



Field Guides Tour Report

Amazonian Ecuador: Sacha Lodge III 2014

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I have to say that tours to the Amazon region never cease to surprise me -- we always come across something different and unique which makes each trip a fantastic memory. From the time we first got into the canoe we felt the excitement of being in the Amazonian rainforest, with the enormous Kapok trees in view and Greater Yellow-headed Vultures flying overhead. As the week went on we kept seeing more fantastic birds and wildlife. Here are a few of the highlights:

- the stunning Scale-breasted Woodpecker which landed on the canopy walkway;
- Harpy Eagle -- the most powerful eagle on earth, seen from the tower, what a moment!
- that crazy morning when we saw more than 130 species from the metal tower;
- the very rarely seen enormous and extraordinary looking Giant Anteater, a real treat;
- the bizarre looking Amazonian Umbrellabird on the edge of the Napo River;
- the challenge of trying to find the Great Jacamar, which finally appeared;
- the Tayra eating in the cecropia that was too hungry to bother worrying about us watching;
- the distant view of four bright Blue-and-yellow Macaws flying;
- an unlucky Dusky-headed Parrot that had been caught by a Rainbow boa at the parrot claylick -- "nature, red in tooth and claw."

It was great to be with all of you on this trip. We managed to witness such extraordinary natural phenomena in action -- thank you for making it possible! Thanks, too, for sharing all your great stories, knowledge, and patience, which made the trip. The Sacha Lodge crew helped us a lot as well, and a special thank you to Oscar and Pancho for their extra efforts to make everything work smoothly.

I'm looking forward to seeing you again in the field. Till then, keep on birding!

--Willy



Ivory-billed Aracari (Photo by participant David Wendelken)

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)

CINEREOUS TINAMOU (*Crypturellus cinereus*) [*]

UNDULATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus undulatus*) [*]

VARIEGATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus variegatus*) [*]

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

SPECKLED CHACHALACA (*Ortalis guttata*) – We saw these several times and heard their noisy calls.

SPIX'S GUAN (*Penelope jacquacu*)

BLUE-THROATED PIPING-GUAN (*Pipile cumanensis*) – A pair feeding close to the Napo River.

Odontophoridae (New World Quail)

MARBLED WOOD-QUAIL (*Odontophorus gujanensis*)

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

ZIGZAG HERON (*Zebrilus undulatus*) [*]

RUFESCENT TIGER-HERON (*Tigrisoma lineatum*)

SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula*)

Threskiornithidae (Ibises and Spoonbills)

ROSEATE SPOONBILL (*Platalea ajaja*)

Cathartidae (New World Vultures)

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*)

TURKEY VULTURE (*Cathartes aura*)

GREATER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE (*Cathartes melambrotus*)

KING VULTURE (*Sarcoramphus papa*) – I cannot believe we saw them 5 days in a row, Ed's favourite bird.

Pandionidae (Osprey)

OSPREY (*Pandion haliaetus*)

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE (*Elanoides forficatus*)

HARPY EAGLE (*Harpia harpyja*) – Through the scope we could see every feature of this stunning eagle.

SLENDER-BILLED KITE (*Helicolestes hamatus*)

DOUBLE-TOOTHED KITE (*Harpagus bidentatus*) – We saw them following a troop of common squirrel monkeys, feeding on the insects left in the wake of the monkeys.

PLUMBEOUS KITE (*Ictinia plumbea*)

CRANE HAWK (*Geranospiza caerulescens*)

SLATE-COLORED HAWK (*Buteogallus schistaceus*)

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Rupornis magnirostris*)

WHITE HAWK (*Pseudastur albicollis*)

Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)

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

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

Aramidae (Limpkin)

LIMPKIN (*Aramus guarauna*)

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)

SOUTHERN LAPWING (*Vanellus chilensis*)

COLLARED PLOVER (*Charadrius collaris*)

Jacanidae (Jacanas)

WATTLED JACANA (*Jacana jacana*) [*]

Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)

YELLOW-BILLED TERN (*Sternula superciliaris*)

LARGE-BILLED TERN (*Phaetusa simplex*)

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*)

PALE-VENTED PIGEON (*Patagioenas cayennensis*)

RUDDY PIGEON (*Patagioenas subvinacea*)

EARED DOVE (*Zenaida auriculata*)

COMMON GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina passerina*)

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

SAPPHIRE QUAIL-DOVE (*Geotrygon saphirina*) [*]

RUDDY QUAIL-DOVE (*Geotrygon montana*) – A nice male walking on the boardwalk.

Opisthocomidae (Hoatzin)

HOATZIN (*Opisthocomus hoazin*) – These prehistoric looking birds were seen frequently, Nancy enjoyed watching these.

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (*Piaya cayana*)
GREATER ANI (*Crotophaga major*)
SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga ani*)

Strigidae (Owls)

TROPICAL SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops choliba*) [*]
TAWNY-BELLIED SCREECH-OWL (*Megascops watsonii*)
CRESTED OWL (*Lophostrix cristata*) – One was roosting in the usual place, great looks.
FERRUGINOUS PYGMY-OWL (*Glaucidium brasilianum*)

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

COMMON PAURAQUE (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)

Nyctibiidae (Potoos)

GREAT POTOO (*Nyctibius grandis*) [*]
COMMON POTOO (*Nyctibius griseus*) [*]

Apodidae (Swifts)

WHITE-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)
SHORT-TAILED SWIFT (*Chaetura brachyura*)
GRAY-RUMPED SWIFT (*Chaetura cinereiventris*)
FORK-TAILED PALM-SWIFT (*Tachornis squamata*) – Flies like a big insect, seen close to Pilchecocha lake.

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN (*Florisuga mellivora*) – At the entrance to Sacha Lodge, males and females were feeding on a tree with yellow flowers.
PALE-TAILED BARBTHROAT (*Threnetes leucurus leucurus*)
WHITE-BEARDED HERMIT (*Phaethornis hispidus*)
STRAIGHT-BILLED HERMIT (*Phaethornis bourcierii*) – One was spotted at the lek on the way back from the metal tower.
GREAT-BILLED HERMIT (*Phaethornis malaris*) [*]
BLACK-THROATED HERMIT (*Phaethornis atrimentalis*)
SPARKLING VIOLETEAR (*Colibri coruscans*)
BLACK-THROATED MANGO (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*)
BLACK-BELLIED THORNTAIL (*Discosura langsdorffi*) – A female was seen from the wooden tower, we could clearly see the white line on her back.
BLACK-TAILED TRAINBEARER (*Lesbia victoriae victoriae*)
GOULD'S JEWELFRONT (*Heliodoxa aurescens*) – Has very distinct orange chest. Seen at the Napo River.
LONG-BILLED STARTHROAT (*Heliomaster longirostris*)
WHITE-BELLIED WOODSTAR (*Chaetocercus mulsant*)
WESTERN EMERALD (*Chlorostilbon melanorhynchus melanorhynchus*)
FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania furcata*)
OLIVE-SPOTTED HUMMINGBIRD (*Leucippus chlorocercus*) – Island specialty, not very colorful.
GOLDEN-TAILED SAPPHIRE (*Chrysuronia oenone*)

Trogonidae (Trogons)

BLACK-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon melanurus*)
GREEN-BACKED TROGON (*Trogon viridis*)
AMAZONIAN TROGON (*Trogon ramonianus*)
BLACK-THROATED TROGON (*Trogon rufus*)
COLLARED TROGON (*Trogon collaris*)

Momotidae (Motmots)

AMAZONIAN MOTMOT (*Momotus momota*)

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

RINGED KINGFISHER (*Megaceryle torquata*)
AMAZON KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle amazona*)
GREEN-AND-RUFOUS KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle inda*)
AMERICAN PYGMY KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle aenea*)

Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

WHITE-NECKED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus hyperrhynchus*)
PIED PUFFBIRD (*Notharchus tectus*)
CHESTNUT-CAPPED PUFFBIRD (*Bucco macrodactylus*) – One of the flagship species of Sacha Lodge, it is always great to see. We saw one on the third day along the creek.
COLLARED PUFFBIRD (*Bucco capensis*) [*]
LANCEOLATED MONKLET (*Micromonacha lanceolata*) – Close to the Choza near the lodge there was one perched with mud on its beak indicating

that it was building its nest nearby. Both Davids liked this bird in particular. [N]

- BROWN NUNLET** (*Nonnula brunnea*)
- BLACK-FRONTED NUNBIRD** (*Monasa nigrifrons*)
- WHITE-FRONTED NUNBIRD** (*Monasa morphoeus*)
- SWALLOW-WINGED PUFFBIRD** (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*)

Galbulidae (Jacamars)

- WHITE-EARED JACAMAR** (*Galbalcyrhynchus leucotis*)
- WHITE-CHINNED JACAMAR** (*Galbula tombacea*)
- PURPLISH JACAMAR** (*Galbula chalcothorax*)
- GREAT JACAMAR** (*Jacamerops aureus*)

Capitonidae (New World Barbets)

- SCARLET-CROWNED BARBET** (*Capito aurovirens*)
- GILDED BARBET** (*Capito auratus*)
- LEMON-THROATED BARBET** (*Eubucco richardsoni*) – Attractive small barbet, pair seen in Providencia.

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

- LETTERED ARACARI** (*Pteroglossus incriptus*)
- CHESTNUT-EARED ARACARI** (*Pteroglossus castanotis*)
- MANY-BANDED ARACARI** (*Pteroglossus pluricinctus*)
- IVORY-BILLED ARACARI** (*Pteroglossus azara*) – The most common ones came close for good photos at the metal tower.
- GOLDEN-COLLARED TOUCANET** (*Selenidera reinwardtii*)
- WHITE-THROATED TOUCAN** (*Ramphastos tucanus cuvieri*)
- CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN (YELLOW-RIDGED)** (*Ramphastos vitellinus culminatus*)

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

- LAFRESNAYE'S PICULET** (*Picumnus lafresnayi*)
- YELLOW-TUFTED WOODPECKER** (*Melanerpes cruentatus*)
- LITTLE WOODPECKER** (*Veniliornis passerinus*)
- CRIMSON-MANTLED WOODPECKER** (*Colaptes rivolii*)
- SPOT-BREASTED WOODPECKER** (*Colaptes punctigula*)
- SCALE-BREASTED WOODPECKER** (*Cealeus grammicus*)
- CHESTNUT WOODPECKER** (*Cealeus elegans*)
- CREAM-COLORED WOODPECKER** (*Cealeus flavus*) – Gaylan thought that this was one of the most spectacular woodpeckers that he has seen.
- RINGED WOODPECKER** (*Cealeus torquatus*)
- LINEATED WOODPECKER** (*Dryocopus lineatus*)
- CRIMSON-CRESTED WOODPECKER** (*Campephilus melanoleucos*) – Identified by the white V on the back.

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

- BLACK CARACARA** (*Daptrius ater*)
- YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA** (*Milvago chimachima*) – Very common along the river, one sitting on the roof of the school.
- LAUGHING FALCON** (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*) [*]
- AMERICAN KESTREL** (*Falco sparverius*)
- BAT FALCON** (*Falco ruficularis*)

Psittacidae (Parrots)

- MAROON-TAILED PARAKEET** (*Pyrrhura melanura*)
- WHITE-EYED PARAKEET** (*Aratinga leucophthalma*)
- DUSKY-HEADED PARAKEET** (*Aratinga weddellii*) – Saw a few of them eating the clay, one was breakfast for the boa!
- CHESTNUT-FRONTED MACAW** (*Ara severus*)
- SCARLET MACAW** (*Ara macao*) – Three of these colourful birds were seen at the metal tower. They are getting harder to see, so when you do see them it is a privilege.
- BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW** (*Ara ararauna*)
- RED-BELLIED MACAW** (*Orthopsittaca manilata*)
- BLUE-WINGED PARROTLET** (*Forpus xanthopterygius*)
- COBALT-WINGED PARAKEET** (*Brotogeris cyanoptera*)
- BLACK-HEADED PARROT** (*Pionites melanocephalus*)
- BLUE-HEADED PARROT** (*Pionus menstruus*)
- MEALY PARROT** (*Amazona farinosa*) – Many of them seen flying around the clay lick, showing off their ashy green colour.
- ORANGE-WINGED PARROT** (*Amazona amazonica*)

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

- CHESTNUT-SHOULDERED ANTWRN** (*Euchrepomis humeralis*) [*]

UNDULATED ANTSHRIKE (*Frederickena unduliger*) [*]
PLAIN-WINGED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus schistaceus*) [*]
MOUSE-COLORED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus murinus*) [*]
CASTELNAU'S ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus cryptoleucus*) – Very good looks of this very shy island specialty. We saw it brilliantly well.
DUSKY-THROATED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes ardesiacus*)
CINEREOUS ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes caesius*)
PLAIN-THROATED ANTWREN (*Isleria hauxwelli*) [*]
SPOT-WINGED ANTSHRIKE (*Pygiptila stellaris*)
BROWN-BACKED ANTWREN (*Epinecrophylla fjeldsaai*)
ORNATE ANTWREN (*Epinecrophylla ornata*)
RUFIOUS-TAILED ANTWREN (*Epinecrophylla erythrura*)
MOUSTACHED ANTWREN (SHORT-BILLED) (*Myrmotherula ignota obscura*)
WHITE-FLANKED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula axillaris*)
LONG-WINGED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula longipennis*)
GRAY ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula menetriesii*) – The first antbird we saw through the scope on the first day going in to the lodge.
BANDED ANTBIRD (*Dichrozona cincta*)
DUGAND'S ANTWREN (*Herpsilochmus dugandi*) [*]
PERUVIAN WARBLING-ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis peruviana*)
YELLOW-BROWED ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis hypoxantha*) – We saw this climbing high up in a tree, its behaviour was more like a warbler than an antbird.
GRAY ANTBIRD (*Cercomacra cinerascens*) [*]
BLACK ANTBIRD (*Cercomacra serva*) – The males was black with white on the back and the female brown. We saw them during our wet walk at Providencia.
BLACK-FACED ANTBIRD (*Myrmoborus myotherinus*)
BLACK-AND-WHITE ANTBIRD (*Myrmochanes hemileucus*) [*]
SILVERED ANTBIRD (*Sclateria naevia*)
SPOT-WINGED ANTBIRD (*Schistocichla leucostigma*)
WHITE-SHOULDERED ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza melanoceps*)
PLUMBEOUS ANTBIRD (*Myrmeciza hyperythra*)
WHITE-PLUMED ANTBIRD (*Pithys albifrons*) [*]
LUNULATED ANTBIRD (*Gymnophithys lunulatus*) – This stunning antbird was seen in the Yasuni National Park near Providencia.
SPOT-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Hylophylax naevius*)
[SPOT-BACKED] ANTBIRD (NEW SPECIES) (*Hylophylax [naevius] sp. nov.?*) [*]
DOT-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Hylophylax punctulatus*)
COMMON SCALE-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Willisornis poecilinotus*)
BLACK-SPOTTED BARE-EYE (*Phlegopsis nigromaculata*) – He was following a small ant swarm, feeding on the insects left behind. We had the most stunning views ever.

Grallariidae (Antpittas)

OCHRE-STRIPED ANTPITTA (*Grallaria dignissima*) [*]
WHITE-LORED ANTPITTA (*Hyllopezus fulviventris*) [*]
THRUSH-LIKE ANTPITTA (*Myrmothera campanisona*) [*]

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

SHORT-BILLED LEAFTOSSER (*Sclerurus rufularis*) [*]
PLAIN-BROWN WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*)
WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*)
CINNAMON-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrexetastes rufigula*)
LONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Nasica longirostris*) – This species behaved beautifully well when I did playback and came to the kapok tree in the middle of the tower.
AMAZONIAN BARRED-WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes certhia*)
BLACK-BANDED WOODCREEPER (*Dendrocolaptes picumnus*)
STRIPED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus obsoletus*) – Seen several times along the creek.
ELEGANT WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus elegans*)
BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus*)
STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Dendroplex picus*)
PLAIN XENOPS (*Xenops minutus*)
LESSER HORNERO (*Furnarius minor*) [*]
CHESTNUT-WINGED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor erythropterum*)
CINNAMON-RUMPED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor pyrrhodes*) [*]
CHESTNUT-WINGED HOOBILL (*Ancistrops strigilatus*)
WHITE-BELLIED SPINETAIL (*Synallaxis propinqua*) – Took a bit of time but eventually everyone saw it, coming out of the grass, an island

specialty.

Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

WHITE-LORED TYRANNULET (*Ornithion inermis*)

SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)

YELLOW-CROWNED TYRANNULET (*Tyrannulus elatus*)

MOTTLE-BACKED ELAENIA (*Elaenia gigas*) – Great looks from the boat, we could even see the two white horns.

RIVER TYRANNULET (*Serpophaga hypoleuca*)

OCHRE-BELLIED FLYCATCHER (*Mionectes oleagineus*)

SLENDER-FOOTED TYRANNULET (*Zimmerius gracilipes*)

LESSER WAGTAIL-TYRANT (*Stigmatura napensis*) – A slender small flycatcher, an island specialty.

DOUBLE-BANDED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Lophotriccus vitiensis*) [N]

SPOTTED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum maculatum*)

YELLOW-BROWED TODY-FLYCATCHER (*Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum*)

YELLOW-MARGINED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias assimilis*)

GRAY-CROWNED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias poliocephalus*) – At the Napo river dock there was one building a nest. [N]

YELLOW-BREASTED FLYCATCHER (*Tolmomyias flaviventris*)

RUDDY-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Terenotriccus erythrurus*) – We had great views of this orangey flycatcher in a mixed flock when we were in the terra firme forest.

EULER'S FLYCATCHER (*Lathrotriccus eulerei*)

FUSCOUS FLYCATCHER (FUSCOUS) (*Cnemotriccus fuscatus fuscator*)

VERMILION FLYCATCHER (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*)

RIVERSIDE TYRANT (*Knipolegus orenocensis*)

DRAB WATER TYRANT (*Ochthornis littoralis*) – Seriously drab but still great to see!

STREAK-THROATED BUSH-TYRANT (*Myiotheretes striaticollis*)

CATTLE TYRANT (*Machetornis rixosa*)

RUFIOUS-TAILED FLATBILL (*Ramphotrigon ruficauda*)

CINNAMON ATTLA (*Attila cinnamomeus*)

BRIGHT-RUMPED ATTLA (*Attila spadiceus*)

GRAYISH MOURNER (*Rhytipterna simplex*) [*]

DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*)

SHORT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus ferox*)

GREAT KISKADEE (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)

BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER (*Megarynchus pitangua*)

SOCIAL FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes similis*)

GRAY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes granadensis*)

DUSKY-CHESTED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes luteiventris*)

STREAKED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)

PIRATIC FLYCATCHER (*Legatus leucophaeus*)

CROWNED SLATY FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus aurantioatrocristatus*)

TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

PURPLE-THROATED FRUITCROW (*Querula purpurata*)

AMAZONIAN UMBRELLABIRD (*Cephalopterus ornatus*)

SPANGLED COTINGA (*Cotinga cayana*) – Richard enjoyed watching this metallic turquoise bird with black wings.

SCREAMING PIHA (*Lipaugus vociferans*) – We certainly heard its distinctive call, but we didn't see it. [*]

BARE-NECKED FRUITCROW (*Gymnoderus foetidus*)

Pipridae (Manakins)

GOLDEN-HEADED MANAKIN (*Ceratopipra erythrocephala*) – One of my favourite families, we saw several males, some even dancing at the lek in the terra firme forest.

ORANGE-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Heterocercus aurantiivertex*)

WIRE-TAILED MANAKIN (*Pipra filicauda*)

BLUE-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Lepidothrix coronata*)

WING-BARRED PIPRITES (*Piprites chloris*)

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

BLACK-TAILED TITYRA (*Tityra cayana*)

WHITE-BROWED PURPLETUFT (*Iodopleura isabellae*)

CHESTNUT-CROWNED BECARD (*Pachyrampus castaneus*)

WHITE-WINGED BECARD (*Pachyrampus polychopterus*) – In Providencia we saw a pair coming in and out of their nest.

BLACK-CAPPED BECARD (*Pachyrampus marginatus*)

PINK-THROATED BECARD (*Pachyramphus minor*)

Vireonidae (Vireos)

RED-EYED VIREO (*Vireo olivaceus*)

DUSKY-CAPPED GREENLET (*Hylophilus hypoxanthus*)

TAWNY-CROWNED GREENLET (*Hylophilus ochraceiceps*)

Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)

VIOLACEOUS JAY (*Cyanocorax violaceus*)

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

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

WHITE-BANDED SWALLOW (*Atticora fasciata*)

SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)

GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN (*Progne chalybea*)

BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN (*Progne tapera*)

WHITE-WINGED SWALLOW (*Tachycineta albiventer*)

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

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

HOUSE WREN (*Troglodytes aedon*) [*]

THRUSH-LIKE WREN (*Campylorhynchus turdinus*) – Several views, but best one at the metal tower when we could see the actual spots on its front.

CORAYA WREN (*Pheugopedius coraya*)

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

Poliophtilidae (Gnatcatchers)

LONG-BILLED GNATWREN (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*)

TROPICAL GNATCATCHER (*Poliophtila plumbea*)

Donacobiidae (Donacobius)

BLACK-CAPPED DONACOBIOUS (*Donacobius atricapilla*)

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

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

LAWRENCE'S THRUSH (*Turdus lawrencii*) [*]

BLACK-BILLED THRUSH (*Turdus ignobilis*)

GREAT THRUSH (*Turdus fuscater*)

WHITE-NECKED THRUSH (*Turdus albicollis*)

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

RED-CAPPED CARDINAL (*Paroaria gularis*)

MAGPIE TANAGER (*Cissopis leverianus*)

ORANGE-HEADED TANAGER (*Thlypopsis sordida*) – This time it was very easy to see them on the river island.

GRAY-HEADED TANAGER (*Eucometis penicillata*)

FLAME-CRESTED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus cristatus*) – From the towers we could look down on them and see their full colours.

MASKED CRIMSON TANAGER (*Ramphocelus nigrogularis*) – This beautiful black and red bird with a white beak was Jan's star bird of the trip.

SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER (*Ramphocelus carbo*)

BLUE-AND-YELLOW TANAGER (*Pipraeidea bonariensis*)

BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (*Thraupis episcopus*) – The ones at Sacha had white on the shoulder, but the ones in Quito at the hotel don't have it, so the east and west varieties are different.

PALM TANAGER (*Thraupis palmarum*)

SCRUB TANAGER (*Tangara vitriolina*)

MASKED TANAGER (*Tangara nigrocincta*)

YELLOW-BELLIED TANAGER (*Tangara xanthogastra*)

TURQUOISE TANAGER (*Tangara mexicana*)

PARADISE TANAGER (*Tangara chilensis*)

OPAL-RUMPED TANAGER (*Tangara velia*)

OPAL-CROWNED TANAGER (*Tangara callophrys*)

BAY-HEADED TANAGER (*Tangara gyrola*)

GREEN-AND-GOLD TANAGER (*Tangara schrankii*)

BLACK-FACED DACNIS (*Dacnis lineata*)

YELLOW-BELLIED DACNIS (*Dacnis flaviventer*)

BLUE DACNIS (*Dacnis cayana*)

SHORT-BILLED HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes nitidus*)

PURPLE HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*)

GREEN HONEYCREEPER (*Chlorophanes spiza*)
BICOLORED CONEBILL (*Conirostrum bicolor*)
CINEREOUS CONEBILL (*Conirostrum cinereum fraseri*)
RUSTY FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa sittoides decorata*)
BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (*Volatinia jacarina*)
CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila castaneiventris*)
GRAYISH SALTATOR (*Saltator coerulescens*)
BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR (*Saltator maximus*)

Emberizidae (Buntings and New World Sparrows)

RUFOUS-COLLARED SPARROW (*Zonotrichia capensis*)

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

RED-BREASTED BLACKBIRD (*Sturnella militaris*) – Seen at the Coca airport.

ORIOLE BLACKBIRD (*Gymnomystax mexicanus*)

SHINY COWBIRD (*Molothrus bonariensis*)

GIANT COWBIRD (*Molothrus oryzivorus*)

EPAULET ORIOLE (MORICHE) (*Icterus cayanensis chrysocephalus*)

ORANGE-BACKED TROUPIAL (*Icterus croconotus*)

YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus cela*)

RUSSET-BACKED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius angustifrons*)

CRESTED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius decumanus*)

Fringillidae (Siskins, Crossbills, and Allies)

THICK-BILLED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia laniirostris*)

GOLDEN-RUMPED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia cyanocephala*)

GOLDEN-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia chrysopasta*)

WHITE-VENTED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia minuta*)

ORANGE-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia xanthogaster*)

RUFOUS-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia rufiventris*)

HOODED SISKIN (*Spinus magellanicus*)

MAMMALS

LONG-NOSED BAT (*Rhynchonycteris naso*)

GREATER BULLDOG BAT (*Noctilio leporinus*)

BLACK-MANTLE TAMARIN (*Saguinus nigricollis*)

COMMON SQUIRREL MONKEY (*Saimiri sciureus*)

SPIX'S NIGHT MONKEY (*Aotus vociferans*)

RED HOWLER MONKEY (*Alouatta seniculus*)

WHITE-FRONTED CAPUCHIN (*Cebus albifrons*)

BROWN-THROATED THREE-TOED SLOTH (*Bradypus variegatus*)

BLACK AGOUTI (*Dasyprocta fuliginosa*)

TAYRA (*Eira barbara*) – We were lucky to have a long look at one of these feeding on cecropia fruits, normally they are very shy.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

In addition to all the fantastic birds we saw during our week, we had a great time spotting mammals and other amazing wildlife. Here are some of those not on the list:

Rainbow Boa

Blond-headed vine snake

Gladiator Frog

Common big-headed frog

Tarantula (many of them)

White-lipped muddy turtle

Giant Anteater

White-lined sac-winged Bats

Totals for the tour: 315 bird taxa and 10 mammal taxa