

Ecuador – Cock-of-the-Rock

Naturetrek Client Tour Report

18th – 26th February 2023



Blue-winged Mountain Tanager (Nick Crouch)



Golden-breasted Puffleg (Ian Wells)



White-booted Racket-tail (Ian Wells)



Long-wattled Umbrellabird (Ian Wells)



Carunculated Caracara (Ian Wells)



Masked Trogon (Ian Wells)



Canada Warbler (Ian Wells)



Collared Inca (Ian Wells)



Black-chested Mountain Tanager (Nick Crouch)



White-capped Dipper (Ian Wells)



Lyre-tailed Nightjar (Ian Wells)



Green-crowned Brilliant (Ian Wells)



Southern Lapwing (Nick Crouch)

Tour participants: Jorge Luna (leader) with nine Naturetrek clients

Day 1 (18th February) – Arrival into Quito and Puenbo Birding Garden

The group arrived on KLM and Iberia flights into Quito in the middle of the afternoon, and having cleared customs, met Jorge at Arrivals. Heading out of the terminal to be picked up by our minibus, we were greeted by the first birds of the trip, Rufous-collared Sparrows, with Eared Doves added on the drive to Puenbo Birding Garden where we were to stay for the night.

Arriving at Puenbo at around 5.50pm, a quick dumping of bags allowed three-quarters of an hour's birding before dark. This provided our first hummingbirds on the feeders – Sparkling Violetear, Rufous-tailed Hummingbird and Western Emerald – as well as Blue-grey, Blue-and-yellow and Scrub Tanagers, Great Thrush, and a small group of Blue-and-white Swallows overhead. Some of the group also took a short walk to the end of the road, adding a pair of Vermillion Flycatchers, Tropical Mockingbird, Golden-bellied Grosbeak, Saffron Finch and Shiny Cowbird.

Day 2 (19th February) - Yanacocha, Eco Road, Mirador Guaycapi, Mindo Loma Lodge

An early start to beat the morning traffic saw us cross Quito towards Yanacocha, a temperate forest site to the west of the city and in the shadow of the Pichincha volcano. We began birding just before 7am, making a number of stops on the way up to our destination. The first of these produced Grass Wren, Tufted Tit-Tyrant and Cinereous Conebill, and a little further along we added Sapphire-vented Puffleg. At the Tanques Rio Pichan, birds included Tyrian Metaltail, Brown-backed Chat-tyrant, Yellow-breasted Brushfinch, Spectacled Redstarts, Black-crested Warbler, Blue-backed Conebills, Black Flowerpiercers, Azara's Spinetail, and Brown-bellied Swallow. Overhead, we enjoyed the spectacle of a Carunculated Caracara taking exception to a passing Black-chested Buzzard-eagle.



Black-chested Buzzard-eagle and Carunculated Caracara (Nick Crouch)

Arriving at Yanacocha, we began at the hummingbird feeders near the entrance, noting Great Sapphirewing, Shining Sunbeam and Buff-winged Starfrontlet, as well as Black-chested, Hooded and Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanagers, Masked and Glossy Flowerpiercers, and a group of Rufous Wrens. An Andean Tapeti was the first mammal of the trip.



Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager (Ian Wells)



Buff-winged Starfrontlet (Ian Wells)

We then walked the trail for approximately 2.5km to the Hummingbird Garden, enjoying the spectacular scenery as well as the birds. On the way up we glimpsed several skulking Spillman's Tapaculos, also noting a Superciliaried Hemispingus, and more Rufous Wrens, Yellow-breasted Brushfinches and Blue-back Conebills. Best, however, was our first Antpitta, a Tawny Antpitta picked out in the dense undergrowth below the track which eventually gave reasonable views for the whole group. A Smoky Bush Tyrant was less problematic as it sat out in the open nearby.



Yanacocha scenery

Reaching the Hummingbird Garden itself gave us an impressive Sword-billed Hummingbird, initially sat up in a tree but coming down briefly to the feeders, whilst Golden-breasted Puffleg was another new hummingbird. Jorge, who had disappeared off, returned to beckon us down a nearby path, where we waited for a short time until an Equatorial Antpitta he had heard calling emerged and showed well in the open for a few minutes.

The walk back down to the carpark produced much the same as on the way up, although a pair of Andean Guans were found feeding quietly at eye-level just 15m or so from the path. By now, the altitude was beginning to affect many of the group – we'd reached nearly 3550m – so we welcomed the opportunity to have a short break back at the minibus! Heading back down from Yanacocha, another Sword-billed Hummingbird dashed past, and a pair of Andean Lapwings were picked out in a field by the road.



Andean Guan (Ian Wells)

We then took the old Nona-Mindo Road (the Eco Road), noting Tropical Kingbird and Turkey Vulture on the drive. A pair of Torrent Ducks spotted on the river below resulted in a rapid stop, but unfortunately only some of the group managed to see these before they surfed downstream and out of sight. Slightly further on, a White-capped Dipper was more co-operative.



The group at Mirador Guaycapi

Stopping at the restaurant at the Mirador Guaycapi for lunch, we found it difficult to tear ourselves away from the hummingbird feeders, which were literally buzzing with activity – White-booted Racket-tail, White-whiskered Hermit, Purple-bibbed Whitetip, Rufous-tailed Hummingbird, Green-crowned Brilliant, Fawn-breasted Brilliant, Crowned Woodnymph, Andean Emerald, Purple-throated Woodstar, Brown Violetear and White-necked Jacobin! A few yards away, the banana feeders were equally distracting, with a range of Tanagers coming and going – Golden, Golden-naped, White-lined, Black-capped, Silver-throated, Blue-necked, Bay-headed, Blue-grey, Lemon-rumped and Palm – as well as a couple of Red-

tailed Squirrels. Aside from hummers and tanagers, Thick-billed and Orange-bellied Euphonias made appearances, along with an Ecuadorian Thrush. A short walk down to the river after we'd finally eaten our lunches produced a female Golden-headed Quetzal, a Black Phoebe and another White-capped Dipper, whilst several Black Vultures and two elegant Swallow-tailed Kites were in the skies above.

Tearing ourselves away, we continued on to Mindo Loma Lodge, our accommodation for the next three nights. We arrived late in the afternoon meaning little time to explore our new surroundings, but single

Velvet-purple Coronet and Violet-tailed Sylph were on the feeders. After an enjoyable meal, an Olinguito was seen in the trees at the back of the lodge – a species of mammal new to science in 2013. Three of the group then headed out into the dark, walking the entrance track, where they were rewarded with point-blank views of a Rufescent (Columbian) Screech Owl, as well as a Mouse Possum sp.. and at least two more Olinguitos.



Rufescent Screech Owl (Ian Wells)

Day 3 (20th February) – Refugio Paz de Las Aves, Mindo Loma Lodge, Eco Road

Today was another early start, as we were due at the hide at the Refugio Paz de las Aves at first light. As we approached on foot through the cloud forest, the sounds of the Andean Cock-of-the-Rock lek were already echoing through the trees, and we enjoyed the spectacle of these fantastic birds for an hour or so, also noting three Powerful Woodpeckers and a Golden-headed Quetzal. The short walk back to the minibus produced a good range of new species, with Yellow-bellied Siskin, Yellow-bellied Seedeater, Smoke-coloured Pewee, White-tailed Tyrannulet, Barred Becard and Rusty-margined Flycatcher, whilst a group of White-collared Swifts over the forested hillside included a single Chestnut-collared Swift.



Andean Cock-of-the-Rock (Ian Wells)



Ochre-breasted Antpitta (Ian Wells)

Heading back down the track, we then enjoyed the first of the Antpitta feeding experiences; after a short but steep ascent and much effort from the guides from Paz de Las Aves, a Giant Antpitta was coaxed out onto the path, standing in full view for a few seconds before hopping back out of sight – quite a bird! Whilst we had been waiting to be beckoned forward for this memorable experience we'd also had tricky viewing of an Ochre-breasted Antpitta, a dwarf compared to its monstrous cousin. Aside from Antpittas, other new birds here were Ornate and Golden-bellied Flycatchers, Red-faced Spinetail, Three-striped Warbler, Blue-winged Mountain Tanager, Grey-breasted Woodwren, Narino Tapaculo, and back by the road, a roosting Lyre-tailed Nightjar gave great views.

By now it was time for our second breakfast (4.45am felt like a long time ago!), which we enjoyed in the restaurant.

Brown Inca was new for us on the hummingbird feeders here, as was a skulking Mountain Wren. Feeling

refortified, we headed on to the banana feeders, where birds included Squirrel Cuckoo, Montane Woodcreeper, Golden and Blue-winged Mountain Tanagers, Brown-capped Vireo, and several hummingbirds including Velvet-purple Coronet.

We were then called away for two more Antpittas which were performing. The first of these was a Moustached Antpitta, which emerged into view after a bit of a wait, and was then followed by a bonus Rufous-breasted Anthrush in the same spot. The second was a Chestnut-crowned Antpitta, perhaps the best looking Antpitta of the morning, showing at the bottom of a steep slope for a few minutes. Unfortunately, what would have been the fifth Antpitta of the morning, Yellow-breasted, didn't play ball in the rain.



Moustached Antpitta (Ian Wells)



Rufous-breasted Anthrush (Ian Wells)

After a fairly non-stop morning, we returned to Mindo Loma Lodge for lunch, which allowed the birds to be sampled as a mixed species flock came past the lodge, which included Beryl-spangled Tanagers, Capped Conebills, a pair of Dusky Chlorospingus, a Tropical Parula, a Wedge-billed Woodcreeper, a White-tailed Tyrannulet, a Brown-capped Vireo and an Andean Solitaire, amongst other things. As we prepared to leave, a male Andean Cock-of-the-Rock was found feeding in a tree right by the minibus, and a Hook-billed Kite was by the track down to the main road.



Hook-billed Kite (Nick Crouch)

Driving a few kilometers south, we took the Upper Eco Road towards the Bellavista Cloud Forest, starting with a walk up the track from the main road and then making several further stops, getting as far as the equator. Here we found a good range of species including Flame-faced and Beryl-spangled Tanagers, Dusky Bush Tanager, Masked Trogon, Barred, Short-tailed and Roadside Hawks, Variable and Yellow-bellied

Seedeaters, Mountain, House and Sepia Brown Wrens, Pacific Hornero, Blackburnian Warbler, Southern Beardless Tyrannulet, Flavescent Flycatcher, Choco Brushfinch, Scrub Blackbird, Green-and-black Fruiteater and Collared Inca. It was then back to Mindo Loma Lodge for our evening meal, after which some of the group went out to look for last night's Rufescent (Columbian) Screech Owl, which was heard calling but didn't repeat the previous night's showing.



Cloud forest on the Eco Road

Day 4 (21st February) – Sachatamia Lodge, Pedro Vicente Maldonado (Sendero Frutti Tour), Mindo Loma Lodge, Eco Road

We started today before dawn at the moth trap at Sachatamia Lodge. Here the moths are not trapped to study them, but as bird food... The first bird to appear was a Rufous Motmot, followed by a Barred Forest-Falcon which gave amazing and prolonged views for what is normally an elusive species. Next up was a Long-wattled Umbrellabird – a young male whose wattle was just starting to grow – and then a couple of Masked Trogons. At the smaller end of the scale, a range of other species made appearances of varying durations, including Streak-capped Treehunter, Lineated Foliage-gleaner, Three-striped Warbler, Slaty Antwren, Grey-breasted Woodwren, and Slate-coloured Redstart. We then birded around the lodge, noting Strong-billed, Plain-brown and Spotted Woodcreepers, Ornate, Rusty-margined and Golden-bellied Flycatchers, Swainson's and Ecuadorian Thrushes, and several Maroon-tailed Parakeets. We then saw our first toucans of the trip, with one Choco and at least three Yellow-throated Toucans, and then a pair of Crimson-rumped Toucanets. A Central American Agouti was also seen, whilst a Nine-banded Armadillo had been on the access road when we first arrived.



Barred Forest-Falcon (Ian Wells)

It was still early, and Jorge decided to go off-itinerary and take us to a new bird feeding setup in Pedro Vicente Maldonado, around 40km west of Sachatamia, called Sendero Frutti Tour ('Tutti Frutti') and which, at an altitude of a mere 580m, opened up some new bird possibilities. We enjoyed the hummingbird and tanager feeders, finding Purple-chested Hummingbird, Green-breasted Mango, Long-billed Starthroat and Green Thorntail, as well as Pacific Parrotlet, Orange-fronted Barbet, Golden-olive and Black-cheeked Woodpeckers, Buff-throated Saltator, Bananaquit, Pacific Hornero, and Palm, Blue-grey, Lemon-rumped and White-lined Tanagers, and Orange-bellied and Thick-billed Euphonias. More Yellow-throated Toucans were seen in trees to the north.



Black-cheeked Woodpecker (Ian Wells)



Olivaceous Piculet (Ian Wells)

Taking a short walk along the access track, a couple of Southern Rough-winged Swallows and a White-thighed Swallow were hawking up and down. Heading back up towards the main road, we come across Little Cuckoo, Masked Water-tyrant, Guayaquil Woodpecker, Olivaceous Piculet, Bay Wren, Pacific Antwren, Tropical Gnatwren, Streaked Xenops, Common Tody-flycatcher, Bran-coloured Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied Seedeater, Blue-black Grassquit, Thick-billed Seedfinch, Giant and Shiny Cowbirds, and Smooth-billed Ani. Overhead, Hook-billed Kite, Black and Turkey Vultures and a Band-rumped Swift made appearances.

After an excellent morning, we returned to Mindo Loma Lodge for lunch, noting a female Empress Brilliant (the only one of the trip), Golden-naped Tanager and the male Andean Cock-of-the-Rock again around the lodge. We then headed back out onto the Upper Eco Road. Unfortunately, the rain was now

setting in which hampered our efforts. However, Jorge took us to the site of a well-positioned new lodge which was being constructed, and here we soon found a pair of Plate-billed Mountain-Toucans, undoubtedly one of the birds of the trip.



Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan (Ian Wells)

Nearby, we noted Sharp-shinned and Broad-winged Hawks, White-winged Brushfinch, Yellow-bellied Siskin, Golden, Flame-faced, and Metallic-green Tanagers, Streak-necked Flycatcher, White-tailed Tyrannulet, White-sided Flowerpiercer, Hummingbird and a largely obscured Sickle-winged Guan. Our drive back down towards the lodge in what was now heavy rain didn't produce much more, besides a Roadside Hawk and another Broad-winged Hawk, but a Giant Earthworm tempted out onto the track by the wet conditions was an eye-opener!



Giant Earthworm on the Eco Road

Day 5 (22nd February) – Milpe Sanctuary, Eco Road, Mirador Guaycapi, Quito Airport Lagoon

Today was another pre-dawn start at another moth trap, this time at Milpe Sanctuary. Although the moths were fewer, the birds were of high-quality, with Zeledon's and Chestnut-backed Antbirds, Speckled Nightingale-thrush, White-throated Spadebill, Orange-billed Sparrow, Ruddy Foliage-gleaner, Choco Warbler and Pale-vented Thrush all making appearances – as well as a huge *Megalobulimus* snail.



Zeledon's Antbird (Ian Wells)



Speckled Nightingale-thrush (Nick Crouch)

Back at the centre, we spent some time with the hummingbirds, also noting Green Honeycreeper, Choco Trogon, Ornate Flycatcher, Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner, Bay Wren and Bananaquit. Further mammal interest came in the form of a large male Tayra, and a Central American Agouti. We then walked one of the trails, seeing Rufous-rumped Antwren, a super little wing-snapping Club-winged Manakin, a brief Golden-winged Manakin, Lesser Greenlet, Striped (Western) Woodhaunter, Yellow-collared Cholorophonia, Yellow-throated Chlorospingus, Rufous-throated Tanager, Slaty-capped Flycatcher, Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant and Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner.



Club-winged Manakin (Ian Wells)

Returning to the minibus, we drove a short distance along the track beyond the entrance to Milpe, making a number of stops in what was now quite warm and sunny weather. First up was a Bright-rumped Attila, followed by Plain Xenops, Ochre-breasted and Silver-throated Tanagers, Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo, Western Wood Pewee, a showy Olive-crowned Yellowthroat, Band-backed Wren, Ruddy Pigeon, Roadside

Hawk, an amenable Laughing Falcon, Shiny Cowbird, Yellow-bellied Siskin, Smooth-billed Ani, Variable Seedeater, Orange-crowned Euphonia, Masked Water-Tyrant and Rusty-margined Flycatcher.



Laughing Falcon (Ian Wells)

On the drive back to Mindo Loma Lodge, a Choco Toucan was glimpsed briefly from the minibus, but had disappeared by the time we had stopped and got out to look for it. After enjoying our final meal at the lodge, we took the Eco Road once again, returning to the half-built lodge in a final attempt for Toucan-Barbet, unfortunately without luck, but we did see two Metallic-green Tanagers, as well as Speckled Hummingbird, Azara's Spinetail, White-sided Flowerpiercer, House Wren and Hook-billed Kite, and tail-end views of a Tayra dashing up the track in front of us.

Driving further along the Eco Road we stopped again at Mirador Guaycapi, hoping for the Maroon-chested Ground Dove which had been seen a few days previously – but not today. We did add a couple of new

species, however, in the form of Pallid Dove, Collared Araçari and Black-winged Saltator, as well as a similar selection of hummingbirds and tanagers as our previous visit.

Continuing our journey back to Quito, we stopped briefly at the Mitad del Mundo monument, before visiting the airport lagoon. This was our first taste of any wetland habitat, and in the space of a few minutes we had added Cattle, Snowy and Great Egrets, Striated Heron, Yellow-billed Pintail, Blue-winged Teal, Pied-billed Grebe, Andean Coot, Andean Gull, Neotropical Cormorant and Spotted Sandpiper to our trip list, with Harris Hawk and Vermillion Flycatcher also present. The final leg of the journey to Puembo Birding Garden saw Feral Rock Dove and American Kestrel also join the list, with the ubiquitous Eared Doves and Great Thrushes also noted.



Quito Airport lagoon

Day 6 (23rd February) - Antisana National Park, Guango Lodge

We were treated to what passed for a lie-in this morning, leaving Puembo Birding Garden at 6.30am after seeing a small selection of birds including Saffron Finch, Scrub Tanager and Shiny Cowbird. We drove for an hour or so towards Antisana National Park, stopping first at the Tambo Condor restaurant and the nearby Mirador at the Chakana Reserve. The stars here were the Andean Condors, initially sat on the cliff faces opposite but then becoming airborne, with a group of 7 circling together at one point.

A Giant Hummingbird was another sought-after species, and we also noted both Black-tailed and Green-tailed Trainbearers, Tyrian Metaltail, Great Sapphirewing, Shining Sunbeam, Black Flowerpiercer, Plain-coloured Seedeater, Capped Thornbill and the first of several Variable Hawks seen during the day – but no Spectacled Bears, this being a favoured spot for them. A little further along, a raptor which dashed across the road before perching up proved to be a smart Aplomado Falcon.



Giant Hummingbird (Ian Wells)

We then reached the high-altitude grasslands of the national park (hitting a maximum height of 4090m), and several stops produced plenty of Andean Gulls, two groups of Andean Ibises (totalling 16 birds), several Paramo Pipits, lots of Carunculated Caracaras, five Andean Lapwings, three Black-winged Ground-doves,

two Paramo Ground-Tyrants and several Brown-chested Martins, as well as a couple more Andean Condors and plenty of White-tailed Deer.



A cloud-shrouded Antisana Volcano

Arriving at the park administration centre at Laguna de La Mica, and having completed the necessary bureaucracy (writing our names and passport numbers on a loose sheet of paper – or a random selection of numbers for those of us who didn't have our passports on us...), we birded the path down to the lake, seeing Plumbeous Sierra-Finch, Andean Tit-Spinetail, Many-striped Canastero, Stout-billed and Chestnut-winged Cinclodes, Paramo Ground Tyrant, Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant and Grass Wren. On the lake itself we couldn't locate any Silvery Grebes, but did find Andean Duck, Andean Teal, Yellow-billed Pintail and Andean Coot.



Chestnut-winged Cinclodes (Ian Wells)



Plumbeous Sierra-Finch (Nick Crouch)



Andean Tit-Spinetail (Nick Crouch)

Retracing our steps, we had a last attempt to find Ecuadorian Starfrontlet, but without success. We also learnt that another group had seen Spectacled Bears from the Chakana Reserve mirador a little earlier... After a nice lunch back at Tambo Condor, we suffered a flat tyre which we got fixed in the nearby town of Pintag, before driving over the Papallacta Pass (stopping and scanning unsuccessfully for Spectacled Bears in a couple of spots) to arrive at Guango Lodge in the late afternoon, with just enough light to check out the hummingbird feeders – new were Tourmeline Sunangel, Long-tailed Sylph and Chestnut Coronet.



Guango Lodge

Day 7 (24th February) – Wayra Reserve, Guacamayos, San Isidro, La Brisa, Borja, Guango Lodge

This morning we were due to start at the moth trap at San Isidro Lodge. Unfortunately, however, our minibus was really struggling and the decision was made to stop just west of Baeza. Here, a long-distance coach was refueling, and within a matter of minutes Jorge had us boarding it, having established it was going South - the right direction for us (which was a stroke of luck). An hour and c.45km later, we arrived at the Wayra Reserve, leaving the bleary-eyed (and somewhat puzzled) Ecuadorians to continue their journey.



The group at Wayra

At an altitude of about 1270m, and overlooking the Sumaco Volcano, this was to be as far east as we got, and being right on the edge of the Amazon region, we enjoyed lots of new birds over the next couple of hours. Wayra is owned by a farming family who have set up paths and feeding stations/hides, and are doing some reforestation work so it was good to be able to support this enterprise. Unfortunately, the Rufous-breasted Wood-Quails didn't make an appearance (there was a suggestion that feral dogs may have been the cause), but the

birding was good, with Magpie, Silver-beaked, Spotted, Blue-necked, Yellow-bellied, Swallow and Blue-grey Tanagers, Bluish-grey Saltator, Chestnut-bellied and Black-and-White Seedeaters, Yellow-browed and Orange-billed Sparrows, a pair of Lafresnaye's Piculets, Plumbeous Pigeon, Grey-fronted Dove, Blue Dacnis, Red-crested Finch, Lined Antshrike, Streaked Xenops, Yellow-headed Caracara, Russet-backed Oropendula, Violaceous Jay, Olive-chested Flycatcher, White-winged Becard, Swainson's and Black-billed Thrushes, Olivaceous Siskin, Ruddy Spinetail, Golden-faced Tyrannulet, Social Flycatcher and Red-headed Barbet, and some nice hummers including Golden-tailed Sapphire, Black-throated Mango, Sparkling Violetear, Fork-tailed Woodnymph and White-bellied Woodstar. A couple of the group also saw three fly-over Chestnut-fronted Macaws.

Finishing up at Wayra, we were picked up by a new minibus and driver who had come over from Quito, and headed back north, stopping for a bit at Guacamayos where we walked a short distance from the road. The cloud forest here produced Grass-green



Orange-billed Sparrow (Nick Crouch)

Tanager, Ashy-headed Bush Tanager, Common Bush Tanager, Pearled Treerunner and Bluish

Flowerpiercer, whilst two pairs of Red-billed Parrots bombed overhead and where watched disappearing far down into the valley below.

Continuing on to San Isidro for lunch, we were once again delighted by the activity around the feeders at the lodge (despite the rain), seeing Cinnamon and Golden-bellied Flycatchers, Saffron-crowned, Flame-faced and Beryl-spangled Tanagers, Canada and Blackburnian Warblers, Marble-faced and Variegated Bristle-Tyrants, a super-smart little Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher, Chestnut-bellied Seed-eater, and a number of hummingbirds including Long-tailed Sylph, Bronzy Inca, Speckled Hummingbird, Violet-fronted Brilliant, Fawn-breasted Brilliant and Collared Inca. Two Black Agoutis (an adult and youngster) were also seen.



Cinnamon Flycatcher (Ian Wells)



Forest at San Isidro

Finishing our lunch, we continued north from San Isidro, where a roadside stop delivered a rather beautiful Crimson-mantled Woodpecker around its nest hole, with four Southern Lapwings nearby. We then called in at another site, La Brisa, where the garden held a tiny and busy Gorgeted Woodstar, and the hummingbird feeders were attracting Peruvian Racket-tail, Bronzy Inca, Speckled Hummingbird, Green-backed Hillstar, Long-tailed Sylph and Rufous-breasted Hummingbird. Inca Jay and Emerald Toucanet were also found.



Gorgeted Woodstar (Ian Wells)

Continuing north, we drove the lanes around San Francisco de Borja, and after a fair bit of searching eventually located our quarry, Red-breasted Meadowlark, with eight or ten birds found in one small area. Here, a Russet-backed Oropendula was also noted, along with Smooth-billed Ani and a number of Roadside Hawks, and a sizeable group of Southern Lapwings.

Returning to Guango Lodge, one of the group had a Rufous-bellied Nighthawk feeding high over the lodge at dusk.



Red-breasted Meadowlark (Ian Wells)

Day 8 (25th February) – Guango Lodge and departure from Quito

Our final day on Ecuadorian soil dawned all too soon. We stayed the whole morning at Guango Lodge, beginning with a pre-breakfast visit to the moth trap. This attracted at least five Northern Mountain Caciques, two Inca Jays, at least six Turquoise Jays, four Andean Guans, two Pale-naped Brushfinches, two Rufous Wrens, a Mountain Wren and two Russet-crowned Warblers.



Northern Mountain Cacique (Ian Wells)

After breakfast, we headed down to the river, flushing a Fasciated Tiger-Heron which then perched up nicely for us. We also noted Mountain Velvetbreast, Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant and White-banded Tyrannulet, before enjoying an hour with a pair of Torrent Ducks (and single duckling). Back on the woodland trails, birds included an obliging pair of Grey-breasted Mountain Toucans, a Crested Quetzal, Blue-and-black Tanager, Black-capped Hemispingus, and a Rufous-headed Pygmy Tyrant, as well as another Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant and a Hooded Mountain Tanager.



Fasciated Tiger-Heron (Nick Crouch)

And so ended the trip for the majority of the group. After a final lunch at Guango Lodge we headed back up the Papallacta Pass, failing again to locate any Spectacled Bears but enjoying views of the snow-capped summit of the Antisana Volcano between the clouds. It was then on to Quito and the airport, to catch our flights home.

Day 9 (26th February) – Arrival back in UK

All travelling arrived safely back in the UK. Two participants extended their trip with a visit to Sacha Lodge on the Napo River in the Amazon, whilst two more spent two extra days in Quito.

Conclusion

This was a fantastic trip, and for a number of the group was a first taste of South America; it is difficult to envision a better introduction. The avian highlights were many, but those at the top of the list would include Andean Cock-of-the-Rock, Giant Antpitta, Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan, Torrent Duck, Andean Condor, and any number of the hummingbirds and tanagers. Jorge Luna proved to be an exceptionally sharp guide, whose ability to pick out calls was bordering on super-human at times. In total, the group saw 321 species (although no-one saw everything), with a number of further heard-only records.



The group by the Rio Papallacta at Guango Lodge on our final day – Jorge (leader), Nick, Kevin, John and Sally (back row), and Duncan, Mike, Ian, Jane and David (front row).

Trip list

		February 2023							
Common name	Scientific name	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Torrent Duck	<i>Merganetta armata</i>		✓						✓
Blue-winged Teal	<i>Spatula discors</i>					✓			
Yellow-billed Pintail	<i>Anas georgica spinicauda</i>					✓	✓		
Andean Teal	<i>Anas andium</i>						✓		
Andean Duck	<i>Oxyura ferruginea</i>						✓		
Andean Guan	<i>Penelope montagnii</i>		✓					✓	✓
Sickle-winged Guan	<i>Chamaepetes goudotii</i>				✓				
Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>					✓			
Fasciated Tiger Heron	<i>Tigrisoma fasciatum</i>								✓
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>					✓			
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>					✓			
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>					✓			
Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>					✓			
Andean Ibis	<i>Theristicus branickii</i>						✓		
Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>					✓		✓	
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Andean Condor	<i>Vultur gryphus</i>						✓		
Hook-billed Kite	<i>Chondrohierax uncinatus</i>			✓	✓	✓			
Swallow-tailed Kite	<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Plain-breasted Hawk	<i>Accipiter ventralis</i>				✓				
Barred Hawk	<i>Morphnarchus princeps</i>			✓		✓			
Roadside Hawk	<i>Rupornis magnirostris</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	
Harris's Hawk	<i>Parabuteo unicinctus</i>					✓			
Variable Hawk	<i>Geranoaetus polyosoma</i>						✓		
Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle	<i>Geranoaetus melanoleucus</i>		✓				✓		
Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>				✓				
Short-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo brachyurus</i>			✓					
Andean Coot	<i>Fulica ardesiaca</i>					✓	✓		
Southern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus chilensis</i>							✓	
Andean Lapwing	<i>Vanellus resplendens</i>		✓				✓		
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>					✓			
Andean Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus serranus</i>					✓	✓		
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>					✓	✓		
Band-tailed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>		✓	✓			✓		
Plumbeous Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas plumbea</i>							✓	
Ruddy Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas subvinacea</i>					✓			
Black-winged Ground Dove	<i>Metriopelia melanoptera</i>					✓			
Pallid Dove	<i>Leptotila pallida</i>					✓			
Grey-fronted Dove	<i>Leptotila rufaxilla</i>							✓	
Eared Dove	<i>Zenaida auriculata</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓		
Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>				✓	✓		✓	
Little Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus minuta</i>				✓				
Squirrel Cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana</i>			✓					
Rufescent Screech Owl	<i>Megascops (colombianus) ingens</i>		✓						
Rufous-bellied Nighthawk	<i>Lurocalis rufiventris</i>							✓	

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Lyre-tailed Nightjar	<i>Uropsalis lyra</i>			✓					
Chestnut-collared Swift	<i>Streptoprocne rutila</i>			✓					
White-collared Swift	<i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>			✓			✓	✓	
Band-rumped Swift	<i>Chaetura spinicaudus</i>				✓				
White-whiskered Hermit	<i>Phaethornis yaruqui</i>		✓		✓	✓			
White-necked Jacobin	<i>Florisuga mellivora</i>		✓		✓	✓			
Brown Violetear	<i>Colibri delphinae</i>		✓		✓	✓			
Sparkling Violetear	<i>Colibri coruscans</i>	✓						✓	
Green-breasted Mango	<i>Anthracothonax prevostii</i>				✓			✓	
Green Thorntail	<i>Discosura conversii</i>				✓	✓			
Western Emerald	<i>Chlorostilbon melanorhynchus</i>	✓							
Crowned Woodnymph	<i>Thalurania colombica</i>		✓		✓	✓			
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia tzacatl</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓			
Andean Emerald	<i>Amazilia franciae</i>		✓			✓			
Purple-chested Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia rosenbergi</i>				✓				
Golden-tailed Sapphire	<i>Chrysornis oenone</i>							✓	
Speckled Hummingbird	<i>Adelomyia melanogenys</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	
Fawn-breasted Brilliant	<i>Heliodoxa rubinoides</i>		✓					✓	
Green-crowned Brilliant	<i>Heliodoxa jacula</i>		✓						
Empress Brilliant	<i>Heliodoxa imperatrix</i>				✓				
Violet-fronted Brilliant	<i>Heliodoxa leadbeateri</i>							✓	
White-tailed Hillstar	<i>Urochroa bougueri</i>							✓	
Buff-tailed Coronet	<i>Boissonneaua flavescens</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chestnut-breasted Coronet	<i>Boissonneaua matthewsii</i>						✓	✓	✓
Velvet-purple Coronet	<i>Boissonneaua jardini</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Shining Sunbeam	<i>Aglaeactis cupripennis</i>		✓				✓		
Mountain Velvetbreast	<i>Lafresnaya lafresnayi</i>								✓
Bronzy Inca	<i>Coeligena coeligena</i>							✓	✓
Brown Inca	<i>Coeligena wilsoni</i>			✓	✓				
Collared Inca	<i>Coeligena torquata</i>			✓			✓	✓	✓
Buff-winged Starfrontlet	<i>Coeligena lutetiae</i>		✓						
Sword-billed Hummingbird	<i>Ensifera ensifera</i>		✓						
Great Sapphirewing	<i>Pterophanes cyanopterus</i>		✓				✓		
Giant Hummingbird	<i>Patagona gigas</i>						✓		
Tourmaline Sunangel	<i>Heliangelus exortis</i>						✓		✓
Sapphire-vented Puffleg	<i>Eriocnemis luciani</i>		✓						
Golden-breasted Puffleg	<i>Eriocnemis mosquera</i>		✓						
Purple-bibbed Whitetip	<i>Urostroke benjamini</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
White-booted Racket-tail	<i>Ocreatus underwoodii</i>		✓	✓		✓			
Peruvian Racket-tail	<i>Ocreatus peruanus</i>							✓	
Black-tailed Trainbearer	<i>Lesbia victoriae</i>						✓		
Green-tailed Trainbearer	<i>Lesbia nuna</i>						✓		
Tyrian Metaltail	<i>Metallura tyrianthina</i>		✓				✓		
Long-tailed Sylph	<i>Agelaiocercus kingii</i>						✓	✓	✓
Violet-tailed Sylph	<i>Agelaiocercus coelestis</i>		✓	✓		✓			
Long-billed Starthroat	<i>Helimaster longirostris</i>				✓	✓			
Purple-throated Woodstar	<i>Calliphlox mitchellii</i>		✓			✓			

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White-bellied Woodstar	<i>Chaetocercus mulsant</i>							✓	✓
Gorgeted Woodstar	<i>Chaetocercus heliodor</i>							✓	
Golden-headed Quetzal	<i>Pharomachrus auriceps</i>		✓	✓					
Crested Quetzal	<i>Pharomachrus antisianus</i>								✓
Choco Trogon	<i>Trogon comptus</i>					✓			
Masked Trogon	<i>Trogon personatus</i>			✓	✓				
Rufous Motmot	<i>Baryphthengus martii</i>				✓				
Red-headed Barbet	<i>Eubucco bourcierii</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓	
Orange-fronted Barbet	<i>Capito squamatus</i>				✓				
White-throated Toucanet	<i>Aulacorhynchus albivitta</i>							✓	
Crimson-rumped Toucanet	<i>Aulacorhynchus haematopygus</i>				✓				
Pale-mandibled Aracari	<i>Pteroglossus erythropygius</i>					✓			
Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan	<i>Andigena hypoglaucha</i>								✓
Plate-billed Mountain Toucan	<i>Andigena laminirostris</i>				✓				
Choco Toucan	<i>Ramphastos brevis</i>				✓	✓			
Yellow-throated Toucan	<i>Ramphastos ambiguus</i>				✓				
Lafresnaye's Piculet	<i>Picumnus lafresnayi</i>							✓	
Olivaceous Piculet	<i>Picumnus olivaceus</i>				✓				
Black-cheeked Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes pucherani</i>				✓				
Golden-olive Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes rubiginosus</i>				✓				
Crimson-mantled Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes rivolii</i>							✓	
Powerful Woodpecker	<i>Campephilus pollens</i>			✓					
Guayaquil Woodpecker	<i>Campephilus guayaquilensis</i>				✓				
Carunculated Caracara	<i>Phalcoboenus carunculatus</i>		✓				✓		
Yellow-headed Caracara	<i>Daptrius chimachima</i>							✓	
Laughing Falcon	<i>Herpetotheres cachinnans</i>					✓			
Barred Forest Falcon	<i>Micrastur ruficollis</i>				✓				
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>					✓	✓		
Aplomado Falcon	<i>Falco femoralis</i>						✓		
Chestnut-fronted Macaw	<i>Ara severus</i>							✓	
Pacific Parrotlet	<i>Forpus coelestis</i>				✓				
Red-billed Parrot	<i>Pionus sordidus</i>							✓	
Maroon-tailed Parakeet	<i>Pyrrhura melanura</i>				✓				
Chestnut-winged Cinclodes	<i>Cinclodes albidiventris</i>						✓		
Stout-billed Cinclodes	<i>Cinclodes excelsior</i>						✓		
Pacific Hornero	<i>Furnarius cinnamomeus</i>			✓	✓				
Andean Tit-Spinetail	<i>Leptasthenura andicola</i>						✓		
Many-striped Canastero	<i>Asthenes flammulata</i>						✓		
Azara's Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis azarae</i>		✓			✓			
Ruddy Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis rutilans</i>							✓	
Red-faced Spinetail	<i>Cranioleuca erythrops</i>			✓	✓	✓			
Pearled Treerunner	<i>Margarornis squamiger</i>							✓	✓
Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner	<i>Anabacerthia variegaticeps</i>					✓			

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Lineated Foliage-gleaner	<i>Syndactyla subalaris</i>			✓	✓				
Striped Woodhaunter	<i>Automolus subulatus</i>					✓			
Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner	<i>Philydor rufum</i>					✓			
Streak-capped Treehunter	<i>Thripadectes virgaticeps</i>				✓				
Ruddy Foliage-gleaner	<i>Automolus rubiginosus</i>					✓			
Plain Xenops	<i>Xenops minutus</i>					✓			
Streaked Xenops	<i>Xenops rutilans</i>				✓			✓	
Plain-brown Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocincla fuliginosa</i>				✓	✓			
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Glyphorhynchus spirurus</i>			✓		✓			
Strong-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus</i>				✓				
Spotted Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus erythropygius</i>				✓	✓			
Olive-backed Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus triangularis</i>							✓	
Montane Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger</i>			✓	✓				✓
Lined Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus tenuipunctatus</i>							✓	
Pacific Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula pacifica</i>				✓				
Slaty Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula schisticolor</i>				✓				
Rufous-rumped Antwren	<i>Euchrepomis callinota</i>					✓			
Chestnut-backed Antbird	<i>Myrmeciza exsul</i>					✓			
Zeledon's Antbird	<i>Myrmeciza zeledoni</i>			✓		✓			
Rufous-breasted Antthrush	<i>Formicarius rufipectus</i>			✓					
Giant Antpitta	<i>Grallaria gigantea</i>			✓					
Moustached Antpitta	<i>Grallaria alleni</i>			✓					
Chestnut-crowned Antpitta	<i>Grallaria ruficapilla</i>			✓					
Rufous Antpitta	<i>Grallaria rufula</i>		✓						
Tawny Antpitta	<i>Grallaria quitensis</i>		✓						
Ochre-breasted Antpitta	<i>Grallaricula flavirostris</i>			✓					
Nariño Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus vicinior</i>			✓					
Spillmann's Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus spillmanni</i>		✓						
Southern Beardless Tyrannulet	<i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i>			✓					
White-tailed Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus poecilocercus</i>			✓	✓				
White-banded Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus stictopterus</i>								✓
Tufted Tit-Tyrant	<i>Anairetes parulus</i>		✓				✓		
Rufous-headed Pygmy Tyrant	<i>Pseudotriccus ruficeps</i>								✓
Variegated Bristle Tyrant	<i>Pogonotriccus poecilotis</i>							✓	
Marble-faced Bristle Tyrant	<i>Pogonotriccus ophthalmicus</i>							✓	
Streak-necked Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes striaticollis</i>				✓				
Slaty-capped Flycatcher	<i>Leptopogon superciliaris</i>					✓			
Flavescent Flycatcher	<i>Myiophobus flavicans</i>			✓					
Olive-chested Flycatcher	<i>Myiophobus cryptoxanthus</i>							✓	

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Bran-colored Flycatcher	<i>Myiophobus fasciatus</i>				✓				
Ornate Flycatcher	<i>Myiotriccus ornatus</i>			✓	✓	✓			
Golden-faced Tyrannulet	<i>Zimmerius chrysops</i>							✓	
Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Lophotriccus pileatus</i>					✓			
Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Poecilatriccus ruficeps</i>							✓	
Common Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>				✓				
White-throated Spadebill	<i>Platyrinchus mystaceus</i>					✓			
Cinnamon Flycatcher	<i>Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus</i>							✓	✓
Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>		✓					✓	✓
Smoke-colored Pewee	<i>Contopus fumigatus</i>			✓					
Western Wood Pewee	<i>Contopus sordidulus</i>					✓			
Vermilion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus obscurus</i>	✓				✓		✓	
Paramo Ground Tyrant	<i>Muscisaxicola alpinus</i>						✓		
Smoky Bush Tyrant	<i>Myiotheretes fumigatus</i>		✓						
Masked Water Tyrant	<i>Fluvicola nengeta</i>				✓	✓			
Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris</i>								✓
Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca fuscicollis</i>		✓				✓		
Rusty-margined Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes cayanensis</i>			✓	✓	✓			
Social Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>							✓	
Golden-crowned Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes chrysocephalus</i>			✓				✓	
Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Bright-rumped Attila	<i>Attila spadiceus</i>					✓			
Green-and-black Fruiteater	<i>Pipreola riefferii</i>			✓					
Andean Cock-of-the-rock	<i>Rupicola peruvianus</i>			✓	✓	✓			
Long-wattled Umbrellabird	<i>Cephalopterus penduliger</i>				✓				
Golden-winged Manakin	<i>Masius chrysopterus</i>					✓			
Club-winged Manakin	<i>Machaeropterus deliciosus</i>					✓			
Barred Becard	<i>Pachyramphus versicolor</i>			✓					
White-winged Becard	<i>Pachyramphus polychropterus</i>							✓	
Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo	<i>Vireolanius leucotis</i>					✓			
Brown-capped Vireo	<i>Vireo leucophrys</i>			✓	✓				
Lesser Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus decurtatus</i>					✓			
Turquoise Jay	<i>Cyanolyca turcosa</i>								✓
Inca Jay	<i>Cyanocorax yncas</i>							✓	✓
Violaceous Jay	<i>Cyanocorax violaceus</i>							✓	
Blue-and-white Swallow	<i>Notiochelidon cyanoleuca</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Brown-bellied Swallow	<i>Notiochelidon murina</i>		✓				✓		
White-thighed Swallow	<i>Neochelidon tibialis</i>				✓				
Southern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>				✓	✓			
Band-backed Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus zonatus</i>					✓			
Rufous Wren	<i>Cinnycerthia unirufa</i>		✓						✓

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Sepia-brown Wren	<i>Cinnycerthia olivascens olivascens</i>			✓					
Grass Wren	<i>Cistothorus platensis aequatorialis</i>		✓				✓		
Bay Wren	<i>Cantorchilus nigricapillus</i>				✓	✓			
Southern House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon musculus</i>			✓	✓	✓			
Mountain Wren	<i>Troglodytes solstitialis</i>			✓	✓			✓	✓
Grey-breasted Wood Wren	<i>Henicorhina leucophrys</i>			✓	✓				
Tropical Mockingbird	<i>Mimus gilvus</i>	✓							
Andean Solitaire	<i>Myadestes ralloides</i>			✓					
Speckled Nightingale-Thrush	<i>Catharus maculatus</i>					✓			
Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	
Great Thrush	<i>Turdus fuscater</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
Black-billed Thrush	<i>Turdus ignobilis</i>							✓	
Pale-vented Thrush	<i>Turdus obsoletus</i>					✓			
Ecuadorian Thrush	<i>Turdus maculirostris</i>		✓	✓	✓				
White-capped Dipper	<i>Cinclus leucocephalus</i>		✓						✓
Paramo Pipit	<i>Anthus bogotensis</i>						✓		
Golden Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus chrysogaster</i>	✓							
Yellow-bellied Siskin	<i>Spinus xanthogastrus</i>			✓	✓	✓			
Olivaceous Siskin	<i>Spinus olivaceus</i>							✓	
Orange-crowned Euphonia	<i>Euphonia saturata</i>					✓			
Thick-billed Euphonia	<i>Euphonia lanirostris</i>		✓		✓	✓			
Orange-bellied Euphonia	<i>Euphonia xanthogaster</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Yellow-collared Chlorophonia	<i>Chlorophonia flavirostris</i>					✓			
Olive-crowned Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis semiflava</i>					✓			
Tropical Parula	<i>Setophaga pitaiayumi</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	
Blackburnian Warbler	<i>Setophaga fusca</i>			✓	✓			✓	
Black-crested Warbler	<i>Myiothlypis nigrocristata</i>		✓						
Buff-rumped Warbler	<i>Myiothlypis fulvicauda</i>					✓			
Choco Warbler	<i>Myiothlypis chlorophrys</i>					✓			
Russet-crowned Warbler	<i>Myiothlypis coronata</i>								✓
Three-striped Warbler	<i>Basileuterus tristriatus</i>			✓	✓	✓			
Canada Warbler	<i>Cardellina canadensis</i>							✓	✓
Slate-throated Whitestart	<i>Myioborus miniatus</i>			✓	✓	✓			
Spectacled Whitestart	<i>Myioborus melanocephalus</i>		✓						✓
Red-breasted Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella militaris</i>							✓	
Russet-backed Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius angustifrons</i>							✓	
Northern Mountain Cacique	<i>Cacicus leucoramphus</i>							✓	✓
Giant Cowbird	<i>Molothrus oryzivorus</i>				✓				
Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>	✓			✓	✓			
Scrub Blackbird	<i>Dives warczewiczi</i>			✓					
Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaveola</i>				✓	✓		✓	
Rufous-collared Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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Yellow-browed Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus aurifrons</i>							✓	
Orange-billed Sparrow	<i>Arremon aurantirostris</i>					✓		✓	
Pale-naped Brushfinch	<i>Atlapetes pallidinucha</i>								✓
Choco Brushfinch	<i>Atlapetes crassus</i>			✓					
Yellow-breasted Brushfinch	<i>Atlapetes latinuchus</i>		✓						
White-winged Brushfinch	<i>Atlapetes leucopterus</i>				✓				
Red-crested Finch	<i>Coryphospingus cucullatus</i>							✓	
Summer Tanager	<i>Piranga rubra</i>							✓	
Common Bush Tanager	<i>Chlorospingus flavopectus</i>							✓	
Dusky Bush Tanager	<i>Chlorospingus semifuscus</i>			✓	✓	✓			
Ashy-throated Bush Tanager	<i>Chlorospingus canicularis</i>							✓	
Ochre-breasted Tanager	<i>Chlorothraupis stolzmanni</i>					✓			
Magpie Tanager	<i>Cissopis leverianus</i>							✓	
Black-capped Hemispingus	<i>Hemispingus atropileus</i>								✓
Superciliaried Hemispingus	<i>Hemispingus superciliaris</i>		✓						
White-lined Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus rufus</i>		✓		✓	✓		✓	
Lemon-rumped Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus icteronotus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Silver-beaked Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus carbo</i>							✓	
Blue-grey Tanager	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Palm Tanager	<i>Thraupis palmarum</i>		✓		✓	✓		✓	
Blue-and-yellow Tanager	<i>Thraupis bonariensis</i>	✓							
Hooded Mountain Tanager	<i>Buthraupis montana</i>		✓						✓
Black-chested Mountain Tanager	<i>Buthraupis eximia</i>		✓						
Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager	<i>Anisognathus igniventris</i>		✓						✓
Blue-winged Mountain Tanager	<i>Anisognathus somptuosus</i>			✓	✓	✓			
Grass-green Tanager	<i>Chlorornis riefferii</i>							✓	
Fawn-breasted Tanager	<i>Pipraeidea melanonota</i>					✓			
Golden Tanager	<i>Tangara arthus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Silver-throated Tanager	<i>Tangara icterocephala</i>		✓	✓		✓			
Saffron-crowned Tanager	<i>Tangara xanthocephala</i>							✓	
Flame-faced Tanager	<i>Tangara parzudakii</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	
Bay-headed Tanager	<i>Tangara gyrola</i>		✓						
Scrub Tanager	<i>Tangara vitriolina</i>	✓							
Golden-naped Tanager	<i>Tangara ruficervix</i>		✓	✓	✓				
Metallic-green Tanager	<i>Tangara labradorides</i>			✓	✓	✓			
Blue-necked Tanager	<i>Tangara cyanicollis</i>		✓			✓		✓	
Beryl-spangled Tanager	<i>Tangara nigroviridis</i>			✓				✓	
Blue-and-black Tanager	<i>Tangara vassorii</i>								✓
Black-capped Tanager	<i>Tangara heinei</i>		✓			✓			
Swallow Tanager	<i>Tersina viridis</i>							✓	
Blue Dacnis	<i>Dacnis cayana</i>							✓	
Green Honeycreeper	<i>Chlorophanes spiza</i>					✓			
Cinereous Conebill	<i>Conirostrum cinereum</i>		✓				✓		

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Blue-backed Conebill	<i>Conirostrum sitticolor</i>		✓						
Capped Conebill	<i>Conirostrum albifrons</i>			✓					✓
Glossy Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa lafresnayii</i>		✓						
Black Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa humeralis</i>		✓				✓		
White-sided Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa albilatera</i>				✓	✓			
Bluish Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa caerulescens</i>							✓	
Masked Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa cyanea</i>		✓		✓			✓	✓
Plumbeous Sierra Finch	<i>Phrygilus unicolor</i>						✓		
Saffron Finch	<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>	✓							
Buff-throated Saltator	<i>Saltator maximus</i>				✓	✓			
Black-winged Saltator	<i>Saltator atripennis</i>					✓			
Greyish Saltator	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>							✓	
Blue-black Grassquit	<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>				✓				
Dull-coloured Grassquit	<i>Asemospiza obscura</i>					✓			
Variable Seedeater	<i>Sporophila corvina</i>			✓	✓	✓			
Black-and-white Seedeater	<i>Sporophila luctuosa</i>							✓	
Yellow-bellied Seedeater	<i>Sporophila nigricollis</i>			✓	✓	✓			
Chestnut-bellied Seedeater	<i>Sporophila castaneiventris</i>							✓	
Thick-billed Seed Finch	<i>Oryzoborus funereus</i>				✓				
Plain-coloured Seedeater	<i>Catamenia inornata</i>						✓		



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Mammal list

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Mouse Possum sp.	<i>Marmosa sp.</i>		✓						
Nine-banded Armadillo	<i>Dasypus novemcinctus</i>				✓				
Andean Tapeti	<i>Sylvilagus andinus</i>		✓						
Central American Agouti	<i>Dasyprocta punctata</i>				✓	✓			
Black Agouti	<i>Dasyprocta fuliginosa</i>							✓	
Red-tailed Squirrel	<i>Sciurus granatensis</i>		✓		✓	✓			
White-tailed Deer	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>							✓	
Tayra	<i>Eira barbara</i>					✓			
Olinguito	<i>Bassaricyon neblina</i>		✓						



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