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For the first few days it seemed as if the trip would be more about traffic in Bogotá (and how to get in and out of the city) than birds, but our days afield soon dispelled that notion. On our first day, at Chingaza National Park, we found the mountain slopes alive with hummingbirds and an abundance of flowering plants and, although some hummers seldom seemed to sit still, others did, such as the gorgeous Purple-backed Thornbill. And, any memories of hummingbird frustration were quickly forgotten after an afternoon visit to a nearby group of feeders with point-blank views of trainbearers, Blue-throated Starfrontlet, and Glowing Puffleg among others. On the second day, during our visit to Laguna Tabacal, we focused on more difficult forest species and were successful, during our short period of time here, in getting almost everything—including Striped Manakin, Rusty-breasted Antpitta, Gray-throated Warbler, and Speckle-breasted Wren. Our visit to the private Chicaque Reserve the next day proved to be one of the best days of the trip with almost non-stop mixed species flocks, gorgeous view of Golden-bellied Starfrontlets, and later, a Black Inca. And so it continued—tropical dry forest, montane wet forest, the lovely little Bellavista Reserve in the Central Andean foothills, the hot and humid lowland forests at Río Claro, stops in Magdalena Valley ranchland and, finally, a visit to the ProAves Cerulean Warbler Reserve.

Remarkably, one of our top days was the humid forest above Ibagué, on the east slope of the Central Andes, where we recorded, in a half-day, almost a hundred species, among them Black-billed Mountain-Toucan, Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia, and even a male Lazuline Sabrewing at feeders. Río Claro brought a spectacular selection of large fruit-eating birds at a fruit tree where Saffron-headed Parrots, toucans, oropendolas, motmots, and even several tanagers were present. And there was an evening visit to an oilbird cave and enough antbirds, flycatchers, and becards for almost any enthusiast. Later, a search for Northern Screamers added quite a number of additional unexpected species, among them Orange-winged Parrot, a beautiful pair of Blue-and-yellow Macaws at a nest stub, and even a tiny Shining-green Hummingbird.

Among other trip highlights were seeing two species of scythebills (one of the few times we've ever seen two species of scythebills in a single trip); the largest number of spinetails I've ever recorded on this trip (9 species); 38 species of hummingbirds (all seen well); 15 species of wrens (12 seen); a good selection of endemics such as the Apolinar's Wren and Turquoise Dacnis; 5 species of *Hemispingus* tanagers; and 13 species of *Tangara* tanagers (at least 10 seen by everyone). We also saw quite a number of Gray-cheeked Thrushes (including 6 one morning), and over 45 Blackburnian Warblers, although overall I thought the number of wintering North

American breeding migrants was low. I didn't count the list, but it was surely a good one. This trip also goes on record as one of the driest with much of Colombia suffering from extreme dryness due to the effects of an unusually strong *El Niño*.

Every time I return to Colombia I learn about another new and exciting location for birding—a new lodge, a new road, an area previously inaccessible or unexplored. During the 1980s and 1990s Colombia was mired in civil unrest and foreign visitors were rare, flocking instead to neighboring Costa Rica, Panama, Ecuador, and other countries for birding and ecotourism. When birders finally were able to return to Colombia beginning about 2008, an explosion of interest followed. In the late 1980s I often said that security was so bad in Colombia I might never be able to return. Little did I imagine the transformation that would occur.

Colombia also is a busy country. Everywhere we traveled there were signs of heavy construction, people working, a country at work, a varied and booming economy, and a country that is generally clean and surprisingly cognizant of conservation issues. Bogotá suffers growing pains like any large metropolitan area (major traffic congestion), but is trying numerous novel ways to ameliorate congestion and smog—a private lane bus system; a proliferation of bicycle lanes; no automobiles one day a week; an odd-even license plate number system for alternate day driving; and Sunday closing of many streets to all but bicycles and foot traffic. Road signs throughout the country urge people to take care of the environment and keep the environment clean. For a country that has struggled to rid itself of crippling political and social problems, the transformation is remarkable. The statistics are undeniable—just over 1,900 species of birds have been recorded here including over 70 endemics and many more species that are almost endemics. And, for several of you who came a day or two early for birding and cultural sites around Bogotá with Diana, you added even a few more birds. A popular slogan says that the only danger in Colombia now is wanting to stay. And that just may be true.

### **ITINERARY (major sites)**

1. Chingaza National Park); up to ca. 10,600 ft; dept. of Cundinamarca and afternoon stop at some feeders near the town of Calera
2. Early morning at Parque La Florida followed by late morning at Laguna Tabacal (near La Vega; c. 900m) & mid-afternoon at San Francisco (Jardín Encantado (Enchanted Hummingbird Garden; c. 1400m); all sites in dept of Cundinamarca
3. Chicaque Reserve southwest of Bogotá; 2200-2400m el, dept of Cundinamarca
4. Reserva Mana Dulce at c. 400m el; (1300 ft); Tropical dry forest
5. Morning from Ibagué to El Silencio (c. 1250-2450m el)
6. Reserva Natural Bellavista (c. 950m), dept. of Caldas; afternoon drive to Río Claro EcoReserve , dept. of Antioquia (ca. 300m) with afternoon stop in Pto. Triunfo area.
- 7-8. Río Claro EcoReserve and Gaitania Road

9. Morning side excursion into ranchland east of Pto. Boyacá; otherwise most of day driving to San Vicente de Chucurí and Cerulean Warbler Reserve
- 10-11. Reserva Natural de Aves Reinita Cielo Azul (Cerulean Warbler Reserve); 1320m (ca. 4700 ft in upper cloud forest); west slope Eastern Andes; San Vicente (c. 750m)
12. Early departure from Cerulean Warbler Reserve with three birding stops en route to Bucaramanga and afternoon flight to Bogotá for conclusion of tour

**KEY:**

Heard = a species only heard (preceded by (\*))

[ ] = seen/heard only by SH (Hilty) or HA (Hernan Arias)

**Boldface and underlined** (blue and boldface) = **endemics** and **near endemics** (the latter term being rather loosely defined as any bird also found mainly in Colombia and also just beyond its political boundary)

**Boldface and black** = **scarce or local or unusual for various reasons**

**red** = **migrants from North America**

**BIRDS:** *subspecies are provided for a select few species for which there are known taxonomic issues. For additional information and comments, interested persons are encouraged to visit the SACC web page; and the ProAves web site [http://www.proaves.org/rubrique.php?id\\_rubrique=372](http://www.proaves.org/rubrique.php?id_rubrique=372) and click on the Lista de Aves de Colombia to download the entire checklist (current to 2010) which lists all known subspecies in Colombia and the approximate areas where each is found. Other taxonomic information can be found at the IOU (International Ornithological Union) website.*

TINAMIDAE

\*Highland Tinamou, *Nothocercus bonapartei*, heard above Ibagué (at ca. 2450m el); a small range extension

\*Little Tinamou, *Tinamus soui*, heard on two consecutive days at Río Claro

ANHIMIDAE

Northern Screamer, *Chauna chavaria*, only one seen but it was very close and in scope; east of Pto. Boyacá

ANATIDAE, Ducks and other waterfowl,

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, *Dendrocygna autumnalis*, lake near Ibagué (c. 20 birds); marshes east of Pto. Boyacá (only 1)

**Blue-winged Teal, *Anas discors***, 75-100 at Parque La Florida in Bogotá

**Lesser Scaup, *Aythya affinis***, one female at Parque La Florida in Bogotá (rare anywhere in Colombia)

Ruddy Duck (Andean form), *Oxyura jamaicensis ferruginea*, all resident forms; c. 25

CRACIDAE

\***Colombian Chachalaca, *Ortalis columbiana* (E)**, seen at Bellavista Reserve and Río Claro; heard at Cerulean Warbler Reserve; previously regarded as a subspecies of Speckled Chachalaca, *O. guttata columbiana*; now officially split by SACC  
Sickle-winged Guan, *Chamaepetes goudotii*, two seen at ca. 2200 m el near El Silencio (dept. of Tolima) but both were distant and not seen well

#### ODONTOPHORIDAE, New World Quail

\*Gorgeted Wood-Quail, *Odontophorus strophium*, only heard distantly in upper forest at Caerulea; none came to the crackled corn feeder during our visit

#### PODICIPEDIDAE

Least Grebe, *Tachybaptus dominicus*, about eight seen (2 pairs and chicks) at a small pond near the Río Claro Reserve

Pied-billed Grebe, *Podilymbus podiceps*, ca. 8 at Parque La Florida

#### PHALACROCORACIDAE

Neotropical Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*, Parque La Florida; lake near Ibague; and Magdalena River valley east and north of Pto. Boyacá

#### ANHINGIDAE

Anhinga, *Anhinga anhinga*, one over small lagoon east of Río Claro

#### ARDEIDAE

**Fasciated Tiger-Heron, *Tigrisoma fasciatum***, 1 subadult bird seen twice on rocks in Río Claro; always scarce

Cocoi Heron, *Ardea cocoi*, Río Claro; Río Magdalena (1 at edge of a river island); also in marshy areas north of Pto. Boyacá

Great Egret, *Ardea albus*, seen on numerous days including at small lake near Ibague; mostly Magdalena valley lowlands

Snowy Egret, *Egretta thula*, our only records appears to be one the last day en route from San Vicente to Bucaramanga

Little Blue Heron, *Egretta tricolor*, one at the lake near Ibague (dept of Tolima)

Cattle Egret, *Bubulcus ibis*, all lower- and mid-elevations; large rookery at San Francisco (at edge of town)

Striated Heron, *Butorides striatus*, one seen at small lake near Ibague; another near Río Claro; a third in Magdalene lowlands north of Pto. Boyacá

#### THRESKIORNITHIDAE

Bare-faced (Whispering) Ibis, *Phimosus infuscatus*, many areas including Parque La Florida at Bogotá; lake near Ibague (Tolima); and in numerous sites in lowlands of Magdalena Valley

#### CATHARTIDAE,

Black Vulture, *Coragyps atratus*, all days

Turkey Vulture, *Cathartes aura*, seen most days (but not at high elevations); resident birds only

Lesser Yellow-headed vulture, *Cathartes burrovianus*, very close studies of a perched bird east of Río Claro

#### PANDIONIDAE, Osprey

**Osprey, *Pandion haliaetus***, Parque La Florida in Bogotá (2600 m); a North American migrant but with some non-breeding individuals present year-round in South America

#### ACCIPITRIDAE

White-tailed Kite, *Elanus leucurus*, one above Bogotá at 3000 m el; another near Ibagué at 1600 m el

Swallow-tailed Kite, *Elanoides forficatus*, several in Río Claro area

Double-toothed Kite, *Harpagus bidentatus*, one at Río Claro

Sharp-shinned Hawk, *Accipiter striatus*, one in the Chingaza National Park

Crane Hawk, *Geranospiza caerulescens*, 1 over marshy area east of Pto. Boyacá

Savanna Hawk, *Buteogallus meridionalis*, several in the middle Magdalena Valley

Roadside Hawk, *Buteo magnirostris*, seen almost daily at all low to mid-elevation sites; one at 2800 m near Ibagué was highest elevation for it

**Broad-winged Hawk, *Buteo platypterus***, near Ibagué; Cerulean Warbler Reserve (a couple)

**Swainson's Hawk, *Buteo swainsoni***, 5 just below Ibagué probably marks the beginning of their northward migration

#### RALLIDAE

\*White-throated Crake, *Laterallus albigularis*, heard at small lagoon near El Triunfo (east of Río Claro)

Common Gallinule, *Gallinule galeata*, a few at Parque La Florida

Spot-flanked Gallinule, *Gallinula melanops*, at least 5 at Parque La Florida

Purple Gallinule, *Porphyrio martinicus*, marshy area in Magdalena Valley east of Pto. Boyacá (not marked on my daily list but I believe this bird was seen here)

**American Coot, *Fulica americana***, La Florida (where quite common)

#### CHARADRIIDAE

Southern Lapwing, *Vanellus chilensis*, Magdalena lowlands in various sites from Parque La Florida onward

#### JACANIDAE

Wattled Jacana, *Jacana jacana melanopygia*, Magdalena lowlands (this “black” race looks quite different than birds east of Andes; these eastern birds are dark maroon chestnut above); we saw one adult male with 3 half-grown chicks near El Triunfo; others east of Pto. Boyacá; another at lake near Ibagué

#### SCOLOPACIDAE

**Spotted Sandpiper, *Actitis macularius***, one at lake near Ibagué

**Solitary Sandpiper, *Tringa solitaria***, up to 25 at Parque La Florida including 15 together at one spot (hardly “solitary”)

Greater Yellowlegs, *Tringa melanoleuca*, five at Parque La Florida (2600 m)  
yellowlegs sp., *Tringa* sp. two distant in flight over marsh east of Pto. Boyacá

#### LARIDAE, Gulls and Terns

Large-billed Tern, *Phaetusa simplex*, 2 seen near Río Magdalena (one pair near Pto. Triunfo; another pair at the river itself)

#### COLUMBIDAE

Rock Pigeon, *Columba livia*, towns and cities

Pale-vented Pigeon, *Columba cayennensis*, a few seen near marsh east of Pto. Boyacá in Magdalena Valley

Band-tailed Pigeon, *Patagioenas fasciata*, Chingaza National Park; Chicaque; above Ibagué; and Cerulean Warbler Reserve

Ruddy Pigeon, *Patagioenas subvinacea*, seen close at Cerulean Warbler Reserve

Ruddy Ground-Dove, *Columbina talpacoti*, virtually every day except at Chingaza NP

Ruddy Quail-Dove, *Geotrygon montana*, 1 flew right in front of us and then circled back into forest at Bellavista

White-tipped Dove, *Leptotila verreauxi*, most lower elevation up to at least 6000 ft

Gray-chested Dove, *Leptotila cassinii*, one seen both on the ground and perched in a small tree; this bird was studied at length in scope; seems to be uncommon at Río Claro; white tail tips quite small and with bluish orbital skin (not red as in White-tipped Dove west of Andes) but it does have reddish or dark red eyes

\*Tolima Dove, *Leptotila conoveri*, alas only heard

Eared Dove, *Zenaida auriculata*, seen along electric wires in highlands; in Bogotá; and in various settled areas

#### CUCULIDAE

Squirrel Cuckoo, *Piaya cayana*, two at Bellavista Reserve; also in upper forest of Cerulean Warbler Reserve

Striped Cuckoo, *Tapera naevia*, heard near Río Claro and in Magdalena Valley; finally seen close above the Cerulean Warbler Reserve

\*Pavonine Cuckoo, *Dromococcyx phasianellus*, one heard at in upper forest at Cerulean Warbler Reserve; quite local in Colombia

Greater Ani, *Crotophaga major*, four almost-fledged juveniles in a large stick nest near Pto. Triunfo; also daily at Río Claro and in Magdalena Valley east of Pto. Boyacá

Smooth-billed Ani, *Crotophaga ani*, all humid lower elevation open humid areas

Groove-billed Ani, *Crotophaga sulcirostris*, we saw a few in hot dry pastures near Mana Dulce

#### STRIGIDAE

Tropical Screech Owl, *Megascops choliba*, two seen together after dark in spotlight at Cerulean Warbler Reserve; very cute

\*Spectacled Owl, *Pulsatrix perspicillata*, heard around 3 a.m. at Río Claro by Hernan Arias but it was apparently calling right over our buildings

\*Crested Owl, *Lophostrix cristata*, heard at Río Claro

## CAPRIMULGIDAE

\*Pauraque, *Nyctidromus albicollis*, heard at Cerulean Warbler Reserve

## NYCTIBIIDAE

Common Potoo, *Nyctibius griseus*, heard at Río Claro on two mornings

## STEATORNITHIDAE

**Oilbird**, *Steatornis caripensis*, 100+ at Río Claro at dusk

## APODIDAE

White-collared Swift, *Streptoprocne zonaris*, about 15 seen distantly near Río Claro in late afternoon; remarkably few swifts of any kind were seen on this trip

Gray-rumped Swift, *Chaetura cinereiventris*, one seen distantly near Río Claro; unidentified swifts, several seen near Ibague were probably Chestnut-collared Swifts but none were seen well enough to be sure

## TROCHILIDAE (38 species)

White-necked Jacobin, *Florisuga mellivora*, Laguna Tabacal; near Ibague (1750m); Cerulean Warbler Reserve

Rufous-breasted Hermit, *Glaucis hirsute*, Río Claro

Green Hermit, *Phaethornis guy*, above Ibague (1250m); Bellavista; Cerulean Warbler Reserve

Long-billed Hermit, *Phaethornis longirostris*, two at Río Claro

**Green-fronted Lancebill**, *Doryfera ludovicae*, one above Ibague (c. 1800m)

Brown Violetear, *Colibri delphinae*, San Francisco; Cerulean Warbler Reserve

Green Violetear, *Colibri thalassinus*, Observatorio de Colibris (3000m); Chicaque (2450m); above Ibague (1800m); Cerulean Warbler Reserve

Sparkling Violetear, *Colibri coruscans*, San Francisco

Purple-crowned Fairy, *Heliostyris barroti*, Río Claro 2 seen perched

Black-throated Mango, *Anthracothorax nigricollis*, San Francisco feeders; Cerulean Warbler feeders

Tourmaline Sunangel, *Heliangelus exortis*, Chicaque Restaurant feeder (2450m); above Ibague (2450m)

Long-tailed Sylph, *Agelaiocercus kingi*, Chicaque Reserve; above Ibague (2450m); Cerulean Warbler Reserve (in forest in upper reserve)

Black-tailed Trainbearer, *Lesbia victoriae*, 3-4 at Chingaza (Observatorio de Colibris) at 3000 m

Green-tailed Trainbearer, *Lesbia nuna*, 4 at Chingaza (Observatorio de Colibris) at 3000m

**Purple-backed Thornbill**, *Ramphomicron microrhynchum*, 1M and 1F at Chingaza National Park (male seen repeatedly)

Tyrian Metaltail, *Metallura tyrianthina*, 8-10 at Chingaza (more MM than FF)

Glowing Puffleg, *Eriocnemis vestita*, up to 5 at Chingaza (Observatorio de Colibris) at 3000 m; Chicaque Reserve (at least 4 at feeders by upper restaurant)



**Coppery-bellied Puffleg, *Eriocnemis cupreovertris*** (near endemic), 2-3 at Chingaza (including Observatorio de Colibris) and 4 at Chicaque Restaurant feeders (2450 m)

**Black Inca, *Coeligena prunellei*** (E), one at flowers in garden by lodge/restaurant at Chicaque Reserve (about 2100m); Cerulean Warbler Reserve (several at feeders in upper forest reserve)

Collared Inca, *Coeligena torquata*, Chicaque Reserve; above Ibague)

**Golden-bellied Starfrontlet, *Coeligena bonapartei*** (near endemic), restaurant just outside Chicaque Reserve (3-4 MM and FF seen repeatedly); spectacular colors and a scarce and local bird in Colombia

**Blue-throated Starfrontlet, *Coeligena helianthea*** (near endemic) Chingaza (Observatorio de Colibris) at 3000 m (at least 2 seen repeatedly)

[Mountain Velvetbreast, *Lafresnaya lafresnayi*, 1 male at Chingaza National Park was seen only by Hernan Arias]

**Sword-billed Hummingbird, *Ensifera ensifera***, one female seen above Ibague (ca. 2000m)

Buff-tailed Coronet, *Boissonneaua flavescens*, Chicaque Reserve; above Juntas; several at feeders in the upper forest at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve

Booted Racket-tail, *Ocreatus underwoodii*, 1M at Chicaque; 2FF above Ibague; several at Cerulean Warbler Reserve (upper forest)

**Fawn-breasted Brilliant, *Heliodoxa rubinoides***, 1 at feeders at restaurant above Ibague (ca. 1250m); Cerulean Warbler Reserve (1 at feeders in upper forest reserve at Cerulean Warbler Reserve)

Green-crowned Brilliant, *Heliodoxa jacula*, many seen in both lower and upper areas of Cerulean Warbler Reserve and at coffee plantation feeders

White-bellied Woodstar, *Chaetocercus mulsant*, Chingaza NP; Chicaque Reserve; several at San Francisco feeders

**Gorgeted Woodstar, *Chaetocercus heliodor***, San Francisco feeders (1F); Chicaque Restaurant feeders (another female)

Red-billed Emerald, *Chlorostilbon gibsoni*, one female near Río Sogomoso (350m) the last day; a couple other unidentified females at the Cerulean Warbler reserve were almost certainly also this species

**Lazuline Sabrewing, *Campylopterus falcatus***, one male at feeders at restaurant above Ibague (1250 m)

White-vented Plumeteer, *Chalybura buffonii*, feeders at San Francisco; one female at Bellavista Reserve

Crowned Woodnymph, *Thalurania colombica*, two above Ibague (1750m); many at Cerulean Warbler Reserve (common at both lower and upper sites); most recently called Violet-crowned Woodnymph, *T. colombica* when split from Green-crowned Woodnymph (*T. fannyi*) but the two forms are now lumped again

Andean Emerald, *Amazilia franciae*, San Francisco feeders (1); above Ibague at 1750m; Cerulean Warbler Reserve (lower and upper feeders) where common

**Indigo-capped Hummingbird, *Amazilia cyanifrons*** (E), feeders at San Francisco (perhaps 30 or more present); 2 above Ibague at 1750m; Cerulean Warbler Reserve (where common at the two lower elevation feeder sites)

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird, *Amazilia tzacatl*, San Francisco feeders (many); restaurant feeders above Ibagué at 1250m; Cerulean Warbler Reserve (many at lower elevation feeders)  
Shining-green Hummingbird, *Lepidopyga goudoti*, 1 bird studied carefully at close range east of Pto. Boyacá (ca. 300 m el); at scattered tree along a road in ranchland

#### TROGONIDAE

White-tailed Trogon, *Trogon chionurus*, Río Claro (male and female)  
Collared Trogon, *Trogon collaris*, one male at Cerulean Warbler Reserve (upper forest; a rather high elevation for this species)

#### MOMOTIDAE

Whooping Motmot, *Momotus subrufescens*, two seen at Mana Dulce; formerly called Blue-crowned Motmot (*M. momota*) now split into several species;  
Andean (formerly Highland) Motmot, *Momotus aequatorialis*, 2-3 seen well above Ibagué on El Silencio road (formerly lumped with Blue-crowned Motmot and then split (and disputed) but now regarded as a distinct species; it occurs at high elevations in the Andes and is larger than Whooping Motmot)  
Rufous Motmot, *Baryphthengus martii*, two seen in fruiting tree at Río Claro  
Broad-billed Motmot, *Electron platyrhynchum*, one at Río Claro

#### ALCEDINIDAE

Ringed Kingfisher, *Megaceryle torquata*, at lake near Ibagué; El Triunfo  
Green Kingfisher, *Chloroceryle americana*, one at lagoon near El Triunfo

#### BUCCONIDAE

Barred Puffbird, *Nystalus radiatus*, Mana Dulce Reserve (two seen in scope)  
\*White-whiskered Puffbird, *Malacoptila panamensis*, heard at Río Claro  
Moustached Puffbird, *Malacoptila mystacalis*, seen at Cerulean Warbler Reserve

#### GALBULIDAE

Rufous-tailed Jacamar, *Galbula ruficauda*, Mana Dulce Reserve

#### CAPITONIDAE

[White-mantled Barbet, \*Capito hypoleucus\* \(E\)](#), pair seen well at Bellavista Reserve; also heard and seen at Río Claro; heard at Cerulean Warbler Reserve (upper forest)

#### RAMPHASTIDAE

Emerald Toucanet, *Aulacorhynchus prasinus*, 3-4 at Chicaque Reserve; heard at Cerulean Warbler Reserve (upper forest)  
**Black-billed Mountain-Toucan, *Andigena nigrirostris***, 1 above Ibagué (2450m)  
Collared Araçari, *Pteroglossus torquatus*, several at Río Claro including one large group of about 12  
Black- (Chestnut) mandibled Toucan, *Ramphastos swainsonii abbreviatus*, Río Claro (we had good views of this species a couple times including two close in a fruiting

tree; Black-mandibled (*T. ambiguous*) and Chestnut-mandibled toucans are now merged  
Channel-billed (Citron-throated) Toucan, *Ramphastos vitellinus (citreoalaemus)*, Río Claro; this Citron-throated race will probably remain merged with Channel-billed Toucan; we saw two

#### PICIDAE

Olivaceous Piculet, *Picumnus olivaceus*, Mana Dulce; above Ibaguè; Bellavista Reserve  
Acorn Woodpecker, *Melanerpes formicivorus*, 2 at the lower Chicaque restaurant (ca. 2100m)  
**Beautiful Woodpecker, *Melanerpes pulcher* (E)**, one at Bellavista; one at Río Claro  
Red-crowned Woodpecker, *Melanerpes rubricapillus*, all lower elevations  
Smoky-brown Woodpecker, *Picoides fumigatus*, one at Chicaque Reserve  
Red-rumped Woodpecker, *Veniliornis kirkii*, two at Mana Dulce Reserve; heard near the Río Sogomoso the last day  
Crimson-mantled Woodpecker, *Colaptes rivolii*, 1 above Ibaguè at 2450 m (a little distant)  
Spot-breasted Woodpecker, *Colaptes punctigula*, 1 along the Guitania Road near Río Claro  
Cinnamon Woodpecker, *Celeus loricatus*, Río Claro  
Lineated Woodpecker, *Dryocopus lineatus*, Mana Dulce; Cerulean Warbler Reserve (lower area)  
Crimson-crested Woodpecker, *Campephilus melanoleucos*, 2 at Río Claro

#### FALCONIDAE

Crested Caracara, *Caracara cheriway*, Mana Dulce Reserve; lake near Ibaguè and other areas in the floor of the Magdalena Valley  
Yellow-headed Caracara, *Milvago chimachima*, Mana Dulce Reserve; Magdalena Valley lowlands to Cerulean Warbler Reserve  
\*Laughing Falcon, *Herpetotheres cachinnans*, heard distantly at Cerulean Warbler Reserve  
American Kestrel, *Falco sparverius*, Parque La Florida; near Ibaguè (2000m)  
Aplomado Falcon, *Falco femoralis*, pair flying past bus north of San Vicente

#### PSITTACIDAE

Orange-chinned Parakeet, *Brotogeris jugularis*, Mana Dulce; Río Claro; Río Sogomoso  
**Saffron-headed Parrot, *Pyrrhuloxia pyrrhuloxia***, Río Claro (pair close in fruiting tree; another in flight)  
Blue-headed Parrot, *Pionus menstruus*, Bellavista; Río Claro; Cerulean Warbler Reserve  
Yellow-crowned Parrot, *Amazona ochrocephala*, Mana Dulce (pair close); one east of Pto. Boyacá  
Orange-winged Parrot, *Amazona amazonica*, one in scope east of Pto. Boyacá  
Scaly-naped Parrot, *Amazona mercenarius*, up to 25 above Ibaguè (1800m)

Spectacled Parrotlet, *Forpus conspicillatus* (near endemic), seems like we heard them at almost all lowland areas including Laguna Tabacal; Mana Dulce; and Cerulea but never really saw them well anywhere

Blue-and-yellow Macaw, *Ara ararauna*, pair examining rotten stub in ranchland east of Pto. Boyacá; great study in binoculars and scope

Chestnut-fronted Macaw, *Ara serverus*, pair in flight east of Pto. Boyacá; at edge of range

#### THAMNOPHILIDAE

Great Antshrike, *Taraba major*, pair at Río Sogomoso (350m)

Barred Antshrike, *Thamnophilus doliatus*, two females at Mana Dulce Reserve

Bar-crested Antshrike, *Thamnophilus multistriatus* (near endemic), finally seen at Cerulean Warbler Reserve (along road near the reserve)

Black-crowned Antshrike, *Thamnophilus atrinucha*, seen well at Mana Dulce; heard at Río Claro [formerly called Slaty Antshrike but now split into multiple species]

Uniform Antshrike, *Thamnophilus unicolor*, one male at Cerulean Warbler Reserve (upper forest)

\*Recurve-billed Bushbird, *Clytoctantes alixii*, heard at Cerulean Warbler Reserve

\*Streak-headed Antbird, *Drymophila striaticeps*, heard above Ibagué at 2450m; this a one of a multi-species split from Long-tailed Antbird

Pacific Antwren, *Myrmotherula pacifica*, Río Claro (pairs seen well)

White-flanked Antwren, *Myrmotherula axillaris*, Río Claro (group of 3)

White-fringed Antwren, *Myrmotherula grisea*, subspecies *intermedia* near El Triunfo (west of Río Magdalena); all forms in western and northern Colombia and Venezuela represent a form distinct from birds of south of the Orinoco in Venezuela and in the Guianas, Brazil and Bolivia but are not yet regarded as separate species

Parker's Antbird, *Cercomacra parkeri*, one male at Cerulean Warbler Reserve (upper forest)

Jet Antbird, *Cercomacra nigricans*, great views of a male north of San Vicente; heard at Tabacal and Mana Dulce

**Bare-crowned Antbird, *Gymnocichla nudiceps***, pair at Río Claro (male seen repeatedly although mainly glimpses and brief views)

White-bellied Antbird, *Myrmeciza longipes*, heard at Laguna Tabacal; one female seen at Mana Dulce

Chestnut-backed Antbird, *Myrmeciza exsul*, common at Río Claro although we only saw a couple briefly

Magdalena Antbird, *Myrmeciza palliata* (E), Río Claro (one seen quite well along trail to oilbird cave); split from Dull-mantled Antbird *Myrmeciza laemosticta*, and now apparently a Colombian endemic; see SACC checklist (web site) for details of this recent change; differs only a little in voice and plumage from Dull-mantled Antbird (now only west of W Andes)

Blue-lored Antbird, *Myrmeciza immaculate*, one male seen by SH and by Leon at Laguna Tabacal; this is a recent split of Immaculate Antbird

Bicolored Antbird, *Gymnopithys leucaspis*, Río Claro (seen by Tom & Connie at Río Claro)

## FORMICARIIDAE

**Chestnut-crowned Antpitta, *Grallaria ruficapilla***, seen really well at Chicaque Reserve; heard above Ibague

\*White-bellied Antpitta, *Grallaria hypoleuca*, heard in upper forest at Cerulean Warbler Reserve

\*Rufous Antpitta, *Grallaria rufula*, heard Chingaza NP

\*Tawny Antpitta, *Grallaria quitensis*, heard at Chingaza NP

**Rusty-breasted Antpitta, *Grallaricula ferrugineipectus***, seen by everyone at Laguna Tabacal

\*Slate-crowned Antpitta, *Grallaricula nana*, heard above Ibague at 2400m

## RHINOCRYPTIDAE

Blackish Tapaculo, *Scytalopus latrans*, one seen at Chicaque Reserve

\*Magdalena Tapaculo, *Scytalopus rodriguezii*, heard distantly at Cerulean Warbler Reserve

Pale-bellied (Mattoral) Tapaculo, *Scytalopus griseicollis* (near endemic), seen at Chingaza NP

## FURNARIIDAE

Plain-brown Woodcreeper, *Dendrocincla fuliginosa*, two at Río Clara

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper, *Glyphorhynchus spirurus*, Río Claro (one seen)

Strong-billed Woodcreeper, *Xiphocolaptes promeropyrhyndus*, one above Ibague (2450m)

Cocoa Woodcreeper, *Xiphorhynchus susurrans*, Mana Dulce Reserve; Río Claro (several)

Straight-billed Woodcreeper, *Dendroplex picus*, Mana Dulce Reserve; Magdalena Valley east of Pto. Boyacá; Río Claro; Río Sogomoso (last day)

**Red-billed Scythebill, *Campylorhamphus trochilirostris***, Laguna Tabacal (900m)

**Brown-billed Scythebill, *Campylorhamphus pusillus***, Chicaque Reserve (below bromeliad!) c.2250m

Streak-headed Woodcreeper, *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*, Río Claro (both days); Cerulean Warbler Reserve

Montane Woodcreeper, *Anabacerthia striaticollis*, Chicaque Reserve (2202450m); Ibague (1750m); upper forest at Cerulean Warbler Reserve (c.1650m)

Plain Xenops, *Xenops minutus*, Bellavista Reserve; Río Claro

Streaked Xenops, *Xenops rutilans*, Chicaque Reserve

Montane Foliage-gleaner, *Anabacerthia striaticollis*, Chicaque Reserve; Cerulean Warbler Reserve (upper forest)

Pearled Treerunner, *Margarornis squamiger*, beautiful pair at Chicaque Reserve (2400m)

**White-browed Spinetail, *Hellmayrea gularis***, one in Chingaza NP (in páramo/elfin woodland ecotone)

\*Streak-backed Canastero, *Asthenes wyatti*, heard at Chingaza NP

White-chinned Thistletail, *Asthenes fuliginosa*, Chingaza NP

Yellow-chinned Spinetail, *Cranioleuca cinnamomeus*, Pto. Triunfo

Silvery-throated Spinetail, *Synallaxis subpudica*, near Chingaza NP (2750-2800m)  
 Azara's Spinetail, *Synallaxis azarae*, Chicaque Reserve, above Ibague (2000m)  
 Pale-breasted Spinetail, *Synallaxis albescens*, east of Pto. Boyacá; heard along  
 Guitania Road above Río Claro; Cerulean Warbler Reserve  
 Rufous Spinetail, *Synallaxis unirufa*, pair in Chicaque Reserve (c.2300m)  
 Slaty Spinetail, *Synallaxis brachyura*, one along road below Cerulean Warbler  
 Reserve (did not respond very well)  
 \*Stripe-breasted Spinetail, *Synallaxis cinnamomea*, heard at Laguna Tabacal

#### TYRANNIDAE

Southern Beardless Tyrannulet, *Camptostoma obsoletum*, near Pto. Triunfo  
 White-throated Tyrannulet, *Mecocerculus leucophrys*, Chingaza NP; Chicaque  
 Reserve  
 Mouse-colored Tyrannulet, *Phaeomyias murina*, near Pto. Triunfo  
 Yellow Tyrannulet, *Capsiempis flaveola*, near Pto. Triunfo (cute pair)  
 Subtropical Doradito, *Pseudocolopteryx acutipennis*, one at Parque La Florida  
 (2600m)  
 Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet, *Tyrannulus elatus*, Mana Dulce; Río Claro  
 Forest Elaenia, *Myiopagis gaimardii*, heard at various places; finally seen last day  
 along Río Sogomoso  
 Yellow-bellied Elaenia, *Elaenia flavogaster*, widespread and seen in most lower  
 elevation sites  
 Lesser Elaenia, *Elaenia chiriquensis*, one along road just below Cerulean Warbler  
 Reserve in late afternoon  
 Mountain Elaenia, *Elaenia frantzii*, Chicaque; above Ibague (c. 2450m)  
 Torrent Tyrannulet, *Serpophaga cinerea*, above Ibague (pair; 1800m)  
 Ochre-bellied Flycatcher, *Mionectes oleagineus*, Laguna Tabacal; (heard); Río Claro  
 (seen)  
 Sepia-capped Flycatcher, *Leptopogon amaurocephalus*, Mana Dulce (nice study)  
 Slaty-capped Flycatcher, *Leptopogon superciliaris*, two at Río Claro (note that  
 apparently both this and closely allied *L. amaurocephalus* occur here)  
 Rufous-breasted Flycatcher, *Leptopogon rufipectus*, one at Chicaque Reserve  
 Variegated Bristle-Tyrant, *Phylloscartes poecilotis*, one at Chicaque Reserve  
 Sooty-headed Tyrannulet, *Phyllomyias griseiceps*, heard at various sites; seen at Río  
 Sogomoso (350m)  
 Black-capped Tyrannulet, *Phyllomyias nigrocapillus*, two at Chicaque Reserve  
 Golden-faced Tyrannulet, *Zimmerius chrysops*, heard above Ibague; seen near lodge at  
 Cerulean Warbler Reserve (both days)  
 \*Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant, *Pseudotriccus ruficeps*, heard in upper forest at  
 Cerulean Warbler Reserve  
 Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant, *Lophotriccus pileatus*, along lower coffee farm road at  
 Cerulean Warbler Reserve where one perched out in open for several minutes  
 Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant, *Atalotriccus pilaris*, one over road at edge of dry forest at  
 Mana Dulce (this bird not seen well by everyone)  
 Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher, *Poecilotriccus ruficeps*, one above Ibague  
 (ca.2300m) seen by a few people

Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher, *Poecilatriccus sylvia*, one inside dry forest at Mana Dulce

Common Tody-Flycatcher, *Todirostrum cinereum*, Mana Dulce; Pto. Triunfo; Cerulean Warbler Reserve; Río Sogomoso

\*Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher, *Todirostrum nigriceps*, heard at Río Claro (very high in trees) but apparently we did not see it

**Olivaceous Flatbill, *Rhynchocyclus olivaceus***, Río Claro (where common); including pair at nest c. 3m up along road

Yellow-olive Flycatcher, *Tolmomyias sulphurens*, Mana Dulce; Río Claro

Yellow-margined Flycatcher, *Tolmomyias assimilis*, a couple seen at Río Claro by Hernan Arias and some of the group

Cinnamon Flycatcher, *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus*, Chicaque Reserve; above Ibague

Black-tailed Flycatcher, *Myiobius atricaudus*, at least 3 seen in understory at Río Claro (clear yellow underparts; very active; yellow rump) but not seen (or not seen well) by everyone

Flavescent Flycatcher, *Myiophobus flavicans*, three at Chicaque Reserve (1 seen close)

Bran-colored Flycatcher, *Myiophobus fasciatus*, Cerulean Warbler Reserve including two in the grassy pasture

**Olive-sided Flycatcher, *Contopus cooperi***, one perched high in treetop at edge of upper forest at Cerulean Warbler Reserve

\*Smoke-colored Pewee, *Contopus fumigatus*, heard at Chicaque and above Ibague (2450m)

Tropical Pewee, *Contopus cinereus*, one *Contopus* seen along road below the lodge at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve (1350m); also along Río Sogomoso (350m)

Fuscous Flycatcher, *Cnemotriccus fuscatus*, 1 inside a thicket in dry forest at Mana Dulce (seems unusual to see it in such a dry environment)

**Acadian Flycatcher, *Empidonax virescens***, Bellavista Reserve; Río Claro; also heard at Cerulean Warbler Reserve (a common wintering migrant in Colombia)

Black Phoebe, *Sayornis nigricans*, Laguna Tabacal; above Ibague (1750m);

Vermilion Flycatcher, *Pyrocephalus rubinus*, numerous sites including Laguna Tabacal; and Cerulean Warbler Reserve

Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant, *Myiotheretes striaticollis*, Chicaque Reserve (2100m); above Ibague (2450m)

Pied Water-Tyrant, *Fluvicola pica*, Mana Dulce; near Pto. Triunfo; east of Pto. Boyacá

White-headed Marsh-Tyrant, *Arundinicola leucocephala*, Pto. Triunfo (female building nest in bush by roadside); also marshes/ranchland north of Puerto Boyacá

Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant, *Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris*, seen well at Chicaque Reserve

Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant, *Ochthoeca fumicolor*, Chingaza NP (páramo)

Long-tailed Tyrant, *Colonia colonus*, Río Claro; and super close pair at Río Sogomoso

Cattle Tyrant, *Machetornis rixosa*, Ibague (1750m); Pto. Triunfo; Cerulean Warbler Reserve (at small farm below the reserve where one was riding around on the back of a mule)

Bright-rumped Attila, *Attila spadiceus*, Río Claro (heard and seen)

Panama Flycatcher, *Myiarchus panamensis*, seen at Río Claro several times

**Apical Flycatcher, *Myiarchus apicalis* (E)**, pair seen well at Mana Dulce  
**Great Crested Flycatcher, *Myiarchus crinitus***, one at Mana Dulce; another at Río Claro  
 Great Kiskadee, *Pitangus sulphuratus*, almost all lower elevations  
 Boat-billed Flycatcher, *Megarynchus pitangua*, Mana Dulce; Río Claro; Río Sogomoso  
 Rusty-margined Flycatcher, *Myiozetetes cayanensis*, all lower elevation sites (up to ca.1750m) from Laguna Tabacal and Mana Dulce to Cerulean Warbler Reserve; interesting that we did not see any Social Flycatchers (same as last year); possibly only a seasonal resident at lower elevations in mid-Magdalena Valley; or just not here  
 Streaked Flycatcher, *Myiodynastes maculatus*, Pto. Triunfo; Río Claro; Cerulean Warbler Reserve; Río Sogomoso  
**Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher, *Myiodynastes luteiventris***, 1 well studied in scope along Guitania Road (750m) above Río Claro; likely a passage migrant already moving north from Peru  
 Piratic Flycatcher, *Legatus leucophaeus*, heard almost everywhere at lower elevations; we saw it a couple of times at Río Claro (curious that we heard so many but saw rather few oropendolas and caciques upon which they depend for nests); also seen along Río Sogomoso; like some seasonal movement with tropical latitudes  
 Tropical Kingbird, *Tyrannus melancholicus*, daily at all lower and mid elevations  
**Gray Kingbird, *Tyrannus tyrannus***, one near Pto. Triunfo; breeds in Caribbean islands and locally in llanos  
 Fork-tailed Flycatcher, *Tyrannus savanna*, a few singles seen en route through middle section of Magdalena Valley lowlands; these could be residents or migrants from Central America; one along the Guitania Road (750m) was harassing a Swallow-tailed Kite

#### PIPRIDAE

White-bibbed Manakin, *Corapipo leucorrhoea*, Bellavista (1M; 3FF seen)  
 White-bearded Manakin, *Manacus manacus*, Laguna Tabacal (M); Mana Dulce (1F); Bellavista (several FF); Río Claro (MM and FF)  
**Striped Manakin, *Machaeropterus regulus***, Laguna Tabacal (1M seen extraordinarily well); another at Bellavista  
 Golden-headed Manakin, *Pipra erythrocephala*, Bellavista (1F); Río Claro (MM & FF)  
 Wing-barred Piprites, *Piprites chloris*, heard in upper forest at Cerulean Warbler Reserve and seen briefly by a few people (it was high overhead)

#### TITYRIDAE AND ALLIES

Black-crowned Tityra, *Tityra inquisitor*, 1M at Bellavista  
 Barred Becard, *Pachyramphus versicolor*, pair above Ibaguè (1965m)  
 Cinereous Becard, *Pachyramphus rufus*, Cerulean Warbler Reserve (road at lower edge of reserve)  
 Cinnamon Becard, *Pachyramphus cinnamomeus*, daily at Río Claro (feeding young at nest); also Cerulean Warbler Reserve; Río Sogomoso (350m)



**One-colored Becard, *Pachyramphus homochrous***, pair at Río Claro (in general a species somewhat local in Colombia); female much like Cinnamon Becard but larger and lacks pale supraloral; this pair had a nest in small isolated tree next to entrance road (in same tree as the Cinnamon Becard nest and a nest of Thick-billed Euphonia)

#### VIREONIDAE

**Yellow-throated Vireo, *Vireo flavifrons***, one at Bellavista (seen only by SH); another in upper forest at Cerulean Warbler Reserve (seen by part of group)

Brown-capped Vireo, *Vireo leucophrys*, Chicaque Reserve (4-5)

**Red-eyed Vireo, *Vireo olivaceus***, Bellavista (very whitish below and probably a North American migrant); another at Río Claro was also quite pale below; no song heard from either

**Rufous-naped Greenlet *Hylophilus semibrunneus* (near endemic)**, Cerulean Warbler Reserve (upper forest where it was difficult to see well)

Scrub Greenlet, *Hylophilus flavipes*, Laguna Tabacal; Mana Dulce; near Pto. Triunfo; heard at Río Sogomoso (350m)

Lesser Greenlet, *Hylophilus decurtatus*, a couple at Río Claro (on side trail)

Rufous-browed Peppershrike, *Cyclarhis gujanensis*, heard at various places; finally seen along Río Sogomoso the last day

\*Black-billed Peppershrike, *Cyclarhis nigristrois*, heard at Chicaque Reserve

#### CORVIDAE

Black-chested Jay, *Cyanocorax affinis*, Mana Dulce; Río Claro

Green Jay, *Cyanocorax yncas cyanodorsalis*, above Ibagué; Cerulean Warbler Reserve; Andean races (Inca Jay) are a likely split in future from Central American forms (there are 3 races in Colombia but all are quite similar)

#### HIRUNDINIDAE (surprisingly few this trip)

Blue-and-white Swallow, *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*, Ibagué city (1100m); above Ibagué (1880m); near Cerulean Warbler Reserve; most numerous around the hotel at Ibagué

Brown-bellied Swallow, *Notiochelidon murina*, Bogotá (La Florida); Chicaque Reserve; Chingaza National Park

Southern Rough-winged Swallow, *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*, most lower elevations

Gray-breasted Martin, *Progne chalybea*, generally in lower Magdalena Valley including hotel in Giradot; Río Sogomoso

Brown-chested Martin, *Progne tapera*, 1 or 2 over the Río Sogomoso

White-winged Swallow, *Tachycineta albiventer*, Pto. Triunfo

Bank Swallow, *Riparia riparia*, at road toll booth north of Pto. Boyacá; 2-3 Bank Swallows with 100s of Barn Swallows foraging over open field

**Barn Swallow, *Hirundo rustica***, 400-500 foraging over open fields at roadside stop (by Zambito toll booth) north of Pto. Boyacá in Magdalena Valley; clearly a **pre-migratory staging group**

#### TROGLODYTIDAE

- \*Scaly-breasted Wren, *Microcerculus marginatus taeniatus*, heard at Bellavista; also daily at Río Claro; taxonomy of this complex of species and races not resolved; expect future changes
- House Wren, *Troglodytes aedon*, most low and mid-elevations; also Chicaque Reserve
- Mountain Wren, *Troglodytes solstitialis*, one at Chicaque Reserve with mixed spp. flock at c. 2200m el
- \*Grass Wren, *Cistothorus platensis*, heard at páramo/elfin woodland ecotone in Chingaza NP; recently this species has been split from northern forms of Sedge Wren; check SACC (South American Checklist Committee web site) for new name
- Apolinar's Wren, *Cistothorus apolinari*** (E), 1 seen well at Parque La Florida (2600m)
- Band-backed Wren, *Campylorhynchus zonatus*, Río Claro (daily; pair building nest c.5m up in small palm tree at edge of forest)
- Bicolored Wren, *Campylorhynchus griseus*, around hotel in Giradot; pair at Zambito toll booth north of Pto. Boyacá; common around lodge at Cerulean Warbler Reserve
- \***Sooty-headed Wren, *Pheugopedius spadix*** (near endemic), one heard along Guitania Road above Río Claro (unfortunately not responsive to playback)
- Black-bellied Wren, *Pheugopedius fasciatoventris*, Bellavista Reserve; Río Claro
- Whiskered Wren, *Thryothorus mystacalis*, Chicaque Reserve; above Ibague (2300m)
- Speckle-breasted Wren, *Pheugopedius sclateri***, seen well at Laguna Tabacal; also seen again along farm road northward from Cerulean Warbler Reserve (where it seems to be at very northern edge of range); very local in Colombia; and will likely be split eventually from the population in sw Ecuador and nw Peru; this northern population will then be a Colombian endemic
- Niceforo's Wren, *Thryothorus nicefori*** (E), one seen in shade coffee zone at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve; a paler and browner version of Rufous-and-white Wren with song patterns that are similar as well. Presently regarded as a distinct species as it has been for a long time but this eventually might change
- Bay Wren, *Thryothorus nigricapillus*, Río Claro (super-energetic bird seen very well)
- White-breasted Wood-Wren, *Henicorhina leucosticta*, seen at Bellavista Reserve; heard at Río Claro
- Grey-breasted Wood-Wren, *Henicorhina leucophrys*, heard (many) at Chicaque Reserve; seen above Ibague at 1850m m

#### POLIOPTILIDAE

- Long-billed Gnatwren, *Ramphocaenus melanurus*, 1 at Laguna Tabacal
- Tropical Gnatcatcher, *Polioptila plumbea*, Mana Dulce (several seen)

#### CINCLIDAE, Dippers

- White-capped Dipper, *Cinclus leucocephalus*, one above Ibague at 1850m

#### DONACOBIIDAE

Black-capped Donacobius, *Donacobius atricapilla*, pair perched up in marsh vegetation at roadside stop north of Pto. Boyacá and 2 fledged juveniles with the pair

#### TURDIDAE

\*Andean Solitaire, *Myadestes ralloides*, heard above Ibagué; and in upper forest at Cerulean Warbler Reserve

\*Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush, *Catharus aurantiirostris*, heard at Cerulean Warbler Reserve (coffee farm road to north)

Gray-cheeked Thrush, *Catharus minimus*, Bellavista Reserve (at least 6 seen; mostly on or near ground); Río Claro (1 seen; also very low); upper forest at Cerulean Warbler Reserve (1 seen 2x at the cracked corn feeder)

Swainson's Thrush, *Catharus ustulatus*, one seen by Leon at Laguna Tabacal; another at Río Claro (surprisingly few this trip)

[Yellow-legged Thrush, *Turdus flavipes*, only record was one seen by SH as we were departing Cerulean Warbler Reserve]

Pale-breasted Thrush, *Turdus leucomelas*, widespread lowland and foothill bird; Giradot (hotel); Bellavista; Río Claro; Río Sogomoso; generally at lower elevation than next species

Black-billed Thrush, *Turdus ignobilis*, Laguna Tabacal; Mana Dulce; above Ibagué; and Cerulean Warbler Reserve (interestingly this species occupies the foothills and mid elevations in central part of the Magdalena Valley and is largely replaced at lower elevations and northward in the lower part of the valley and Santa Marta area by Pale-breasted Thrush)

Great Thrush, *Turdus fuscater*, Bogotá; Chingaza NP; Chicaque Reserve; Chingaza National Park; above Ibagué on El Silencio road; sings incredibly early in the morning when you can't see it

#### MIMIDAE

Tropical Mockingbird, *Mimus gilvus*, one at Parque La Florida; 2 at Cerulean Warbler Reserve (rather few this trip)

#### PARULIDAE

Northern Waterthrush, *Parkesia noveboracensis*, heard at Parque La Florida; one seen at Río Claro Reserve

Black-and-white Warbler, *Mniotilta varia*, 2 at Chicaque Reserve; 1 near lodge at Cerulean Warbler Reserve (low numbers this trip)

Tennessee Warbler, *Vermivora peregrina*, Chicaque Reserve (2); Bellavista Reserve (2); Cerulean Warbler Reserve (3); and Río Sogomoso (2)

Mourning Warbler, *Oporornis philadelphia*, 1F above Ibagué (1850m); 3 (2MM) at Cerulean Warbler Reserve

American Redstart, *Setophaga ruticilla*, 1M at Río Claro; 2FF at Cerulean Warbler Reserve

Cerulean Warbler, *Setophaga cerulea*, 1M seen well on forested side trail at Río Claro  
Tropical Parula, *Parula pitiayumi*, 2 above Ibagué at 2300m

**Bay-breasted Warbler, *Dendroica castanea***, 6 at Bellavista Reserve; 12+ at Río Claro (note that this species winters mainly in low elevations)

**Blackburnian Warbler, *Dendroica fusca***, all higher elevations (above ca. 1200m but most common above 1500m); males consistently at higher elevations (above ca. 2000m; females lower but with considerably overlap at mid-elevations); up to 12 seen some days and a minimum of 45 seen on this tour (and this number is probably too low); and we did see a few bright males even in the lowlands

Rufous-capped Warbler, *Basileuterus rufifrons*, several at Mana Dulce; also Bellavista Reserve; Río Sogomoso (pair)

Golden-crowned Warbler, *Basileuterus culicivorus*, pair on farm road near Cerulean Warbler Reserve

Three-striped Warbler, *Basileuterus tristriatus*, pair at Chicaque (ca. 2100m)

Black-crested Warbler, *Basileuterus nigrocristatus*, Chingaza NP; Chicaque Reserve; heard above Ibague

Buff-rumped Warbler, *Basileuterus fulvicauda*, Laguna Tabacal; Bellavista Reserve; Río Claro

**Gray-throated Warbler, *Myiothlypis cinereicollis***, 1 seen well at Laguna Tabacal

Russet-crowned Warbler, *Myiothlypis coronata*, Chicaque Reserve (4-5 seen)

**Canada Warbler, *Wilsonia canadensis***, Laguna Tabacal (1); Bellavista Reserve (1); Cerulean Warbler Reserve (2); overall fewer sightings this trip

Slate-throated Redstart, *Myioborus miniatus*, Chicaque Reserve; above Ibague (1850-2200m); Cerulean Warbler Reserve

Golden-fronted Redstart, *Myioborus ornatus ornatus* (with white face), Chingaza National Park (5+); Chicaque (only at 2450m); above Ibague (2450m and here with all yellow face)

#### THRAUPIDAE

Black-capped Hemispingus, *Hemispingus atropileus*, 1 above Ibague (2300m)

Superciliaried Hemispingus, *Hemispingus superciliaris*, Chicaque Reserve (2300-2450m with up to 12 seen)

Oleaginous Hemispingus, *Hemispingus frontalis*, Chicaque Reserve (2050m)

Black-eared Hemispingus, *Hemispingus melanotis*, Chicaque Reserve (2250-2450 m; up to 10 seen)

**Black-headed Hemispingus, *Hemispingus verticalis***, pair near Chingaza NP at ca. 2700m el; a rather uncommon species

Gray-headed Tanager, *Eucometis penicillata*, one at Bellavista Reserve

White-shouldered Tanager, *Tachyphonus luctuosus*, Río Claro (MM and a F)

Tawny-crested Tanager, *Tachyphonus delattrei*, Río Claro (a small group)

White-lined Tanager, *Tachyphonus rufus*, 4 seen at Cerulean Warbler Reserve

Crimson-backed Tanager, *Ramphocelus dimidiatus*, all lower and mid-elevation sites from Laguna Tabacal onward

Flame-rumped (Lemon-rumped) Tanager, *Ramphocelus flammigerus icteronotus*, Cerulean Warbler Reserve where this pure “yellow”rumped form is present; note that both red-rumped (*R. f. flammigerus*) and yellow-rumped forms (*R. f. icteronotus*) are lumped together taxonomically as Flame-rumped Tanager but you can identify the yellow-rumped one (a subspecies) as Lemon-rumped Tanager

Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager, *Anisognathus igniventris*, Chingaza NP; Chicaque Reserve

Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager, *Anisognathus somptuosus*, 4 above Ibague (2300m)

Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager, *Dubusia taeniata*, Chingaza NP ((but only seen by Leon and SH and HA)

Fawn-breasted Tanager, *Pipraeidae melanonota*, 2 above Ibague

Blue-gray Tanager, *Thraupis episcopus*, all low and mid-elevations; many at Cerulean Warbler Reserve feeders

Palm Tanager, *Thraupis palmarum*, at almost all lower elevations up to the Cerulean Warbler Reserve

Blue-capped Tanager, *Thraupis cyanocephala*, Chicaque Reserve (10 seen); above Ibague (1 at 1950m)

Black-capped Tanager, *Tangara heinei*, Chicaque Reserve (1 seen); above Ibague (1950m); 2MM at Cerulean Warbler Reserve

Scrub Tanager, *Tangara vitriolina*, above Ibague (1 at restaurant); Cerulean Warbler Reserve feeders (at least 4)

\*Golden-hooded Tanager, *Tangara larvata*, heard but apparently never seen at Río Claro (along the Guitania Road)

Blue-necked Tanager, *Tangara cyanicollis*, Río Claro (Guitania Road); Cerulean Warbler Reserve (several)

Speckled Tanager, *Tangara guttata*, pair seen in coffee plantation shade trees (c. 1350m) along road north of Cerulean Warbler Reserve

Blue-and black Tanager, *Tangara vassorii*, Chicaque Reserve (6+ seen)

Beryl-spangled Tanager, *Tangara vassorii*, Chicaque Reserve (10+); also above Ibague

**Metallic-green Tanager, *Tangara labradorides***, Chicaque Reserve (4 seen); above Ibague (4 more between 1960-2300m)

Plain-colored Tanager, *Tangara inornata*, Río Claro (2)

Bay-headed Tanager, *Tangara gyrola*, above Ibague (1960m)); Bellavista Reserve; Cerulean Warbler Reserve (all birds on this trip are of the subspecies with blue underparts)

Saffron-crowned Tanager, *Tangara xanthocephala*, above Ibague (10+ at 1960-2450m)

Flame-faced Tanager, *Tangara parzudakii*, Chicaque Reserve (a disappointment as the only one we saw was a silhouette in the window; another at the Cerulean Warbler Reserve upper forest was also a silhouette overhead in poor light)

Golden Tanager, *Tangara arthus*, apparently the only one seen was in the upper forest at Cerulean Warbler Reserve and only the guides may have seen it?

Swallow Tanager, *Tersina viridis*, Guitania Road near Río Claro (pair); and Río Claro

**Black-faced (Yellow-tufted) Dacnis, *Dacnis lineata egregia***, we saw the rather different-looking race with yellow below and yellow under wing coverts which is still not separated as a distinct species (from white-bellied Amazonian birds) but surely should be; seen at Bellavista Reserve; also along Río Sogomoso at 350m el

**Turquoise Dacnis, *Dacnis hartlaubi* (E)**, Cerulean Warbler Reserve (Reinita Cielo Azul) where we saw at least one male and one or more female-plumaged birds; rare and extremely local; often forages within leaves of *Coussapoa* spp. trees

Blue Dacnis, *Dacnis cayana*, a male of the *pacifica* race at Bellavista  
 Green Honeycreeper, *Chlorophanes spiza*, female at Bellavista  
 Scarlet-browed Tanager, *Heterospingus xanthopygius*, 2MM at a fruiting tree at Río Claro where seen quite close  
 Guira Tanager, *Hemithraupis guira*, 1M in coffee farm road just below Cerulean Warbler Reserve  
 Yellow-backed Tanager, *Hemispingus flavicollis*, 2FF and 1M at Río Claro (close to the fruiting tree where we saw so many other birds)  
 White-eared Conebill, *Conirostrum leucogenys*, 2 pairs at Mana Dulce; another pair near Pto. Triunfo (where seen much better than earlier)  
 Blue-backed Conebill, *Conirostrum sitticolor*, 2 seen near Chingaza NP (c.2700m); 4+ near Chicaque Reserve (c. 2450-2500 m)  
 Capped Conebill, *Conirostrum albifrons*, pair near Chicaque Reserve (c. 2450-2500m)  
Rufous-browed Conebill, *Conirostrum rufum* (near endemic), Chingaza National Park (pair at páramo/elfin woodland ecotone); c. 3400m  
 Glossy Flowerpiercer, *Diglossa lafresnayii*, Chingaza National Park (up to a dozen)  
 Black Flowerpiercer, *Diglossa humeralis*, near Chingaza NP (1-2 at c. 2700m)  
 White-sided Flowerpiercer, *Diglossa albilatera*, near Chingaza NP (3-4 at c.2 700-2800m)  
 Bluish Flowerpiercer, *Diglossa caerulescens*, Chicaque Reserve (2-3 with large mixed species flock; 2400m)  
 Masked Flowerpiercer, *Diglossa cyanea*, near and in Chingaza NP (2700-3000m); Chicaque Reserve (up to 10 at higher elevations); above Ibagué (at least 6 at 2000 m and higher)  
**Plushcap, *Catamblyrhynchus diadema***, pair in Chingaza NP at 3180m (a rather high elevation and open site for this species; bamboo at edge of páramo)  
 Saffron Finch, *Sicalis flaveola*, Laguna Tabacal and most other lower elevation sites onward to Cerulean Warbler Reserve and Río Sogomoso  
 Blue-black Grassquit, *Volatinia jacarina*, Magdalena river valley near Pto. Boyacá; Río Claro; Cerulean Warbler Reserve  
 Ruddy-breasted Seedeater, *Sporophila minuta*, Mana Dulce; 12+ near Pto. Triunfo; a couple in ranchland east of Pto. Boyacá (one male in scope at the Zambito road toll stop)  
**Thick-billed Seed-Finch, *Oryzoborus funereus***, one male at Pto. Triunfo  
 Gray Seedeater, *Sporophila intermedia* (*intermedia* or *bogotensis*), Laguna Tabacal; Mana Dulce  
 Yellow-bellied Seedeater, *Sporophila nigricollis*, Laguna Tabacal; Mana Dulce; ranchland in Magdalena Valley and Cerulean Warbler Reserve  
 Gray Seedeater, *Sporophila intermedia*, 1M at Mana Dulce; another in coffee farm area in p.m. near Cerulean Warbler Reserve  
 Pileated Finch, *Coryphospingus pileatus*, several at Mana Dulce;  
 Bananaquit, *Coereba flaveola*, San Francisco (hummingbird garden); and most other lowland sites below c. 1600 m el [Coerebidae family no longer valid although still maintained in some checklists  
 Yellow-faced Grassquit, *Tiaris olivaceus*, Cerulean Warbler Reserve (grassy pasture)  
 Black-faced Grassquit, *Tiaris bicolor*, Mana Dulce (1M along road)

Dusky-faced Tanager, *Mitrospingus cassinii*, Río Claro (some large noisy flocks)  
\*Rosy Thrush-Tanager, *Rhodinocichla rosea*, Laguna Tabacal (heard)  
Buff-throated Saltator, *Saltator maximus*, Río Claro; probably heard elsewhere  
Grayish Saltator, *Saltator coerulescens*, above Ibague (1750m); Cerulean Warbler Reserve; Río Sogomoso  
Streaked Saltator, *Saltator striatipectus*, scattered foothills and mid-elevation locations including Laguna Tabacal; Mana Dulce; Bellavista; Cerulean Warbler Reserve

#### EMBERIZIDAE

Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch, *Arremon brunneinucha*, seen well at Chicaque Reserve; also Cerulean Warbler Reserve (at cracked corn feeder)  
Orange-billed Sparrow, *Arremon aurantirostris*, Bellavista; Río Claro  
Gray-browed Brush-Finch, *Arremon assimilis*, Chicaque Reserve (I think this was seen here but because it was a “write in” on list my information is sketchy)  
Black-headed Brush-Finch, *Arremon atricapillus*, pair near Cerulean Warbler Reserve  
Moustached Brush-Finch, *Atlapetes albofrenatus*, Chicaque Reserve; here at extreme southern end of range where we saw at least 10  
White-naped (formerly Yellow-throated) Brush-Finch, *Atlapetes albinucha*, one above Ibague at 1960m; this is a split from Yellow-throated Brush-Finch (*A. gutturalis*) a bird now considered to be confined to Central America  
Yellow-headed Brush-Finch, *Atlapetes flaviceps* (E), above Ibague (at least 6 between 1850 and 2000m)  
Slaty Brush-Finch, *Atlapetes schistaceus*, Chingaza NP; Chicaque Reserve (5-6); pair above Ibague at ca. 2300m  
Rufous-collared Sparrow, *Zonotrichia capensis*, all higher elevations  
Common Chlorospingus (formerly Bush-Tanager), *Chlorospingus ophthalmicus*, Chicaque Reserve (15 or more); above Ibague at 1960m

#### CARDINALIDAE

(Highland) Hepatic-Tanager, *Piranga flava lutea*, above Ibague (2 seen at c. 2000m); not officially split but molecular genetic work completed 17 years ago shows that at least three species are involved in this complex; still known as Hepatic Tanager on most checklists; these are resident birds of Andes  
**Summer Tanager, *Piranga rubra***, Chicaque Reserve; Mana Dulce (heard); Río Claro; Cerulean Warbler Reserve (1 at lodge)  
Sooty Ant-Tanager, *Habia gutturalis*, seen well at Bellavista Reserve  
**Rose-breasted Grosbeak, *Pheucticus ludovicianus***, Tabacal Reserve (1 male); above Ibague (1); Cerulean Warbler Reserve (4-5MM and FF)

#### ICTERIDAE

Eastern Meadowlark, *Sturnella magna*, in fields near Chicaque Reserve (2500m); pastures near the Cerulean Warbler Reserve  
Red-breasted Meadowlark, *Sturnella militaris*, 15+ in ranchland east of Pto. Boyacá  
Carib Grackle, *Quiscalus lugubris*, Pto. Berrio; previously known only east of the Andes but now spreading rapidly into NE near La Victoria (close to Bellavista)

Reserve) and throughout northward in open areas; has expanded range in Colombia in last decade or two and now south to Ibagué recently

Yellow-hooded Blackbird, *Chrysomus icterocephalus*, Parque La Florida; marshes east of Pto. Boyacá; and northward in Magdalena Valley

Shiny Cowbird, *Molothrus bonariensis*, through lower elevations (e.g. below c.1600 m)

Giant Cowbird, *Molothrus oryzivorus*, a couple near Cerulean Warbler Reserve (seen in flight)

Yellow-backed Oriole, *Icterus chrysater*, Laguna Tabacal; Cerulean Warbler Reserve

Orange-crowned Oriole, *Icterus auricapillus*, ranchland east of Pto. Boyacá

Yellow-tailed Oriole, *Icterus mesomelas*, Cerulean Warbler Reserve (a couple pairs including one pair around lodge); here at southern end of range and at the upper end of its elevational range)

Yellow Oriole, *Icterus nigrogularis*, Mana Dulce

**Baltimore Oriole, *Icterus galbula***, one male at Bellavista Reserve; another on Guitania Road near Río Claro

**Yellow-billed Caciue, *Amblycercus holosericeus***, pair at 2000m above Ibagué; a shy and seldom seen species

Russet-backed Oropendola, *Psarocolius angustifrons*, Cerulean Warbler Reserve

Chestnut-headed Oropendola, *Psarocolius wagleri*, 2-3 at Río Claro (in a fruiting tree)

#### FRINGILLIDAE

**Velvet-fronted Euphonia, *Euphonia concinna* (E)**, Laguna Tabacal (1F); Mana Dulce (group of 3); Bellavista Reserve (northern end of range and more humid environment that where it usually occurs);

Thick-billed Euphonia, *Euphonia laniirostris*, the “common” euphonia on this trip; seen at just about all areas below c. 1750 m from Ibagué onward; nest at Río Claro

Fulvous-vented Euphonia, *Euphonia fulvicrissa*, Bellavista Reserve (the third species of euphonia sympatric here at this tiny but important reserve); we was a pair trying to build a nest (mainly female carrying material) to a large curled dead leaf

Orange-bellied Euphonia, *Euphonia xanthogaster*, Cerulean Warbler Reserve (upper forest)

Chestnut-breasted Euphonia, *Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys*, beautiful pair above Ibagué at 2450m

Lesser Goldfinch, *Carduelis psaltria*, Laguna Tabacal; Cerulean Warbler Reserve (flock of 6-7 below lodge along road)

Andean Siskin, *Spinus spinescens*, 3 at the lodge/restaurant at Chicaque (seen by SH and Ursula)

Yellow-bellied Siskin, *Carduelis xanthogastrus*, Cerulean Warbler Reserve (pair)

#### **MAMMALS AND CRITTERS:**

White-footed Marmoset, *Saguinus leucopus*, several groups at Río Claro (very cute) with more than twenty-five seen

Red Howler Monkey, *Alouatta seniculus*, heard at Río Claro



Red-tailed Squirrel, *Sciurus granadensis*, Chicaque Reserve; Ibaguè; Río Claro (the forms here in this part of Colombia are almost all bright rufous with white bellies  
Central American Dwarf Squirrel, *Microsciurus alfari*, apparently this species at Río Claro (identification provisional because these tiny squirrels are very similar; identification based on range); one was seen  
A “pink” False Coral snake, seen at Mana Dulce, identity unknown  
a black and yellow snake that was about 2m long, *Spilotus pulatus*  
There also were geckos and bats; “Garfield” the orange cat at Río Claro