



Field Guides Tour Report

Peruvian Rainforests of the Tambopata: Macaw Lick Extraordinaire 2017

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The Tambopata area is well-known for its parrot clay-licks, and while we saw some amazing parrots, we also had some wonderful views of waterbirds on this tour. This Capped Heron put on a great show on our last day. Photo by guide Dave Stejskal.

We certainly had a mixed bag when it came to weather on this year's Peruvian Rainforests of the Tambopata tour! It had been exceptionally dry prior to our arrival, but we found that it had just rained in Puerto Maldonado just before our flight from Lima touched down. That first night at Posada Amazonas, a southern cold front (a) moved in and it proceeded to rain pretty much non-stop until about 1:00 p.m. the following day! We lost that first morning to the rain but hardly saw another drop after that. The rest of the trip was fairly typical of what you would expect weather-wise for that region of the world, with warm, humid days and cool, comfortable nights. Despite the problems created by the rain that first day, we did really well on this one!

Even though our time at Posada Amazonas was cut short by the rain, we still managed some great finds! Most productive for us were our two trips to the canopy tower (a 20 min. walk from the lodge) and the Tres Chimbadas trail and oxbow lake. That look we had at the Bartlett's Tinamou in the trail to the tower was one of only a few that I've ever seen in many years of birding in w. Amazonia, and the lovely adult Agami Heron at Tres Chimbadas was my first ever for that site! Add the other lake birds, lovely White-cheeked Tody-Flycatcher, Black-spotted Bare-eye, Curl-crested Aracari (for most), Golden-collared Toucanet, and others, and it's clear that our time here was well spent!

Tambopata Research Center is deservedly the primary focus of this tour, with its remarkable parrot clay lick so close to the lodge itself and the myriad trails emanating from the lodge clearing. We did wonderfully well during our stay here, seeing an unforgettable parrot show on our first full morning during our ccollpa vigil before breakfast. We tallied 13 species of psittacids at the ccollpa that first visit, with exquisite looks at most of them in the early morning sunlight. But a visit to TRC is so much more than just parrots! The trails here continue to be one of the most reliable sites that I know of for the strange Pale-winged Trumpeter, which we all saw well on multiple occasions. And the birding in general here is super! Some of my personal highlights while based there include bamboo specialties like Rufous-breasted Piculet, Striated, White-lined, Manu, and Goeldi's antbirds and both Large-headed and Dusky-tailed flatbills, and such infrequently-seen species as Ash-throated Gnateater, Black-tailed Leaf-tosser, Razor-billed Curassow, Orinoco Goose, Agami Heron (another adult!), Orange-breasted Falcon, Semicollared Puffbird, White-throated Antbird, Ruddy Spinetail, Pale-tailed Barbthroat, Rufous-capped Nunlet, White-throated Jacamar, Scarlet-hooded Barbet, and so many others. Seeing a good variety of both austral migrants from the south and boreal migrants from the north was fun for me, too!

I know it was a little cruel of me and Silverio to make all of you wait until the last full day of birding to see the Harpy Eagle, but, man was it worth it! Our last venue of the tour, Refugio Amazonas, had an active nest found earlier in the year and we knew that chick would be around for the tour, but we weren't very confident of seeing an adult. Since the chick was only about three months, we thought there was a chance of seeing an adult and, sure enough, an adult came in just as we were getting ready to end our vigil on the trail! WOW!!! What a great way to end the tour! That male Pavonine Quetzal and the pair of Collared Puffbirds on the same trail were just icing on the cake for us!

Thanks so much to all of you for joining me for this delightful tour to one of the world's richest sites for birds! I really had a blast birding with all of you! And thanks also to Silverio Duri for his expert guidance - it would have been a difficult tour to lead without his help and good local knowledge. I hope all of you have a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to our next birding opportunity together!

Cheers,

Dave

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 few of us glimpsed one of these just off of the trail near TRC.

CINEREOUS TINAMOU (*Crypturellus cinereus*) [*]

LITTLE TINAMOU (*Crypturellus soui*) [*]

UNDULATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus undulatus*) [*]

BARTLETT'S TINAMOU (*Crypturellus bartletti*) – One of these shy birds lingered on the trail long enough for all of us to see on that first full afternoon at Posada Amazonas.

Anhimidae (Screamers)

HORNED SCREAMER (*Anhima cornuta*) – We had a couple of very memorable encounters with this strange, massive bird. Tres Chimbadas gave us our first look, but that single bird along the Rio Tambopata on our way back to Pto. Maldonado on the final day really gave us an eye-full!

Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

ORINOCO GOOSE (*Oressochen jubatus*) – There seem to be more of these on the Tambopata every year I do this tour, which is heartening. Our high count on the way back downstream from TRC to Refugio Amazonas was 24 birds - and we didn't even see that family group of youngsters that we saw on the way up!

MUSCOVY DUCK (*Cairina moschata*) – A couple of flybys on the tour at various spots.

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

SPECKLED CHACHALACA (*Ortalis guttata*) – Daily in the Cecropias at Posada Amazonas. A common voice elsewhere.

SPIX'S GUAN (*Penelope jacquacu*) – We recorded this one daily on this tour.

BLUE-THROATED PIPING-GUAN (*Pipile cumanensis*) – Excellent views at TRC this year, especially at the ccollpa.

RAZOR-BILLED CURASSOW (*Mitu tuberosum*) – Nicely on the trail to the 'fish pond', with others heard in the area during our stay. A testament to the wildness of the area.

Odontophoridae (New World Quail)

STARRED WOOD-QUAIL (*Odontophorus stellatus*) [*]

Ciconiidae (Storks)

WOOD STORK (*Mycteria americana*) – Soaring with some vultures over the Tambopata on our way to Refugio Amazonas from TRC.

Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

Anhingidae (Anhingas)

ANHINGA (*Anhinga anhinga*)

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

RUFESCENT TIGER-HERON (*Tigrisoma lineatum*) – Only on the Tres Chimbadas oxbow lake.

COCOI HERON (*Ardea cocoi*)

GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba*)

SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula*)

CATTLE EGRET (*Bubulcus ibis*) – A singleton on the banks of the Tambopata on our final day.

STRIATED HERON (*Butorides striata*)

AGAMI HERON (*Agamia agami*) – Not one, but TWO of these stunners were seen on the tour! Our first at Tres Chimbadas was a bit of a surprise and gave us some great looks. The other adult at the 'fish pond' was more expected at that site.

CAPPED HERON (*Pilherodius pileatus*) – We had some super looks, but none better than on that final day on the Tambopata.

Threskiornithidae (Ibises and Spoonbills)

ROSEATE SPOONBILL (*Platalea ajaja*) – Our adult bird on our way up the Tambopata en route to TRC was a local vagrant there.

Cathartidae (New World Vultures)

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*)

TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura*)

GREATER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE (*Cathartes melambrotus*) – Many excellent views, especially from the tower at Posada Amazonas.

KING VULTURE (*Sarcoramphus papa*) – We found this one on five different days on the tour, but our best were perched above the trail at TRC one morning.

Pandionidae (Osprey)

OSPREY (*Pandion haliaetus*) [b]

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE (*Elanoides forficatus*)

HARPY EAGLE (*Harpia harpyja*) – We had to wait until that final full afternoon of the tour to see this one at the nest but, man, was it ever worth it!

This nest was discovered by Silverio several years earlier and happened to be active again this year. Seeing both a large 'chick' in the nest - and a late-arriving adult - was quite a thrill! [N]

ORNATE HAWK-EAGLE (*Spizaetus ornatus*) – An adult was seen briefly, but well, by a few folks on our way to the tower on our first full day at Posada Amazonas.

SLENDER-BILLED KITE (*Helicolestes hamatus*) – Only a brief flyover at TRC, that very distinctive shape - short tail and short, rounded wings - was very evident.

DOUBLE-TOOTHED KITE (*Harpagus bidentatus*) – That first small bird that flew in and landed out of sight overhead at Posada Amazonas had me thinking 'Tiny Hawk' until we actually got a look at it.

PLUMBEOUS KITE (*Ictinia plumbea*) – Numerous birds were spotted soaring above the canopy of the forest, but we also saw an active nest with a single white downy chick in it. [N]

SLATE-COLORED HAWK (*Buteogallus schistaceus*) – We spotted this one flying over the Tambopata, repositioning our boat to try to get a look at it on its mostly obscured perch.

GREAT BLACK HAWK (*Buteogallus urubitinga*) – A few birds on the banks of the Tambopata.

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Rupornis magnirostris*)

GRAY-LINED HAWK (*Buteo nitidus*) – Split again from the Gray Hawk to the north in Central America and the Southwest US.

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

GRAY-BREASTED CRAKE (*Laterallus exilis*) – The briefest of looks at Tres Chimbadas.

GRAY-COWLED WOOD-RAIL (*Aramides cajaneus*) [*]

Heliornithidae (Finfoots)

SUNGREBE (*Heliornis fulica*) – We had some decent views of a single bird at Tres Chimbadas.

Psophiidae (Trumpeters)

PALE-WINGED TRUMPETER (*Psophia leucoptera*) – We worked hard to see those first few Trumpeters at TRC, but they proved to be easy the next day near the lodge itself, giving great views to all! This is a very good trip to see your first Trumpeter.

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)

PIED LAPWING (*Vanellus cayanus*) – Several handsome individuals on the exposed mud of the Tambopata.

COLLARED PLOVER (*Charadrius collaris*) – Including a very close bird near the ccollpa on our return to the boat.

Jacaniidae (Jacanas)

WATTLED JACANA (*Jacana jacana*) – At Tres Chimbadas only this year.

Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)

STILT SANDPIPER (*Calidris himantopus*) – A single migrant on the mud near the ccollpa on our second visit there. [b]

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER (*Calidris fuscicollis*) – Their high-pitched voices betrayed their identity. [b]

PECTORAL SANDPIPER (*Calidris melanotos*) – The most common migrant shorebird of the trip. [b]

SPOTTED SANDPIPER (*Actitis macularius*) – Here for the winter. [b]

SOLITARY SANDPIPER (*Tringa solitaria*) – Another southbound migrant at TRC. [b]

LESSER YELLOWLEGS (*Tringa flavipes*) [b]

Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)

YELLOW-BILLED TERN (*Sternula superciliaris*) – Despite the excellent conditions, we saw very few terns of either species along the Tambopata.

LARGE-BILLED TERN (*Phaetusa simplex*)

BLACK SKIMMER (*Rynchops niger*) – That big flock (42!) headed upstream - while we motored downstream - on the final morning was a fun sight to see.

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*) [H]

PALE-VENTED PIGEON (*Patagioenas cayennensis*) – Mostly along the edge of the Tambopata.

PLUMBEOUS PIGEON (*Patagioenas plumbea*) – Easily heard, but not so easily seen.

RUDDY PIGEON (*Patagioenas subvinacea*) [*]

RUDDY GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina talpacoti*) – On the final morning near Infierno.

RUDDY QUAIL-DOVE (*Geotrygon montana*) – Kevin deftly spotted a female perched just off the trail at Posada Amazonas.

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

Opisthocomidae (Hoatzin)

HOATZIN (*Opisthocomus hoazin*) – One weird bird!

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

GREATER ANI (*Crotophaga major*) – Great looks along the shoreline of the Tres Chimbadas oxbow.

SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga ani*)

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (*Piaya cayana*)

Strigidae (Owls)

TAWNY-BELLIED SCREECH-OWL (AUSTRAL) (*Megascops watsonii usta*) – We found a cooperative bird perched next to the trail before sunrise on our way to the 'fish pond'.

CRESTED OWL (*Lophotrix cristata*) – The bird that frequents the forest next to TRC is pretty wise to all the attempts of birders to see him, but we got a look anyway!

SPECTACLED OWL (*Pulsatrix perspicillata*) [*]

AMAZONIAN PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium hardyi*) [*]

FERRUGINOUS PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium brasilianum*) [*]

BURROWING OWL (*Athene cunicularia*) – On one of the gravel bars along the Tambopata on our way to Refugio Amazonas from TRC.

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

SAND-COLORED NIGHTHAWK (*Chordeiles rupestris*) – Fabulous studies of a flock of these roosting on a log on the Tambopata.

LADDER-TAILED NIGHTJAR (*Hydrosalis climacocerca*) – Good looks at a couple of roosting individuals in the river rocks near Posada Amazonas.

Nyctibiidae (Potoos)

GREAT POTOO (*Nyctibius grandis*) – Lovely views of an adult with a half-grown chick on our way to the dock at Infierno on the first full day of the tour, then another roosting adult was seen very well along the trails at TRC. [N]

Apodidae (Swifts)

WHITE-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)

AMAZONIAN SWIFT (*Chaetura viridipennis*) – Now split from the very similar Chapman's Swift to the north.

PALE-RUMPED SWIFT (*Chaetura egregia*) – A few of these seen poorly from the tower at Posada Amazonas.

FORK-TAILED PALM-SWIFT (*Tachornis squamata*) – Good looks from the tower.

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN (*Florisuga mellivora*) – A single male in the top of the tree right outside the lobby at Refugio Amazonas was our only jacobin of the trip.

RUFOUS-BREASTED HERMIT (*Glaucis hirsutus*) – Kevin spotted our first foraging at the water's edge at Tres Chimbadas.

PALE-TAILED BARBTHROAT (*Threnetes leucurus leucurus*) – One perched nicely for some terrific scope looks in the bamboo of Trail A at TRC.

WHITE-BEARDED HERMIT (*Phaethornis hispidus*) – One of the few stars of our rainy first full morning at Posada Amazonas.

GREAT-BILLED HERMIT (*Phaethornis malaris*) – This one rarely visited the Heliconia blossoms near our rooms at Posada Amazonas on that first full morning.

REDDISH HERMIT (*Phaethornis ruber*) – Several good looks at this tiny hermit at Posada Amazonas.

BLACK-EARED FAIRY (*Heliotryx auritus*) – In the bamboo along Trail A at TRC.

BLACK-THROATED MANGO (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*) – A single bird sitting up near Infierno on our final morning together.

FESTIVE COQUETTE (*Lophornis chalybeus*) – The newly opened flowers of the Calliandra shrub next to the dining area at TRC attracted this scarce species just before we left for Refugio. An adult male no less!

GOULD'S JEWELFRONT (*Heliodoxa aurescens*) – A lovely adult male was easy to see at the Heliconia blossoms near the lobby at Posada Amazonas.

FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania furcata*) – Easily our most common hummer of the tour and recorded every day.

WHITE-CHINNED SAPPHIRE (*Hylocharis cyanus*) – That male sitting up nicely at Posada Amazonas shortly after we arrived there was our only one of the trip.

Trogonidae (Trogons)

PAVONINE QUETZAL (*Pharomachrus pavoninus*) – An excellent bonus bird on our hike in to see the Harpy nest at Refugio Amazonas! The only quetzal species that inhabits lowland forest.

BLACK-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon melanurus*) – This was our most frequently encountered trogon species on the tour, though it was mostly heard only.

GREEN-BACKED TROGON (*Trogon viridis*) [*]

BLUE-CROWNED TROGON (*Trogon curucui*) – We had a very brief encounter with this one near the 'fish pond' at TRC one morning.

COLLARED TROGON (*Trogon collaris*) – We had a couple of nice looks in the scopes at Posada Amazonas.

Momotidae (Motmots)

AMAZONIAN MOTMOT (*Momotus momota*) – The only one that we saw on the tour had flown up into the rafters above the dining area at TRC! A recent split from Blue-crowned Motmot.

RUFOUS MOTMOT (*Baryphthengus martii*) – A common voice, especially at Posada Amazonas where most saw it from the canopy tower.

BROAD-BILLED MOTMOT (*Electron platyrhynchum*) – Not very vocal during our visit, but we managed to track one down in the canopy near the lodge on our second full day of the tour.

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

RINGED KINGFISHER (*Megaceryle torquata*) – Given all of our river time on this tour, I'm surprised that we recorded just one bird!

AMAZON KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle amazona*) – Again, I'm a little surprised at the dearth of kingfishers on this year's trip; we only recorded this one on two days.

GREEN-AND-RUFIOUS KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle inda*) – One of the better finds on the Tres Chimbadas oxbow was this cooperative bird along the back shore of the lake. Usually the toughest of the resident kingfishers to see.

Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

WHITE-NECKED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus hyperrhynchus*) – Distant scope views of this one from the tower at Posada Amazonas.

COLLARED PUFFBIRD (*Bucco capensis*) – A pair of these right next to the trail was a nice find on our way back from the Harpy nest at Refugio Amazonas.

WESTERN STRIOLATED-PUFFBIRD (*Nystalus obamai*) – One of these flew up from a nest hole right next to the Tres Chimbadas trail, giving all of us super views through the scopes.

SEMICOLLARED PUFFBIRD (*Malacoptila semicincta*) – Thanks to Kevin's sharp eyes, we all got to enjoy fabulous scope looks at this shy species on the trails at TRC one afternoon.

RUFIOUS-CAPPED NUNLET (*Nonnula ruficapilla*) – Lovely views of a pair in the bamboo of Trail A, and then again at the ccollpa viewing area a couple of days later.

BLACK-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa nigrifrons*) – This one was usually near water on this tour. [N]

WHITE-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa morphoeus*) – Nicely from the tower.

SWALLOW-WINGED PUFFBIRD (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*)

Galbulidae (Jacamars)

PURUS JACAMAR (*Galbalcyrhynchus purusianus*) – A very welcome find on our final morning before we flew back to Lima from Pto. Maldonado. A very close relative of the similar White-eared Jacamar.

WHITE-THROATED JACAMAR (*Brachygalba albogularis*) – Finding this regional specialty was no problem once we got up on Trail A at TRC. We even found another family group with the above Purus Jacamars on the final morning for good measure.

BLUIISH-FRONTED JACAMAR (*Galbula cyanescens*) – Excellent views at the 'fish pond' at TRC.

GREAT JACAMAR (*Jacamerops aureus*) – One of our late afternoon prizes at TRC.

Capitonidae (New World Barbets)

GILDED BARBET (*Capito auratus*) – We had these best from the tower at Posada Amazonas.

SCARLET-HOODED BARBET (*Eubucco tucinkae*) – A male along Trail A proved to be most cooperative.

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

EMERALD TOUCANET (BLACK-THROATED) (*Aulacorhynchus prasinus atrogularis*) – A pair near the dining room at Posada Amazonas on our first full day there was our only sighting this year. The 'Emerald Toucanets' were recently split again, with ours now being called the Southern Emerald-Toucanet (the line of separation is near the Panama/Colombia border).

CHESTNUT-EARED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus castanotis*) – Aracarís proved to be scarce this year, with this being the most common, by far.

CURL-CRESTED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus beauharnaesii*) – Very elusive this year.

GOLDEN-COLLARED TOUCANET (*Selenidera reinwardtii*) – Unforgettable views of a close, displaying male from the tower at Posada Amazonas.

WHITE-THROATED TOUCAN (*Ramphastos tucanus cuvieri*) – This one was the Cuvier's Toucan before all of these large white-throated toucans were lumped into one species.

CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN (YELLOW-RIDGED) (*Ramphastos vitellinus culminatus*) [*]

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

RUFIOUS-BREASTED PICULET (*Picumnus rufiventris*) – Stunning views of a responsive male in the bamboo near the 'fish pond'.

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

LITTLE WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis passerinus*) – Best from the overlooks along Trail A at TRC.

GOLDEN-GREEN WOODPECKER (*Piculus chrysochloros*) – Deb spotted this beautiful woodpecker for us along the trails at TRC.

CREAM-COLORED WOODPECKER (*Celeus flavus*) – A couple of birds at the 'fish pond' behaved well, giving us all nice scope looks at this stunner.

RUFIOUS-HEADED WOODPECKER (*Celeus spectabilis*) – It just wouldn't budge... [*]

LINEATED WOODPECKER (*Dryocopus lineatus*)

RED-NECKED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus rubicollis*) – Several wonderful views at TRC this year.

CRIMSON-CRESTED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus melanoleucos*) – I thought that the birds we saw from the tower were the best of the trip.

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

COLLARED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur semitorquatus*) – Seen by a few folks at the edge of the TRC clearing.

BLACK CARACARA (*Daptrius ater*) – Almost always around water.

RED-THROATED CARACARA (*Ibycter americanus*) – Mostly heard.

AMERICAN KESTREL (*Falco sparverius*) – A couple of birds adjacent to the Cuzco runway for a few of us on our return to Lima.

BAT FALCON (*Falco ruficularis*) – We saw a few of these smart little falcons, but numbers along the Tambopata have certainly declined since I started doing this tour in the mid-90's.

ORANGE-BREASTED FALCON (*Falco deiroleucus*) – Though our views were rather distant in the scope, it was still an excellent find for the area and one of the few that I've ever seen.

Psittacidae (New World and African Parrots)

AMAZONIAN PARROTLET (*Nannopsittaca dachilleae*) [*]

COBALT-WINGED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris cyanoptera*) – The smallest of the many parrot species that we saw on this trip and recorded daily.

ORANGE-CHEEKED PARROT (*Pyrilia barrabandi*) – Gorgeous - especially in flight. This is one of the 'regulars' at the ccollpa, and I counted 30+ individuals on the ground at one time, with others waiting in the trees that first morning at TRC.

BLUE-HEADED PARROT (*Pionus menstruus*)

YELLOW-CROWNED PARROT (*Amazona ochrocephala*) – This and Mealy seemed to be around in about equal numbers at the ccollpa during our visit.

MEALY PARROT (*Amazona farinosa*)

WHITE-BELLIED PARROT (*Pionites leucogaster*) – This one sounds quite a bit like Black-headed Parrot to the north of the Amazon.

BLACK-CAPPED PARAKEET (*Pyrrhura rupicola*) – We had this one perched only once on the tour. The old name for this one is Rock Parakeet.

DUSKY-HEADED PARAKEET (*Aratinga weddellii*) – Surprisingly scarce in this area of Amazonia.

RED-BELLIED MACAW (*Orthopsittaca manilatus*) – A couple of pairs only at the ccollpa this trip. Their yellow faces and small size made them easy to pick out of the other more common species there.

BLUE-HEADED MACAW (*Primolius couloni*) – We had just a couple of these flying around at the ccollpa on that first morning at TRC this year, perching all too briefly.

BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW (*Ara ararauna*) – This was easily the most common of the 'big' macaws at the ccollpa this year, with countless great views in flight and perched.

SCARLET MACAW (*Ara macao*) – The ccollpa was the perfect classroom to study the differences between this one and the very similar Red-and-green Macaw.

RED-AND-GREEN MACAW (*Ara chloropterus*) – The least common of the 'big' macaws on this tour.

CHESTNUT-FRONTED MACAW (*Ara severus*) – I find the calls of this one to be the most grating of the bunch - not a bird that I'd like to have squawking in my house!

WHITE-EYED PARAKEET (*Psittacara leucophthalmus*) – We had a few larger flocks fly overhead, but very few of these actually came in to the ccollpa.

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

GREAT ANTSHRIKE (*Taraba major*)

BARRED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus doliatus*) [*]

PLAIN-WINGED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus schistaceus*) – Frequently heard, but seen only at Posada Amazonas.

WHITE-SHOULDERED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus aethiops kapouni*) – We had a couple of good encounters with this shy species at both Posada Amazonas and at TRC.

DUSKY-THROATED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes ardesiacus ardesiacus*) – This bird greatly outnumbered its congener, the Bluish-slate Antshrike.

BLUISH-SLATE ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes schistogynus*) – This species replaces the Cinereous Antshrike south of the Amazon.

PLAIN-THROATED ANTWREN (*Isleria hauxwelli*) – This antwren typically forages in pairs, and doesn't join mixed flocks.

WHITE-EYED ANTWREN (*Epinecrophylla leucophthalma*) – Nicely on our final morning at Posada Amazonas.

ORNATE ANTWREN (*Epinecrophylla ornata meridionalis*) – Our last walk through the bamboo on Trail A at TRC finally got us some looks at this widespread species.

PYGMY ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula brachyura*) [*]

SCLATER'S ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula sclateri*) [*]

WHITE-FLANKED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula axillaris*)

LONG-WINGED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula longipennis*) – Seen well a few times, mostly at TRC.

IHERING'S ANTWREN (BAMBOO) (*Myrmotherula iheringi oreni*) – Some briefly saw a male on our final walk through the bamboo at TRC.

GRAY ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula menetriesii menetriesii*) – We finally found a couple of cooperative males on our last walk on Trail A at TRC. This nominate race here has just a smudge of black on the throat, unlike birds north of the Amazon.

STRIATED ANTIBIRD (*Drymophila devillei*) – It really took forever to get a good look at this bamboo-loving species!

YELLOW-BREASTED WARBLING-ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis subflava collinsi*) – All of the "Warbling Antbirds" that we tracked down on the tour proved to be this recently split form, though Peruvian Warbling-Antbird is known from the area.

BLACK ANTIBIRD (*Cercomacroides serva*) – Excellent views of a very cooperative pair on our way back from the tower one morning.

RIPARIAN ANTIBIRD (*Cercomacroides fuscicauda*) – Recently split from Blackish Antbird, ours were seen moderately well at the 'fish pond' at TRC.

MANU ANTIBIRD (*Cercomacra manu*) – This bamboo specialist appeared after a rather delayed response along Trail A.

GRAY ANTIBIRD (*Cercomacra cinerascens*) [*]

WHITE-BROWED ANTIBIRD (*Myrmoborus leucophrys*) – Nicely on our way back from the Tres Chimbadas boat ride.

BLACK-FACED ANTIBIRD (*Myrmoborus myotherinus*) – Our male at TRC stuck on that song perch of his long enough for us to get a scope on him for some good looks.

BAND-TAILED ANTIBIRD (*Hypocnemoides maculicauda*) – After a brief look for some - he just disappeared!

SILVERED ANTIBIRD (*Sclateria naevia*) – Good views from our boat on the Tres Chimbadas oxbow.

WHITE-LINED ANTIBIRD (*Percnostola lophotes*) – One of several bamboo specialists that we saw well at TRC.

PLUMBEOUS ANTIBIRD (*Myrmelastes hypertythus*) – Good views in the small drainage near the TRC buildings one afternoon.

CHESTNUT-TAILED ANTIBIRD (*Sciaphylax hemimelaena*) – One of the more common antbird voices that we heard on this tour.

GOELDI'S ANTIBIRD (*Akletos goeldii*) – Nicely on Trail A in the bamboo one morning. A very close relative of the White-shouldered Antbird north of the Amazon (which sounds nearly identical to this one!).

BLACK-THROATED ANTIBIRD (*Myrmophylax atrothorax*) – Excellent views of a bold bird at the 'fish pond'.

WHITE-THROATED ANTIBIRD (*Gymnophylax salvini*) – Very difficult to see at the ant swarm that we found that first afternoon at TRC.

COMMON SCALE-BACKED ANTIBIRD (GRAY-BREASTED) (*Willisornis poecilinotus griseiventris*) – This one posed nicely for the group on our return hike from the Harpy nest at Refugio Amazonas.

BLACK-SPOTTED BARE-EYE (*Phlegopsis nigromaculata*) – Sometimes you get lucky with this one...

Conopophagidae (Gnateaters)

ASH-THROATED GNATEATER (*Conopophaga peruviana*) – We all barely had enough light to see this one next to the trail at TRC - but most of my sightings of this one are, strangely, at dusk!

Grallariidae (Antpittas)

AMAZONIAN ANTPITTA (*Hyllopezus berlepschi*) [*]

Formicariidae (Antthrushes)

RUFOUS-CAPPED ANTTHRUSH (*Formicarius colma*) – We had a fantastic study of one of these next to the trail at TRC late one morning.

BLACK-FACED ANTTHRUSH (*Formicarius analis*) – A very widespread species in the Neotropics; we recorded this one almost daily - and mostly by voice.

RUFOUS-FRONTED ANTTHRUSH (*Formicarius rufifrons*) – Sigh. He came so close but stayed hidden so well! Glimpsed by some.

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

BLACK-TAILED LEAFTOSSER (*Sclerurus caudacutus*) – This one performed exceptionally well for the group at TRC.

LONG-TAILED WOODCREEPER (*Deconychura longicauda*) – Seen by most, if not all, along the trails at TRC on our first full morning there.

PLAIN-BROWN WOODCREEPER (LINE-THROATED) (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa atrirostris*)

WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*)

CINNAMON-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrexetastes rufigula*) – Nicely at Posada Amazonas - but seemingly scarce on this tour.

LONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Nasica longirostris*) [*]

ELEGANT WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus elegans juruanus*) – A few looks at birds with mixed flocks.

BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER (LAFRESNAYE'S) (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus guttatoides*) – Detected daily, at least by voice.

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

RED-BILLED SCYTHEBILL (*Campylorhamphus trochilirostris*) – A very fleeting pair was glimpsed by some in the bamboo along Trail A at TRC.

PLAIN XENOPS (*Xenops minutus*)

PALE-LEGGED HORNERO (*Furnarius leucopus*) – One seen walking down the Tres Chimbadas trail in the early morning gave us our best looks of the trip.

CHESTNUT-WINGED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor erythropterum*) – Brief looks of one bird with a canopy flock on our first morning at TRC.

BUFF-FRONTED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor rufum*) – Excellent views of a couple of birds at the 'fish pond'.

CHESTNUT-WINGED HOOKBILL (*Ancistrops strigilatus*) – A couple of individuals seen with canopy flocks - but never very well.

CHESTNUT-CROWNED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Automolus rufipileatus*) – A couple of birds in the bamboo on Trail A were seen pretty well by some folks - but they were pretty sneaky.

BROWN-RUMPED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Automolus melanopezus*) [*]

SPECKLED SPINETAIL (*Cranioleuca gutturata*) – Decent, clear views of a responsive bird overhead at TRC on that first morning there.

RUDDY SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis rutilans*) – Ah, if only all of our various furnariids could have performed this well...

PLAIN-CROWNED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis gujanensis*) [*]

Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

FOREST ELAENIA (*Myiopagis gaimardii*) [*]

SEPIA-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Leptopogon amaurocephalus*) – Glimpsed by some on Trail A in the bamboo.

SHORT-TAILED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Myiornis ecaudatus*) – We worked this one into a good spot for everyone to see at the edge of the TRC clearing. Tiny!

FLAMMULATED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus flammulatus*) – This one isn't always so responsive - but we'll take it! Formerly called the Flammulated Bamboo-Tyrant.

WHITE-BELLIED TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus griseipectus*) – This one worked its way up into the canopy for us to get a look at him while we were in the tower!

JOHANNES'S TODY-TYRANT (*Hemitriccus iohannis*) – This tiny flycatcher made a very brief appearance just as the rain started at our Purus Jacamar spot in Pto. Maldonado.

WHITE-CHEEKED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Poecilatriccus albifacies*) – We found a responsive male in the bamboo at the Tres Chimbadas oxbow after we finished our ride around the lake. This local species was the first of our bamboo specialists on the tour.

RUSTY-FRONTED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Poecilatriccus latirostris*) – A responsive pair at the same spot as the above White-cheeked TF. Two species of *Poecilatriccus* at the exact same spot? What's up with that?

YELLOW-BROWED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum*) – A tough canopy species to see if you don't have access to a tower.

GRAY-CROWNED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias poliocephalus*) – Widespread on this tour - at least by voice.

YELLOW-BREASTED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias flaviventris*) – Good views on that last morning at the Purus Jacamar spot.

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPADEBILL (*Platyrinchus coronatus*) – We found a very cooperative pair in the understory next to the trail at TRC one morning.

RUDDY-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Terenotriccus erythrurus*) – Nicely on the final morning at the Purus Jacamar spot.

EASTERN WOOD-PEWEE (*Contopus virens*) – A couple of us had one of these in the bamboo of TRC's Trail A on our last full morning there. [b]

TROPICAL PEWEE (*Contopus cinereus*) – The short primaries on this pewee eliminated the migrant species from N. America.

DRAB WATER TYRANT (*Ochthornis littoralis*) – The same color as the water that it associated with.

LARGE-HEADED FLATBILL (*Ramphotrigon megacephalum*) – We all probably saw this one a little better than we saw the Dusky-tailed Flatbill. Another bamboo specialty, but more widespread than the others.

DUSKY-TAILED FLATBILL (*Ramphotrigon fuscicauda*) – This scarce and local species really made us work to see it, but we finally succeeded at getting it in the open for all present.

BRIGHT-RUMPED ATTLILA (*Attila spadiceus*) [*]

GRAYISH MOURNER (*Rhytipterna simplex*) – Only at Posada Amazonas this year.

SWAINSON'S FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus swainsoni*) – This migrant from the south really looks quite different from other possible *Myiarchus* in the area, having a much darker face that contrasts with a lighter throat. [a]

SHORT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus ferox*) – Seemingly always near watery habitats.

GREAT KISKADEE (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)

BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER (*Megarynchus pitangua*) – Lacks the rufous in the wings and tail that Great Kiskadee has. There is also, of course, that bill.

SOCIAL FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes similis*) – Eye-to-eye looks at the 'fish pond'. [N]

GRAY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes granadensis*)

DUSKY-CHESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes luteiventris*) – A pair of these near the TRC buildings stayed high in the canopy, making good looks nearly impossible.

STREAKED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)

SULPHUR-BELLIED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes luteiventris*) – Western Amazonia is typically where this one winters. [b]

VARIEGATED FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus varius*) – This was one of the few austral migrants that we recorded on the tour. [a]

CROWNED SLATY FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus aurantioatrocristatus*) – Another austral migrant seen well from the tower. [a]

TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

EASTERN KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus tyrannus*) – We had a couple of really impressive flocks of these N. American migrants on the tour, especially from the tower at Posada Amazonas. [b]

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

PURPLE-THROATED FRUITCROW (*Querula purpurata*) – We finally got a look on our one afternoon at Refugio Amazonas.

SCREAMING PIHA (*Lipaugus vociferans*) – A silent bird came in to my pygmy-owl whistle at TRC.

Pipridae (Manakins)

DWARF TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Tyrannetes stolzmanni*) – Looks at this one don't get any better than what we had at TRC!

BAND-TAILED MANAKIN (*Pipra fasciicauda*) – A couple of males just inside the forest from the TRC clearing gave us all good looks.

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

CINEREOUS MOURNER (*Laniocera hypopyrra*) [*]

WHITE-WINGED BECARD (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*)

Vireonidae (Vireos, Shrike-Babblers, and Erpornis)

DUSKY-CAPPED GREENLET (*Pachysylvia hypoxantha*) – He came in from a long way off at the tower - but he didn't bring his friends.

RED-EYED VIREO (*Vireo olivaceus*)

YELLOW-GREEN VIREO (*Vireo flavoviridis*) – A couple of migrants from far to the north, wintering here in w. Amazonia. [b]

Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)

PURPLISH JAY (*Cyanocorax cyanomelas*) – A small group at the ccollpa on our second visit there were all that we had.

VIOLACEOUS JAY (*Cyanocorax violaceus*) – Almost daily, at least by voice.

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

WHITE-BANDED SWALLOW (*Atticora fasciata*) – Confined to the river.

SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)

BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN (*Progne tapera*) – We had small numbers of these near the Infierno dock.

WHITE-WINGED SWALLOW (*Tachycineta albiventer*) – Another species confined to the river and oxbows.

BANK SWALLOW (*Riparia riparia*) [b]

BARN SWALLOW (*Hirundo rustica*) [b]

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

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

THRUSH-LIKE WREN (*Campylorhynchus turdinus*) – A few of us saw these at Posada Amazonas from the boardwalks.

MOUSTACHED WREN (*Pheugopedius genibarbis*) – Only in the bamboo here.

BUFF-BREASTED WREN (*Cantorchilus leucotis*) [*]

MUSICIAN WREN (*Cyphorhinus arada*) – This shy one gave us headaches, but most ended up with some sort of look.

Donacobiidae (Donacobius)

BLACK-CAPPED DONACOBIOUS (*Donacobius atricapilla*) – At Tres Chimbadas only on this trip.

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

SWAINSON'S THRUSH (*Catharus ustulatus*) – A recent arrival here from the north. [b]

HAUXWELL'S THRUSH (*Turdus hauxwelli*) – We had excellent looks at this one at the 'fish pond'.

LAWRENCE'S THRUSH (*Turdus lawrencii*) – We finally spotted a singing bird high in the canopy on the trails at TRC. What a mimic!

BLACK-BILLED THRUSH (*Turdus ignobilis*) – Seen in the disturbed habitat near Infierno on our final morning together.

WHITE-NECKED THRUSH (*Turdus albicollis*) – A very responsive bird at Posada Amazonas gave us some great looks. Of the *Turdus* thrushes in the area, the song of this one is the slowest, not incorporating any mimicry.

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

RED-CAPPED CARDINAL (*Paroaria gularis*) – Good views at the Tres Chimbadas oxbow.

MAGPIE TANAGER (*Cissopis leverianus*) – Unmistakable here.

WHITE-SHOULDERED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus luctuosus*) – A few along the TRC trails.

WHITE-WINGED SHRIKE-TANAGER (*Lanio versicolor*) – Decent looks at both a male and female at TRC.
SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER (*Ramphocelus carbo*)
MASKED CRIMSON TANAGER (*Ramphocelus nigrogularis*) – Excellent looks at TRC of this fancy tanager.
BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus*)
PALM TANAGER (*Thraupis palmarum*)
MASKED TANAGER (*Tangara nigrocincta*) – We had a couple of brief encounters at TRC of this uncommon species.
YELLOW-BELLIED TANAGER (*Tangara xanthogastra*) – We had our best views at TRC from the overlook on Trail A as these bird fed in the close Cecropias.
TURQUOISE TANAGER (*Tangara mexicana*) – Great views from the tower.
PARADISE TANAGER (*Tangara chilensis*) – Ditto!!
OPAL-RUMPED TANAGER (*Tangara velia*) – A small group of these were spotted on our last morning as we were getting ready to depart Refugio Amazonas.
OPAL-CROWNED TANAGER (*Tangara callophrys*) – A single bird made a brief appearance in the big leafless tree outside the lobby at Refugio Amazonas on our final morning.
GREEN-AND-GOLD TANAGER (*Tangara schrankii*) – At both Posada Amazonas and at TRC.
SWALLOW TANAGER (*Tersina viridis*) – This bank-nesting species was seen distantly in the scopes from the tower and from the overlook on Trail A at TRC.
YELLOW-BELLIED DACNIS (*Dacnis flaviventer*) – At TRC only this year.
BLUE DACNIS (*Dacnis cayana*)
PURPLE HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*) – You can't miss those brilliant citrine legs!
GREEN HONEYCREEPER (*Chlorophanes spiza*)
YELLOW-BACKED TANAGER (*Hemithraupis flavicollis*) – A few of these in fruiting trees along the TRC trails.
BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (*Volatinia jacarina*)
DOUBLE-COLLARED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila caerulescens*) – On our final morning near Infierno. [a]
BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR (*Saltator maximus*)
GRAYISH SALTATOR (*Saltator coerulescens*)
SLATE-COLORED GROSBEAK (*Saltator grossus*) [*]

Emberizidae (Buntings and New World Sparrows)

YELLOW-BROWED SPARROW (*Ammodramus aurifrons*)

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)

SCARLET TANAGER (*Piranga olivacea*) – A least one bird paused briefly in the Cecropias below the Trail A overlook. [b]
RED-CROWNED ANT-TANAGER (*Habia rubica*) – We found a cooperative pair late in the afternoon along the trails at TRC.
BLUE-BLACK GROSBEAK (*Cyanocompsa cyanoides*) – Brief looks for some in the bamboo on Trail A.

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

GIANT COWBIRD (*Molothrus oryzivorus*)
EPAULET ORIOLE (*Icterus cayanensis*) – On the final morning near Infierno.
ORANGE-BACKED TROUPIAL (*Icterus croconotus*) – A pair on our final morning near Infierno.
YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus cela*) – Recorded almost daily.
CASQUED CACIQUE (*Cacicus oseryi*) – This one was recently moved out of the monotypic genus *Clypicterus* and put into *Cacicus*. The common name also changed because of this move - it's now a cacique and no longer an oropendola.
RUSSET-BACKED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius angustifrons*) – The most common and widespread of the oropendolas on this trip.
CRESTED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius decumanus*)
OLIVE OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius bifasciatus*) – Only a few from the tower and at the ccollpa. Formerly known as the Amazonian Oropendola.

Fringillidae (Finches, Euphonias, and Allies)

GOLDEN-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia chrysopasta*) – Since most of the euphonias have yellow or 'golden' bellies, I liked the older name of White-lored Euphonia better.
WHITE-VENTED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia minuta*) – A couple of distant birds from the tower at Posada Amazonas.
RUFOUS-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia rufiventris*) [*]

MAMMALS

SADDLEBACK TAMARIN (*Saguinus fuscicollis*) – This tiny primate was seen several times on the tour, mostly at Posada Amazonas (often right in the main lodge clearing!).
COMMON SQUIRREL MONKEY (*Saimiri sciureus*) – We found a big troop of these one morning on one of the TRC trails. A very widespread species.
THREE-STRIPED NIGHT MONKEY (*Aotus trivirgatus*) – One of the biggest mammal surprises was finding three of these roosting in the bamboo of Trail A at TRC. I suspect that they were displaced from their normal roost spot (probably in a tree cavity) by something in the early morning hours.
DUSKY TITI MONKEY (*Callicebus moloch*) – Good looks right on the grounds of Posada Amazonas. A common voice in the forest as well throughout.
RED HOWLER MONKEY (*Alouatta seniculus*) – We encountered this one frequently on this tour, but the most memorable may have been the family group found eating clay on a bank overlooking the Tambopata as we made our way upstream from Posada Amazonas to TRC.
BROWN CAPUCHIN (*Cebus apella*) – A couple of sightings only on this trip.

BLACK SPIDER MONKEY (*Ateles paniscus*) – We had one good sighting of this one along the trails at TRC one afternoon.
SOUTHERN AMAZON RED SQUIRREL (*Sciurus spadiceus*) – This squirrel was looking for a handout at Refugio Amazonas on our final morning before we headed to our waiting boat. I'm always struck by how scarce squirrels in general seem to be in w. Amazonia.
CAPYBARA (*Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris*) – Several sightings along the banks of the Tambopata.
BROWN AGOUTI (*Dasyprocta variegata*) – A 'regular' in the clearing at Posada Amazonas.
TAYRA (*Eira barbara*) – Silverio spotted one of these big weasels on our boat ride up the Tambopata, then another on the way down at the end of the tour.
WHITE-LIPPED PECCARY (*Tayassu pecari*) – These are often around the TRC compound, but it was still an impressive sight to see 75+ animals in one big herd moving through the forest one morning!
RED BROCKET DEER (*Mazama americana*) – I missed the sighting of this one afternoon at TRC.

Herps

GIANT AMEIVA (*Ameiva ameiva*) – This was the big brown and lime-green 'whiptail'-type lizard that we saw a few times along the trails.
SPECTACLED CAIMAN (*Caiman crocodilus*) – We had originally called this one Smooth-fronted Caiman at the 'fish pond' at TRC, but the photos that we took clearly show that it was the more common Spectacled Caiman.
BLACK CAIMAN (*Melanosuchus niger*) – At the Tres Chimbadas oxbow.
YELLOW-SPOTTED RIVER TURTLE (*Podocnemis unifilis*) – This was the species of turtle that we found at the 'fish pond' Also called Yellow-spotted Sideneck Turtle.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Totals for the tour: 314 bird taxa and 13 mammal taxa