

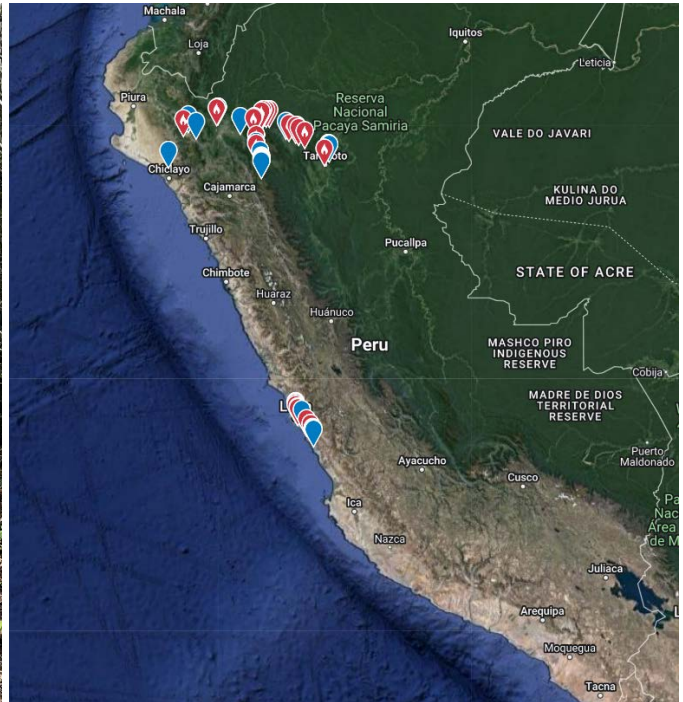
# Northern Peru Endemics with Naturalist Journeys



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**SUMMARY:** Our trip to Peru was filled with beautiful sights and an incredible diversity of life and culture. Peru is a vast country at nearly 500,000 square miles, a land area equal to Texas, California and most of South Dakota combined. The west coast is a narrow, mostly arid plain interrupted by valleys created by seasonal rivers. The Andean highlands run down the middle, with peaks reaching 22,000 feet. Nearly two-thirds of Peru is east of the mountains in the hot, humid Amazon lowlands. Because of this varied geography and climate, Peru is one of the most biodiverse countries in the world, and trails only Colombia in number of bird species with 1,860 recorded, and as many as 134 endemics.

Our trip focused on a relatively small part of the Andean highlands in northern Peru and adjacent lowlands, plus a few days on the arid coast for the pre-tour extension. Despite visiting a small portion of the country, we saw an astounding 379 species of birds. Those included 13 species endemic to Peru (we heard another) plus five near-endemics that can also be seen in far southern Ecuador. Including the pre-tour extension, we saw species from 61 families, 25 percent of the bird families in the world. The group was able to photograph or (in Ava's case) capture video of more than 125 species during the tour.

We saw 55 species of tanagers and allies, 49 species of hummingbirds and 43 species of Tyrant flycatchers. We were able to get great looks at many of these species, and photographs of more than 100 species. Some of the highlights during the main tour included the endemic Koepcke's Hermit and Marvelous Spatuletail, Puna Snipe, Long-whiskered Owlet (another endemic), Golden-headed Quetzal, Speckle-chested Piculet (endemic), Crimson-mantled and Black-

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necked Woodpecker (endemic) and four species of antpitta, three of which are endemics. The pre-tour extension gave some of the group opportunities to see 44 species not found on the main tour. Some were mundane (Rock Pigeon and House Sparrow!) or species common in North America (Killdeer, Whimbrel, American Kestrel, a few species of herons, etc.). Others were far from mundane including Chilean Flamingo, Inca Tern, Humboldt Penguin, Peruvian Booby, Red-legged and Guanay Cormorants, Peruvian Pelican and a few unique songbirds including Wren-like Rushbird and Surf Cinclodes, a Peruvian endemic.

### **BIRDS (375 species recorded, of which 12 were heard only)**

E = Endemic to Peru

NE = Near endemic, occurring in Peru and southern Ecuador

HO = Distinctive enough to be counted as heard only

### **TINAMOUS: Tinamidae (2)**

**Cinereous Tinamou** *Crypturellus cinereous*— HO at the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve* on the last day of the tour.

**Little Tinamou** *Crypturellus soui*— We saw two of these furtive, almost tailless birds early in the morning from the blind at *Reserva Arena Blanca* (Arena Blanca) and heard more days later during our drive to *Santa Elena Reserve* (*Santa Elena*).

### **DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS: Anatidae (7)**

**Comb Duck** *Sarkidiornis sylvicola*— There were nearly 100 at *Laguna Ricuricocha* at our late afternoon stop before driving to *Tarapoto* for the final night of the trip.

**Torrent Duck** *Merganetta armata*— Mason caught sight of one perched on a rock in the *Utcubamba* river as we were high-tailing it north from *Leymebamba* toward *Tinga*. We pulled over and everyone got good looks at this beautiful duck of fast-flowing Andean rivers.

**Cinnamon Teal** *Spatula cyanoptera*— We saw good numbers at *Refugio de Vida Silvestre Los Pantanos de Villa* (Villa Marshes) south of Lima. (Lima Extension Only)

**White-cheeked Pintail** *Anas bahamensis*— We saw several of these distinctive ducks with white cheeks and throat contrasting with its brown body at the *Villa Marshes* and other spots south of Lima. (Lima Extension Only)

**Yellow-billed Teal** *Anas flavirostris*— There were several in the grass next to the river at our high point on the *Atuen Road*.

**Masked Duck** *Nomonyx dominicus*— Great views of this reclusive, often hard-to-see duck at the pond at *Humedal de Indane* on our drive to *Waqanki*.

**Andean Duck** *Oxyura ferruginea*— We saw a handful of this Ruddy Duck cousin at *Ensenada San Antonio* and *Villa Marshes* south of Lima. (Lima Extension Only)





### **GUANS AND CURASSOWS: Cracidae (3)**

**Speckled Chachalaca** *Ortalis guttata*— Heard several making raucous calls at *Waqanki* and saw several at *Arena Blanca*.

**Andean Guan** *Penelope montagnii*— Andrea got a brief glimpse of one but the rest of us only heard the squeaky calls of this large chicken-like bird of the Andes at *Reserva Huembo (Huembo)*.

**Sickle-winged Guan** *Chamaepetes goudotii*— Most of us saw this unobtrusive bird where it was perched in the trees by the feeding station north of the lodge at *Huembo*.

### **NEW WORLD QUAIL: Odontophoridae (1)**

**Rufous-breasted Wood-Quail** *Odontophorus speciosus*— We were lucky to see several of these plump birds with rufous underparts early in the morning at the feeding station at *Arena Blanca*, shortly after the Little Tinamou disappeared into the brush. The species rotation made us wonder if they were intentionally taking turns at the feeder.

### **FLAMINGOS: Phoenicopteriformes (1)**

**Chilean Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus chilensis*— We saw at least 12 of these leggy, pale-pink birds through the scope at *Humedales* near *Puerto Viejo*, south of Lima. (Lima Extension Only)

### **GREBES: Podicipedidae (2)**

**White-tufted Grebe** *Rollandia rolland*— As we were nearing the end of our walk around the pond next to the ocean at the *Villa Marshes*, we caught a quick glimpse before it disappeared...and then re-appeared as grebes do, giving everyone good looks. (Lima Extension Only)

**Great Grebe** *Podiceps major*— Seen twice south of Lima, once at *Ensenada San Antonio* and again at *Villa Marshes*. (Lima Extension Only)

### **PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (15)**

**Rock Pigeon** *Columba livia*— Only seen in *Lima* and at *Laguna Pomacochas*. (Lima Extension Only)

**Pale-vented Pigeon** *Patagioenas cayennensis*— HO at *Waqanki*.

**Band-tailed Pigeon** *Patagioenas fasciata*— One flock flew over at *Huembo*.

**Peruvian Pigeon** *Patagioenas oenops*— Several at *Hacienda Achamaqui* during our wonderful morning there before heading north.

**Plumbeous Pigeon** *Patagioenas plumbea*— One across the road at *Bosque de Proteccion Alto Mayo (Alta Mayo)* while the family shared watermelon with us before our departure.

**Ruddy Pigeon** *Patagioenas subvinacea*— One at our roadside breakfast spot on the way to the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve* on the last day of the tour.

**Ruddy Ground-Dove** *Columbina talpacoti*— Seen several times including *Humedal de Indane*, *Santa Elena* and *Laguna Ricuricocha*.

**Ecuadorian Ground-Dove** *Columbina buckleyi*— Several at *Abra Porculla*, our birding and lunch stop between *Chiclayo* and *Jaen*, and again at the construction site later the same afternoon. A bit like a paler Ruddy Ground-Dove, this dove is widespread in woodland habitats on the east slope of the Andes.

**Croaking Ground-Dove** *Columbina cruziana*— We saw a few south of Lima in their preferred open arid habitat, and again near *Caserio Las Juntas* by the rice paddies where we saw large numbers of Pacific Parrotlets.

**Blue Ground-Dove** *Claravis pretiosa*— We saw a few of this wary, often “heard only” species three different days at *Bosque de Yanahuanca* (Bosque Yanahuanca), *Humedal de Indane* and *Waqanki*.

**Bare-faced Ground-Dove** *Metriopelia ceciliae*— Only one, perched on the rocks above the road at the construction stop between *Abra Porculla* and *Jaen*.

**White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi*— Seen on at least three days including at *Yanahuanca*, *Hacienda Achamaqui* and at *Laguna Ricuricocha*.

**Gray-fronted Dove** *Leptotila rufaxilla*— One before lunch at *Waqanki*.

**West Peruvian Dove** *Zenaid meloda*— Common in and around Lima. (Lima Extension Only)

**Eared Dove** *Zenaida auriculata*— Although South America's most widespread and abundant dove, we saw only a few,

first at *Rio Lurin* south of *Lima* and again at *Laguna Ricuricocha*.



#### **CUCKOOS AND ALLIES: Cuculidae (4)**

**Smooth-billed Ani** *Crotophaga ani*— We saw a few of these odd, long-tailed birds along the road as we approached *Santa Elena* and later the same day at *Laguna Ricuricocha*.

**Groove-billed Ani** *Crotophaga sulcirostris*—A few at *Rio Lurin* south of *Lima* and again on the *Bosque Yanahuanca* entrance road.

**Striped Cuckoo** *Tapera naevia*— HO We heard its lovely sing-songy sounds at our quick stop on the way out of *Bosque Yanahuana*.

**Squirrel Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana*— Heard on the *Bosque Yanahuanca* entrance road and then we saw at least two at *Waqanki*.

#### **NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae (4)**

**Lesser Nighthawk** *Chordeiles acutipennis*— We saw two flying in midmorning daylight on the hillside at *Bosque Yanahuanca*.

**Blackish Nightjar** *Nyctipolus nigrescens*— Our last bird at *Morro de Calzada*, flitting along the cliff face just before dark.

**Common Pauraque** *Nyctidromus albicollis*— We saw one just before dinner at *Hacienda Achamaqui*.

**Rufous Nightjar** *Antrostomus rufus*— The naturalist at *Morro de Calzada* took us to see one perched on the rocks above the area where we admired the Stygian Owls

#### **OILBIRD: Steatornithidae (1)**

**Oilbird** *Steatornis caripensis*— We saw several of these odd nocturnal, fruit-eating birds perched in the shadows below the bridge at *Canyon Quiscarrumi*.

#### **SWIFTS: Apodidae (4)**

**Chestnut-collared Swift** *Streptoprocne rutila*— More than a dozen zooming above east of *Bagua Grande* during our drive from *Jaen* to *Leymebamba*.

**White-collared Swift** *Streptoprocne zonaris*— Several at *Owlet Lodge (Abra Patricia)* and again on the last day of the tour at the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve*.

**White-tipped Swift** *Aeronautes montivagus*— There were at least 20 flying above the lodge before dinner at *Hacienda Achamaqui* and we saw them again at *Fundo Alto Nieva*.

**Fork-tailed Palm-Swift** *Tachornis squamata*— Probably under-counted because we were focused on other birds, we recorded at least 20 at *Waqanki*, more in the lowlands near *Santa Elena*, and again at the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve*.

#### **HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae (49)**

**White-necked Jacobin** *Florisuga 4ellivora*— Large numbers at the feeding station at *Waqanki*.

**Green Hermit** *Phaethornis guy*— One seen by a few in the group at *Alto Mayo*.

€ **Koepcke's Hermit** *Phaethornis koepckeeae*— We were thrilled to see at least two on our last morning at the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve*, which was created to protect this species.

**Great-billed Hermit** *Phaethornis malaris*— Several during our first visit to the feeding station at *Waqanki* when we were trying to sort through the many species of hummingbirds and again the next day.

**Black-throated Hermit** *Phaethornis atrimentalis*— At least two at the *Waqanki* feeding station, preferring one feeder near the edge.

**Reddish Hermit** *Phaethornis ruber*— One at *Waqanki* and another at *Arena Blanca* the next day.

**Green-fronted Lancebill** *Doryfera ludovicae*— Seen well by *Andrea* and fleeting glances by the rest of the group at *Alto*



Mayo.

**Blue-fronted Lancebill** *Doryfera johannae*— One at *Arena Blanca* and two more at the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve*.

**Sparkling Violetear** *Colibri coruscans*— One of the more conspicuous and aggressive hummingbirds in the highlands at *Abra Porculla*, the café at *Leymebamba* and *Huembo*.

**Brown Violetear** *Colibri delphinae*— Two at *Waqanki* and more on both days at *Huembo* where they were seen often in small numbers.

**Lesser Violetear** *Colibri cyanotus*— Common and very active and noisy at *Abra Patricia*, *Waqanki* and *Huembo*. Sometimes called Mountain Violetear, this species was formerly considered conspecific with the nearly identical Mexican Violetear, and called Green Violetear, but there is no range overlap between the two species.

**Black-throated Mango** *Anthracothorax nigricollis*— Seen both days at the feeding stations at *Waqanki*.

**Purple-throated Sunangel** *Heliangelus viola*— Michael and Andrea first saw one at *Abra Patricia* and then everyone saw one at *Huembo* a few days later. This medium-sized hummingbird has a range limited to southern Ecuador and northern Peru.

**Royal Sunangel** *Heliangelus regalis*— We saw the beautiful, dark blue male during our afternoon visit to *Fundo Alto Nieva*.

**Wire-crested Thorntail** *Discosura popelairii*— We saw this small, compact hummingbird of the east slopes of the Andes at *Arena Blanca* and again later the same day at *Alto Mayo*.

**Rufous-crested Coquette** *Lophornis delattrei*— A group favorite seen several times at the *Waqanki* feeding station and again at *Arena Blanca*.

**Ecuadorian Piedtail** *Phlogophilus hemileucurus*— At least three at *Alto Mayo*.

**Speckled Hummingbird** *Adelomyia melanogenys*— Seen in ones and twos in the highlands at *Huembo*, *Abra Patricia* and *Fundo Alto Nieva*.

**Long-tailed Sylph** *Agelaiocercus kingii*— One or two seen several times at *Abra Patricia* and again at *Fundo Alto Nieva*.

**Tyrian Metaltail** *Metallura tyrianthina*— One during our beautiful morning on the *Atuen Road*.

**Greenish Puffleg** *Haplophaedia aureliae*— At least three at *Fundo Alto Nieva*.

**Emerald-bellied Puffleg** *Eriocnemis aline*— We saw this small, glittering hummingbird twice the same day at *Abra Patricia*.

**(E) Marvelous Spatuletail** *Loddigesia mirabilis*— After waiting patiently, cameras at hand, one finally zipped into the feeders at *Abra Patricia* our first afternoon. We saw another at the same feeders the following day and in the afternoon were treated to great looks at a perched male in the forest above the lodge.

**Bronzy Inca** *Coeligena coeligena*— We saw a few at *Abra Patricia*, *Huembo* and *Fundo Alto Nieva*.

**Collared Inca** *Coeligena torquata*— Perhaps under-counted, we recorded just one at the feeders at *Abra Patricia*.

**Rainbow Starfrontlet** *Coeligena iris*— Seen during both visits to the café in *Leymebamba* and again at *Huembo*.

**Sword-billed Hummingbird** *Ensifera ensifera*— One made a quick appearance during our first stop at the café in *Leymebamba*.

**Chestnut-breasted Coronet** *Boissonneaua matthewsii*— One of the more common hummingbirds at higher elevations, seen at *Abra Patricia*, *Huembo* and *Fundo Alto Nieva*.

**Peruvian Racket-tail** *Ocreatus peruanus*— We saw one at *Alto Mayo* and then at least four at *Fundo Alto Nieva* a few days later. This was a post-tour bonus life bird for some in the group who had previously seen the “Booted Racket-tail” which was split into three species in September. Peruvian Racket-tail, seen in eastern Ecuador and northeastern Peru, have long, straight tail feathers ending in “rackets,” and tawny-brown leg puffs. White-booted (*Ocreatus underwoodii*), seen in Venezuela, Ecuador and Colombia, also has long, straight tail feathers, but has white leg puffs. Rufous-booted (*Ocreatus addae*), seen in southern Peru, has tawny-brown leg puffs like Peruvian, but has distinctive tail feathers that cross each other in a V shape.

**Gould's Jewelfront** *Heliodoxa aurescens*— We saw two at the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve* on our last day, helping us end the tour with an astounding 49 species of hummingbird.

**Fawn-breasted Brilliant** *Heliodoxa rubinoides*— Another species that prefers the higher elevation cloud forest, we saw individuals during both visits to *Abra Patricia*, and also at *Fundo Alto Nieva*.

**Violet-fronted Brilliant** *Heliodoxa leadbeateri*— First saw at the roadside stop at *Alto Mayo*, and at *Huembo* the same

day, then again at *Fundo Alto Nieva* a few days later.

**Long-billed Starthroat** *Heliomaster longirostris*— Two at *Hacienda Achamaqui*.

**Amethyst Woodstar** *Calliphlox amethystina*— One at *Waqanki* and another the next day at *Arena Blanca*.

**Short-tailed Woodstar** *Myrmia micrura*— One at *Abra Porculla*. This tiny hummingbird, which prefers arid scrub and desert, was one species we likely wouldn't have seen without the drive from Chiclayo to Jaen.

**White-bellied Woodstar** *Chaetocercus mulsant*— Small numbers at *Huembo*, *Abra Patricia* and *Fundo Alto Nieva*.

**Little Woodstar** *Chaetocercus bombus*— We saw one on the *Atuen Road* and at least one more at *Huembo* a few days later.

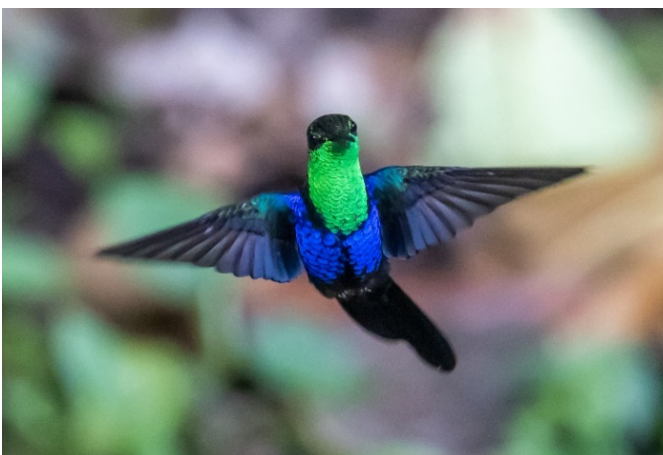
**Blue-tailed Emerald** *Chlorostilbon mellisugus*— We saw this humid lowland specialist at the feeding stations at *Waqanki*.

**Violet-headed Hummingbird** *Klais guimeti*— A couple at *Waqanki* and again at *Alto Mayo* a few days later.

**Gray-breasted Sabrewing** *Campylopterus largipennis*— Another species that prefers humid forests and semi-open habitats in Amazona, we saw several of this large hummingbird both days at *Waqanki* and again at the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve*.







**Fork-tailed Woodnymph** *Thalurania furcata*— This flashy hummingbird was common in the lowlands at *Waqanki*, *Alto Mayo*, and the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve*.

**(NE) Spot-throated Hummingbird** *Leucippus taczanowskii*— Another Peruvian near-endemic, restricted to the Marañon Valley in Peru and extreme southern Ecuador, we saw this large, rather drab hummingbird at *Abra Porculla*, *Bosque Yanahuanca* and (somewhat surprisingly) at *Hacienda Achamaqui*.

**Many-spotted Hummingbird** *Taphrospilus hypostictus*— We saw this large hummingbird both days at *Waqanki* and again at *Alto Mayo*.

**Amazilia Hummingbird** *Amazilia amazilia*— Common in and around Lima in its preferred dry forest and scrub habitats, but we also saw one at *Abra Porculla*.

**Andean Emerald** *Amazilia franciae*— We saw a few both days at *Huembo*.

**Golden-tailed Sapphire** *Chrysuronia oenone*— Another species that prefers humid lowlands, they were common both days at *Waqanki*, and we saw smaller numbers at *Arena Blanca* and *Alto Mayo*.

**Sapphire-spangled Emerald** *Amazilia lactea*— Seen both days at *Waqanki* and again at *Arena Blanca* and *Alto Mayo*.

**White-bellied Hummingbird** *Amazilia chionogaster*— We saw one during our first stop at the café in *Leymebamba* and three during our morning at *Hacienda Achamaqui*.

**White-chinned Sapphire** *Hylocharis cyanus*— We saw one of these small, red-billed hummingbirds at the feeding station at *Waqanki*.

#### **RAILS, COOTS AND ALLIES: Rallidae (5)**

**Plumbeous Rail** *Pardirallus sanguinolentus*— We heard at least four at the *Villa Marshes* south of Lima and then the whole group was treated to great looks at our stop at *Laguna Pomacochas* on the way to *Abra Patricia*. We saw two more at *Laguna Ricuricocha*.

**Common Gallinule** *Gallinula galeata*— Seen at several locations south of Lima during the pre-tour extension and again at *Humedal de Indane*, *Laguna Pomacochas* and *Laguna Ricuricocha*.

**Slate-colored Coot** *Fulica ardesiaca*— Good numbers at the *Villa Marshes* and *Ensenada San Antonio* south of Lima. (Lima Extension Only)

**Purple Gallinule** *Porphyrio martinica*— An adult with a juvenile at *Humedal de Indane* and again in the agricultural fields as we neared *Santa Elena*.

**Russet-crowned Crake** *Anurolimnas viridis*— HO from the tower at the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve*.

#### **STONE CURLEWS AND THICK-KNEES: Burhinidae (1)**

**Peruvian Thick-knee** *Burhinus superciliosus*— We saw nearly 50 in dry fields at *Rio Lurin* and another roadside stop south of Lima. (Lima Extension Only).

#### **STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae (1)**

**Black-necked Stilt** *Himantopus mexicanus*— More than 30 at the *Villa Marshes* and another spot south of Lima and then close to a hundred in the agricultural fields near *Santa Elena*.

#### **OYSTERCATCHERS: Haematopodidae (2)**

**American Oystercatcher** *Haematopus palliatus*— More than two dozen at *Rio Lurin* and then 30+ at the *Villa Marshes* south of Lima. (Lima Extension Only)

**Blackish Oystercatcher** *Haematopus ater*— Many at *Pucusana*, perched on the rocks. (Lima Extension Only)

#### **PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae (2)**

**Andean Lapwing** *Vanellus resplendens*— Surprisingly, we saw just one of this usually high-altitude species at the *Villa Marshes* south (likely a wintering bird soon heading higher) and then four in more typical habitat on the *Atuen Road*.

**Killdeer** *Charadrius vociferus*— A few at *Rio Lurin* and the *Villa Marshes* south of Lima. (Lima Extension Only)

#### **JACANAS: Jacanidae (1)**



**Wattled Jacana** *Jacana jacana*— Several in the fields near *Santa Elena* and at *Laguna Ricuricocha* later the same day.

#### **SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae (5)**

**Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus*— More than two dozen at the *Villa Marshes* south of Lima. (Lima Extension Only)

**Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres*— Almost two dozen in the harbor and rocky shoreline at *Pucusana* south of Lima. (Lima Extension Only)

**Puna Snipe** *Gallinago andina*— A great catch in the fields by *Laguna Pomacochas* as we walked back to the van from admiring the Plumbeous Rail.

**Greater Yellowlegs** *Tringa melanoleuca*— One at the *Villa Marshes* south of Lima. (Lima Extension Only)

**Willet** *Tringa semipalmata*— We saw 10 in the *Villa Marshes* south of Lima. (Lima Extension Only)

#### **GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae (7)**

**Andean Gull** *Chroicocephalus serranus*— We saw 20+ of these handsome black-headed gulls at the *Villa Marshes* south of Lima in breeding and winter plumage. (Lima Extension Only)

**Gray-hooded Gull** *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus*— Several at the *Villa Marshes* south of Lima. The gray hood and bright red legs made this an easy identification. (Lima Extension Only)

**Gray Gull** *Leucophaeus modestus*— The “modestus” species name is appropriate for this drab gull that we saw at a few locations south of Lima. (Lima Extension Only)

**Belcher’s Gull** *Larus belcheri*— This fairly large, dark-backed gull reminiscent of Great Black-backed Gull was common on shorelines and harbors around Lima. (Lima Extension Only)

**Kelp Gull** *Larus dominicanus*— We saw this “other” even larger dark-backed gull at *Laguna Pomacochas* and the *Villa Marshes* south of Lima. (Lima Extension Only)

**Inca Tern** *Rynchops inca*— This beautiful dark tern with bright red bill and legs was abundant along the coast and harbors around Lima. (Lima Extension Only)

**Black Skimmer** *Rynchops niger* — We saw close to 400 at *Humedales Puerto Viejo* after our cruise at *Laguna Pomacochas*, plus another large flock at the *Villa Marshes* south of Lima. (Lima Extension Only)

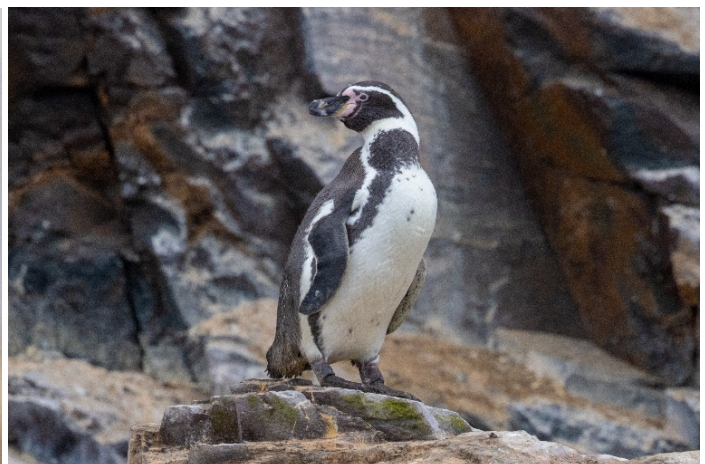
#### **PENGUINS: Spheniscidae (1)**

**Humboldt Penguin** *Spheniscus humboldti*— We saw nearly two dozen of these delightful birds feeding and resting on the rocks at *Laguna Pomacochas*. Mason was particularly thrilled to see his second “life” Penguin of the year, the other Galapagos Penguin earlier in the year. (Lima Extension Only)

#### **GANNETS AND BOOBIES: Spheniscidae (2)**

**Blue-footed Booby** *Sula nebouxii*— Abundant at *Laguna Pomacochas* and fun to compare to the nearby Peruvian Boobies. (Lima Extension Only)

**Peruvian Booby** *Sula variegata*— Common at several locations around Lima. (Lima Extension Only)





### **CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae (3)**

**Red-legged Cormorant** *Poikilocarbo gaimardi*— Common at *Laguna Pomacochas* where they perched on the rocks near Guanay and Neotropic Cormorants. (Lima Extension Only)

**Neotropic Cormorant** *Nannopterum brasilianum*— Abundant along the coast and in marshes south of Lima. (Lima Extension Only)

**Guanay Cormorant** *Leucocarbo bougainvilli*— Common along the coast south of Lima. (Lima Extension Only)

### **PELICANS: Pelecanidae (1)**

**Peruvian Pelican** *Pelecanus thagus*— This giant pelican, which can have a wingspan exceeding seven, feet was common along the coast south of Lima. It's possible that we missed a few of the smaller Brown Pelicans that are also sometimes seen around Lima. (Lima Extension Only)

### **HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae (7)**

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba*— Common around Lima and smaller numbers seen in the north including *Laguna Pomacochas*, along the road to *Santa Elena* and at *Laguna Riciricocha*.

**Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula*— Abundant around Lima and one at *Laguna Riciricocha*.

**Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea*— We saw a few at *Humedales Puerto Viejo*, *Rio Lurin* and the *Villa Marshes* south of Lima. (Lima Extension Only)

**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*— Common at lower elevations in the north including *Laguna Pomacochas*, the agricultural fields near *Santa Elena* and at *Laguna Riciricocha*.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*— We saw several at *Ensenada San Antonio* and the *Villa Marshes* south of Lima. (Lima Extension Only)

**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** *Nyctanassa violacea*— A few at *Ensenada San Antonio* and the *Villa Marshes* south of Lima. (Lima Extension Only)

**Puna Ibis** *Plegadis ridgwayi*— More than two dozen at the *Villa Marshes* south of Lima and then five at *Laguna Pomacochas*.

### **NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae (3)**

**Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus*— Seen nearly every day of the tour, often in large numbers.

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura*— Common but less so than Black Vulture.

**Greater Yellow-headed Vulture** *Cathartes melambrotus*— Only one, at *Santa Elena*.

### **HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (11)**

**Hook-billed Kite** *Chondrohierax uncinatus*— One near *Santa Elena*.

**Swallow-tailed Kite** *Elanoides forficatus*— We were treated to a large group soaring and vocalizing in the misty foothills



at *Waqanki*, then individuals at *Arena Blanca* and on the drive to the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve*.

**Gray-headed Kite** *Leptodon cayanensis*— One perched above the trail at the *Santa Elena*.

**Snail Kite** *Rostrhamus sociabilis*— One in the agricultural fields near *Santa Elena*.

**Cinereous Harrier** *Circus cinereus*— We saw one, a rarity for the area, flying low over the water at the big pond at *Villa Marshes*. (Lima Extension Only)

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** *Accipiter striatus*— One at *Hacienda Achamaqui*.

**Roadside Hawk** *Rupornis magnirostris*— Somewhat surprisingly, we saw only three of this often-common hawk at *Bosque Yanahuanca* and *Waqanki*.

**Harris's Hawk** *Parabuteo unicinctus*— Five in four different locations south of Lima. (Lima Extension Only)

**White-rumped Hawk** *Parabuteo leucorrhous*— Two during our morning birding at *Bosque Yanahuanca*.

**Variable Hawk** *Geranoaetus polyosoma*— Two at *Abra Porculla* during our stop on the way from Chiclayo to Jaen.

**Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle** *Geranoaetus melaoleucus*— Mason caught a glimpse of one overhead shortly after we left Chiclayo on our way to Jaen, but the rest of the group got better looks from the tram at *Kuelap*, and again the next day at *Hacienda Achamaqui*.

### **OWLS: Strigidae (3)**

**Peruvian Pygmy-Owl** *Glaucidium peruanum*— We all had great looks at this small owl during our amazing morning at *Hacienda Achamaqui*.

**(E) Long-whiskered Owlet** *Xenoglaux loweryi*— Part of the group braved the wet, slippery hike down to see this strange owl that was almost unknown until 2002. We saw one thanks to the help of the talented local guide from the *Owlet Lodge*. The somewhat treacherous hike back up to the lodge in the rain was almost as exciting as seeing the owl!

**Stygian Owl** *Asio stygius*— We got fantastic looks and photos of an adult and juvenile of this large, dark owl with golden eyes during our visit to *Morro de Calzada*.



### **TROGONS: Trogonidae (3)**

**Golden-headed Quetzal** *Pharomachrus auriceps*— Those who braved the hike to see the Long-whiskered owl at *Abra Patricia* were treated to good looks at three of these beautiful birds while they vocalized.

**Blue-crowned Trogon** *Trogon curucui*— We heard these lovely trogons more than we saw them, but we were able to get looks at *Waqanki*, *Morro de Calzada* and at the bridge stop near *Santa Elena*.

**Masked Trogon** *Trogon personatus*— One, seen by part of the group, and another heard by all at *Abra Patricia*.



**MOTMOTS: Momotidae (1)**

**Rufous Motmot** *Baryphthengus martii*— Another species that is often heard but difficult to see, we were fortunate to get looks at three during stay at *Waqanki*.

**KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae (3)**

**Ringed Kingfisher** *Megaceryle torquata*— We saw this largest Kingfisher in the Americas near *Santa Elena* with sightings of Amazon and Green Kingfishers minutes later.

**Amazon Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle amazona*— One near *Santa Elena*.

**Green Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle americana*— Three near *Santa Elena*.

**PUFFBIRDS: Bucconidae (1)**

**Black-fronted Nunbird** *Monasa nigrifrons*— Two near our lunch spot at *Santa Elena*.

**JACAMARS: Galbulidae (1)**

**Bluish-fronted Jacamar** *Galbula cyanescens*— After trying but failing to find one at *Waqanki*, we finally found one at our roadside breakfast spot on the way to the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve*.

**BARBETS: Capitonidae (1)**

**Gilded Barbet** *Capito auratus*—Two at *Waqanki* and another at *Santa Elena*.

**TOUCANS: Ramphastidae (5)**

**Southern Emerald-Toucanet** *Aulacorhynchus albivitta*— Some in the group (not Mason!) saw one near the Chestnut-tinged Antpitta spot at *Abra Patricia*.

**Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucan** *Andigena hypoglauca*— HO on the *Atuen Road*.

**Chestnut-eared Aracari** *Pteroglossus castanotis*— Four at *Arena Blanca* when we were sorting through dozens of tanagers and dacnis.

**Yellow-throated Toucan** *Ramphastos ambiguus*— Two while we feasted on fresh watermelon shared by the family at *Alto Mayo*.

**Channel-billed Toucan** *Ramphastos vitellinus*— One at *Morro de Calzada* and another at our breakfast stop on the way to the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve*.



### **WOODPECKERS: Picidae (9)**

**(E) Speckle-chested Piculet** *Picumnus steindachneri*— Another Peruvian endemic, we saw two early in the morning at *Huembo*.

**Yellow-tufted Woodpecker** *Melanerpes cruentatus*— One at *Waqanki* and then six the next morning at *Arena Blanca* including two that shared a log with euphonias.

**Scarlet-backed Woodpecker** *Dryobates callonotus*— We got glimpses of this woodpecker when we stopped on our way out of *Bosque Yanahuanca*.

**Red-necked Woodpecker** *Campephilus rubricollis*— Part of the group got great looks and photos of this spectacular woodpecker during our hike up into the hills above *Waqanki*. We admired the bird for several minutes as it fed on a tree at eye level close to the trail.

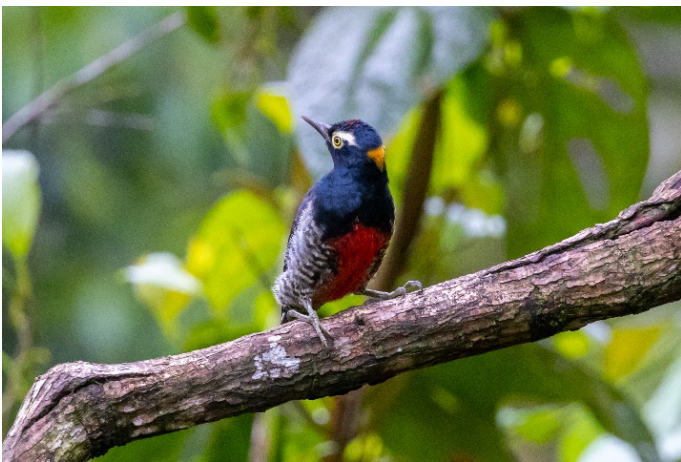
**Lineated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus lineatus*— We saw this large woodpecker, a close relative of the Pileated Woodpecker, at *Arena Blanca* and the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve*.

**Crimson-mantled Woodpecker** *Colaptes rivolii*— The group that braved the owlet hike at *Abra Patricia* saw one of these spectacular woodpeckers.

**(E) Black-necked Woodpecker** *Colaptes atricollis*— This handsome woodpecker, found only in the Peruvian Andes, was one of the many treats during our morning birding at *Hacienda Achamaqui*. We saw two across the stream minutes before we found the accommodating Peruvian Pygmy-Owl next to the lodge.

**Spot-breasted Woodpecker** *Colaptes punctigula*— One during a stop on the road near *Santa Elena*.

**Andean Flicker** *Colaptes rupicola*— At our highest stop on the *Atuen Road*, we found three of these high-altitude relatives to the Northern Flicker.



### **FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae (4)**

**Yellow-headed Caracara** *Milvago chimachima*— We saw one from the tower at the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve*.

**Mountain Caracara** *Phalcooenus megalopterus*— Glimpses, some good and some fleeting, at four or five on the *Atuen Road*.

**American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius*— Two south of Lima. (Lima Extension Only)

**Bat Falcon** *Falco ruficularis*— Heard and then seen by the group that made the Owlet hike at *Abra Patricia*.

### **PARROTS: Psittacidae (6)**

**White-winged Parakeet** *Brotogeris versicolurus*— Glimpses of two hidden in a nearby tree at *Laguna Ricuricocha*.

**Cobalt-winged Parakeet** *Brotogeris cyanopectus*— We saw more than a dozen of these at *Waqanki*.

**Blue-headed Parrot** *Pionus menstruus*— Despite being noisy, it can be difficult to get good looks at parrots, but a flock of eight at *Waqanki* cooperated, giving everyone great looks and photo opportunities.

**Pacific Parrotlet** *Forpus coelestis*— This much-coveted bird was no guarantee, but we found a flock of at least 100 near

Caserio Las Juntas during our drive from Jaen to Leymebamba. We enjoyed watching them stream over our heads, many landing in the palms close to the road.

**Dusky-headed Parakeet** *Aratinga weddellii*— We saw about two dozen late in the afternoon at *Laguna Ricuricocha*.

**Mitred Parakeet** *Psittacara mitratus*— A flock of about 40 flew by during a stop along the *Rio Utcumbamba* south of *Nuevo Tingo*.



#### **ANTBIRDS: Thamnophilidae (8)**

**Collared Antshrike** *Thamnophilus bernardi*— One during our morning at Bosque de Yanahuanca.

**Variable Antshrike** *Thamnophilus caerulescens*— Three on the same day at *Abra Patricia*.

**Uniform Antshrike** *Thamnophilus unicolor*— Just one, late one afternoon at *Abra Patricia*.

**Plain Antvireo** *Dysithamnus mentalis*— Two early one morning at *Waqanki*.

**Peruvian Warbling-Antbird** *Hypocnemis peruviana*—HO at *Arena Blanca*.

**Black-faced Antbird** *Myrmoborus myotherinus*— Andrea and Matt spotted one at *Arena Blanca*, but heard only by the rest of the group.

**Zimmer's Antbird** *Sciaphylax castanea*— Seen by Kate and heard by the rest of the group at *Arena Blanca*.

**Spot-backed Antbird** *Hylophylax naevius*— One at the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve*.

#### **CRESCENTCHESTS: Melanopareiidae (1)**

**(NE) Marañon Crescentchest** *Melanopareia maranonica*— This was another sought-after near endemic with a small range in the Marañon Valley in northwestern Peru and the adjacent area in far southern Ecuador. We got great looks at one on the hillside at Bosque de Yanahuanca.

#### **ANTPITTAS: Grallariidae (4)**

**Chestnut-crowned Antpitta** *Grallaria ruficapilla*— HO at the museum in Leymebamba and again the next day on the *Atuen Road*.

**(E) Rusty-tinged Antpitta** *Grallaria przewalskii*— One of three Peruvian endemic antpittas at *Abra Patricia*, we heard one the afternoon we arrived, and finally saw them in the morning before departure.

**(E) Chestnut Antpitta** *Grallaria blakei*— The second of three endemic antpittas at *Abra Patricia*, seen on the first morning at the lodge and heard later the same day at *Fundo Alto Nieva*.

**(E) Ochre-fronted Antpitta** *Grallaricula ochraceifrons*— The third endemic antpitta at *Abra Patricia*, we saw one in the morning shortly after seeing the Chestnut Antpitta and heard another the next morning before we departed.

#### **TAPACULOS: Rhinocryptidae (1)**

**(E) Rufous-vented Tapaculo** *Scytalopus femoralis*— HO at *Abra Patricia*.



### **OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS: Furnariidae (19)**

**Olivaceous Woodcreeper** *Sittasomus griseicapillus*— Two in the morning at *Waqanki*.

**Long-tailed Woodcreeper** *Deconychura longicauda*— One the same morning as the Olivaceous, Plain-brown and Amazonian Barred at *Waqanki*.

**Plain-brown Woodcreeper** *Dendrocincla fuliginosa*— One at *Waqanki*.

**Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper** *Dendrexestastes rifula*— One at *Santa Elena*.

**Amazonian Barred-Woodcreeper** *Dendrocolaptes certhia*— One at *Waqanki*.

**Strong-billed Woodcreeper** *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus*— One at *Abra Patricia*.

**Olive-backed Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus triangularis*— One our first afternoon at *Waqanki* and again at *Abra Patricia*.

**Montane Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger*— One on the *Atuen Road* and again at *Abra Patricia*.

**Streaked Xenops** *Xenops rutilans*— One early in the morning at *Huembo*.

**Streaked Tuftedcheek** *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii*— One early in the morning on the *Atuen Road*.

**Pale-legged Hornero** *Furnarius leucopus*— We saw a few at *Bosque Yanahuanca* and then again at *Laguna Ricuricocha* near the end of the tour.

**Wren-like Rushbird** *Phleocryptes melanops*— After a lot of careful searching, we finally found one of these sneaky birds at Laguna Principal at the *Villa Marshes*, and then a second at the visitor center just before we left. (Lima Extension Only)

**(E) Surf Cinclodes** *Cinclodes taczanowskii*— Passerines are usually considered land birds, but the Surf Cinclodes lives on ocean shorelines, foraging on rocks at the surf zone. We had great, close-up looks at four or five of these Peruvian endemics at Pucusana, south of Lima. (Lima Extension Only)

**Pearled Treerunner** *Margarornis squamiger*— Two on the *Atuen Road* and another at *Abra Patricia*.

**Rufous-fronted Thornbird** *Phacellodomus rufifrons*— We saw one at *Bosque Yanahuanca* and Matt saw another at Humedal de Indane when we stopped at the pond with Masked Ducks.

**Line-cheeked Spinetail** *Cranioleuca antisimensis*— One in the morning at *Laguna Pomacochas* before we drove toward *Abra Patricia*.

**(NE) Marañon Spinetail** *Synallaxis maranonica*— HO despite valiant efforts to get a glimpse of this range-restricted furnariid of the Marañon valley in Peru and adjacent Ecuador.

**Azara's Spinetail** *Synallaxis azarae*— We saw one at *Abra Porculla* during our drive from Chiclayo to Jaen and heard another on the *Atuen Road* a couple of days later.

**Rufous Spinetail** *Synallaxis unirufa*— We were lucky to see this skulking songbird at *Laguna Pomacochas* during our afternoon visit where it was competing with loud chainsaws across the street, and then saw another at *Abra Patricia* the next morning in quieter circumstances.



### **MANAKINS: Pipridae (2)**

**Fiery-capped Manakin** *Machaeropterus pyrocephalus*— Heard and seen through dense foliage at *Arena Blanca*.

**Golden-headed Manakin** *Ceratopipra erythrocephala*— Some of the group saw this stunning bird when we hiked up the

hill beyond the feeding station at the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve*.

**COTINGAS: Cotingidae (1)**

**Green-and-black Fruiteater** *Pipreola riefferii*— Only Eva and Kate were able to get a look at this beautiful bird when the rest of the group was hiking down to look for the owlet at *Abra Patricia*.

**TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae (43)**

**Many-colored Rush Tyrant** *Tachuris rubrigastra*— We saw a few of these brightly colored but furtive birds during our morning at the *Villa Marshes* south of Lima. (Lima Extension)

**Streak-necked Flycatcher** *Mionectes striaticollis*— One at *Huembo* and another at *Abra Patricia*.

**Olive-striped Flycatcher** *Mionectes olivaceus*— Seen by some in the group at our breakfast spot on the way to the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve*.

**Ochre-bellied Flycatcher** *Mionectes oleagineus*— We saw two as we walked up the road to the visitor center at *Morro de Calzada*.

**(E) Inca Flycatcher** *Leptopogon taczanowskii*— The group that hiked down to see the owlet saw one down the valley at *Abra Patricia*.

**Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet** *Phylloscartes ventralis*— One after breakfast at *Waqanki*.

**Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant** *Pseudotriccus ruficeps*— We saw one at *Bosque Yanahuanca* and then again two days at *Abra Patricia*.

**Black-throated Tody-Tyrant** *Hemitriccus granadensis*— Seen and heard at *Abra Patricia*.

**(E) Johnson's Tody-Flycatcher** *Poecilotriccus luluae*— The group that did the hike to see the owlet at *Abra Patricia* found a very accommodating bird about half-way down to the valley floor.

**Common Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum cinereum*— We saw two during our first afternoon at *Waqanki* and then two more at *Laguna Ricuricocha*.

**Olivaceous Flatbill** *Rhynchocyclus olivaceus*— One after breakfast at *Waqanki*.

**Cinnamon Flycatcher** *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus*— We saw and heard one or two at *Abra Patricia*.

**Cliff Flycatcher** *Hirundinea ferruginea*— We got great looks at this unusual flycatcher feeding on a rock wall after our breakfast on the way to the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve*.

**Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet** *Camptostoma obsoletum* — First seen at the lovely *Parque El Olivar* in Lima, and then again at *Hacienda Achamaqui*, *Huembo* and *Laguna Pomacochas*.

**White-tailed Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus poecilocercus*— We saw two during our morning drive up the *Atuen Road*.

**White-banded Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus stictopterus*— One shortly after we saw the White-tailed Tyrannulet on the *Atuen Road*.

**Rufous-winged Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus calopterus*— One at the museum in *Leymebamba* before we checked-out of our hotel and headed north.

**(NE) Maranon Tyrannulet** *Nesotriccus maranonica*— Another near-endemic to Peru that barely extends into adjacent southern Ecuador, we saw one at *Abra Porculla* and another at *Bosque Yanahuanca*.

**Forest Elaenia** *Myiopagis gaimardii*— One at *Morro de Calzada*.

**Highland Elaenia** *Elaenia obscura*— One early in the morning at *Huembo*.

**White-crested Elaenia** *Elaenia albiceps*— Andrea and Michael got good looks at one on the *Atuen Road*, others had fleeting looks.

**Sierran Elaenia** *Elaenia pallatangae*— We first saw this montane flycatcher at *Huembo* and then again at *Abra Patricia*.

**Torrent Tyrannulet** *Serpophaga cinerea*— Somewhat reminiscent of a dipper, we saw three of these small flycatchers along the river edge high up the *Atuen Road*.

**Black-capped Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias nigrocapillus*— One in the morning at *Huembo*.

**(NE) Peruvian Tyrannulet** *Zimmerius viridiflavus*— This is another near-endemic, occurring only in the Andes from southwest Ecuador to central Peru. We saw one during our lunch stop at *Abra Patricia*, and then again four days later when we stayed there.

**Flavescent Flycatcher** *Myiophobus flavicans*— Another bird seen by the group that did the owlet hike at *Abra Patricia*.

**Mouse-gray Flycatcher** *Myiophobus crypterythrus*— We saw one of these small, brown-backed flycatchers during our



morning at *Hacienda Achamaqui*.

**Olive Flycatcher** *Mitrephanes olivaceus*— Only seen at *Abra Patricia* during the hike down to the Owlet spot.

**Smoke-colored Pewee** *Contopus fumigatus*— Two on the *Atuen Road* and again at *Huembo* and *Laguna Pomacochas*.

**Black Phoebe** *Sayornis nigricans*— Just one, in the parking area at *Laguna Pomacochas*.

**Vermilion Flycatcher** *Pyrocephalus rubinus*— We saw several around Lima including the sooty morph that shows no vermillion. We saw others at the Parrotlet spot near *Caserio Las Juntas*, *Bosque Yanahuanca*, and *Laguna Pomacochas*.

**Rufous-naped Ground-Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola rufivertex*— We saw one of these white underneath and gray above flycatchers during our not-very-birdy visit to the *Kuelap* ruins.

**Maroon-belted Chat-Tyrant** *Ochthoeca thoracica*— Saw this striking flycatcher at *Kuelap*.

**Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant** *Ochthoeca fumicolor*— We saw one in the morning during our drive up the *Atuen Road*.

**Dusky-capped Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tuberculifer*— We saw this wide-ranging bird (look for them in Southeast Arizona!) at *Hacienda Achamaqui*.

**Short-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus ferox*— We saw this lowland myiarchus flycatcher twice, first at *Waqanki* and again at the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve*.

**Pale-edged Flycatcher** *Myiarchus cephalotes* — This myiarchus flycatcher prefers higher elevations above 3,000 feet. We saw them at *Huembo* and *Abra Patricia*.

**Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus*—We began seeing and hearing this raucous flycatcher on the east side of the mountains including *Waqanki*, *Morro de Calzada*, *Santa Elena* and *Laguna Ricuricocha*.

**Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua*— A flycatcher that prefers tropical and subtropical forests and semi-open areas with taller trees. We saw four at *Waqanki*.

**Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis*— Looking like a mini-Boat-billed Flycatcher with a small bill, we saw them at *Bosque Yanahuanca*, *Waqanki*, *Morro de Calzada* and *Laguna Pomacochas*.

**Gray-capped Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes granadensis*— We saw this medium-sized flycatcher with a bright yellow belly after lunch at *Waqanki*.

**Streaked Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes maculatus*—We watched a pair of these flycatchers near the dining room after breakfast at *Waqanki*.

**Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus*—Widespread, first seen in and around Lima and later at multiple locations in the north.

### **VIREOS: Vireonidae (3)**

**Rufous-browed Peppershrike** *Cyclarhis gujanensis*— One of the largest species of vireo, we saw one at *Huembo*.

**Brown-capped Vireo** *Vireo leucophrys*—One early in the morning at *Huembo*.

**Chivi Vireo** *Vireo chivi*— First during our morning at *Hacienda Achamaqui* and then again at *Waqanki* and *Morro de Calzada*.

### **CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae (2)**

**White-collared Jay** *Cyanolyca viridicyanus*— HO. This was a frustrating bird. We heard them a few times on the *Atuen Road* and at *Abra Patricia* but never got a look.

**Green Jay** *Cyanocorax yncas*— We saw two or three at *Huembo*.

### **SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (3)**

**Blue-and-white Swallow** *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*— Common in marshy areas south of Lima and at *Parque Olivar* in Lima, we also saw them at the town square in *Leymebamba*, *Hacienda Achamaqui* and *Laguna Pomacochas*.

**Brown-bellied Swallow** *Orochelidon murina*— About 10 on the *Atuen Road*.

**Southern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*— We saw a handful of these drab, pale-rumped swallows at *Waqanki*, and ones and twos at *Morro de Calzada*, near *Santa Elena*, and at our breakfast stop on the way to the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve*.

### **GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae (1)**

**Tropical Gnatcatcher** *Polioptila plumbea*— Two at *Bosque Yanahuanca* and six at *Hacienda Achamaqui*. We were likely seeing members of the *bilineata* group (sometimes called the *Marañón gnatcatcher*), which have a white forecrown.

#### **WRENS: Troglodytidae (10)**

**Scaly-breasted Wren** *Microcerculus marginatus*— Heard clearly and brief glimpses during our hike up above the feeding station at the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve* to see the Manakins.

**House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon*— Widespread, seen at Parque Oliver in Lima and other spots south as well as at the café in *Leymebamba*, *Hacienda Achamaqui*, *Waqanki*, *Abra Patricia*, and others.

**Mountain Wren** *Troglodytes solstitialis*— First seen high up on the *Atuen Road* and again at *Laguna Pomacochas* and *Abra Patricia*.

**Fasciated Wren** *Campylorhynchus fasciatus*— Two at *Abra Porculla* and three at *Bosque Yanahuanca*.

**Thrush-like Wren** *Campylorhynchus turdinus*— We saw one of these very large brownish wrens during a roadside stop before arriving at *Santa Elena*.

**Speckle-breasted Wren** *Pheugopedius sclateri*— Most of us ended up getting good looks at this furtive wren when we saw it close to the second Peruvian Pygmy-owl during our walk up the entrance road to *Hacienda Achamaqui*.

**Buff-breasted Wren** *Cantorchilus leucotis*— Another fairly nondescript wren, we saw one during a roadside stop near *Santa Elena*.

**Bar-winged Wood-Wren** *Henicorhina leucoptera*— HO at *Fundo Alto Nieva*.

**Gray-breasted Wood-Wren** *Henicorhina leucophrys*— This one was a challenge. We heard this wren three different days including on our lunch visit to *Abra Patricia*, at *Huembo* and our first afternoon back at *Abra Patricia* before finally catching glimpses on our last two mornings at *Abra Patricia*.

**Chestnut-breasted Wren** *Cyphorhinus thoracicus*— HO by the owlet hiking group at *Abra Patricia*.

#### **DIPPERS: Cinclidae (1)**

**White-capped Dipper** *Cinclus leucocephalus*— Matt spotted two in the river as we drove up the *Atuen Road*. Then we saw another 10 at our high point stop further up the valley.

#### **MOCKINGBIRDS: Mimidae (1)**

**Long-tailed Mockingbird** *Mimus longicaudatus*— We saw this fairly large brown-and-white mockingbird, found in desert and dry forests in western Ecuador and Peru, at a few spots south of Lima. (Lima Extension Only)

#### **THRUSHES: Turdidae (4)**

**Varzea Thrush** *Turdus sanchezorum*— We saw this dull brown thrush without many field marks at *Waqanki*. It is very similar to Hauxwell's Thrush, which can also be seen at *Waqanki*, but has a yellow green bill and eyering vs. dark bill and eyering for Hauxwell's.

**Black-billed Thrush** *Turdus ignobilis*— We saw and heard this thrush, the most common *Turdus* thrush of disturbed habitats in western Amazonia and inter-Andean valleys of the northern Andes, both days at *Waqanki* and on the road to *Santa Elena*.



**(NE) Marañón Thrush** *Turdus maranonicus*— We saw this range-restricted thrush, usually found in the Marañon Valley of Peru and adjacent Ecuador, in the morning at *Hacienda Achamaqui*.

**Great Thrush** *Turdus fuscater*— This well-named thrush, the largest *Turdus*, was common on the *Atuen Road* and we saw individuals at *Abra Patricia*.

#### **OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae (1)**

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*— Only recorded at *Pucusana*, south of Lima. (Lima Extension Only)



### **FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae (9)**

**Golden-rumped Euphonia** *Euphonia cyanocephala*— We saw one during our first stop at the café at Leymebamba.

**Blue-naped Chlorophonia** *Chlorophonia cyanea*— We saw this spectacular bright green above, yellow below bird in “the tree” at *Arena Blanca*, that was filled with tanagers, and again at *Abra Patricia* a few days later.

**Purple-throated Euphonia** *Euphonia chlorotica*— Seen first at Bosque Yanahuanca, then at Hacienda Achamaqui, Waqanki, Laguna Ricuricocha, and heard at our breakfast stop on the way to the Koepcke’s Hermit Reserve.

**Golden-bellied Euphonia** *Euphonia chrysopasta*— This golden-yellow euphonia with a gray nape was hopping on the logs by the blind at *Arena Blanca*, joined by Orange-bellied and Bronze-green Euphonias, Buff-throated Saltators, Blue-gray and Palm Tanagers and a pair of Yellow-tufted Woodpeckers.

**Thick-billed Euphonia** *Euphonia laniirostris*— At least five at the fruit feeders near the dining area at *Waqanki*.

**Orange-bellied Euphonia** *Euphonia xanthogaster*— This was one of the many species on the logs by the blind at *Arena Blanca*. We also saw them at *Waqanki*, *Abra Patricia* and at our breakfast stop on the way to the *Koepcke’s Hermit Reserve*.

**Bronze-green Euphonia** *Euphonia mesochrysa*— Another of the euphonias at *Arena Blanca*.

**Hooded Siskin** *Spinus magellanicus*— First seen at *Hacienda Achamaqui*, flitting around in small groups, and again at *Huembo* a few days later.

**Olivaceous Siskin** *Spinus olivaceus*— At least one at *Abra Patricia* in the trees outside of the laundry building.



### **NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae (7)**

**Common Chlorospingus** *Chlorospingus flavopectus*— Previously called the Common Bush-Tanager, we saw at least one in mixed flocks behind the laundry building at *Abra Patricia*.

**Yellow-browed Sparrow** *Ammodramus aurifrons*— Two our first morning at *Waqanki*.

**Orange-billed Sparrow** *Arremon aurantiirostris*— One the afternoon we arrived at *Waqanki*, and two at *Arena Blanca*.

**Chestnut-capped Brushfinch** *Arremon brunneinucha*— We saw two of these stocky, white-throated birds with black cheeks twice at *Abra Patricia*.

**Rufous-collared Sparrow** *Zonotrichia capensis*— Widespread, seen at *Parque Olivar* in Lima, *Abra Porculla*, *Leymebamba*, *Waqanki*, *Huembo* and other locations in the north.

**Yellow-breasted Brushfinch** *Atlapetes latinuchus*— First seen on the *Atuen Road*, as well as at *Laguna Pomacochas*, *Abra Patricia* and *Fundo Alto Nieva*.

**White-winged Brushfinch** *Atlapetes leucopterus*— One at *Abra Porculla*.

### **NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES: Icteridae (10)**

**Peruvian Meadowlark** *Leistes bellicosus*— A group favorite, we first saw one of these beautiful, red-breasted meadowlarks at *Rio Lurin*, south of Lima, but got much better looks when Matt pointed one out at *Hacienda Achamaqui* and again at *Laguna Pomacochas*.

**Russet-backed Oropendola** *Psarocolius angustifrons*— Seen only at *Waqanki* and again at the *Koepcke’s Hermit Reserve*.

**Scarlet-rumped Cacique** *Cacicus uropygialis*— HO at *Fundo Alto Nieva*.

**Yellow-rumped Cacique** *Cacicus cela*— These lowland forest blackbirds were common at *Waqanki*, nearby *Morro de Calzada* and around *Santa Elena*.

**Orange-backed Troupial** *Icterus croconotus*— We saw three of these big orange-black orioles at *Santa Elena* and nearby.

**Shiny Cowbird** *Molothrus bonariensis*— We saw several at *Parque Olivar* in Lima, and then three at the parrotlet spot near *Caserio Las Juntas*.

**Scrub Blackbird** *Dives waczewiczii*—A conspicuous blackbird of open country on the west side of the Andes, we saw several in Lima, *Rio Lurin* and the *Villa Marshes* south of Lima. (Lima Extension Only)

**Oriole Blackbird** *Gymnomystax mexicanus*— We saw one on the edge of the parking lot at *Laguna Pomacochas* minutes before seeing the Plumbeous Rail.

**Yellow-hooded Blackbird** *Chrysomus icterocephalus*— We saw two near the beachfront marsh at the *Villa Marshes* south of Lima. (Lima Extension Only)



#### **NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae (7)**

**Black-lored Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis auricularis*— Another of the several species we only saw at Hacienda Achamaqui.

**Tropical Parula** *Setophaga pitiayumi*— Two at Huembo and one at Laguna Pomacochas.

**Three-banded Warbler** *Basileuterus trifasciatus*— This is another species that we likely picked up because of our drive from Chiclayo to Jaen. We saw four or five as we returned to the village from the ridge, annoying the local who honked at us as we stared into the bushes next to the road.

**Citrine Warbler** *Myiothlypis luteoviridis*— At least five in a few locations along the *Atuen Road*.

**Russet-crowned Warbler** *Myiothlypis coronata*— First seen on the *Atuen Road* and heard or seen again at *Huembo* and *Abra Patricia*.

**Slate-throated Redstart** *Myioborus miniatus*— There were four or five of these active warblers feeding at close range at the wooded feeding station north of the lodge at *Huembo*, and another at *Abra Patricia* the next day.

**Spectacled Redstart** *Myioborus melanocephalus*— We saw two along the *Atuen Road* and then individuals at *Huembo*, *Laguna Pomacochas* and *Abra Patricia*.

#### **CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae (1)**

**Hepatic Tanager** *Piranga flava*— Two at Hacienda Achamaqui and two more at Huembo.

#### **TANAGERS AND ALLIES: Thraupidae (55)**

**Red-capped Cardinal** *Paroaria gularis*— We saw one of these confusingly-named tanagers at Laguna Ricuricocha.

**Black-faced Tanager** *Schistochlamys melanopis*— Only Matt was fortunate to see this saltator-like tanager in the morning at *Waqanki*.

**Magpie Tanager** *Cissopis leverianus*— We saw at least three during our incredible morning at *Arena Blanca*. These huge tanagers with very long tails are reminiscent of their namesake magpies.

**White-capped Tanager** *Sericossypha albocristata*— We saw two of these large, unmistakable tanagers at *Fundo Alto Nieva* after we left the hummingbird feeders.

**Buff-bellied Tanager** *Thlypopsis inornata*— Another species that we only saw at *Hacienda Achamaqui*, we saw two during our morning walk.

**Yellow-crested Tanager** *Tachyphonus rufiventer*— One in the morning at *Waqanki*.

**White-shouldered Tanager** *Tachyphonus luctuosus*— One in the morning at *Waqanki*.

**White-lined Tanager** *Tachyphonus rufus*— We saw three at *Waqanki*, and Matt saw another in the tanager-fest at *Arena Blanca*.



**(E) Black-bellied Tanager** *Ramphocelus melanogaster*—Found only in northern Peru, where it replaces or coexists with the very similar Silver-beaked Tanager in several river valleys in the foothills of the eastern Andes. The male is distinguished from Silver-beaked by his bright red sides and rump.

**Silver-beaked Tanager** *Ramphocelus carbo*— Common at *Waqanki* where we practiced separating it from the similar Black-bellied. We saw one at *Arena Blanca* and several at our breakfast stop on the way to the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve*.

**Blue-capped Tanager** *Thraupis cyanocephala*— We saw one at *Huembo* and three over two days at *Abra Patricia*.

**Grass-green Tanager** *Chlorornis riefferii*— Three over two days at *Abra Patricia*.

**Yellow-throated Tanager** *Iridosornis analis*— One at *Fundo Alto Nieva*.

**(E) Yellow-scarfed Tanager** *Iridosornis reinhardti*— A beautiful tanager found only in Peru, where it inhabits high-elevation cloud forest in the eastern Andes, we saw one on two different days at *Abra Patricia*.

**Orange-eared Tanager** *Chlorochrysa calliparaea*— Some in the group saw one during our breakfast stop on the way to the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve*.

**Blue-gray Tanager** *Thraupis episcopus*— The most common tanager by far, we first saw them at *Parque Olivar* in Lima and most other days on the trip including more than 20 during one morning at *Waqanki*.

**Palm Tanager** *Thraupis palmarum*— Plainer than many other tanagers, we saw at least a dozen at *Waqanki*, and smaller numbers at *Morro de Calzada*, *Arena Blanca*, near *Santa Elena*, *Laguna Ricuricocha* and at the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve*.

**Yellow-bellied Tanager** *Ixothraupis xanthogastra*— One in the mixed flocks at *Arena Blanca*.

**Spotted Tanager** *Ixothraupis punctata*— At least one in the mixed flocks at *Arena Blanca*.

**Golden-naped Tanager** *Tangara ruficervix*— One in the morning in one of the mixed flocks at *Abra Patricia*.

**Silvery Tanager** *Tangara viridicollis*— Somewhat oddly named, with black underneath and orange throat patch and light blue upperparts and flanks, we saw two at the café in *Leymebamba*, and a few more at *Huembo*, *Abra Patricia* and *Fundo Alto Nieva*.

**Masked Tanager** *Tangara nigrocincta*— One in the mixed flock at *Arena Blanca*.

**Blue-necked Tanager** *Tangara cyanicollis*— We saw one in the morning at *Waqanki* and at least four in the mixed flocks at *Arena Blanca*.

**Blue-and-black Tanager** *Tangara vassorii*— One on the *Atuen Road* and two at *Abra Patricia*.

**Beryl-spangled Tanager** *Tangara nigroviridis*— Another unmistakable tanager with spotted, bright blue-green and contrasting black mask and back, we saw three individuals on the *Atuen Road* and two more on different days at *Abra Patricia*.

**Turquoise Tanager** *Tangara mexicana*— Four in the morning at *Waqanki*. Unlike most others, this tanager tends to be in pairs or single-species groups.

**Paradise Tanager** *Tangara chilensis*— We saw two of these stunningly colorful tanagers at *Waqanki* and another in the fantastic tanager trees at *Arena Blanca*.

**Opal-rumped Tanager** *Tangara velia*— One near *Santa Elena*.

**Bay-headed Tanager** *Tangara gyrola*— Our last tanager species of the trip, we saw one at the breakfast stop on the way to the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve*.

**Saffron-crowned Tanager** *Tangara xanthocephala*— Two on two different days at *Abra Patricia*.

**Flame-faced Tanager** *Tangara parzudakii*— Unmistakable with bright red-orange face, we saw two in the mixed flocks behind the laundry building at *Abra Patricia*.

**Green-and-gold Tanager** *Tangara schrankii*— Another spectacular tanager, bright green with yellow highlights, we saw one in the mixed flocks at *Arena Blanca*, and two at the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve*.

**Golden Tanager** *Tangara arthus*— We saw three of these small, bright yellow tanagers at *Alto Mayo*.

**Swallow Tanager** *Tersina viridis*— We saw two of these bright cerulean tanagers at *Morro de Calzada* and then four during our breakfast stop on the way to the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve*. Unlike most tanagers that move around while feeding, Swallow Tanagers tend to perch upright on exposed branches and sally for insects like flycatchers.

**Black-faced Dacnis** *Dacnis lineata*— First seen at *Waqanki* and again at *Morro de Calzada* later the same day, and then three more in the warbler flock at *Arena Blanca*.

**Blue Dacnis** *Dacnis cayana*— We saw at least one and probably more in the warbler flocks at *Arena Blanca*, and another

at our breakfast stop on the way to the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve*.

**Purple Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes caeruleus*— Two during our late afternoon stop at Morro de Calzada.

**Capped Conebill** *Conirostrum albifrons*— One on the *Atuen Road* and another at *Abra Patricia*.

**Cinereous Conebill** *Conirostrum cinereum*— Two at Rio Lurin south of Lima. (Lima Extension Only)

**Moustached Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa mystacalis*— HO on the *Atuen Road*.

**White-sided Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa albilatera*— Slaty-gray and smaller than Bluish and Masked, we saw one at *Abra Patricia*.

**Bluish Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa caerulescens*— Similar to Masked Flowerpiercer, but duller with a smaller black mask, we saw thee two different days at *Abra Patricia*.

**Masked Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa cyanea*— We saw two of these dark blue, black-masked flowerpiercers along the *Atuen Road* and another at *Abra Patricia*.

**Ash-breasted Sierra Finch** *Geospizopsis plebejus*— We saw one of these drab finches at *Abra Porculla*.

**Saffron Finch** *Sicalis flaveola*— We saw this beautiful and widespread bird several times in and south of Lima, and again at *Bosque Yanahuanca* and *Laguna Ricuricocha*.

**Grassland Yellow-Finch** *Sicalis luteola*—We saw three at *Laguna Pomacochas* during our visit when we saw the Plumbeous Rails and Puna Snipe.

**Blue-black Grassquit** *Volatinia jacarina*—First seen at *Rio Lurin* south of Lima, and again at *Parque Olivar* in Lima, *Abra Porculla* and *Hacienda Achamaqui*.

**Drab Seedeater** *Sporophila simplex*— We saw one of these well-named seedeaters at *Bosque Yanahuanca* in its preferred arid scrub and adjacent farmland habitat.

**Chestnut-bellied Seedeater** *Sporophila castaneiventris*— At least four near the pond at *Waqanki*.

**Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch** *Sporophila angolensis*— Two came into the small tree near our picnic table during our breakfast on the way to the *Koepcke's Hermit Reserve*.

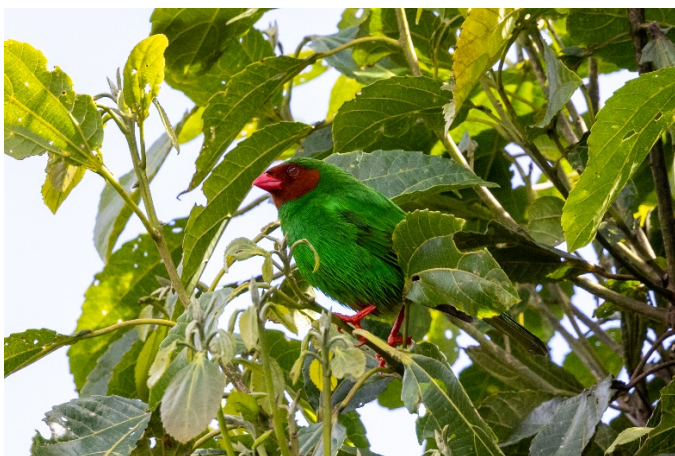
**Red-crested Finch** *Coryphospingus cucullatus*— We saw two of these dark red crested, finchlike birds at *Bosque Yanahuanca*.

**Bananaquit** *Coereba flaveola*— We saw our first Bananaquit at *Rio Lurin*, south of Lima, and again at *Bosque Yanahuanca* and *Arena Blanca*.

**Dull-colored Grassquit** *Tiaris obscurus*— We saw two of these aptly-named birds at *Hacienda Achamaqui*.

**Buff-throated Saltator** *Saltator maximus*— First seen at *Waqanki* but we got our best looks at *Arena Blanca* when one perched up on the log with the euphonias.

**Streaked Saltator** *Saltator striatipectus*— We saw a few of these drab, olive-green birds at *Bosque Yanahuanca* and several at *Hacienda Achamaqui*.







**MAMMALS**

**Guayaquil (Peruvian Gray) Squirrel** *Sciurus stramineus* – Parque Olivar in Lima (Lima Extension Only)

**(E) Rio Mayo Titi Monkey** *Plecturocebus Oenanthe* – We saw two of these critically endangered monkeys just inside the entrance at Morro de Calzada.

**Southern Sea Lion** *Otaria flavescens* – Dozens on the rocks on the ocean side of Isla Pucusana. (Lima Extension Only)

**Photos**

Group Photo - Horacio Ojeda (HO); Torrent Duck – Mason Flint (MF); Yellow-billed Teal (MF); West Peruvian Dove (MF); Green Hermit (MF); Koepcke’s Hermit (MF); Sparkling Violetear (MF); Rufous-crested Coquette (MF); Marvelous Spatuletail (MF); Bronzy Inca (MF); Rainbow Starfrontlet (MF); Chestnut-breasted Coronet (MF); Peruvian Racket-tail (MF); Gould’s Jewelfront (MF); Fork-tailed Woodnymph (MF); Humboldt Penguin (MF); Inca Tern (MF); Humboldt Penguin (MF); Blue-footed Booby (MF); Red-legged Cormorant (MF); Peruvian Pygmy-Owl (MF); Stygian Owl (MF); Blue-crowned Trogon (MF); Black-fronted Nunbird (MF); Yellow-tufted Woodpecker (MF); Red-necked Woodpecker (MF); Blue-headed Parrot (MF); Pacific Parrotlet (MF); Surf Cinclodes (MF); Many-colored Rush Tyrant (MF); Varzea Thrush (MF); Golden-bellied Euphonia (MF); Orange-bellied Euphonia (MF); Peruvian Meadowlark (MF); Grass-green Tanager (MF); Yellow-bellied Tanager (MF); Silvery Tanager (MF); Blue-necked Tanager (MF); Blue Dacnis.