



The critically endangered Royal Cinclodes - our bird-of-the-trip (all photos taken on this tour by Pete Morris)

PERU: FROM THE CUSCO ANDES TO THE MANU

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This brand new itinerary really was a tour of two halves! For the first half of the tour we really were up on the roof of the world, exploring the Andes that surround Cusco up to altitudes in excess of 4000m. Cold clear air and fantastic snow-clad peaks were the order of the day here as we went about our task of seeking out a number of scarce, localized and seldom-seen endemics. For the second half of the tour we plunged down off of the mountains and took the long snaking Manu Road, right down to the Amazon basin. Here we traded the mountainous peaks for vistas of forest that stretched as far as the eye could see in one of the planet's most diverse regions. Here, the temperatures rose in line with our ever growing list of sightings! In all, we amassed a grand total of 537 species of birds, including 36 which provided audio encounters only! As we all know though, it's not necessarily the sheer number of species that counts, but more the quality, and we found many high quality species. New species for the Birdquest life list included Apurimac Spinetail, Vilcabamba Thistletail, Ampay (still to be described) and Vilcabamba Tapaculos and Apurimac Brushfinch, whilst other montane goodies included the stunning Bearded Mountaineer, White-tufted Sunbeam the critically endangered Royal Cinclodes,



These wonderful Blue-headed Macaws were a brilliant highlight near to Atalaya.

the delightful Stripe-headed Antpitta, Giant Conebill and many more. The temperate and lowland forests of the Manu Road provided a whole new set of birds dominated by antbirds and tanagers. Here highlights included confiding Brown Tinamous, the shy Razor-billed Curassow, Solitary and Black-and-chestnut Eagles, Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle, a skittish Rufous-vented Ground Cuckoo, gorgeous Blue-headed Macaws, amazing Swallow-tailed and Lyre-tailed Nightjars, Lanceolated Monklet, Rusty-breasted, Amazonian and brilliant endemic Red-and-white Antpittas, the uncommon Cerulean-capped Manakin, colourful Andean Cocks-of-the-Rock at a lek, and Amazonian Umbrellabird to name but a few! We also noted a few smart mammals including several species of monkeys, a Tayra, Capybara and even a Brazilian Tapir for one lucky person! All in all a pretty good haul for just over two weeks, and that's only scratching the surface!

The tour began at Lima Airport in rather chaotic fashion. The airline's systems were down and a painfully slow check-in led to a slight delay to our flight to Cusco. We did make it though and were greeted by our trusty drivers and handed egg butties as our first Andean Gulls drifted overhead! We needed to move though as our local driver was aware of industrial action that was blockading our route out of Cusco, and we needed to get on some detour routes before gridlock occurred! This we just about achieved, passing through some narrow streets through the steep suburbs, and finally we were on our way. Rather tired from our international flights, early starts and general travel, there was nothing more to do than to sit back and enjoy the ride, admiring the scenery and a few birds as we went. Our main aim for the day was to reach some forest fragments just above Abancay, and this we achieved by lunchtime, and although not the best time of day, we did manage to find our main quarry, the sneaky Apurimac Spinetail, which eventually surrendered and showed well. Here we also found our first Rusty-fronted Canasteros and, after a bit of a search, the yet to be described Ampay Tapaculo was also found. A few other common species were also found, but we soon had to head back to our welcoming hotel in Curahuasi, for our first fine meal and a couple of local ales!

The following day we headed for the beautiful Soraypampa. An early start was required, but very soon we were birding beneath impressive imposing snowy peaks. It was a slow start as we gradually notched up a few good birds. Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet provided early interest as Creamy-crested Spinetails, Rust-and-yellow Tanagers and Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrants flitted in the undergrowth. Moving on up, we soon found two of our main targets in the shape of a smart pair of Apurimac Brushfinches and a group of attractive Chestnut-breasted Mountain Finches. We then spent some time admiring White-tufted Sunbeams as well as Shining Sunbeams,



Apurimac Brushfinch - a much appreciated Birdquest lifer.

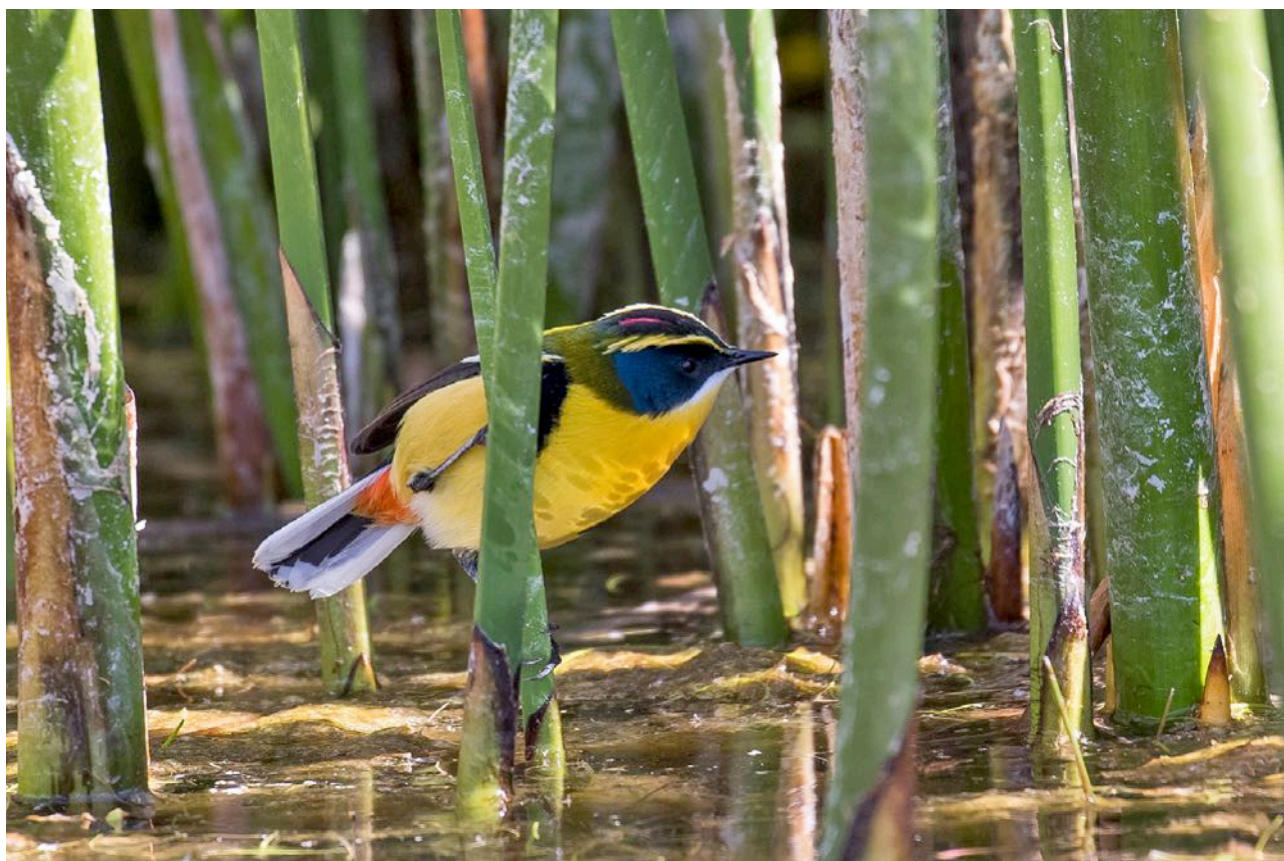
and saw several Red-crested Cotingas, White-winged Black-Tyrant and Tufted Tit-Tyrants, before arriving at the top of the valley. Here the open vistas were home to Ash-breasted, Peruvian and Plumbeous Sierra-Finches, and White-browed and Rufous-naped Ground Tyrants. Mountain Caracaras were common overhead, and a bit of careful watching produced several impressive Andean Condors drifting around the peaks. It took a bit of effort to find the next Birdquest lifer, the sneaky Vilcabamba Tapaculo, but find it we did, and whilst looking we found another Rusty-fronted Canastero. After a fine field lunch we started making our way back down, making a prolonged stop in some drier habitat lower down. Here we soon found the interesting white-tailed form of Pale-tailed Canastero as well as the 'Apurimac form' of Pacific Pygmy Owl, our first Black-backed Grosbeaks and some Southern Mountain Caciques.

On our last morning in the area, we begun with a search for the Apurimac form of Koepcke's Screech Owl. This proved more difficult than anticipated, and even when one was found in the spotlight, we still struggled! As the light came up, we soon found smart White-eared Puffbirds, and huge flocks of Mitred Parakeets, before heading back for a well-earned breakfast. Moving on we passed fast-flowing canyons with their attendant Andean Swifts, whilst roadside stops added more Chestnut-breasted Mountain Finches, Creamy-crested Spinetails



Smart Chestnut-breasted Mountain Finches were seen on several occasions.

and Golden-billed Saltators. We then spent a good deal of time around a productive lake. Here, wildfowl were present in good numbers and included Yellow-billed, Cinnamon and Puna Teals, Yellow-billed Pintail, Andean Ducks and our first Andean Geese, and these were joined by numerous Andean Coot and White-tufted Grebes. A small group of Chilean Flamingos were a surprise, and a small group of Andean Ibis, amongst the huge numbers of Puna Ibis, were an excellent find. Cinereous Harriers drifted by, a few waders were present, and along the reedy fringes we found the much-wanted and exquisite Many-coloured Rush Tyrant, as well as the interesting Wren-like Rushbird, Yellow-winged Blackbirds and Plumbeous Rails. After another field lunch, we were on our way, this time to Ollantaytambo, where we arrived in time to begin our Bearded Mountaineer saga! Despite hanging around their favourite flowers for some time, they were not to be found, though we did find smart Green-tailed Trainbearers and endemic Green-and-white Hummingbirds as well as Band-tailed Seedeaters, Greenish Yellow Finches, Bare-faced Ground Doves and other common birds.



The stunning Many-coloured Rush Tyrant provided plenty of entertainment.

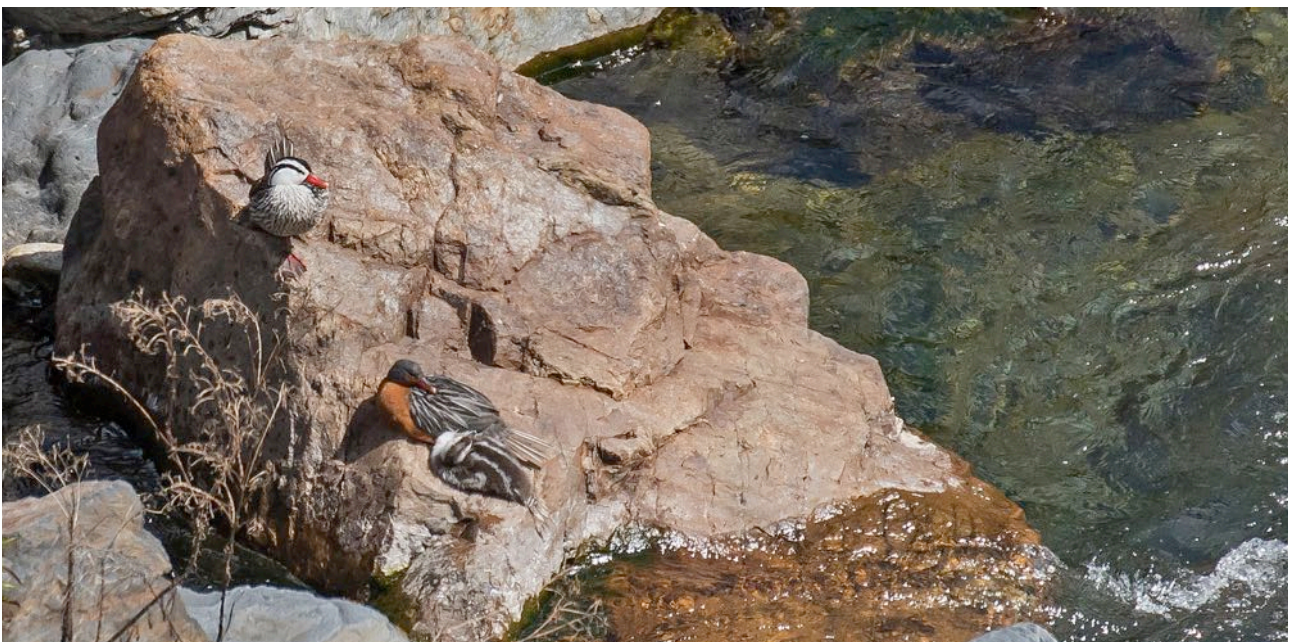
The next day was a tough one as we attempted to find the high altitude birds on Abra Malaga. Once more we were in breathtaking scenery, and the skies began clear, but unfortunately all did not go to plan, and at 4000m, walking any distance can be tough! We did manage to find most of the species we were hoping to find, but it was harder work than we had planned, and no Royal Cinclodes was found. Highlights included Giant Hummingbird, a smart Blue-backed Thornbill, White-browed and Tawny Tit-Spinetails, Line-fronted Canasteros, Cream-winged Cinclodes, a fine Stripe-headed Antpitta, Puna Tapaculos, some brilliant Ash-breasted Tit-Tyrants, Brown-backed Chat-Tyrants, Taczanowski's Ground-Tyrants, a pair of Giant Conebills, and Thick-billed Siskins. By the time we made it back to the vehicles the clouds had rolled in and it was getting pretty cold, which combined with the altitude and the effort of the morning, meant that a hot meal and a sit down were required. That afternoon we explored west of the pass, but it was generally quiet, though we did manage our best views of Inca Wren.

In all, we made three visits to the rich temperate forest west of Abra Malaga, gradually building a pretty good list of species. It wasn't all plain sailing as many of the goodies played hard to get, but by working a few kilometres of the road and covering a range of altitudes, one by one we gradually managed to track them down. Highlights of our three visits (other than the stunning backdrops) included such range-restricted species as Scaled Metaltail, Puna Thistletail, Marcapata Spinetail, sneaky Trilling Tapaculos, the recently de-



The striking Cusco Brushfinch and the localized Unstreaked Tit-Tyrant - two of our targets at Abra Malaga.

scribed Diademed Tapaculo, a confiding Rufous Antpitta (of the local *occabambae* form), streaky Unstreaked Tit-Tyrants, an obliging Kalinowski's Chat-Tyrant, a creamy white Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant(!), Pale-footed Swallows, Parodi's, Three-striped and White-browed Hemispinguses, smart Chestnut-bellied Mountain-Tanagers, the restricted-range Golden-collared Tanager and the punk-haired Cusco Brushfinch. Of course there were many more species on offer and these included a lovely family party of Torrent Ducks and White-capped Dippers along the river, numerous speedy Barred Parakeets overhead, as well as Andean Guans, Great Sapphirewing, spectacular Sword-billed Hummingbirds, the restricted-range Violet-throated Starfrontlet, Amethyst-throated Sunangel, Tyrian Metaltail, Pearled Treerunner, Streaked Tuftedcheek, more Red-crested Cotingas, White-throated Tyrannulet, Cinnamon Flycatchers, Mountain Wren, Great Thrush, delightful Spectacled Whitestarts, Blue-backed Conebill, Masked Flower-piercer, the striking Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager and Plushcap which joined the roving flocks in the bamboo.



The family of Torrent Ducks at Abra Malaga.



The Cusco Andes provided some wonderful scenery! Breakfast at Abra Malaga and a scene from Vilcabamba!





Vilcabamba provided two more Birdquest Lifers in the shape of Vilcabamba Thistletail and Vilcabamba Tapaculo.

In between our visits to Abra Malaga, we made a side trip high into the Vilcabamba mountains. This proved to be quite an adventure up a long and winding dirt road which eventually led us to more outrageously beautiful peaks. A night in a rather simple establishment was compensated for by yet another Birdquest lifer in the shape of the little known Vilcabamba Thistletail which eventually showed very well indeed, as did an obliging Vilcabamba Tapaculo hopping out in the open on some rocks. The following morning on another rather chilly pass we were delighted when we tracked down a brilliant Royal Cinclodes, one of the real stars of the tour. Also in this wonderful valley were Olivaceous and Blue Mantled Thornbills, several smart Black Siskins, an unexpected Andean Tit-Spinetail, numerous Puna Ground-Tyrants and, a little lower, an abundant supply of charming Tit-like Dacnises!



Male (left) and female Tit-like Dacnis in Vilcabamba.

Heading back, we added the smart Junin Canastero to our ever growing list, and in the lowlands on the way to Quillabamba, we found a few new species including Ocellated Piculets (a definite bonus), several Andean Motmots and a few other commoner species. From the relative comfort of Quillabamba, we made two of our visits to Abra Malaga (mentioned above) and on one afternoon we drove further down the valley towards the lowlands. Here we found a few species that we only saw here, including Barred Antshrike, Common Tody-Flycatcher, Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant, Short-crested Flycatcher, White-lined Tanager and Red Pileated Finch to name a few, but the birding was not generally that exciting.

After our final visit to Abra Malaga we continued on up to the pass, pausing to look at some confiding Andean Geese, and adding an excellent Paramo Pipit. Continuing on, we enjoyed a fine buffet lunch, looked at the most ridiculous hotel which was attached to a cliff and serviced by cable cars, and then headed for Cusco! We had left enough time to have a hunt for Bearded Mountaineers at a couple of sites, but alas no luck. We headed for the comfort of Cusco, enjoyed a fine meal and explored some of the sites around the main town square, the Plaza de Armas, including the famous twelve cornered stone.



Scenes from the Plaza de Armas including the '12 cornered stone'!

We were away the following morning, first to Lake Huacarpay, still on a mission to find the dreaded Bearded Mountaineer. A few birds popped up early doors including Andean Flickers and Spot-billed Ground-Tyrants and eventually, a female Bearded Mountaineer was spotted, but she did not hang about and never came back. Eventually we gave in and moved on, but at our next stop just down the road, a fine male Bearded Mountaineer put on a much better performance. Moving on we stopped at a birdy village, and here we added a pair of Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrants as well as – yes you guessed it – another male Bearded Mountaineer! With that particular ghost laid to rest, we moved up into the higher puna. Andean Flickers became common, a couple of Andean Ibis graced the roadside and after a while we arrived at a lake where large island nests were attended by much-wanted Giant Coots! Here too were several Crested Ducks, and our only Slender-billed Miner of the tour flew over. Fortunately, local knowledge had us whisked off once more, for access to the Manu Road was restricted due to roadworks and we had to make it for the one hour slot when it was open. This we duly did, and spent the rest of the day making our way slowly down to the comfortable Wayqecha Lodge. Birds were few and far between, and although we added Grass Wren and Moustached Flowerpiercer, the fog was now quite thick, and in the gloomy afternoon light, we failed to find much more other than several Grey-eared Brushfinches. At the lodge itself, the hummingbird feeders were still active, attracting Violet-throated Starfrontlets and Gould's Incas, but it was just about Pisco Sour time!

A pre-breakfast excursion the following morning turned out to be a good one. Ok, we only saw a female Swallow-tailed Nightjar, but what followed made up for that! Fantastic sightings of Red-and-white Antpitta and the distinctive *leymebambae* form of Rusty-breasted Antpitta really was a joy to behold! An obliging pair



Not a bad morning when you see Rusty-breasted (left) and Red-and-white Antpittas at point blank range! And not a worm in sight!!

of Rufous-bellied Bush-Tyrants and Grey-browed Brushfinches added to the fun, and ensured that breakfast would taste good! We spent the rest of the day making our way slowly down towards Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge, adding new species the whole way! Higher up, we were thrilled at species such as Maroon-belted Chat-Tyrant, Fulvous Wren, White-collared Jay, Dusky-green Oropendola and Grass-green Tanager, whilst subtle Buff-thighed Pufflegs danced around the flowers. Plum-crowned Parrots, a fine male Golden-headed Quetzal, Blue-banded Toucanets, our first Andean Cocks-of-the-Rock and White-eared Solitaire were admired at the roadside, and our first Northern White-crowned Tapaculo was teased out, but the day was really about the flocks, and we saw some mammoth ones! One particular flock hung around for ages, moving back and forth right in front of us, giving us ample opportunity to study its constituents. Amongst the birds present in the flocks were Masked Trogon, a smart Crimson-mantled Woodpecker, Azara's Spinetails, Pearled Treerunners,



Buff-thighed Puffleg and Chestnut-bellied Mountain Tanager along the Manu Road.

Montane Woodcreepers, White-crested and Sierran Elaenias, White-throated and White-banded Tyrannulets, our only Handsome Flycatchers of the tour, Golden-crowned Flycatcher, the smart Barred Becard, and a whole array of tanagers including Common and Yellow-whiskered Bush Tanagers, smart Slaty Tanagers, colourful Blue-capped, Golden-collared, Fawn-breasted, Orange-eared and Saffron-crowned Tanagers, Capped Cone-bill and more Hooded, Scarlet-bellied and Chestnut-bellied Mountain-Tanagers. Late afternoon we arrived at a viewing screen from where we were able to witness the antics of one of the world's finest spectacles – an Andean Cock-of-the-Rock lek! We watched this for some time, before making our way down to the fine Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge, our base for the next four nights.



Gorgeous Andean Cocks-of-the-Rock showed well on several occasions, whilst below, we were chuffed to find this Rufescent Screech Owl.





Brown Tinamou on the lawn at Cock-of-the-Rock lodge - a real surprise!

We had three full days to explore the mid-elevation forests around, above and below the well situated Cock-of-the-Rock lodge. The lodge gardens provided plenty of entertainment. The busy hummingbird feeders attracted numerous Violet-fronted Brilliants as well as Green Hermit, Sparkling and Lesser Violetears, Rufous Booted Racket-tails, Long-tailed Sylph, the bee-like White-bellied Woodstar, Many-spotted Hummingbirds and even a Chestnut-breasted Coronet and a fine male Wire-crested Thorntail. Attracted to the fruit were Brown Agoutis and Brown Capuchins, and a Tayra even put in an appearance. More unexpected were a pair of Brown Tinamous, walking in the open on the lawn. I'd never heard of Brown Tinamous doing this, and this could potentially be the best place in the world to see this usually very tricky species! The trails around the lodge were also productive. Here the stars of the show were a fine male Cerulean-capped Manakin, a couple of Yungas Manakins, a pair of Slaty Gnateaters, a singing Yellow-breasted Antwren and even a Hooded Tinamou! Above the lodge we hunted for other localized specialities, finding a showy Rufescent Screech Owl, a smart male Lyre-tailed Nightjar, the localized Yellow-rumped Antwren, the dowdy but uncommon Unadorned Flycatcher,



Two rarities... Yellow-rumped Antwren and the aptly-named Unadorned Flycatcher.



A magnificent Solitary Eagle.

Bolivian Tyrannulet, Inca Flycatcher and colourful Yellow-throated Tanagers and Golden-eyed Flowerpiercers. We also spent a morning raptor watching, seeing a couple of impressive Black-and-chestnut Eagles and a distant White-throated Hawk, but it was the point-blank Solitary Eagle that really stole the show!! Below the lodge, more goodies were added. These included bamboo specialities such as Cabanis's Spinetail and Yellow-breasted Warbling Antbird, the subtle Fine-barred Piculet, Bluish-fronted Jacamar, the rare Peruvian Piedtail, the much desired Lanceolated Monklet and Black-streaked Puffbird, the rare Cinnamon-faced Tyrannulet, the delightful endemic Black-backed Tody-Tyrant, the localized Cusco Warbler, and a fine Amazonian Umbrellabird. Sadly a calling Peruvian Recurvebill could not be enticed out!



Two more mid-elevation highlights... Lanceolated Monklet (left) and Black-streaked Puffbird.

Other more widespread species noted along the mid-Manu Road included Speckled Chachalacas, Plumbeous Pigeons, colourful Versicoloured Barbets, Ash-browed Spinetails, Montane and Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaners, skulking Black-billed and showy Striped Treehunters, Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner, Spotted Barbtail, Olive-backed Woodcreeper, Chestnut-backed and Russet Antshrikes, the interesting local form of Uniform Antshrike, Ornate and Stripe-chested Antwrens, Variegated and Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrants, Ornate Flycatcher, Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher, a cute group of Lemon-browed Flycatchers, Glossy-black Thrush, numerous Olivaceous Siskins, Bronze-green and Orange-bellied Euphonias, Two-banded and Yungas (split from Three-striped) Warblers, Slate-throated Whitestart, Yellow-throated Bush Tanagers, colourful Rufous-chested, Black-goggled, Yellow-crested, Golden, Golden-eared, Spotted, Golden-naped, Blue-necked, Beryl-spangled, Blue-and-black and amazing Paradise Tanagers, and a couple of female Golden-collared Honeycreepers.

After what had been an excellent stay, we left the lodge early and headed down to Pilcapata, from where we visited the nearby Guadalupe Lodge, which was of interest to us as it has some good stands of bamboo, and the associated goodies. We began along the entrance road where we were straight into the bamboo action as one by one, spiky-crested White-lined Antbirds and Bamboo Antshrikes and a couple of Chestnut-crowned Foliage-gleaners were teased out, and Black Caracara and Chestnut-fronted and Blue-and-yellow Macaws flew overhead. The main part of our visit saw us exploring an old logging road, and here, the real stars of the show were some endearing White-cheeked Tody-Tyrants. Bamboo Foliage-gleaners and Manu and Goeldi's Antbirds gave good views, as did a sneaky Striated Antbird, a fine Large-headed Flatbill and a sneaky Southern Nightingale-Wren were also seen. Further along, a comical pair of Golden-collared Toucanets entertained whilst a mixed flock held Yellow-bellied and Green-and-gold Tanagers and a Dusky-capped greenlet amongst others. Returning for lunch, noting Plain-crowned Spinetail on the way, we discovered that the lodge garden held, Grey-breasted Sabrewing, Sapphire-spangled Emerald, Golden-tailed Sapphire and even a couple of White-browed Hermits and a Pale-tailed Sickbill, whilst a King Vulture and Greater Yellow-headed Vultures circled overhead.



More great birds from the Manu Road. Yellow-throated Tanager, Golden-collared Toucanet and the gorgeous White-cheeked Tody-Tyrant.

It had been a cracking morning, but as usual it was time to head on. We made our way right down in to the lowlands, pausing for an amazing Sunbittern and a smart Fasciated Tiger Heron as we went, and then explored the interesting Machuwasi Lagoon. Here we found a pair of impressive Horned Screamers as well as the rare Pale-eyed Blackbird. Noisy Hoatzins clambered around, a Purple Gallinule fed at the edge of the water, a Blackish Rail made a brief appearance and a pair of Black-capped Donacobius sat up duetting. Military Macaws flew overhead, a Ringed Kingfisher and a Limpkin looked on and Black-capped Tinamous called from close range, but remained concealed. As the sun began to sink, we had to move once more and took a dusk cruise up the river to Amazonia Lodge, watching the Sand-coloured Nighthawks as we went!



Above, a Hoatzin guards its egg at Amazonia Lodge; below, Pale-eyed Blackbird and a smart Paradise Tanager.



The next couple of days we spent in the relatively level forests at Amazonia Lodge. Much of the original forest has been eroded away as the river has changed its course in recent years. Fortunately the lodge, its grounds and adjacent cocha, and the famous jeep track still remain, and we concentrated most of our efforts in these areas. As is so often the case in the steamy lowlands, the birding was pretty tough, and indeed just around the lodge provided many of the easier birding. Here, goodies such as Blue-throated Piping Guan, Cinnamon-throated Foliage-gleaner were found. Grey-necked Wood Rail and Grey-fronted Doves wandered on the lawns whilst colorful Orange-backed Troupials, Masked Crimson Tanagers and Red-capped Cardinals came to join the noisy oropendolas at the feeders. Hummingbirds were also attracted to the flowers and included the much-wanted Rufous-crested Coquette as well as Gould's Jewelfront and a smart male Amethyst Woodstar. Parrots could often be seen over the clearing and included Cobalt-winged Parakeet and huge Scarlet Macaws,



Above, Sunbittern and Fasciated Tiger Heron at the bottom of the Manu Road; below, two of the scarcer raptors; Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle and King Vulture.



and on one morning a fine Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle drifted overhead. There was also activity at night as Common Potoo and Pauraque put in appearances close to the rooms. We spent some time along the famous jeep track, but here, although birds ventured out, they seldom stayed for long! We did see Cinereous Tinamou, Great Tinamou and even a Rufous-vented Ground Cuckoo on the track, but you had to be quick! The cocha and adjacent stream were also a focal point. Here noisy Hoatzins were very conspicuous, and we also found a smart Green-and-rufous Kingfisher, and even a couple of sightings of the rare Razor-billed Curassow. Deep in the jungle lurked another set of birds... We were delighted to get some superb views of Amazonian Antpitta, though Rusty-belted Tapaculo and Ringed Antpipit were a little bit more tricky to see so well. In the bamboo patches we found a showy Bamboo Foliage-gleaner and Flammulated Bamboo-Tyrant, whilst a bewildering array of new antbirds included Plain-winged and Bluish-slate Antshrikes (the flock leader!), Pygmy and Plain-throated Antwrens, White-browed, Silvered, Southern Chestnut-tailed, Black-throated and Spot-backed Antbirds and the impressive but ultra-skulking Black-spotted Bare-eye. Other goodies during our wanderings



Tawny-bellied Screech Owls, Mottled Owl and Capybara from our last morning at Amazonia Lodge.



included noisy Great Jacamars, colorful Black-tailed, Amazonian and Blue-crowned Trogons, Black-fronted Nunbird, Black-throated Toucanet, Yellow-tufted, Little and impressive Crimson-crested Woodpeckers, a lovely male Band-tailed Manakin, Turquoise Tanager and the dowdy Olive Tanager, a great songster.

The final morning saw us out in the dark where we added a fantastic pair of Tawny-bellied Screech Owls, a confiding Mottled Owl, and a confused-looking Capybara. We then said our farewells and headed back up the river, watching more Sand-coloured Nighthawks and White-banded Swallows as we went, and made our

way to a viewpoint above Atalaya. This proved most worthwhile for we soon found some superb Blue-headed Macaws as well as a pair of Red-and-green Macaws and numerous Chestnut-fronted and Scarlet Macaws. Less colorful, but perhaps rarer, was a very showy Red-billed Tyrannulet, and we also enjoyed scope views of Black-faced Dacnis and Slate-coloured Grosbeak.

We then started the long trek up the road. Pauses lower down revealed a roosting Great Potoo, soaring Double-toothed Kites, perched Dusky-headed Parakeets, a singing Black Antbird, White-lored Tyrannulet and a smart male Round-tailed Manakin at a fruiting tree. As the mercury rose we continued on our way, adding a fine Zone-tailed Hawk, Short-tailed Swifts and a pair of Southern Lapwings that were a bit of a surprise! One stop yielded a confiding Moustached Wren as well as our only Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher of the tour. Higher up, our only Black-eared Hemispinguses put in an appearance, but as the fog rolled in, we made our way back to Wayqecha for an early bath! Several Pisco sours then followed...

We then had one final morning to explore from Wayqecha Lodge. The owls were quiet but this was made up for by the male Swallow-tailed Nightjar posing on the road! Many of our flock favourites were present and notable sightings included some flyover Scaly-naped Amazons, our only Marcapata Spinetails on the Manu Road, an unbelievably showy Plushcap, a couple of Grey-hooded Bush Tanagers, Citrine and Pale-legged Warblers virtually side by side and, just before breakfast, a fine pair of Band-tailed Fruiteaters. As we packed up and had breakfast, an excellent White-throated Hawk gave a low fly over, and then it was time for the off!

With the same roadwork restrictions in place we had to be sure to be on time... and we were. It was a hot and dusty ride back to Cusco Airport where the tour ended. It had been a very diverse adventure with many brilliant sightings, in what has to be one of the most amazing and, in parts at least, intact parts of our planet. It was now time to go on our way, some to Machu Picchu, some on international flights and one to Lima. We were in good time for our flights, though not all of us made it, but that's another story ;-)



A fine male Band-tailed Fruiteater from our last morning at Wayqecha Lodge.



A brilliant Plushcap from our final morning at Wayqecha Lodge.

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).

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(CR) = Critically Endangered, **(EN)** = Endangered, **(VU)** = Vulnerable, **(NT)** = Near Threatened

The species names and taxonomy used in the report mostly follows Gill, F & D Donsker (Eds). **2017. IOC World Bird List (v 7.3)**. This list is updated several times annually and is available at <http://www.worldbirdnames.org>. Please note, this was the current version when the report checklist was created. Some alternative names are given in parentheses.

For polytypic species, the subspecies seen on the tour, where known, is placed in parentheses at the end of the species comment. Where distinctive or interesting forms/subspecies occur, they are listed giving the subspecific name as a trinomial and with the colloquial English name for that form given in parentheses. This is to allow the accurate recording of the forms, some of which may end up as full species in the future. Species listed with trinomials are not currently split by the IOC.

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Great Tinamou *Tinamus major* (NT) A few heard and a brief sighting at Amazonia Lodge [*peruvianus*].

Hooded Tinamou ◊ *Nothocercus nigrocapillus* (VU) One seen well but briefly at Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge [nominate].

Cinereous Tinamou ◊ *Crypturellus cinereus* A few heard, and some views on the track at Amazonia Lodge.

Brown Tinamou ◊ *Crypturellus obsoletus* Brilliant views of a pair on the lawn at Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge [*punensis*].

Undulated Tinamou *Crypturellus undulatus* (H) A few heard at Amazonia Lodge [nominate].

Black-capped Tinamou ◊ *Crypturellus atrocapillus* (H) (NT) A few heard, some close by, but no luck [nominate].

Horned Screamer *Anhima cornuta* A pair seen well at Laguna Machuwasi near to Salvacion.

Torrent Duck *Merganetta armata* Excellent views of a pair and a youngster on the river below Abra Malaga [*turneri*].

Andean Goose *Chloephaga melanoptera* A couple on Laguna Huanypo and seen again at Abra Malaga.

Crested Duck *Lophonetta specularioides* A few seen on roadside lagoons on the way to the Manu Road [*alticola*].

Puna Teal *Spatula puna* A few seen on Laguna Huanypo, and others at Lake Huacarpay.

Cinnamon Teal *Spatula cyanoptera* Good numbers seen on Laguna Huanypo, and a few others [*orinoma*].

Yellow-billed Pintail *Anas georgica* A few seen on Laguna Huanypo, and a few others [*spinicauda*].

Yellow-billed Teal *Anas flavirostris* Good numbers seen on Laguna Huanypo, and various other wetlands [*oxyptera*].

Andean Duck *Oxyura ferruginea* A few seen on Laguna Huanypo.

Speckled Chachalaca *Ortalis guttata* Seen well on the to Quillabamba and plenty along the Manu Road [nominate].

Andean Guan *Penelope montagnii* A few seen on the west slope at Abra Malaga, and a few others [*plumosa*].

Spix's Guan *Penelope jacquacu* A few seen, mostly briefly, at Amazonia Lodge [*jacquacu*].

Blue-throated Piping Guan (White-throated P G) *Pipile [cumanensis] grayi* (NT) Good views at Amazonia Lodge.

Razor-billed Curassow ◊ *Mitu tuberosum* Seen very well by some of the group at Amazonia Lodge.

Stripe-faced Wood Quail ◊ *Odontophorus balliviani* (H) Heard a way off near to Wayqecha Lodge.

White-tufted Grebe *Rollandia rolland* A few seen well on Laguna Huanypo [*chilensis*].

Silvery Grebe (Southern S G) *Podiceps [occipitalis] juninensis* (NT) One seen well on the drive to the Manu Road.

Chilean Flamingo *Phoenicopterus chilensis* (NT) Five on Laguna Huanypo were a surprise.

Andean Ibis ◊ *Theristicus branickii* (NT) Excellent views of 8 at Laguna Huanypo and two on the to the Manu Road.



Our first Andean Ibises at Laguna Huanypo.

Puna Ibis *Plegadis ridgwayi* Plenty seen, the first on the drive out of Cusco.

Fasciated Tiger Heron *Tigrisoma fasciatum* Great views of a two near Salvacion, low on the Manu Road [*salmonii*].

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* A few, first below the pass on the road to Incahuasi [*hoactlii*].

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* A few seen on journeys.

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi* Just a single seen at Amazonia Lodge.

Great Egret (American G E) *Ardea [alba] egretta* A few including several at Laguna Huanypo.

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* A single seen at Lake Huacarpay.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula* A few including several at Laguna Huanypo [nominate].

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* Particularly common around Amazonia Lodge [nominate].

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* Common in the lowlands.

Greater Yellow-headed Vulture *Cathartes melambrotus* Fairly common on the lower parts of the Manu Road.

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* Common in the lowlands.

King Vulture *Sarcoramphus papa* Good views of a fine adult near Pilcapata, on the lower Manu Road.

Andean Condor *Vultur gryphus* (NT) c8 seen high over Soraypampa, above Mollepata, and another at Abra Malaga.

Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle ◊ *Spizaetus melanoleucus* Excellent views of an adult circling over Amazonia Lodge.

Black-and-chestnut Eagle *Spizaetus isidori* (EN) Good views of 2 from the lookout above Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge.

Double-toothed Kite *Harpagus bidentatus* Two or three circling near to Atalaya on the lower Manu Road [nominate].

Plain-breasted Hawk *Accipiter ventralis* One seen flying across the road on the drive to Lake Huacarpay.

Cinereous Harrier *Circus cinereus* A couple seen around Laguna Huanypo. Also seen well at Lake Huacarpay.

Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea* First seen at Miraflores, north of Quillabamba. Plenty seen along the Manu Road

Solitary Eagle ◊ *Buteogallus solitarius* (NT) Brilliant views at close range above Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge [nominate].

Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris* Plenty, the first unusually high at 3100m on the west side of Abra Malaga [*occiduus*].

Variable Hawk *Geranoaetus polyosoma* Fairly common in the highlands, first seen above Abancay [*ffeldsai*].

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle *Geranoaetus melanoleucus* First seen well at the turn to Mollepata [*australis*].

White-throated Hawk ◊ *Buteo albigula* One above Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge, then great views at Wayqecha Lodge.

Zone-tailed Hawk *Buteo albonotatus* Great views of one near to Pilcapata on the lower Manu Road.

Sunbittern *Eurypyga helias* Great views of one between Atalaya and Salvacion, low on the Manu Road [nominate].

Rufous-sided Crake *Laterallus melanophaius* (H) At least three heard at Amazonia Lodge [*oenops*].

Grey-necked Wood Rail *Aramides cajaneus* Excellent views of a pair at Amazonia Lodge [nominate].

Blackish Rail *Pardirallus nigricans* One seen flying across the pool at Laguna Machuwasi [nominate].

Plumbeous Rail *Pardirallus sanguinolentus* A couple (adult and juv.) seen well at Laguna Huanypo [*tshudii*].

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinica* A couple at Laguna Machuwasi near to Salvacion were the only ones.

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata* First seen at Laguna Huanypo [*garmanij*].

Andean Coot *Fulica ardesiaca* First seen at Laguna Huanypo, where very common [nominate].

Giant Coot ◊ *Fulica gigantea* Excellent views of c20 on roadside lagoons on the drive from Cusco to the Manu Road.



An impressive Giant Coot attends its floating nest!

Limpkin *Aramus guarauna* A single seen at Laguna Machuwasi near to Salvacion [nominate].

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus* One seen at Laguna Huanypo [nominate].

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis* Two along the lower Manu Road were a surprise [*cayannensis/lampronotus*].

Andean Lapwing *Vanellus resplendens* Commonly seen in open areas in the mountains.

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* One seen at Laguna Huanypo and also at Lake Huacarpay.

Andean Gull *Chroicocephalus serranus* Small numbers at several sites. First from Cusco Airport.

Rock Dove (Feral Pigeon) *Columba livia* 'feral' Introduced vermin!

Spot-winged Pigeon *Patagioenas maculosa* Plenty in the open highlands: abundant at Laguna Huanypo [*albipennis*].

Band-tailed Pigeon *Patagioenas fasciata* First seen well on the west side of Abra Malaga [*albilinea*].

Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis* A few northwest of Quillabamba, others on the lower Manu Road.

Plumbeous Pigeon *Patagioenas plumbea* A few seen well; first and best views at Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge [*pallascens*].

Ruddy Pigeon *Patagioenas subvinacea* (VU) (H) A few heard on the lower Manu Road [*ogilviegranti*].
Bare-faced Ground Dove *Metriopelia ceciliae* A few seen in Ollantaytambo, and at Lake Huacarpay [*zimmeri*].
White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi* First seen on the drive up to Mollepata. Plenty of others seen [*decipiens*].
Grey-fronted Dove *Leptotila rufaxilla* A few seen well, best views around the lawn at Amazonia Lodge [*dubusi*].
Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata* Plenty seen, the first on the Mollepata road [*hypoleuca*].
Hoatzin ◊ *Opisthocomus hoazin* Great looks at Laguna Machuwasi and Amazonia Lodge, where one was on a nest.
Greater Ani *Crotophaga major* (H) Heard near to Atalaya on the lower Manu Road.
Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani* A small flock near to Curahuasi were our first. Common in the lowlands.
Rufous-vented Ground Cuckoo ◊ *Neomorphus geoffroyi* (VU) Brief views for all on the track at Amazonia Lodge [*australis*].
Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana* Several seen, the first near to Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge [*nigricrissa*].
Koepcke's Screech Owl ◊ *Megascops koepckeae* Spotlight views of one for some near Curahuasi [*hockingi*].
Rufescent Screech Owl ◊ *Megascops ingens* Excellent views near Rocotal on the Manu Road [nominate].
Tawny-bellied Screech Owl ◊ (Southern T-b S O) *Megascops [watsonii] usta* Brilliant views of a pair at Amazonia Lodge.
Mottled Owl *Strix virgata* Great views of one pre-dawn at Amazonia Lodge [*superciliaris*].
Band-bellied Owl *Pulsatrix melanota* (H) (LO) Heard by Gunnar on one of his internet hunts at Amazonia Lodge.
Yungas Pygmy Owl ◊ *Glaucidium bolivianum* (H) Heard at Abra Malaga and along the upper Manu Road, but no luck.
Pacific Pygmy Owl ◊ (Peruvian P O) *Glaucidium peruanum* See note.



The so-called 'Apurimac' form of Pacific Pygmy Owl was seen very well below Mollepata.

Great Potoo *Nyctibius grandis* Great views of a roosting bird above Atalaya on the lower Manu Road [nominate].
Common Potoo *Nyctibius griseus* Excellent views of one in the clearing at Amazonia Lodge [nominate].
Sand-colored Nighthawk ◊ *Chordeiles rupestris* Excellent views along the river near Amazonia Lodge [nominate].
Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis* Excellent views of several around Amazonia Lodge [nominate].
Swallow-tailed Nightjar ◊ *Uropsalis segmentata* A female then a fine male on the road below Wayqecha Lodge.
Lyre-tailed Nightjar *Uropsalis lyra* Good views of a male below Rocotal, above Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge [*peruana*].
Chestnut-collared Swift *Streptoprocne rutula* Flocks seen a couple of times along the Manu Road [*brunnitorques*].
White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris* First seen low over the road at Abra Malaga. Impressive [*subtropicalis*!].
Grey-rumped Swift *Chaetura cinereiventris* A few seen at lower elevations along the Manu Road [*sclateri-group*].
Short-tailed Swift *Chaetura brachyura* c5 seen near to Pilcapata along the lower Manu Road [nominate].
Andean Swift *Aeronautes andecolus* Seen very well on the drive down from Curahuasi [*peruvianus*].
Neotropical Palm Swift *Tachornis squamata* Small numbers at lower elevations along the Manu Road [*semota*].
Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift *Panyptila cayennensis* One seen over Amazonia Lodge.
Buff-tailed Sicklebill ◊ *Eutoxeres condamini* Seen by some at Guadalupe Lodge, near Pilcapata [*gracilis*].
Green Hermit *Phaethornis guy* Several seen, especially around Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge [*apicalis*].
Koepcke's Hermit ◊ *Phaethornis koepckeae* (NL) (NT) One for some at Amazonia Lodge.

White-browed Hermit ◇ *Phaethornis stuarti* Brilliant views of one at Guadalupe Lodge, and another near Pilcapata.

Grey-breasted Sabrewing *Campylopterus largipennis* A few seen in the lower areas of the Manu Road [*aequatorialis*].

White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora* A few seen at Amazonia Lodge.

Lesser Violetear *Colibri cyanotus* Just a few sightings at Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge [*crissalis*].

Sparkling Violetear *Colibri coruscans* Fairly common and widespread. First seen below Soraypampa [*coruscans*].

Rufous-crested Coquette ◇ *Lophornis delattrei* A female and scruffy male at Amazonia Lodge [nominate].

Wire-crested Thorntail ◇ *Discosura popelairii* (NT) Great views of a male in the garden at Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge.

Blue-tailed Emerald *Chlorostilbon mellisugus* (NL) Seen by some in the garden at Amazonia Lodge.

Fork-tailed Woodnymph *Thalurania furcata* A few seen in the lower parts of the Manu Road [*boliviana*].

Golden-tailed Sapphire *Chrysuronia oenone* A few seen along the lower parts of the Manu Road [*josephinae*].

Many-spotted Hummingbird ◇ *Taphrospilus hypostictus* Several around the feeders at Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge.

White-bellied Hummingbird *Amazilia chionogaster* A few seen well, first seen on the drive up to Soraypampa [*hypoleuca*].

Green-and-white Hummingbird ◇ *Amazilia viridicauda* Seen well around Ollantaytambo, and on the drive to Quillabamba.

Sapphire-spangled Emerald *Amazilia lactea* A few seen well in the lower areas of the Manu Road [*bartletti*].

Speckled Hummingbird *Adelomyia melanogenys* Several seen along the higher parts of the Manu Road [*chlorospila*].

Peruvian Piedtail ◇ *Phlogophilus harterti* (NT) Great views of two below Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge. Can be a tough one!

Gould's Jewelfront ◇ *Heliodoxa aurescens* A male seen at the feeders at Amazonia Lodge.

Violet-fronted Brilliant *Heliodoxa leadbeateri* Particularly common on the feeders at Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge [*otero*].

Chestnut-breasted Coronet *Boissonneaua matthewsii* A few seen well in the mid sections of the Manu Road.

Shining Sunbeam *Aglaeactis cupripennis* A few seen between Mollepata and Soraypampa [*caumatonota*].

White-tufted Sunbeam ◇ *Aglaeactis castelnaudii* Great views of a few below Soraypampa [nominate].

Collared Inca (Gould's I) *Coeligena [torquata] inca* Several seen well, the first at Wayqecha Lodge [*omissa*].

Violet-throated Starfrontlet *Coeligena violifer* A few below Abra Malaga and on the upper Manu Road [*osculans*].

Sword-billed Hummingbird *Ensifera ensifera* A few seen well along the road down from Abra Malaga.

Great Sapphirewing *Pterophanes cyanopterus* A female on the west of Abra Malaga, a male near Ollantaytambo [*peruvianus*].

Giant Hummingbird *Patagona gigas* One at Abra Malaga, swooped in like a bee-eater!! Also at Lake Huacarpay [*peruviana*].

Amethyst-throated Sunangel *Heliangelus amethysticollis* A few seen, the first along the road at Abra Malaga [*apurimacensis*].

Buff-thighed Puffleg ◇ *Haplophedia assimilis* A few seen well at higher elevations on the Manu Road [nominate].

Rufous-booted Racket-tail ◇ *Ocreatus addae* Several seen well, especially at Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge [*annae*].



Attractive hummers included the endemic White-tufted Sunbeam and the smart Rufous-booted Racket-tail.



The smart Green-tailed Trainbearer showed very well at Ollantaytambo.

- Green-tailed Trainbearer** *Lesbia nuna* A few seen well, especially in Ollantaytambo [nominate].
- Purple-backed Thornbill** *Ramphomicron microrhynchum* A male for some above Abancay and a female on the Manu Road [*albiventris*].
- Bearded Mountaineer** ◇ *Oreonympha nobilis* After much searching, we finally saw three east of Cusco. Great bird [nominate]!
- Tyrian Metaltail** *Metallura tyrianthina* Plenty seen well, the first on the road to Soraypampa [*smaragdnicollis*].
- Scaled Metaltail** ◇ *Metallura aeneocauda* c3 seen well, high along the road, west of the pass at Abra Malaga [*aeneocauda*].
- Olivaceous Thornbill** ◇ *Chalcostigma olivaceum* One briefly near the pass above Vilcabamba [nominate].
- Blue-mantled Thornbill** ◇ *Chalcostigma stanleyi* A male at Abra Malaga, others below the pass above Vilcabamba [*vulcani*].
- Long-tailed Sylph** *Aglaiocercus kingii* Several along the Manu Road, especially Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge [*smaragdinus*].
- Amethyst Woodstar** *Calliphlox amethystina* Great views of a male at Amazonia Lodge.
- White-bellied Woodstar** *Chaetocercus mulsant* A few seen well around Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge.
- Golden-headed Quetzal** *Pharomachrus auriceps* Just one seen well, a fine male, along the Manu Road [*auriceps*].
- Black-tailed Trogon** *Trogon melanurus* A few seen well, the first at Amazonia Lodge [*eumorphus*].
- Amazonian Trogon** *Trogon ramonianus* A few seen well at Amazonia Lodge [nominate].
- Blue-crowned Trogon** *Trogon curucui* A few seen well at Amazonia Lodge [*peruvianus*].
- Masked Trogon** *Trogon personatus* A few seen well at higher areas of the Manu Road [*submontanus*].
- Green-and-rufous Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle inda* Superb views of one at the cocha at Amazonia Lodge [nominate]
- Green Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle americana* A single seen at Amazonia Lodge [*cabanisii*].
- Amazon Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle amazona* One seen on the boat trip back from Amazonia Lodge.
- Ringed Kingfisher** *Megaceryle torquata* A single seen at Laguna Machuwasi near to Salvacion [nominate].
- Amazonian Motmot** *Momotus momota* (H) A couple heard at Amazonia Lodge [*ignobilis*].
- Andean Motmot** *Momotus aequatorialis* At least 3 seen on the drive to Quillabamba, and one near Wayqecha [*chlorolaemus*].
- Broad-billed Motmot** *Electron platyrhynchum* One seen and others heard at Amazonia Lodge [nominate].
- Bluish-fronted Jacamar** ◇ *Galbula cyanescens* Several along the Manu Road, first below Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge.
- Great Jacamar** *Jacamerops aureus* Good views of a calling bird at Amazonia Lodge [*isidori*].
- White-eared Puffbird** *Nystalus chacuru* Great views along the road to Banos Termales de Cconocc [*uncirostris*].
- Black-streaked Puffbird** ◇ *Malacoptila fulvogularis* Brilliant views of one below Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge.
- Lanceolated Monklet** *Micromonacha lanceolata* Stunning views of a pair below Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge.
- Black-fronted Nunbird** *Monasa nigrifrons* Several seen well at Amazonia Lodge [nominate].
- Swallow-winged Puffbird** *Chelidoptera tenebrosa* Several seen on the lower Manu Road [nominate].
- Lemon-throated Barbet** *Eubucco richardsoni* Just one seen on the lower Manu Road, below Pilcapata [*auranticollis*].
- Versicolored Barbet** *Eubucco versicolor* Several seen well on the middle sections of the Manu Road [nominate].

Black-throated Toucanet ◊ *Aulacorhynchus atrogularis* Best was one feeding on palm fruits at Amazonia Lodge [nominate].

Blue-banded Toucanet ◊ *Aulacorhynchus coeruleicinctis* Good views of 3 on the drive down to Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge.

Chestnut-eared Aracari *Pteroglossus castanotis* Seen well near Quillabamba and on the lower Manu Road [nominate].

Golden-collared Toucanet *Selenidera reinwardtii* Great views of a pair at Guadalupe Lodge, near Pilcapata [*langsdorffi*].

Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan *Andigena hypoglauca* (VU) (H) Heard on a few occasions but sadly no joy [*lateralis*].

White-throated Toucan *Ramphastos tucanus* (H) One heard at Guadalupe Lodge near Pilcapata.

Ocellated Piculet *Picumnus dorbignyanus* A couple on the drive down to Quillabamba, were a surprise [*ljelskii*].

Fine-barred Piculet ◊ *Picumnus subtilis* Several seen along the lower Manu Road. Barring not easy to see!

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker *Melanerpes cruentatus* Several seen around Amazonia Lodge.

Little Woodpecker *Veniliornis passerinus* A few sightings at Amazonia Lodge [*agilis*].

Golden-olive Woodpecker *Colaptes rubiginosus* A couple seen near to Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge [*chrysogaster*].

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker *Colaptes rivolii* A handful seen including one near to Wayqecha Lodge [*atriceps*].

Andean Flicker *Colaptes rupicola* First seen at Lake Huacarpay, then plenty on the way into the Manu Road [*puna*].

Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus* A few seen including one in the centre of Pilcapata [nominate].

Crimson-crested Woodpecker *Campephilus melanoleucos* Good views of a pair at Amazonia Lodge [nominate].

Black Caracara *Daptrius ater* Two or three along the access road to Guadalupe Lodge, near Pilcapata.

Red-throated Caracara *Ibycter americanus* (H) Heard at Guadalupe Lodge, near Pilcapata,.

Mountain Caracara *Phalcoboenus megalopterus* Very common at higher altitudes, with up to 100 per day!



Mountain Caracaras were common in the highlands.

Southern Crested Caracara *Caracara plancus* A few seen along the lower Manu Road.

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius* Small numbers at higher altitudes in the Andes [*cinnamominus*].

Aplomado Falcon *Falco femoralis* Great views of a pair at Soraypampa, and one on the upper Manu Road [*pichincae*].

Barred Parakeet *Bolborhynchus lineola* Several seen, many more heard, flying over below Abra Malaga [*tigrinus*].

Andean Parakeet *Bolborhynchus orbygnesi* (H) Heard briefly between Abra Malaga and Ollantaytambo.

Cobalt-winged Parakeet *Brotogeris cyanoptera* Good numbers, including perched views at Amazonia Lodge [nominate].

Plum-crowned Parrot *Pionus tumultuosus* Several on the way down from Wayqecha to Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge.

Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus* Good numbers and many good views low down on the Manu Road [nominate].

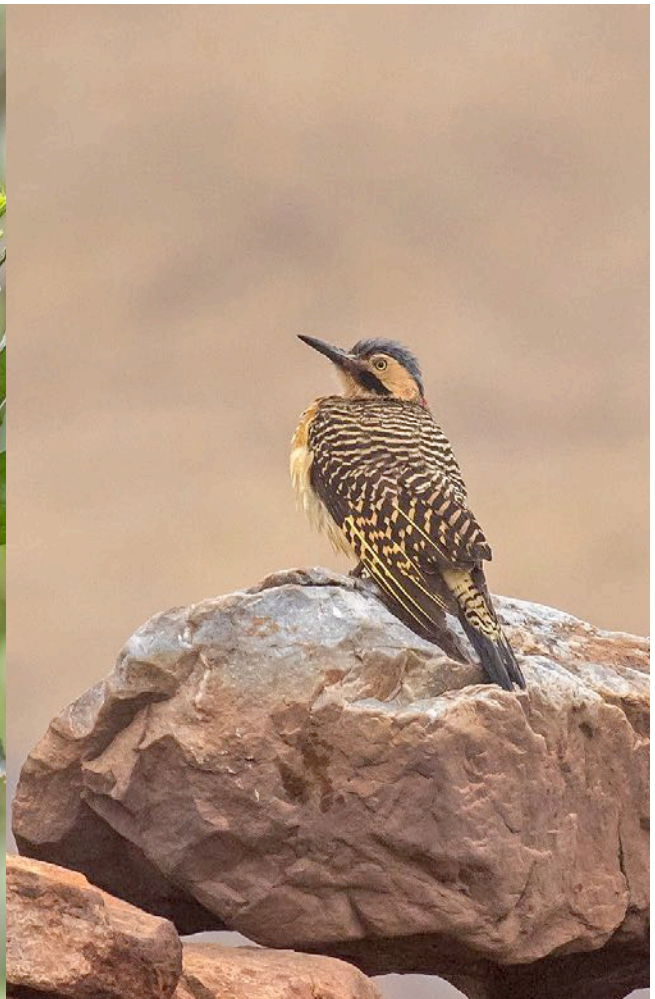
Scaly-naped Amazon *Amazona mercenarius* Three seen in flight below Wayqecha Lodge at the end of the tour [nominate].

Southern Mealy Amazon *Amazona farinosa* (NT) One seen along the river on the way out of Amazonia Lodge.

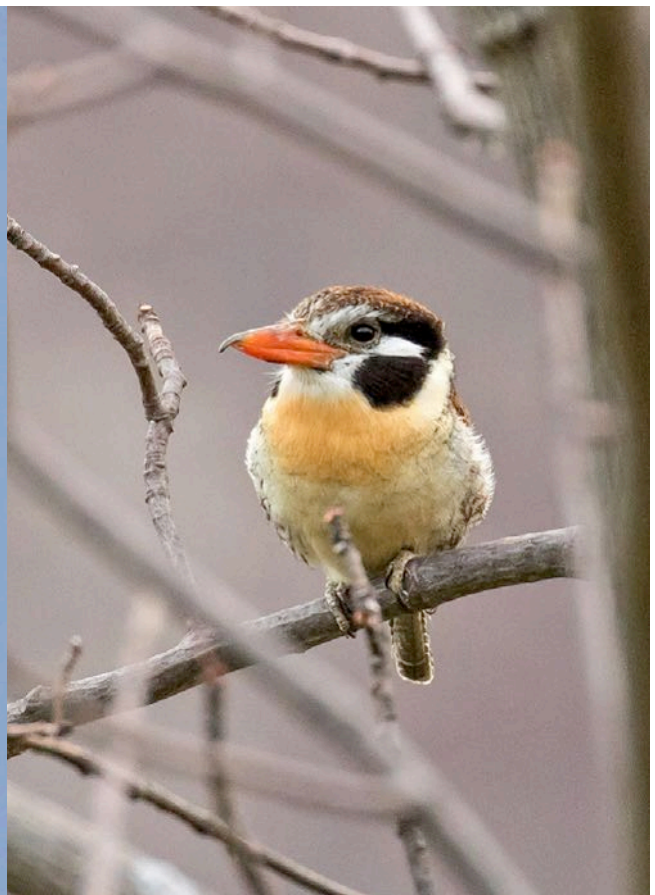
Dusky-headed Parakeet *Aratinga weddellii* Plenty of flyovers at Amazonia Lodge and seen well perched near Atalaya.

Red-bellied Macaw *Orthopsittaca manilatus* (H) Heard at Amazonia Lodge.

Blue-headed Macaw ◊ *Primolius couloni* (VU) Brilliant views of a pair from the lookout above Atalaya. Superb!



A few other non-passerine highlights from the tour... (Clockwise) Chestnut-eared Aracari, Andean Flicker, White-eared Puffbird and Andean Swift.



Blue-and-yellow Macaw *Ara ararauna* Excellent flight views of a couple of pairs near Pilcapata.
Military Macaw *Ara militaris* (VU) A few seen in flight on the lower Manu Road [nominate].
Scarlet Macaw *Ara macao* Several seen low along the Manu Road, especially over Amazonia Lodge [nominate].
Red-and-green Macaw *Ara chloropterus* A pair seen in flight from the viewpoint above Atalaya.
Chestnut-fronted Macaw *Ara severus* Very common low on the Manu Road, with over 100 on our last morning there.
Mitred Parakeet *Psittacara mitratus* Good numbers seen, including impressive flocks near Curahuasi [nominate].
White-eyed Parakeet *Psittacara leucophthalmus* First in the Quillabamba area; others low along the Manu Road [callogeny].



Large flocks of Mitred Parakeets were seen early in the tour.

Slender-billed Miner *Geositta tenuirostris* One seen in flight by the roadside lagoons en route to the Manu Road.
Cream-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes albiventris* Common and widespread in montane areas.
Royal Cinclodes *Cinclodes aricomae* (CR) Brilliant views of one below the pass above Vilcabamba. A real stunner!!
Pale-legged Hornero *Furnarius leucopus* A few seen low down along the Manu Road [tricolor].
Tawny Tit-Spinetail ◊ *Leptasthenura yanacensis* (NT) Great views of a couple of pairs at Abra Malaga.
White-browed Tit-Spinetail ◊ *Leptasthenura xenothorax* (EN) Several seen very well at Abra Malaga.
Andean Tit-Spinetail *Leptasthenura andicola* Excellent views of one below the pass above Vilcabamba [peruviana].
Vilcabamba Thistletail ◊ *Asthenes vilcabambae* Excellent views of a pair at the pass above San Francisco de Vilcabamba.
Puna Thistletail *Asthenes helleri* (VU) Excellent views of a pair above Carrizales, Abra Malaga. A few others heard.
Rusty-fronted Canastero ◊ *Asthenes ottonis* Many heard; generally skittish. Seen above Abancay, Soraypampa etc.
Streak-throated Canastero ◊ *Asthenes humilis* A few seen; best views near the pass above Vilcabamba [robusta].
Pale-tailed Canastero ◊ (White-t C) *Asthenes [huancavelicae] usheri* (VU) See note.
Line-fronted Canastero ◊ *Asthenes urubambensis* (NT) A few at Abra Malaga, and above Vilcabamba [nominate].
Junin Canastero ◊ *Asthenes virgata* Excellent views of one below the pass above Vilcabamba.
Azara's Spinetail *Synallaxis azarae* Many heard and a few seen along higher sections of the Manu Road [urubambae].
Apurimac Spinetail ◊ *Synallaxis courseni* (VU) Excellent views of one in roadside scrub above Abancay.
Cabanis's Spinetail ◊ *Synallaxis cabanisi* (NT) Great views of a confiding pair below Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge [nominate].
Plain-crowned Spinetail *Synallaxis gujanensis* Great views of a pair at Guadalupe Lodge; a few others noted [huallagae].
Marcapata Spinetail ◊ *Cranioleuca marcapatae* (VU) Brilliant views below Abra Malaga, also near Wayqecha [nominate].
Creamy-crested Spinetail ◊ *Cranioleuca albicapilla* Several good views, the first above Mollepata [albigula].
Ash-browed Spinetail *Cranioleuca curtata* (VU) A few seen below Rocotal, above Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge [debilis].
Streak-fronted Thornbird *Phacellodomus striaticeps* (LO) One seen briefly at Lake Huancapay.
Wren-like Rushbird *Phleocryptes melanops* Several seen well at Laguna Huanypo; others heard [schoenobaenus].
Spotted Barbtail *Premnoplex brunnescens* Heard at Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge, and one seen well below there [stictonotus].



Uncommon and/or localized Furnariids included (top to bottom) Junin Canastero, Streak-throated Canastero and the endemic White-browed Thistletail.





Other good furnariids included a confident Striped Treehunter, Cream-winged Cinclodes (this strange individual had leucistic patches around its head), and the attractive Marcapata Spinetail.



Pearled Treerunner *Margarornis squamiger* Several seen well below Abra Malaga, and on the upper Manu Road [nominated].
Streaked Tuftedcheek *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii* A couple below Abra Malaga; one below Wayqecha [*carabayae*].
Montane Foliage-gleaner *Anabacerthia striaticollis* Several seen in the flocks on the upper/mid Manu Road [*jungae*].
Peruvian Recurvebill ◊ *Simoxenops ucayalae* (NT) (H) Heard on the lower Manu Road. It responded, but sadly no views.
Chestnut-winged Hookbill *Ancistrops strigilatus* A single bird seen by some at Guadalupe Lodge.
Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner *Philydor erythrocercum* Two in a mixed flocks on the lower Manu Road [*ochrogaster*].
Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner *Philydor rufum* Seen near Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge and at Amazonia Lodge [*bolivianum*].
Bamboo Foliage-gleaner ◊ *Anabazenops dorsalis* Skittish but seen at Guadalupe Lodge, and well at Amazonia Lodge.
Black-billed Treehunter ◊ *Thripadectes melanorhynchus* Heard near Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge, and one seen below there.

Striped Treehunter *Thripadectes holostictus* Some great views, especially above Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge [*moderatus*].
Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner *Automolus ochrolaemus* Several heard and a few skittish birds seen [nominate].
Chestnut-crowned Foliage-gleaner *Automolus rufipileatus* Seen well at Guadalupe and Amazonia Lodges [*consobrinus*].
Plain Xenops *Xenops minutus* (NL) Seen by some at Amazonia Lodge [*obsoletus*].
Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans* A single along the mid Manu road, and a pair at Amazonia Lodge [*peruvianus*].
Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus* A single seen in a mixed flock at Amazonia Lodge [*amazonus*].
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper *Glyphorhynchus spirurus* Singles seen at Guadalupe Lodge and Amazonia Lodge [*albigularis*].
Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper *Dendrexetastes rufigula* Good views in the garden at Amazonia Lodge [*devillei*].
Black-banded Woodcreeper *Dendrocolaptes picumnus* (H) Heard at dawn at Amazonia Lodge.
Buff-throated Woodcreeper ◊ (Lafresnaye's W) *Xiphorhynchus [guttatus] guttatoides* Seen at Amazonia Lodge.
Olive-backed Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus triangularis* Several in the flocks along the mid Manu Road [*bangsij*].
Montane Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger* Several seen well in flocks on the upper Manu Road [*carabayae*].
Red-billed Scythebill *Campylorhamphus trochilirostris* Heard and seen briefly at Guadalupe Lodge [*napensis*].
Fasciated Antshrike *Cymbilaimus lineatus* (H) Heard from the lookout above Atalaya [*intermedius*].
Bamboo Antshrike ◊ *Cymbilaimus sanctaemariae* Excellent views of a male at Guadalupe Lodge, others heard.
Great Antshrike *Taraba major* A few heard, and one glimpsed above Atalaya on the lower Manu Road [*melanurus*].
Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus* Seen well near to Miraflores, northwest of Quillabamba [*radiatus*].
Chestnut-backed Antshrike *Thamnophilus palliatus* A pair seen well below Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge [*puncticeps*].
Uniform Antshrike *Thamnophilus unicolor* Great views of a male above Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge. Distinctive song [*caudatus*].
Plain-winged Antshrike *Thamnophilus schistaceus* A pair seen well at Amazonia Lodge, others heard [nominate].
Russet Antshrike *Thamnistes anabatinus* One seen well in a mixed flock near Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge [*rufescens*].
Bluish-slate Antshrike ◊ *Thamnomanes schistogynus* A pair seen well at Amazonia Lodge, others heard [nominate].
Ornate Antwren *Epinecrophylla ornata* A group of three seen well below Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge [*meridionalis*].
Plain-throated Antwren *Iseria hauxwelli* Good views of a singing bird at Amazonia Lodge [nominate].
Pygmy Antwren *Myrmotherula brachyura* One seen well, even coming fairly low, at Amazonia Lodge.
Stripe-chested Antwren *Myrmotherula longicauda* A few seen well on the lower Manu Road [*australis*].
Yellow-breasted Antwren ◊ *Herpsilochmus axillaris* (VU) Good views of one singing at Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge [nominate].
Dot-winged Antwren *Microrhopias quixensis* A male seen briefly in the bamboo at Guadalupe Lodge.
Striated Antbird ◊ *Drymophila devillei* Great views of a fine male at Guadalupe Lodge, near Pilcapata [nominate].
Yellow-rumped Antwren ◊ *Euchrepomis sharpei* (EN) Brilliant scope views just above Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge.
Black Antbird *Cercomacra serva* Good views of a male by a roadside stream near to Atalaya.
Manu Antbird ◊ *Cercomacra manu* A singing male showed well at Guadalupe Lodge, near Pilcapata.
White-backed Fire-eye *Pyriglena leuconota* (H) Heard at Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge [*marcapatensis*].
White-browed Antbird *Myrmoborus leucophrys* A male seen well at Amazonia Lodge, others heard [nominate].
Yellow-breasted Warbling Antbird *Hypocnemis subflava* Several seen very well along the lower Manu Road [*collinsi*].
Silvered Antbird *Sclateria naevia* Great views of pairs along the cocha at Amazonia Lodge [*argentata*].
White-lined Antbird ◊ *Percnostola lophotes* (NT) Great views of several at Guadalupe Lodge and Amazonia Lodge.
Southern Chestnut-tailed Antbird ◊ *Myrmeciza hemimelaena* Seen well at Amazonia Lodge, though skulking [nominate].
Black-throated Antbird *Myrmeciza atrothorax* One seen well at Amazonia Lodge, others heard [*melanura*].
Goeldi's Antbird ◊ *Myrmeciza goeldii* Great views at Guadalupe Lodge, and again at Amazonia Lodge.
Spot-backed Antbird *Hylophylax naevius* A few heard and a couple seen at Amazonia Lodge, though shy [*inexpectatus*].
Black-spotted Bare-Eye ◊ *Phlegopsis nigromaculata* Commonly by voice at Amazonia Lodge, but tough to see well [nominate].
Black-faced Antthrush *Formicarius analis* (H) Several heard along the lower Manu Road/Amazonia Lodge.
Rufous-breasted Antthrush *Formicarius rufipectus* (H) Heard at Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge, but sadly no luck [*thoracicus*].
Barred Antthrush *Chamaeza mollissima* (H) Heard a few times near Wayqecha Lodge, but always far away [*jungae*].
Undulated Antpitta *Grallaria squamigera* (H) One heard distantly at Soraypampa.
Stripe-headed Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria andicolus* Seen well at Abra Malaga and great views above Vilcabamba [*punensis*].
White-throated Antpitta *Grallaria albigula* (H) (LO) Heard distantly by Gunnar along the Manu Road.
Red-and-white Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria erythroleuca* Brilliant views of a two near to Wayqecha Lodge. Very confiding!
Rufous Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria [rufula] occabambae* Great views west of the pass at Abra Malaga. Distinct vocalizations!
Amazonian Antpitta ◊ *Hylopezus berlepschi* Excellent views at Amazonia Lodge [nominate].
Thrush-like Antpitta *Myrmothera campanisona* (H) A couple heard at Amazonia Lodge, but never close by [*minor*].
Rusty-breasted Antpitta ◊ (Leymebamba A) *Grallaricula [ferrugineipectus] leymebambae* Superb pair below Wayqecha.
Slaty Gnateater ◊ *Conopophaga ardesiaca* Great views of an energetic pair at Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge [*saturata*].
Rusty-belted Tapaculo *Liosceles thoracicus* Several heard at Amazonia Lodge, where one was seen [nominate].
Northern White-crowned Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus atratus* See note.



This gorgeous Stripe-headed Antpitta showed well in the Vilcabamba Andes.

- Trilling Tapaculo** ◊ *Scytalopus parvirostris* Several heard and one seen well west of the pass at Abra Malaga.
- Ampay Tapaculo** ◊ *Scytalopus sp. nov.* A few heard and one seen in roadside scrub above Abancay.
- Vilcabamba Tapaculo** ◊ *Scytalopus urubambae* Seen very well at Soraypampa, and above San Francisco de Vilcabamba.
- Diademed Tapaculo** ◊ *Scytalopus schulenbergi* Several heard and one seen well west of the pass at Abra Malaga.
- Puna Tapaculo** ◊ *Scytalopus simonsi* Excellent views of one at Abra Malaga and heard at the top of the Manu Road.
- Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias uropygialis* Seen well above Mollepata and another at Abra Malaga.
- Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet** *Tyrannulus elatus* Excellent views at Amazonia Lodge. "Free beer!".
- Forest Elaenia** *Myiopagis gaimardii* Seen well northwest of Quillabamba, and on the lower Manu Road [nominate].
- Yellow-bellied Elaenia** *Elaenia flavogaster* (H) Heard near to Miraflores, northwest of Quillabamba [nominate].
- White-crested Elaenia** *Elaenia albiceps* Fairly common and widespread. First west of Abra Malaga [*urubambae*].
- Sierran Elaenia** *Elaenia pallatangae* Fairly common and widespread. First seen along the road to Soraypampa [*intensa*].
- White-lored Tyrannulet** *Ornithion inerme* One seen well but briefly near to Atalaya on the lower Manu Road.
- White-throated Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus leucophrys* Seen high up; very common on the upper Manu Road [nominate].
- White-banded Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus stictopterus* A few at Abra Malaga; common on the upper Manu Road [*taeniopterus*].
- Ash-breasted Tit-Tyrant** ◊ *Anairetes alpinus* (EN) Great views in the Polylepis patches at Abra Malaga [nominate].
- Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant** *Anairetes flavirostris* A showy pair above San Salvador on the way to the Manu Road [*cuzcoensis*].
- Tufted Tit-Tyrant** *Anairetes parulus* A few seen with best views along the road to Soraypampa [*aequatorialis*].
- Unstreaked Tit-Tyrant** ◊ *Uromyias agraphia* Great views of flocks west of the pass below Abra Malaga [nominate].
- Torrent Tyrannulet** *Serpophaga cinerea* Seen on streams between Pucyura and Quillabamba.
- Ringed Antpipit** *Corythopsis torquatus* Seen twice at Amazonia Lodge; some great views, but quite skittish [nominate].
- Bolivian Tyrannulet** ◊ *Zimmerius bolivianus* Excellent views of one above Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge; others heard.
- Red-billed Tyrannulet** ◊ *Zimmerius cinereicapilla* (VU) Stunning views of one near Atalaya on the lower Manu Road.
- Variiegated Bristle Tyrant** *Pogonotriccus poecilotis* Excellent views of at Rocotal, above Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge.
- Marble-faced Bristle Tyrant** *Pogonotriccus ophthalmicus* A few in mixed flocks at Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge [*ottonis*].
- Cinnamon-faced Tyrannulet** ◊ *Phylloscartes parkeri* After much searching, good scope views near Quitacalcones.
- Streak-necked Flycatcher** *Mionectes striaticollis* A few seen, the first the west of Abra Malaga [nominate].
- Olive-striped Flycatcher** *Mionectes olivaceus* A couple seen at a fruiting tree above Atalaya [*fasciaticollis*].
- Ochre-bellied Flycatcher** *Mionectes oleagineus* One seen at a fruiting tree above Atalaya, lower Manu Road.
- Sepia-capped Flycatcher** *Leptopogon amaurocephalus* One seen at Guadalupe Lodge, near Pilcapata [*peruvianus*].
- Slaty-capped Flycatcher** *Leptopogon superciliaris* Several seen on the upper-mid Manu Road [*albidiventer*].



An Ash-breasted Tit-Tyrant from Abra Malaga, whilst his smart Red-billed Tyrannulet was much appreciated near to Atalaya.

- Inca Flycatcher** ◊ *Leptopogon taczanowskii* (NT) A single seen above Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge.
- Unadorned Flycatcher** ◊ *Myiophobus inornatus* At least three seen well at Rocotal, above Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge.
- Bran-colored Flycatcher** *Myiophobus fasciatus* (NL) One for some near to Atalaya.
- Handsome Flycatcher** *Nephelomyias pulcher* A flock of c7 seen in the huge mixed flock below Pillahuata [*oblitus*].
- Ornate Flycatcher** *Myiotriccus ornatus* A couple near Quitacalcones, below Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge [*aureiventris*].
- Many-colored Rush Tyrant** *Tachuris rubrigastra* Brilliant views of several at Laguna Huanypo. Stunners [*alticola*].
- Flammulated Bamboo Tyrant** ◊ (F Pygmy T) *Hemitriccus flammulatus* Great views of one at Amazonia Lodge [nominate].
- Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant** ◊ *Hemitriccus striaticollis* Excellent views of one northwest of Quillabamba [nominate].
- Scale-crested Pygmy Tyrant** *Lophotriccus pileatus* Seen around Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge where frequently heard [*hypochlorus*].
- White-cheeked Tody-Flycatcher** ◊ *Poecilotriccus albifacies* Brilliant views in the bamboo near Pilcapata. Stunners!
- Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher** *Poecilotriccus plumbeiceps* A pair seen very well near to Rocotal [*obscurus*].
- Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher** *Poecilotriccus latirostris* Great views of one near Pilcapata, lower Manu Road.
- Black-backed Tody-Flycatcher** ◊ *Poecilotriccus pulchellus* Stunning views near to Chontachaca, lower Manu Road.
- Common Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum cinereum* One near Miraflores, northwest of Quillabamba [*peruanum*].
- Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum* One seen well at Amazonia Lodge [*neglectum*].
- Grey-crowned Flatbill** *Tolmomyias poliocephalus* (H) Heard a few times at Amazonia Lodge [nominate].
- Olive-faced Flatbill** *Tolmomyias viridiceps* A few seen well at Amazonia Lodge [*subsimilis*].
- Cinnamon Flycatcher** *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus* Fairly common in flocks in mid-high elevation forest [nominate].
- Black Phoebe** *Sayornis nigricans* A handful of white-winged birds seen along watercourses [*angustirostris*].
- Smoke-colored Pewee** *Contopus fumigatus* A few seen at mid-elevations on the Manu Road.
- White-winged Black Tyrant** *Knipolegus aterrimus* A few seen well along the road to Soraypampa [*anthracinus*].
- Spot-billed Ground Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola maculirostris* A couple scoped up at Lake Huancapay [nominate].
- Taczanowski's Ground Tyrant** ◊ *Muscisaxicola griseus* A few seen well at Abra Malaga and above Vilcabamba.
- Puna Ground Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola juninensis* A few seen well below the pass above Vilcabamba.
- Ochre-naped Ground Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola flavinucha* Good views of one at Abra Malaga.
- Rufous-naped Ground Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola rufivertex* Several seen well near the top at Soraypampa [*occipitalis*].
- White-browed Ground Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola albilora* Two seen well at Soraypampa.
- Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant** *Agriornis montanus* Seen above Abancay, and two or three above Vilcabamba [*insolens*].
- Streak-throated Bush Tyrant** *Myiotheretes striaticollis* One briefly along the upper Manu Road [*pallidus*].
- Rufous-bellied Bush Tyrant** ◊ *Myiotheretes fuscorufus* Great views of a confiding pair near to Wayqecha Lodge.
- Rufous-webbed Bush Tyrant** ◊ *Polioxolmis rufipennis* Just a single seen in a rocky area at Lake Huacarpay [nominate].
- Kalinowski's Chat-Tyrant** ◊ *Silvicultrix spodionota* Brilliant views of a responsive bird below Abra Malaga [*boliviana*].
- Maroon-belted Chat-Tyrant** ◊ *Ochthoeca thoracica* A couple of good views on the upper-mid Manu Road [nominate].



More tyrant flycatchers... above, the scarce Kalinowski's Chat-Tyrant and a cute group of Lemon-browed Flycatchers. Below, a smart Maroon-belted Chat-Tyrant and a strange-looking, leucistic Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant, which caused some excitement at Abra Malaga!



Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis* See note.

Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca fumicolor* Quite a few seen, the first at Abra Malaga [*berlepschii*].

Long-tailed Tyrant *Colonia colonus* Singles at Guadalupe Lodge and at Amazonia Lodge [*niveiceps*].

Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus* (H) Heard at Guadalupe Lodge, on the lower Manu Road.

Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis* Common at lower altitudes, especially along the lower Manu Road [n nominate].

Grey-capped Flycatcher *Myiozetetes granadensis* A few sightings, especially around Amazonia Lodge [*obscurior*].

Lesser Kiskadee *Philohydor lictor* Excellent views of a pair at Laguna Machuwasi near to Salvacion .

Lemon-browed Flycatcher *Conopias cinchoneti* (VU) See note [*cinchoneti*].

Golden-crowned Flycatcher *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus* Several seen well along the Manu Road [n nominate].

Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus* (NL) One photographed along the Manu Road.

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua* Just a few seen, the first at Guadalupe Lodge [n nominate].

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* Common at lower altitudes.

Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer* A few seen along the mid Manu Road.

Short-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus ferox* A few seen well northwest of Quillabamba [n nominate].

Large-headed Flatbill ♦ *Ramphotrigon megacephalum* Excellent views of one at Guadalupe Lodge [*bolivianum*].

White-eyed Attila *Attila bolivianus* (H) One heard, but not at very close range, near Pilcapata, lower Manu Road.



A smart Red-crested Cotinga at Abra Malaga.

- Red-crested Cotinga** *Ampelion rubrocristatus* Several seen below Soraypampa, and west of Abra Malaga.
- Band-tailed Fruiteater** ◊ *Pipreola intermedia* A pair seen really well below Wayqecha Lodge [*signata*].
- Barred Fruiteater** *Pipreola arcuata* (H) One heard on the west side of the pass below Abra Malaga.
- Andean Cock-of-the-Rock** *Rupicola peruvianus* Many seen including great views at the Manu Road lek [*saturatus*].
- Amazonian Umbrellabird** *Cephalopterus ornatus* Great views below Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge and briefly near Atalaya.
- Yungas Manakin** ◊ *Chiroxiphia boliviana* Quite skittish but some good views at Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge.
- Cerulean-capped Manakin** ◊ *Lepidothrix coeruleocapilla* Brilliant views of a calling male at Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge.
- Band-tailed Manakin** ◊ *Pipra fasciicauda* After some effort, a male was seen well at Amazonia Lodge [n nominate].
- Fiery-capped Manakin** *Machaeropterus pyrocephalus* (H) Several heard at Amazonia Lodge, but no luck [n nominate].
- Round-tailed Manakin** ◊ *Ceratopipra chloromeros* A male at Amazonia Lodge, and another for all above Atalaya.
- Masked Tityra** *Tityra semifasciata* Singles seen at Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge and Amazonia Lodge [*fortis*].
- Barred Becard** *Pachyrhamphus versicolor* A few heard and two seen on the upper Manu Road [*meridionalis*].
- White-winged Becard** *Pachyrhamphus polychopterus* A few seen in the lowlands, the first near to Quillabamba [*nigriventris*].
- Brown-capped Vireo** *Vireo leucophrys* A few seen at mid-altitudes on the Manu Road [*aetissimus*].
- Red-eyed Vireo** *Vireo olivaceus* The resident *griseobarbatus*-group (Chivi Vireo) was fairly common in the lowlands.
- Lemon-chested Greenlet** *Hylophilus thoracicus* (H) A couple heard in huge trees near to Atalaya [*aemulus*].
- Dusky-capped Greenlet** *Hylophilus hypoxanthus* A single seen well in a mixed flock at Guadalupe Lodge [*ictericus*].
- White-collared Jay** *Cyanolyca viridicyanus* (NT) Several seen well in flocks on the upper Manu Road [*cyanolaema*].
- Violaceous Jay** *Cyanocorax violaceus* Seen at Amazonia Lodge and low along the Manu Road.
- Purplish Jay** *Cyanocorax cyanomelas* Common in the lowlands, near Quillabamba and on the lower Manu Road.
- Inca Jay** *Cyanocorax yncas* (H) A few heard on the mid Manu Road, but surprisingly none seen [n nominate].
- White-winged Swallow** *Tachycineta albiventer* A few seen along the river around Amazonia Lodge.
- Blue-and-white Swallow** *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca* Fairly common and widespread except at the highest altitudes.
- Brown-bellied Swallow** *Notiochelidon murina* Only seen at higher altitudes, the first at Soraypampa [*cyanodorsalis*].
- Pale-footed Swallow** ◊ *Notiochelidon flavipes* Great views of a pair high west of the pass below Abra Malaga.
- Andean Swallow** *Haplochelidon andecola* Seen on the drive to Curahuasi and strangely, not again [n nominate]!
- White-banded Swallow** *Atticora fasciata* First seen near to Chontachaca, with others near to Amazonia Lodge.
- Southern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* Common along the lower Manu Road [n nominate].
- Black-capped Donacobius** *Donacobius atricapilla* Great views of a pair at Laguna Machuwasi [*nigrodorsalis*].

Thrush-like Wren *Campylorhynchus turdinus* Two seen and their loud calls heard at Amazonia Lodge [*hypostictus*].

Fulvous Wren ◊ *Cinnycerthia fulva* Great views on a couple of occasions on the upper Manu Road [nominated].

Grass Wren *Cistothorus platensis* A singing bird seen at Acjanaco at the top of the Manu Road [*minimus*].

Inca Wren ◊ *Pheugopedius eisenmanni* Many heard west of Abra Malaga, and great views of one there.

Moustached Wren *Pheugopedius genibarbis* After some earlier brief views, great views near to Pilcapata [*juruanus*].

House Wren (Southern H W) *Troglodytes [aedon] musculus* Fairly common and widespread.

Mountain Wren *Troglodytes solstitialis* Several below Abra Malaga and another on the upper Manu Road [*frater*].

Grey-breasted Wood Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys* Commonly heard and a few seen along the Manu Road [nominated].

Southern Nightingale-Wren (Scaly-breasted W) *Microcerculus marginatus* Sev. heard, 1 seen at Guadalupe Lodge [nominated].

Chestnut-breasted Wren *Cyphorhinus thoracicus* Several heard but a bit of a nightmare to see well [nominated]!

Long-billed Gnatwren *Ramphocaenus melanurus* (H) Heard at Amazonia Lodge.

Andean Solitaire *Myadestes ralloides* A few heard and a couple seen along the mid Manu Road.

White-eared Solitaire ◊ *Entomodestes leucotis* Several heard, and some good looks on the mid Manu Road.

Great Thrush *Turdus fuscater* Fairly common and widespread at high altitudes in wetter habitats [*ockendeni*].

Chiguanco Thrush *Turdus chiguanco* Common and widespread at high altitudes. Generally in drier habitats [*conradi*].

Glossy-black Thrush *Turdus serranus* Just a handful of sightings, the first below Abra Malaga [nominated].

Black-billed Thrush *Turdus ignobilis* A few around the lodge at Amazonia Lodge [*debilis*].

Hauxwell's Thrush *Turdus hauxwelli* Heard singing at Amazonia Lodge and seen briefly on the jeep track there.

White-capped Dipper *Cinclus leucocephalus* Several sightings, the first west of the pass below Abra Malaga [nominated].

Paramo Pipit *Anthus bogotensis* Excellent views of one on the pass below Abra Malaga [*immaculatus*].



This smart Paramo Pipit showed well near the pass at Abra Malaga.

Olivaceous Siskin *Spinus olivaceus* A male seen near to Quillabamba, and several along the mid-lower Manu Road.

Hooded Siskin *Spinus magellanicus* Small flocks seen at high altitude at several locations [*urubambensis*].

Black Siskin *Spinus atratus* Several seen well below the pass above Vilcabamba on the road to Incahuasi.

Thick-billed Siskin ◊ *Spinus crassirostris* Great looks at several in the Polylepis patches at Abra Malaga [*amadoni*].

White-lored Euphonia *Euphonia chrysopasta* (H) Heard at Atalaya. I wonder if this was the euphonia seen from the viewpoint?

Bronze-green Euphonia *Euphonia mesochrysa* One seen above Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge [*tavarae*].

Orange-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia xanthogaster* Fairly common along the mid-Manu Road [*brunneifrons*].

Blue-naped Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia cyanea* (H) One heard along the mid Manu Road [*longipennis*].

Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitiayumi* Several seen at lower altitudes, the first on the drive down from Pucyura [nominate].

Citrine Warbler *Myiothlypis luteoviridis* See note.

Pale-legged Warbler *Myiothlypis signata* Excellent views below Wayqecha Lodge [*flavovirens*].

Buff-rumped Warbler *Myiothlypis fulvicauda* A few sightings along streams on the lower Manu Road [*significans*].

Two-banded Warbler *Myiothlypis bivittata* Some good views around Cock-of-the-Rock lodge [nominate].

Cuzco Warbler ◊ *Myiothlypis chrysogaster* Great looks at several below Cock-of-the-Rock lodge. Distinctive voice.

Russet-crowned Warbler *Myiothlypis coronata* A few seen well around Cock-of-the-Rock lodge [nominate].

Yungas Warbler ◊ *Basileuterus punctipectus* See note [*inconspicuus*].

Slate-throated Whitestart *Myioborus miniatus* Most common along the Manu Road [*verticalis*].

Spectacled Whitestart *Myioborus melanocephalus* Several at Abra Malaga and higher Manu Road [nominate group].

Russet-backed Oropendola *Psarocolius angustifrons* Especially common along the lower Manu Road [*alfredii*].

Dusky-green Oropendola *Psarocolius atrovirens* Good views of several along the mid Manu Road.

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus* Several seen along the lower sections of the Manu Road [*maculosus*].

Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela* Common along the lower Manu Road [*flavicrissus*].

Southern Mountain Cacique *Cacicus chrysonotus* Seen well below Mollepata, and again on the Upper Manu Road.

Orange-backed Troupial *Icterus croconotus* (NL) Seen by some at Amazonia Lodge.

Yellow-winged Blackbird *Agelasticus thilius* Small numbers at Laguna Huanypo and Lake Huacarpay [*alticola*].

Pale-eyed Blackbird ◊ *Agelasticus xanthophthalmus* Excellent views of one at Laguna Machuwasi near Salvacion.

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola* Surprisingly few seen, and only along the lower Manu Road [*chloropyga*].

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis* Very common in open country at higher altitudes [*pulacayensis*].

Yellow-browed Sparrow *Ammodramus aurifrons* A few seen low-down along the Manu Road [nominate].

Grey-browed Brushfinch *Arremon assimilis* Seen by some at Abra Malaga, and again near Wayqecha Lodge [*poliophrys*].

Apurimac Brushfinch ◊ *Atlapetes forbesi* Brilliant views of two or three above Mollepata on the road to Soraypampa.

Cuzco Brushfinch ◊ *Atlapetes canigenis* Great views of c5 west of the pass, below Abra Malaga. Smart bird!.

Grey-eared Brushfinch ◊ *Atlapetes melanolaemus* Fairly common along the upper/mid sections of the Manu Road.

Common Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus flavopectus* Several seen on the upper-mid Manu Road [*peruvianus*].

Yellow-whiskered Bush Tanager ◊ *Chlorospingus parvirostris* Several in the big flocks on the upper Manu Road [nominate].

Yellow-throated Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus flavigularis* Fairly common around Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge [nominate].

Red-capped Cardinal *Paroaria gularis* Seen well at Laguna Machuwasi and at Amazonia Lodge [nominate].

Maggie Tanager *Cissopis leverianus* Small numbers seen daily on the lower Manu Road [nominate].

Slaty Tanager ◊ *Creurgops dentatus* Several excellent views of both males and females along the Manu Road.

White-browed Hemispingus ◊ *Kleinotherapis auricularis* Great views of several west of the pass below Abra Malaga.

Parodi's Hemispingus ◊ *Hemispingus parodii* (NT) After much searching, great views of one below Abra Malaga.

Superciliaried Hemispingus *Hemispingus superciliaris* Seen below Abra Malaga and high on the Manu Road [*urubambae*].

Black-eared Hemispingus *Hemispingus melanotis* A few in mixed flocks along the mid Manu Road [*castaneicollis*].

Drab Hemispingus ◊ *Hemispingus xanthophthalmus* Around 6 on the west side of the pass below, Abra Malaga.

Three-striped Hemispingus ◊ *Hemispingus trifasciatus* Two seen well on the west side of the pass below Abra Malaga.



A Three-striped Hemispingus from Abra Malaga and a ringed (banded) Hooded Mountain Tanager at Wayqechs Lodge.

Grey-hooded Bush Tanager *Cnemoscopus rubrirostris* A couple seen well along the upper Manu Road [*chrysogaster*].

Rufous-chested Tanager *Thlypopsis ornata* A few seen well, the first below Abra Malaga [*macropteryx*].

Rust-and-yellow Tanager *Thlypopsis ruficeps* Several good sightings, the first below Soraypampa.

Black-goggled Tanager *Trichothraupis melanops* Just 2 seen briefly near Quitacalcones, below Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge.

Yellow-crested Tanager ◊ *Tachyphonus rufiventer* Good looks at males near Quitacalcones, and at Guadalupe Lodge.

White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus* A pair seen well northwest of Quillabamba.

Masked Crimson Tanager *Ramphocelus nigrogularis* Good numbers seen at Amazonia Lodge.

Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo* Quite common, especially on the lower Manu Road.

Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus* Plenty in the lowlands, especially along the lower Manu Road [*urubambae*].

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum* Plenty in the lowlands, especially along the lower Manu Road [*melanoptera*].

Blue-capped Tanager *Thraupis cyanocephala* Small numbers in higher elevation forests [nominate].

Blue-and-yellow Tanager *Thraupis bonariensis* Just a handful seen around Lake Huacarpay [*darwinii*].

Hooded Mountain Tanager *Buthraupis montana* Plenty, both below Abra Malaga and at Wayqecha Lodge [*saturata*].

Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus igniventris* See note.

Grass-green Tanager *Chlorornis riefferii* A few seen nicely below Wayqecha Lodge, upper Manu Road [*celatus*].

Chestnut-bellied Mountain Tanager ◊ *Delothraupis castaneiventris* Great looks at Abra Malaga and Wayqecha Lodge.

Yellow-throated Tanager *Iridosornis analis* Some great views in the flocks at mid elevations on the Manu Road.

Golden-collared Tanager ◊ *Iridosornis jelskii* Another stunner, seen at Abra Malaga and upper Manu Road [*bolivianus*].

Fawn-breasted Tanager *Pipraeidea melanonota* A total of 3 or 4 seen, the first above Abancay [*venezuelensis*].

Orange-eared Tanager *Chlorochrysa calliparaea* Smart! Seen well along upper and mid Manu Road. [*fulgentissima*].

Turquoise Tanager *Tangara mexicana* Just a couple seen at Amazonia Lodge [*boliviana*].

Paradise Tanager *Tangara chilensis* Common on the lower/mid section of the Manu Road. Amazing bird [nominate]!

Green-and-gold Tanager *Tangara schrankii* Around five seen in a mixed flock at Guadalupe Lodge [nominate].

Golden Tanager *Tangara arthus* Great views of plenty along the mid Manu Road [*sophiae*].

Saffron-crowned Tanager *Tangara xanthocephala* Lots seen well in mixed flocks along the Manu Road [*lamprotis*].

Golden-eared Tanager *Tangara chrysotis* A few seen well along the upper Manu Road.

Yellow-bellied Tanager *Tangara xanthogastra* A few seen well at Guadalupe Lodge, near Pilcapata.

Spotted Tanager *Tangara punctata* Best views were in the garden at Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge [*annectens*].

Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola* Just 3 seen on the lower Manu Road, first at Guadalupe Lodge [*catharinae*].



A sultry morning looking towards Amazonia Lodge.



The attractive local form of Moustached Flowerpiercer was seen well at the top of the Manu Road.

- Golden-naped Tanager** *Tangara ruficervix* A couple seen in a mixed flock near to Rocotal [*fulvicervix*].
- Blue-necked Tanager** *Tangara cyanicollis* Most common at mid to lower elevations on the Manu Road [nominate].
- Beryl-spangled Tanager** *Tangara nigroviridis* Several seen well in the flocks above Cock-of-the-Rock Lodges [*berlepschii*].
- Blue-and-black Tanager** *Tangara vassorii* Just a few seen at Abra Malaga and high on the Manu Road [*atrocaerulea*].
- Swallow Tanager** *Tersina viridis* Just one at Guadalupe Lodge, near Pilcapata [*occidentalis*].
- Black-faced Dacnis** *Dacnis lineata* A few on the lower Manu Road, the first good views at Guadalupe Lodge.
- Yellow-bellied Dacnis** *Dacnis flaviventer* A male seen at Amazonia Lodge.
- Blue Dacnis** *Dacnis cayana* A handful seen, the first near to Quillabamba [*glaucogularis*].
- Purple Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes caeruleus* Just a couple seen on the lower Manu Road [*microrhynchus*].
- Green Honeycreeper** *Chlorophanes spiza* A couple seen from the viewpoint near to Atalaya [*caerulescens*].
- Golden-collared Honeycreeper** *Iridophanes pulcherrimus* Females a couple of times near Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge.
- Tit-like Dacnis** *Xenodacnis parina* A few seen well. Particularly common below the pass above Vilcabamba [nominate].
- Chestnut-vented Conebill** *Conirostrum speciosum* (NL) Seen by some at .
- Cinereous Conebill** *Conirostrum cinereum* A few seen, the first in roadside scrub above Abancay.
- White-browed Conebill** ◊ *Conirostrum ferrugineiventre* Good views of a few in the upper forest below Abra Malaga.
- Blue-backed Conebill** *Conirostrum sitticolor* Several seen well in the mixed flocks below Abra Malaga [*cyaneum*].
- Capped Conebill** *Conirostrum albifrons* A few seen in the higher forest along the Manu Road [*sordidum*].
- Giant Conebill** *Oreomanes fraseri* (NT) A couple seen well in the Polylepis patches at Abra Malaga.
- Rusty Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa sittoides* Excellent views in the hotel grounds at Ollantaytambo [*decorata*].
- Moustached Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa mystacalis* Great views at high elevation on the Manu Road. A nice dark race [*albilinea*].
- Black-throated Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa brunneiventris* Fairly common in high elevation forest, first below Soraypampa.
- Golden-eyed Flowerpiercer** ◊ (Deep Blue F) *Diglossa glauca* A couple seen well in a mixed flock at Rocotal [*tyrianthina*].
- Masked Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa cyanea* Fairly common at Abra Malaga and along the upper Manu Road [*melanopsis*].
- Red Pileated Finch** *Coryphospingus cucullatus* A couple seen well northwest of Quillabamba [*fargoii*].
- Peruvian Sierra Finch** *Phrygilus punensis* Fairly common at higher altitudes, the first above Abancay [nominate].
- Mourning Sierra Finch** *Phrygilus fruticeti* Only seen above San Salvador, on the way to the Manu Road [*peruvianus*].

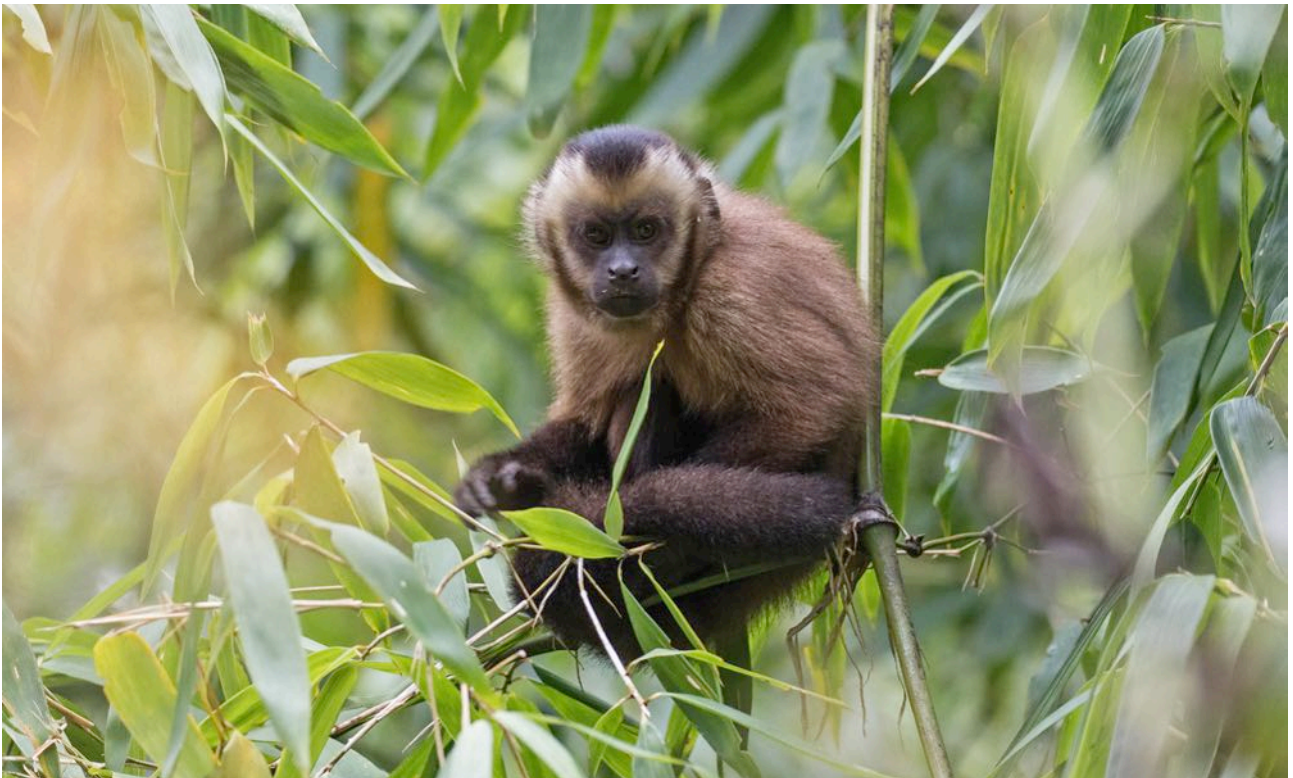


Black Siskin from Vilcabamba and an obliging Stripe-chested Antwren from the Manu Road.

- Plumbeous Sierra Finch** *Phrygilus unicolor* Fairly common at higher altitudes, the first at Soraypampa [*inca*].
- Ash-breasted Sierra Finch** *Phrygilus plebejus* Quite a few at higher altitudes, the first at Soraypampa [nominate].
- White-winged Diuca Finch** *Diuca specularis* A few seen well at Abra Malaga and above Vilcabamba.
- Chestnut-breasted Mountain Finch** ◊ *Poospiza caesar* Several seen well, the first seen very well above Mollepata.
- Greenish Yellow Finch** *Sicalis olivascens* A couple seen in the hotel garden at Ollantaytambo [nominate].
- Slate-colored Grosbeak** *Saltator grossus* Good scope views of one from the lookout above Atalaya [nominate].
- Buff-throated Saltator** *Saltator maximus* Just a few in the lowlands, mainly along the lower Manu Road [nominate].
- Greyish Saltator** *Saltator coerulescens* A single seen at Guadalupe Lodge, near Pilcapata [*azarae*].
- Golden-billed Saltator** *Saltator aurantiirostris* A few seen at higher altitudes at the beginning of the tour [*albociliaris*].
- Yellow-bellied Seedeater** *Sporophila nigricollis* A male seen briefly above Atalaya on the lower Manu Road [*inconspicua*].
- Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch** *Oryzoborus angolensis* A few along the lower Manu Road, first at Chontachaca [*torridus*].
- Band-tailed Seedeater** *Catamenia analis* Several seen, the first in Ollantaytambo [*griseiventris*].
- Plain-colored Seedeater** *Catamenia inornata* A couple at higher altitudes, including above Vilcabamba [nominate].
- Dull-colored Grassquit** *Tiaris obscurus* A singing bird seen below Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge [nominate].
- Plushcap** *Catamblyrhynchus diadema* Seen below Abra Malaga, then brilliantly near Wayqecha Lodge [*citrinifrons*].
- Olive Tanager** *Chlorothraupis frenata* Just one seen in a mixed flock at Amazonia Lodge.
- Black-backed Grosbeak** *Pheucticus aureoventris* Several great looks, the first below Mollepata [*terminalis*].
- Rothschild's Grosbeak** ◊ *Cyanocompsa rothschildii* (H) A couple heard at Guadalupe Lodge, but no luck.



It's a good part of the world for seeing Black-backed Grosbeaks!



Brown Capuchins were quite conspicuous along the Manu Road.

MAMMALS

Brown Capuchin Monkey (Black-capped C) *Cebus apella* Several good looks along the Manu Road.

Brown Titi (B T-Monkey) *Callicebus brunneus* A few seen at Amazonia Lodge.

Black-capped Squirrel Monkey *Saimiri boliviensis* A rather large and confiding group at Amazonia Lodge.

Common Woolly Monkey *Lagothrix lagothricha* A couple of sightings on the Manu Road.

Tayra *Eira barbara* One seen a few times at Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge.

White-lipped Peccary *Tayassu pecari* Seen by some on the jeep track at Amazonia Lodge.

Bolivian Squirrel *Sciurus ignitus* A few seen at Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge.

Southern Amazon Red Squirrel *Sciurus spadiceus* A couple of sightings at Amazonia Lodge.

Montane Guinea-Pig *Cavia tschudii* A 'guinea pig' at Lake Huacarpay was assumed to be this species.

Brown Agouti *Dasyprocta variegata* A few seen at Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge.



Brown Agoutis were attracted to the fruit feeders at Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge.



A large group of Black-capped Squirrel Monkeys put on a fine show at Amazonia Lodge.

Capybara *Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris* One by the cocha at Amazonia Lodge was a surprise!
Northern Viscacha (Mountain V) *Lagidium peruanum* A few seen in the Vilcabamba mountains.
Brazilian Tapir *Tapirus terrestris* (NL) Seen by some on the jeep track at Amazonia Lodge.



As well as the mammals, there were some other fantastic sights such as this incredible Atlas Moth!!



This 'White-tailed' Pale-tailed Canastero was seen very well near to Mollepata.

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 Names. (Gill, F and Donsker, D Eds). 2017. IOC World Bird Names v7.3. Available at <http://www.worldbirdnames.org>

Pacific Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium peruanum*

Seen well just by the turn off to Mollepata. Also one along the road to the Banos Termales de Cconocc. Of the alleged 'Apu-rimac' form, but they look and sound very similar (the same?!) to other Pacific Pygmy Owls to me! Another seen at the very start of the Manu Road.

Pale-tailed (or White-tailed) Canastero *Asthenes [huancavelicae] usheri*

Great views of one near to the start of the road to Mollepata. Note that BirdLife/HBW split off this form as White-tailed Can-astero.

Northern White-crowned Tapaculo *Scytalopus atratus*

Several heard along the upper-mid Manu Road, and a couple seen, though generally hard to see well. First seen between Wayqecha and Cock-of-the-Rock Lodges. Apparently the nominate subspecies, the song is somewhat intermediate between this species and Bolivian White-crowned Tapaculo, and there may still be further taxonomic revisions!.

Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis*

Common at higher altitudes, including a weird leucistic individual on the west side of the pass below Abra Malaga.

Lemon-browed Flycatcher *Conopias cinchoneti*

Excellent views of flocks on two dates near Quitacalcones, below Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge. Particularly endearing was the flock of five huddled together, pre-roosting [*cinchoneti*].

Citrine Warbler *Myiothlypis luteoviridis*

The form *striaticeps* was seen near to Abra Malaga, whilst the distinctive and well-marked 'Black-fronted' *euophrys* form, was seen well near to Wayqecha Lodge on the upper Manu Road. Interesting to compare with Pale-legged Warbler, almost side-by-side!

Yungas Warbler *Basileuterus punctipectus*

Fairly common at mid-elevations along the Manu Road. Note that during the tour we referred to this species as Three-striped Warbler, but the form in question *inconspicuus*, has now been split off as part of this species.

Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus igniventris*

Good numbers, including many below Abra Malaga. Note that BirdLife/IBW separate the nominate form that we saw and rename it Fire-bellied Mountain Tanager. It is different, showing more orange-red underparts, lack of blue on the undertail coverts and more blue in the wings.



The wonderful Scarlet-bellied (or Fire-bellied) Mountain Tanager showed well on several occasions!



Finishing as we started - with the superb Royal Cinclodes - our bird-of-the-trip!

APPENDIX 1

TOP BIRDS OF THE TOUR

- 1st ROYAL CINCLODES
- 2nd RED-AND-WHITE ANTPITTA
- 3rd BLUE-HEADED MACAW
- 4th Bearded Mountaineer
- 5th Amazonian Antpitta
- 6th= Cerulean-capped Manakin
- 6th= Solitary Eagle



The Amazonian Antpitta was rather more skulking than the surprisingly bold Red-and-white Antpitta. Both were much appreciated and both made the top six!