

# **ECUADOR: EASTERN SLOPE OF THE ANDES**

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**BLACK-FACED IBIS**

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**ANTISANA VOLCANO**

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The Andes Cordillera is far more than just a gigantic South American mountain range. The massive ‘wall’ that makes up the Andes forms an incredible mega-rich mosaic of diverse life-zones, ecosystems, habitats, and niches that are home to a mind-boggling concentration of living organisms. It was this concentration, with a special focus on its diverse birdlife, that we set out to explore and experience during our weeklong Ecuador: Eastern Slope of the Andes tour. We followed a transect that took us from the tropical lowlands—at the town of Francisco de Orellana (Coca), located in the Amazon Basin—

constantly traveling upslope into the eastern foothills near Sumaco Volcano and farther up into the cooler subtropics and temperate zones to finally ascend to the tundra-like 'alpine zone' into páramo grassland, *Polylepis* woodland, and up to a rather barren peak at 14,000 ft. above sea level. We were able to admire the colossal Antisana Volcano glacier from three distinct vantage points every step of the way, from the Amazonian foothills to the elfin high-Andean forests until, on our final day, we stood at its base at Antisana National Park...magnificent! Each area we explored and each day brought new and memorable adventures as we compiled an impressive collection of bird species. There were many challenges along with incredible rewards as we birded in a diversity of conditions along roadsides, forest trails, overlooking ravines and torrent rivers, walking over cold and windy high páramo ridges, sitting before nectar feeders and worm feeding 'stations,' and even spotting birds from our vehicle—and there were many highlights.

Our stay at Wildsumaco Lodge, where it was rather uncharacteristically warm and dry, still managed to produce many fine sightings: Greater Yellow-headed Vulture; Scaled Pigeon; active nectar feeders with Brown and Sparkling violetears; Wire-crested Thorntail; Peruvian (Booted) Rackettail; Rufous-vented Whitetip; Black-throated and Violet-fronted brilliants; Gould's Jewelfront; Violet-headed Hummingbird; Napo Sabrewing; Fork-tailed Woodnymph; Many-spotted Hummingbird and Golden-tailed Sapphire; Coppery-chested Jacamar; Gilded and Red-headed barbets; Yellow-tufted and Crimson-bellied woodpeckers; Barred Forest-Falcon; Black Caracara; Maroon-tailed Parakeet; and Military and Chestnut-fronted macaws that showed nicely. Our forest worm-feeding 'session' served up pairs of Plain-backed and Ochre-breasted antpittas, a wonderful Short-tailed Antthrush, and a Gray-cheeked Thrush. Additionally, Ornate Flycatcher, White-crowned Manakin, Yellow-cheeked Becard, Olivaceous Greenlet, Inca and Violaceous jays, Cerulean Warbler, and Blue-necked and Paradise tanagers were just a few more of the species we enjoyed. As we departed from this first site, we picked-up Black-and-white Tody-Flycatcher and Euler's Flycatcher in a large stand of *Guadua* bamboo. We made a stop at Río Hollín and came across 3 White-tailed Hillstars, a perched male Gorgeted Woodstar, a Little Woodpecker, 3 Andean Cocks-of-the-rock, and a big surprise Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper! We advanced for a brief visit to the Vinillos Entrance to the Antisana National Park where we added a perched White-rumped Hawk, our first Golden-headed Quetzal, Cinnamon Flycatcher, and Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager. Our last stop before reaching Cabañas San Isidro was along the river at the village of Cosanga where we watched a family of Torrent Ducks and spied our first White-capped Dipper—quite a day!

San Isidro and its surrounding area did not disappoint—how could it, with Sickle-winged Guans, Southern Lapwings, incredibly close views of the as yet un-described 'San Isidro Mystery Owl,' Tawny-bellied Hermit, Long-tailed Sylph, Bronzy and Collared

incas, Chestnut-breasted Coronet, both Golden-headed and Crested quetzals, Masked Trogon, White-throated (Emerald/ Andean) Toucanet, Crimson-mantled Woodpecker, Olive-backed and Montane woodcreepers, Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher, Handsome and Pale-edged flycatchers, Inca Jay, White-capped Dipper, Pale-eyed and Glossy-black thrushes, Beryl-spangled and Saffron-crowned tanagers, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and Subtropical Cacique among the many species seen. We returned to the Vinillos area to see what we could and really struck gold! Two female Powerful Woodpeckers, a very responsive Black-billed Mountain-Toucan, a pair of Green-and-black Fruiteaters, Oleaginous Hemispingus, and Black-capped Tanagers were among the memorable species we came across. We departed from Cabañas San Isidro, heading north, and then ascended west towards our next hotel, Las Termas de Papallacta, taking a detour and making a planned stop at Guango Lodge. The Borja Loop brought us a few additions to our species list, including Golden-olive Woodpecker, Streaked Xenops, and Golden-collared Honeycreeper. At Guango Lodge, although it was very quiet, we did get to enjoy a few species of 'new' hummingbirds: Tourmaline Sunangel, Tyrian Metaltail, the unimaginable Sword-billed Hummingbird, Buff-tailed Coronet, and White-bellied Woodstar.

Las Termas de Papallacta, with its wonderful thermal baths and majestic vistas, was our final lodge from which we explored high-Andean elfin forest and páramo grassland and wooded habitats. Between taking much deserved soothing soaks and birding the surrounding area, we certainly made the best of our last two days in the field. The road above Las Termas held some great surprises. As we slowly walked downslope after driving up to a high point, we spotted a distant Masked Mountain-Tanager (perhaps the number one highlight species of the area); after some tape playback, our attention was drawn to the shrubs behind us and to our left...unbelievable! Another Masked Mountain-Tanager right there! Then another, then another, and then a Black-chested Mountain-Tanager, and another and another and another! Then a band of Black-backed Bush-Tanagers, then 5 Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanagers! What a thrill, repeated looks at all species! A difficult-to-beat experience, indeed. We made an afternoon visit to the 13,000 ft. Papallacta Pass and even higher to 14,000 ft. to search unsuccessfully for the Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe, but not all was lost; a truly spectacular male Andean Condor sailed by below us, in all its splendor; OMG! The following morning, we wrapped up our birding at Las Termas with a very successful return to Guango Lodge and its Andean Guans, Plain-breasted Hawk, White-throated Quail-Dove, more hummers, another Powerful Woodpecker, Turquoise Jay, Gray-hooded Bush-Tanager, Blue-and-black Tanager, Slaty Brushfinch, and Northern Mountain-Caciques. We then headed over Papallacta Pass with Viridian Metaltail, again and onward to Antisana National Park to close out our trip. Silvery Grebe, Black-faced (Andean) Ibis, 4 Andean Condors(!), Cinereous Harrier, Harris's Hawk (in the valley below), Variable Hawks, Slate-colored Coot, Black-winged Ground-Dove, Andean Gulls, Ecuadorian Hillstars, Black-tailed

Trainbearer, Shining Sunbeams, a pair of Giant Hummingbirds, over a hundred Carunculated Caracaras, Stout-billed Cinclodes, Many-striped Canastero, Páramo (Plain-capped) Ground-Tyrant, Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant, Plumbeous Sierra-Finch, and Plain-colored Seedeater...a fitting end to a very exciting tour!



**LONG-TAILED SYLPH**

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**ITINERARY:**

**January 30:** Flight from Quito & canoe-trip from Napo Wildlife Center—group meets—at Francisco de Orellana (Coca); drive to Wildsumaco Lodge (lunch *en route*); stop en route west of Loreto and along the WS entrance road. Some late afternoon humming-birding at the lodge deck (overnight at Wildsumaco Lodge)

**January 31:** Wildsumaco all day: Morning roadside birding near the lodge and Coopmans/Antpitta Trail (antpitta feeders); Piha Trail and forest

- feeders; Afternoon deck birding—EARTHQUAKE!!
- February 1:** Wildsumaco all day: morning around deck and Research Center feeders; afternoon birding along the F.A.C.E. Trail (overnight at Wildsumaco)
- February 2:** Early departure from Wildsumaco: birding along 'entrance' road; stops at Río Hollín, Vinillos entrance road (Antisana National Park) and Cosanga River; arrival at Cabañas San Isidro (overnight at Cabañas San Isidro)
- February 3:** San Isidro all day: early morning birding the grounds; late morning and afternoon birding Eco-corridor roadside (overnight at Cabañas San Isidro)
- February 4:** San Isidro all day: morning return to Vinillos area; afternoon birding around lodge and lower forest trail (overnight at Cabañas San Isidro)
- February 5:** Early morning birding the grounds at San Isidro; then departure towards Las Termas de Papallacta with detour along the 'Borja Loop' and birding stops at Baeza and Guango Lodge, continuing on to Las Termas (overnight at Cabañas San Isidro)
- February 6:** Early morning along Cayambe-Coca NP road above Las Termas de Papallacta (elfin forest); mid-morning drive to 14,000 ft above Papallacta Pass; afternoon return to road above Las Termas (overnight at Las Termas de Papallacta)
- February 7:** Pre-breakfast return to Guango Lodge; then Las Termas; drive to Antisana NP (high paramo and Laguna de Mica); lunch at 'Tambo Condor' Restaurant and return to Quito for our fairwell dinner (overnight at Hotel Quito)
- February 8:** Departure for home.



**GILDED BARBET**

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**KEY:**

**H** = heard only

**Bold** = special sightings

**C** = Coca area

**L** = Sideroad west of Loreto

**WS** = Wildsumaco Lodge and foothills region

**HO** = Hollín Bridge area

**GR** = Guacamayo Ridge

**V** = Vinillos

**CR** = Cosanga River

**SI** = San Isidro

**BL** = Borja loop

**GL** = Guango Lodge

**TP** = Las Termas de Papallacta and elfin forest (above)

**PAP** = the Papallacta Pass region (paramo zone)

**ANT** = Antisana National Park. (temperate & paramo zones)

**TC** = Tambo Condor Restaurant



**SPARKLING VIOLETEAR**

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## **BIRDS:**

### DUCKS, GEESE & WATERFOWL: ANATIDAE

**Torrent Duck** (*Merganetta armata*)—Family group of seen along CR  
Andean Teal (*Anas andinum*)—At least 5 at PAP; 9 more at ANT

### GUANS, CHACHALACAS & CURRASSOWS: CRACIDAE

Speckled Chachalaca (*Ortalis guttata*)—2 or so seen at WS  
**Andean Guan** (*Penelope montagnii*)—2 seen (posing!) at GL  
Wattled Guan (*aburria aburri*)—**H** at WS  
Sickle-winged Guan (*Chamaepetes goudotii*)—3, then another, seen in flight along the  
SI Eco-corridor

### GREBES: PODICIPEDIDAE

**Silvery Grebe** (*Podiceps occipitalis*)—Only 1 seen (scoped) at ANT; La Mica Lagoon

### IBISES & SPOONBILLS: THRESKIORNITHIDAE

**Black-faced Ibis** (*Theristicus melanopis branickii*)—7 seen in páramo grassland at  
ANT

### NEW WORLD VULTURES: CATHARTIDAE

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*)—Common throughout; seen on all but two days  
Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*)—1-5 seen on six days  
**Greater Yellow-headed Vulture** (*Cathartes melambrotus*)—2 in the C area; another  
above WS  
**Andean Condor** (*Vultur gryphus*)—1 male seen at PAP; 4 more at ANT (TC)

### HAWKS, EAGLES & KITES: ACCIPITRIDAE

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*)—1-3 were seen on four days at WS area  
Double-toothed Kite (*Harpagus bidentatus*)—1 seen briefly at WS on 2/2  
Plain-breasted Hawk (*Accipiter ventralis*)—Aka Sharp-shinned Hawk by some authors.  
1 seen at SI  
**Cinereous Harrier** (*Circus cinereus*)—1 female in swooping flight at ANT  
Roadside Hawk (*Rupornis magnirostris*)—Singles, and up to 2 seen on fine days; WS,  
SI, and V  
Harris's Hawk (*Parabuteo unicinctus*)—1 seen well in the Tumbaco Valley on our last  
day  
**White-rumped Hawk** (*Parabuteo leucorrhous*)—1 seen perched at V  
Variable Hawk (*Geranoaetus polyosoma*)—Formally aka Puna Hawk (*G.*  
*poecilochrous*), recently moved from genus *Buteo*. 3 seen soaring  
at PAP; another 5 at ANT (including adults and young)  
Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*)—3 in all seen at SI on two days  
Short-tailed Hawk (*Buteo brachyurus*)—2 seen along WS entrance road

### RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS: RALLIDAE

Slate-colored (Andean) Coot (*Fulica ardesiaca*)—Dozens seen at ANT (La Mica

Lagoon)

PLOVERS & LAPWINGS: CHARADRIIDAE

Southern Lapwing (*Vanellus chilensis*)—3/6 seen along Eco-corridor at SI on two days  
**Andean Lapwing** (*Vanellus resplendens*)—6 seen on páramo grassland at ANT

SANDPIPERS & ALLIES: SCOLOPACIDAE

Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularius*)—Singles seen along rivers at CR and at SI  
along Eco-corridor river

GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS: LARIDAE

Andean Gull (*Chroicocephalus serranus*)—Very common at ANT

PIGEONS & DOVES: COLUMBIDAE

Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*)—Concentrated at towns, especially Baeza  
**Scaled Pigeon** (*Patagioenas speciosa*)—2 of this uncommon pigeon seen at WS  
Band-tailed Pigeon (*Patagioenas fasciata*)—3-6 seen at WS and SI  
Plumbeous Pigeon (*Patagioenas plumbea*)—**H** at WS and SI  
Ruddy Pigeon (*Patagioenas subvinacea*)—**H** at WS; a pair seen there on 2/2  
**Black-winged Ground-Dove** (*Metriopelia melanoptera*)—at least 2 seen at ANT  
White-throated Quail-Dove (*Zentrygon frenata*)—1 seen by Pam at WS; 2 or so seen  
above TP; also **H** at SI  
Eared Dove (*Zenaida auriculata*)—Common species the central valley and around  
Quito

CUCKOOS: CUCULIDAE

Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*)—Several seen in more open terrain; L-WS road  
and WS entrance road and highway west of there  
Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*)—1-2 seen (at least 1 fairly well) at WS on three days

OWLS: STRIGIDAE

Tropical Screech-Owl (*Megascops choliba*)—**H** at WS  
“**The Mystery Owl**” – Most like the Black-banded Owl (*Ciccaba huhula*)—(the  
taxonomic status of this population has not yet been determined). 1 seen  
beautifully close at SI

SWIFTS: APODIDAE

White-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)—Large concentrations seen on seven  
days, at basically all elevations  
Gray-rumped Swift (*Chaetura cinereiventris*)—2 were seen overflying WS

HUMMINGBIRDS: TROCHILIDAE

White-necked Jacobin (*Florisuga mellivora*)—1 was seen well at WS, but only on 1/30  
Green Hermit (*Phaethornis guy*)—1-2 seen repeatedly on three days at WS feeders  
Tawny-bellied Hermit (*Phaethornis syrmatophorus*)—Singles seen at SI Eco-corridor  
on two days

Brown Violetear (*Colibri delphinae*)—3 or so seen WS feeders on two days

Sparkling Violetear (*Colibri coruscans*)—Common at feeder stations at most sites—  
seen on six days, most spectacularly at TC feeders

**Tourmaline Sunangel** (*Heliangelus exortis*)—Common at GL feeders on two visits

**Wire-crested Thorntail** (*Discosura popelairii*)—Common at WS; also a few at HO

Speckled Hummingbird (*Adelomyia melanogenys*)—1-5 or so seen in the SI area and  
feeders, and also at GL

**Long-tailed Sylph** (*Agelaiocercus kingi*)—1-2 seen at SI, V and GL; best at feeders  
(wonderful tail!!); 5 or so at GL (feeders and forest)

**Ecuadorian Hillstar** (*Oreotrochilus chimborazo*)—Aka as Chimborazo Hillstar by  
some authors. 3 seen at ANT (males & females)

**Black-tailed Trainbearer** (*Lesbia victoria*)—A male and female seen beautifully at TC

Tyrian Metaltail (*Metallura tyrianthina*)—Singles seen along TP upper road on two visits

**Viridian Metaltail** (*Metallura williami*)—1 seen well along TP upper road

**Shining Sunbeam** (*Aglaeactis cupripennis*)—1 seen at TP gardens; 2 more seen  
beautifully at TC feeders

**Bronzy Inca** (*Coeligena coeligena*)—1-2 seen repeatedly at SI feeders on two days

Collared Inca (*Coeligena torquata*)—1-2 of this ‘dapper’ species seen repeatedly at SI  
and GL

Buff-winged Starfrontlet (*Coeligena lutetiae*)—1-2 seen above TP

**Sword-billed Hummingbird** (*Ensifera ensifera*)—Singles seen at GL on two visits;  
extraordinary bill!!!!

**Great Sapphirewing** (*Pterophanes cyanopterus*)—1 glimpsed by Ned along the TP  
road; beautiful close looks at another at TC feeders... the world’s second  
largest hummer!

Buff-tailed Coronet (*Boissonneaua flavescens*)—Fairly common at GL feeders on two  
visits (normally not a common species on the east slope)

Chestnut-breasted Coronet (*Boissonneaua matthewsii*)—Common at SI and GL (seen  
on five days)

Booted/Peruvian Racket-tail (*Ocreatus underwoodii/peruanus*)—Buff-booted  
population, east of the Andes is often considered a separate species from  
western, white-booted form. 1-5 species seen on three days at WS feeders

**White-tailed Hillstar** (*Urochroa bougueri*)—3 or so seen well and repeatedly at HO  
feeders

**Rufous-vented Whitetip** (*Urostitte ruficrissa*)—1 male seen on two days at WS  
feeders

**Black-throated Brilliant** (*Heliodoxa schreibersii*)—1 male seen a few times at WS  
feeders

**Gould’s Jewelfront** (*Heliodoxa aurescens*)—1 male seen well and repeatedly at WS  
forest feeders

Fawn-breasted Brilliant (*Heliodoxa rubinoides*)—Quite common at SI feeders; also at  
GL feeders

Violet-fronted Brilliant (*Heliodoxa leadbeateri*)—1-2 or so seen at WS feeders on three  
days

**Giant Hummingbird** (*Patagona gigas*)—2 seen well and repeatedly at TC feeders;  
incredible swooping flight displays!

White-bellied Woodstar (*Chaetocercus mulsant*)—1-2 males seen at GL feeders on two visits

**Gorgeted Woodstar** (*Chaetocercus heliodor*)—1 male was seen perched atop a tall tree at HO

Violet-headed Hummingbird (*Klais guimeti*)—1-2 seen at flowering *Verbena* shrubs at WS feeders

**Napo Sabrewing** (*Campylopterus villaviscensio*)—Single males seen on two days at times WS feeders

Fork-tailed Woodnymph (*Thalurania furcata*)—Generally common at WS; seen on four days, mostly at feeders; stunning males!!

**Many-spotted Hummingbird** (*Taphrospilus hypostictus*)—Common, seen repeatedly at WS and HO feeders

Golden-tailed Sapphire (*Chrysuronia oenone*)—The most common hummer at WS also at HO

#### TROGONS: TROGONIDAE

Golden-headed Quetzal (*Pharomachrus auriceps*)—Singles (female and male) seen a V and SI (eco-corridor); female looked *bright blue* above!

**Crested Quetzal** (*Pharomachrus antisianus*)—1 male seen (scoped) at SI

Green-backed Trogon (*Trogon viridis*)—**H** at WS

Masked Trogon (*Trogon personatus*)—1 male seen at SI

#### PUFFBIRDS: BUCCONIDAE

**Black-fronted Nunbird** (*Monasa nigrifrons*)—At least 1 seen near L, at river stop

#### JACAMARS: GALBULIDAE

**Coppery-chested Jacamar** (*Galbula pastazae*)—**H**, then 1 seen well along WR road (nice spotting Pam)

#### NEW WORLD BARBETS: CAPITONIDAE

**Gilded Barbet** (*Capito auratus*)—Singles seen at WS (others **H**)

Red-headed Barbet (*Eubucco bourcierii*)—Song and male plumage of east slope race differ notably from that of west slope population... ‘a split is in the air...’ 1 male seen well at WS (others **H**)

#### TOUCANS: RAMPHASTIDAE

**Emerald Toucanet** (*Aulacorhynchus prasinus*)—Aka Andean Toucanet by some authors; but apparently now split, and called White-throated Toucanet (*A. albivitta*). 1 male seen along SI Eco-corridor

**Black-billed Mountain-Toucan** (*Andigena nigrirostris*)—1 came in and seen well at V  
Golden-collared Toucanet (*Selenidera reinwardtii*)—**H** at WS

#### WOODPECKERS: PICIDAE

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker (*Melanerpes cruentatus*)—Fairly common at WS

Little Woodpecker (*Veniliornis passerines*)—1 seen at HO on 2/2

Golden-olive Woodpecker (*Colaptes rubiginosus*)—**1 male 2** seen well along the BL

**Crimson-mantled Woodpecker** (*Colaptes rivolii*)—1 of this handsome species seen well along the SI Eco-corridor

**Powerful Woodpecker** (*Campephilus pollens*)—2 females seen at V; a pair seen at GL

**Crimson-bellied Woodpecker** (*Campephilus melanoleucos*)—A pair was seen in dense canopy along the F.A.C.E. Trail at WS

#### FALCONS & CARACARAS: FALCONIDAE

Barred Forest-Falcon (*Micrastur ruficollis*)—**H** then 1 seen briefly at WS

Collared Forest-Falcon (*Micrastur semitorquatus*)—**H** at SI

**Black Caracara** (*Daptrius ater*)—2 were seen near L

**Carunculated Caracara** (*Phalcoboenus carunculatus*)—150 or so seen at ANT (all over the páramo grassland)

American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*)—2 seen at ANT

#### NEW WORLD & AFRICAN PARROTS

White-capped/Speckle-faced Parrot (*Pionus tumultuosus seniloides*)—Only 1 seen briefly in flight at SI

Maroon-tailed Parakeet (*Pyrrhura melanura*)—6 or so seen at WS

**Military Macaw** (*Ara militaris*)—a pair seen at WS

Chestnut-fronted Macaw (*Ara severus*)—Pairs seen (scoped) on two days at WS, perched and in flight

#### TYPICAL ANTBIRDS: THAMNOPHILIDAE

Lined Antshrike (*Thamnophilus tenuipunctatus*)—**H** on two days at WS

Blackish Antbird (*Cercomacra nigrescens*)—**H** a few times at WS

#### ANTPITTAS: GRALLARIIDAE

**Plain-backed Antpitta** (*Grallaria haplonota*)—A pair seen at feeding 'station' at WS

Chestnut-crowned Antpitta (*Grallaria ruficapilla*)—**H** at GL

White-bellied Antpitta (*Grallaria hypoleuca*)—**H** several times at SI

Rufous Antpitta (*Grallaria rufula*)—**H** above TP

**Tawny Antpitta** (*Grallaria quitensis*)—1 seen well at PAP (**H** at ANT)

**Ochre-breasted Antpitta** (*Grallaricula flavirostris*)—A pair seen at feeding 'station' at WS

#### TAPACULOS: RHINOCRYPTIDAE

Blackish Tapaculo (*Scytalopus latrans*)—**H** at V

White-crowned Tapaculo (*Scytalopus atratus*)—**H** at WS

#### ANTTHRUSHES: FORMICARIIDAE

Short-tailed Antthrush (*Chamaeza campanisona*)—1 seen well at feeding 'station' at WS (others **H**)

#### OVENBIRDS & WOODCREEPERS: FURNARIIDAE

Olivaceous Woodcreeper (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*)—**H** at WS

Olive-backed Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus triangularis*)—3+ seen at SI on two days  
 Montane Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger*)—2 or so seen at SI on two days  
 Streaked Xenops (*Xenops rutilans*)—1 seen along BL with mixed foraging flock  
**Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper** (*Lochmias nematura*)—Big surprise! 1 seen at HO  
 above the river below nectar feeders  
 Chestnut-winged Cinclodes (*Cinclodes albiventris*)—Formally known as Bar-winged  
 Cinclodes (*C. fuscus*). 1 seen at PAP  
 Stout-billed Cinclodes (*Cinclodes excelsior*)—Common at ANT  
 Black-billed Treehunter (*Thripadectes melanorhynchus*)—**H** at WS  
 Pearled Treerunner (*Margarornis squamiger*)—Seen on three days; 2 glimpsed at V; 3  
 seen well above TP, and 4 at GL on our second visit  
**Many-striped Canastero** (*Asthenes flammulata*)—1 seen at ANT  
 Azara's Spinetail (*Synallaxis azarae*)—**H** at SI on two days  
 Dark-breasted Spinetail (*Synallaxis albigularis*)—**H** at WS  
 Dusky Spinetail (*Synallaxis moesta*)—**H** at WS

#### TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: TYRANNIDAE

**Agile Tit-Tyrant** (*Uromyias agilis*)—A pair seen above TP  
 Sierran Elaenia (*Elaenia pallatangae*)—A pair seen at V  
 Torrent Tyrannulet (*Serpophaga cinerea*)—1 seen at HO; 5 or so seen along SI Eco-  
 corridor; another at V  
 Ochre-bellied Flycatcher (*Mionectes oleaginous*)—1 seen at WS  
 Slaty-capped Flycatcher (*Leptopogon superciliaris*)—Singles seen at WS on two days  
 Golden-faced Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius chrysops*)—Singles seen on two days at WS and  
 SI  
 Ornate Flycatcher (*Myiotriccus ornatus*)—Only 1 seen well at WS  
**Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher** (*Poecilotriccus ruficeps*)—Great looks at 1 (in  
*Chusquea* bamboo) along SI Eco-corridor  
**Black-and-white Tody-Flycatcher** (*Poecilotriccus capitalis*)—A responsive male seen  
 along WS entrance road (in *Guadua* bamboo)  
 Common Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum cinereum*)—1 seen along WS entrance road  
 Cinnamon Flycatcher (*Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus*)—1-5 seen on three days at V and  
 SI on two day  
**Handsome Flycatcher** (*Nephelomyias pulcher*)—1 seen with mixed foraging flock  
 along SI Eco-corridor  
**Olive-chested Flycatcher** (*Myiophobus cryptoxanthus*)—A pair seen along WS  
 entrance road  
**Euler's Flycatcher** (*Lathotriccus euleri*)—1 seen in *Guadua* bamboo along WS  
 entrance road  
 Olive-sided Flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*)—4 in all seen along the WS entrance road '  
 on two days; another 1 at V  
 Smoke-colored Pewee (*Contopus fumigatus*)—Only singles seen at WS and SI  
 Western Wood-Pewee (*Contopus sordidulus*)—Quite a few seen at WS, V, and BL  
 (quite a few for the east slope)  
 Eastern Wood-Pewee (*Contopus virens*)—Somewhat less common at WS, V, and BL  
 than previous species

Black Phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*)— Only 1 (apparently) at WS; 2 seen at SI  
Paramo Ground-Tyrant (*Muscisaxicola alpinus*)—Aka Plain-capped Ground-Tyrant by some authors. 1 or so seen at PAP; 2 more seen at ANT  
**Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant** (*Ochthoeca rufipectoralis*)—2 seen well at GL  
Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant (*Ochthoeca fumicolor*)—1 seen at ANT  
Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*)—1 seen at WS  
Pale-edged Flycatcher (*Myiarchus cephalotes*)—Only 1 seen at SI (good close looks)  
Boat-billed Flycatcher (*Megarynchus pitangua*)—1 seen at WS  
Social Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes similis*)—6 or so seen at WS  
Gray-capped Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes granadensis*)—1 seen near L  
Golden-crowned Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes chrysocephalus*)—1 seen at WS  
Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)—Rather common in more open country throughout the lowlands and foothills (seen on seven days)

#### COTINGAS: COTINGIDAE

**Green-and-black Fruiteater** (*Pipreola riefferii*)—A pair seen well at V  
Red-crested Cotinga (*Ampelion rubrocristatus*)—1 seen briefly at PAP  
**Andean Cock-of-the-rock** (*Rupicola peruvianus*)—3 or so seen in flight at HO

#### MANAKINS: PIPRIDAE

**White-crowned Manakin** (*Dixiphia pipra*)—Single males seen on two days at WS

#### TITYRAS & ALLIES: TITYRIDAE

Masked Tityra (*Tityra semifasciata*)—1 female seen along WS entrance road  
**Yellow-cheeked Becard** (*Pachyramphus xanthogenys*)—Aka Green-backed Becard when not split. 1 male seen well along lower WS entrance road

#### VIREOS, SHRIKE-BABLERS & ERPORNIS: VIREONIDAE

Black-billed Peppershrike (*Cyclarhis nigrirostris*)—**H** at SI  
Olivaceous Greenlet (*Hylophilus olivaceus*)—At least 1 seen, but briefly, at WS (others **H**)

#### CROWS, JAYS & MAGPIES: CORVIDAE

**Turquoise Jay** (*Cyanolyca turcosa*)—12 or so seen at GL on our second visit  
**Inca Jay** (*Cyanocorax yncas*)—Lumped with Green Jay by some authors; common around SI and V; also seen on one day at WS and at GL  
**Violaceous Jay** (*Cyanocorax violaceus*)—Only 2 seen along WS entrance road

#### SWALLOWS: HIRUNDINIDAE

Blue-and-white Swallow (*Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*)—Fairly common to common and widespread, except in the paramo zone; seen at WS, V mainly  
Brown-bellied Swallow (*Orochelidon murina*)—The highland swallow; fairly common along SI eco-corridor; and at higher elevations, especially in the páramo  
Southern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx sufficollis*)—1 Only seen along WS entrance road

WRENS: TROGLODYTIDAE

Wing-banded Wren (*Microcerculus bambla*)—**H** in forest at WS

House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*)—**H** at WS and SI

Mountain Wren (*Troglodytes solstitialis*)—1 seen briefly at SI

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucophrys*)—**H** often in subtropics (3 days);  
1 seen briefly at SI

DIPPERS: CINCLIDAE

**White-capped Dipper** (*Cinclus leucocephalus*)—Singles seen at HO and along  
stream along WS Eco-corridor

THRUSHES & ALLIES: TURDIDAE

Andean Solitaire (*Myadestes ralloides*)—**H** on one day along SI Eco-corridor

**Gray-cheeked Thrush** (*Catharus minimus*)—1 came in to feeding 'station' at WS

Swainson's Thrush (*Catharus ustulatus*)—*Very common* at WS; 1 seen at SI

Pale-eyed Thrush (*Turdus leucops*)—1 seen, others **H** at SI on two days

Black-billed Thrush (*Turdus ignobilis*)—Common at WS; 1 at V; mostly in more open-  
country

Great Thrush (*Turdus fuscater*)—The common highland thrush

Glossy-black Thrush (*Turdus serranus*)—1 male seen at SI; a pair seen at V

WAGTAILS & PIPITS: MOTACILLIDAE

**Páramo Pipit** (*Anthus bogotensis*)—1 seen well in short grass at ANT

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: PARULIDAE

**Cerulean Warbler** (*Setophaga cerulea*)—1 male seen a couple of times at WS

Tropical Parula (*Setophaga pitiayumi*)—Only 1 seen at WS

Blackburnian Warbler (*Setophaga fusca*)—Quite common, in all plumages, on five  
days throughout (WS, V, SI, BL, and GL)

Canada Warbler (*Cardellina canadensis*)—A rather common east slope boreal  
migrant; 1-2 or so seen at WS, SI, V, and BL

Slate-throated Whitestart (*Myioborus miniatus*)—Often called Redstart even though  
*NO* red appears in its plumage! Only 1-3 seen at WS, SI, V, and BL

Spectacled Redstart (*Myioborus melanocephalus*)— Often called Redstart even  
though *NO* red appears in its plumage! A fairly common higher elevation  
replacement of the previous species; 15 or so seen at both TP and GL

TANAGERS & ALLIES: THRAUPIDAE

**Magpie Tanager** (*Cissopis leverianus*)—1-2 seen around WS on three days; 1 along  
BL

Superciliaried Hemispingus (*Hemispingus superciliaris*)—2 or so seen above TP

**Oleaginous Hemispingus** (*Hemispingus frontalis*)—1 seen well with mixed foraging  
flock at V

Gray-hooded Bush Tanager (*Cnemoscopus rubrirostris*)—3 seen at GL with a mixed  
foraging flock

White-shouldered Tanager (*Tachyphonus luctuosus*)—1 male seen at WS



White-lined Tanager (*Tachyphonus rufus*)—Pairs seen along WS entrance road on three days

Silver-beaked Tanager (*Ramphocelus carbo*)—Fairly common, seen daily (four days) in WS area (males are stunning in good light!)

**Masked Mountain-Tanager** (*Buthraupis wetmorei*)—Incredibly great looks at 4 along the TP road!

**Black-chested Mountain-Tanager** (*Cnemathraupis eximia*)— Incredibly great looks at 4 (along with the previous species) along the TP road!

**Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager** (*Anisognathus igniventris*)—5 seen along the TP road!

Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager (*Anisognathus somptuosus*)—1-6 seen well; at V, along the SI Eco-corridor on two days, and along the BL

Blue-gray Tanager (*Thraupis episcopus*)—Fairly common in the lowlands, mostly WS and along the BL this trip

Palm Tanager (*Thraupis palmarum*)—Fairly common at WS, and also along the BL

Black-capped Tanager (*Tangara heinei*)—2 pairs were seen at V

Blue-necked Tanager (*Tangara cyanicollis*)—1-2 or so seen around WS and also along the BL

**Blue-and-black Tanager** (*Tangara vassorii*)—1 seen well at GL on our second visit

**Beryl-spangled Tanager** (*Tangara nigroviridis*)—7 or so seen along the SI Eco-corridor and SI area on three days

**Paradise Tanager** (*Tangara chilensis*)—5 or more seen at WS

**Saffron-crowned Tanager** (*Tangara xanthocephala*)—10 or so in all seen along the SI Eco-corridor and V

Flame-faced Tanager (*Tangara parzudakii*)—3 of this beautiful tanager seen at V

Green Honeycreeper (*Chlorophanes spiza*)—Only 1 male seen at WS

**Golden-collared Honeycreeper** (*Iridophanes pulcherrimus*)—1 male seen well (scoped) high in a *Cecropia* along the BL

Cinereous Conebill (*Conirostrum cinereum*)—Only 1 was seen above TP

Blue-backed Conebill (*Conirostrum sitticolor*)— 3 in all seen above TP on two days

Capped Conebill (*Conirostrum albifrons*)—1 male was seen at V

Glossy Flowerpiercer (*Diglossa lafresnayii*)—5 or so seen along road above TP

Black Flowerpiercer (*Diglossa humeralis*)—1-2 seen at flowering hedges at TP and TC feeders

**Bluish Flowerpiercer** (*Diglossa caerulescens*)—1, then 4 seen with mixed foraging flocks at SI and V

Masked Flowerpiercer (*Diglossa cyanea*)—2 seen at SI; 1 at point blank at GL nectar feeder

**Black-backed Bush-Tanager** (*Urothraupis stolzmanni*)—6-8 or so seen well along the TP upper road, with a mixed foraging flock

Plumbeous Sierra-Finch (*Phrygilus unicolor*)—Common at ANT

Chestnut-bellied Seedeater (*Sporophila castaneiventris*)—Only pairs seen along the WS entrance road on two days

Plain-colored Seedeater (*Catamenia inornata*)—3 or so seen at ANT

Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*)—1-2 seen at WS, and along the BL on three days

Grayish Saltator (*Saltator coerulescens*)—Surprisingly, **H** along WS entrance road,

never seen

#### BUNTINGS & NEW WORLD SPARROWS: EMBERIZIDAE

Ash-throated Chlorospingus (*Chlorospingus canigularis*)—No longer considered a tanager, thus no longer called Bush-Tanager. 1 seen well with mixed foraging flocks at V

Common Chlorospingus (*Chlorospingus flavopectus*)—No longer considered a tanager, thus no longer called Bush-Tanager. 3 seen with mixed foraging flocks at V

Yellow-browed Sparrow (*Ammodramus aurifrons*)—Singles seen; along the WS entrance road and at V

Rufous-collared Sparrow (*Zonotrichia capensis*)—A common highland species; seen on seven days, from WS onwards

**Slaty Brush-Finch** (*Atlapetes schistaceus*)—Nice looks at 1 w/ a mixed foraging flock at GL on our second visit

Pale-naped Brush-Finch (*Atlapetes pallidinucha*)—1 seen well along the TP upper road

Yellow-breasted Brush-Finch (*Atlapetes latinuchus*)—Aka Rufous-naped Brush-Finch. 1 seen along the TP upper road

#### CARDINALS & ALLIES: CARDINALIDAE

Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*)—No longer considered a tanager! Rather common at WS (103 seen dailt there); singles seen on two days at SI

Scarlet Tanager (*Piranga olivacea*)—At least 5 were seen at WS (females and first year males)

Golden Grosbeak (*Pheucticus chrysogaster*)—1 male seen well at TC

Rose-breasted Grosbeak (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*)—2 adult males seen; at SI and along BL

#### TROUPIALS & ALLIES: ICTERIDAE

Subtropical Cacique (*Cacicus uropygialis*)—Considered here a species separate from Scarlet-rumped Cacique (*C. microrhynchus*) found west of the Andes. Fairly common to common around SI and V

Yellow-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus cela*)—1 seen along lower WS entrance road on 2/2

**Northern Mountain Cacique** (*Cacicus leucoramphus*)—Often lumped and called Mountain Cacique (*C. chrysonotus*)—20 seen at GL

Russet-backed Oropendola (*Psarocolius angustifrons*)—Common overall; flocks seen on six days, especially at WS, SI and V

Crested Oropendola (*Psarocolius decumanus*)—1-2 seen on three days at WS

#### FINCHES, EUPHONIAS & ALLIES: FRINGILLIDAE

**Bronze-green Euphonia** (*Euphonia mesochrysa*)—A pair along WS entrance road

#### **MAMMALS:**

#### MARMOSETS AND TAMARINS: CALLITRICHIDAE

**Napo Tamarin** (*Saguinus graellsii*)—Now split from Black-mantled Tamarin (*Saguinus nigricollis*). Group of 6 or so seen from deck at WS

LARGE CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICAN SQUIRRELS: SCIURIDAE

Red-tailed Squirrel (*Sciurus granatensis*)—1 seen at WS; another at SI

AGOUTIS: DASYPROCTIDAE

Black Agouti (*Dasyprocta fuliginosa*)—Possibly this species seen by Pam at GL, though seemingly high for the species

RABBITS: LEPORIDAE

Tropical Cottontail (*Sylvilagus brasiliensis*)—Several seen at TP (around the pools), along the TP upper road, and most common at ANT

WEASELS, OTTERS & ALLIES: MUSTELIDAE

**Tayra** (*Eira barbara*)—3 seen at SI

DEER: CERVIDAE

White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*)—3 seen seen in páramo at PAP