NP.

Stripe-breasted Spinetail ◊ *Synallaxis cinnamomea* Four were seen at the Bushbird Reserve [nominate].

Silvery-throated Spinetail ◊ *Synallaxis subpudica* (H) Heard above Soata but not seen.

Azara's Spinetail *Synallaxis azarae* It was seen near Libano and at Colibri del Sol [media].

Pale-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis albescens* A few were seen in the Cerulean WR [insignis].

Slaty Spinetail *Synallaxis brachyura* We had nice looks of this skulker near Libano [nominat].

Yellow-chinned Spinetail *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus* Just two seen at a marsh stop towards El Paujil [fuscifrons].

Pearled Treerunner *Margarornis squamiger* It was seen above Mundo Nuevo [perlatus].

Streaked Tuftedcheek *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii* Seen above Soata [meridae] and at Colibri del Sol [nominat].

Montane Foliage-Gleaner *Anabacerthia striaticollis* Several seen at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [nominat].

Western Woodhaunter *Hylocistetes virgatus* It was seen along the Cocalito trail of Utria NP [assimilis].

Cinnamon-rumped Foliage-Gleaner (E) *Philydor pyrrhodes* Two sightings near Mitu on the extension.

Striped Treehunter ◊ *Thripadectes holostictus* Great views of one at Colibri del Sol, Urrao [striatidorsus].

Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner *Automolus ochrolaemus* (H) One was heard at El Paujil.

Olive-backed Foliage-gleaner (E) *Automolus infuscatus* One was seen well near Mitu [nominat].

Rufous-tailed Xenops (E) *Microxenops milleri* Just one was seen at Ceima Cachivera near Mitu.

Slender-billed Xenops (E) *Xenops tenuirostris* Two sightings on the extension near Mitu.

Plain Xenops *Xenops minutus* Two forms: neglectus on the main tour; ruficaudus at Mitu on the extension.

Plain-brown Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla fuliginosa* See note.

Olivaceous Woodcreeper (E) *Sittasomus griseicapillus* Just one seen in the Mitu area [amazonus].

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper *Glyphorhynchus spirurus* Seen in Utria NP [subrufescens and near Mitu [rufularis].

Strong-billed Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus* A pair seen above Soata [nominat].

Amazonian Barred Woodcreeper (E) *Dendrocolaptes certhia* Great looks at Ceima Chachivera near Mitu [nominat].

Straight-billed Woodcreeper *Dendroplex picus* Excellent looks of a breeding pair at El Paujil [dugandi].

Striped Woodcreeper (E) *Xiphorhynchus obsoletus* One seen in a mixed flock at Ceima Cachivera [palliatu].

Elegant Woodcreeper (E) *Xiphorhynchus elegans* Two sightings on the extension near Mitu [buenavistae].

Buff-throated Woodcreeper (E) *Xiphorhynchus guttatus* A few seen at Pueblo Nuevo, Mitu [guttatoides].

Cocoa Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus susurrans* One was seen at El Paujil and others heard there [nana].

Black-striped Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus lachrymosus* Excellent looks at El Paujil [alarum].



Black-striped (left) and Straight-billed Woodcreepers at El Paujil (János Oláh)!

Spotted Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus erythropygius* (H) It remained heard-only in Utria NP [insolitus].

Streak-headed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii* Good looks at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [lineaticeps].

Montane Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger* A few seen above Soata [nominat].

Curve-billed Scythebill (E) *Campylorhamphus procurvoides* One seen in a mixed flock at Pueblo Nuevo, Mitu.

Fasciated Antshrike (E) *Cymbilaimus lineatus* Several heard in the Mitu just one male seen [intermedius].

Great Antshrike *Taraba major* A male was seen in the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [granadensis].

Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus* (H) It was heard near Bolombolo [albicans].

Bar-crested Antshrike ◊ *Thamnophilus multistriatus* Several seen very well, the first near to Soata.

Black Antshrike ◊ *Thamnophilus nigriceps* Excellent views of a female at El Paujil.

Uniform Antshrike *Thamnophilus unicolor* A pair was seen in the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [grandior].

Mouse-coloured Antshrike (E) *Thamnophilus murinus* One was seen at Pueblo Nuevo, Mitu [nominate].

Black-crowned (or Western Slaty) Antshrike *Thamnophilus atrinucha* Several sightings [nominate].

Amazonian Antshrike (E) *Thamnophilus amazonicus* Several seen and heard in the Mitu area [cinereiceps].

Recurve-billed Bushbird ◊ *Clytoctantes alixii* Great views of a male in the Bushbird Reserve! EN

Spot-crowned Antwren ◊ *Dysithamnus puncticeps* A male seen along the Cocalito Trail in Utria NP.

Dusky-throated Antshrike (E) *Thamnomanes ardesiacus* Three seen in mixed flocks near Mitu [nominate].

Cinereous Antshrike (E) *Thamnomanes caesius* Several seen and heard in the Mitu area [glaucus].

Spot-winged Antshrike (E) *Pygiptila stellaris* A female and a pair was seen in the Mitu area [occipitalis].

Checker-throated Antwren *Epinecophylla fulviventris* A pair seen well along the El Valle trail.

Negro Stipple-throated Antwren ◊ (E) *Epinecophylla pyrrhonota* Excellent looks in the Mitu area.

Rufous-tailed Antwren (E) *Epinecophylla erythrura* Three sightings in the Mitu area [nominate].

Moustached Antwren (E) *Myrmotherula ignota* Two were seen at Urania near Mitu [obscura].

Pygmy Antwren (E) *Myrmotherula brachyura* One was seen at Pueblo Nuevo near Mitu.

Pacific (Streaked) Antwren ◊ *Myrmotherula pacifica* Good views of males at Utria NP.

Cherrie's Antwren ◊ (E) *Myrmotherula cherriei* A few seen in the Mitu area. First seen at Urania.

Yellow-throated Antwren ◊ (E) *Myrmotherula ambigua* Often heard but it was hard work to see near Mitu.

White-flanked Antwren *Myrmotherula axillaris* Two forms: albigula in Utria NP; melaena in the Mitu area.

Slaty Antwren *Myrmotherula schisticolor* A couple at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [interior].

Grey Antwren (E) *Myrmotherula menetriesii* Commonly seen in the Mitu area [pallida].

Spot-backed Antwren ◊ (E) *Herpsilochmus dorsimaculatus* Many good views around Mitu.

Klages's Antbird ◊ *Drymophila klagesi* Four were seen at the Recurve-billed Bushbird Reserve, Ocaña.

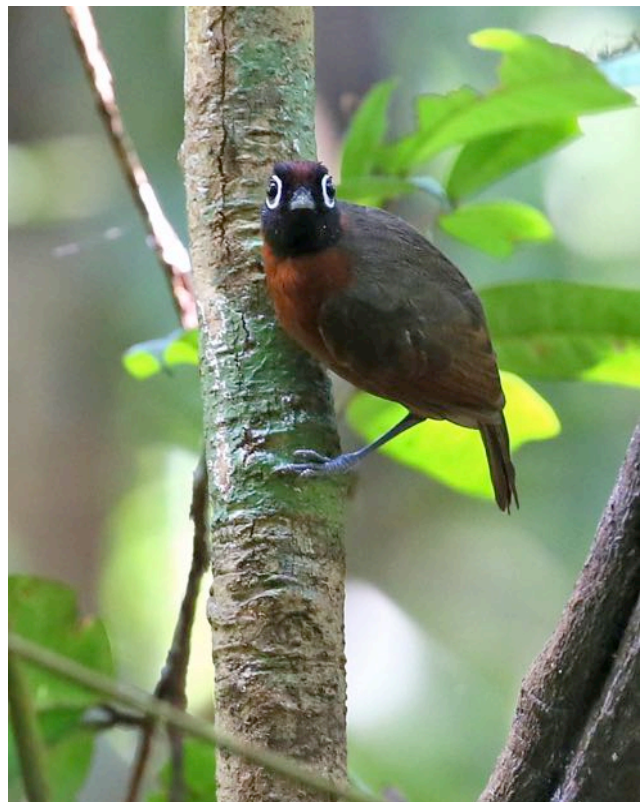
Streak-headed Antbird ◊ *Drymophila striaticeps* One was seen at Colibri del Sol, Urrao.

Rufous-rumped Antwren ◊ *Terenura callinota* (LO) One seen at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve.

Grey Antbird (E) *Cercomacra cinerascens* One was seen near Mitu.

Dusky Antbird *Cercomacra tyrannina* See note.

Jet Antbird *Cercomacra nigricans* Good views of several birds at Laguna del Ato, en route to Libano.



Male Recurve-billed Bushbird (left) and Chestnut-crested Antbird were highlights of the tour (János Oláh)!

Black-faced Antbird (E) *Myrmoborus myotherinus* Two sightings around Mitu, a few others heard [elegans].
Imeri Warbling Antbird ◊ (E) *Hypocnemis flavescens* Good looks on the extension near Mitu [nominata].
Yellow-browed Antbird (E) *Hypocnemis hypoxantha* Great views of this smart one near Mitu [nominata].
Black-chinned Antbird (E) *Hypocnemoides melanopogon* A pair was seen well at Urania near Mitu [occidentalis].
Bare-crowned Antbird ◊ *Gymnocichla nudiceps* Great views at El Paujil. Superb! [sanctamartae].
Silvered Antbird (E) *Sclateria naevia* A male seen at Pueblo Nuevo, Mitu [argentata].
Black-headed Antbird (E) *Percnostola rufifrons* A pair showed very well at Pueblo Nuevo near Mitu.
White-bellied Antbird *Myrmeciza longipes* Excellent views of a male at Laguna del Ato, en route to Libano [boucardi].
Chestnut-backed Antbird *Myrmeciza exsul* Seen well at El Paujil and heard in the El Valle area [cassini].
Magdalena Antbird ◊ *Myrmeciza palliata* (H) Just heard below the Bellavista Reserve, La Victoria. **NT**
Grey-bellied Antbird ◊ (E) *Myrmeciza pelzelni* Brilliant views of a terrestrial pair near Mitu.



The rare Grey-bellied Antbird near Mitu. Female on the left and male on the right (János Oláh).

Black-throated Antbird (E) *Myrmeciza atrothorax* Just two sightings in the Mitu area, first at Pueblo Nuevo.
White-plumed Antbird (E) *Pithys albifrons* One was seen by some attending antswarms near Mitu [peruvianus].
Bicolored Antbird *Gymnopithys bicolor* It was seen at El Paujil and in Utria NP along the Cocalito trail [nominata].
White-cheeked Antbird (E) *Gymnopithys leucaspis* Excellent views of this smart bird near Mitu.
Chestnut-crested Antbird ◊ (E) *Rhegmatorhina cristata* Brilliant views of a pair at Pueblo Nuevo, Mitu.
Spotted Antbird ◊ *Hylophylax naevioides* Great views of a singing male along the El Valle trail [nominata].
Spot-backed Antbird (E) *Hylophylax naevius* One was seen by some at Ceima Chachivera near Mitu [nominata].
Common Scale-backed Antbird (E) *Willisornis poecilinotus* Two pairs were seen in the Mitu area [duidae].
Rufous-capped Antthrush (E) *Formicarius colma* Two were seen around Mitu.
Black-headed Antthrush ◊ *Formicarius nigricapillus* (H) Remained heard-only in the El Valle area [destructus].
Chestnut-crowned Antpitta *Grallaria ruficapilla* (H) Heard at La Calera and at Monterredondo.
Cundinamarca Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria kaestneri* Great looks of this shy endemic at Monterredondo. **EN**
White-bellied Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria hypoleuca* (H) Heard at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve, but no luck [hypoleuca].
Rufous Antpitta *Grallaria rufula* (H) Heard around Bogota and at the Colibri del Sol.
Urrao Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria urraoensis* Brilliant views of a pair at Colibri del Sol and others heard. **CR**
Streak-chested Antpitta *Hylopezus perspicillatus* (H) A few heard in the Utria NP [periophthalmicus].
Thicket Antpitta *Hylopezus dives* (H) One was heard from the mangrove boardwalk in Utria NP [barbacoae].
Thrush-like Antpitta (E) *Myrmothera campanisona* Heard twice in the Mitu area [dissors].
Slaty-crowned Antpitta *Grallaricula nana* Excellent looks of this smart bird at Monterredondo.



White-cheeked Antbird near Mitu (János Oláh).

- Ash-coloured Tapaculo** *Myornis senilis* (H) Heard at the edge of Chingaza NP and one at Colibri del Sol.
- Northern White-crowned Tapaculo** ◇ *Scytalopus atratus* One seen well near Libano [confusus].
- Long-tailed Tapaculo** ◇ *Scytalopus micropterus* (H) Heard at the Cerulean WR, but seemingly unresponsive.
- Magdalena Tapaculo** ◇ *Scytalopus rodriguezi* Superb looks at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [yarguorum]. **EN**
- Stiles's Tapaculo** ◇ *Scytalopus stilesi* One was seen at La Romera near Medellín.
- Spillmann's Tapaculo** *Scytalopus spillmanni* (H) Heard at Colibri del Sol, Urrao.
- Pale-bellied (or Matorral) Tapaculo** ◇ *Scytalopus griseicollis* One was seen in the Chingaza NP[nominate].
- Paramillo Tapaculo** ◇ *Scytalopus canus* One was seen by most of us at Colibri del Sol. **EN**
- Blackish Tapaculo** ◇ *Scytalopus latrans* (H) Several heard at Monterredondo.
- Wing-barred Piprites** (E) *Piprites chloris* (H) One heard at Ceima Chacivera, Mitu [chlorion].
- Sooty-headed Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias griseiceps* Good views below the Cerulean Warbler Reserve and a few others.
- Black-capped Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias nigrocapillus* One seen well in the Colibri del Sol Reserve [nominate].
- Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet** *Tyrannulus elatus* Regularly encountered on the tour.
- Grey Elaenia** (E) *Myiopagis caniceps* A female was seen near Mitu.
- Yellow-bellied Elaenia** *Elaenia flavogaster* Common and noisy [nominate].
- Lesser Elaenia** *Elaenia chiriquensis* One was seen below the Cerulean WR [albivertex].
- Mountain Elaenia** *Elaenia frantzii* Several seen, the first above Mundo Nuevo [pudica].
- Brown-capped Tyrannulet** *Ornithion brunneicapillus* Excellent views at El Paujil and in the El Valle area.
- Southern Beardless Tyrannulet** *Camptostoma obsoletum* Seen well below the Cerulean WR [caucae].
- White-throated Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus leucophrys* Setophagoides around Bogotá and notatus at Colibri del Sol.
- White-banded Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus stictopterus* One was seen in the Chingaza NP and two at Colibri del Sol.
- Torrent Tyrannulet** *Serpophaga cinerea* (LO) One was seen near Rogitama.
- Mouse-coloured Tyrannulet** *Phaeomyias murina* Just one in the El Paujil area [incomta].
- Subtropical Doradito** ◇ *Pseudocolopteryx acutipennis* About four were seen at Parque La Florida.
- Rufous-headed Pygmy Tyrant** *Pseudotriccus ruficeps* Three were seen at Monterredondo.



Rufous-headed Pygmy Tyrant at Monterredondo (János Oláh).

- Ringed Antpiper (E) *Corythopsis torquatus*** Great view of this smart bird around Mitu.
- Slender-footed Tyrannulet (E) *Zimmerius gracilipes*** One was seen in the Mitu area.
- Golden-faced Tyrannulet *Zimmerius chrysops*** Common. First seen below the Cerulean Warbler Reserve.
- Choco Tyrannulet *Zimmerius albigularis*** See note.
- Rufous-browed Tyrannulet** ◊ *Phylloscartes superciliaris* Good views of two at the Cerulean WR [griseocapillus].
- Streak-necked Flycatcher *Mionectes striaticollis*** One seen high up at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [columbianus].
- Olive-striped Flycatcher *Mionectes olivaceus*** It was seen at the Bushbird Reserve and at Libano [venezuelensis].
- Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus*** See note.
- Sepia-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon amaurocephalus*** A few seen at El Paujil [diversus].
- Slaty-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon superciliaris*** Seen at the Cerulean WR and Libano [nominate].
- Northern Scrub Flycatcher *Sublegatus arenarum*** One was seen on a roadside marshy area near Ocaña [atirostris].
- Amazonian Inezia (E) *Inezia subflava*** Great views of a pair from the bridge at Urania, Mitu [obscura].
- Ornate Flycatcher *Myiobrycon ornatus*** A few seen well at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [nominate].
- White-eyed Tody-Tyrant (E) *Hemitriccus zosterops*** Excellent looks along the Bocatoma Trail, Mitu.
- Black-capped Pygmy Tyrant *Myiornis atricapillus*** Superb looks of this tiny fellow near to El Valle.
- Southern Bentbill** ◊ *Oncostoma olivaceum* Tricky bird but seen well at El Paujil.
- Scale-crested Pygmy Tyrant *Lophotriccus pileatus*** First seen in the Cerulean WR [squamaecrista].
- Double-banded Pygmy Tyrant (E) *Lophotriccus vitiensis*** One seen well along the Bocatoma trail, Mitu [affinis].
- Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilatriccus ruficeps*** Great views of one at Monterredondo [melanomystax].
- Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher (E) *Poecilatriccus latirostris*** (H) It was only heard in the Mitu area [mituensis].
- Slaty-headed Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilatriccus sylvia*** Great views of a pair at El Paujil [superciliaris].
- Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum*** Common [nominate].
- Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher (E) *Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum*** Just one seen well in the Mitu area [guttatum].
- Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum nigriceps*** Several seen well at El Paujil.
- Olivaceous Flatbill *Rhynchocyclus olivaceus*** One seen well at El Paujil [tamborensis].
- Pacific Flatbill** ◊ *Rhynchocyclus pacificus* Great looks along the Cocalito Trail in Utria NP. Scarce bird!



Pacific Flatbill (left) in Utria NP and Black-billed Flycatcher at El Paujil are two special flycatchers on this tour (János Oláh).

- Zimmer's Flatbill (E) *Tolmomyias assimilis*** One seen in a small mixed flock near Mitu [neglectus].
- Yellow-margined Flatbill *Tolmomyias flavotectus*** It was fairly common at El Paujil.
- Grey-crowned Flatbill (E) *Tolmomyias poliocephalus*** One was seen near Mitu. Others heard [nominat].
- White-throated Spadebill *Platyrinchus mystaceus*** (H) Just heard in the Cerulean WR [albogularis].
- Cinnamon Flycatcher *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus*** First seen in the Chingaza NP [pyrrhopectus].
- Black-billed Flycatcher** ♦ ***Aphanotriccus audax*** Excellent views of this bamboo-dweller at El Paujil. **NT**
- Fuscous Flycatcher** ♦ (E) ***Cnemotriccus fuscatus*** Good views of one at Mitu Cachivera; duidae, a potential split!
- Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans*** Just a few sightings [angustirostris].
- Eastern Wood Pewee *Contopus virens*** Common at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve. Also, one seen at Mitu.
- Tropical Pewee *Contopus cinereus*** One seen below the Cerulean WR.
- Acadian Flycatcher *Empidonax virens*** First seen below the Cerulean Warbler Reserve. Common.
- Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*** First seen at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [piurae].
- Streak-throated Bush Tyrant *Myiotheretes striaticollis*** (H) One heard above Soata [striaticollis].
- Pied Water Tyrant *Fluvicola pica*** Several sightings in marshy habitat in the Magdalena Valley.
- White-headed Marsh Tyrant *Arundinicola leucocephala*** Several sightings in marshy habitat in the Magdalena Valley.
- Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis*** Good views above Soata [rufopectus].
- Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca fumicolor*** Seen well in the Chingaza NP [nominat].
- Long-tailed Tyrant *Colonia colonus*** A few seen in the El Valle [leuconota].
- Cattle Tyrant *Machetornis rixosa*** A few seen, especially in the Magdalena Valley.
- Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus*** First below the Cerulean WR and common around Mitu [nominat].
- Rusty-margined Flycatcher *Myiozetetes cayanensis*** Two forms: hellmayri on the main tour; rufipennis at Mitu.
- Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis*** First seen below the Cerulean WR [columbianus].
- Grey-capped Flycatcher *Myiozetetes granadensis*** One was seen near El Valle.
- Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus*** Common. First seen at the Cerulean WR [rufipennis].
- Lesser Kiskadee *Philohydor lictor*** Two sightings in the El Paujil area [panamensis].
- Yellow-throated Flycatcher (E) *Conopias parvus*** Seen well along the Bocatoma trail near Mitu.
- Golden-crowned Flycatcher *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus*** (H) Just heard the Bushbird Reserve [minor].
- Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus*** Regular sightings on the main tour [difficilis].
- Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua*** Just a few, first seen below the Cerulean Warbler Reserve.

Sulphury Flycatcher (E) *Tyrannopsis sulphurea* A pair near Urania in the Mitu area.

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* Common [nominate].

Eastern Kingbird *Tyrannus tyrannus* One was seen on our way from Ocaña to El Paujil.

Fork-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus savana* Fairly commonly seen on the main tour [monachus].

Grey Kingbird *Tyrannus dominicensis* One was seen on the drive to Ocaña [nominate].

Choco Sirystes *Sirystes albogriseus* Good views of a pair along the El Valle trail.

Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer* A few sightings on the main tour [pallidus].

Panamanian Flycatcher *Myiarchus panamensis* Several sightings, best views at El Paujil [nominate].

Short-crested Flycatcher (E) *Myiarchus ferox* A few seen in the Mitu area [nominate].

Apical Flycatcher ◊ *Myiarchus apicalis* Great views of this endemic near Soata and Bolombolo

Great Crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus crinitus* We had good looks at El Paujil.

Citron-bellied Attila ◊ (E) *Attila citriniventris* Three birds were seen in the Mitu area.

Bright-rumped (or Flammulated) Attila *Attila [spadiceus] flammulatus* Seen near the Cerulean WR [caniceps].

Bright-rumped Attila (E) *Attila [spadiceus] spadiceus* One was seen in the Mitu area.

Red-crested Cotinga *Ampelion rubrocristatus* Just one seen above Mundo Nuevo.

Green-and-black Fruiteater *Pipreola riefferii* Very common at Monterredondo, with many seen well [nominate].

Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock ◊ (E) *Rupicola rupicola* Superb views of a fine male and female at Ceima Cachivera, Mitu.

Andean Cock-of-the-Rock ◊ *Rupicola peruvianus* One was seen in the Cerulean WR [aequatorialis].

Blue Cotinga ◊ *Cotinga nattererii* A superb male in the El Valle area.

Spangled Cotinga (E) *Cotinga cayana* Two males and a female was seen well in the Mitu area.

Rufous Piha *Lipaugus unirufus* (H) Heard along the Cocalito Trail in Utria NP [unirufus].

Screaming Piha (E) *Lipaugus vociferans* Common in the Mitu area. First seen along the Bocatoma trail.

Black-tipped Cotinga *Carpodectes hopkei* A male and a female was seen in the Utria NP.

Purple-throated Fruitcrow *Querula purpurata* Commonly heard in the El Valle area where one was seen.

Amazonian Umbrellabird (E) *Cephalopterus ornatus* (LO) One was seen in the Mitu area.

Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin (E) *Tyranneutes stolzmanni* (LO) One seen by some near Mitu.

Golden-winged Manakin *Masius chrysopterus* A female seen at the Cerulean WR and one at Libano [pax].

White-bibbed Manakin ◊ *Corapipo leucorrhoea* Great views of females and young males at the Bellavista Reserve.

Blue-crowned Manakin *Lepidothrix coronata* Two forms: minuscula in Utria NP; carbonata in the Mitu area

Yellow-crested Manakin ◊ (E) *Heterocercus flavivertex* Great views of a male and a female near Mitu.

White-bearded Manakin *Manacus manacus* Several seen at El Paujil [flaveolus].

Golden-collared Manakin ◊ *Manacus vitellinus* Several stunning males were seen in the El Valle area [viridiventris].

Western Striped Manakin ◊ *Machaeropterus striolatus* See note.

White-crowned Manakin (E) *Dixiphia pipra* Many sightings in the Mitu area.

Red-capped Manakin *Dixiphia mentalis* (H) Several heard in the El Valle area.

Golden-headed Manakin *Dixiphia erythrocephala* See note.

Yellow-headed Manakin ◊ *Xenopipo flavicapilla* Good views of a male at La Romera. VU

Whiskered Myiobius *Myiobius barbatus* (E) One was seen near Mitu in a mixed flock.

Black-crowned Tityra *Tityra inquisitor* Seen at El Paujil [albitorques] and in the Mitu area [erythrogenis].

Black-tailed Tityra (E) *Tityra cayana* A few seen in the Mitu area [nominate].

Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata* Several sightings throughout.

Russet-winged Schiffornis ◊ *Schiffornis stenorhyncha* (H) Just heard at El Paujil but no views.

Brown-winged Schiffornis *Schiffornis turdina* Great views of one at Urania near Mitu.

White-browed Purpletuft (E) *Iodopleura isabellae* We had many good looks in the Mitu area.

Barred Becard *Pachyramphus versicolor* Onje was seen near Libano.

Cinereous Becard *Pachyramphus rufus* Great views of a pair in the Magdalena Valley [nominate].

Cinnamon Becard *Pachyramphus cinnamomeus* See note.

White-winged Becard (E) *Pachyramphus polychopterus* (H) One was heard near Mitu.

Pink-throated Becard (E) *Pachyramphus minor* A female was seen at Pueblo Nuevo near Mitu.

Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis* Regularly seen in the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [parva].

Yellow-browed Shrike-Vireo ◊ *Vireolanius eximius* (H) Despite much effort remained heard-only at the Cerulean WR.

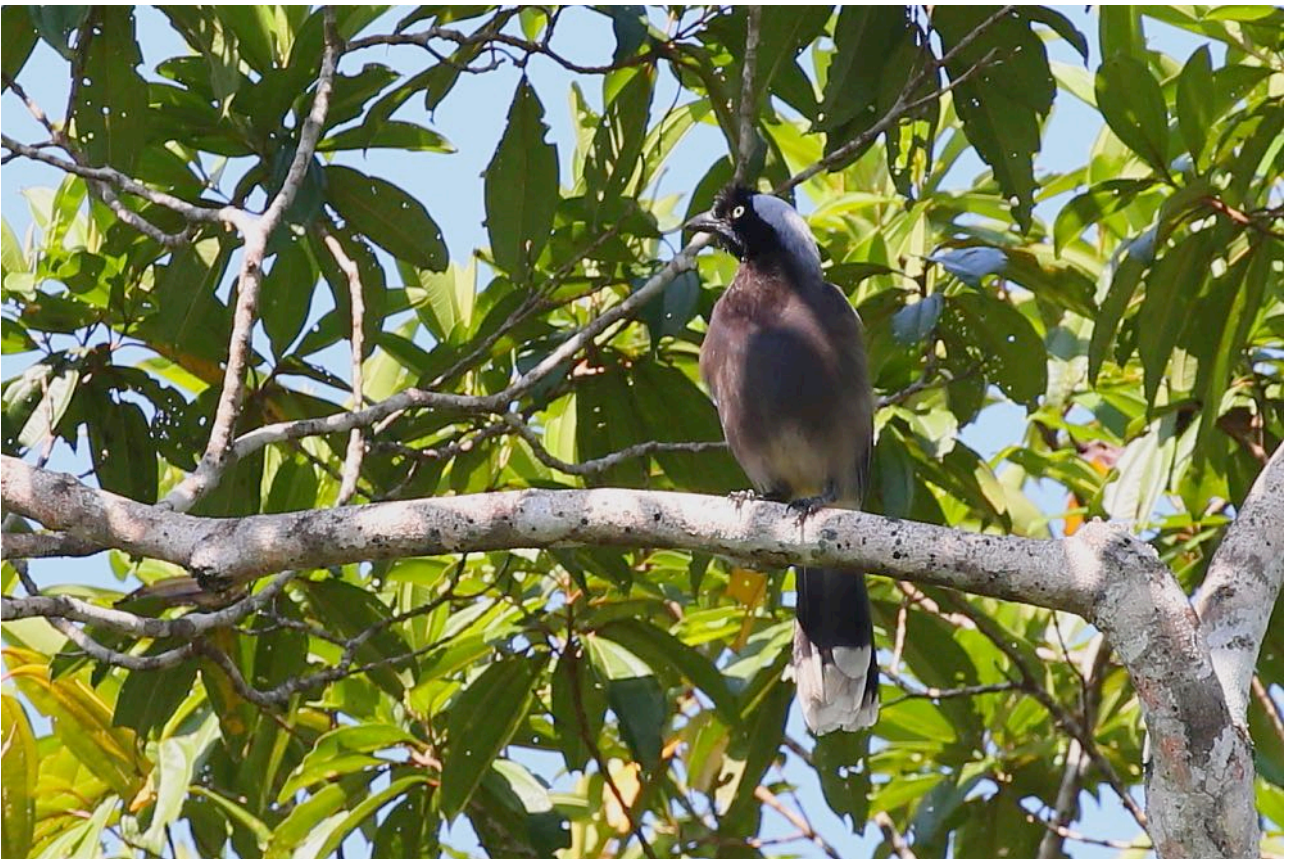
Brown-capped Vireo *Vireo leucophrys* Common, especially by voice, above Soata, [nominate].

Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus* Seen along the Concordia road [vividior].



Yellow-headed Manakin (left) is a scarce specialty of Colombia; Golden-winged Manakin female (János Oláh).

- Brown-headed Greenlet** ◊ (E) *Hylophilus brunneiceps* Seen well in the Mitu area. Best looks at the Bocatoma trail.
- Rufous-naped Greenlet** ◊ *Hylophilus semibrunneus* Seen well at several sites; first at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve.
- Dusky-capped Greenlet** (E) *Hylophilus hypoxanthus* Just one was seen near Mitu.
- Scrub Greenlet** *Hylophilus flavipes* A couple seen in the coffee below the Cerulean Warbler Reserve. Others heard.
- Lesser Greenlet** *Hylophilus decurtatus* Seen at El Paujil [darienensis] and in the El Valle area [minor].
- Violaceous Jay** *Cyanocorax violaceus* A group of five were seen near Viallavencio airport.
- Black-chested Jay** *Cyanocorax affinis* Quite common. Best looks at El Paujil [affinis].
- Azure-naped Jay** ◊ (E) *Cyanocorax heilprini* Three sightings near Mitu [nominata].



Azure-naped Jay was one of the highlights on our extension in the Mitu area (János Oláh).

Inca Jay *Cyanocorax yncas* First seen along the Ongaza Road and later at the Bushbird Reserve [cyanodorsalis].

White-winged Swallow *Tachycineta albiventer* A few seen, usually near water.

Grey-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea* Common.

Blue-and-white Swallow *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca* Common. First seen at Monterredondo [nominata].

Brown-bellied Swallow *Notiochelidon murina* First seen at Chingaza NP [murina].

White-thighed Swallow *Neochelidon tibialis* Good views near El Valle [minima].

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* First seen at the Cerulean WR [aequalis].

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* A few at El Paujil and on the drive to Libano [erythrogaster].

Black-capped Donacobius *Donacobius atricapilla* A pair seen on the journey out of El Paujil [brachypterus].

Bicolored Wren *Campylorhynchus griseus* Several great looks around Soata [bicolor].

Rufous Wren *Cinnycerthia unirufa* Nice views of a small flock at Colibri del Sol [unibrunnea].

Apolinar's Wren ◊ *Cistothorus apolinari* We had good looks by the hide at Parque La Florida [nominata]. **EN**

Grass Wren *Cistothorus platensis* Good views near Soata [aequatorialis but formerly known as tamae here - merged].

Black-bellied Wren ◊ *Pheugopedius fasciatoventris* Excellent looks at El Paujil [nominata].

Whiskered Wren *Pheugopedius mystacalis* Two were seen at Libano [macrurus].

Coraya Wren (E) *Pheugopedius coraya* Several seen/heard in the Mitu area [caurensis].

Antioquia Wren ◊ *Thryophilus sernai* Good views of one near to Bolombolo.

Niceforo's Wren ◊ *Thryophilus nicefori* Stunning views above Soata and at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve. **CR**

Bay Wren *Cantorchilus nigricapillus* Common (by voice at least), Seen near Victoria and in the El Valle area [schottii].



Bay Wren showed very well near Victoria (János Oláh)!

Stripe-throated Wren *Cantorchilus leucopogon* Great views of one along the Cocalito Trail in Utria NP [nominata].

(Southern) House Wren *Troglodytes [aedon] musculus* Common. Rich song and plain-looking [columbae].

White-breasted Wood Wren *Henicorhina leucosticta* Seen at El Paujil [albilateralis] and near Mitu [hauwelli].

Grey-breasted Wood Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys* Several seen on the tour.

Southern Nightingale-wren *Microcerculus marginatus* (H) Regularly heard but not seen – we did not try.

Collared Gnatwren (E) *Microbates collaris* Very shy bird seen by some near Mitu [nominata].

Tawny-faced Gnatwren *Microbates cinereiventris* Excellent views in the Utria NP [nominata].

Tropical Mockingbird *Mimus gilvus* Common [melanopterus].

Andean Solitaire *Myadestes ralloides* (H) Heard at Colibri del Sol.

Grey-cheeked Thrush *Catharus minimus* One seen well at the Cerulean WR and one near Mitu.

Swainson's Thrush *Catharus ustulatus* Common, first at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [swainsoni-group].

Yellow-legged Thrush *Turdus flavipes* First seen below the Cerulean Warbler Reserve and at Ocaña [venezuelensis].

Great Thrush *Turdus fuscater* Common. Two forms: gigas in the Eastern Andes; quindio widespread elsewhere.

Glossy-black Thrush *Turdus serranus* Two were seen at Monterredondo [atrosericeus].

Pale-breasted Thrush *Turdus leucomelas* First seen near Soata [albiventer].

Black-billed Thrush *Turdus ignobilis* Common. First below the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [nominata].

Lawrence's Thrush (E) *Turdus lawrencii* (H) Heard at Pueblo Nuevo near Mitu. Great song!

Spectacled Thrush *Turdus nudigenis* Seen twice at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve.

White-necked Thrush (E) *Turdus albicollis* Three were seen near Mitu [phaeopygus].

White-capped Dipper *Cinclus leucocephalus* (H) Heard at Colibri del Sol from horseback.

Lesser Goldfinch *Spinus psaltria* Common. First seen above Soata [colombianus].

Yellow-bellied Siskin *Spinus xanthogastrus* It was seen at the Cerulean WR and at Colibri del Sol, Urrao [nominata].

Andean Siskin ◊ *Spinus spinescens* A few noted, first seen above Mundo Nuevo, Chingaza NP [nominata].

Plumbeous Euphonia ◊ (E) *Euphonia plumbea* Three sightings of females near Mitu. Localised bird!

Velvet-fronted Euphonia ◊ *Euphonia concinna* At least five were seen at Laguna del Ato and one male near Victoria.

Thick-billed Euphonia *Euphonia laniirostris* Common [crassirostris].

Golden-rumped Euphonia *Euphonia cyanocephala* Lovely views near Soata and at the Cerulean WR [nominata].

Fulvous-vented Euphonia ◊ *Euphonia fulvicrissa* Two forms: omissa at El Paujil and nominate in the El Valle area.

White-lored Euphonia *Euphonia chrysopasta* A pair was seen near Villavicencio [nominata].

White-vented Euphonia *Euphonia minuta* A pair was seen below the Cerulean WR [humilis].

Orange-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia xanthogaster* See note.

Rufous-bellied Euphonia (E) *Euphonia rufiventris* A few seen/heard in the Mitu area.

Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys* A pair was seen in the Colibri del Sol Reserve [intensa].



Male Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia in the Colibri del Sol Reserve (János Oláh).

Northern Waterthrush *Parkesia noveboracensis* Singles were seen, the first at the Cerulean WR.

Black-and-white Warbler *Mniotilta varia* A few seen in the Andes.

Tennessee Warbler *Leiothlypis peregrina* It was common in the Cerulean WR.

Masked Yellowthroat *Geothlypis aequinoctialis* A male seen on the drive to El Paujil [nominate].

Mourning Warbler *Geothlypis philadelphia* Five were seen in the Cerulean WR and one at Líbano.

American Redstart *Setophaga ruticilla* Several in the Cerulean WR and one near Mitu.

Cerulean Warbler ◊ ***Setophaga cerulea*** Several around the Cerulean Warbler Reserve. **VU**

Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitiayumi* Just a few, the first near Soata.

Bay-breasted Warbler *Setophaga castanea* Fairly common, many seen well, some showing some colour.

Blackburnian Warbler *Setophaga fusca* Common. First seen above Mundo Nuevo.

American Yellow Warbler *Setophaga aestiva* Just one seen by some at our breakfast stop after Ocaña.

Blackpoll Warbler (E) *Setophaga striata* Two sightings in the Mitu area.

Black-crested Warbler *Myiothlypis nigrocristata* Seen at Monterredondo and along the Ongaza Road, above Soata.

Buff-rumped Warbler *Myiothlypis fulvicauda* Two forms: *semicervina* at El Paujil; *nominate* at Mitu.

Grey-throated Warbler ◊ ***Myiothlypis cinereicollis*** Great views of three at the Bushbird Reserve [nominate].

Russet-crowned Warbler *Myiothlypis coronata* First seen at the Cerulean WR and also at La Romera [regulus].

Rufous-capped Warbler *Basileuterus rufifrons* A few. First seen below the Cerulean Warbler Reserve.

Golden-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus culicivorus* Great looks of this smart bird at Ocaña [cabanisi].

Three-striped Warbler *Basileuterus tristriatus* Quite common at the Cerulean WR and La Romera [auricularis].

Canada Warbler *Cardellina canadensis* Common at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve and at Líbano, a few elsewhere.

Slate-throated Whitestart *Myioborus miniatus* Common. First seen around Soata [ballux].

Golden-fronted Whitestart *Myioborus ornatus* Seen at Monterredondo and common above Soata [nominate].

Eastern Meadowlark *Sturnella magna* A few seen, first seen above Mundo Nuevo [meridionalis].

Red-breasted Blackbird *Sturnella militaris* First seen on the journey from Ocaña to El Paujil.

Chestnut-headed Oropendola *Psarocolius wagleri* Common in the El Valle area [ridgwayi].

Russet-backed Oropendola *Psarocolius angustifrons* See note.

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus* Two forms: *melanterus* at the Cerulean WR; *nominate* at Guyabetal.



Baudo Oropendola is one of the main target in the Utria NP on the coast – not an easy bird to see (János Oláh)!

Green Oropendola (E) *Psarocolius viridis* A few seen in the Mitu area. First seen at Ceima Cachivera.

Baudo Oropendola ◇ *Psarocolius cassini* Great views of two birds at El Valle. We saw it displaying! **EN**

Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela* Two forms noted: vitellinus at El Valle trail; nominate in the Mitu area.

Scarlet-rumped (or Pacific) Cacique *Cacicus [microrhynchus] pacificus* Several seen in the El Valle area.

Northern Mountain Cacique *Cacicus leucoramphus* Good views above Soata and at Colibri del Sol [nominate].

Yellow-backed Oriole *Icterus chrysater* Quite common and seen well at several sites [giraudii].

Yellow Oriole *Icterus nigrogularis* First seen at the marsh stop on the drive to Ocaña [lawrencii].

Baltimore Oriole *Icterus galbula* A few seen at the Cerulean WR and around El Valle.

Yellow-tailed Oriole *Icterus mesomelas* A couple seen well near the lodge at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [carrikeri].

Orange-crowned Oriole *Icterus auricapillus* Nice views of one from the tower at El Paujil.

Epulet (or Moriche) Oriole (E) *Icterus cayanensis* A few seen in the Mitu area [chrysocephalus].

Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus* A few. First seen below the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [nominate].

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis* Widespread in small numbers.

Carib Grackle *Quiscalus lugubris* Common. First seen at Soata [nominate].

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus* Common in the El Valle area [peruvianus].

Oriole Blackbird *Gymnomystax mexicanus* Just one was seen near Villavicencio.

Red-bellied Grackle ◇ *Hypopyrrhus pyrohypogaster* Great views of several at La Romera. **VU**

Colombian Mountain Grackle ◇ *Macroagelaius subalaris* After hard work we had great views above Soata. **EN**

Yellow-hooded Blackbird *Chrysomus icterocephalus* See note.

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola* See note.

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis* Common and widespread [costaricensis].

Yellow-browed Sparrow (E) *Ammodramus aurifrons* Common in disturb habitat around Mitu [tenebrosus].

Black-striped Sparrow *Arremonops conirostris* One was seen near Bolombolo [striaticeps].

Pectoral Sparrow (E) *Arremon taciturnus* (H) A few seen well in the Mitu area [nominate].

Orange-billed Sparrow *Arremon aurantirostris* Two were seen at El Paujil by some [erythrorhynchus].

Chestnut-capped Brush Finch *Arremon brunneinucha* First seen at the Cerulean WR, few others [frontalis].

Yellow-breasted Brush Finch *Atlapetes latinuchus* One was seen in the Chingaza NP [simplex].

Slaty Brush Finch *Atlapetes schistaceus* A family party were seen at Colibri del Sol [nominate].



Moustached Brush Finch above Soata (János Oláh).

Black-headed Brush Finch ◊ *Arremon atricapillus* Great views of at least two near Libano [nominate].
Grey-browed Brush Finch *Arremon assimilis* Good views on our way out from Colibri del Sol, Urrao [nominate].
Moustached Brush Finch ◊ *Atlapetes albobrenatus* Excellent views above Soata, and at Ocaña.
White-naped Brush Finch *Atlapetes [albinucha] gutturalis* (NL) One was seen at La Romera by some.
Pale-naped Brush Finch ◊ *Atlapetes pallidinuca* Several seen Monterredondo and Soata [nominate].
Yellow-headed Brush Finch ◊ *Atlapetes flaviceps* A few in forest fragments just above Libano. EN
Common Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus flavopectus* Seen well at several sites. Orange eyes in this form [olsoni].
Magpie Tanager (E) *Cissopis leverianus* Only seen in the Mitu area [leverianus].
Dusky-faced Tanager *Mitrospingus cassinii* Quite common in the El Valle area [nominate].
Black-capped Hemispingus *Hemispingus atropileus* Great views at Colibri del Sol, Urrao.
Superciliaried Hemispingus *Hemispingus superciliaris* A few were seen in the Chingaza NP.
Flame-crested Tanager (E) *Tachyphonus cristatus* Two sightings in the Mitu area in canopy flocks [orinocensis].
Fulvous-crested Tanager ◊ (E) *Tachyphonus surinamus* A male and a pair was seen in the Mitu area [brevipes].
White-shouldered Tanager *Tachyphonus luctuosus* A few males were seen at El Paujil [panamensis].
Tawny-crested Tanager *Tachyphonus delatrii* Several seen well in the El Valle area.
White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus* A few. First seen at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve.
Red-shouldered Tanager ◊ (E) *Tachyphonus phoenicius* A male was seen at Pueblo Nuevo near Mitu.
Fulvous Shrike-Tanager (E) *Lanio fulvus* A pair was seen at Pueblo Nuevo near Mitu.
Crimson-backed Tanager *Ramphocelus dimidiatus* Fairly common and widespread [nominate].
Silver-beaked Tanager (E) *Ramphocelus carbo* Common in the Mitu area [unicolor].
Flame-rumped Tanager ◊ *Ramphocelus flammigerus* Two were seen on our drive to Urrao.
Lemon-rumped Tanager ◊ *Ramphocelus icteronotus* Several seen at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve and El Valle.
Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus* See note.
Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum* Two forms: atripennis for much of the tour; melanoptera around Mitu.
Blue-capped Tanager *Thraupis cyanocephala* It was seen at Soata [auricrissa] and at Colibri del Sol [annectens].
Hooded Mountain Tanager *Buthraupis montana* Our only sightings was at Colibri del Sol [cucullata].
Lacrimose Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus lacrymosus* Seen well at Colibri del Sol, Urrao, [olivaceiceps].
Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus igniventris* Several. First seen well above Mundo Nuevo [lunulatus].
Grass-green Tanager *Chlorornis riefferii* A few seen well at Monterredondo [riefferii].
Buff-breasted Mountain Tanager *Dubusia taeniata* One was seen well at Monterredondo [nominate].
Plain-coloured Tanager *Tangara inornata* Excellent looks at El Paujil, even the azure epaluet was visible [nominate].
Turquoise Tanager (E) *Tangara mexicana* A few seen in the Mitu area. First seen at Ceima Cachivera [media].
Paradise Tanager (E) *Tangara chilensis* Quite common in the Mitu area [caelicolor].
Green-and-gold Tanager (E) *Tangara schrankii* A few seen well in the Mitu area [nominate].
Golden Tanager *Tangara arthus* See note.
Flame-faced Tanager *Tangara parzudakii* One seen well at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [nominate].
Speckled Tanager *Tangara guttata* Just one was seen at Ocaña [bogotensis].
Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola* A few. First seen below the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [deleticia].
Rufous-winged Tanager *Tangara lavinia* A pair was seen near El Valle [nominate].
Burnished-buff Tanager *Tangara cayana* (LO) Two were seen briefly at Guyabetal on a flowering tree [nominate].
Scrub Tanager ◊ *Tangara vitriolina* A few. First seen below Soata.
Metallic-green Tanager *Tangara labradorides* Seen well at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [nominate].
Blue-necked Tanager *Tangara cyanicollis* First seen below the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [granadensis].
Golden-hooded Tanager *Tangara larvata* Seen at El Paujil, the Bellavista Reserve, and in the El Valle area [fanny].
Masked Tanager (E) *Tangara nigrocincta* Several sightings around Mitu.
Beryl-spangled Tanager *Tangara nigroviridis* Seen at Monterredondo [nominate].
Blue-and-black Tanager *Tangara vassorii* Seen at Monterredondo, Soata and Urrao [nominate].
Black-capped Tanager *Tangara heinei* Seen below the Cerulean Warbler Reserve, at Libano and Colibri del Sol.
Swallow Tanager *Tersina viridis* Singletons were seen at El Paujil and around Mitu [occidentalis].
Yellow-tufted Dacnis ◊ *Dacnis egregia* A male was seen in the Bellavista Reserve near Victoria
Yellow-bellied Dacnis (E) *Dacnis flaviventer* A pair was seen at Urania, Mitu.
Turquoise Dacnis ◊ *Dacnis hartlaubi* Good views of a couple around the lodge at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve. **VU**
Scarlet-thighed Dacnis ◊ *Dacnis venusta* At least three seen along the road near to El Valle [fuliginata].

Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana* Three forms noted: caerebicolor at El Paujil; napaea at El Valle and nominate around Mitu.
Short-billed Honeycreeper ◊ (E) ***Cyanerpes nitidus*** Excellent looks of this smart bird in the Mitu area.



Short-billed Honeycreeper at Pueblo Nuevo near Mitu (János Oláh).

Purple Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes caeruleus* See note.

Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyaneus* Two forms seen: pacificus in the El Valle area; dispar in the Mitu area.

Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza* Two forms seen: subtropicalis near Victoria; caerulescens in the Mitu area.

Scarlet-browed Tanager *Heterospingus xanthopygius* Several seen well in the El Valle area [berliozi].

Yellow-backed Tanager *Hemithraupis flavicollis* Common at El Paujil [albigularis] and a few near Mitu [aurigularis].

White-eared Conebill ◊ ***Conirostrum leucogenys*** Seen well below the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [nominate].

Rufous-browed Conebill ◊ ***Conirostrum rufum*** Seen well at Chingaza NP and above Mundo Nuevo.

Blue-backed Conebill *Conirostrum sitticolor* Three were seen at Chingaza NP [nominate].

Capped Conebill *Conirostrum albifrons* A few seen above Soata [albifrons].

Rusty Flowerpiercer *Diglossa sittoides* One was seen near Bogota at Parque la Florida [dorbignyi].

Chestnut-bellied Flowerpiercer ◊ ***Diglossa gloriosissima*** Superb views of several at Colibri del Sol [boylei]. **EN**

Black Flowerpiercer *Diglossa humeralis* One was seen in paramo habitat on our way to Soata [humeralis].

Black-throated Flowerpiercer *Diglossa brunneiventris* Superb views of several at Colibri del Sol [vuilleumieri].

White-sided Flowerpiercer *Diglossa albilatera* Several seen, the first near La Calera [nominate].

Bluish Flowerpiercer *Diglossa caerulescens* Just two seen above Soata [saturata].

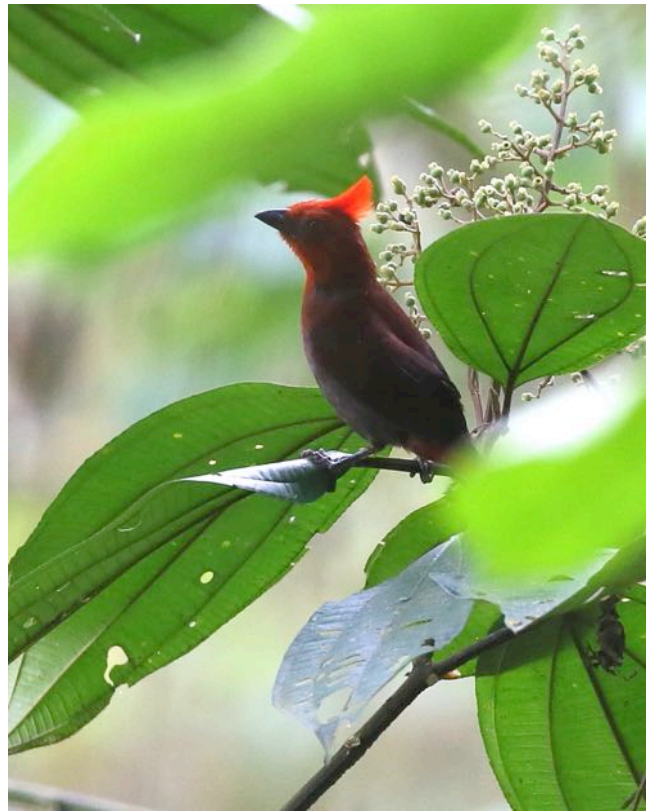
Masked Flowerpiercer *Diglossa cyanea* It was seen above Mundo Nuevo and at Colibri del Sol [nominate].

Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola* Common in the lowlands [nominate].



Black-throated Flowerpiercer in the Colibri del Sol Reserve (János Oláh).

- Slate-coloured Grosbeak** (E) *Saltator grossus* Common by voice in the Mitu area; a few seen well [nominate].
- Buff-throated Saltator** *Saltator maximus* Several seen well, the first below the Cerulean Warbler Reserve.
- Black-winged Saltator** ◊ *Saltator atripennis* Several seen well in the forest fragments near Libano [caniceps].
- Greyish Saltator** *Saltator coerulescens* Just a few seen, the first at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [plumbeus].
- Streaked Saltator** *Saltator striatipectus* Several seen, the first few near to Soata.
- Blue-black Grassquit** *Volatinia jacarina* Common [splendens].
- Variable Seedeater** *Sporophila corvina* Several seen in the El Valle area [hicksii].
- Grey Seedeater** *Sporophila intermedia* A male on the drive from Ocaña to El Paujil [nominate].
- Yellow-bellied Seedeater** *Sporophila nigricollis* First seen near Soata [nominate].
- Ruddy-breasted Seedeater** *Sporophila minuta* A few seen at Laguna del Ato, en route to Libano.
- Thick-billed Seed Finch** *Oryzoborus funereus* Singing males were seen in the Cerulean WR [ochrogyne].
- Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch** (E) *Oryzoborus angolensis* Several seen around Mitu [torridus].
- Large-billed Seed Finch** *Oryzoborus crassirostris* One was seen on our way in and out of El Paujil [occidentalis].
- Plain-coloured Seedeater** *Catamenia inornata* A pair was seen on our way to Soata [minor].
- Yellow-faced Grassquit** *Tiaris olivaceus* A few were seen at the Cerulean WR and at Urrao [pusillus].
- Summer Tanager** *Piranga rubra* Commonly seen throughout [nominate].
- White-winged Tanager** *Piranga leucoptera* Three were seen in the Cerulean Warbler Reserve.
- Sooty Ant Tanager** ◊ *Habia gutturalis* Fantastic looks of a pair at El Paujil on two occasions. **NT**
- Crested Ant Tanager** ◊ *Habia cristata* Great views of at least three in the forest fragments near Libano.
- Lemon-spectacled Tanager** ◊ *Chlorothraupis olivacea* (LO) Just one seen along the Cocalito Trail in Utria NP.
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak** *Pheucticus ludovicianus* Quite a few seen, including some fine males.
- Yellow-green Grosbeak** (E) *Caryothraustes canadensis* Just three were seen in the Mitu area [nominate].
- Blue-black Grosbeak** *Cyanocompsa cyanoides* Several seen in the El Valle area [nominate].
- Rothschild's Grosbeak** ◊ (E) *Cyanocompsa rothschildii* (H) Remained heard-only in the Mitu area.



Sooty Ant Tanager male (left) at El Paujil Reserve, Crested Ant Tanager male (right) at Libano and White-bellied Woodstar at Colibri del Sol Reserve near Urrao (János Oláh).

MAMMALS

Red-tailed Squirrel (Tropical Red S) *Sciurus granatensis* A few assumed to be this species.

Andean Cavy *Cavia aperera* Seen at the Parque la Florida marsh at Bogotá.

Jaguarundi *Puma yagouaroundi* One was seen crossing the road at El Valle. Fantastic cat!

Crab-eating Fox *Cerdocyon thous* A few good views at El Paujil.

Mountain Coati *Nasuella olivacea* Superb looks of two at Monterredondo.

Paca *Cuniculus paca* (NL) One was assumed to be this species by some at El Paujil.

Geoffroy's Tamarin *Saguinus geoffroyi* We had two encounters in the El Valle area.

Mottle-faced Tamarin (E) *Saguinus inustus* A few were seen on the extension around Mitu.

White-fronted Capuchin *Cebus albifrons* One was seen at El Paujil by some.

White-bellied Spider Monkey \diamond *Ateles belzebuth* (NL) Distant views for some at El Paujil.

Venezuelan Red Howler Monkey *Alouatta seniculus* A few seen well in the scope at El Paujil.

Collared Pecari *Pecari tajacu* (NL) One was seen by some at Utria NP near El Valle.



Mountain Coati (above) at Monterredondo and a Fer-de-lance viper at El Paujil (János Oláh).



Geoffroy's Tamarin at El Valle (János Oláh).

NOTES TO THE SYSTEMATIC LIST

Andean Duck *Oxyura ferruginea*

About 50 on the lake at Parque La Florida. Many birds showed characters of Ruddy Duck, and everything in between, and it seems that the validity of the two as separate species may be somewhat questionable.

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis*

We saw the *murphyi* form in the El Valle area which is sometimes called as Southern Brown Pelican.

Ruddy Pigeon *Patagioenas subvinacea*

We noted two forms during the tour. We had good views of several of the form *anolimae* at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve while we saw several of the form *ogilviegranti* around Mitu.

White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonalis*

I assume that we saw two forms of this impressive species. Those at higher elevations, such as above Concordia, were assumed to be the form *altissima* whilst at lower elevations, the wheeling flock at El Paujil were assumed to be *subtropicalis*.

Lesser Violetear *Colibri cyanotus*

Lesser Violetear is split from (monotypic) Mexican [Green] Violetear *C. thalassinus*. Change English name of *Colibri thalassinus* from Green Violetear to Mexican Violetear with split of Lesser Violetear.

Amethyst-throated Sunangel *Heliangelus amethysticollis*

It was common along the Ongaza Road, above Soata. It has been suggested that the form concerned, *clarisse*, may represent a separate species: Longuemare's Sunangel.



Longuemare's Sunangel (left) near Soata and nominate Glowing Puffleg at Observatorio Colibres (János Oláh).

Glowing Puffleg *Eriocnemis vestita*

Two forms were seen on the tour. Two of the nominate form were seen well above Mundo Nuevo, then fantastic views of several at the Observatorio Colibres, La Calera, and seen along the Ongaza Road, above Soata. A couple of the form paramillo were seen well at Colibri del Sol. Another truly beautiful species.

Masked Trogon *Trogon personatus*

We encountered two forms on the tour: the personatus in the Eastern Andes at Monterredondo and Soata while the assimilis in the Western Andes and Colibri del Sol.

Greyish Piculet *Picumnus granadensis*

One was seen in the dry forest along the Concordia road a few kilometres north of Bolombolo. The form here, antioquiensis is quite mottled/streaked on the underparts.

Crimson-crested Woodpecker *Campephilus melanoleucos*

Two forms were noted. Several seen well at El Paujil and at El Valle were of the form malherbii whilst at Mitu, we saw a few of the nominate form.

Plain-brown Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla fuliginosa*

Two forms of this common, antswarm-living woodcreeper was seen. Two of the form lafresnayeii were seen at El Paujil whilst in the Mitu area, the form phaeochroa was seen.

Dusky Antbird *Cercomacra tyrannina*

One male was seen near El Valle. The birds here were formerly known as rufiventris, though this subspecies is now merged with the nominate. We also saw a pair near Mitu. Not sure which subspecies is involved.



Presumed Choco Tyrannulet nest building in the Utria National Park (János Oláh).

Choco Tyrannulet *Zimmerius albigularis*

We saw a pair of *Zimmerius* tyrannulets in Utria NP building a nest and their call seemed to be this species. It would be a distinct range expansion and more information is still needed to confirm this record. We have taken photos of the birds too.

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus*

We noted two forms of this widespread species. We saw it at El Paujil and in the Bellavista Reserve near Victoria. In the Mitu area, the nominate form was common.

Western Striped Manakin *Machaeropterus striolatus*

Two forms of this cracking species noted. We had a male of the form *antioquiae* at El Paujil, and a female at the Bellavista Reserve, La Victoria. A few of the nominate form were also seen in the Mitu area. Stunner!



Golden-headed Manakin (left) at the Bellavista Reserve and Western Striped Manakin along the Bocatomá trail near Mitu (János Oláh).

Golden-headed Manakin *Dixiphia erythrocephala*

Once again, we noted two forms. Several males and females seen at the Bellavista Reserve, La Victoria [nominate]. It was also commonly encountered in the Mitu area [berlepschi].

Cinnamon Becard *Pachyrhamphus cinnamomeus*

Several seen below the Cerulean Warbler Reserve and also seen a few near El Valle [nominate] and regular encounters at El Paujil [magdalenae].

Orange-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia xanthogaster*

We saw two forms of this widespread and variable species. The yellower *oreosinoma* was first seen at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve, whilst the form *brevirostris* was seen and heard in the Mitu area.

Russet-backed Oropendola *Psarocolius angustifrons*

We noted two forms of this species: *sincipitalis* first seen at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve, and a few *salmoni* seen well at La Romera.

Yellow-hooded Blackbird *Chrysomus icterocephalus*

We had several birds in the marshy habitats around Bogotá [bogotensis] while the nominate was common at various lowland marshes.

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola*

Two races were recorded. We found the form *columbiana* commonly on the tour, and the form *minima* was seen in the Mitu area.

Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus*

We saw two subspecies of this widespread and common species. The form *quaesita* was common and widespread on the main tour. The Amazonian form *mediana*, complete with white wing patches, was common in the Mitu area.

Golden Tanager *Tangara arthus*

We saw three forms on the tour. First the *scalteri* form was seen by some at Chingaza NP. We all had great looks of the *palmitae* form at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve and Ocaña. The *occidentalis* was seen at Libano and La Romera.

Purple Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes caeruleus*

We noted three forms of this widespread species. The form *microrhynchus* was first seen at Guayabetal, the form *chocoanus* was common in the El Valle area and the nominate form was common around Mitu.

APPENDIX: overall results of the 'Bird of the tour' contest

Species	Points	Nominations
1st Recurve-billed Bushbird	40	5
2nd Sapayoa	26	3
3rd Blue-billed Curassow	20	3
4th Baudo Oropendola	20	3
5th Sword-billed Hummingbird	10	1

APPENDIX: overall results of the 'Bird of the extension' contest

Species	Points	Nominations
1st Chestnut-crested Antbird	18	4
2nd Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock	14	4
3rd Fiery Topaz	6	1
3rd Western Striped Manakin	6	1



Endemic Yellow-headed Brush Finch at Libano (left), the near endemic Coppery-bellied Puffleg (right) near Bogota and the localised Plumbeous Euphonia near Mitu (János Oláh).