



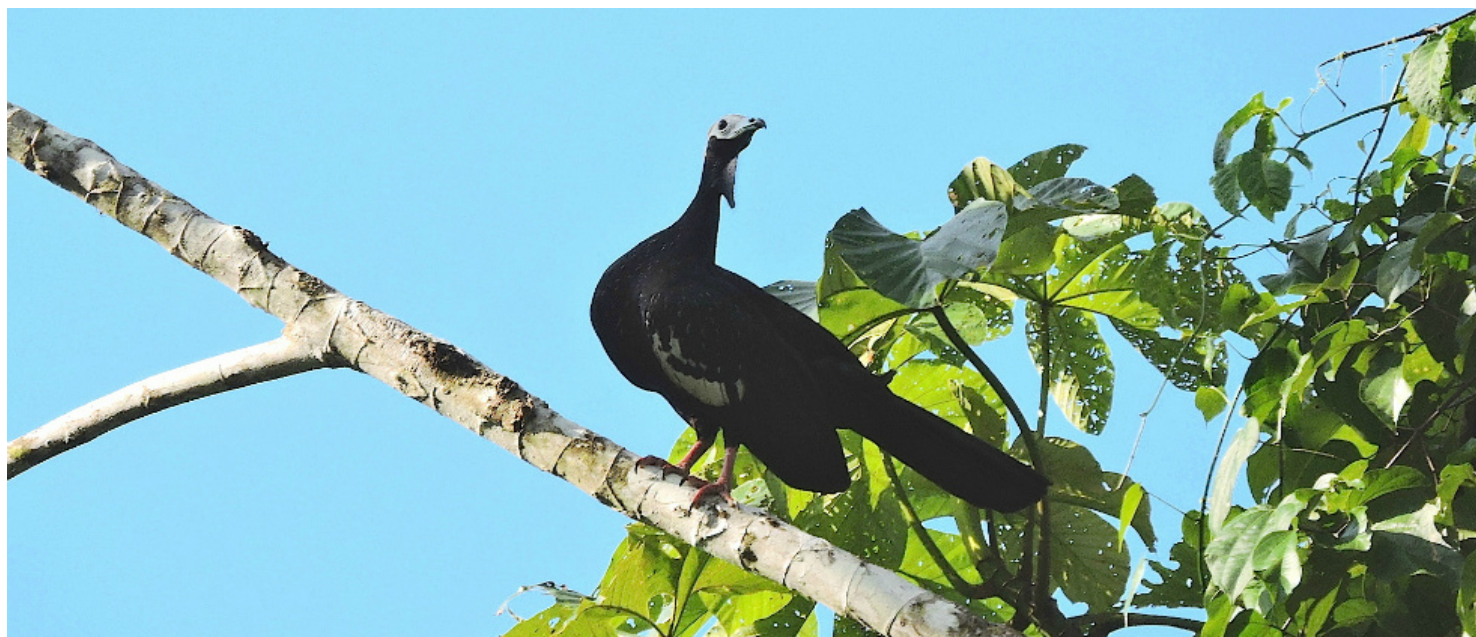
Field Guides Tour Report

Ecuador's Shiripuno Lodge: Heartland of the Waorani 2015

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Blue-throated Piping-Guan was one of the most common birds of the trip. (photo by guide Willy Perez)

I honestly don't know how and where to begin to describe this tour; a lot of words come to mind. I've come to the conclusion that taking this trip is like going back in time -- at least 25 years back, like true explorers. The reason is simple: to get to Shiripuno, you must travel deep into the jungle by plane, car and canoe, and you suddenly arrive in a magical place in the heart of the rainforest. And guess what? That's exactly what we did. By being there, and witnessing everything that we did, we came to understand why the Amazon Rainforest in the Yasuni National Park is considered to be one of the most biodiverse places on the planet. Though the accommodations are quite simple (with no electricity or hot water), the rewards for staying there for a week are incredible.

The canoe ride in was very exciting, along a narrow river with good forest on both sides. We explored the area by foot and canoe -- the perfect combination for seeing both the wildlife and the scenery. There were Blue-throated Piping-guans on almost every bend of the river. We saw noisy Scarlet Macaws every day, flying, feeding and just resting. The courtship displays of all of the oropendolas are good fun to watch, but those of the Olive and Green oropendolas were especially nice.

The patio just outside the lodge was superb, with many Many-banded and Ivory-billed aracaris and both of the big toucans seen well, as were Blue-and-yellow Macaws drinking water from a palm fruit. The forest birding was also very good, with Rufous Potoo on a dayroost, a male Fiery Topaz seen in the scope, a pair of Black Bushbirds, a quiet (and fluffy) Spotted Puffbird and the hard-to-find Brown Nunlet among the prizes. We found only one very small antswarm, but still managed to see some very cool antbirds, including White-plumed, Lunulated, Yellow-browed, Spot-backed and -- best of all -- Wing-banded, all looking for food.

The birds kept us very busy, but the mammals too were always present: six species of monkeys (including the rare White-bellied Spider), Capybaras, and more. For all of us, the best mammal was the Brazilian Tapir we found our first day. Shiripuno was, in so many ways, just magical, with loud and busy Smoky Jungle Frogs yelling, various owls and potoos calling, clear skies with so many stars, and no manmade noises -- just nature at its finest.

To tell the truth, it was a real privilege to be there, and I want to thank you -- the adventurers' group! -- for making that happen. I also want to say thank you to our friends: Jarol, Pedro (El diablo, angel) and the crew, who worked hard to make this trip even more special. After our week at Shiripuno we are able to bear witness that there are places still pristine and wild in the world. I hope that you had a good time. Keep birding, and I hope to see you again soon!

--Willy

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*) – One was nesting close to the mirador trail and flew away; the turquoise eggs were even more amazing than the bird! [N]

WHITE-THROATED TINAMOU (*Tinamus guttatus*) [*]

CINEREOUS TINAMOU (*Crypturellus cinereus*) [*]

UNDULATED TINAMOU (*Crypturellus undulatus*) – We could hear them nearly all the time. [*]

Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

SPECKLED CHACHALACA (*Ortalis guttata*)

SPIX'S GUAN (*Penelope jacquacu*) – One was seen on our last day along the river, during our canoe ride back.

BLUE-THROATED PIPING-GUAN (*Pipile cumanensis*) – The most common bird of the trip.

SALVIN'S CURASSOW (*Mitu salvini*) – One was seen very well on our morning boat ride near the lodge.

Odontophoridae (New World Quail)

MARbled WOOD-QUAIL (*Odontophorus gujanensis*) [*]

Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

RUFESCENT TIGER-HERON (*Tigrisoma lineatum*) – We saw a fantastic young bird at the edge of the river on our last day.

GREAT EGRET (*Ardea alba*)

SNOWY EGRET (*Egretta thula*)

CATTLE EGRET (*Bubulcus ibis*)

STRIATED HERON (*Butorides striata*)

AGAMI HERON (*Agamia agami*) – We saw one perched -- at night! -- as we headed to the lodge our first day.

Cathartidae (New World Vultures)

BLACK VULTURE (*Coragyps atratus*) – Very few were seen at Shiripuno; instead, they were all near Coca.

GREATER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE (*Cathartes melambrotus*)

KING VULTURE (*Sarcoramphus papa*) – We saw four of them soaring on the third day of the tour.

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

DOUBLE-TOOTHED KITE (*Harpagus bidentatus*)

PLUMBEOUS KITE (*Ictinia plumbea*)

CRANE HAWK (*Geranospiza caerulescens*)

GREAT BLACK HAWK (*Buteogallus urubitinga*)

ROADSIDE HAWK (*Rupornis magnirostris*)

HARRIS'S HAWK (HARRIS'S) (*Parabuteo unicinctus harrisi*) – We spotted a pair flying near our San Jose hotel.

WHITE HAWK (*Pseudastur albicollis*)

BLACK-FACED HAWK (*Leucopternis melanops*) – This handsome hawk was seen along the Puyuno trail, and stayed for a long time. Our scope views were superb!

Heliornithidae (Finfoots)

SUNGREBE (*Heliornis fulica*) – We saw them along the river, but our best looks came at the oxbow lake.

Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)

SPOTTED SANDPIPER (*Actitis macularius*)

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

ROCK PIGEON (*Columba livia*) [H]

PLUMBEOUS PIGEON (*Patagioenas plumbea*)

COMMON GROUND-DOVE (*Columbina passerina quitensis*)

GRAY-FRONTED DOVE (*Leptotila rufaxilla*) – One seen flying along the river.

EARED DOVE (*Zenaida auriculata*)

Opisthocomidae (Hoatzin)

HOATZIN (*Opisthocomus hoazin*) – It's always fun to see this bizarre bird.

Cuculidae (Cuckoos)

SQUIRREL CUCKOO (*Piaya cayana*)

GREATER ANI (*Crotophaga major*)

SMOOTH-BILLED ANI (*Crotophaga ani*)

Strigidae (Owls)

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

CRESTED OWL (*Lophotrix cristata*) – Few of them were calling, but we managed to see one from the boat during our owl expedition.

SPECTACLED OWL (*Pulsatrix perspicillata*) – It was very interesting to see this owl at the same place where we had the previous species -- and at the

same time.

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

BLACK-BANDED OWL (*Ciccaba huhula*) – A pair responded very well, and we had great looks at this attractive owl.

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

COMMON PAURAUQUE (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)

Nyctibiidae (Potoos)

GREAT POTOO (*Nyctibius grandis*)

COMMON POTOO (*Nyctibius griseus*)

RUFOUS POTOO (*Nyctibius bracteatus*) – On my last trip to Shiripuno, this potoo gave us a hard time, so on this trip, the challenge was to find it as soon as we could. We put some time in before breakfast one morning, but managed to catch up with one on the afternoon of our second day.

Apodidae (Swifts)

WHITE-CHESTED SWIFT (*Cypseloides lemosi*)

WHITE-COLLARED SWIFT (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)

SHORT-TAILED SWIFT (*Chaetura brachyura*)

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

PALE-RUMPED SWIFT (*Chaetura egregia*)

FORK-TAILED PALM-SWIFT (*Tachornis squamata*)

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

FIERY TOPAZ (*Topaza pyra*) – A couple of males were seen through the scope; what a handsome bird!

RUFOUS-BREASTED HERMIT (*Glaucis hirsutus*)

WHITE-BEARDED HERMIT (*Phaethornis hispidus*)

GREAT-BILLED HERMIT (*Phaethornis malaris*) – It was easy to see this big hummingbird well at the hermit lek we visited.

SPARKLING VIOLETEAR (*Colibri coruscans*)

BLACK-TAILED TRAINBEARER (*Lesbia victoriae*)

WHITE-BELLIED WOODSTAR (*Chaetocercus mulsant*)

WESTERN EMERALD (*Chlorostilbon melanorhynchus*)

GRAY-BREASTED SABREWING (*Campylopterus largipennis*)

FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH (*Thalurania furcata*)

Trogonidae (Trogons)

BLACK-TAILED TROGON (*Trogon melanurus*)

GREEN-BACKED TROGON (*Trogon viridis*)

AMAZONIAN TROGON (*Trogon ramonianus*)

BLUE-CROWNED TROGON (*Trogon curucui*)

Momotidae (Motmots)

AMAZONIAN MOTMOT (*Momotus momota microstephanus*) [*]

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

RINGED KINGFISHER (*Megaceryle torquata*)

AMAZON KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle amazona*)

GREEN KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle americana*)

AMERICAN PYGMY KINGFISHER (*Chloroceryle aenea*) – A few people saw one flying past.

Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

SPOTTED PUFFBIRD (*Bucco tamatia*) – Another hard one, but we found it along the Colibri trail.

BROWN NUNLET (*Nonnula brunnea*) – We had to walk into the forest to find this shy species, but we managed to get a scope on one of them there.

BLACK-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa nigrifrons*)

WHITE-FRONTED NUNBIRD (*Monasa morphoeus*)

YELLOW-BILLED NUNBIRD (*Monasa flavirostris*)

SWALLOW-WINGED PUFFBIRD (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*)

Galbulidae (Jacamars)

WHITE-EARED JACAMAR (*Galbalcyrhynchus leucotis*)

YELLOW-BILLED JACAMAR (*Galbula albirostris*)

PURPLISH JACAMAR (*Galbula chalcothorax*)

GREAT JACAMAR (*Jacamerops aureus*)

Capitonidae (New World Barbets)

GILDED BARBET (*Capito auratus*)

LEMON-THROATED BARBET (*Eubucco richardsoni*)

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

LETTERED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus inscriptus*)

MANY-BANDED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus pluricinctus*)

IVORY-BILLED ARACARI (*Pteroglossus azara*)

GOLDEN-COLLARED TOUCANET (*Selenidera reinwardtii*) – Our scope views of a male were superb, especially when he was displaying.

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*)

RED-STAINED WOODPECKER (*Veniliornis affinis*)

SCALE-BREADED WOODPECKER (*Ceelus grammicus*)

CHESTNUT WOODPECKER (*Ceelus elegans*)

CREAM-COLORED WOODPECKER (*Ceelus flavus*)

RUFUS-HEADED WOODPECKER (*Ceelus spectabilis spectabilis*) – We saw several nice woodpeckers from the *Ceelus* genus, but this male had to be the winner.

LINEATED WOODPECKER (*Dryocopus lineatus*)

CRIMSON-CRESTED WOODPECKER (*Campephilus melanoleucos*)

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

LINED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur gilvicollis*) – One came out of the forest to check out what was happening, and we managed to see it well from the boat.

SLATY-BACKED FOREST-FALCON (*Micrastur mirandollei*) [*]

BLACK CARACARA (*Daptrius ater*) – Very common throughout the trip.

RED-THROATED CARACARA (*Ibycter americanus*)

LAUGHING FALCON (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*)

AMERICAN KESTREL (SOUTH AMERICAN) (*Falco sparverius aequatorialis*)

Psittacidae (New World and African Parrots)

COBALT-WINGED PARAKEET (*Brotogeris cyanoptera*)

BLUE-HEADED PARROT (*Pionus menstruus*)

MEALY PARROT (*Amazona farinosa*)

ORANGE-WINGED PARROT (*Amazona amazonica*)

DUSKY-BILLED PARROTLET (*Forpus modestus*)

BLACK-HEADED PARROT (*Pionites melanocephalus*)

RED-BELLIED MACAW (*Orthopsittaca manilatus*)

BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW (*Ara ararauna*) – We saw them almost every day, sometimes right outside the cabins.

SCARLET MACAW (*Ara macao*)

RED-AND-GREEN MACAW (*Ara chloropterus*) – A pair flew by making a lot of noise, but we never actually saw them. [*]

CHESTNUT-FRONTED MACAW (*Ara severus*)

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

GREAT ANTSHRIKE (*Taraba major*)

MOUSE-COLORED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnophilus murinus*)

PEARLY ANTSHRIKE (*Megascictus margaritatus*) – The name of this species makes sense when you see them well.

BLACK BUSHBIRD (*Neotantes niger*) – A pair gave us a nice show, coming very close several times.

DUSKY-THROATED ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes ardesiacus*)

CINEREOUS ANTSHRIKE (*Thamnomanes caesius*)

BROWN-BACKED ANTWREN (*Epinecrophylla fjeldsai*)

RUFUS-TAILED ANTWREN (*Epinecrophylla erythrura*)

AMAZONIAN STREAKED-ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula multostriata*)

WHITE-FLANKED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula axillaris*) – We spotted a male and female on the way back from the mirador.

LONG-WINGED ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula longipennis*)

GRAY ANTWREN (*Myrmotherula menetriesii*)

BANDED ANTIBIRD (*Dichrozona cincta*) [*]

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

PERUVIAN WARBLING-ANTBIRD (*Hypocnemis peruviana*)

YELLOW-BROWED ANTIBIRD (*Hypocnemis hypoxantha*) – This colorful antbird, which acts more like a warbler than an antbird, showed well along the Colibri trail.

BLACKISH ANTIBIRD (*Cercomacroides nigrescens*)

GRAY ANTIBIRD (*Cercomacra cinerascens*) [*]

BLACK-FACED ANTIBIRD (*Myrmoborus myotherinus*)

SILVERED ANTIBIRD (*Sclateria naevia*)

WHITE-SHOULDERED ANTIBIRD (*Myrmeciza melanoceps*) [*]

SOOTY ANTIBIRD (*Myrmeciza fortis*)

WING-BANDED ANTIBIRD (*Myrmornis torquata*) – We saw a pair feeding along the Colibri trail, though some wished we'd had better views.

WHITE-PLUMED ANTIBIRD (*Pithys albifrons*) – Some people managed to see this unique antbird.

WHITE-CHEEKED ANTBIRD (*Gymnopithys leucaspis*)

LUNULATED ANTBIRD (*Gymnopithys lunulatus*) – I couldn't believe it when a male showed up at the edge of the river, allowing us to see him from the boat.

HAIRY-CRESTED ANTBIRD (*Rhegmatorhina melanosticta*) [*]

SPOT-BACKED ANTBIRD (*Hypophylax naevius*) – A pair came close to give us nice sightings along the Puyuno trail.

Conopophagidae (Gnateaters)

ASH-THROATED GNATEATER (*Conopophaga peruviana*)

Grallariidae (Antpittas)

THRUSH-LIKE ANTPITTA (*Myrmothera campanisona*) [*]

Rhinocryptidae (Tapaculos)

RUSTY-BELTED TAPACULO (*Liosceles thoracicus*) [*]

Formicariidae (Antthrushes)

RUFOUS-CAPPED ANTTHRUSH (*Formicarius colma*) – Some managed to spot this ground species.

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*)

AMAZONIAN BARRED-WOODCREEPER (AMAZONIAN) (*Dendrocolaptes certhia certhia*)

STRIPED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus obsoletus*)

OCELLATED WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus ocellatus*)

SPIX'S WOODCREEPER (*Xiphorhynchus spixii*) [*]

BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER (BUFF-THROATED) (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus guttatus*)

PLAIN XENOPS (*Xenops minutus*)

POINT-TAILED PALMCREEPER (*Berlepschia rikeri*) – We saw one of these palm specialists doing its job under a palm leaf. What nice colors!

CHESTNUT-WINGED FOLIAGE-GLEANER (*Philydor erythropterum*)

CHESTNUT-WINGED HOOKBILL (*Ancistrops strigilatus*)

Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)

SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANULET (SOUTHERN) (*Camptostoma obsoletum sclateri*)

GRAY ELAENIA (*Myiopagis caniceps*)

GOLDEN-FACED TYRANULET (*Zimmerius chrysops*)

RINGED ANTIPIPI (*Corythopis torquatus*) – Another hard bird to get, but fortunately, the log trick worked very well when one came in and paraded around on top of it, allowing nice looks.

DOUBLE-BANDED PYGMY-TYRANT (*Lophotriccus vitiuosus*) [*]

WHITE-CRESTED SPADEBILL (*Platyrinchus platyrhynchos*) – This was a sort of a prize when we got to the top of the mirador -- a pair was calling, and Pablo managed to scope one of them.

RUDDY-TAILED FLYCATCHER (*Terenotriccus erythrurus*)

OLIVE-SIDED FLYCATCHER (*Contopus cooperi*) [b]

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

DRAB WATER TYRANT (*Ochthornis littoralis*) – Very common along the river.

RUFOUS-TAILED FLATBILL (*Ramphotrigon ruficauda*)

CINNAMON ATTLA (*Attila cinnamomeus*) – Scope views of one way up on top of a Kapok tree.

CITRON-BELLIED ATTLA (*Attila citriniventris*) [*]

DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*)

LESSER KISKADEE (*Pitangus lictor*)

GREAT KISKADEE (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)

BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER (*Megarynchus pitangua*)

SOCIAL FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes similis*)

GRAY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER (*Myiozetetes granadensis*)

YELLOW-THROATED FLYCATCHER (*Conopias parvus*) – This species has a very small distribution in Ecuador; we spotted some along the Colibri trail.

STREAKED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)

SULPHUR-BELLIED FLYCATCHER (*Myiodynastes luteiventris*)

CROWNED SLATY FLYCATCHER (*Empidonomus aurantioatrocristatus*)

TROPICAL KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

EASTERN KINGBIRD (*Tyrannus tyrannus*)

Cotingidae (Cotingas)

PLUM-THROATED COTINGA (*Cotinga maynana*)

SPANGLED COTINGA (*Cotinga cayana*)

SCREAMING PIHA (*Lipaugus vociferans*) [*]

PURPLE-THROATED COTINGA (*Porphyrolaema porphyrolaema*) – This was a real treat to see -- a stunning male that perched at the top of a tree, seen during a break on our hike to the mirador.

BARE-NECKED FRUITCROW (*Gymnoderus foetidus*)

Pipridae (Manakins)

DWARF TYRANT-MANAKIN (*Tyrannetes stolzmanni*)

BLUE-BACKED MANAKIN (*Chiroxiphia pareola*) [✱]

BLUE-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Lepidothrix coronata*) – We saw one male in full display.

WIRE-TAILED MANAKIN (*Pipra filicauda*)

WHITE-CROWNED MANAKIN (*Dixiphia pipra*)

GOLDEN-HEADED MANAKIN (*Ceratopipra erythrocephala*) – It took a bit of time to find one very elusive male, but we eventually managed to scope him.

Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)

BLACK-TAILED TITYRA (*Tityra cayana*)

BLACK-CROWNED TITYRA (*Tityra inquisitor*)

WHITE-BROWED PURPLETUFT (*Iodopleura isabellae*)

CHESTNUT-CROWNED BECARD (*Pachyramphus castaneus*)

WHITE-WINGED BECARD (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*)

PINK-THROATED BECARD (*Pachyramphus minor*) – A gray male with a pink throat was seen on the way up to the mirador.

Vireonidae (Vireos, Shrike-Babblers, and Erpornis)

YELLOW-GREEN VIREO (*Vireo flavoviridis*) [b]

LEMON-CHESTED GREENLET (*Hylophilus thoracicus*) [✱]

Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)

VIOLACEOUS JAY (*Cyanocorax violaceus*)

Hirundinidae (Swallows)

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

WHITE-BANDED SWALLOW (*Atticora fasciata*)

SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)

PURPLE MARTIN (*Progne subis*) – A female was seen in the gardens of our San Jose hotel.

Troglodytidae (Wrens)

THRUSH-LIKE WREN (*Campylorhynchus turdinus*)

CORAYA WREN (*Pheugopedius coraya*)

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

Poliopitidae (Gnatcatchers)

LONG-BILLED GNATWREN (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*) [✱]

Donacobiidae (Donacobius)

BLACK-CAPPED DONACOBIOUS (*Donacobius atricapilla*)

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

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

GREAT THRUSH (*Turdus fuscater*)

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

MAGPIE TANAGER (*Cissopis leverianus*)

FULVOUS-CRESTED TANAGER (*Tachyphonus surinamus*)

SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER (*Ramphocelus carbo*)

MASKED CRIMSON TANAGER (*Ramphocelus nigrogularis*) – A family was seen every day, plus we had a pair nesting just outside the cabins at Shiripuno. [N]

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

BLUE-GRAY TANAGER (WHITE-EDGED) (*Thraupis episcopus coelestis*)

PALM TANAGER (*Thraupis palmarum*)

SCRUB TANAGER (*Tangara vitriolina*) – They are regular visitors to the parking lot of our San Jose hotel.

YELLOW-BELLIED TANAGER (*Tangara xanthogastra*)

TURQUOISE TANAGER (*Tangara mexicana*)

PARADISE TANAGER (*Tangara chilensis*) – We had good views of this stunning tanager.

OPAL-RUMPED TANAGER (*Tangara velia*)

OPAL-CROWNED TANAGER (*Tangara callophrys*)

BAY-HEADED TANAGER (*Tangara gyrola*)

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

SWALLOW TANAGER (*Tersina viridis*) – A female was scoped from the patio.

BLACK-FACED DACNIS (BLACK-FACED) (*Dacnis lineata lineata*)

BLUE DACNIS (*Dacnis cayana*)

PURPLE HONEYCREEPER (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*)

GREEN HONEYCREEPER (*Chlorophanes spiza*)

CINEREOUS CONEBILL (*Conirostrum cinereum fraseri*)

RUSTY FLOWERPIERCER (*Diglossa sittoides decorata*)
SAFFRON FINCH (SAFFRON) (*Sicalis flaveola valida*) – A pair was seen at our San Jose hotel.
BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT (*Volatinia jacarina*)
YELLOW-BELLIED SEEDEATER (*Sporophila nigricollis vivida*)
BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR (*Saltator maximus*)
SLATE-COLORED GROSBEAK (*Saltator grossus*) [*]

Emberizidae (Buntings and New World Sparrows)

RUFOUS-COLLARED SPARROW (*Zonotrichia capensis*)

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)

GOLDEN GROSBEAK (*Pheucticus chrysogaster*)
BLUE-BLACK GROSBEAK (*Cyanocompsa cyanoides*) [*]

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

GIANT COWBIRD (*Molothrus oryzivorus*)
ORANGE-BACKED TROUPIAL (*Icterus croconotus*)
YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE (*Cacicus cela*) – A large nesting group, with very vocal males, was seen (and heard) at the lodge.
CASQUED CACIQUE (*Cacicus oseryi*)
RUSSET-BACKED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius angustifrons angustifrons*)
GREEN OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius viridis*)
CRESTED OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius decumanus*)
OLIVE OROPENDOLA (*Psarocolius bifasciatus*)

Fringillidae (Finches, Euphonias, and Allies)

GOLDEN-RUMPED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia cyanocephala*) – A colorful male was seen in the garden of our San Jose hotel.
GOLDEN-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia chrysopasta*)
ORANGE-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia xanthogaster*)
RUFOUS-BELLIED EUPHONIA (*Euphonia rufiventris*)
HOODED SISKIN (*Spinus magellanicus capitalis*)

MAMMALS

LONG-NOSED BAT (*Rhynchonycteris naso*)
PYGMY MARMOSET (*Cebuella pygmaea*) – One of these very small primates came to check what was going on as we were explored the river.
COMMON SQUIRREL MONKEY (*Saimiri sciureus*)
DUSKY TITI MONKEY (*Callicebus moloch*)
RED HOWLER MONKEY (*Alouatta seniculus*) [*]
WHITE-FRONTED CAPUCHIN (*Cebus albifrons*)
COMMON WOOLLY MONKEY (*Lagothrix lagotricha*)
WHITE-BELLIED SPIDER MONKEY (*Ateles belzebuth*) – We found a group of five of these rare monkeys along the Wilson's trail.
NINE-BANDED ARMADILLO (*Dasypus novemcinctus*)
CAPYBARA (*Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris*)
BRAZILIAN TAPIR (*Tapirus terrestris*) – We found one swimming in the river as we headed to the lodge our first day. Fortunately, the water was so low that we could see the entire animal when it got out of the water and headed off into the forest.
RED BROCKET DEER (*Mazama americana*)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

There were other animals that need to be mentioned:

-Two species of caimans: Smooth-fronted and Spectacled

-Golden Tegu (lizard)

-Yellow-spotted Amazon River Turtle

-Poison dart frog

-Harlequin Beetle

...and so many beautiful butterflies, including various Morphos

Totals for the tour: 256 bird taxa and 12 mammal taxa