

**FIELD REPORT**

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ANTISANA VOLCANO FROM PAPALLACTA

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Andean Cock-of-the-rock

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It was Alexander Von Humboldt who, during his explorations in Ecuador in the early 1800s, was the first to coin the concept of climate zones. And it was VENT's Eastern Slope of the Andes tour, in Ecuador this January, that once again was able to confirm his findings. Each distinct altitudinal realm that we visited offered up a smorgasbord of exotic local delights!

A part of our group navigated upstream along the Río Napo—returning from the Best of Amazonia tour with Remi Grefa—and the remainder flew in from the Andean capital city of Quito—with Paul Greenfield—to meet up in the frontier town of Francisco de Orellana, better known as 'Coca.' The Eastern Slope roadtrip was off-and-running. We headed east towards the Andean foothill with a stop in the town of Loreto for a

lunch-birding break at Hostería Ojo de Agua. Among the species we recorded there were Ruddy Ground-Dove; Short-tailed Swift; a nesting *Rufous-breasted Hermit*; Purple Gallinules; Striated Heron; *Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl*; Black-fronted Nunbirds; Yellow-headed Caracaras; Great Kiskadee; Social Flycatcher; *Yellow-green Vireo*; Violaceous Jays; Gray-breasted Martins; White-winged, White-banded, and Blue-and-white swallows; Southern House Wren; Black-billed Thrushes; Thick-billed Euphonia; Russet-backed Oropendolas; Yellow-rumped Cacique; a boreal migrant *Yellow Warbler*; Blue-gray and Palm tanagers; Wing-barred Seedeater; and Buff-throated Saltator. We then continued eastward to the turnoff that pointed us upslope in the direction of our first scheduled destination—Wildsumaco Lodge. We birded along that entrance road and from the lodge deck, once we settled in, where we got our first taste of what mega diversity looks like while checking out the nectar feeders. Species we saw that afternoon included Smooth-billed Anis; Squirrel Cuckoo; Green Hermit; Sparkling and Brown violetears; *Wire-crested Thorntails*; *Ecuadorian Piedtail*; *Peruvian Racket-tails*; *Black-throated Brilliant*; *Gould's Jewelfront*; *Napo Sabrewing*; Fork-tailed Woodnymph; *Many-spotted Hummingbird*; Golden-tailed Sapphire; Glittering-throated Emerald; *Coppery-chested Jacamar*; *Golden-collared Toucanet*; Yellow-tufted Woodpecker; *Military Macaws*; Olive-backed Woodcreeper; Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaners; Dark-breasted Spinetail; Olive-striped Flycatcher; Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrants (first of several); Western and Eastern wood-pewees; White-thighed Swallows; Magpie, White-lined, Silver-beaked, Spotted, Blue-necked, and Turquoise tanagers; along with Chestnut-bellied and Black-and-white seedeaters, among others. This was a nice leisurely start to more-to-come!



Golden-tailed Sapphire

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Wildsumaco was our 'workplace' for two-and-a-half days; this foothill location, set along a ridge that leads to Sumaco Volcano, is well known for its rich fauna and flora.

We birded the lodge deck, the roadside habitat, forest trails, and hung out at the 'Coffee Hill House' deck; a sample of new species recorded includes Speckled Chachalaca; White-throated Quail-Dove; Chestnut-collared and White-collared swifts; White-necked Jacobin; Black-throated Mango; *Green-backed Hillstar*; *Gorgeted Woodstar*; Violet-headed Hummingbird; *Blackish Rail*; Swallow-tailed Kite; *Double-toothed Kite*; Broad-winged Hawk; Collared Trogon; *Black-streaked Puffbirds*; Gilded and Red-headed barbets; Chestnut-eared Araçari; *Yellow-throated*, White-throated, and Channel-billed



Black-streaked Puffbird

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Toucans; Lafresnaye's Piculets; Crimson-crested Woodpecker; Barred Forest-Falcon; Black Caracara; Red-billed and Blue-headed parrots; Scaly-naped Amazons; Maroon-tailed Parakeets; Chestnut-fronted and *Military* macaws; White-eyed Parakeets; *Lined Antshrikes*; Plain Antvireos; *Western Fire-eye*; Black-faced Antbirds; Ochre-bellied Antpitta; Plain-brown Woodcreeper; *Amazonian Plain-Xenops*; Montane Foliage-gleaner; Black-billed Treehunter; *Blue-rumped and Striolated manakins*; *Fiery-throated Fruiteater*; Green-backed (*Yellow-cheeked*) *Becard*; Slaty-capped Flycatcher; *Variiegated Bristle-Tyrant*; Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant; Common Tody-Flycatcher; *Olive-faced Flatbill*; Ornate Flycatcher; Sooty-headed and

Golden-faced tyrannulets; Olive-sided Flycatcher; Smoke-colored Pewee; Dusky-capped Flycatcher; *Olivaceous Greenlet*; Red-eyed Vireo; Orange-bellied Euphonia; *Olivaceous Sisikin*; Yellow-browed Sparrow; Crested Oropendola; *Cerulean*, Blackburnian, Blackpoll, and Canada warblers; Tropical Parula; Slate-throated Redstart (Whitestart); Summer and Scarlet tanagers; *Fulvous Shrike-Tanager*; *Paradise*, Bay-headed, *Green-and-gold*, and Golden tanagers; Black-faced and Blue dactyls; Purple and *Golden-collared* honeycreepers; Deep-blue (Golden-eyed) Flowerpiercer; and Bluish-gray Saltator. A morning side-trip to the community run Amaran Pakcha Reserve produced some great additional sightings including *Rufous-breasted Wood-Quails*, *Gray-cowled Wood-Rail*, *Band-bellied Owls*, 13 or so *Andean Cocks-of-the-rock*, Boat-billed Flycatcher, *White-capped Dippers*, an Orange-billed Sparrow, and Swallow Tanager.



Rufous-breasted Wood-Quail

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Blackish Rail

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Band-bellied Owl

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We departed from Wildsumaco and ascended to our second scheduled destination—Las Termas de Papallacta—located in the high-temperate zone. On our

drive, we made a few scheduled stops; our first was along the road above the Río Hollín, where we saw a whopping 15 Cliff Flycatchers and 3 Blackish Nightjars. We continued our climb to the Guacamayos Ridge, where Remi spotted a beautiful *Southern Emerald-Toucanet*, and at the pass we saw 2 *Black-and-chestnut Eagles*; we then drove on a ways to the village of Cosanga, where along the river there we enjoyed 5 male *Torrent Ducks*, Spotted Sandpiper, *Torrent Tyrannulet*, and a pair of Black Phoebes. A later stop at La Brisa, a locally created birding garden, we enjoyed several now familiar hummingbirds, but added our first Speckled Hummingbirds,



*Long-tailed Sylphs*, Bronzy Incas, Chestnut-breasted Coronets, and *Violet-fronted Brilliants*, in addition to a Golden-olive

Woodpecker, our first *Pale-edged Flycatchers*, *Chestnut-bellied Thrush*, our first Blue-winged Mountain-Tanagers, an eye-catching *Orange-eared Tanager*, along with *Saffron-crowned* and *Flame-faced tanagers*. We continued climbing in elevation and before our arrival added Yellow-billed Pintails and a few Andean Teal. Our day-and-a-half at Las Termas de Papallacta centered our birding on high elevation (temperate and páramo zone) species. We took early morning and one afternoon drive to bird along the upper road in elfin and upper temperate-zone forest and woodland, above Las Termas, and nearly froze to death in the freezing windy páramo at Papallacta Pass and above (to over 14,000 ft above sea level). Species we recorded in these areas included *Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle*; Ecuadorian *Hillstar* (great looks at a male!); *Viridian Metaltail*; *Golden-breasted Puffleg*; *Buff-winged Starfrontlet*; Andean Gulls; Tawny Antpitta; Chestnut-winged Cinclodes; Pearled Treerunners; *White-chinned Thistletail*; White-banded and White-throated tyrannulets; *Tufted and Agile tit-tyrants*; *Gray-browed, Slaty, and Pale-naped brushfinches*; Black-crested Warbler; Spectacled Redstart (Whitestart); *Masked* (rare and local!), *Black-chested, and Buff-breasted mountain-tanagers*; *Golden-crowned Tanagers*; *Blue-backed Conebills*; Glossy and Black flowerpiercers; *Black-backed*

*Bush-Tanagers*; and Hooded Siskin. Our departure from Las Termas took us birding along the one-way exit road where we came up with several new species, such as *Red-crested Cotingas* and *Rufous Wren*, along with *Lacrimose* and *Scarlet-bellied mountain-tanagers*. We then advanced downslope to Guango Lodge for birding and lunch. In the rain, the group recorded *Tourmaline Sunangel*, Collared Inca, Buff-tailed Coronet, White-bellied Woodstars, *Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucans!*, *Turquoise Jay*, *Mountain Caciques*, Russet-crowned Warblers, *Hooded Mountain-Tanagers*, Blue-and-black Tanagers, Capped Conebill, Masked Flowerpiercers, and *Gray-hooded Bush-Tanager*. Later in the afternoon, we made our way farther down to Cabañas San Isidro, where we had time for a little birding around the grounds . . . with Fawn-breasted Brilliants, *Masked Trogon*, and Cinnamon Flycatchers as new trip species.

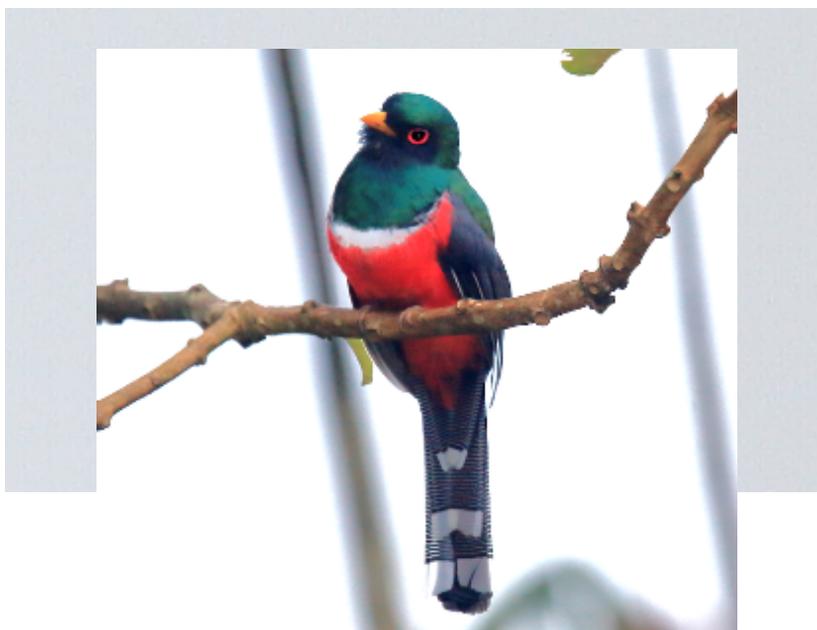
Two days and a final early morning at San Isidro and its surroundings served up some



great sightings from the lodge's dining room deck, the forest moth light, and along the

Las Caucheras Road. Among the many species were *Sickle-winged Guans*; Band-tailed Pigeons; Southern Lapwings; Broad-winged Hawks; *San Isidro Mystery Owls* (possibly *Black-banded Owls*); *Crested* and *Golden-headed quetzals*; *Andean Motmot*; *White-bellied Antpitta*; *Streaked Tuftedcheek*; Azara's Spinetail; *Rufous-breasted, Handsome, Flavescent, and Lemon-browed flycatchers*; *Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatchers*; White-tailed Tyrannulet; *Black-billed Peppershrike*; Brown-capped Vireo; Inca (Green) Jays; Brown-bellied Swallows; Mountain Wrens; Yellow-throated and Common chlorospinguses; *Chestnut-capped Brushfinches*; *Red-breasted Meadowlark*; *Black-eared Hemispinguses*; *Beryl-spangled Tanagers*; and *Bluish Flowerpiercers*. We also made a visit to the locally owned El Quetzal and nearby La Brisa property, where we ticked *Lyre-tailed Nighjars* (females) and *Tawny-bellied Hermits*, among quite a few now familiar species. Alas, we reached our final day, as we departed from Cabañas San Isidro and again ascended up past the Papallacta Pass and to the central Andean valley, then up higher again to the locally

owned Tambo Condor and then to the páramo zone at Antisana National Park. New species in this high elevation area included Andean Duck, *Black-winged Ground-Doves*, *Great Sapphirewings*, *Giant Hummingbird*, *Andean Lapwings*, colossal *Andean Condors*, Variable Hawk, *Carunculated Caracaras*, American Kestrel, *Stout-billed Cinclodes*, *Many-striped Canastero*, Plain-capped (Páramo) Ground-Tyrants, Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant, Yellow-breasted Brushfinch, and Plumbeous Sierra-Finches. We also saw many White-tailed Deer, Tropical Cottontails, and a Culpeo Fox.



Our journey came to its *finale* as we pulled into San José de Puenbo for a little freshening up, a final checklist session, and our farewell dinner; all passengers took this evening's flight back home.



Andean Panorama

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## ITINERARY:

- JAN. 19: Arrival in Quito (overnight at San José de Puenbo) for part of our group; the remainder still participating in The Best of Amazonia Tour at Napo Wildlife Center
- JAN. 20: Flight from Mariscal Sucre International Airport, Quito to 'Coca' (Puerto Francisco de Orellana) for Eastern Slope (only) passengers and Paul Greenfield. The Best of Amazonia passengers with Remi Grefa: departure from NWC, canoeing to Añanguyacu landing; boarding motorized canoe, 2.5-hour trip along the Río Napo to the NWC landing area along the Río Payamino; Both groups meet up with Juan Veintimilla. We load the van and initiate the Eastern Slope of the Andes Tour. Drive towards Wildsumaco Lodge with a lunch-stop and some birding at Ojo de Agua Hostería in the town of Loreto; afternoon drive to and along the Wildsumaco entrance road; also some time at the Wildsumaco Lodge deck. (Overnight at Wildsumaco Lodge)
- JAN. 21: Wildsumaco Lodge: early morning moth light and then to the 'Coffee House' deck; Afternoon on Coopmans' & Antpitta Trails to feeder with local guide, "Hugo", then upper road and lodge deck. (Overnight at Wildsumaco Lodge)
- JAN. 22: Wildsumaco Lodge: early morning moth light; remainder of morning along the F.A.C.E. Trail, and Lodge deck; Afternoon along the lower entrance road (Overnight at Wildsumaco Lodge)
- JAN. 23: Wildsumaco Lodge: morning at Amarun Pakcha Reserve. Departure from Wildsumaco, drive to highlands with birding stops above Río Hollín, Cosanga village and river, La Brisa, to Las Termas de Papallacta (overnight at Las Termas de Papallacta)
- JAN. 24: Las Termas de Papallacta: pre-breakfast birding along upper road through

elfin woodland and forest; post-breakfast drive to Papallacta Pass (13,000 fasl) and to the antenna area above the pass (14,000+ fasl)—freezing and incredibly windy! Afternoon return to Las Termas upper road area (overnight at Las Termas de Papallacta)

JAN. 25: Las Termas de Papallacta (rain): post-breakfast departure, birding the one-way exit road: then to Guango Lodge, birding and lunch (more rain); Then drive to Cabañas San Isidro (some trail birding). (overnight at Cabañas San Isidro)

JAN. 26: Cabañas San Isidro: pre-breakfast dining room deck and antpitta feeding area birding: remainder of the morning birding along the Las Caucheras Road (rain); afternoon to El Quetzal; early evening at 'nightjar spot.' (overnight at Cabañas San Isidro)

JAN. 27: Cabañas San Isidro: pre-breakfast dining room deck and forest moth light birding; remainder of the morning birding along the Las Caucheras Road and side-road; Afternoon birding farther along the Las Caucheras Road. (overnight at Cabañas San Isidro)

JAN. 28: Cabañas San Isidro: pre-breakfast dining room deck and forest moth light birding; Departure and drive to and birding at Tambo Condor (box lunch there); afternoon birding at Antisana National Park (high paramo and Laguna La Mica). Drive to San José de Puenbo—final bird-list session and farewell Dinner; group departs for home (day-room at San José de Puenbo)



Wire-crested Thorntail © Mary Stephens

**KEY:**

**H** = heard only

**Bold** = special sightings

♂ = male ♀ = female

OA = Ojo de Agua Hostería

WS = Wildsumaco Lodge/foothills

AP = Amarun Pakcha Reserve

HO = Hollín River area

CO = Cosanga Village and River

LB = La Brisa

TP = Las Termas de Papallacta, to upper road elfin forest

PAP = Papallacta Pass region to antennas

GL = Guango Lodge

SI = Cabañas San Isidro

LC = Las Caucheras Road

EQ = El Quetzal

TC = Tambo Condor Restaurant

ANT = Antisana National Park



Chestnut-bellied Thrush

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## BIRDS:

### DUCKS, GEESE & WATERFOWL: ANATIDAE

- Torrent Duck** (*Merganetta armata*)—5♂♂ seen on the white-water river CO
- Yellow-billed Pintail (*Anas georgica*)—1 seen at TP; 3 at ANT (la Mica)
- Andean Teal (*Anas andinum*)—3 seen at TP; 2 at ANT (la Mica)
- Andean Duck (*Oxyura ferruginea*)—Aka Andean Ruddy-Duck. 10 seen (scoped) distantly at ANT (La Mica)

### GUANS, CHACHALACAS & CURRASSOWS: CRACIDAE

- Speckled Chachalaca (*Ortalis guttata*)—3-4 seen at WS; also **H** there
- Andean Guan** (*Penelope montagnii*)—1 seen super close and confiding at GL
- Wattled Guan (*Aburria aburri*)—**H** on two days at WS
- Sickle-winged Guan** (*Chamaepetes goudotii*)—1 seen along LC; A pair seen at SI

### NEW WORLD QUAIL: ODONTOPHORIDAE

- Rufous-breasted Wood-Quail** (*Odontophorus speciosus*)—4 seen at AP corn feeders

### PIGEONS & DOVES: COLUMBIDAE

- Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*)—Several seen around Coca, near PAP, around ‘

Puembo and Pintag (near ANT) on last day

Pale-vented Pigeon (*Patagioenas cayennensis*)—A few seen around WS  
Band-tailed Pigeon (*Patagioenas fasciata*)—4 or so seen at EQ; 2 more along LC  
Plumbeous Pigeon (*Patagioenas plumbea*)—H on four days; 1 seen at WS  
Ruddy Pigeon (*Patagioenas subvinacea*)—H on four days; a pair seen at WS  
Ruddy Ground-Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*)—Pairs seen at OA and WS  
**Black-winged Ground-Dove** (*Metriopelia melanoptera*)—6 in all seen at ANT  
**White-throated Quail-Dove** (*Zentrygon frenata*)—1 along upper road at WS  
Eared Dove (*Zenaida auriculata*)—Common highland species especially in the central valley, often in towns and cities (i.e., Pintag, Quito, etc.)

#### CUCKOOS: CUCULIDAE

Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*)—Seen in open habitats; 6 or so at OA; 4-5 at WS on two days  
Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*)—Singles on three days at and around WS

#### NIGHTJARS & ALLIES: CAPRIMULGIDAE

**Blackish Nightjar** (*Nyctipolus nigrescens*)—3 seen above HO  
**Lyre-tailed Nightjar** (*Uropsalis lyra*)—2♀♀ seen at LB property near EQ

#### SWIFTS: APODIDAE

Chestnut-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne rutila*)—Only 1 seen at WS  
White-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)—20, then 15 seen on two days at WS; ; 3 at ANT, very close!  
Short-tailed Swift (*Chaetura brachyura*)—4 seen at OA

#### HUMMINGBIRDS: TROCHILIDAE

White-necked Jacobin (*Florisuga mellivora*)—Single ♂♂ only seen repeatedly on two days at WS feeders  
**Rufous-breasted Hermit** (*Glaucis hirsutus*)—1 seen near its nest at OA  
Green Hermit (*Phaethornis guy*)—Singles (probably the same individual) seen on three days at WS feeders  
**Tawny-bellied Hermit** (*Phaethornis syrmatophorus*)—At least 1 was seen repeatedly at EQ feeders  
Sparkling Violetear (*Colibri coruscans*)—Seen on all but one day. Between 1-6 seen at San José de Puembo, WS, LB, TP, SI, and EQ; 15 at TC  
Brown Violetear (*Colibri delphinae*)—Only 1 seen on three days at WS feeders  
Black-throated Mango (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*)— Only 1♀ seen once at at WS  
Tourmaline Sunangel (*Heliangelus exortis*)—3-4 seen at GL (mostly ♂♂, 1♀)

**Wire-crested Thorntail** (*Discosura popelairii*)—4 or so, seen four days at WS feeders and *Verbena* shrubs. Mostly ♂♂, only 1 fully adult; 1 ♀

**Ecuadorian Piedtail** (*Phlogophilus hemileucurus*)—1 of this uncommon and low-density species seen repeatedly on two days at WS

Speckled Hummingbird (*Adelomyia melanogenys*)—Between 2-5 seen at LB, GL, SI on three days, and EQ

**Long-tailed Sylph** (*Agelaiocercus kingi*)—1-2 or so (mostly wonderful ♂♂) on four days, at LB, GL, and SI

Black-tailed Trainbearer (*Lesbia victoria*)—1 seen by Dale and PJG at San José de Puenbo on Day 1

Viridian Metaltail (*Metallura williami*)—Between 2-6 or so seen on two days at TP and PAP

**Golden-breasted Puffleg** (*Eriocnemis Mosquera*)—1 of this rather uncommon highland species seen at PAP (upper road area)

**Shining Sunbeam** (*Aglaeactis cupripennis*)—1-2 seen at and above TP; 2 or so seen well and repeatedly at TC feeders



Shining Sunbeam

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Bronzy Inca (*Coeligena coeligena*)—1-4 or so seen on five days, at LB, SI, and EQ

**Collared Inca** (*Coeligena torquata*)—1-2 ♂♂ of this dapper hummingbird seen on three days at SI and EQ

Buff-winged Starfrontlet (*Coeligena lutetiae*)—Singles were seen on two days at TP

- Great Sapphirewing** (*Pterophanes cyanopterus*)— 2♂♂ seen beautifully and repeatedly at TC. World's 2<sup>nd</sup> largest hummer
- Buff-tailed Coronet** (*Boissonneaua flavescens*)—4 seen at GL; 1 on two days at SI; generally considered to be an uncommon species on the east Andean slope
- Chestnut-breasted Coronet** (*Boissonneaua matthewsii*)—Common (12 or so) at SI feeders on three and a half days (also on 1/26\*); Only about 4 or so were seen at GL feeders
- Peruvian Racket-tail** (*Ocreatus peruanus*)—3-5 (mostly ♂♂) seen on five days; at WS, LB, and EQ (Charming!!!)



Peruvian Racket-tail

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- Green-backed Hillstar** (*Urochroa leucurai*)—What an inadequate name! 1 only at WS feeders; 5 or so at LB; at least 4 at EQ
- Black-throated Brilliant** (*Heliodoxa schreibersii*)—1-2 seen on three days at WS
- Gould's Jewelfront** (*Heliodoxa aurescens*)— Single ♂ and ♀ seen at WS lodge feeders on three days—a unique and stunning hummer!
- Fawn-breasted Brilliant** (*Heliodoxa rubinoides*)—Quite a few seen at mid-elevations: up to 8 seen (on four days) at SI; also 2 at EQ
- Violet-fronted Brilliant** (*Heliodoxa leadbeateri*)—None at WS this time around; 8 at LB; 1♀ visited SI feeders on two days; 6 at EQ
- Giant Hummingbird** (*Patagona gigas*)— 1♂ seen super well, perched at TC. World's largest hummer
- White-bellied Woodstar** (*Chaetocercus mulsant*)— A pair seen at GL feeders

**Gorgeted Woodstar** (*Chaetocercus heliodor*)—Single ♀♀ seen at *Verbena* shrubs at WS on two days; a pair at LB, including a stunning ♂!! 3♂♂ at EQ



Gorgeted Woodstar (male)

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

**Napo Sabrewing** (*Campylopterus villaviscensio*)—1-2 stunning ♂♂ seen on three days at WS feeders

**Fork-tailed Woodnymph** (*Thalurania furcata*)—3-4 beautiful ♂♂ seen on three days at WS feeders

**Many-spotted Hummingbird** (*Taphrospilus hypostictus*)—2-3 seen daily on three days at WS

**Golden-tailed Sapphire** (*Chrysuronia oenone*)—The most common hummer at WS feeders on three days

**Glittering-throated Emerald** (*Chionomesa fimbriata*)—1 seen briefly at OA; another WS

#### RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS: RALLIDAE

**Blackish Rail** (*Pardirallus nigricans*)—1 seen (scoped) nicely above WS (upper road)

**Gray-cowled Wood-Rail** (*Aramides cajaneus*)—2 seen well at AP blind

**Slate-colored (Andean) Coot** (*Fulica ardesiaca*)—Only 3 at ANT (La Mica Lagoon)

**Purple Gallinule** (*Porphyrio martinica*)—1-2 seen well at OA

#### PLOVERS & LAPWINGS: CHARADRIIDAE

**Southern Lapwing** (*Vanellus chilensis*)—some 7-30 seen on two days along LC and between SI and EQ (expanding its range and growing its population)

**Andean Lapwing** (*Vanellus resplendens*)—3 seen pretty well in flight at ANT

SANDPIPERS & ALLIES: SCOLOPACIDAE

Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularius*)—3 seen along the CO

GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS: LARIDAE

Andean Gull (*Chroicocephalus serranus*)—2 seen at PAP (lagoon); 30 or so seen in páramo grassland at ANT

HERONS, EGRETS & BITTERNES: ARDEIDAE

Striated Heron (*Butorides striata*)—1 at OA lagoon

Western Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)—5 seen over pasture along LC

NEW WORLD VULTURES: CATHARTIDAE

**Andean Condor** (*Vultur gryphus*)—6 seen at ANT (adults and and immature)

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*)—Quite common: seen on all but two days, at most sites, except around TP and PAP

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*)—1-3 seen on six days, on most areas except around TP and PAP

HAWKS, EAGLES & KITES: ACCIPITRIDAE

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*)—2 seen in flight along the WS entrance road

**Black-and-chestnut Eagle** (*Spizaetus isidori*)—A soaring pair right above us at SI

Double-toothed Kite (*Harpagus bidentatus*)—1 seen perched at WS

Roadside Hawk (*Rupornis magnirostris*)—4 seen at various sites around WS, AP, etc. on Jan. 23; 3 seen on two days along LC

Variable Hawk (*Geranoaetus polyosoma*)—Only 1 light-phase individual seen at ANT

**Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle** (*Geranoaetus melanoleucus*)—1 adult seen well but briefly above TP

Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*)—2s of this boreal migrant (non-breeding resident) were seen on two days along LC

Short-tailed Hawk (*Buteo brachyurus*)—1 seen in flight from WS deck

OWLS: STRIGIDAE

**Band-bellied Owl** (*Pulsatrix melanota*)—A roosting pair of this east-slope foothill species was seen well at AP

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum*)—1 seen at OA

**“San isidro Mystery Owl”** (*Ciccaba sp.*)—Most like the Amazonian lowland Black-banded Owl (*C. huhula*)—the taxonomic status of this SI population has yet to be fully determined. An obliging pair was seen well in trees just off the SI diningroom deck on two nights

TROGONS: TROGONIDAE

Golden-headed Quetzal (*Pharomachrus auriceps*)—Finally, 1♂ was seen along a trail at SI (at Remi's insistence!)

Crested Quetzal (*Pharomachrus antisianus*)—A juvenile ♂ seen (scoped) along LC

Collared Trogon (*Trogon collaris*)—1♂ seen along F.A.C.E. Trail at WS

**Masked Trogon** (*Trogon personatus*)—2-3 seen on four days at SI and LC, including 'point-blank' views of a ♂ (and also 1♀) every morning on four days at the SI diningroom deck

MOTMOTS: MOMOTIDAE

**Andean/Highland Motmot** (*Momotus aequatorialis*)—**H** on a couple of days at WS, SI; 1-2 seen at SI forest moth light

PUFFBIRDS: BUCCONIDAE

**Black-streaked Puffbird** (*Malacoptila fulvogularis*)—A pair of this scarce and local Amazonian foothill puffbird finally seen close-up at the WS moth light

Black-fronted Nunbird (*Monasa nigrifrons*)—3 were seen repeatedly at OA

JACAMARS: GALBULIDAE

**Coppery-chested Jacamar** (*Galbula pastazae*)—Singles of this Amazonian foothill specialty seen well along the WS entrance road on two days (3 sightings)

NEW WORLD BARBETS: CAPITONIDAE

Gilded Barbet (*Capito auratus*)—Single ♂♂ and ♀♀ seen on three days at WS; also '**H**' there

**Red-headed Barbet** (*Eubucco bourcierii*)—Song and ♂-♀ plumages of east slope race differ from west slope populations. 2-4 seen on two days at WS

TOUCANS: RAMPHASTIDAE

**Southern Emerald Toucanet** (*Aulacorhynchus albivitta*)—Aka Andean Toucanet or White-throated Toucanet by other taxonomists. 1♂ seen well along the Los Guacamayos Ridge *en route* from WS to TP

**Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucan** (*Andigena hypoglauca*)—2 seen beautifully at GL  
Chestnut-eared Araçari (*Pteroglossus castanotis*)—1 (at least) was seen along the lower road at WS

Golden-collared Toucanet (*Selenidera reinwardtii*)—1♂ seen along the WS entrance Road; also **H** along the F.A.C.E. Trail

Yellow-throated Toucan (*Ramphastos ambiguous*)—Aka Black-mandibled Toucan when this east Andean population is split from Chestnut-mandibled Toucan of west slope of the Andes. **H** on one day, and 3 seen well, all at WS

White-throated Toucan (*Ramphastos tucanus*)—1 seen well (scoped) at WS

Channel-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos vitellinus*)—Singles seen (scoped) on two days at WS

WOODPECKERS: PICIDAE

**Lafresnaye's Piculet** (*Picumnus lafresnayi*)—3 seen at WS  
Yellow-tufted Woodpecker (*Melanerpes cruentatus*)—Only 1 of this normally 'common and colorful open-country woodpecker seen (also **H**) at WS  
Little Woodpecker (*Dryobates passerines*)—**H** at OA  
Crimson-crested Woodpecker (*Campephilus melanoleucos*)—A pair seen at WS  
Golden-olive Woodpecker (*Colaptes rubiginosus*)—Singles seen at LB, and on two days at SI (along LC)

#### FALCONS & CARACARAS: FALCONIDAE

Barred Forest-Falcon (*Micrastur ruficollis*)—**H**, and then seen briefly in rapid flight at WS  
Lined Forest-Falcon (*Micrastur gilvicollis*)—**H** at WS  
Yellow-headed Caracara (*Daptrius chimachima*)—2 seen at OA  
Black Caracara (*Daptrius ater*)—1 seen in flight along the WS lower road  
**Carunculated Caracara** (*Phalcoboenus carunculatus*)—At least 50 seen at ANT  
American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*)—1 beautiful ♂ seen eye-level from the van, at ANT

#### NEW WORLD & AFRICAN PARROTS

Red-billed Parrot (*Pionus sordidus*)—Only singles seen in flight at WS on two days  
Blue-headed Parrot (*Pionus mensruus*)—3 seen in flight at OA  
Scaly-naped Amazon (*Amazona mercenaries*)—About 8 pair seen in flight over WS; another pair seen at SI  
Maroon-tailed Parakeet (*Pyrrhura melanura*)—A band of 8 (plus about 2 or 3 )seen in flight on two days at WS  
Chestnut-fronted Macaw (*Ara severus*)—5 and then another pair seen in flight, on two days, at WS  
**Military Macaw** (*Ara militaris*)—up to 4 were seen in flight and perched on three days (also around nest), at WS  
White-eyed Parakeet (*Psittacara leucophthalma*)—flock(s) of 8 were seen at WS on two days

#### TYPICAL ANTBIRDS: THAMNOPHILIDAE

**Lined Antshrike** (*Thamnophilus tenuepunctatus*)—Pairs were seen at three locations on two days at WS (some super close looks!)  
**Plain Antvireo** (*Dysithamnus mentalis*)—A pair and singles seen up-close on two days at the WS moth light and along the F.A.C.E. Trail  
Blackish Antbird (*Cercomacra nigrescens*)—**H** a few times at WS  
**Western Fire-eye** (*Pyriglena maura*)—Singles and a pair seen close-up at the WS moth light on two mornings  
**Black-faced Antbird** (*Myrmoborus myotherinus*)—2-3 seen close-up at the WS moth light on two mornings

#### ANTPITTAS: GRALLARIIDAE

White-bellied Antpitta (*Grallaria hypoleuca*)—Only Dale got to see 1 at the SI feeding

area

**Tawny Antpitta** (*Grallaria quitensis*)—1 seen (others **H**) along the upper road at TP; 2 or so were seen well at ANT

**Ochre-breasted Antpitta** (*Grallaricula flavirostris*)—1 seen well at the WS feeding 'station'

#### ANTTHRUSHES: FORMICARIIDAE

**Short-tailed Antthrush** (*Chamaeza campanisona*)—Surprise! 1 walked slowly into view at the WS feeding 'station'

#### OVENBIRDS & WOODCREEPERS: FURNARIIDAE

Plain-brown Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*)—2 seen at WS

Olive-backed Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus triangularis*)—Between 1-4 seen on three days at WS; 1-3 seen on another three days at SI (often close-up from the diningroom deck)

Montane Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger*)—1 seen at WS; between 1 and 4 or so were seen daily from the SI diningroom deck, and along LC

**Amazonian Plain Xenops** (*Xenops genibarbis*)—A pair seen with a mixed-species foraging flock at WS

Streaked Tuftedcheek (*Pseudocolaptes biossonneautii*)—1 seen with a mixed-species foraging flock along LC

Chestnut-winged Cinclodes (*Cinclodes albiventris*)—1 seen in páramo at PAP: about 15 encountered in páramo at ANT

Stout-billed Cinclodes (*Cinclodes excelsior*)—15 or so seen in páramo at ANT

Montane Foliage-gleaner (*Anabacerthia striaticollis*)—Singles seen on two days at WS

Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner (*Dendroma rufa*)—Pairs, apparently, seen on two days at WS

**Black-billed Treehunter** (*Thripadectes melanorhynchus*)—1 seen fairly close-up at the WS moth light

Pearled Treerunner (*Margarornis squamiger*)—4-2-1 seen on three days, always with mixed-species foraging flocks, at TP and LC

**Many-striped Canastero** (*Asthenes flammulata*)—1 eventually seen well at ANT

**White-chinned Thistletail** (*Asthenes fuliginosa*)—1 seen along the upper TP road

Ash-browed Spinetail (*Cranioleuca curtata*)—1 of this arboreal spinetails were seen along LC

Dark-breasted Spinetail (*Synallaxis albigularis*)—1 seen well (also **H**) in shrubby pastureland at WS

Azara's Spinetail (*Synallaxis azarae*)—1 seen a few times from the SI diningroom deck

#### MANAKINS: PIPRIDAE

**Blue-rumped Manakin** (*Lepidothrix isidorei*)—1♂ seen along the Coopman's Trail at WS

**Striolated Manakin** (*Machaeropterus striolatus*)—1♂ seen along the Coopman's Trail at WS

White-crowned Manakin (*Pseudopipra pipra*)—2♂♂ seen along the F.A.C.E. Trail at WS

#### COTINGAS: COTINGIDAE

**Fiery-throated Fruiteater** (*Pipreola chlorolepidota*)—1♂ seen well in the “Coffee Hill House” area at WS

Red-crested Cotinga (*Ampelion rubrocristatus*)—2 seen along the TP one-way exit road

**Andean Cock-of-the-rock** (*Rupicola peruvianus*)—13 or so ♂♂ seen their active and noisy Lek at AP—exceptional!!!

#### TITYRAS & ALLIES: TITYRIDAE

**Yellow-cheeked Becard** (*Pchyrampus xanthogenys*)—This east-slope, Andean population is often lumped with Green-backed Becard (*P. viridis*) of eastern South America by some taxonomists. A pair was seen well at WS

#### TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: TYRANNIDAE

Olive-striped Flycatcher (*Mionectes galbinus*)—Singles seen on three days at WS

Slaty-capped Flycatcher (*Leptopogon superciliaris*)—1-2 seen on two days at WS

**Rufous-breasted Flycatcher** (*Leptopogon rufipectus*)—1 seen pretty well with a mixed-species foraging flock along LC

Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant (*Pogonotriccus ophthalmicus*)—A pair was seen briefly along the WS entrance road on our first day; then, singles were seen at WS, and on three mornings from the SI diningroom deck

**Variegated Bristle-Tyrant** (*Pogonotriccus poecilotis*)—2 seen well along the WS road

Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant (*Lophotriccus pileatus*)—1 seen along the F.A.C.E. Trail at WS

**Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher** (*Poecilotriccus ruficeps*)—3 separate individuals seen in *Chusquea* bamboo along LC; neither was very responsive to playback

Common Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum cinereum*)—1-2 seen on two days along the road at WS

**Olive-faced Flatbill** (*Tolmolmyias viridiceps*)—1 seen well near the “Coffee Hill House” at WS

**Cinnamon Flycatcher** (*Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus*)—3-6 or so were seen on four days in the SI-LC area; Bes views from the Si diningroom deck—a charming little flycatcher indeed!

**Cliff Flycatcher** (*Hirundinea ferruginea*)—15 seen well, sally-feeding and perched on electric wires and a cliff face along the highway west of HO

Ornate Flycatcher (*Myiotriccus ornatus*)—3 were seen on at WS along the F.A.C.E. Trail

**Handsome Flycatcher** (*Nephelomyias pulcher*)—1 seen with a mixed-species foraging flock along LC

White-tailed Tyrannulet (*Mecocerculus poecilocercus*)—Singles were seen with mixed-species foraging flocks at along LC on three days

White-banded Tyrannulet (*Mecocerculus stictopterus*)—2 seen above TP

White-throated Tyrannulet (*Mecocerculus leucophrys*)—5 encountered above TP

**Tufted Tit-Tyrant** (*Anairetes parulus*)—1 was seen close-up above TP

**Agile Tit-Tyrant** (*Uromyias agilis*)—3 seen point-blank with a mixed-species foraging flock above TP



Agile Tit-Tyrant

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Torrent Tyrannulet (*Serpophaga cinerea*)—Only 1 seen along the river at CO

Sooty-headed Tyrannulet (*Phyllomyias griseiceps*)—1 seen along the F.A.C.E. Trail at WS

Golden-faced Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius chrysops*)—2-3 seen on two days at WS

**Flavescent Flycatcher** (*Myiophobus flavicans*)—1 seen along LC

Olive-sided Flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*)—1 scoped along the WS road

Smoke-colored Pewee (*Contopus fumigatus*)—1-2 seen on five days; WS, and SI on four days; best seen from SI diningroom deck

Western Wood-Pewee (*Contopus sordidulus*)—Singles ID'd on two days at WS (distant or poorly seen *Contopus* could not always be ID'd to species)

Eastern Wood-Pewee (*Contopus virens*)—Singles or so ID'd on three days at WS (distant or poorly seen *Contopus* could not always be ID'd to species)

Black Phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*)—1-2 seen on only three days, mostly near rivers or streams, at CO and along LC on two visits

Paramo Ground-Tyrant (*Muscisaxicola alpinus*)—Aka Plain-capped Ground-Tyrant by other taxonomists, when not split. 2-3 seen in páramo grassland at ANT

Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant (*Ochthoeca fumicolor*)—1 seen well at ANT National Park Station

Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*)—1 seen at WS

**Pale-edged Flycatcher** (*Myiarchus cephalotes*)—1 seen at LB; 2-4 seen from the SI diningroom deck on three days, and along LC



Pale-edged Flycatcher

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Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)—At least 1 seen at OA

Boat-billed Flycatcher (*Megarynchus pitangua*)—1 seen at AP

Social Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes similis*)—A pair of this generally common lowland species seen at OA; another 1 at WS

**Lemon-browed Flycatcher** (*Conopias conchonetii*)—1 seen with a mixed-species foraging flock at EQ; then, 3 more along the LC sideroad

**Golden-bellied Flycatcher** (*Myiodynastes hemichrysus*)—1 seen at LB; a pair seen well and repeatedly on two days from the SI diningroom deck

Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)—Rather common in more open country throughout the lowlands and foothills, also up into the subtropics and sparingly into the temperate zone; seen on six days at most sites (except TP, PAP and ANT)

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

**Black-billed Peppershrike** (*Cyclarhis nigrirostris*)—1 (apparently) seen up-close and personal on three morning from the SI diningroom deck

Olivaceous Greenlet (*Hylophilus olivaceus*)—1 seen on our first morning at WS

Brown-capped Vireo (*Vireo leucophrys*)—Singles seen on only two days at SI, best from the diningroom deck

Red-eyed Vireo (*Vireo olivaceus*)—At least 1 was seen well and repeatedly at WS, near the “Coffee Hill House”

Yellow-green Vireo (*Vireo flavoviridis*)—1 seen in canopy at OA

#### CROWS, JAYS & MAGPIES: CORVIDAE

**Turquoise Jay** (*Cyanolyca turcosa*)—1 or so were seen at GL

**Inca Jay** (*Cyanocorax yncas*)—Considered a subspecies of Green Jay by some taxonomists. Singles seen at LB and GL; common, seen super close on three days at Si, especially from the diningroom deck

**Violaceous Jay** (*Cyanocorax violaceus*)—Pairs seen on two days at OA and WS; 5 at AP

#### SWALLOWS: HIRUNDINIDAE

White-winged Swallow (*Tachycineta albiventer*)—15 seen at the OA lagoon

Gray-breasted Martin (*Progne chalybea*)—About 4 seen overflying OA

White-thighed Swallow (*Atticora tibialis*)—3 or so were seen on two days along the WS entrance road

White-banded Swallow (*Atticora fasciata*)—Some 25 seen at the OA lagoon

Blue-and-white Swallow (*Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*)—Fairly common to common in the lowlands, around Coca, at OA, and WS; also common to very common along LC and SI

Brown-bellied Swallow (*Orochelidon murina*)—The high Andean swallow; 5 seen along LC; common at ANT

#### WRENS: TROGLODYTIDAE

Wing-banded Wren (*Microcerculus bambla*)—**H** only once at WS

Southern House Wren (*Troglodytes musculus*)—This has finally been re-split from North American populations. Singles seen at OA, and also WS on three days

**Mountain Wren** (*Troglodytes solstitialis*)—A pair of this charming ‘chocolate-dipped’ wren seen well on three days at the SI diningroom deck

Grass Wren (*Cistothorus platensis*)—**H** at TP

Plain-tailed Wren (*Pheugopedius euophrys*)—**H** only briefly in dense *Chusquea* bamboo along LC

Rufous Wren (*Cinnycerthia unirufa*)—2 seen with a mixed-species foraging flock along TP one-way exit road

White-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucosticte*)—**H** at WS

**Gray-breasted Wood-Wren** (*Henicorhina leucophrys*)—**H**, and a pair seen well on three days from the SI diningroom deck and the forest moth ligh

#### DIPPERS: CINCLIDAE

**White-capped Dipper** (*Cinclus leucocephalus*)—A pair seen well at AP waterfall; another 1 along TP upper road, at a waterfall

## THRUSHES & ALLIES: TURDIDAE

Swainson's Thrush (*Catharus ustulatus*)—This boreal migrant is exceptionally common around WS with many (up to 25 or so) seen on four days there; 1-2 seen on three days at SI

**White-necked Thrush** (*Turdus albicollis*)—H at WS

Black-billed Thrush (*Turdus ignobilis*)—1-6 seen at OA, WS and AP

**Chestnut-bellied Thrush** (*Turdus fulviventris*)—Singles of this uncommon species seen well at LB and EQ

Great Thrush (*Turdus fuscater*)—The common highland thrush; seen on six days: TP, PAP, GL, SI, EQ and generally in the Central Valley

## FINCHES, EUPHONIAS & ALLIES: FRINGILLIDAE

Thick-billed Euphonia (*Euphonia laniirostris*)— 1 ♀ seen at OA

Orange-bellied Euphonia (*Euphonia xanthogaster*)—Singles (♂♂ and a ♀) seen on two days at WS, and at EQ

Hooded Siskin (*Spinus magellanicus*)— 1 ♀ seen at TP; a flock of 6 seen at ANT

Olivaceous Siskin (*Spinus olivaceus*)—Pairs seen at WS and LC

## NEW WORLD SPARROWS: PASSERELLIDAE

Yellow-throated Chlorospingus (*Chlorospingus flavigularis*)— No longer considered a tanager, thus some taxonomists no longer employ its traditional name 'Bush-Tanager'. 2 or so seen at EQ

Common Chlorospingus (*Chlorospingus flavopectus*)—No longer considered a tanager, thus some taxonomists no longer employ its traditional name 'Bush-Tanager'. 3 or so seen, best from the SI diningroom deck; also along LC

Yellow-browed Sparrow (*Ammodramus aurifrons*)—2 seen from the "Coffee Hill House" at WS; 3 at EQ

Gray-browed Brushfinch (*Arremon assimilis*)—1 seen only briefly along the TP upper road

Orange-billed Sparrow (*Arremon aurantirostris*)—1 seen well at the AP blind

**Chestnut-capped Brushfinch** (*Arremon brunneinucha*)—Singles and a pair seen on two days at the SI forest moth light, and from the diningroom deck

Rufous-collared Sparrow (*Zonotrichia capensis*)—A common highland species, also spreading to lower elevations; seen on seven days: from above WS to all higher elevation sites

**Slaty Brushfinch** (*Atlapetes schistaceus*)—1 seen along the TP upper road, and 3 along the TP one-way exit road

**Pale-naped Brushfinch** (*Atlapetes pallidinucha*)—1-2 seen on two days along the TP upper road

Yellow-breasted Brushfinch (*Atlapetes latinuchus*)—Formally called Rufous-naped Brush-Finch. A pair seen well at TC

TROUPIALS & ALLIES: ICTERIDAE

Red-breasted Meadowlark (*Leistes militaris*)—Finally, 1♂ seen in pasture along LC



Red-breasted Meadowlark

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Russet-backed Oropendola (*Psarocolius angustifrons*)—The most common and widespread of Ecuador's oropendolas. Common to very common on eight days, from all sites in the lowlands to the subtropics (Coca, OA, WS, to SI)

Crested Oropendola (*Psarocolius decumanus*)—Fairly common on two days at WS

Scarlet-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus uropygialis*)—This Andean east-slope population is considered by some taxonomists a species separate from Scarlet-rumped Cacique/Pacific Cacique (*C. microrhynchus*) of the lowlands west of the Andes, and thus called Subtropical Cacique (*C. uropygialis*). 1 seen at LB; 8 or so seen on three days in the SI-LC-EQ area; best from the SI diningroom deck

Yellow-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus cela*)—3 seen at OA; another 1 at WS

**Mountain Cacique** (*Cacicus chrysonotus*)—Split from southern populations by some taxonomists and thus called Northern Mountain or Golden-shouldered Cacique (*C. leucoramphus*). 10 (plus active nests) seen at GL

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: PARULIDAE

**Cerulean Warbler** (*Setophaga cerulea*)—3 (a ♂, a ♀, and a first year bird) seen separately at WS

Tropical Parula (*Setophaga pitiayumi*)—Singles seen on two days at WS (others **H**)

Yellow Warbler (*Setophaga petechia*)—This North American boreal migrant is still being lumped with South American populations by many taxonomists. 1 of the northern boreal migrants seen at OA

- Blackburnian Warbler** (*Setophaga fusca*)—A rather common boreal migrant in Ecuador; 1-2 or so seen on three days at WS, mostly with mixed-species foraging flocks; 1-6 seen on four days, best from the SI diningroom deck, but also along LC and EQ
- Blackpoll Warbler (*Setophaga striata*)—1 seen along the WS road; PJG had the feeling in might actually be a Bay-breasted Warbler (*Setophaga castanea*), but could not confirm that
- Black-crested Warbler (*Myiothlypis nigrocristata*)—4 seen at TP; another along the TP one-way exit road
- Russet-crowned Warbler (*Myiothlypis coronata*)—4 seen at GL; a pair seen on two ‘ days at the SI forest moth light
- Canada Warbler** (*Cardellina canadensis*)—A common east slope boreal migrant; 2-5 or so seen at WS (also at moth light); 2-4 seen, best close-up from the SI diningroom deck
- Slate-throated Whitestart (*Myioborus miniatus*)—Often called ‘Redstart’ even though *NO* red appears in its plumage! 1-2 seen at WS; up to 10 (amazingly) seen especially from the SI diningroom deck on three days
- Spectacled Whitestart (*Myioborus melanocephalus*)—Often called ‘Redstart’ even though *NO* red appears in its plumage! A fairly common higher elevation replacement of the previous species. 9 or so seen along TP upper road; 6 seen at GL

#### CARDINALS & ALLIES: CARDINALIDAE

- Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*)—No longer considered a tanager! From 1-2 seen on three days at WS; 1-3 at SI, LC; a diversity of plumages were observed
- Scarlet Tanager (*Piranga olivacea*)— No longer considered a tanager! 5-8 or so were encountered on three days at WS

#### TANAGERS & ALLIES: THRAUPIDAE

- Magpie Tanager** (*Cissopis leverianus*)—3-5 seen on two days at WS; 1 in flight at AP
- Black-eared Hemispingus** (*Sphenopsis melanotis*)—The genus *Hemispingus* still used for this species by many taxonomists. Pairs seen from SI diningroom deck on three days, and also along LC
- White-lined Tanager (*Tachyphonus rufus*)—Singles and pairs seen on three days at WS; a pair also seen at EQ (both ♂♂ and ♀♀)
- Fulvous Shrike-Tanager (*Lanio fulvus*)—**H**, 1♀ seen along the F.A.C.E. Trail
- Silver-beaked Tanager (*Ramphocelus carbo*)—2-4 or so seen on four days at WS and AP
- Hooded Mountain-Tanager (*Buthraupis montana*)—A threesome seen well at GL
- Masked Mountain-Tanager** (*Buthraupis wetmorei*)—1 of this scarce and local high-Andean species see perched up in dense elfin woodland above TP

**Black-chested Mountain-Tanager** (*Cnemathraupis eximia*)—3 along the upper TP Road; 2 more along the lower part of that same road (seemingly lower than usual)

**Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager** (*Anisognathus lacrymosus*)—1 seen well and repeatedly along the TP one-way exit road

**Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager** (*Anisognathus igniventris*)—6 or so seen well along the TP one-way exit road

Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager (*Anisognathus somptuosus*)—Pairs seen at LB and along LC with mixed-species foraging flocks; 1 seen by Dale at SI

Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager (*Dubusia taeniata*)—1 seen briefly with a mixed-species foraging flock along the TB upper road

**Golden-crowned Tanager** (*Iridosornis rufivertex*)—3 of this stunning species seen along the upper TB road

**Orange-eared Tanager** (*Chlorochrysa calliparaea*)—1♂ seen with a mixed-species foraging flock at LB

Blue-gray Tanager (*Thraupis episcopus*)—Fairly common in the lowlands: the eastern *coelestis* race w/ white on the wings. 5 or so seen on five days: at OA, WS, AP, and between Baeza and SI

Palm Tanager (*Thraupis palmarum*)—1-2 seen at OA, WS, and EQ

Spotted Tanager (*Ixothrups punctata*)—1-3 seen at WS on three days

Blue-necked Tanager (*Tangara cyanicollis*)—4-5 or so seen on three days at WS; pairs seen at EQ and LC (moving up in altitude?)

Blue-and-black Tanager (*Tangara vasorii*)—6 seen with a mixed-species foraging flocks at GL

**Beryl-spangled Tanager** (*Tangara nigroviridis*)—2 and then 1 seen with mixed-species foraging flocks on two days along LC—another beautiful tanager!

**Turquoise Tanager** (*Tangara mexicana*)—4 seen along the lower WS entrance road

**Paradise Tanager** (*Tangara chilensis*)—Bands of 5 or so seen on two days (also another 2) at WS... a spectacular tanager!

Bay-headed Tanager (*Tangara gyrola*)—Singles seen on two days at WS

**Saffron-crowned Tanager** (*Tangara xanthocephala*)—1 seen super close at LB; 2-3 seen on four days at SI and along LC

**Flame-faced Tanager** (*Tangara parzudakii*)—1 seen well at LB

Green-and-gold Tanager (*Tangara schrankii*)—Singles seen a few times on two days at WS

Golden Tanager (*Tangara arthus*)—3-6 seen on two days at WS

Swallow Tanager (*Tersina viridis*)—1♀ seen at AP

Black-faced Dacnis (*Dacnis lineata*)—Single ♂♂ seen on two days at WS

Blue Dacnis (*Dacnis cayana*)—A pair seen from the “Coffee Hill House”, 1♀ seen along the upper road, at WS

Purple Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*)—Single ♂♂ seen on two days at WS

**Golden-collared Honeycreeper** (*Iridophanes pulcherrima*)—Single ♂♂ seen on two days at WS

**Blue-backed Conebill** (*Conirostrum sitticolor*)—About 10 seen with mixed-species foraging flocks along the TP upper road

Capped Conebill (*Conirostrum albifrons*)—1 ♀ seen with a mixed-species foraging flock at GL; 1 ♂ seen along the LC—remember the constant tail flicking

Glossy Flowerpiercer (*Diglossa lafesnayi*)—Only 1 or so along the TP upper road upper road above TP

Black Flowerpiercer (*Diglossa humeralis*)—2 seen at TP gardens; 10 at TC

White-sided Flowerpiercer (*Diglossa albilatera*)—1 ♀ seen at LB; 1 ♂ seen at SI

**Golden-eyed Flowerpiercer** (*Diglossa glauca*)—Aka Deep-blue Flowerpiercer (which is boring name that does not highlight the species' most significant characteristic!). 1 seen briefly in canopy along the WS lower road

**Bluish Flowerpiercer** (*Diglossa caerulescens*)—A pair seen with a mixed-species foraging flock along LC

Masked Flowerpiercer (*Diglossa cyanea*)—3 seen at SI

**Black-backed Bush-Tanager** (*Urothraupis stolzmanni*)—A band of 6 or so seen with a large mixed-species foraging flock along the upper road above TP

Plumbeous Sierra-Finch (*Phrygilus unicolor*)—1 ♀ seen along the road at PAP; quite common in páramo grassland at ANT

Gray-hooded Bush-Tanager (*Cnemoscopus rubrirostris*)—5 seen with a mixed-species foraging flock at GL (constant tail-pumping)

Chestnut-bellied Seedeater (*Sporophila castaneiventris*)—1-3 ♂♂ seen on three days along the WS road

Wing-barred Seedeater (*Sporophila americana*)—1 ♂ seen at OA

Black-and-white Seedeater (*Sporophila luctuosa*)—20 of this altitudinal migrant seen along the WS entrance road

Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*)—Singles (5 on 1/21) seen on four days at WS; another 1 seen at EQ feeders

Buff-throated Saltator (*Saltator maximus*)—Singles seen at OA, also WS on two days

Bluish-gray Saltator (*Saltator coerulescens*)—Recently split from Grayish Saltator. 1 was seen at WS

## **MAMMALS:**

### MARMOSETS AND TAMARINS: CALLITRICHIDAE

**Napo Tamarin** (*Saguinus graellsii*)—Some taxonomists split this population from Black-mantled Tamarin (*S. nigricollis*). 6 and 8 seen on two days at WS

### NEW WORLD MONKEYS: CEBIDAE

**Silvery Woolly Monkey** (*Lagothrix poeppigii*)—Aka Poepig's Woolly Monkey. A family of 3 seen moving slowly through the canopy along the F.A.C.E. Trail at WS; a very unexpected sight at this location!

### LARGE NEW WORLD MONKEYS: ATELIDAE

**Yellow-bellied Spider-Monkey** (*Ateles belzebuth*)—Aka White-bellied Spider-Monkey. **H** along the Antpitta Trail at WS; very unexpected at this altitude!

### LARGE CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICAN SQUIRRELS: SCIURIDAE

**Northern Amazonian Red Squirrel** (*Sciurus igniventris*)—Apparently, this was the larger squirrel with heavier, more bushy tail seen at WS

Red-tailed Squirrel (*Sciurus granatensis*)—Singles seen on two days at WS and on three days at SI

Amazon Dwarf Squirrel (*Microsciurus flaviventer*)—1 seen at WS

### AGOUTIS: DASYPROCTIDAE

Black Agouti (*Dasyprocta fuliginosa*)—1-3 seen on two days at WS and four days at SI

### RABBITS: LEPORIDAE

Tropical Cottontail (*Sylvilagus brasiliensis*)—1-2 seen along the upper TP road on two days and at TP; 4 seen at ANT

### DOGS: CANIDAE

**Culpeo Fox** (*Lycalopex culpaeus*)—Aka Culpeo or Andean Fox. 1 seen resting in páramo grassland at ANT

### DEER: CERVIDAE

White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*)—An incredible 135 or so seen throughout the páramo at ANT