

COLOMBIA - 2012

4th Feb – 25th Feb 2012

HIGHLIGHTS

Either for rarity value, excellent views or simply a group favourite.

- Turquoise Dacnis
- Yellow-headed Manakin
- Tolima Dove
- Blossomcrown
- Moustached Brush-Finch
- Indigo Flowerpiercer
- Gold-ringed Tanager
- Scaled Fruiteater
- Black-thighed Puffleg
- Black Inca
- Parker's Antbird
- Grayish Piculet
- Santa Marta Screech-Owl
- Santa Marta Warbler
- Black-backed Thornbill
- Colombian Wren
- Chestnut Piculet
- Sapphire-bellied Hummer
- Colombian Screech-Owl
- Northern Screamer
- Black-and-gold Tanager
- Gray-and-gold tanager
- Bicolored Antpitta
- Brown-banded Antpitta
- Masked Saltator
- Bearded Helmetcrest
- Rusty-breasted Antpitta
- Tanager Finch
- Gray-cheeked Nunlet
- Oilbird
- White-bibbed Manakin
- Santa Marta Parakeet
- Lazuline Sabrewing
- Black-backed Antshrike
- Vermilion Cardinal
- White-whiskered Spinetail
- Dusky Starfrontlet
- Fulvous-dotted Treerunner
- Bogota Rail
- Yellow-eared Parrot
- Ocellated Tapaculo
- Black Solitaire
- Blue Cotinga
- Beautiful Woodpecker
- White-mantled Barbet
- Antioquia Bristle-Tyrant
- Black-headed Brush-Finch
- Sooty Ant-Tanager
- Crested Ant-Tanager
- Santa Marta Antpitta
- White-tailed Starfrontlet
- Apolinar's Wren
- Glaucous Tanager
- Orinoco Saltator

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SUMMARY:

This was simply the best tour to Colombia ever! Every aspect of the tour worked like a dream and thanks to careful planning by Zoothera and our expert local guide Diego Calderon we are convinced that no-one can run a better tour than us! Simply check out our highlights below and compare as our tour was all about seeing Colombian endemics and specialities. We were proud to produce so many good birds but what sets our tour above the rest is that nearly every bird we saw was seen by the entire group. It's easy to claim a big list of birds in Colombia but do you really want to be amongst those groups that get one or two people on a bird and then move on? Not us we want you to enjoy each and every bird we find and our efforts in showing the birds that count is testimonial to our success. With many companies now visiting Colombia there are no others that are so competently led by Diego Calderon, Colombia's number one bird guide! If your serious about seeing Colombia's best birds well then look no further. It doesn't get better than Zoothera!



One of many highlights of our fabulous tour which produced 633 species was this rarely seen Yellow-headed Manakin. It was easily seen at a stake out where Diego new its regular perch!
(Photo Diego Calderon)

MAIN TOUR

4th Feb 2012

Our intrepid group arrived at Bogota airport after a short delay and met Steve who whisked them off to our pleasant hotel where a good night's rest was had in anticipation of the first days birding in wonderful Colombia.

5th Feb 2012

This morning we had an early breakfast and then set off to Chingaza National Park. We drove the start of a dirt track road to about 3200mts altitude and began birding when an endemic **Silvery-throated Spinetail** was heard calling. We eventually got good views of two birds working the bushes beside the road. A **Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager** added a little colour while numerous **Great Thrushes** and **Rufous-collared Sparrows** were all around. A couple **Eastern Meadowlarks** were found and the first of many **Black Flowerpiercers** of the race *humeralis* showing a blue shoulder patch. Our first hummer was a **Glowing Puffleg** shortly followed by a group of four **White-throated Tyrannulets** and some **Andean Siskins**. An endemic **Mattoral Tapaculo** was heard and what followed was probably some of the best views ever imaginable as the bird came right out into the open and posed for all of us to see. After the excitement of this we moved on a little and found the first of many **Masked Flowerpiercers** and a immature male **Glowing Puffleg**. Gina found a nice **Golden-fronted Redstart** of the white-faced *ornatus* race and then most of us got onto a perched endemic **Coppery-bellied Puffleg** before it flew off. It went a little quiet so we continued on until a **Rufous-browed Conebill** was found and put on a marvellous show for us. Next up were a group of showy **Rufous Wrens**, and a **Purplish-backed Thornbill** which only perched briefly. Higher up the mist rolled in and out again while we focused on a **Plumbeous Sierra Finch** and brief **White-sided Flowerpiercer**. A favourable spot under some bamboo came up trumps as we called in a **Rufous Antpitta** which showed for just a few seconds by a mossy trunk. It was now time to leave so we headed down the mountain and through Bogota, towards our next site which consisted of several ponds in amongst some reedy fields and marshes. Lots of **Southern Lapwings** were flying around, we scoped **American Gallinule** and some **Spot-flanked Gallinules** before our first endemic **Bogota Rail** appeared briefly at the back of the marsh. It was an agonising wait before more rails were seen and reasonable views obtained. Nearby was a **Black-crowned Night Heron** while several **Striated Herons** were seen to fly around. On an open pond we saw **Blue-winged Teal**, **Andean Teal** and **American Coot**, while slowly moving along we heard at least three **Sora** and several of us glimpsed one or two birds. In a grassy field we were treated to superb views of around 10 **Noble Snipe** as well as a few **Wilson's Snipe**. A **Solitary Sandpiper**



Tapaculos are nearly always difficult to see so we were really pleased with this showy endemic Mattoral Tapaculo



Rufous-browed Conebills another endemic proved a little elusive this year so we were glad to get this one



We had fantastic views of a family group of 5 endemic Apolinar's Wrens

was seen and an astonishing number of around 40 **Grassland Yellow-Finches**. Content with our rail and snipe quest we stopped for the first of many a fine lunch before setting off back to Bogota city. Once here we drove to the city park where we then made our way to the reedy edges and were soon getting the best views ever of family of five **Apolinar's Wrens**. A **Buff-necked Ibis** flew over and a **Northern Waterthrush** didn't make the list as only Steve saw it. Gina then found our next big target bird a **Subtropical Doradito** and after some skulking amongst the reeds we all eventually got superb views. After this great success we watched a singing **Yellow-backed Oriole** and a **Mountain Elaenia** before returning to our bus and setting off back to our hotel.

6th Feb 2012

After an early breakfast we set off to Laguna Pedro Palo. On arrival we got out and spent a little time looking around some gardens where we soon found several **Black-billed Thrushes** hopping around the grass and in the bushes and trees it seemed **Blackburnian Warblers** were plentiful. We then heard one of our target species and got to see a couple of **Ash-browed Spinetails**. The bird activity increased and we found a couple of **Golden-faced Tyrannulets**, a **Summer Tanager**, **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**, **Scrub Tanager**, **Blue-necked Tanager** and then a **Bat Falcon** that flew overhead. We still hadn't moved from where we got out of the bus and birds kept appearing. **Blue-and-white Swallows** flew overhead, a **Black-and-white Warbler** worked a tree trunk and then we got fabulous looks at a **Rufous-naped Greenlet** as it fed in the outer branches of the same tree, Several **Black-capped Tanagers** came in close and then two **White-vented Plumeleteers** flew past us and into a nearby bush. Several **Streaked Saltators** were noted, as well as a **Bananaquit** before we decided to move on a little. A nice male **Bay-headed Tanager** was found and near to the bus where our breakfast was being prepared we saw **Slate-throated Redstart** and another good target bird a pair of showy **Moustached Brush-Finches**. In the same area a **Brown-capped Vireo** worked the trees and a **Rufous-browed Peppershrike** was found. Our breakfast was ready and while we tucked in an **Olivaceous Piculet** and **Canada Warbler** appeared. As breakfast was packed away we continued our walk and were delighted when we finally got close perched views of a **Short-tailed Emerald** as brief and distant perched views were all we had had up until now. Next up was a **Slaty-capped Flycatcher**, and **Black-faced Grassquit**, while a couple of perched **Spectacled Parrotlets** were a good spot. In the same area both **Fawn-breasted** and **Crimson-backed Tanagers** were seen plus a closer **Ash-browed Spinetail**. We continued along the track seeing **Blue-capped Tanager**, **Saffron Finches** and some **Roadside Hawks** and then at some red bomberia flowers an endemic **Black Inca** came in a fed. While we waited for it to return a **White-tailed Kite** flew over and then nearby a **Montane**



Another photo of one of the family of Apolinar's Wrens that gave some of our best views ever



This Mountain Elaenia showed well at the end of our very first day of birding in Colombia



We saw lots of White-vented Plumeleteers during our tour, in fact we great views on no less than 7 days.

Our tour this year saw an amazing total of 62 species of hummingbird which included 8 endemics, 9 near endemics and 8 uncommon to rare

Foliage-Gleaner gave itself away in a dark tangle. Moving on we connected with **Gray-breasted Wood-Wren**, **Beryl-spangled Tanager** and an **Azara's Spinetail** and then a male **Plain Antvireo** that showed really well. Diego then found an endemic **Indigo-capped Hummingbird** that we scoped before moving on to an area where we staked out our regular tree in the hope of seeing our main target species of the area. We watched a **Squirrel Cuckoo** and several **Slate-throated Redstarts** and after about ten minutes two birds flew into our tree and there sat right on top was a superb male **Turquoise Dacnis**. We enjoyed superb views as it remained in the same place for over five minutes. It later flew off and although content with this we had no time to relax as a mixed flock started to pass by in the low bushes. There was **Slaty-capped Flycatcher**, **Montane Foliage-Gleaner**, **Streaked Saltator**, **Beryl-spangled** and **Black-capped Tanagers**. We moved back onto the track where the flock was now moving through and got straight onto a female **Cerulean Warbler**, followed by an **Andean Toucanet**. A singing **White-breasted Wood-Wren** proved very difficult while a **Stripe-breasted Spinetail** was also proving a mega skulker although everyone did eventually see it. As we made our way along the track it began to rain which made the birding a little more difficult. A **Red-faced Spinetail** appeared, we found **Yellow-olive Flycatcher** and finally got into the bus and headed to a nearby restaurant which was all prepared for us and as efficiently as the rest of the tour was to prove there was no time wasted in waiting for our sumptuous lunch. Several bananas put out on a feeder brought in **Blue-gray**, **Scrub**, **Palm** and **Crimson-backed Tanagers**. After lunch we set off on the drive to Ibague. It continued to rain but on our designated roadside stop we got out and found several **Fork-tailed Flycatchers**, **Smooth-billed Anis**, and a pair of **Lesser Elaenias** with a nest. **Bare-faced Ibis** flew over and **Common Tody-Flycatcher** showed well, while **Yellow Warbler**, **Ruddy-ground Doves** and **Saffron Finches** all showed themselves. Moving off we made a quick stop overlooking a flooded field which held hundreds of **Bare-faced Ibis** and **Southern Lapwings** with a lone **Northern Caracara** flying past in the distance. We then continued on our way to our hotel on the far side of the busy city of Ibague.

7th Feb 2012

Today we set off early and arrived at Yuntas at dawn where our breakfast was all prepared and ready at a tiny roadside restaurant. A great start to the day as we enjoyed our feast a **Mottled Owl** flew in and landed in a nearby tree allowing reasonable views in the poor dawn light. Nearby an **Andean Motmot** was seen perched in a tree before a hummingbird chased it off. After breakfast we started a slow walk along the road and near to a bridge across a river we found **Yellow-throated Brush-Finch** and on some low flowers a couple of **Western Emeralds**. On the stream was a **Torrent Tyrannulet** and then on a bank of



Given a little time this endemic **Black Inca** returned to the same set of flowers



His **Montane Foliage-Gleaner** showed well and was of the first of many we saw on 7 days of the tour



A real prize this endemic and localised **Turquoise Dacnis** showed well in its favourite tree

flowering trees we found **Speckled Hummingbird**, **Collared Incas**, superb views of **Green-fronted Lancebill**, **Tourmaline Sunangel** and **Andean Emerald**. Further along the road we looked down onto the stream and saw **White-capped Dipper** and **Black Phoebes**, while close flowering trees produced more hummers with **Long-tailed Sylph**, **White-bellied Woodstar** and **Green Violetear**. We then found a male **Booted Racket-Tail**, followed by **Pale-edged** and **Golden-crowned Flycatchers**, **Green Jays** and a **Black-winged Saltator**. In the scrub we had tantalizing views of the endemic **Yellow-headed Brush-Finch** and equally frustrating views of **Whiskered Wrens**. Easier were **Olivaceous Piculet** and two **Tropical Parulas**, a **Streaked Xenops** and finally good views of the **Yellow-headed Brush-Finch**. Moving on to our next stop overlooking a superb gorge soon found us a pair of **Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatchers**, as well as a distant **Yellow-vented Woodpecker**, plus **Long-tailed Sylph**, **Orange-bellied Euphonia** and at last good views of **Whiskered Wren**. Further onward and upward our next stop found a superb endemic **Blossomcrown** sat low in a small bush sunning itself. In the same area we could hear endemic **Tolima Doves** calling and with patience we found what must have been a juvenile bird perched in a bush and also saw an adult fly past and later another was seen on the road. A few other birds were noted including **Blue-capped Tanager** and **Azara's Spinetail** before we moved on to the park entrance. Here it was clear and sunny and the bird activity almost nil. We walked a trail to the edge of the forest and got excellent views of a **Mountain Wren**. Further along we found a **Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant** and Kev drew our attention to a very confiding **Masked Trogon**. It was exceptionally quiet but eventually we found **Golden-fronted Redstarts**, **Superciliaried Hemispingus**, and we heard a **Spillman's Tapaculo** before finally catching up with **Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant** and a **Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant**. Above us a few noisy **White-tipped Swifts** made their presence known before we returned to our bus and had one of Diego's now famous picnic lunches. Afterwards we set off back down the valley and then onto the long drive to Perieja. It was well worth it as we stayed in a most wonderful private ranch style hotel

8th Feb 2012

This morning we set off early and drove to the start of the famous Galapagos Road. Our three 4x4 Jeeps were ready and waiting and we were soon on our way to our first stop in this superb area for Choco endemics. There were both **Band-rumped** and **White-collared Swifts** overhead but it seemed quiet in the forests. A short walk in the light rain soon found us some **Golden Tanagers**, **Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager** and **Streaked Saltator**, followed by **Black-winged Saltator** a showy **Andean Solitaire**. While trying to relocate the solitaire another bird was noted sat on the same branch, it was a fantastic **Scaled Fruiteater** and quite unexpected. We got fabulous views of a male which



One of many **Blue-capped Tanagers** that were regularly seen, and when seen well like this one, are real stunners



This particular **Mountain Wren** gave a good show at Yuntas. We only saw this species on 2 days during the tour



Golden-fronted Redstarts were easily seen at many localities. This was the race *chrysops* and we also saw the white-faced race *ornatus*

then flew off and was followed by a female. A very rare bird for the area! After the excitement of this we added **Red-headed Barbet**, a pair of **Green Honeycreepers**, **Bay-headed Tanager** and on a flowering tree both **Green-fronted Lancebill** and a female **Booted Racket-tail**. We then had our picnic breakfast and shortly after tried to see a **Yellow-breasted Antpitta** that was calling, but the bird soon fell silent and our hopes were dashed. Walking a little further along the road we found **Slaty-capped Flycatcher**, and then Johnnier called us as he had just heard one of our targets the endemic **Crested Ant-Tanager**. We got superb views of about eight birds as well as **Montane Foliage-Gleaner**, **Spotted Woodcreeper**, and another male **Red-headed Barbet**. Moving on we jumped into the jeeps and headed further up the road. Our next stop immediately found a **Purplish-mantled Tanager** as well as the potential split **Choco Tyrannulet**. Next up was a superb male **Barred Becard** and a couple of **Velvet-purple Coronets**. A **Narino Tapaculo** gave a reasonable good show and then a little further on we came across a group of four **Sharpe's Wrens**. A **Green-and-black Fruiteater** was found and then two superb **Gold-ringed Tanagers** which posed wonderfully on a mossy tree top. It was raining on and off and we made the best we could. A female **Violet-tailed Sylph** showed well as did more **Velvet-purple Coronets** and several **Greenish Pufflegs**. An **Orange-breasted Fruiteater** called and was tracked down eventually showing itself while nearby a mixed flock included a superb **Fulvous-dotted Treerunner**, **Dusky-bellied Bush-Tanagers**, **Beryl-spangled** and **Blue-winged Mountain-Tanagers** as well as four **Black-chinned Mountain-Tanagers**. We moved on further and found a **Brown Inca** on a nest. A **Gray-breasted Wood Wren** was spotted as well as **Cinnamon Flycatcher**. It was now raining heavy so we stopped for lunch and afterwards waited a few minutes until it eased. Continuing to walk the road we came across several **Black Solitaires**, a **Glossy Black Thrush** and a confiding **Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant**. A **White-tailed Hillstar** was seen perched and high up in the trees we spotted **Grass Green Tanager** and a pair of **Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonias**. Next up was another excellent Choco endemic a singing **Indigo Flowerpiercer** which gave fantastic views. Later on after some quiet spells we found a flock with at least three or four **Fulvous-dotted Treerunners**, three **Pacific Tuftedcheeks**, **Gold-ringed Tanager**, **Three-striped Warblers**, **Red-faced Spinetail** and **Tri-coloured Brush-Finch**. Our last stop of the day found us a **Sickle-winged Guan** shortly followed by a male **Club-winged Manakin**, **Hepatic Tanager** and **Slaty Antwren**. What a day! We boarded our trusty jeeps and headed back to the main road where our bus awaited us to continue on to our hotel.

09th Feb 2012

This morning we left the hotel early and set off to Galapagos Road once again. At the bottom our jeeps were there to meet us



What a surprise this was, a pair of Scaled Fruiteaters that gave superb views on Galapagos road, an area where they are seldom ever seen



One of our target species for Galapagos road we had great views of a flock of 8 of these noisy and very attractive endemics



Another favourite and an endemic that is pretty easy to see on Galapagos road we had at least 10 on our first day there

and we were soon driving up the muddy bumpy road which we had now become accustomed to. This time we continued over the ridge and right down the other side to an altitude of around 1200mts where we did a little birding while our breakfast was prepared. No sooner than we were out of the vehicles a **Mountain Cacique** flew into a Cecropia but this was immediately ignored when Gina spotted an endemic **Black-and-gold Tanager** on the nearby bank of bushes. We got superb albeit brief views before it flew across the roads and aloud us much longer views. After this excitement we continued birding and found several **White-tailed Hillstars**, an **Orange-bellied Euphonia**, and then we got superb views of several **Choco Warblers** a split from **Golden-bellied**. In the same area a **Choco Tapaculo** called but failed to show itself but a pair of **Sooty-headed Wrens** showed pretty well. Several more **Mountain Caciques** appeared as did **Lemon-rumped Tanagers** and then a **Uniform Antshrike**, **Golden-winged** and a female **Club-winged Manakin** were found and watching across a small gully we found **Acadian Flycatcher**, **Variable Seedeater** and **Long-tailed Tyrant**. **Uniform Treehunters** were heard calling but only briefly seen by a few, but then Gina spotted two **Gray-and-gold Tanagers** on a Cecropia and most people got on this rare species before they flew off. A female **Andean Cock-of-the Rock** flew past but could not be seen perched and then a couple of cute **Ornate Flycatchers** appeared. It was time for breakfast after which we drove back along the road a little. Here we saw several more **Ornate Flycatchers**, **Glistening-green Tanagers**, **Silver-throated Tanagers** and then a couple of superb **Rufous-throated Tanagers**. As we continued searching a **Red-faced Spinetail** was noted and just a couple of the group got onto a male **Golden-collared Honeycreeper**, but a little more cooperative was another **Black-and-gold Tanager**. Several **Violet-tailed Sylphs** showed well and then we found two **Bay Wrens** and some **Tri-coloured Brush-Finches**. Above us flew **White-collared Swifts** as well as a group of magnificent **Swallow-tailed Kites**. Moving on we stopped at our **Club-winged Manakin** spot and soon saw this superb little bird again. In the trees a **Sickle-winged Guan** was seen and then an **Orange-breasted Fruiteater** was spotted and nearby an **Olivaceous Piha** showed briefly. We tried to re find it but only managed **Green-and-black Fruiter** and **Black Solitaire**. A quick try in the bushes got a few people onto a close **Narino Tapaculo**. It was time we left so we made our way back along the bumpy track to the main road where our bus and driver were waiting. We had lunch and found an **Acorn Woodpecker** before setting off to our next destination. Arriving at a roadside marsh we were soon scanning with scopes and finding **Little Blue Heron**, **Great and Snowy Egrets**, **Fulvous-whistling Ducks**, **Wattled Jacana**, **Bare-faced Ibis**, **Limpkin** and **Vermilion Flycatcher**. In the trees above us we enjoyed great views of a **Dwarf Cuckoo**, followed by a pair of endemic **Apical**



Having been inaccessible for a few years it was great that these Club-winged Manakins were now viewable from Galapagos road. We saw an incredible 10 species of Manakin



Several gorgeous little Ornate Flycatchers gave great views on Galapagos road



On one of our many successful roadside stops this Dwarf Cuckoo gave superb views

Flycatchers, Yellow-bellied Elaenia, Rusty-margined Flycatcher, Mouse-coloured Tyrannulet, Yellow Warblers, White-necked Jacobin and Yellow Oriole. Moving along the road we found **Yellow-olive Flycatcher** and a superb **Greenish Elaenia**. This had been a great stop for all those interested in flycatchers! Maybe that was only me! We then continued on a little further and here we found **Greater Anis, Great Blue Heron, Striated Heron** and both **Barn Swallow** and **Brown-banded Martin** flew past as did several noisy **Blue-headed Parrots**. We then left the area and headed for La Suiza and the Otun Quimbaya reserve where we were to stay. A stop by the river found us **Black Phoebe** but it was now getting toward dusk so we continued on. At Otun we settled into our rooms, had dinner, completed our checklist and then set off on a very long-hike to go owling! Our day finished with absolutely fantastic close views of the rarely seen **Colombian Screech-Owl**. What an exciting ending to a superb day.

10th Feb 2012

During the night **Tropical Screech-Owl, Mottled Owl** and **Pauraque** were all heard calling. Early morning had us up and checking the lodge gardens while sipping a hot coffee. Four endemic **Cauca Guans** were sat in a tree and then we all got excited as our first **Red-ruffed Fruitcrow** appeared. A couple of **Flame-rumped Tanagers** showed well and a **Golden-Olive Woodpecker** put in an appearance while a flock of **Golden-plumed Parakeets** flew over. Several **Speckle-faced Parrots** were seen well and then we connected with a nice **Collared Trogon**, and a brief pair of **Golden-headed Quetzals**. Returning for breakfast we were treated to even more stunning views of several **Red-ruffed Fruitcrows**, while a **Bronze-winged Parrot** flew over and **Great Antshrike** called from a thicket. After breakfast we set off along the main track. A short detour to overlook the river produced **Torrent Tyrannulet** but no sign of the **Torrent Ducks** that usually frequent this spot. Back on the main track our first **Venezuelan Red Howler Monkey** was spotted followed by a **Chestnut-breasted Wren** which sang incredibly loud and allowed several of the group to have reasonable views. A female **Andean Cock-of-the Rock** showed well just before we hit a small flock that started off with **Montane** and several **Strong-billed Woodcreepers**, a bunch of **Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrants, Streaked Xenops, Rufous-naped Greenlet, Canada Warbler** and **Golden Tanager**. More **Cauca Guans** appeared plus **Andean Motmot**, and further on superb looks at a close **Wedge-billed Hummingbird**. It was exceedingly quiet but we persisted and moving on we found **Greenish Puffleg, Buff-tailed Coronets, Chestnut-headed Brush-Finch** and then a group of **Golden-plumed Parakeets** feeding in a tree top. Lower down a **Stiles Tapaculo** called but did not show itself but an **Andean Toucanet** did and posed for a short while. Above the forest our first **Broad-winged Hawk** was



This endemic Apical Flycatcher was one of a pair that gave wonderful views on a roadside stop



One of the highlights of the trip was this very showy and rarely seen Colombian Screech-Owl



We had great close looks at many Red-ruffed Fruitcrows

seen, but it seemed the forest was having a real quiet spell. We worked hard but the expected flocks were just not happening. Working our back we eventually got a small fast moving group of birds that consisted of **Black-billed Peppershrike, Rufous-breasted Flycatcher, Black-winged Saltator, Streaked Xenops, Montane Foliage-gleaner, Canada Warblers, Russet-crowned Warbler, Three-striped Warbler, White-winged Becard and Golden Tanagers**. We heard **Chestnut Wood-Quail** a very long way off. We then headed to the river edge and saw nothing so we tried another couple of areas where **White-capped Dippers** showed well, **Torrent Tyrannulets** hopped around and above us **Speckle-faced Parrots** and **Andean Toucanet** sat out. We returned for lunch and then packed our bags and set off toward Manazales. One more stop by a river bridge worked out perfect as we found a stunning pair of **Torrent Ducks**.

11th Feb 2012

This morning we left early in the dark so as to arrive at our site for **White-throated Screech-Owl**. The night was clear and still, and in no time at all a bird was seen flying over our heads. We then had several more flight views but the owl refused to land anywhere so as we could see it perched. We heard at least another four birds as we made our way to the lodge. A look at the hummingbird feeders produced lots of **Buff-tailed Coronets**, as well as a few **Tourmaline Sunangels**, and **Long-tailed Sylph**. We had our breakfast here and shortly after as we were ready to head up hill, we scoped a distant **Golden-headed Quetzal** sat in a mossy tree. Just up the road it didn't take long for us to find the rare **Masked Saltator** singing from a tree top and giving wonderful scope views. We then heard a **Flammulated Treehunter** and soon located a pair down by the lodge in some bushes beside the balcony. Quite out of character these birds then jumped up onto the balcony and even a hanging basket. As we walked slowly up the hill we saw brief **Andean Coati**, plus **Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant** and a group of **Sharpe's Wrens**. We then walked onto a tiny trail and positioned ourselves to view an open area within the forest. Our worm man then gave a whistle and was soon hand feeding **Chestnut-crowned Antpittas** and an endemic **Brown-banded Antpitta**. Several **Gray-browed Brush-Finches** came in and to our surprise a superb **Chestnut-naped Antpitta** appeared and put on a magnificent show. We moved on up the hill and met a group of very young birders who had already been busy getting a good day list. Nearby we spotted **Slaty Brush-Finch, Mountain Elaenia** and **Andean Toucanet**, plus a perched **Broad-winged Hawk**. Moving along a **Bluish Flowerpiercer** was found as well as **Azara's Spinetail** just before we got to another area where once again we watched the worm man in action. This time we waited and waited patiently but to no avail. We then continued our walk and found **Russet crowned Warbler, Streaked**



Out of the 10 species of Antpitta seen we had fantastic views of most including this Chestnut-crowned



The endemic Brown-banded Antpitta once again gave us perfect views



Not always an easy one to see this year the Chestnut-naped Antpitta almost stole the show

Xenops and then our worm man beckoned us back and amazingly we were looking at a **Bicolored Antpitta**, a rare endemic. Near an open area we spotted **Pearled Treerunner**, **Capped Conebill**, **Gray-hooded Bush-Tanager**, **Pale-edged Flycatcher** and then a superb pair of **Crimson-mantled Woodpeckers**. We then walked over to another area and connected with a flock that held plenty of **Blackburnian Warblers** and a nice **Dusky Piha**. The flock remained and held **Blue-and-black Tanager** and a **Long-tailed Antbird**. We took a short trail into the forest and very shortly after the worm man had done his duty we were entertained by a gorgeous little **Slate-crowned Antpitta**. Heading back to lunch we found a **Masked Trogon**. At lunchtime we saw **Buff-tailed Coronets**, **Tourmaline Sunangel**, **Fawn-breasted Brilliant**, **Speckled Hummingbird**, **Collared Inca**, **Green Violetear** and **Long-tailed Sylph**. After lunch we walked up hill and soon found the mega flock we had all hoped for. Birds came thick n fast and we were on adrenal overload as we worked through the many species. Birds were everywhere and the flock list went something like this: **Rufous-capped Tody-Flycatchers**, **Sharpe's Wrens**, **Black-eared** and **Black-capped Hemispingus**, **Pearled Treerunner**, **Montane Woodcreeper**, **Gray-hooded Bush-Tanagers**, **Streaked Tuftedcheek**, **Canada** and **Blackburnian Warblers**, **Slaty Brush-Finch**, **Golden-fronted Redstart**, **Plushcap**, **Barred Becard**, **Black-capped Tyrannulet**, **White-banded Tyrannulet**, **Mountain Wren**, **Superciliaried** and **Oleaginous Hemispingus**, **Black-billed Peppershrike**, **Black-and-white Warbler**, **Rufous-breasted Flycatcher**, **Slate-throated Redstart**, **Blue-winged Mountain Tanager** and more!

We then moved to another area with an overlook towards Manizales. A **Bronze-winged Parrot** flew over and we found several **Yellow-bellied Siskins**, great looks at a dark phase **White-rumped Hawk** that flew past and circled the hilltop, and finally we got superb views of a perched **Rusty-faced Parrot**. We then went back up the hill where we found a couple of **Masked Saltators**, the **White-rumped Hawk** was seen and several **Slaty Brush-Finches** appeared. At one of the antpitta spots we saw (Little Jimmy) the **Slate-crowned Antpitta**, well someone had to name him! plus **Brown-banded** and **Chestnut-naped Antpitta**. We were pushing our luck by trying for **Undulated Antpitta** which very occasionally turns up but it was not to be. Another fantastic day was over and we made our way back to our hotel.

12th Feb 2012

This morning we set off to Los Nevados National Park. Arriving at dawn we set up breakfast and waited for it to get brighter and indeed warmer. Our first birds of the day were **Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanagers** and several **Veridian Metaltails**. A **Pale-naped Brush-Finch** was scoped singing on a tree top and then we got views of **Black Flowerpiercer** while alongside us a



Endemic and normally really hard to get a good view of, this Bicolored Antpitta eventually came out



A pair of Flammulated Treehunters were exceptionally showy even investigating some hanging baskets



Well, all the antpittas in Ecuador seem to have names so we have christened this Slate-crowned as 'Little Jimmy'

Paramo Tapaculo called. We moved a little and soon found a perched female **Rainbow-bearded Thornbill** and in the distance we got scope views of **Black-backed Bush-Tanager** and **Blue-backed Conebill**. A **Great Sapphirewing** flew over our heads and then a **Sedge Wren** posed nicely on the top of a bank. We then tried to coax out another **Paramo Tapaculo** and soon everyone had superb views. A few **Plumbeous Sierra-Finches** were noted and on a large pond where we warmed ourselves with coca tea we found a couple of **Andean Ducks** and **Andean Teal**. Moving on a little it didn't take long to find a fantastic **Bearded Helmetcrest** busy feeding on a flowering bush. Nearby an **Andean Tit-Spinetail** was seen along with **Brown-backed Chat-Tyrants** and then an amazing encounter with a ridiculously confiding **Tawny Antpitta**. As the day warmed up we watched a **Black-chested Buzzard Eagle** before driving to another area where we found **Shining Sunbeam**, followed shortly by **Many-striped Canastero** and **Plain-colored Seedeater**. And moving on again we had to wait for the mist to clear at our next stake which then produced great views of a rare **Black-thighed Puffleg**. A small flock appeared nearby and we got to see a superb **Crowned Chat Tyrant**, **White-banded** and **White-throated Tyrannulets** and **Blue-backed Conebill**. A couple of **Buff-winged Starfrontlets** were seen feeding on some flowers and then we moved on. As lunch was being prepared we found ourselves a **Glossy Flowerpiercer** and finally better views of **Black-backed Bush Tanager**. After lunch we set off on the long drive to Jardin, one of our favourite towns. An excellent birding stop along the way will have to be talked about at a later date!!!!

13th Feb 2012

An early start had us board our three 4x4 jeeps and set off up the bumpy road to Ventanas Peak. Reaching the top at dawn and accompanied by our good friend and local guide Jose we were soon looking for **Blackish Tapaculo** while breakfast was being prepared. The small black avian mouse duly obliged and back beside the vehicles we saw **Speckle-faced Parrot** and some distant **Hooded Mountain Tanagers**. There were lots of **Masked Flowerpiercers** around and a few **White-sided Flowerpiercers** as well as a **Buff-breasted Mountain Tanager** that was heard singing and eventually it was seen very well. The common hummer at these heights was **Tourmaline Sunangel** and we also noted several **White-throated Tyrannulets**, and once again in a distant tree we found several **Lacrimose Mountain Tanagers** and a male **Masked Trogon**. On a distant hilltop we spotted the **Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant** and close nearby was a **Smoky Bush-Tyrant**. In the undergrowth an **Azara's Spinetail** called, while a **Red-crested Cotinga** perched up on a very distant tree. And then a **Black-billed Mountain-Toucan** called and then appeared on a distant tree giving us great scope views. A group of **Andean Siskins** flew past but a real good find was a **Barred Fruiteater** trying its best to blend in with the surrounding leaves.



We encountered a few Slaty Brush-Finches during the tour, and often in mixed species flocks



This Tawny Antpitta came so close that it was calling almost at the feet of some of our group



A really good hummingbird to see was this Black-thighed Puffleg. It is a near endemic, and near threatened species. This year Diego new a particular tree that this one was using as a regular perch. Local knowledge is great!
(Photo Gina Nichol)

A small flock was gathering together and its members consisted of **Superciliaried**, **Black-capped** and **Oleaginous Hemispingus**, and a **Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant** that completed the set of five chat-tyrants for the country. As we slowly moved downhill followed carefully by our trio of 4x4's, Diego beckoned us quickly as a stunning pair of **Tanager Finches** gave fantastic close views working their way along the edge of the road at eye level. We then called in three superb **White-capped Tanagers**, that proceeded to sit there and allow spectacular views. Moving on again we found **Speckled Hummingbird** and a **Green Violetear** singing from a tree, but it was the next bird an **Ocellated Tapaculo** that proved simply outstanding with everyone getting superb views of this stunner kicking leaves around under a shady tree stump. An interesting raptor appeared over the hillside and after some discussion and later checking our photos it turned out to be a sub adult **Black-and Chestnut Eagle**. Perched on a dead tree top was a **Smoke-coloured Pewee**, and just after seeing this we hit a big mixed flock which held far too many for us to keep up with. Amongst this manic group were four **Crimson-backed** and two **Yellow-vented Woodpeckers**, **Purplish-mantled Tanagers**, **Grass-green Tanagers**, **Pacific Tuftedcheek**, Hemispingus, warblers, tyrannulets and spinetails, more tanagers, the list just went on! After this excitement we made a decision to drive back to the top as we really needed to connect with the rare **Yellow-eared Parrot** that had so far eluded us. A great decision as birding a short section of road produced a superb **Dusky Starfrontlet** an incredible rare and difficult species to find here. We actually found one here several years ago and to this day we are the only company to see this species at Ventanas Peak, now not once but twice! Critically endangered it was only rediscovered in 2004 with previous records being just a few museum specimens. Back to our quest for the parrot we staked ourselves out on a hilltop as the evening drew in we were treated to up to 6 **Yellow-eared Parrots** mostly flying by in pairs and then a lone bird which we scoped for 10 minutes sat on a distant palm oil tree. Excellent tactics had not only got us the sought after parrot but an incredible hummingbird to boot! We returned joyful to our pleasant hotel and the delightful town of Jardin. Thanks must go to Jose our friend who worked tirelessly today to produce some of these very special birds.



Always a great one to see as a lot of people miss it. We had this pair of Tanager Finches right in the open



Not a great photo but gives you an idea of the amazing views we had of this pair of Ocellated Tapaculos



The Yellow-eared Parrot is often considered endemic, and we had stunning views of a flock of 16 of this rare and endangered species

14th Feb 2012

At dawn we travelled a few minutes from our hotel down to a stream and wooded gorge. Here we could hear the strange calls of lekking **Andean Cock-of-the-Rocks**. We repositioned ourselves and had fantastic views of up to 15 birds with many sightings right out in the open. After this spectacle we returned to our hotel and then packed our bags and moved on. Our first roadside birding just outside Jardin soon produced the endemic **Parker's Antbird**. A real surprise was a noisy group of 16 **Yellow-eared Parrots** that flew past and perched in a nearby tree. Later the

same birds flew off but gave several very close and much appreciated flybys. After marveling at these we turned our attention to a group of birds moving through. We watched **Red-headed Barbet**, **Rusty Flowerpiercer**, **Flame-rumped Tanagers**, a perched **Western Emerald** and then a little further down the road we got scope views of another great bird a **Moustached Puffbird**. Further down were **Mountain Elaenia**, **Yellow-backed Oriole**, **Azara's Spinetail**, **Bay-headed Tanagers**, **Scrub Tanager**, **White-lined Tanager**, **Black-capped Tanager**, **Blue-naped Chlorophonia** and a **Pale-breasted Spinetail**. After our picnic breakfast and a treat of freshly produced cheese from a lady in house next to where we had parked we moved on. A roadside stop in the Cauca valley was unbelievable as we found our target endemic **Grayish Piculet**, followed by **Spot-breasted**, **Red-rumped** and **Red-crowned Woodpeckers**, **Bar-crested Antshrike**, **Rufous-tailed Hummingbird** chick, **White-vented Plumeleteer**, **Chivi Vireo**, **Black-striped Sparrow**, 3 **King Vultures**, **Sooty-headed Tyrannulet**, **Streaked Flycatcher** and **Greenish Elaenia**. Moving on to Medellin we made a stop to look for the endemic **Red-bellied Grackles** which we found rather quickly, and in no time at all we were then watching a very much sought after bird, a male **Yellow-headed Manakin** on its staked out perch, which was (only known by Diego). One of those good reasons to use the very best local guides. Two **Colombian Chachalacas** and thirty **Russet-backed Oropendolas** were also seen well, ending yet another fabulous day.

15th Feb 2012

We left Medellin early in order to get to our first stop for breakfast. Here we had a nice cooked breakfast accompanied by **Thick-billed Euphonias**, **Swallow Tanager**, **Common Tody Flycatcher**, **Rusty-margined Flycatcher**, **Yellow-bellied Elaenia**, a couple of **Plain-coloured Tanagers**, **Black-billed Thrushes**, **Streaked Flycatcher**, **Buff-throated Saltator**, **Blue-necked Tanager**, a **Thick-billed Seed Finch** and a **Black-throated Mango** on a nest. After breakfast we headed off to one of our sites that holds a good variety of specialties. Our walk began with another **Black-throated Mango**, a **Pale-breasted Spinetail** called and then we got really good views of **Gray Seedeater** and **Ruddy-breasted Seedeater**. A pair of **Plain-coloured Tanagers** appeared and then we found a male **Green Thorntail** feeding on a flowering tree. A **Bay-breasted Warbler** was found as well as several **Rufous-tailed Hummingbirds**, **White-necked Jacobin** and **Sooty-headed Tyrannulet**. A **Mourning Warbler** disappeared before anyone could get on it and then we scoped an endemic **Beautiful Woodpecker** on top of a dead tree. Moving on we came to a gully with a stream and here we got superb views of a pair of recently split **Black-headed Brush-Finches**. Further along our next endemic came in the form of two **White-mantled Barbets** that gave a great performance,



Our roadside stops were always good and this one produced this nesting Spot-breasted Woodpecker as well as Grayish Piculet (no photo)



This Yellow-headed Manakin was one of the prized birds of the trip, seen by very few people we were privileged to get superb views because Diego new its regular perch (Photo Diego Calderon)



Another difficult bird we found 2 pairs of these Black-headed Brush-Finches

and then we added a **White-bearded Manakin** and a tiny **Stripe-throated Hermit** that flew around some nearby flowers, A pair of **Black-bellied Wrens** put on a great show for us, and as we continued our walk we found **Yellow Oriole** and a **Long-billed Starthroat** feeding on another flowering tree. In a grassy area we had a **Bran-coloured Flycatcher**, followed by **Rufous-capped Warbler** and then a **Chestnut-headed Oropendola** and two more **White-mantled Barbets**. A few more yards along the road and we scoped a **Rufous-tailed Jacamar**, shortly followed by **Summer Tanager**, **Cinereous Becard** and **Pacific Antwren**. Next up was a **Slaty Spinetail** that had a nest and then after hearing a call we connected with a nice male **Striped Manakin**. So we had found our targets at this secret site and we decided to jump in the bus and move on. As we were driving towards our next target species and an hour short of this destination Kevin spotted a bird in a field with some cows. We stopped the bus and Steve ran back to check it and sure enough it was our target species a superb **Northern Screamer** and another new bird for all the group. We turned around and headed for another excellent lunch stop, seeing our first **Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture** along the way. After lunch we continued towards Rio Claro stopping at a pond where we got to grips with **White-winged Swallows**. Also here we found a **Plain-coloured Tanager** with a nest, **Orange-chinned Parakeets**, **Red-crowned Woodpecker**, and **Cattle Tyrant**. Moving on we drove into Rio Claro toward our accommodation. While the keys were being fetched we birded part of the road. In fact we didn't go anywhere as we soon located a **Collared Aracari**, **Black-chested Jay**, **Cinnamon Woodpecker**, and a fabulous **Barred Puffbird**. Dave then found us a **Rufous Mourner** and then back where the puffbird had been sat we spotted a female **Blue Cotinga** that fed for a short while in the Cecropia. Back at our rooms we had a short rest and then returned to the road and found **Band-backed Wren**, **Brown-crested Flycatcher** and **Rufous-breasted** and **Green Hermit**. We got to see a pair of **Chestnut-backed Antbirds**, and then a **Buff-rumped Warbler** under the bridge. Nearby birding the lane produced **Pacific Antwren**, **Cinnamon Becard**, **Bay-breasted Warbler** and a **Bay Wren** plus a close **Swallow Tanager**. We also found **Cocoa Woodcreeper**, **Spectacled Parrotlet**, **Golden-hooded Tanager** and in the evening Paul spotted a small species of nightjar which we went and checked but came to no conclusion although larger **Pauraques** were also present and this bird was notably smaller and perched high up in a tree rather than on the ground. Since returning to the UK I have undergone extensive research based on the notes taken at the time and have still come to no conclusion.

16th Feb 2012

This morning after breakfast we left for the nearby Cueva del Condor. In the parking area we saw **Yellow-headed Caracara**, **Cinnamon Becard** and a quick dash past by a **Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift** that was nesting nearby. As we made our way toward



Yet another endemic we had several pairs of these White-mantled Barbets at a regular site only know to us!



This is a female Pacific Antwren which showed better than the male that was also with it



A superb find by Kev from the bus and an hour before the site where we were to look for this species, this Northern Screamer was a welcome addition to our list and gave super views.
(Photo Gina Nichol)

the pastures we found a **Thick-billed Seed Finch**, **Black-striped Sparrow** and a group of **White-thighed Swallows**. A **Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet** showed well in a large tree before our attention was diverted to a **Crested Oropendola** and several **Band-rumped Swifts**. On the forested ridge we could firstly hear and then see a **Citron-throated Toucan**, later we saw three together. Carol then spotted a tiny **Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher** that we had been trying to find and we all got good views of it. A colony of nesting **Yellow-rumped Caciques** conveniently had a **Gartered Trogon** going in and out of an old wasps nest that was in the centre of all the cacique nests. Walking towards the forest a **Savanna Hawk** flew past and we had plenty of **Blue-headed Parrots** flying overhead. Down by the stream entrance we invited a **Wing-barred Piprites** to show itself before going deeper into the forest. As we made our way along the stream we found an immature male **Blue-capped Manakin**, while a **Blue-black Grosbeak** was heard and then from an open area we saw an **Osprey**, **Squirrel Cuckoo**, and distant views of **White-shouldered Tanager**, **Fulvous-vented Euphonia** and **Yellow-backed Tanager**. As we watched and waited a **Western Slaty Antshrike** gave away its presence as did our next endemic target species an **Antioquia Bristle Tyrant** that performed well over our heads. Through a gap in the trees a **King Vulture** was seen circling and then we came to the **Oilbird** cave where it seemed some locals were taking out the Guano. It had not affected our viewing of these strange night creatures and we all enjoyed superb looks at several sat on the rocky ledges. After this spectacle we continued our walk and soon connected with an excellent pair of **Gray-cheeked Nunlets** one of which in typical nunlet style posed for over five minutes. Also in this section of forest we found some ants as did the birds and patience we got to see **Bicolored Antbirds**, **Gray-headed Tanager** and **Plain-brown Woodcreeper**. Nearby a **Stripe-throated Hermit** was found alongside **Striped Manakin**, **Dot-winged Antwren** and a **Southern Bentbill**. A **White-bearded Manakin** was also seen and on our way out through the forest an **Olivaceous Flatbill** showed nicely. It had now warmed up considerably as we made our way out across the grassland. A **Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture** flew low past, and once back to the bus we moved on stopping for lunch along the way. Nearer to the town of Victoria we made a roadside stop and found **Scrub Greenlet**, and **Yellow-tufted Dacnis**. Our first **Pale breasted Thrush** appeared and we added **Streak-headed Woodcreeper** and **Yellow-bellied Seedeater** to our ever growing list of birds.

17th Feb 2012

This morning we had a very nice breakfast on the terrace of our hotel and then drove to the ridge at Victoria in time for sunrise. A fruiting tree close to where we parked became a hive of activity with **Ochre-bellied Flycatcher**, lots of **Swainson's Thrushes**, **Red-crowned Woodpecker**, a gorgeous male **Yellow-tufted**



This very localised endemic Antioquia Bristle-Tyrant buzzed around our heads allowing great views!



We had nice views of the Oilbirds just inside the entrance to their cave. Its not pitch black so a torch light used properly does not disturb them.



Gray-cheeked Nunlets can be hard to find but this pair gave fantastic views

Dacnis, **Yellow-green Vireo** and a rare **White-bibbed Manakin**. Nearby an **Olive-sided Flycatcher** sat on top of a dead tree as did a **Long-tailed Tyrant** and **Streaked Flycatcher**. While a close **Little Tinamou** called from the forest we re-checked the fruiting tree and added **Red-legged Honeycreeper**, **Red-eyed Vireo**, **Pale-breasted Thrush**, **Blue Dacnis**, **Bay-breasted Warbler** and two **White-mantled Barbets**. Moving onto the track that passed through the forest we found **Western Slaty Antshrike** and some very confiding **Gray-headed Tanagers**. We then heard the endemic **Velvet-fronted Euphonia** and found a pair perched high in the bamboo. Next we came across a group of six endemic **Sooty Ant-Tanagers** that gave a great performance. Nearby there was an **Acadian Flycatcher** and a superb male **White-bibbed Manakin**. A **Green Hermit** dashed past, then we spotted **Plain-brown Woodcreeper** and more views of the **Sooty Ant-Tanagers**. A **Violet-crowned Woodnymph** was perched up and a **Red-rumped Woodpecker** showed briefly before we entered an area of forest where we had superb views of a male **Golden-crowned Manakin**. The rest of the forest was rather quiet until we came out into an open area. A **Striped Cuckoo** showed well as it called from a dead tree top. A **Black-faced Tanager** showed up and we all had excellent close views, while a scan of the tree tops produced a **Black-crowned Tityra**. As we headed back toward the bus an **Orange-billed Sparrow** put in an appearance and back at the fruiting tree that we started with were **Boat-billed Flycatcher**, **Scrub Greenlet**, **Green Honeycreeper** and **Golden-hooded Tanager**. We then left Victoria and set off towards our next destination. A road side stop before lunch produced a calling **Pale-breasted Spinetail**, a **Red-breasted Blackbird** sat on a wire fence, **Savanna Hawk** perched on a tree top, **Fork-tailed Flycatchers**, **Greater Anis** and **Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture** and **American Kestrel**. We had our lunch and were soon on our way arriving at Le Vega at dusk.

18th Feb 2012

Our last morning of the main tour had us visit lake Tabacal where we arrived to a delicious breakfast. Nearby a **Rosy Thrush-Tanager** called but never showed itself. Birds that did show included **Tennessee Warbler**, **Thick-billed Euphonia**, **Saffron Finch**, **Golden-faced Tyrannulet**, **Rusty-margined Flycatcher**, and then an antbird which turned out to be a male **Jet Antbird** and the first ever confirmed record from this area. We then entered the gardens and were soon confronted by an elusive yet vocal **White-bellied Antbird**. We struggled at first but eventually got superb views of this bird. Nearby a **White-throated Spadebill** called and we also got great views of this. Next up was **White-bearded Manakin**, **Plain Antvireo**, and a **Rusty-breasted Antpitta** that called and was only really seen by Dave. An **American Redstart** was much easier and in the forest we had a difficult time getting views of two **Colombian Wrens**



This Gray-headed Tanager was extremely confiding coming in close and posing for us!



One of the key endemics at Victoria is the Sooty Ant-Tanager and this is one of a group we found there



We had unbelievable views of this Black-faced Tanager and it was the only one we saw

that kept hidden in a high tangle. As compensation a **Bar-crested Antshrike** showed very well, and then suddenly the call of a **Ruddy Foliage-Gleaner** had us working hard to get views as it stayed mostly low and well hidden. A **Rosy Thrush-Tanager** then appeared on a branch right beside the track for a few brief but enjoyable for some seconds. One of our target birds was then found and we all managed to see a **Gray-throated Warbler**, plus another **White-bellied Antbird** and eventually a **Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher**. In the undergrowth two **Black-headed Brush-Finches** were seen and then beside the edge of a lake we great views of a **White-throated Crake** creeping around a reedy edge before flying low over the water to another reedy area. Next up we had difficult views of a **Red-billed Scythebill** although some people did get it on an open tree. As we made our way along the lake edge a **Long-tailed Hermit** flew past and fed on some flowers on the other side of the lake. Back at the bus we relaxed with a drink or two before setting off to a nearby hummingbird garden. This tiny yard beside a private house held twenty or thirty hummingbird feeders and was a buzz of activity. Amongst the list of visitors that we all enjoyed close up views of were **Black-throated Mangos**, **White-vented Plumeleteer**, **Sparkling Violetear**, **Rufous-tailed Hummingbird**, **Brown Violetear**, many endemic **Indigo-capped Hummingbirds**, **Gorgeted Woodstar**, **White-bellied Woodstar** and a **Green Hermit**. It was a great experience but we had to tear ourselves away and make our journey to Bogota Airport in time for our flight to Santa Marta. Here we said our goodbyes to Diego and without exception everyone praised him for running one of the best tours ever! There was a slight delay in our departure but once in Santa Marta we were met by our local guide Waly and driven to a nearby hotel.

19th Feb 2012

This morning we met up early and were joined by Jim who was just doing the Santa Marta section. Our three 4x4 Landcruisers awaited us and once we were packed into them we set off towards the fabled Santa Marta mountains. Our first roadside stop on the way up at dawn produced **Pale-breasted Thrush**, good views of **Rufous-capped Warbler**, and then a pair of **Rufous-and-white Wrens** and **Barred Antshrike**. Further up at an overlook we had a good selection of species including **Swallow Tanagers**, **White-lined Tanagers**, **Blue Dacnis**, **Yellow-crowned** and brief **Venezuelan Tyrannulet**, **Golden-fronted Greenlet** and good views of the very attractive **Golden-winged Sparrow**. We also got pretty good looks at the endemic **Santa Marta Foliage-Gleaner**. **Streak-headed Woodcreeper** appeared, we then found a group of **Rose-breasted Grosbeaks**, **Lesser Goldfinch**, several close **Black-chested Jays**, a **Lineated Woodpecker**, **Tennessee Warbler**, **Red-eyed Vireo** and several **Steely-vented Hummingbirds**. A couple of **Keel-billed Toucans** were scoped, a **Broad-winged Hawk** was seen



This White-bellied Antbird proved very difficult to see, but eventually it gave itself up and allowed good views



Male Black-throated Mangos such as this one were easy to see at the Hummingbird Gardens



The real star at the Hummingbird Gardens is the endemic Indigo-capped Hummingbird and we must have seen at least 50

and we added **Tropical Pewee**. A **Bright-rumped Attila** was heard calling and soon arrived where it showed off its bright rump which was much appreciated by Jim at least. A perched **Gray Hawk** was then found and further up the hill we found a tree full of **Scarlet-fronted Parakeets**, and a couple of **Orange-crowned Orioles**. Moving on again we arrived at a little store where we bought drinks and sat down to watch a bunch of orange flowers. It didn't take long before we were watching the endemic and much sought after **Blossomcrown**. Both a female and a superb male gave prolonged and excellent views. Moving on again we soon arrived at El Dorado Lodge. While our bags and rooms were being sorted we watched the hummingbird feeders and noted **Green Violetears**, **Violet-crowned Woodnymph**, a **Tyrian Metaltail** which was of the Santa Marta race *Metallura tyrianthina districta* with a blue tail. With a little more patience we also saw the endemic **White-tailed Starfrontlet**, **Brown Violetear** and the icing on the cake was a superb endemic and very rare male **Black-backed Thornbill**, a new and much appreciated bird by everyone including the leaders. Over on the compost heap we saw **Black-fronted Wood Quail**, **Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush**, and the recently split **Sierra Nevada Brush-Finch**. A short walk into the forest found us **White-tipped Quetzal**, then a **Santa Marta Tapaculo** gave an excellent show as it revealed itself just a few feet away. An active group of birds included **Montane Foliage-Gleaner**, **Streak-headed Woodcreeper**, and **White-lored Warbler**. We then went to an area where we sat down quietly as worms were put out and a **Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush** enjoyed the feast and then very shortly afterwards we enjoyed fantastic views of an endemic **Santa Marta Antpitta** our 9th species of antpitta seen and our 8th that had given prolonged out in the open views! To finish off both **Band-tailed** and **Sickle-winged Guans** were seen feeding in a fruiting tree above the lodge. In fact it wasn't quite over as after dinner we went to check out the local night-life. A group of **Night Monkeys** were seen going off to forage in a Cecropia and then we got pretty close to a calling **Santa Marta Screech-Owl** but unfortunately it never showed itself.

20th Feb 2012

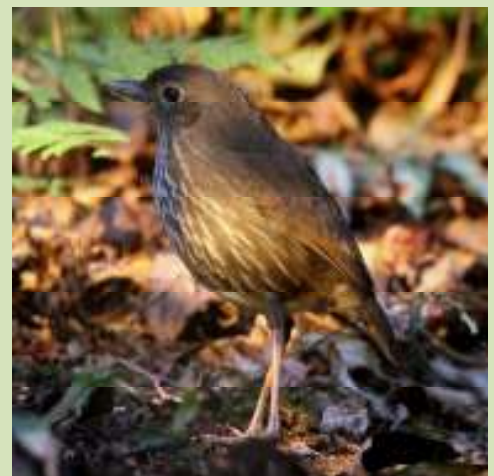
This morning we had early coffee and then headed up the mountain toward the San Lorenzo ridge. Along the way we tried several stops for **Santa Marta Screech-Owl** without success only hearing a couple of distant birds. A **Band-tailed Nightjar** was heard and then seen perched in the distance and spotlighted as it flew around. With the pressure on and the dawn breaking, we were half way up the mountain when Steve halted the first vehicle as he spotted a **Santa Marta Screech-Owl** perched on a tree stump just a few feet from the road. The owl was so preoccupied with looking at something on the ground that we enjoyed fantastic close view for about three minutes before it jumped on its prey and flew off. Continuing on to the high peak



Everyone wanted to see the endemic Blossomcrown and we were not to be disappointed with some superb views



This male Black-backed Thornbill is one of the most difficult hummers to see. An endemic as well we were very happy to get fantastic close views



Eldorado Lodge produced fantastic views of this Santa Marta Antpitta

we got out and immediately heard a couple of **Santa Marta Warblers** calling. After a few minutes we all got views of this much wanted endemic. As we improved our views a group of **Santa Marta Parakeets** flew over and landed in a tree above us. We got great views of this often difficult species before they noisily took off and disappeared down the hillside. A **Yellow-crowned Redstart** appeared and then our first **Streak-capped Spinetail**. We were obviously in endemic heaven! A group of **White-throated Tyrannulets** showed well and we got perched views of two **Scaly-naped Parrots**. Here we also got more superb views of **Santa Marta Warblers** this time within arm's reach. Several **Tyrian Metaltails** distracted us until we came across our first **Santa Marta Mountain Tanagers**. A **Black Hawk-Eagle** was watched circling around in and out of the clouds, while our first attempt at looking for **Brown-rumped Tapaculo** found us a **Santa Marta Antpitta** instead! Our continued search came across **Mountain Elaenias** and **White-sided Flowerpiercer** before we returned to the lodge for lunch. Hummingbirds were still active and included all the regular ones plus the male **Black-backed Thornbill**. After lunch we went into the forest and successfully tracked down a pair of **Gray-throated Leaf-tossers** doing what leaf-tossers do! We then drove back up the mountain stopping for a couple of **Golden-breasted Fruiteaters** which were only seen by just a few of us. Several more **White-lored Warblers** showed well, and at a high point we got out again and slowly worked our way downhill. **Band-tailed Pigeons** were perched out, and a **Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant**, **Yellow-crowned Redstart**, **Santa Marta Mountain-Tanager** and finally a **Brown-rumped Tapaculo** were all seen.

21st Feb 2012

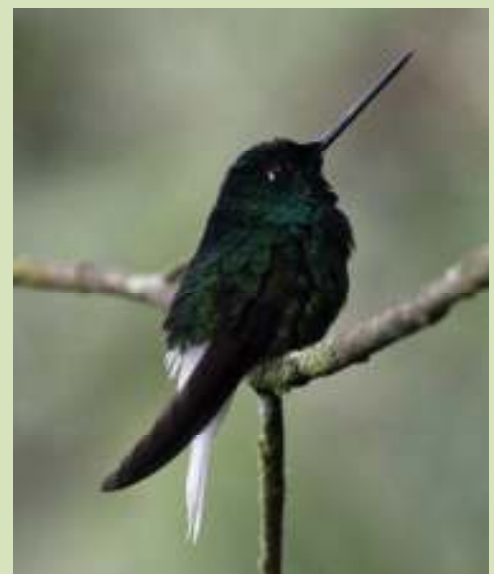
This morning after breakfast we spent an hour or so trying to see a few species around the gardens that we had so far missed. The usual hummingbirds were seen again and the **Black-backed Thornbill** put in a welcome appearance. Then we had a couple of **Santa Marta Toucanets** that showed well in a Cecropia tree beside the lodge, and the **Black-fronted Wood-Quail** performed on the compost heap. The awaited **Blue-naped Chlorophonias** then came to feed on the bananas and then to our joy we had excellent views of a male **Lazuline Sabrewing**. We then drove back up the mountain and began a slow walk down. We first encountered a gang of **White-throated Tyrannulets** and some **Blue-and-White Swallows**. An endemic **Rusty-capped Spinetail** called and eventually showed itself, a while further down a **Plain-breasted Hawk** drifted past and a **Black-throated Tody-Flycatcher** gave superb views. A small mixed flock contained **Santa Marta Mountain-Tanager**, **Yellow-crowned Redstart**, **Santa Marta Brush-Finch** and at last we got excellent views of an endemic **Brown-rumped Tapaculo**. Beside an overlook offering fantastic views down to Santa Marta we saw **White-collared Swifts** and a **White-**



What a find! Santa Marta Screech-Owl. No playback it was spotted right beside the road at dawn and gave stunning close views



Another endemic this Santa Marta Warbler came so close we could have touched it



Santa Marta is simply brimming with endemics and another is this White-tailed Starfrontlet

rumped Hawk circling around. We made our way further down towards the lodge and eventually came across at least one male and a female **Golden-breasted Fruiteater**. On the track we had **White-tipped Dove**, and just before reaching the lodge a **Band-tailed Guan** was seen. After lunch we set off downhill towards Minca. Along the way we found **Masked Trogon** and a **Spotted Barbtail** as well as **Montane Foliage-Gleaner**, a very skulky **Santa Marta Foliage-Gleaner** lots of **White-lored Warblers**, and some very confiding **Bay-headed Tanagers**. We got brief views of a **Yellow-legged Thrush** and then a little further down we stopped at the little store so as to check the flowering bushes. There were no **Blossomcrowns** this time but we did get several views of the tiny **Santa Marta Woodstar**. Continuing on down we were drawing a blank with **Rusty-breasted Antpitta** until Steve saw one fly in and land close beside us offering super views. Now we were back on track it was time to get good looks at **Santa Marta Tapaculo** and some good advice allowed nearly everyone to see a bird working its way across a bank. Continuing on we found an **Olive-striped Flycatcher** and then good views of **Black-headed Tanager** that until now had eluded us. As the evening light started to fade we got not so good views of a **Whooping Motmot** and even more frustrating views of a pair of **Black-and-white Owls** that were on show all too briefly. Arriving in Minca we made our way to our comfortable lodge and settled in.

22nd Feb 2012

First thing after breakfast we headed downhill from Minca to an area for our first target species of the day. A short walk soon had us watching a pair of **Black-backed Antshrikes** and a few minutes after enjoying these birds we were watching a superb male **Lance-tailed Manakin**. We then drove back up past Minca and made a brief stop where we watched a couple of **Gartered Trogons**, a **Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant**, **Southern Beardless Tyrannulet**, **Thick-billed Euphonia**, **American Redstart** and a fine view of a **Whooping Motmot**. Moving on we saw a bit of activity beside the road so quickly got out and found a few birds flitting around. Then by whistling **Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** things picked up and birds started to fill the trees around us. A real **Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** came in and added credence to the show which held a cast that included **Dusky-capped Flycatcher**, **Swallow Tanagers**, **Streaked and Buff-throated Saltators**, several **Red-billed Emeralds** that showed well, **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**, and in the tangles were **Rufous-breasted Wren** and **Long-billed Gnatwren**, while some of the group got onto a **Connecticut Warbler**. Moving on again we took a side trail where we found a very showy **Yellow-legged Thrush**, **White-lored Warbler**, and **Montane Foliage-Gleaner**. With a couple of people missing **Santa Marta Tapaculo** yesterday we had an ideal spot and a cunning idea which worked perfectly and allowed



The Golden-winged Sparrow was again easily found near to Minca and we enjoyed these fantastic views of this very smart bird



The endemic Santa Marta Woodstar proved difficult to see this year but our fortune was in when this female came to a bunch of flowering bushes



Not such a great photo but our views were simply stunning of this endemic Santa Marta Tapaculo. How often do Tapaculos come right out in the open and show like this!

everyone exceptional views of a bird working its way along an open bank. Don't you just love it when a plan comes together! Nearby a **Plumbeous Kite** was perched in a tree, and after looking at this we returned to the jeeps and made our way down the mountain to meet up with our bus and driver. We drove to our lunch spot overlooking a river and while we waited for our superb food we found **Spotted Sandpiper**, **Solitary Sandpiper**, **Amazon Kingfisher**, **Red-winged Blackbirds** and **Southern Rough-winged Swallow**. After lunch we continued on to a roadside stop where we walked a short track and soon found **Trinidad Euphonia**, a **Buff-breasted Wren** that gave stunning views, and a **Straight-billed Woodcreeper** that gave even better views. A **Panama Flycatcher** showed well, as did **Brown-crested Flycatcher** several **Southern Beardless Tyrannulets** and a **Russet-throated Puffbird**. We then continued on to another roadside stop where a crazy mixed flock started with **Crested Bobwhites**, followed by **Black-crested Antshrike**, **Yellow-breasted Flycatcher**, **White-fringed Antwren**, **Rufous-tailed Jacamar**, **Tropical Gnatcatcher**, **Pileated Finch**, **Tropical Pewee**, **Scrub Greenlet** and **Gray Kingbirds**. A **Plain-breasted Hawk** showed well, there were **Bare-eyed Pigeons** all around, **Scaled Dove** on the ground and a **Northern Scrub Flycatcher**. Beside an open area of grassland we had **Gray Seedeater**, a **Black-collared Hawk** flew past and then we had a flock of around twenty **Blue-crowned Parakeets** perched in a low tree. Our last bird of the day was a very poor view of a **Rufous-vented Chachalaca**. Arriving at Riohacha for the night, we went out for another great meal.



This was a very confiding Straight-billed Woodcreeper



It's always good to see all the features on flycatchers as the books aren't always accurate. This Northern Scrub Flycatcher allowed super views



We were entertained by a pair of showy Bicolored Wrens just after our breakfast at Los Flamencos National Park

23rd Feb 2012

At first light we headed to Los Flamencos National Park seeing a group of **Carib Grackles** in the nearby town. After this we made a short roadside stop in an area of dry thorn scrub and soon located the first of several **Orinoco Saltators**. Nearby a **Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** was attracting a group of agitated birds including **Scrub Greenlet** and **Black-crested Antshrikes**. Moving on we soon found our next target bird which was a superbly confiding **Chestnut Piculet** which looked fantastic in the morning sunshine. Several **Prothonotary Warblers** were seen and a **Slender-billed Inezia** put in an all too brief appearance. Moving on through the scrub we located a **Brown-crested Flycatcher** which was followed by **Gray Kingbirds** and a **Tropical Mockingbird**. A small palm covered hut was the setting for our picnic breakfast and allowed us views of **Vermilion Flycatcher**, **Northern Scrub Flycatcher** and **Southern Lapwing**. After our breakfast a **Crane Hawk** was seen flying over and landing in a tree where we all got excellent scope views. Then a pair of **Bicolored Wrens** were seen beside their scruffy nest before we took a walk into the dry scrub and towards a small pond. On the first pond was a **Green Heron**,

Pied Water-Tyrant and **Solitary Sandpiper**. A **Glaucous Tanager** showed briefly and could not be relocated and just as frustrating was a brief **Pileated Finch**. Moving on to a smaller pool things changed as we were soon watching a group of six or more **Glaucous Tanagers** moving through, followed by fabulous views of a male **Vermilion Cardinal** coming down to the water's edge to drink. We sat quietly and waited and both **Cardinal** and **Tanager** gave superb views. A **Pale-legged Hornero** flew off and several **Red-billed Hummingbirds** were also noted. Heading slowly back we found a **Buffy Hummingbird** feeding on some yellow flowers, followed by a **Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant**, another **Pileated Finch**, **Rufous-tailed Jacamar** and more **Black-crested Antshrikes**. Out near the road the temperature had heated up considerably and on an estuarine pool we could see **White Ibis**, **Roseate Spoonbill**, **Reddish Egret** but little else. We decided to revisit the small pond and this time waiting patiently we saw **Green Heron**, **Groove-billed Ani** and surprisingly a **Gray-necked Woodrail**. We then drove to the beach for lunch where those that wished could watch a group of **Laughing Gulls** and a rare **Lesser Black-backed Gull** on the sea. It was time to head back toward Santa Marta where we were to spend the night. Nothing exciting along the way but just outside of the city we parked up and located a **Whooping Motmot** and a few got brief views of **Chestnut-winged Chachalaca**. A couple of **Brown-throated Parakeets** flew overhead and then after a cacophony of noise from several **Chachalacas** we all got to see one particular bird that flew up into a tree and posed for us.



Two great birds in one view the Glaucous Tanager and stunning Vermilion Cardinal both came to drink at a small pool as we quietly waited



We had fabulous views of this pair of Chestnut Piculets



Black-crested Antshrikes were pretty easy to see in the dry coastal scrub



Northern Crested Caracara

24th Feb 2012

Our last morning had us set off for Isle de Salamanca National Park in search of our last endemic. We drove straight there without stopping although in hindsight we should have stopped when Paul spotted a **Double-striped Thick-knee** from the bus. We arrived early and while having our picnic breakfast we found **Green Kingfisher**, **Boat-billed Heron** and **Straight-billed Woodcreeper**. We then search the area and eventually heard a lone hummingbird singing and soon located a critically endangered and very localized **Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird** sat in a nearby tree. Two **Russet-throated Puffbirds** showed well and back on the boardwalk we located a few **Bicolored Conebills**, **Golden-olive Woodpecker** and a bunch of **Prothonotary Warblers**. On a pond we found **Least Grebe**, **Solitary Sandpiper**, **Ringed Kingfisher** and a family of **Wattled Jacanas** of the entirely black race. Further searching revealed **Northern Waterthrush** and a superb **Golden-green Woodpecker**. We then needed to depart so as to get to the airport with plenty of time. A few strategic roadside stops produced **Glossy Ibis**, **Bare-faced Ibis**, **Tricolored Heron**, countless egrets and a host of shorebirds such as **Wilson's Snipe**, **Greater** and **Lesser Yellowlegs**, **Sanderling**, **Semipalmated**

Plover, Wilson’s Plover, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Western Sandpiper and Hudsonian Whimbrel plus Cocoi Heron, Blue-winged Teals, Gull-billed Tern, and even a couple of Crab-eating Raccoons. Well our fantastic tour was over as we headed toward Santa Marta airport.

Many thanks to Diego Calderon, Waly Naranjo and a fabulous group that made this tour one of the best we have led. Great fun, perfect fieldcraft, patience, and focus! The greatest achievement of this tour apart from the many endemics and specialties seen was that nearly all the birds we found were seen by the entire group.

Many thanks to everyone for your friendship and company

Steve & Gina



Several really showy Russet-throated Puffbirds were a great find on our last morning at Isle de Salamanca (Photo Gina Nichol)

Please note all photographs taken on tour by Steve Bird unless otherwise stated

BIRDLIST FOR COLOMBIA 2012

57 Endemic species recorded are highlighted in blue

Column A = Number of species recorded on tour Column D = Number of days out of 20 recorded

E = Best sightings or comment

A	SPECIES	SCIENTIFIC NAME	D	E
1	Little Tinamou	<i>Crypturellus soui</i>	4	Heard on 4 occasions and heard really close at Victoria
2	Least Grebe	<i>Podiceps dominicus</i>	1	1 seen at Isle de Salamanca
3	Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	3	Up to 10 seen along the coast
4	Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>	7	20Seen at a number of locations
5	Magnificent Frigatebird	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>	2	A few up to 20 along coast
6	Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	2	1 on roadside and 1 Isle de Salamanca
7	Cocoi Heron	<i>Ardea cocoi</i>	1	1 was seen at Isle de Salamanca
8	Great Egret	<i>Ardes alba</i>	10	Regular in small numbers many sites
9	Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	4	On roadside stop and around coast
10	Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	2	1 on roadside stop and others at Isle de Salamanca
11	Reddish Egret	<i>Egretta rufescens</i>	2	Just a couple at Isle de Salamanca
12	Tricolored Heron	<i>Egretta tricolor</i>	1	Up to 10 seen at Isle de Salamanca
13	Green Heron	<i>Butorides virecens</i>	2	A couple seen around Isle de Salamanca
14	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	2	A few at Bogota Rail site and others on roadside stop
15	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	15	Common throughout tour
16	Boat-billed Heron	<i>Cochlearius cochlearius</i>	1	Great views of a single bird at Isle de Salamanca
17	Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	2	1 at Bogota Rail site and another near Cartago
18	Bare-faced Ibis	<i>Phimosus infuscatus</i>	9	Near 300 was our biggest count on our way to Ibague
19	White Ibis	<i>Eudocimus albus</i>	1	2 were seen at Los Flamencos

20	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	1	1 seen from bus at Isle de Salamanca
21	Wood Stork	<i>Mycteria americana</i>	1	Only 1 flew over on our way to Ibague
22	Roseate Spoonbill	<i>Platalea ajaja</i>	1	Just 1 seen at Los Flamencos
23	Northern Screamer	<i>Anhima chavarta</i>	1	1 bird was an excellent find an hour from Rio Claro
24	Fulvous Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>	1	2 were seen in wetlands near Cartago
25	Torrent Duck	<i>Merganetta armata</i>	2	A pair showed well on river by Otun Quimbaya
26	Andean Teal	<i>Anas andinus</i>	2	2 were seen at Bogota Rail site and 3 at Los Navados
27	Blue-winged Teal	<i>Anas discors</i>	2	3 were at the Bogota Rail site and big numbers at Isle de Salamanca
28	Andean Duck	<i>Oxyura ferruginea</i>	1	3 on pond at Los Navados
29	Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	16	Common throughout tour
30	Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture	<i>Cathartes burrovianus</i>	3	The most were 6 seen near to Rio Claro
31	Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	19	Common throughout tour
32	King Vulture	<i>Sarcoramphus papa</i>	2	Singles at a roadside stop and near Rio Claro
33	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	2	2 were seen in Rio Claro area
34	Crane Hawk	<i>Geranospiza caeruleascens</i>	1	1 seen very well flying and perched at Los Flamencos
35	Swallow-tailed Kite	<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>	1	Fantastic views of 20 on Galapagos road
36	White-tailed Kite	<i>Elanus leucurus</i>	1	Just 1 flew over at Laguna Pedro Paulo
37	Plumbeous Kite	<i>Ictinia plumbea</i>	1	1 seen perched close near Minca
38	Plain-breasted Hawk	<i>Accipiter ventralis</i>	2	1 seen perched well near Riohacha
39	Savanna Hawk	<i>Buteogallus meridionalis</i>	3	A few around Rio Claro and Victoria
40	Black-collared Hawk	<i>Busarellus nigricollis</i>	1	1 flew past near to Riohacha
41	Black-chested Buzzard -Eagle	<i>Geranoaetus melanoleucos</i>	1	2 were seen well at Los Navados NP
42	Gray Hawk	<i>Buteo nitidus</i>	1	Just 1 seen in the Minca area
43	Roadside Hawk	<i>Buteo magnirostris</i>	10	Seen at a variety of locations
44	White-rumped Hawk	<i>Buteo leucorrhous</i>	3	Amazing to see at Rio Blanco, Los Navados and San Lorenzo
45	Short-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo brachyurus</i>	1	Just 1 seen near Rio Claro
46	Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	5	Seen at a few locations
47	Black-and-chestnut Eagle	<i>Oroaetus isidori</i>	1	A sub Adult was seen and flying around at Ventanas Peak
48	Black Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus tyrannus</i>	1	1 was seen in and out of the clouds at San Lorenzo Ridge
49	Northern Caracara	<i>Caracara cheriway</i>	5	Most easily seen around Isle de Salamanca
50	Yellow-headed Caracara	<i>Milvago chimachima</i>	7	Seen at various location including Rio Claro and along the coast
51	Laughing Falcon	<i>Herpetotheres cachinnans</i>	1	Heard only in Rio Claro area
52	American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	5	Singles at a various locations
53	Bat Falcon	<i>Falco rufigularis</i>	2	1 flew fast overhead at Laguna Pedro
54	Chestnut-winged Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis garrula</i>	1	Endemic. Good views of 1 bird in evening near Santa Marta
55	Rufous-vented Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis ruficauda</i>	1	Almost silhouette views near Riohacha
56	Colombian Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis garrula</i>	2	Endemic. 2 showed really well at La Romera
57	Band-tailed Guan	<i>Penelope argyrotis</i>	2	Singles around Eldorado and Minca
58	Andean Guan	<i>Penelope montagnii</i>	1	2 were seen at Rio Blanco
59	Cauca Guan	<i>Penelope perspicax</i>	1	Endemic. Up to 12 seen very well at Otun Quimbaya
60	Sickle-winged Guan	<i>Chamaepetes goudotii</i>	6	Good numbers seen at various sites

61	Crested Bobwhite	<i>Colinus cristatus</i>	1	5 were seen running across track on road side stop near Riohacha
62	Black-fronted Wood-Quail	<i>Odontophorus atrifrons</i>	3	Near Endemic up to 6 were seen at or near Eldorado Lodge, often coming to compost heap
63	Chestnut Wood-Quail	<i>Odontophorus hyperythrus</i>	1	Endemic. Heard only distantly at Otun Quimbaya
64	Limpkin	<i>Aramus guarauna</i>	1	1 seen in wet fields on a roadside stop
65	White-throated Crake	<i>Laterallus albigularis</i>	1	Superb views of 1 at Lake Tabacal
66	Bogota Rail	<i>Rallus semiplumbeus</i>	1	Endemic. Up to 6 were seen at our favourite site
67	Sora	<i>Porzana carolina</i>	1	Brief views of at least 2 birds also calling at Bogota Rail site
68	Blackish Rail	<i>Pardirallus nigricans</i>	1	Heard very well but would not respond back at a roadside stop near Cartago
69	Gray-necked Wood Rail	<i>Aramides cajanea</i>	2	Great views at Los Flamencos
70	Spot-flanked Gallinule	<i>Gallinula melanops</i>	1	4 were seen well at Bogota Rail site
71	Common Gallinule	<i>Gallinula cachinnans</i>	2	6 at Parque Florida was highest count
72	American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>	2	Best was 10 seen at Parque Florida
73	Wattled Jacana	<i>Jacana jacana</i>	3	8 on roadside stop and others at Los Flamencos and Black form seen at Isle de Salamanca
74	Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>	1	30+ seen at Isle de Salamanca
75	Southern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus chilensis</i>	7	100s in fields on our way to Ibague
76	Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>	1	No Count
77	Wilson's Plover	<i>Charadrius wilsonia</i>	1	Just 2 were found at Isle de Salamanca
78	Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	1	4 were seen at Isle de Salamanca
79	Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	2	1 on roadside stop near Cartago and 3 Isle de Salamanca
80	Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>	2	1 at a lunch stop near coast and others at Isle de Salamanca
81	Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	5	Singles at 4 sites and 3 seen at Isle de Salamanca
82	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	1	10 were seen at Isle de Salamanca
83	Semipalmated Sandpiper	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>	1	100 plus seen in pools at Isle de Salamanca
84	Western Sandpiper	<i>Calidris mauri</i>	1	Just 1 scrutinised amongst Semi p's at Isle de Salamanca
85	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	1	3 seen well at Isle de Salamanca
86	Wilson's Snipe	<i>Gallinago delicata</i>	2	5 were seen amongst Noble's at Bogota Rail site, and 2 at Isle de Salamanca
87	Noble Snipe	<i>Gallinago nobilis</i>	1	Great views of 15 birds in flight at Bogota Rail site
88	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus graellsii</i>	1	1 with Laughing Gulls at Los Flamencos
89	Laughing Gull	<i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i>	1	About 30 on the sea at Los Flamencos
90	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	1	8 were seen at Isle de Salamanca
91	Large-billed Tern	<i>Phaetusa simplex</i>	1	1 seen flying over bridge nr Rio Claro
92	Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	14	Common around any habitation
93	Band-tailed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>	8	Fairly common at a variety of sites
94	Bare-eyed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas corensis</i>	3	Up to 50 seen in Riohacha area
95	Pale-vented Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas cayennensis</i>	5	Small numbers seen at a few locations
96	Eared Dove	<i>Zenaida auriculata</i>	8	Common and seen at various sites
97	Common Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina passerina</i>	4	Most were seen along coastal areas
98	Ruddy Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	7	Regularly seen throughout trip
99	Scaled Dove	<i>Columbina squammata</i>	2	Just a few on the coast

100	Tolima Dove	<i>Leptotila conoveri</i>	1	Endemic. 3 seen around Yuntas
101	White-tipped Dove	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>	8	Small numbers mostly in Santa Marta
102	Scarlet-fronted Parakeet	<i>Aratinga wagleri</i>	7	Flocks between 6 – 30 seen various places but most at Santa Marta
103	Brown-throated Parakeet	<i>Aratinga pertinax</i>	2	2 flew overhead near Santa Marta
104	Golden-plumed Parakeet	<i>Leptosittaca branickii</i>	1	Up to 12 seen at Otun Quimbaya, in flight and perched
105	Yellow-eared Parrot	<i>Ognorhynchus icterotis</i>	2	Endemic. Hard work to see 6 at Ventanas in the evening. But fantastic close views of 16 perched and flying past near Jardin the following day
106	Blue-crowned Parakeet	<i>Aratinga acuticaudata</i>	1	Excellent close views of 20 birds in low trees near Riohacha
107	Santa Marta Parakeet	<i>Pyrrhura viridicata</i>	2	Endemic. Super views of 15 birds perched in trees above us at Santa Marta highlands
108	Green-rumped Parrotlet	<i>Forpus passerinus</i>	1	Just one seen by a few of us near Riohacha
109	Spectacled Parrotlet	<i>Forpus conspicillatus</i>	4	Best views of a few around Rio Claro
110	Orange-chinned Parakeet	<i>Brotogeris jugularis</i>	3	Small numbers at Rio Claro, and lowlands around Santa Marta
111	Rusty-faced Parrot	<i>Hapalopsittaca amazonina</i>	1	1 gave superb views perched in dead tree top at Rio Blanco
112	Blue-headed Parrot	<i>Pionus menstruus</i>	6	Small numbers at various sites
113	Red-billed Parrot	<i>Pionus sordidus</i>	1	2 seen near Eldorado Lodge, Santa M
114	Speckle-faced Parrot	<i>Pionus tumultuosus</i>	2	8 seen at Otun Quimbaya and a few at Jardin
115	Bronze-winged Parrot	<i>Pionus chalcopterus</i>	2	Just a couple around Otun Quimbaya
116	Scaly-naped Parrot	<i>Amazona mercenaria</i>	1	Nice views of 6 at San Lorenzo Ridge
117	Dwarf Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus pumilus</i>	1	Great looks at one bird near Cartago
118	Squirrel Cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana</i>	7	Maximum of 2 a day at various sites
119	Striped Cuckoo	<i>Tapera naevia</i>	2	1 heard near Cartago and another showed well at Victoria
120	Greater Ani	<i>Crotophaga major</i>	5	Best count of 6 near Cartago
121	Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>	7	Fairly common with maximum of 20
122	Groove-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga sulcirostris</i>	1	6 seen around Los Flamencos NP
123	Tropical Screech-Owl	<i>Megascops choliba</i>	1	1 heard only in the evening at Otun Quimbaya
124	Mottled Owl	<i>Ciccaba virgata</i>	4	1 seen at breakfast at Juntas and others only heard
125	Black-and-white Owl	<i>Ciccaba huhula</i>	1	Poor views of 2 birds in evening at Minca
126	White-throated Screech-Owl	<i>Megascops albogularis</i>	1	1 seen flying low overhead a number of times early morning at Rio Blanco
127	Colombian Screech-Owl	<i>Megascops colombiana</i>	1	Unbelievable close views of one at Otun Quimbaya was a tour highlight
128	Santa Marta Screech-Owl	<i>Megascops gilesi</i>	1	Endemic. After hearing several we found one 10ft away beside the road which gave superb views as it hunted
129	Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl	<i>Glaucidium brasilianum</i>	2	Singles seen at near Riohacha and Los Flamencos
130	Oilbird	<i>Steatornis caripensis</i>	1	We saw around 10+ at Cueva del Condor, Rio Claro
131	Nighthawk sp?	<i>Chordeiles ?</i>	1	A single bird unidentified flew alongside bus at Santa Marta
132	Common Pauraque	<i>Nyctidromus albicollis</i>	4	Heard at 3 different areas and seen on way up to Eldorado Lodge
133	Band-winged Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus longirostris</i>	1	We saw 3 but one showed in spotlight and called above Eldorado Lodge
134	White-collared Swift	<i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>	6	Small groups seen throughout tour mostly at altitude

135	Band-rumped Swift	<i>Chaetura spinicauda</i>	2	Around 12 were seen at Glapagos Road and others at Rio Claro
136	Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift	<i>Panyptila cayennensis</i>	1	Just one seen coming out of nest at Rio Claro
137	White-tipped Swift	<i>Aeronautes montivagus</i>	1	8 were seen around Yuntas
138	Rufous-breasted Hermit	<i>Glaucis hirsuta</i>	1	Just one seen alongside road near lodge at Rio Claro
139	Green Hermit	<i>Phaethornis guy</i>	2	1 was seen near lodge at Rio Claro and 2 were seen at private hummingbird garden near La Vega
140	Sooty-capped Hermit	<i>Phaethornis augusti</i>	1	1 visited the feeder at the small store on the way to Eldorado Lodge
141	Long-billed Hermit	<i>Phaethornis longirostris</i>	1	Just 1 flew past at Lake Tabacal
142	Stripe-throated Hermit	<i>Phaethornis striigularis</i>	2	1 was seen feeding on flowers beside the track at our secret site while another was seen well near the Oilbird cave.
143	Pale-bellied Hermit	<i>Phaethornis anthophilus</i>	1	1 seen feeding near lodge at Rio Claro
144	Green-fronted Lancebill	<i>Doryfera ludovicae</i>	2	We had nice views of a couple at Yuntas, and another couple at breakfast stop along Galapagos road
145	Lazuline Sabrewing	<i>Campylopterus falcatus</i>	1	Fabulous eventually of a male coming to the feeders at Eldorado Lodge
146	White-necked Jacobin	<i>Florisuga mellivora</i>	3	1 near Cartago, 1 at our secret site and another at hummingbird garden
147	Brown Violetear	<i>Colibri delphinae</i>	4	1 at hummingbird garden and 1 seen every day at Eldorado Lodge
148	Green Violet-ear	<i>Colibri thalassinus</i>	6	A scattering of sightings with most at Eldorado Lodge, Santa Marta
149	Sparkling Violetear	<i>Colibri coruscans</i>	2	Several seen in Santa Marta
150	Black-throated Mango	<i>Anthracothorax nigricollis</i>	5	Small numbers seen at various sites with most at hummingbird garden
151	Green Thorntail	<i>Popelairia conversii</i>	1	Just 1 seen feeding on flowering tree at our secret site
152	Western Emerald	<i>Chlorostilbon melanorhynchus</i>	2	Up to 4 showed well at Juntas and another gave good views near Jardin
153	Red-billed Emerald	<i>Chlorostilbon gibsoni</i>	2	Several seen around Riohacha area
154	Coppery Emerald	<i>Chlorostilbon russatus</i>	1	Only 1 seen on our way up to Eldorado Lodge
155	Short-tailed Emerald	<i>Chlorostilbon poortmanni</i>	1	At least 5 were seen with several perched at Laguna Pedro Paulo
156	Violet-crowned Woodnymph	<i>Thalurania colombica</i>	2	Fantastic views of many at Eldorado Lodge and surrounding area
157	Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird	<i>Lepidopuga lilliae</i>	1	Endemic. Excellent scope views of a perched bird at Isle de Salamanca
158	Buffy Hummingbird	<i>Leucippus fallax</i>	1	Surprisingly just one seen in dry scrub at Camarones
159	Indigo-capped Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia cyanifrons</i>	2	Endemic. 1 at Laguna Pedro Paulo was a good find and at least 50 at hummingbird garden near La Vega
160	Andean Emerald	<i>Amazilia franciae</i>	5	Seen well at Yuntas and also Eldorado Lodge
161	Steely-vented Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia saucerrottei</i>	1	Several seen on our way up to Eldorado Lodge
162	Rufous-tailed Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia tzacatl</i>	7	A scattering of records of this generally widespread species
163	Blossomcrown	<i>Anthocephala floriceps</i>	2	We had great views of a pair of the nominate subspecies at the store on our way to Eldorado Lodge, and super views of the subspecies <i>berlepsi</i> with a bird sunning itself at Juntas
164	White-vented Plumeleteer	<i>Chalybura buffonii</i>	7	Small numbers easily seen throughout the tour. Up to 20 at hummingbird gdn
165	Speckled Hummingbird	<i>Adelomyia melanogenys</i>	5	Most easily seen at Juntas and Jardin

166	Fawn-breasted Brilliant	<i>Heliodoxa rubinoides</i>	1	Just 2 seen at feeders at Rio Blanco
167	Empress Brilliant	<i>Heliodoxa imperatrix</i>	2	The same bird seen on two days at Galapagos road
168	White-tailed Hillstar	<i>Urochroa bougueri</i>	2	Up to 6 seen along Galapagos road. We saw birds of the nominate race
169	Shining Sunbeam	<i>Aglaeactis cupripennis</i>	1	1 bird seen well near Los Navados NP
170	Great Sapphirewing	<i>Pterophanes cyanopterus</i>	1	A single bird flew quickly over our heads at Los Navados NP
171	Brown Inca	<i>Coeligena wilsoni</i>	1	Up to 5 seen on Galapagos Road
172	Black Inca	<i>Coeligena prunellei</i>	1	Endemic. 1 seen well feeding on red flowers at Laguna Pedro Paulo
173	Collared Inca	<i>Coeligena torquata</i>	3	Seen Rio Blanco and Jardin but most common at Yuntas on flowering trees
174	White-tailed Starfrontlet	<i>Coeligena phalerata</i>	2	Endemic. Males and female seen at Eldorado Lodge and San Lorenzo
175	Buff-winged Starfrontlet	<i>Coeligena lutetiae</i>	1	A couple of birds seen near Los Navados at our puffleg stakeout
176	Dusky Starfrontlet	<i>Coeligena orina</i>	1	Endemic. Unbelievable, the second time we have seen this bird at Ventanas Peak, Jardin. This rarely seen bird perched nicely for us!
177	Buff-tailed Coronet	<i>Boissonneaua flavescens</i>	2	Very easy to see at feeders at Rio Blanco where we had about 40
178	Velvet-purple Coronet	<i>Boissonneaua jardini</i>	1	Great views of up to 4 birds on the famous Galapagos road
179	Tourmaline Sunangel	<i>Heliangelus exortis</i>	3	Seen at Yuntas, Rio Blanco and Jardin
180	Glowing Puffleg	<i>Eriocnemis vestita</i>	1	Up to 4 seen at Chingaza NP
181	Coppery-bellied Puffleg	<i>Eriocnemis cupreovertris</i>	1	Just 1 male perched briefly at Chingaza NP
182	Black-thighed Puffleg	<i>Eriocnemis derbyi</i>	1	Another fantastic sighting of this rare near endemic at a stake out near Los Navados NP
183	Golden-breasted Puffleg	<i>Eriocnemis mosquera</i>	1	Just 1 seen on our walk down at Los Navados NP
184	Greenish Puffleg	<i>Haplophaedia aureliae</i>	3	Several seen at Galapagos road and also Otun Quimbaya
185	Booted Racket-tail	<i>Ocreatus underwoodii</i>	2	Up to 3 seen at Galapagos road and one at Otun Quimbaya
186	Viridian Metaltail	<i>Metallura williami</i>	1	As many as 8 seen at Los Navados NP
187	Tyrian Metaltail	<i>Metallura tyrianthina</i>	4	Seen in 3 different areas, those at Eldorado Lodge are of the blue-tailed race <i>districta</i> a potential split
188	Purple-backed Thornbill	<i>Ramphomicron microrhynchum</i>	2	1 seen at Chingaza and another seen at Rio Blanco
189	Black-backed Thornbill	<i>Ramphomicron dorsale</i>	3	Endemic. This extremely rare bird was seen on 3 days at the feeders at Eldorado Lodge. A stunning male!
190	Rainbow-bearded Thornbill	<i>Chalcostigma herrani</i>	1	One was seen at Los Navados NP
191	Bearded Helmetcrest	<i>Oxygogon guerinii</i>	1	1 male seen feeding on flowers at Los Navados NP
192	Long-tailed Sylph	<i>Aglaiocercus kingi</i>	2	5 seen well at Yuntas and 4 seen at Rio Blanco
193	Violet-tailed Sylph	<i>Aglaiocercus coelestis</i>	2	3 seen each day along Galapagos road
194	Wedge-billed Hummingbird	<i>Schistes geoffroyi</i>	1	1 perched just in front of us at Otun Quimbaya
195	Purple-crowned Fairy	<i>Heliothryx barroti</i>	2	Seen twice around Rio Claro area
196	Long-billed Starthroat	<i>Heliomaster longirostris</i>	1	1 seen on flowers at our secret site
197	White-bellied Woodstar	<i>Chaetocercus mulsant</i>	3	A few seen at Yuntas, Jardin and also easily at hummingbird garden
198	Gorgeted Woodstar	<i>Chaetocercus heiodor</i>	1	Up to 4 including stunning males at hummingbird garden

199	Santa Marta Woodstar	<i>Chaetocercus astreans</i>	1	Endemic. We struggled this year and only saw 1 female at Blossomcrown site feeding on same orange flowers
200	Collared Trogon	<i>Trogon collaris</i>	1	1 was seen in forest at Otun Quimbaya
201	Masked Trogon	<i>Trogon personatus</i>	4	Singles seen at Yuntas, Rio Blanco, near Jardin, San Lorenzo and Minca
202	Gartered Trogon	<i>Trogon caligatus</i>	2	1 at nest amongst Yellow-rumped Caciques at Rio Claro and two others near Minca
203	Golden-headed Quetzal	<i>Pharomachrus auriceps</i>	3	2 at Otun Quimbaya, 2 at Rio Blanco and 1 seen near Jardin
204	White-tipped Quetzal	<i>Pharomachrus fulgidus</i>	1	We saw 1 bird and scoped it in forest at Eldorado Lodge
205	Ringed Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle torquatus</i>	3	1 near Riohacha and 4 birds at Isle de Salamanca
206	Amazon Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle amazona</i>	1	Just 1 seen at lunch stop on the way to Riohacha
207	Green Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle Americana</i>	1	2 were seen at Isle de Salamanca
208	Rufous Motmot	<i>Baryphthengus martii</i>	1	1 was seen well in the Oilbird cave!
209	Whooping Motmot	<i>Momotus subrufescens</i>	3	Nice looks at this recent split in the Santa Marta, Minca area
210	Andean Motmot	<i>Momotus aequatorialis</i>	4	Seen in a few highland spots
211	Rufous-tailed Jacamar	<i>Galbula ruficauda</i>	3	1 seen at secret site and another in the Riohacha, Camerones area
212	Barred Puffbird	<i>Nystalus radiatus</i>	1	Great views of a single bird perched up art Rio Claro
213	Russet-throated Puffbird	<i>Hypnelus ruficollis</i>	3	5 birds seen well along the coast
214	Moustached Puffbird	<i>Malacoptila mystacalis</i>	1	Hard work paid off when we managed to get the scope on a very concealed bird near to Jardin
215	Gray-cheeked Nunlet	<i>Nonnula frontalis</i>	1	A pair of birds gave fantastic views near to the Oilbird cave.
216	White-mantled Barbet	<i>Capito hypoleucus</i>	2	Endemic. 4 birds seen well at our secret site and two more seen in fruiting tree at Victoria
217	Red-headed Barbet	<i>Eubucco bourcierii</i>	2	2 were seen on Galapagos road and another two near Jardin
218	Emerald Toucanet	<i>Aulacorhynchus prasinus albivitta</i>	5	Seen at various sites including Pedro Paulo, Otun Quimbaya, Rio Blanco and Jardin
219	Santa Marta Toucanet	<i>Aulacorhynchus lautus</i>	1	Endemic. 2 birds showed well in trees beside Eldorado Lodge
220	Black-billed Mountain-Toucan	<i>Andigena nigrirostris</i>	1	Just one seen at Ventanas Peak, Jardin
221	Collared Aracari	<i>Pteroglossus torquatus</i>	2	Seen on 2 days in Rio Claro area
222	Keel-billed Toucan	<i>Ramphastos sulfuratus</i>	3	Max of 4 with sightings in lower areas of Santa Marta near to Minca
223	Citron-throated Toucan	<i>Ramphastos citreolaemus</i>	1	3 were seen on ridge near Rio Claro
224	Grayish Piculet	<i>Picumnus granadensis</i>	1	Endemic. 2 were seen on one of our many productive roadside stops
225	Chestnut Piculet	<i>Picumnus cinnamomeus</i>	2	Great views of a pair at Camerones
226	Olivaceous Piculet	<i>Picumnus olivaceus</i>	3	Seen at Pedro Paulo and Yuntas
227	Spot-breasted Woodpecker	<i>Chrysoptilus punctigula</i>	1	Great views of 1 in and out of two nest holes at a roadside stop
228	Acorn Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i>	1	1 seen at lunch stop after leaving Galapagos road
229	Beautiful Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes pulcher</i>	1	Endemic. 1 was seen on dead tree at our secret site for this species
230	Red-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes rubricapillus</i>	7	A common species seen many times
231	Red-rumped Woodpecker	<i>Veniliornis kirkii</i>	3	Best views were 2 on a roadside stop
232	Yellow-vented Woodpecker	<i>Veniliornis dignus</i>	2	1 seen at Yuntas and 3 at Ventanas Peak, Jardin

233	Golden-olive Woodpecker	<i>Piculus rubiginosus</i>	4	Various lowland sites with 3 seen at Otun Quimbaya
234	Golden-green Woodpecker	<i>Piculus chrysochloros</i>	1	1 seen well at Isle de Salamanca
235	Crimson-mantled Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes rivolii</i>	2	Superb views of 2 at Ro Blanco and also great views of 4 at Ventanas Peak
236	Cinnamon Woodpecker	<i>Celeus loricatus</i>	1	Super views of 1 at Rio Claro
237	Lineated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>	2	1 heard and 1 seen on our way to Eldorado Lodge
238	Gray-throated Leaf-tosser	<i>Sclerurus albigularis</i>	1	Some nice work in finding a pair of these skulkers doing what you would hope they do best. Tossing leaves.
239	Plain-brown Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocincla fuliginosa</i>	3	Seen well at Oilbird cave and also Victoria
240	Strong-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus</i>	1	3 birds seen well at Otun Quimbaya
241	Straight-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Dendroplex picus</i>	3	Several seen very well near Riohacha
242	Cocoa Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus susurrans</i>	2	Singles seen at Rio Claro area
243	Spotted Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus erythropygius</i>	1	1 was seen on the Galapagos road
244	Streak-headed Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes souleyetii</i>	3	Just a few at lowland sites
245	Montane Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger</i>	3	A few seen at Otun Quimbaya, Rio Blanco and San Lorenzo
246	Red-billed Scythebill	<i>Campylorhamphus trochilirostris</i>	1	A real tough one to get good looks at we eventually got one at Lake Tabacal
247	Stout-billed Cinclodes	<i>Cinclodes excelsior</i>	1	2 were seen at Los Navados NP
248	Pale-legged Hornero	<i>Furnarius leucopus</i>	1	A single bird flew off at small pool in Camerones
249	Andean Tit-Spinetail	<i>Leptasthenura andicola</i>	1	2 were seen at Los Navados NP
250	Azara's Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis azarae</i>	4	Seen at various sites
251	Silvery-throated Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis subpudica</i>	1	Endemic. 2 showed well eventually at Chingaza
252	Pale-breasted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis albescens</i>	4	1 gave good views near Jardin
253	Slaty Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis brachyura</i>	1	1 was seen with difficulty on its nest
254	Rusty-headed Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis fuscorufa</i>	2	Endemic. Seen well high up at San Lorenzo
255	White-whiskered Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis candei</i>	2	Excellent views of up to 6 at Camarones and also 4 near Riohacha
256	Stripe-breasted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis cinnamomea</i>	1	Just one was seen and heard a lot at Laguna Pedro Paulo
257	Yellow-chinned Spinetail	<i>Certhiaxis cinnamomea</i>	1	We saw 3 well at Isle de Salamanca
258	Streak-capped Spinetail	<i>Cranioleuca hellmayri</i>	2	Endemic. Up to 3 seen around Eldorado Lodge and San Lorenzo
259	Ash-browed Spinetail	<i>Cranioleuca curtata</i>	1	We saw 4 very well at Laguna Pedro Paulo
260	Red-faced Spinetail	<i>Cranioleuca erythropis</i>	4	Singles seen at sites including Laguna Pedro Paulo, Galapagos Road
261	White-chinned Thistletail	<i>Schizoeaca fuliginosa</i>	1	No luck seeing this bird we had one calling at Chingaza but it did not show
262	Many-striped Canastero	<i>Asthenes flammulata</i>	1	2 birds were frustratingly hard to see in grasses near to Los Navados NP
263	Pearled Treerunner	<i>Margarornis squamiger</i>	4	Seen at Rio Blanco, Jardin area and near Minca
264	Fulvous-dotted Treerunner	<i>Margarornis stellaris</i>	1	This difficult sought after bird gave super views at Galapagos road where we must have encountered at least 6
265	Spotted Barbtail	<i>Premnoplex brunnescens</i>	2	Just 2 seen with 1 at Rio Blanco and another near Minca

266	Buffy Tuftedcheek	<i>Pseudocolaptes lawrencii johnsoni</i>	2	4 were seen on the Galapagos road and another at Ventanas Peak, Jardin. The subspecies <i>johnsoni</i> from Colombia and Ecuador looks likely to be split and called Pacific Tuftedcheek
267	Streaked Tuftedcheek	<i>Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii</i>	1	1 was seen in a crazy mixed flock at Rio Blanco
268	Streaked Xenops	<i>Xenops rutilans</i>	4	Several seen at Yuntas, Rio Blanco, Otun Quimbaya and Jardin
269	Lineated Foliage-gleaner	<i>Syndactyla subalaris</i>	2	A couple were seen at Laguna Pedro Paulo and 1 heard at Otun Quimbaya
270	Montane Foliage-gleaner	<i>Anabacerthia striaticollis</i>	7	Singles seen except 4 at Laguna Pedro Paulo and 2near Minca
271	Ruddy Foliage-gleaner	<i>Automolus rubiginosus</i>	1	We worked hard to get views of one that kept low and hidden at lake Tababcal. Eventually it showed well
272	Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner	<i>Automolus rufipectus</i>	2	Endemic. One showed really well below us on our way to Eldorado, and another above Minca on our return
273	Flammulated Treehunter	<i>Tripadectes flammulatus</i>	1	2 birds gave exceptionally good views at Rio Blanco even coming to flowering basket and veranda
274	Uniform Treehunter	<i>Tripadectes ignobilis</i>	1	We heard several but only a couple of people glimpsed one at Galapagos road
275	Great Antshrike	<i>Taraba major</i>	1	Heard only in gardens at Otun Quimbaya
276	Black-crested Antshrike	<i>Sakesphorus Canadensis</i>	3	Easily seen with up to 6 a day around dry scrub at Riohacha and along coast
277	Black-backed Antshrike	<i>Sakesphorus melanotus</i>	1	A pair gave fantastic views on a small trail below Minca
278	Bar-crested Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus multistriatus</i>	3	We had a difficult bird on a roadside stop and later a much easier one at Lake Tabacal
279	Barred Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus doliatus</i>	2	1 showed well on our way up to Eldorado Lodge and another was heard near Minca
280	Uniform Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus unicolor</i>	2	1 was seen well on Choco side of Galapagos road
281	Western Slaty-Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus atrinucha</i>	2	1 one found near the Oilbird cave at Rio Claro and another at Victoria
282	Plain Antwreio	<i>Dysithamnus mentalis</i>	2	Excellent views of 2 or 3 at Laguna Pedro Paulo and another at Lake Tabacal
283	Pacific Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula pacifica</i>	2	Several seen well at our secret site and a couple of others at Rio claro
284	Slaty Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula schisticolor</i>	1	A couple seen well at the end of the day at Galapagos road
285	Dot-winged Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula quixensis</i>	1	A couple in forest at Rio Claro
286	Northern White-fringed Antwren	<i>Formicivora intermedia</i>	2	Several good views of a few in dry scrub near Riohacha and Camarones
287	Long-tailed Antbird	<i>Drymophila caudata</i>	1	1 was found at Rio Blanco
288	Jet Antbird	<i>Cercomacra nigricans</i>	2	1 took a bit of seeing at a site on our way to Victoria. The other which showed well was a big surprise and may well be the first ever recorded at Lake Tabacal
289	Parker's Antbird	<i>Cercomacra parkeri</i>	2	Endemic. A pair eventually showed well just outside Jardin
290	Chestnut-backed Antbird	<i>Myrmeciza exsul</i>	1	2 birds pretty well near lodge at Rio Claro
291	White-bellied Antbird	<i>Myrmeciza longipes</i>	1	We had excellent views of one of 2 birds at Lake Tabacal
292	Bicolored Antbird	<i>Gymnopithys bicolor</i>	1	We had an ant swarm near the Oilbird cave and here we saw at least 2

293	Black-faced Antthrush	<i>Formicarius analis</i>	1	Heard only near the Oilbird cave
294	Chestnut-crowned Antpitta	<i>Grallaria ruficapilla</i>	3	Heard at Otun Quimbaya and Jardin but seen really well at Rio Blanco
295	Santa Marta Antpitta	<i>Grallaria bangsi</i>	3	Endemic. Stunning out in the open views at Eldorado Lodge
296	Bicolored Antpitta	<i>Grallaria rufocinerea</i>	1	Endemic. Fantastic out in the open views of 1 bird after a bit of a wait at Rio Blanco
297	Chestnut-naped Antpitta	<i>Grallaria nuchalis</i>	2	Unbelievable prolonged out in the open views of 2 birds at Rio Blanco
298	Yellow-breasted Antpitta	<i>Grallaria flavotincta</i>	1	This was the only antpitta we did not get superb views of as we only heard one at Galapagos road
299	Rufous Antpitta	<i>Grallaria rufula</i>	2	1 seen briefly at Chingaza and another seen by a few at Jardin
300	Tawny Antpitta	<i>Grallaria quitensis</i>	1	Fantastic point blank range views of 1 singing bird at Los Navados NP
301	Brown-banded Antpitta	<i>Grallaria milleri</i>	1	Endemic. 3 were very easily seen being fed worms at Rio Blanco
302	Rusty-breasted Antpitta	<i>Grallaricula ferrugineipectus</i>	2	1 heard at Lake Tabacal, and 1 seen very close near Minca
303	Slate-crowned Antpitta	<i>Grallaricula nana</i>	1	Superb views of 1 out in the open at Rio Blanco
304	Ash-colored Tapaculo	<i>Myornis senilis</i>	1	Heard only at Ventanas Peak, Jardin
305	Blackish Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus latrans</i>	1	1 seen at Ventanas Peak, Jardin
306	Santa Marta Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus sanctaemartae</i>	3	Endemic. A couple of brief views then fantastic views of one near Minca
307	Stile's Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus stilesi</i>	1	Endemic. 1 was heard but never showed at Otun Quimbaya
308	Narino Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus vicinior</i>	2	A couple were seen at Galapagos road
309	Choco Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus chocoensis</i>	1	Heard only at Galapagos road
310	Brown-rumped Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus latebricola</i>	2	Endemic. Excellent views were had above Eldorado Lodge towards San Lorenzo
311	Spillman's Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus spillmanni</i>	2	Heard only at Yuntas and Rio Blanco
312	Paramo Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus canus</i>	1	A couple heard and then 1 seen at Los Navados NP
313	Mattoral Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus griseicollis</i>	1	Endemic. Fantastic views of 1 bird that constantly showed out in the open at Chingaza
314	Ocellated Tapaculo	<i>Acropternis orthonyx</i>	1	We followed a pair of these superb birds through the undergrowth until we had one which showed perfectly as it kicked up leaves for nearly 10 minutes
315	Lance-tailed Manakin	<i>Chiroxiphia linearis</i>	1	1 male gave super views near Minca
316	Blue-crowned Manakin	<i>Lepidothrix coronata</i>	1	Just 1 seen near the Oilbird cave
317	Golden-headed Manakin	<i>Pipra erythrocephala</i>	1	2 were seen at Victoria with wonderful views of a male sat in the open
318	Golden-winged Manakin	<i>Masius chrysopterus</i>	1	We had 2 females on the Choco side of Galapagos road
319	White-bearded Manakin	<i>Manacus manacus</i>	5	A few seen at Rio Claro, Victoria and Lake Tabacal
320	White-bibbed Manakin	<i>Corapipo leucorrhoea</i>	1	Great views of 3 birds at Victoria with one or two birds seen at fruiting tree
321	Club-winged Manakin	<i>Machaeropterus deliciosus</i>	2	Seen on Galapagos road with great views of one particular male
322	Striped Manakin (Western)	<i>Machaeropterus regulus</i>	2	1 of these gorgeous birds seen well at secret site and another at Rio Claro
323	Yellow-headed Manakin	<i>Xenopipo flavicapilla</i>	1	This fantastic rare bird was scoped on its perch several times at La Romera
324	Wing-barred Piprites	<i>Piprites chloris</i>	1	Great looks at 1 bird near Oilbird cave

325	Andean Cock-of-the-rock	<i>Rupicola peruvianus</i>	3	Females seen at Galapagos road and Otun Quimbaya and then a superb show of around 15 birds with many males right out in the open at Jardin
326	Red-crested Cotinga	<i>Ampelion rubrocristatus</i>	2	1 seen at Chingaza and another very distantly at Ventanas Peak
327	Blue Cotinga	<i>Cotinga nattererii</i>	1	Amazing to find a female feeding in a Cecropia near our lodge at Rio Claro
328	Green-and-black Fruiteater	<i>Pipreola riefferii</i>	3	Several seen at Galapagos road
329	Barred Fruiteater	<i>Pipreola arcuata</i>	1	1 was found at Ventanas Peak, Jardin
330	Golden-breasted Fruiteater	<i>Pipreola aureopectus</i>	3	Recorded near Eldorado, Santa Marta on 3 days we eventually saw 4 well
331	Orange-breasted Fruiteater	<i>Pipreola jucunda</i>	2	Up to 6 seen in one day at Galapagos road and 2 on another day there
332	Scaled Fruiteater	<i>Ampelioides tschudii</i>	1	Very unexpected was a pair that showed really well on Galapagos road
333	Olivaceous Piha	<i>Lipaugus cryptolophus</i>	1	1 proved difficult with several brief views on Galapagos road
334	Dusky Piha	<i>Lipaugus fuscocinereus</i>	1	1 showed up with flock at Rio Blanco
335	Red-ruffed Fruitcrow	<i>Pyroderus scutatus</i>	1	Easily seen with up to 15 showing well at Otun Quimbaya
336	Masked Tityra	<i>Tityra semifasciata</i>	1	2 seen at secret site
337	Black-crowned Tityra	<i>Tityra inquisitor</i>	2	Seen very well at Victoria and also near Minca
338	Barred Becard	<i>Pachyramphus versicolor</i>	2	2 seen on Galapagos road and 1 at Rio Blanco
339	Cinereous Becard	<i>Pachyramphus rufus</i>	3	Seen at our secret site and on the way up to Eldorado Lodge
340	Cinnamon Becard	<i>Pachyramphus cinnamomeus</i>	2	A couple around Rio Claro
341	White-winged Becard	<i>Pachyramphus polychopterus</i>	1	We saw 1 in a mixed flock at Otun Quimbaya
342	Sooty-headed Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias griseiceps</i>	3	A couple were seen on a roadside stop and another at our secret site
343	Black-capped Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias nigrocapillus</i>	1	1 was seen well in flock at Rio Blanco
344	Venezuelan Tyrannulet	<i>Zimmerius improbus</i>	1	1 bird was seen calling briefly in a tree top near Minca
345	Golden-faced Tyrannulet	<i>Zimmerius chrysops</i>	7	Seen many places but highest counts were 5 at Laguna Pedro Paulo and 6 at Rio Blanco
346	Choco Tyrannulet	<i>Zimmerius albigularis</i>	2	We had several of these on the Galapagos road. Recently split from Golden-faced Tyrannulet
347	Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet	<i>Tyrannulus elatus</i>	3	Great views of 1 at Rio Claro and another near Minca
348	Mouse-colored Tyrannulet	<i>Phaeomyias murina</i>	1	1 seen well on roadside stop near Cartago
349	Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet	<i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i>	1	Seen near Minca and several in the dry zone near to Riohacha
350	Northern Scrub-Flycatcher	<i>Sublegatus arenarum</i>	2	Up to 4 seen around Riohacha area
351	Greenish Elaenia	<i>Elaenia viridicata</i>	2	Several seen and all on roadside stops
352	Yellow-bellied Elaenia	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>	5	Seen at a variety of sites
353	Mountain Elaenia	<i>Elaenia frantzii</i>	6	Also seen at a variety of sites
354	Lesser Elaenia	<i>Elaenia chiriquensis</i>	1	A pair were seen on a nest in the rain on our way to Ibaguè
355	White-throated Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus leucophrys</i>	5	Common and seen often in groups in Chingaza, Ventanas Peak and Santa Marta.
356	White-banded Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus stictopterus</i>	2	Seen at Rio Blanco and lower area of Los Navados NP
357	Torrent Tyrannulet	<i>Serpophaga cinerea</i>	3	Singles at Juntas and Galapagos road and a pair at Otun Quimbaya

358	Slender-billed Inezia	<i>Inezia tenuirostris</i>	1	Surprisingly just 1 at Camarones
359	Sub-tropical Doradito	<i>Pseudocolopteryx acutipennis</i>	1	After some searching we got good views of 1 at Parque Florida, Bogota
360	Southern Bentbill	<i>Oncostoma olivaceum</i>	1	1 gave us the run around before everyone saw it at the Oilbird cave
361	Streak-necked Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes striaticollis</i>	2	Seen at Galapagos road and Jardin
362	Olive-striped Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes olivaceus</i>	1	1 seen well near to Minca
363	Ochre-bellied Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes oleagineus</i>	2	A couple were seen well in fruiting tree at Victoria and another near Minca
364	Slaty-capped Flycatcher	<i>Leptopogon superciliaris</i>	3	Singles seen ay Laguna Pedro Paulo, Galapagos road and Otun Quimbaya
365	Rufous-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Leptopogon rufipectus</i>	3	A few seen at Otun Quimbaya, Rio Blanco and Jardin
366	Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant	<i>Pogonotriccus ophthalmicus</i>	1	Up to 10 were seen in flocks at Otun Quimbaya
367	Antioquia Bristle-Tyrant	<i>Pogonotriccus lanyoni</i>	1	Endemic. ! gave super views near the Oilbird cave at Rio Claro
368	Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Pseudotriccus ruficeps</i>	1	Just 1 seen at Ventanas Peak, Jardin
369	Scale-headed Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Lophotriccus pilaris</i>	1	Heard only at Otun Quimbaya
370	Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Atalotriccus pilaris</i>	2	1 seen near Minca and close views in dry scrub at Camarones
371	Rufous-crowned Tody-Tyrant	<i>Poecilotriccus ruficeps</i>	2	1 seen at Yuntas and 3 at Rio Blanco
372	Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant	<i>Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer</i>	1	1 seen close at Los Flamencos
373	Black-throated Tody-Tyrant	<i>Hemitriccus granadensis</i>	2	Seen really well on San Lorenzo ridge
374	Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Poecilotriccus sylvia</i>	1	1 seen well at Lake Tabacal
375	Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum nigriceps</i>	1	1 gave fabulous views on our way toward the Oilbird cave
376	Common Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>	9	Common and seen many places
377	Olivaceous Flatbill	<i>Ryynchocyclus olivaceus</i>	1	Great views of 1 near Oilbird cave
378	Yellow-olive Flycatcher	<i>Tolmomyias sulphurescens</i>	2	Seen at Laguna Pedro Paulo and another on a roadside stop
379	Yellow-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Tolmomyias flaviventris</i>	2	4 seen very well in mixed flock near to Riohacha
380	Ornate Flycatcher	<i>Myiotriccus ornatus</i>	1	Up to 5 seen very well on Galapagos road
381	Handsome Flycatcher	<i>Myiophobus pulcher</i>	1	Up to 5 of these also seen on Galapagos road
382	Bran-colored Flycatcher	<i>Myiophobus fasciatus</i>	2	1 seen well at secret site and another at Lake Tabacal
383	Cinnamon Flycatcher	<i>Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus</i>	9	Fairly common with lots of sightings including the distinct Santa Marta race
384	Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Contopus cooperi</i>	1	Just 1 seen at Victoria
385	Tropical Pewee	<i>Contopus cinereus</i>	3	All seen around the Minca area
386	Eastern Wood Pewee	<i>Contopus virens</i>	1	1 seen at our secret site
387	Smoke-colored Pewee	<i>Contopus fumigatus</i>	1	1 seen at Ventanas Peak, Jardin
388	Acadian Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax virescens</i>	5	Wintering birds seen at several sites
389	Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>	5	Seen near water at Yuntas, Otun Quimbaya, and Rio Claro
390	Vermilion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>	4	Seen while driving between sites
391	Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca fumicolor</i>	2	Seen at Chingaza and Los Navados NP
392	Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca rufipectoralis</i>	1	Just 1 seen at Yuntas
393	Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris</i>	2	A couple seen at Yuntas and Galapagos road
394	Crowned Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca frontalis</i>	1	A great find in lower area of Los Navados NP
395	Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca diadema</i>	4	Best views were San Lorenzo ridge

396	Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant	<i>Myiotheretes striaticollis</i>	2	1 seen at Yuntas and a couple at Ventanas Peak
397	Smoky Bush-Tyrant	<i>Myiotheretes fumigatus</i>	1	1 seen high up at Ventanas Peak
398	Pied Water-Tyrant	<i>Fluvicola pica</i>	2	Seen near ponds at Los Flamencos
399	Long-tailed Tyrant	<i>Colonia colonus</i>	4	Seen at a few sites including Rio Claro and Victoria
400	Cattle Tyrant	<i>Machetornis rixosa</i>	2	Seen near Rio Claro and at Los Flamencos
401	Bright-rumped Attila	<i>Attila flammulatus</i>	1	1 seen very well near to Minca
402	Rufous Mourner	<i>Rhytipterna holerythra</i>	1	Great views of one near lodge at Rio Claro
403	Panama Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus panamensis</i>	2	Seen very near Riohacha and also at Isle de Salamanca
404	Apical Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus apicalis</i>	1	Endemic. A pair seen very well on roadside stop near Cartago
405	Pale-edged Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus cephalotes</i>	2	Seen well at Yuntas and Rio Blanco
406	Great Crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>	1	Heard only in forest at Victoria
407	Brown-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i>	3	Seen at Rio Claro and Riohacha areas
408	Dusky-capped Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>	2	Seen and heard around the Minca area
409	Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	7	Reasonably common at many sites
410	Boat-billed Flycatcher	<i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>	2	Singles at Victoria and near Minca
411	Rusty-margined Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes cayanensis</i>	7	Quite common except Santa Marta
412	Social Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>	2	Seen several times near Minca
413	Golden-crowned Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes chrysocephalus</i>	5	Seen at Yuntas, Otun Quimbaya, Rio Blanco and Minca area
414	Streaked Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>	6	Seen various places including Jardin, Rio Claro and Victoria
415	Piratic Flycatcher	<i>Legatus leucophaeus</i>	3	Singles around Rio Claro and Victoria
416	Fork-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannus savana</i>	3	Up to 12 seen in fields on the way to Ibague and 3 near Victoria
417	Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	15	Common throughout the tour
418	Gray Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus dominicensis</i>	2	Up to 8 seen around Riohacha
419	Brown-capped Vireo	<i>Vireo leucophrys</i>	3	Most easily see were 4 at Yuntas
420	Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	3	A few seen a various locations
421	Rufous-naped Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus semibrunneus</i>	2	Singles seen well at Laguna Pedro Paulo and Otun Quimbaya
422	Golden-fronted Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus aurantiifrons</i>	1	2 were seen on our way to Eldorado
423	Scrub Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus flavipes</i>	4	A couple seen at Victoria and more near Riohacha
424	Rufous-browed Peppershrike	<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>	1	1 seen well at Laguna Pedro Paulo
425	Black-billed Peppershrike	<i>Cyclarhis nigrirostris</i>	2	Seen at Otun Quimbaya and Rio Blanco
426	Black-collared Jay	<i>Cyanolyca armillata</i>	1	Heard only at Rio Blanco
427	Black-chested Jay	<i>Cyanocorax affinis</i>	5	Several seen well at Jardin, Rio Claro and near Minca
428	Green Jay (Inca)	<i>Cyanocorax yncas</i>	3	A few seen at Yuntas, Galapagos road and Otun Quimbaya
429	Blue-and-white Swallow	<i>Pygochelidon cyanoleuca</i>	10	Fairly common in many areas
430	Brown-bellied Swallow	<i>Orochelidon murina</i>	4	Seen several places including Yuntas and Galapagos road
431	Southern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>	8	Most common around Rio Claro and Victoria
432	Gray-breasted Martin	<i>Progne chalybea</i>	5	Seen at Rio Claro and other areas
433	Brown-chested Martin	<i>Progne tapera</i>	1	At least one seen on roadside stop
434	Bank Swallow	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	1	Just 1 seen at Los Flamencos
435	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	3	Seen near Cartago and Isle de Salamanca

436	White-winged Swallow	<i>Tachycineta albiventer</i>	1	A pair seen at lake near Rio Claro
437	White-thighed Swallow	<i>Notiochelidon tibialis</i>	1	We had great views of 6 at Rio Claro
438	Bicolored Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus griseus</i>	2	Seen well around Los Flamencos
439	Band-backed Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus zonatus</i>	2	Good views near lodge at Rio Claro
440	Rufous Wren	<i>Cinnycerthia unirufa</i>	1	4 were seen well at Chingaza
441	Sharpe's Wren	<i>Cinnycerthia olivascens</i>	3	Groups up to 6 seen well at Galapagos road, Rio Blanco and Jardin
442	Sedge Wren	<i>Cistothorus platensis</i>	1	A couple seen at Los Navados NP
443	Apolinar's Marsh Wren	<i>Cistothorus apolinari</i>	1	Endemic. A family of 5 gave stunning close views at Parque Florida
444	Sooty-headed Wren	<i>Thryothorus spadix</i>	1	2 were seen on Choco side of Galapagos road
445	Black-bellied Wren	<i>Thryothorus fasciatoventris</i>	3	A pair put on a great show at our secret site and others just heard at Victoria
446	Whiskered Wren	<i>Thryothorus mystacalis</i>	2	3 seen around Yuntas
447	Rufous-breasted Wren	<i>Thryothorus rutilus</i>	2	2 seen well near to Minca
448	Colombian Wren	<i>Thryothorus columbianus</i>	1	Endemic. A pair proved difficult to see in tangled tree at Lake Tabacal
449	Bay Wren	<i>Thryothorus nigricapillus</i>	2	A pair showed well on Galapagos road and another was seen at Rio Claro
450	Rufous-and-white Wren	<i>Thryothorus rufalbus</i>	1	A couple showed well near Minca
451	Buff-breasted Wren	<i>Thryothorus leucotis</i>	1	2 were seen very well near Riohacha
452	Southern House Wren	<i>Troglodytes musculus</i>	9	A few seen in many areas
453	Mountain Wren	<i>Troglodytes solstitialis</i>	2	1 seen very well at Yuntas and others at Rio Blanco
454	White-breasted Wood-Wren	<i>Henicorhina leucosticte</i>	3	1 seen well at Laguna Pedro Paulo
455	Gray-breasted Wood-Wren	<i>Henicorhina leucophrys</i>	7	Seen at a variety of different sites
456	Southern Nightingale- Wren	<i>Microcerculus marginatus</i>	2	Heard only at Rio Claro and Victoria
457	Chestnut-breasted Wren	<i>Cyphorhinus thoracicus</i>	1	1 gave good views to those in the right position at Otun Quimbaya
458	Long-billed Gnatwren	<i>Ramphocaenus melanurus</i>	2	1 seen pretty well in flock near Minca
459	Tropical Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila plumbea</i>	3	Best were 5 near Riohacha
460	White-capped Dipper	<i>Cinclus leucocephalus</i>	2	2 seen at Yuntas and 3 on river by Otun Quimbaya
461	Tropical Mockingbird	<i>Mimus gilvus</i>	1	3 were seen at Los Flamencos
462	Andean Solitaire	<i>Myadestes ralloides</i>	3	Seen well on Galapagos road and also at Otun Quimbaya
463	Black Solitaire	<i>Entomodestes coracinus</i>	2	Unbelievably we saw 7 in one day on the Galapagos road
464	Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush	<i>Catharus aurantiirostris</i>	1	1 heard in lodge garden at Otun Quimbaya
465	Slaty-backed Nightingale Thrush	<i>Catharus fuscatr</i>	2	Easily seen around Eldorado Lodge
466	Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	6	Seen various places with maximum of 6 at Victoria
467	Yellow-legged Thrush	<i>Platycichla flaviceps</i>	2	Super views of 1 near Minca
468	Great Thrush	<i>Turdus fuscater</i>	8	Many seen at many sites
469	Glossy Black-Thrush	<i>Turdus serramus</i>	3	Seen at Galapagos road, Otun Quimbaya and 4 at Rio Blanco
470	Black-hooded Thrush	<i>Turdus olivater</i>	1	A couple heard only above Minca
471	Pale-breasted Thrush	<i>Turdus leucomelas</i>	5	Mostly seen near Eldorado Lodge
472	Black-billed Thrush	<i>Turdus ignobilis</i>	9	Common at many different sites
473	Black-and-white Warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	7	Mostly singles seen at many sites
474	Tennessee Warbler	<i>Oreothlypis peregrina</i>	4	Up to 6 seen around Minca
475	Tropical Parula	<i>Setophaga pitiayumi</i>	2	Seen at Yuntas and Otun Quimbaya

476	Yellow Warbler	<i>Setophaga aestiva</i>	5	Seen at various locations
477	Cerulean Warbler	<i>Setophaga cerulea</i>	1	A female was seen well at Laguna Pedro Paulo
478	Bay-breasted Warbler	<i>Setophaga castanea</i>	3	Several seen around Rio Claro and Victoria
479	Blackburnian Warbler	<i>Setophaga fusca</i>	12	The commonest warbler seen on trip
480	American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	3	Seen at Lake Tabacal and Minca
481	Northern Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>	1	2 were seen at Isle de Salamanca
482	Prothonotary Warbler	<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>	2	Seen at Los Flamencos and Isle de Salamanca
483	Connecticut Warbler	<i>Geothlypis agilis</i>	1	1 was seen by half the group in a mixed flock attacking a Pygmy-owl
484	Canada Warbler	<i>Cardellina canadensis</i>	6	Good numbers seen at various sites
485	Slate-throated Redstart	<i>Myioborus miniatus</i>	8	Seen throughout the tour
486	Golden-fronted Redstart	<i>Myioborus ornatus</i>	7	2 races seen well <i>ornatus</i> and <i>chrysops</i>
487	Yellow-crowned Redstart	<i>Myioborus flavivertex</i>	2	Endemic. Up to 6 in one day at San Lorenzo Ridge
488	Choco Warbler	<i>Basileuterus chlorophrys</i>	1	Excellent views of 6 birds on Galapagos road. This is a recent split from Golden-bellied Warbler
489	Rufous-capped Warbler	<i>Basileuterus rufifrons</i>	4	Singles seen at various locations
490	Black-crested Warbler	<i>Basileuterus nigrocristatus</i>	2	A couple seen at Chingaza and 3 at San Lorenzo
491	Gray-throated Warbler	<i>Basileuterus cinereicollis</i>	1	Great views or at least 1 maybe 2 at Lake Tabacal
492	Russet-crowned Warbler	<i>Basileuterus coronatus</i>	2	1 at Otun Quimbaya and 4 at Rio Blanco
493	White-lored Warbler	<i>Basileuterus conspicillatus</i>	3	Endemic. A few near Minca but 8 at San Lorenzo
494	Three-striped Warbler	<i>Basileuterus tristriatus</i>	3	A few at Galapagos road and Otun Quimbaya
495	Santa Marta Warbler	<i>Basileuterus basilicus</i>	1	Endemic. Fantastic views of 4 at San Lorenzo
496	Buff-rumped Warbler	<i>Basileuterus fulvicauda</i>	2	Seen on stream by lodge at Rio Claro
497	Bicolored Conebill	<i>Conirostrum bicolor</i>	1	3 seen well at Isle de Salamanca
498	Blue-backed Conebill	<i>Conirostrum sitticolor</i>	1	Just 2 seen at Los Navados NP
499	Rufous-browed Conebill	<i>Conirostrum rufum</i>	1	Endemic. 1 seen very well at Chingaza
500	Capped Conebill	<i>Conirostrum albifrons</i>	1	2 seen in mixed flock at Rio Blanco
501	Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaveola</i>	10	Small numbers seen at a various sites
502	Bluish Flower-piercer	<i>Diglossopsis caerulescens</i>	4	A few seen at various locations
503	Masked Flower-piercer	<i>Diglossopsis cyanea</i>	5	A few seen at various locations
504	Indigo Flower-piercer	<i>Diglossa indigotica</i>	2	Fantastic views of 1 at Galapagos road and another heard there
505	Glossy Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa lafresnayii</i>	1	3 seen with great views at Los Navados NP
506	Black Flower-piercer	<i>Diglossa humeralis</i>	3	Seen at Chingaza, Los Navados and Ventanas Peak, Jardin
507	White-sided Flower-piercer	<i>Diglossa albilatera</i>	9	Commonest Flowerpiercer with sightings at various locations
508	Rusty Flower-piercer	<i>Diglossa sittoides</i>	1	1 gave great prolonged views nr Jardin
509	Red-legged Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes cyaneus</i>	1	1 seen in fruiting tree at Victoria
510	Green Honeycreeper	<i>Chlorophanes spiza</i>	4	Seen at Galapagos road, Otun Quimbaya and Vivotria
511	Golden-collared Honeycreeper	<i>Iridophanes pulcherrima</i>	1	1 was seen by a few at Galapagos road
512	Turquoise Dacnis	<i>Dacnis hartlaubi</i>	1	Endemic. Excellent views of 1 bird in our favourite tree at Laguna Pedro Paulo
513	Blue Dacnis	<i>Dacnis cayana</i>	2	3 were seen at Victoria and another near Minca

514	Yellow-tufted Dacnis	<i>Dacnis egregia</i>	2	Endemic. Excellent views of a pair in fruiting tree at Victoria
515	Swallow-Tanager	<i>Tersina viridis</i>	4	Good numbers at Rio Claro and Minca
516	Blue-naped Chlorophonia	<i>Chlorophonia cyanea</i>	2	1 seen briefly near Jardin and super views of a pair at Eldorado Lodge
517	Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia	<i>Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys</i>	1	2 were seen on Galapagos road
518	Orange-bellied Euphonia	<i>Euphonia xanthogaster</i>	5	Seen at a few locations early in trip
519	Velvet-fronted Euphonia	<i>Euphonia concinna</i>	2	Endemic. A pair seen really well on top of bamboo at Victoria
520	Trinidad Euphonia	<i>Euphonia trinitatis</i>	2	Seen well in Riohacha area
521	Thick-billed Euphonia	<i>Euphonia lanirostris</i>	6	Easily seen at a variety of locations
522	Fulvous-vented Euphonia	<i>Euphonia fulvicrissa</i>	1	1 seen well near the Oilbird cave
523	Fawn-breasted Tanager	<i>Pipraeidea melanonota</i>	1	2 seen well at Laguna Pedro Paulo
524	Glistening-green Tanager	<i>Chlorochrysa phoenicotis</i>	2	Great views of 4 birds on both days at Galapagos road
525	Gray-and-gold Tanager	<i>Tangara palmeri</i>	1	2 showed briefly before flying off on Choco side of Galapagos road
526	Golden Tanager	<i>Tangara arthus</i>	3	Seen up to 6 on Galapagos road and Otun Quimbaya
527	Silver-throated Tanager	<i>Tangara icterocephala</i>	1	4 were seen on Choco side of Galapagos road
528	Saffron-crowned Tanager	<i>Tangara xanthocephala</i>	1	Just 1 was seen on Galapagos road
529	Rufous-throated Tanager	<i>Tangara rufigula</i>	1	Superb we found 6 birds on Choco side of Galapagos road
530	Blue-necked Tanager	<i>Tangara cyanicollis</i>	4	10 at Laguna Pedro Paulo and others at a couple of other sites
531	Golden-hooded Tanager	<i>Tangara larvata</i>	2	Several seen near lodge at Rio Claro and another at Victoria
532	Plain-colored Tanager	<i>Tangara inornata</i>	2	A couple seen at secret site and one on a nest near Rio Claro
533	Bay-headed Tanager	<i>Tangara gyrola</i>	8	Seen at many locations during trip
534	Scrub Tanager	<i>Tangara vitriolina</i>	8	Fairly common at a number of sites
535	Beryl-spangled Tanager	<i>Tangara nigroviridis</i>	7	Seen many places in first half of tour
536	Blue-and-black Tanager	<i>Tangara vassorii</i>	1	3 were seen well at Rio Blanco
537	Black-capped Tanager	<i>Tangara heinei</i>	5	6 seen at Laguna Pedro Paulo and other sites including Eldorado
538	Black-headed Tanager	<i>Tangara cyanoptera</i>	1	1A great bird seen near to Minca
539	Purplish-mantled Tanager	<i>Iridosornis porphyrocephala</i>	3	6 were seen well on Galapagos road and another couple at Ventanas Peak
540	Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager	<i>Anisognathus igniventris</i>	2	4 seen at Chingaza and 6 at Los Navados NP
541	Santa Marta Mountain-Tanager	<i>Anisognathus melanogenys</i>	2	Endemic. Pretty easy to see at San Lorenzo ridge
542	Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager	<i>Anisognathus lacrymosus</i>	1	4 seen very well at Ventanas Peak
543	Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager	<i>Anisognathus somptuosus</i>	5	Seen at all highland sites earlier in tour
544	Black-chinned Mountain-Tanager	<i>Anisognathus notabilis</i>	1	4 gave good views on the Galapagos road
545	Hooded Mountain-Tanager	<i>Buthraupis montana</i>	1	4 were seen at Ventanas Peak, Jardin
546	Black-and-gold Tanager	<i>Bangsia melanochlamys</i>	1	Endemic. 2 birds gave great views on Choco side of Galapagos road
547	Gold-ringed Tanager	<i>Bangsia aureocincta</i>	2	Endemic. Up to 10 seen in one day on Galapagos road
548	Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager	<i>Dubusia taeniata</i>	2	Super views of 4 birds at Ventanas Peak, Jardin
549	Blue-gray Tanager	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>	10	Common throughout the tour
550	Glaucous Tanager	<i>Thraupis glaucocolpa</i>	1	Great looks at a flock of 6 at Los Flamencos NP

551	Palm Tanager	<i>Thraupis palmarum</i>	10	Common throughout the tour
552	Blue-capped Tanager	<i>Thraupis cyanocephala</i>	4	Most were seen at Ventanas Peak
553	Crimson-backed Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus dimidiatus</i>	10	Common in small numbers throughout the tour
554	Flame-rumped Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus flammigerus</i>	2	Endemic. 6 seen at Otun Quimbaya and another 6 near Jardin
555	Lemon-rumped Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus icteronotus</i>	2	Best was 10 on Choco side of Galapagos road
556	Highland Hepatic-Tanager	<i>Piranga lutea</i>	3	Singles at Galapagos road and near Jardin
557	Summer Tanager	<i>Piranga rubra</i>	4	Singles at several locations
558	Crested Ant-Tanager	<i>Habia gutturalis</i>	1	Endemic. Superb views of a flock of 8 at Galapagos road
559	Sooty Ant-Tanager	<i>Habia gutturalis</i>	1	Endemic. Our best views ever of 8 at Victoria
560	White-lined Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus rufus</i>	3	2 near Jardin and others near Minca
561	White-shouldered Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus luctuosus</i>	1	Just 1 seen near Oilbird cave
562	Gray-headed Tanager	<i>Eucometis penicillata</i>	2	3 were seen well near Oilbird cave and others at Victoria
563	Rosy Thrush-Tanager	<i>Rhodinocichla rosea</i>	2	Seen briefly twice at Lake Tabacal and heard near Minca
564	Yellow-backed Tanager	<i>Hemithraupis flavicollis</i>	1	2 were seen near Oilbird cave
565	White-capped Tanager	<i>Sericossypha albocristata</i>	1	Excellent views of 2 birds at Ventanas Peak, Jardin
566	Dusky-bellied Bush-Tanager	<i>Chlorospingus semifuscus</i>	1	4 were seen with mixed flock at Galapagos road
567	Black-backed Bush-Tanager	<i>Urothraupis stolzmanni</i>	1	3 birds seen at Los Navados NP
568	Gray-hooded Bush-Tanager	<i>Cnemoscopus rubrirostris</i>	2	6 seen at Rio Blanco and up to 10 at Ventanas Peak, Jardin
569	Black-capped Hemispingus	<i>Hemispingus atropileus</i>	2	Good numbers seen at both Rio Blanco and Ventanas Peak
570	Superciliaried Hemispingus	<i>Hemispingus superciliaris</i>	4	Several at Yuntas and Rio Blanco, Los Navados and Ventanas Peak
571	Oleaginous Hemispingus	<i>Hemispingus frontalis</i>	2	A couple at Rio Blanco and 2 at Ventanas Peak
572	Black-eared Hemispingus	<i>Hemispingus melanotis</i>	1	4 were seen well at Rio Blanco
573	Grass-green Tanager	<i>Chlorornis riefferii</i>	2	2 were seen on Galapagos road and 2 at Ventanas Peak
574	Black-faced Tanager	<i>Schistochlamys melanopsis</i>	1	1 seen very well at Victoria
575	Plushcap	<i>Catamblyrhynchus diadema</i>	2	A pair were seen at Rio Blanco and another at Ventanas Peak
576	Blue-black Grosbeak	<i>Cyanocompsa cyanooides</i>	1	Herd only near the Oilbird cave
577	Buff-throated Saltator	<i>Saltator maximus</i>	5	Seen at a number of localities
578	Black-winged Saltator	<i>Saltator atripennis</i>	3	Seen at Yuntas, Galapagos road and Otun Quimbaya
579	Masked Saltator	<i>Saltator cinctus</i>	1	Excellent, 3 birds were seen really well at Rio Blanco
580	Grayish Saltator	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>	3	2 at Rio Claro and others at Los Flamencos and Isle de Salamanca
581	Orinoco Saltator	<i>Saltator orinocensis</i>	1	Great views of 3 at Los Flamencos
582	Streaked Saltator	<i>Saltator striatipectus</i>	8	Regularly seen at a variety of sites
583	Vermilion Cardinal	<i>Cardinalis phoeniceus</i>	1	3 were seen very well at Los Flamencos
584	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	4	A few seen at various locations
585	Pileated Finch	<i>Coryphospingus pileatus</i>	2	Seen well Riohacha and Los Flamencos
586	Tanager Finch	<i>Oreothraupis arremonops</i>	1	A pair gave fantastic close views at Ventanas Peak, jardin
587	Yellow-headed Brush-Finch	<i>Atlapetes flaviceps</i>	1	Endemic. We saw up to 8 at Yuntas
588	Yellow-throated Brush-Finch	<i>Atlapetes gutturalis</i>	4	Endemic. Best were 4 at Yuntas

589	Pale-naped Brush-Finch	<i>Atlapetes pallidinucha</i>	1	4 were seen at Los Navados NP
590	Santa Marta Brush-Finch	<i>Atlapetes melanocephalus</i>	4	Endemic. Seen easily at Minca, Eldorado and San Lorenzo
591	Tricolored Brush-Finch	<i>Atlapetes tricolor</i>	2	A few seen along Galapagos road
592	Moustached Brush-Finch	<i>Atlapetes albofrenatus</i>	1	4 showed well at Laguna Pedro Paulo
593	Slaty Brush-Finch	<i>Atlapetes schistaceus</i>	1	6 were seen well at Rio blanco
594	Black-striped Sparrow	<i>Arremonops conirostris</i>	2	Seen on a roadside stop near Cartago and also Rio Claro
595	Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch	<i>Arremon brunneinucha</i>	2	Heard at Laguna Pedro Paulo and seen well at Otun Quimbaya
596	Gray-browed Brush-Finch	<i>Arremon assimilis</i>	1	4 were seen well at Rio Blanco
597	Black-headed Brush-Finch	<i>Arremon atricapillus</i>	2	Endemic. 2 were seen well at our secret site and another 2 at Lake Tabacal
598	Sierra Nevada Brush-Finch	<i>Arremon basilicus</i>	2	Endemic. A couple regularly came to the compost at Eldorado Lodge
599	Golden-winged Sparrow	<i>Arremon schlegeli</i>	2	Seen very well near Minca
600	Orange-billed Sparrow	<i>Arremon aurantirostris</i>	1	Just showed well at Victoria
601	Black-faced Grassquit	<i>Tiaris bicolor</i>	1	1 was seen at Laguna Pedro Paulo
602	Yellow-faced Grassquit	<i>Tiaris olivacea</i>	3	Seen at Yuntas, Galapagos and Jardin
603	Plain-coloured Seedeater	<i>Catamenia inornata</i>	1	2 were seen in lower Los Navados NP
604	Gray Seedeater	<i>Sporophila intermedia</i>	3	Singles at secret site, Victoria and Minca
605	Yellow-bellied Seedeater	<i>Sporophila nigricollis</i>	2	Singles in the Rio Claro area
606	Variable Seedeater	<i>Sporophila corvina</i>	1	Just 1 seen on the Galapagos road
607	Ruddy-breasted Seedeater	<i>Sporophila minuta</i>	2	A couple at our secret site and another at Victoria
608	Thick-billed Seed Finch	<i>Oryzoborus funereus</i>	3	Singles near to Rio Claro and Minca
609	Blue-black Grassquit	<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>	5	Seen at various localities
610	Saffron Finch	<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>	7	Many places with max 30 at Laguna Pedro Paulo
611	Grassland Yellow-Finch	<i>Sicalis luteola</i>	1	We must have seen 40 at the Bogota Rail site
612	Plumbeous Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilis unicolor</i>	2	1 at Chingaza and 4 at Los Navados
613	Rufous-collared Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>	15	Common throughout
614	Andean Siskin	<i>Carduelis spinescens</i>	3	4 seen at Chingaza, 1 at Los Navados and 4 at Ventanas Peak
615	Yellow-bellied Siskin	<i>Carduelis xanthogastra</i>	1	3 were seen at Rio Blanco
616	Lesser Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis psaltria</i>	1	6 birds were seen around Minca
617	Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>	8	Seen at a variety of locations
618	Giant Cowbird	<i>Scaphidura oryzivora</i>	1	Just 1 flew past near Minca
619	Crested Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius decumanus</i>	6	4 seen near Rio Claro and others included Minca area
620	Chestnut-headed Oropendola	<i>Zarhynchus wagleri</i>	1	Great views of 2 feeding close at secret site
621	Russet-backed Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius angustifrons</i>	1	30 plus were seen at La Romera
622	Yellow-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus cela</i>	1	About 6 were seen at nests at Rio Claro
623	Mountain Cacique	<i>Cacicus chrysonotus</i>	2	4 Galapagos road and 8 Ventanas Peak
624	Great-tailed Grackle	<i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>	3	Most along coast near Riohacha
625	Carib grackle	<i>Quiscalus lugubris</i>	1	5 were seen together at Camerones
626	Red-bellied Grackle	<i>Hypopyrrhus pyrohypogaster</i>	1	Endemic. 4 were eventually seen well at La Romera
627	Orange-crowned Oriole	<i>Icterus auricapillus</i>	2	2 were seen well near Minca and another near Santa Marta
628	Yellow Oriole	<i>Icterus nigrogularis</i>	3	Singles at various places

629	Baltimore Oriole	<i>Icterus galbula</i>	1	Just 1 seen at Los Flamencos
630	Yellow-backed Oriole	<i>Icterus chrysater</i>	5	2 at Chingaza, 3 near Jardin, 1 Minca and others along the coast
631	Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	1	5 flew over at lunch stop nr Riohacha
632	Red-breasted Blackbird	<i>Leistes militaris</i>	1	1 seen well near Victoria
633	Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>	1	4 were seen well at Bogota Rail site
634	New Bird?			We saw a new bird to science as yet undescribed. More details later!

MAMMALS & Others

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Order: DIDELPHIMORPHIA (Common Opossums)

Family: Didelphidae (American opossums)

Southern (Common) Opossum *Didelphis marsupialis*

One individual seen, at night, on 15th Feb at Rio Clara. One of the larger opossums. This nocturnal marsupial is both arboreal and terrestrial; this animal was in the lower roadside canopy approximately 10m above the ground.

Order: PILOSA (Anteaters, Sloths and Tamanduas)

Family: Myrmecophagidae (American Anteaters)

Northern Tamandua *Tamandua mexicana*

Sadly, as road-kill on 16th Feb in the Rio Clara area. Unlike the terrestrial Giant Anteater (*Myrmecophaga tridactyla*), tamanduas are both terrestrial and arboreal. However, they are slow and awkward on the ground.

Order: LAGOMORPHA (Rabbits, Hares and allies)

Family: Leporidae (Rabbits and Hares)

European Rabbit *Orytolagus cuniculus*

This rabbit originates from the Iberian Peninsula and has been introduced to many parts of the world where it is now feral. All domestic rabbits originate from this species.

On 12 Feb we saw a free-living domestic escapee(?) at Los Nevados. It was dark blue-gray in colour; it was also huge! At approximately 4,000m, its fur had become very thick. However, its very large ears – not ideal for the cold – further betrayed its domestic origins.

The two native Colombian species, ie Eastern Cottontail *Sylvilagus floridanus* and Forest Rabbit (Tapeti) *Sylvilagus brasiliensis*, were not encountered.

Order: RODENTIA (Rodents)

Family: Sciuridae (Squirrels)

Red-tailed Squirrel *Sciurus granatensis* and **Andean Squirrel** *Sciurus pucheranii*

We saw 'red squirrels' on a number of occasions throughout the tour. The Andean Squirrel is a Colombian endemic that occurs in montane forest between 2-3,300 m in the west and central Andes; areas and habitat that we covered.

The larger Red-tailed Squirrel occurs in the eastern Andes and at lower elevations to the east, west and north. Both species are highly variable within their ranges with some of the Andean individuals being olivaceous rather than red.

Emmons and Feer (1999) describe only one species, the Red-tailed. The later taxonomic work of Duff and Lawson (2004) cites both species.

It is highly likely that we encountered both species; certainly the Red-tailed.

There are in fact, two other 'red squirrels' in Colombia, the Northern Amazon Red Squirrel (*Sciurus igniventris*) and Southern Amazon Red Squirrel (*Sciurus spadiceus*). These were both

Dwarf Squirrels *Microsciurus spp.*

We encountered these on 8th Feb (Galapagos Road) and on the 10th Feb (Otun Combaya). Sightings on 8th Feb included that of notably smaller animals giving us, overall, a 'larger' dwarf squirrel and a 'smaller' dwarf squirrel.

There are four species of dwarf squirrel in Colombia; all have considerably smaller ears than the *Sciurus* squirrels, less bushy tails and are olivaceous in colour (although colour varies greatly across their ranges and can include a dark mid-back stripe).

All of the species were in range for our tour, namely:-

Central American Dwarf Squirrel *Microsciurus alfari*

Amazon Dwarf Squirrel *Microsciurus flaviventer*

Western Dwarf Squirrel *Microsciurus mimulus*

Santander Dwarf Squirrel *Microsciurus santanderensis*

The last species is endemic (although according to the IUCN website, it may occur in Panama and/or Venezuela).

The most likely candidates for the animals on 8th Feb are the Amazon Dwarf Squirrel and/or the Western Dwarf Squirrel. The Amazon Dwarf Squirrel is, not surprisingly, mostly an Amazonian species, although it does have separate populations in the West and Central Andes (IUCN maps). In some cases, a distinct Andean sub-species is defined for these, ie *M. f. similis*. In Emmons and Feer (1999) this is cited as full species, ie *M. similis*, where it is described as occurring at higher elevations.

However, with *Microsciurus* taxonomy in need of revision (IUCN) and field identification difficult; identification is best left at the genus level. As for the significance of the noticeably smaller individuals; this is just as likely to be due to individual variation and/or age.

Family: Muridae (Mice, Rats, Voles and Gerbils)

Only one individual became available for closer examination. This is given in Appendix 1 Fig 1 at the end of this narrative.

Despite appearances, the animal was alive – although decidedly unwell – it had been poisoned!

The animal was living as a (pest) commensal in the grounds of a restaurant/lodge in the Andes.

With many potential options, it is likely that this species will remain unclassified.

Family: Dasyproctidae (Aoutis and Pacas)

Central American Agouti *Dasyprocta punctata*

A single individual seen on 21st Feb at El Dorado. The circumstances were unusual. The animal was completely transfixed on the road towards Lorenzo Ridge and, initially, made no attempt to seek cover. In fact; the animal was staring at the roadside and we were ignored. The reason became clear as, moments later, a Tayra (*Eira Barbara*) appeared from the roadside vegetation. Both animals then retreated to cover.

Family: Caviidae (Cavies and Guinea-pigs)

Brazilian Guinea-pig (Cavy) *Cavia aperea*

At least two seen on 5th Feb at La Florida. This is not the ancestor of the domestic Guinea-pig *Cavia porcellus*; the origins of which are currently unknown (although recent work suggests that the Montane Guinea Pig (*Cavia tschudii*) is the more likely candidate).

Order: CARNIVORA (Carnivores)

Family: Canidae (Dogs and Foxes)

Crab-eating Fox *Cerdocyon thous*

Two foxes on the El Dorado road on 20th Feb; seen only by those in the front vehicle. Although a relatively specialist feeder; it is still a dog and it lacks the ability to manipulate food in the same way as the Crab-eating Raccoon (*Procyon cancrivorus*).

Family: Mustelidae (Otters, Weasels and Badgers)

Long-tailed Weasel *Mustela frenata*

One individual seen on 10th Feb in forest edge in Otun Combaya.

This species has a fairly pan-American distribution from Canada to Bolivia. Emmons & Feer (1999) describe the species as terrestrial. This animal was climbing the vine-covered vertical stump of a dead tree to a height of approx 5m. So sinuous was its progress, that it was initially presumed to be a snake!

Tayra *Eira barbara*

A single individual seen on 21st Feb at El Dorado with the Central American Agouti (*Dasyprocta punctata*).

Tayras are powerful for their size; however, an agouti would definitely be at the larger end of their prey spectrum. They have been recorded eating large prey, eg Southern Opossum (*D. marsupialis*) (Wilson and Mittermeier 2009). It is not known whether we interrupted an active hunt or experienced a per-chance encounter between the two species.

Coat variation in Tayras is considerable across their range; the yellow/white/cream collar-throat marking was clearly visible. The following extract is taken directly from p 160 of Emmons and Feer (1999); “ ... occasional animals from northern South America have a large bright yellow spot on the shoulders, or even a complete yellow collar joining with the throat patch.”

Family: Procyonidae (Raccoons)

(Western) Mountain (Andean, Dwarf or Little) **Coati** *Nasuella olivacea*

One individual seen on 11th Feb at Rio Blanco.

A poor roadside view as the animal rapidly retreated into dense edge cover.

There are three coatis in Colombia; the White-nosed Coati (*Nasua narica*), west of the Andes, the South American (Ring-tailed) Coati (*Nasua nasua*), mostly east of the Andes and the Mountain Coati.

The Mountain Coati is the smallest of the three and is darker; note that it also belongs to a different genus.

Crab-eating Raccoon *Procyon cancrivorus*

A number of individuals - mostly in pairs - seen from the vehicle on 24th Feb on the journeys to and from Isle de Salamanca.

Although predominantly nocturnal, some were seen quite late into the morning. They are specialist waterside feeders and are able to use their considerable dexterity to search muds and gravels both above and below the waterline, ie they can exploit areas that are not easily available to, for example, Crab-eating Foxes (*Cerdocyon thous*).

Order: CHIROPTERA (Bats)

We saw a great many bats of varying sizes and form across most of the habitat types. None could be identified with certainty and only one species was observed at roost.

This was within the Oilbird cave entrance area at Cueva Del Condor.

The bats, a group of five, were in a small ‘pit’ in the limestone roof of the cave. They were a small/medium sized bat with a strong facial stripe and a fairly simple nose structure.

In appearance, the head resembled that of bats in the genus *Platyrrhinus*; a large genus of bats, with most occurring in the Andes. However, it is not realistic to make any taxonomic conclusions; even to genus or family.

Order: PRIMATES (Primates)

Family: Callitrichidae (Tamarins and Marmosets)

Silvery-brown Bare-faced (White-footed) **Tamarin** *Saguinus leucopus*

Heard only on 16 Feb in the Cueva Del Condor area.

This is an endangered endemic tamarin. Caged animals, from both donations and confiscations, were being housed for potential re-release at a nearby conservation centre.

Family: Atelidae (New World Monkeys)

Lemurine (Gray-bellied) Night (Owl) Monkey *Aotus lemurinus*

A small group seen at El Dorado on 19th Feb and again (briefly) on 20th Feb. This is a relatively static resident population; in fact, these monkeys – the only nocturnal monkeys in the New World – are fairly sedentary. Their proportionally large eyes are obvious an adaption for their nocturnal lifestyle.

One of their more unusual vocalisations was experienced on 20th Feb; a deep rolling mechanical, and yet owl-like, reverberation.

Other species occur in Colombia; all east of the Andes.

Venezuelan Red Howler *Alouatta seniculus*

Seen on a number of occasions during the tour. Always a delight to see and, indeed, to hear!

The ‘original’ Red Howler Monkey (*Alouatta seniculus*) was split to give the present species (which kept the scientific name) and the Guyanan Red Howler Monkey (*Alouatta macconnelli*) of the Guianas, NC Amazonian Brazil and Trinidad.

Group sizes vary from 3 to 9. They have small ranges and can achieve relatively high densities for such a large monkey (up to 100 / Km² depending on competition with other monkeys).

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