

The Reptiles & Amphibians of Ecuador

Naturetrek Tour Report

13th February – 1st March 2025



Zimmermann's Poison Frog (*Ranitomeya variabilis*)



Banded Tree-Anole (*Anolis transversalis*)



Giant Otter



Cobalt-winged Parakeets

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Species lists

Reptiles

E=Endemic, N=Near-endemic		February 2025															
Common name	Scientific name	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Least Geckos	Sphaerodactylidae																
Collared Forest Gecko	<i>Gonatodes concinnatus</i>											✓					
Leaf-toed Geckos	Phyllodactylidae																
Southern Turniptail Gecko	<i>Thecadactylus solimoensis</i>								✓								
Shade Lizards	Apologlossidae																
Buckley's Shade-Lizard	<i>Alopoglossus buckleyi</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓					
Whiptails & Racerunners	Teiidae																
Giant Ameiva	<i>Ameiva ameiva</i>												✓				
Northern Caiman Lizard	<i>Dracaena guianensis</i>									✓							
Spectacled Lizards	Gymnophthalmidae																
Common Root Lizard	<i>Loxopholis parietalis</i>												✓				
Neotropical Ground Lizards	Tropiduridae																
Collared Tree-Runner	<i>Plica plica</i>												✓				
Anoles	Anolidae																
Equatorial Anole - N	<i>Anolis aequatorialis</i>	✓	✓	✓													
Fraser's Anole	<i>Anolis fraseri</i>	✓															
Slender Anole	<i>Anolis fuscoauratus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Gem Anole - N	<i>Anolis gemmosus</i>	✓	✓	✓													
Charm Aole	<i>Anolis gracilipes</i>			✓													
Blotchbelly Anole	<i>Anolis maculiventris</i>			✓													
Pinocchio Anole - E	<i>Anolis proboscis</i>	✓															
Yellow-tongued Anole	<i>Anolis scypheus</i>									✓		✓					
Banded Tree-Anole	<i>Anolis transversalis</i>								✓								
Colubrid Snakes	Colubridae - Colubrinae																
Rusty Whipsnake	<i>Chironius scurrulus</i>								✓		✓						
Colubrid Snakes	Colubridae - Dipsadinae																
Ornate Snail-eating Snake	<i>Dipsas catesbyi</i>											✓					
Common Blunt-headed Snake	<i>Imantodes cenchoa</i>													✓			
Striped Sharpnose Snake	<i>Xenoxybelis argentea</i>													✓			

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River-turtles	Podocnemididae																
Mottled River-turtle	<i>Podocnemis unifilis</i>								✓		✓		✓				
Alligators & Caimans	Alligatoridae																
Black Caiman	<i>Melanosuchus niger</i>								✓	✓	✓						

Amphibians

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Common name	Scientific name	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Cryptic Forest Frogs	Aromobatidae																
	<i>Allobates trilineatus</i>											✓	✓				
True Toads	Bufonidae																
South American Common Toad	<i>Rhinella acutirostris</i>						✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓			
	<i>Rhinella bellae</i>			✓													
Cane Toad	<i>Rhinella marina</i>											✓	✓				
Glass Frogs	Centrolenidae																
	<i>Chimerella mariaelenae</i>				✓												
Emerald Glass Frog	<i>Espadarana prosoblepon</i>		✓														
Red-spotted Glassfrog	<i>Nymphargus grandisonae</i>		✓														
Santa Cecilia Cochran Frog	<i>Teratohyla midas</i>											✓					
Poison-arrow Frogs	Dendrobatidae																
Ecuador Poison Frog	<i>Ameerega bilinguis</i>						✓	✓	✓				✓	✓			
	<i>Ameerega hahneli</i>						✓	✓	✓				✓				
Zimmermann's Poison Frog	<i>Ranitomeya variabilis</i>											✓	✓				
Treefrogs & Leaffrogs	Hylidae																
	<i>Boana alfaroi</i>											✓	✓				
	<i>Boana almendarizae</i>				✓	✓											
Canelos Treefrog	<i>Boana appendiculata</i>					✓				✓		✓					
	<i>Boana cinerascens</i>													✓			
	<i>Boana lanciformis</i>				✓	✓		✓	✓		✓			✓			
Palmar Treefrog	<i>Boana pellucens</i>			✓													
	<i>Boana picturata</i>			✓													
	<i>Dendropsophus bifurcus</i>											✓	✓	✓			
	<i>Dendropsophus brevifrons</i>													✓			

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	<i>Dendropsophus cannatellai</i>			✓													
Executioner Clownfrog	<i>Dendropsophus carnifex</i>	✓	✓														
	<i>Dendropsophus parviceps</i>				✓	✓											
Reticulate Treefrog	<i>Dendropsophus reticulatus</i>								✓			✓		✓			
Babbling Torrenteer	<i>Hyloscirtus alytolylax</i>		✓														
	<i>Hyloscirtus mashpi</i>			✓													
	<i>Hyloscirtus palmeri</i>			✓													
Flat-headed Spiny-backed Frog	<i>Osteocephalus planiceps</i>					✓	✓		✓				✓	✓			
Manaus Slender-legged Treefrog	<i>Osteocephalus taurinus</i>													✓			
	<i>Scinax funereus</i>									✓							
	<i>Scinax garbei</i>						✓					✓	✓				
	<i>Scinax ruber</i>				✓		✓		✓			✓	✓	✓			
	<i>Scinax tsachila</i>				✓												
	<i>Smilisca phaeota</i>				✓												
	<i>Trachycephalus macrotis</i>													✓			
	<i>Phyllomedusa tarsius</i>													✓			
White-lined Leaf Frog	<i>Phyllomedusa vaillantii</i>													✓			
Tropical Grass Frogs	Leptodactylidae																
	<i>Adenomera andreae</i>						✓	✓			✓		✓	✓			
	<i>Adenomera hylaedactyla</i>						✓	✓									
	<i>Leptodactylus pentadactylus</i>								✓				✓	✓			
	<i>Leptodactylus ventrimaculatus</i>		✓	✓													
	<i>Leptodactylus wagneri</i>						✓				✓						
	<i>Lithodytes lineatus</i>								✓	✓	✓		✓				
Narrow-mouthed Frogs	Microhylidae																
	<i>Hamptophryne boliviana</i>										✓						
Cloud Forest Landfrogs	Strabomantidae																
	<i>Lithobates palmipes</i>												✓				
	<i>Lithobates vaillanti</i>		✓														
	<i>Oreobates quixensis</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Pasture Rainfrog	<i>Pristimantis achatinus</i>	✓	✓	✓													
	<i>Pristimantis altamnis</i>						✓							✓			
Pinocchio Rainfrog	<i>Pristimantis appendiculatus</i>		✓														
Spring Rainfrog	<i>Pristimantis crenunguis</i>	✓	✓														

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	<i>Pristimantis devillei</i>															✓	
	<i>Pristimantis glandulosus</i>															✓	
	<i>Pristimantis incomptus</i>															✓	
	<i>Pristimantis kichwarum</i>																
	<i>Pristimantis labiosus</i>			✓						✓	✓		✓	✓			
	<i>Pristimantis lanthanites</i>						✓	✓							✓		
	<i>Pristimantis luteolateralis</i>		✓														
Mindo Rainfrog	<i>Pristimantis mindo</i>	✓															
	<i>Pristimantis rubicundus</i>				✓	✓											
	<i>Pristimantis ventrimarmoratus</i>				✓												
Lungless Salamanders	Plethodontidae																
	<i>Bolitoglossa</i> sp.									✓				✓			
Common Caecilians	Caeciliidae																
	<i>Caecilia nigricans</i>			✓													

Birds

N=near-endemic		February 2025															
Common name	Scientific name	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Torrent Duck	<i>Merganetta armata</i>					✓									✓		
Speckled Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis guttata</i>									✓							
Great Potoo	<i>Nyctibius grandis</i>									✓		✓					
White-necked Jacobin	<i>Florisuga mellivora</i>	✓															
White-whiskered Hermit - N	<i>Phaethornis yaruqui</i>			✓													
Sparkling Violetear	<i>Colibri coruscans</i>	✓															
Gorgeted Sunangel - N	<i>Heliangelus strophianus</i>			✓													
Tourmaline Sunangel - N	<i>Heliangelus exortis</i>															✓	
Green Thorntail	<i>Discosura conversii</i>			✓													
Speckled Hummingbird	<i>Adelomyia melanogenys</i>			✓													
Violet-tailed Sylph - N	<i>Agelaiocercus coelestis</i>			✓											✓		
Green-tailed Trainbearer	<i>Lesbia nuna</i>	✓															
Tyrian Metaltail	<i>Metallura tyrianthina</i>	✓															
Sapphire-vented Puffleg	<i>Eriocnemis luciani</i>	✓															

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Brown Inca - N	<i>Coeligena wilsoni</i>			✓													
Collared Inca	<i>Coeligena torquata</i>	✓															
Buff-winged Starfrontlet	<i>Coeligena lutetiae</i>	✓															
Sword-billed Hummingbird	<i>Ensifera ensifera</i>	✓															
Buff-tailed Coronet	<i>Boissonneaua flavescens</i>	✓															
Chestnut-breasted Coronet	<i>Boissonneaua matthewsii</i>															✓	
Velvet-purple Coronet	<i>Boissonneaua jardini</i>			✓													
White-booted Racket-tail	<i>Ocreatus underwoodii</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>					✓											
Purple-throated Woodstar	<i>Philodice mitchellii</i>	✓		✓												✓	
White-bellied Woodstar	<i>Chaetocercus mulsant</i>	✓															
Napo Sabrewing	<i>Campylopterus villaviscensio</i>														✓		
Crowned Woodnymph	<i>Thalurania colombica</i>			✓													
Many-spotted Hummingbird	<i>Taphrospilus hypostictus</i>														✓		
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia tzacatl</i>	✓															
Andean Emerald	<i>Uranomitra franciae</i>	✓		✓													
Glittering-throated Emerald	<i>Chionomesa fimbriata</i>							✓									
Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>										✓						
Squirrel Cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana</i>			✓													
Southern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus chilensis</i>									✓							
Wattled Jacana	<i>Jacana jacana</i>									✓	✓						
Anhinga	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>									✓	✓						
Rufescent Tiger Heron	<i>Tigrisoma lineatum</i>									✓							
Zigzag Heron	<i>Zebrilus undulatus</i>									✓							
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>										✓						
Capped Heron	<i>Pilherodius pileatus</i>									✓							
Hoatzin	<i>Opisthocomus hoazin</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓					
Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>				✓	✓											
Greater Yellow-headed Vulture	<i>Cathartes melambrotus</i>												✓				

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Swallow-tailed Kite	<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>											✓				
Harpy Eagle	<i>Harpia harpyja</i>								✓							
Snail Kite	<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i>									✓						
Variable Hawk	<i>Geranoaetus polyosoma</i>															✓
Black-and-white Owl	<i>Strix nigrolineata</i>		✓													
Golden-headed Quetzal	<i>Pharomachrus auriceps</i>			✓												
Masked Trogon	<i>Trogon personatus</i>		✓													
Rufous Motmot	<i>Baryphthengus martii</i>		✓													
Black-fronted Nunbird	<i>Monasa nigrifrons</i>									✓						
Red-headed Barbet	<i>Eubucco bourcierii</i>	✓														
Toucan Barbet - N	<i>Semnornis ramphastinus</i>			✓												
Yellow-throated Toucan	<i>Ramphastos ambiguus</i>	✓		✓												
White-throated Toucan	<i>Ramphastos tucanus</i>									✓						
Choco Toucan - N	<i>Ramphastos brevis</i>	✓														
Chestnut-eared Aracari	<i>Pteroglossus castanotis</i>	✓														
Many-banded Aracari	<i>Pteroglossus pluricinctus</i>									✓						
Plate-billed Mountain Toucan - N	<i>Andigena laminirostris</i>			✓												
Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan	<i>Andigena hypoglaucha</i>															✓
Yellow-tufted Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes cruentatus</i>									✓						
Golden-olive Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes rubiginosus</i>			✓												
Crimson-crested Woodpecker	<i>Campephilus melanoleucos</i>												✓			
Laughing Falcon	<i>Herpetotheres cachinnans</i>									✓						
Cobalt-winged Parakeet	<i>Brotogeris cyanoptera</i>											✓				
Blue-headed Parrot	<i>Pionus menstruus</i>	✓								✓						
Yellow-crowned Amazon	<i>Amazona ochrocephala</i>									✓						
Mealy Amazon	<i>Amazona farinosa</i>									✓					✓	
Chestnut-fronted Macaw	<i>Ara severus</i>									✓						
Scarlet Macaw	<i>Ara macao</i>								✓		✓					
White-eyed Parakeet	<i>Psittacara leucophthalmus</i>							✓								
Plain-brown Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocincla fuliginosa</i>		✓													
Montane Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger</i>														✓	
Lineated Foliage-gleaner	<i>Syndactyla subalaris</i>		✓													

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Spotted Barbtail	<i>Premnoplex brunnescens</i>			✓												
Yellow-breasted Antpitta - N	<i>Grallaria flavotincta</i>			✓												
Equatorial Antpitta	<i>Grallaria saturata</i>		✓													
Ornate Flycatcher	<i>Myioborus ornatus</i>		✓													
Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>					✓										
Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>										✓					
Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>								✓				✓			
Andean Cock-of-the-rock	<i>Rupicola peruvianus</i>		✓			✓										
Red-crested Cotinga	<i>Ampelis rubrocrissalis</i>	✓														
Amazonian Umbrellabird	<i>Cephalopterus ornatus</i>		✓													
Blue-capped Manakin	<i>Lepidothrix coronata</i>							✓						✓		
Green Jay	<i>Cyanocorax luxuosus</i>					✓									✓	
Grey-breasted Martin	<i>Progne chalybea</i>								✓							
Southern House Wren	<i>Troglodytes musculus</i>								✓							
Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>		✓													
Great Thrush	<i>Turdus fuscater</i>														✓	
White-capped Dipper	<i>Cinclus leucocephalus</i>					✓									✓	
Rufous-bellied Euphonia	<i>Euphonia rufiventris</i>		✓	✓												
Yellow-throated Chlorospingus	<i>Chlorospingus flavigularis</i>			✓												
Dusky Chlorospingus - N	<i>Chlorospingus semifuscus</i>				✓											
Chestnut-capped Brushfinch	<i>Arremon brunneinucha</i>	✓	✓													
Rufous-collared Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>	✓	✓													
Pale-naped Brushfinch	<i>Atlapetes pallidinucha</i>															✓
Yellow-breasted Brushfinch	<i>Atlapetes latinuchus</i>	✓														
Russet-backed Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius angustifrons</i>					✓		✓	✓	✓						
Yellow-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus cela</i>							✓	✓	✓						
Scrub Blackbird	<i>Dives waczewiczi</i>	✓														
Black-crested Warbler	<i>Myiothlypis nigrocristata</i>	✓														
Three-striped Warbler	<i>Basileuterus tristriatus</i>		✓													
Slate-throated Whitestart	<i>Myioborus miniatus</i>		✓													
Summer Tanager	<i>Piranga rubra</i>														✓	
Black-winged Saltator - N	<i>Saltator atripennis</i>	✓														

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White-lined Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus rufus</i>	✓														
Lemon-rumped Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus icteronotus</i>		✓													
Masked Crimson Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus nigrogularis</i>													✓		
Plumbeous Sierra Finch	<i>Geospizopsis unicolor</i>															✓
Masked Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa cyanea</i>	✓	✓													
White-sided Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa albilatera</i>			✓												
Golden-crowned Tanager	<i>Iridosornis rufivertex</i>	✓														
Blue-winged Mountain Tanager	<i>Anisognathus somptuosus</i>			✓												
Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager	<i>Anisognathus igniventris</i>	✓														
Glistening-green Tanager - N	<i>Chlorochrysa phoenicotis</i>		✓													
Magpie Tanager	<i>Cissopis leverianus</i>							✓								
Red-capped Cardinal	<i>Paroaria gularis</i>								✓	✓						
Rufous-throated Tanager - N	<i>Ixothraupis rufigula</i>		✓													
Blue-grey Tanager	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>							✓								
Palm Tanager	<i>Thraupis palmarum</i>	✓												✓		
Black-capped Tanager	<i>Stilpnia heinei</i>			✓												
Flame-faced Tanager	<i>Tangara parzudakii</i>			✓												
Golden Tanager	<i>Tangara arthus</i>	✓	✓													
Silver-throated Tanager	<i>Tangara icterocephala</i>		✓													
Opal-rumped Tanager	<i>Tangara velia</i>									✓						

Mammals

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Brown-eared Woolly Oposum	<i>Caluromys lanatus</i>														✓	
Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth	<i>Bradypus variegatus</i>									✓						
Humboldt's Squirrel Monkey	<i>Saimiri cassiquiarensis</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Humboldt's White-fronted Capuchin	<i>Cedus albifrons</i>								✓		✓					
Napo Saki - N	<i>Pithecia napensis</i>								✓	✓	✓					
Colombian Red Howler	<i>Alouatta seniculus</i>									✓						
Golden-mantled Tamarin	<i>Saquinus tripartitus</i>								✓	✓						
White-tailed Titi Monkey	<i>Plecturocebus discolor</i>									✓						

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Proboscis Bat	<i>Rhynchonycteris naso</i>												✓	✓			
Greater Bulldog Bat	<i>Noctilio leporinus</i>								✓					✓			
Central American Agouti	<i>Dasprocta punctata</i>	✓	✓														
Red-tailed Squirrel	<i>Sciurus granatensis</i>	✓	✓														
Nine-banded Armadillo	<i>Dasypus novemcinctus</i>		✓														
Giant Otter	<i>Pteronura brasiliensis</i>									✓							
Spectacled Bear	<i>Tremartos ornatus</i>															✓	