

Trip Report

Northern Peru

Marañon and Tumbesian Endemics



View of the Marañon River from Balsas; this area holds an incredible amount of endemics. Photo by Fernando Angulo

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Introduction

This journey that we have done was a great trip through one of the most interesting, diverse and rich bird routes in Peru and South America. We have seen 361 birds by the whole group (but not every individual) during our trip, and 21 additional birds were heard. We have observed 26 Peruvian endemics and 4 near endemics, 28 Tumbesian endemics and 14 Marañon endemics. We have had the luck enough to found 12 Critically Endangered species (the White-winged Guan was one of them), 5 Endangered and 9 Vulnerable birds. We have crossed the Cordillera de los Andes twice, the first time at Porculla Pass and the second at Abra El Gavilan and the Marañon river also twice, first on Corral Quemado, between Jaen and Bagua and later on Balsas. We travelled from the Pacific ocean, crossing Algarrobales and coastal dry forest, to Marañon dry forests, montane forest and lower tropical forest. We have visited Andean scrub, coastal marshes and intermontane valleys during our trip, passing through legendary birding places such as Abra Patricia or delighting with the most beautiful hummingbird on the world, the marvellous Spatuletail.

We have observed 64 species on the coast (some birds were seen in more than one zone), 200 in the dry forest zone and 129 in humid montane zone. We had 20 Raptors and Vultures, 3 Inca Finches, 35 Tanagers species and 33 Hummingbirds. A real birding trip!!!!

Schedule

August 25th: Early drive to Puerto Etén lagoons. We explored the small lakes and found a variety of shorebirds including Willet, Black-necked Stilt, Wilson's Phalarope, Whimbrel, Lesser Yellowlegs, Killdeer, American Golden Plover, Semi-palmated Sandpiper, Sanderling, Spotted Sandpiper, Ruddy Turnstone, Semi-palmated Plover. Then we drove towards Santa Rosa making a stop in one of the side channels where we



saw Least Sandpiper and Baird's Sandpiper. We also watched a Yellowish Pipit frantically feeding a young Shiny Cowbird that was twice its size. Later we made a short stop in Santa Rosa itself, where, on the seashore, we found Peruvian Pelican, Peruvian Booby and Kelp and Gray Gulls. After noon we drove to Chiclayo and in the afternoon the group travelled to see some archaeology.

August 26th: Early departure to Bosque de Pomac mesquite forests, where we spent the morning exploring the area. We easily found Peruvian Plantcutter, Rufous Flycatcher, Tumbesian Tyrannulet, Necklaced Spinetail, Cinereous Finch, Collared Antshrike and many other birds. Then we drove to a dryer area where we saw a group of at least 6 Tumbes Swallows. We explored the side forests finding Gray-and-white Tyrannulet, Tropical Gnatcatcher and a Pacific Pygmy-owl. As midday approaches, we drove towards Olmos, stopping briefly near Motupe for lunch and some birding. This stop yielded Tumbes Sparrow among other birds. In the afternoon we head north of Olmos, where we were lucky enough to find a handsome Tumbes Tyrant. Flocks of Parrot-billed Seedeaters crowded the trees and bushes and the sky was crossed by a King Vulture. Here the hummers were Short-tailed Woodstar and Tumbes Hummingbird. A short walk before leaving on the higher part produced views of the Elegant Crescentchest. We then headed for dinner and overnight in El Remanso hotel, in Olmos town.



Nice Tumbes Tyrant, a Peruvian endemic near Olmos. Photo by Richard Munns

August 27th: Very early wake-up for the drive to Quebrada Frejolillo, passing Limon village. There we picked-up our local guide, Lino Rico, who took us to the ravine and showed us at least a pair of White-winged Guans. After seeing this critically endangered crácido, we walked the trails where we got great views of Elegant Crescentchest, Ecuadorian Trogon, Pacific Elaenia and Tumbes Pewee. A had a surprise when Lino found and showed us a couple of Striped Owls. After

lunch we headed to visit the White-winged Guan Breeding Centre and then returned to El Remanso hotel for the night.

August 28th: Our early departure leads us to Limon de Porculla for some high altitude Tumbesian Endemics. A brief stop on the way produced great views of Chapman's Antshrike and, for some of us, of Tumbes Swift. Once at the birding place we worked hard to get views of the elusive Piura Chat-tyrant. Line-cheeked Spinetail and Green-tailed Trainbearer were present also. Close to noon we left heading towards Jaen, making some stops along the road we saw Spot-throated Humming bird, the Marañon race of the Tropical Gnatcatcher and, for some, the Marañon Gnatcatcher. We spent the night at Hotel El Bosque in Jaen.



Striped Owl in Quebrada Frejolillo, the Guan Canyon. Photo by Richard Munns

August 29th: Again an early departure took us to the Tamborapa area where we were first surprised by a group of Military Macaws flying over while we were looking for Marañon Spinetail. This bird is hard to see but finally we got some views while a Marañon Slaty-Antshrike was on the nearby. Higher up we found the nice Buff-bellied Tanager, Chinchipe Spinetail and Marañon Crescentchest. Afterwards we headed back to the hotel for lunch and some tuc-tuc riding and market visit. Later we headed south of Jaen looking for our first Inca-Finch of the trip, the Little, which we easily found at our first stop. We still didn't see a Rufous-fronted Thornbird, which seemed very strange. Then we drove back to spend the night at the same hotel.

August 30th: At the beginning of the day we drove toward the junction of the Marañon, Chinchipe and Utcubamba River at the Pongo de Rentema. Birding on-route produced a Rufous-fronted Thornbird busy building a new nest thus explaining our failure to see this bird earlier, Yellow-tailed Oriole and Striped Cuckoo. Returning from the Pongo we had the chance of having better views of Little Inca-Finch than the day before. Then we headed to Pomacochas making a lunch stop at Bagua Grande for lunch. We continued up the Chido River leaving the quest for the Marvelous Spatuletail for the next day. We spent the night at Puerto Pumas Hotel in Pomacochas.

August 31st: After picking up our local guide, we walked uphill to a shrub patch to look for our target bird. Once there, we had the bird passing close to us but it took some time until all of us got views of this incredible hummingbird. Unfortunately there were not long-tailed ones, but we got nice views of males, females and juveniles. During the wait we were able to see White-sided Flowerpiercer and we got great views of Purple-throated Sunangel. Then we headed to the Chido Trail and we had lunch at the beginning. Afternoon birding produced, after some playback work, great views of Rufous-capped Antshrike. We enjoyed an American Kestrel nest also. Just after beginning our walk back we were lucky enough to find a flock of White-capped Tanager, which we were able to follow and locate where they perched for great scope views. Then we head to our hotel for resting.



Spot-throated Hummingbird, a common Marañon endemic. Photo by Richard Munns

September 1st: This day was our first visit to this incredible diverse area and we first birded the upper part near Abra Patricia. An early walk along a trail let us hear the Rusty-tinged Antpitta but unfortunately no views. Later from the road we found some tanagers, including Saffron-crowned and Flame-faced, Barred Fruiteater and Collared Inca were easily seen and everyone enjoyed a co-operative Long-tailed Antbird. A short walk gave us only the song of the Bar-winged Wood-wren. The day was hot at the beginning but later the weather changed and a heavy rain obliged us to escape and head to the lower parts, where we found a nice bend for birding. First we stopped there because we spotted a Golden-headed Quetzal at eye-level. While enjoying this bird we found lower down a pair of Andean Cock-of-the-rock, which produced great views together with Subtropical Cacique. A short walk took us to the “Tanager Tree”, where we found a rainbow of colours with nice views of a variety of tanagers including Golden, Metallic-green, Beryl-spangled and Blue-and-black among others. After this colourful afternoon we headed back to our hotel at Pomacochas.



A Cliff Flycatcher at Abra Patricia. Photo by Richard Munns

September 2nd: This day was our second Abra Patricia day and we first tried a ridge where we got nice views of the Royal Sunangel. Today we tried again for the Bar-winged Wood-wren and we had luck this time, having eye-level views of this Peruvian endemic. Another stop produced great views of a responsive Barred Becard and after, some playback work, we got outstanding views of a nice pair of Lulu’s Tody-tyrant (not Johnson’s!). Then we headed further down having lunch at the parking of a restaurant along the road where we meet our friends of ECOAN, picking Ash-headed Greenlet on the way. After lunch we headed to the Moyobamba city, where we stayed at the Puerto Mirador hotel.

September 3rd: First thing in the morning was a short visit to the local market enjoyed by everybody! Later we drove to a side road near Calzada town, which produced a nice morning with Chestnut-eared Araçari, Chestnut-bellied Seedeater, Barred Antshrike, Spot-breasted Woodpecker, Capped Heron, Fork-tailed Palm-swift, Dark-billed Cuckoo and Burnished-buff Tanager. Then we headed back to

the high mountains. Near the bridge over Aguas Verdes we picked Napo Sabrewing before having lunch. Later we walked uphill where we found a resting Ecuadorian Tyrannulet. Further up we made a stop in a nice spot that produced Swallow and Paradise Tanager among others. Then we headed back to our “Tanager Tree” and its respective bend, where we first found a soaring White-throated Hawk and later a nice Huallaga Tanager that offered nice views for all of us. Before leaving for Pomacochas, we got a Crimson-bellied Woodpecker and a few dozen-Band-tailed Pigeons.



Lulu's Tody-tyrant, a recently described species endemic to Peru. Photo by Richard Munns

September 4th: An early start took us to Pedro Ruiz picking up Andean Guan and Bay-headed Tanager from the road. There we changed our Van into two four-wheel drive minibuses and we headed along the Utcubamba Valley to El Tingo. Here we picked up Maritza and headed (bounced may be a better word to use) to Kuelap fortress. On our way to El Tingo we took the opportunity of finding Marañon Thrush, Black-necked Woodpecker and Black Phoebe, the ladies also found Great Sapphirewing. Once in Kuelap we learned from Maritza about the Chachapoyas lifestyle while watching Bronzy Inca, Rufous-breasted Chat-tyrant and Black-throated Flower-piercer. Then we headed to spend the night at Estancia El Chillo.

September 5th: A pre-breakfast walk gave us the opportunity of watching with delight three West-Peruvian Screech-owls just at the El Chillo entrance. We walked upriver and were rewarded with close views of Speckle-chested Piculet, Sulphur-bellied Tyrannulet, Yellow-bellied Seedeaters and Little Woodstar. After breakfast we drove towards Leymebamba, with stops on the way that allowed us

to find Torrent Duck and Mitred Parakeet. After lunch in Centro Mallqui at Leymebamba, and a visit to the amazing Museum with over 200 mummies, we headed upriver to a spot where, in a brief walk, we found White-capped Parrot, Gray-breasted Mountain-toucan, Smoke-colored Pewee and a pair of White-capped Dipper. We spent the night at Centro Mallqui.

September 6th: An early start took us to the famous Abra Barro Negro area. Here we tried for Russet-mantled Softtail but only got a brief view for some of us; the rest of the group just heard it. Other birds we found here were Hooded and Scarlet-bellied Mountain-tanagers, Rainbow Starfrontlet, Mountain Velvetbreast and Drab Hemispingus. Our drive to the top of the Abra produced Moustached Flower-piercer while at the very top we found two pairs of Aplomado Falcon, which gave us nice views of this raptor. We had lunch soon after we began to descend and after passing some difficulties with the landslide, we started birding again below Abra Chanchillo. This produced us great views of the Chestnut-backed Thornbird, which was very responsive to the tape. Further down we entered the Marañon Dry-forest where we got views of our second Inca-finch, the Buff-bridled. Then we headed to our campsite where we found Peruvian Pigeon before dinner.



A couple of Peruvian Marañon endemics: Yellow-faced Parrotlet (left) and Grey-winged Inca-finch (right). Photos by Richard Munns

September 7th: A pre-breakfast walk let us delight in great views of both Peruvian Pigeon and the nice Yellow-faced Parrotlet. Additionally we saw Andean Emerald and Dull-colored Grassquit. After breakfast we crossed the Marañon River and started climbing the west slope, where we saw Buff-bridled Inca-finch again and Bare-faced Ground-dove. But our quest was for the third of the *Incaspiza* of the trip, which we found using the tape at the right place. We had lunch higher up and just afterwards found a Masked Yellowthroat. Just below the pass before Celendín we did some birding that produced Black-tailed Trainbearer and Black-crested Tit-

tyrant. Then we headed to Celendín where we spent the night at the hotel with the same name as the town.

September 8th: An early start after breakfast took us to a nice patch of montane shrub where we found Rufous-naped Ground-tyrant and Tricolored Brush-finch and got great views, from above, of one Cinereous Harrier. Our quest for Cajamarca Antpitta let us only hear it's voice in at least two sites! During attempts in one of these we got excellent views of a Great Sapphirewing, which turned out to be not a "Ladies bird" anymore. Other stops before and after lunch produced Slender-billed Miner, Tyrian Metaltail, Brown-backed Chat-tyrant and Peruvian Sierra-finch. We stayed at Hotel Laguna Seca in Cajamarca after being entertained by some serious road building.



Andean Duck on the Utcubamba Valley. Photo by Richard Munns

September 9th: Early in the morning we headed south of Cajamarca to a trail just before San Marcos. As we began to descend, we encounter Chiguanco Thrush, White-winged Black-tyrant and others. As we walked further down we began to make our first tries for the target bird of the morning, the Great Spinetail. After a couple of tries we visually located a pair and began, with the tape, to make them show themselves. They crossed the trail and on the other side we got excellent views of four of them! Then we keep descending and we were greatly surprised when we discovered a Chestnut-backed Thornbird responding to the tape. We were picked up by the Van and headed to the hotel for lunch with a brief stop at Sulluscocha Lake. In the afternoon we drove to the Sangal area to look for the Gray-bellied Comet. There we got a short but good view of this endangered hummingbird and also from Black Metaltail. We returned to stay overnight at the same Hotel.

September 10th: This day we made a visit to "Ventanillas de Otuzco" with our local guide Fanny. We managed to make a short stop on our way there to see Puna

Ibis and Andean Gull on a pasture between Baños del Inca and Cajamarca. After Otuzco we went for a city tour in Cajamarca, which ended with an excellent lunch at “El Querubino”.

September 11th: We left Cajamarca early in the morning doing some stops on the way down. We made a stop after Abra “El Gavilán” that allowed us to find Black-crested Warbler, Jelski’s Chat-tyrant and Gray-chinned Hermit. Then we headed to Trujillo city, where we spend the night in Hotel “El Libertador”.



Chestnut-backed Thornbird, a Peruvian endemic that inhabits the Marañon dry forests. Photo by Richard Munns

September 12th: Early departure towards Sinsicap. The road surface was very bad which made the trip very long. Once there, we were able to have a short view of the Russet-bellied Spinetail, which moved once it heard the tape. Other interesting birds seen there included Bay-headed Brush-finch, Three-banded Warbler, Dusky-capped Flycatcher, Curve-billed Tinamou, Unicolored Tapaculo and the Sinsicap form of the Speckled Hummingbird.

The Birds

Next a list of the birds seen or heard is presented. Some species are accompanied by letters, which that means the following:

Distribution:

- E:** Peruvian endemic – found only in Peru
- N:** Near endemic to Peru – mostly a Peruvian species but whose range just crosses into a neighbouring country – in this case mostly Ecuador.
- M:** Marañon endemic
- T:** Tumbesian endemic

Conservation status (According to IUCN/BirdLife categories):

- CR:** Critically Endangered
- EN:** Endangered
- VU:** Vulnerable

- *:** Only heard

Curve-billed Tinamou (*Nothoprocta curvirostris*). One bird flushed away from the side of the road at Sinsicap on September 12th.

Least Grebe (*Tachybaptus dominicus*). Four seen on Moche River near Huaca del Sol, Trujillo on September 13th after birding tour officially ended.

Pied-billed Grebe (*Podylimbus podiceps*). Two seen at Sulluscocha Lake on September 09th.

White-tufted Grebe (*Rollandia rolland*). Two on the large well in Tschudi Palace at Chan Chan on September 13th after birding tour officially ended.

Peruvian Pelican (*Pelecanus thagus*). Small groups seen flying over the ocean at Santa Rosa on August 25th and a few at Huanchaco on September 13th.

Peruvian Booby (*Sula variegata*). Many individuals seen on the ocean at Santa Rosa on August 25th.

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*). Seen the first day and on our drive to Trujillo (near Gallito Ciego) and at Lima on the September 14th just before the group left Peru

Black-crowned Night-heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*). Two seen at Sulluscocha Lake on September 09th.

Capped Heron (*Nycticorax violaceus*). One seen on the stop near Calzada town on September 03th.

Cattle Egret: (*Bubulcus ibis*). Numerous during the trip and was seen on 11 days.

Striated Heron (*Butorides striatus*). In Puerto Etén and on the rice fields around Jaen and Bagua.

Little Blue Heron (*Hydranassa caerulea*). One individual on the first stop of the trip on August 25th and another in the River Jequetepeque near Chilate on September 11th.

Great Egret (*Casmerodius albus*). Common

Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*). Common

Cocoi Heron (*Ardea cocoi*). One individual on the first stop of the trip on August 25th.

Puna Ibis (*Plegadis ridgwayi*). A group of at least 10 feeding on a pasture between our hotel and Cajamarca on September 10th.

Torrent Duck (*Merganetta armata*). A couple seen on the Utcubamba River on September 05th.

White-cheeked Pintail (*Anas bahamensis*). Seen on Puerto Etén Lagoons on the first day of the trip.

Cinnamon Teal (*Anas cyanoptera*). Seen on Puerto Etén Lagoons on the first day of the trip and on the large well in Tschudi Palace at Chan Chan on September 13th.

Andean Duck (*Oxyura ferruginea*) Two seen on the large well in Tschudi Palace at Chan Chan on September 13th.

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*). We saw this bird on 18 of the 19 days that we were travelling together!!! The group also saw this bird on 21 out of 22 days. The only day missed was September 8th between Celendín and Cajamarca.

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*). Common

King Vulture (*Sarcoramphus papa*). One seen soaring near Ñaupe and other near the White-winged Guan Canyon.

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*). Several seen soaring on the Alto Mayo area.

Pearl Kite (*Gampsonyx swainsonii*). One was seen flying near Bagua Chica on August 30th and later seen perched very obligingly on roadside wires, probably the same bird.

Cinereous Harrier (*Circus cinereus*). One seen soaring from above in shrubbery leaving Celendín on September 08th.

Savanna Hawk (*Buteogallus meridionalis*). One seen near Lambayeque on August 24th.

Plain-breasted Hawk (*Accipiter erythronemius*). One seen soaring at Alto Mayo area on September 02nd.

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle (*Geranoaetus melanoleucus*). Several seen during the trip.

Bay-winged or Harris' Hawk (*Parabuteo unicinctus*). Two birds seen on two different days. One seen near Bagua Chica had a broken wing.

White-throated Hawk (*Buteo albigula*). One individual seen soaring above the "Tanager Tree" on August 29th.

Zone-tailed Hawk (*Buteo albonotatus*). One seen near Tamborapa on August 29th.

Roadside Hawk (*Buteo magnirostris*). Common. One seen near Abra Patricia was carrying a snake.

Puna Hawk (*Buteo poecilochrous*). Common on the highlands of Amazonas and Cajamarca.

Red-backed Hawk (*Buteo polyosoma*). Common during the trip.

Black Caracara (*Daptrius ater*). One seen flying near Moyobamba on September 02nd.

Mountain Caracara (*Phalcoboenus megalopterus*). Common on highlands.

Crested Caracara (*Caracara plancus*). Seen twice during the trip.

Aplomado Falcon (*Falco femoralis*). Two couples at the very top of the Abra Barro Negro on 06th September.

American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*). Common bird throughout the trip.

White-winged Guan (*Penelope albipennis*). At least three birds seen very well in Quebrada Frejolillo on August 27th. **T E CR**

Andean Guan (*Penelope montagnii*). Two groups on the way down from Pomacochas to Pedro Ruiz on September 03th.

Speckled Chachalaca (*Ortalis guttata*). "Leader's bird" flew over the road near the bridge over Aguas Verdes.

Plumbeous Rail (*Ortygonax sanguinolentus*)*. Heard in the irrigation channels around Monsefú on August 25th.

Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chlorops*). Seen on several occasions.

Andean (Slate-colored) Coot (*Fulica ardesiaca*). Seen on Sulluscocha Lake on September 09th.

Wattled Jacana (*Jacana jacana*). Several on rice fields near Moyobamba on September 3rd.

Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*). Several birds seen near Lambayeque on August 24th and on the marshes near Santa Rosa on August 25th.

Peruvian Thick-knee (*Burhinus superciliaris*). Two birds on the first day between Monsefú and Santa Rosa and at dawn near Olmos.

Andean Lapwing (*Vanellus resplendens*). Several birds on the higher parts of Abra Barro Negro and between Celendín and Cajamarca.

American Golden-plover (*Pluvialis dominica*). Two seen on Puerto Etén Lagoons on the first day of the trip.

Semipalmated Plover (*Charadrius semipalmatus*). Seen on Puerto Etén Lagoons on the first day of the trip.

Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferans*). Seen on Puerto Etén Lagoons on the first day of the trip.

Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*). Seen on Puerto Etén Lagoons on the first day of the trip.

Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*). Seen on Puerto Etén Lagoons on the first day of the trip.

Solitary Sandpiper (*Tringa solitaria*). One seen on a small marsh near Bagua Chica on August 30th.

Willet (*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*). Seen on Puerto Etén Lagoons on the first day of the trip.

Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularia*). Seen several times during the trip, both in coastal lagoons and beside mountain rivers.

Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*). Seen on Puerto Etén Lagoons on the first day of the trip.

Wilson's Phalarope (*Phalaropus tricolor*). Seen on Puerto Etén Lagoons on the first day of the trip.

Sanderling (*Calidris alba*). Seen on Puerto Etén Lagoons on the first day of the trip.

Baird's Sandpiper (*Calidris bairdii*). Seen in irrigation channels at Monsefú on the first day of the trip.

Least Sandpiper (*Calidris minutilla*). Seen on Puerto Etén Lagoons and in irrigation channels at Monsefú on the first day of the trip.

Semipalmated Sandpiper (*Calidris pusilla*). Seen on Puerto Etén Lagoons on the first day of the trip.

Gray-headed Gull (*Larus cirrocephalus*). Several seen near Puerto Etén Lagoons on the first day of the trip and at Huanchaco on September 13th.

Kelp Gull (*Larus dominicanus*). Large groups seen near Santa Rosa on the first day of the trip.

Gray Gull (*Larus modestus*). Large groups seen near Santa Rosa on the first day of the trip.

Andean Gull (*Larus serranus*). A group of them on a pasture between our hotel and Cajamarca city on September 10th.

Peruvian Tern (*Sterna lorata*). A few seen near Puerto Etén Lagoons on the first day of the trip and at Huanchaco on September 13th.

Band-tailed Pigeon (*Patagioenas fasciata*). We found this pigeon in several parts of our trip.

Peruvian Pigeon (*Patagioenas oenops*). Found near our campsite on Hornopampa on the arrival day and the next morning. Recently found in Ecuador. **M N V U**

Plumbeous Pigeon (*Patagioenas plumbea*). A group of three seen near the "Tanager tree" on September 1st and heard two days later in the same area.

Pacific Dove (*Zenaida meloda*). Common bird on the coast.

Eared Dove (*Zenaida auriculata*). Common

Croaking Ground-dove (*Colombina cruziana*). Seen on ten days of the trip.

Plain-breasted Ground-dove (*Columbina minuta*). Two birds seen between Monsefú and Santa Rosa on August 25th.

Ecuadorian Ground-dove (*Columbina buckleyi*). We found this dove near Tamborapa on August 29th.

Ruddy Ground-dove (*Columbina talpocoti*). We found it near Calzada town on September 03th.

Blue Ground-dove (*Columbina pretiosa*). Seen between Alto Mayo and Moyobamba.

Bare-faced Ground-dove (*Metriopelia ceciliae*). Seen several times in dry habitats of the last part of our trip.

White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*). Found many times along our route.

Military Macaw (*Ara militaris*). A flock was seen flying near Tamborapa on August 29th. **VU**

Red-masked Parakeet (*Aratinga erythrogenys*). We saw this parrot at Frejolillo ravine. **T N**

Mitred Parakeet (*Aratinga mitrata*). Commonly seen on the Uctubamba valley.

Scarlet-fronted Parakeet (*Aratinga wagleri*). We saw this species on two days of our trip.

Pacific Parrotlet (*Forpus coelestis*). We have found this small parrot on our birding days on the coast and in the dry areas after Porculla pass. **T**

Yellow-faced Parrotlet (*Forpus xanthops*). Great views on two occasions of this Peruvian endemic near our campsite in Balsas on September 07th. **M E VU**

Cobalt-winged Parakeet (*Brotogeris cyanoptera*). A single individual near Calzada town on September 03th. The birds here belongs to the *gustavi* race.

Red-billed Parrot (*Pionus sordidus*). A small group of this species seen near the "Tanager Tree" September 1st.

White-capped Parrot (*Pionus tumultuosus seniloides*). A small group above Leymebamba on September 05th.

Scaly-naped Parrot (*Amazonas mercenaria*). Two pairs seen flying overhead near the pass at Abra Patricia.

Dark-billed Cuckoo (*Piaya melacoryphus*). One individual seen by all of us on the walk back to the Van near Calzada town on September 03th.

Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*). Seen on September 02nd and 04th.

Groove-billed Ani (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*). Common on the west slope.

Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*). Common on the east slope.

Striped Cuckoo (*Tapera naevia*). One individual seen around Bagua Chica on August 30th and heard on September 1st and 9th.

Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*). One individual found dead at the side of the road before Chamaya on August 28th.

Peruvian Screech-Owl (*Megascops roboratus*). We saw three individuals during daylight in a tree at the entrance gate of Estancia "El Chillo".

Andean Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium jardinii*)*. One individual heard in Abra Patricia.

Peruvian Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium peruanum*). We found this small owl in Pomac by the Tumbes Swallow site and the day after in Quebrada Limón.

Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia*). There were at least two birds close to the Museum at Túcume on August 24th. We found this terrestrial owl on our first day of birding near Puerto Etén and leaving our hotel towards the guan canyon when it was still dark!

Lesser Nighthawk (*Chordeiles acutipennis*). Seen flying to roost as we left Chiclayo on August 26th.

Striped Owl (*Rhinoptynx clamator*). We had great views of this widespread but rare owl at Limon canyon. The birds were cleverly found by our guide Lino.

Pauraque (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)*. Heard at Centro Mallqui at Leymebamba.

White-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne zonaris*). A flock seen at Abra Patricia on September 1st.

Tumbes Swift (*Chaetura ocybetes*). Seen at our first stop on the way to Limon de Porculla on August 28th.

White-tipped Swift (*Aeronautes montivagus*). We saw flocks of this swift on three days of our trip.

Fork-tailed Palm Swift (*Tachornis squamata*). Seen near near Calzada town on September 03th.

Gray-chinned Hermit (*Phaetornis griseogularis*). Found in Tamborapa area on August 29th and below Abra El Gavilán on September 11th.

Napo Sabrewing (*Campylopterus villaviscensio*). One bird seen standing at 1.5 m (5 feet) from the ground in the shadows at about noon near the bridge over Aguas Verdes on September 3rd.

Sparkling Violetear (*Colibri coruscans*). Common hummingbird.

Green Violetear (*Colibri thalassinus*). Seen on three different days of the trip.

Tumbes Hummingbird (*Leucippus baeri*). A bird we found on our excursion north of Olmos and two days later on the way to Limon de Porculla. **T E**

Spot-throated Hummingbird (*Leucippus taczanowskii*). Found repeatedly in dry parts of Cajamarca and Amazonas departments. **M E**

Amazilia Hummingbird (*Amazilia amazilia*). Common on our days on the north Peruvian coast.

White-bellied Hummingbird (*Amazilia chionogaster*). One seen on Chido trail on 31st August.

Andean Emerald (*Amazilia franciae*). Seen twice during the trip; once on August 30th and again near our campsite in Hornopampa.

Speckled Hummingbird (*Adelomyia melanogenys*). Seen several times during the circuit. The coastal form (subspecies) was also seen at Sinsicap on the last day of the trip.

Giant Hummingbird (*Patagona gigas*). We saw this big hummingbird below Sinsicap on the last day of the trip.

Shining Sunbeam (*Aglaeactis cupripennis*). Seen on Abra Barro Negro area and Sinsicap.

Mountain Velvetbreast (*Lafresnaya lafresnayi*). One female at Abra Barro Negro area.

Great Sapphirewing (*Pterophanes cyanopterus*). The ladies saw this bird on a private walk on September 4th. Glimpses on Abra Barro Negro but great views between Celendín and Cajamarca while looking for Cajamarca Antpitta on September 08th.

Bronzy Inca (*Coeligena coeligena*). One bird seen at Kuelap.

Rainbow Starfrontlet (*Coeligena iris*). One at Abra Barro Negro area.

Collared Inca (*Coeligena torquata*). Seen on Abra Patricia and Alto Mayo areas.

Violet-throated Starfrontlet (*Coeligena violifer*). Seen in Leymebamba environs on September 05th.

Chestnut-breasted Coronet (*Boissonneaua matthewsii*). Seen at Abra Barro Negro area on September 06th.

Royal Sunangel (*Heliangelus regalis*). Very good and close views of one male seen on a ridge below Abra Patricia and later another male not so close. **E EN**

Purple-throated Sunangel (*Heliangelus viola*). Seen on various days of the trip.

Emerald-bellied Puffleg (*Eriocnemis alinae*). One male at Abra Patricia on September 2nd.

Green-tailed Trainbearer (*Lesbia nuna*). Seen many times during the trip.

Black-tailed Trainbearer (*Lesbia victoriae*). One seen on the way from Balsas to Celendín on the last stop of the day.

Black Metaltail (*Metallura phoebe*). One male bird spotted at the Gray-bellied Comet canyon. **E**

Tyrian Metaltail (*Metallura tyrianthina*). Seen in Cajamarca surroundings.

Gray-bellied Comet (*Taphrolesia griseiventris*). Short views of a male on Rio Chonta canyon on September 09th after a patient wait on a windy afternoon. **ME EN**

Long-tailed Sylph (*Agelaiocercus kingi*). One seen at Abra Patricia on September 1st.

Marvelous Spatuletail (*Loddigesia mirabilis*). We went to Santo's property with his brother and another enthusiastic young man. They helped us to locate this beautiful hummingbird. We saw males without long tails, females and juveniles at two different (but close) spots in Santo's property. **E EN**

Oasis Hummingbird (*Rhodopsis vesper*). One at Sinsicap.

Purple-collared Woodstar (*Myrtis fanny*). Seen on our first stop on the way to Limon de Porculla.

Short-tailed Woodstar (*Myrmia micrura*). Several of this little bird on a bush north of Olmos and also at Limón on the next day.

Little Woodstar (*Chaetocercus bombus*). One individual seen near "El Chillo".

Golden-headed Quetzal (*Pharomachrus auriceps*). We saw this nice bird on our way down, whilst escaping from the rain, in Alto Mayo on September 1st. Heard again two days later.

Ecuadorian Trogon (*Trogon mesurus*). One female seen in the guan canyon.

Ringed Kingfisher (*Ceryle torquata*). We heard this bird on Utcubamba river near "El Chillo".

Green Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle americana*). First seen on Chamaya river on August 28th and again on a quebrada near Rioja on our way to Moyobamba on September 2nd.

Chestnut-eared Araçari (*Pteroglossus castanotis*). We found this toucan on our stop near Calzada town.

Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucan (*Andigena hypoglauca*). Views of a group of this colourful toucan above Leymebamba on September 3rd.

Speckle-chested Piculet (*Picumnus steindachneri*). One individual seen beside the Utcubamba river near "El Chillo" on September 05th.

Scarlet-backed Woodpecker (*Venilornis callonotus*). Seen at Batan Grande and north of Jaen. **T**

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker (*Piculus rivolii*). One seen in Alto Mayo forests on September 2nd.

Golden-olive Woodpecker (*Piculus rubiginosus*). One seen near Bagua Chica.

Black-necked Woodpecker (*Colaptes atricolis*). First seen along the Utcubamba river on our way to El Tingo on September 4th and again below Abra El Gavilán on our way from Cajamarca to Trujillo. **E**

Spot-breasted Woodpecker (*Colaptes punctigula*). A single individual near Calzada town on September 03th.

Andean Flicker (*Colpates rupicola*). Common in the highlands of Amazonas and Cajamarca. More than ten seen together foraging on the ground between Celendín and Cajamarca.

Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*). Seen at Batan Grande and the Guan canyon.

Crimson-bellied Woodpecker (*Campephilus haematogaster*). One individual on our last stop on the way from Moyobamba to Pomacochas on September 03th.

Streak-headed Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes souleyetti*). Common bird seen at Batan Grande and the Guan canyon.

Slender-billed Miner (*Geositta tenuirostris*). One bird seen between Celendín and Cajamarca on September 09th.

Bar-winged Cinclodes (*Cinclodes fuscus*). Seen between Celendín and Cajamarca and on Chonta river.

Pacific Hornero (*Furnarius cinnamomeus*). This furnarid was a common bird on our coastal days. **T**

Pale-legged Hornero (*Furnarius leucopus*). Seen on the Marañon drainage on August 30th.

Wren-like Rushbird (*Phleocryptes melanops*). One of the first birds of the trip, seen on the first day on the first stop on the marshes near Puerto Etén.

Azara's Spinetail (*Synallaxis azarae*). We saw it on the first day at Abra Patricia and heard it later on two occasions.

Marañon Spinetail (*Synallaxis maranonica*). A bird that is hard to see. We got good responses to the tape but the bird was always difficult to see. We found it near Tamborapa. **M VU**

Necklaced Spinetail (*Synallaxis stictothorax*). Well seen at Batan Grande mesquite forests on our second day of travel. **T**

Chinchipe Spinetail (*Synallaxis chinchipensis*). Found at Tamborapa area and the next day near the three river's union. **M**

Rufous Spinetail (*Synallaxis unirufa*). One poorly seen on Alto Mayo forests on September 2nd.

Russet-bellied Spinetail (*Synallaxis zimmeri*). Three individual seen at Sinsicap on September 12th. A short view of this rare endemic. **E**

Line-cheeked Spinetail (*Cranioleuca antisiensis*). Two individuals seen at Limón de Porculla on August 28th.

Baron's Spinetail (*Cranioleuca baroni*)*. Heard on our first stop leaving Celendín. **E**

Great Spinetail (*Siptornopsis hypocondriacus*). After a short search we saw the first birds that later we recovered with the tape. The birds crossed the trail we were walking and finally we saw them on the opposite side to where we first saw them. It was a big surprise when there turned out to be four of them. This happened near San Marcos on September 10th. **M VU**

Russet-mantled Softail (*Thripophaga berlepschi*)*. We heard this elusive furnarid at a forest patch below Abra Barro Negro on September 7th. **E EN**

Chestnut-backed Thornbird (*Phacellodomus dorsalis*). One very responsive pair seen near Balsas. We saw a kind of fight between two males also at the same spot on September 7th. A big surprise was to find it later at the Great Spinetail spot. **E M VU**

Henna-headed Foliage Gleaner (*Hylocryptus erythrocephala*)*. Heard in guan canyon on August 27th. **T VU**

Common Thornbird (*Phacellodomus peruvianus*). Seen entering its nest near Bagua Chica on August 30th.

Collared Antshrike (*Sakesphorus bernardi*). Seen at Batan Grande and in the guan canyon. **T**

Barred Antshrike (*Thamnophilus doliatus*). One pair near Calzada town on September 03th.

Chapman's Antshrike (*Thamnophilus zarumae*). Great views of this Tumbesian endemic at our first stop on the way to Limon de Porculla on August 28th. **T**

Northern (Marañon) Slaty Antshrike (*Thamnophilus punctatus leucogaster*). One pair seen near Tamborapa calling close to us on August 29th.

Rufous-capped Antshrike (*Thamnophilus ruficapillus*). Good response to the tape of this bird that was seen on the Chido trail on August 31st.

Long-tailed Antbird (*Drymophila caudata*). One pair seen at Abra Patricia at the side of the road on September 1st.

White-shouldered Fire-eye (*Pyriglena leuconota*)*. We heard this elusive bird below Abra Patricia on September first. Was not recognized at the moment it was heard, but was taped and later recognized.

White-browed Antbird (*Myrmoborus leucophrys*)*. Heard at Alto Mayo forest on September 2nd.

Rusty-tinged Antpitta (*Grallaria przewalskii*)*. Heard after playback on a side trail at Abra Patricia on September 2nd. **E**

Chestnut-crowned Antpitta (*Grallaria ruficapilla*)*. Often heard but not seen.

Rufous Antpitta (*Grallaria rufa*)*. The *cajamarcae* race of this species is considered, by some, as Cajamarca Antpitta. We heard it at two different sites between Celendín and Cajamarca but no views of this secretive bird. **E**

Elegant Crescentchest (*Melanopareia elegans*). We saw this species on three occasion: North of Olmos, Guan Canyon and Limón de Porculla. **T**

Marañon Crescentchest (*Melanopareia maranonica*). Nice views of this beautiful bird near Tamborapa. **M**

Blackish Tapaculo (*Scytalopus femoralis*)*. Heard on September 09th.

Unicolored Tapaculo (*Scytalopus unicolor*). We saw it responding to the tape at Sinsicap on September 12th. **E**

Northern Rufous-vented Tapaculo (*Scytalopus femoralis*)*. Heard two days at Abra Patricia area. **E**

Peruvian Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius viridiflavus*). We found this nice Tyrannulet near the “Tanager tree” on September 1st and 3rd. **E**

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma obsoletum*). This tiny bird has been with us most of the trip.

Mouse-colored Tyrannulet (*Phaeomyias murina*). We saw the Marañon subspecies of this bird on August 28th and 29th.

Tumbesian Tyrannulet (*Phaeomyias tumbezana*). Observed in Batan Grande on August 26th. **T**

Gray and White Tyrannulet (*Pseudelaenia leucospodia*). Observed near Túcume on August 24th.and at Batan Grande on August 26th. **T**

Pacific Elaenia (*Myiopagis subplacens*). We found one at the Guan place on August 27th. **T**

White-crested Elaenia (*Elaenia albiceps*). Only one individual seen on August 29th.

Sierran Elaenia (*Elaenia pallatangae*). We saw this common Elaenia at Chido Trail and Abra Patricia.

Small-billed Elaenia (*Elaenia parvirostris*). One individual near Calzada town on September 03th.

Sulphur-bellied Tyrannulet (*Mecocerculus minor*). One bird of this species near Estancia “El Chillo” on September 5th.

White-banded Tyrannulet (*Mecocerculus stictopterus*). We found this species on our pre-breakfast walk near Estancia “El Chillo” on September 5th.

Torrent Tyrannulet (*Sepophaga cinerea*). Common along Utcubamba river and in Chido ravine.

Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant (*Anairetes flavirostris*). We saw this bird on the last two days of the trip.

Black-crested Tit-Tyrant (*Anairetes nigrocristatus*). We found this Tit-Tyrant on the way down to Celendín and beside the Rio Chonta. **N**

Many-colored Rush-Tyrant (*Tachuris rubrigastra*). Seen on our first stop on the first day of the trip.

Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant (*Euscarthmus meloryphus*). This was a common bird of arid scrub, both in the Marañón valley and in coastal areas.

Streak-necked Flycatcher (*Mionectes straticollis*). Two individuals seen at Alto Mayo Forests on September 2nd and 03rd.

Ecuadorian Tyrannulet (*Phylloscartes gualaquizae*). One individual found near the bridge over Aguas Verdes resting in a low branch inside the bushes on September 2nd.

Lulu's Tody-Tyrant (*Poecilatriccus luluae*). After some time looking for this bird we finally found it on September 2nd. We heard it the day before but when we saw it we got great views of a pair of this handsome bird on scrub near the road. **E VU**

Common Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum maculatum*). We encountered with this tiny bird on both sides of the Andes during our trip.

Yellow-olive Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens*). One individual seen in the Frejolillo ravine on the third day of the journey.

Cinnamon Flycatcher (*Pyrrhomyias cinnamomea*). Conspicuous during the days we were in montane forest edges.

Tropical Pewee (*Contopus cinereus*). Found as common in montane forests.

Tumbes Pewee (*Contopus punensis*). We found it in the White-winged Guan site and the day after on our first stop going to Limon de Porculla. **T**

Smoke-colored Pewee (*Contopus fumigatus*). One seen above Leymebamba on September 05th.

Black Phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*). Common along the Utcubamba river. Another was encountered on our day at Sinsicap.

Vermillion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*). A common nice bird that we have seen on 12 of our birding days (including at Túcume).

Maroon-chested Chat-Tyrant (*Ochthoeca thoracica*). We found this small bird on our excursion above Leymebamba.

Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant (*Ochthoeca fumicolor*). One bird between Celendín and Cajamarca on September 8th.

Jelski's Chat-Tyrant (*Ochthoeca jelskii*). We got views of this handsome chat-tyrant on our first stop from Cajamarca to Trujillo.

White-browed Chat-Tyrant (*Ochthoeca leucophrys*). We have encounters on September 07th and 08th.

Piura Chat-Tyrant (*Ochthoeca piura*). One individual was very hard to see at Limón de Porculla but we eventually succeeded. **T**

Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant (*Ochthoeca rufipectoralis*). One well seen at Kuelap.

Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant (*Myiotheretes straticolis*). One bird between Celendín and Cajamarca on September 8th.

Rufous-webbed Tyrant (*Polioxolmis rufipennis*). Two birds seen on September 7th below the pass before Celendín and one bird between Celendín and Cajamarca on September 8th.

Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant (*Agriornis montana*). A few of this species between Celendín and Cajamarca on September 8th.

Plain-capped Ground-Tyrant (*Muscisaxicola alpina*). One seen near the abra before Cajamarca.

Rufous-naped Ground-Tyrant (*Muscisaxicola rufivertex*). One bird seen on our first stop leaving Celendín on September 8th.

White-winged Black-Tyrant (*Knipolegus aterrimus*). First one female above Hacienda Limon on September 07th and two days later a male on the Great Spinetail trail.

Rufous-tailed Tyrant (*Knipolegus poecilurus*). One seen near the Sunangel spot on September 1st.

Long-tailed Tyrant (*Colonia colonus*). One found on the walk we did up road from the bridge over Aguas Verdes on September 2nd.

Tumbes Tyrant (*Tumbezia salvini*). We found this extremely nice bird on our walk along a ravine near Ñaupe, north of Olmos. We had some difficulties to locate the bird but we finally got nice views of this shy Peruvian endemic. [E](#) [T](#)

Short-tailed Field-Tyrant (*Muscigralla brevicauda*). Common on the first three days of the trip.

Cliff Flycatcher (*Hirundinea ferruginea*). Common at Abra Patricia.

Rufous Flycatcher (*Myiarchus semirufus*). One well seen at Batan Grande on the second day of the trip. [E](#) [T](#)

Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*). Two birds in total; one near Calzada Town and the other in Sinsicap.

Brown-crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*). Seen two days in the Jaen and Marañon river areas.

Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*). Common and well heard in Alto Mayo and Moyobamba surroundings.

Social Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes similis*). Common over semi-arid areas near Jaen and Bagua Chica on August 29th and 30th.

Baird's Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes bairdii*). Common in Batan Grande and Quebrada Frejolillo. [T](#)

Streaked Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes maculates*). One of this species seen on September 2nd at Alto Mayo forests.

Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*). Better known as "TK", was very common along the whole trip

Barred Becard (*Pachyramphus versicolor*). Good views of this species at a road corner at Abra Patricia after it responded to the playback on September 2nd.

Red-crested Cotinga (*Ampelion rubrocristatus*)*. Heard at Alto Mayo forests.

Chestnut-crested Cotinga (*Ampelion rufaxilla*) *. Heard at Alto Mayo forests.

Barred Fruiteater (*Pipreola arcuata*). One seen at the very beginning of our birding days at Abra Patricia on September 1st.

Andean Cock-of-the Rock (*Rupicola peruviana*). We first saw this beautiful bird at Alto Mayo in the same spot where we found the Golden-headed Quetzal on September 1st. The next two days we had encounters with this birds that some allege is Peru's National bird.

Peruvian Plantcutter (*Phytotoma raimondii*). We saw several individuals of these bizarre birds, for some considered in the Cotingas family and for some as a part of its own family (Phytotomidae), in Batan Grande forests on the second day of the trip. **E T EN**

Tumbes Swallow (*Tachycineta stolzmanni*). A short downhill walk took us to a site where there is a nest of this species and where we saw a group of this rare swallows passing above our heads at Batan Grande or Pomac forests on the second day of the birding trip. **T**

Gray-breasted Martin (*Progne chalybea*). Several seen during the journey.

Brown-chested Martin (*Progne tapera*). Common on Alto Mayo area.

Blue-and-White Swallow (*Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*). We saw this common swallow on 14 days of the trip.

Brown-bellied Swallow (*Notiochelidon murina*). We found this bird above Leymebamba on September 5th.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*). Another common swallow seen on several days of the trip.

Yellowish Pipit (*Anthus lutescens*). Seen on the first day of the trip at the first stop we did near the marshes of Puerto Etén. This time of the year it was doing a nuptial flight, which consisted of flying high up and descending with open wings and singing at the same time. Later the same morning we saw one feeding it's young, in this case the young was a Shiny Cowbird.

White-capped Dipper (*Cinclus leucocephalus*). At least a couple of these birds on the small river where we birded above Leymebamba. Unfortunately this area was really disturbed by the dynamite for building the road.

Fasciated Wren (*Campylorhynchus fasciatus*). Common on dry coastal and in Marañon areas.

Speckle-breasted Wren (*Thryothorus sclateri*). We found the Marañon race of this bird near Tamborapa on August 29th.

Superciliated Wren (*Thryothorus superciliaris*). Common on the coast particularly near Olmos and Batan Grande. **T**

House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*). Seen many times, and others heard, along the journey.

Mountain Wren (*Troglodytes solstitialis*). Also seen many times.

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henichorhina leucophrys*). We saw this bird an Abra Patricia area while looking for the next bird.

Bar-winged Wood-Wren (*Henichorhina leucoptera*). On our first day (September 1st) looking for it, in the Abra Patricia area, we were unlucky, but the day after completely lucky since we found a very co-operative pair that showed us the wingbars well. **E**

Chestnut-breasted Wren (*Cyphorhinus thoracicus*)*. Heard at the very beginning of our birding days at Abra Patricia on September 1st.

Long-tailed Mockingbird (*Mimus longicaudatus*). A common bird in dry areas.

Andean Solitaire (*Myadestes ralloides*). Surprisingly some of us saw this bird at eye-level near the Sunangel ridge on September 1st. Then we heard it above Leymebamba 4 days later.

Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush (*Catharus fuscater*). Seen on September 2nd while looking for the Ochre-fronted Antpitta.

Chiguanco Thrush (*Turdus chiguanco*). Common on six days of our trip.

Great Thrush (*Turdus fuscater*). Common on eight days of our trip.

Marañon Thrush (*Turdus maranonicus*). First spotted along the Utcubamba river on the way to El Tingo on September 4th. Then seen near El Chillo and in Marañon River area near Balsas. **M**

Black-billed Thrush (*Turdus ignobilis*). Common around Moyobamba and Calzada town.

Plumbeous-backed Thrush (*Turdus reevei*). The day we were at the Guan Canyon it was really numerous. **T**

Marañon Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila minor*). Several birds on the trip of this sure split of the Tropical.

Tropical Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila plumbea*). Common in the Pacific lowlands.

Rufous-collared Sparrow (*Zonotrichia capensis*). Probably the most seen bird of the trip. Present everywhere, from lowlands to highlands, we have had its company on 16 days of the trip.

Tumbes Sparrow (*Aimophila stolzmanni*). We found this species on Ñaupe, north of Olmos town. **T**

Band-tailed Sierra-Finch (*Phrygilus alaudinus*). Seen September 09th in Cajamarca surroundings.

Mourning Sierra-Finch (*Phrygilus fruticeti*). We found this species on the way from Celendín to Cajamarca on September 08th, just before the town of La Encañada.

Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch (*Phrygilus plebejus*). Seen at Limon de Porculla and on Cajamarca highlands.

Peruvian Sierra-Finch (*Phrygilus punensis*). Seen in Cajamarca surroundings. **N**

Cinereous Finch (*Piezorhina cinerea*). Good views in Pomac mesquite forests on August 26th. **T**

Buff-bridled Inca-Finch (*Incaspiza laeta*). We saw this Peruvian endemic first above our campsite at Hornopampa, the day after climbing up the Marañon canyon towards Celendín and later near San Marcos. **EM**

Gray-winged Inca-Finch (*Incaspiza ortizi*). Two individuals seen after responding well to the tape on September 07th above Hacienda Limon on the way between Balsas and Celendín. **EMVU**

Little Inca Finch (*Inca spiza watkinsi*). First seen on Chamaya canyons south of Jaen on August 29th and the day after near Bagua Chica. **E M**

Collared Warbling-Finch (*Poospiza hispaniolensis*). Seen north of Olmos on the road to Ñaupe.

Saffron Finch (*Sicalis flaveola*). Common bird in the pacific lowlands and in the dry Marañon valley.

Greenish Yellow-Finch (*Sicalis olivascens*). Seen on September 11th as we descended from Abra El Gavilán.

Bright-rumped Yellow-Finch (*Sicalis uropygialis*). "Leader's bird". Seen on the way to the Rio Chonta canyon on the day we saw the Gray-bellied Comet.

Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina*). Seen around Bagua Chica on August 30th.

Chestnut-bellied Seedeater (*Sporophila castaneiventris*). Seen near the town of Calzada on September 3rd.

Yellow-bellied Seedeater (*Sporophila nigricollis*). First seen coming back from the Marvelous Spatuletail spot on 31st August. Later a pair seen just outside of Estancia El Chillo just before breakfast.

Dull-colored Grassquit (*Tiaris obscura*). Seen near our campsite in Hornopampa and around Cajamarca city.

Parrot-billed Seedeater (*Sporophila peruviana*). Seen on the first birding day and the next day seen in a big flocks north of Olmos.

Drab Seedeater (*Sporophila simplex*). Seen between Monsefú and Santa Rosa on the first day and also on the fourth day. **T**

Chestnut-throated Seedeater (*Sporophila telasco*). One individual seen near Bagua Chica on August 30th.

Large-billed Seed-Finch (*Oryzoborus crassirostris*). One bird seen at Alto Mayo area on September 2nd.

Variable Seedeater (*Sporophila corvina*). A few seen at Monsefú on August 25th.

Band-tailed Seedeater (*Catamenia analis*). Common throughout the trip.

Plain-colored Seedeater (*Catamenia inornata*). Seen at Abra Barro Negro on September 6th.

Black-capped Sparrow (*Arremon abeillei*). One individual seen in the Guan canyon near Olmos on August 27th. **T**

White-headed Brush-Finch (*Atlapetes albiceps*). Several individuals seen in the Guan canyon near Olmos on August 27th. **T**

White-winged Brush-Finch (*Atlapetes leucopterus*). Seen at Limón de Porculla on August 28th. **T**

Northern Rufous-naped Brush-Finch (*Atlapetes latinucha latinucha*). Common in montane forests in San Martin and Amazonas departments.

Northern Rufous-naped (Baron's) Brush-Finch (*Atlapetes latinucha baroni*). We saw this distinctive subspecies of the before-mentioned species on our day moving from Cajamarca to Trujillo.

Tricolored Brush-Finch (*Atlapetes tricolor*). Seen in Cajamarca highlands on September 7th and 8th.

Bay-crowned Brush-Finch (*Atlapetes seebohmi*). First seen at Limon de Porculla by some of us and later on Sinsicap. **T**

Red-crested (Red-pileated) Finch (*Coryphospingus cucullatus*). Several seen near Tamborapa on August 29th.

Golden-bellied Grosbeak (*Pheucticus chrysogaster*). Very common along the route.

Streaked Saltator (*Saltator albicollis*). We saw two subspecies of this Saltator. The unstreaked one from coastal areas and in the Marañon drainage we saw the streaked *peruvianus*.

Golden-billed Saltator (*Saltator aurantiirostris*). Seen several times.

Grayish Saltator (*Saltator coerulescens*). One individual seen near Calzada town on September 3rd.

Magpie Tanager (*Cissopis leveriana*). Several individuals seen in Alto Mayo forests.

White-capped Tanager (*Sericossypha albocristata*). First heard and later seen on Chido Trail. Well spotted on a tree we were delighted to see this nice bird.

Drab Hemispingus (*Hemsipingus xanthophthalmus*). One individual seen below Abra Barro Negro on September 06th.

Buff-bellied Tanager (*Thypopsis inornata*). First time spotted near Tamborapa, later along the Utcubamba river. [M](#)

White-lined Tanager (*Tachyphonus rufus*). A female seen near Bagua Chica on August 30th and later a male on the road to Calzada from Moyobamba on September 3rd.

Hepatic Tanager (*Piranga flava*). Common over the trip. Seen both on the west and east slopes.

Vermillion Tanager (*Calochaetes coccineus*). One seen on September 3rd in Alto Mayo forests.

Silver-beaked Tanager (*Ramphocelus carbo*). Seen several times during the journey.

Huallaga Tanager (*Ramphocelus melanogaster*). Excellent views of this Peruvian endemic near the "Tanager tree" on September 3rd.

Masked Crimson Tanager (*Ramphocelus nigrogularis*). Found by us on September 2nd in Alto Mayo forests.

Blue and Yellow Tanager (*Thraupis bonariensis*). Common.

Blue-capped Tanager (*Thraupis cyanocephala*). Another common species.

Blue-Gray Tanager (*Thraupis episcopus*). An even more common species than the previous two.

Palm Tanager (*Thraupis palmarum*). Seen on our Alto Mayo days.

Hooded Mountain-Tanager (*Buthraupis montana*). Found while looking for the Russet-mantled Softtail near Abra Barro Negro on September 06th.

Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager (*Anisognathus igniventris*). First seen where we found the Hooded Mountain-Tanager, and later on our first stop leaving Celendín on September 08th.

Yellow-throated Tanager (*Iridosornis analis*). One individual seen at Abra Patricia on September 1st.

Purple-throated Euphonia (*Euphonia chlorotica*). A common Euphonia on the east slope.

Thick-billed Euphonia (*Euphonia laniirostris*). Seen on Quebrada Frejolillo and on the way to Porculla.

Orange-bellied Euphonia (*Euphonia xanthogaster*). Common at Alto Mayo forests on three consecutive days from September 1st.

Golden Tanager (*Tangara arthus*). Seen on the “Tanager tree”.

Burnished-Buff Tanager (*Tangara cayana*). We saw one individual near Calzada town on September 3rd.

Paradise Tanager (*Tangara chilensis*). First we spotted this nice and colourful tanager above the bridge over Aguas Verdes on September 2nd and also the day after.

Blue-necked Tanager (*Tangara cyanicollis*). Many encounters with this tanager in Abra Patricia and Alto Mayo forests.

Bay-headed Tanager (*Tangara gyrola*). Several seen on three consecutive days from September 2nd.

Metallic-green Tanager (*Tangara labradorides*). Seen on the “Tanager tree”.

Beryl-spangled Tanager (*Tangara nigroviridis*). Seen on the “Tanager tree”.

Flame-faced Tanager (*Tangara parzudakii*). Spotted at the start of our birding at Abra Patricia on September 1st.

Green-and-gold Tanager (*Tangara schrankii*). Seen above the bridge over Aguas Verdes on September 2nd.

Blue and Black Tanager (*Tangara vassorii*). Several individuals seen below Abra Patricia on September 1st.

Silver-backed Tanager (*Tangara viridicollis*). Only a female of this tanager seen below Abra Patricia on September 2nd.

Saffron-crowned Tanager (*Tangara xanthocephala*). Seen at the start of our birding at Abra Patricia on September 1st and again on the “Tanager tree”.

Yellow-bellied Tanager (*Tangara xanthogastra*). Seen on the “Tanager tree”.

Black-faced Dacnis (*Dacnis lineata*). Seen on the “Tanager tree”.

White-sided Flower-piercer (*Diglossa albilatera*). Common, found at the Spatuletail site and at Abra Patricia on August 31st and September 1st.

Rusty Flower-piercer (*Diglossa sittoides*). One bird seen at the Centro Mallqui gardens on September 5th.

Black-throated Flower-piercer (*Diglossa brunneiventris*). Repeatedly seen between Pomacochas and Cajamarca.

Masked Flower-piercer (*Diglossa cyanea*). One individual seen on September 6th below Abra Barro Negro.

Moustached Flower-piercer (*Diglossa mystacalis*). One individual seen on September 6th between our first birding stop and Abra Barro Negro.

Swallow-Tanager (*Tersina viridis*). Seen above the bridge over Aguas Verdes on September 2nd.

Tropical Parula (*Parula pitiayumi*). Found at Quebrada Frejolillo and at Abra Patricia.

Masked Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis aequinoctialis*). One bird found above Balsas on the way to Celendín on September 7th.

Spectacled Whitestart (*Myioborus melanocephalus*). Common in several places.

Slate-throated Whitestart (*Myioborus miniatus*). Common in several places.

Russet-crowned Warbler (*Basileuterus coronatus*). Seen below the Spatuletail spot on August 31st and heard the day after.

Gray-and-gold Warbler (*Basileuterus fraseri*). We found this nice warbler after some playback work on our stop before Limon de Porculla on August 28th. **T**

Black-crested Warbler (*Basileuterus nigrocristatus*). First spotted at Limon de Porculla on August 28th and later seen between Cajamarca and Trujillo on September 18th.

Three-banded Warbler (*Basileuterus trifasciatus*). Seen at Limon de Porculla on August 28th and at Sinsicap on our last birding day. **T**

Cinereous Conebill (*Conirostrum cinereum*). Common from Abra Barro Negro and onwards to Cajamarca.

Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*). Seen on seven days of our trip.

Rufous-browed Peppershrike (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*). First heard at Quebrada Frejolillo, then seen twice during the trip.

Brown-capped Vireo (*Vireo leucophrys*). Seen at Abra Patricia on September 2nd.

Red-eyed Vireo (*Vireo olivaceus*). Seen near Tamborapa on August 29th.

Olivaceous Greenlet (*Hylophilus olivaceus*). Two birds seen foraging on the ground on our first stop near Tamborapa on August 29th.

Ashy-headed Greenlet (*Hylophilus pectoralis*). We saw a pair in Alto Mayo forests on September 2nd.

White-edged Oriole (*Icterus graceannae*). Several seen at Bosque de Pomac and at the Guan canyon. **T**

Yellow-tailed Oriole (*Icterus mesomelas*). Several birds seen around Bagua Chica on August 30th.

Russet-backed Oropendola (*Psarocolius angustifrons*). Several birds seen on our Alto Mayo and Abra Patricia days.

Yellow-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus cela*). Several birds seen on our Alto Mayo and Abra Patricia days.

Solitary Cacique (*Cacicus solitarius*). We saw one individual near Calzada town on September 3rd.

Subtropical Cacique (*Cacicus uropygialis*). Several birds seen on our Alto Mayo and Abra Patricia days.

Peruvian Meadowlark (*Sturnella bellicosa*). Common throughout the trip.

Scrub Blackbird (*Dives warszewiczi*). Also very common on our birding days on both slopes.

Shiny Cowbird (*Molothrus bonariensis*). Seen on the coast only on the two first and two last days of the trip. The group saw a big flock of Shiny Cowbirds on its trip to Túcume.

Hooded Siskin (*Carduelis magallenica*). Seen on Quebrada Frejolillo and later on scrub between Leymebamba and Cajamarca. Some of us saw it at Hotel Puerto Pumas at Pomacochas on August 31st.

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*). First seen in Illimo, when we reached the road from Bosque de Pomac on August 26th and later on September 11th near Trujillo.

White-collared Jay (*Cyanolyca viridicyana*)*. Heard on Alto Mayo on September 2nd.

White-tailed Jay (*Cyanocorax mystacalis*). Judith and Pete saw three at Túcume on August 24th. A pair seen at Batan Grande on August 26th. **T**

Inca (Green) Jay (*Cyanacorax yncas*). Several seen in different sites along the trip and the last bird of our trip. Thanks!!!!!!!!!!!!



Great view of three Peruvian Screech-Owls on the Utcubamba river. Photo by Richard Munns