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There were two consistent themes to our week on the east-slope of the Andes this year. One was the spectacular scenery. This transect through the mountains is stunningly beautiful, from the waving grass of the páramo high above the timberline down to the luxuriant upper tropical forest of the foothills. The other was water—and the amazing cycle from the Andes to the Amazon and back. We spent time in the clouds, under them, and a few times getting wet from them. They hung along the high ridges and mystically swept up through the deep valleys, slowly condensing and releasing moisture to join the rushing rivers cutting their way down the wall of the Andes. Eventually this water reaches the vast lowlands drained by the Amazon River where, of course, the tropical heat evaporates it and sends it back up to the Andes to begin the cycle again.

We began our explorations of the mountains with a brief sampling of the northwestern slopes near Quito, a region worth a week in its own right. Here, at the now famous Angel Paz Reserve, we watched breathlessly as Angel called up his “trained” Yellow-breasted and Moustached antpittas, and they came hopping in to feast on the worms he had put out. To see any antpitta this well is remarkable, but it is his care and concern for “his” birds that makes the experience even more special! We began our hummingbird extravaganza here too, and by the end of the day we had seen a remarkable 23 species of these delicate jewels. A colorful pair of Toucan Barbets gave their wild duet right overhead, while inside the lush forest we spotted both the Scaled Fruiteater and the Olivaceous Piha, two very different members of the cotinga family.

The next morning we birded our way up through pleasant highland farm country to the treeless páramo where, in a few exhilarating hours, we saw two Andean Condors glide along a high ridge, a cute Andean Tit-Spinetail, a sneaky Tawny Antpitta scurrying around in the bunch grass, and, eventually, the two special hummingbirds of the high elevations—the Ecuadorian (Chimborazo) Hillstar and Blue-mantled Thornbill. A side-trip to the highest elevations produced Stout-billed Cinclodes, Paramo Ground-Tyrant, and for some the special Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe. The next morning, in the temperate shrub zone near tree line, we were lucky to find several cooperative mixed-flocks that yielded such gems as Blue-backed Conebill, Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager, Golden-crowned Tanager, and Pale-naped Brush-Finch, while a bit lower downslope we studied still more hummingbirds, including the incredible Sword-billed Hummingbird.

San Ysidro Labrador, our headquarters for exploring the mid-elevations, is a private reserve located right in the heart of the lush subtropical zone. In these luxuriant forests and nearby we tracked down some premier Andean birds, including a male Torrent Duck sitting calmly on a rock amidst a picturesque river, a soaring Black-and-chestnut Eagle, a bold male Masked Trogon seen

repeatedly near our cabins, a gorgeous Powerful Woodpecker, and a stolid Green-and-black Fruiteater, but the recurring theme here was “mixed-flocks.” Here the birds roam in active groups of up to 20 species that forage through the forest together, creating a feast or famine situation for birders. We “feasted” regularly, particularly enjoying the colorful tanagers that dominate the flocks, their names hinting at their fabulous colors: Saffron-crowned, Flame-faced, Blue-necked, and Beryl-spangled, to mention but a few. Tagging along with them were Pearled Treerunners, woodcreepers, flycatchers, and others, duller in color but interesting all the same.

Perhaps our ultimate flock was in the super-wet moss forest at Huacamayo Pass, a loose association of five stunning species that foraged along at eye level for 20 wonderful minutes: Crimson-mantled Woodpecker, Dusky Piha, Turquoise Jays, Hooded Mountain-Tanagers, and Northern Mountain-Caciques.

Itinerary:

January 13: night in Quito.

January 14: all-day excursion to the northwest slope of Volcan Pichincha, the highlights being a visit to Angel Paz’s reserve for the antpittas and hummingbird watching at the feeders at Rio Alambi.

January 15: all-day birding from the Central Valley up to Papallacta Pass, and then down the east-slope to the Termas de Papallacta, for a night at 10,200 ft.

January 16: morning in the temperate shrub zone just below treeline and at the hummingbird feeders at Rio Guango (9800 ft). Afternoon drive to San Ysidro Labrador, with stops en route.

January 17: morning and afternoon birding along the San Ysidro Labrador sideroad, in the heart of the wet and lush subtropical zone at 6600 ft. Heavy rain overnight.

January 18: morning birding at San Ysidro and then an afternoon excursion to Cosanga village and the slopes above (to the bottom of the persistent cloud layer hanging on the ridge).

January 19: morning birding our way up to the pass on Huacamayo Ridge (at 7200 ft) and down the east-slope a bit in the fog and mist. Afternoon birding in the San Ysidro area.

January 20: morning loop around the Baeza area and then lunch and several hours birding at Rio Guango again, before driving back into Quito.

January 21: departure for home or on-going travels.

Key:

Q = Quito

NW = Northwest slope

Pap = Papallacta area, from 9000 ft on the Central Valley side (our first major birding stop) to the Pass and towers above (up to 13,500 feet) and then down the east-slope to the Termas de Papallacta (10,200 ft) and Rio Guango (9800 ft).

ES = the East-slope

SYL = the San Ysidro Labrador area and nearby Huacamayo Ridge (from 4000 ft in the foothills to 7200 ft as the pass. The heart of the lush subtropical zone.

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

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) - Pap (a rarity on high-elevation Papallacta Reservoir).

Cattle Egret - ES

Torrent Duck (*Merganetta armata*) – SYL, ES (perhaps the species most evocative of the Andes).

Speckled Teal (*Anas flavirostris*)

“Andean” Teal (*Anas (f.) andium*) - Pap (split by the field guide).

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

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) - Pap, Quito

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*) – NW

Andean Condor (*Vultur gryphus*) - Pap

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle (*Geranoaetus melanoleucus*) - Pap

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

Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*) – NW, SYL, ES

Variable Hawk (*Buteo polyosoma*) - Pap (the “Puna” Hawk, sometimes split as a separate species (*Buteo poecilochrous*); beautiful adults of both light and dark morphs over the paramo.

Black-and-chestnut Eagle (*Oroaetus isidori*)

American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*) - Q

Sickle-winged Guan (*Chamaepetes goudotii*) - SYL

Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*) - Pap

Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularia*) - Pap, SYL, ES

Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe (*Attagis gayi*) - Pap

Andean Gull (*Larus serranus*) - Pap

Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*) - Q

Band-tailed Pigeon (*Patagioenas fasciata*) - ES, SYL

Plumbeous Pigeon (*Patagioenas plumbea*) - ES

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

Red-billed Parrot (*Pionus sordidus*) - ES

Speckle-faced Parrot (*Pionus tumultuosus*)

“White-capped” Parrot (*Pionus t. seniloides*) - SYL (split by the field guide).

Scaly-naped Parrot (*Amazona mercenaria*) - SYL

Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*) - NW

Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*) - ES

“Black-banded” Owl (*Ciccaba huhula*) - ES (the “mystery” owl of San Ysidro Labrador. It’s taxonomic position has not been determined yet, as it shows features of both Black-banded and Black-and-white Owls of the lowlands).

Rufous-bellied Nighthawk (*Lurocalis rufiventris*) - SYL

Chestnut-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne rutila*) - SYL

- White-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne zonaris*) - Pap, ES, SYL
 White-whiskered Hermit (*Phaethornis yaruqui*) - NW
 Tawny-bellied Hermit (*Phaethornis syrmatophorus*) - SYL
 White-necked Jacobin (*Florisuga mellivora*) - NW
 Brown Violet-ear (*Colibri delphinae*) - NW
 Green Violet-ear (*Colibri thalassinus*) - ES, SYL
 Sparkling Violet-ear (*Colibri coruscans*) - Pap, SYL
 Blue-tailed Emerald (*Chlorostilbon mellisugus*)
 "Western" Emerald (*Chlorostilbon (m.) melanorhynchus*) - NW (split by the field guide).
 Green-crowned Woodnymph (*Thalurania fannyi*) - NW
 Rufous-tailed Hummingbird (*Amazilia tzacatl*) - NW
 Andean Emerald (*Agyrtria franceae*) - NW
 Speckled Hummingbird (*Adelomyia melanogenys*) - NW, ES, SYL
 Fawn-breasted Brilliant (*Heliodoxa rubinoides*) - NW, SYL
Empress Brilliant (*Heliodoxa imperatrix*) - NW (rare endemic).
 Green-crowned Brilliant (*Heliodoxa jacula*) - NW
 White-tailed Hillstar (*Urochroa bougueri*) - NW
 Chestnut-breasted Coronet (*Boissonneaua matthewsii*) - ES, SYL
 Buff-tailed Coronet (*Boissonneaua flavescens*) - NW, ES
 Velvet-purple Coronet (*Boissonneaua jardini*) - NW
 Shining Sunbeam (*Aglaeactis cupripennis*) - Pap
Chimborazo (Ecuadorian) Hillstar (*Oreotrochilus chimborazo*) - Pap (well above tree-line).
 Mountain Velvetbreast (*Lafresnaya lafresnayi*) - ES
 Bronzy Inca (*Coeligena coeligena*) - SYL
 Brown Inca (*Coeligena wilsoni*) - NW
 Collared Inca (*Coeligena torquata*) - ES, SYL
 Buff-winged Starfrontlet (*Coeligena lutetiae*) - Pap, ES
Sword-billed Hummingbird (*Ensifera ensifera*) - ES (comical at the feeders!).
 Great Sapphirewing (*Pterophanes cyanopterus*) - Pap
 Giant Hummingbird (*Patagona gigas*) - Pap
 Tourmaline Sunangel (*Heliangelus exortis*) - ES, SYL
Glowing Puffleg (*Eriocnemis vestilus*) - ES (a rarity at the feeders).
 Purple-bibbed Whitetip (*Urosticte benjamini*) - NW
Booted Racket-tail (*Ocreatus underwoodii*) - NW (about as cute as they come).
 Black-tailed Trainbearer (*Lesbia victoriae*) - Pap
 Tyrian Metaltail (*Metallura tyrianthina*) - Pap, ES
 Viridian Metaltail (*Metallura williami*) - Pap
 Blue-mantled Thornbill (*Chalcostigma stanleyi*) - Pap
 Long-tailed Sylph (*Aglaiocercus kingi*) - ES, SYL
Violet-tailed Sylph (*Aglaiocercus coelestis*) - NW (stunning endemic of the NW).
 Wedge-billed Hummingbird (*Augastes geoffroyi*) - NW, SYL
 Purple-throated Woodstar (*Calliphlox mitchellii*) - NW

- White-bellied Woodstar (*Chaetocercus mulsant*) - NW, Pap, ES
 Little Woodstar (*Chaetocercus bombus*) - NW
 Gorgeted Woodstar (*Chaetocercus heliodor*) - ES
Masked Trogon (*Trogon personatus*) - SYL (a bold and beautiful male seen regularly near the cabins).
 Crested Quetzal (*Pharomachrus antisianus*) - SYL (heard and glimpsed in flight).
 Golden-headed Quetzal (*Pharomachrus auriceps*) - ES (heard and glimpsed).
Highland Motmot (*Momotus aequatorialis*) - SYL
Toucan Barbet (*Semnornis ramphastinus*) - NW (wild duet ringing through the forest; a specialty of the northwest slope).
Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucan (*Andigena hypoglauca*) - ES (quick look at this rarely-seen species of the upper temperate forest).
 Crimson-mantled Woodpecker (*Piculus rivolii*) - NW, SYL
Powerful Woodpecker (*Campephilus pollens*) - NW (hd), SYL (wow looks!).
 Bar-winged Cincloides (*Cinclodes fuscus*) - Pap
 Stout-billed Cincloides (*Cinclodes excelsior*) - Pap
 Andean Tit-Spinetail (*Leptasthenura andicola*) - Pap
 Azara's Spinetail (*Synallaxis azarae*) - Pap, SYL
 Ash-browed Spinetail (*Cranioleuca curtata*) - ES
 White-chinned Thistletail (*Schizoeaca fuliginosa*) - Pap
 Many-striped Canastero (*Asthenes flammulata*) - Pap
 Pearled Treerunner (*Margarornis squamiger*) - ES, SYL
Streaked Tuftedcheek (*Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii*) - ES (especially good looks at this large "foliage-gleaner" in one of the mixed-flocks).
 Lineated Foliage-gleaner (*Syndactyla subalaris*) - NW (heard only)
 Olive-backed Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus triangularis*) - SYL
 Montane Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger*) - NW, SYL
 Long-tailed Antbird (*Drymophila caudata*) - SYL
Moustached Antpitta (*Grallaria alleni*) - NW (fabulous looks at this mythically-secretive bird).
Chestnut-crowned Antpitta (*Grallaria ruficapilla*) - SYL (came hopping in like a well-trained dog).
Yellow-breasted Antpitta (*Grallaria flavotincta*) - NW (mother and daughter both came out to be fed).
White-bellied Antpitta (*Grallaria hypoleuca*) - SYL (this one took some patience, but great looks eventually).
 Rufous Antpitta (*Grallaria rufula*) - Pap (heard only)
 Tawny Antpitta (*Grallaria quitensis*) - Pap (scurrying around on the paramo).
 Blackish Tapaculo (*Scytalopus latrans*) - SYL (heard only; split from Unicolored Tapaculo).
 Long-tailed (Equatorial Rufous-vented) Tapaculo (*Scytalopus micropterus*) - SYL (heard only).
 Red-crested Cotinga (*Ampelion rubrocristata*) - Pap
Green-and-black Fruiteater (*Pipreola riefferii*) - SYL (a lethargic berry-feeder studied at length).

- Scaled Fruiteater** (*Ampelioides tschudii*) - NW (a strange-looking cotinga).
- Olivaceous Piha** (*Snowornis cryptolophus*) - NW (inside the Angel Paz Reserve).
- Dusky Piha** (*Lipaugus fuscocinereus*) - SYL
- Andean Cock-of-the-Rock (*Rupicola peruviana*) - SYL
- White-crested Elaenia (*Elaenia albiceps*) - Pap, SYL
- Torrent Tyrannulet (*Serpophaga cinerea*) - SYL
- Streak-necked Flycatcher (*Mionectes striaticollis*) - SYL
- Ashy-headed Tyrannulet (*Phyllomyias cinereiceps*) - SYL
- Golden-faced Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius chrysops*) - ES
- White-throated Tyrannulet (*Mecocerculus leucophrys*) - Pap
- White-tailed Tyrannulet (*Mecocerculus poecilocercus*) - NW
- Sulphur-bellied Tyrannulet (*Mecocerculus minor*) - SYL
- White-banded Tyrannulet (*Mecocerculus stictopterus*) - Pap, ES
- Agile Tit-Tyrant** (*Anairetes agilis*) - Pap (this uncommon species kept jumping out to be seen, in the temperate shrub zone).
- Tufted Tit-Tyrant (*Anairetes parulus*) - Pap
- Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant (*Lophotriccus pileatus*) - ES
- Rufous-crowned Tody-Tyrant** (*Poecilotriccus ruficeps*) - SYL (cute and colorful!).
- Large-headed Flatbill (*Ramphotrigon megacephala*) - ES (heard only)
- Flavescent Flycatcher (*Myiophobus flavicans*) - SYL
- Handsome Flycatcher (*Myiophobus pulcher*) - SYL
- Cinnamon Flycatcher (*Pyrrhomyias cinnamomea*) - ES, SYL
- Smoke-colored Pewee (*Contopus fumigatus*) - NW, ES, SYL
- Western Wood-Pewee (*Contopus sordidulus*) - ES
- Black Phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*) - NW, SYL, ES
- Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*) - Pap
- Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant (*Ochthoeca fumicolor*) - Pap
- Smoky Bush-Tyrant (*Myiotheretes fumigatus*) - ES
- Plain-capped Ground-Tyrant (*Muscisaxicola alpina*)
- “Paramo” Ground-Tyrant (*Muscisaxicola (a.) alpina*) - Pap (split in the field guide by Ridgely et al).
- Pale-edged Flycatcher (*Myiarchus cephalotes*) - SYL
- Golden-crowned Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes chrysocephalus*) - NW, SYL
- Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) - NW, ES, SYL
- Barred Becard (*Pachyramphus versicolor*) - ES
- Black-and-white Becard (*Pachyramphus albogriseus*) - SYL
- Blue-and-white Swallow (*Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*) - NW, SYL
- Brown-bellied Swallow (*Notiochelidon murina*) - Pap
- Southern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*) - NW
- White-capped Dipper** (*Cinclus leucocephalus*) - NW, Pap
- Sharpe’s Wren (*Cinnycerthia olivascens*) - SYL (split from Sepia-brown Wren).
- Plain-tailed Wren (*Thryothorus euophrys*) - SYL (heard only)
- House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) - NW, Pap, ES

- Mountain Wren (*Troglodytes solstitialis*) - Pap, ES, SYL
 Gray-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucophrys*) - NW (heard), SYL
 Andean Solitaire (*Myadestes ralloides*) - SYL
 Swainson's Thrush (*Catharus ustulatus*) - SYL
 Pale-eyed Thrush (*Platycichla leucops*) - SYL
 Great Thrush (*Turdus fuscater*) - Pap, ES, SYL
 Glossy-black Thrush (*Turdus serranus*) - SYL
 Black-billed Thrush (*Turdus ignobilis*) - ES
 Ecuadorian Thrush (*Turdus maculirostris*) - NW
 Green Jay (*Cyanocorax yncas*)
 "Inca" Jay (*Cyanocorax (y.) yncas*) - SYL (split by Ridgely et al).
Turquoise Jay (*Cyanolyca turcosa*) - SYL, ES (exquisite looks in the wet mossy forest at the pass on Huacamayo Ridge).
 Brown-capped Vireo (*Vireo leucophrys*) - SYL
 Olivaceous Greenlet (*Hylophilus olivaceus*) - ES (heard only)
Black-billed Peppershrike (*Cyclarhis nigrirostris*) - SYL (we tracked down this regional specialty by its loud song, but later saw a family group "at the lights").
 Thick-billed Euphonia (*Euphonia lanirostris*) - NW
 Orange-bellied Euphonia (*Euphonia xanthogaster*) - NW, SYL
Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia (*Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys*) - SYL (always a good find in the mixed-flocks).
 Hooded Siskin (*Carduelis magellanica*) - Pap
 Olivaceous Siskin (*Carduelis olivacea*) - SYL, ES
 Tropical Parula (*Parula pitiayumi*) - NW, SYL, ES (hd)
 Blackburnian Warbler (*Dendroica fusca*) - NW, SYL
 Blackpoll Warbler (*Dendroica striata*) - ES
 Black-and-white Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*) - SYL
 American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*) - ES
 Canada Warbler (*Wilsonia canadensis*) - SYL, ES
 Slate-throated Redstart (*Myioborus miniatus*) - NW, SYL
 Spectacled Whitestart (*Myioborus melanocephalus*) - Pap, ES
 Black-crested Warbler (*Basileuterus nigrocristatus*) - Pap, SYL (hd)
 Russet-crowned Warbler (*Basileuterus coronatus*) - SYL
 Three-striped Warbler (*Basileuterus tristriatus*) - ES
 Cinereous Conebill (*Conirostrum cinereum*) - Pap
Blue-backed Conebill (*Conirostrum sitticolor*) - Pap (cute and colorful, feeding like chickadees).
 Capped Conebill (*Conirostrum albifrons*) - ES, SYL
 Common Bush-Tanager (*Chlorospingus ophthalmicus*) - SYL
 Dusky Bush-Tanager (*Chlorospingus semifuscus*) - NW
melanotis) - ES
 Short-billed (Yellow-whiskered) Bush-Tanager (*Chlorospingus parvirostris*) - ES
 Gray-hooded Bush-Tanager (*Cnemoscopus rubrirostris*) - ES
 Black-capped Hemispingus (*Hemispingus atropileus*) - ES

- Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*) - ES
 Flame-rumped Tanager (*Ramphocelus flammigerus*) - NW
 “Lemon-rumped” Tanager (*Ramphocelus (f.) icteronotus*) - split by the book.
- Blue-gray Tanager (*Thraupis episcopus*) - ES
 Blue-and-yellow Tanager (*Thraupis bonariensis*) - Pap
Hooded Mountain-Tanager (*Buthraupis montana*) - SYL (close studies as they trooped through the canopy of the moss forest on the ridge).
 Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager (*Anisognathus lacrymosus*) - ES
 Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager (*Anisognathus igniventris*) - Pap (glimpsed)
 Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager (*Anisognathus somptuosus*) - NW, SYL
Golden-crowned Tanager (*Iridosornis rufivertex*) - Pap (an elusive member of the mixed-flock in the temperate shrub zone).
Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager (*Dubusia taeniata*) - Pap (stunning look).
 Fawn-breasted Tanager (*Pipraeidea melanonota*) - SYL
 Golden Tanager (*Tangara arthus*) - NW, ES
 Golden-eared Tanager (*Tangara chrysotis*) - ES
 Saffron-crowned Tanager (*Tangara xanthocephala*) - SYL, ES
Flame-faced Tanager (*Tangara parzudakii*) - NW, SYL, ES (it’s hard to pick a favorite *Tangara*).
 Golden-naped Tanager (*Tangara ruficervix*) - NW, SYL, ES
 Blue-necked Tanager (*Tangara cyanicollis*) - ES
 Beryl-spangled Tanager (*Tangara nigroviridis*) - NW, ES, SYL
 Blue-and-black Tanager (*Tangara vassorii*) - ES
 Black-capped Tanager (*Tangara heinei*) - SYL, ES
 Plumbeous Sierra-Finch (*Phrygilus unicolor*) - Pap
 Yellow-bellied Seedeater (*Sporophila nigricollis*) - NW
 Band-tailed Seedeater (*Catamenia analis*) - Pap
 Plain-colored Seedeater (*Catamenia inornata*) - Pap
 Yellow-faced Grassquit (*Tiaris olivacea*) - NW
 Rusty Flowerpiercer (*Diglossa sittoides*) - Pap
 White-sided Flowerpiercer (*Diglossa albilatera*) - ES
 Glossy Flowerpiercer (*Diglossa lafresnayii*) - Pap
 Black Flowerpiercer (*Diglossa humeralis*) - Pap
 Bluish Flowerpiercer (*Diglossopsis caerulescens*) - SYL, ES
 Masked Flowerpiercer (*Diglossopsis cyanea*) - NW, Pap, ES, SYL
Pale-naped Brush-Finch (*Atlapetes pallidinucha*) - Pap (long look at this secretive specialty of the upper-temperate shrub zone).
 Yellow-breasted (Rufous-naped) Brush-Finch (*Atlapetes latinuchus rufinucha*) - Pap
 Slaty Brush-Finch (*Atlapetes schistaceus*) - ES
 Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch (*Buarremon brunneinucha*) - SYL
 Yellow-browed Sparrow (*Ammodramus aurifrons*) - ES
 Rufous-collared Sparrow (*Zonotrichia capensis*) - NW, Q, Pap, ES, SYL
 Golden-bellied (Southern Yellow) Grosbeak (*Pheucticus chrysogaster*) - Pap
 Scarlet-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus uropygialis*)

“Subtropical” Cacique (*Cacicus (u.) uropygialis*) - SYL (split by Ridgely et al in the field guide).

Mountain Cacique (*Cacicus chrysonotus*)

“Northern Mountain-Cacique” (*Cacicus (c.) leucoramphus*) - SYL (split by Ridgely et al in the field guide; especially good studies this trip).

Russet-backed Oropendola (*Psarocolius angustifrons*) - SYL

Mammal List:

Brazilian Rabbit (Tropical Cottontail) (*Sylvilagus brasiliensis*) - Pap

“red-tailed” squirrel (*Sciurus sp?*) - SYL, ES

Tayra (*Eira barbara*) - SYL (seen by Judy as it quickly crossed the road).