

Colombia - Multicoloured Tanager Tour

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Multicoloured Tanager



Red-headed Barbet



Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager



Green Thorntail

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Summary

This report attempts to give some sense of the multi-sensory overload provided from dawn until dusk most days as we toured the Cauca Valley and the Western and Central Andes.

Day 1

Wednesday 30th January

Heathrow

The majority of our party departed from Heathrow on the overnight Avianca flight for Bogota.

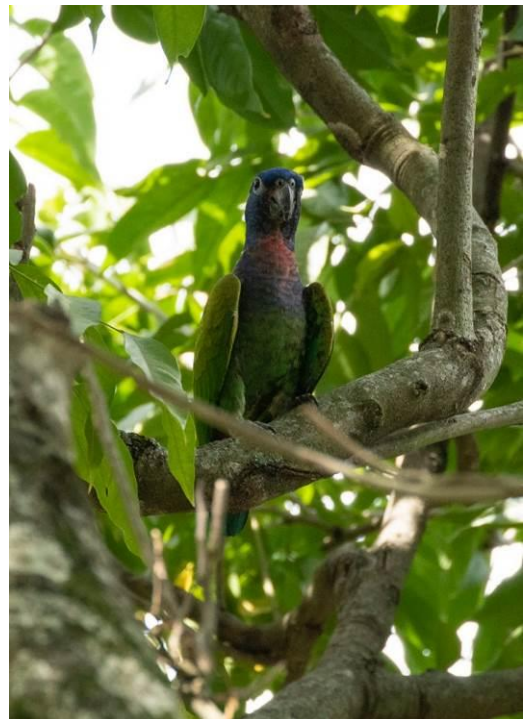
Day 2

Thursday 31st January

Cali and Finca Lolita

We arrived into Bogota on time and the six of us off the Heathrow flight met up with Nigel who had travelled from Australia via a stopover in Chile. Unfortunately our connection to Cali was delayed at Bogota by early morning fog and we were kept waiting on the tarmac waiting for the sun to burn it off. We eventually arrived at Cali over an hour late, all slightly frustrated as we knew the birds awaited us and there is nothing quite like the first few hours in a new country where so much is new and exciting.

We drove through heavy traffic to a city centre hotel to pick up Graham who had been working in Cali for the previous week, so was well acclimatised compared to the rest of us. Our minibus proved to be very comfortable with the added bonus of wi-fi, which came in handy a few times during the longer transfers. We were soon at our first birding location, Club Campestre de Cali, where we got our first glimpse of brilliant colour with Vermillion Flycatcher as we waited to sign in at the gate, along with Spotted Sandpiper and an Agouti. After our breakfast surrounded by Saffron Finches and Southern Lapwing we headed out for a walk and it was obvious this is a place full of birds in amongst the golf course and polo fields. We also got the first glimpse of the humour and camaraderie that would hold throughout the trip. John shouted out as a bird shot overhead “large parrot with blue head and green body just gone over” to which someone dryly responded, “so that will be a Blue-headed Parrot then!”.



Blue-headed Parrot - Nathaniel Dargue



Lineated Woodpecker - Nathaniel Dargue

We hadn't even got across the car park before a Lineated Woodpecker called from a tree and gave us great views. To add to the early excitement, Fabio found a roosting Common Potoo in the same tree. The next two hours were punctuated by new species every few yards, as we slowly headed for an area of dry forest. Birds included Rusty Margined Flycatcher, Yellow-headed Caracara, Yellow-olive Flatbill and the only Guira and Swallow Tanagers of the trip. As we approached the forest area a raptor flew in and perched in the open – it turned out to be an Aplomado Falcon, a very unexpected treat. Suddenly birds were everywhere with Grey-necked Wood Rail wandering round in the open quickly followed by our first endemic, Colombian Chachalaca. In the forest we found Red-crowned woodpecker, Slaty-headed Tody Flycatcher and a female Golden-collared Manakin. As we headed back for lunch, we had fabulous views of another endemic, Apical Flycatcher, which turned out to be Nigel's 5,000th species so it was handshakes all round.

Lunch was followed by a quick final check of the lake area which yielded Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Great and Snowy Egrets, Bare-faced Ibis, Tri-coloured and Little Blue Herons and a Cattle Tyrant before it was time to head off to our first overnight stay. We were quickly climbing into the Western Andes, initially through heavily deforested areas before reaching the greener areas as we neared 2,000 metres ABSL and arrived at the beautiful Finca Lolita, set in lovely grounds with its own hummer and fruit feeders – and the best thing is we had it entirely to ourselves!

A walk in the local area failed to deliver much as it was quite windy but the garden feeders and area around the house was much more fruitful. Hummers included pretty common species but our first of the trip such as White-necked Jacobin, Steely-vented Hummingbird, Rufous-tailed Hummingbird, Western and Andean Emeralds and Black Throated Mango. The fruit feeders brought in Green Honeycreeper, Blue-grey, Palm, Flame-rumped, Scrub and Black-capped Tanagers and Acorn Woodpeckers. The final treat of the day was a singing Whiskered Wren right by the house before dinner and a celebratory bottle of wine for Nigel on the veranda of the Finca. Not bad for our first day!



Apical Flycatcher - Nathaniel Dargue

Day 3

Friday 1st February

Anchicaya Forest – The Buenaventura Old Road

A pre-dawn coffee saw us on the road early as we headed down the pacific slope of the Western Andes on the old road to Buenaventura, into an area known as Anchicaya Forest. After picking up our compulsory local guide we drove further down the road before we got off the mini bus to start walking down the road just as dawn



Lyre-tailed Nightjar - Nathaniel Dargue

broke onto a misty scene and the true beauty of the area became apparent to us. After a quiet start we quickly logged up a ridiculous number of pre-breakfast species including Orange-bellied Euphonias, Slate-throated Redstart, Dusky-faced Tanager, Golden-hooded Tanager, Ornate Flycatcher, Buff-rumped Warbler, Masked Trogon, Scale-crested Pygmy Tyrant and the stunning Toucan Barbet. We were also treated to a roosting Lyre-tailed Nightjar right by the side of the road.

Our breakfast stop was at the renowned El Descanso restaurant, otherwise known as Dona Dora's. The owner has created a fabulous environment for birds with a mixture of hummer and fruit feeders that are constantly busy. It is also perched on the side of a hill giving great views into tree tops which gives a great opportunity to spot canopy feeding birds, all whilst eating your breakfast. It seems almost churlish to pick out highlights, but having dipped on them elsewhere Red-headed Barbet was a longed for species for your author, and here they were just a few feet away! Tanagers were in abundance with Blue-winged Mountain, Rufous-throated, Silver-throated and Golden Tanagers especially numerous and other



Tri-coloured Brush Finch - Nathaniel Dargue

visitors such as Tri-coloured Brushfinch. Hummers were seemingly everywhere including Rufous-gaped Hillstar, Empress Brilliant, White-whiskered Hermits and Violet-tailed Sylphs. The aforementioned view down the hill yielded more canopy top views of Toucan Barbets and our only sighting of Golden-collared Honeycreeper.

Fabio had to literally drag us away from the restaurant with the promise of much more to come and it didn't take



Stripe-billed Aracari - Nathaniel Dargue

long. On the road outside we found three Crimson-rumped Toucanets and a female Andean Cock-of-the-Rock before continuing our drive down the mountain. As the altitude dropped the species cast would change throughout the day, with the biggest problem keeping up as they were found. Highlights included Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo (a lifer for Fabio), Stripe-billed Aracari, Long-tailed Tyrant, Bright-rumped Attila, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Squirrel Cuckoo, Spot-crowned Barbet and the near

endemic Choco Toucan. We also were treated to an explosion of tanagers with Green-and-Gold, Rufous-winged, Bay-headed and Blue-necked all vying for our attention. To add icing to the morning tanager cake we got superb views of the endemic Crested Ant Tanager alongside Dusky-faced Tanager, followed by treetop views of Blue Dacnis. A particular treat for Nathaniel was watching a male Club-winged Manakin doing its famed mating ritual just a few feet in front of us.

Lunch was taken in a roadside garage, with hot rice, chicken and beans produced from somewhere, delicious and quirky in one go, before we headed even further down the road. The new species continued to appear with a real highlight being Plumbeous Hawk in amongst a truly epic number of Swallow-tailed Kites majestically flying over the valley. Our tanager list continued to grow with great views of both Tawny-crested and Scarlet-browed Tanager. A stop to



Scarlet-browed Tanager - Nathaniel Dargue

look for Masked Tityra also delivered great views of Black-cheeked Woodpecker before our guides picked up a calling Pacific Antwren, which turned out to be a pair that eventually granted fantastic views of this stunning bird.

Eventually it was time to turn back up the road towards home, but not before another stop at Dona Dora's for a beer and more time at the feeders. This time we had great views of Black-chinned Mountain-Tanagers alongside the previous cast but as the light was now much better the photographers were able to get better shots than during the morning. A last couple of stops delivered Bare-throated Tiger Heron and Green Kingfisher before we finally called it a day and headed back to Finca Lolita. Our first full day delivered an impressive 126 species and a very happy group sat down to dinner together with many stories to tell.

Day 4

Saturday 2nd February

KM18 and Laguna de Sonso

Most of us were up at dawn to see what turned up around Finca Lolita before breakfast. Early visitors to the feeders included Colombian Chachalaca and Andean Motmot alongside the commoner tanagers and hummers from day one. After breakfast our main target duly arrived with three Inca Jays coming to the feeders and then a real treat with an Orange-billed Nightingale Thrush singing loudly and giving tantalising views by the front steps to the lodge.



Golden-naped Tanager - Nathaniel Dargue

Sad to say goodbye to Finca Lolita we headed off to the nearby fabled KM18 birding area, a somewhat loosely defined location situated at well over 2,000 metres ABSL. We were soon out of the bus walking the old track and instantly picking up new ticks for the trip with the highlight being Chestnut-breasted Wren before arriving at Finca Alejandria. I can honestly say I have never been anywhere quite like it for the sheer volume of hummer and fruit feeders. In places there were so many hummingbirds the noise was like being in the middle of a swarm of bees!

It was difficult at first to know where to focus your attention. The fruit feeders brought in an astonishing number of tanagers, including ones seen before but also Saffron-crowned, Golden-naped and to everyone's delight the tour headline bird, Multicoloured Tanager – a range restricted endemic. We were clearly here on a good day because we had numerous views of more than one stunning male throughout our visit. Other visitors included Red-headed Barbet, Streaked Saltator and a solitary Swainson's Thrush. Away from the feeders we had



Green Hermit - Nathaniel Dargue

really close up views of a male Barred Becard and a Golden-crowned Flycatcher perched nearby.

The hummer feeders brought in a number of new species including the dainty Booted Racket-tail, Green Hermit, Long-tailed Sylph and the stunning Blue-headed Sapphire (a real local speciality). But it was just the sheer volume of birds coming through that was the real delight and it really is difficult to do justice to the sheer brilliance of this spot.

Before lunch we set off for a walk to explore the nearby forest on foot. The sun was now out and with the altitude it felt like a pleasant spring day back at home. The birding was a challenge but we picked up a new tanager, Metallic-green and found Tawny-bellied Hermit before sighting our first furnariid of the trip, a Streak-capped Treehunter (it had plenty to find!). Further on we seemed to have more success in setting off the local dogs for a while, before we suddenly hit a purple patch with some great new

ticks. We found a couple of Russet-crowned Warblers deep in the understorey along with a Slaty Antwren, before Nathaniel called us over to check another bird he had just photographed – which turned out to be a Spotted Barbtail. Unfortunately, no-one else saw it but we did all see the scarcer Rusty-winged Barbtail which was keeping it company instead! This was quickly followed by a Golden-headed Quetzal perched high in the canopy. However, it flew just as we managed to all get a fix on its location. A Crested Quetzal was calling nearby but sadly never revealed itself.



Blue-headed Sapphire - Nathaniel Dargue

Back at Finca Alejandria we enjoyed a fresh BBQ lunch cooked by our proprietor. This gave us a chance to explore the property all over again and just enjoy the sheer spectacle whilst eating a fabulous steak washed down with a cold beer.

Ferney and Fabio dragged us away and we reluctantly boarded the minibus and headed to our next location, a complete contrast, Laguna de Sonso. This is sited on an ox-bow lake alongside the Rio Cauca in the valley bottom. Suddenly it was hot and humid and it really felt like we were close to the equator. We got out of the minibus at the start of the entrance road and immediately had new birds around us. Lesser and Greater Yellowlegs were in a roadside pond and more distantly we could see Black-necked Stilts and many ibis, herons and egrets. The grasslands held Red-breasted Blackbird and on a nearby bush a Savanna Hawk gave everyone fantastic scope views.

As we walked towards the centre we passed through a small village with music blaring out, right in front of a roosting Common Potoo that seemed completely unfazed. This was the first of an incredible seven we found that afternoon! This was closely followed by three Common Nighthawks also quietly roosting nearby and then John found three gorgeous Oriole Blackbirds by a small stream. The huge riverside trees seemed full of life including a flock of Greater Ani's which we admired before re-boarding the minibus to drive down to the visitor centre. Back on foot once more we found a Limpkin on a nearby pool along with Cinnamon Teal and a solitary Green Heron. A flyover by an Osprey suddenly brought our attention towards the main lake. Here we added Purple Gallinule, Common Gallinule and Pied-billed Grebe as well as lots of Spectacled Parrotlets around the centre itself.



Common Potoo - Nathaniel Dargue

We walked down towards a viewing platform alongside the lake on the edge of the trees. On the water we got a stunning view of a male Snail Kite, whilst in the forest a Streaked Flycatcher gave great views. Once at the



Jet Antbird - Nathaniel Dargue

platform we were able to look out over the flat grasslands where huge flocks of Barn and Blue-and-white Swallows were hunting and perching. Elsewhere, a Yellow Oriole was building a nest, a stunning Fork-tailed flycatcher was perched on a distant bush and a Horned Screamer was feeding in the long grass. By now the sun was nearing the horizon but there was still time to pick up a Jet Antbird near the foot of the tower, as the insects started to take an unhealthy interest in us!

As we arrived back at the visitors centre John pointed out a young cow in up to its neck in the mud on the edge of the lake to our local guide. At which point he ran to fetch a rope which he managed to put around its neck before virtually the entire tour group managed to drag it back on to dry land! A slightly unexpected end to the day with sadly no photographs to record it.

By this point we had recorded an incredible 141 species in the day, the highest daily total of the trip, reflecting the variety of habitats visited, and the trip total was now over 200 after only three days birding.

We arrived at our hotel in Buga somewhat hot and sticky bedecked in khaki to be confronted with an incredibly glamorous wedding underway. To say we stood out like sore thumbs was the understatement of the year and trying to chat over dinner and do our daily list was almost impossible over the succession of live bands that belted out non-stop. Colombians sure know how to party!



Snail Kite - Nathaniel Dargue

Day 5

Sunday 3rd February

Buga to Montezuma

Breakfast the following morning by the hotel pool was at first light and unsurprisingly there was no sign of any revellers from last night. Dawn did reveal a couple of new species from our breakfast table however. A Buff-necked Ibis was roosting in one of the poolside palms and the flocks of parrots flying around contained Yellow-crowned Amazons in amongst the Blue-headed Parrots.

We were soon on the road heading towards Montezuma with very light traffic as it was Sunday morning, apart from lots of cyclists, an incredibly popular sport in Colombia. Our first stop was on a hillside approaching the town of Apia to search for swifts. Sadly we didn't find any but we did pick up Pale-breasted Spinetail, Golden-rumped Euphonia and Yellow-bellied Siskin. By now we were back in the foothills of the Western Andes and climbing again out of the Valle del Cauca and we stopped again to check out a roadside tree clinging to the hillside. Immediately we had sightings of the endemic Turquoise Dacnis quickly followed by Black-and-white Warbler, Bay-breasted Warbler and Cerulean Warbler all in the same tree as well as Green Honeycreepers, Summer Tanagers and Yellow Orioles. As we stood watching the tree a male Bar-crested Antshrike called and treated us to fantastic views for the next five minutes.



Bar-crested Antshrike - Nathaniel Dargue

Back on the road we were soon in Pueblo Rico where we transferred from our minibus into two Toyota 4x4s. Leaving Hector behind we arrived at Montezuma Lodge less than an hour later and were soon enjoying lunch in this superb

location. The hummingmer feeders by the restaurant area attracted two new species, Green-crowned Brilliant and Brown Inca, as well as old favourites from previous locations such as Black-throated Mango. A post-lunch exploration of the grounds delivered a stunning male Andean Cock-of-the-Rock in a fruiting tree near the lodge, Bronze-winged Parrot and a stunning group of Black-chested Jays on a nearby hillside.

With the weather beginning to look a little threatening we set off purposefully uphill to bird the lower slopes above the lodge. We hit the jackpot very quickly with an endemic Greyish Piculet showing really well only a couple of hundred metres above the lodge before we were into the cloud forest. Unfortunately, at this point it started to live up to its name as the rain started and became gradually heavier. We managed some birds such as Acadian Flycatcher, but the visibility gradually reduced making many of the views challenging and only our guides seemed able to distinguish features in the gloom. There was one real treat however - a magnificent juvenile Ornate Hawk Eagle perched right above the road. By now it was pouring down, so we decided to head back to the lodge to enjoy a coffee or a beer and to watch the feeders from the shelter of the lodge.

As we enjoyed dinner that evening we were treated to an invasion of moths of an incredible size and variety. Sadly, none of us had any great expertise in being able to name them all, but the sheer



Greyish Piculet - Nathaniel Dargue

beauty and variety would be a treat for any serious lepidopterist.

Day 6

Monday 4th February

Montezuma Road

A very early start saw us drinking tea and coffee at 0500, before we set off up the mountain road in our 4x4 trucks (which proved surprisingly comfortable given the journey ahead). The only bad news was that Marcus wasn't well and had to stay back at the lodge. The loading of shovels and picks into the vehicle gave a hint of the problems we may face getting up the road. After retracing our steps of yesterday, we started to climb up the mountain in the mist and darkness on a very bumpy track before realising why we had the shovels! The heavy rain of yesterday had caused a landslip, so all of our drivers and guides set to restoring the road (walking over it later we realised just how big a drop was below the frequently repaired area) and we were soon on our way up again. We reached the top just as first light started to emerge in the by now heavy mist at over 2,500 metres ABSL.



Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager – Nathaniel Dargue

Expecting the mist to reduce our chances of any sightings we walked towards the edge of the mountain where some hummer feeders have been set up. Were we wrong! Birds started to emerge very quickly, with first up a Smoky Bush Tyrant just six feet away. This was quickly followed by an even closer pair of Lacrimose Mountain Tanagers and two Grass-green Tanagers. The feeders brought our first sighting of the endemic Chestnut-bellied



Chestnut-bellied Flowerpiecer - Nathaniel Dargue

Flowerpiecer as well as new hummers including Collared Inca and Tourmaline Sunangels. Whilst all this activity happened around us the mist suddenly cleared and the sun came out revealing an astonishing vista across to Cerro Tatama (4,063 metres) standing way above us – breathtaking! The birds just kept coming with Blue-capped Tanager, our first Purplish-mantled Tanager of the day, Great Thrushes everywhere and Brown-bellied Swallows hunting on the edge. We almost had to be literally dragged back to the truck for a hot breakfast and very welcome coffee or hot chocolate.



Ocellated Tapaculo - Nathaniel Dargue

After breakfast we started the long walk down the mountain, jumping in the trucks at various intervals to ensure we got to bird at various altitudes on the way down. There is literally no traffic here apart from odd vehicles visiting the army post at the top and our lunch being delivered! The sheer variety of species we saw was astonishing and certainly too many to list all but the highlights here. Almost immediately we picked up Bluish Flowerpiecer, Rufous Spinetail and Dusky Hemispingus followed by Plushcap and the endemic Munchique Wood Wren and a pair of Black-throated Tody-Tyrants. A little further on we found a pair of stunning Hooded Mountain-Tanagers and a pair of White-sided Flowerpiercers before our guides suddenly got excited when they picked up a new bird calling in the dense forest above us. Fabio set about trying to call it down whilst trying to play down any expectations. Suddenly it appeared in front of us, Ocellated Tapaculo, number one target for several of us and the cover bird on the Birds of Northern South America (vol 2)! It proceeded to give everyone good views (for a Tapaculo) as it continued to call.

Fabio had to drag us away to continue our walk so we reluctantly left it singing by the side of the road.

We were soon rewarded with a small mixed flock including Fulvous-dotted Treerunner, Green-and-black Fruiteater and Beryl-spangled Tanager before our first sighting of one of our major targets for the day – a couple of gorgeous endemic Gold-ringed Tanagers, quickly followed by a Golden-olive Woodpecker in the same group of trees. The nearby feeders then produced a couple of new hummers, Greenish Puffleg and the handsome Velvet-purple Coronet.

As it became quieter we stopped for lunch, which was delivered by motorbike fresh from the lodge. As a result, we were able to enjoy a hot meal washed down with fruit juices just sat by the side of the road. Post lunch we continued our walk picking up new species as we went. We saw our second endemic Bangsia tanager of the day near the landslip site from this morning, a Black-and-Gold Tanager giving good views. The landslip site also yielded an Indigo Flowerpiecer adding to the impressive tally of this genus for the day. We picked up a mixed flock, including the aptly named Beautiful Jay, Handsome Flycatcher and a couple of Glistening-green Tanagers that lived up to their billing, as well as various tyrant flycatchers in the high canopy.



Gold-ringed Tanager - Nathaniel Dargue



Lanceoloted Monklet - Nathaniel Dargue

As we continued, we heard the recently named Tatama Tapaculo calling nearby. Some of the group managed to see it but others, me included, just couldn't pick it up even though it was only a few feet away. As we made our way further down the mountain the scale of activity was definitely lower but we still got an excellent sighting of a Moustached Puffbird, a Masked Trogon and a couple of Toucan Barbets feeding near the road. At one of the bridges we again stopped and our local guide put out some rice to entice an Olive Finch, which came too close for most of the photographers!

We still had time for one final new hummer – Green-fronted Lancebill feeding from a perch by the river and a chance for Fabio to show off his spotting skills, by somehow finding a Lanceoloted Monklet perched in the forest from a moving 4X4! Back at the lodge we just had time to see a Tropical Screech Owl in a tree before darkness descended.

All in all a fabulous day that will live with us all for the rest of our lives – I can honestly say it was the best days birding I have ever had!!

Day 7

Tuesday 5th February

Montezuma and Otun Quimbaya

We began our final morning at Montezuma with a relatively leisurely start. It was a final chance to bird the immediate vicinity of the lodge and we managed to get good views of a Blackish Rail on the nearby ponds, as well as sightings of the more usual inhabitants of the feeders and nearby fruiting trees such as Crimson-backed Tanager.



Crimson-backed Tanager - Nathaniel Dargue

We set off back to Pueblo Rico to be reunited with Hector and the mini bus and then turned our backs on the Western Andes and retraced our route back towards Perreira and onwards to Otun Quimbaya on the edge of the Central

Andes. As we began to follow the Otun River towards the reserve we started to look for Torrent Duck, but despite much effort we sadly dipped on this charismatic creature. We arrived at Otun Quimbaya in time for lunch and we were quickly transported back to school days in the Sixties, as the dinner ladies served us in what can only be described as the canteen!

As we couldn't check in yet we set off walking up the entrance track and quickly picked up the two local specialities, Cauca Guan and Red-ruffed Fruitcrow (the second largest passerine in South America) nearby. In



Red-ruffed Fruitcrow - Nathaniel Dargue

reality both appear to be very common for reasons no one seems to understand since the forest is actually an old plantation. We also saw a troop of Red Howler Monkeys moving through the canopy, one of very few mammal sightings of note on the trip. A stroll in the opposite direction on the road revealed a few other reasonable species including Azaras Spinetail, Pale-edged Flycatcher and great views of a Collared Trogon but the river still failed to yield any ducks.

We quickly checked in and then headed off via a very cramped jeep. It became even more so as the rain chose that point to start and more people climbed inside, leaving just John and Ferney on their own standing on the back as it poured down. The last laugh was John's though, as he was the only one to see a Moustached Antpitta shoot across the road!

On arrival at the top of the road we went looking for a real challenge – Hooded Antpitta. We quickly heard one calling and it started to come towards us but unfortunately in the dense undergrowth your author was the only one to get an unmistakable view of it. This was through a window in the undergrowth singing quite close by. Despite my best efforts no one else got to my vantage point before it disappeared for good.

As the sporadic rain continued we headed back towards the lodge with the light fading quite quickly. On arrival back some of the guys found the only Rose-breasted Grosbeak of the trip whilst some of us had chosen the first really hot shower since Buga in preference! After Dinner we went out looking for Mottled Owl but despite one responding it never came close enough to see, so we left it to the forest and headed for bed knowing we had a very early start tomorrow.



Chestnut-crowned Antpitta- Nathaniel Dargue

Day 8

Wednesday 6th February

Rio Blanco

We were up very early to leave Otun Quimbaya, being on the road by 0400 heading towards Manizales where we picked up our local guide for the day at the superb reserve at Rio Blanco. We were immediately watching the hummingbird feeders at first light and picked up our first Lesser and Sparkling Violetears of the trip. We had just sat down for breakfast when we were hurried out to the nearby feeding station where Bicoloured Antpitta normally arrive – however despite calling it failed to appear because, apparently, it had rained a lot the previous day, so it would have found plenty of worms for itself. Given that this is one of the wettest places in the world, this was

right up there with the best excuses ever offered! It's not a zoo and nothing is guaranteed would have done – no apology necessary.



Rufous-crowned Tody-Tyrant - Nathaniel Dargue

After finishing a now cold breakfast we then embarked on a fantastic day at a location that all of us will long remember and would happily have spent more time visiting. The number of highlights could fill a report on their own, but we did successfully get two Antpitta species at other feeders, the stunning Chestnut-crowned and the endemic Brown-banded. We also had two Grey-browed Brushfinch at one of the feeding stations, a superb bonus. As we walked up the hill a pair of very noisy Flammulated Treehunters alerted us to their presence and a little further

up we got superb views of a Rufous-crowned Tody-Tyrant. Tanager flocks were everywhere keeping us entertained before we picked up a Black-billed Mountain Toucan calling which eventually gave us great views.

What then followed was one of the true highlights of the trip. We suddenly realised we were in the middle of a fabled mixed flock with different species all around us. Over the next 15 minutes we were treated to an unbelievable succession of new and familiar birds all around us with the biggest challenge (particularly for our guides) being to ensure we all saw and identified everything. The flock included Streaked Xenops, Capped Conebill, Montane Woodcreeper, Metallic-green Tanager, Grey-hooded Bush Tanager, Superciliaried Hemispingus (what a name!), Russet-crowned Warbler, Sharpe's



White-capped Dipper - Nathaniel Dargue

Wren, Streak-headed Woodcreeper and Pearled Treerunner amongst others. As they finally passed through we almost breathed a sigh of relief as we all mentally processed what we had seen and compared notes. Words can't do it justice. However, just to prove that there is always more to see in this fantastic country we were then treated to fabulous views of a Crimson-mantled Woodpecker – surely a contender for the most beautiful woodpecker in the world. All this before lunch!

Back at the visitor centre over lunch we got great views of Speckled Hummingbird feeding on the flowers in the garden, before the heavens opened for a very impressive thunderstorm. The afternoon continued to produce yet

more new species after the storm passed, with good sightings of Slaty-backed and Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrants with other smaller mixed flocks to keep up our interest. As we walked along we suddenly heard Antpitta calls and at one stage had three different species calling. We only managed to get sightings of one, the very difficult to see Slaty-crowned Antpitta which turned out to be Marcus's 5,000th bird on his list. Not bad!



Wedge-billed Hummingbird - Nathaniel Dargue

We ended our visit down by the main gate to the reserve where White-capped Tanager had been seen recently. Sadly we didn't find any, but we finally got fabulous views of White-capped Dipper near the water plant and great views of another new hummer, Wedge-billed Hummingbird that seemed to particularly enjoy teasing a group of Chinese photographers.

We headed back through Manizales to our new hotel, Paraiso Verde just as it got dark for a well-earned beer, an interesting dinner (which we all thought was the starter!) and to give Marcus the chance to

drink a celebratory red wine (provided by Nigel) in honour of hitting 5,000 species.

Day 9

Thursday 7th February

Hacienda del Bosque, Los Nevados, Termales del Ruiz and the old road to Manizales

Our last full day of the trip was once again to be a full-on test of the senses. This was the day we really upped the altitude, reaching 4,138 metres at the visitor centre in the Los Nevados national park. It was also the day that the weather intervened for the first time on our trip in any significant way.



Rufous Antpitta- Nathaniel Dargue

As ever we left early before breakfast in the dark, although some of the group were treated to the bizarre spectacle of a juvenile Purple Gallinule landing in a hanging basket two feet away from us. On checking the hotel bird list we were delighted to discover this was a new species to add to the 216 they already had!

Our first stop was an unscheduled one suggested by Ferney and Fabio, both experts in the birds of the Manizales area. Hacienda del Bosque has been open to birders for less than a year but is home to some superb species. It is actually a working dairy farm where we started with a great breakfast in the farmhouse. This was really welcome at over 3,200 metres with a distinct chill in the air. We then set off up the mountain (slowly!) under glorious blue skies to visit our first antpitta station. On the way we picked up new species including

Andean Guan and Red-crested Cotinga before settling down to await a Rufous Antpitta, which obliged with great views despite being nearly upstaged by a pair of White-browed Spintetails.

As we were about to leave the feeding station we suddenly heard a bird we were all desperate to see. On cue two Grey-breasted Mountain Toucans duly appeared in a tree right in front of us. They proceeded to give absolutely stunning views coming even closer with a third bird appearing – for many they instantly became the number one species of the whole trip and if ever a name failed to describe what an absolute beauty it really is, this must be it. Our final port of call was to another antpitta feeding station, but this time we only managed to hear the Crescent-faced Antpitta but did get superb point-blank views of a Barred Fruiteater.

It was now time to head further up the Central Andes towards Los Nevados National Park. As we did so the weather began to close in slowly. We stopped frequently as we drove up the quiet road towards the top, with a seemingly never-ending succession of new birds. New sightings included Paramo Seedeater, Black-backed Bush Tanager, White-sided Flowerpiercer, Glossy Flowerpiercer, the superb Rainbow-bearded Thornbill and a very obliging Pale-naped Brushfinch (rapidly becoming a real favourite family of mine). We stopped at a high-altitude lake called Laguna Negra, which briefly appeared from the mist to reveal Andean Teal and the local black faced subspecies of Ruddy Duck, as well as Stout-billed Cincloides and a very noisy flypast by an Andean Lapwing. As we continued up beyond 4,000 metres the mist became ever thicker before a cry came from the front of the bus of “Tawny Antpitta” as the brakes went on – sure enough an unbelievably tame bird gave views that surely meant it broke the genus code of behaviour!



Pale-naped Brush Finch-Nathaniel Dargue

The national park gates were our final stopping point on our ascent by which time it was pouring with rain with visibility of only a few metres – not much chance of a Condor today and the sunshine of only an hour ago



Buffy Helmetcrest - Nathaniel Dargue

seemed like a distant memory. Somewhat pessimistically we set off looking for our major target in from the shelter of the visitor centre viewing platform. Unbelievably there it was only a few metres away – the astonishing Buffy Helmetcrest! It gave us all great views as it fed on the flowers in front of us before eventually disappearing in the mist. We also picked up Andean Tit-Spintail before deciding to head lower down in the hope of finding better weather.

Our lunchtime stop was at Termas del Ruiz, a hotel on the old road from Los Nevados down into Manizales, built on a volcanic thermal spa and offering a very smelly swimming pool for those so inclined. We all opted for the hummingbird garden either side of lunch

instead. Unfortunately, the weather was still poor so the feeders were not as busy and we had to fight our way under the shelter with our Chinese photographer friends from Rio Blanco to avoid being soaked. There were still some superb new birds though with Shining Sunbeams, Mountain Velvetbreast, Buff-winged Starfrontlet, Golden-breasted Puffleg and the stunning Great Sapphirewing amongst the cast. The fruit feeders yielded Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager and several stunning Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanagers and we also picked up Hooded Mountain-Tanagers in the forest as we ate lunch.

After lunch and another visit to the feeders we set off initially walking down the old road past steaming volcanic streams dodging the rain. We quickly found Black-thighed Puffleg in amongst the hummers buzzing around the open bushes in this area before Ferney excitedly called our attention to three Golden-crowned Tanagers. John so eloquently described them as “yet another example of someone tipping up the paint pots” – breath-taking birds. The plan now was to drive down the road towards Manizales stopping off in different areas of forest as the altitude decreased to look for mixed flocks. By this point of the trip we had seen well over 380 species as a group and we were hoping to push beyond 400. Unfortunately, the weather had other ideas and it was at times difficult to bird in the heavy rain. Even so we still picked up several new species, particularly as we reached lower elevations and the weather improved slightly. These included Paramo Tapaculo, Dusky Piha and great views of a flock of Golden-plumed Parakeets.

As we hit tarmac again the forest petered out and we were once again in the outskirts of Manizales. By this point it was starting to get dark. We went for dinner in a lively city centre restaurant on the 12th floor of a building near the cathedral. It was full of immaculately dressed Colombians on a Thursday night out confronted by a group of dishevelled birders just descended from a very soggy mountain top! Special mention goes to Fabio who never once put a raincoat on during the day up the mountain and then sat through dinner wearing it! It was great though to see what a vibrant city Manizales is and sample its social scene (I am sure that the fact they had the local football team playing in the South American equivalent of the Champions League on TV had nothing to do with the choice of restaurant?!).



Yellow-headed Blackbird - Nathaniel Dargue

Day 10

Friday 8th February

Paraiso Verde and Embalse de Camedguadua

Our last day together had sadly arrived and we had planned a more leisurely start so we could enjoy the hotel grounds and prepare for the long journey home or transfer back to Bogota for those lucky enough to be heading to Santa Marta.

Dawn (well some of us couldn't break the habit!) saw our first daylight sighting of the grounds of Paraiso Verde and wow are they terrific! A deep green valley descending away from the hotel with a mixture of gardens and forest promising many species. The dawn chorus included Common Parakeet and distant Lineated Woodpeckers before birds started to appear. Sightings included five Acorn Woodpeckers. Swainson's Thrush and Mourning

Warbler alongside common tanagers which by now just seemed like the norm. A proper session birding the grounds would be bound to turn up more birds but sadly time was short and we had final packing to do.



Pied Water-Tyrant - Nathaniel Dargue

Coot.

We still had our final treats of the trip to come though. A pair of Spot-breasted Woodpeckers were followed by a Yellow-headed Blackbird sitting on top of a post in case we should miss it and a Pied Water Tyrant giving point blank views at the edge of the water. A pair of Olive-crowned Yellowthroats were pretty much our last new species of the trip but to the end one of my personal favourites – Vermillion Flycatcher – continued to give amazing views even as we boarded the bus to leave for lunch. It may be common but I will never tire of seeing them.



Vermillion Flycatcher - Nathaniel Dargue

Lunch was at a local roadside restaurant with enormous plates of food all round and a chance for us to thank Fabio, Ferney and Hector for looking after us so well before heading to the airport and the usual hurried goodbyes to Ferney and Hector as we all headed off to Bogota with just Fabio for company. On arrival in Bogota those of us heading back to the UK said our goodbyes to Fabio, Nigel, Marcus and John as they headed off to their hotel for the night before starting the Santa Marta tour. The rest of us then headed for the nearest bar to prepare for the flight home and reflect on what a superb trip we had enjoyed and begin planning another trip to the incomparable birding mecca that is Colombia.

Species Lists

Birds (✓=recorded but not counted; H = heard only)

In total the group saw 408 species, although no one saw every single species. We recorded a further 18 heard only in the list below.



Nathaniel, Nigel, Graham, Mike, Fernando, Pete, Fabio, Ferney and John at the top of Montezuma Road

Common name	Scientific name	Comments
Horned Screamer	<i>Anhima cornuta</i>	Two at Laguna de Sonso
Black-bellied Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>	Small numbers at Cali Country Club and Laguna de Sonso.
Cinnamon Teal	<i>Spatula cyanoptera</i>	Three at Laguna de Sonso
Blue-winged Teal	<i>Spatula discors</i>	Two at Laguna de Sonso and common at Cameduadua Reservoir
Andean Teal	<i>Anas andium</i>	Seven at Laguna Negra
Andean Duck	<i>Oxyura ferruginea</i>	One at Laguna Negra and one at Cameduadua Reservoir
Colombian Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis columbiana</i>	Up to five daily on three dates. (Cali, Finca Lolita and Paraiso Verde)
Andean Guan	<i>Penelope montagnii</i>	Two at Hacienda del Bosque
Cauca Guan	<i>Penelope perspicax</i>	Four at Otun Quimbaya
Sickle-winged Guan	<i>Chamaepetes goudotii</i>	Seen at Anchicaya and Rio Blanco
Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	Seen at Laguna de Sonso and Cameduadua Reservoir
Buff-necked Ibis	<i>Theristicus caudatus</i>	One in the hotel grounds at Buga
Bare-faced Ibis	<i>Phimosus infuscatus</i>	Seen on five dates

Common name	Scientific name	Comments
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	One at Laguna de Sonso
Fasciated Tiger Heron	<i>Tigrisoma fasciatum</i>	One on the Anchicaya excursion
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Two at Laguna de Sonso and one at Cameduadua Reservoir
Green heron	<i>Butorides virescens</i>	One at Laguna de Sonso
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	Seen on three dates
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Seen most days
Cocoi Heron	<i>Ardea cocoi</i>	Seen on three dates
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Seen on three dates
Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	One at Cali Country Club and two at Cameduadua Reservoir
Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	Seen on four dates
Neotropical Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>	Seen on four dates
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	Seen on three dates
Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	Seen most days
Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Singles on three dates
White-tailed Kite	<i>Elanus leucurus</i>	Singles on two dates
Hook-billed Kite	<i>Chondrohierax uncinatus</i>	One at Rio Blanco
Swallow-tailed Kite	<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>	At least 20 soaring over the forest at Anchicaya
Ornate Hawk Eagle	<i>Spizaetus ornatus</i>	One perched close to the track at Montezuma
Snail Kite	<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i>	Seen at Laguna de Sonso
Plumbeous Hawk	<i>Cryptoleucopteryx plumbea</i>	One on the Anchicaya excursion
Savanna Hawk	<i>Buteogallus meridionalis</i>	One at Laguna de Sonso and one on the drive to Montezuma
Roadside Hawk	<i>Rupornis magnirostris</i>	Seen most days
Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	Seen on four dates
Short-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo brachyurus</i>	One on the Anchicaya excursion
Grey-necked Wood Rail	<i>Aramides cajaneus</i>	Three at Cali Country Club
Blackish Rail	<i>Pardirallus nigricans</i>	Seen at Montezuma and Cameduadua Reservoir
Purple Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio martinica</i>	Seen on three dates
Common Gallinule	<i>Gallinula galeata</i>	Seen on three dates
American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>	A single at Cameduadua Reservoir
Limpkin	<i>Aramus guarauna</i>	Three at Laguna de Sonso
Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>	Seen at Laguna de Sonso and Cameduadua Reservoir
Southern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus chilensis</i>	Seen most days
Andean Lapwing	<i>Vanellus resplendens</i>	A single near Laguna Negra
Wattled Jacana	<i>Jacana jacana</i>	Seen on three dates
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>	Seen at Cali Country Club and Cameduadua Reservoir
Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	Seen on three dates
Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	Seen at Laguna de Sonso and Cameduadua Reservoir
Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	Seen at Laguna de Sonso and Cameduadua Reservoir

Common name	Scientific name	Comments
Band-tailed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>	Seen on three dates
Pale-vented Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas cayannensis</i>	Three at Laguna de Sonso
Plumbeous Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas plumbea</i>	Four on the Anchicaya excursion
Ruddy Ground Dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	Seen most days
White-tipped Dove	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>	Seen at Laguna de Sonso and Cameduadua Reservoir
Eared Dove	<i>Zenaida auriculata</i>	Seen most days
Greater Ani	<i>Crotophaga major</i>	A flock of four seen at Laguna de Sonso
Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>	Seen most days
Squirrel Cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana</i>	Seen on four dates
Tropical Screech Owl	<i>Megascops choliba</i>	A roosting bird both days at Montezuma
Andean Pygmy Owl	<i>Glaucidium jardi</i>	Heard only
Common Potoo	<i>Nyctibius griseus</i>	A single at Cali Country Club and an amazing seven at Laguna de Sonso!
Common Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	Three at Laguna de Sonso
Pauraque	<i>Nyctidromus albigularis</i>	Heard only at Paraiso Verde
Band-winged Nightjar	<i>Systellura longirostris</i>	Seen by some of the group at Anchicaya and Montezuma
Lyre-tailed Nightjar	<i>Uropsalis lyra</i>	A roosting bird gave close views on the Anchicaya excursion
Chestnut-collared Swift	<i>Streptoprocne rutila</i>	Seen at Rio Blanco
White-collared Swift	<i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>	Seen on five dates
Band-rumped Swift	<i>Chaetura spinicaudus</i>	One on the Anchicaya excursion
Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift	<i>Panyptila cayennensis</i>	Singles at Rio Blanco and Cameduadua Reservoir
White-whiskered Hermit	<i>Phaethornis yaruqui</i>	At least two at Dona Dora's.
Green Hermit	<i>Phaethornis guy</i>	Singles at Finca Lolita and Finca Alejandria.
Tawny-bellied Hermit	<i>Phaethornis syrmatorhynchus</i>	Up to two seen daily on three dates.
Green-fronted Lancebill	<i>Doryfera ludovicae</i>	Recorded on two dates near Montezuma Lodge
White-necked Jacobin	<i>Florisuga mellivora</i>	Widespread.
Brown Violetear	<i>Colibri delphinae</i>	Recorded daily at Finca Lolita
Lesser Violetear	<i>Colibri cyanotus</i>	Rio Blanco only
Sparkling Violetear	<i>Colibri coruscans</i>	Rio Blanco only
Black-throated Mango	<i>Anthracothorax nigricollis</i>	Widespread
Green Thorntail	<i>Discosura conversii</i>	Seen at Anchicaya and Montezuma
Western Emerald	<i>Chlorostilbon melanorhynchus</i>	Widespread
Crowned Woodnymph	<i>Thalurania colombica</i>	Widespread
Blue-headed Sapphire	<i>Hylocharis grayi</i>	Finca Alejandria only
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia tzacatl</i>	Widespread
Andean Emerald	<i>Amazilia franciae</i>	Widespread
Steely-vented Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia saucerottii</i>	Widespread
Speckled Hummingbird	<i>Adelomyia melanogenys</i>	Rio Blanco only
Fawn-breasted Brilliant	<i>Heliodoxa rubinoides</i>	Finca Alejandria and Rio Blanco
Green-crowned Brilliant	<i>Heliodoxa jacula</i>	Montezuma only
Empress Brilliant	<i>Heliodoxa imperatrix</i>	Dona Dora's and Montezuma only

Common name	Scientific name	Comments
Rufous-gaped Hillstar	<i>Urochroa bougueri</i>	Dona Dora's and Montezuma only
Buff-tailed Coronet	<i>Boissonneaua flavescens</i>	Recorded on three dates
Velvet-purple Coronet	<i>Boissonneaua jardini</i>	Montezuma only
Shining Sunbeam	<i>Aglaeactis cupripennis</i>	Termales del Ruiz only
Mountain Velvetbreast	<i>Lafresnaya lafresnayi</i>	Termales del Ruiz only
Bronzy Inca	<i>Coeligena coeligena</i>	Finca Alejandria and Rio Blanco
Brown Inca	<i>Coeligena wilsoni</i>	Montezuma only
Collared Inca	<i>Coeligena torquata</i>	Montezuma, Rio Blanco and Los Nevados
Buff-winged Starfrontlet	<i>Coeligena lutetiae</i>	Termales del Ruiz only
Great Sapphirewing	<i>Pterophanes cyanopterus</i>	Termales del Ruiz only
Tourmaline Sunangel	<i>Heliangelus exortis</i>	Montezuma, Rio Blanco and Los Nevados
Black-thighed Puffleg	<i>Eriocnemis derbyi</i>	Termales del Ruiz only
Golden-breasted Puffleg	<i>Eriocnemis mosquera</i>	Termales del Ruiz only
Greenish Puffleg	<i>Haplophaedia aureliae</i>	Montezuma only
White-booted Racket-tail	<i>Ocreatus underwoodii</i>	Widespread
Purple-backed Thornbill	<i>Ramphomicron microrhynchum</i>	Single seen by some of the group near Termales del Ruiz
Buffy Helmetcrest	<i>Oxypogon stuebelii</i>	Los Nevados only
Tyrian Metaltail	<i>Metallura tyrianthina</i>	Montezuma and Los Nevados
Viridian Metaltail	<i>Metallura williami</i>	Los Nevados only
Rainbow-bearded Thornbill	<i>Chalcostigma herrani</i>	Los Nevados only
Long-tailed Sylph	<i>Aglaiocercus kingii</i>	Finca Alejandria and Rio Blanco
Violet-tailed Sylph	<i>Aglaiocercus coelestis</i>	Widespread
White-throated Wedgebill	<i>Schistes albogularis</i>	Rio Blanco only
Purple-throated Woodstar	<i>Calliphlox mitchellii</i>	Widespread
White-bellied Woodstar	<i>Chaetocercus mulsant</i>	Rio Blanco only
Golden-headed Quetzal	<i>Pharomachrus auriceps</i>	Seen by most of the group near Finca Alejandria
Crested Quetzal	<i>Pharomachrus antisianus</i>	Heard only
Collared Trogon	<i>Trogon collaris</i>	One at Finca Alejandria and two at Otun Quimbaya
Masked Trogon	<i>Trogon personatus</i>	Seen on three dates
Green Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle americana</i>	Seen on three dates
Ringed Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle torquata</i>	Seen on four dates
Andean Motmot	<i>Momotus aequatorialis</i>	A garden bird at Finca Lolita and seen on three other dates
Moustached Puffbird	<i>Malacoptila mystacalis</i>	Seen both days at Montezuma
Lanceolated Monklet	<i>Micromonacha lanceolata</i>	One at Montezuma
Spot-crowned Barbet	<i>Capito maculicoronatus</i>	One on the Anchicaya excursion
Red-headed Barbet	<i>Eubocco bourcierii</i>	Up to five daily on four dates
Toucan Barbet	<i>Semnornus ramphastinus</i>	Seen well at Anchicaya and Montezuma
White-throated Toucanet	<i>Aulacorhynchus albivitta</i>	Seen at Montezuma and Rio Blanco
Crimson-rumped Toucanet	<i>Aulacorhynchus haematopygus</i>	Seen on three dates
Stripe-billed Aracari	<i>Pteroglossus sanguineus</i>	Three seen on the Anchicaya excursion

Common name	Scientific name	Comments
Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan	<i>Andigena hypoglaucha</i>	Heard at Rio Blanco, then finally great views of three at Hacienda del Bosque
Black-billed Mountain Toucan	<i>Andigena nigrirostris</i>	Three seen well at Rio Blanco
Choco Toucan	<i>Ramphastos brevis</i>	One on the Anchicaya excursion
Greyish Piculet	<i>Picumnus granadensis</i>	Seen on three dates, best sighting near Montezuma Lodge
Acorn Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i>	Seen on three dates
Black-cheeked Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes pucherani</i>	A single on the Anchicaya excursion
Red-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes rubricapillus</i>	The commonest woodpecker, seen on five dates
Yellow-vented Woodpecker	<i>Veniliornis dignus</i>	A single at Montezuma
Smoky-brown Woodpecker	<i>Leuconotopicus fumigatus</i>	A single on the Anchicaya excursion
Golden-olive Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes rubiginosus</i>	A single at Montezuma
Crimson-mantled Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes rivolii</i>	Great views of one at Rio Blanco, two others seen
Spot-breasted Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes punctigula</i>	Two at Cameduadua Reservoir
Lineated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>	Seen or heard on three dates
Northern Crested Caracara	<i>Caracara cheriway</i>	Several at Laguna de Sonso
Yellow-headed Caracara	<i>Milvago chimango</i>	Seen most days
Aplomado Falcon	<i>Falco femoralis</i>	One at Cali Country Club
Blue-headed Parrot	<i>Pionus menstruus</i>	Seen most days
Bronze-winged Parrot	<i>Pionus chalcopterus</i>	Good views of three at Montezuma
Yellow-crowned Amazon	<i>Amazona ochrocephala</i>	Two flying around the hotel grounds at Buga
Spectacled Parrotlet	<i>Forpus conspicillatus</i>	Seen on three dates
Golden-plumed Parakeet	<i>Leptosittaca branickii</i>	Eight seen from the road below Termales del Ruiz
Tyrannine Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocicla tyrannina</i>	One showed well at Rio Blanco
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Glyphorynchus spirurus</i>	Singles at Anchicaya and Montezuma
Strong-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus</i>	One at Montezuma
Streak-headed Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes souleyetii</i>	One at Finca Lolita
Montane Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger</i>	Up to four daily at three sites
Streaked Xenops	<i>Xenops rutilans</i>	Two at Rio Blanco and a single on the road down from Temales del Ruiz
Rusty-winged Barbtail	<i>Premnornis guttuliger</i>	One at Finca Alejandria
Stout-billed Cinclodes	<i>Cinclodes excelsior</i>	One showed well at Los Nevados
Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner	<i>Anabacerthia variegaticeps</i>	Brief views of one at Montezuma
Flammulated Treehunter	<i>Thripadectes flammulatus</i>	Good views of a pair near their nest at Rio Blanco
Streak-capped Treehunter	<i>Thripadectes virgaticeps</i>	One at Finca Alejandria
Spotted Barbtail	<i>Premnoplex brunnescens</i>	One at Finca Alejandria
Star-chested Treerunner	<i>Margarornis stellata</i>	One at Montezuma
Pearled Treerunner	<i>Margarornis squamiger</i>	Singles at Rio Blanco and Hacienda del Bosque
Andean Tit-Spinetail	<i>Leptasthenura andicola</i>	Brief views of one at Los Nevados
White-browed Spinetail	<i>Hellmayrea gularis</i>	Two at Hacienda del Bosque
Red-faced Spinetail	<i>Cranioleuca erythrops</i>	Widespread
Slaty Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis brachyura</i>	One at Paraiso Verde
Pale-breasted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis albescens</i>	A pair seen well at a roadside stop on the way to

Common name	Scientific name	Comments
		Montezuma
Azara's Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis azarae</i>	One seen well at Otun Quimbaya
Rufous Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis unirufa</i>	Three seen well at Montezuma
Russet Antshrike	<i>Thamnistes anabatinus</i>	Two showed well along the Anchicaya road
Pacific Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula pacifica</i>	A pair showed well along the Anchicaya road
Slaty Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula schisticola</i>	Brief views of one at Finca Alejandria
Yellow-breasted Antwren	<i>Herpsilochmus axillaris</i>	Heard only
Plain Antvireo	<i>Dysithamnus mentalis</i>	Singles at Finca Alejandria and Montezuma
Bar-crested Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus multistriatus</i>	Seen on 3 dates, the pair at Camaguadua Reservoir showing particularly well
Uniform Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus unicolor</i>	Heard only
Great Antshrike	<i>Taraba major</i>	Great views of a pair at Camaguadua Reservoir
Streak-headed Antbird	<i>Dryophila striaticeps</i>	Two seen at Rio Blanco
Parker's Antbird	<i>Cercomacroides parkeri</i>	A pair along the Anchicaya road
Jet Antbird	<i>Cercomacra nigricans</i>	One at Laguna de Sonso
Zeledon's Antbird	<i>Hafferia zeledoni</i>	A pair along the Anchicaya road
Moustached Antpitta	<i>Grallaria alleni</i>	Recorded at Otun Quimbaya but only seen by one of the group
Chestnut-crowned Antpitta	<i>Grallaria ruficapilla</i>	Two showed very well at Rio Blanco
Bicoloured Antpitta	<i>Grallaria rufocinerea</i>	Heard only
Chestnut-naped Antpitta	<i>Grallaria nuchalis</i>	Heard only
Rufous Antpitta	<i>Grallaria rufula</i>	Recorded at Montezuma then better views at Hacienda del Bosque
Tawny Antpitta	<i>Grallaria quitensis</i>	Great view of one by the roadside near Laguna Negra
Brown-banded Antpitta	<i>Grallaria milleri</i>	Three seen at Rio Blanco
Hooded Antpitta	<i>Grallarica cucullata</i>	Recorded at Otun Quimbaya but only seen by one of the group
Slaty-crowned Antpitta	<i>Grallarica nana</i>	One seen at Rio Blanco
Crescent-faced Antpitta	<i>Grallarica lineifrons</i>	Heard only
Ocellated Tapaculo	<i>Acropternis orthonyx</i>	A single showed well at Montezuma
Ash-coloured Tapaculo	<i>Myornis senilis</i>	Recorded at Rio Blanco but only seen by one of the group
Narino Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus vicini</i>	Heard only
Tatama Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus alvarezlopezi</i>	Brief views for most of the group at Montezuma
Choco Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus chocoensis</i>	Heard only
Spillmann's Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus spillmanni</i>	Heard only
Paramo Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus opacus</i>	One showed well at Los Nevados
Blackish Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus latrans</i>	Heard only
Sooty-headed Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias griseiceps</i>	Seen at Cali Country Club
Black-capped Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias nigrocapillus</i>	Two at Montezuma and one at Rio Blanco
Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet	<i>Tyrannulus elatus</i>	Seen at Finca Lolita and Finca Alejandria
Yellow-bellied Elaenia	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>	Recorded in small numbers on three dates
Mountain Elaenia	<i>Elaenia frantzii</i>	A single at Rio Blanco

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Southern Beardless Tyrannulet	<i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i>	Singles on two dates
White-throated Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus leucophrys</i>	Two at Rio Blanco
White-tailed Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus poecilocercus</i>	A single at Montezuma
White-banded Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus stictopterus</i>	Two at Rio Blanco
Torrent Tyrannulet	<i>Serpophaga cinerea</i>	Two at Montezuma
Mouse-coloured Tyrannulet	<i>Phaeomyias murina</i>	A single at Camaguadua Reservoir
Golden-faced Tyrannulet	<i>Zimmerius chrysops</i>	Widespread
Variegated Bristle Tyrant	<i>Pogonotriccus poecilotis</i>	Singles at Finca Alejandria and Otun Quimbaya
Marble-faced Bristle Tyrant	<i>Pogonotriccus ophthalmicus</i>	A single along the Anchicaya road
Streak-necked Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes striatocollis</i>	One at Otun Quimbaya
Olive-striped Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes olivaceus</i>	A single along the Anchicaya road
Slaty-capped Flycatcher	<i>Leptopogon superciliaris</i>	Singles at Anchicaya and Finca Alejandria
Flavescent Flycatcher	<i>Myiophobus flavicans</i>	One at Rio Blanco
Handsome Flycatcher	<i>Nephelomyias pulcher</i>	Two at Montezuma
Ornate Flycatcher	<i>Myiotriccus ornatus</i>	Recorded in small numbers on three dates
Black-throated Tody Tyrant	<i>Hemitriccus granadensis</i>	Two at Montezuma
Scale-crested Pygmy Tyrant	<i>Lophotriccus pileatus</i>	Two along the Anchicaya road
Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Poecilatriccus ruficeps</i>	Great views of one at Rio Blanco
Slaty-headed Tody-flycatcher	<i>Poecilatriccus sylvia</i>	A single at Cali Country Club
Common Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>	Seen or heard most days
Yellow-olive Flatbill	<i>Tolmomyias sulphurens</i>	A single at Cali Country Club
Cinnamon Flycatcher	<i>Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus</i>	Up to five daily on four dates
Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>	Seen on seven of the days
Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Contopus cooperi</i>	Singles at Anchicaya and Rio Blanco
Smoke-coloured Pewee	<i>Contopus fumigatus</i>	Three at Montezuma
Eastern Wood Pewee	<i>Contopus virens</i>	A single at Camaguadua Reservoir
Acadian Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax virescens</i>	Two at Montezuma
Vermilion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus obscurus</i>	Up to five daily on three dates
Smoky Bush Tyrant	<i>Myiotheretes fumigatus</i>	A single at Montezuma
Pied Water Tyrant	<i>Fluvicola pica</i>	A single at Camaguadua Reservoir
Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris</i>	Two at Rio Blanco
Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca rufipectoralis</i>	Two at Rio Blanco
Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca fumicolor</i>	Two at Hacienda del Bosque
Long-tailed Tyrant	<i>Colonia colonus</i>	A single along the Anchicaya road
Cattle Tyrant	<i>Machetornis rixosa</i>	Seen in small numbers on four dates
Piratic Flycatcher	<i>Legatus leucophaeus</i>	Two on the Anchicaya day
Rusty-margined Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes cayanensis</i>	Seen almost daily
Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	Seen almost daily
Golden-crowned Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes chryscephalus</i>	A single at Finca Alejandria
Streaked Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>	Seen in small numbers on two dates
Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	Seen daily
Fork-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannus savana</i>	Seen in small numbers on two dates

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Dusky-capped Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>	Brief views of a single at Montezuma
Apical Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus apicalis</i>	Showed well at Cali Country Club
Pale-edged Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus cephalotes</i>	Seen well at Otun Quimbaya and Rio Blanco
Bright-rumped Attila	<i>Attila spadiceus</i>	One showed well on the Anchicaya excursion
Red-crested Cotinga	<i>Ampelion rubrocristatus</i>	Four seen at Hacienda del Bosque
Green-and-black Fruiteater	<i>Pipreola reifferii</i>	Three at Finca Alejandria and one at Montezuma
Barred Fruiteater	<i>Pipreola arcuata</i>	Singles at Montezuma and Hacienda del Bosque
Orange-breasted Fruiteater	<i>Pipreola jucunda</i>	A single at Montezuma
Andean Cock-of-the-rock	<i>Rupicola peruvianus</i>	Singles on four dates
Dusky Piha	<i>Lipaugus fuscocinereus</i>	One showed well by the road below Termales del Ruiz
Red-ruffed Fruitcrow	<i>Pyroderus scutatus</i>	At least four seen at Otun Quimbaya
Golden-collared Manakin	<i>Manacus vitellinus</i>	Seen on two dates
Club-winged Manakin	<i>Machaeropterus deliciosus</i>	Seen or heard on three dates
Masked Tityra	<i>Tityra semifasciata</i>	One seen well on the Anchicaya excursion
Barred Becard	<i>Pachyramphus veriscolor</i>	Singles on three dates
Cinnamon Becard	<i>Pachyramphus cinnamomeus</i>	Brief views of one on the Anchicaya excursion
White-winged Becard	<i>Pachyramphus polychopterus</i>	Heard only
Black-billed Peppershrike	<i>Cyclarhis nigristrois</i>	Brief views of one at Montezuma
Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo	<i>Vireolanius leucotis</i>	Brief views of one on the Anchicaya excursion
Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	A single at Montezuma
Rufous-naped Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus semibrunneus</i>	Heard only
Black-collared Jay	<i>Cyanolyca armillata</i>	Brief view of one at Rio Blanco
Beautiful Jay	<i>Cyanolyca pulchra</i>	Two seen well at Montezuma
Black-chested Jay	<i>Cyanocorax affinis</i>	Three seen well at Montezuma
Inca Jay	<i>Cyanocorax yncas</i>	Three seen well at Finca Lolita
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Several in the large 'hirundine' flock at Laguna de Sonso
Grey-breasted Martin	<i>Progne chalybea</i>	Three at Camaguadua Reservoir
Blue-and-white Swallow	<i>Notiochelidon cyanoleuca</i>	Seen almost daily
Brown-bellied Swallow	<i>Notiochelidon murina</i>	Seen on three dates
Southern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>	Seen almost daily
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Seen on three dates
Rufous Wren	<i>Cinnycerthia unirufa</i>	Four seen from the road below Termales del Ruiz
Sepia-brown Wren	<i>Cinnycerthia olivascens</i>	Singles at Montezuma and Rio Blanco
Sedge Wren	<i>Cistothorus platensis</i>	One near Laguna Negra
Whiskered Wren	<i>Pheugopedius mystacalis</i>	One seen well at Finca Lolita
Bay Wren	<i>Cantorchilus nigricapillus</i>	One on the Anchicaya excursion
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	Seen almost daily
Mountain Wren	<i>Troglodytes solstitialis</i>	Singles on four dates
Grey-breasted Wood Wren	<i>Henicorhina leucophrys</i>	Seen or heard on five dates
Munchique Wood Wren	<i>Henicorhina negreti</i>	Good views of one at Montezuma
Chestnut-breasted Wren	<i>Cyphorhinus thoracicus</i>	Brief views of a pair on road to Finca Alejandria

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Andean Solitaire	<i>Myadestes raloides</i>	Heard only
Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush	<i>Catharus aurantirostris</i>	Great views of one at Finca Lolita
Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	Singles on three dates
Great Thrush	<i>Turdus fuscater</i>	Seen on three dates
Glossy-black Thrush	<i>Turdus serranus</i>	Singles at Finca Alejandria and Montezuma
Black-billed Thrush	<i>Turdus ignobilis</i>	Seen almost daily
White-capped Dipper	<i>Cinclus leucocephalus</i>	Two showed well at Rio Blanco
Lesser Goldfinch	<i>Spinus psaltria</i>	Singles on three dates
Yellow-bellied Siskin	<i>Spinus xanthogastrus</i>	Seen at Rio Blanco and from the road to Montezuma
Hooded Siskin	<i>Spinus magellanicus</i>	One at Rio Blanco
Thick-billed Euphonia	<i>Euphonia lanirostris</i>	Seen in small numbers on five dates
Golden-rumped Euphonia	<i>Euphonia cyanocephala</i>	Three at Cameduadua Reservoir and two from the road to Montezuma
Orange-bellied Euphonia	<i>Euphonia xanthogaster</i>	Seen in small numbers on three dates
Yellow-collared Chlorophonia	<i>Chlorophonia flavirostris</i>	Seen at Montezuma
Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia	<i>Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys</i>	Seen at Montezuma
Rufous-collared Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>	Seen almost daily
Orange-billed Sparrow	<i>Arremon aurantirostris</i>	Brief views of one on the Anchicaya excursion
Chestnut-capped Brushfinch	<i>Arremon brunneinucha</i>	A single seen well at Montezuma
Black-headed Brushfinch	<i>Arremon atricapillus</i>	One seen on the Anchicaya excursion
Grey-browed Brushfinch	<i>Arremon assimilis</i>	Seen very well at Rio Blanco
Olive Finch	<i>Arremon castaneiceps</i>	One at Montezuma
White-naped Brushfinch	<i>Atlapetes albinucha</i>	Seen on two dates
Pale-naped Brushfinch	<i>Atlapetes pallidinucha</i>	Great views of one on the way to Los Nevados
Tricoloured Brushfinch	<i>Atlapetes tricolor</i>	Seen on two dates
Slaty Brushfinch	<i>Atlapetes schistaceus</i>	At least four seen at Hacienda del Bosque
Dusky Bush Tanager	<i>Chlorospingus semifuscus</i>	Seen at Montezuma
Red-breasted Blackbird	<i>Sturnella militaris</i>	One at Laguna de Sonso
Yellow-billed Cacique	<i>Amblycercus holosericeus</i>	Heard only
Chestnut-headed Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius wagleri</i>	Seen on four dates
Russet-backed Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius angustifrons</i>	Two at Montezuma
Scarlet-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus microrhynchus</i>	One seen on the Anchicaya excursion
Yellow-backed Oriole	<i>Icterus chrysater</i>	Seen in small numbers on four dates
Yellow Oriole	<i>Icterus nigrogularis</i>	Seen at Laguna de Sonso and Cameduadua Reservoir
Giant Cowbird	<i>Molothrus oryzivorus</i>	Brief views of one from the road to Otun Quimbaya
Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>	Seen almost daily
Carib Grackle	<i>Quiscalus lugubris</i>	One seen on the first morning
Oriole Blackbird	<i>Gymnomystax mexicanus</i>	Three at Laguna de Sonso
Yellow-hooded Blackbird	<i>Chrysomus icterocephalus</i>	One at Cameduadua Reservoir
Black-and-white Warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	Singles on four dates
Mourning Warbler	<i>Geothlypis philadelphia</i>	Singles at Paraiso Verde and Cameduadua Reservoir

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Olive-crowned Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis semiflava</i>	Two at Cameduadua Reservoir
Cerulean Warbler	<i>Setophaga cerulea</i>	A single on the way to Montezuma
Tropical Parula	<i>Setophaga pitaiyumi</i>	Seen almost daily
Bay-breasted Warbler	<i>Setophaga castanea</i>	A single on the way to Montezuma
Blackburnian Warbler	<i>Setophaga fusca</i>	Seen every day
American Yellow Warbler	<i>Setophaga aestiva</i>	Singles on three dates
Blackpoll Warbler	<i>Setophaga striata</i>	A single at Montezuma
Black-crested Warbler	<i>Myiothlypis nigrocristata</i>	Two at Rio Blanco
Buff-rumped Warbler	<i>Myiothlypis fulvicauda</i>	Up to three daily on two dates
Russet-crowned Warbler	<i>Myiothlypis coronata</i>	Seen on two dates
Three-striped Warbler	<i>Basileuterus tristriatus</i>	Singles on four dates
Canada Warbler	<i>Cardellina canadensis</i>	Up to three daily on three dates
Slate-throated Whitestart	<i>Myioborus miniatus</i>	Up to four daily on five dates
Golden-fronted Whitestart	<i>Myioborus ornatus</i>	Seen on three dates
Dusky-faced Tanager	<i>Mitrospingus cassinii</i>	Two on the Anchicaya excursion
Summer Tanager	<i>Piranga rubra</i>	Seen almost daily
Crested Ant Tanager	<i>Habia cristata</i>	Two on the Anchicaya excursion
Ochre-breasted Tanager	<i>Chlorothraupis stolzmanni</i>	One on the Anchicaya excursion
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	One at Otun Quimbaya
Black-capped Hemispingus	<i>Hemispingus atropileus</i>	Seen on three dates
Superciliaried Hemispingus	<i>Hemispingus superciliaris</i>	Seen at Rio Blanco
Oleaginous Hemispingus	<i>Hemispingus frontalis</i>	Seen at Rio Blanco
Black-eared Hemispingus	<i>Hemispingus melanotis</i>	Seen at Rio Blanco
Grey-hooded Bush Tanager	<i>Cmemoscopus rubrirostris</i>	Seen at Rio Blanco
Tawny-crested Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus delatrii</i>	Two on the Anchicaya excursion
White-lined Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus rufus</i>	Seen on two dates
Crimson-backed Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus dimidiatus</i>	Seen on four dates
Flame-rumped Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus flammigerus</i>	Seen almost daily
Lemon-rumped Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus icteronotus</i>	Anchicaya but hybridisation with flame rumped an ID problem
Blue-grey Tanager	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>	Seen almost daily
Palm Tanager	<i>Thraupis palmarum</i>	Seen on five dates
Blue-capped Tanager	<i>Thraupis cyanocephala</i>	At least 3 seen on the Montezuma walk
Black-and-gold Tanager	<i>Bangsia melanocephala</i>	At least 4 seen on the Montezuma walk
Gold-ringed Tanager	<i>Bangsia aureocincta</i>	At least 4 seen on the Montezuma walk
Hooded Mountain Tanager	<i>Buthraupis montana</i>	Two seen at Montezuma plus three at Termales del Ruiz
Lacrimose Mountain Tanager	<i>Anisognathus lacrymosus</i>	Seen on three dates
Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager	<i>Anisognathus igniventris</i>	Seen at Termales del Ruiz
Blue-winged Mountain Tanager	<i>Anisognathus somptuosus</i>	Seen on three dates
Black-chinned Mountain Tanager	<i>Anisognathus notabilis</i>	Two at Dona Dora's
Grass-green Tanager	<i>Chlorornis reifferii</i>	At least 5 on the Montezuma walk
Purplish-mantled Tanager	<i>Iridosornis poryhyrocephalus</i>	Three at Montezuma

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Golden-crowned Tanager	<i>Iridosornis rufivertex</i>	Three at Rio Blanco
Glistening-green Tanager	<i>Chlorochrysa phoenicotis</i>	At least 4 on the Montezuma walk
Multicoloured Tanager	<i>Chlorochrysa nitidissima</i>	Good views at Finca Alejandria
Grey-and-gold Tanager	<i>Tangara palmeri</i>	Three on the Anchicaya excursion
Golden Tanager	<i>Tangara arthus</i>	Seen on five dates
Silver-throated Tanager	<i>Tangara icterocephala</i>	Seen on three dates
Saffron-crowned Tanager	<i>Tangara xanthocephala</i>	Seen at Finca Alejandria
Rufous-throated Tanager	<i>Tangara rufigula</i>	Seen at Anchicaya and Montezuma
Bay-headed Tanager	<i>Tangara gyrola</i>	Seen at Anchicaya and Montezuma
Rufous-winged Tanager	<i>Tangara lavinia</i>	Seen on the Anchicaya excursion
Scrub Tanager	<i>Tangara vitriolina</i>	Seen almost daily
Golden-naped Tanager	<i>Tangara ruficervix</i>	Seen at Finca Alejandria
Metallic Green Tanager	<i>Tangara labradorides</i>	Seen at Finca Alejandria and Rio Blanco
Blue-necked Tanager	<i>Tangara cyanicolis</i>	Seen on the Anchicaya excursion
Golden-hooded Tanager	<i>Tangara larvata</i>	Seen on the Anchicaya excursion
Beryl-spangled Tanager	<i>Tangara nigroviridis</i>	Seen on three dates
Blue-and-black Tanager	<i>Tangara vassorii</i>	Seen on three dates
Black-capped Tanager	<i>Tangara heinei</i>	Seen on four dates
Swallow Tanager	<i>Tersina viridis</i>	Seen at Cali Country Club
Turquoise Dacnis	<i>Dacnis hartlaubi</i>	Two seen in a roadside tree on the way to Montezuma
Blue Dacnis	<i>Dacnis cayana</i>	Three on the Anchicaya excursion
Green Honeycreeper	<i>Chlorophanes spiza</i>	Seen on five dates
Golden-collared Honeycreeper	<i>Iridophanes pulcherrimus</i>	One seen at Dona Dora's
Scarlet-browed Tanager	<i>Heterospingus xanthopygius</i>	One seen on the Anchicaya excursion
Guira Tanager	<i>Hemithraupis guira</i>	Seen at Cali Country Club
Blue-backed Conebill	<i>Coniostreum sitticolor</i>	A single at Montezuma
Capped Conebill	<i>Coniostreum albifrons</i>	Two seen at Rio Blanco
Rusty Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa sittoides</i>	Two near Finca Lolita
Chestnut-bellied Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa gloriosissima</i>	At least 4 seen on the Montezuma walk
Glossy Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa lafresnayii</i>	Several seen at Los Nevados
Black Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa humeralis</i>	Heard only
White-sided Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa albilatera</i>	Seen at Montezuma and Rio Blanco
Indigo Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa indigotica</i>	One at Montezuma
Bluish Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa caerulescens</i>	Two at Montezuma
Masked Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa cyanea</i>	Seen on four dates
Black-backed Bush Tanager	<i>Urothraupis stolzmanni</i>	A flock of 4 on the way to Los Nevados
Plumbeous Sierra Finch	<i>Phrygilus unicolor</i>	Two at Los Nevados
Saffron Finch	<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>	Seen on five dates
Buff-throated Saltator	<i>Saltator maximus</i>	Two at Cali Country Club
Black-winged Saltator	<i>Saltator atripennis</i>	Up to five daily on four dates
Greyish Saltator	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>	A single at Camaguadua Reservoir
Streaked Saltator	<i>Saltator striatipectus</i>	Seen on three dates

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Blue-black Grassquit	<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>	Seen on four dates
Slate-coloured Seedeater	<i>Sporophila schistacea</i>	Seen at Camaguadua Reservoir
Variable Seedeater	<i>Sporophila corvina</i>	A single on the Anchicaya excursion
Yellow-bellied Seedeater	<i>Sporophila nigricollis</i>	Seen on four dates
Ruddy-breasted Seedeater	<i>Sporophila minuta</i>	Seen at Camaguadua Reservoir
Thick-billed Seed Finch	<i>Oryzoborus funereus</i>	Seen at Camaguadua Reservoir
Large-billed Seed Finch	<i>Oryzoborus crassirostris</i>	Seen at Camaguadua Reservoir
Plain-coloured Seedeater	<i>Catamenia inornata</i>	Seen at Los Nevados
Paramo Seedeater	<i>Catamenia homochroa</i>	Seen at Los Nevados
Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaviola</i>	Seen most days
Yellow-faced Grassquit	<i>Tiaris olivaceus</i>	Seen on three dates
Plushcap	<i>Catamblyrhynchus diadema</i>	Good views of one at Montezuma

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Purple-throated Woodstar



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