



Field Guides Tour Report

Machu Picchu & Abra Malaga, Peru I 2019

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We made it! Here is our group on the trail to the Polylepis patch on Abra Malaga, where we saw some great birds like the White-browed Tit-Spinetail and Gray-breasted Seed-Snipe. Photo by guide Dan Lane.

The Cusco Andes of Peru is a great place to get to know the birds and culture of this large and varied country. Here, one can experience several different habitat types-- from arid temperate valleys to open puna to humid temperate and subtropical forests-- and the birds that inhabit them. Of course, one also can enjoy learning a bit about the history of Peru, cradle of one of the three most grandiose pre-Columbian civilizations in the Americas (the other two being the Mayans and Aztecs), both in the context of pre-conquest times (before the arrival of the swashbuckling Spaniards) and the present. In so many ways, the people of the region have maintained many aspects of their pre-Columbian culture despite centuries of "westernization"... some still speak only Quechua, farm potatoes and raise sheep and alpacas for wool (ok, so obviously the sheep would not be part of the pre-Columbian culture, but you get what I mean). We were able to enjoy delicacies that are based on native crops (quinoa, potato, maíz), and some may even have tried alpaca and cuy (guinea pig)! We even discussed a few Quechua words that have worked their way into the English language! Our local guide Lucrecia did a wonderful job of teaching us more about her wonderful country!

Then there was the nature! Peru really is an amazing place to observe nature. Our tour included seeing some colorful fruiteaters such as Masked Fruiteater, that handsome cotinga on our Mandor walk, the large and squawky Dusky-green Oropendola, the glittering Saffron-crowned Tanager that came in to the feeders at the Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel, and the gaudy Andean Cock-of-the-Rock, which won several folks' hearts. Some of us enjoyed the more understated, but no less lovely, tyrants we observed, such as the demure Tufted Tit-Tyrant, the Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant with its white headlights, or other "dingy" birds such as the Diademed Tapaculo, wearing its silver tiara, or the Stripe-headed Antpitta, a species that is hardly typical in its extroverted behavior. Two species with racket tails were high on the list of favorites: the diminutive Booted Rackettail, and the larger, not quite so quick Andean Motmot, both on the grounds of our hotel at Aguas Calientes. Raptors weren't particularly easy on this tour, but we nevertheless saw a few that were worthy of mention: the rather attractively-patterned Mountain Caracara with the small white spots on the primary feather tips and the Cinereous Harrier that performed an impressive aerial diving display in front of us at Laguna Huaypo. Finally, the unusual find of a Sayaca Tanager at the feeders of Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel was noteworthy, as it is a species that has been reported from Peru a few times, but never conclusively so far... let's hope our observation proves to be the tipping point!

All these, and more, were among the many lasting memories that we made while enjoying one another's company, the birds, the culture, and (yes, let's admit it!) the food! What a great trip! I hope we can do it again sometime. Until then thanks for making this such a pleasant tour, and keep them binoculars near to hand!

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KEYS FOR THIS LIST

One of the following keys may be shown in brackets for individual species as appropriate: * = heard only, I = introduced, E = endemic, N = nesting, a = austral migrant, b = boreal migrant

BIRDS

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

ANDEAN GOOSE (*Oressochen melanopterus*) – Several pairs above treeline on the north site of Malaga pass.

TORRENT DUCK (*Merganetta armata*) – We counted at least 20 ducks on the train ride to Machu Picchu!

PUNA TEAL (*Spatula puna*) – This and most of the remaining ducks were present both on Huacarpay and Huaypo lakes.

CINNAMON TEAL (*Spatula cyanoptera*) – Only at Huacarpay.

WHITE-CHEEKED PINTAIL (*Anas bahamensis*) – A recent colonist from the coast; we saw a pair of these on Lake Huaypo.

YELLOW-BILLED PINTAIL (*Anas georgica*)

YELLOW-BILLED TEAL (*Anas flavirostris*)

ANDEAN DUCK (*Oxyura ferruginea*)

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

ANDEAN GUAN (*Penelope montagnii*) – Several seen around Aguas Calientes.

Phoenicopteridae (Flamingos)

CHILEAN FLAMINGO (*Phoenicopterus chilensis*) – One lone bird at Huaypo.

Podicipedidae (Grebes)

WHITE-TUFTED GREBE (*Rollandia rolland*) – Both at Huacarpay and Huaypo.

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*)

SPOT-WINGED PIGEON (*Patagioenas maculosa*) – A big, clunky pigeon seen on several days.

BARE-FACED GROUND-DOVE (*Metriopelia ceciliae*) – A cute ground-dove with orange facial skin.

WHITE-TIPPED DOVE (*Leptotila verreauxi*)

WHITE-THROATED QUAIL-DOVE (*Zentrygon frenata*) – We were lucky to accidentally corner one along a cliff on our walk down the tracks, giving us a great view!

EARED DOVE (*Zenaida auriculata*)

Apodidae (Swifts)

WHITE-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)

WHITE-TIPPED SWIFT (*Aeronautes montivagus*) – Seen flying around the ruins and Aguas Calientes areas.

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

GREEN-FRONTED LANCEBILL (*Doryfera ludovicae*) – Dotty got us on this rare river-side species on our walk in Mandor valley.

LESSER VIOLETEAR (*Colibri cyanotus*) – Until recently called Green Violetear, but that species has been split into two, this being the South American "daughter" species.

SPARKLING VIOLETEAR (*Colibri coruscans*)

SPECKLED HUMMINGBIRD (*Adelomyia melanogenys*) – One of the less impressive hummers we saw at our hotel at Aguas Calientes.

LONG-TAILED SYLPH (*Aglaiocercus kingii*) – Glanced near the ruins at Machu Picchu.

BLACK-TAILED TRAINBEARER (*Lesbia victoriae*) – A male present at our hotel in Ollantaytambo was nice!

GREEN-TAILED TRAINBEARER (*Lesbia nuna*) – Also at Ollantaytambo.

BLUE-MANTLED THORNBILL (*Chalcostigma stanleyi*) – A great sighting in the Polylepis patch our last full day.

TYRIAN METALTAIL (SMARAGDINICOLLIS) (*Metallura tyrianthina smaragdinicollis*)

SCALED METALTAIL (*Metallura aeneocauda*) – Seen right at treeline our second day birding the humid side of Abra Malaga.

SHINING SUNBEAM (*Aglaeactis cupripennis caumatonota*) – A brief view of a bird at treeline on the wet side of Abra Malaga.

WHITE-TUFTED SUNBEAM (*Aglaeactis castelnaudii*) – After some looking, we finally saw several at Peñas. [E]

BRONZY INCA (*Coeligena coeligena*) – That dull brown hummer coming to the feeders at our hotel in Aguas Calientes.

COLLARED INCA (GOULD'S) (*Coeligena torquata omissa*)

GREAT SAPPHIREWING (*Pterophanes cyanopterus*) – Seen at Peñas, that big dark hummer!

CHESTNUT-BREADED CORONET (*Boissonneaua matthewsii*)

BOOTED RACKET-TAIL (*Ocreatus underwoodii*) – One of the more pompous hummers coming to the feeders at Aguas Calientes.

WHITE-BELLIED WOODSTAR (*Chaetocercus mulsant*)

WHITE-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia chionogaster*) – This was the species we were seeing at Ollantaytambo.

GREEN-AND-WHITE HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia viridicauda*) – Nearly identical to the last, we were seeing this at Aguas Calientes. [E]

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots).

PLUMBEOUS RAIL (*Pardirallus sanguinolentus*) – Several showed well at Huacarpay.

COMMON GALLINULE (*Gallinula galeata*)

SLATE-COLORED COOT (*Fulica ardesiaca*)

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings).

ANDEAN LAPWING (*Vanellus resplendens*)

Thinocoridae (Seedsnipes).

GRAY-BREASTED SEEDSNIPE (*Thinocorus orbignyianus*) – We flushed up a pair of these pigeon-like shorebirds on our hike up to the Polylepis.

Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies).

PUNA SNIPE (*Gallinago andina*) – Moderate views of this shorebird at Huacarpay.

Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers).

ANDEAN GULL (*Chroicocephalus serranus*)

Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags).

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns).

FASCIATED TIGER-HERON (*Tigrisoma fasciatum*) – We saw several along the Urubamba, but watching two adults interact with some sort of display with necks stretched out and throats inflated, presumably producing a vocalization (which has never been successfully sound recorded!), was a treat!

GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba*)

SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula*)

CATTLE EGRET (*Bubulcus ibis*)

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) – A few at Huacarpay.

Threskiornithidae (Ibises and Spoonbills).

PUNA IBIS (*Plegadis ridgwayi*) – The dark ibises we saw on several days.

BLACK-FACED IBIS (BRANICKII) (*Theristicus melanopis branickii*) – Fly-bys on the far side of Abra Malaga.

Cathartidae (New World Vultures).

ANDEAN CONDOR (*Vultur gryphus*) – Seen on two days from higher elevation along the Abra Malaga road.

TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura*)

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites).

CINEREOUS HARRIER (*Circus cinereus*) – A lovely female over Huaypo calling as she performed a flight display was a fine experience.

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Rupornis magnirostris*)

VARIABLE HAWK (*Geranoaetus polyosoma*) – Seen on our first and last days.

BLACK-CHESTED BUZZARD-EAGLE (*Geranoaetus melanoleucus*) – Ditto the last.

Strigidae (Owls).

YUNGAS PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium bolivianum*) [*]

Trogonidae (Trogons).

MASKED TROGON (*Trogon personatus*) – Seen above the Machu Picchu Pueblo hotel.

Momotidae (Motmots).

ANDEAN MOTMOT (*Momotus aequatorialis*) – Several seen on wires as we took the train in and out of Aguas Calientes, but some great sightings there as well!

Bucconidae (Puffbirds).

BLACK-STREAKED PUFFBIRD (*Malacoptila fulvogularis*) – It took a bit of reeling in, but we eventually landed this beaut!

Picidae (Woodpeckers).

OCELLATED PICULET (*Picumnus dorbignyanus*) – Seen most days around Aguas Calientes.

GOLDEN-OLIVE WOODPECKER (*Colaptes rubiginosus*) – At Aguas Calientes.

ANDEAN FLICKER (*Colaptes rupicola*) – A woodpecker where there is no wood!

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras).

MOUNTAIN CARACARA (*Phalcoboenus megalopterus*) – A very fancy raptor we enjoyed at Abra Malaga.

AMERICAN KESTREL (*Falco sparverius*)

APLOMADO FALCON (*Falco femoralis*) – Cindy pointed this one out to us at Huaypo. Good eyes!

PEREGRINE FALCON (*Falco peregrinus*) – One over Huacarpay.

Psittacidae (New World and African Parrots).

SPECKLE-FACED PARROT (PLUM-CROWNED) (*Pionus tumultuosus tumultuosus*) – Not much of a view of this parrot over the trees at Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel.

MITRED PARAKEET (*Psittacara mitratus*)

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds).

VARIABLE ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus caerulescens*) – A good view of a male on our Mandor walk. Named such to differentiate from the Uniform Antshrike (look it up).

Grallariidae (Antpittas)

STRIPE-HEADED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria andicolus punensis*) – One showed well at Maxima's house at Peñas.

RUFOUS ANTPITTA (SOUTH PERUVIAN) (*Grallaria rufula occabambae*) – What luck! We managed to get a scope view of this very difficult bird... and just in time, too, as the species is poised to be split into about 8-10 species in a pair of papers to be published soon!

Rhinocryptidae (Tapaculos)

TRILLING TAPACULO (*Scytalopus parvirostris*) – Truly a trilling experience to see this at Abra Malaga.

PUNA TAPACULO (*Scytalopus simonsi*) – The "easy" one we saw in bunchgrass.

DIADEMED TAPACULO (*Scytalopus schulenbergi*) – Wow! What a view of a hard bird! And, furthermore, one described to science by our own Bret Whitney.

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

STREAKED XENOPS (*Xenops rutilans*)

WREN-LIKE RUSHBIRD (*Phleocryptes melanops*) – A little reed dweller at Huacarpay.

CREAM-WINGED CINCLODES (*Cinclodes albiventris albiventris*) – Seen in the puna habitats above treeline.

PEARLED TREERUNNER (*Margarornis squamiger*) – A fancy flock-follower we saw at Abra Malaga.

TAWNY TIT-SPINETAIL (*Leptasthenura yanacensis*) – Responded well at the Polylepis patch.

WHITE-BROWED TIT-SPINETAIL (*Leptasthenura xenothorax*) – Another Polylepis specialist we saw well there. [E]

LINE-FRONTED CANASTERO (*Asthenes urubambensis*) – Like wack-a-mole birding in that bush just over the pass.

JUNIN CANASTERO (*Asthenes virgata*) – This one showed well our first day at Abra Malaga. [E]

STREAK-THROATED CANASTERO (*Asthenes humilis*) – A pair came right up to us along the road.

PUNA THISTLETAIL (*Asthenes helleri*) – A treeline dweller we enjoyed our second day at Abra Malaga.

RUSTY-FRONTED CANASTERO (*Asthenes ottonis*) – Seen our first day at Huacarpay. [E]

MARCAPATA SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca marcapatae*) – We were lucky to come across a flock with this endemic our first day at Abra Malaga, as we missed it the following day! [E]

CREAMY-CRESTED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca albicapilla*) – Took a bit of work, but finally a pair showed well at Peñas. [E]

AZARA'S SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis azarae*)

Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

WHITE-BANDED TYRANNULET (*Mecocerculus stictopterus*)

WHITE-THROATED TYRANNULET (*Mecocerculus leucophrys*) – Common flocking species at treeline.

ASH-BREASTED TIT-TYRANT (*Anairetes alpinus*) – A nice surprise was a responsive pair of this rare Polylepis specialty.

TUFTED TIT-TYRANT (*Anairetes parulus*)

WHITE-CRESTED ELAENIA (*Elaenia albiceps*) – The birds at Huacarpay were probably the form *urubambensis*, but strangely, they were pretty bleached, appearing canary yellow!

SIERRAN ELAENIA (*Elaenia pallatangae*)

TORRENT TYRANNULET (*Serpophaga cinerea*) – Little sprites along the Urubamba.

STREAK-NECKED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes striaticollis*)

MOTTLE-CHEEKED TYRANNULET (*Phylloscartes ventralis*) – A tyrannulet seen all three days at Aguas Calientes.

SCLATER'S TYRANNULET (*Phyllomyias sclateri*) – A pair showed well on our walk to Mandor.

ASHY-HEADED TYRANNULET (*Phyllomyias cinereiceps*) – Another Mandor valley tyrannulet. Lifting one wing over its back is a compulsive behavior.

TAWNY-RUMPED TYRANNULET (*Phyllomyias uropygialis*) – This little cutie showed well at treeline on the far side of Abra Malaga.

MANY-COLORED RUSH TYRANT (*Tachuris rubrigastra*) – This colorful tyrant showed well (eventually) at Huacarpay.

COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum cinereum*)

YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER (ANDES) (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens peruvianus*)

CINNAMON FLYCATCHER (*Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus*)

SMOKE-COLORED PEWEE (*Contopus fumigatus*)

BLACK PHOEBE (WHITE-WINGED) (*Sayornis nigricans latirostris*) – A regular sight on rocks of the Urubamba.

TACZANOWSKI'S GROUND-TYRANT (*Muscisaxicola griseus*) – The ground tyrant around the pass.

WHITE-BROWED GROUND-TYRANT (*Muscisaxicola albilora*) – The ground tyrant in the valley below the pass.

SLATY-BACKED CHAT-TYRANT (MAROON-BELTED) (*Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris thoracica*) – A cute tyrant with white headlights.

RUFOUS-BREASTED CHAT-TYRANT (*Ochthoeca rufipectoralis*)

BROWN-BACKED CHAT-TYRANT (*Ochthoeca fumicolor*) – This bird looked all the world like a D'Orbigny's, but eventually we sorted it out.

WHITE-BROWED CHAT-TYRANT (*Ochthoeca leucophrys*) – In the dry habitats around Huacarpay.

SOCIAL FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes similis*)

GOLDEN-CROWNED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes chrysocephalus*)

TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

MASKED FRUITEATER (*Pipreola pulchra*) – After some work, we eventually brought this looker in for some lookin'! Handsome devil! [E]

RED-CRESTED COTINGA (*Ampelion rubrocristatus*) – This mullet-headed cotinga perched up for us at Peñas.

ANDEAN COCK-OF-THE-ROCK (*Rupicola peruvianus*) – A feature of the Urubamba valley.

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies).

BARRED BECARD (*Pachyramphus versicolor*) – One was in a mixed flock in the Mandor valley.

Vireonidae (Vireos, Shrike-Babblers, and Erpornis).

BROWN-CAPPED VIREO (*Vireo leucophrys*)

CHIVI VIREO (*Vireo chivi*) – Until recently considered conspecific with Red-eyed Vireo. This is the resident form that breeds in the Urubamba valley.

Hirundinidae (Swallows).

BLUE-AND-WHITE SWALLOW (*Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*) – The common swallow in the area.

PALE-FOOTED SWALLOW (*Orochelidon flavipes*) – These were the swallows flying over the high elevation humid forest of Abra Malaga.

BROWN-BELLIED SWALLOW (*Orochelidon murina*) – A few of these flew over the puna grassland of the pass.

Troglodytidae (Wrens).

HOUSE WREN (*Troglodytes aedon*) – One of the Americas' most versatile birds! Found from Canada to Tierra del Fuego and from the coast to treeline to the Amazon.

MOUNTAIN WREN (*Troglodytes solstitialis*) – Eventually brought in this little sneaky wrenlet who sings loudly but doesn't like the spotlight.

INCA WREN (*Pheugopedius eisenmanni*) – These local endemics performed very well at the ruins! We had them nearly at arm's reach! [E]

GRAY-BREASTED WOOD-WREN (*Henicorhina leucophrys*)

Cinclididae (Dippers).

WHITE-CAPPED DIPPER (*Cinclus leucocephalus*) – Fine views of this memorable water ouzel.

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies).

ANDEAN SOLITAIRE (*Myadestes ralloides*) – A fine song... better than looking at the thing, to be honest.

GREAT THRUSH (*Turdus fuscater ockendeni*)

CHIGUANCO THRUSH (*Turdus chiguanco*) – The common thrush around Ollantaytambo.

Motacillidae (Wagtails and Pipits).

PARAMO PIPIT (*Anthus bogotensis*) – Seen around the pass area.

Fringillidae (Finches, Euphonias, and Allies).

BLUE-NAPED CHLOROPHONIA (*Chlorophonia cyanea*) – A female showed briefly but well at the feeders at Machu Picchu Pueblo hotel.

THICK-BILLED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia laniirostris*)

HOODED SISKIN (*Spinus magellanicus*) – Seen on several days.

Passerellidae (New World Sparrows).

CHESTNUT-CAPPED BRUSHFINCH (*Arremon brunneinucha*) – Seen well in the forest beside the Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel.

RUFOUS-COLLARED SPARROW (*Zonotrichia capensis*) – Yup.

CUZCO BRUSHFINCH (*Atlapetes canigenis*) – A pair came up into view our second day at Abra Malaga. [E]

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies).

DUSKY-GREEN OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius atrovirens*) – A regular sight and sound at Aguas Calientes.

YELLOW-WINGED BLACKBIRD (*Agelasticus thilius*) – Several bouncing around in the marsh at Huacarpay.

Parulidae (New World Warblers).

TROPICAL PARULA (*Setophaga pitiayumi*) – A regular sound at Aguas Calientes.

CITRINE WARBLER (*Myiothlypis luteoviridis*) – A bird Lucrecia pointed out to us our second day at Abra Malaga.

PALE-LEGGED WARBLER (*Myiothlypis signata*) – Nice views on the road below the ruins.

RUSSET-CROWNED WARBLER (*Myiothlypis coronata*)

SLATE-THROATED REDSTART (*Myioborus miniatus*) – Typically lower elevation than the next species.

SPECTACLED REDSTART (*Myioborus melanocephalus*)

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies).

HEPATIC TANAGER (HIGHLAND) (*Piranga flava lutea*) – Seen around the feeders at Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel.

BLACK-BACKED GROSBEAK (*Pheucticus aureoventris*)

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies).

SLATY TANAGER (*Creurgops dentatus*) – An understated tanager in which the female is more attractive than the male with her lovely rufous throat.

PARODI'S HEMISPINGUS (*Kleinotheraupis parodii*) – An endemic that we saw well our first day at Abra Malaga at treeline. [E]

OLEAGINOUS HEMISPINGUS (*Sphenopsis frontalis*) – This memorable name makes an otherwise unmemorable bird memorable. Do you remember it?

RUST-AND-YELLOW TANAGER (*Thlypopsis ruficeps*)

SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER (*Ramphocelus carbo*)

SCARLET-BELLIED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Anisognathus igniventris*) – A handsome tanager that caught our eye around treeline.

CHESTNUT-BELLIED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Dubusia castaneoventris*) [*]

FAWN-BREASTED TANAGER (*Pipraeidea melanonota*) – One on the Mandor hike.

BLUE-AND-YELLOW TANAGER (*Pipraeidea bonariensis*) – The drab tanager we saw around Huacarpay.

BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus*) – Huge numbers flooded the feeders at Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel.

SAYACA TANAGER (*Thraupis sayaca*) – One, possibly more, of these tanagers that are *very* similar to Blue-gray were hiding among them at the feeders. There are no fully-accepted records for Peru, so I am interested to see what happens to these...

PALM TANAGER (*Thraupis palmarum*)

BLUE-CAPPED TANAGER (*Thraupis cyanocephala*)

GOLDEN-NAPED TANAGER (RUSTY-NAPED) (*Tangara ruficervix inca*) – An attractive Tangara that attended the feeders at the Machu Picchu Pueblo hotel.

SILVERY TANAGER (*Tangara viridicollis*) – Also at the feeders.

BLUE-NECKED TANAGER (*Tangara cyanicollis*) – And this one.

SAFFRON-CROWNED TANAGER (*Tangara xanthocephala*) – ... and this one too.

BLUE DACNIS (*Dacnis cayana*) – These came in to the bananas at the feeders briefly, and mostly females.

CAPPED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum albifrons*) – Seen on the Mandor hike.

CINEREOUS CONEBILL (*Conirostrum cinereum*)

MOUSTACHED FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa mystacalis*) – Seen our second day at Abra Malaga at treeline.

BLACK-THROATED FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa brunneiventris*)

RUSTY FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa sittoides*) – Seen our first day at Abra Malaga.

MASKED FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa cyanea*)

PERUVIAN SIERRA-FINCH (*Phrygilus punensis*)

BAND-TAILED SIERRA-FINCH (*Phrygilus alaudinus*) – In the scrub around Huacarpay.

WHITE-WINGED DIUCA-FINCH (*Idiopsar speculifer*) – This, the highest-breeding bird species in the world (reportedly) showed for us, appropriately, at the highest elevation we visited.

PLUMBEOUS SIERRA-FINCH (*Geospizopsis unicolor*)

ASH-BREASTED SIERRA-FINCH (*Geospizopsis plebejus*)

CHESTNUT-BREASTED MOUNTAIN-FINCH (*Poospiza caesar*) – It took walking on a pig wallow on a slope to get to the "usual spot" where we see this endemic. But dammit, we saw it! **[E]**

BAND-TAILED SEEDEATER (*Catamenia analis*) – Seen around Huacarpay Lake.

PLAIN-COLORED SEEDEATER (*Catamenia inornata*) – Seen up near the Polylepis path.

GOLDEN-BILLED SALTATOR (*Saltator aurantiirostris*) – Around Ollantaytambo.

MAMMALS

GUINEA PIG (*Cavia aperea*) – Some folks glimpsed this around Huacarpay.

BROWN AGOUTI (*Dasyprocta variegata*) – A brief run-by on the trails at Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Totals for the tour: 187 bird taxa and 2 mammal taxa