



The endangered Recurve-billed Bushbird was one of the best birds of the tour. (Dani Lopez-Velasco)

COLOMBIA: FROM THE CHOCO TO AMAZONIA

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This was the third time that we have 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 is always changing as new destinations, locations and birds are being found. Unfortunately, this time we couldn't visit Colibri del Sol, as the place has just recently closed. Instead, we visited the Chestnut-capped Piha reserve, where the birding was excellent. 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 than 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 recorded a staggering total of 817 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 rarely-seen Wattled Guan, Northern Screamer, Semiplumbeous Hawk, the skulking Brown Wood Rail, Brown-breasted or Flame-winged Parakeet, perched Rose-faced and Rusty-faced Parrots, Tolima Dove, Lined Quail Dove, Dwarf Cuckoo, White-throated, Cinnamon and Choco Screech Owls, Blue-throated Starfrontlet, Short-tailed Emerald, Lazuline Sabrewing, the endemic Black Inca, Chestnut-bellied, Green-bellied, Shining-green and Indigo-capped Hummingbirds, the rare Humboldt's Sapphire, White-mantled Barbet, Beautiful Woodpecker, Black-billed Mountain-Toucan, the subtle but unique Sapayoa, the endangered Recurve-billed Bushbird in the last minute, Parker's Antbird, an all-too brief Cundinamarca Antpitta, Yellow-headed Manakin, Bare-crowned Antbird, Chestnut-capped Piha, Niceforo's Wren, Double-banded Graytail, Magdalena Antbird, Apical Flycatcher, Baudo Oropendola for some, superb Crested and Sooty Ant Tanagers, Black-and-gold Tanager, Velvet-fronted Euphonia, Red-bellied Grackle and the very rare Colombian Mountain Grackle. And that really is just the tip of the iceberg! On the Mitu Extension in Amazonia we had an amazing list of highlights, including Fiery-tailed Awlbill, Tawny-tufted Toucanet, Pavonine Quetzal, Guianan Cock-of-the-rock, Yellow-throated Antwren, Bar-bellied and White-chinned Woodcreepers, Collared and Brown-banded Puffbirds amongst an incredible 12 species of puffbirds seen during the whole tour, the rare Grey-bellied Antbird, Rusty-breasted Nunlet, the superb Chestnut-crested Antbird, Black Bushbird, Azure-naped Jay, Purple-breasted Cotinga, Striated Antthrush, White-bellied Dacnis, Fiery Topaz, and Plumbeous Euphonia.



Blue-billed Curassow is a stunning species, especially when seen this well!(DLV)

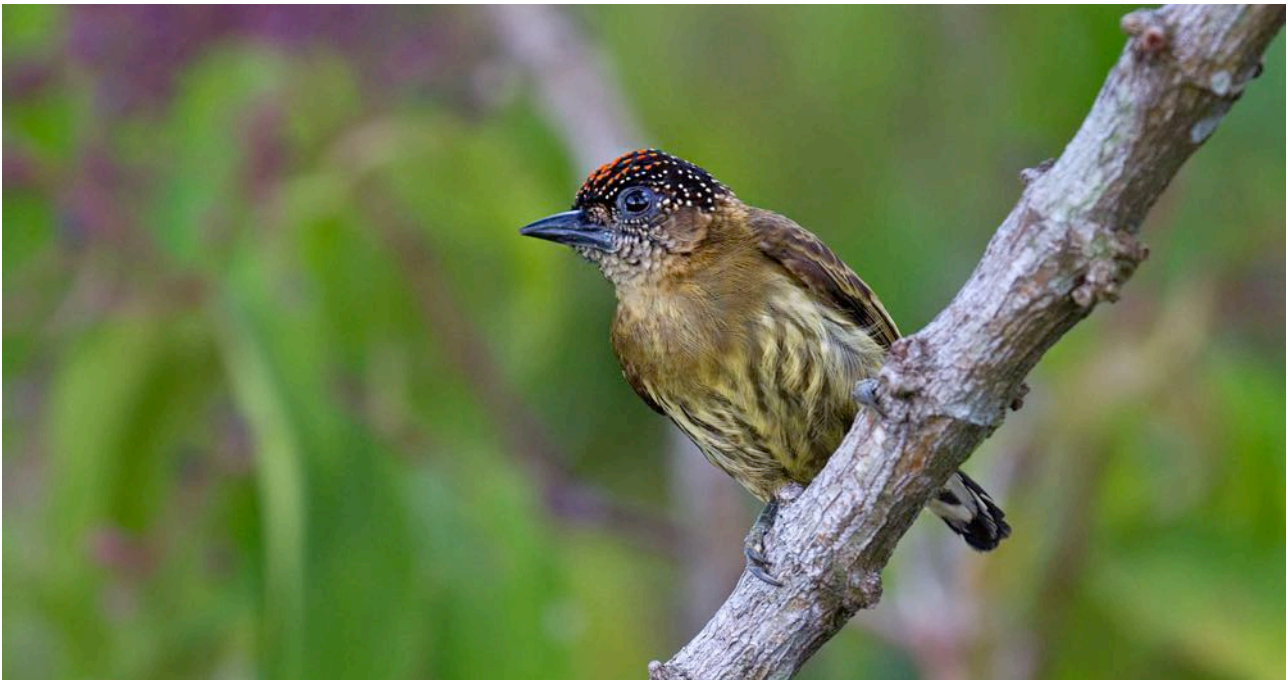
The main tour started with a couple of days exploring the Eastern Andes close to Bogotá. We began with a visit to Mundo Nuevo, close to the capital, where our main target, the localized Brown-breasted (or Flame-winged) Parakeet was soon located, first a distant flock and then a most-welcome perched bird at close quarters. 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, a calling Black-billed Mountain Toucan found by Matt, Plain-breasted Hawk, White-rumped Hawk, smart Pearled Treerunners, a calling Chestnut-crowned Antpitta for some, White-throated and White-banded Tyrannulets, two handsome Cinnamon Flycatchers, a pair of Smoky Bush Tyrants, Rufous-breasted Chat

Tyrant, some confiding Green-and-black Fruiteaters, some Brown-bellied Swallows, Andean Siskin, a single Slaty Brush Finch, Superciliaried Hemispingus, cracking Hooded and Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanagers, Beryl-spangled Tanager, Bluish, Masked and White-sided Flowerpiercers and a pair of Black-collared Jays. 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, 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!



Sword-billed Hummingbird and Blue-throated Starfrontlet. (DLV)

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 didn't even hear one in the whole morning! It was sunny and pretty warm, and bird activity was rather slow. In the mid afternoon, after spending most of the day playing the tape and listening, to no avail, a Cundinamarca Antpitta finally started calling nearby. The bird was quite responsive but, typically for the species, extremely skulking and shy, and although it came to the tape, the spot had rather thick vegetation and only the leader managed to see it a couple of times. Whilst looking for the antpitta we did find some other goodies including Longuemare's Sunangel, Masked Trogon, the localized White-throated Toucanet, heard-only Slaty-crowned and Rufous Antpittas, a confiding Pale-bellied (Mattoral) Tapaculo, smart Rufous-headed Pygmy Tyrant, Black-capped and Sulphur-bellied Tyrannulets, Flavescent Flycatcher, many Green-and-black Fruiteaters, Black-crested Warbler, Barred Becard, a group of Rufous Wrens, colourful Grey-hooded Bush, Grass-green, Golden-crowned and Blue-and-black Tanagers. We then spent some time trying to track down the localised Green-bellied Hummingbird at a flowering tree where we had good scope views of a perched male of this little-known hummer, as well as a single Crested Oropendola before we returned to the capital.



Olivaceous Piculet. (DLV)

The following day we began on the outskirts of Bogotá. We started at a small wetland where we soon found a singing Apolinar's Wren, as well as a couple of Spot-flanked Gallinules. For some reason Bogota Rails were not very cooperative, refusing to show at first, but in the end we all managed good views of a couple birds out in the open. We also found a variety of commoner wetland species such as Pied-billed Grebe, various waterfowl, including Lesser Scaup and Blue-winged Teal, Solitary Sandpiper and Sora, as well as Subtropical Doradito for Hemme. In some nearby thickets we coaxed into view a pair of Silvery-throated Spinetails, while a Rufous-browed Conebill was our only one of the trip. Then it was time to embark 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 and the distinctive endemic Apical Flycatcher. Pleased with our success, we decided to try at another spot for the rare endemic Niceforo's Wren, and luck was on our side, as we enjoyed brilliant views of a pair. Supporting cast included Striped Cuckoo and Scrub Tanager.



Two rare endemics from the Soata area: Apical Flycatcher and Niceforo's Wren. (DLV)

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 Owls, which put on a great show. The grackles can be very difficult to find, but luckily it wasn't the case this time! In fact, as soon as it got light we heard the distinctive calls of a group of grackles, and soon we had three of them in a tree in front of us, showing superbly. The other speciality of the area, the rare Rusty-faced Parrot, was surprisingly easy too, and we were fortunate to enjoy amazing scope views of several birds perched up in a tree. This is a difficult bird to see, and most sightings refer to quick fly-by birds, so we were more than pleased with our views. Birding in the morning here produced many interesting species, including Band-tailed Pigeon, a brief male Golden-bellied Starfrontlet, White-tipped Swift, White-throated Toucanet, colourful Crimson-mantled Woodpeckers, Montane Woodcreeper, Mountain Elaenia, smart Golden-fronted Whitestart, Brown-capped Vireo, Northern Mountain Cacique, the localized Moustached Brush Finch and the more widespread Pale-naped Brush Finch, Fawn-breasted Tanager and Bluish Flowerpiercers.





White-throated Screech Owl and Colombian Mountain Grackle were two of the highlights in upper Soata. (DLV)

So, unbelievably, by 10 am, our mission in the Soata area was completed, and given the very long journey ahead, we decided to carry on towards our next destination, earlier than planned. We arrived to Rogitama, near Arcabuco, late in the afternoon. There were lots of flowers available for the hummers, as well as new feeders, and the place was full of hummingbirds! Amongst them, we were delighted to find the endemic Black Inca and the localized Short-tailed Emerald, as well as some cracking Lazuline Sabrewings and a male Gorgeted Woodstar. We left early in the morning, and spent driving most of the day towards the Cerulean Warbler Reserve above San Vicente de Chucuri. We birded along the final stretch of road in the afternoon, and this was a good decision as we found some very good birds. Amongst them, the endemic Beautiful Woodpecker, a spectacular Yellow-browed Shrike Vireo and a pair of tiny White-eared Conebills.



The endemic Black Inca. (DLV)

Over the next two and a half days we birded various parts of the fantastic Cerulean Warbler Reserve, mostly the upper forest but also some areas lower down. The birding was superb, even around the lodge, and we managed to find almost all of our targets. The endemic Turquoise Dacnis showed nicely in the garden, while the feeders around the lodge hosted dazzling Lemon-rumped Tanagers as well as confiding Streaked Saltators and Swainson's Thrushes. Other birds around the lodge included Colombian Chachalaca, Ruddy Pigeon, Savannah Hawk, Bar-crested Antshrike, Spectacled Parrotlet, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, Spot-breasted Woodpecker, Southern White-fringed Antwren, Yellow-legged Thrush, Bicolored Wren, Cerulean and Mourning Warblers, Black-winged Saltator 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, Green-crowned Brilliants and Buff-tailed Coronets. We had great looks of Lined Quail-Dove and Grey-cheeked Thrush as well as many Black Incas and White-booted Racket-tails on the forest feeders, although unfortunately the Gorgeted Wood Quails haven't been in attendance for the last couple of years. We spent a lot of time trying to coax into view some calling birds up in the forest, but they were pretty much unresponsive, refusing to cross the path. The forest was very quiet in the afternoon but at dusk we managed to have absolutely amazing views of Cinnamon Screech-Owl. Stunning! Along the amazingly slippery and uncomfortable stony path we found a number of goodies, including a nice male Golden-headed Quetzal, a pair of White-mantled Barbets, Barred Forest Falcon, Montane Foliage-gleaner, Plain Xenops, Brown-billed Scythebill, Uniform Antshrike, the endemic Parker's Antbird, the canopy-loving Rufous-rumped Antwren, a showy Magdalena Tapaculo, a male Golden-winged Manakin, Ornate Flycatchers, a rare Rufous-browed Tyrannulet, Plumbeous-crowned Tyrannulet, Rufous-naped Greenlet, Three-striped, Canada and Black-and-white Warblers, Subtropical Cacique and Golden, White-winged and Metallic-green Tanagers. Late afternoon and our last morning were spent on the road below the lodge where the highlight was a pair of rare Double-banded Graytails – a write-in! - and an unexpected Slate-throated Gnatcatcher, while supporting cast included Orange-chinned Parakeet, Sooty-headed and Golden-faced Tyrannulets, Speckle-breasted (Colombian) Wren and Guira Tanager



Yellow-browed Shrike Vireo and an unexpected Double-banded Graytail below the Cerulean Warbler Reserve. (DLV)



A cracking Cinnamon Screech Owl from the Cerulean Warbler Reserve. (DLV)

It was time to say good-bye to our hosts at this fine lodge and after some final morning birding around the lodge, which gave us Black-headed Brush Finch and Stripe-breasted Spinetail, amongst others, we descended to San Vicente de Chucuri where our driver was waiting for us with our bus and we started our long journey towards Ocaña in the north. We made a short stop en route where we added Jet Antbird to our list. 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! We spent the whole day walking up and down the trails and trying all known territories, but in spite of all of our efforts we didn't even hear one. Other good birds kept us entertained though, as we located the recently split Klages's Antbird, stolid Moustached Puffbird and in the thick bamboo patches the uncommon Grey-throated Warbler. Other birds seen included Golden-olive Woodpecker, Slaty-capped Flycatcher and a nice Chestnut-bellied Thrush found by Dave, Blue-naped Chlorophonia, Grey-browed Brush Finch for the leader and a pair of Black-headed Tanagers.

Even though we had a very long journey ahead the next day, we decided to give one last try for the bushbird the following morning. We left early, and we were on a mission. Again, we walked up and down and checked all the usual sites, but nothing; the birds were not even calling. It was then time to leave, and just when we returned and started the walk back, I decided to give one last try with the tape at a promising bamboo spot which we had checked several times before. But this time, as soon as I played the tape we saw some movement deep in, and all of a sudden Matt says, "I see it"! Amazingly, a pair of bushbirds responded extremely well and allowed for unbeatable views of this cracking antbird. WOW, mission accomplished! Pleased with our success, we retraced our steps back to our vehicle. After successfully connecting with Ocaña's main speciality, only rediscovered in 2004, we embarked upon the long drive to El Paujil, so as to arrive there in good time. We stopped at some wetlands, where we saw many waterbirds including several Northern Screamers, White-faced and Black-bellied Whistling Ducks, Wilson's Snipe, Large-billed Tern, Bare-faced Ibis, Rufescent Tiger Heron as well as a single Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture, Long-winged Harrier, Pearl Kite and Red-breasted Blackbird.



Choco Screech Owl at El Paujil. One of 6 species of owls seen more or less from the same place! (DLV)

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. We had two full days at El Paujil and it proved to be very 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, including the habituated wild male. 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 Pale-bellied Hermit, White-whiskered Puffbird, Black Antshrike, the incredible Bare-crowned Antbird, the range-restricted and somewhat dowdy

Black-billed Flycatcher, impressive Sooty Ant Tanagers, the unobtrusive Southern Bentbill, colourful little Western Striped Manakins and Shining Green and Blue-chested Hummingbirds as well as White-vented Plumeleteer. 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 and Blue-and-Yellow Macaws, Orange-winged and Southern Mealy Amazons, Olivaceous Piculet, Cinnamon Woodpecker, Straight-billed Woodcreeper, Forest Elaenia, Golden-hooded Tanager and a smart Orange-crowned Oriole. Whilst exploring the forest trails we found a number of other species including like Marbled Wood Quail, Grey-necked Wood Rail, impressive Barred Puffbirds, Broad-billed Motmot, Chestnut-backed and Bicolored Antbirds, Plain-brown and Northern Barred Woodcreepers, Checker-throated Antwren, Panamanian and Sepia-capped Flycatchers, Black-chested Jays, Olivaceous Flatbill, Golden-headed Manakin, Black-bellied Wren, Fulvous-vented Euphonia, Yellow-tufted Dacnis and Yellow-backed and Swallow Tanagers whilst colour was added by Black-tailed, White-tailed and Gartered Trogons. Owling at the reserve was probably better than at any place I've been, ever. That should give you an idea of how successful our night birding sessions were... Over 2 nights, owls of 6 different species came in quick succession, including Choco and Tropical Screech Owls and Mottled, cracking Crested, impressive Spectacled and smart Black-and-White Owls all seen exceedingly well. Wow!



Sooty Ant Tanager was one of the many good birds seen at El Paujil. (DLV)

We left the amazing reserve and following the bumpy track, where we saw Crested Bobwhite, Muscovy Duck, Green Ibis, Plumbeous Kite, Green, Amazon and Ringed Kingfishers, White-throated Crake, a nice Russet-throated Puffbird, Caribbean Hornero, Yellow-throated Spinetail, Black-capped Donacobius, Black-crested Antshrike, Pied Water Tyrant, White-headed Marsh Tyrant and Large-billed Seed Finch. We eventually reached the main road and headed for Libano. On the way we paused at a rather uninspiring looking site close to Laguna del Ato. It proved to be quite birdy though, and in just a brief visit we added the endemic Velvet-fronted Euphonia as well as Greenish Elaenia to our list. We got to Libano just in time for some afternoon birding. Luck was on our side, as we soon found a small flock of cracking Crested Ant Tanagers. What a bird! They performed at length and we obtained wonderful views.

The following morning we explored some other forest fragment close to Libano. The habitat is really just a few forest patch with a handful of proper trees left! Nevertheless, we had a very birdy morning and came up with an impressive array of good birds. The endemic Yellow-headed Brush Finch put on a great show, and we saw some more Crested Ant Tanagers. The other target here is the rare Tolima Dove. We heard 3 different birds, but they were in a couple of deep gulleys with thick vegetation, with no real access. We tried to bring them closer, to no avail. At some stage, one appeared walking on the ground, but it quickly flushed before everyone got on it. In spite of trying hard for the next 2 hours, none showed again. Other good birds seen included a vocal Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper, several flocks of Barred Parakeets around seeding bamboo, Andean Motmots, Grey-throated Toucanet, White-throated Spadebill, Rufous-capped Warbler and White-naped and Chestnut-capped Brush Finches.



Crested Ant Tanager is yet another amazing-looking endemic. (DLV)

By lunchtime we were moving on again, this time to Victoria. We made a productive stop where we had good looks at a Dwarf Cuckoo, amongst other things. We had just an afternoon and an early morning to explore the birdy Bellavista Reserve near La Victoria. Once again we were target orientated! After some time we found 2 of the localized White-bibbed Manakin, including a cracking adult male, as well as Golden-headed, White-bearded and Western Striped Manakins. Our other main target, Magdalena Antbird, showed very well too. We also enjoyed excellent looks of a pair White-mantled Barbets, while Sooty-headed Wrens was also a good addition to our list. As the extremely loud concert of the local cicadas started we decided to start our very long drive to the Chestnut-capped Piha Reserve near Anori. We finally arrived to this excellent site late in the evening.

We had one full day and one morning to explore the excellent trail system of the reserve, created to protect the critically endangered Chestnut-capped Piha, only discovered in the northern end of Colombia's Central Andes as recently as 1999. Fortunately for us, we found our first pair of pihas rather easily, and during our stay we managed to see at least 5 birds. The birding here was very productive, and apart from the pihas, highlights included seeing, and not just hearing, a Wattled Guan, a stunning Black-and-gold Tanager and some noisy Red-bellied Grackles on our second morning just when we were about to leave. Other good birds include a soaring Ornate Hawk-Eagle, Green-fronted Lancebill, Greenish Puffleg, Red-headed Barbet, heard-only Pavonine Cuckoo, Chestnut-crowned Gnateater, Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner, Slaty Antwren, Stile's Tapaculo, Wing-barred Piprites, Red-faced Spinetail, Streak-capped Treehunter, Rufous-browed

Tyrannulet showing its rufous eyebrow, a pair of Golden-bellied Fruiteaters, Yellow-throated Vireo, Yellow-throated Bush Tanager and a pair of cracking Purplish-mantled Tanagers at close quarters.



Blue-chested Hummingbird and Bare-crowned Antbird from El Paujil. (DLV)

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!-, in search of a very localized target. A short visit to La Romera on the outskirts of Medellin gave us a much-wanted male Yellow-headed Manakin. 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 with our local guide Balmes. In the late afternoon birding we got some goodies like King Vulture, Grey-headed Kite, Tiny Hawk, Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift, Black-cheeked and Crimson-crested Woodpeckers, a male Blue Cotinga, our first Black-tipped Cotinga, Purple-throated Fruitcrow and some nesting Chestnut-headed Oropendolas.



The critically endangered Chestnut-capped Piha showed superbly at the...Chestnut-capped Piha reserve! (Matt Wallace)

On our first full day we 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 we found our first major target, the rare Brown Wood Rail. The mangrove boardwalk gave us another important target, the rare Humboldt's Sapphire, of which 2 great males were seen at close range. We also saw distant male Black-tipped Cotingas and a surprise Semiplumbeous Hawk – a lifer for Trevor!-. We tried to coax into view a calling Uniform Crake, but the bird had other plans! We decided to walk along a shady forest trail just across a small bay before it started to rain. 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 a pair of Sapayoas, Spot-crowned Antvireo, Blue-crowned Manakin, the localized Stripe-throated Wren, Sulphur-rumped Myiobius, and the bulky Lemon-spectacled Tanager. Some late afternoon seawatching from the beach gave us Blue-footed and Brown Boobies, as well as the usual Magnificent Frigatebirds and Brown Pelicans.

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 common bird at all, and it does need clearings in forested habitat. After a fun motorbike ride on the beach and a bit of walking, we reached a favoured clearing, where we spent the whole morning. However, the oropendolas weren't around and none

were seen. Some other good birds kept us entertained though, including a pair of Western or Choco *Sirystes*, a pair of nesting Tiny Hawks and an impressive Black-breasted Puffbird. We then walked back to the village, birding along the trail. It was rather quiet but we managed a number of goodies including Grey-chested Dove, a brief Tooth-billed Hummingbird, some perched Rose-faced Parrots, Spotted Antbird and Dusky-faced Tanager and a Rufous-winged Tanager for Dave. In the late afternoon we visited El Valle road again. We did a lot of scanning from a vantage point, hoping for oropendolas, but only Chestnut-headed was seen. The same Blue Cotinga was at its usual tree, and we also saw Scarlet-rumped Cacique and a pair of Scarlet-thighed Dacnis.



Two of the best birds seen at Utria NP. The enigmatic Sapayoa and the smart Humboldt's Sapphire. (DLV)



Yellow-crowned Night Heron at Bahia Solano. (DLV)

Before our scheduled flight back to Medellin and to Bogota we had another morning birding along this road. To our surprise, as we were about to give up, a Baudo Oropendola finally came to the tape but unfortunately it was rather brief and only a couple of us got on it. Other new birds seen included Black Hawk-Eagle, pair of Spot-crowned Barbet, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Purple-crowned Fairy, Pacific (Streaked) Antwren, White-headed Wren and a tiny Black-capped Pygmy Tyrant. Once at the airport we were informed that due to technical problems the plane wouldn't arrive at Bahia Solano today, so we were forced to stay in the village until the next day. However, the birding in the bay was excellent, with lots of shorebirds at very close quarters, including Western, Semipalmated and Least Sandpipers, Semipalmated and Grey Plovers and Western Willets, as well as some nice Yellow-crowned Night Herons, a Great Blue Heron, some Royal Terns and Laughing Gulls.

The plane arrived, surprisingly, early next morning, and after a quick stop-over in Medellin airport we continued to Bogota, where Matt left us, and where we greeted Jules, just in time to catch our flight to Mitu.

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 with our trusted local guide Miguel. 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, the very rare Fiery-tailed Awbill, Tawny-tufted Toucanet, the rare Grey-bellied Antbird, Rusty-breasted Nunlet, both White-chinned and Bar-bellied Woodcreepers, Striated Antthrush, Spotted and Brown-banded Puffbirds, White-crested Spadebill, flocks of Azure-naped Jays, the diminutive Plumbeous Euphonia and the seldom-seen White-bellied Dacnis 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, Saffron-crested Tyrant Manakin, Amazonian Inezia, Citron-bellied Attila and Brown-headed Greenlet. Other species which can be hard to find such as Ringed Antpipit, Rufous-tailed Xenops and the soon to be split *duidae* Fuscous Flycatcher all showed well, and we enjoyed brilliant encounters with male Guianan Cock-of-

the-Rocks and Purple-breasted Cotinga. Indeed antbirds were rather well represented, with highlights including a pair of Black Bushbirds, Dusky-throated and Cinereous Antshrikes as flock leaders, Amazonian, canopy loving Spot-winged and Plain-winged Antshrikes, the uncommon Blackish-grey Antshrike, the localized Negro Stipple-throated Antwren, Rufous-tailed, Amazonian Streaked, White-flanked, Long-winged, Grey, the rare Yellow-throated and Pygmy Antwrens, the scarce Spot-backed Antwren, Grey, Black-faced, Black-chinned, Imeri Warbling, Yellow-browed, Black-headed, Black-throated, White-plumed, White-cheeked and Dusky Antbirds. Elsewhere in the mixed flocks we found Lemon-throated Barbet, Scaly-breasted, Woodpecker, Slender-billed Xenops and Grey Elaenia.

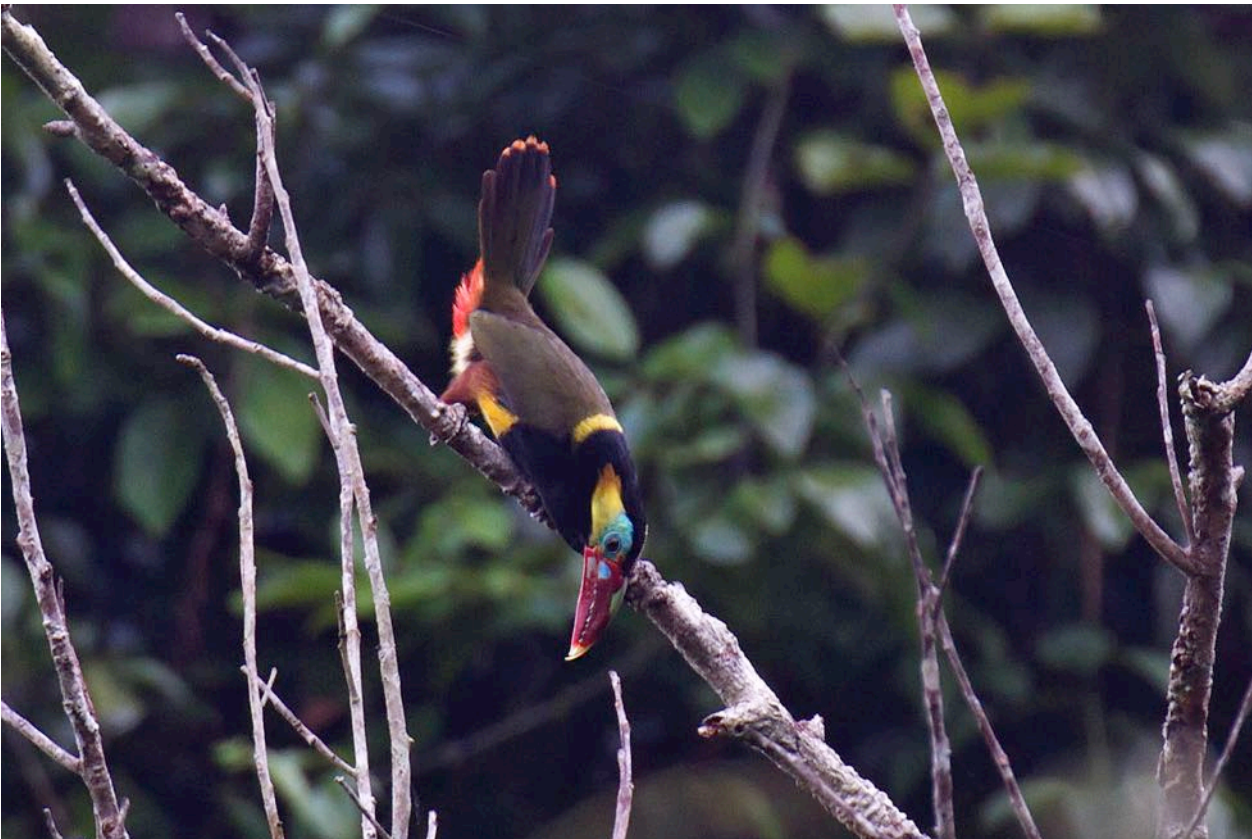


A stunning male Guianan Cock-of-the-rock from Mitu. (DLV)

Colour was added by the uncommon Pavonine Quetzal, Golden-headed and White-crowned Manakins, Spangled and Pompadour Cotingas, Yellow-billed, Paradise and Bronzy Jacamars, Lettered, Ivory-billed and Many-banded Aracaris, Red-stained and Yellow-throated Woodpeckers, stunning Scarlet and Red-bellied Macaws and amazing Red-fan Parrots, the diminutive White-browed Purpletuft, Green and Olive Oropendolas and Epaulet (Moriche) Oriole. Also in the canopy were a variety of colourful tanagers which included Flame and Fulvous-crested, Turquoise, Opal-rumped, Yellow-bellied, Opal-crowned, 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 Rothschild's and Slate-coloured Grosbeaks. Good hummingbirds included Pale-tailed Barbthroat, Gould's Jewelfront, White-bearded and Straight-billed Hermits, Black-eared Fairy and White-chinned Sapphire. Nightbirding is not a real feature of the area but we saw the uncommon Band-bellied and Lesser Nighthawks, Blackish Nightjar and Pauraques. Other notable species seen during our stay included Bicolored Hawk, Black-collared Swallow, Dusky-billed Parrotlet, Musician Wren and Dusky-chested and Yellow-throated Flycatchers. 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!



Two specialities from Mitu: Chestnut-crested Antbird and Tawny-tufted Toucanet. (DLV)



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).

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 El Valle.
Highland Tinamou ◊ *Nothocercus bonapartei* (H) Several heard at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [nominate].
Cinereous Tinamou *Crypturellus cinereus* (H) Heard at Mitu.
Little Tinamou *Crypturellus soui* (LO) Regularly heard at lowland sites and one seen by Trevor.
Northern Screamer ◊ *Chauna chavaria* A few on the El Paujil journeys.
White-faced Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna viduata* Two seen on the way to El Paujil.
Black-bellied Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis* Commonest at the marsh near El Paujil. [nominate].
Muscovy Duck *Cairina moschata* One seen near El Paujil.
Andean Teal *Anas andium* One at Mundo Nuevo.
Blue-winged Teal *Anas discors* It was common at Parque La Florida.
Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis* About 10 were seen at Parque La Florida.
Andean Duck *Oxyura ferruginea* See note.
Grey-headed Chachalaca *Ortalis cinereiceps* One seen in Utria NP. Others heard there.
Speckled Chachalaca (E) *Ortalis guttata* Seen near Mitu [nominate].
Colombian Chachalaca ◊ *Ortalis columbiana* Several seen in the Cerulean WR, at El Paujil and La Romera.
Andean Guan ◊ *Penelope montagnii* 1 seen in the Chingaza NP on our first day.
Crested Guan *Penelope purpurascens* (H) Heard at Utria NP [aequatorialis].
Wattled Guan ◊ *Aburria aburri* Seen at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve.
Sickle-winged Guan ◊ *Chamaepetes goudotii* Seen a couple of times.
Blue-billed Curassow ◊ *Crax alberti* Excellent looks at a male and two females at El Paujil.
Crested Bobwhite *Colinus cristatus* Seen on the journey to El Paujil [leucotis].
Marbled Wood Quail ◊ *Odontophorus gujanensis* A pair seen by some of us at El Paujil.
Black-fronted Wood Quail *Odontophorus atrifrons* (H) Heard only.
Gorgeted Wood Quail *Odontophorus strophium* (H) Heard very close at the Cerulean, but they wouldn't come out.
Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps* Seen at Parque La Florida [antarcticus].
Wood Stork *Mycteria americana* One seen at the marsh stop on the drive to El Paujil.
Green Ibis *Mesembrinibis cayennensis* Seen well near El Paujil.
Bare-faced Ibis *Phimosus infuscatus* Commonly seen in the Magdalena Valley [berlepschi].
Rufescent Tiger Heron *Tigrisoma lineatum* One was seen near El Paujil [nominate].
Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* One sighting.
Yellow-crowned Night Heron *Nyctanassa violacea* Seen at Bahia Solano [violacea-group].
Striated Heron *Butorides striata* Common [nominate].

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* Common and widespread.

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias* Seen at Bahia Solano.

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi* A few seen.



Northern Screamer and Striated Heron. (DLV)

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

Capped Heron *Pilherodius pileatus* Seen near 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 around El Valle [murphyi]. See note.
Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens* Common along the coast at El Valle.
Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster* Seen off El Valle [etesiaica].
Blue-footed Booby *Sula nebouxii* Seen close to shore off El Valle.
Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* Small numbers at several wetlands [nominate].
Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga* Just 1 sighting on the tour [nominate].
Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* Common and widespread.
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture *Cathartes burrovianus* 2 sightings [nominate].
Greater Yellow-headed Vulture (E) *Cathartes melambrotus* Several seen on the extension near Mitu.
Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* Common and widespread.
King Vulture *Sarcoramphus papa* Several sightings.
Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* A few seen at various wetlands [carolinensis].
White-tailed Kite *Elanus leucurus* 3 seen.
Pearl Kite *Gampsonyx swainsonii* A couple of sightings.
Grey-headed Kite *Leptodon cayanensis* Good scope views of an adult at El Valle.
Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus* Common in the El Valle area and on the Mitu extension.
Black Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus tyrannus* Seen well at El Valle [serus].
Ornate Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus ornatus* Seen at the piha reserve and Mitu.
Double-toothed Kite *Harpagus bidentatus* First seen at El Valle [nominate].
Tiny Hawk *Accipiter superciliosus* Two pairs at El Valle.
Bicolored Hawk (E) *Accipiter bicolor* Seen well at Mitu.
Plain-breasted Hawk *Accipiter ventralis* Seen at Mundo Nuevo.
Long-winged Harrier *Circus buffoni* Seen near El Paujil.
Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea* Commonly seen around El Valle and Mitu.
Mississippi Kite *Ictinia mississippiensis* One seen well in migration near El Paujil.
Semiplumbeous Hawk *Leucopternis semiplumbeus* Seen well at Utria NP.
Common Black Hawk *Buteogallus anthracinus* Seen at Utria NP.
Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis* It was commonly seen in open habitat especially in the Magdalena Valley.
Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris* Common and widespread [nominate].
White-rumped Hawk *Parabuteo leucorrhous* Seen at Mundo Nuevo.
White-tailed Hawk *Geranoaetus albicaudatus* One sighting. [hypospodius].
Grey-lined Hawk *Buteo nitidus* One sighting.
Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus* Several records.
Zone-tailed Hawk *Buteo albonotatus* Seen a couple of times.
Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyurus* 3 seen [nominate].
Russet-crowned Crane *Laterallus viridis* (H) Not seen in spite of some hard work.
Uniform Crane *Amaurolimnas concolor* (H) Heard at Utria NP.
White-throated Crane *Laterallus albigularis* Seen well on our way to El Paujil.
Bogota Rail *Rallus semiplumbeus* In the end, good views of this endemic at Parque La Florida [nominate].
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.
Sora *Porzana carolina* Seen well at La Florida.
Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinicus* A few were seen at La Florida.
Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata* Common at Parque La Florida [pauxilla].
Spot-flanked Gallinule *Gallinula melanops* Just 2 were seen well at Parque La Florida [bogotensis].
American Coot *Fulica americana* It was common at Parque La Florida. Yellow bills! [columbiana].
Limpkin *Aramus guarauna* (E) Seen near Mitu.
Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus* One sighting.
Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis* Common and widespread [cayennensis].
Grey Plover (Black-bellied P) *Pluvialis squatarola* Seen at Bahia Solano.
Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* Seen at Bahia Solano.
Wilson's Plover *Charadrius wilsonia* Seen at Bahia Solano.

Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus* Seen at Bahia Solano..

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.

Whimbrel (Hudsonian W) *Numenius [phaeopus] hudsonicus* Seen at El Valle and Bahia Solano.

Wilson's Snipe *Gallinago delicata* Seen in the marsh near El Paujil.

Sanderling *Calidris alba* Seen at Bahia Solano.

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla* Seen at Bahia Solano.

Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla* Seen at El Valle and Bahia Solano.

Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri* Seen at El Valle and Bahia Solano.

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.

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes* Seen a few times.

Willet (Western W) *Tringa [semipalmata] semipalmata* Seen at Bahia Solano.

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* Seen a few times.

Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla* It was common around El Valle.

Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus* Seen at El Valle.

Elegant Tern *Thalasseus elegans* One seen at El Valle.

Cabot's Tern *Thalasseus aculavidus* Seen at El Valle [nominated].

Yellow-billed Tern *Sternula superciliaris* One sighting.

Large-billed Tern *Phaetusa simplex* One sighting.

Rock Dove *Columba livia* A 'feral' Introduced, why on the list!

Band-tailed Pigeon *Patagioenas fasciata* 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

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 [nominated].



Plain-breasted Ground Dove. (DLV)

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.
White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi* Common, especially at the Cerulean WR and at El Paujil [nominata].
Grey-fronted Dove (E) *Leptotila rufaxilla* Seen on the Mitu extension [dubusi].
Grey-chested Dove *Leptotila cassinii* Seen in Utria NP [nominata].
Tolima Dove ◊ *Leptotila conoveri* (LO) Several heard and one seen briefly at Libano. Very much unresponsive.
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* A handful seen and heard.
Pavonine Cuckoo *Dromococcyx pavoninus* (H) One singing at the piha reserve refused to show.
Dwarf Cuckoo ◊ *Coccyzua pumila* Seen well at Laguna del Alto.
Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana* Several sightings [mesura].
American Barn Owl *Tyto furcata* One seen on the way to Mundo Nuevo.



Tropical Screech Owl and Black-and-white Owl at El Paujil. (DLV)

Tropical Screech Owl *Megascops choliba* Good views at El Paujil [cruciger].

Cinnamon Screech Owl ◊ *Megascops petersoni* Brilliant views of one in the forest at the Cerulean WR. Stunning!

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

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

Mottled Owl *Strix virgata* Seen at El Paujil [nominated].



It was a remarkably good trip for nightbirds. Mottled and Crested Owls and Blackish Nightjar. (DLV)

Black-and-white Owl ◊ *Strix nigrolineata* Seen brilliantly at El Paujil.
Crested Owl *Lophotrix cristata* Seen very well at El Paujil.
Spectacled Owl *Pulsatrix perspicillata* Brilliant views at El Paujil.
Common Potoo *Nyctibius griseus* (H) Just heard one distantly at the Cerulean WR [panamensis].
Lesser Nighthawk (E) *Chordeiles acutipennis* About 100 were seen over Mitu.
Band-tailed Nighthawk (E) *Nyctiprogne leucopyga* Several seen very well at dusk over the river near Mitu.
Blackish Nightjar (E) *Nyctipolus nigrescens* Seen near Mitu.
Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis* The form *gilvus* was seen at El Paujil while around Mitu the nominate form.
Chestnut-collared Swift *Streptoprocne rutile* Just 2 were seen.
White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris* See note.
Band-rumped Swift *Chaetura spinicaudus* Seen well from the viewpoint at El Paujil [aetherodroma].
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 [montivagus].



Lazuline Sabrewing and Shining-green Hummingbird. (DLV)

Neotropical Palm Swift (E) *Tachornis squamata* Common around Mitu [semota].
Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift *Panyptila cayennensis* 2 sightings.
Rufous-breasted Hermit *Glaucis hirsutus* One seen [nominate].
Pale-tailed Barbthroat (E) *Threnetes leucurus* One was seen near Mitu [cervinicauda].
Green Hermit *Phaethornis guy* Several seen well at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [emiliae].
White-bearded Hermit (E) *Phaethornis hispidus* One was seen near Mitu.
Long-billed Hermit (Western L-tailed H) *Phaethornis longirostris* A few seen at El Paujil and El Valle [cephalus].
Great-billed Hermit (E) *Phaethornis malaris* A couple seen well around Mitu [moorei].
Straight-billed Hermit (E) *Phaethornis bourcierii* (LO) Seen 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* Seen at the Recurve-billed Bushbird Reserve [nominate].
Tooth-billed Hummingbird ◊ *Androdon aequatorialis* One seen briefly at El Valle trail.
Green-fronted Lancebill ◊ *Doryfera ludovicae* One sighting.
Grey-breasted Sabrewing ◊ (E) *Campylopterus largipennis* Great views at Pueblo Nuevo near Mitu.

Lazuline Sabrewing ◊ *Campylopterus falcatus* Some fantastic males at Rogitama.
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* A few sightings [nominate]. See note.
Sparkling Violetear *Colibri coruscans* Common on the tour. First seen at La Calera [nominate].
Black-throated Mango *Anthracothorax nigricollis* Common and widespread.



White-vented Plumeleteer. (DLV)

Fiery Topaz ◊ (E) *Topaza pyra* Excellent looks of an adult male at Pueblo Nuevo near Mitu.
Fiery-tailed Aowlbill ◊ *Avocettula recurvirostris* One female seen well at Mitu. MEGA!
Short-tailed Emerald ◊ *Chlorostilbon poortmani* Great views of males at Rogitama.
(Violet) Crowned Woodnymph ◊ *Thalurania [colombica] colombica* Common at the Cerulean WR feeders.
(Green) Crowned Woodnymph ◊ *Thalurania [colombica] fannya* Several seen well in the El Valle area.
Fork-tailed Woodnymph (E) *Thalurania furcata* Several seen at Mitu. First seen at Pueblo Nuevo.
Shining-green Hummingbird ◊ *Lepidopygia goudoti* Several seen on the feeders at El Paujil [nominate].
White-chinned Sapphire (E) *Hylocharis cyanus* Males seen near Mitu [viridiventris].
Humboldt's Sapphire ◊ *Hylocharis humboldtii* Very good views of 2 fine males at Utria NP. Rare bird!
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird *Amazilia tzacatl* Common at the Cerulean WR and at El Paujil [fuscicaudata].
Chestnut-bellied Hummingbird ◊ *Amazilia castaneiventris* Brilliant views of one near Soata.
Versicolored Emerald (E) *Amazilia versicolor* Several were seen around Mitu [millerii].
Andean Emerald *Amazilia franciae* It 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.
Steely-vented Hummingbird *Amazilia saucerotiei* Several on the piha reserve feeders.
Indigo-capped Hummingbird ◊ *Amazilia cyanifrons* Common at the feeders at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve.
Green-bellied Hummingbird ◊ *Amazilia viridigaster* Great views near Guayabetal [nominate].
White-vented Plumeleteer *Chalybura buffonii* Commonly seen at El Paujil [nominate].
Speckled Hummingbird *Adelomyia melanogenys* Several seen, first at Monterredondo [nominate].
Gould's Jewelfront ◊ (E2) *Heliodoxa aurescens* One male at Mitu.
Fawn-breasted Brilliant *Heliodoxa rubinoides* One briefly for some 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 [nominate].
Black Inca ◊ *Coeligena prunellei* Great views at Rogitama, and at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve.

Golden-bellied Starfrontlet ◊ *Coeligena bonapartei* One male briefly above Soata.
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. Mega!
Longuemare's Sunangel ◊ *Heliangelus amethysticollis* See note.
Glowing Puffleg *Eriocnemis vestita* See note.
Coppery-bellied Puffleg ◊ *Eriocnemis cupreiventris* Seen very well at La Calera.
Greenish Puffleg *Haplophaedia aureliae* Seen at the piha reserve.
White-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].
Tyrian Metaltail *Metallura tyrianthina* Great views at La Calera [nominate].
Purple-crowned Fairy *Heliophryx barroti* Seen in the El Valle area.
Black-eared Fairy (E) *Heliophryx auritus* Seen near Mitu on the extension [nominate].
White-bellied Woodstar *Chaetocercus mulsant* Great views of good numbers at several sites.
Purple-throated Woodstar *Calliphlox mitchellii* Seen at the piha reserve.
Gorgeted Woodstar *Chaetocercus heliodor* Males seen at Rogitama.
Pavonine Quetzal (E) *Pharomachrus pavoninus* Cracking views of a male near Mitu.



A fantastic male Pavonine Quetzal from Mitu. (DLV)

Golden-headed Quetzal *Pharomachrus auriceps* One male seen well.
Black-tailed Trogon *Trogon melanurus* Seen a couple of times.
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* Seen at El Paujil. Others heard [nominate].
Amazonian Trogon (E) *Trogon ramonianus* (H) Heard near Mitu on the extension.
Collared Trogon *Trogon collaris* One sighting.
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 a couple of times.

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* Seen in the forest fragment above Libano.
Rufous Motmot *Baryphthengus martii* Seen at El Paujil [semirufus].
Broad-billed Motmot *Electron platyrhynchum* Seen at El Paujil.
Yellow-billed Jacamar (E) *Galbula albirostris* Seen at Pueblo Nuevo near Mitu [chalcocephala].
Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda* Heard and seen at EL Valle [nominate].



Bronzy and Yellow-billed Jacamars. (DLV)

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* (H) Heard only [penardi].
White-necked Puffbird *Notharchus hyperrhynchus* One sighting [nominata].
Black-breasted Puffbird ◊ *Notharchus pectoralis* Great views along the El Valle trail.



It was an amazing tour for puffbirds. Here, clockwise, Collared, Russet-throated, Barred and Brown-banded Puffbirds. (DLV)

Brown-banded Puffbird ◊ (E) *Notharchus ordii* Excellent views of this rare bird at Mitu. A pair showed very well.

Pied Puffbird *Notharchus tectus* Several seen well in the El Valle area and seen around Mitu too [subtectus].
Collared Puffbird (E) *Bucco capensis* Amazing views of this most-wanted bird near Mitu.
Barred Puffbird ◊ *Nystalus radiatus* Great views of this smart bird at El Paujil.
Russet-throated Puffbird *Hypnelus ruficollis* Seen near El Paujil and at Laguna del Alto [nominat].
White-whiskered Puffbird *Malacoptila panamensis* Seen at El Paujil.
Moustached Puffbird ◊ *Malacoptila mystacalis* Great views at the Bushbird Reserve.
Rusty-breasted Nunlet (E) *Nonnula rubecula* Excellent views of this rare species near Mitu.



Rusty-breasted Nunlet, Straight-billed Woodcreeper and White-mantled Barbet. (DLV)

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* Seen at Cerulean Warbler reserve, best views near Victoria [nominata].

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

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

Red-headed Barbet *Eubucco bourcierii* 2 birds seen [nominata].

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

White-throated Toucanet ◊ *Aulacorhynchus albivitta* Seen well at Monterredondo (nominata).

Crimson-rumped Toucanet ◊ *Aulacorhynchus haematopygus* (H) Heard only.

Lettered Aracari (E) *Pteroglossus inscriptus* Seen near Mitu on the extension.

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

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

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

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

Tawny-tufted Toucanet ◊ (E) *Selenidera nattereri* Mega views of a most-wanted male near Mitu.

Black-billed Mountain Toucan ◊ *Andigena nigrirostris* Seen very well at Mundo Nuevo (nominata).

Channel-billed Toucan (E) *Ramphastos vitellinus* Seen at Mitu [culminatus].

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



Cinnamon Woodpecker and Rose-faced Parrot. (DLV)

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.

Olivaceous Piculet *Picumnus olivaceus* Seen well at El Paujil.

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

Beautiful Woodpecker ◊ *Melanerpes pulcher* We had excellent looks on the way to the Cerulean Warbler reserve.

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

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

Red-stained Woodpecker (E) *Veniliornis affinis* Seen near Mitu.

Smoky-brown Woodpecker *Picoides fumigatus* A couple of sightings. [nominate].

Yellow-throated Woodpecker (E) *Piculus flavigula* Seen well near Mitu.

Golden-olive Woodpecker *Colaptes rubiginosus* One was seen below the Bushbird Reserve.

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker *Colaptes rivolii* Good views 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 several times [mentalis].

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

Chestnut Woodpecker (E) *Celeus elegans* (NL) One seen by Dave near Mitu.

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

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].

Barred Forest Falcon *Micrastur ruficollis* One seen at the Cerulean Warbler reserve.

Lined Forest Falcon ♦ *Micrastur gilvicollis* (H) Heard in Mitu.

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

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

Merlin *Falco columbarius* One was seen at La Florida [nominate].

Bat Falcon (E) *Falco ruficularis* 3 seen on the extension near Mitu.

Barred Parakeet *Bolborhynchus lineola* Several flocks in seeding bamboo above Libano.

Orange-chinned Parakeet *Brotogeris jugularis* A few seen [nominate].

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

Rose-faced Parrot ♦ *Pyrilia pulchra* Some great views of perched birds in the El Valle area.

Orange-cheeked Parrot ♦ (E) *Pyrilia barrabandi* Seen in flight near Mitu.

Rusty-faced Parrot ♦ *Hapalopsittaca amazonina* Excellent views of birds both in flight and perched above Soata.

White-capped Parrot *Pionus seniloides* Seen above Mundo Nuevo.

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

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].

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

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.

Dusky-billed Parrotlet (E) *Forpus modestus* A pair seen at Mitu.

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

Red-fan Parrot ♦ (E) *Deroptyus accipitrinus* Seen very well near Mitu [nominate].

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

Brown-breasted Parakeet (Flame-winged P) ♦ *Pyrrhura calliptera* Seen well above Mundo Nuevo.

Red-bellied Macaw (E2) *Orthopsittaca manilatus* Seen well near Mitu.

Blue-and-yellow Macaw *Ara ararauna* 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 of a pair along the Cocalito Trail in Utria NP.

Caribbean Hornero ♦ *Furnarius longirostris* Good views of 3 pairs at El Paujil entrance road.

Ash-browed Spinetail *Cranioleuca curtata* Seen at the Cerulean WR.

Red-faced Spinetail *Cranioleuca erythrops* Seen at the piha reserve.

Speckled Spinetail (E) *Cranioleuca gutturata* Seen by some in a mixed flock at Mitu.

Stripe-breasted Spinetail ♦ *Synallaxis cinnamomea* Great views of a pair near the Cerulean WR [nominate].

Silvery-throated Spinetail ♦ *Synallaxis subpudica* One sighting near Bogota.

Azara's Spinetail *Synallaxis azarae* (H) Heard [media].

Pale-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis albescens* A few were seen [insignis].

Slaty Spinetail *Synallaxis brachyura* We had nice looks of this skulker near the Cerulean WR [nominate].

Spotted Barbtail *Premnoplex brunnescens* One in the Cerulean WR.

Double-banded Graytail *Xenerpestes minslosi* Great views of a pair below the Cerulean WR.

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 and Monte Redondo. [perlatus].

Streak-capped Treehunter *Thripadectes virgaticeps* Seen at the piha reserve.

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

Chestnut-winged Hookbill (E) *Ancistrops strigilatus* Seen near Mitu.

Western Woodhaunter *Hyloctistes virgatus* One sighting [assimilis].

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

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

Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper *Lochmias nematura* Seen in a stream near Libano.

Rufous-tailed Xenops (E) *Microxenops milleri* Seen near Mitu.

Slender-billed Xenops (E) *Xenops tenuirostris* Seen well on the extension near Mitu.

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

Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans* One sighting.

Plain-brown Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla fuliginosa* See note.

White-chinned Woodcreeper (E) *Dendrocincla merula* Great views of this rare species near Mitu.



Two rare woodcreepers from Mitu. White-chinned and Bar-bellied Woodcreepers. (DLV)

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

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper *Glyphorhynchus spirurus* Seen on the main tour [subrufescens and in Mitu [rufularis].

Bar-bellied Woodcreeper ◊ (E) *Hylexetastes stresemanni* Great views of this rare bird near Pueblo Nuevo in Mitu.

Strong-billed Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus* (H) Heard above Soata [nominate].

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

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* A few sightings [nana].

Black-striped Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus lachrymosus* (H) Heard at El Paujil [alarum].

Spotted Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus erythropygius* A couple of sightings. [insolitus].

Olive-backed Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus triangularis* Seen well.

Streak-headed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii* Good looks several times [lineaticeps].

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

Duida Woodcreeper (E) *Lepidocolaptes duidae* One seen and photographed near Mitu.

Brown-billed Scythebill *Campylorhamphus pusillus* One sighting.

Fasciated Antshrike (E) *Cymbilaimus lineatus* (H) Several heard in the Mitu area [intermedius].

Great Antshrike *Taraba major* (H) heard only.

Black-crested Antshrike *Sakesphorus canadensis* Seen well near El Paujil.

Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus* A couple of sightings.

Bar-crested Antshrike ◊ *Thamnophilus multistriatus* Several seen very well.

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

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

Blackish-grey Antshrike ◊ (E) *Thamnophilus nigrocinereus* Seen well near Mitu.

Plain-winged Antshrike (E) *Thamnophilus schistaceus* Seen near Mitu.

Mouse-coloured Antshrike (E) *Thamnophilus murinus* (H) Heard at 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].

Black Bushbird (E) *Neotantes niger* Great views of a pair near Mitu.

Recurve-billed Bushbird ◊ *Clytoctantes alixii* Great views of a pair in the very last minute Bushbird Reserve!

Plain Antvireo *Dysithamnus mentalis* Seen at the piha reserve.

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

Dusky-throated Antshrike (E) *Thamnomanes ardesiacus* Sen 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 stelleris* A pair was seen in the Mitu area [occipitalis].

Checker-throated Antwren *Epinecophylla fulviventris* A pair seen well at El Paujil.

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

Rufous-tailed Antwren (E) *Epinecophylla erythrura* 2 sightings in the Mitu area [nominate].

Pygmy Antwren (E) *Myrmotherula brachyura* Seen near Mitu.

Amazonian Streaked Antwren (E) *Myrmotherula multostriata* Seen well around Mitu.

Pacific (Streaked) Antwren ◊ *Myrmotherula pacifica* Good views of males at El Valle.

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 seen near Mitu.

White-flanked Antwren *Myrmotherula axillaris* Seen in the Mitu area.

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

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

Long-winged Antwren (E) *Myrmotherula longipennis* Recorded in Mitu area.

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

Dot-winged Antwren *Microrhopias quixensis* Seen at El Valle.

Southern White-fringed Antwren *Formicivora grisea* First seen at the Cerulean WR.

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

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

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

Parker's Antbird ◊ *Cercomacra parkeri* Excellent views at the Cerulean WR.

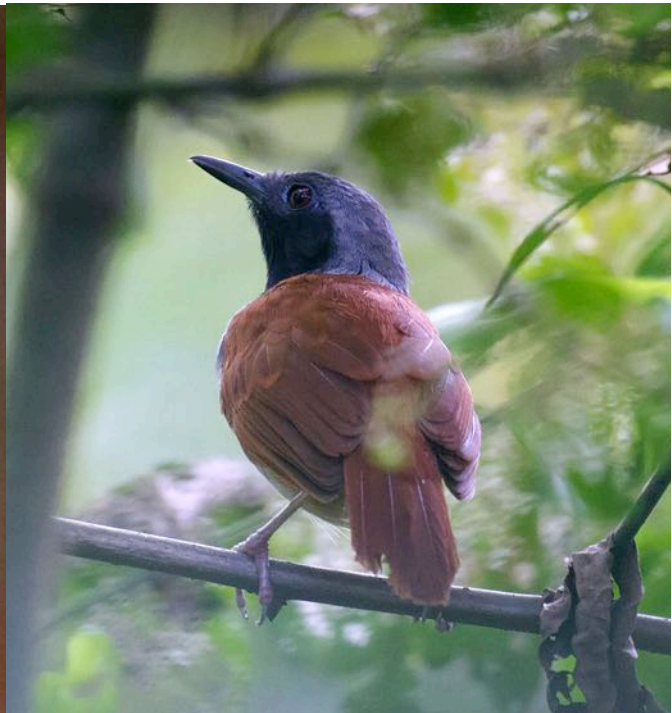
Dusky Antbird *Cercomacra tyrannina* A couple of records, common by voice.

Jet Antbird *Cercomacra nigricans* Good views en route to the Cerulean WR.

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].



Chestnut-crested, White-bellied and Parker's Antbirds. (DLV)

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].

Black-headed Antbird (E) *Percnostola rufifrons* A pair showed very well near Mitu.
White-bellied Antbird *Myrmeciza longipes* Excellent views of a male at Laguna del Ato [boucardi].
Chestnut-backed Antbird *Myrmeciza exsul* Seen well at El Paujil and in the El Valle area [cassini].
Magdalena Antbird ◊ *Myrmeciza palliata* Seen well near La Victoria.



Black-chinned and Chestnut-backed Antbirds and Checker-throated Antwren. (DLV)

Grey-bellied Antbird ◊ (E) *Myrmeciza pelzelni* Brilliant views of a terrestrial pair near Mitu.
Black-throated Antbird (E) *Myrmeciza atrothorax* (H) Heard in the Mitu area.
White-plumed Antbird (E) *Pithys albifrons* One was seen by some near Mitu [peruvianus].
Bicolored Antbird *Gymnopithys bicolor* It was seen at El Paujil [nominat].

White-cheeked Antbird (E) *Gymnopithys leucaspis* Brief 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 [nominate].

Spot-backed Antbird (E) *Hylophylax naevius* (H) Heard near Mitu [nominate].

Common Scale-backed Antbird (E) *Willisornis poecilinotus* (H) Heard in the Mitu area [duidae].

Rufous-capped Antthrush (E) *Formicarius colma* (H) Heard around Mitu.

Black-headed Antthrush ◊ *Formicarius nigricapillus* (H) Remained heard-only in the El Valle area [destructus].

Black-faced Antthrush *Formicarius analis* (H) Heard only.

Striated Antthrush ◊ (E) *Chamaeza nobilis* After some hard work, good views for most of us near Mitu.

Chestnut-crowned Antpitta *Grallaria ruficapilla* Seen near Mundo Nuevo by some.

Cundinamarca Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria kaestneri* (LO) In spite of some hard work, only brief views for the leader.

White-bellied Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria hypoleuca* (H) Heard at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve, but no luck [hypoleuca].

Rufous Antpitta *Grallaria rufula* (H) Heard around Bogota.



Sooty-headed Tyrannulet and Forest Elaenia. (DLV)

Streak-chested Antpitta *Hylopezus perspicillatus* (H) A few heard in the Utria NP [periophthalmicus].
Thicket Antpitta *Hylopezus dives* (H) Heard in Utria NP [barbacoae].
Slaty-crowned Antpitta *Grallaricula nana* (H) Heard at Monterredondo.
Chestnut-crowned Gnateater *Conopophaga castaneiceps* Seen well at the piha reserve.
Ash-coloured Tapaculo *Myornis senilis* (H) Heard at the edge of Chingaza NP.
Northern White-crowned Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus atratus* (H) Heard only [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 [yariguiorum].
Stiles's Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus stilesi* One was seen the piha reserve.
Pale-bellied (or Matorral) Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus griseicollis* One was seen in the Chingaza NP[nominate].
Blackish Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus latrans* (H) Several heard at Monterredondo.
Wing-barred Piprites (E) *Piprites chloris* Seen at the piha reserve [chlorion].



A pair of Black-capped Donacobius. (DLV)

Sooty-headed Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias griseiceps* Good views below the Cerulean W R and a few others.
Plumbeous-crowned Tyrannulet ◊ *Phyllomyias plumbeiceps* Seen at the Cerulean WR.
Black-capped Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias nigrocapillus* Two sightings, first at Monterredondo [nominate].
Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet *Tyrannulus elatus* Regularly encountered on the tour.
Forest Elaenia *Myiopagis gaimardii* Widespread.
Rufous-crowned Elaenia (E) *Elaenia ruficeps* (NL) Seen by Dave near Mitu.
Grey Elaenia (E) *Myiopagis caniceps* A male was seen near Mitu.
Greenish Elaenia *Myiopagis viridicata* Seen at Laguna del Alto.
Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster* Common and noisy [nominate].
Lesser Elaenia *Elaenia chiriquensis* One was seen below the Cerulean WR [albertext].
Mountain Elaenia *Elaenia frantzii* Seen above Soata [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 [cauca].

White-throated Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus leucophrys* Setophagoides around Bogotá.
White-banded Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus stictopterus* Seen in the Chingaza NP.
Sulphur-bellied Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus minor* Seen at Monterredondo.
Mouse-coloured Tyrannulet *Phaeomyias murina* Just one in the El Paujil area [incomta].
Yellow Tyrannulet *Capsiempis flaveola* Two seen.
Subtropical Doradito ◊ *Pseudocolopteryx acutipennis* (NL) Seen at Parque La Florida.
Rufous-headed Pygmy Tyrant *Pseudotriccus ruficeps* 2 were seen at Monterredondo.
Ringed Antpipit (E) *Corythopsis torquatus* Great view of this smart bird around Mitu.
Slender-footed Tyrannulet (E) *Zimmerius gracilipes* Seen in the Mitu area.
Golden-faced Tyrannulet *Zimmerius chrysops* Common. First seen below the Cerulean Warbler Reserve.
Rufous-browed Tyrannulet ◊ *Phylloscartes superciliaris* Good views at the Cerulean WR [griseocapillus].
Marble-faced Bristle Tyrant *Phylloscartes ophthalmicus* Seen at the Cerulean WR.
Streak-necked Flycatcher *Mionectes striaticollis* Seen at Monterredondo [columbianus].
Olive-striped Flycatcher *Mionectes olivaceus* It was seen several times [venezuelensis].
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus* See note.
Sepia-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon amaurocephalus* A few seen at El Paujil [diversus].



The seldom-seen Black-billed Flycatcher from El Paujil. (DLV)

Slaty-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon superciliaris* Seen several times [nominate].
Amazonian Inezia (E) *Inezia subflava* Great views of a pair from the bridge at Urania, Mitu [obscura].
Flavescent Flycatcher *Myiophobus flavicans* Seen at Monterredondo.
Bran-colored Flycatcher *Myiophobus fasciatus* A couple of records.
Ornate Flycatcher *Myiotriccus ornatus* A few seen well at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [nominate].
Black-capped Pygmy Tyrant *Myiornis atricapillus* Good 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* Scattered sightings [squamaecrista].
Double-banded Pygmy Tyrant (E) *Lophotriccus vitiensis* (H) Heard along the Bocatoma trail, Mitu [affinis].
Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher (E) *Poecilotriccus latirostris* Seen in the Mitu area [mituensis].
Slaty-headed Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilotriccus sylvia* A couple of sightings [superciliaris].
Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum* Common [nominate].

Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher (E) *Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum* Seen 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].
Yellow-olive Flatbill (Y-o Flycatcher) *Tolmomyias sulphurescens* Scattered sightings.
Zimmer's Flatbill (E) *Tolmomyias assimilis* (H) Heard near Mitu [neglectus].
Yellow-margined Flatbill *Tolmomyias flavotectus* It was fairly common at El Paujil.
Ochre-ored Flatbill (O-I Flycatcher) *Tolmomyias flaviventris* Seen at Urania. Mitu.
Grey-crowned Flatbill (E) *Tolmomyias poliocephalus* One was seen near Mitu. Others heard [nominata].
White-throated Spadebill *Platyrinchus mystaceus* Seen at the piha reserve [albogularis].
White-crested Spadebill (E) *Platyrinchus platyrhynchos* One seen well at Pueblo Nuevo, Mitu.
Cinnamon Flycatcher *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus* First seen in the Chingaza NP [pyrrhopterus].
Black-billed Flycatcher ◊ *Aphanotriccus audax* Excellent views of this bamboo-dweller at El Paujil.
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].



Yellow-headed Manakin near Medellin. (DLV)

Smoke-colored Pewee *Contopus fumigatus* (H) Heard.
Eastern Wood Pewee *Contopus virens* Common at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve. Also, one seen at Mitu.
Tropical Pewee *Contopus cinereus* One seen.
Acadian Flycatcher *Empidonax virens* First seen below the Cerulean Warbler Reserve. Common.
Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus* Widespread [piurae].
Streak-throated Bush Tyrant *Myiotheretes striaticollis* One seen on our first day [striaticollis].
Smoky Bush Tyrant *Myiotheretes fumigatus* Seen at Chingaza NP.
Pied Water Tyrant *Fluvicola pica* Several sightings in marshy habitat in the Magdalena Valley.
Drab Water Tyrant (E) *Ochtornis littoralis* Seen at Mitu.
White-headed Marsh Tyrant *Arundinicola leucocephala* Seen in marshy habitat in the Magdalena Valley.
Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant *Silvicultrix diadema* (H) Heard.
Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis* Good views above Mundo Nuevo [rufopectus].
Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca fumicolor* Seen well in the Chingaza NP [nominata].

Long-tailed Tyrant *Colonia colonus* A few seen in the El Valle [leuconota].
Cattle Tyrant *Machetornis rixosa* Seen in the Magdalena Valley.
Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus* First below the Cerulean WR and common around Mitu [nominata].
Rusty-margined Flycatcher *Myiozetetes cayanensis* Two forms: hellmayri on the main tour; rufipennis at Mitu.
Dusky-chested Flycatcher (E) *Myiozetetes luteiventris* Seen well in Mitu.
Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis* Surprisingly scarce on the tour [columbianus].
Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus* Common. First seen at the Cerulean WR [rufipennis].
Lesser Kiskadee *Philohydor lictor* One sightings [panamensis].
Yellow-throated Flycatcher (E) *Conopias parvus* Seen well along the Bocatoma trail near Mitu.
White-ringed Flycatcher *Conopias albivittatus* Seen at El Valle.
Golden-crowned Flycatcher *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus* Two sightings [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 [nominata].
Eastern Kingbird *Tyrannus tyrannus* A few seen.



White-crowned, Blue-crowned, Golden-winged and Golden-collared Manakins. (DLV)

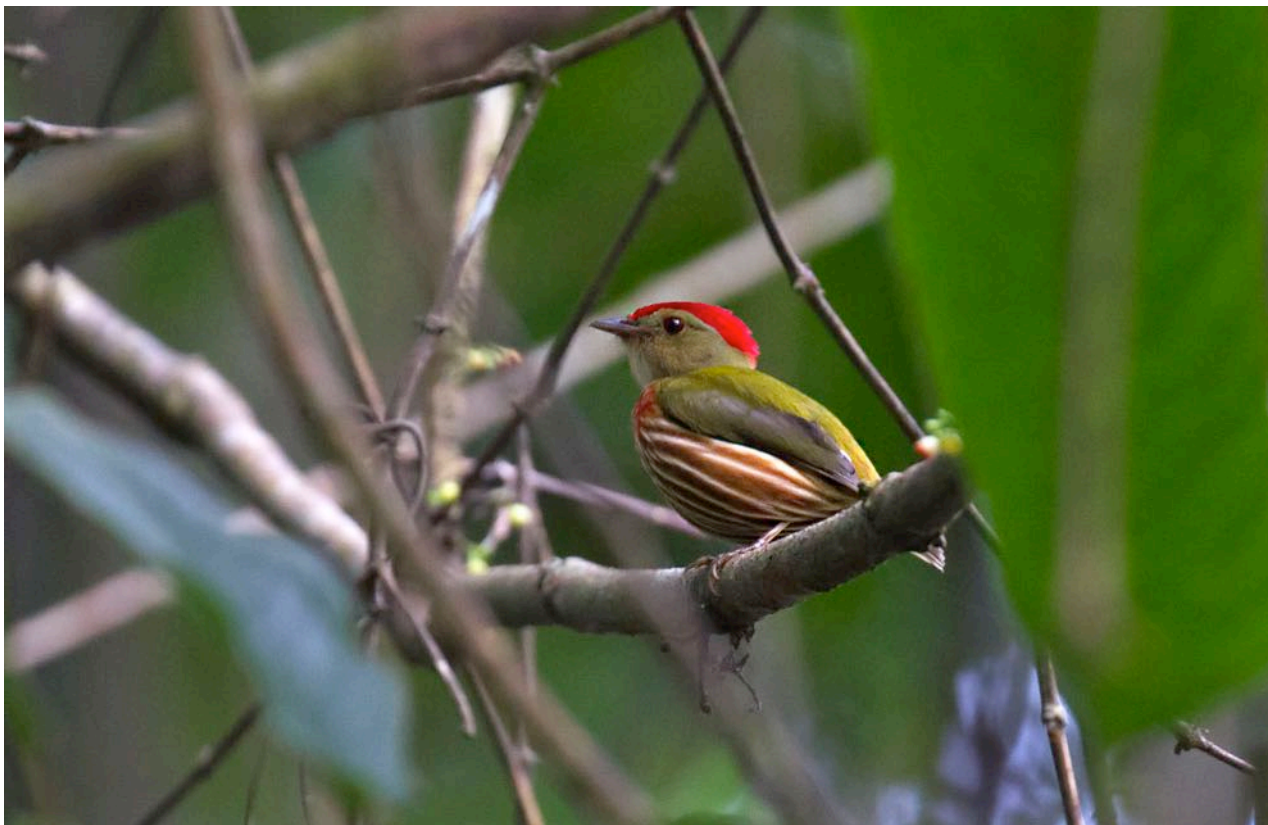
Fork-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus savana* Fairly commonly seen on the main tour [monachus].
Choco Sirystes *Sirystes albogriseus* Good views of a pair along the El Valle trail.
Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer* A few sightings on the main tour [pallidus].
Panamanian Flycatcher *Myiarchus panamensis* Several sightings, best views at El Paujil [nominat].
Short-crested Flycatcher (E) *Myiarchus ferox* A few seen in the Mitu area [nominat].
Apical Flycatcher ◊ *Myiarchus apicalis* Great views of this endemic near Soata.



Amazonian Umbrellabird at Mitu. (DLV)

Pale-edged Flycatcher *Myiarchus cephalotes* Seen at the piha reserve.
Great Crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus crinitus* We had good looks at El Paujil.
Citron-bellied Attila ◊ (E) *Attila citriniventris* Seen in the Mitu area.
Bright-rumped (or Flammulated) Attila *Attila [spadiceus] flammulatus* (H) Heard a few times [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* Seen at Chingaza and Monterredondo, with many seen well [nominat].
Golden-breasted Fruiteater ◊ *Pipreola aureopectus* A pair seen very well at the piha reserve.
Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock ◊ (E) *Rupicola rupicola* Superb views of 3 males at Ceima Cachivera, Mitu.
Blue Cotinga ◊ *Cotinga nattererii* A nice albeit distant male in the El Valle area.
Spangled Cotinga (E) *Cotinga cayana* Good numbers seen well in the Mitu area.
Purple-breasted Cotinga (E) *Cotinga cotinga* A male for Dave and a female for the whole group in Mitu. Good bird!
Chestnut-capped Piha ◊ *Lipaugus weberi* Excellent views of this rare species at the piha reserve. At least 5 birds.
Rufous Piha *Lipaugus unirufus* Seen at El Valle [unirufus].
Screaming Piha (E) *Lipaugus vociferans* Common in the Mitu area. First seen along the Bocatoma trail.
Pompadour Cotinga ◊ (E) *Xipholena punicea* Male and female seen at Mitu.
Black-tipped Cotinga *Carpodectes hopkei* Several seen well in the El Valle area.
Purple-throated Fruitcrow *Querula purpurata* Commonly heard in the El Valle area where several were seen.
Amazonian Umbrellabird (E) *Cephalopterus ornatus* Excellent views of 3 birds in the Mitu area.
Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin (E) *Tyrannetes stolzmanni* Seen near Mitu.

Saffron-crested Tyrant-Manakin ◊ (E) *Neopelma chrysocephalum* Seen well near Mitu.
Yellow-headed Manakin ◊ *Chloropipo flavicapilla* One nice male near Medellin.
Golden-winged Manakin *Masius chrysopterus* Nice male at the Cerulean WR [pax].
White-bibbed Manakin ◊ *Corapipo leucorrhoea* Great views of an adult male and females at the Bellavista Reserve.
Blue-crowned Manakin *Lepidothrix coronata* Two forms: minuscula in Utria NP; carbonata in the Mitu area.
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.
Golden-headed Manakin *Dixiphia erythrocephala* See note.
Yellow-headed Manakin ◊ *Xenopipo flavicapilla* Good views of a male at La Romera.
Sulphur-rumped Myiobius *Myiobius sulphureipygius* Seen well at Utria NP.



A fantastic male Western Striped Manakin. (DLV)

Black-crowned Tityra (E) *Tityra inquisitor* Seen in the Mitu area [erythrogonis].
Black-tailed Tityra (E) *Tityra cayana* Seen in the Mitu area [nominata].
Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata* Several sightings throughout.
Russet-winged Schiffornis ◊ *Schiffornis stenorhyncha* Seen well at El Paujil.
White-browed Purplethroat (E) *Iodopleura isabellae* We had many good looks in the Mitu area.
Barred Becard *Pachyramphus versicolor* A couple of sightings.
Cinereous Becard *Pachyramphus rufus* One seen in the Magdalena Valley [nominata].
Cinnamon Becard *Pachyramphus cinnamomeus* See note.
Chestnut-crowned Becard (E) *Pachyramphus castaneus* Seen in Mitu.
White-winged Becard *Pachyramphus polychopterus* A couple of sightings.
Black-capped Becard (E) *Pachyramphus marginatus* Seen near Mitu.
Pink-throated Becard (E) *Pachyramphus minor* (LO) A female was seen near Mitu.
Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis* Regularly seen in the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [parva].
Yellow-browed Shrike-Vireo ◊ *Vireolanius eximius* Seen very well near the Cerulean WR.
Yellow-throated Vireo ◊ *Vireo flavifrons* One bird seen.

Brown-capped Vireo *Vireo leucophrys* Common, especially by voice, above Soata, [nominate].
Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus* Seen a few times [vividior].
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 WR.
Golden-fronted Greenlet *Hylophilus aurantiifrons* One seen.
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].
Black-chested Jay *Cyanocorax affinis* Quite common. Best looks at El Paujil [affinis].
Black-collared Jay ◊ *Cyanolyca armillata* Seen at Chingaza NP.
Azure-naped Jay ◊ (E) *Cyanocorax heilprini* Seen well at Irania, Mitu [nominate].
Inca Jay *Cyanocorax yncas* A few seen [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 [nominate].
Brown-bellied Swallow *Notiochelidon murina* First seen at Chingaza NP [murina].
White-thighed Swallow *Neochelidon tibialis* Good views near El Valle [minima].



Three good endemics. Velvet-fronted Euphonia, Turquoise Dacnis and Yellow-headed Brush Finch. (DLV)

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* First seen at the Cerulean WR [aequalis].
White-banded Swallow *Atticora fasciata* Seen once.
Black-collared Swallow *Atticora melanoleuca* Seen at Mitu.
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].
White-headed Wren ◊ *Campylorhynchus albobrunneus* Seen well at El Valle.
Bicolored Wren *Campylorhynchus griseus* Several great looks [bicolor].



Azure-naped Jay and Crested Ant Tanager. (DLV)

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

Sepia-brown Wren *Cinnycerthia olivascens* (H) Heard only.
Musician Wren (E) *Cyphorhinus arada* Seen well at Mitu.
Apolinar's Wren ◊ *Cistothorus apolinari* We had good looks by the hide at Parque La Florida [nominate].
Sooty-headed Wren ◊ *Pheugopedius spadix* Seen well at La Victoria.
Black-bellied Wren ◊ *Pheugopedius fasciatoventris* Excellent looks at El Paujil [nominate].
Whiskered Wren *Pheugopedius mystacalis* A few seen and heard [macrurus].
Coraya Wren (E) *Pheugopedius coraya* Several seen/heard in the Mitu area [caurensis].
Speckle-breasted Wren ◊ (Colombian W) *Pheugopedius sclateri* Seen below the Cerulean WR.
Niceforo's Wren ◊ *Thryophilus nicefori* Stunning views above Soata.



Guianan Cock-of-the-rock and White-tailed Trogon. (DLV)

Bay Wren *Cantorchilus nigricapillus* A few sightings [schottii].
Stripe-throated Wren *Cantorchilus leucopogon* Great views of one along the Cocalito Trail in Utria NP [nominate].
(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 [hauxwelli].
Grey-breasted Wood Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys* Several seen on the tour.
Southern Nightingale-wren *Microcerculus marginatus* (LO) Regularly heard and one seen briefly.
Collared Gnatwren (E) *Microbates collaris* Very shy bird seen by the leader near Mitu [nominate].
Tawny-faced Gnatwren *Microbates cinereiventris* (H)
Long-billed Gnatwren *Ramphocaenus melanurus* Seen at the piha reserve.
Tropical Gnatcatcher *Polioptila plumbea* One seen.



Lemon-spectacled Tanager at Utria NP. (DLV)

Slate-throated Gnatcatcher ◊ *Polioptila schistaceigula* One photographed below the Cerulean WR.
Tropical Mockingbird *Mimus gilvus* Common [melanopterus].
Andean Solitaire *Myadestes ralloides* (H) Heard.
Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus aurantiirostris* Heard.
Grey-cheeked Thrush *Catharus minimus* One seen well at the Cerulean WR.
Swainson's Thrush *Catharus ustulatus* Common, first at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [swainsoni-group].
Yellow-legged Thrush *Turdus flavipes* First seen at the Cerulean WR (venezuelensis).
Great Thrush *Turdus fuscater* Common. Two forms: gigas in the Eastern Andes; quindio widespread elsewhere.
Chestnut-bellied Thrush ◊ *Turdus fulviventris* Seen well at the bushbird reserve.
Pale-breasted Thrush *Turdus leucomelas* A few seen [albiventer].
Black-billed Thrush *Turdus ignobilis* Common. First below the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [nominate].
Lawrence's Thrush (E) *Turdus lawrencii* (NL) Seen by Dave near Mitu.
White-necked Thrush (E) *Turdus albicollis* Seen near Mitu [phaeopygus].
Lesser Goldfinch *Spinus psaltria* Common. First seen above Soata [colombianus].
Yellow-bellied Siskin *Spinus xanthogastrus* One seen [nominate].
Andean Siskin ◊ *Spinus spinescens* A few noted, first seen above Mundo Nuevo, Chingaza NP [nominate].
Plumbeous Euphonia ◊ (E) *Euphonia plumbea* 2 sightings near Mitu. Localised bird!
Velvet-fronted Euphonia ◊ *Euphonia concinna* At least 3 were seen at Laguna del Ato.
Thick-billed Euphonia *Euphonia lanirostris* Common [crassirostris].

Golden-rumped Euphonia *Euphonia cyanocephala* Seen near the Cerulean WR [nominate].
Fulvous-vented Euphonia ◊ *Euphonia fulvicrissa* Two forms: omissa at El Paujil and nominate in the El Valle area.
White-lored Euphonia (E) *Euphonia chrysopasta* One near Mitu [nominate].
White-vented Euphonia *Euphonia minuta* Two sightings [humilis].
Orange-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia xanthogaster* See note.
Rufous-bellied Euphonia (E) *Euphonia rufiventris* A few seen/heard in the Mitu area.
Blue-naped Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia cyanea* Seen at the bushbirds reserve.
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.
Prothonotary Warbler *Protonotaria citrea* Seen at Utria NP.



Ochre-bellied Flycatcher. (DLV)

Tennessee Warbler *Leiothlypis peregrina* It was common in the Cerulean WR.
Mourning Warbler *Geothlypis philadelphia* A few seen.
American Redstart *Setophaga ruticilla* Several.
Cerulean Warbler ◊ *Setophaga cerulea* A couple of sightings.
Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitiaiyumi* Just a few.
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.
Blackpoll Warbler (E) *Setophaga striata* Seen in the Mitu area.
Black-crested Warbler *Myiothlypis nigrocristata* Seen at Monterredondo.
Citrine Warbler *Myiothlypis luteoviridis* Seen at Monterredondo.
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].
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 [cabanisi].
Three-striped Warbler *Basileuterus tristriatus* Quite common at the Cerulean WR [auricularis].
Canada Warbler *Cardellina canadensis* Common at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve and at Libano, 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 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* Seen well.

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

Olive Oropendola (E) *Psarocolius bifasciatus* Seen in Mitu.

Baudo Oropendola ◊ *Psarocolius cassini* One for some of us on the last day near El Valle.

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.

Subtropical Cacique *Cacicus uropygialis* Two sightings.

Northern Mountain Cacique *Cacicus leucoramphus* Good views at Monterredondo [nominate].

Yellow-backed Oriole *Icterus chrysater* Seen well at several sites [giraudii].

Yellow Oriole *Icterus nigrogularis* Seen near El Paujil [lawrencii].

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

Yellow-tailed Oriole *Icterus mesomelas* Seen near the lodge at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [carrikeri].

Orange-crowned Oriole *Icterus auricapillus* Nice views at El Paujil.



Streaked Flycatcher (DLV)

Epaulet (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.[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 at the Piha reserve.

Colombian Mountain Grackle ◊ *Macroagelaius subalaris* Great views above Soata.

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* Seen at El Paujil [striaticiceps].
Pectoral Sparrow (E) *Arremon taciturnus* (LO) One seen in the Mitu area [nominat].
Orange-billed Sparrow *Arremon aurantirostris* Seen at La Victoria [erythrorhynchus].
Chestnut-capped Brush Finch *Arremon brunneinucha* First seen at the Cerulean WR, few others [frontalis].
Slaty Brush Finch *Atlapetes schistaceus* Seen at Monteredondo [nominat].
Grey-browed Brush Finch *Arremon assimilis* One seen briefly at the bushbird reserve.
Black-headed Brush Finch ◊ *Arremon atricapillus* Great views near the Cerulean WR [nominat].
Moustached Brush Finch ◊ *Atlapetes albofrenatus* Excellent views above Soata.
White-naped Brush Finch *Atlapetes [albinucha] gutturalis* Seen near Libano.
Pale-naped Brush Finch ◊ *Atlapetes pallidinucha* Two seen [nominat].



Purplish-mantled Tanager and Purple-breasted Cotinga. (DLV)

Yellow-headed Brush Finch ◊ *Atlapetes flaviceps* A few in forest fragments just above Libano.
Blue-winged Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus somptuosus* Seen at the piha reserve.
Common Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus flavopectus* Seen well at several sites. Orange eyes in this form [olsoni].
Yellow-throated Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus flavigularis* Seen at the piha reserve.
Ashy-throated Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus canigularis* Seen at the Cerulean WR.
Maggie Tanager (E) *Cissopis leverianus* Only seen in the Mitu area [leverianus].
Dusky-faced Tanager *Mitrospingus cassinii* Quite common in the El Valle area [nominat].
Superciliaried Hemispingus *Hemispingus superciliaris* 2 were seen in the Chingaza NP.
Grey-hooded Bush Tanager *Cnemoscopus rubrirostris* Seen at Monteredondo.
Grey-headed Tanager *Eucometis penicillata* A couple of sightings.
Flame-crested Tanager (E) *Tachyphonus cristatus* Seen in the Mitu area in canopy flocks [orinocensis].
Fulvous-crested Tanager ◊ (E) *Tachyphonus surinamus* Seen in the Mitu area [brevipes].
White-shouldered Tanager *Tachyphonus luctuosus* A few seen [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.

Fulvous Shrike-Tanager (E) *Lanio fulvus* (H) Heard in Mitu.

Black-and-gold Tanager ◊ *Bangsia melanochlamys* Great views of one at the piha reserve.

Crimson-backed Tanager *Ramphocelus dimidiatus* Fairly common and widespread [nominate].

Silver-beaked Tanager (E) *Ramphocelus carbo* Common in the Mitu area [unicolor].

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; melanopectera around Mitu.

Blue-capped Tanager *Thraupis cyanocephala* It was seen at Soata [auricrissa] [annectens].

Hooded Mountain Tanager *Buthraupis montana* Seen at Chingaza NP [cucullata].

Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus igniventris* Several. First seen above Mundo Nuevo [lunulatus].

Grass-green Tanager *Chlorornis riefferii* A few seen well at Monterredondo [riefferii].

Golden-crowned Tanager ◊ *Iridosornis rufivertex* Seen at Monterredondo.

Purplish-mantled Tanager *Iridosornis porphyrocephala* Seen well at the piha reserve.

Fawn-breasted Tanager *Pipraeidea melanonota* One sighting.

Plain-coloured Tanager *Tangara inornata* Excellent looks at El Paujil [nominate].

Silver-throated Tanager *Tangara icterocephala* Seen at the piha reserve.

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.



Slender-billed Xenops. (DLV)

Yellow-bellied Tanager (E) *Tangara xanthogastra* Seen at Mitu.

Speckled Tanager *Tangara guttata* 2 seen [bogotensis].

Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola* A few. First seen below the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [delecticia].

Rufous-winged Tanager *Tangara lavinia* (NL) Seen near El Valle [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 [nominated].
Blue-and-black Tanager *Tangara vassorii* Seen a few times [nominated].
Black-capped Tanager *Tangara heinei* Seen a few times.
Black-headed Tanager *Tangara cyanoptera* Seen at the bushbird reserve.smart!
Opal-rumped Tanager (E) *Tangara velia* Seen at Mitu.
Opal-crowned Tanager (E) *Tangara callophrys* Seen at Mitu.
Swallow Tanager *Tersina viridis* A few seen [occidentalis].
White-bellied Dacnis ◊ (E) *Dacnis albiventris* This rare and very local bird was seen well –a singing male- near Mitu.
Black-faced Dacnis (E) *Dacnis lineata* Seen at Mitu.
Yellow-tufted Dacnis ◊ *Dacnis egregia* A few seen.
Yellow-bellied Dacnis (E) *Dacnis flaviventer* Seen at Mitu.
Turquoise Dacnis ◊ *Dacnis hartlaubi* Good views around the lodge at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve.
Scarlet-thighed Dacnis ◊ *Dacnis venusta* Seen at El Valle [fuliginata].
Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana* Widespread.



Two very poor record shots of two very rare birds at Mitu. White-bellied Dacnis and female Fiery-tailed Aowlbill. (DLV)

Short-billed Honeycreeper ◊ (E) *Cyanerpes nitidus* Good looks of this smart bird in the Mitu area.
Purple Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes caeruleus* See note.
Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyaneus* pacificus in the El Valle area; dispar in the Mitu area.
Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza* subtropicalis near Victoria; caeruleus in the Mitu area.
Scarlet-browed Tanager *Heterospingus xanthopygius* Several seen well in the El Valle area [berliozi].
Guira Tanager *Hemithraupis guira* A smart male below the Cerulean WR.
Yellow-backed Tanager *Hemithraupis flavicollis* A few seen.
White-eared Conebill ◊ *Conirostrum leucogenys* Seen well below the Cerulean Warbler Reserve [nominated].
Rufous-browed Conebill ◊ *Conirostrum rufum* Seen well at La Florida.
Capped Conebill *Conirostrum albifrons* Seen [albifrons].
Chestnut-bellied Flowerpiercer ◊ *Diglossa gloriosissima* Superb views of several at Colibri del Sol [boylei].
Glossy Flowerpiercer *Diglossa lafresnayii* Seen on our first day [humeralis].
White-sided Flowerpiercer *Diglossa albilatera* Several seen, the first near La Calera [nominated].
Bluish Flowerpiercer *Diglossa caeruleus* A few seen [saturata].
Masked Flowerpiercer *Diglossa cyanea* It was seen above Mundo Nuevo and Monterredondo [nominated].
Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola* Common in the lowlands [nominated].
Slate-coloured Grosbeak (E) *Saltator grossus* Common by voice in the Mitu area; a few seen well [nominated].

Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus* Several seen well, the first below the Cerulean Warbler Reserve.

Black-winged Saltator ◊ *Saltator atripennis* Several seen well [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 to the piha reserve [nominata].

Yellow-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila nigricollis* First seen near Soata [nominata].

Ruddy-breasted Seedeater *Sporophila minuta* A few seen.

Chestnut-bellied Seedeater (E) *Sporophila castaneiventris* Seen near Mitu.

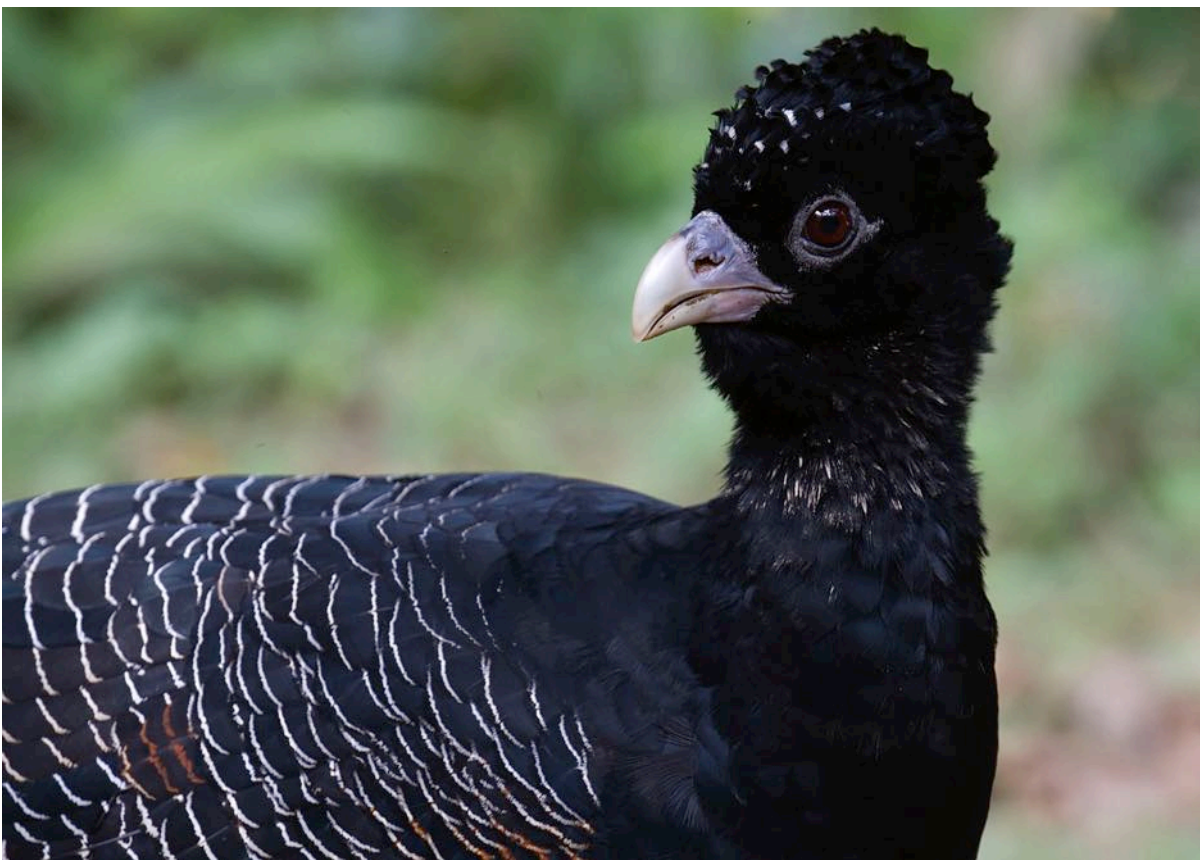
Thick-billed Seed Finch *Oryzoborus funereus* 2 sightings [ochrogyne].

Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch (E) *Oryzoborus angolensis* Several seen around Mitu [torridus].

Large-billed Seed Finch *Oryzoborus crassirostris* Seen on our way in and out of El Paujil [occidentalis].

Yellow-faced Grassquit *Tiaris olivaceus* A few were seen at the Cerulean WR and at Urrao [pusillus].

Dull-colored Grassquit *Tiaris obscurus* Seen above Libano.



Female Blue-billed Curassow. (DLV)

Black-faced Grassquit *Tiaris bicolor* A pair seen.

Tooth-billed Tanager (Highland Hepatic T) *Piranga lutea* A couple seen.

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra* Commonly seen throughout [nominata].

Scarlet Tanager *Piranga olivacea* One at El Valle.

White-winged Tanager *Piranga leucoptera* Recorded a couple of times.

Sooty Ant Tanager ◊ *Habia gutturalis* Fantastic looks at El Paujil on two occasions.

Crested Ant Tanager ◊ *Habia cristata* Great views in the forest fragments near Libano.

Lemon-spectacled Tanager ◊ *Chlorothraupis olivacea* Seen well along the Cocalito Trail in Utria NP.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak *Pheucticus ludovicianus* Quite a few seen, including some fine males.

Rothschild's Grosbeak ◊ (E) *Cyanocopsa rothschildii* Seen in the Mitu area.

MAMMALS

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

Western Dwarf Squirrel *Microsciurus mimulus* Two seen.

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

Central American Agouti *Dasyprocta punctata* Seen at Utria.

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

White-fronted Capuchin *Cebus albifrons* A couple of sightings.

Venezuelan Red Howler Monkey *Alouatta seniculus* (H) Heard only.

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 anolaimae at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve while we saw several of the form ogilviegranti around Mitu.

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.

Longuemare's Sunangel *Heliangelus amethysticollis*

It has recently been split from Amethyst-throated Sunangel *Heliangelus amethysticollis*. We saw several birds above Monterredondo.

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.

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 *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 *Pachyramphus 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 oressinoma 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 habitaa around Bogotá [bogotensis] while the nominate was seen at some 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.



Guira Tanager. (DLV)

Purple Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes caeruleus*

We noted 2 forms of this widespread species. The form choconus was common in the El Valle area and the nominate form was common around Mitu.