

ECUADOR: RAINFOREST & ANDES III

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Like any tour to equatorial South America, we had a real mix of weather on this one. Most of it was great, but we had a few days of bothersome rain. On only a couple of occasions did we have to alter our plans because of it, though, and we still ended up recording almost 600 species of birds after it all! That's a real tribute to the incredible richness of the avifauna here in this tiny country.

All of the venues that we visited on this trip were old friends of mine, but I'd never strung them all together in one tour like on this added departure of our popular Rainforests & Andes tour.

And what a great tour these three venues make! You get much more than just a cursory taste of the very different avifaunas of the west slope, east slope, and Amazonian lowlands on this one; you come away feeling like you actually got to know a big chunk of the Ecuadorian avifauna.

We started our trip with a bang by seeing a trio of scarce (in n. Ecuador) Andean Condors along our hike to Yanacocha above the Quito Valley, and it never really slowed down from there.

The western slope forests near Mindo and below gave us a lot to cheer about, with no finer experience than the morning we spent at Angel Paz's place. This was my first visit to this fabled site and, man, was it ever spectacular! Four species of antpittas at close range and out in the open, displaying Andean Cocks-of-the-rock, Toucan Barbet at arm's length, a scarce Olivaceous Piha on a nest (!), and those Orange-breasted Fruiteaters-WOW!!

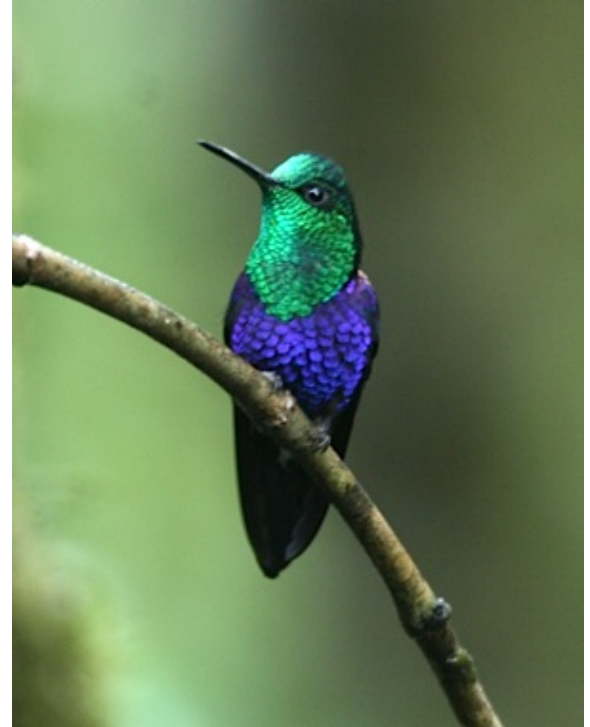
The eastern slope foothills around San Isidro were thrilling as well, and the hospitality of Carmen Bustamante and staff was superlative. Highlights were many here, with those acclimated Peruvian Antpittas, a confiding Greater Scythebill, the famous "San Isidro" Owl, and a stunning male Swallow-tailed Nightjar just being a few of the many pleasures there.

And to top it all off at the end, our four full days of birding at Sacha in the Amazonian lowlands was truly remarkable. I'll never forget the spectacle of the parrot lick inside the forest on the other side of the Napo, that mind-boggling morning that we spent on the wooden tower, and all of that delightful forest trail birding we did all based in such a comfortable setting with great food and friendly staff.

Willy and I want to thank each of you for being such wonderful companions on this delightful tour to one of the richest spots on Earth and we hope that we both have a chance to travel with all of you again and again. Happy Holidays and great birding until we meet again!

--Dave

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A dazzling male Green-crowned Woodnymph: one of the 50 species of hummingbirds recorded on this tour! (Photo by guide Dave Stejskal)

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

Tinamidae (Tinamous)

GREAT TINAMOU (*Tinamus major*) – A great spot by Pablo on the other side of the Napo R. near Sacha.

CINEREOUS TINAMOU (*Crypturellus cinereus*) [*]

LITTLE TINAMOU (*Crypturellus soui*) [*]

UNDULATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus undulatus*) [*]

VARIEGATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus variegatus*) [*]

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

TORRENT DUCK (*Merganetta armata colombiana*) – We had pairs on both slopes on this tour, but we had it best at Guango Lodge below Papallacta. [N]

YELLOW-BILLED PINTAIL (SOUTH AMERICAN) (*Anas georgica spinicauda*)

ANDEAN TEAL (*Anas andium*)

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

SPECKLED CHACHALACA (*Ortalis guttata*)

SPIX'S GUAN (*Penelope jacquacu*) – Nancy spotted this one from the metal towers at Sacha, but it promptly disappeared into the canopy.

BLUE-THROATED PIPING-GUAN (*Pipile cumanensis*) – Again, thanks to Nancy from the metal towers.

WATTLED GUAN (*Aburria aburri*) [*]

SICKLE-WINGED GUAN (*Chamaepetes goudotii*) [*]

Odontophoridae (New World Quail)

DARK-BACKED WOOD-QUAIL (*Odontophorus melanonotus*) [*]

Fregatidae (Frigatebirds)

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD (*Fregata magnificens*) – An unexpected addition to our list when we got diverted to Manta on our final day!

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

ZIGZAG HERON (*Zebrilus undulatus*) – Sooooo close! [*]

RUFESCENT TIGER-HERON (*Tigrisoma lineatum*)

FASCIATED TIGER-HERON (*Tigrisoma fasciatum*) – A real surprise was this imm. bird along one of the rushing streams near Cosanga.

COCOI HERON (*Ardea cocoi*) – On the boat ride back to Coca.

GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba*)

SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula*)

CATTLE EGRET (IBIS) (*Bubulcus ibis ibis*)

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)

Threskiornithidae (Ibises and Spoonbills)

GREEN IBIS (*Mesembrinibis cayennensis*) [*]

Cathartidae (New World Vultures)

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*)

TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura*)

GREATER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE (*Cathartes melambrotus*)

ANDEAN CONDOR (*Vultur gryphus*) – UNBELIEVABLE!!!! Rick spotted three of these soaring over the road at Yanacocha and they obliged us with fabulous looks!

KING VULTURE (*Sarcoramphus papa*) – From the wooden tower at Sacha.

Pandionidae (Osprey)



The bold stripes and muted colors of a Many-striped Canastero are not only beautiful, but they perfectly match the colors and patterns of its scrubby, paramo habitat. (Photo by guide Dave Stejskal)

OSPREY (*Pandion haliaetus*)

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE (*Elanoides forficatus*)

SLENDER-BILLED KITE (*Helicolestes hamatus*) – Relatively common at Sacha this year.

DOUBLE-TOOTHED KITE (*Harpagus bidentatus*) – The birds perched on the metal tower wires gave us particularly good looks.

PLUMBEOUS KITE (*Ictinia plumbea*)

BLACK-CHESTED BUZZARD-EAGLE (*Geranoaetus melanoleucus australis*) – The close adult perched just above the road near Papallacta Pass gave us unforgettable looks.

CRANE HAWK (*Geranospiza caerulescens*) – A close flyby from the wooden tower at Sacha.

SLATE-COLORED HAWK (*Leucopternis schistaceus*) – Great scope views of a perched bird as we walked into Sacha that first day.

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Buteo magnirostris*)

VARIABLE HAWK (*Buteo polyosoma*) – The birds on the first day were the old Red-backed Hawk.

BLACK HAWK-EAGLE (*Spizaetus tyrannus*) – A close perched adult gave us a rare opportunity to see this beautiful raptor in the scopes.

ORNATE HAWK-EAGLE (*Spizaetus ornatus*)

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

PLUMBEOUS FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur plumbeus*) – After some healthy debate and some valuable consultation with Mitch Lysinger, we settled on this species at Milpe.

BLACK CARACARA (*Daptrius ater*)

RED-THROATED CARACARA (*Ibycter americanus*) [*]

CARUNCULATED CARACARA (*Phalcoboenus carunculatus*) – A distant soaring imm. bird at Yanacochoa that first day.

YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA (*Milvago chimachima*)

LAUGHING FALCON (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*)

AMERICAN KESTREL (*Falco sparverius*)

BAT FALCON (*Falco ruficularis*)

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

RUFIOUS-SIDED CRAKE (*Laterallus melanophaius*) [*]

GRAY-BREASTED CRAKE (*Laterallus exilis*) [*]

CHESTNUT-HEADED CRAKE (*Anurolimnas castaneiceps*) [*]

BLACK-BANDED CRAKE (*Anurolimnas fasciatus*) [*]

SLATE-COLORED COOT (*Fulica ardesiaca*) – Also called Andean Coot.

Heliornithidae (Finfoots)

SUNGREBE (*Heliornis fulica*) – Not one, but two different birds perched on limbs above the water at Sacha this year.

Aramidae (Limpkin)

LIMPKIN (*Aramus guarauna*)

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)

COLLARED PLOVER (*Charadrius collaris*)

Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)

SPOTTED SANDPIPER (*Actitis macularius*)

GREATER YELLOWLEGS (*Tringa melanoleuca*)

PECTORAL SANDPIPER (*Calidris melanotos*)



*Places such as "Paz de las Aves" have really revolutionized birdwatching; formerly elusive, almost mythical species like this Moustached Antpitta are now birder-friendly and regularly seen.
(Photo by guide Dave Stejskal)*

Thinocoridae (Seedsnipes)

RUFOUS-BELLIED SEEDSNIPE (*Attagis gayi latreillii*) – A careful scan of the high elevation habitat around the radio towers at Papallacta Pass revealed one of these cryptic birds feeding quietly. Numbers of these remarkable birds at this site have really dwindled in recent years.

Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)

ANDEAN GULL (*Chroicocephalus serranus*) – One distant bird.

YELLOW-BILLED TERN (*Sternula superciliaris*)

LARGE-BILLED TERN (*Phaetusa simplex*) – A singleton on the Napo River.

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*) [I]

PALE-VENTED PIGEON (*Patagioenas cayennensis*)

BAND-TAILED PIGEON (WHITE-NECKED) (*Patagioenas fasciata albilinea*)

PLUMBEOUS PIGEON (*Patagioenas plumbea*) [*]

RUDDY PIGEON (*Patagioenas subvinacea*)

DUSKY PIGEON (*Patagioenas goodsoni*) – This Choco endemic was seen quite well in the scopes at Silanche.

EARED DOVE (*Zenaida auriculata hypoleuca*)

RUDDY GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina talpacoti*) – A single bird on the wires at the Coca airport.

WHITE-TIPPED DOVE (DECOLOR) (*Leptotila verreauxi decolor*) [*]

PALLID DOVE (*Leptotila pallida*) – Mostly in flight only at Silanche.

GRAY-FRONTED DOVE (*Leptotila rufaxilla*) [*]

WHITE-THROATED QUAIL-DOVE (*Geotrygon frenata bourcierii*) – The briefest of looks for some above Tandayapa.



*A highlight of the west slope was our stellar view of this brilliant male Orange-breasted Fruiteater!
(Photo by guide Dave Stejskal)*

Psittacidae (Parrots)

MAROON-TAILED PARAKEET (*Pyrrhura melanura pacifica*) – Quick flybys.

DUSKY-HEADED PARAKEET (*Aratinga weddellii*) – Nicely at the riverside clay lick on the Napo.

BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW (*Ara ararauna*) [*]

RED-BELLIED MACAW (*Orthopsittaca manilata*) [*]

PACIFIC PARROTLET (*Forpus coelestis*) – This tiny parrot was right next to the road on our way out of Silanche.

COBALT-WINGED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris cyanoptera*) – By far, this was the most abundant parrot of the three species visiting the mineral lick on the s. bank of the Napo R.

SCARLET-SHOULDERED PARROTLET (*Touit huetii*) – As usual, there were just a few of these hanging out with the throngs of Cobalt-wings at the mineral lick.

BLACK-HEADED PARROT (*Pionites melanocephalus*) – An unusually great view of one of these beautiful parrots perched near the wooden tower at Sacha.

ORANGE-CHEEKED PARROT (*Pyrilia barrabandi*) – Spectacular at the mineral lick! More than I had ever seen there in many previous visits.

BLUE-HEADED PARROT (*Pionus menstruus*)

RED-BILLED PARROT (*Pionus sordidus corallinus*)

SPECKLE-FACED PARROT (*Pionus tumultuosus seniloides*)

BRONZE-WINGED PARROT (*Pionus chalcopterus*) – This and the Blue-headed were the Pionus parrots that we saw the best on this tour.

ORANGE-WINGED PARROT (*Amazona amazonica*) – When they land in the same tree as the wooden tower, it's difficult to get any better looks at these.

SCALY-NAPED PARROT (*Amazona mercenaria*)

MEALY PARROT (*Amazona farinosa*) – Far fewer of these and the next species were seen at Sacha since the riverside mineral lick wasn't active this year.

YELLOW-CROWNED PARROT (*Amazona ochrocephala*)

Opisthocomidae (Hoatzin)

HOATZIN (*Opisthocomus hoazin*) – I think the word 'hoatzin' must mean 'weird' in Quichua. Seriously, we had some fantastic looks at this truly bizarre bird in the Sacha area.

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (*Piaya cayana*)

GREATER ANI (*Crotophaga major*) – Just a few at Sacha.

SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga ani*)

Strigidae (Owls)

TROPICAL SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops choliba*) [*]

COLOMBIAN SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops colombianus*) [*]

TAWNY-BELLIED SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops watsonii*) [*]

CRESTED OWL (*Lophostrix cristata*) – Amazing!

ANDEAN PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium jardiinii*) – Lucky for us, one of these responded to my poor substitute for this bird's call at Yanacocha.

FERRUGINOUS PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium brasilianum*)

"BLACK-BANDED" OWL TYPE (*Ciccaba* sp. nov. 1) – One of the hallmark birds of San Isidro Lodge, it's not yet known conclusively what this owl actually is - maybe a new, undescribed species!

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

COMMON PAURAQUE (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)

LADDER-TAILED NIGHTJAR (*Hydropsalis climacocerca*) – At very close range on the little Napo R. island that we visited.

SWALLOW-TAILED NIGHTJAR (*Uropsalis segmentata segmentata*) – Edgar knew exactly where to place us on the road in order to see the impressive male fly by in our lights.

Nyctibiidae (Potoos)

GREAT POTOO (*Nyctibius grandis*) – A couple of roosting birds on the day we arrived at Sacha.

LONG-TAILED POTOO (*Nyctibius aethereus*) – WOWWW!!! The elder Pablo knew where to look for this one, and we immediately saw that it was this scarce species instead of the more likely Common Potoo. A wonderful highlight of the Sacha area!

COMMON POTOO (*Nyctibius griseus*) [*]

Apodidae (Swifts)

CHESTNUT-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne rutila brunntorques*) – A big flock of these one morning near Cosanga.

WHITE-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)

GRAY-RUMPED SWIFT (ASH-RUMPED) (*Chaetura cinereiventris occidentalis*)

LESSER SWALLOW-TAILED SWIFT (*Panyptila cayennensis*) – A couple of these that first full morning at Sacha.

FORK-TAILED PALM-SWIFT (*Tachornis squamata*) – The most common swift in the Napo lowlands for us. Strangely, there just weren't that many swifts at Sacha this year.

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN (*Florisuga mellivora*) – That nest had us baffled for a while, but we finally figured it out. I'd never seen a jacobin nest before this trip and I was amazed that it would build it right on top of a big leaf just a meter off the ground!

WHITE-BEARDED HERMIT (*Phaethornis hispidus*) – A varzea specialist around Sacha.

WHITE-WHISKERED HERMIT (*Phaethornis yaruqui*) – These were at the feeders low on the west slope. I'm still not quite sure what to make of that all-dark bird with the short tail that we saw at Milpe.

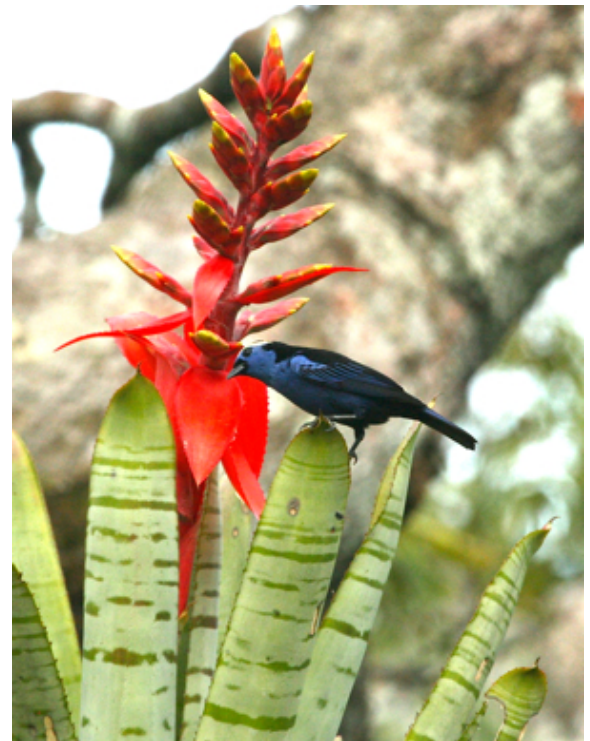
GREEN HERMIT (*Phaethornis guy*) – This one distracted us from the feeding tanagers along the road to Coca.

TAWNY-BELLIED HERMIT (*Phaethornis syrmatophorus*)



*After tanking up at the Milpe feeders, a female Green Thorntail cooperatively poses for the cameras.
(Photo by guide Dave Stejskal)*

- STRAIGHT-BILLED HERMIT** (*Phaethornis bourcierii*) – A couple of singing males on a lek at Sacha (yep, hermits lek too).
- GREAT-BILLED HERMIT** (*Phaethornis malaris*) – On the south bank of the Napo. These birds used to be called Eastern Long-tailed Hermit.
- BLACK-THROATED HERMIT** (*Phaethornis atrimentalis*) – Just seen by Dick and maybe a few others at Sacha. Formerly lumped with Little Hermit.
- STRIPE-THROATED HERMIT** (*Phaethornis striigularis*) – Carole spotted this little guy at the entrance to Silanche.
- WEDGE-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Schistes geoffroyi*) – A very brief encounter at Septimo Paraiso.
- BROWN VIOLETEAR** (*Colibri delphinae*) – Certainly one of the noisiest of the hummers at Septimo.
- GREEN VIOLETEAR (ANDEAN)** (*Colibri thalassinus cyanotus*)
- SPARKLING VIOLETEAR** (*Colibri coruscans coruscans*) – Usually at higher elevations than the above species.
- TOURMALINE SUNANGEL** (*Heliangelus exortis*) – One of the most common of the many stunners at the feeders at Guango.
- GREEN THORNTAIL** (*Discosura conversii*) – Dozens at the Milpe feeders.
- SPECKLED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Adelomyia melanogenys*)
- LONG-TAILED SYLPH** (*Agelaiocercus kingi*) – This beauty replaces the next on the eastern slope of the Andes.
- VIOLET-TAILED SYLPH** (*Agelaiocercus coelestis coelestis*) – Loads of great looks at the feeders in the Mindo area.
- BLACK-TAILED TRAINBEARER** (*Lesbia victoriae victoriae*) – Our looks at this one were uncharacteristically poor on this tour.
- BLUE-MANTLED THORNBILL** (*Chalcostigma stanleyi stanleyi*) – This one was higher than any other species of hummer that we saw.
- TYRIAN METALTAIL** (*Metallura tyrianthina*) – One of the most widespread and most common hummers at high elevations.
- VIRIDIAN METALTAIL** (*Metallura williami primolinus*) – Only one nicely on our way over the east slope.
- SAPPHIRE-VENTED PUFFLEG (SAPPHIRE-VENTED)** (*Eriocnemis luciani luciani*) – Fantastic looks at this and the next at the feeders on the first day. Can you imagine trying to see all of these hummers without the benefit of feeders?
- GOLDEN-BREASTED PUFFLEG** (*Eriocnemis mosquera*)
- SHINING SUNBEAM** (*Aglaeactis cupripennis cupripennis*) – Just a couple this year at the highest elevations.
- BROWN INCA** (*Coeligena wilsoni*) – Nicely at the feeders around Mindo.
- COLLARED INCA** (*Coeligena torquata*) – An incredibly striking species!
- BUFF-WINGED STARFRONTLET** (*Coeligena lutetiae*) – One of the most common hummers at the feeders on that first morning.
- MOUNTAIN VELVETBREAST** (*Lafresnaya lafresnayi saul*) – The male at Guango Lodge was a nice surprise there.
- SWORD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Ensifera ensifera*) – Oooooh!!!! What a remarkable creature!
- GREAT SAPPHIREWING** (*Pterophanes cyanopterus cyanopterus*) – The second-largest hummer in the World.
- BUFF-TAILED CORONET** (*Boissonneaua flavescens flavescens*) – Just one of these east slope birds at Guango.
- BUFF-TAILED CORONET** (*Boissonneaua flavescens tinochlora*) – At the feeders around Mindo.
- CHESTNUT-BREASTED CORONET** (*Boissonneaua matthewsii*) – One of the stunning regulars at the Guango feeders.
- VELVET-PURPLE CORONET** (*Boissonneaua jardini*) – That gorgeous adult at the Paz feeders took your breath away!
- BOOTED RACKET-TAIL** (*Ocreatus underwoodii*) – These were pretty regular at the Septimo feeders, but we hardly had a chance to watch these for any length of time. Everyone finally caught up with a delightful male with a full tail at



*Sacha's superb towers get birders up close and personal with dozens of canopy-dwelling species, such as this Opal-crowned Tanager checking out a blooming bromeliad in the wooden tower tree.
(Photo by guide Dave Stejskal)*

Angel's feeders.

PURPLE-BIBBED WHITETIP (*Urosticte benjamini*) – Both at Septimo and at Milpe.

FAWN-BREASTED BRILLIANT (*Heliodoxa rubinoides*) – These were at feeders on both slopes.

GREEN-CROWNED BRILLIANT (*Heliodoxa jacula*) – One of the most common hummers at the Milpe feeders.

EMPRESS BRILLIANT (*Heliodoxa imperatrix*) – This striking, local species was a real hit at Angel Paz's feeders near Mindo.

LONG-BILLED STARHROAT (*Heliomaster longirostris*) – Briefly for most near Sacha's dock along the Napo R.

WHITE-BELLIED WOODSTAR (*Chaetocercus mulsant*) – These tiny hummers, which look and sound more like a big bumble bee compared to the others, were common at the Guango feeders.

PURPLE-THROATED WOODSTAR (*Calliphlox mitchellii*) – In Ecuador, only on the west slope.

GREEN-CROWNED WOODNYMPH (GREEN-CROWNED) (*Thalurania fannyi verticeps*) – A relatively recent split from the Fork-tailed Woodnymph.

FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania furcata*)

OLIVE-SPOTTED HUMMINGBIRD (*Leucippus chlorocercus*) – About as dull as a hummer gets, but the fact that it's a river island endemic (or nearly so) increases it's attractiveness (it needs a little help).

ANDEAN EMERALD (*Amazilia franciae viridiceps*)

BLUE-CHESTED HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia amabilis*) – It was great to be able to see this duller cousin of the next species at Silanche - the books make them appear more similar than they actually are.

PURPLE-CHESTED HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia rosenbergi*) – A gorgeous individual had set up territory at the blooming Verbena right at the foot of the Silanche tower.

RUFOUS-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD (*Amazilia tzacatl*)

VIOLET-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD (*Damophila julie*) – Very briefly for some folks along the road out of Silanche.

Trogonidae (Trogons)

GOLDEN-HEADED QUETZAL (*Pharomachrus auriceps auriceps*) – We sure heard a bunch of these but patience paid off with unbelievable views of a responsive bird along the Guacamayos Ridge Trail.

BLUE-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon comptus*) [*]

BLACK-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon melanurus*) – That one immature bird at Sacha had us going for a while, thinking that it was going to be a Blue-crowned.

WHITE-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon chionurus*) – White-tailed Trogon was recently split by Clements, and this one was the bird we saw so well from the tower at Silanche.

GREEN-BACKED TROGON (*Trogon viridis*) – This one is now the eastern counterpart of the above species and is one of the most common trogons in the Sacha area.

AMAZONIAN TROGON (*Trogon ramonianus*) – This one is the product of another split, this time with Violaceous Trogon.

BLUE-CROWNED TROGON (*Trogon curucui*) – A female was seen pretty well by some along the entrance road to WildSumaco Lodge on our way to Sacha.

BLACK-THROATED TROGON (*Trogon rufus*) – A pair gave us pretty good looks near the interior forest salt lick near Sacha.

MASKED TROGON (*Trogon personatus*) – We had a number of really great views of this highland species.

Momotidae (Motmots)

AMAZONIAN MOTMOT (*Momotus momota*) – We heard a lot more motmots than we ever saw - this one is the only species that we actually laid eyes on. A recent split from the Blue-crowned Motmot.

RUFOUS MOTMOT (*Baryphthengus martii*) [*]

BROAD-BILLED MOTMOT (BROAD-BILLED) (*Electron platyrhynchum platyrhynchum*) [*]

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

RINGED KINGFISHER (*Megaceryle torquata*) – Fewer than one might expect along the Napo R. and it's tributaries.

AMAZON KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle amazona*) – I think a few folks got on this one as we motored our way to Coca from Sacha on the last morning.

GREEN-AND-RUFOUS KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle inda*) – Seen, but barely!

Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

WHITE-NECKED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus hyperrhynchus hyperrhynchus*) – After hearing one other at Silanche, we finally saw one of these near the interior salt lick near Sacha.

PIED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus tectus*) – Brilliant looks from the Sacha wooden tower.

BARRED PUFFBIRD (*Nystalus radiatus*) – We found several of these on our ride back to Mindo from Silanche.

BLACK-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa nigrifrons*) – The most common nunbird in the Sacha area, and almost always near water.

WHITE-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa morphoeus*) – One of the canopy 'flock leaders' at Sacha. If you can get these guys to come in, you can bring the rest of the flock in, too.

SWALLOW-WINGED PUFFBIRD (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*) – Often called simply the Swallow-wing.

Galbulidae (Jacamars)

WHITE-EARED JACAMAR (*Galbalcyrhynchus leucotis*) – A nice find next to the Napo upon our arrival at Sacha.

RUFOUS-TAILED JACAMAR (*Galbula ruficauda*) [*]

WHITE-CHINNED JACAMAR (*Galbula tombacea*) – Great views at Sacha near the end of the Anden boardwalk.

COPPERY-CHESTED JACAMAR (*Galbula pastazae*) [*]

PURPLISH JACAMAR (*Galbula chalcothorax*) – More of a lower canopy species than other species of *Galbula* jacamars.

Capitonidae (New World Barbets)

SCARLET-CROWNED BARBET (*Capito aurovirens*) – Great looks in the scopes just after we arrived at the Sacha dock. Another species that seems to always be near water.

ORANGE-FRONTED BARBET (*Capito squamatus*) – We found a very cooperative pair from the Silanche tower.

GILDED BARBET (*Capito auratus*) – Nicely from Sacha's wooden tower.

LEMON-THROATED BARBET (*Eubucco richardsoni*) [*]

RED-HEADED BARBET (*Eubucco bourcierii*) – Another beauty that we recorded on both slopes.

Semnornithidae (Toucan-Barbets)

TOUCAN BARBET (*Semnornis ramphastinus ramphastinus*) – Pretty darned easy at the feeders at Angel Paz's place! It's thought that these birds are much more closely related to the toucans than they are to the New World barbets.

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

EMERALD TOUCANET (ANDEAN) (*Aulacorhynchus prasinus albivitta*) – Just a few in the San Isidro area this year.

CRIMSON-RUMPED TOUCANET (*Aulacorhynchus haematopygus sexnotatus*)

PLATE-BILLED MOUNTAIN-TOUCAN (*Andigena laminirostris*) – Edgar spotted this west slope specialty for us as time was running out for us on our way back to Quito.

LETTERED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus incriptus*) – We saw this one straight away from the wooden tower at Sacha. Normally one of the tougher aracaris to get on this tour.

COLLARED ARACARI (STRIPE-BILLED) (*Pteroglossus torquatus erythropygius*) – The old name for our west slope birds was Pale-mandibled Aracari, but it's been lumped, along with the Stripe-billed, with the widespread Collared Aracari of C. America.

CHESTNUT-EARED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus castanotis*) – Another one of our aracari species seen from the wooden tower. This one's usually around water in the Sacha area.

MANY-BANDED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus pluricinctus*) – The most common aracari of the Napo lowlands in the east.

IVORY-BILLED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus azara*) – Stunning views of these handsome toucans from the metal towers at Sacha!

GOLDEN-COLLARED TOUCANET (*Selenidera reinwardtii*) – Not until we were boating our way to the Providencia Trail on the last full day did we encounter this gorgeous little toucan. They were really quiet this year for some reason.

WHITE-THROATED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos tucanus cuvieri*) – I learned this bird as the Cuvier's Toucan, but it's since been lumped with the other 'White-throated' types.

CHOCO TOUCAN (*Ramphastos brevis*) [*]

CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos vitellinus culminatus*) – Another bird that's fallen victim to the lumpers. For years, these w. Amazonian birds were split out as a distinct species, the Yellow-ridged Toucan.

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

LAFRESNAYE'S PICULET (*Picumnus lafresnayi*) – A very brief look from the wooden tower for some.

OLIVACEOUS PICULET (*Picumnus olivaceus harterti*) [*]

YELLOW-TUFTED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes cruentatus*) – Widespread and gorgeous.

BLACK-CHEEKED WOODPECKER (*Melanerpes pucherani*) – Several of these from the Silanche tower.

SMOKY-BROWN WOODPECKER (*Picoides fumigatus fumigatus*) – On the grounds of Septimo one morning. This bird had been stuck in the genus *Veniliornis* for decades, but it's now rightly in *Picoides*.

RED-RUMPED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis kirkii*) – This uncommon woodpecker was at Silanche this year.

SCARLET-BACKED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis callonotus*) – We were able to pull this local specialty out of the fire at the last stop along the Silanche road before we headed back to Septimo.

BAR-BELLIED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis nigriceps equifasciatus*) – We had good looks at a female at Yanacocha on our first morning of birding. Strictly a high elevation species.

RED-STAINED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis affinis*) – Only one this year at Sacha, but we never did find that many canopy flocks there. I only encounter this one with flocks.

GOLDEN-OLIVE WOODPECKER (*Colaptes rubiginosus*)

CRIMSON-MANTLED WOODPECKER (*Colaptes rivolii brevirostris*) – Our best look was in the the second-growth scrub near where we saw our Orange-breasted Fruiteaters.

CINNAMON WOODPECKER (*Celeus loricatus*) – A nice surprise find from the tower at Silanche.

CHESTNUT WOODPECKER (*Celeus elegans*) – Not as fancy as the next species but still an eye-popper.

CREAM-COLORED WOODPECKER (*Celeus flavus*) – What a gorgeous woodpecker! We were lucky to have this one stick around so long for us along the interior salt lick trail, giving us great looks from every angle.

LINEATED WOODPECKER (*Dryocopus lineatus fuscipennis*)

POWERFUL WOODPECKER (*Campephilus pollens pollens*) – If you were around to see this beauty at San Isidro, you really got an eye-full! If this pair sticks around, what a great bird Mitch & Carmen will have right on the grounds for their guests (like there isn't enough there already)!

GUAYAQUIL WOODPECKER (*Campephilus guayaquilensis*) – The briefest of looks on our way to Silanche.

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

STOUT-BILLED CINCLODES (*Cinclodes excelsior excelsior*) – We had just a couple of these big cinclodes on our way to the radio towers at Papallacta. I usually see quite a few more.

CHESTNUT-WINGED CINCLODES (*Cinclodes albidiventris albidiventris*) – This one is a split from what was once called Bar-winged Cinclodes. Chestnut-winged includes all of the non-migratory birds from the Santa Marta Mts. of Colombia and the Venezuelan Andes south to n. Peru. It's replaced by Cream-winged south of there and by Buff-winged s. of that.

PALE-LEGGED HORNERO (PACIFIC) (*Furnarius leucopus cinnamomeus*) – Great views on our way out of Silanche. I wasn't real pleased when they re-lumped this isolated west slope form with the Pale-legged Hornero on the other side of the Andes!

ANDEAN TIT-SPINETAIL (*Leptasthenura andicola andicola*) – This handsome furnariid posed nicely for us on the Papallacta Pass radio tower road.

AZARA'S SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis azarae media*) – It took more work than I usually invest in it.

RUFOUS SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis unirufa unirufa*) [*]

SLATY SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis brachyura nigrofumosa*) – Only on the west slope here and one of the many good birds we saw at Angel's in the late morning.

WHITE-BELLIED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis propinqua*) – More shy than most spinetails, most folks only got a look at this one in flight on the Napo R. island.

WHITE-BROWED SPINETAIL (*Hellmayrea gularis*) – I agree with Willy ,Äi this really was one of the most spectacular sightings of the entire trip!

PARKER'S SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca vulpecula*) – Another river island specialty and a relatively recent split from the Rusty-backed Spinetail (and named in honor of the late Ted Parker).

RED-FACED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca erythroptus erythroptus*) – We couldn't have asked for better looks at Septimo ,Äi and it was much lower down than I was expecting it to be!

MANY-STRIPED CANASTERO (*Asthenes flammulata flammulata*) – Who says that furnariids aren't beautiful?

SPOTTED BARBTAIL (*Premnoplex brunnescens brunnescens*)

PEARLED TREERUNNER (*Margarornis squamiger perlatus*) – Another gorgeous furnariid that we saw exceptionally

well on a couple of occasions.

STREAKED TUFTEDCHEEK (*Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii*) – One of these sat motionless in a treetop above Mindo with a Grass-green Tanager, looking for that Cloud-forest Pygmy-Owl.

SCALY-THROATED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (SPOT-BREASTED) (*Anabacerthia variegaticeps temporalis*) – Just down the road from Milpe as we tried to bird in the light rain. Another pretty furnariid.

MONTANE FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Anabacerthia striaticollis montana*) – The eastern slope replacement of the above species.

LINEATED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Syndactyla subalaris*) [*]

CHESTNUT-WINGED HOOKBILL (*Ancistrops strigilatus*) – I think this one was just seen in flight from the metal towers at Sacha.

BUFF-FRONTED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor rufum*) – In the same roadside flock with the Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner near Milpe.

CINNAMON-RUMPED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor pyrrhodes*) [*]

BLACK-BILLED TREEHUNTER (*Thripadectes melanorhynchus*) [*]

STREAK-CAPPED TREEHUNTER (*Thripadectes virgaticeps*) [*]

FLAMMULATED TREEHUNTER (*Thripadectes flammulatus flammulatus*) – One of the scarcer treehunters along our tour route, we ended up seeing this one pretty well along the Guacamayos Ridge Trail near San Isidro.

OLIVE-BACKED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Automolus infuscatus*) [*]

RUDDY FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Automolus rubiginosus*) [*]

TYRANNINE WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla tyrannina tyrannina*) – A pair of these rare highland woodcreepers came in nicely for us just down the road from San Isidro. One of the best birds we found during our stay there.

PLAIN-BROWN WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*)

OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*) – Someday, this one will be split into several species, so keep track of where you see them. Ours was the w. Amazonian race *amazonus*.

WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*)

GREATER SCYTHEBILL (*Drymotoxeres pucherani*) – WOW!!!! What an incredible surprise it was to find this megararity at the start of the trail! Willy and I had been birding this trail for many years and, between us, we've only seen it a handful of times. Consider yourselves extremely lucky!

LONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Nasica longirostris*) – One of these spectacular woodcreepers was working around in a big bromeliad above our heads at Sacha as we were headed back to the lodge for lunch one day.

CINNAMON-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrozetetes rufigula*) – Nicely from the metal towers.

STRONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER (ANDEAN/NORTHERN) (*Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus promeropirhynchus*) – A pair of these big woodcreepers gave us a nice show on the Septimo grounds one morning.

AMAZONIAN BARRED-WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes certhia*) – A real neck-breaker!

BLACK-BANDED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes picumnus*) – Not the most cooperative bird along the Anden boardwalk at Sacha.

STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Dendroplex picus*) [*]

STRIPED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus obsoletus*) – A varzea forest specialty.

SPIX'S WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus spixii*) – This is the most regular *Xiphorhynchus* woodcreeper with the mixed flocks in the Sacha area.

BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus*)

BLACK-STRIPED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus lachrymosus*) – This gorgeous woodcreeper was seen nicely from the Silanche tower.

SPOTTED WOODCREEPER (BERLEPSCH'S) (*Xiphorhynchus erythropygius aequatorialis*) – Common in the Mindo area.

OLIVE-BACKED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus triangularis triangularis*) – This one replaces the Spotted Woodcreeper on the east slope of Ecuador.

STREAK-HEADED WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes souleyetii esmeraldae*)

MONTANE WOODCREEPER (*Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger aequatorialis*) – The song of this one sounds very un-woodcreeper-like.

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

FASCIATED ANTSHRIKE (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*) [*]

PLAIN-WINGED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus schistaceus*) – A pair kept their distance from us along the trail to the interior salt lick near Sacha.

MOUSE-COLORED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus murinus*) [*]

UNIFORM ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus unicolor unicolor*) – A male along the Septimo entrance road was a good find, but he really made us work for our looks.

DUSKY-THROATED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes ardesiacus*) – The common understory flock leader in the Sacha area.

CINEREOUS ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes caesius*) – Very similar to the above and often in the same flock with it on the south side of the Napo.

SPOT-WINGED ANTSHRIKE (*Pygoptila stellaris*) – A single male came in to check out what all of the fuss was about on the Providencia Trail.

RUFOUS-TAILED ANTWREN (*Epinecrophylla erythrura*) – We found a very responsive individual along the Providencia Trail. One of the prettier *Myrmotherula* antwrens in the region.

PYGMY ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula brachyura*)

PLAIN-THROATED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula hauxwelli*) [*]

WHITE-FLANKED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula axillaris*)

SLATY ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula schisticolor schisticolor*) – Nicely on the Septimo grounds. This one gets all of the way north to s. Mexico.

GRAY ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula menetriesii*) – A common flock component in the Sacha area.

DUGAND'S ANTWREN (*Herpsilochmus dugandi*) [*]

DOT-WINGED ANTWREN (*Microrhopias quixensis*) – At arm's length from us up on the Silanche tower!

LONG-TAILED ANTBIRD (*Drymophila caudata caudata*) – Right on the San Isidro grounds. Great looks!

GRAY ANTBIRD (*Cercomacra cinerascens*) [*]

BLACK-FACED ANTBIRD (*Myrmoborus myotherinus*) – We found a very confiding male along the trail into the interior salt lick near Sacha.

PERUVIAN WARBLING-ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis peruviana*) – One of these made an appearance with the above bird. Warbling Antbird was recently split into six species, so you need to start keeping track of these.

BLACK-AND-WHITE ANTBIRD (*Myrmochanes hemileucus*) – A long-awaited lifer for Willy on the tiny river island that we visited downstream from Sacha. A very strange little antbird with uncertain affinities.

SILVERED ANTBIRD (*Sclateria naevia*) – This one was very difficult to see well in the fading light along the Anaconda channel at Sacha.

CHESTNUT-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza exsul maculifer*) [*]

WHITE-SHOULDERED ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza melanoceps*) – These birds have gotten a lot sneakier over the years at Sacha.

PLUMBEOUS ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza hyperythra*) – Fleeting views of a sneaky pair along the Sacha boardwalk.

SOOTY ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza fortis*) – Another shy bird, we ended up getting good looks at the ant swarm that we found on the Providencia trail.

IMMACULATE ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza immaculata macrorhyncha*) – Same genus as the above birds, and on the west slope at Septimo, but just as sneaky.

BICOLORED ANTBIRD (*Gymnopithys leucaspis*) – Good views of these shy birds at the ant swarm on the Providencia trail.

LUNULATED ANTBIRD (*Gymnopithys lunulatus*) – One of the scarcest of the antbirds in the Sacha area, so we were lucky to get that female bird so well along the Providencia trail. We even saw those lunules on the wings!

SPOT-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Hylophylax naevius*) [*]

DOT-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Hylophylax punctulatus*) [*]

SCALE-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Willisornis poecilinotus*) – We cleaned up our looks at this one along the Providencia trail. Note that this bird was recently removed from the genus *Hylophylax* and put into its own new genus.

Formicariidae (Antthrushes)

BLACK-HEADED ANTTHRUSH (*Formicarius nigricapillus*) – Really difficult to pull out, but most folks got a look of some kind along the trails at Silanche.

RUFOUS-BREASTED ANTTHRUSH (*Formicarius rufipectus carrikeri*) [*]

STRIATED ANTTHRUSH (*Chamaeza nobilis*) – You really had to be looking in just the right spot near the wooden tower at Sacha to get a look at this shy, terrestrial species, but I think we all came away satisfied in the end.

BARRED ANTTHRUSH (*Chamaeza mollissima mollissima*) [*]

Grallariidae (Antpittas)

GIANT ANTPITTA (*Grallaria gigantea hylodroma*) – Wow, it's almost like cheating getting looks like we did at Angel Paz's! Looking for antpittas will never be the same!

MOUSTACHED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria alleni andaquiensis*) – This was, like the Giant Antpitta, a nearly mythical species that only a handful of birders had ever seen in the wild. Now, we seem to be on a first name basis with all of these!

CHESTNUT-CROWNED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria ruficapilla ruficapilla*) [*]

CHESTNUT-NAPED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria nuchalis obsoleta*) [*]

YELLOW-BREASTED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria flavotincta*) – We even got a look at a recently fledge juvenile bird whose plumage is basically unknown in life! [N]

WHITE-BELLIED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria hypoleuca*) – The San Isidro staff has successfully mimicked Angel Paz's technique, so this one is virtually a 'gimme' if you visit San Isidro.

TAWNY ANTPITTA (*Grallaria quitensis quitensis*) – This one is usually one of the easiest of the antpittas to observe.

OCHRE-BREASTED ANTPITTA (*Grallaricula flavirostris*) – 'Shakira' performed her mesmerizing dance for us at Angel Paz's, just as promised. It's amazing what birds will do for a free meal!

PERUVIAN ANTPITTA (*Grallaricula peruviana*) – I think that this one beats out the Greater Scythebill for rarity at San Isidro! It'll be interesting to see just how long this pair sticks in there for future birding groups.

SLATE-CROWNED ANTPITTA (SLATE-CROWNED) (*Grallaricula nana nana*) – Well, it turns out that this is the only antpitta that we actually had to work for to see it. And what a look it was!

Conopophagidae (Gnateaters)

CHESTNUT-BELTED GNATEATER (*Conopophaga aurita*) [*]

Rhinocryptidae (Tapaculos)

RUSTY-BELTED TAPACULO (*Liosceles thoracicus*) – This one took a LOT longer than I wanted to spend on it, but the looks were great!

OCELLATED TAPACULO (*Acropternis orthonyx infuscatus*) [*]

ASH-COLORED TAPACULO (*Myornis senilis*) [*]

BLACKISH TAPACULO (*Scytalopus latrans latrans*) – Like a little black mouse with two legs (for some).

LONG-TAILED TAPACULO (*Scytalopus micropterus*) [*]

NARINO TAPACULO (*Scytalopus vicinior*) [*]

SPILLMANN'S TAPACULO (*Scytalopus spillmanni*) [*]

PARAMO TAPACULO (*Scytalopus opacus*) – This little guy came out into the open for all to see high along the roadside at Papallacta Pass. Called Paramillo Tapaculo on the checklist in error.

Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

BROWN-CAPPED TYRANNULET (*Ornithion brunneicapillus*) – Right next to the tower at Silanche.

SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)

WHITE-TAILED TYRANNULET (*Mecocerculus poecilocercus*) – Except for the white in the tail, this one is a dead ringer for the Buff-banded Tyrannulet of the yungas forest of the southern Andes.

WHITE-BANDED TYRANNULET (*Mecocerculus stictopterus stictopterus*) – A regular in the high temperate forest mixed species flocks

WHITE-THROATED TYRANNULET (*Mecocerculus leucophrys rufomarginatis*) – Ditto for this one.

SULPHUR-BELLIED TYRANNULET (*Mecocerculus minor*) [*]

TUFTED TIT-TYRANT (*Anairetes parulus aequatorialis*) – Very widespread in the Andes, occurring from Colombia south to s. Argentina.

YELLOW-CROWNED TYRANNULET (*Tyrannulus elatus*)

GREENISH ELAENIA (*Myiopagis viridicata*)

WHITE-CRESTED ELAENIA (WHITE-CRESTED) (*Elaenia albiceps griseigularis*) – For some below Papallacta Pass.

RIVER TYRANNULET (*Serpophaga hypoleuca*) – That tiny Napo R. island had just about everything, including this scarce island tyrannulet.

STREAK-NECKED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes striaticollis*) – Very similar to Olive-striped Flycatcher, but it occurs at higher elevation.

OCHRE-BELLIED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes oleagineus*) [*]

SLATY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Leptopogon superciliaris*) – On the lower west slope only.

MARBLE-FACED BRISTLE-TYRANT (*Phylloscartes ophthalmicus ophthalmicus*) [*]

SOOTY-HEADED TYRANNULET (*Phyllomyias griseiceps*) – These west slope birds sound different to my ear from the birds east of the Andes.

CHOCO TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius albigularis*) – A recent split from Golden-faced, this one occurs at lower elevations on the n.w. slope of Ecuador and adjacent Colombia.

SLENDER-FOOTED TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius gracilipes*) – I'm sure that all of you immediately locked onto those slender feet!

ORNATE FLYCATCHER (*Myiotriccus ornatus*) – Aptly named and very confiding.

RUFOUS-HEADED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Pseudotriccus ruficeps*) – We had some great views as we were trying for the Slate-crowned Antpitta along the Guacamayos Ridge Trail. It's pretty amazing how loud that bill snapping is!

BLACK-CAPPED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Myiornis atricapillus*) – One of the early favorites from the Silanche tower. This and Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant of the east slope are the smallest passerines in the World.

SCALE-CRESTED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Lophotriccus pileatus*) – Finally at Silanche.

RUFOUS-CROWNED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Poecilatriccus ruficeps*) – Certainly one of the cutest birds on the entire trip. Great views right on the San Isidro grounds!

COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum cinereum sclateri*)

BLACK-HEADED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum nigriceps*) – A neck-breaker at Silanche.

YELLOW-BROWED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum*) – It can take a while, but you always find a pair of these from the wooden tower at Sacha - or in the tower tree itself!

YELLOW-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (YELLOW-MARGINED) (*Tolmomyias assimilis flavotectus*)

CINNAMON FLYCATCHER (*Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus pyrrhopterus*) – One of the prettiest flycatchers in S. America.

FLAVESCENT FLYCATCHER (*Myiophobus flavicans flavicans*) – Only one bird (!) at San Isidro.

EULER'S FLYCATCHER (*Lathrotriccus euleri*) – Sitting in those dugout canoes is not the easiest place to try and see one of these.

SMOKE-COLORED PEWEE (*Contopus fumigatus*) – This one used to be lumped with Greater Pewee.

FUSCOUS FLYCATCHER (*Cnemotriccus fuscatus*) – For a few folks on the Napo R. island that we visited.

BLACK PHOEBE (WHITE-WINGED) (*Sayornis nigricans angustirostris*) – Maybe different enough to split?

VERMILION FLYCATCHER (VERMILION) (*Pyrocephalus rubinus piurae*)

RUFOUS-TAILED TYRANT (*Knipolegus poecilurus*) – A scarce and local bird that I've seen only a few times before, we ended up with nice scope looks from across the highway below Guacamayos Pass.

RIVERSIDE TYRANT (*Knipolegus orenocensis*) – This was the biggest surprise on that tiny Napo R. island and was an Ecuadorian first for me. We hardly ever get any Knipolegus on this tour at all, but to have two species is really something!

DRAB WATER TYRANT (*Ochthornis littoralis*) – Just like the name says.

STREAK-THROATED BUSH-TYRANT (*Myiotheretes striaticollis striaticollis*) – This was one of the first birds of the trip on our way to Yanacocha that first morning.

SMOKY BUSH-TYRANT (*Myiotheretes fumigatus*) – A couple of furtive birds at Yanacocha didn't really oblige us.

MASKED WATER-TYRANT (*Fluvicola nengeta*) – Just here in n.w. South America and in e. Brazil, Ì go figure.

CROWNED CHAT-TYRANT (CROWNED) (*Ochthoeca frontalis frontalis*) – One of our first birds along our walk at Yanacocha, and a beauty at that!

SLATY-BACKED CHAT-TYRANT (SLATY-BACKED) (*Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris cinnamomeiventris*) [*]

BROWN-BACKED CHAT-TYRANT (*Ochthoeca fumicolor brunneifrons*) – Briefly on our way up to Papallacta Pass.

LARGE-HEADED FLATBILL (*Ramphotrigon megacephalum*) – This bamboo specialist whistled up nicely during our short explorations of the lower WildSumaco entrance road.

RUFOUS-TAILED FLATBILL (*Ramphotrigon ruficauda*) – Here, in w. Amazonia, this one is restricted to swamp forest.

It's a bit more tolerant of other habitats over to the east in the Guianas.

CINNAMON ATILA (*Attila cinnamomeus*) – That constantly pumping tail makes this one relatively easy to spot in the swamp forest around Sacha.

CITRON-BELLIED ATILA (*Attila citriniventris*) – We got this recent addition to the Sacha list on our way out to the boat at the end of our Sacha stay. Our third seen species of attila of the trip!

BRIGHT-RUMPED ATILA (*Attila spadiceus*) – We all had fantastic views of this widespread, but infrequently seen, species from the Silanche tower.

SIRYSTES (*Sirystes sibilator*) – A brief look from the boat as we made our way to the Providencia trailhead.

GRAYISH MOURNER (*Rhytipterna simplex*) – This inconspicuous species was seen by some from the wooden tower at Sacha.

DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*)

SHORT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus ferox*)

PALE-EDGED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus cephalotes cephalotes*) – Easy on the grounds at San Isidro. [N]

LESSER KISKADEE (*Pitangus lictor*) – Always near water.

GREAT KISKADEE (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)

BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER (*Megarynchus pitangua*)

RUSTY-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes cayanensis hellmayri*)

SOCIAL FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes similis*)

GRAY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes granadensis*) – Just a few of these widespread birds in the Sacha area this year.

DUSKY-CHESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes luteiventris*) – Never very common in the canopy of lowland forests in the Amazon basin, but we usually find a couple of these from one of the towers at Sacha.

LEMON-BROWED FLYCATCHER (*Conopias cinchoneti cinchoneti*) – Right in the car park at San Isidro! One of the vocal canopy flock leaders in this zone of the Andes.

GOLDEN-CROWNED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes chrysocephalus minor*)

STREAKED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)

PIRATIC FLYCATCHER (*Legatus leucophaeus*) – This widespread species steals, or pirates, the completed nest of other flycatchers for its own use.

VARIEGATED FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus varius*) [a]

CROWNED SLATY FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus aurantioatrocristatus*) – This one kept us company up in the wooden tower at Sacha. [a]

SNOWY-THROATED KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus niveigularis*) – A very distant lifer at Silanche.

TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus melancholicus*)

EASTERN KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus tyrannus*) [b]

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

GREEN-AND-BLACK FRUITEATER (*Pipreola riefferii*) – A few gorgeous males, best seen along the Guacamayos Ridge Trail.

BARRED FRUITEATER (*Pipreola arcuata arcuata*) [*]

ORANGE-BREASTED FRUITEATER (*Pipreola jucunda*) – WOW!!!! I'm not sure how you could get a better look at this amazing species! Thanks, Angel!

SCALED FRUITEATER (*Ampelioides tschudii*) – One of the first really quality species that we saw in the Mindo area at Septimo. Really not very closely related to the other fruiteaters.

ANDEAN COCK-OF-THE-ROCK (*Rupicola peruvianus sanguinolentus*) – If you made it down to the blind at Angel's place, you were treated to a real eyeful of these spectacular birds at close range. The male in the scope across the Tandayapa R. valley was quite a sight itself.

OLIVACEOUS PIHA (*Snowornis cryptolophus*) – It's one thing to actually see this rare bird, but to see it on a nest? That nest, by the way, is very typical of the pihans and many other cotinga species. [N]

PURPLE-THROATED FRUITCROW (*Querula purpurata*)

AMAZONIAN UMBRELLABIRD (*Cephalopterus ornatus*) – A long, long way away. Thank goodness it was a male and that it was big and black.

PLUM-THROATED COTINGA (*Cotinga maynana*) – Males of this one and the next were very conveniently sitting in the

same treetop seen from the wooden bridge at Sacha.

SPANGLED COTINGA (*Cotinga cayana*)

SCREAMING PIHA (*Lipaugus vociferans*)

BARE-NECKED FRUITCROW (*Gymnoderus foetidus*) – A great look of a female sitting in the wooden tower tree.

Pipridae (Manakins)

DWARF TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Tyrannetes stolzmanni*) [*]

GOLDEN-WINGED MANAKIN (*Masius chrysopterus*) – That tiny female manakin with the pink bill that we pondered over at Milpe was indeed this species.

CLUB-WINGED MANAKIN (*Machaeropterus deliciosus*) – At least a couple of adult males were found at Milpe, but the bad weather kept them subdued.

BLUE-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Lepidothrix coronata*) – It's absolutely amazing how these birds can magically appear and then disappear from a perch in the forest.

WHITE-BEARDED MANAKIN (*Manacus manacus*) – The best looks were at Silanche.

WIRE-TAILED MANAKIN (*Pipra filicauda*) – Wow, I've never had to work as hard for this species as I had to this year at Sacha. Luckily, we all got looks of a gorgeous male in the scope before we had to run off to lunch.

GOLDEN-HEADED MANAKIN (*Pipra erythrocephala*) [*]

WING-BARRED PIPRITES (*Piprites chloris*) – This one came all of the way up to the wooden tower tree for some great looks.

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

BLACK-TAILED TITYRA (*Tityra cayana*)

MASKED TITYRA (*Tityra semifasciata*)

THRUSH-LIKE SCHIFFORNIS (ECUADORIAN) (*Schiffornis turdina rosenbergi*) – Stunning views of a responsive bird at Silanche.

WHITE-BROWED PURPLETUFT (*Iodopleura isabellae*) – Never common, but we always seem to be able to find a small group of these from one of the Sacha towers. The purpletufts were very recently transferred from the cotingas to the new family Tityridae.

BARRED BECARD (*Pachyramphus versicolor versicolor*) – We had a particularly stunning view of a male at Angel's place.

CINNAMON BECARD (*Pachyramphus cinnamomeus cinnamomeus*)

WHITE-WINGED BECARD (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*)

ONE-COLORED BECARD (*Pachyramphus homochrous*) – Most folks got on a brief male from the tower at Silanche.

PINK-THROATED BECARD (*Pachyramphus minor*) – A female with our largest canopy flock along the Providencia Trail near Sacha.

Vireonidae (Vireos)

BROWN-CAPPED VIREO (*Vireo leucophrys*)

RED-EYED VIREO (*Vireo olivaceus*)

DUSKY-CAPPED GREENLET (*Hylophilus hypoxanthus*) – A few of these came in for a look along the Providencia Trail.

OLIVACEOUS GREENLET (*Hylophilus olivaceus*) – This e. foothill specialty was scoped along the WildSumaco entrance rd.

LESSER GREENLET (GRAY-HEADED) (*Hylophilus decurtatus minor*)

SLATY-CAPPED SHRIKE-VIREO (*Vireolanius leucotis*) [*]

BLACK-BILLED PEPPERSHRIKE (*Cyclarhis nigrirostris*) – Not the greatest of looks along the road near San Isidro before lunch one day.

Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)

TURQUOISE JAY (*Cyanolyca turcosa*) – I was astounded how scarce these birds were this year!

GREEN JAY (INCA) (*Cyanocorax yncas yncas*) – Always an entertaining yardbird at San Isidro. These S. American birds are quite different than the birds you've all probably seen in S. Texas and probably deserve specific status.

VIOLACEOUS JAY (*Cyanocorax violaceus*) – One of the standards at Sacha.

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

BLUE-AND-WHITE SWALLOW (*Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*)

BROWN-BELLIED SWALLOW (*Orochelidon murina murina*) – Only at the highest elevations (Yanacocha & Papallacta).

WHITE-THIGGED SWALLOW (*Atticora tibialis minima*) – A few zoomed overhead along the WildSumaco entrance rd.

WHITE-BANDED SWALLOW (*Atticora fasciata*) – Never found far from the big rivers of Amazonia.

SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)

GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN (*Progne chalybea*)

BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN (*Progne tapera*) – All of the birds we saw along the Napo appeared to be the local breeding race, not migrants from the south.

WHITE-WINGED SWALLOW (*Tachycineta albiventer*)

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

BAND-BACKED WREN (*Campylorhynchus zonatus*) – A pair of these came in for a look along the Silanche Road. This is close to the s. limit for this species.

THRUSH-LIKE WREN (*Campylorhynchus turdinus*) – This one's gotten very difficult in the Sacha area, so it was good to get these along the WildSumaco road.

RUFOUS WREN (*Cinnycerthia unirufa unirufa*) – Nice looks on our first day of birding at Yanacocha.

SHARPE'S WREN (*Cinnycerthia olivascens olivascens*) – Another one of the good birds at Angel's place. Formerly known as Sepia-brown Wren before it was split into three.

PLAIN-TAILED WREN (*Pheugopedius euophrys*) – Nicely along the Guacamayos Ridge Trail after hearing quite a few at other places before then.

WHISKERED WREN (*Pheugopedius mystacalis mystacalis*) [*]

CORAYA WREN (*Pheugopedius coraya*) – These always give me a headache at Sacha.

BAY WREN (SOUTH AMERICAN) (*Cantorchilus nigricapillus nigricapillus*) [*]

HOUSE WREN (SOUTHERN) (*Troglodytes aedon albicans*)

MOUNTAIN WREN (*Troglodytes solstitialis solstitialis*) – We finally caught up with this arboreal wren at San Isidro.

SEDGE WREN (POLYGLOTTUS GROUP) (*Cistothorus platensis aequatorialis*)

WHITE-BREASTED WOOD-WREN (*Henicorhina leucosticta*) [*]

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

SCALY-BREASTED WREN (*Microcerculus marginatus*) [*]

WING-BANDED WREN (*Microcerculus bambla*) [*]

Poliophtilidae (Gnatcatchers)

TAWNY-FACED GNATWREN (*Microbates cinereiventris cinereiventris*) – A pair of these came in for a look at Silanche and most folks got a look of some kind. Widespread, but never common anywhere.

Cinclidae (Dippers)

WHITE-CAPPED DIPPER (*Cinclus leucocephalus leuconotus*) – This charismatic species just didn't stick around long enough for everyone to get a good look.

Donacobiidae (Donacobius)

BLACK-CAPPED DONACOBIOUS (*Donacobius atricapilla*) – The birds at Sacha have just stopped responding to my whistled imitation.

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

ANDEAN SOLITAIRE (*Myadestes ralloides*) – Brief looks for most on the Septimo grounds.

HAUXWELL'S THRUSH (*Turdus hauxwelli*) [*]

ECUADORIAN THRUSH (*Turdus maculirostris*) – Poor looks along the Septimo road. This one was briefly lumped with what was once called Bare-eyed Thrush (now Spectacled Thrush).

LAWRENCE'S THRUSH (*Turdus lawrencii*) – Larry showed nicely this year from the tower and we also found another quite low along the interior salt lick trail. One of the best mimics in S. America.

BLACK-BILLED THRUSH (*Turdus ignobilis*) – A common bird in disturbed areas of the eastern lowlands.

CHESTNUT-BELLIED THRUSH (*Turdus fulviventris*) – Good looks for most below the Guacamayos Pass.

GREAT THRUSH (*Turdus fuscater quindio*) – Everywhere in Quito and throughout the central valley.

GLOSSY-BLACK THRUSH (*Turdus serranus fuscobrunneus*) – Great scope looks of a male singing in the canopy at the Guacamayos Pass at sunset.

WHITE-NECKED THRUSH (*Turdus albicollis*) [*]

Parulidae (New World Warblers)

TROPICAL PARULA (*Parula pitiayumi*)

SLATE-THROATED REDSTART (*Myioborus miniatus*)

SPECTACLED REDSTART (*Myioborus melanocephalus ruficoronatus*) – We had some great looks on the first day at Yanacocha.

BLACK-CRESTED WARBLER (*Basileuterus nigrocristatus*) – This one's really strikingly beautiful if you see it well.

RUSSET-CROWNED WARBLER (*Basileuterus coronatus*) – We sure heard a lot of these, but we saw darned few. Best was at Guango, I think.

THREE-STRIPED WARBLER (*Basileuterus tristriatus*)

BUFF-RUMPED WARBLER (*Phaeothlypis fulvicauda*) – A couple of these on the rocks in the streambed as we headed to Silanche.

Coerebidae (Bananaquit)

BANANAQUIT (*Coereba flaveola*)

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

MAGPIE TANAGER (*Cissopis leverianus*) – This part of the Ecuadorian Amazon doesn't seem to be a very good area for this bird.

WHITE-CAPPED TANAGER (*Sericossypha albocristata*) [*]

BLACK-CAPPED HEMISPINGUS (BLACK-CAPPED) (*Hemispingus atropileus atropileus*) – I think our best looks came at Guango, where we had a couple of very responsive birds below the lodge.

SUPERCILIARIED HEMISPINGUS (SUPERCILIARIED) (*Hemispingus superciliaris nigrifrons*) – A real tongue-twister!

BLACK-EARED HEMISPINGUS (BLACK-EARED) (*Hemispingus melanotis melanotis*) – With a couple of those higher subtropical forest/low temperate forest flocks.

RUFOUS-CHESTED TANAGER (*Thlypopsis ornata ornata*) – This pretty tanager got away too soon on that first afternoon.

ORANGE-HEADED TANAGER (*Thlypopsis sordida*) – Nicely on the tiny Napo R. island that we visited. In Amazonia, this species is restricted to river islands. It's much more widespread in s. South America.

CINEREOUS CONEBILL (*Conirostrum cinereum fraseri*) – This tiny warbler-like tanager was seen on the day we went over Papallacta Pass.

BLUE-BACKED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum sitticolor sitticolor*) – On our first morning at Yanacocha only.

CAPPED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum albifrons atrocyaneum*) – A single male at Angel's place.

GIANT CONEBILL (*Oreomanes fraseri*) – Nancy spotted this rare bird just below Papallacta Pass. It got away before we all had a chance to see it, though.

PLUSHCAP (*Catamblyrhynchus diadema*) – This fancy bamboo specialist was seen very well by those who walked the trail below Guango Lodge on our way to San Isidro. The old name was Plush-capped Finch.

Emberizidae (Buntings, Sparrows and Allies)

COMMON BUSH-TANAGER (NORTHERN ANDES) (*Chlorospingus ophthalmicus phaeocephalus*)

DUSKY BUSH-TANAGER (*Chlorospingus semifuscus semifuscus*)

YELLOW-THROATED BUSH-TANAGER (*Chlorospingus flavigularis*) – This one occurs lower than most of the other *Chlorospingus*.

ASHY-THROATED BUSH-TANAGER (*Chlorospingus canigularis*) – One briefly for some on the east side of Guacamayos Pass.

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

GUIRA TANAGER (*Hemithraupis guira*) – A brief pair of these widespread tanagers was seen near the car park at Silanche.

GRAY-HEADED TANAGER (*Eucometis penicillata*) – In this part of the World, this species is pretty much restricted to swamp forest.

SCARLET-BROWED TANAGER (*Heterospingus xanthopygius*) – One of the special birds of Silanche, we were fortunate to run into a few of these odd tanagers this trip.

WHITE-SHOULDERED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus luctuosus*)

WHITE-LINED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus rufus*)

MASKED CRIMSON TANAGER (*Ramphocelus nigrogularis*) – This gorgeous bird wasn't very evident this year at Sacha and only a couple of folks got a look.

SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER (*Ramphocelus carbo*)

FLAME-RUMPED TANAGER (LEMON-RUMPED) (*Ramphocelus flammigerus icteronotus*) – Incredibly striking, especially in flight.

BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus quaesita*)

BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus coelestis*) – The very distinctive east slope race with the bold wing bar.

PALM TANAGER (*Thraupis palmarum*)

HOODED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Buthraupis montana cucullata*) – Great, close looks at the Guacamayos Pass. Big & beautiful.

SCARLET-BELLIED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Anisognathus igniventris erythronotus*) – Our only look, rather surprisingly, was on our first day at Yanacocha. One of the prettiest of all of the high Andean birds.

BLUE-WINGED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Anisognathus somptuosus*) – One of the most common members of mixed species canopy flocks in the subtropical zone of both slopes.

GRASS-GREEN TANAGER (*Chlorornis riefferii riefferii*) – This beauty sat in the scope for the longest time along our walk above Mindo on our way back to Quito.

BUFF-BREASTED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER (*Dubusia taeniata taeniata*) [*]

YELLOW-THROATED TANAGER (*Iridosornis analis*) – One of my personal favorites of the trip was seeing these scarce and beautiful tanagers coming in, with lots of other beautiful tanagers, to the fruiting fig along the Loreto Rd. on our way to Coca from San Isidro.

ORANGE-EARED TANAGER (*Chlorochrysa calliparaea bourcierii*) – Only one of these stunning tanagers could be found this year - this one below the Guacamayos Pass.

TURQUOISE TANAGER (*Tangara mexicana*)

PARADISE TANAGER (*Tangara chilensis*) – Always a show-stopper!

GREEN-AND-GOLD TANAGER (*Tangara schrankii*) – After frustrating some folks at the fruiting fig along the Loreto Rd., all finally caught up with this beauty from the wooden tower at Sacha.

GOLDEN TANAGER (*Tangara arthus*) – Both the east slope and west slope races.

SILVER-THROATED TANAGER (*Tangara icterocephala*)

SAFFRON-CROWNED TANAGER (*Tangara xanthocephala venusta*) – The most common Tangara at San Isidro.

GOLDEN-EARED TANAGER (*Tangara chrysotis*) – A nice surprise at the fruiting fig along the Loreto Rd.

FLAME-FACED TANAGER (*Tangara parzudakii*) – Again, both east and west slope races.

SPOTTED TANAGER (*Tangara punctata*) – A single bird at the Loreto Rd. fruiting fig.

RUFOUS-THROATED TANAGER (*Tangara rufigula*) – All too briefly along the Milpe Rd. near Mindo.

BAY-HEADED TANAGER (*Tangara gyrola*) [N]

RUFOUS-WINGED TANAGER (*Tangara lavinia*) – A nice find from the Silanche tower.

SCRUB TANAGER (*Tangara vitriolina*) – A common yardbird for Mitch and Carmen near Quito.

GOLDEN-NAPED TANAGER (*Tangara ruficervix*) – Right where we parked our bus at Angel's.

BLUE-NECKED TANAGER (*Tangara cyanicollis*) – Common in the lower foothills of both slopes.

GOLDEN-HOODED TANAGER (*Tangara larvata*)

MASKED TANAGER (*Tangara nigrocincta*) – One of the scarcest of the Tangaras in this part of Amazonia.

BERYL-SPANGLED TANAGER (*Tangara nigroviridis*) – I'm still not sure what color beryl is after looking at this one.

BLUE-AND-BLACK TANAGER (*Tangara vassorii vassorii*) – Right at the Guacamayos Pass overlook one afternoon.

BLACK-CAPPED TANAGER (*Tangara heinei*) – Unlike most Tangaras, the male and female plumages are quite different from each other.

OPAL-RUMPED TANAGER (*Tangara velia*) – It was great to be able to see this and the next species together in a mixed

flock at the wooden tower at Sacha.

OPAL-CROWNED TANAGER (*Tangara callophrys*) – One of these beauties put on a great show as it investigated a blooming bromeliad in the wooden tower tree.

BLACK-FACED DACNIS (*Dacnis lineata*)

BLACK-FACED DACNIS (*Dacnis lineata egregia*) – This one, the distinctive west slope form, was once split out and called the Yellow-tufted Dacnis.

YELLOW-BELLIED DACNIS (*Dacnis flaviventer*)

BLUE DACNIS (*Dacnis cayana*)

GREEN HONEYCREEPER (*Chlorophanes spiza*)

PURPLE HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*)

GOLDEN-COLLARED HONEYCREEPER (*Iridophanes pulcherrimus pulcherrimus*) – Another bird that appeared all too briefly at San Isidro.

SWALLOW TANAGER (*Tersina viridis*) – I'm not sure how Turquoise Tanager got its name, but this one put the 'T' in Turquoise as far as I'm concerned!

BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR (*Saltator maximus*)

BLACK-WINGED SALTATOR (*Saltator atripennis*) – Nicely in the scope at Septimo one morning.

Emberizidae (Buntings, Sparrows and Allies)

PLUMBEOUS SIERRA-FINCH (*Phrygilus unicolor geospizopsis*)

BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (*Volatinia jacarina*)

VARIABLE SEEDEATER (*Sporophila corvina ophthalmica*)

CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila castaneiventris*) – On the Napo R. islands only on this tour.

THICK-BILLED SEED-FINCH (*Oryzoborus funereus*) – Really 'thick' along the cut over entrance road into Silanche. Once lumped with Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch and called Lesser Seed-Finch.

PLAIN-COLORED SEEDEATER (*Catamenia inornata minor*) – Just below Papallacta Pass for some folks.

GLOSSY FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa lafresnayii*) – A couple of really close birds at Yanacocha on the first morning.

BLACK FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa humeralis aterrima*) – One of the most common birds just below Papallacta Pass.

RUSTY FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa sittoides decorata*) – This widespread species was seen in the suburbs of Quito on our way to the east slope.

DEEP-BLUE FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa glauca tyrianthina*) – The bird on the ground at the fruiting fig tree along the Loreto Rd. was really memorable. I think the book calls this one the Golden-eyed Flowerpiercer.

BLuish FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa caerulescens media*) – Very common in the canopy at San Isidro.

MASKED FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa cyanea*) – Inadvertently left off of the checklist for this trip.

RED-CAPPED CARDINAL (*Paroaria gularis*) – We saw mostly juvenile birds scrounging around for leftovers on the deck at Sacha, but one nice adult finally accompanied them.

CHESTNUT-CAPPED BRUSH-FINCH (CHESTNUT-CAPPED) (*Arremon brunneinucha frontalis*)

STRIPE-HEADED BRUSH-FINCH (*Arremon torquatus*) – This species was just split into several species, with this c. Andean bird being called the Gray-browed Brush-Finch (*A. assimilis*).

PALE-NAPED BRUSH-FINCH (*Atlapetes pallidinucha papallactae*) – Nicely at Guango Lodge.

TRICOLORED BRUSH-FINCH (*Atlapetes tricolor crassus*) – A little tougher than usual this year, but we ended up with great views at Angel's.

YELLOW-BREASTED BRUSH-FINCH (*Atlapetes latinuchus spodionotus*) – A relatively recent split from Rufous-naped Brush-Finch.

SLATY BRUSH-FINCH (*Atlapetes schistaceus schistaceus*) – With a mixed flock below Guango Lodge.

YELLOW-BROWED SPARROW (*Ammodramus aurifrons*)

RUFOUS-COLLARED SPARROW (*Zonotrichia capensis*)

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)

GOLDEN-BELLIED GROSBEAK (*Pheucticus chrysogaster chrysogaster*) – This is sometimes called the Southern Yellow-Grosbeak.

BLUE-BLACK GROSBEAK (*Cyanocompsa cyanoides*)

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

ORIOLE BLACKBIRD (*Gymnomystax mexicanus*) – Several fine examples on the Napo R. islands.

GIANT COWBIRD (*Molothrus oryzivorus*)

YELLOW-TAILED ORIOLE (*Icterus mesomelas*) – We had a few of these beauties on our way out of Silanche.

EPAULET ORIOLE (MORICHE) (*Icterus cayanensis chrysocephalus*) – Called Moriche Oriole in the guides and it's what I've know forever, but it was recently lumped with the Epaulet Oriole to the east and south, though the chestnut-shouldered form of s. South America has been split out as Variable Oriole (*I. pyrrhopterus*).

ORANGE-BACKED TROUPIAL (*Icterus croconotus*) – Nicely from the boat on our way to the trail on the s. side of the Napo.

MOUNTAIN CACIQUE (GOLDEN-SHOULDERED) (*Cacicus chrysonotus leucoramphus*) – A big flock of these foraged in the forest edge just uphill from our vantage below Guango Lodge.

SCARLET-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus uropygialis*) – For a while, this form on the eastern slope of the Andes in the subtropical zone was split off from the birds of the Pacific lowlands and was called the Subtropical Cacique. Vocally, they're very distinctive.

SCARLET-RUMPED CACIQUE (SCARLET-RUMPED) (*Cacicus uropygialis microrhynchus*) – At Silanche only on this tour.

YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus cela*)

RUSSET-BACKED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius angustifrons*) – Only on the eastern slope this year.

CRESTED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius decumanus*)

Fringillidae (Siskins, Crossbills, and Allies)

ORANGE-CROWNED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia saturata*) – This local specialty was seen only on the W. slope below Mindo.

THICK-BILLED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia laniirostris*) [N]

GOLDEN-RUMPED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia cyanocephala pelzelni*) – Several of these behaved well for us along the dirt road that we walked beyond the San Isidro entrance road.

GOLDEN-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia chrysopasta*) – I had gotten used to calling this bird the White-lored Euphonia, then somebody switched it back to the old name. White-lored is a much better name for this!

BRONZE-GREEN EUPHONIA (*Euphonia mesochrysa*) – A bunch of these were found feeding in that fruiting fig that we watched in the rain off the side of the Loreto Road. Normally a tough little bird to track down.

ORANGE-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia xanthogaster*)

RUFOUS-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia rufiventris*)

CHESTNUT-BREASTED CHLOROPHONIA (*Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys*) [*]

HOODED SISKIN (*Spinus magellanicus capitalis*)

OLIVACEOUS SISKIN (*Spinus olivaceus*) – A subtropical zone specialty on the E. slope.

MAMMALS

PYGMY MARMOSET (*Cebuella pygmaea*) – A couple of great looks at this tiniest of the monkeys in the Sacha area.

BLACK-MANTLE TAMARIN (*Saguinus nigricollis*) – These tiny primates were encountered on the north bank of the Napo.

GOLDEN-MANTLE TAMARIN (*Saguinus tripartitus*) – It's been several years since I've seen this local specialty in the Sacha area. Found only on the south side of the Napo (the right bank in river terms).

COMMON SQUIRREL MONKEY (*Saimiri sciureus*) – A regular sight along the Anden boardwalk near Sacha Lodge.

RED HOWLER MONKEY (*Alouatta seniculus*) – Seen nicely from the wooden tower.

WHITE-FRONTED CAPUCHIN (*Cebus albifrons*) – One of the most surprising finds at Silanche was finding a troop of these monkeys along the loop trail there. They've got to be extremely rare in this patch of forest now.

BROWN-THROATED THREE-TOED SLOTH (*Bradypus variegatus*) – Even more surprising was this guy hanging in a tree over the same trail! A first there for Willy after many visits.

RED-TAILED SQUIRREL (*Sciurus granatensis*)

NEOTROPICAL DWARF SQUIRREL SP. (*Microsciurus flaviventer*) – For most folks along the interior parrot lick trail on the s. side of the Napo.

BLACK AGOUTI (*Dasyprocta fuliginosa*) – This is the agouti species on the e. side of the Andes in Ecuador.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Totals for the tour: 587 bird taxa and 10 mammal taxa