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“Simply spectacular” pretty well sums up our idyllic days spent roaming the eastern slope of the Ecuador Andes! The scenery was amazing, the birds of the mountains put on a great show for us, the plants were interesting, and even the weather generally behaved.

When we first gathered as a group to begin our explorations of the Andes, I was asked if we would see toucans on this trip. “Well, not likely, as they are birds of the Tropics and this is a mountain trip,” I replied. “Maybe, if we’re very lucky, we’ll see a few.” So, of course, that set the stage for this to be “the toucan trip of all-time!” We ended up finding 7 delightful species in this charismatic group. To a large degree, this was due to the inclusion of Wildsumaco. This fantastic new lodge is located in the foothills where the tropical and subtropical zones meet, and here we found noisy Black-mandibled and Channel-billed toucans calling from exposed perches, a secretive but responsive Golden-collared Toucanet hiding in the canopy, and a Chestnut-tipped Toucanet sneaking into a fruiting tree. Here too we found hummingbird feeders teeming with a variety of quality foothill species, gained an introduction to the dazzling tanagers so prominent in the Andes, and saw other special birds like the Coppery-chested Jacamar, Gilded and Red-headed barbets, and a remarkably responsive White-backed Fire-eye.

From Wildsumaco we moved upslope into the heart of the lush subtropical zone. At our very first stop in this environment, at the pass on Huacamayo Ridge, the fog suddenly parted—and a small mixed-flock of birds appeared right in front of us. The most spectacular may have been the Grass-green Tanagers, but to see the elegantly-patterned Pearled Treerunners from only a few feet away was amazing. And that was before the male Green-and-black Fruiteater popped in amidst them and proceeded to sit perfectly still for 5 minutes, periodically emitting its high-pitched song.

After an introductory first day at San Ysidro, with Masked Trogons, Crimson-mantled Woodpeckers, and a plethora of smaller birds, our second day here proved to be hot and sunny. One does not want this type of weather for birding the subtropical forests, for it keeps bird activity suppressed and hard to find. And it’s true that we did not find much in the way of mixed-flocks or small birds that day. Instead, the “spectaculars” came out for us. I never would have guessed that these conditions would produce this run of top-quality sightings in one day: a female Golden-headed Quetzal feeding a barely-fledged chick (by regurgitating a fruit, clamping the fruit in its bill, and then allowing the chick to pick at it); a family group of Powerful Woodpeckers down low and close along the roadside; White-rumped Hawks up and soaring; a magnificent pair of rarely-seen Black-billed Mountain-Toucans; Torrent Ducks bobbing up onto the rocks amidst a rushing mountain river; a pair of quetzals exploring nest sites; and finally, for some, Andean Cocks-of-the-rock displaying at point-blank range as the day closed.

Next we moved upslope to the temperate zone, only to encounter rain and chilly weather. Our day in the Papallacta area did not look great at dawn...until we realized that we had a spectacled bear in sight right from the hotel parking lot! We had been told that this rare animal was being seen at a cow carcass high up on the mountainside, but had no idea that it might be so visible, nor that there was more than one animal visiting the bait. This was a lifer sighting for Paul, who has lived in Ecuador for over 40 years now, and we looked at the bears every chance we got!

Our final day afield took us to the páramos of the Antisana Reserve, “at the top” of our transect. Clouds hung around the mountains as we left, and again the day looked like it would be damp and chilly. Perhaps because of this weather, our very first stop produced four young Andean Condors still sitting on the cliffs for scope views; they weren’t up and flying yet for the day. Then, almost miraculously, the weather began to clear. By the time we reached the high-elevation grasslands, spectacular Antisana volcano was looming over us, as we delighted in close looks at a great variety of special birds of the highest elevations, including 155 Carunculated Caracaras parading around; a flock of the threatened Andean Ibis; lovely Andean Lapwings; two Aplomado Falcons perched for scope views; and both species of cinclodes side by side for comparison. The ultimate moment came as we stood gazing in awe at the snow-capped peak after an Ecuadorian lunch at the rustic old hacienda, when we spotted distant condors circling the immense snow-capped peak! It could not have been a more evocative scene, and was truly an exhilarating end to our grand transect of the Andes.

### **Itinerary:**

January 15: group arrives in Quito.

January 16: a travel day from Quito to Wild Sumaco (4500 ft), at the bottom of our transect through the mountains. Major birding stops were in the Central Valley farmlands near Pifo (not far from the Quito suburbs), near Baeza for a picnic lunch, and at the rushing Rio Hollin in the foothills.

January 17: Wildsumaco Lodge and nearby along the road, in the ecotone where the upper tropical zone merges with the subtropics (4000-4500 ft). An overcast morning with a lot of bird activity and then most of the afternoon on the porch at the lodge, with intermittent mist and light rain – and lots of hummingbird and tanager activity.

January 18: the morning was spent in the Wildsumaco area and then in the afternoon we traveled up to the pass on Huacamayo Ridge, with a productive stop there as the fog lifted before continuing on to San Ysidro Labrador (6600 ft).

January 19: all day in the vicinity of San Ysidro Labrador, in the heart of the wet and lush subtropical zone (quite dry this year), including an afternoon hike down into the forest interior.

January 20: all morning in the San Ysidro area and then an afternoon excursion to other nearby sites.

January 21: after a final early morning watching the birds at the lights at San Ysidro Labrador, we moved up-slope to visit the hummingbird feeders and temperate forest at Guango Lodge (9800 ft) before arriving at the Termas de Papallacta (10,200 ft) in the late afternoon (after a heavy rain).

January 22: morning above the Termas de Papallacta in the tree-line shrub zone and upper temperate forest, and then an afternoon excursion to the high country above Papallacta Pass, up to 13,500 feet.

January 23: from mid-morning to mid-afternoon at Antisana Reserve and nearby, before arriving in Quito, our transect of the Andes complete.

January 24: departure for home.

**Key:**

Q = Quito area, especially below the city in the Central Valley farmlands near Pifo (our first stop).

WS = Wildsumaco region of the foothills, including along the Coca highway (in the 3800-4500 ft range).

SYL = the San Ysidro Labrador area and nearby Huacamayo Ridge, the heart of the lush subtropical zone (mostly in the 5500-7200 ft range).

Pap = Papallacta area, from the pass and towers (up to 13,500 feet) down the east-slope to the Termas de Papallacta (10,200 ft) and Guango Lodge (9800 ft).

Ant = Antisana Reserve and nearby along the road up to it, at 10,000 - 12,500 ft.

Hd = heard

**Bird List:** Some of our trip highlights, favorites and rarities are **bolded**.

Little Tinamou (*Crypturellus soui*) – WS (seen by Ian as it crossed the road).

**Torrent Duck** (*Merganetta armata*) – SYL, Pap (this odd duck of the rushing mountain rivers is one of the species most evocative of the Andes).

Andean Teal (*Anas andium*) – Pap, Ant (now split from the Speckled Teal (*Anas flavirostris*)).

Yellow-billed Pintail (*Anas georgica*) - Ant

Ruddy (Andean) Duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis ferruginea*) – Ant (one very distant male at the far end of the lake; sometimes *ferruginea* is split off as Andean Duck).

Andean Guan (*Penelope montagnii*) - Pap

Wattled Guan (*Aburria aburri*) – SYL (heard only).

**Silvery Grebe** (*Podiceps occipitalis*) - Ant (a very local, rare and declining species in Ecuador; the lake here is their major stronghold in the country).

**Andean Ibis** (*Theresticus branickii*) – Ant (also very rare and declining in Ecuador).

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) - WS

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*) - WS

**Andean Condor** (*Vultur gryphus*) – Pap, Ant (spectacular sighting of a juvenile at our first stop on our first morning, and then perched juveniles on the cliffs at Antisana and distant soaring adults over the magnificent snow-capped peak).

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*) - WS

**Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle** (*Geranoaetus melanoleucus*) – Pap, Ant (nice looks at this large raptor a surprising number of times).

Harris's Hawk (*Parabuteo unicinctus*) - Q

Roadside Hawk (*Buteo magnirostris*) – WS, SYL

Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*) – SYL

**White-rumped Hawk** (*Buteo leucorrhous*) – SYL (several up and soaring; a rather secretive inhabitant of the subtropical forests).

Short-tailed Hawk (*Buteo brachyurus*) - WS

Variable (Puna) Hawk (*Buteo polyosoma poecilochrous*) - Ant (Puna Hawk (*B. poecilochrous*) is sometimes split from the Variable (*B. polyosoma*)).

Barred Forest-Falcon (*Micrastur ruficollis*) – WS (heard only).

**Carunculated Caracara** (*Phalacrocorax carunculatus*) – Pap, Ant (parading around like chickens on the windswept paramo; over 155 were tallied!).

American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*) – Q, Ant

**Aplomado Falcon** (*Falco femoralis*) – Pap (fantastic scope views of 2 immatures perched on the paramo).

Slate-colored (Andean) Coot (*Fulica ardesiaca*) - Ant

**Andean Lapwing** (*Vanellus resplendens*) – Ant (an elegant paramo specialty).

Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularia*) – SYL

Andean Gull (*Chroicocephalus serranus*) – Pap, Ant

Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*) - Q (introduced).

Scaled Pigeon (*Patagioenas speciosa*) - WS

Band-tailed Pigeon (*Patagioenas fasciata*) – SYL, Pap

Plumbeous Pigeon (*Patagioenas plumbea*) - WS

Ruddy Pigeon (*Patagioenas subvinacea*) – Baeza, WS (hd)

Eared Dove (*Zenaida auriculata*) - Q, Ant

**Black-winged Ground-Dove** (*Metriopelia melanoptera*) – Ant (many!).

White-throated Quail-Dove (*Geotrygon frenata*) – SYL (heard only).

Maroon-tailed Parakeet (*Pyrrhura melanura*) – WS

**Chestnut-fronted Macaw** (*Ara severus*) – WS (perched for great looks).

Barred Parakeet (*Bolborhynchus lineola*) – SYL (mostly heard; glimpsed; 4 birds shooting high over the pass on Huacamayo Ridge in the fog).

Red-billed Parrot (*Pionus sordidus*) – WS, SYL

Speckle-faced (White-capped) Parrot (*Pionus tumultuosus seniloides*) – SYL (poor look in flight; this is the “White-capped” Parrot, sometimes split as a separate species (*P. seniloides*)).

Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*) – WS

Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*) – WS

Tropical Screech-Owl (*Megascops choliba*) – WS (heard and glimpsed in flight).

Band-bellied Owl (*Pulsatrix melanota*) – WS (heard only).

**“Black-banded” Owl** (*Ciccaba “huhula”*) - SYL (the “mystery” owl of San Ysidro Labrador. It’s taxonomic position has not been determined yet, as it shows features of both the Black-banded and Black-and-white owls of the lowlands and may be a separate undescribed taxon).

Rufous-banded Owl (*Ciccaaba albitarsis*) - SYL (heard only).

Chestnut-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne rutila*) – SYL (close enough to see the colors).

White-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne zonaris*) – Baeza, WS, SYL

Gray-rumped Swift (*Chaetura cinereiventris*) – WS

Short-tailed Swift (*Chaetura brachyura*) – WS

White-tipped Sicklebill (*Eutoxeres aquila*) – WS (by a few).

Blue-fronted Lancebill (*Doryfera johannae*) – WS (by a few).

**Napo Sabrewing** (*Campylopterus villaviscensio*) - WS (a rarely-seen foothill specialty that came to the forest feeding station once).

Brown Violet-ear (*Colibri delphinae*) - WS

Green Violet-ear (*Colibri thalassinus*) - SYL

Sparkling Violet-ear (*Colibri coruscans*) - Q, WS, SYL, Ant

Violet-headed Hummingbird (*Klais guimeti*) - WS

**Wire-crested Thorntail** (*Dioscura popelairii*) – WS (a favorite at the feeders).

Fork-tailed Woodnymph (*Thalurania furcata*) – WS  
 Rufous-throated Sapphire (*Hylocharis sapphirina*) – WS (out-of-place immature).  
 Golden-tailed Sapphire (*Chrysuronia oenone*) – WS  
**Many-spotted Hummingbird** (*Taphrospilus hypostictus*) – WS (the feeders provided especially good looks at this obscure foothill specialty).  
 Speckled Hummingbird (*Adelomyia melanogenys*) – SYL, Pap  
**Gould's Jewelfront** (*Heliodoxa aurescens*) – WS (spectacular!).  
 Fawn-breasted Brilliant (*Heliodoxa rubinoides*) – SYL  
 Violet-fronted Brilliant (*Heliodoxa leadbeateri*) – WS  
 Black-throated Brilliant (*Heliodoxa schreibersii*) – WS  
 Chestnut-breasted Coronet (*Boissonneaua matthewsii*) – SYL, Pap  
 Buff-tailed Coronet (*Boissonneaua flavescens*) - Pap (the rare *flavescens* race).  
 Shining Sunbeam (*Aglaeactis cupripennis*) – Pap, Ant  
**Ecuadorian (Chimborazo) Hillstar** (*Oreotrochilus chimborazo*) – Pap, Ant (this remarkable hummingbird spends its life above tree-line).  
 Mountain Velvetbreast (*Lafresnaya lafresnayi*) - Pap  
 Bronzy Inca (*Coeligena coeligena*) - SYL  
 Collared Inca (*Coeligena torquata*) – SYL, Pap  
 Buff-winged Starfrontlet (*Coeligena lutetiae*) – Pap (by a few).  
**Sword-billed Hummingbird** (*Ensifera ensifera*) - Q, Pap (almost unbelievable!).  
 Great Sapphirewing (*Pterophanes cyanopterus*) - Pap  
 Tourmaline Sunangel (*Heliangelus exortis*) - Pap  
 Booted Racket-tail (*Ocreatus underwoodii*) - WS  
 Black-tailed Trainbearer (*Lesbia victoriae*) - Q  
 Tyrian Metaltail (*Metallura tyrianthina*) - Pap  
 Viridian Metaltail (*Metallura williami*) – Pap  
 Mountain Avocetbill (*Opisthoprora euryptera*) - Pap  
 Long-tailed Sylph (*Agelaiocercus kingi*) – SYL, Pap  
 White-bellied Woodstar (*Chaetocercus mulsant*) - Pap  
 Gorgeted Woodstar (*Chaetocercus heliodor*) – SYL (by a few).  
 Crested Quetzal (*Pharomachrus antisianus*) – SYL (more elusive than the next).  
**Golden-headed Quetzal** (*Pharomachrus auriceps*) – SYL (female feeding barely-fledged juvenile and then a pair exploring potential nest holes).  
 Collared Trogon (*Trogon collaris*) - WS  
**Masked Trogon** (*Trogon personatus*) - SYL (bold and beautiful pair seen near the lodge on two mornings).  
**Highland Motmot** (*Momotus aequatorialis*) – WS, SYL (hd) (scope views of this large motmot, the only member of its family in the Andes. Recently split from the Blue-crowned).  
**Coppery-chested Jacamar** (*Galbula pastazae*) – WS (scope views of this glittering specialty of the Ecuador foothills).  
 Gilded Barbet (*Capito auratus*) - WS  
 Red-headed Barbet (*Eubucco bourcierii*) – WS  
 Emerald Toucanet (*Aulacorhynchus prasinus*) – SYL  
 Chestnut-tipped Toucanet (*Aulacorhynchus derbianus*) – WS  
**Golden-collared Toucanet** (*Selenidera reinwardtii*) – WS (a responsive male in the foothill forest was unexpected).

**Black-billed Mountain-Toucan** (*Andigena nigrirostris*) – SYL (incredible views of this hard-to-find and very different – and beautiful – toucan).

Many-banded Aracari (*Pteroglossus pluricinctus*) - WS

Channel-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos vitellinus*) – WS

**Black-mandibled Toucan** (*Ramphastos ambiguus*) – WS (calling noisily from favored perches in the foothill forest).

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker (*Melanerpes cruentatus*) - WS

Yellow-vented Woodpecker (*Veniliornis dignus*) – SYL (by a few).

Smoky-brown Woodpecker (*Veniliornis fumigatus*) – WS (heard only).

Golden-olive Woodpecker (*Piculus rubiginosus*) - WS

**Crimson-mantled Woodpecker** (*Piculus rivolii*) - SYL (brilliant!).

**Powerful Woodpecker** (*Campephilus pollens*) – SYL (several incredible looks at this normally hard-to-see species of the mountain forests).

Crimson-crested Woodpecker (*Campephilus melanoleucos*) – WS (by some).

**Stout-billed Cinclodes** (*Cinclodes excelsior*) – Pap, Ant (as close as could be around the Hacienda Antisana and in direct comparison with the next).

Bar-winged Cinclodes (*Cinclodes fuscus*) – Pap, Ant

Andean Tit-Spinetail (*Leptasthenura andicola*) - Ant

White-chinned Thistletail (*Schizoeaca fuliginosa*) - Pap

**Azara's Spinetail** (*Synallaxis azarae*) – SYL (close-ups of this secretive bird).

Ash-browed Spinetail (*Cranioleuca curtata*) - WS

Many-striped Canastero (*Asthenes flammulata*) – Pap, Ant (hd)

**Pearled Treerunner** (*Margarornis squamiger*) – SYL, Pap (elegant plumage).

Montane Foliage-gleaner (*Anabacerthia striaticollis*) – WS

Black-billed Treehunter (*Thripadectes melanorhynchus*) – WS (mostly heard; seen by a few).

Olivaceous Woodcreeper (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*) – WS

Strong-billed Woodcreeper (*Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus*) - SYL

Olive-backed Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus triangularis*) - WS

Montane Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger*) – SYL

Lined Antshrike (*Thamnophilus tenuipunctatus*) – WS

Ornate Antwren (*Epinecrophylla ornata*) - WS

Long-tailed Antbird (*Drymophila caudata*) - SYL

Blackish Antbird (*Cercomacra nigrescens*) – WS

**White-backed Fire-eye** (*Pyriglena leuconota*) – WS (a remarkably responsive individual that gave us long close studies).

Plain-backed Antpitta (*Grallaria haplonota*) – WS (heard only).

**Tawny Antpitta** (*Grallaria quitensis*) – Pap, Ant (hop, hop, hop on the paramo).

Chestnut-crowned Antpitta (*Grallaria ruficapilla*) - SYL (heard only)

**White-bellied Antpitta** (*Grallaria hypoleuca*) – SYL (a “tamed” bird coming in for worms).

Long-tailed Tapaculo (*Scytalopus micropterus*) - SYL (heard only).

Blackish Tapaculo (*Scytalopus latrans*) - SYL (heard only).

White-tailed Tyrannulet (*Mecocerculus poecilocercus*) - SYL

White-banded Tyrannulet (*Mecocerculus stictopterus*) – Pap

White-throated Tyrannulet (*Mecocerculus leucophrys*) – Pap (by a few).

**Tufted Tit-Tyrant** (*Anairetes parulus*) – Q, Ant (truly cute!).

Agile Tit-Tyrant (*Anairetes agilis*) - Pap

White-crested Elaenia (*Elaenia albiceps*) – Q, SYL  
 Torrent Tyrannulet (*Serpophaga cinerea*) - SYL  
 Slaty-capped Flycatcher (*Leptopogon superciliaris*) - WS  
 Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant (*Phylloscartes ophthalmicus*) – WS  
 Ecuadorian Tyrannulet (*Phylloscartes gualaquizae*) - WS  
 Golden-faced Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius chrysops*) – WS  
 Ornate Flycatcher (*Myiobrycon ornatus*) – WS  
 Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant (*Lophotriccus pileatus*) - WS  
**Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher** (*Poecilatriccus ruficeps*) – SYL (a colorful, if tiny, flycatcher of the subtropical forest understory).  
 Common Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum cinereum*) – WS  
 Cinnamon Flycatcher (*Pyrrhomyias cinnamomea*) - SYL, Pap  
**Cliff Flycatcher** (*Hirundinea ferruginea*) - WS (fly-catching from their specialized cliff environment).  
 Olive-chested Flycatcher (*Myiophobus cryptoxanthus*) - WS  
 Olive-sided Flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*) – WS, SYL  
 Smoke-colored Pewee (*Contopus fumigatus*) - SYL  
 Western Wood-Pewee (*Contopus sordidulus*) – WS  
 Eastern Wood-Pewee (*Contopus virens*) - WS  
 Black Phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*) – SYL  
 Plain-capped Ground-Tyrant (*Muscisaxicola alpinus*) – Pap, Ant (split in the field guide as “Paramo” Ground-Tyrant (*Muscisaxicola (a.) alpinus*)).  
**Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant** (*Agriornis montanus*) – Q (superb studies of several our first morning out).  
 Red-rumped Bush-Tyrant (*Cnemarchus erythropygius*) - Pap  
 Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant (*Ochthoeca fumicolor*) – Ant  
 Long-tailed Tyrant (*Colonia colonus*) – WS  
 Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*) – WS  
 Pale-edged Flycatcher (*Myiarchus cephalotes*) – SYL  
 Lemon-browed Flycatcher (*Conopias cinchoneti*) - WS  
 Golden-crowned Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes chrysocephalus*) – WS, SYL  
 Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) - WS, SYL  
 Red-crested Cotinga (*Ampelion rubrocristata*) - Pap  
**Green-and-black Fruiteater** (*Pipreola riefferii*) – SYL (calling male at point blank range, when the fog parted).  
**Andean Cock-of-the-Rock** (*Rupicola peruviana*) – SYL (so-so looks in the San Ysidro forest and then for some a spectacular show the next afternoon).  
 Masked Tityra (*Tityra semifasciata*) - WS  
**Barred Becard** (*Pachyramphus versicolor*) - SYL (close study at the lights).  
 Black-and-white Becard (*Pachyramphus albogriseus*) – SYL (by a few).  
 Brown-capped Vireo (*Vireo leucophrys*) - SYL  
 Olivaceous Greenlet (*Hylophilus olivaceus*) – WS  
 Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo (*Vireolanius leucotis*) – WS (by a few).  
**Black-billed Peppershrike** (*Cyclarhis nigristrois*) - SYL (great close looks at this regional specialty with the vigorous loud song).  
 Violaceous Jay (*Cyanocorax violaceus*) - WS  
 Green Jay (*Cyanocorax yncas*) - Pap (hd), SYL (split in the book as the “Inca” Jay (*Cyanocorax (y.) yncas*)).



Turquoise Jay (*Cyanolyca turcosa*) - Pap (by a few).  
 Blue-and-white Swallow (*Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*) – WS, SYL, Q  
 Brown-bellied Swallow (*Orochelidon murina*) - Pap, SYL  
 White-thighed Swallow (*Atticora tibialis*) – WS  
 Thrush-like Wren (*Campylorhynchus turdinus*) – WS  
 Plain-tailed Wren (*Thryothorus euophrys*) - SYL  
 Coraya Wren (*Thryothorus coraya*) – WS (heard; glimpsed).  
 House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) – WS, SYL (hd)  
 Mountain Wren (*Troglodytes solstitialis*) - SYL  
 Sedge Wren (*Cistothorus platensis*) – Pap (heard only).  
 Gray-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucophrys*) – SYL, Pap (hd)  
 Wing-banded Wren (*Microcerculus bambla*) - WS (heard only).  
**White-capped Dipper** (*Cinclus leucocephalus*) – Pap (well concealed amidst the rushing mountain streams).  
 Andean Solitaire (*Myadestes ralloides*) – SYL (heard only).  
 Swainson's Thrush (*Catharus ustulatus*) – WS, SYL  
**Pale-eyed Thrush** (*Turdus leucops*) - SYL (a remarkable songster).  
 Great Thrush (*Turdus fuscater*) - Q, Pap, Ant  
 Glossy-black Thrush (*Turdus serranus*) - SYL  
 Black-billed Thrush (*Turdus ignobilis*) – WS  
 Tropical Parula (*Parula pitiayumi*) – WS, SYL (hd)  
 Blackburnian Warbler (*Dendroica fusca*) - WS, SYL  
**Cerulean Warbler** (*Dendroica cerulea*) – WS (one stunning male seen by the group; this declining species winters primarily in the east-slope foothills of the Andes).  
 American Redstart (*Setophaga ruficilla*) – WS (uncommon this far south).  
 Canada Warbler (*Wilsonia canadensis*) – WS, SYL  
 Slate-throated Redstart (*Myioborus miniatus*) – WS, SYL  
 Spectacled Whitestart (*Myioborus melanocephalus*) – SYL, Pap  
 Citrine Warbler (*Basileuterus luteoviridis*) – SYL (by a few at the pass).  
 Black-crested Warbler (*Basileuterus nigrocristatus*) – Q (hd), SYL, Pap (hd)  
 Russet-crowned Warbler (*Basileuterus coronatus*) - SYL  
 Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*) – WS  
 Magpie Tanager (*Cissopis leverianus*) – WS  
 Black-capped Hemispingus (*Hemispingus atropileus*) - Pap  
 Superciliaried Hemispingus (*Hemispingus superciliaris*) - Pap  
 Black-eared Hemispingus (*Hemispingus melanotis*) - SYL  
 Cinereous Conebill (*Conirostrum cinereum*) – Q, Pap  
**Blue-backed Conebill** (*Conirostrum sitticolor*) - Pap (cute and colorful, feeding like chickadees).  
 Capped Conebill (*Conirostrum albifrons*) – Pap  
 Common Bush-Tanager (*Chlorospingus ophthalmicus*) – SYL  
 Yellow-throated Bush-Tanager (*Chlorospingus flavigularis*) - WS  
 White-lined Tanager (*Tachyphonus rufus*) - WS  
 Silver-beaked Tanager (*Ramphocelus carbo*) - WS  
 Blue-gray Tanager (*Thraupis episcopus*) – WS, SYL  
 Blue-and-yellow Tanager (*Thraupis bonariensis*) - Q  
 Palm Tanager (*Thraupis palmarum*) - WS  
 Hooded Mountain-Tanager (*Buthraupis montana*) – Pap (by a few).

Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager (*Anisognathus igniventris*) – Pap (by a few).  
 Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager (*Anisognathus somptuosus*) – SYL  
**Grass-green Tanager** (*Chlorornis riefferii*) – SYL (close look at Huacamayo Pass).

Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager (*Dubusia taeniata*) - Pap  
 Orange-eared Tanager (*Chlorochrysa calliparaea*) - WS  
 Paradise Tanager (*Tangara chilensis*) – WS  
**Golden Tanager** (*Tangara arthus*) – WS (one of the more conspicuous small tanagers, but they were all wonderful).

Golden-eared Tanager (*Tangara chrysotis*) – WS (by a few).  
 Saffron-crowned Tanager (*Tangara xanthocephala*) – SYL  
 Spotted Tanager (*Tangara punctata*) - WS  
 Bay-headed Tanager (*Tangara gyrola*) - WS  
 Blue-necked Tanager (*Tangara cyanicollis*) - WS  
**Beryl-spangled Tanager** (*Tangara nigroviridis*) – SYL (dazzling!).  
 Black-capped Tanager (*Tangara heinei*) – SYL  
 Black-faced Dacnis (*Dacnis lineata*) – WS  
 Purple Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*) - WS  
 Golden-collared Honeycreeper (*Iridophanes pulcherrima*) – WS, SYL  
 Swallow Tanager (*Tersina viridis*) – WS  
 Grayish Saltator (*Saltator coerulescens*) - WS  
 Plumbeous Sierra-Finch (*Phrygilus unicolor*) – Pap, Ant  
 Black-and-white Seedeater (*Sporophila luctuosa*) - WS  
 Chestnut-bellied Seedeater (*Sporophila castaneiventris*) - WS  
 Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch (*Oryzoborus angolensis*) – WS  
 Band-tailed Seedeater (*Catamenia analis*) - Q  
 Plain-colored Seedeater (*Catamenia inornata*) - Pap  
 Rusty Flowerpiercer (*Diglossa sittoides*) - Q  
 White-sided Flowerpiercer (*Diglossa albilatera*) - SYL  
 Black Flowerpiercer (*Diglossa humeralis*) – Q, Pap  
 Deep-blue (Golden-eyed) Flowerpiercer (*Diglossa glaucus*) - WS  
 Bluish Flowerpiercer (*Diglossa caerulescens*) - SYL  
 Masked Flowerpiercer (*Diglossa cyanea*) – SYL, Pap  
 Pale-naped Brush-Finch (*Atlapetes pallidinucha*) - Pap (by a few).  
 Yellow-breasted (Rufous-naped) Brush-Finch (*Atlapetes latinuchus*) - Ant  
 Slaty Brush-Finch (*Atlapetes schistaceus*) – Pap  
 Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch (*Arremon brunneinucha*) - Pap  
 Yellow-browed Sparrow (*Ammodramus aurifrons*) – WS, SYL  
 Rufous-collared Sparrow (*Zonotrichia capensis*) - Q, SYL, Pap, Ant  
**Scarlet Tanager** (*Piranga olivacea*) – WS (interesting to see this species on its wintering grounds, in drab basic plumage).

Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*) – WS, SYL  
 Golden-bellied (Southern Yellow) Grosbeak (*Pheucticus chrysogaster*) – Q  
 Scarlet-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus uropygialis*) - SYL (the form here is split in the field guide as the “Subtropical” Cacique (*Cacicus (u.) uropygialis*)).  
 Mountain Cacique (*Cacicus chrysonotus*) - SYL (split by Ridgely et al in the field guide as “Northern Mountain-Cacique” (*Cacicus (c.) leucoramphus*)).  
 Russet-backed Oropendola (*Psarocolius angustifrons*) - WS, SYL

Crested Oropendola (*Psarocolius decumanus*) - WS  
Golden-rumped Euphonia (*Euphonia cyanocephala*) - WS  
Bronze-green Euphonia (*Euphonia mesochrysa*) - WS  
Orange-bellied Euphonia (*Euphonia xanthogaster*) - WS  
**Blue-naped Chlorophonia** (*Chlorophonia cyanea*) – WS (a real Wow! bird).  
Hooded Siskin (*Carduelis magellanica*) - Q  
Olivaceous Siskin (*Carduelis olivacea*) - WS

**Mammal List:**

White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) - Pap  
Red-tailed Squirrel (*Sciurus granatensis*) – SYL  
Black Agouti  
Brazilian Rabbit (Tropical Cottontail) (*Sylvilagus brasiliensis*) – Pap  
Spectacled Bear  
Paramo Fox – Ant (Nancy).