

Ecuador & the Galapagos Islands - including Sacha Lodge Extension

Naturetrek Tour Report

10 February - 5 March 2014



Marine Iguana



Great Frigatebird



Snail Kite



Beach landing

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This report has kindly been compiled by tour participant Dave Riley. The daily summaries cover the periods either side of the visit to the Galapagos Islands, whilst the Species List covers the whole tour.

Day 1

Monday 10th February

UK to Quito

Margaret had arrived in Quito the previous day and today visited some of the city sights. Everyone else arrived in the evening, some via Amsterdam with KLM and some via Madrid with Iberia. Gloria and Wendy from our Ground Agents met the two groups separately at the new Mariscal Sucre airport, from where we were taken to the Dann Carlton Hotel for a well-earned rest after our long journey.

Day 2

Tuesday 11th February

Quito

Weather: Hot and mostly sunny

Those venturing outside the hotel before breakfast soon became familiar with three common city birds; Rufous-collared Sparrow, Great Thrush and numerous Eared Doves. After an extensive buffet breakfast at the hotel, we joined Gloria for a bus and walking tour of the fascinating 'old town' which included Plaza Benalcázar, Plaza de la Independencia, the Presidential Palace and two magnificent churches (Basilica del Voto Nacional and Iglesia de la Compañía de Jesús). The morning was rounded off with good views over the city from El Panecillo (Bread Loaf Hill), where an American Kestrel posed on a nearby lamp post.

Some of the group stayed in the old town to do more sightseeing, but most returned to the hotel and then took the short walk in separate parties to the nearby Jardín Botánico de Quito next to Parque la Carolina. The \$3.50 admission fee to the gardens proved very worthwhile, with good views of a number of new species, some of which were rather baffling until we got to grips with them. Sparkling Violetears were flitting around continuously, and a nearby pair of Black-tailed Trainbearers performed well, along with a probable Green-tailed Trainbearer. We eventually concluded that a number of small black birds in the bushes were Black Flowerpiercers. Blue-grey and Blue-and-yellow Tanagers made an appearance too, whilst Blue-and-white Swallows swooped closely above us and a group of 100+ White-collared Swifts soared high above. (See the Species List for a full list of birds seen today and on a later visit on 4th March).

In the evening most of the group walked to Mi Cocina, a restaurant serving large portions of traditional Ecuadorian food, whilst others went to Romolo e Remo, an Italian restaurant next door to the hotel.

Day 3

Wednesday 12th February

Quito to Galapagos

Weather: Hot and sunny

Breakfast at 6.00am was followed by our departure to the airport for our flight via Guayaquil to Baltra Island, where we were met by Darwin Alvarez, our guide for the next 2 weeks around the Galapagos Islands.

Days 4/16

Thursday 13th/Tuesday 25th February

Galapagos Islands

Day 17

Wednesday 26th February

Galapagos to Quito

Weather: Hot and sunny initially, with rain later

After our final breakfast prepared by the excellent and inventive chef Pedro, most of the group took a panga (boat) ride around the mangrove lagoon of Turtle Cove on Santa Cruz island. There were few birds, but it was a last opportunity to view the turtles and some of the species of fish that had become familiar to the snorkelers. We then re-boarded the Cachalote for its short journey to Baltra Harbour, from where we were transported to the airport for our return to the mainland. Darwin accompanied us to the airport to ease us through check-in and to pick up his clients for the following week. An early evening arrival back in Quito gave us time to relax and recover after a superb experience.

Day 18

Thursday 27th February

Antisana - Weather: Cold and generally cloudy, with rain in the afternoon

Otavalo - Weather: Warm and generally sunny

Everyone had been offered optional day trips either to the slopes of the Antisana volcano for some high-altitude birding or to the market town of Otavalo.

Lamont, Patricia, Corinne and Brian headed to Otavalo after breakfast, and a couple of hours later they arrived to experience the sights of this bustling market town with their guide Steban. They visited both craft and local markets, and an excellent lunch was consumed before returning to the hotel by late afternoon.

The rest of the group had an earlier start after breakfast in the hotel at 6.00am, and picked up their guide Xavier Muñoz enroute. Approaching our destination a couple of hours later, Xavier suddenly asked the driver to stop and, getting off the bus quickly, we were pointed in the direction of three Andean Condors soaring high in the far distance. Thinking that this was the best view that we would get, we drove on to a local family restaurant for coffee and biscuits. Plumbeous Sierra-Finches, Cinereous Conebills, a Giant Hummingbird and other birds vied for our attention, but they were ignored as a juvenile female Condor floated into view through the low cloud, this time much closer. It was soon followed by another juvenile and an adult higher in the clouds.

Very satisfied with this start, Vladimir from the restaurant joined us as we boarded the bus to venture higher, passing fields of potato plants before we reached a short trail through a well-vegetated hillside alongside a mountain stream. A stunning Ecuadorian Hillstar was the highlight amongst a number of new sightings, including Shining Sunbeam, Red-crested Cotinga, Band-tailed Seedeater, Rufous-naped Brush-Finch and a couple of Variable Hawks which floated closely overhead. (See the Species List for a full list of birds seen today).

Going even higher to the more desolate 'paramo' landscape, we reached 4,000m above sea level. Many Carunculated Caracaras grazed in the grass alongside the road, and then several Black-faced Ibis and Andean

Gulls gave prolonged views. Andean Ruddy Ducks and a pair of Silvery Grebes were present on Laguna la Mica as a large male White-tailed Deer foraged on the adjacent hillside.

A few Andean Lapwings and a Tawny Antpitta were then seen as rain began to set in. We set off on the return journey to the restaurant for a late lunch watching dozens of White-collared Swifts swooping close by the roadside.

After another good day out, most of the group took the easy option of eating at Romelo e Remo next door to the hotel.

Day 19

Friday 28th February

Quito to Sacha Lodge

Weather: Hot and sunny

Jon and Caroline departed for home this afternoon, but everyone else had opted for the extension at Sacha Lodge. We made an 8.00am departure from the hotel for the 30-minute flight to Coca. A short bus ride from Coca's airport took us to a coffee and biscuit break before embarking on a 2-hour motorised canoe trip taking us 50 miles down the Napo river. The trip was broken by a lunch stop where most of the group visited a small local museum. Meanwhile, our birding guide Oscar found a number of new birds for Brian, Andrea and Dave including Spot-breasted and Yellow-tufted Woodpeckers, Black-fronted Nunbird and Glittering-throated Emerald. (See the Species List for a full list of birds seen today and in the next two days).

We eventually arrived at Sacha's landing site alongside the river and then got to the lodge after a 40-minute walk in hot and humid conditions along a boardwalk, and another 10 minutes in smaller canoes. After consuming our welcome drinks and snacks, we were allocated cabins, grateful that our luggage had been safely transported there separately.

An hour later, we boarded a dug-out canoe with Oscar and his assistant Carlos to float around the adjacent Pilchicocha Lake to view several birds that would become familiar over the next couple of days, including Slender-billed and Snail Kites, Great and Lesser Kiskadees, Social Flycatchers and Wattled Jacana. An Azure Gallinule provided only a brief glimpse for some, but a skulking Boat-billed Heron posed for everyone along Anaconda Creek before we returned to the lodge to get fitted for the wellingtons that we would need on the following days, and then to sample the bar and excellent evening buffet.

Day 20/21

Saturday 1st / Sunday 2nd March

Sacha Lodge

Weather: Initially warm with thin cloud and mist, then hot, humid and sunny with occasional cloud; heavy rain in late afternoon

The group split into two for these two days, each taking the same early morning and late afternoon trips but in a different order. Patricia, Lamont, Corinne, Brian, Andrea and Dave had opted for the 'birding' trips, again led by Oscar and Carlos. The other seven opted for 'general naturalist' trips led by guide Daniel.

A highlight for both groups was the 45-minute motorised canoe trip further downstream on the Napo River to visit the 'parrot lick' at Yasuni, where dozens of Mealy, Blue-headed and Yellow-crowned Parrots and Dusky-headed Parakeets performed noisily for us. Nearby, a lone Ladder-tailed Nightjar perched silently on a branch overhanging the river, whilst Squirrel Monkeys swung through the trees and a Drab Water-Tyrant lived up to its name. The 'birding group' landed on a river island, where their wellingtons were essential to tramp through the very wet conditions, and where Olive-spotted Hummingbird, Willow Flycatcher, Parker's Spinetail and Black-and-white Antbird were located. Other riverside sightings included half a dozen Greater Yellowlegs, Spotted Sandpiper, Pied Lapwing, Collared Plover and three White-eared Jacamars.

A canoe trip from the lodge along Orquidea Creek was accompanied by the loud menacing sound of Red Howler Monkeys in the distance as Black-crowned Night-Heron, Cinnamon Attila and Silvered Antbird were seen. A Rufescent Tiger-Heron lurked in the undergrowth before we took a trail to climb the 156 steps up the 40m-high Kapok Tower, from where Bare-necked and Purple-throated Fruitcrows, Spangled Cotinga, Opal-crowned Tanager and several other species were seen.

A trail from the lodge led us to the spectacular 300m-long/36m-high Canopy Walk. The early-morning mist cleared eventually to give views of Channel-billed and White-throated Toucans, Many-banded and Ivory-billed Araçaris and Gilded Barbets, amongst many other species. Three Crested Owls perched silently for us on the return walk as a Long-tailed Hermit flitted around.

The fourth trip out around the lake and creeks produced yet more superb sightings including a Green-and-rufous Kingfisher, nesting Hoatzin and Striped Woodcreeper, bringing the combined bird species list to more than 130 for our stay.

Excellent buffet breakfasts, lunches and evening meals at the lodge were consumed avidly before, between and after the various trips.

Day 22

Monday 3rd March

Sacha Lodge to Quito

Weather: Light rain in the morning; sunny periods and then heavy rain in the afternoon

There was an early start today for our boardwalk and canoe journey to Coca for our return flight to Quito. We arrived back at the Dann Carlton hotel in the early afternoon for another period of relaxation after yet another superb experience. Most of the group ate in another Ecuadorian restaurant, Mama Colindra where Denise and Dave were the only ones to select guinea pig ('cuy'); they were somewhat unimpressed, but at least they could add it to their tick list.

Day 23/24

Tuesday 4th / Wednesday 5th March

Quito - home

Evening departures from Quito meant that there was free time in the city beforehand. Some of the group chose to take the cable car (Quito Teleferico) to the 4,000m summit of Cruz Loma whilst others re-visited the old town. In the meantime, Corinne, Mike, Andrea and Dave returned to the Botanical Gardens where they had the good fortune to bump into an expert local birder, Dusan Brinkhuizen, who gave a few tips on what to look for. Summer Tanager and Swainson's Thrush were soon added to our list from last time, but the Trainbearers from that visit were absent because of maintenance work in that part of the gardens. Dusan showed us a Snowy-throated Kingbird, apparently a new and unexpected sighting here for this usually coastal species. Mike stayed on after the others returned to do their final packing, and he located a Golden-bellied Grosbeak and a Vermilion Flycatcher.

We eventually arrived home safely in the UK after our return flights via the joys of the airports at Guayaquil and Amsterdam/Madrid, and everyone agreed that this had been a superb experience

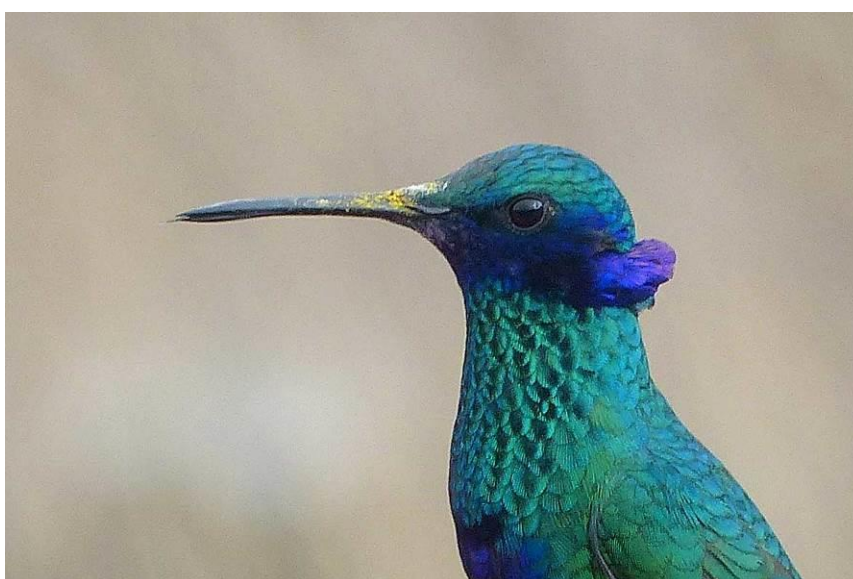
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Sparkling Violetear

Species List

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

Quito Botanical Gardens, 11th February & 4th March

(self-guided, but briefly assisted by Dusan Brinkhuizen on 4th)

Antisana volcano, 27th February (guided by Xavier Muñoz of Neblina Forest Tours)

	Common name	Scientific name	Quito	Antisana
1	Andean Teal	<i>Anas andium</i>		✓
2	Andean Ruddy Duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>		✓
3	Silvery Grebe	<i>Podiceps occipitalis</i>		✓
4	Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	✓	
5	Andean Condor	<i>Vultur gryphus</i>		✓
6	Black-faced (Andean) Ibis	<i>Theristicus branickii</i>		✓
7	Variable Hawk	<i>Buteo poeiloichrous</i>		✓
8	Carunculated Caracara	<i>Phalcooboenus carunculatus</i>		✓
9	American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	✓	
10	Purple Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio martinica</i>	✓	
11	Andean Coot	<i>Fulica ardesiaca</i>		✓
12	Andean Lapwing	<i>Vanellus resplendens</i>		✓
13	Andean Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus serranus</i>		✓
14	Eared Dove	<i>Zenaida auriculata</i>	✓	
15	Black-winged Ground-Dove	<i>Metriopelia melanoptera</i>		✓
16	White-collared Swift	<i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>	✓	✓
17	Giant Hummingbird	<i>Patagona gigas</i>		✓
18	Sparkling Violetear	<i>Colibri coruscans</i>	✓	✓
19	Ecuadorian Hillstar	<i>Oreotrochilus chimborazo</i>		✓
20	Shining Sunbeam	<i>Aglaeactis cupripennis</i>		✓
21	Black-tailed Trainbearer	<i>Lesbia victoriae</i>	✓	✓
22	Green-tailed Trainbearer	<i>Lesbia nuna</i>	✓	
23	Stout-billed Cinclodes	<i>Cinclodes excelsior</i>		✓
24	Bar-winged Cinclodes	<i>Cinclodes fuscus</i>		✓
25	Tawny Antpitta	<i>Grallaria quitensis</i>		✓
26	Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>		✓
27	Black Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa humeralis</i>	✓	
28	Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca fumicolor</i>		✓
29	Paramo Ground-Tyrant	<i>Muscisaxicola alpina</i>		✓
30	Snowy-throated Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus niveigularis</i>	✓	
31	Red-crested Cotinga	<i>Ampelion rubrocristatus</i>		✓
32	Great Thrush	<i>Turdus fuscater</i>	✓	✓
33	Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	✓	
34	Brown-bellied Swallow	<i>Notiochelidon murina</i>		✓
35	Blue-and-white Swallow	<i>Notiochelidon cyanoleuca</i>	✓	
36	Sedge (Grass) Wren	<i>Cistothorus platensis</i>		✓
37	Cinereous Conebill	<i>Conirostrum cinereum</i>	✓	✓
38	Vermilion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>	✓	
39	Summer Tanager	<i>Pirangra rubra</i>	✓	
40	Blue-grey Tanager	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>	✓	
41	Blue-and-yellow Tanager	<i>Thraupis bonariensis</i>	✓	
42	Plumbeous Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus unicolor</i>		✓
43	Rufous-naped Brush-Finch	<i>Atlapetes rufinucha</i>		✓
44	Rufous-collared Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>	✓	✓

	Common name	Scientific name	Quito	Antisana
45	Southern Yellow (Golden-bellied) Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus chrysogaster</i>	✓	
46	Band-tailed Seedeater	<i>Catamenia analis</i>		✓
47	Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>	✓	
	TOTAL SPECIES SEEN		21	32

Sacha Lodge Checklist, 28th February to 3rd March

Group A - led by birding guide Oscar Tapuy and assistant Carlos Dagua.

Group B - led by generalist nature guide Daniel.

	Common name	Scientific name	Group A	Group B
1	Little Tinamou	<i>Crypturellus soui</i>	H	
2	Undulated Tinamou	<i>Crypturellus undulatus</i>	H	
3	Anhinga	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	✓	✓
4	Rufescent Tiger-Heron	<i>Tigrisoma lineatum</i>	✓	✓
5	Cocoi Heron	<i>Ardea cocoi</i>	✓	✓
6	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓	✓
7	Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	✓	✓
8	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	
9	Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	✓	
10	Boat-billed Heron	<i>Cochlearius cochlearius</i>	✓	✓
11	Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	✓	✓
12	Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	✓	✓
13	Greater Yellow-headed Vulture	<i>Cathartes melambrotus</i>	✓	✓
14	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	✓	✓
15	Snail Kite	<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i>	✓	✓
16	Slender-billed Kite	<i>Rostrhamus hamatus</i>	✓	✓
17	Double-toothed Kite	<i>Harpagus bidentatus</i>	✓	
18	Plumbeous Kite	<i>Ictinia plumbea</i>		✓
19	Crane Hawk	<i>Geranoospiza caerulescens</i>	✓	
20	Slate-coloured Hawk	<i>Leucopternis schistacea</i>	✓	
21	Roadside Hawk	<i>Buteo magnirostris</i>	✓	
22	Black Caracara	<i>Daptrius ater</i>	✓	
23	Yellow-headed Caracara	<i>Milvago chimachima</i>	✓	✓
24	Laughing Falcon	<i>Herpetotheres cachinnans</i>	✓	
25	Bat Falcon	<i>Falco rufifigularis</i>	✓	
26	Speckled Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis guttata</i>	✓	✓
27	Spix's Guan	<i>Penelope jacquacu</i>	✓	
28	Azure Gallinule	<i>Porphyryla flavirostris</i>	✓	✓
29	Limpkin	<i>Aramus guarauna</i>	H	
30	Wattled Jacana	<i>Jacana jacana</i>	✓	✓
31	Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	✓	
32	Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularia</i>	✓	✓
33	Pied Lapwing	<i>Hoploxypterus cayanus</i>	✓	✓
34	Collared Plover	<i>Charadrius collaris</i>	✓	
35	Large-billed Tern	<i>Phaetusa simplex</i>	✓	
36	Pale-vented Pigeon	<i>Columba cayennensis</i>	✓	✓
37	Blue Ground-Dove	<i>Claravis pretiosa</i>	H	
38	Chestnut-fronted Macaw	<i>Ara severa</i>	✓	✓
39	Red-bellied Macaw	<i>Orthopsittaca manilata</i>	✓	
40	Dusky-headed Parakeet	<i>Aratinga weddellii</i>	✓	✓
41	Cobalt-winged Parakeet	<i>Brotogeris cyanopectera</i>	✓	

	Common name	Scientific name	Group A	Group B
42	Black-headed Parrot	<i>Pionites melanocephala</i>	✓	
43	Blue-headed Parrot	<i>Pionus menstruus</i>	✓	✓
44	Yellow-crowned Parrot	<i>Amazona ochrocephala</i>	✓	✓
45	Mealy Parrot	<i>Amazona farinosa</i>	✓	✓
46	Greater Ani	<i>Crotophaga major</i>	✓	✓
47	Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>	✓	✓
48	Hoatzin	<i>Opisthocomus hoazin</i>	✓	✓
49	Crested Owl	<i>Lophostrix cristata</i>	✓	✓
50	Ladder-tailed Nightjar	<i>Hydropsalis climacocerca</i>	✓	✓
51	Short-tailed Swift	<i>Chaetura brachyura</i>	✓	
52	Fork-tailed Palm-Swift	<i>Tachornis squamata</i>	✓	✓
53	Great-billed Hermit	<i>Phaethornis malaris</i>	✓	
54	Straight-billed Hermit	<i>Phaethornis bourcierii</i>	✓	
55	Black-throated Mango	<i>Anthracothonax nigricollis</i>		✓
56	Fork-tailed Woodnymph	<i>Thalurania furcata</i>	✓	
57	Olive-spotted Hummingbird	<i>Leucippus chlorocercus</i>	✓	
58	Glittering-throated Emerald	<i>Amazilia fimbriata</i>	✓	
59	Collared Trogon	<i>Trogon collaris</i>		✓
60	Amazon Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle amazona</i>	✓	✓
61	Green-and-Rufous Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle inda</i>	✓	✓
62	White-eared Jacamar	<i>Galbalcyrhynchus leucotis</i>	✓	
63	White-necked Puffbird	<i>Notharchus macrorhynchos</i>	✓	✓
64	Pied Puffbird	<i>Notharchus tectus</i>	✓	
65	Black-fronted Nunbird	<i>Monasa nigrifrons</i>	✓	✓
66	Swallow-wing (-ed Puffbird)	<i>Chelidoptera tenebrosa</i>	✓	
67	Gilded Barbet	<i>Capito auratus</i>	✓	
68	Golden-collared Toucanet	<i>Selenidera reinwardtii</i>	✓	
69	Many-banded Araçari	<i>Pteroglossus pluricinctus</i>	✓	✓
70	Ivory-billed Araçari	<i>Pteroglossus azara</i>	✓	
71	Channel-billed Toucan	<i>Ramphastos vitellinus</i>	✓	
72	White-throated Toucan	<i>Ramphastos tucanus</i>	✓	✓
73	Spot-breasted Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes punctigula</i>	✓	
74	Chestnut Woodpecker	<i>Celeus elegans</i>	✓	
75	Yellow-tufted Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes cruentatus</i>	✓	
76	Crimson-crested Woodpecker	<i>Campephilus melanoleucos</i>	✓	✓
77	Lesser Hornero	<i>Furnarius minor</i>	✓	
78	Parker's Spinetail	<i>Cranioleuca vulpecula</i>	✓	
79	Striped Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus obsoletus</i>	✓	
80	Silvered Antbird	<i>Sclateria naevia</i>	✓	
81	Black-and-white Antbird	<i>Myrmochanes hemileucus</i>	✓	
82	Slender-footed Tyrannulet	<i>Zimmerius gracilipes</i>	✓	✓
83	Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum</i>	✓	✓
84	Grey-crowned Flycatcher	<i>Tolmomyias poliocephalus</i>	✓	
85	Willow Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>	✓	
86	Drab Water-Tyrant	<i>Ochthornis littoralis</i>	✓	✓
87	Riverside Tyrant	<i>Knipolegus orenocensis</i>	✓	
88	Cinnamon Attila	<i>Attila cinnamomeus</i>	✓	
89	Short-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus ferox</i>	✓	
90	Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	✓	✓
91	Lesser Kiskadee	<i>Philohydor lictor</i>	✓	✓
92	Boat-billed Flycatcher	<i>Megarhynchus pitangua</i>	✓	✓

	Common name	Scientific name	Group A	Group B
93	Social Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>	✓	✓
94	Grey-capped Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes granadensis</i>	✓	✓
95	Dusky-chested Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes luteiventris</i>	✓	
96	Streaked Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>	✓	
97	Piratic Flycatcher	<i>Legatus leucophaeus</i>	✓	✓
98	Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	✓	✓
99	Black-capped Becard	<i>Pachyramphus marginatus</i>	✓	
100	Black-tailed Tityra	<i>Tityra cayana</i>	✓	✓
101	White-browed Purpleletuft	<i>Lodopleura isabellae</i>	✓	✓
102	Plum-throated Cotinga	<i>Cotinga maynana</i>		✓
103	Spangled Cotinga	<i>Cotinga cayana</i>	✓	✓
104	Bare-necked Fruitcrow	<i>Gymnoderus foetidus</i>	✓	
105	Purple-throated Fruitcrow	<i>Querula purpurata</i>	✓	✓
106	Amazonian Umbrellabird	<i>Cephalopterus ornatus</i>	✓	✓
107	Violaceous Jay	<i>Cyanocorax violaceus</i>		✓
108	Wire-tailed Manakin	<i>Pipra filicauda</i>	✓	✓
109	Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	✓	
110	Black-billed Thrush	<i>Turdus ignobilis</i>	✓	
111	Grey-breasted Martin	<i>Progne chalybea</i>	✓	✓
112	White-winged Swallow	<i>Tachycineta albiventer</i>	✓	✓
113	White-banded Swallow	<i>Atticora fasciata</i>	✓	✓
114	Black-capped Donacobius	<i>Donacobius atricapillus</i>	✓	✓
115	Thrush-like Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus turdinus</i>		✓
116	Coraya Wren	<i>Thryothorus coraya</i>	✓	
117	Blackpoll Warbler	<i>Dendroica striata</i>	✓	✓
118	Purple Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes caeruleus</i>		✓
119	Blue Dacnis	<i>Dacnis cayana</i>	✓	
120	Orange-headed Tanager	<i>Thlypopsis sordida</i>	✓	
121	Orange-bellied Euphonia	<i>Euphonia xanthogaster</i>	✓	
122	Golden-bellied Euphonia	<i>Euphonia chrysopasta</i>	✓	
123	Opal-crowned Tanager	<i>Tangara callophrys</i>	✓	
124	Green-and-Gold Tanager	<i>Tangara schrankii</i>	✓	
125	Blue-grey Tanager	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>	✓	✓
126	Palm Tanager	<i>Thraupis palmarum</i>	✓	✓
127	Scarlet Tanager	<i>Piranga olivacea</i>	✓	
128	Magpie Tanager	<i>Cissopis leveriana</i>	✓	
129	Greyish Saltator	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>	✓	
130	Red-capped Cardinal	<i>Paroaria gularis</i>	✓	✓
131	Chestnut-bellied Seedeater	<i>Sporophila castaneiventris</i>	✓	
132	Yellow-browed Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus aurifrons</i>	✓	
133	Crested Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius decumanus</i>	✓	✓
134	Russet-backed Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius angustifrons</i>	✓	✓
135	Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>		✓
136	Moriche Oriole	<i>Icterus chryscephalus</i>		✓
137	Oriole Blackbird	<i>Gymnomystax mexicanus</i>	✓	✓
	TOTAL SPECIES SEEN		124	73

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Birds –

	Common name	Scientific name	February														
			12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
1	Galapagos Penguin	<i>Spheniscus mendiculus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							✓		
2	Galapagos Shearwater	<i>Puffinus iherminieri</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>					✓										
4	Elliot's Storm-petrel	<i>Oceanites gracilis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Wedge-rumped Storm-petrel	<i>Oceanodroma tethys</i>														✓	
6	Madeiran Storm-petrel	<i>Oceanodroma castro</i>					✓									✓	
7	Red-billed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon aethereus</i>						✓		✓	✓		✓			✓	
8	Magnificent Frigatebird	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
9	Great Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor</i>								✓				✓	✓	✓	
10	Blue-footed Booby	<i>Sula nebouxii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
11	Nazca Booby	<i>Sula granti</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
12	Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula</i>								✓						✓	
13	Flightless Cormorant	<i>Nannopterum harrisi</i>				✓	✓	✓									
14	Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15	White-cheeked Pintail	<i>Anas bahamensis</i>	✓		✓	✓				✓		✓		✓	✓		
16	Blue-winged Teal	<i>Anas discors</i>			✓	✓											
17	American Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>		✓	✓	✓								✓	✓		
18	Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>		✓	✓				✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		
19	Cattle Egret	<i>Bulbulcus ibis</i>		✓						✓		✓		✓	✓		
20	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus striatus</i>			✓	✓			✓	✓							
21	Lava Heron	<i>Butorides sundevalli</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
22	Yellow-crowned Night-heron	<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>														✓	
23	Galapagos Hawk	<i>Buteo galapagoensis</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓				
24	Galapagos Rail	<i>Laterallus galapagoensis</i>	✓		✓												
25	Common Gallinule	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	✓		✓	✓				✓		✓					
26	American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>										✓					
27	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
28	Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>			✓												

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29	Wandering Tattler	<i>Heteroscelus incanum</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		
30	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>			✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
31	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>			✓				✓	✓				✓				
32	Western Sandpiper	<i>Calidris mauri</i>													✓			
33	Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>			✓							✓			✓			
34	Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			
35	American Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus palliatus</i>		✓					✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
36	Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>			✓							✓		✓	✓			
37	Black-bellied (Grey) Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>			✓													
38	Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>			✓				✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	
39	Lava Gull	<i>Larus fuliginosus</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
40	Laughing Gull	<i>Larus atricilla</i>												✓				
41	Franklin's Gull	<i>Larus pipixcan</i>			✓	✓			✓									
42	Swallow-tailed Gull	<i>Larus furcatus</i>							✓		✓	✓		✓			✓	
43	Common Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
44	Galapagos Dove	<i>Zenaida galapagoensis</i>		✓					✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
45	Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓			✓			
46	Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus galapagoensis</i>									✓						✓	
47	Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	✓							✓								
48	Vermillion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>		✓	✓													
49	Galapagos Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus magnirostris</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
50	Galapagos Mockingbird	<i>Nesomimus parvulus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
51	Hood Mockingbird	<i>Nesomimus macdonaldi</i>											✓					
52	Chatham Mockingbird	<i>Nesomimus melanotis</i>										✓						
53	Galapagos Martin	<i>Progne modesta</i>					✓	✓										
54	Large Ground Finch	<i>Geospiza magnirostris</i>														✓		
55	Medium Ground Finch	<i>Geospiza fortis</i>	✓				✓		✓	✓		✓			✓			
56	Small Ground Finch	<i>Geospiza fuliginosa</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
57	Sharp-beaked Ground-finch	<i>Geospiza difficilis</i>															✓	
58	Common Cactus-finch	<i>Geospiza scandens</i>		✓	✓					✓	✓			✓				
59	Large Cactus-finch	<i>Geospiza conirostris</i>											✓					
60	Small Tree-finch	<i>Camarhynchus parvulus</i>	✓		✓						✓					✓		

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61	Woodpecker Finch	<i>Cactospiza pallida</i>	✓														
62	Warbler Finch	<i>Certhidia olivacea</i>			✓						✓		✓	✓			✓
63	Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Mammals

1	Galapagos Sea Lion	<i>Zalophus wollebacki</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Galapagos Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus galapagoensis</i>							✓	✓							✓
3	Bottle-nosed Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>								✓	✓						
4	Common Dolphin	<i>Delphinus delphis</i>												✓			
5	MinkeWhale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>							✓								
6	Santa Cruz sub-sp	<i>G. e. porteri</i>	✓								✓					✓	
7	Alcedo "	<i>G. e. vandenburghi</i>						✓									
8	Sierra Negra "	<i>G. e.guntheri</i>			✓												
9	Cerro Azul "	<i>G.e.vicina</i>			✓												
10	Hood/Espanola "	<i>G. e. hoosensis</i>															
11	Green Sea Turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas agassissi</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12	Galapagos racer	<i>Alsophis biserialis</i>									✓						
13	Fernandina Snake	<i>Alsophis dorsalis occidentalis</i>						✓									
14	Lava lizard (S. Cristobal)	<i>Microlophus bivittatus</i>										✓					
15	Lava lizard (Floreana)	<i>Microlophus grayi</i>												✓			
16	Lava lizard (Espanola)	<i>Microlophus delanonis</i>											✓				
17	Lava lizard (W & central)	<i>Microlophus albemarlensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓		
18	Galapagos Land Iguana	<i>Conolophus subcristatus</i>					✓			✓	✓				✓		
19	Santa Fe Land Iguana	<i>Conolophus pallidus</i>									✓						
20	Fernandina sub-sp	<i>A. c. cristatus</i>						✓									
21	Santa Cruz "	<i>A. c. hassi</i>	✓								✓			✓	✓		
22	Isabela "	<i>A. c. albemarlensis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓									
23	Santiago/S Cristobal	<i>A. c. mertensis</i>		✓					✓			✓					
24	Espanola "	<i>A. c. venustissimus</i>											✓				
25	Genovesa "	<i>A. c. nanus</i>															✓