

# Trip Report — Colombia's Inirida: Land of Many Waters 2025

November 24-December 1, 2025 with Jesse Fagan



The group at the Mavicure Hills. From left to right, Cerro Mono and Cerro Pajarito. Photo by guide Jesse Fagan.

This was a special trip for me and the group. It was our inaugural Puerto Inirida tour, one that I had been planning for a couple of years since I first scouted the area. Puerto Inirida is found in the extreme eastern part of Colombia at the confluence of two major rivers, the Guaviare and Inirida, which feed into the mighty Orinoco River. This is also a transition zone as several major ecosystems come together here. The *llanos* is found to the west and north. This is a vast area of ephemeral marshlands, lagoons, and savanna. And to the south is the Amazon Basin with a mix of *terra*

*firme* and *varzea* habitat and the highest concentration of biodiversity anywhere in the world. Another important habitat type is the patchy distribution of white sand forest. This holds its own unique set of species adapted to the poor soils and the endemic plants that grow on them. Finally, there is the Guianian Shield that reaches its western most terminus in Colombia. This is ancient bed rock, approximately 1 billion years old, with famous formations like the *tepuis*, Mavicure Hills, large waterfalls, and more special organisms adapted to its environment. All of these habitats and more are found around Puerto Inirida, and we spent 5+ nights exploring the area by mototaxi (or *tuk tuk*) and boat (or *peci peci*) while staying at a comfortable small hotel and eating local foods. We tallied nearly 240 species in that short period, a solid total, but not without the help of my support network including our excellent local guide, Daniel Camilo, our *tuk tuk* drivers, and Mollee.



The Yapacana Antbird is found in white sand forest and has a very limited range. Photo by guide Jesse Fagan.

As mentioned above, we recorded near 240 species with a number of highlights for the group. Yapacana Antbird (*Aprositornis disjuncta*) is a white-sand forest specialist only found in extreme eastern Colombia, southern Venezuela, and northwest Brazil. There are only a few accessible sites for this species. We were treated to a pair foraging right at our feet! Cotingas were high up on the list of favorites. We saw several species well including Spangled, Purple-breasted, and Pompadour, plus the outlier, Bare-necked Fruitcrow. A very cooperative Wire-tailed Manakin at La Matraca stole the show some of you. Indeed, I saw those crushing photos that a couple of you got of it! However, it was an unnamed species that most agreed was the Bird Of The Trip. It was the "Inirida Antshrike," a *Thamnophilus* antshrike only recently discovered in the last few years being most similar to Chestnut-backed Antshrike (*T. palliatus*), which is found further south. We were able to see this 'species' well, both male and female, plus hear its vocalizations including the long barking song and several shorter calls. It is hoped that this taxon will be formally described in the near future. Regardless of the outcome, it is exciting to be in an area where new discoveries like this can still be made!

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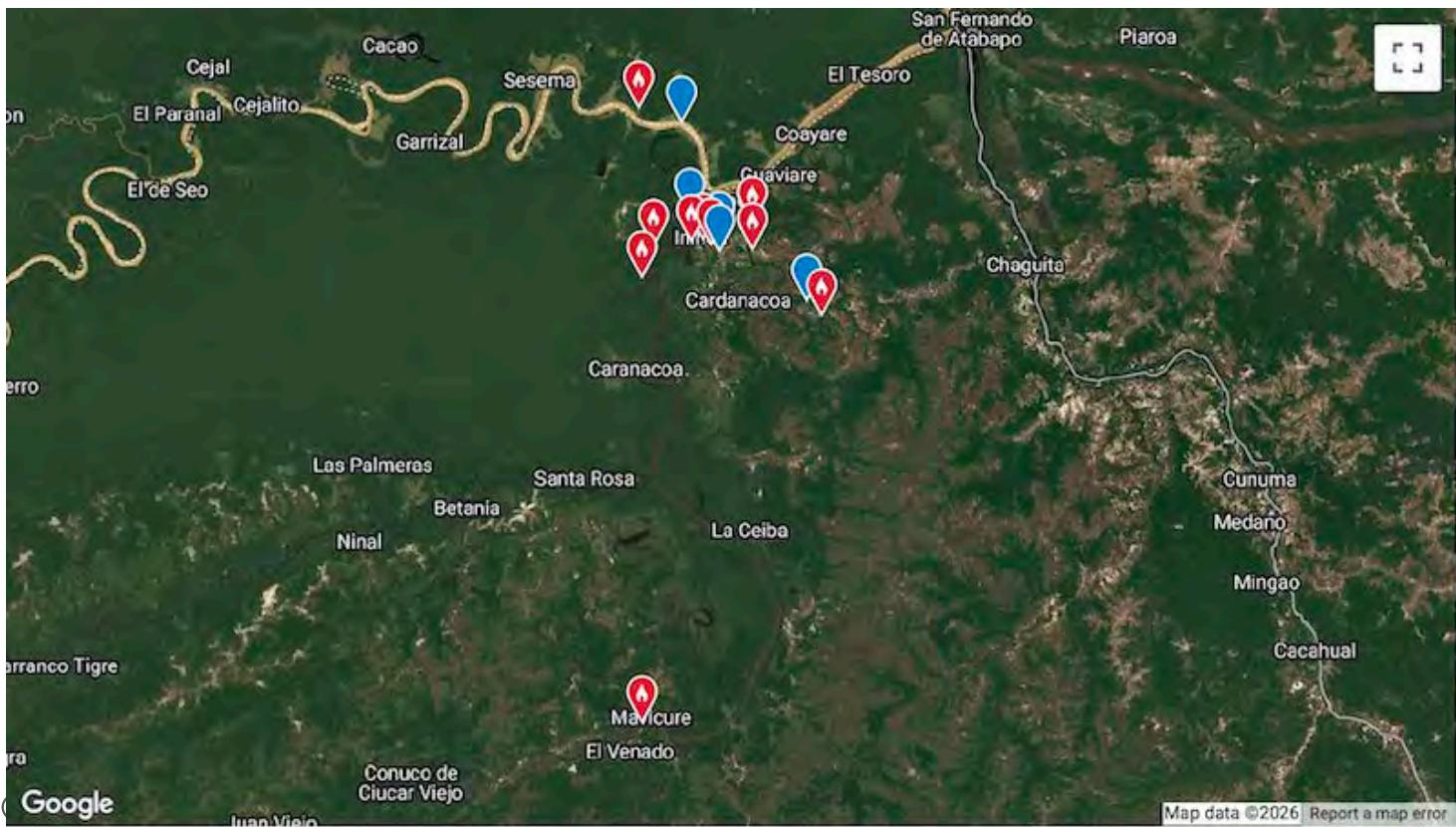
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-- Jesse Fagan aka Motmot (from Lima, Peru)



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24 Nov – 1 Dec 2025 (8 days) Public



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## Species Observed

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2 **Little Tinamou** *Crypturellus soui* ▶ 1

2 **Undulated Tinamou** *Crypturellus undulatus* ▶ 1

2 **Horned Screamer** *Anhima cornuta* ▶ 1

1 **Speckled Chachalaca** *Ortalis guttata* ▶ 1

18 **Rock Pigeon** *Columba livia* \* ▶ 3

15 **Pale-vented Pigeon** *Patagioenas cayennensis* ▶ 6

4 **Scaled Pigeon** *Patagioenas speciosa* ▶ 3

11 **Ruddy Pigeon** *Patagioenas subvinacea* ▶ 4

1 **Plain-breasted Ground Dove** *Columbina minuta* ▶ 1

3 **Ruddy Ground Dove** *Columbina talpacoti* ▶ 1

13 **White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi* ▶ 4

4 **Gray-fronted Dove** *Leptotila rufaxilla* ▶ 1

1 **Greater Ani** *Crotophaga major* ▶ 1

8 **Smooth-billed Ani** *Crotophaga ani* ▶ 3

7 **Common Squirrel-Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana* ▶ 2

1 **Black-bellied Cuckoo** *Piaya melanogaster* ▶ 1

3 **Least Nighthawk** *Chordeiles pusillus* ✓ ▶ 2

1 **Short-tailed Nighthawk** *Lurocalis semitorquatus* ▶ 1

50 **Band-tailed Nighthawk** *Nyctiprogne leucopyga* ▶ 1

2 **Common Pauraque** *Nyctidromus albicollis* ▶ 2

1 **Common Potoo** *Nyctibius griseus* ▶ 1

6	White-collared Swift	<i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>	►	1
10	Gray-rumped Swift	<i>Chaetura cinereiventris</i>	►	2
7	Short-tailed Swift	<i>Chaetura brachyura</i>	►	2
10	Fork-tailed Palm Swift	<i>Tachornis squamata</i>	►	3
5	Reddish Hermit	<i>Phaethornis ruber</i>	►	2
3	Green-tailed Goldenthroat	<i>Polytmus theresiae</i>	►	2
2	Black-throated Mango	<i>Anthracothorax nigricollis</i>	►	1
2	Amethyst Woodstar	<i>Calliphlox amethystina</i>	►	1
1	Fork-tailed Woodnymph	<i>Thalurania furcata</i>	►	1
1	Versicolored Emerald	<i>Chrysuronia versicolor</i>	►	1
11	Glittering-throated Emerald	<i>Chionomesa fimbriata</i>	►	4
2	White-chinned Sapphire	<i>Chlorestes cyanus</i>	►	1
1	Blue-chinned Sapphire	<i>Chlorestes notata</i> ✓	►	1
2	Gray-cowled Wood-Rail	<i>Aramides cajaneus</i>	►	1
2	Sungrebe	<i>Heliois fulica</i>	►	1
2	Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>	►	1
5	Pied Plover	<i>Hoploxypterus cayanus</i>	►	1
32	Southern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus chilensis</i>	►	2
11	Collared Plover	<i>Anarhynchus collaris</i>	►	2
6	Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>	►	4
5	Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	►	1
65	Black Skimmer	<i>Rynchops niger</i>	►	3
1	Yellow-billed Tern	<i>Sternula superciliaris</i>	►	1
228	Large-billed Tern	<i>Phaetusa simplex</i>	►	6

1	<b>Sunbittern</b> <i>Eurypyga helias</i>	► 1
2	<b>Green Ibis</b> <i>Mesembrinibis cayennensis</i>	► 1
7	<b>Bare-faced Ibis</b> <i>Phimosus infuscatus</i>	► 2
4	<b>Capped Heron</b> <i>Pilherodius pileatus</i>	► 2
1	<b>Little Blue Heron</b> <i>Egretta caerulea</i>	► 1
1	<b>Snowy Egret</b> <i>Egretta thula</i>	► 1
6	<b>Striated Heron</b> <i>Butorides striata</i> ⓘ	► 1 5
102	<b>Western Cattle-Egret</b> <i>Ardea ibis</i>	► 4
65	<b>Great Egret</b> <i>Ardea alba</i>	► 6
11	<b>Cocoi Heron</b> <i>Ardea cocoi</i>	► 4
1	<b>King Vulture</b> <i>Sarcoramphus papa</i>	► 1
157	<b>Black Vulture</b> <i>Coragyps atratus</i>	► 15
21	<b>Turkey Vulture</b> <i>Cathartes aura</i>	► 8
10	<b>Greater Yellow-headed Vulture</b> <i>Cathartes melambrotus</i>	► 4
9	<b>Osprey</b> <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	► 4
2	<b>Pearl Kite</b> <i>Gampsonyx swainsonii</i>	► 1
1	<b>Swallow-tailed Kite</b> <i>Elanoides forficatus</i>	► 1
1	<b>Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle</b> <i>Spizaetus melanoleucus</i>	► 1
1	<b>Plumbeous Kite</b> <i>Ictinia plumbea</i>	► 1
3	<b>Slender-billed Kite</b> <i>Helicolestes hamatus</i>	► 2
2	<b>Slate-colored Hawk</b> <i>Buteogallus schistaceus</i>	► 2
1	<b>Savanna Hawk</b> <i>Buteogallus meridionalis</i>	► 1
13	<b>Roadside Hawk</b> <i>Rupornis magnirostris</i>	► 7

1	Gray-lined Hawk	<i>Buteo nitidus</i>	►	1
1	Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl	<i>Glaucidium brasilianum</i>	►	1
2	Black-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Trogon melanurus</i>	►	1
6	Green-backed Tropicbird	<i>Trogon viridis</i>	►	3
2	Blue-crowned Tropicbird	<i>Trogon curucui</i>	►	1
1	Amazonian Motmot	<i>Momotus momota</i>	►	1
20	Ringed Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle torquata</i>	►	7
2	Amazon Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle amazona</i>	►	2
1	Green Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle americana</i>	►	1
1	Spotted Puffbird	<i>Bucco tamatia</i>	►	1
1	Collared Puffbird	<i>Bucco capensis</i>	►	1
8	Black-fronted Nunbird	<i>Monasa nigrifrons</i>	►	1
42	Swallow-winged Puffbird	<i>Chelidoptera tenebrosa</i>	►	1 7
1	White-eared Jacamar	<i>Galbalcyrhynchus leucotis</i>	►	1
5	Brown Jacamar	<i>Brachygalba lugubris</i>	►	1
7	Green-tailed Jacamar	<i>Galbulula galbula</i>	►	1
1	Bronzy Jacamar	<i>Galbulula leucogastra</i>	►	1 1
11	Gilded Barbet	<i>Capito auratus</i>	►	5
6	Lettered Aracari	<i>Pteroglossus inscriptus</i>	►	1
4	Ivory-billed Aracari	<i>Pteroglossus azara</i>	►	1
4	White-throated Toucan	<i>Ramphastos tucanus</i>	►	3
4	Channel-billed Toucan	<i>Ramphastos vitellinus</i>	►	4
4	Golden-spangled Piculet	<i>Picumnus exilis</i>	►	2

5	<b>Yellow-tufted Woodpecker</b> <i>Melanerpes cruentatus</i>	► 2
6	<b>Crimson-crested Woodpecker</b> <i>Campephilus melanoleucus</i>	► 5
4	<b>Lineated Woodpecker</b> <i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>	► 4
3	<b>Cream-colored Woodpecker</b> <i>Celeus flavus</i>	► 1
1	<b>Chestnut Woodpecker</b> <i>Celeus elegans</i>	► 1
1	<b>Laughing Falcon</b> <i>Herpetotheres cachinnans</i>	► 1
11	<b>Crested Caracara</b> <i>Caracara plancus</i>	► 5
14	<b>Yellow-headed Caracara</b> <i>Daptrius chimachima</i>	► 5
9	<b>Black Caracara</b> <i>Daptrius ater</i>	► 3
5	<b>Bat Falcon</b> <i>Falco rufigularis</i>	► 5
229	<b>Cobalt-winged Parakeet</b> <i>Brotogeris cyanoptera</i>	► 7
2	<b>Orange-cheeked Parrot</b> <i>Pyrilia barrabandi</i>	► 1
25	<b>Blue-headed Parrot</b> <i>Pionus menstruus</i>	► 7
33	<b>Mealy Amazon</b> <i>Amazona farinosa</i>	► 7
34	<b>Orange-winged Amazon</b> <i>Amazona amazonica</i>	► 4
9	<b>Black-headed Parrot</b> <i>Pionites melanocephalus</i>	► 4
15	<b>Brown-throated Parakeet</b> <i>Eupsittula pertinax</i>	► 4
7	<b>Blue-and-yellow Macaw</b> <i>Ara ararauna</i>	► 2
37	<b>Chestnut-fronted Macaw</b> <i>Ara severus</i>	► 7
13	<b>Scarlet Macaw</b> <i>Ara macao</i>	► 4
19	<b>Red-and-green Macaw</b> <i>Ara chloropterus</i>	► 4
1	<b>Great Antshrike</b> <i>Taraba major</i>	► 1
3	<b>Black-crested Antshrike</b> <i>Sakesphorus canadensis</i>	► 2

3 **Barred Antshrike** *Thamnophilus doliatus* ▶ 2

2 **Blackish-gray Antshrike** *Thamnophilus nigrocinereus* ✓ ▶ 1

2 **Amazonian Antshrike** *Thamnophilus amazonicus* ▶ 1

1 **Moustached Antwren** *Myrmotherula ignota* 🔊 ▶ 1 1

3 **Amazonian Streaked-Antwren** *Myrmotherula multostriata* ▶ 1

2 **Cherrie's Antwren** *Myrmotherula cherriei* ▶ 1

14 **White-flanked Antwren** *Myrmotherula axillaris* 🔊 ▶ 1 2

2 **Spot-backed Antwren** *Herpsilochmus dorsimaculatus* ▶ 1

2 **Dot-winged Antwren** *Microrhopias quixensis* ▶ 1

4 **Southern White-fringed Antwren** *Formicivora grisea* ✓ ▶ 2

4 **Imeri Warbling-Antbird** *Hypocnemis flavesiensis* ▶ 1

7 **Gray Antbird** *Cercomacra cinerascens* ▶ 1

1 **White-browed Antbird** *Myrmoborus leucophrys* ▶ 1

4 **Black-chinned Antbird** *Hypocnemoides melanopogon* 🔊 ▶ 1 2

2 **Yapacana Antbird** *Aprositornis disjuncta* ▶ 2 1

1 **Olivaceous Woodcreeper** *Sittasomus griseicapillus* ▶ 1

5 **Wedge-billed Woodcreeper** *Glyphorynchus spirurus* ▶ 2

2 **Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper** *Dendrexetastes rufigula* ▶ 1

2 **Long-billed Woodcreeper** *Nasica longirostris* ▶ 2

1 **Amazonian Barred-Woodcreeper** *Dendrocolaptes certhia* ▶ 1

7 **Striped Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus obsoletus* ▶ 2

8 **Buff-throated Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus guttatus* ▶ 3

4 **Straight-billed Woodcreeper** *Dendroplex picus* ▶ 1

1 **Speckled Spinetail** *Thripophaga gutturalis* ▶ 1

3 **Orinoco Softtail** *Thripophaga cherriei* ✓ ▶ 1

6 **Rusty-backed Spinetail** *Cranioleuca vulpina* ▶ 2

1 **Yellow-chinned Spinetail** *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus* ▶ 1

3 **Plain-crowned Spinetail** *Synallaxis gujanensis* ▶ 2

1 **Yellow-crowned Manakin** *Heterocercus flavivertex* ▶ 1

3 **Wire-tailed Manakin** *Pipra filicauda* ▶ 1

9 **White-crowned Manakin** *Pseudopipra pipra* ▶ 2

1 **Amazonian Umbrellabird** *Cephalopterus ornatus* ▶ 1

2 **Purple-breasted Cotinga** *Cotinga cotinga* ▶ 1

2 **Spangled Cotinga** *Cotinga cayana* ◎ ▶ 1 ▶ 2

9 **Screaming Piha** *Lipaugus vociferans* ▶ 2

2 **Pompadour Cotinga** *Xipholena punicea* ✓ ▶ 2

5 **Bare-necked Fruitcrow** *Gymnoderus foetidus* ▶ 2

3 **Black-tailed Tityra** *Tityra cayana* ▶ 2

1 **Varzea Schiffornis** *Schiffornis major* ✓ ▶ 1

2 **White-browed Purple-tufted Pitta** *Iodopleura isabellae* ◎ ▶ 1 ▶ 2

2 **Chestnut-crowned Becard** *Pachyramphus castaneus* ▶ 1

2 **White-winged Becard** *Pachyramphus polychopterus* ▶ 2

2 **Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher** *Terenotriccus erythrurus* ◎ ▶ 1 ▶ 1

1 **Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant** *Myiornis ecaudatus* ▶ 1

1 **Helmeted Pygmy-Tyrant** *Lophotriccus galeatus* ▶ 1

1 **White-eyed Tody-Tyrant** *Hemitriccus zosterops* ▶ 1

6	<b>Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher</b> <i>Poecilotriccus sylvia</i>	▶  2
1	<b>Common Tody-Flycatcher</b> <i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>	▶  1
3	<b>Yellow-margined Flatbill</b> <i>Tolmomyias assimilis</i>	▶  1
2	<b>Gray-crowned Flatbill</b> <i>Tolmomyias poliocephalus</i>	▶  1
5	<b>White-lored Tyrannulet</b> <i>Ornithion inerme</i> 	▶   4
2	<b>Yellow Tyrannulet</b> <i>Capsiempis flaveola</i> 	▶   1
16	<b>Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet</b> <i>Tyrannulus elatus</i>	▶  8
7	<b>Forest Elaenia</b> <i>Myiopagis gaimardii</i>	▶  3
1	<b>Yellow-crowned Elaenia</b> <i>Myiopagis flavivertex</i> 	▶  1
1	<b>Small-billed Elaenia</b> <i>Elaenia parvirostris</i>	▶  1
5	<b>Slender-footed Tyrannulet</b> <i>Zimmerius gracilipes</i>	▶  3
2	<b>Amazonian Tyrannulet</b> <i>Inezia subflava</i>	▶  1
5	<b>Fuscous Flycatcher</b> <i>Cnemotriccus fuscatus</i>	▶  3
3	<b>Drab Water Tyrant</b> <i>Ochthornis littoralis</i>	▶  3
2	<b>Rufous-tailed Flatbill</b> <i>Ramphotrigon ruficauda</i>	▶  1
1	<b>Cinnamon Atta</b> <i>Attila cinnamomeus</i>	▶  1
2	<b>Citron-bellied Atta</b> <i>Attila citriniventris</i>	▶  2
3	<b>Swainson's Flycatcher</b> <i>Myiarchus swainsoni</i>	▶  2
5	<b>Lesser Kiskadee</b> <i>Philohydor lictor</i>	▶  3
20	<b>Great Kiskadee</b> <i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	▶  9
20	<b>Rusty-margined Flycatcher</b> <i>Myiozetetes cayanensis</i>	▶  9
3	<b>Social Flycatcher</b> <i>Myiozetetes similis</i>	▶  1
5	<b>Piratic Flycatcher</b> <i>Legatus leucophaius</i>	▶  2

1	<b>Sulphury Flycatcher</b> <i>Tyrannopsis sulphurea</i>	►  1
17	<b>Tropical Kingbird</b> <i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	►  6
2	<b>Rufous-browed Peppershrike</b> <i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>	►  2
2	<b>Lemon-chested Greenlet</b> <i>Hylophilus thoracicus</i>	►  1
2	<b>Red-eyed Vireo</b> <i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	►  2
20	<b>White-winged Swallow</b> <i>Tachycineta albiventer</i>	►  5
3	<b>Gray-breasted Martin</b> <i>Progne chalybea</i>	►  2
8	<b>Southern Rough-winged Swallow</b> <i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>	►  1
3	<b>White-banded Swallow</b> <i>Atticora fasciata</i>	►  1
11	<b>Black-collared Swallow</b> <i>Pygochelidon melanoleuca</i>	►  1
8	<b>Barn Swallow</b> <i>Hirundo rustica</i>	►  2
6	<b>Southern House Wren</b> <i>Troglodytes musculus</i>	►  5
5	<b>Thrush-like Wren</b> <i>Campylorhynchus turdinus</i>	►  2
2	<b>Coraya Wren</b> <i>Pheugopedius coraya</i>	►  2
22	<b>Buff-breasted Wren</b> <i>Cantorchilus leucotis</i>	►  1  5
4	<b>Tropical Mockingbird</b> <i>Mimus gilvus</i>	►  2
1	<b>Swainson's Thrush</b> <i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	►  1
2	<b>Black-billed Thrush</b> <i>Turdus ignobilis</i>	►  2
2	<b>Campina Thrush</b> <i>Turdus arthuri</i>	►  1  1
2	<b>Hauxwell's Thrush</b> <i>Turdus hauxwelli</i>	►  1
1	<b>Plumbeous Euphonia</b> <i>Euphonia plumbea</i>	►  1
5	<b>Golden-bellied Euphonia</b> <i>Euphonia chrysopasta</i>	►  2
1	<b>White-vented Euphonia</b> <i>Euphonia minuta</i>	►  1

1	Yellow-browed Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus aurifrons</i>	►	1
50	Crested Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius decumanus</i>	►	6
6	Yellow-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus cela</i>	►	4
4	Epaulet Oriole	<i>Icterus cayanensis</i>	►	3
76	Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>	►	2
2	Giant Cowbird	<i>Molothrus oryzivorus</i>	►	2
17	Velvet-fronted Grackle	<i>Lampropsartanagrinus</i>	✓	3
10	Northern Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>	►	6
2	Northern Yellow Warbler	<i>Setophaga aestiva</i>	►	1
14	Blackpoll Warbler	<i>Setophaga striata</i>	►	5
3	Summer Tanager	<i>Piranga rubra</i>	►	2
2	Red-capped Cardinal	<i>Paroaria gularis</i>	►	1
2	Hooded Tanager	<i>Nemosia pileata</i>	►	1
2	Gray-headed Tanager	<i>Eucometis penicillata</i>	►	1
2	Red-shouldered Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus phoenicius</i>	►	1
56	Silver-beaked Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus carbo</i>	►	9
2	Masked Crimson Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus nigrogularis</i>	►	1
22	Blue-gray Tanager	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>	►	7
16	Palm Tanager	<i>Thraupis palmarum</i>	►	5
6	Burnished-buff Tanager	<i>Stilpnia cayana</i>	►	2
2	Turquoise Tanager	<i>Tangara mexicana</i>	►	1
5	Opal-rumped Tanager	<i>Tangara velia</i>	►	1
5	Blue Dacnis	<i>Dacnis cayana</i>	►	3

8 **Purple Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes caeruleus* ▶ 2

2 **Red-legged Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes cyaneus* ▶ 1

1 **Lesson's Seedeater** *Sporophila bouvronides* ✓ ▶ 1

2 **Chestnut-bellied Seedeater** *Sporophila castaneiventris* ▶ 1

2 **Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch** *Sporophila angolensis* ▶ 1

1 **Gray Seedeater** *Sporophila intermedia* ▶ 1

1 **White-naped Seedeater** *Sporophila fringilloides* ▶ 1

4 **Bananaquit** *Coereba flaveola* ▶ 3

2 **Buff-throated Saltator** *Saltator maximus* ▶ 1

3 **Bluish-gray Saltator** *Saltator coerulescens* ▶ 2

#### UNDESCRIPTED SPECIES

4 Inirida Antshrike (undescribed form) *Thamnophilus [undescribed form]* ▶ 2 1

#### ADDITIONAL TAXA

6 small swift sp. *Apodidae sp. (small swift sp.)* ▶ 2

1 hermit sp. *Phaethornis sp.* ▶ 1

1 Western/Eastern Wood-Pewee *Contopus sordidulus/virens* ▶ 1

2 new world martin sp. (Progne sp.) *Progne sp.* ▶ 1

1 Sporophila sp. *Sporophila sp.* ▶ 1