



Visiting a colony of Black Oropendolas was one of the highlights of the trip (Trevor Ellery)

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The 2019 BirdQuest classic Colombia tour was supremely successful, not just in that we saw almost all the target species but in that we also managed to add in a few special surprises. In total we recorded 702 species, including 58 endemics and a wealth of specialities. Among the endemics, we logged pretty much all the available Santa Marta species. Our list of specialities is almost as long and mouthwatering, including such species as Yellow-headed Manakin, Military Macaw, Black Oropendola, Grey-cheeked Nunlet, Noble Snipe, Blue-throated Starfrontlet, Wattled Guan, Dwarf Cuckoo, Hooded Antpitta, Masked Mountain Tanager, Chestnut-crested Cotinga, Tocuyo Sparrow, Tanager Finch and Masked Saltator. It really was a superbly birdy tour and of course filled with stunning scenery and remarkably diverse habitats. We crisscrossed the country, taking in three Andean cordilleras, two deep and endemic rich valleys and the isolated sky island, formed by the Santa Marta Mountains. We also visited the arid scrub semi desert of the

Guajira and the rich wetlands of the Caribbean coast. We of course enjoyed the wonderfully friendly Colombians we met along the way and managed to add in a few memorable mammal encounters too.



We enjoyed fantastic views of Red-rumped Bush Tyrant on our first day (Trevor Ellery)

Our tour started with an early morning visit to Paramo Sumapaz, the largest Paramo in the world. We were soon into the thick of the birding, as we quickly located several Noble Snipes and a surprise and very showy Bogota Rail. We then found both Green-bearded Helmetcrest and Apolinar's Wren (of the distinct highland subspecies *hernandezi*) in the surrounding scrubby vegetation. Waterfowl on the lake included a couple of Blue-winged Teal, good numbers of Andean Teal (of the *altipetens* subspecies, which is sometimes split as Merida Speckled Teal) and a light scattering of Andean Ruddy Ducks and American Coot (of the distinct *Columbiana* subspecies which is endemic to Colombia). Waders were also represented with a few ubiquitous Southern Lapwings and quite a few migrant Greater Yellowlegs, while a single Wilson's Snipe was a bonus. Continuing birding along the road produced more Helmetcrests, a couple of the near-endemic Bronze-tailed Thornbill and a single brief female Purple-backed Thornbill. We also did well with furnarids, managing to find a skulking White-chinned Thistletail, a much more obliging Many-striped Canastero, Andean Tit-Spinetail and the localized Chestnut-winged Cinclodes. We also enjoyed fantastic views of several obliging Tawny Antpittas, of the endemic subspecies *Alticola*, which some authorities already split as Northern Tawny Antpitta. A near-endemic Pale-bellied Tapaculo was also coaxed out of the dense scrub.

Other species we added during our time in the Paramo included Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle, White-throated Tyrannulet, Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant, Brown-bellied Swallow, House Wren, Great Thrush, Andean Siskin, Rufous-collared Sparrow, Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager, Glossy Flowerpiercer, Plumbeous Sierra Finch, Plain-coloured Seedeater and the near endemic Rufous-browed Conebill. Several obliging Rufous-rumped Bush Tyrants were a new species for the tour. Some roadside stops on the drive back to Bogota, picked up Tyrian Metaltail, Golden-fronted Whitestart and best of all, a couple of very skulking but endemic Silvery-throated Spinetails.

In the afternoon we visited La Florida Park on the edge of Bogota. Waterfowl were more abundant here, with some hundreds of Blue-winged Teal and five Lesser Scaup (a scarce winter visitor in Colombia). Good numbers of a Pied-billed Grebe and Bare-faced Ibis were also present, along with a scattering of common

Heron's. We soon located one of our main targets, with fine views of a couple of Spot-flanked Gallinules. We also found our first Common Gallinules and larger numbers of American Coot. We added more waders, with Solitary and Spotted Sandpipers and Lesser Yellowlegs, all present around the lake margins. As we headed back to the van a small group of Spectacled Parrotlets were a surprise for the leader, the first time he had recorded this species in the vicinity of the city during ten years of living in Colombia. We also found our first Mountain Elaenias and Lesser Goldfinch.



Several obliging Agile Tit-Tyrants were a highlight on the outskirts of Bogota. (Trevor Ellery)

The following day we started high above Bogota as we birded downhill from the religious shrine at Cerro Guadalupe. We located a much more obliging pair of Silvery-throated Spinetails in the scrub and a Streak-throated Bush Tyrant fed around the environs of the church. A smart Paramo Seedeater rooted around on the grassy slope below us while some owl tape attracted Pale-naped Brushfinch, Andean Siskin and a few stunning Blackburnian Warblers, which were already starting to glow in their spring finery. Continuing downhill we found our first Andean Guan, Band-tailed Pigeon, Great Sapphirewing and a single Longuemare's Sunangel, a new species for the tour route. A large mixed flock contained Pearled Treerunner, Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet, Slaty Brushfinch and more Golden-fronted Whitestarts. We also found our first Superciliaried and Black-eared Hemsippinguses and a single, much sought-after, Black-headed Hemispingus. We then enjoyed splendid protracted views of one of our main targets, a near-endemic Coppery-bellied Puffleg, which perched above us for some considerable time. We also teased out a few skulkers, with Ash-coloured Tapaculo showing well. The bamboo thickets produced a brief group of Rufous Wrens, an obliging pair of Grey-browed Brushfinches and some showy Black-crested Warblers. Rufous Antpittas were uncooperative, just being heard in the distance. After much searching we located our final target, an obliging group of Agile Tit-Tyrants, foraging with a second mixed flock and allowing superb views.

We then headed across the sprawling metropolis that is Bogota and made a stop at Chicaque Park. The feeders here were busy with several Lesser Violetears and a smart Collared Inca but despite much waiting no sign of any Golden-bellied Starfrontlets. While present pretty much year around, this species occasionally disappears due to altitudinal movements or local flowerings and they simply didn't seem to be coming in to the feeders at this time. Eventually it was time to move on and begin the descent into the hot Magdalena Valley, as we made our way to our next cordillera, the Colombian central Andes.



Streak-throated Bush Tyrant and Andean Siskin were two of the commoner species we saw near Bogota. (Trevor Ellery)

We broke the journey up with a stop at a patch of lowland dry forest and soon found common lowland species such as Turkey Vulture, Ruddy Ground Dove, Smooth and Groove-billed Anis, Shining-green Hummingbird, Red-crowned Woodpecker, Scarlet-fronted Parakeet, Yellow-olive Flatbill, Rufous-browed Peppershrike, Scrub Greenlet, and Tropical Gnatcatcher. We also quickly located one of our main targets, a pair of endemic Velvet-fronted Euphonias. We continued birding, adding Yellow Oriole and Grey Pileated Finch but try as we might we couldn't locate the hoped for endemic Apical Flycatcher. We then made the short transfer to our lovely country Hotel in the foothills of the central Andes.



The recently split Tolima Blossomcrown was a highlight at Ukuku Lodge. (Trevor Ellery)

The following morning started with a pre-dawn hike to a remote lodge, where we were safely ensconced inside the living room well before first light. It was then a case of waiting patiently, just inside the open patio windows. As the light improved our quarry materialized out of the gloom and we were soon to enjoy the wonderful site of four endemic Tolima Doves, as they fed on seed spread on the lawn. After fifteen minutes or so and just before the sun came, up they melted back into the surrounding forest and left a group of smiling and happy Birdquesters. This enigmatic endemic has always been extremely hard to see well and enjoying point blank views of this species out in the open was a real novelty. There was no time to waste though and now the coast was clear we quickly shuffled around the side of the house. Our second vigil of the

morning was a success as we soon enjoyed a dazzling male of the recently split endemic Tolima Blossomcrown, as it buzzed around some low flowers. It was then time to complete the hat-trick of key endemics and a smart Yellow-headed Brushfinch quickly obliged, as it perched out in full view. Not content with this we were to add a fourth endemic and one not previously recorded on this tour, as we found Indigo-capped hummingbird to be common visitor to the feeders. Other species we found around this very pleasant property included White-tipped Swift, Crowned Woodnymph, Andean Emerald, plentiful Fawn-breasted Brilliants and Buff-tailed Coronets, a single White-booted Racket-tail, several Long-tailed Sylphs, a couple of Andean Motmots and a couple of White-throated Toucanets. We also enjoyed a fly over flock of White-capped Parrots, an obliging near endemic male Bar-crested Antshrike, Barred Becard, Inca Jay, Tropical Parula, Canada Warbler, Slate-throated Whitestart, Tooth-billed, Saffron-crowned, Bay-headed and Crimson-backed Tanagers and a Black-winged Saltator. The level of diversity present at one site really was quite impressive.

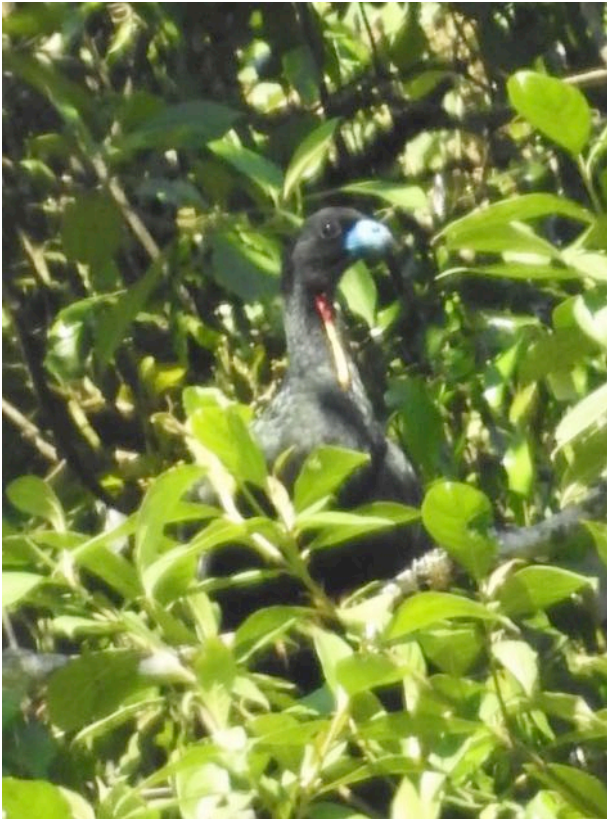


The endemic Tolima Dove and dazzling Andean Motmot were two highlights at Ukuku Lodge. (Trevor Ellery)

After this we returned to the lower levels of the Magdalena Valley and tried a new area for Apical Flycatcher. Still no luck but we did pick up some bonus species, the best being a skulking Dwarf Cuckoo, a Pied Water Tyrant and a Cinereous Becard. After such a fantastic morning it was time to head down to the hotel and grab our bags for the drive over the central Andes and on to Otun Quimbaya.

The next day we had an early morning start in the wonderful cloud forests on the edge of Los Nevados National Park. Our main target was Hooded Antpitta and after a brief first individual, we soon located a second, which allowed everybody prolonged, if slightly distant views. We returned to the car park for breakfast where we enjoyed plentiful Sickle-winged Guans. We were also very pleased to see a Wattled Guan, as it sang from a nearby forest covered hillside and allowed everybody fantastic scope views. We then spent much of the days birding different sections of the road. We quickly added two other targets, the superb Red-ruffed Fruitcrow and the endemic Cauca Guan. With these safely under our belts we set about increasing the trip list and managed to add Golden-olive Woodpecker, Red-faced Spinetail, Montane Foliage-gleaner, Streak-capped Treehunter, Streaked Xenops, Strong-billed and Montane Woodcreepers, Slaty Antwren, Plumbeous-crowned Tyrannulet, Marble-faced Bristle Tyrant, Rufous-breasted and Cinnamon Flycatchers, White-winged Becard, Rufous-naped Greenlet and a couple of White-capped Dipper on the stream. It was steady birding all day long and we also picked up Yellow-bellied Siskin, Orange-bellied Euphonia, furtive Chestnut-capped Brushfinches, both Common and Ashy-throated Bush Tanagers, Black-and-white, Russet-crowned and Three striped Warblers and a couple of brief dazzling, endemic Crested Ant-

Tanagers. Tanagers were something of a theme for the day as we also racked up White-lined, Flame-rumped, Fawn-breasted and Golden. The real highlight though was when careful sifting of the mixed flocks produced another stunning endemic, in the form of a couple of Multicolored Tanagers. A further endemic was a skulking Stile's Tapaculo, which eventually gave good views.



The rare Wattle Guan provided fantastic scope views, while the endemic Cauca Guan was common at Otun. (Trevor Ellery)



The stunning Red-ruffed Fruitcrow was pleasingly common at Otun, where we enjoyed some traditional local transport (Trevor Ellery)

The next day we spent a second morning at Otun with a Mottled Owl at dawn. We also added Rufous-tailed and Speckled Hummingbirds, Golden-headed Quetzal, Collared Trogon, Black-banded Woodcreeper,

Variegated Bristle Tyrant and a superb Chestnut-breasted Wren. Blue-winged Mountain and Metallic-green Tanagers were found in mixed flocks and after much effort we encouraged a pair of the endemic Chestnut Wood Quail to dash across the road, providing brief but wonderful views.



Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan was seen well at Santa Rosa, while Black-billed Mountain Toucan was seen at Jardin (Trevor Ellery)

We then headed off to Santa Rosa de Cabal but first made a stop some wetlands. This produced our first Black-crowned Night, Cocoi and Little Blue Herons, as well as a single Western Osprey and abundant Purple Gallinule and Wattled Jacanas. Best of all were several Blackish Rails feeding out in the open. Other common species we found included Pale-vented Pigeon, Striped Cuckoo, a roosting Common Nighthawk, both Green and Amazon Kingfishers, Blue-headed Parrot, Yellow-hooded Blackbird, Northern Waterthrush, and Mourning and Yellow Warblers. The stand out highlight was a pair of nesting Greyish Piculets, which gave fantastic views.

The next day we headed up into the highlands above Santa Rosa de Cabal and were treated to excellent views of a group of Fuertes's Parrots, (or Indigo-winged Parrot), one of the rarest parrots in the world. A couple of noisy White-capped Tanagers which emerged from the early morning gloom were also a bonus. We followed this with stunning views of both Black-billed and Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan's and managed to find a single Bar-bellied Woodpecker, which briefly emerged from a nest hole. We also located a couple of Powerful Woodpecker and our first Crimson-mantled Woodpecker. Wheeling flocks of Scaly-naped Amazons were fairly common and a flock of Golden-plumed Parakeets dashed past. A Blackish Tapaculo was glimpsed in the thick undergrowth and we also found Streaked Tuftedcheek, Blue-backed Conebill, Black-capped Tyrannulet, Smoky Bush Tyrant and both Rufous-breasted and Brown-backed Chat-Tyrants. A couple of Red-crested Cotingas also allowed fantastic scope views.



A group of 17 of the critically endangered Fuertes's or Indigo-winged Parrot were one of the highlights of the trip (Trevor Ellery)



The recently split White-throated Wedgebill at Rio Blanco (Trevor Ellery)

In the afternoon we drove to Rio Blanco, where we quickly located the much sought after Masked Saltator. The hummingbird feeders added Bronzy Inca and Tourmaline Sunangel, while some flowers at the bottom of the hill produced the recently split White-throated Wedgebill. We stayed out until dusk and were delighted to

watch a minimum of five Lyre-tailed nightjars, dancing around above our heads, a truly memorable way to end the day!



The famous Antpitta show at Rio Blanco didn't disappoint as we enjoyed fine views of both Chestnut-crowned and Brown-banded Antpittas (Trevor Ellery)

The next day was spent entirely at Rio Blanco. We started before dawn and managed good views of White-throated Screech Owl and a brief Rufous-banded Owl. The Antpitta show was great with both Chestnut-crowned and Brown-banded Antpittas showing well. Frustratingly, Bicolored Antpitta refused to show and it was only after some searching in the forest that one was glimpsed. A single Ocellated Tapaculo was also seen, but again proved rather skulking. Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatchers were very obliging, as were a couple of Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrants. We also found Green-and-black Fruiteater, a restless gang of Sepia-brown Wrens and a couple of diminutive Mountain Wrens. A single White-naped Brushfinch was seen briefly and a couple of Citrine Warblers showed well. A very nice group of Red-hooded Tanagers were also something of a highlight and we added our fourth species of Hemispingus, Black-capped. Grey-hooded Bush Tanagers and Capped Conebills were frequent in mixed flocks and a few Pale-footed Swallows were glimpsed overhead. Several Masked Trogons were found in the forest and Rufous Spinetail, Striped and Flammulated Treehunters and Streak-headed Antbirds, were all found in the dense bamboo thickets.



We saw Grey-browed Brushfinch and Green-and-black Fruiteater at the Rio Blanco feeding station (Trevor Ellery)



Green-and-black Fruiteater at Rio Blanco (Trevor Ellery)



Masked Mountain-Tanager and the endemic Rufous-fronted Parakeet at Nevado Del Ruiz (Trevor Ellery)

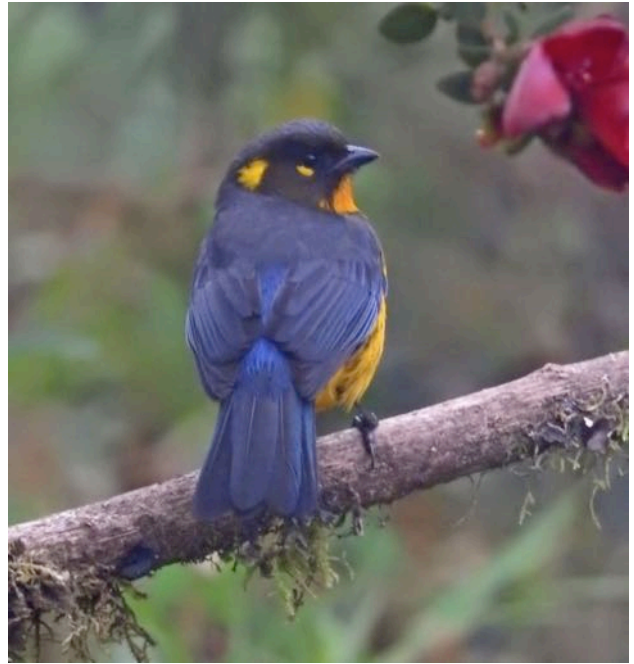


Many-striped Canastero and Paramo Tapaculo were two of the species we saw at Nevado Del Ruiz (Trevor Ellery)

The next day was spent at the high elevation Nevado Del Ruiz. After an unsuccessful early morning look for Rufous-fronted Parakeet, we visited another site, where we had great views of a Rufous Antpitta at a feeder. We also found an obliging Tyrannine Woodcreeper and a stunning male Barred Fruiteater. Despite much further waiting there was unfortunately no sign of Crescent-faced Antpitta. We then spent much of the rest of the day birding in the highlands of Los Nevados. The hummingbird feeders at Termales were very productive and we enjoyed good looks at Shining Sunbeam, Mountain Velvetbreast, Buff-winged Starfrontlet, Golden-breasted Puffleg and Viridian Metaltail. We also climbed to our highest elevation of the trip, in the high Paramo at 4000m, where a Buffy Helmetcrest showed well. The Paramo also produced several Stout-billed Cinclodes and a very obliging Many-striped Canastero. We made sure to see the local Tawny Antpittas (of the *quitensis* subspecies – split by some as ‘Western Tawny Antpitta’). Pugnacious Grass Wrens were plentiful and we enjoyed a particularly obliging Paramo Tapaculo. Searching of the Elfin forests at slightly lower elevations produced some stunning Golden-crowned Tanagers, more Rainbow-bearded Thornbills and perhaps one of the biggest surprises of the trip, a couple of Masked Mountain Tanager. This species is rare and enigmatic throughout its range and this was a first time that the leader had recorded it at this site, in ten years of visiting!

The next morning, we made a repeat visit to Nevado Del Ruiz where we were successful in locating a small group of Rufous-fronted Parakeets and we also found a very obliging Black-thighed Puffleg, a species we had missed on the previous day. We continued birding down the mountain, adding a sneaky Chestnut-naped Antpitta, which dashed across the road and we also managed to pick up White-banded Tyrannulet, Crowned Chat-Tyrant and Rufous-headed Pygmy Tyrant. We then spent much of the afternoon driving to Montezuma, with a few wetlands on the way adding Snail kite and Limpkin.

On our arrival at Montezuma the feeders were buzzing and we soon added Tawny-bellied Hermit, White-necked Jacobin, Black-throated Mango, Western Emerald, Crowned Woodnymph, Steely-vented Hummingbird, Green-crowned and Empress Brilliants, Rufous-gaped Hillstar, Purple-bibbed Whitetip, Violet-tailed Sylph and plentiful Purple-throated Woodstars. Enjoying a coffee at this wonderful lodge and sorting through such a dazzling variety of hummingbirds was a very pleasant way to end the day!



The near-endemic Black-thighed puffleg and the common Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager, at Nevado Del Ruiz. (Trevor Ellery)



We enjoyed fantastic views of the endemic Buffy Helmetcrest at Nevado Del Ruiz (Trevor Ellery)

Our first full day at Montezuma was spent in foggy and rainy conditions but regardless of this, we birded all day and found many good birds. Early on before the weather closed in, we marveled at an elegant Swallow-tailed Kite drifting around over the top of the mountain, while a Plain-breasted Hawk was seen briefly rising up on the thermals. The higher feeders held our first Velvet-purple Coronets and a brief Greenish Puffleg, while a wonderful Chestnut-bellied Flowerpiercer was extremely obliging. We followed this with a pair of Munchique Wood Wrens, which gave point blank views and we also had good looks at Tanager Finch and Northern Mountain Cacique. Continuing down the trail we added several superb Gold-ringed Tanagers, while the mixed flocks also produced Black-chinned Mountain, Purplish-mantled and Glistening-green Tanagers. An Ochre-breasted Antpitta showed superbly, as did a Nariño Tapaculo. Our flycatcher haul included Bronze-olive Pygmy Tyrant, Black-throated Tody-Flycatcher and both Handsome and Flavescent Flycatchers. As we descended lower so did the clouds but we still managed fantastic views of an Olive Finch on the roadside, while a gorgeous Orange-breasted Fruiteater perched overhead. A couple of Black Solitaire's emerged out of the fog, as did a surprise Scaled Fruiteater. Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonias and Indigo Flowerpiercer were colourful, while Dusky Bush Tanagers were somewhat more subdued. A Common Potoo was seen roosting lower down, while further mixed flocks held Plain Antvireo and Choco Brushfinch and near the lodge a couple of Parker's Antbirds skulked deep in the vegetation.



The endemic Chestnut-bellied Flowerpiercer and the diminutive Ochre-breasted Antpitta at Montezuma (Trevor Ellery)



Star-chested Treerunner and Scaled Fruiteater were two west slope specialties that we found at Montezuma (Trevor Ellery)



The often-skulking Olive Finch can show especially well at Montezuma. (Trevor Ellery)

Our second day at Tatama was even rainier and foggier than the first and in the late afternoon we had to abandon our walk and spend some time birding from the lodge. In the early morning a pair of Beautiful Jays showed very well, while Brown Inca was a new hummingbird in the forest. A Moustached Puffbird was seen briefly before disappearing into the mist and we also added our first Red-headed and Toucan Barbets, although the fog made viewing conditions at times very challenging. We also picked up both Yellow-vented and Smoky-brown Woodpeckers. Mixed flocks held Star-chested Treerunner and a couple of Brown-billed Scythebills, while a much wanted Bicolored Antvireo gave stunning views. We also added a couple of skulking Uniform Antshrikes, the usual charming Ornate Flycatchers were seen well and a Black-and-gold Tanager perched overhead. A single Flame-faced Tanager was a surprise and we also managed to add an obliging Yellow-collared Chlorophonia before the weather really closed in.



Orange-breasted Fruiteater, Montezuma (Trevor Ellery)



Spectacular scenery looking towards Cerro Tatama from Montezuma, a real untouched wilderness. (Trevor Ellery)

The next morning we undertook some final early birding at Montezuma, before making the long trek north to Jardin, although all we could muster were a couple of Slaty Spinetails near the lodge. Some roadside stops during the journey added Acorn Woodpecker, Red-faced Spinetail, Whiskered Wren and Rose-breasted Grosbeak. We arrived at Jardin in the late afternoon, with just enough time to visit the Andean Cock-of-the-rock lek, where we had fantastic views of multiple males. As always they put on a terrific display and getting up so close to these wonderful birds was a real trip highlight.



A new feeding station allowed fantastic views of Chestnut-naped Antpitta at Jardin while we were pleased with scope views of the enigmatic Chestnut-crested Cotinga. (Trevor Ellery)

The following morning, we climbed high in to the cloud forests of the Yellow-eared Parrot reserve. We soon enjoyed some fantastic fly by views of the parrots and found a superb Black-billed Mountain Toucan. We then changed the itinerary and went to a new feeding site for Chestnut-naped Antpitta, where we had unbelievable views of three individuals being hand fed at point blank range. We also managed good views of a couple of Spillman's Tapaculo's and a pair of White-browed Spinetails. We rounded off the morning by finding a pair of Chestnut-crested Cotingas, after much searching.



Two endemic Wren's from the Cauca valley, Antioquia Wren and the sometimes-split Colombian Wren (Trevor Ellery)



The Oilbird cave at Rio Claro – always an amazing experience (Trevor Ellery)

The next day it was complete change as we left the mountains and began birding in the hot humid foothills of the Magdalena valley. This meant a whole new type of forest and the new species came thick and fast with Purple-crowned Fairy, White-tailed Trogon and Rufous-tailed Jacamar, all being seen quickly. We were on the lookout for several endemics and quickly found White-mantled Barbet, Beautiful Woodpecker and Sooty Ant-Tanager. Other species included Collared Aracari, Olivaceous Piculet and both Cinnamon and Crimson-crested Woodpeckers. We also found Plain Xenops, Wedge-billed and Straight-billed Woodcreepers, Dusky Antbird, and a selection of commoner lowland flycatchers including Sooty-headed and Brown-capped Tyrannulets, Forest Elaenia and Ochre-bellied Flycatcher. Southern Bentbill and Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher were also seen well. We later visited the Oilbird cave, where we had fantastic views of these magnificent birds as the wheeled and screeched overhead, creating quite a cacophony. We also picked up our first Manakins of the trip, with Striolated and White-bearded being seen well, along with our first Tityras, Black-crowned and Masked. Black-chested jays were common and hirundines included White-thighed and

White-winged Swallows. Bold Band-backed Wrens ranged through the canopy and we added our first Bicolored Wrens, along with some skulking White-breasted Wood Wrens. We also had an icterid boost with colonies of both Chestnut-headed and Crested Oropendolas and Yellow-rumped Caciques and a couple of delightful Orange-crowned Orioles. Further searching in the canyon turned up the endemic Antioquia Bristle Tyrant and the much-wanted Grey-cheeked Nunlet.

Next day we had a brief early morning at Rio Claro, before heading out on an unscheduled detour in search of a prize. Our early morning at Rio Claro was successful in finding the much sought-after Magdalena Antbird, along with Barred and White-whiskered Puffbirds and Sepia-capped Flycatcher. We also made a short stop for Russet-winged Schiffornis and managed to add Short-tailed Swift, Rufous-breasted Hermit, Blue-chested Hummingbird, Long-tailed Tyrant, Blue crowned Manakin, several noisy Bay Wrens, a group of Dusky-faced Tanagers and a nice male Blue-black Grosbeak. We then set out on another unscheduled detour, which was very successful as we took in a Black Oropendola colony. This species was not originally on the itinerary but it was an opportunity far too good to pass up and watching these magnificent birds as they flew back and forth and displayed around their colony was a real tour highlight. In the afternoon we continued on to our pleasant hotel on the edge of Medellin.



Displaying Black Oropendola. (Trevor Ellery)

The next morning we were back in the Andes, as a brief visit to a forested gulley on the edge of Medellin led to great views of the much wanted Yellow-headed Manakin. We also managed to find Scale-crested Pygmy Tyrant, Golden-crowned Flycatcher and Russet-backed Oropendola. The biggest highlight though was fantastic views of eight endemic Red-bellied Grackles.



White-necked Puffbird, Caribbean coast (Trevor Ellery)

We then headed to the airport and took a flight up to Santa Marta on the north coast, where we had time for some productive birding in a dry forest patch on the way to our rural lodge. This produced White-necked Puffbird (a new bird for the tour route) Blue Ground Dove, multiple White-bellied Antbirds, several Lance-tailed Manakins and a couple of Trinidad Euphonias.



Buffy Hummingbird and Vermilion Cardinal, two of the specialties that we found in the Guajira desert (Trevor Ellery)

We had an early start the next morning for our big day in the arid scrub of the Guajirá and what a day it was! With the help of our expert local guide we took in all of the special birds but we also explored some new and exciting sites and added plenty of extra species. We started the morning at dawn at a site for Rufous-vented Chachalaca. As the daylight crept into the sky we managed to find quite a few Lesser Nighthawk floating overhead and we also added calling Rufous Nightjar and saw several Pauraques. As the light increased we headed out into the scrub and eventually had good views of about twenty Chachalacas. We also found a wonderful immature Collared Forest Falcon, which seemed intent on hunting the Chachalacas and then added a surprise Tocuyo Sparrow, one of the day's main targets.

We moved on to another site and steady birding in the scrub gave us many of the Guajira near endemics including abundant Bare-eyed Pigeons and thanks to local knowledge, the much-desired Buffy Hummingbirds. Other hummingbirds included Red-billed Emeralds and Shining-green Hummingbirds and we also managed to find a couple of groups of Chestnut Piculets. Brown-throated Parakeets were abundant, while we also saw good numbers of Green-rumped Parrotlets. Caribbean Horneros showed well as did the stunning White-whiskered Spinetails and finding both Pale-breasted and Yellow-chinned Spinetails was a bonus. Black-crested Antshrikes were pretty common and we also managed to add singles of Barred and the much sought-after Black-backed Antshrike. We had a flycatcher bonanza with Mouse-coloured Tyrannulet, Tawny-crowned Pygmy Tyrant, Northern Scrub Flycatcher and both Slender-billed and Pale-tipped Inezias. The flycatchers kept coming thick and fast and we also picked up Pearly-vented Tody Tyrant, Ochre-ored Flatbill, Grey Kingbird and Brown-crested Flycatcher. A couple more very showy Tocuyo Sparrows and some stunning Vermilion Cardinals were also found, along with the localized Glaucous Tanager and good numbers of Grey Pileated Finch. A few attractive Orinoco Saltators brightened up the scrub and we found some flocks of the dowdy Black-faced Grassquit. We picked up several Ferruginous Pygmy Owls, while Aplomado Falcon and a couple of migrant Merlin's were seen overhead.



Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl and Green-rumped Parrotlet, La Guajira (Trevor Ellery)

Later in the morning we visited a wetland where we added a vagrant Shoveler, thirty American Wigeons and an amazing fifteen Masked Ducks, all females and immatures. The wetlands also held plentiful Least Grebes and American White, Scarlet and Glossy Ibis, while additions to our heron list included Green, Great Blue and Tricoloured Herons and Reddish Egret. Several Pearl Kites were seen and we also added Savannah and Harris Hawks. A single Double-striped Thick-Knee was as picked out in a roadside field and we added a host of waders but just a single Laughing Gull. The drive back to the Hotel produced Blue-crowned Parakeet, a new species for the tour.



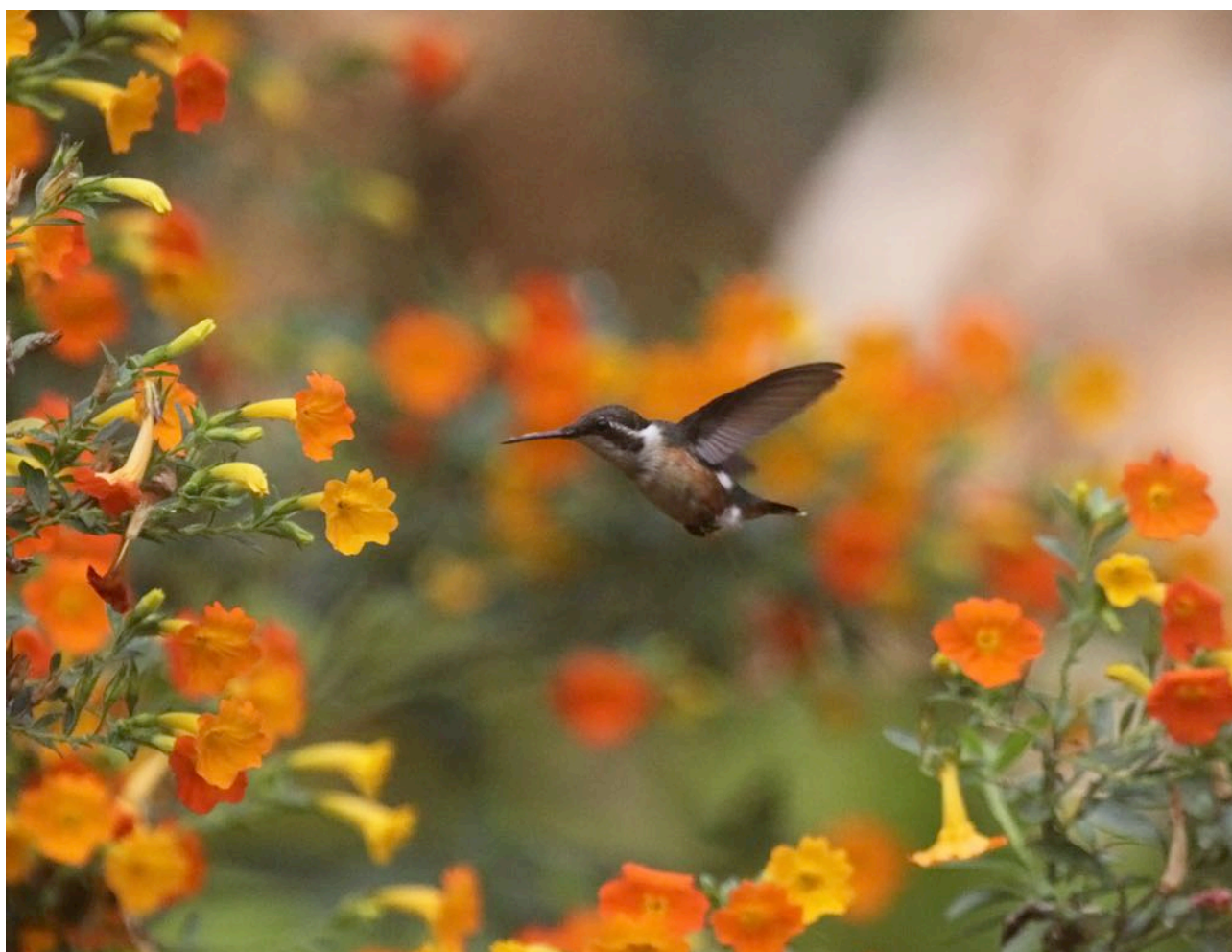
Grey-headed Tanager and Great-crested Flycatcher at Tayrona National Park. (Trevor Ellery)

The next morning we made an early morning visit to Tayrona National Park. We spent some time waiting patiently by the side of a road and we all managed reasonable views of a male Blue-billed Curassow, as it skulked deep in the vegetation. This was a fantastic extra endemic and a species not previously seen on this particular tour. Other birds we picked up in the park included Buff-breasted Wren, Pale-bellied Hermit, White-chinned Sapphire, Plain-brown Woodcreeper, a female Black-crowned Antshrike, Greenish Elaenia, an obliging pair of Golden-fronted Greenlets and a showy Grey-headed Tanager.



Black-and-white Owl and Scaled Piculet in the Santa Marta foothills (Trevor Ellery)

The following day was spent climbing up to El Dorado lodge, with many fantastic birds seen on the journey. Starting just above Minca, we soon picked up several Keel-billed Toucans, a Scaled Piculet, Panama Flycatcher and both Rufous-breasted and Rufous-and-white Wrens. As we got higher up a surprisingly obliging Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner showed well and a pair of skulking Rosy Thrush-tanagers finally gave themselves up. We also managed great views of Golden-winged Sparrow, while a Santa Marta Antbird showed very well and we then managed to entice out a couple of Santa Marta Tapaculos. Continuing higher we enjoyed a Coppery Emerald visiting some flowers and then followed this with a fantastic Santa Marta Blossomcrown. We also found a Santa Marta Woodstar buzzing around the same flowers as the Blossomcrown, a real bonus! Other species that we saw included Groove-billed Toucanet, Orange-billed Nightingale and Yellow-legged Thrushes and a few endemic White-lored Warblers.



Santa Marta Woodstar on the climb to El Dorado Lodge (Trevor Ellery)

When we finally arrived at the lodge we added some confiding Band-tailed Guans, while the feeders held Lazuline Sabrewing and Brown and Sparkling Violetears. Pair of White-throated Toucanets (of the Santa Marta endemic lautus form) were watched foraging in nearby trees. We also had some superb Blue-naped Chlorophonias on the feeders, while a couple of Sierra Nevada Brushfinches showed well as they drank at a water feature. We also added the first of many Santa Marta Brushfinches.

The next day was our big day birding along the San Lorenzo ridge, where we hoped to find many of the key endemics. Several Band-winged Nightjars were seen on the drive up and upon arrival we quickly picked up Santa Marta Parakeet, some skulking Rusty-headed Spinetails and plenty of Streak-headed Spinetails. Best of all was a smart Rufous Antpitta (of the endemic spatiator form) hopping around in the open. It sadly had a broken leg but prolonged views out in the open were exceptional. We then found the much sought-after

Santa Marta Bush Tyrant and we also managed great views of Hermit Wood Wren and three skulking Santa Marta Warblers. We found quite a few Santa Marta Mountain Tanagers, along with plentiful Yellow-crowned Whitetstarts and we added our first White-tailed Starfrontlets. As we birded back down to the lodge we added a couple of White-tipped Quetzals and a single Black-throated Tody Flycatcher in a mixed flock. We also stopped in at an antpitta feeder where a Santa Marta Antpitta showed very well.



(Santa Marta) Rufous Antpitta and Santa Marta Antpitta, Santa Marta Mountains. (Trevor Ellery)

Our penultimate day was spent birding below the lodge. We started pre-dawn and managed great views of Santa Marta Screech Owl. We then, birded down the road adding Long-billed Hermit, a skulking Barred Forest Falcon, a fantastic Grey-throated Leaf-tosser and a diminutive Rusty-breasted Antpitta, which gave very close views. We also picked up a nice Golden-breasted Fruiteater and a Golden Grosbeak.



Santa Marta Screech Owl and Sierra Nevada Brushfinch in the Santa Marta Mountains (Trevor Ellery)

Our final morning involved an early departure from El Dorado Lodge and a rapid descent down the mountain into the hot lowlands. We arrived at a stakeout at dawn and were soon enjoying good looks at the endemic Rufous-winged Chachalaca. The rest of the morning was spent birding in the marshes and mangroves along the coast. This provided us with lots of ducks and we added Fulvous Whistling Duck and White-cheeked Pintail to the list. We also did well with a selection of herons including Roseate Spoonbill and Yellow-crowned Night-Heron. A nice Common Black Hawk was seen perched in the mangroves and we added lots of waders and good numbers of Gull-billed and Royal Terns.

The mangroves also held a couple of nice Pied Puffbirds, a Golden-green Woodpecker, Prothonotary Warbler, plentiful Bicolored Conebills and a Bare-throated Tiger Heron. We also managed to locate both Sapphire-throated and Sapphire-bellied Hummingbirds. We finished the day birding at some last marshes, where we added Spot-breasted Woodpecker, White-headed Marsh Tyrant, a group of vocal Stripe-backed Wrens and a roadside flock of Bronze-brown Cowbirds. We then briefly stopped in a hotel and grabbed some pre-flight showers, before the internal flight back to Bogota and international connections.



The Santa Marta Mountains and Scarlet-fronted Parakeet (Trevor Ellery)



A friendly local and trilingual toilet sign in the Guajira, Colombia. (Trevor Ellery)



Rusty-breasted Antpitta below El Dorado Lodge (Trevor Ellery)

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR

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).

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

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

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

The species names and taxonomy used in the report mostly follows Gill, F & D Donsker (Eds). 2019. IOC World Bird List (v 9.1). This list is updated several times annually and is available at <http://www.worldbirdnames.org>. Please note that this was the current version when the report checklist was created. Some alternative names are given in parentheses.

BIRDS

Total of bird species recorded: 702

- Grey Tinamou** ◊ *Tinamus tao* (H) A single bird heard calling distantly below El Dorado Lodge (Iarensis).
- Little Tinamou** *Crypturellus soui* (H) Heard in the lowlands at Rio Claro (cauca).
- White-faced Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna viduata* 8 seen in the Barranquilla marshes on the last day.
- Black-bellied Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna autumnalis* Small numbers on the Caribbean coast (nominate).
- Fulvous Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna bicolor* 15 seen in the marshes near Barranquilla on our last day.
- Blue-winged Teal** *Spatula discors* Seen commonly wetlands near Bogota, in the Guajira and B/quilla.
- American Wigeon** *Mareca Americana* 30 were seen on wetlands in the Guajira. A high count.
- Northern Shoveler** *Spatula clypeata* 1 drake at wetlands in the Guajira – a scarce migrant in Colombia.
- White-cheeked Pintail (Bahama P)** *Anas bahamensis* 25 in the Barranquilla marshes on our last day (nominate).
- Andean Teal** ◊ (Merida Speckled T) *Anas [andium] altipetens* 40 at Sumapaz on our first day (altipetens).
- Lesser Scaup** *Aythya affinis* Five were seen at La Florida on the outskirts of Bogota, scarce in Colombia.
- Masked Duck** *Nomonyx dominicus* 14 were seen in flooded wetlands in the Guajira.
- Andean Duck** *Oxyura ferruginea* 40 at Sumapaz, 100 at La Florida and a single at Camiguaduas (andina).
- Chestnut-winged Chachalaca** ◊ *Ortalis garrula* 10 seen at dawn on our last day on the Caribbean coast.
- Rufous-vented Chachalaca** *Ortalis ruficauda* Twenty were seen in scrub on the edge of the Guajira (ruficrissa).
- Colombian Chachalaca** ◊ *Ortalis columbiana* Singles, Cauca Valley and Rio Claro. Heard Medellin.
- Band-tailed Guan** ◊ *Penelope argyrotis* Common around El Dorado Lodge (colombiana).
- Andean Guan** ◊ *Penelope montagnii* Singles Guadalupe, Santa Rosa and Termales del Ruiz (nominate).
- Cauca Guan** ◊ *Penelope perspicax* Common at Otun Quimbaya with ten seen on each day.
- Wattled Guan** ◊ *Aburria aburri* A superb singing bird gave great views at Otun.
- Sickle-winged Guan** ◊ *Chamaepetes goudotii* Scattered sightings in the highlands including 10 at Otun (nominate).
- Blue-billed Curassow** ◊ *Crax alberti* A male seen lurking deep in the understory in Tayrona NP.
- Crested Bobwhite** ◊ *Colinus cristatus* (H) Heard in the lowlands near Ibague (leucotis).
- Black-fronted Wood Quail** ◊ *Odontophorus atrifrons* A single bird visited the feeder at El Dorado Lodge (nominate).
- Chestnut Wood Quail** ◊ *Odontophorus hyperythrus* A couple seen well crossing the road at Otun.
- Least Grebe** *Tachybaptus dominicus* Fifteen on the flooded wetlands in the Guajira (brachyrhynchus).
- Pied-billed Grebe** *Podilymbus podiceps* Small no's La Florida, Camiguaduas and Guajira wetlands (antarcticus).
- Bare-faced Ibis (Whispering)** *Phimosus infuscatus* Almost daily sighting in the highlands (berlepschi).
- American White Ibis** *Eudocimus albus* 130 on the flooded wetlands in the Guajira (ramobustorum).
- Scarlet Ibis** *Eudocimus ruber* Fifteen amongst the flocks of White Ibis in the Guajira.
- Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus* Ten in the Guajira, Two hundred and fifty in the Barranquilla marshes.
- Roseate Spoonbill** *Platalea ajaja* Three in the Barranquilla marshes.
- Bare-throated Tiger Heron** *Tigrisoma mexicanum* A single bird at Isla Salamanca was a surprise.
- Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax* Six at Camiguadua, 10 Barranquilla marshes (hoactli).
- Yellow-crowned Night Heron** *Nyctanassa violacea* One in the Barranquilla marshes (cayennensis).
- Green Heron** *Butorides virescens* Three in the Guajira wetlands (nominate).
- Striated Heron** *Butorides striata* Three La Florida, ten Camiguadua, and four Barranquilla Marshes (nominate).
- Western Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis* Seen almost daily (nominate).
- Great Blue Heron** *Ardea Herodias* 1 Guajira wetlands, 25 Barranquilla marshes (nominate).
- Cocoi Heron (White-necked H)** *Ardea cocoi* 1 Camiguaduas, 1 Guajira wetlands, 4 Barranquilla.
- Great Egret** *Ardea alba* A few in the highlands and 15 Guajira wetlands and some hundreds Barranquilla (egretta).

Reddish Egret *Egretta rufescens* Six around the lagoon at Camarones in the Guajira (nominate).
Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor* 10 In the Guajira wetlands, 20 in the Barranquilla marshes (ruficollis).
Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* 3 Camiguaduas, 5 Guajira wetlands, 1 roadside Tayrona, 10 B/quilla.
Snowy Egret *Egretta thula* Scattered sightings, plentiful in the Guajira wetlands and near Barranquilla (nominate).
Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis* Just two seen at Camarones in the Guajira (nominate).
Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens* Small numbers seen on the coast (rothschildi).
Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* Scattered sightings with large no's on the north coast (nominate).
Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga* 2 Guajira wetlands, 1 Barranquilla marshes (nominate).
Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* Widespread sightings on many days (ruficollis).
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture *Cathartes burrovianus* 10 in the Guajira, 20 in the Barranquilla marshes (nominate).
Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* Ubiquitous – almost daily sightings (brasiliensis).
Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* 1 Camiguaduas, 1 Rio Claro and daily on the Caribbean coast (carolinensis).
White-tailed Kite *Elanus leucurus (NL)* Two seen near La Florida (nominate).
Pearl Kite *Gampsonyx swainsonii* Three seen in the Guajira and one seen near Barranquilla (leonae).
Swallow-tailed Kite (American S-t K) *Elanoides forficatus* 1 seen at Montezuma, 8 seen at Rio Claro (yetapa).
Plain-breasted Hawk *Accipiter ventralis* 1 soaring at Montezuma.
Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis* 1 at Camiguadua, seen, Guajira and 13 in the Barranquilla marshes (nominate).
Common Black Hawk *Buteogallus anthracinus* 1 perched in the mangroves at Isla Salamanca (nominate).
Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis* Just a single in the Guajira.
Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris* Common with almost daily sightings (nominate).
Harris's Hawk (Bay-winged H) *Parabuteo unicinctus* A single in the Guajira (nominate).
White-rumped Hawk ◊ *Parabuteo leucorrhous(NL)* 1 seen by some of the group El Dorado Lodge.
White-tailed Hawk *Geranoaetus albicaudatus* 3 seen soaring above Rio Blanco (hypospodius).
Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle* *Geranoaetus melanoleucus* 2 Paramo Sumapaz, 1 Nevado del Ruiz (australis).
Broad-winged Hawk (W) *Buteo platypterus* Just a few scattered sightings (nominate).
Russet-crowned Crane *Laterallus viridis(H)* Heard at Rio Claro (brunnescens).
Bogota Rail ◊ *Rallus semiplumbeus* A single individual gave wonderful views at Sumapaz (nominate).
Sora *Porzana Carolina (H)* Heard in the marshes at Barranquilla, new for the tour.
Blackish Rail *Pardirallus nigricans* 3 showed well at Camiguaduas. A news species for the tour route (caucaae).
Purple Gallinule (American P G) *Porphyrio martinica* 5 Camiguadua, 15 Guajira, 25 Barranquilla.
Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata* 2 La Florida, common Camiguadua, Guajira wetlands, Barranquilla (pauvilla).
Spot-flanked Gallinule ◊ *Porphyriops melanops* 2 La Florida on our first day (bogotensis).
American Coot *Fulica Americana* 15 Sumapaz, 30 La Florida and 4 Camiguadua (colombiana).
Limpkin *Aramus guarauna* 1 roadside Cauca valley, 8 Guajira wetlands, 40 Barranquilla marshes (nominate).
Double-striped Thick-knee *Burhinus bistriatus* 1 in the Guajira (pediacus).
Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus* 10 Camiguadua, 40 Barranquilla marshes (nominate).
Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis* Ubiquitous, almost daily sightings (cayennensis).
Grey Plover (Black-bellied P) *Pluvialis squatarola* 2 Guajira, 1 Barranquilla marshes (cynosurae).
Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus* 20 Guajira, 1 Barranquilla marshes.
Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana* 3 Camiguaduas, 100 Guajira wetlands, 50 Barranquilla marshes (hypomelaena).
Whimbrel (Hudsonian W) *Numenius [phaeopus] hudsonicus* 5 Guajira, 2 Barranquilla marshes (hudsonicus).
Sanderling *Calidris alba* 15 at Camarones in the Guajira (rubida).
Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla* 20 at Camarones in the Guajira.
Wilson's Snipe *Gallinago delicata* A single at Sumapaz on the first day.
Noble Snipe ◊ *Gallinago nobilis* 10 at Sumapaz, heard displaying pre-dawn at Nevado del Ruiz.
Jameson's Snipe *Gallinago jamesoni (H)* Heard displaying in the pre-dawn at Nevado del Ruiz.
Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* 2 at La Florida, 6 at Camiguaduas, 2 Guajira and 15 B/quilla.
Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria* 11 La Florida, 10 Camiguaduas and 2 in the Barranquilla marshes (nominate).
Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes* 6 La Florida, 10 Camiguaduas, 6 Guajira, 50 Barranquilla Marshes.
Willet (Eastern W) *Tringa [semipalmata] semipalmata* 15 Camarones, 40 Barranquilla (nominate).
Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* 15 Sumapaz, 10 Guajira, 50 Barranquilla marshes.
Laughing Gull (W) *Leucophaeus atricilla* Just a single at Camarones in the Guajira (megalopterus).
Gull-billed Tern *Gelocheidon nilotica* 40 in the Barranquilla marshes on our last day (aranea).

Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus* 20 in the Barranquilla marshes on our last day (nominate).
Rock Dove (introduced) *Columba livia* Frequent sightings throughout the trip.
Scaled Pigeon *Patagioenas speciose* Seen on two days in the Santa Marta foothills.
Bare-eyed Pigeon ◊ *Patagioenas corensis* 40 in the Guairá and 15 in the Barranquilla marshes.
Band-tailed Pigeon *Patagioenas fasciata* Common in the highlands and seen on many days (albilinea).
Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis* 2 at Camiguaduas and 6 in the Guajira (pallidicrissa).
Plumbeous Pigeon *Patagioenas plumbea* (H) Heard on a couple of days at Otun Quimbaya (ssp?).
Ruddy Pigeon *Patagioenas subvinacea* (H) Heard at Montezuma (berlepschi).
Scaled Dove *Columbina squammata* Common in the Guajira with around 20 seen (ridgwayi).
Common Ground Dove *Columbina passerine* Small no's seen at Rio Claro, Guajira and Barranquilla (albivitta).
Ruddy Ground Dove *Columbina talpacoti* Commonly seen at many lowland sites throughout the tour (rufipennis).



Scaled Dove, La Guajira (Trevor Ellery)

Blue Ground Dove *Claravis pretiosa* 1 seen in dry forest near Tayrona on the Caribbean coast.
White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi* Small no's at Rio Claro and on the Caribbean coast (nominate).
Tolima Dove ◊ *Leptotila conover* Four seen feeding on the lawn at Ukuku lodge.
White-throated Quail-Dove ◊ *Zentrygon frenata* A single seen briefly on the road at Montezuma (bourcieri).
Lined Quail-Dove ◊ *Zentrygon linearis* A single seen in the Santa Marta Mountains (infusca).
Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata* Scattered sightings throughout, mainly in the highlands (penteria, stenura).
Greater Ani *Crotophaga major* Just four seen at Rio Claro.
Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani* Scattered sighting throughout the trip. Common in open humid areas.
Groove-billed Ani *Crotophaga sulcirostris* 8 in the Magdalena valley, 20 Guajira and 15 Barranquilla.
Striped Cuckoo *Tapera naevia* A singing bird seen at Camiguadua and heard on the north coast.
Dwarf Cuckoo ◊ *Coccyua pumila* A single surprise bird while looking for Apical Flycatcher near Ibague.
Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana* Seen on four days and heard on two others (mehleri).
Tropical Screech Owl *Megascops choliba* Seen in the garden at Santa Rosa. Heard on 4 more trip days (cruciger).
White-throated Screech Owl ◊ *Megascops albogularis* Fantastic views of a pair at Rio Blanco (macabrus).
Santa Marta Screech Owl*◊ *Megascops gilesi* Stunning views of a single at Santa Marta, a trip highlight.
Mottled Owl *Strix virgate* One seen briefly at Otun Quimbaya (virgata).
Rufous-banded Owl *Strix albitarsis* One seen briefly at Rio Blanco (nominate).

Black-and-white Owl ◊ *Strix nigrolineata* A single bird on a roost in the Santa Marta mountains.
Andean Pygmy Owl ◊ *Glaucidium jadinii* (H) Heard well at Nevado del Ruiz but it wouldn't budge.
Ferruginous Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum* 3 seen in the Guajira scrub (medianum).
Oilbird ◊ *Steatornis caripensis* 25 seen in the cave at Rio Claro. Always a trip highlight.
Common Potoo (Grey P) *Nyctibius griseus* A roosting bird seen on both our days at Montezuma (panamensis).
Lesser Nighthawk *Chordeiles acutipennis* 15 floating overhead at dawn in the Guajira (nominata).
Common Nighthawk (W) *Chordeiles minor* A single roosting at Camiguadua.
Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis* 3 seen at dawn in the Guajira. Also heard by some at Otun Quimbaya (gilvus).
Band-winged Nightjar *Systellura longirostris* Three on the drive to the ridge at Santa Marta (ruficervix).
Lyre-tailed Nightjar *Uropsalis lyra* 5 danced above our heads at dusk at Rio Blanco (nominata).
Rufous Nightjar *Antrostomus rufus* (H) 3 were heard calling on the edge of the Guajira (minimus).
Chestnut-collared Swift *Streptoprocne rutile* 4 roadside near Montezuma and 40 at El Dorado (brunnitorques).
White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris* Scattered sightings at all elevations throughout the trip (subtropicalis).
Short-tailed Swift *Chaetura brachyuran* 4 near Rio Claro (nominata).
White-tipped Swift *Aeronautes montivagus* 15 at Ukuku Lodge (nominata).
Rufous-breasted Hermit (Hairy H) *Glaucis hirsutus* 1 at Rio Claro (nominata).
Green Hermit *Phaethornis guy* 1 at Jardin (emiliae).
Long-billed Hermit (Western Long-tailed H) *Phaethornis longirostris* 1 below El Dorado Lodge (susurrus).
Tawny-bellied Hermit ◊ *Phaethornis syrmatorphus* 1-2 Seen daily on the feeders at Montezuma (nominata).
Pale-bellied Hermit *Phaethornis anthophilus* Seen at Tayrona and on the feeders at Minca (nominata).
Lazuline Sabrewing ◊ *Campylopterus falcatus* A single seen daily on the feeders at El Dorado Lodge.
White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora* Small no's on the feeders at Montezuma and Hotel Minca (nominata).
Brown Violetear *Colibri delphinae* Common on the feeders at El Dorado Lodge.
Lesser Violetear *Colibri cyanotus* Scattered sightings at highland sites throughout (nominata).
Sparkling Violetear *Colibri coruscans* Heard on the first day, seen on the feeders at El Dorado (nominata).
Black-throated Mango *Anthracothorax nigricollis* 1 feeders at Montezuma. 2 Hotel Minca feeders.
Western Emerald ◊ *Chlorostilbon melanorhynchus* 1-2 Daily on the flowers at Montezuma.
Red-billed Emerald ◊ *Chlorostilbon gibsoni* Common in the Guajira (nitens).
Coppery Emerald ◊ *Chlorostilbon russatus* A single bird on the climb to El Dorado Lodge.
Crowned Woodnymph ◊ (Violet-crowned W) *Thalurania [colombica] colombica*, 1 Ukuku, El Dorado.
Crowned Woodnymph ◊ (Green-crowned W) *Thalurania [colombica] fannyae* 1 Montezuma.
Sapphire-throated Hummingbird *Lepidopyga coeruleogularis*. A single was seen at Isla Salamanca (coelina).
Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird ◊ *Lepidopyga lilliae* A single at Isla Salamanca.
Shining-green Hummingbird ◊ *Lepidopyga goudoti* 2 near Ibaguè and 3 in the Guajira (nominata, luminosa).
White-chinned Sapphire *Hylocharis cyanus* A singing bird high in the canopy at Tayrona NP (viridiventris).
Buffy Hummingbird ◊ *Leucippus fallax* 3 in the scrub in the Guajira at our local guides stakeout.
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird *Amazilia tzacatl* Scattered sightings throughout the tour (fuscicaudata, jucunda).
Andean Emerald ◊ *Amazilia franciae* Scattered sightings at highland sites (nominata).
Blue-chested Hummingbird *Amazilia amabilis* A single at Rio Claro.
Steely-vented Hummingbird *Amazilia saucerottei* Small no's at Montezuma, Hotel Minca (nominata, warscewiczii).
Indigo-capped Hummingbird *Amazilia cyanifrons* Common on the feeders at Ukuku.
Santa Marta Blossomcrown ◊ *Anthocephala floriceps* 1 on the climb up to El Dorado Lodge.
Tolima Blossomcrown ◊ *Anthocephala berlepschi* A fine male at Ukuku Lodge.
White-vented Plumeleteer *Chalybura buffonii* Common on the feeders at Hotel Minca (aeneicauda).
Speckled Hummingbird *Adelomyia melanogenys* Scattered sightings at several highland sites (cervina).
Fawn-breasted Brilliant ◊ *Heliodoxa rubinoides* Common feeders at Ukuku and Rio Blanco, seen Otun (nominata).
Green-crowned Brilliant *Heliodoxa jacula* up to 2 on the Montezuma feeders (nominata).
Empress Brilliant *Heliodoxa imperatrix* Up to 2 daily on the Montezuma feeders.
White-tailed Hillstar ◊ *Urochroa bougueri* Up to 2 daily on the Montezuma feeders (nominata).
Buff-tailed Coronet ◊ *Boissonneaua flavescens* Common on feeders at Ukuku, Rio Blanco and Jardin (nominata).
Velvet-purple Coronet ◊ *Boissonneaua jadinii* Common on the higher feeders at Montezuma.
Shining Sunbeam ◊ *Aglaeactis cupripennis* Common on the feeders at Termales del Ruiz (nominata).
Mountain Velvetbreast *Lafresnaya lafresnayi* Scattered sightings at highland sites (nominata, longirostris).

Bronzy Inca *Coeligena coeligena* 2 on the feeders at Rio Blanco (ferruginea).
Brown Inca ◊ *Coeligena wilsoni* 2 seen in the forest at Montezuma (nominate).
Collared Inca *Coeligena torquata* Scattered sightings at Highland sites (nominate).
White-tailed Starfrontlet ◊ *Coeligena phalerata* Seen on two days in the Santa Marta mountains.
Buff-winged Starfrontlet *Coeligena lutetiae* 1 seen at Otun, common at Termales del Ruiz (nominate).
Great Sapphirewing *Pterophanes cyanopterus* 1 at Cerro Guadalupe, common at Termales (nominate, caeruleus).
Longuemare's Sunangel *Heliangelus clarisse* 1 at Cerro Guadalupe (nominate).
Tourmaline Sunangel ◊ *Heliangelus exortis* Common at feeders at several highland sites.
Glowing Puffleg ◊ *Eriocnemis vestita* A single on feeders at Chicaque (nominate).
Black-thighed Puffleg ◊ *Eriocnemis derbyi* A single near Termales del Ruiz.
Coppery-bellied Puffleg ◊ *Eriocnemis cupreovertris* Great views at Cerro Guadalupe.
Golden-breasted Puffleg ◊ *Eriocnemis mosquera* Common on the feeders at Nevado del Ruiz.
Greenish Puffleg ◊ *Haplophædia aureliae* Just one seen on the upper feeders at Montezuma (caucensis).
Purple-bibbed Whitetip ◊ *Urosticte benjamini* A single at the feeders at Montezuma.
White-booted Racket-tail *Ocreatus underwoodii* Singles on the feeders at Ukuku and Montezuma (incommodus).
Purple-backed Thornbill ◊ *Ramphomicron microrhynchum* Seen on 5 days in the highlands (nominate).
Green-bearded Helmetcrest ◊ *Oxypogon guerinii* 10 seen on our first day at Sumapaz.
Buffy Helmetcrest ◊ *Oxypogon stuebelii* A single gave fantastic views at Nevado del Ruiz.
Tyrian Metaltail *Metallura tyrianthina* Scattered sighting (nominate, districta).
Viridian Metaltail *Metallura williami* Common on the feeders at Termales del Ruiz (nominate).
Bronze-tailed Thornbill ◊ *Chalcostigma heteropogon* A couple on our first day at Sumapaz.
Rainbow-bearded Thornbill ◊ *Chalcostigma herrani* Seen on both days at Nevado del Ruiz (tolimae).
Long-tailed Sylph *Agelaiocercus kingie* Common on the feeders at Ukuku and Rio Blanco (emmae).
Violet-tailed Sylph ◊ *Agelaiocercus coelestis* Common on the feeders at Montezuma (nominate).
White-throated Wedgebill *Schistes albogularis* A single seen well at Rio Blanco.
Purple-crowned Fairy *Heliophryx barroti* A single at Rio Claro.
Long-billed Starthroat *Heliomaster longirostris* A single at Minca (nominate).
Purple-throated Woodstar ◊ *Calliphlox mitchellii* Seen daily on the feeders at Montezuma.
White-bellied Woodstar ◊ *Chaetocercus mulsant* Singles on the feeders at Rio Blanco and Jardin.
Santa Marta Woodstar ◊ *Chaetocercus astreans* A single on the climb to El Dorado Lodge.
Golden-headed Quetzal *Pharomachrus auriceps* 2 at Otun Quimbaya and heard on 2 other days (nominate).
White-tipped Quetzal ◊ *Pharomachrus fulgidus* A couple seen in the Santa Marta mountains (festatus).
White-tailed Trogon (Western W-t T) *Trogon chionurus* 1 at Rio Claro.
Black-throated Trogon *Trogon rufus* (H) Heard at Rio Claro but wouldn't move in to sight (cupreicauda) .
Collared Trogon *Trogon collaris* 1 at Otun Quimbaya (subtropicalis).
Masked Trogon *Trogon personatus* Seen Andes and Santa Marta mountains (nominate, sanctaemartae).
Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle Americana* Camiguadua, Rio Claro and the Barranquilla marshes (septentrionalis).
Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazon* Camiguadua and Rio Claro.
Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata* Seen on four days and heard on another (nominate).
Whooping Motmot ◊ *Momotus subrufescens* 2 in the SM foothills and 2 in the coastal lowlands (nominate).
Andean Motmot (Highland M) *Momotus aequatorialis* Seen on numerous days in the Andes (nominate).
Rufous Motmot *Baryphthengus martii* (H) Heard at Rio Claro (semirufus).
Broad-billed Motmot *Electron platyrhynchum* Seen on two days at Rio Claro (colombianum).
Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda* Seen at Rio Claro and on the Caribbean coast (nominate).
White-necked Puffbird *Notharchus hyperrhynchus* A pair were seen in dry forest near Tayrona (nominate).
Pied Puffbird *Notharchus tectus* 4 were seen in the mangroves at Isla de Salamanca (subtectus).
Barred Puffbird ◊ *Nystalus radiates* A single was seen at Rio Claro.
Russet-throated Puffbird ◊ *Hypnelus ruficollis* 6 in the Guajira and 4 were seen at the B/quilla marshes (ruficollis).
White-whiskered Puffbird *Malacoptila panamensis* 1 was seen at Rio Claro (magdalenae).
Moustached Puffbird ◊ *Malacoptila mystacalis* 1 was seen at Montezuma.
Grey-cheeked Nunlet ◊ *Nonnula frontalis* A single was seen at Rio Claro (nominate).
White-mantled Barbet ◊ *Capito hypoleucus* 1 was seen at Rio Claro (extinctus).
Red-headed Barbet ◊ *Eubucco bourcierii* Seen at Montezuma, heard at La Romera (occidentalis).

Toucan Barbet ◊ *Semnornis ramphastinus* Seen at Montezuma but the fog didn't help (caucaae)!
White-throated Toucanet ◊ (Santa Marta T) *Aulacorhynchus [albivitta] lautus* Seen on 2 days SM.
White-throated Toucanet ◊ (Grey-throated T) *Aulacorhynchus [albivitta] griseigularis* In the Andes.
Groove-billed Toucanet ◊ (Yellow-billed T) *Aulacorhynchus [sulcatus] calorhynchus* 1 El Dorado.
Collared Aracari *Pteroglossus torquatus* Seen at Rio Claro and dry forest on the Caribbean coast (nuchalis).
Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan ◊ *Andigena hypoglauca* Singles Santa Rosa, Nevado del Ruiz (nominate).
Black-billed Mountain Toucan ◊ *Andigena nigrirostris* 1 Santa Rosa and 2 at Jardin (spilothynchus, occidentalis).
Citron-throated Toucan ◊ *Ramphastos citreolaemus* (H) Heard Rio Claro.



Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan, Santa Rosa (Trevor Ellery)

Keel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos sulfuratus* 4 seen above Minca, heard one other day SM (brevicarinatus).
Scaled Piculet *Picumnus squamulatus* 2 seen well above Minca (lovejoyi).
Olivaceous Piculet *Picumnus olivaceus* 1 seen at Rio Claro (nominate).
Greyish Piculet ◊ *Picumnus granadensis* 2 were seen at a nest hole at Camiguadua (nominate).
Chestnut Piculet ◊ *Picumnus cinnamomeus* 6 were seen in the Guajira, a good showing (nominate).
Acorn Woodpecker *Melanerpes formicivorus* 3 were seen roadside on the drive out of Montezuma (falvigula).
Beautiful Woodpecker ◊ *Melanerpes pulcher* 1 was seen at Rio Claro.
Red-crowned Woodpecker *Melanerpes rubricapillus* Widespread sightings on many days (nominate).
Yellow-vented Woodpecker ◊ *Veniliornis dingus* 1 was seen well at Montezuma (nominate).
Bar-bellied Woodpecker *Veniliornis nigriceps* 1 was seen at a nest hole at Santa Rosa (equifasciatus).
Red-rumped Woodpecker *Veniliornis kirkii* 2 were seen in dry forest on the north coast (cecilii).
Smoky-brown Woodpecker *Leuconotopicus fumigatus* Seen at Montezuma, heard on 2 other days (nominate).
Golden-green Woodpecker *Piculus chrysochloros* A single in the Mangroves at Salamanca (aurosus).
Golden-olive Woodpecker *Colaptes rubiginosus* Seen at Otun and heard on 4 other days (gularis).
Crimson-mantled Woodpecker *Colaptes rivolii* Seen Santa Rosa, Rio Blanco. Heard Nevado del Ruiz (quidiuna).
Spot-breasted Woodpecker *Colaptes punctigula* Seen at the Barranquilla marshes on our last day (ujhelyii).
Cinnamon Woodpecker *Celeus loricatus* A single seen well at Rio Claro (innotatus).
Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus* A single in dry forest on the north coast (nominate).
Powerful Woodpecker *Campephilus pollens* 2 were seen at Santa Rosa and heard at Rio Blanco (nominate).
Crimson-crested Woodpecker *Campephilus melanoleucos* Seen at Rio Claro and above Minca (malherbii).
Northern Crested Caracara (Northern C) *Caracara cheriway* Seen on many days during the tour (nominate).
Yellow-headed Caracara *Milvago chimachima* Seen on many days during the tour (cordata).
Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans* 1 seen at Rio Claro, heard Tayrona (nominate).
Barred Forest Falcon *Micrastur ruficollis* 1 seen briefly above El Dorado Lodge (zonothorax).
Collared Forest Falcon *Micrastur semitorquatus* A single immature in the Guajira (naso).
American Kestrel *Falco sparverius* Seen on 3 days (ochraceus, isabellinus).
Aplomado Falcon *Falco femoralis* A single in the Guajira (nominate).
Merlin *Falco columbarius* 2 were seen in the Guajira (nominate).
Bat Falcon *Falco ruficularis* 1 was seen on the San Lorenzo ridge (petoensis).
Barred Parakeet *Bolborhynchus lineola* (H) (LO) Heard by the leader on two days at Montezuma (tigrinus).
Rufous-fronted Parakeet ◊ *Bolborhynchus ferrugineifrons* 7 were seen at Nevado del Ruiz.
Orange-chinned Parakeet *Brotogeris jugularis* Seen at Rio Claro and Santa Marta foothills (jugularis).
Fuertes's Parrot ◊ *Hapalopsittaca fuertesi* A group of 17 at Santa Rosa, one of the trip highlights.
Red-billed Parrot *Pionus sordidus* A single above Minca (saturatus).
White-capped Parrot *Pionus seniloides* Scattered sightings in the highlands (nominate).
Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus* Scattered sightings in the lowlands (rubrigularis).
Scaly-naped Amazon (S-n Parrot) *Amazona mercenarias* 15 at Santa Rosa. Common El Dorado (canipallata).
Green-rumped Parrotlet *Forpus passerines* 15 in the scrub in the Guajira (cyanophanes).
Spectacled Parrotlet ◊ *Forpus conspicillatus* Scattered sightings throughout the tour (nominate).
Santa Marta Parakeet ◊ *Pyrrhura viridicata* 4 were seen well above El Dorado Lodge.
Brown-throated Parakeet *Eupsittula pertinax* 50 in the Guajirá and 8 in the Barranquilla marshes (aeruginosa).
Military Macaw *Ara militaris* 38 were seen coming in to roost in the Santa Marta foothills (nominate).
Golden-plumed Parakeet ◊ *Leptosittaca branickii* 5 at Santa Rosa de Cabal and 4 at Rio Blanco.
Yellow-eared Parrot ◊ *Ognorhynchus icterotis* 40 were seen at Jardin, another trip highlight.
Blue-crowned Parakeet *Thectocercus acuticaudatus* At least 10 in the Guajira (koenigi).
Scarlet-fronted Parakeet *Psittacara wagleri* Scattered sightings commonest Santa Marta (nominate).
Chestnut-winged Cinclodes ◊ *Cinclodes albidiventris* 1 at Sumapaz on the first day (oreobates).
Stout-billed Cinclodes ◊ *Cinclodes excelsior* 4 at Nevado del Ruiz (columbianus).
Caribbean Hornero ◊ *Furnarius longirostris* 4 in the scrub in the Guajira (nominate).
Andean Tit-Spinetail *Leptasthenura andicola* 2 at Sumapaz on the first day (exterior).
White-chinned Thistletail ◊ *Asthenes fuliginosa* 1 at Sumapaz on the first day (nominate).
Many-striped Canastero ◊ *Asthenes flammulata* Singles at Sumapaz and Nevado del Ruiz (multostriata, quindiana).
White-whiskered Spinetail ◊ *Synallaxis candei* 4 were seen in the scrub in the Guajira (venezuelensis).

Rufous Spinetail *Synallaxis unirufa* 1 seen at Rio Blanco and heard at Montezuma (nominate).
Rusty-headed Spinetail ◊ *Synallaxis fusciorufa* 4 were seen on the San Lorenzo ridge.
Silvery-throated Spinetail ◊ *Synallaxis subpudica* 2 near Sumapaz and 2 at Cerro Guadalupe.
Azara's Spinetail *Synallaxis azarae* 1 seen at Rio Blanco and heard on a few other days (media).
Pale-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis albescens* 2 seen in the Guajira and heard at Minca (perpallida, nesiotis).
Slaty Spinetail *Synallaxis brachyuran* A single was seen near the lodge at Montezuma (nigrifumosa).
White-browed Spinetail ◊ *Hellmayrea gularis* A couple were seen well at Jardin (nominate).
Red-faced Spinetail *Cranioleuca erythrops* Seen on two days at Montezuma and roadside nearby (griseigularis).
Streak-capped Spinetail ◊ *Cranioleuca hellmayri* A Maximum of 8 seen in the Santa Marta Mountains.
Yellow-chinned Spinetail *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus* 2 at the Guajira wetlands, 2 Barranquilla (fuscifrons).
Spotted Barbtail *Premnoplex brunnescens* 1 seen at Montezuma and heard on a couple of other days (nominate).
Star-chested Treerunner ◊ (Fulvous-dotted T) *Margarornis stellate* 1 seen at Montezuma.
Pearled Treerunner *Margarornis squamiger* Seen at Guadeloupe, Rio Blanco and Nevado del Ruiz (perlatus).
Streaked Tuftedcheek *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii* Seen Santa R, Rio Blanco. Heard Montezuma (nominate).
Montane Foliage-gleaner *Anabacerthia striaticollis* Seen at Otun and Santa Marta Mountains (nominate, anxia).
Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner *Philydor rufum* (H) Heard at Montezuma (riveti).
Striped Treehunter *Thripadectes holostictus* Seen at Rio Blanco (nominate).
Streak-capped Treehunter ◊ *Thripadectes virgaticeps* Seen at Otun, heard at Montezuma (magdalenae, sclateri).
Flammulated Treehunter ◊ *Thripadectes flammulatus* Seen at Rio Blanco and heard Santa Marta (nominate).
Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner ◊ *Automolus rufipectus* Great views on the climb to El Dorado.
Grey-throated Leaf-tosser *Sclerurus albigularis* Seen well below El Dorado Lodge (propinquus).
Plain Xenops *Xenops minutus* Seen well in lowland forest at Rio Claro and Tayrona NP (littoralis).
Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans* Seen at Otun Quimbaya and Rio Blanco (heterurus).



Rusty-headed Spinetail, Santa Marta Mountains (Trevor Ellery)



Straight-billed Woodcreeper, La Guajira, Colombia (Trevor Ellery)

- Tyrannine Woodcreeper** *Dendrocincla tyrannina* A very obliging individual near Nevado del Ruiz (n nominate).
- Plain-brown Woodcreeper** *Dendrocincla fuliginosa* Singles at Tayrona and above Minca (lafresnayei).
- Wedge-billed Woodcreeper** *Glyphorhynchus spirurus* Singles at Rio Claro and near Tayrona NP (intergratus).
- Strong-billed Woodcreeper** *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus* 7 days, scattered sites (rostratus, sanctaemartae).
- Black-banded Woodcreeper** *Dendrocolaptes picumnus* A single was seen at Otun Quimbaya (multistrigatus).
- Straight-billed Woodcreeper** *Dendroplex picus* Singles Rio Claro, Guajira and B/ quilla (dugandi, picirostris).
- Cocoa Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus susurrans* Seen well at Rio Claro and heard Minca (nana).
- Streak-headed Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii* Seen Montezuma, R Claro, Minca (lineaticeps, littoralis).
- Montane Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger* Seen at Otun Quimbaya and Rio Blanco (sneiderni).
- Brown-billed Scythebill** *Campylorhamphus pusillus* 2 were seen at Montezuma (n nominate).
- Pacific Antwren** ◊ (P Streaked A) *Myrmotherula pacifica* 2 were seen at Rio Claro.

White-flanked Antwren *Myrmotherula axillaris* 2 were seen at Rio Claro (albigula).
Slaty Antwren *Myrmotherula schisticolor* Singles at Otun Quimbaya and El Dorado Lodge (interior, sanctaemartae).
Northern White-fringed Antwren *Formicivora intermedia* Seen Rio Claro, Guajira and Minca (hondae, intermedia).
Plain Antvireo *Dysithamnus mentalis* 1 seen at Montezuma (extremus).
Bicolored Antvireo ◊ (**Western Antshrike**) *Dysithamnus occidentalis* 1 confiding bird Montezuma (nominate).
Black-backed Antshrike ◊ *Thamnophilus melanonotus* 1 male in the Guajira and 2 below Minca.
Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus* 1 male in the Guajira and a single above Minca (albicans).
Bar-crested Antshrike ◊ *Thamnophilus multistriatus* 1 Ukuku, heard Otun, 1 Montezuma (nominate, brachyurus).
Uniform Antshrike *Thamnophilus unicolor* 2 seen at Montezuma (granior).
Black-crowned Antshrike (Western Slaty A) *Thamnophilus atrinucha* 1 female Tayrona NP (nominate).
Black-crested Antshrike *Sakesphorus Canadensis* Common in the scrub in the Guajira. 2 Barranquilla (pulchellus).
Santa Marta Antbird ◊ *Drymophila hellmayri* An obliging individual on the climb to El Dorado.
Streak-headed Antbird ◊ *Drymophila striaticeps* 1 seen at Rio Blanco and heard at Montezuma (nominate).
Parker's Antbird ◊ *Cercomacroides parkeri* 2 very skulking birds near Montezuma Lodge.
Dusky Antbird *Cercomacroides tyrannina* 2 showed well near Rio Claro (nominate).



Brown-banded Antpitta, Rio Blanco (Trevor Ellery)

Magdalena Antbird ◊ *Sipia palliate* One showed very well on our last morning at Rio Claro.
White-bellied Antbird *Myrmeciza longipes* 1 showed well in dry forest near Tayrona (panamensis).
Black-faced Antthrush *Formicarius analis*(H) Heard at Rio Claro but could not be enticed into view (saturates).
Chestnut-crowned Antpitta *Grallaria ruficapilla* 2 at the feeders at Rio Blanco, heard on 5 other days (nominate).
Santa Marta Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria bangsi* Great views at a feeder above El Dorado Lodge.
Bicolored Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria rufocinere* Seen at Rio Blanco, heard below Nevado del Ruiz (nominate).
Chestnut-naped Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria nuchalis* A brief individual at Nevados, 3 being worm fed at Jardin (ruficeps).
Yellow-breasted Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria flavotincta* (H) Heard Montezuma.
Rufous Antpitta *Grallaria rufula* Seen near Los Nevados, heard at Guadeloupe and Santa Rosa (ssp?, rufula).
Rufous Antpitta ◊ (**Santa Marta A**) *Grallaria [rufula] spatiator* A single bird on the San Lorenzo ridge.

Tawny Antpitta *Grallaria quitensis* 4 at Sumapaz and 1 seen at Los Nevados. (alticola, quitensis).
Brown-banded Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria milleri* 2 seen at the feeders at Rio Blanco (nominate).
Ochre-breasted Antpitta *Grallaricula flavirostris* A very obliging individual at Montezuma (ochraceiventris).
Hooded Antpitta ◊ *Grallaricula cucullata* 2 individuals seen well at Otun (nominate).
Rusty-breasted Antpitta ◊ *Grallaricula ferruginepectus* A confiding individual below El Dorado (nominate).
Slaty-crowned Antpitta *Grallaricula nana* (H) Heard at Rio Blanco (occidentalis).
Crescent-faced Antpitta ◊ *Grallaricula lineifrons* (H) A single bird was heard at Santa Rosa.
Ocellated Tapaculo ◊ *Acropternis orthonyx* Singles seen at Rio Blanco and Montezuma (nominate).
Ash-colored Tapaculo ◊ *Myornis senilis* Seen Guadalupe, heard at Rio Blanco and Nevado del Ruiz.
Santa Marta Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus sanctaemartae* 2 seen on the climb to El Dorado Lodge.
Nariño Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus vicinior* 2 seen at Montezuma.
Tatama Tapaculo ◊ (Alto Pisones T) *Scytalopus alvarezlopezi* (H) Heard at Montezuma.



Chestnut-crowned Antpitta, Rio Blanco, (Trevor Ellery)

Stiles's Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus stilesi* Seen on 2 days at Otun, heard at La Romera.
Brown-rumped Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus latebricola* A single seen above El Dorado Lodge.
Spillman's Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus spillmanni* Seen Jardin, heard at Rio Blanco, Nevados Montezuma.
Pale-bellied Tapaculo ◊ (Mattoral T) *Scytalopus griseicollis* Seen at Sumapaz, heard at Guadalupe (nominate).
Paramo Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus opacus* Seen well at Los Nevados (nominate).
Blackish Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus latrans* Seen at Santa Rosa, heard at Rio Blanco (nominate).
Sooty-headed Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias griseiceps* 2 seen at Rio Claro.
Plumbeous-crowned Tyrannulet ◊ *Phyllomyias plumbeiceps* Singles on both days at Otun Quimbaya.
Black-capped Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias nigrocapillus* 2 At Santa Rosa and 3 at Rio Blanco (nominate).
Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet ◊ *Phyllomyias uropygialis* 1 with a mixed flock at Cerro Guadalupe.

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet *Tyrannulus elatus* Seen Rio Claro and Tayrona and heard near Tayrona.
Forest Elaenia *Myiopagis gaimardii* 2 dry forest near Tayrona and heard on 3 other days (bogotensis, macilvainii).
Greenish Elaenia *Myiopagis viridicata* 1 seen Tayrona NP and heard near Minca (pallens).
Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster* Seen on four days and heard on a fifth (nominate).
Lesser Elaenia *Elaenia chiriquensis* 1 above Minca (albivertex).



Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant, El Dorado (Trevor Ellery)

Mountain Elaenia *Elaenia frantzii* Seen Sumapaz, Guadalupe, Rio Blanco and El Dorado (púdica, browni).
Brown-capped Tyrannulet *Ornithion brunneicapillus* Seen at Rio Claro, heard at Tayrona NP.
Southern Beardless Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum* Recorded on 7 days during the tour (cauae, pusillum).
White-throated Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus leucophrys* 6 days, Andes, SM (setophagiodes, notatus, nigriceps).
White-tailed Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus poecilocercus* A single seen at Rio Blanco.
White-banded Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus stictopterus* 4 seen in forest below Nevado del Ruiz (nominate).
Agile Tit-Tyrant *Uromyias agilis* 4 seen at Cerro Guadeloupe.
Torrent Tyrannulet *Serpophaga cinerea* Seen on rushing streams at Ukuku and Otun Quimbaya (nominate).
Mouse-colored Tyrannulet *Phaeomyias murina* Heard Ibaque and seen in the Guajira and below Minca (incomta).
Bronze-olive Pygmy Tyrant *Pseudotriccus pelzelni* A single seen well at Montezuma (berlepschi).

Rufous-headed Pygmy Tyrant *Pseudotriccus ruficeps* A single seen in forest below Nevado del Ruiz.
Tawny-crowned Pygmy Tyrant ◊ *Euscarthmus meloryphus* A single seen in scrub in the Guajira (paulus).
Golden-faced Tyrannulet ◊ *Zimmerius chrysops* Recorded on five days during the tour (nominate).
Variegated Bristle Tyrant *Pogonotriccus poecilotis* A single in Mixed flocks at Otun Quimbaya.
Marble-faced Bristle Tyrant *Pogonotriccus ophthalmicus* A couple in mixed flocks at Otun Quimbaya (nominate).
Antioquia Bristle Tyrant ◊ *Pogonotriccus lanyoni* A single seen well at Rio Claro
Streak-necked Flycatcher *Mionectes striaticollis* 1 seen at Otun Quimbaya (columbianus).
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleaginous* Seen at Rio Claro, Tayrona NP and above Minca (parcus).
Sepia-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon amaurocephalus* Seen Tayrona NP, heard at Rio Claro, Minca (diversus).
Slaty-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon supercilialis* Seen at Rio Claro and heard at La Romera (nominate).
Rufous-breasted Flycatcher ◊ *Leptopogon rufipectus* Seen on both days at Otun and at Rio Blanco.
Northern Scrub Flycatcher *Sublegatus arenarum* 6 in the Guajira and 2 seen at the B/quilla marshes (atrirostris).
Slender-billed Inezia ◊ *Inezia tenuirostris* 6 seen in the scrub in the Guajira.
Pale-tipped Inezia (P-t Tyrannulet) *Inezia caudate* A single seen after some searching in the Guajira (intermedia).
Flavescent Flycatcher ◊ *Myiophobus flavicans* A single seen at Montezuma (nominate).
Handsome Flycatcher ◊ *Nephelomyias pulcher* Seen on a couple of days at Montezuma (nominate).
Ornate Flycatcher ◊ *Myiotriccus ornatus* A single seen at Montezuma (stellatus).
Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer* 3 seen in the scrub in the Guajira (impiger).
Black-throated Tody-Tyrant ◊ *Hemitriccus granadensis* 1 Montezuma, 1 El Dorado (nominate, lehmanni).
Southern Bentbill ◊ *Oncostoma olivaceum* 1 seen at Rio Claro.
Scale-crested Pygmy Tyrant *Lophotriccus pileatus* A single seen at La Romera (squamaecrista).
Pale-eyed Pygmy Tyrant *Atalotriccus pilaris* Seen on a couple of days both above and below Minca (nominate).
Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilotriccus ruficeps* Seen well at Rio Blanco (melanomystax).
Slaty-headed Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilotriccus Sylvia* (H) Heard at Rio Claro (superciliaris).
Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum* Recorded on 8 days during the tour (nominate).
Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum nigriceps* 2 seen at Rio Claro and heard near Tayrona NP.
Yellow-olive Flatbill (Y-o Flycatcher) *Tolmomyias sulphurens* Ibague, Cauca Valley, Rio Claro (asemus).
Ochre-lored Flatbill (O-l Flycatcher) *Tolmomyias flaviventris* Seen Guajira, Tayrona. Heard last day (aurulentus).
Cinnamon Flycatcher *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus* Recorded on 6 days in the Andes (pyrrhopterus).
Fuscous Flycatcher *Cnemotriccus fuscatus* (LO) Seen by the leader below Minca (cabanisi).
Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans* Recorded on 6 days in the Andes (angustirostris).
Smoke-colored Pewee *Contopus fumigatus* Seen at Montezuma, heard on 3 other days (ardosiacus).
Eastern Wood Pewee *Contopus virens* (H) Heard at Rio Claro.
Acadian Flycatcher *Empidonax virescens* Recorded on 5 days during the tour.
Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus obscurus* Recorded on 6 days during the tour (piurae, saturatus).
Streak-throated Bush Tyrant *Myiotheretes striaticollis* 1 at Guadalupe and 2 above Jardin (nominate).
Santa Marta Bush Tyrant ◊ *Myiotheretes pernix* A single on the San Lorenzo ridge.
Smoky Bush Tyrant *Myiotheretes fumigatus* 2 seen at Santa Rosa and heard below Los Nevados (nominate).
Red-rumped Bush Tyrant ◊ *Myiotheretes striaticollis* 3 seen at Sumapaz. A new species for the tour (orinomus).
Pied Water Tyrant *Fluvicola pica* 1 near Ibague, 6 at the Guajira wetlands, 10 Barranquilla.
White-headed Marsh Tyrant *Arundinicola leucocephala* 1 in the Barranquilla marshes.
Crowned Chat-Tyrant *Silvicoltrix frontalis* 1 at Los Nevados (nominate).
Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant ◊ *Silvicoltrix diadema* Los Nevados, RB, El Dorado, Montezuma (gratiosa, jesupi).
Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant ◊ *Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris* 3 were seen at Rio Blanco (nominate).
Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis* 2 Santa Rosa and 2 were seen at Nevados (obfuscata).
Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca fumicolor* 2 Sumapaz, 2 Santa Rosa, 1 Los Nevados (nominate, ferruginea).
Long-tailed Tyrant *Colonia colonus* 1 seen near Rio Claro (leuconota).



Vermilion Flycatcher, La Guajira (Trevor Ellery)

- Cattle Tyrant** *Machetornis rixosa* 2 at Camiguaduas and 6 in the Guajira (flavigularis).
- Piratic Flycatcher** *Legatus leucophaeus* Recorded on 5 days during the tour (nominate).
- Rusty-margined Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes cayanensis* Recorded on many days during the tour (hellmayri).
- Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis* A couple seen near Minca and 2 in the Barranquilla Marshes (columbianus).
- Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus* Recorded commonly during the tour (caucensis, rufipennis).
- Lesser Kiskadee** *Philohydor lector* A single near Rio Claro (panamensis).
- Golden-crowned Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus* Recorded on 5 days (minor, cinerascens).
- Streaked Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes maculatus* Recorded on 5 days at several lowland sites (nobilis).
- Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua* Singles at Rio Claro and Minca. Heard SM foothills (pitangua).
- Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus* Recorded on many days during the tour (nominate, satrapa).
- Fork-tailed Flycatcher** *Tyrannus savanna* Roadside sightings on 3 days during the tour (monachus).
- Eastern Kingbird (M)** *Tyrannus tyrannus* A single bird near Rio Claro.
- Grey Kingbird (M)** *Tyrannus dominicensis* 2 were seen in the Guajira (nominate).
- Dusky-capped Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tuberculifer* 1 Rio Claro and twice in the S M mountains (brunneiceps, pallidus).
- Panamanian Flycatcher** ◊ (Panama F) *Myiarchus panamensis* 1 seen above Minca (nominate).
- Apical Flycatcher** ◊ *Myiarchus apicalis* After much searching a single was seen in the Cauca valley.
- Pale-edged Flycatcher** *Myiarchus cephalotes* (H) Heard at Rio Blanco (nominate).
- Great Crested Flycatcher (W)** *Myiarchus crinitus* 2 In dry forest near Tayrona and 2 at Tayrona NP.
- Brown-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tyrannulus* 4 In scrub in the Guajira (nominate).
- Bright-rumped Attila** ◊ (Flammulated A) *Attila spadiceus* 2 at Rio Claro, heard above Minca (caniceps, parvirostris).

Red-crested Cotinga ♦ *Ampelion rubrocristatus* 2 showed well at Santa Rosa.
Chestnut-crested Cotinga ♦ *Ampelion rufaxilla* After much searching 2 were seen above Jardin (antioquiae).
Green-and-black Fruiteater *Pipreola riefferii* Seen Rio Blanco, Los Nevados, Montezuma (occidentalis, nominate).
Barred Fruiteater *Pipreola arcuate* A very nice male was seen near Los Nevados (nominate).
Golden-breasted Fruiteater ♦ *Pipreola aureopectus* A single bird was seen below El Dorado lodge (decora).
Orange-breasted Fruiteater ♦ *Pipreola jucunda* A pair were seen at Montezuma. The males are stunning!
Scaled Fruiteater *Ampelioides tschudi* A single at Montezuma was a surprise. A new bird for the tour.
Andean Cock-of-the-rock *Rupicola peruvianus* A single at Montezuma and 15 lekking at Jardin (sanguinolentus).
Dusky Piha ♦ *Lipaugus fuscocinereus* (H) Heard at Rio Blanco.



Red-ruffed Fruitcrow, Otun Quimbaya, (Trevor Ellery)



Green-and-black Fruiteater, Rio Blanco (Trevor Ellery)

Red-ruffed Fruitcrow *Pyroderus scutatus* Common at Otun with up to 10 seen on both days (occidentalis).

Yellow-headed Manakin ◊ *Chloropipo flavicapilla* Fantastic views of a single male at La Romera.

Lance-tailed Manakin *Chiroxiphia lanceolate* 6 in dry forest near Tayrona and then 10 at Tayrona NP.

Blue-crowned Manakin *Lepidothrix coronate* A single at Rio Claro (minuscula).

White-bearded Manakin *Manacus manacus* Seen at Rio Claro, Tayrona and Minca (abditivus).

Striolated Manakin ◊ *Machaeropterus striolatus* 2 at Rio Claro (antioquiae).



Lance-tailed Manakin, Caribbean coast (Trevor Ellery)

- Black-crowned Tityra** *Tityra inquisitor* Seen on both days at Rio Claro (albitorques).
- Masked Tityra** *Tityra semifasciata* 2 at Rio Claro and 2 above Minca (columbiana).
- Russet-winged Schiffornis** ◊ *Schiffornis stenorhyncha* A single was seen well at Rio Claro (nominate).
- Barred Becard** *Pachyramphus versicolor* Seen at Otun Quimbaya and heard at Rio Blanco (nominate).
- Cinereous Becard** *Pachyramphus rufus* A single male showed well near Ibague (rufus).
- Cinnamon Becard** *Pachyramphus cinnamomeus* Seen near Rio Claro (nominate).
- White-winged Becard** *Pachyramphus polychopterus* Seen on both days at Otun Quimbaya (dorsalis).
- Rufous-browed Peppershrike** *Cyclarhis gujanensis* Seen well in dry forest near Ibague (cantica).
- Black-billed Peppershrike** ◊ *Cyclarhis nigrirostris* Seen at Montezuma and heard on 3 other days (nominate).
- Yellow-throated Vireo (W)** *Vireo flavifrons* A single was seen at La Romera.
- Brown-capped Vireo** *Vireo leucophrys* (H) Heard on four days in the Andes (dissors).
- Red-eyed Vireo** *Vireo olivaceus* Singles in the Cauca valley and in dry forest near Tayrona (vividior).
- Rufous-naped Greenlet** ◊ *Hylophilus semibrunneus* Singles on both days at Otun Quimbaya.
- Golden-fronted Greenlet** *Hylophilus aurantiifrons* 2 showed very well at Tayrona, heard above Minca (nominate).
- Scrub Greenlet** *Hylophilus flavipes* A couple near Ibague and 4 in scrub in the Guajira (nominate, galbanus).



Black-chested Jay, El Dorado Lodge (Trevor Ellery)

Beautiful Jay ♦ *Cyanolyca pulchra* 2 were seen at Montezuma.

Black-chested Jay ♦ *Cyanocorax affinis* Common at Rio Claro, Tayrona NP and Santa Marta foothills (nominate).

Inca Jay *Cyanocorax yncas* 4 at Ukuku and seen by some of the group at La Romera (geleatus).

White-winged Swallow *Tachycineta albiventer* 8 seen at Rio Claro.

Grey-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea* Recorded on 5 days during the tour (nominate).

Blue-and-white Swallow *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca* Recorded on many days during the tour (nominate).

Brown-bellied Swallow *Notiochelidon murina* Fairly common in the highlands and recorded on 8 days (nominate).

Pale-footed Swallow *Notiochelidon falvipes* A single over the forest at Rio Blanco.

White-thighed Swallow *Neochelidon tibialis* 6 were seen at Rio Claro (minima).

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* Recorded on many days (uropgialis, aequalis).

Barn Swallow (W) *Hirundo rustica* Recorded on 4 days, strong migration on the coast on the last day (erythrogaster).

Band-backed Wren *Campylorhynchus zonatus* A couple seen on both days at Rio Claro (brevirostris).

Stripe-backed Wren ♦ *Campylorhynchus nuchalis* 6 in the Barranquilla marshes on the last day (pardus).

Bicolored Wren *Campylorhynchus griseus* Seen at Rio Claro and Caribbean lowlands (bicolor, albicilius).

Rufous Wren *Cinnycerthia unirufa* 5 were seen at Guadalupe and heard at Santa Rosa (nominate, unibrunnea).

Sepia-brown Wren (Sharpe's W) *Cinnycerthia olivascens* 8 at Rio Blanco and 2 at Montezuma (nominate).

Apolinar's Wren ♦ (A Marsh W) *Cistothorus apolinari* A single was seen at Sumapaz (hernandezii).

Grass Wren (Grass W) *Cistothorus platensis* 1 was seen at Nevado del Ruiz (tolimae).

Sooty-headed Wren ♦ *Pheugopedius spadix* (H) Heard at Montezuma (nominate).

Black-bellied Wren ♦ *Pheugopedius fasciatoventris* Seen at Rio Claro and heard near Ibaguè (nominate).

Whiskered Wren *Pheugopedius mystacalis* Seen Montezuma and heard at Ukuku (saltuensis, macrurus).

Rufous-breasted Wren *Pheugopedius rutilus* 4 seen above Minca (laetus).

Speckle-breasted Wren *Pheugopedius sclateri* 2 seen well in the Cauca valley (columbianus).

Rufous-and-white Wren *Thryophilus rufalbus* A couple seen above Minca and heard below Minca (cumanensis).

Antioquia Wren ◊ *Thryophilus sernai* A single was seen in the Cauca valley.

Buff-breasted Wren *Cantorchilus leucotis* Seen in the Guajira and Tayrona NP. Heard 2 other days (venezuelanus).

Bay Wren *Cantorchilus nigricapillus* 4 were seen at Rio Claro (schottii).

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon* Recorded on many days throughout the tour (columbae, striatulus).

Mountain Wren *Troglodytes solstitialis* 2 at Rio Blanco and a single at Montezuma (solitarius).

White-breasted Wood Wren *Henicorhina leucosticte* 2 were seen at Rio Claro (albilateralis).

Grey-breasted Wood Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys* Recorded throughout the tour (nominata, bangsi).

Hermit Wood Wren ◊ *Henicorhina anachoreta* A pair were seen well on the San Lorenzo ridge.

Munchique Wood Wren ◊ *Henicorhina negreti* A pair gave point blank views at Montezuma.

Southern Nightingale-Wren *Microcerculus marginatus* H, Rio Claro, seen Tayrona NP (squamulatus, corrasus).

Chestnut-breasted Wren ◊ *Cyphorhinus thoracicus* Seen at Otun and heard at Montezuma (dichorus).

Long-billed Gnatwren *Ramphocaenus melanurus* Seen, Guajira, Tayrona NP and above Minca (sanctaemarthae).



Tropical Gnatcatcher, La Guajira, (Trevor Ellery)

Tropical Gnatcatcher *Poliophtila plumbea* Seen, Ibague, Cauca valley and Guajira (bilineata, daguae, plumbiceps).

Tropical Mockingbird *Mimus gilvus* 2 near Ibague, 1 at Rio Claro and 15 in the Guajira (tolimensis, melanopterus).

Andean Solitaire *Myadestes ralloides* (H) Heard on 5 days in the Andes (candelae, plumbeiceps).

Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus aurantiirostris* 1 was seen above Minca (sierrae).

Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus fuscater* A single in the Santa Marta mountains (sanctaemartae).

Grey-cheeked Thrush *Catharus minimus* A single was seen in the rain at Montezuma Lodge.

Swainson's Thrush *Catharus ustulatus* 2 were seen at Rio Claro.

Black Solitaire ◊ *Entomodestes coracinus* 2 were seen at Montezuma.

Yellow-legged Thrush *Turdus flavipes* 4 were seen in the Santa Marta foothills (venezuelensis).

Great Thrush *Turdus fuscater* Seen commonly in the Andes and Santa Marta Mountains (gigas, quindio, cacozelus).

Glossy-black Thrush *Turdus serranus* 1 was seen at Rio Blanco and heard at Montezuma (fuscobrunneus).

Black-hooded Thrush ◊ *Turdus olivater* Seen on a couple of days in the Santa Marta mountains (sanctaemartae).

Pale-breasted Thrush *Turdus leucomelas* Seen at Rio Claro and in the Santa Marta foothills (obsoletus).

Black-billed Thrush *Turdus ignobilis* Seen on numerous days during the tour (ignobilis, goodfellowi).

Clay-colored Thrush *Turdus grayi* A single bird seen briefly Below Minca (incomptus).

White-necked Thrush *Turdus albicollis* A single seen below El Dorado Lodge (phaeopygoides)

White-capped Dipper *Cinclus leucocephalus* 2 were seen at Otun Quimbaya (leuconotus).

House Sparrow (introduced) *Passer domesticus* (H) Heard at Camarones.

Lesser Goldfinch *Spinus psaltria* 4 were seen at La Florida on the first day (columbianus).

Yellow-bellied Siskin *Spinus xanthogastrus* Seen on both days at Otun and a single at Santa Rosa (nominate).

Andean Siskin ◊ *Spinus spinescens* Seen at Sumapaz, La Florida and best views at Cerro Guadalupe (nominate).

Trinidad Euphonia ◊ *Euphonia trinitatis* 2 were seen near Tayrona and 15 were seen in Guajira.

Velvet-fronted Euphonia ◊ *Euphonia concinna* 2 were seen in dry forest near Ibague.

Thick-billed Euphonia *Euphonia lanirostris* Seen on a number of days through the tour (crassirostris).

Fulvous-vented Euphonia ◊ *Euphonia fulvicrissa* (H) Heard at Rio Claro (omissa).

Orange-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia xanthogaster* Seen at Otun and heard at Montezuma (oressinoma).

Yellow-collared Chlorophonia ◊ *Chlorophonia flavirostris* Seen well at Montezuma despite the rain.

Blue-naped Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia cyanea* Seen daily on the feeders at El Dorado Lodge (psittacina).

Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia ◊ *Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys* Seen on 2 days at Montezuma.

Rosy Thrush-Tanager *Rhodinocichla rosea* A pair were seen above Minca after quite some effort (harterti).

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis* Common in the Andes and Santa Marta (costaricensis).

Tocuyo Sparrow ◊ *Arremonops tocuyensis* 3 were seen in the Guajira. A trip highlight.

Black-striped Sparrow ◊ *Arremonops conirostris* Heard at Rio Claro and 2 seen Minca (inexpectatus, nominate).

Golden-winged Sparrow ◊ *Arremon schlegeli* A couple were seen well above Minca (nominate).

Chestnut-capped Brushfinch *Arremon brunneinucha* 2 were seen at Otun and also at La Romera (frontalis).

Sierra Nevada Brushfinch ◊ *Arremon basilicus* Great views of up to 4 around El Dorado Lodge.

Grey-browed Brushfinch *Arremon assimilis* Seen on 5 days in the Andes (nominate).

Olive Finch ◊ *Arremon castaneiceps* Fantastic close views on 2 days at Montezuma.

White-naped Brushfinch *Atlapetes albinucha* A single was seen at Rio Blanco (gutturalis).

Santa Marta Brushfinch ◊ *Atlapetes melanocephalus* Common in the Santa Marta mountains.

Pale-naped Brushfinch ◊ *Atlapetes pallidinucha* 2 at Guadalupe, 4 Nevado del Ruiz (nominate, papallactae).

Yellow-headed Brushfinch ◊ *Atlapetes flaviceps* A single bird was seen well at Ukuku.

Choco Brushfinch ◊ *Atlapetes crassus* Seen on several days at Montezuma.

Slaty Brushfinch *Atlapetes schistaceus* Seen Guadalupe, Santa Rosa, Rio Blanco and Los Nevados (nominate).

Tanager Finch ◊ *Oreothraupis arremonops* A single bird was seen at Montezuma. A trip highlight.

Common Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus flavopectus* A single with mixed flocks at Otun Quimbaya (extielus).

Dusky Bush Tanager (Dusky-bellied B T) *Chlorospingus semifuscus* Seen on 2 days at Montezuma (livingstoni).

Ashy-throated Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus canigularis* Seen on 2 days at Otun Quimbaya (conspicillatus).

Eastern Meadowlark *Sturnella magna* 4 were seen on the drive back from the Guajira (paralios).

Red-breasted Blackbird *Leistes militaris* (LO) Seen roadside on the drive to Ibague by the leader.

Yellow-billed Cacique *Amblycercus holosericeus* (H) Heard on a couple of days at Rio Blanco (australis)

Chestnut-headed Oropendola *Psarocolius wagleri* 10 were seen at a colony at Rio Claro (ridgwayi).

Russet-backed Oropendola *Psarocolius angustifrons* 6 at La Romera and heard at Montezuma (salmoni).

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus* Seen at Rio Claro and in the Santa Marta foothills (melanterus).

Black Oropendola *Psarocolius guatimozinus* ◊ A detour to a nesting colony of 40 birds, Rio Claro.

Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela* Seen near Rio Claro and a surprise single in the Guajira (vitellinus, nominate).

Northern Mountain Cacique ◊ *Cacicus leucoramphus* 1 at Montezuma and 2 at the YE Parrot Reserve.

Yellow-backed Oriole *Icterus chrysater* A single seen in the Santa Marta foothills. Heard 3 other days (giraudii).

Yellow Oriole *Icterus nigrogularis* 2 Ibague and then seen on 3 days in the Caribbean lowlands.

Baltimore Oriole (W) *Icterus galbula* 10 were seen on the edge of the Guajira.

Orange-crowned Oriole *Icterus auricapillus* Seen at Rio Claro, near Tayrona and below Minca.
Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus* 2 were seen at the Black Oropendola colony near Rio Claro (nominate).
Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis* Seen on numerous days during the tour (cabanisii).
Bronze-brown Cowbird ◇ *Molothrus armenti* 8 were seen roadside near Salamanca.
Carib Grackle *Quiscalus lugubris* Recorded on 5 days during the tour (nominate).
Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus* Recorded on 3 days in the Caribbean lowlands (peruvianus).
Red-bellied Grackle ◇ *Hypopyrrhus pyrohypogaster* 8 were seen well at La Romera.
Yellow-hooded Blackbird *Chrysomus icterocephalus* 1 Camiguaduas, 6 Guajira, 1 Barranquilla (nominate).
Northern Waterthrush *Parkesia noveboracensis* Recorded on 4 days during the tour (nominate).
Black-and-white Warbler *Mniotilta varia* Seen in mixed flocks on both days at Otun Quimbaya.
Prothonotary Warbler *Protonotaria citrea* A single in the mangroves at Salamanca.
Tennessee Warbler *Leiothlypis peregrine* Seen on two days in the Santa Marta mountains.
Mourning Warbler *Geothlypis Philadelphia* 2 at Camiguaduas and one was seen near Tayrona.
American Redstart *Setophaga ruticilla* Seen on 2 days in the Santa Marta foothills, max day count 6.
Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitiayumi* Seen at Ukuku and Otun and heard below Santa Rosa (elegans).
Bay-breasted Warbler *Setophaga castanea* 10 were seen at Rio Claro.
Blackburnian Warbler *Setophaga fusca* Common in the Andes and Santa Marta mountains.
American Yellow Warbler *Setophaga aestiva* 2, Camiguaduas, 3 days Caribbean (morocomi, chrysendeta)..
Black-throated Green Warbler *Setophaga virens* (NL) One was seen by some of the group at Otun.
Citrine Warbler *Myiothlypis luteoviridis* 3 at Rio Blanco and 1 at Montezuma (quindiana, richarsoni).
Santa Marta Warbler ◇ *Myiothlypis basilica* 3 on the San Lorenzo ridge above El Dorado.
Black-crested Warbler *Myiothlypis nigrocristata* Guadalupe, Rio Blanco, heard at Los Nevados.
Buff-rumped Warbler *Myiothlypis fulvicauda* 1 was seen at Montezuma and 6 at Rio Claro (semicervina).
White-lored Warbler ◇ *Myiothlypis conspicillata* Seen daily in the Santa Marta mountains.
Russet-crowned Warbler *Myiothlypis coronate* 4 were seen at Otun and it was heard at La Romera (regulus).
Rufous-capped Warbler (Chestnut-c W) *Basileuterus rufifrons* Seen at Rio Claro and Minca (mesochrysus).
Golden-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus culicivorus* A single was seen in the Cauca Valley (occultus).
Three-striped Warbler *Basileuterus tristriatus* Seen at Otun, Montezuma and La Romera (daedalus).
Canada Warbler (W) *Cardellina Canadensis* Seen at Ukuku and Otun Quimbaya.
Slate-throated Whitestart (S-t Redstart) *Myioborus miniatus* Seen Andes and Santa Marta (ballux, sanctamartae).
Yellow-crowned Whitestart ◇ (Y-c Redstart) *Myioborus flavivertex* 10 seen on the San Lorenzo ridge.
Golden-fronted Whitestart ◇ (G-f Redstart) *Myioborus ornatus* Widespread in the Andes (chrysops, ornatus).
Dusky-faced Tanager *Mitrospingus cassinii* 4 were seen at Rio Claro (nominate).
Tooth-billed Tanager (Highland Hepatic T) *Piranga lutea* Seen at Ukuku and Santa Rosa. Heard Otun (desdiosa).
Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra* Common in the Andes and Santa Marta. Seen on 10 days of the tour (nominate).
Red-hooded Tanager *Piranga rubriceps* 3 were seen at Rio Blanco. A scarce and erratic species.
Sooty Ant Tanager ◇ *Habia gutturalis* 2 were seen at Rio Claro.
Crested Ant Tanager ◇ *Habia cristata* 2 were seen at Otun and 2 were seen at Montezuma.
Golden Grosbeak *Pheucticus chrysogaster* A single seen well in the Santa Marta mountains (laubmanni).
Rose-breasted Grosbeak *Pheucticus ludovicianus* 1 near Montezuma, 1 La Romera, Common Minca.



Vermilion Cardinal. The less gaudy but still subtly attractive female. La Guajira (Trevor Ellery)

Vermilion Cardinal ◊ *Cardinalis phoeniceus* 4 seen in the Guajira scrub.

Blue-black Grosbeak *Cyanocompsa cyanooides* 1 seen at Rio Claro and heard dry forest near Tayrona.

Black-faced Tanager *Schistochlamys melanopis* A couple were seen at Rio Claro (aterrima).

White-capped Tanager ◊ *Sericossypha albocristata* 2 at Santa Rosa and heard at Otun.

Black-capped Hemispingus *Hemispingus atropileus* Seen at Rio Blanco and below Nevado del Ruiz (nominated).

Superciliated Hemispingus *Hemispingus superciliaris* Seen at Guadeloupe and Rio Blanco (nigrifrons, nominate).

Black-eared Hemispingus *Hemispingus melanotis* Seen at Guadeloupe and Rio Blanco (nominate).

Black-headed Hemispingus ◊ *Hemispingus verticalis* A single was seen at Guadeloupe.

Grey-hooded Bush Tanager *Cnemoscopus rubrirostris* 4 were seen at Rio Blanco (nominated).

Grey-headed Tanager *Eucometis penicillata* 2 were seen in Tayrona NP (cristata).

White-shouldered Tanager *Tachyphonus luctuosus* Seen on 2 days at Rio Claro (panamensis).

White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus* A single at Otun and 6 above Minca.

Crimson-backed Tanager ◊ *Ramphocelus dimidiatus* Seen on 8 days during the tour, Andes and SM (nominate).



Masked Mountain Tanager, Nevado del Ruiz (Trevor Ellery)

Flame-rumped Tanager ◊ *Ramphocelus flammigerus* Seen on both days at Otun and near Montezuma.

Lemon-rumped Tanager ◊ *Ramphocelus icteronotus* Seen daily on the feeders at Montezuma.

Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus* Seen commonly throughout the tour (cana).

Glaucous Tanager ◊ *Thraupis glaucocolpa* 4 were seen in the Guajira.

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum* Seen on a number of days through the tour (atripennis).

Blue-capped Tanager *Thraupis cyanocephala* Seen at Chicaque and Montezuma (auricrissa, annectens).

Black-and-gold Tanager ◊ *Bangsia melanochlamys* A single was seen well at Montezuma.

Gold-ringed Tanager ◊ *Bangsia aureocincta* Seen on two days at Montezuma. Daily max 6.

Masked Mountain Tanager ◊ *Buthraupis wetmorei* A pair at Nevado del Ruiz were a surprise.

Hooded Mountain Tanager *Buthraupis montana* Seen Santa Rosa, Rio Blanco and Termales del Ruiz (cucullata).

Santa Marta Mountain Tanager ◊ *Anisognathus melanogenys* Seen on 2 days Santa Marta Mountains.
Lacrimose Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus lacrymosus* Seen on 6 days in the Andes (olivaceiceps).
Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus igniventris* Seen on 5 days in the Andes (lunulatus, erythrotus).
Blue-winged Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus somptuosus* A single at Otun and 3 at Rio Blanco (antioquiae).
Black-chinned Mountain Tanager ◊ *Anisognathus notabilis* 4 Were seen at Montezuma.
Grass-green Tanager *Chlorornis riefferii* 1 at Rio Blanco and 1 at Montezuma (nominate).
Buff-breasted Mountain Tanager *Dubusia taeniata* (H) Heard at Sumapaz and Rio Blanco (nominate).
Purplish-mantled Tanager ◊ *Iridosornis porphyrocephalus* Seen on 2 days at Montezuma.
Golden-crowned Tanager ◊ *Iridosornis rufivertex* 2 were seen at Nevado del Ruiz (ignicapillus).
Fawn-breasted Tanager *Pipraeidea melanonota* 1 seen at Otun Quimbaya (venezuelensis).
Glistening-green Tanager ◊ *Chlorochrysa phoenicotis* Seen in mixed flocks at Montezuma on 2 days.
Multicolored Tanager ◊ *Chlorochrysa nitidissima* A couple seen with a mixed flock at Otun.
Plain-colored Tanager ◊ *Tangara inornata* 5 seen at Rio Claro (nominate).
Golden Tanager *Tangara arthus* Fairly common in the Andes where recorded on 5 days (aurulenta, occidentalis).
Saffron-crowned Tanager *Tangara xanthocephala* Seen at Ukuku, Otun and the YE Parrot Reserve (venusta).
Flame-faced Tanager *Tangara parzudakii* A single seen at Montezuma (lunigera).
Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola* Seen at widely scattered sites, Andes and Santa Marta (delecticia, toddy).
Scrub Tanager ◊ *Tangara vitriolina* Seen at Ukuku, Rio Blanco and in the Cauca Valley.
Metallic-green Tanager ◊ *Tangara labradorides* Seen at Otun, Rio Blanco and La Romera (nominate).
Blue-necked Tanager *Tangara cyanicollis* A single at Rio Claro (granadensis).
Golden-hooded Tanager *Tangara larvata* Seen on 2 days at Rio Claro and heard at Montezuma (fanny).
Beryl-spangled Tanager *Tangara nigroviridis* Fairly common in the Andes where seen on 5 days (cyanescens).
Blue-and-black Tanager *Tangara vassorii* Seen at Rio Blanco and Nevado del Ruiz (nominate).
Black-capped Tanager *Tangara heinei* Heard at Otun and seen at the lunch stop below Santa Rosa.
Black-headed Tanager ◊ *Tangara cyanoptera* A single seen above Minca (nominate).
Swallow Tanager *Tersina viridis* 10 seen above Minca (grisescens).
Yellow-tufted Dacnis ◊ *Dacnis egregia* A single seen at Rio Claro.
Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana* 2 seen at Rio Claro (caerebicolor).
Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyaneus* A single seen below Minca (eximius).
Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza* Singles below Santa Rosa and roadside near Montezuma (subtropicalis).
Golden-collared Honeycreeper ◊ *Iridophanes pulcherrimus* (LO) Leader only at Montezuma (aureinucha).
Bicolored Conebill *Conirostrum bicolor* 10 seen in the mangroves at Salamanca on the last day (nominate).
Rufous-browed Conebill ◊ *Conirostrum rufum* 3 seen at Sumapaz and 2 seen at Cerro Guadalupe.
Blue-backed Conebill *Conirostrum sitticolor* 2 seen at Santa Rosa (nominate).
Capped Conebill *Conirostrum albifrons* 3 Rio Blanco and 2 seen at Montezuma (centralandium, atrocyaneum).
Rusty Flowerpiercer *Diglossa sittoides* A couple of sightings in the Santa Marta mountains (dorbignyi).
Chestnut-bellied Flowerpiercer ◊ *Diglossa gloriosissima* Fantastic views at Montezuma (boylei).
Glossy Flowerpiercer *Diglossa lafresnayii* 4 seen at Sumapaz and 10 seen at Nevado del Ruiz.
Black Flowerpiercer *Diglossa humeralis* 6 at Cerro Guadalupe and 2 at Nevado del Ruiz (humeralis, aterrima).
White-sided Flowerpiercer *Diglossa albilatera* Recorded at Rio Blanco, Montezuma around El Dorado (nominate).
Indigo Flowerpiercer ◊ *Diglossa indigotica* Recorded on 2 days at Montezuma.
Bluish Flowerpiercer *Diglossa caerulescens* A couple at higher elevations at Montezuma (saturata).
Masked Flowerpiercer *Diglossa cyanea* Seen Santa Rosa, Rio Blanco, Nevado del Ruiz, Montezuma (nominate).
Grey Pileated Finch *Coryphospingus pileatus* 2 near Ibague and 20 in the Guajira scrub (rostratus, brevicaudus).
Plumbeous Sierra Finch *Phrygilus unicolor* 3 at Sumapaz and 4 at Nevado del Ruiz (geospizopsis).
Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola* Recorded on numerous days through the tour (flaveola).
Slate-colored Grosbeak *Saltator grossus* (H) Heard at Rio Claro (saturatus).
Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus* Seen at Rio Claro, Tayrona, Minca and La Romera (nominate).
Black-winged Saltator ◊ *Saltator atripennis* Seen at Ukuku and Montezuma and heard at Otun (nominate).
Greyish Saltator *Saltator coerulescens* Seen Ibague, Guajira, Tayrona and the Barranquilla marshes (plumbeus).
Orinoco Saltator ◊ *Saltator orenocensis* 4 were seen in the Guajira scrub (rufescens).
Masked Saltator ◊ *Saltator cinctus* A couple of this often difficult species were seen at Rio Blanco.
Streaked Saltator *Saltator striatipectus* Heard Ibague and at Otun and 4 seen above Minca (nominate, perstriatus).

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina* Seen on 7 days during the tour at widely scattered sites (splendens).
Grey Seedeater *Sporophila intermedia* 2 at Rio Claro and 2 below Minca (bogotensis, nominate).
Yellow-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila nigricollis* Seen on 5 days during the tour (nominate).
Ruddy-breasted Seedeater *Sporophila minuta* Seen at Ukuku, Otun and near Rio Claro (nominate).
Thick-billed Seed Finch *Oryzoborus funereus* Seen Cauca valley, Rio Claro and Santa Marta foothills (ochrogyne).
Plain-colored Seedeater *Catamenia inornata* 2 at Sumapaz and 2 at Nevado del Ruiz (minor).
Paramo Seedeater *Catamenia homochroa* Seen 1 at Cerro Guadalupe and Heard at Los Nevados (nominate).
Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola* Seen on 10 days at widely scattered localities (columbiana, luteola).
Yellow-faced Grassquit *Tiaris olivaceus* 6 at Ukuku and heard below Santa Rosa (pusillus).
Black-faced Grassquit *Tiaris bicolor* 10 were seen in the scrub in the Guajira (omissus).
Plushcap (Plush-capped F) *Catamblyrhynchus diadema* 1 was seen on the San Lorenzo ridge (nominate).



Grasshopper sp La Guajira. Spider sp, Montezuma (Trevor Ellery)

MAMMALS

Total of mammal species recorded: 9

Black-eared Opossum (Common O) *Didelphis marsupialis* A single was seen at Montezuma Lodge.
Grey-handed Night Monkey *Aoyus griseimembra* A couple seen just outside El Dorado Lodge.
Colombian Red Howler Monkey *Alouatta seniculus* Recorded at Otun, Rio Claro and the north coast.
Brazilian Guinea Pig *Cavia aperea* At least 4 at Sumapaz on our first day.
Western Dwarf Squirrel *Microsciurus mimulus* Seen at Montezuma and Rio Claro.
Red-tailed Squirrel *Sciurus grantensis* Widespread sightings on 5 days during the trip.
Andean Squirrel *Sciurus pucherani* Seen on both days at Rio Blanco. A Colombian endemic.
Crab-eating Fox *Cerdocyon thous* Singles seen at Otun Quimbaya and El Dorado.
Crab-eating Raccoon *Procyon cancrivorus* A single at Salamanca.

NOTES TO THE SYSTEMATIC LIST

The most up to date referenced taxonomic list referred to in the Tour Report is that of the IOC World Bird List (v9.2). Available at <http://www.worldbirdnames.org/ioc-lists/master-list/>

Andean Teal *Anas andium*

The birds we saw at Sumapaz were of the *altipetens* form – sometimes called 'Meridia speckled Teal'.

American Coot *Fulica Americana*

The birds that we saw at La Florida, Sumapaz and Camiguaduas belong to the endemic *columbiana* subspecies, which is non-migratory. This subspecies previously occurred in Ecuador but it is now extinct there.

Tawny-bellied Hermit *Phaethornis symrathophorus*

HBW suggests it might be a future split into two species. It would be Western Tawny-bellied Hermit *P. symrathophorus* (the currently nominate form) and Eastern Tawny-bellied Hermit *P. columbianus*. We saw the Western Tawny-bellied Hermit at Montezuma.

Green-crowned Woodnymph *Thalurania [colombica] fannyi*

IOC does not recognize Green-crowned Woodnymph and it is lumped with Crowned Woodnymph *T. colombica*. HBW suggest it might be a future split however: The form we saw at Montezuma was *fannyi* (Green-crowned Woodnymph), while those we saw at Ukuku and Santa Marta were *colombica* (Purple/Violet-crowned Woodnymph).

Santa Marta Blossomcrown *Anthocephala floriceps*

English name change to Santa Marta Blossomcrown follows split of Tolima Blossomcrown *A. berlepschi*. Both Blossomcrowns are endemic to Colombia. We saw this species well on the climb to El Dorado Lodge.

Tolima Blossomcrown *Anthocephala berlepschi*

English name change to Santa Marta Blossomcrown follows split of Tolima Blossomcrown *A. berlepschi*. Both Blossomcrowns are endemic to Colombia. The Tolima Blossomcrown was called Andean Blossomcrown provisionally but has been changed. A single gave superb views as it fed at flowers in the garden at Ukuku.

White-tailed Hillstar *Urochroa bougueri*

HBW and IOC now split this into two species. It is Rufous-gaped Hillstar *U. bougueri* (the currently nominate form) and White-tailed (Green-backed) Hillstar *U. leucura*. We saw the Rufous-gaped Hillstar at Montezuma.

Green-bearded Helmetcrest *Oxygogon guerinii*

Bearded Helmetcrest *O. guerinii* has been split into four species (Collar & Salaman 2013, SACC 609). *O. guerinii* has been renamed to Green-bearded Helmetcrest. The three additional forms are the Blue-bearded Helmetcrest *O. cyanolaemus* (Santa Marta Mountains), the Buffy Helmetcrest *O. stuebelii* (Central Andes in Colombia) and the Whitebearded Helmetcrest *O. lindenii* (Venezuela). We saw Green-bearded Helmetcrest at Sumapaz on the first day and Buffy at Helmetcrest at Nevado del Ruiz.

Tyrian Metaltail *Metallura tyrianthina*

HBW suggests it might be a future split into several species. It would be Santa Marta Metaltail *M. districta*, Costa Metaltail *M. chloropogon*, Merida Metaltail *M. oreopola*, Tyrian Metaltail *M. tyrianthina* (the currently nominate form), Cajamarca Metaltail *M. septentrionalis* and Puno Metaltail *M. smaragdnicollis*. We saw the endemic Santa Marta Metaltail in the Santa Marta Mountains and Tyrian Metaltail elsewhere.

Viridian Metaltail *Metallura williami*

HBW suggests it might be a future split into several species. It would be Colombian Metaltail *M. recisa*, Viridian Metaltail *M. williami* (the currently nominate form), Ecuadorian Metaltail *M. primolina* and Black-throated Metaltail *M. atrigularis*. We saw the endemic Viridian Metaltail at Nevado del Ruiz.

Whooping Motmot *Momotus subrufescens*

This species complex has recently been split into six species. The ones we saw on the Caribbean coast were the trans-Andean form Whooping Motmot *M. subrufescens* (E Panama and NW South America). The five additional forms are Blue-crowned Motmot, *Momotus coeruliceps* (NE Mexico); Blue-diademed Motmot, *Momotus lessonii* (Middle America); Amazonian Motmot, *Momotus momota* (Amazon basin); Trinidad Motmot, *Momotus bahamensis* (Trinidad and Tobago) and Andean Motmot *Momotus aequatorialis*. A second author called for the form found in W Ecuador and NW Peru to receive separate species status, Silver-banded Motmot *Momotus argenticinctus*, but this has yet to be widely accepted.

Andean Motmot *Momotus aequatorialis*

See above. We saw this species at several sites in the Andes.

Santa Marta Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus albivitta lautus*

It has been split by some authors from *A. prasinus* (Puebla-Olivares et al. 2008, Navarro et al. 2001) but SACC has not analyzed the split and require further information but IOC treats it as a subspecies of White-throated Toucanet *A. albivitta* at the moment. We saw a single individual of this form just below the lodge at El Dorado.

Grey-throated Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus albivitta griseigularis*

See above. We saw this form at a couple of sites in the Andes.

Groove-billed Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus sulcatus*

The yellow-billed *calorhynchus* race we saw in the Santa Marta Mountains, is sometimes regarded as a separate species though recently this form has been lumped with Groove-billed Toucanet again, following Bonaccorso et al (2011). IOC follows this taxonomy at the moment.

Caribbean Hornero *Furnarius longirostris*

It is split by IOC from Pale-legged Hornero *F. leucopus* but SACC has not analyzed the split and require further information. We saw this species in the Guajira..

Pearled Treerunner *Margarornis squamiger*

HBW suggests it might be a future split. It would be Northern Pearled Treerunner *M. perlatus* (including the peruvianus race) and the Southern Pearled Treerunner *M. squamiger* (the currently nominate form). The birds we saw on the tour (at Mundo Nuevo and Rio Blanco) would Northern Pearled Treerunner.

Northern White-fringed Antwren *Formicivora intermedia*

Northern White-fringed Antwren *F. intermedia* is split from *F. grisea* (Hilty 2003) but SACC has not analyzed the split and require further information. We saw the *hondae* form near Ibague and the *intermedia* form in the Guajira.

Santa Marta Antbird *Drymophila hellmayri*

The Long-tailed Antbird complex has recently been split into four species. The one we saw below El Dorado is the endemic form Santa Marta Antbird *D. hellmayri* (Santa Marta Mountains of Colombia). The three additional forms are the Klages's Antbird *D. klagesi* (NE Colombia and Venezuela), the East Andean Antbird *D. caudate* (E Colombia) and the Streak-headed Antbird *D. striaticeps* (Colombia to Bolivia) – the latter also includes *occidentalis*, *peruviana*, and *boliviana*.

Streak-headed Antbird *Drymophila striaticeps*

See above. We saw this form at Rio Balnco and heard it at Montezuma.

Rufous Antpitta *Grallaria rufula*

HBW suggests it might be a future split into several species. It would be Sierra Nevada Antpitta *G. spatiator*, Rufous Antpitta *G. rufula* (the currently nominate form), Cajamarca Antpitta *G. cajamarcae*, Northern Peruvian Antpitta *G. obscura*, South Peruvian Antpitta *G. occabambae* and Bolivian Antpitta *G. cochabambae*. We heard a Rufous Antpitta near Bogota, some regard this as *rufula* but its vocalizations are very distinct and many (including the latest Colombia field guide) believe it represents an undescribed (sub) species. If (when) described it would be a Colombian endemic. We also saw the nominate form at Nevado del Ruiz and heard it at Santa Rosa. We saw the endemic and very distinctive Sierra Nevada Antpitta in the Santa Marta Mountains.

Tawny Antpitta *Grallaria quitensis*

HBW now splits the Tawny Antpitta to Northern Tawny Antpitta *G. alticola*, Western Tawny Antpitta *G. quitensis* (the nominate form) and Southern Tawny Antpitta *G. atuensis*. We saw the Northern Tawny Antpitta at Sumapaz and Chingaza and the Western Tawny Antpitta at Nevado del Ruiz.

Southern Beardless Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum*

HBW suggests it might be a future split into several species. It would be Central American Beardless Tyrannulet *C. flaviventre*, Colombian Beardless Tyrannulet *C. pusillum*, Western Beardless Tyrannulet *C. sclateri*, Olive Beardless Tyrannulet *C. olivaceum* and Southern Beardless Tyrannulet *C. obsoletum* (the currently nominate form). We saw the *pusillum* and *cauae* races of the Southern Beardless Tyrannulet on the tour, which would both be included in Colombian Beardless Tyrannulet.

Slaty-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon superciliaris*

HBW now splits the Slaty-capped Flycatcher to White-bellied Flycatcher *L. albidiventer* and Slaty-capped Flycatcher *L. superciliaris* (the nominate form). The ones we saw on the tour at Rio Claro and heard at La Romera were nominate form Slaty-capped Flycatcher.

Golden-crowned Flycatcher *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus*

HBW now transferred minor and *cinerascens* races of Golden-crowned Flycatcher into Golden-bellied Flycatcher *M. hemichrysus* of Central America (sister species) so all birds north of Peru (in Colombia and Ecuador) belongs to this species. The nominate *chrysocephalus* became monotypic as Golden-crowned Flycatcher. On the tour we saw the Golden-bellied Flycatcher.

Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus*

HBW now splits the Streaked Flycatcher to Northern Streaked Flycatcher *M. maculatus* (the nominate form) and Southern Streaked Flycatcher *M. solitarius*. We saw the *nobilis* race of the Northern Streaked Flycatcher in the Santa Marta foothills..

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua*

HBW suggests it might be a future split. It would be Northern Boat-billed Flycatcher *M. mexicanus*, Tumbes Boat-billed Flycatcher *M. chrysogaster* and Southern Boat-billed Flycatcher *M. pitangua* (the currently nominate form). The ones we saw on the tour would be the Southern Boat-billed Flycatcher.

Barred Fruiteater *Pipreola arcuata*

HBW suggests it might be a future split. It would be Barred Fruiteater *P. arcuata* and Yellow-eyed Fruiteater *P. viridicauda* (the currently nominate form). The one we saw at Hacienda de bosque would be the Barred Fruiteater.

Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus*

HBW suggests it might be a future split. It would be Chivi Vireo *V. chivi* and Red-eyed Vireo *V. olivaceus* (the currently nominate form). All South American races would be moved to Chivi Vireo. The ones we saw on the tour would be included in Chivi Vireo. The IOC also now accepts this split.

Blue-and-white Swallow *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*

HBW suggests it might be a future split. The patagonica race would be split off as Patagonian Swallow while all other races remain in the Blue-and-white Swallow complex. The one we saw on the tour is Blue-and-white Swallow.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

HBW suggests it might be a future split. The erythrogaster race would be split off as American Barn Swallow while all other races would be in the Eurasian Barn Swallow complex. The one we saw on the tour is American Barn Swallow.

Speckle-breasted Wren *Pheugopedius sclatei*

We saw the colombinus form, which some authors already elevate to species as Colombian Wren. It would become a Colombian endemic if treated as such.

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*

HBW suggests it might be a future split into several species. It would be Northern House Wren *T. aedon* (the currently nominate form), Brown-throated Wren *T. brunneicollis*, Antillean House Wren *T. martinicensis* and Southern House Wren *T. musculus*. We saw various races of the Antillean House Wren on the tour.

Grey-breasted Wood-Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys*

The two endemic races in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta are regarded as separate species according to a recent study. IOC does not recognize now one of them: the 'anachoreta' race which occurs above 2000 meter is now called Hermit Wood Wren *H. anachoreta*. The 'bangsi' race which occurs below 2000 meter is not split yet - it was suggested to be Bangs' Wood-Wren. We saw both forms in the Santa Marta Mountains.

Golden-fronted Whitestart *Myioborus ornatus*

HBW now splits the Golden-fronted Whitestart to Yellow-fronted Whitestart *M. ornatus* (the nominate form) and Golden-fronted Whitestart *M. chrysops*. We saw both races / species on the tour. If split the Golden-fronted Whitestart becomes a Colombian endemic bird. Vocalizations seem identical.

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola*

HBW suggests it might be a future split into three species (to start with). It would be Bahama Bananaquit *C. bahamensis*, Greater Antillean Bananaquit *C. flaveola* (the currently nominate form) and Common Bananaquit *C. bartholemica*. We saw the luteola and columbiana races of the Common Bananaquit on the tour.

Sierra Nevada Brush-Finch *Arremon basilicas*

The Stripe-headed Brush-Finch *A. torquatus* complex has recently been split into six species. The ones we saw in the Andes were Grey-browed Brush-Finch *A. assimilis* (Andes of Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, and most of Peru). The ones we saw in the Santa Marta Mountains were Sierra Nevada Brush-Finch *A. basilicas* (Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, n Colombia). The four additional forms are the White-browed Brush-Finch *A. torquatus* (s Peru, Bolivia, Argentina), Perija Brush-Finch *A. perijanus* (Serranía del Perijá, ne Colombia and nw Venezuela), Caracas Brush-Finch *A. phaeopleurus* (Cordillera de la Costa, n Venezuela) and Paria Brush-Finch *A. phygas* (Cordillera de la Costa Oriental, ne Venezuela).

Grey-browed Brush-Finch *Arremon assimilis*

See above. We saw this form in the Andes.

Common Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus flavopectus*

HBW suggests it might be a future split into several species. It would be Brown-headed Bush Tanager *C. ophthalmicus*, Tuxtla Bush Tanager *C. wetmorei*, White-fronted Bush Tanager *C. albifrons*, Dwight's Bush Tanager *C. dwighti*, Dusky-headed Bush Tanager *C. postocularis*, Dotted Bush Tanager *C. punctulatus*, Yellow-breasted Bush Tanager *C. flavopectus* (the currently nominate form), Buff-breasted Bush Tanager *C. cinereocephalus* and Common Bush Tanager *C. venezuelanus*. We saw the exitelus race of the Yellow-breasted Bush Tanager on the tour.

Superciliaried Hemispingus *Hemispingus superciliaris*

HBW suggests it might be a future split into three species. It would be Yellow-browed Hemispingus *H. chrysophris*, White-bellied Hemispingus *H. leucogastrus* and White-browed Hemispingus *H. superciliaris* (the currently nominate form). We saw the nominate and nigrifrons races of the White-browed Hemispingus on this tour.

Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus*

HBW suggests it might be a future split. It would be Blue-grey Tanager *T. cana* and White-edged Tanager *T. episcopus* (the currently nominate form). The one we saw on the tour is the Blue-grey Tanager.

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum*

HBW suggests it might be a future split. It would be Violaceous Palm Tanager *T. violilavata* and Olive Palm Tanager *T. palmarum* (the currently nominate form). We saw the atripennis race of the Olive Palm Tanager.

Grey-headed Tanager *Eucometis penicillata*

HBW suggests it might be a future split. It would be Northern Grey-headed Tanager *E. spodocephalus* and Southern Grey-headed Tanager *E. penicillata* (the currently nominate form). We saw the cristata race of the Northern Grey-headed Tanager on the tour.

Blue-capped Tanager *Thraupis cyanocephala*

HBW suggests it might be a future split. It would be Blue-bellied Tanager *T. olivicyanea* and Blue-capped Tanager *T. cyanocephala* (the currently nominate form). We saw the annectens and auricrissa race of the Blue-bellied Tanager on the tour.

Lacrimose Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus lacrymosus*

HBW suggests it might be a future split. It would be Perija Mountain Tanager *A. pallidorsalis* and Lacrimose Mountain Tanager *A. lacrymosus* (the nominate form). The one we saw on the tour is the Lacrimose Mountain Tanager.

Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus igniventris*

HBW now splits the Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager to Fire-bellied Mountain Tanager *A. igniventris* (the nominate form) and Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager *A. lunulatus*. We saw the lunulatus races of the Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager on the tour.

Blue-winged Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus somptuosus*

HBW now splits the Blue-winged Mountain Tanager to Bolivian Mountain Tanager *A. flavinucha* and Blue-winged Mountain Tanager *A. somptuosus* (the nominate form). The one we saw on the tour is the Blue-winged Mountain Tanager.

Blue-and-black Tanager *Tangara vassorii*

First of all HBW now splits the Blue-and-black Tanager to Spot-bellied Tanager *T. atrocoerulea* and Blue-and-black Tanager *T. vassorii* (the nominate form). Moreover suggests that Blue-and-black Tanager might be a future split again. It would be Silver-crowned Tanager *T. branickii* and Blue-and-black Tanager *T. vassorii* (the currently nominate form). We saw the Blue-and-black Tanager on the tour.

Blue-backed Conebill *Conirostrum sitticolor*

HBW suggests it might be a future split. It would be Bolivian Conebill *C. cyaneum* and Blue-backed Conebill *C. sitticolor* (the currently nominate form). We saw the sitticolor race of the Blue-backed Conebill on the tour.

Capped Conebill *Conirostrum albifrons*

HBW suggests it might be a future split. It would be Blue-capped Conebill *C. atrocyaneum* and White-capped Conebill *C. albifrons* (the currently nominate form). We saw the centralandium and atrocyaneum races of the White-capped Conebill on the tour.

Plumbeous Sierra Finch *Phrygilus unicolor*

HBW suggests it might be a future split into three species. It would be Northern Plumbeous Sierra Finch *P. geospizopsis*, Peruvian Plumbeous Sierra Finch *P. inca* and Southern Plumbeous Sierra Finch *P. unicolor* (the currently nominate form). We saw the nominate race of the Northern Plumbeous Sierra Finch on the tour.

Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola*

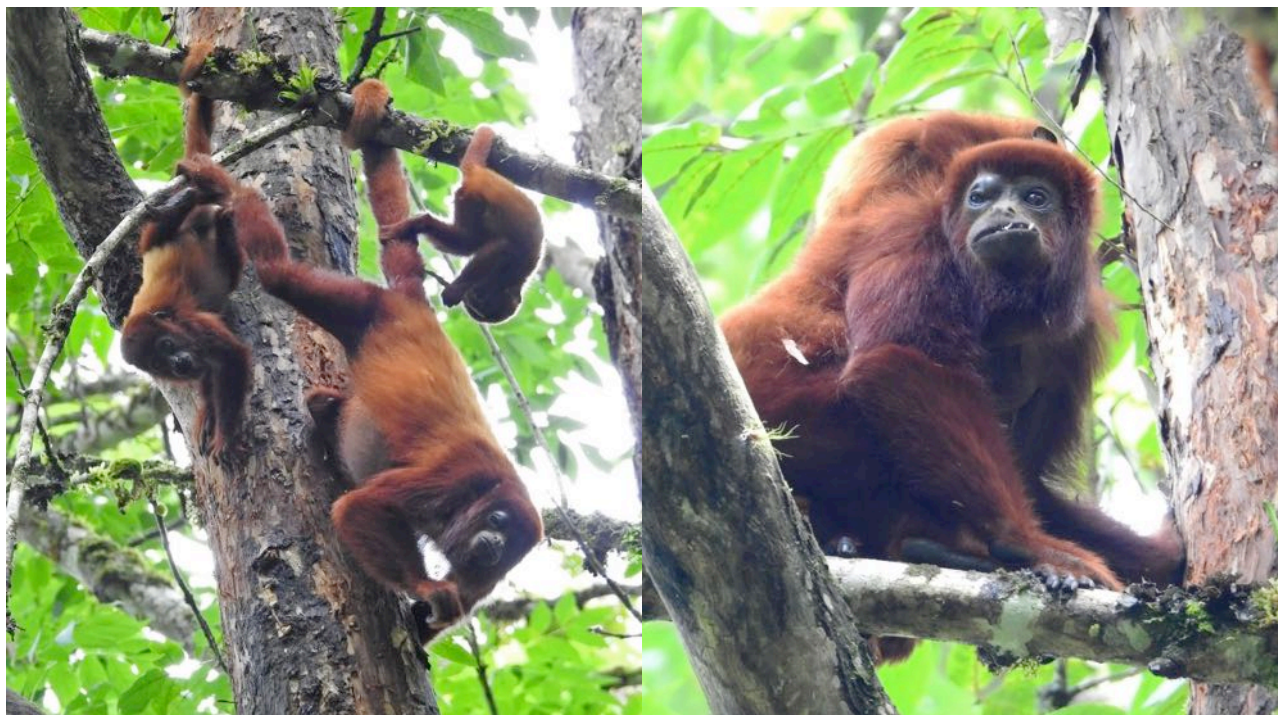
HBW suggests it might be a future split. It would be Pelzelni's Finch *S. pelzelni* and Saffron Finch *S. flaveola* (the currently nominate form). We saw the Saffron Finch on the tour.

Greyish Saltator *Saltator coerulescens*

HBW now splits the Greyish Saltator to Northern Grey Saltator *S. grandis*, Caribbean Grey Saltator *S. olivascens* and Amazonian Grey Saltator *S. coerulescens* (the nominate form). We saw the Caribbean Grey Saltator on the tour.

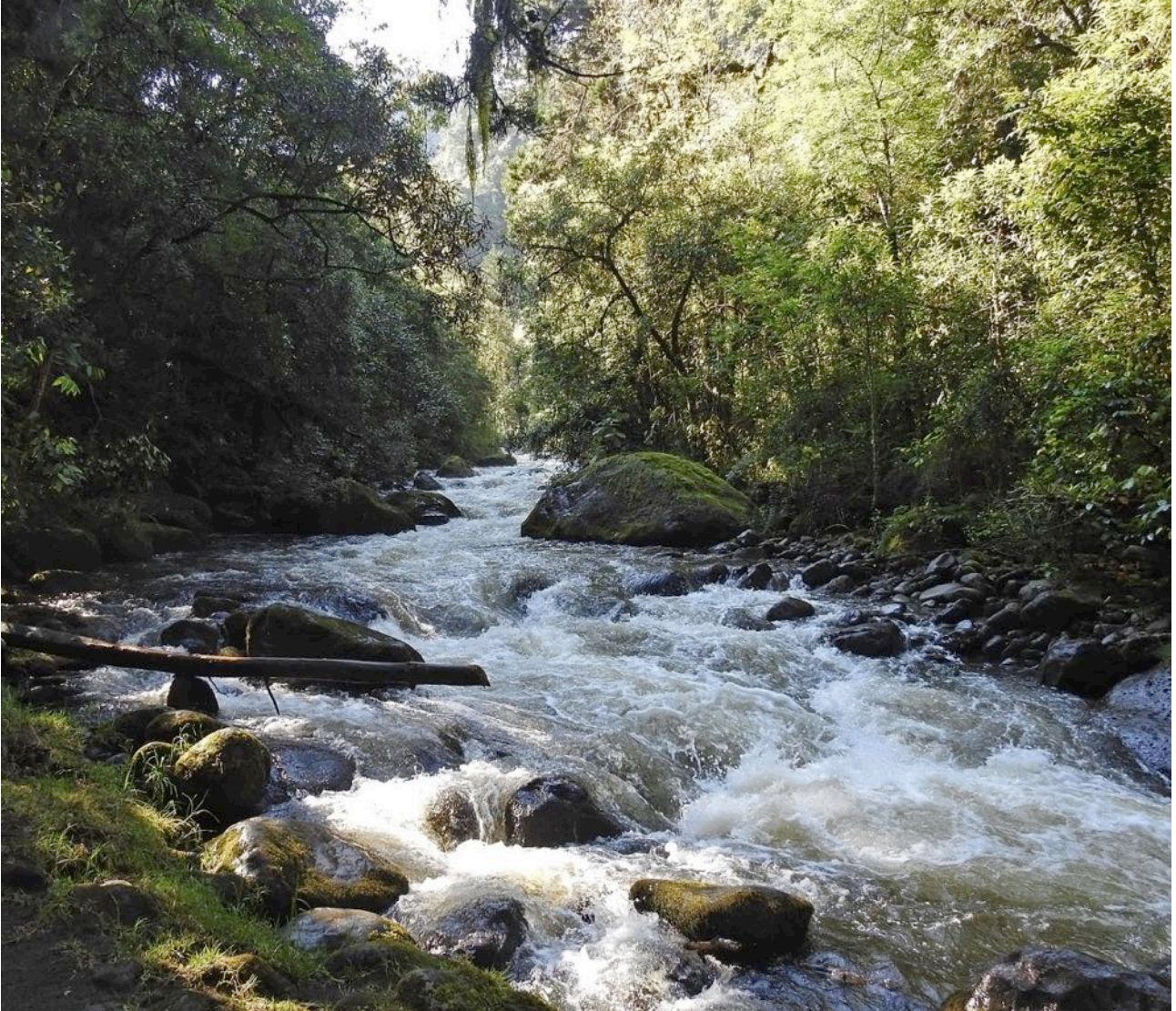
Tooth-billed Tanager (Highland Hepatic T) *Piranga lutea*

This species is split from *P. hepatica* (Ridgely & Greenfield 2001, Burns et al 2003) but SACC has not analyzed the split and require further information. HBW suggests Hepatic Tanager *P. hepatica* might be a future split. It would be Northern Hepatic Tanager *P. hepatica* and Highland Hepatic Tanager *P. lutea* (the currently nominate form). We saw the *desidiosa* race of the Northern Hepatic Tanager on the tour.



Colombian Red Howler, Otun Quimbaya (Trevor Ellery)

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Otun Quimbaya (Trevor Ellery)



The group taking a little respite from the heat at Isla Salamanca on our last day (Trevor Ellery)



Crab-eating Raccoon snoozing the day away at Isla Salamanca – areal highlight (Trevor Ellery)