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TOUR REPORT
COLOMBIA IV: BOGOTA, THE MAGDALENA VALLEY
AND THE SANTA MARTA REGION
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Our group dismounted from horseback and, in predawn darkness, moved slowly through wet, shoulder-high grass, making our way up a steep slope studded with slippery boulders hidden beneath the grass. By the time we assembled, close to the forest, we were breathing heavily and soaking wet from the waist down. We stood in silence for more than ten minutes as morning mist and fog swirled around us, at times almost completely enveloping the dark vine-draped forest in front of us. Not a sound issued from the woodland, although earlier, on horseback, we had heard the diagnostic song—three high, insistent, drawn-out notes, the last one shorter. It was the song of the fabled Recurve-billed Bushbird, one of the least-known of all antbirds and known only from a small area in northern Colombia and adjacent Venezuela.

The fog began to dissipate and the outline of forest vegetation became more visible. Still we waited. Suddenly, without warning, we heard the song again—this time immediately in front of us, at the edge of the forest. Eyes strained in the dim light. Then Luis, our Colombian guide, said, “I got it.” People began to move and I admonished the group to remain still and quiet. Then slowly, one by one, each person inched downslope, closer to Luis and his green laser, which focused the search. Within a minute or two everyone had clear views of one of the most elusive of all antbirds. Someone suppressed a gasp, “Look at that enormous upturned bill.” The huge, distinctive, upturned shape of the male’s bill was indeed clearly visible as he sang, now in full view, from a horizontal perch about 12 feet up. Then the female appeared to his left, partly obscured, and began foraging, using telltale upward slicing movements of her bladelike bill to neatly split the soft stem of a *Heliconia*. Here, in the span of a few minutes, we had not only seen this remarkable bird, but witnessed its unusual foraging behavior, surely one of nature’s more unusual avian feeding adaptations.

Later, in cloud forest far above, we located Colombia’s other endemic or near-endemic birds, among them Black Inca, a species once believed extinct; a pair of rare Parker’s Antbirds named in honor of former VENT colleague Ted Parker; and a shy Upper Magdalena Tapaculo. Further up the slippery rock path a White-bellied Antpitta scampered across the trail, and higher still a pair of rare Yellow-breasted Spadebills sat in full view. Luis’ sharp ears caught the high notes of a Moustached Puffbird and we soon located it high in the forest; after lunch we discovered its nest burrow beside the trail. Despite the amazing birdlife of the day, many participants remarked that one of the true highlights was simply the horse ride encompassing beautiful mountains, cloud-filled valleys, and the excitement and anticipation of the forest and its birds.

This year marks VENT’s return to Colombia after a 23-year absence and represents an almost complete reversal of fortunes for a country once mired in violence so widespread that travel within the interior of the country was not possible. But what a difference a decade or two can make. Colombia is now a country largely at peace with itself and yearning for normalcy. Did I see changes in our more

than two-decade absence? Of course, but good habitat remains in several national parks, and private help has been forthcoming in the past decade, especially through ProAves, a Colombian conservation organization that has been, for ten years now, purchasing tiny parcels of forest that harbor remnant populations of endemics or rare species. We visited three of these sites—all with overnight lodging. In each case access is time consuming, but the sites provide a spectacular introduction to birds of the Bogotá region, middle Magdalena Valley, and Santa Marta area of Colombia, and our route is designed to highlight numerous endemic species of these regions.

Colombia, at present, is a trip for adventurous birders and naturalists who are willing to accept some rough spots (especially the roads) along their route. Colombia is more than a birding trip; it is a beautiful country full of green mountains, breathtaking valleys filled with clouds, a dynamic population, and a growing awareness of environmental issues and a determination to address them. Logistics are complicated—including buses, boats, horses, four-wheel drive vehicles, and occasionally even motorcycles to move our group and luggage. Some bus trips are long, in part because of poor roads. Colombia also has almost no history of ecotourism and lags behind its neighbors in its offering of sites and facilities. However, the future looks bright for ecotourism. In a few years we may say, “You should have seen it back in the good old days.” Watch our web site and catalog for an additional new Colombia itinerary—featuring the Central Andean Cordillera—next year.

Hd = heard (also preceded by (*))

boldface and underlined = endemic

boldface = rare or of interest, including near-endemics

Bird List: subspecies are provided for a select few species for which there are known taxonomic issues. For additional information and comments interested persons are encouraged to visit the SACC web page (South American Checklist Committee); and the ProAves web site http://www.proaves.org/rubrique.php?id_rubrique=372 and click on the Lista de Aves de Colombia to view or download the entire checklist (current to 2008) which lists all known subspecies in Colombia and the approximate areas where each is found.

TINAMIDAE	
*Little Tinamou	<i>Crypturellus soui</i>
ANHIMIDAE	
Northern Screamer	<i>Chauna chavaria</i>
ANATIDAE	
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>
Andean Teal	<i>Anas andium</i>
Blue-winged Teal	<i>Anas discors</i>
CRACIDAE	
*Rufous-vented Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis ruficauda</i>
<u>Colombian Chachalaca</u>	<u><i>Ortalis columbiana</i></u>
Andean Guan	<i>Penelope montagnii</i>
PHASIANIDAE	

Crested Bobwhite	<i>Colinus cristatus</i>
Black-fronted Wood-Quail	<i>Odontophorus atrifrons</i> (near endemic)
*Gorgeted Wood-Quail	<i>Odontophorus strophium</i>
PODICIPEDIDAE	
Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>
PELICANIDAE	
Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>
PHALACROCORACIDAE	
Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>
FREGATIDAE	
Magnificent Frigatebird	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>
ARDEIDAE	
Rufescent Tiger-Heron	<i>Tigrisoma lineatum</i>
Cocoi Heron	<i>Ardea cocoi</i>
Great Egret	<i>Ardea albus</i>
Reddish Egret	<i>Egretta rufescens</i>
Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>
Capped Heron	<i>Pilherodius pileatus</i>
Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
THRESKIORNITHIDAE	
White Ibis	<i>Eudocimus albus</i>
Bare-faced (Whispering Ibis)	<i>Phimosus infuscatus</i>
Roseate Spoonbill	<i>Platalea ajaja</i>
CICONIDAE	
Wood Stork	<i>Mycteria americana</i>
CATHARTIDAE	
Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>
Lesser Yellow-headed vulture	<i>Cathartes burrovianus</i>
King Vulture	<i>Sarcoramphus papa</i>
ACCIPITRIDAE	
Swallow-tailed Kite	<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>
Pearl Kite	<i>Gampsonyx swainsonii</i>
White-tailed Kite	<i>Elanus leucurus</i>
Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle	<i>Geranoaetus melanoleucus</i>
Crane Hawk	<i>Geranospiza caerulescens</i>

Common Black-Hawk	<i>Buteogallus anthracinus</i>
Savanna Hawk	<i>Buteogallus meridionalis</i>
Roadside Hawk	<i>Buteo magnirostris</i>
*Black Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus tyrannus</i>
FALCONIDAE	
*Barred Forest-Falcon	<i>Micrastur ruficollis</i>
*Collared Forest-Falcon	<i>Micrastur semitorquatus</i>
Northern (Crested) Caracara	<i>Caracara cheriway cheriway</i>
Yellow-headed Caracara	<i>Milvago chimachima</i>
Laughing Falcon	<i>Herpetotheres cachinnans</i>
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>
Aplomado Falcon	<i>Falco femoralis</i>
RALLIDAE	
*White-throated Crake	<i>Laterallus albigularis</i>
<u>Bogotá Rail</u>	<u>Rallus semiplumbeus</u>
*Gray-necked Wood-Rail	<i>Aramides cajanea</i>
Purple Gallinule	<i>Porphyryla martinica</i>
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
Spot-flanked Gallinule	<i>Gallinula melanops</i>
American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>
ARAMIDIDAE	
Limpkin	<i>Aramus guarauna</i>
CHARADRIIDAE	
Southern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus chilensis</i>
Wilson's Plover	<i>Charadrius wilsonia</i>
RECURVIROSTRIDAE	
Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>
JACANIDAE	
Wattled Jacana	<i>Jacana jacana melanopygia</i>
SCOLOPACIDAE	
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
LARIDAE	
Laughing Gull	<i>Larus (Leucophaeus) atricilla</i>
Least or Yellow-billed tern	<i>Sternula (antillarum or superciliaris)</i>
Large-billed Tern	<i>Phaetusa simplex</i>
Royal Tern	<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>
Black Skimmer	<i>Rynchops niger</i>
COLUMBIDAE	

Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>
Scaled Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas speciosa</i>
Bare-eyed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas corensis</i>
Band-tailed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>
Pale-vented Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas cayennensis</i>
*Plumbeous Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas plumbea</i>
*Ruddy Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas subvinacea</i>
Eared Dove	<i>Zenaida auriculata</i>
Common Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina passerina</i>
Ruddy Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>
Scaled Dove	<i>Columbina squammata</i>
White-tipped Dove	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>
*Tolima Dove	<i>Leptotila conoveri</i>
Lined Quail-Dove	<i>Geotrygon linearis</i>
PSITTACIDAE	
<u>Santa Marta Parakeet</u>	<u><i>Pyrrhura viridicata</i></u>
Scarlet-fronted Parakeet	<i>Aratinga wagleri</i>
Brown-throated Parakeet	<i>Aratinga pertinax</i>
Chestnut-fronted Macaw	<i>Ara severa</i>
Green-rumped Parrotlet	<i>Forpus passerinus</i>
Spectacled Parrotlet	<i>Forpus conspicillatus</i> (near endemic)
Orange-chinned Parakeet	<i>Brotogeris jugularis</i>
Blue-headed Parrot	<i>Pionus menstruus</i>
Red-billed Parrot	<i>Pionus sordidus</i>
[Red-lore Parrot	<i>Amazona autumnalis</i>
Yellow-crowned Parrot	<i>Amazona ochrocephala</i>
Orange-winged Parrot	<i>Amazona amazonica</i>
Scaly-naped Parrot	<i>Amazona mercenaria</i>
CUCULIDAE	
Squirrel Cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana</i>
Dwarf Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus pumilus</i>
Striped Cuckoo	<i>Tapera naevia</i>
Greater Ani	<i>Crotophaga major</i>
Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>
Groove-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga sulcirostris</i>
STRIGIDAE	
*Tropical Screech Owl	<i>Megascops choliba</i>
*Santa Marta Screech-Owl	<i>Megascops (giles)</i> new species
*Crested Owl	<i>Lophotrix cristata</i>
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl	<i>Glaucidium brasilianum</i>
*Mottled Owl	<i>Ciccaba (Strix) virgata</i>
CAPRIMULGIDAE	
Pauraque	<i>Nyctidromus albicollis</i>

APODIDAE	
Chestnut-collared Swift	<i>Streptoprocne rutila</i>
White-collared Swift	<i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>
{ Gray-rumped Swift	<i>Chaetura cinereiventris</i>
Short-tailed Swift	<i>Chaetura brachyura</i>
White-tipped Swift	<i>Aeronautes montivagus</i>
TROCHILIDAE	
Rufous-breasted Hermit	<i>Glaucis hirsute</i>
Green Hermit	<i>Phaethornis guy</i>
Long-billed Hermit	<i>Phaethornis longirostris</i>
Stripe-throated Hermit	<i>Phaethornis striigularis</i>
White-necked Jacobin	<i>Florisuga mellivora</i>
Green Violetear	<i>Colibri thalassinus</i>
Sparkling Violetear	<i>Colibri coruscans</i>
Black-throated Mango	<i>Anthracothorax nigricollis</i>
mango sp	<i>Anthracothorax sp</i>
Blue-tailed Emerald	<i>Chlorostilbon mellisugus</i>
Red-billed Emerald	<i>Chlorostilbon gibsoni</i>
Violet-crowned Woodnymph	<i>Thalurania colombica</i>
Shining-green Hummingbird	<i>Lepidopyga goudoti</i>
Buffy Hummingbird	<i>Leucippus fallax</i>
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia tzacatl</i>
Andean Emerald	<i>Amazilia franciae</i>
Blue-chested Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia amabilis</i>
<u>Indigo-capped Hummingbird</u>	<u>Amazilia cyanifrons</u>
White-vented Plumeleteer	<i>Chalybura buffonii</i>
Speckled Hummingbird	<i>Adelomyia melanogenys</i>
<u>Black Inca</u>	<u>Coeligena prunellei</u>
<u>White-tailed Starfrontlet</u>	<u>Coeligena phalatera</u>
<u>Blue-throated Starfrontlet</u>	<u>Coeligena helianthea</u>
Great Sapphirewing	<i>Pterophanes cyanopterus</i>
Amethyst-throated Sunangel	<i>Helianthus amethysticollis clarisse</i>
Booted Racket-tail	<i>Ocreatus underwoodii</i>
Tyrian Metaltail	<i>Metallura tyrianthina</i>
Bronze-tailed Thornbill	<i>Chaetocercus heteropogon</i>
Long-tailed Sylph	<i>Agelaiocercus kingi</i>
TROGONIDAE	
(Western) White-tailed Trogon	<i>Trogon (chionurus) viridis</i>
(Northern) Violaceous Trogon	<i>Trogon (caligatus) violaceus</i>
Masked Trogon	<i>Trogon personatus</i>
Black-tailed Trogon	<i>Trogon melanurus</i>
*White-tipped Quetzal	<i>Pharomachrus fulgidus</i>
MOMOTIDAE	

*Rufous Motmot	<i>Baryphthengus martii</i>
Blue-crowned Motmot	<i>Momotus momota</i>
Highland Motmot	<i>Momotus aequatorialis</i>
ALCEDINIDAE	
Ringed Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle torquata</i>
Amazon Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle amazona</i>
Green Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle americana</i>
BUCCONIDAE	
Black-breasted Puffbird	<i>Notharchus pectoralis</i>
Barred Puffbird	<i>Nystalus radiatus</i>
Russet-throated Puffbird	<i>Hypnelus ruficollis</i>
Moustached Puffbird	<i>Malacoptila mystacalis</i>
White-fronted Nunbird	<i>Monasa albifrons</i>
GALBULIDAE	
Rufous-tailed Jacamar	<i>Galbula ruficauda</i>
CAPITONIDAE	
<u>White-mantled Barbet</u>	<u>Capito hypoleucus</u>
RAMPHASTIDAE	
Emerald (Andean; Santa Marta) Toucanet	<i>Aulacorhynchus albivitta (lautus)</i>
Yellow-billed Toucanet	<i>Aulacorhynchus (sulcatus) calorhynchus</i>
Collared Araçari	<i>Pteroglossus torquatus</i>
Keel-billed Toucan	<i>Ramphastos sulfuratus</i>
Channel-billed (Citron-throated) Toucan	<i>Ramphastos vitellinus (citreaeolus)</i>
Chestnut-mandibled Toucan	<i>Ramphastos swainsonii abbreviatus</i>
PICIDAE	
Olivaceous Piculet	<i>Picumnus olivaceus</i>
Chestnut Piculet	<i>Picumnus cinnamomeus</i>
<u>Beautiful Woodpecker</u>	<u>Melanerpes pulcher (E)</u>
Red-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes rubricapillus</i>
*Smoky-browed Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes fumigatus</i>
Red-rumped Woodpecker	<i>Veniliornis kirkii</i>
Golden-olive Woodpecker	<i>Piculus rubiginosus</i>
Crimson-mantled Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes rivolii</i>
Spot-breasted Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes punctigula</i>
Cinnamon Woodpecker	<i>Celeus loricatus</i>
Crimson-crested Woodpecker	<i>Campephilus melanoleucos</i>
FURNARIIDAE	
Pale-legged Hornero (Caribbean)	<i>Furnarius (longirostris) leucopus</i>

White-chinned Thistletail	<i>Schizoeaca fuliginosa</i>
Silvery-throated Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis subpudica</i> (E)
Azara's Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis azarae</i>
Pale-breasted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis albescens</i>
Rusty-headed Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis fuscorufa</i> (E)
White-whiskered Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis candei</i>
Stripe-breasted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis cinnamomea</i>
White-browed Spinetail	<i>Hellmayrea cinnamomea</i>
Streak-capped Spinetail	<i>Cranioleuca hellmayri</i> (E)
Ash-browed Spinetail	<i>Cranioleuca curtata</i>
Yellow-chinned Spinetail	<i>Certhiaxis cinnamomea</i>
Pearled Treerunner	<i>Margarornis squamiger</i>
Montane Foliage-gleaner	<i>Anabacerthia striaticollis</i>
Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner	<i>Automolus ochrolaemus</i>
Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner	<i>Automolus rufipectus</i> (E) split from <i>A. rubiginosus</i>
Plain Xenops	<i>Xenops minutus</i>
Plain-brown Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocincla fuliginosa</i>
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Glyphorhynchus spirurus</i>
Strong-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus</i>
Straight-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus picus</i>
Cocoa Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus susurrans</i>
*Black-striped Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus lachrymosus</i>
Montane Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger</i>
Streak-headed Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes souleyetii</i>
THAMNOPHILIDAE	
*Great Antshrike	<i>Taraba major</i>
Black-crested Antshrike	<i>Sakesphorus canadensis phainoleucus</i>
Black-backed Antshrike	<i>Sakesphorus melanonotus</i>
Barred Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus doliatus</i>
Bar-crested Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus multistriatus</i> (near endemic)
Black Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus nigriceps</i> (near endemic)
*Uniform Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus unicolor</i>
Western Slaty-Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus atrinucha</i>
Recurve-billed Bushbird	<i>Clytoctantes alixii</i>
Pacific Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula pacifica</i>
(Northern) White-fringed Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula grisea honda</i> and <i>intermedia</i>
Long-tailed Antbird	<i>Drymophila caudata</i>
Parker's Antbird	<i>Cercomacra parker</i> (E)
Jet Antbird	<i>Cercomacra nigricans</i>
Bare-crowned Antbird	<i>Gymnocichla nudiceps</i>
White-bellied Antbird	<i>Myrmeciza longipes</i>
Chestnut-backed Antbird	<i>Myrmeciza exsul</i>
*Immaculate Antbird	<i>Myrmeciza immaculata</i>

FORMICARIIDAE	
Santa Marta Antpitta	<i>Grallaria bangsi</i> (E)
*Chestnut-crowned Antpitta	<i>Grallaria ruficapilla</i>
Santa Marta Rufous Antpitta (E)	<i>Grallaria (rufula) spatiator</i>
*Rufous Antpitta	<i>Grallaria rufula</i>
White-bellied Antpitta	<i>Grallaria hypoleuca</i>
Rusty-breasted Antpitta	<i>Grallaria f. ferrugineipectus</i>
RHINOCRYPTIDAE	
*White-crowned Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus atratus</i>
Santa Marta Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus sanctaemartae</i> (E)
*Long-tailed Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus micropterus</i>
Upper Magdalena Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus rodriguez</i> (E)
* Brown-rumped Tapaculo	* <i>Scytalopus latebricola</i> (E)
* Matorral Tapaculo	* <i>Scytalopus griseicollis</i> (E)
TYRANNIDAE	
*Brown-capped Tyrannulet	<i>Ornithion brunneicapillus</i>
Southern Beardless Tyrannulet	<i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i>
White-banded Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus stictopterus</i>
White-throated Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus leucophrys</i>
*Mouse-colored Tyrannulet	<i>Phaeomyias murina</i>
Yellow Tyrannulet	<i>Capsiempis flaveola</i>
Subtropical Doradito	<i>Pseudocolopteryx acutipennis</i>
Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet	<i>Tyrannulus elatus</i>
*Forest Elaenia	<i>Myiopagis gaimardii</i>
Yellow-bellied Elaenia	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>
Mountain Elaenia	<i>Elaenia frantzii</i>
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes oleagineus</i>
Sepia-capped Flycatcher	<i>Leptopogon amaurocephalus</i>
Slaty-capped Flycatcher	<i>Leptopogon superciliaris</i>
Sooty-headed Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias griseiceps</i>
Black-capped Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias nigrocapillus</i>
Venezuelan Tyrannulet	<i>Zimmerius improbus petersi</i>
Golden-faced Tyrannulet	<i>Zimmerius chrysops</i>
Northern Scrub Flycatcher	<i>Sublegatus arenarum</i>
Slender-billed Inezia	<i>Inezia tenuirostris</i>
Ornate Flycatcher	<i>Myiotriccus ornatus</i>
Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Lophotriccus pileatus</i>
Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Atalotriccus pilaris</i>
*Southern Bentbill	<i>Oncostoma olivaceum</i>
Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant	<i>Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer</i>
Slate-headed Tody-Tyrant	<i>Todirostrum sylvia</i>
Common Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>
Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum nigriceps</i>
Yellow-olive Flycatcher	<i>Tolmomyias sulphurescens</i>

Yellow-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Tolmomyias flaviventris</i>
Yellow-throated Spadebill	<i>Platyrinchus flavigularis</i>
Cinnamon Flycatcher	<i>Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus</i>
Black-billed Flycatcher	<i>Aphanotriccus audax</i> (near endemic)
*Smoke-colored Pewee	<i>Contopus fumigatus</i>
Vermilion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>
Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant	<i>Myiotheretes striaticollis</i>
Pied Water-Tyrant	<i>Fluvicola pica</i>
White-headed Marsh-Tyrant	<i>Arundinicola leucocephala</i>
Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca fumicolor</i>
Cattle Tyrant	<i>Machetornis rixosa</i>
*Bright-rumped Attila	<i>Attila spadiceus</i>
Dusky-capped Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>
Panama Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus panamensis</i>
Brown-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i>
Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>
Lesser Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus lictor</i>
Boat-billed Flycatcher	<i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>
Rusty-margined Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes cayanensis</i>
Social Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>
Golden-crowned Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes chrysocephalus</i>
Streaked Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>
Piratic Flycatcher	<i>Legatus leucophaeus</i>
Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>
Gray Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus dominicensis</i>
Fork-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannus savanna</i>
COTINGIDAE	
Red-crested Cotinga	<i>Ampelion rubrocristatus</i>
Golden-breasted Fruiteater	<i>Pipreola aureopectus</i>
*Rufous Piha	<i>Lipaugus unirufus</i>
Purple-throated Fruitcrow	<i>Querula purpurata</i>
PIPRIDAE	
Golden-winged Manakin	<i>Masius chrysopterus</i>
Striped Manakin	<i>Machaeropterus regulus</i>
White-bearded Manakin	<i>Manacus manacus</i>
Golden-headed Manakin	<i>Pipra erythrocephala</i>
TITYRAS AND ALLIES	
Masked Tityra	<i>Tityra semifasciata</i>
Black-crowned Tityra	<i>Tityra inquisitor</i>
*Thrush-like Schiffornis	<i>Schiffornis turdina</i>
*Barred Becard	<i>Pachyramphus versicolor</i>
Cinereous Becard	<i>Pachyramphus rufus</i>
Cinnamon Becard	<i>Pachyramphus cinnamomeus</i>

TYRANNI (Incerta Sedis)	
Wing-barred Piprites	<i>Piprites chloris</i>
VIREONIDAE	
*Brown-capped Vireo	<i>Vireo leucophrys</i>
Red-eyed (Chivi) Vireo	<i>Vireo (chivi) olivaceus</i>
Rufous-naped Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus semibrunneus</i> (near endemic)
Scrub Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus flavipes</i>
Rufous-browed Peppershrike	<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>
CORVIDAE	
Black-chested Jay	<i>Cyanocorax affinis</i>
Green (Inca) Jay	<i>Cyanocorax yncas</i>
Black-collared Jay	<i>Cyanocorax armillata</i>
HIRUNDINIDAE	
Blue-and-white Swallow	<i>Notiochelidon cyanoleuca</i>
Brown-bellied Swallow	<i>Notiochelidon murina</i>
White-thighed Swallow	<i>Atticora tibialis</i>
Southern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>
Gray-breasted Martin	<i>Progne chalybea</i>
White-winged Swallow	<i>Tachycineta albiventer</i>
TROGLODYTIDAE	
Band-backed Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus zonatus</i>
Bicolored Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus griseus</i>
Rufous Wren	<i>Cinnycerthia unirufa</i>
Black-bellied Wren	<i>Thryothorus fasciatoventris</i>
Whiskered Wren	<i>Thryothorus mystacalis</i>
Rufous-breasted Wren	<i>Thryothorus rutilus</i>
Rufous-and-white Wren	<i>Thryothorus rufalbus</i>
Buff-breasted Wren	<i>Thryothorus leucotis</i>
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>
*Mountain Wren	<i>Troglodytes solstitialis</i>
Apolinar's Marsh Wren	<i>Cistothorus apolinari</i> (E)
White-breasted Wood-Wren	<i>Henicorhina leucosticte</i>
Grey-breasted Wood-Wren	<i>Henicorhina leucophrys</i>
Scaly-breasted Wren	<i>Microcerculus marginatus taeniatus</i>
CINCLIDAE	
White-capped Dipper	<i>Cinclus leucocephalus</i>
POLIOPTIDAE	
Long-billed Gnatwren	<i>Ramphocaenus melanurus</i>
Tropical Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila plumbea</i>
TURDIDAE	

*Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush	<i>Catharus fuscater</i>
Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush	<i>Catharus aurantiirostris</i>
Yellow-legged Thrush	<i>Platycichla flaviceps</i>
Great Thrush	<i>Turdus fuscater</i>
Black-hooded Thrush	<i>Turdus olivater</i>
Pale-breasted Thrush	<i>Turdus leucomelas</i>
Black-billed Thrush	<i>Turdus ignobilis</i>
MIMIDAE	
Tropical Mockingbird	<i>Mimus gilvus</i>
PARULIDAE	
Tropical Parula	<i>Parula pitiayumi</i>
*Masked Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis aequinoctialis</i>
Slate-throated Whitestart	<i>Myioborus miniatus</i>
Golden-fronted Whitestart	<i>Myioborus ornatus</i> (near endemic)
<u>Yellow-crowned Whitestart</u>	<u>Myioborus flavivertex</u> (E)
Black-crested Warbler	<i>Basileuterus nigrocristatus</i>
Gray-throated Warbler	<i>Basileuterus cinereicollis</i>
<u>White-lored Warbler</u>	<u>Basileuterus conspicillatus</u> (E)
Rufous-capped Warbler	<i>Basileuterus rufifrons</i>
Three-striped Warbler	<i>Basileuterus tristriatus</i>
Buff-rumped Warbler	<i>Basileuterus fulvicauda</i>
COEREBIDAE	
Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaveola</i>
THRAUPIDAE	
Superciliaried Hemispingus	<i>Hemispingus superciliaris</i>
Gray-hooded Bush-Tanager	<i>Cnemoscopus rubrirostris</i>
White-eared Conebill	<i>Conirostrum leucogenys</i>
Rufous-browed Conebill	<i>Conirostrum rufum</i> (near endemic)
Blue-backed Conebill	<i>Conirostrum sitticolor</i>
Capped Conebill	<i>Conirostrum albifrons</i>
Ashy-throated Bush-Tanager	<i>Chlorospingus canigularis</i>
Yellow-backed Tanager	<i>Hemithraupis flavicollis</i>
Rosy Thrush-Tanager	<i>Rhodinocichla rosea</i>
Grey-headed Tanager	<i>Eucometis penicillata</i>
White-lined Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus rufus</i>
<u>Sooty Ant-Tanager</u>	<u>Habia gutturalis</u> (E)
Highland Hepatic-Tanager	<i>Piranga (flava) lutea</i>
Crimson-backed Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus dimidiatus</i>
Flame-rumped (Lemon-rumped) Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus (icteronotus) flammigerus</i>
Blue-gray Tanager	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>
Glaucous Tanager	<i>Thraupis glaucocolpa</i>
Blue-capped Tanager	<i>Thraupis cyanocephala</i>

Palm Tanager	<i>Thraupis palmarum</i>
<u>Santa Marta (Black-cheeked) Mountain-Tanager</u>	<i>Anisognathus melanogenys</i> (E)
Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager	<i>Anisognathus igniventris</i>
Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager	<i>Anisognathus somptuosus</i>
*Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager	<i>Dubusia taeniata</i>
Plain-colored Tanager	<i>Tangara inornata</i>
Golden Tanager	<i>Tangara arthus</i>
Bay-headed Tanager	<i>Tangara gyrola</i>
Scrub Tanager	<i>Tangara vitriolina</i>
<u>Metallic-green Tanager</u>	<i>Tangara labradorides</i>
Blue-necked Tanager	<i>Tangara cyanicollis</i>
Golden-hooded Tanager	<i>Tangara larvata</i>
Beryl-spangled Tanager	<i>Tangara nigroviridis</i>
Black-capped Tanager	<i>Tangara heinei</i>
Black-headed Tanager	<i>Tangara cyanoptera</i>
<u>Turquoise Dacnis</u>	<i>Dacnis hartlaubi</i> (E)
Black-faced (Yellow-tufted) Dacnis	<i>Dacnis (egregia) lineata</i>
Blue Dacnis	<i>Dacnis cayana</i>
Green Honeycreeper	<i>Chlorophanes spiza</i>
Swallow Tanager	<i>Tersina viridis</i>
EMBERIZIDAE	
Plumbeous Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus unicolor</i>
Blue-black Grassquit	<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>
Grey Seedeater	<i>Sporophila intermedia</i>
Yellow-bellied Seedeater	<i>Sporophila nigricollis</i>
Ruddy-breasted Seedeater	<i>Sporophila minuta</i>
Thick-billed Seed -Finch	<i>Oryzoborus funereus ochrogyne</i>
Band-tailed Seedeater	<i>Catamenia analis</i>
Yellow-faced Grassquit	<i>Tiaris olivaceus</i>
Black-faced Grassquit	<i>Tiaris bicolor</i>
Rusty Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa sittoides</i>
White-sided Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa albilatera</i>
Glossy Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa lafresnayii</i>
Black Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa humeralis</i>
Bluish Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa caerulescens</i>
Saffron Finch	<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>
White-naped (Yellow-throated) Brush-Finch	<i>Atlapetes (gutturalis) albinucha</i>
<u>Santa Marta Brush-Finch</u>	<i>Atlapetes melanocephalus</i> (E)
<u>Yellow-headed Brush-Finch</u>	<i>Atlapetes flaviceps</i> (E)
Pileated Finch	<i>Coryphospingus pileatus</i>
Stripe-headed Brush-Finch	<i>Atlapetes torquatus</i>
Golden-winged Sparrow	<i>Arremon schlegeli</i>
Black-striped Sparrow	<i>Arremonops conirostris</i>
Grassland Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus humeralis</i>

Rufous-collared Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>
CARDINALIDAE	
Streaked Saltator	<i>Saltator striatipectus</i>
Grayish Saltator	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>
Buff-throated Saltator	<i>Saltator maximus</i>
Slaty Grosbeak (Saltator)	<i>Pitiless (Saltator) grossus</i>
Black-winged Saltator	<i>Saltator atripennis</i>
Orinocan Saltator	<i>Saltator orenocensis</i>
Vermillion Cardinal	<i>Cardinalis phoeniceus</i>
ICTERIDAE	
Red-breasted Blackbird	<i>Sturnella militaris</i>
Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>
Great-tailed Grackle	<i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>
Carib Grackle	<i>Quiscalus lugubris</i>
Yellow-hooded Blackbird	<i>Chrysomus icterocephalus</i>
Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>
Giant Cowbird	<i>Molothrus oryzivorus</i>
Yellow-backed Oriole	<i>Icterus chrysater</i>
Yellow Oriole	<i>Icterus nigrogularis</i>
Orange-crowned Oriole	<i>Icterus auricapillus</i>
Mountain Cacique	<i>Cacicus chrysonotus leucoramphus</i>
Russet-backed Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius angustifrons</i>
Crested Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius decumanus</i>
FRINGILLIDAE	
Trinidad Euphonia	<i>Euphonia trinitatis</i>
<u>Velvet-fronted Euphonia</u>	<u><i>Euphonia concinnity</i></u> (E)
IzebuthThick-billed Euphonia	<i>Euphonia laniirostris</i>
Fulvous-vented Euphonia	<i>Euphonia fulvicrissa</i>
Blue-naped Chlorophonia	<i>Chlorophonia cyanea</i>
Andean Siskin	<i>Carduelis spinescens</i>
Lesser Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis psaltria</i>

[26 endemics seen; 5 additional endemics recorded by voice; 12 near-endemic species (at a minimum) were seen that occur only slightly beyond Colombian boundary; total of 43 endemic/near-endemic species; plus numerous endemic subspecies, some of which are likely to be elevated to species level in the future]

MAMMAL LIST:

White-tailed Deer	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>
Dwarf Squirrel?	<i>Microsciurus sp?</i> (we are unsure of identity of a very small squirrel in canopy forest near Pto. Pinzon)

Neotropical Red-tailed Squirrel	<i>Sciurus granatensis</i> (including the beautiful white-bellied subspecies in the Santa Marta Mts.)
Variigated (Long-haired) Spider Monkey	<i>Ateles belzebuth</i>
Red Howler Monkey	<i>Alouatta seniculus</i>
White-faced Capuchin Monkey	<i>Cebus albifrons</i>
Lemurine Night Monkey	<i>Aotus lemurinus</i>
Nine-banded Armadillo sp	<i>Dasyus novemcinctus</i>