

**AMAZON RIVER CRUISE:
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Our 2011 Amazon River Cruise found us on the Ríos Amazon, Ucayali, and Marañón, and tributaries including the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, as well as a pre-trip day along the coast near Lima. We enjoyed great weather with only a single daytime rain, which occurred during a midday siesta and lecture time. Overall, weather conditions were remarkably pleasant with less humid conditions than in the past and few or no insects during outings. River water levels were lower than on previous trips, but did not impede entrance into small creeks. The low water levels did restrict access somewhat to river islands on the next-to-the-last morning. The lower water levels, however, are always associated with fewer mosquitoes, which is a favorable trade-off.

In such a large and diverse avifauna as that of the Iquitos area, much of one's enjoyment comes from the sum of visiting the many different habitats in which birds live, and in observing their behaviors; their unusual, often novel songs and duets; and their breeding activities. We made a point, in fact, of visiting river islands and early successional growth habitats, *várzea* (or floodplain) forests, riverbank and creekside habitats, and *terra firme* or high ground forest, all with the aim of a more well-rounded experience. Each of these habitats contains its own special subset of birds. Perhaps one of the most difficult things for new visitors to the Amazon region to understand is that not all birds here occur in all habitats. Most birds, in fact, are quite specific with regard to the habitats in which they live, so this is one of the main reasons for attempting to visit many different sites and habitats.

The great complexity and diversity of a rainforest avifauna is, perhaps, better illustrated in western Amazonia than anywhere else in the world. Our daily routine varied somewhat, but generally included early morning and mid-afternoon ship departures to explore small creeks or work along the forested riverbanks of the Amazon, Ucayali, and Marañón. After spending a week searching for some of the avifaunal pieces in this greatest of all natural jigsaw puzzles, we hopefully came away with a better appreciation of how this diversity fits together. And, not all the pieces were in the forest. A rich and varied river island fauna, some long distance migrants, and soil and water types strongly influence the natural vegetation and, in turn, the birds.

ITINERARY:

Jan 19 (Friday). **Lima to Pucusana, and Pantanos de Villa** (marshes) and adjacent beach. Introductory day prior to cruise. Day visit included a short birding walk in the small park in front of the Hotel Olivar, a boat trip around Pucusana bay, and coastal marsh and beach sites near Villa (Pantanos de Villa). Highlights included wonderful views of Humboldt Penguins from our land-based lookout, stunning views of Inca Terns, two cooperative Many-colored Rush-Tyrants at Pantanos de Villa, a beautiful Peruvian Red-breasted Meadowlark, an endemic Peruvian Thick-knee, and enormous pre-migratory flocks of Franklin's Gulls in the Villa beaches. Lima bird list can be found at end of Amazonian list.

- Jan 22 (Saturday). Early **flight from Lima to Iquitos** followed by a drive through the Iquitos food market (open almost 15 hrs a day) and some points of interest in downtown Iquitos. A short birding walk along waterfront (Bolivar area) and lunch at nearby Restaurant Fitzcaraldo was followed by an afternoon drive from Iquitos to the village of Nauta which clings to the muddy banks of the mighty Río Marañón about two hours of Iquitos. During the drive we made one brief birding stop in the Allpahuayo Mishana Reserve (Biological Station) where an unusually active Yellow-rumped Cacique colony provided high entertainment. This was followed by an unscheduled buses break down (broken fan belt. We managed to squeeze almost everyone into the remaining operative bus with a few volunteers shoehorned into a small chase car driven by a military official accompanying us for the last thirty minutes to the bustling little village of Nauta. Once in Nauta we crossed the river (skiff boats, sorry, no swimming) and boarded our little ship, La Amatista, a reconstruction of an old wooden river-taxa from bygone eras but with updated features including hot water, air-conditions, excellent food service and high-powered speed boats for exploration. We learned later that La Amatista's illustrious past includes hosting the signing of the peace treaty between Ecuador and Peru about a decade ago.
- Jan 23 (Sunday). First morning found us in skiffs exploring the **Caño Yarapa** (south bank of Río Ucayali very close to junction with Río Marañón) in once of the most productive mornings of the entire trip with Crane Hawk; Slate-colored Hawk; Speckled Chachalaca; Chestnut-eared Araçaries; Black-fronted Nunbirds; Bluish-fronted Jacamar; seven to eight species of woodpeckers; Black-tailed Trogon; and a number of colorful tanagers. One mammal highlight for one group was a Yellow-crowned Brush-tailed Tree peering out of its hole. Late evening excursion on Quebrada (creek) or **Caño** (also used for "creek") **Subueña**, this site somewhat further upriver on the south bank of Río Ucayali. The Subueña was narrow and grassy but offered a pleasant evening boating excursion; highlights included Laughing Falcons; a Sungrebe; 2 male Plum-throated Cotingas and a great display performance from a pair of Black-capped Donacobius. Mid-afternoon lecture (Hilty): Amazon River overview
- Jan 24 (Monday). Early morning excursion on **Cano Supay**. At its wide, lake-like entrance we saw terns, jacanas, egrets, Lesser Horneros, White-headed Marsh-Tyrants, Chestnut-bellied Seedeaters, a pair of Barred Antshrikes, Grayish Saltators, and later where the channel was narrower, two male Band-tailed Antbirds engaging in extended nonviolent agonistic displays which continued for as much as thirty minutes, and this was viewed by both boat groups. When Ascanio's boat group disembarked to attempt a Warbling Antbird song playback, they accidentally disturbed a family of sleepy Night Monkeys which provided fine view and these were eventually also viewed by both groups. Evening birding along the south bank of Ucayali (above Requena) provided spectacular views of aggregation of Red-bellied Macaws and a few other species in Moriche Palms, this followed by an island visit for Ascanio group searching for river island specialists both Lesser Hornero; and Parker's Spinetail present) and a short excursion up the **Caño Faucet** for the Hilty group with balance of time in flooded grass and river edge vegetation viewing Dark-breasted Spinetail (very close to boat), Chestnut-capped Puffbird, a confiding pair of Chestnut-crowned Becards, and glimpses of a scarce Pale-billed Hornero. Late morning orientation lecture by Robinson; mid-afternoon lecture (Hilty) on *Amazonian Diversity and the role of Microhabitats*.

- Jan 25 (Tuesday). Morning at **Caño** (or Quebrada) **El Dorado** (ca. 0530-10:30) hrs) a long, black water channel bordered partly by flooded regrowth, várzea forest, and a hyacinth-choked lake adjacent to the river (we were unable to access the lake because of low water)., The Caño El Dorado is located some distance up the Ucayali and on the north bank. Top birds of the morning were Dull-capped (White-eyed) Attila, Horned Screamers; Great Antshrike; Zimmer's Woodcreeper (Ascanio group); and a very localized species, the Black-tailed Antbird (seen by both groups). Late afternoon return to **Cano El Dorado** combined with evening and night time spotlighting which turned up numerous Ladder-tailed Nightjars, several Boat-billed Herons, a Tropical Screech-Owl (Hilty group), some views of Hoatzins in fading dusk light (Hilty group) and for everyone a spectacular Great Potoo at the entrance of the Caño El Dorado. Other afternoon species included a ragged-plumaged group of Barn Swallows. Mid-afternoon lecture (Hilty): *Ecology of Amazonian River Islands*.
- Jan 26 (Wednesday). Morning on the narrow **Caño Yanallpa**, a narrow black-water creek. Exciting birding with Black-crested Antshrike; Wire-tailed Manakin, a visit to a tree hole where Night Monkeys were sleeping; and extended close observation of a group of Saddle-backed Tamarins. Afternoon boat trip along a lower **Caño Yarapa** branch loop (this loop now connected to Rio Ucayali at southern end and Río Amazon at northern end) . Settled areas with indigenous community near our entrance site (some shopping provided thanks to an enterprising group of locals in a canoe on part of our afternoon excursion); the Yanallpa River Lodge further down; Little Cuckoo; Tui Parakeets; Hooded Tanagers; spectacular roost site of Sand-colored Nighthawks (estimates ranged from 200-300+ individuals) in two large river edge trees; Strong-billed Woodcreeper at dusk following a beautiful sunset; and spotlighting after dark which turned up a roosting Sungrebe (Ascanio group); numerous Great Potoos; a Common Pauraque or two; and a fairly long, rapid boat ride back (total route was 25 km) to La Amatista for late dinner.
- Jan 27 (Thursday). Slightly later morning departure (following last night's extended night outing) exploring some **river island habitats** in vicinity of junction of Marañon and Ucayali, and up lower Río Marañon. Morning rather hot and with water levels lower than normal we struggled a bit in these fairly open habitats. Groups recorded White-bellied Spinetail Parker's Spinetail; Castelnau's Antshrike; and Black-and-white Antbird; (theses previous four species all river island specialists); as well as a surprising pair of Burrowing Owls and an even more surprising flock of Red-breasted Blackbirds; as well as a variety of seedeaters, icterids and other island transients. Our first land-based excursion. A short afternoon bird walk on trail through transition forest (flooded during high water periods but not consistently every year) along south bank of Río Marañon where we were ably guided by a local "Amazon" women named Ruby who carried a sharp machete and seemed fully competent to take care of herself as well as those of us who stumbled along behind her on a walk through a remarkably beautiful forest filed with immense buttressed trees and enormous vines. An "antbird" afternoon with excellent views of a pair of White-shouldered Antbirds; also Peruvian Warbling-Antbird; Plumbeous Antbird; an Amazonian Barred-Woodcreeper; Wedge-billed Woodcreeper and a few other species.
- Jan 28 (Friday). Morning ashore in high-ground (terra firme) forest around **Posada Suites del Marañon**. Skies leaden and overcast, but bird activity excellent both along around the lodge, along the extensive boardwalk, and on terra firme forest trails. Many of you also

made a quick walk through the elevated (mid-level) walkway which produced two of the most exciting birds of the morning—a mixed breeding colony of Band-tailed Oropendolas and Casqued Oropendolas at nearly point-blank range. The terra firma forest trail was particularly good this morning with a total of six species of manakins seen (yes, even the little Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin which occupied us for nearly 30 minutes; as well as a male Striped Manakin and a super-active Golden-headed Manakin). Other highlights included a pair of Yellow-billed Jacamars; close pair of Mouse-colored Antshrikes; an understory mixed species flocks that yielded close view of White-flanked and Gray antwrens, Cinereous Antshrikes and numerous other species—all species that one would not see from river-based excursions. We ended the long and action-packed morning with a splendid buffet at the Posada, some live (and lively) entertainment by a new band (at least a new name) and a mid-afternoon down-river departure for Nauta. Evening entertainment featured yet another band (well, at least a new name for some familiar faces). Was this the one called Robinson and the Howling Monkeys? Evening packing, pisco sours, relaxation, crew introductions, salutations and final departure instructions after another wonderful dinner.

Jan 29 (Saturday). Early morning departure (buses in good working order, and on my, bus Robinson providing almost non-stop and remarkably informative commentary on everything from Peruvian politics to Amazonian natural history) from ship for mid-morning flight to Lima, late lunch, short afternoon at leisure, evening meal, and international departures (for some) late this evening.

Jan 30 (Sunday). Departure for home today for balance of group. There are rumors of recent snowstorms in the US. Welcome to reality! Bon Voyage.

KEY:

Asterisk (*) = heard only

Boldface : a species that is rare or infrequently seen or of interest for other reasons

[] Brackets = probably noted only by one of your guides

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[note: the words “caño” and quebrada” are largely interchangeable and equivalent to “creek” or small stream in English]

BIRD LIST: Taxonomy follows Clements checklist with updates

Tinamous, TINAMIDAE

*Cinereous Tinamou, *Crypturellus cinereus*, hd Ucayali area

*Undulated Tinamou, *Crypturellus undulatus*, hd on at least 3 mornings

Screamers, Anhimidae

Horned Screamer, *Anhima cornuta*, hd and seen in many areas

Ducks & Geese, Anatidae

Muscovy Duck, *Cairina moschata*, 2-10+ seen on at least 3 days (good numbers)

Curassows & Guans & Chachalacas, Cracidae

Speckled Chachalaca, *Ortalis guttata*, seen along Caño Yarapa and at Posada Marañon; hd in other sites

Cormorants, Phalacrocoracidae

Neotropic Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*, almost daily but in small numbers

Anhinga, Anhingidae

Anhinga, *Anhinga anhinga*, 1-2 seen on only 2 days

Herons & Egrets, Ardeidae

Rufescent Tiger-Heron, *Tigrisoma lineatum*, 1 adult

Cocoi Heron, *Ardea cocoi*, scattered individuals along riverbanks daily

Great Egret, *Ardea alba*, 2-20+ daily along rivers

Snowy Egret, *Egretta thula*, small numbers daily

Cattle Egret, *Bulbulcus ibis*, a few next to last day of trip

Striated Heron, *Butorides striatus*, daily in varying numbers up to ca. 50

Capped Heron, *Pilherodius pileatus*, 1-3+ seen almost daily along rivers

Black-crowned Night-Heron, *Nycticorax nycticorax*, 1 immature seen at entrance to Caño Supay

Boat-billed Heron, *Cochlearius cochlearius*, several seen on night excursion on Caño Zapote

Ibises & Spoonbills, Threskiornithidae

Green Ibis, *Mesembrinibis cayennensis*, singles or pairs seen in flight over creeks several times

Storks, Ciconiidae

Wood Stork, *Mycteria americana*, 1 seen by part of group

New World Vultures, Cathartidae

Black Vulture, *Coragyps atratus*, daily; large numbers around Iquitos; small nos. elsewhere

Turkey Vulture, *Cathartes aura*, small numbers daily

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture, *Cathartes burrovianus*, Iquitos; and in grassy open areas along rivers where typically soars/glides low

Greater Yellow-headed Vulture, *Cathartes melambrotus*, a few over forest (soars higher than Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture and always over forested areas)

King Vulture, *Sarcoramphus papa*, 1 seen over Caño el Dorado; another on a river island; not rare but always far less numerous than other New World vultures

Osprey, Pandionidae

Osprey, *Pandion haliaetus*, 1-4 seen on four different days (a non-breeder in S America)

Hawk & Eagles, Accipitridae

Gray-headed Kite, *Leptodon cayanensis*, only sighting was an immature bird (plumage in transition to adult based on photo) seen by Johnnie and a small number of people on an afternoon boat trip while most of group was on a forest walk

Hook-billed Kite, *Chondrohierax uncinatus*, 1 seen

Swallow-tailed Kite, *Elanoides forficatus*, group of 5 one morning; another group on a second day

Snail Kite, *Rostrhamus sociabilis*, surprisingly scarce; only 1-2 seen

Slender-billed Kite, *Rostrhamus sociabilis*, 1 seen soaring over Caño Yarapa; other singles on two other days

Plumbeous Kite, *Ictinia plumbea*, a few seen every day

Black-collared Hawk, *Busarellus nigricollis*, half dozen or more daily of this “fishing” hawk; one of commonest raptors along river and creek edges

Crane Hawk, *Geranospiza caerulescens*, total of ca. 4 seen on three different days

Slate-colored Hawk, *Leucopternis schistaceus*, 1-2 seen on four separate days

Great Black Hawk, *Buteogallus urubitinga*, adults and immatures daily along riverbanks

Roadside Hawk, *Buteo magnirostris*, daily along river edges; the “Riverside” hawk

Short-tailed Hawk, *Buteo brachyurus*, 1 adult normal (pale) soaring over waterfront at Iquitos

Caracaras & Falcons, Falconidae

Black Caracara, *Daptrius ater*, pairs twice

Red-throated Caracara, *Ibycter americanus*, seen by Johnnie and small group on boat excursion while most of group was on forest walk

Yellow-headed Caracara, *Milvago chimachima*, daily

Laughing Falcon, *Herpetotheres cachinnans*, heard ; also family of 3 seen; and a single seen early a.m. while La Amatista still at anchor

Bat Falcon, *Falco rufigularis*, 1 seen by Johnnie and small group on boat excursion while most of group was on forest walk

Rails and Gallinules, Rallidae

Gray-necked Wood-Rail, *Aramides cajanea*, hd a couple times; 1 seen by Ascanio boat group

Purple Gallinule, *Porphyrio martinica*, seen in a couple places most notably on the next to last morning when 5 6-7 were still in early dawn while La Amatista still at anchor

Azure Gallinule, *Porphyrio flavirostris*, 1 perched up in grass (and seen by all) along banks of Ucayali

Finfoots & Sungrebe, Heliornithidae

Sungrebe, *Heliornis fulica*, seen 2 on boat trips; and one roosting during a night spotlighting excursion

Sunbittern, Eurypygidae

Sunbittern, *Eurypyga helias*, 1 seen first a.m. along a tributary of Caño Yarapa (Hilty boat group)

Limpkin, Aramidae

Limpkin, *Aramus guarauna*, 1 seen along banks of Ucayali (generally scarce and/or local in Amazonia)

Jacanas, Jacanidae

Wattled Jacana, *Jacana jacana*, daily in numbers

Sandpipers & allies, Scolopacidae

Spotted Sandpiper, *Actitis macularia*, a few along creek banks

Least Sandpiper, *Calidris minutilla*, 1 seen by D. Farrell (small nos. winter in Amazonia)

Gulls & Terns, Laridae

Large-billed Tern, *Phaetusa simplex*, 30-50+ daily on Ríos Amazon and Ucayali with various groups massed on driftwood or fallen branches along rivers and creeks

Yellow-billed Tern, *Sterna superciliaris*, 20-30 daily on Ríos Amazon and Ucayali

Pigeons & Doves, Columbidae

Rock Pigeon, *Columba livia*, Iquitos

Pale-vented Pigeon, *Patagioenas cayennensis*, one seen by Ascanio group first a.m. on Caño Yarapa

*Plumbeous Pigeon, *Columba plumbea*, mostly heard; 1 seen

Ruddy Pigeon, *Columba subvinacea*, pairs seen in several areas

Ruddy Ground-Dove, *Columba talpacoti*, a few groups flushed or fly in front of us in settled areas or sites with open areas

Blue-ground Dove, *Claravis pretiosa*, 1 in flight by Ascanio group

[White-tipped Dove, *Leptotila verreauxi*, possibly never seen by any group members; 1 near village on p.m. boat trip along indigenous village at entrance to Caño Yarapa]

Gray-fronted Dove, *Leptotila rufaxilla*, mostly hd; at least 2 seen including 1 the last morning at Suite del Marañon

Parrots & Parakeets, Psittacidae

Maroon-tailed Parakeet, *Pyrrhura melanura*, a small flock in flight near Río Ucayali (seen by part of group)

White-eyed Parakeet, *Aratinga leucophthalma*, flocks overhead on most days; 1 very close group at entrance to Caño Faucett

Dusky-headed Parakeet, *Aratinga weddellii*, daily along rivers

Blue-and-yellow Macaw, *Ara ararauna*, several pairs seen in flight over Quebrada El Dorado; largest group included 10 birds; also seen over Caño Yarapa and 1-2 other sites

Scarlet Macaw, *Ara macao*, 4 birds over Caño Yarapa; 1 over Caño Supay

Chestnut-fronted Macaw, *Ara severus*, a few pairs in flight

Red-bellied Macaw, *Orthopsittaca manilata*, scattered pairs or small groups most mornings; 100-150+ at large dying “morichal” along river (Moriche Palms grow in very wet soil or in water and the large number of dead and dying palms we observed may have been the result of the river cutting into the swamp and draining it)

White-winged Parakeet, *Brotogeris versicolurus*, multiple flocks of 20 to 100s daily along floodplain river; very common; dazzling flocks are a characteristic part of avifauna in this region; name recently changed back to Canary-winged Parakeet by SACC (S Amer Checklist Committee); this was original name of these birds; given boldface because this species is such an integral part of the western Amazonian river edge experience

Cobalt-winged Parakeet, *Brotogeris cyanoptera*, numerous flocks daily most of which were seen in flight

Tui Parakeet, *Brotogeris sanctithomae*, pairs or very small groups a few times along river; a river edge bird

Black-headed Parrot, *Pionites melanocephalus*, one group of 4-5

Short-tailed Parrot, *Graydidascalus brachyurus*, 10-100+ most days; only taller riverine forest and riverine *Cecropia*; noisy and screechy

Blue-headed Parrot, *Pionus menstruus*, almost daily but mainly singles or pairs (surprisingly low numbers)

Festive Parrot, *Amazona festiva*, hd and seen only a few times; pair seen flying low over Caño El Dorado was perhaps the only time the red back stripe could be seen

Yellow-crowned Parrot, *Amazona ochrocephala*, hd and at least 1 pair seen on upper Río Ucayali

Orange-winged Parrot, *Amazona amazonica*, one of the commonest *Amazona* parrots; seen all days

Mealy Parrot, *Amazona farinosa*, hd and probably seen daily but generally only in scattered pairs; large green parrot with deep throaty voice; largest *Amazona* parrot

Hoatzin, Opisthocomidae

Hoatzin, *Opisthocomus hoazin*, great views of at least 20 or more of a group numbering nearly 40 birds at edge of river (and also at edge of swampy oxbow lagoon which we could not see); a few also seen at night on Caño El Dorado; surely one of Amazonia's strangest birds; molecular genetics apparently has now confirmed that it really is an ancient lineage (something long suspected but never proved)

Cuckoos, Cuculidae

Little Cuckoo, *Piaya minuta*, 2 seen along river borders

Squirrel Cuckoo, *Piaya cayana*, only 2 seen (surprisingly few)

Striped Cuckoo, *Tapera naevia*, heard; also seen once by 1 boat party

Greater Ani, *Crotophaga major*, 10-75 almost daily

Smooth-billed Ani, *Crotophaga ani*, daily; settled areas and open grassy areas along river banks

Owls, Strigidae

Tropical Screech-Owl, *Megascops choliba*, 1 seen repeatedly on night excursion by 1 boat party

Ferruginous Pygmy-owl, *Glaucidium brasilianum*, 1 seen by pre-lunch boat excursion near Caño El Dorado; others heard

Nightjars & Allies, Caprimulgidae

Short-tailed Nighthawk, *Lurocalis semitorquatus*, two or three seen on Caño El Dorado at dusk

Sand-colored Nighthawk, *Chordeiles rupestris*, large group roosting in Caño Yarapa river bank; flushed temporarily in spectacular flight with flashing black and white wing and tail pattern

Common Pauraque, *Nyctidromus albicollis*, 1 or 2 along Caño El Dorado and Caño Yarapa (lower loop)

Ladder-tailed Nightjar, *Hydropsalis climacocerca*, numerous along Caño El Dorado

Potoos, Nyctibiidae

Common Potoo, *Nyctibius griseus*, 1 seen close at dusk on Caño El Dorado; others more distant on El Dorado and Yarapa creeks

Swifts, Apodidae

Pale-rumped Swift, *Chaetura egregia*, 1-2 with mixed *Chaetura* flock over Caño Yarapa

Chimney Swift sp., *Chaetura pelagica* at least 8-10 with mixed *Chaetura* flock over Caño Yarapa; interesting because there are relatively few records of this species on its wintering grounds; these identified by Hilty and I am relatively confident in this identification (as sure as one can be with *Chaetura*); large size, decidedly pale gray throats, relatively long tail, and overall decidedly paler below than any of the other *Chaetura* in the group

Short-tailed Swift, *Chaetura brachyura*, with the mixed *Chaetura* flock on Caño Yarapa; also noted at a few other sites

Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift, *Panyptila cayennensis*, singles seen twice

Neotropical (Fork-tailed) Palm-Swift, *Tachornis (Reinarda) squamata*, daily over all rivers but mainly in vicinity of *Mauritia* palms (where they nest)

Hummingbirds, Trochilidae

Rufous-breasted Hermit, *Glaucis hirsutus*, 2 seen along Caño Yarapa; 2 others later in trip
White-bearded Hermit, *Phaethornis hispidus*, 1 seen by Hilty boat group on Caño Yanallpa (briefly at *Heliconia* and other creekside plants but we forgot to add this to this list
Long-tailed (Great-billed) Hermit, *Phaethornis superciliosus*, one seen by some of group; note taxonomic rearrangement; on your checklist called Great-billed Hermit (*P. malaris*) but South American Checklist Committee shows this taxon as Long-tailed Hermit which is where it has traditionally resided
Reddish Hermit, *Phaethornis ruber*, 1 seen by part of group
White-necked Jacobin, *Florisuga mellivora*, 1 seen around boardwalk at Suites del Marañon
Black-throated Mango, *Anthracothorax nigricollis*, several females and 1 male; recorded almost daily
Blue-chinned Sapphire, *Chlorostilbon (Chlorestes) notata*, one seen on Caño Yarapa (possible 1-2 others seen but identification of difficult hummers from boats is always suspect)
Blue-tailed Emerald, *Chlorostilbon mellisugus*, 1M
Fork-tailed Woodnymph, *Thalurania furcata*, 2 or more males close by at *Combretum* (Combretaceae) vine flowers along boardwalk at the Posada last morning
Olive-spotted Hummingbird, *Leucippus chlorocercus*, seen at two sites including by both parties on our river island excursion next to last day; dull little river island specialist
Glittering-throated Emerald, *Amazilia fimbriata*, commonest hummer in area; almost daily
Black-eared Fairy, *Heliophryx auritus*, 1 at the biological station stop the first afternoon before reaching Nauta

Trogon, Trogonidae

Green-backed Trogon (a split from White-tailed Trogon), *Trogon viridis*, several seen and heard (and surely one of the most misleading names for such a beautiful bird)
Violaceous Trogon, *Trogon violaceus*, 1 female seen by Hilty group on Caño El Dorado
Blue-crowned Trogon, *Trogon curucui*, 1 female seen (and photographed) at the Posada Marañon by a couple people
Black-tailed Trogon, *Trogon melanurus*, hd and seen daily; commonest trogon

Motmots, Momotidae

Whooping (Blue-crowned) Motmot, *Momotus (momota) subrufescens*, hd and seen by most people in Hilty party on a terra firme forest trail behind Posada Marañon; This species is now being split from Blue-crowned Motmot (*M. momota*) of C America and W of Andes though may not yet show as an official split on your lists

Kingfishers, Alcedinidae

Ringed Kingfisher, *Ceryle torquata*, 15-30+ daily; commonest kingfisher (at least the most conspicuous)
Amazon Kingfisher, *Chloroceryle amazona*, daily; somewhat fewer than previous species
Green Kingfisher, *Chloroceryle americana*, 1-several almost daily
Green-and-rufous Kingfisher, *Chloroceryle inda*, 3-4 seen
Pygmy Kingfisher, *Chloroceryle aenea*, a surprising number of these seen (or glimpsed in flight) including at least 6 one morning by Ascanio group; all parties had excellent views at some point

Puffbirds, Bucconidae

Chestnut-capped Puffbird, *Bucco macrodactylus*, 1 seen well (twice) along Caño Faucett late in evening by Hilty boat party; always difficult to find
Black-fronted Nunbird, *Monasa nigrifrons*, daily; common
Swallow-winged Puffbird, *Chelidoptera tenebrosa*, daily; common along river edges and borders of forest

Jacamars, Galbulidae

White-eared Jacamar, *Galbalcyrhynchus leucotis*, seen on at least 3 separate mornings; usually in small groups
Yellow-eared Jacamar, *Galbula albirostris*, pair at La Posada Suites del Marañon (seen by all people who chose to undertake the terra firme forest walk)
Bluish-fronted Jacamar, *Galbula cyanescens*, two or three birds seen (on both side of Ucayali) which we believe were this species but cannot be absolutely certain of the identification because of potential or actual overlap with White-chinned Jacamar (*G. tombacea*); at least we could not see any evident white feathering on chin

Barbets, Capitonidae

Scarlet-crowned Barbet, *Capito aurovirens*, daily at river edges; fine views of calling birds which point bill down and rapidly vibrate wings downward also as they call in interesting little display
Gilded Barbet, *Capito auratus*, 1 seen at Posada Marañon was with a mixed understory foraging flock
Lemon-throated Barbet, *Eubucco richardsoni*, seen a few time with canopy or upper level mixed species flocks along creeks; a lovely bird but usually stays high and difficult to see to advantage

Toucans, Ramphastidae

Lettered Araçari, *Pteroglossus inscriptus*, seen on at least three separate days
Chestnut-eared Araçari, *Pteroglossus castanotis*, 1-6+ seen on at least 3-4 days; this is THE river edge Araçari
Golden-collared Toucanet, *Pteroglossus reinwardtii*, good to excellent view by all parties at the Posada Marañon; including views of calling bird as it performs its “rocking-horse” display when calling
Channel-billed Toucan, *Ramphastos vitellinus*, rather scarce; 1 single and a group of 3 later in trip
White-throated (Cuvier's) Toucan, *Ramphastos cuvieri*, hd along Caño Yarapa; only 1 seen

Woodpeckers, Picidae

Plain-breasted Piculet, *Picumnus castelnau*, male along Caño El Dorado; female along Caño Yanallpa; not rare but confined to river islands and river edges where found in younger vegetation
Yellow-tufted Woodpecker, *Melanerpes cruentatus*, a few on high stubs
Little Woodpecker, *Veniliornis passerinus*, river islands and river banks etc; up to 6 or more seen on the river island excursion morning
Red-stained Woodpecker, *Veniliornis affinis*, 1 seen well on side creek of Caño Yarapa late the first morning by Hilty group; also seen a couple days later by Ascanio group

Spot-breasted Woodpecker, *Colaptes (Chrysoptilus) punctigula*, singles or pairs on river islands and younger river bank vegetation; seen daily

Scale-breasted Woodpecker, *Celeus grammicus*, 1 seen by Ascanio group on Caño Yanallpa

Chestnut Woodpecker, *Celeus elegans*, seen on two different days; fine views

Cream-colored Woodpecker, *Celeus flavus*, pair the first a.m. along Caño Yarapa

Ringed Woodpecker, *Celeus torquatus*, pair seen 1st a.m. along Caño Yarapa; also seen and heard later in trip

Lineated Woodpecker, *Dryocopus lineatus*, seen along Caño Yarapa and again once later in trip

Crimson-crested Woodpecker, *Campephilus melanoleucos*, several seen on at least 2 separate days

Ovenbird and allies, Furnariidae

Pale-legged Hornero, *Furnarius leucopus*, hd daily; 1 seen first day along Iquitos waterfront was only sighting; hd a couple times along Ucayali

Bay (Pale-billed) Hornero, *Furnarius torridus*, 2 seen briefly; unfortunately never seen at length although hd a couple times by all parties; this species (unlike other Horneros seems particularly hard to see)

Lesser Hornero, *Furnarius minor*, sand bars with driftwood and low grass (several pairs)

Dark-breasted Spinetail, *Synallaxis albigularis*, seen along Caño Faucett (very close to boat); also seen more distantly on small creek at junction of Marañon & Ucayali

White-bellied Spinetail, *Synallaxis propinqua*, river island species that proved difficult to see for some of us although other had a nice view

Parker's Spinetail, *Cranioleuca vulpecula*, river island cane in a couple places; another species found primarily in cane on river islands and river banks

Red-and-white Spinetail, *Certhiaxis mustelina*, surprisingly common; seen daily; river island bird

Point-tailed Palmcreeper, *Berlepschia rikeri*, Ascanio was able to lure this species out into view in *Mauritia* palms at one site along Río Ucayali; a *Mauritia* palm specialist that is found nowhere else

Woodcreepers (subfamily Dendrocolaptinae); now merged within Furnariidae

*Olivaceous Woodcreeper, *Sittasomus griseicapillus*, hd along Caño Yarapa

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper, *Glyphorhynchus spirurus*, 1 seen along várzea/transition forest walk on south bank of Río Marañon; also seen at Posada Marañon

Long-billed Woodcreeper, *Nasica longirostris*, several seen beautifully on at least 3 separate days; mainly a várzea species in Amazonia

Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper, *Dendrozetetes rufigula*, hd and seen at several sites; perhaps best seen along Caño El Dorado in afternoon

Strong-billed Woodcreeper, *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus*, seen by both boat parties along the lower Caño Yarapa loop

Amazonian Barred-Woodcreeper, *Dendrocolaptes certhia*, 1 seen on várzea/transition forest walk late p.m. on Río Marañon

Straight-billed Woodcreeper, *Dendroplex picus*, daily; common along creeks and rivers

Zimmer's Woodcreeper, *Xiphorhynchus kienerii*, a couple of this range-restricted species along Caño El Dorado by Ascanio group

Striped Woodcreeper, *Xiphorhynchus obsoletus*, seen and heard by all parties at several sites

Buff-throated Woodcreeper, *Xiphorhynchus guttatus*, seen and heard daily; commonest woodcreeper in Amazonia

Lineated Woodcreeper, *Lepidocolaptes albolineatus*, 1 seen in canopy by Hilty group on forest walk at Posada Marañon

Antbirds, Thamnophilidae

Fasciated Antshrike, *Cymbilaimus lineatus*, 1 at Posada Marañon seen by a few people (and documented by photo)

Great Antshrike, *Taraba major*, hd and seen at several sites; perhaps best seen along Caño El Dorado (male and female)

Black-crested Antshrike, *Sakesphorus canadensis*, striking pair along Caño Yanallpa by all parties

Barred Antshrike, *Thamnophilus doliatus*, heard almost daily along river borders; several seen

Castelnau's Antshrike, *Thamnophilus cryptoleucus*, one hd and seen (with difficulty) by most of Hilty party on a land-based excursion onto a river island; a river island/river border specialist

Mouse-colored Antshrike, *Thamnophilus murinus*, pair seen nicely at Posada Marañon

Cinereous Antshrike, *Thamnomanes caesius*, seen with forest understory flock at Posada Marañon

[Spot-winged Antshrike, *Pygiptila stellaris*, hd 2x by Hilty but unable to locate or show it to group]

Pygmy Antwren, *Myrmotherula brachyura*, 1 male with large upper level mixed species flock along Caño Yanallpa (Hilty boat group) but this tiny species proved hard to see

Amazonian (Streaked-) Antwren, *Myrmotherula multostriata*, pairs seen by all along Caño Supay & Caño Yanallpa

White-flanked Antwren, *Myrmotherula axillaris*, pair seen well with mixed understory flock at Posada Marañon

Gray Antwren, *Myrmotherula menetriesii*, pair seen well with mixed understory flock at Posada Marañon

[*Blackish Antbird, *Cercomacra nigrescens*, one hd by Hilty along Caño Supay]

Black-tailed Antbird, *Cercomacra melanurus*, scarce and very local species seen by all parties along Caño El Dorado

*Black-faced Antbird, *Myrmotherula myotherinus*, hd at Posada Marañon (not responsive)

Peruvian Warbling-Antbird, *Hypocnemis peruviana*, seen best on forest walk with Amazonian guide Ruby

Band-tailed Antbird, *Hypocnemoides maculicauda*, seen at several places; best was 2 displaying males on Caño Supay (a trip highlight)

Black-and-white Antbird, *Myrmochanes hemileucus*, 1 or more seen well by almost everyone along banks of Río Marañon and also on island in Ucayali

Plumbeous Antbird, *Myrmeciza hyperythra*, seen along Caño Yarapa; also on transition/várzea forest walk with Amazonian guide Ruby

White-shouldered Antbird, *Myrmeciza melanoceps*, 2 pair seen on late p.m. forest trip with guide Ruby (bird seen by both parties)

Black-throated Antbird, *Myrmeciza atrothorax*, 1 male seen very well along Caño El Dorado by Hilty group

Antpittas, Grallariidae

[Ochre-striped Antpitta, *Grallaria dignissima*, I heard by Ascanio on forest trail at Posada Marañon]

Tyrant Flycatchers, Tyrannidae

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet, *Camptostoma obsoletum*, 1-2 seen along Caño Yanallpa etc
Mouse-colored Tyrannulet, *Phaeomyias murina*, during bus break down en route to river
Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet, *Tyrannulus elatus*, hd/seen almost daily; seen once or twice
including Posada Marañon
Forest Elaenia, *Myiopagis gaimardii*, one or two seen; others heard
Yellow-crowned Elaenia, *Elaenia flavivertex*, one along Caño Yarapa was super responsive;
others heard
Slender-footed Tyrannulet, *Zimmerius gracilipes*, 1 seen (photo) along Posada Marañon by
Ascanio group
Spotted Tody-Tyrant, *Todirostrum maculatum*, Iquitos and daily in river edge areas
*Gray-crowned Flycatcher, *Tolmomyias poliocephalus*, hd several times (never seen)
Fuscous Flycatcher, *Cnemotriccus fuscatus*, 1 on a river island in Ucayali by Ascanio group
(mainly river islands in Amazonia but elsewhere found in a variety of habitats)
Drab Water Tyrant, *Ochthornis littoralis*, along river banks
White-headed Marsh-Tyrant, *Arundinicola leucocephala*, a few males and 1 female; male at
entrance to Caño Supay; another at hoatzin site
Cinnamon Attila, *Attila cinnamomeus*, seen along Caño Supay heard along Caño El Dorado and
Caño Yanallpa
Dull-capped (White-eyed) Attila, *Attila bolivianus*, seen along Caño El Dorado (excellent close
study by all)
Short-crested Flycatcher, *Myiarchus ferox*, several places with younger river edge vegetation
Great Kiskadee, *Pitangus sulphuratus*, daily along rivers and creeks at various heights
Lesser Kiskadee, *Pitangus (Philohydor) lictor*, daily along creeks where always low and close
to water
Boat-billed Flycatcher, *Megarynchus pitangua*, seen on several mornings including Posada
Marañon
Social Flycatcher, *Myiozetetes similis*, seen daily; common
Gray-capped Flycatcher, *Myiozetetes granadensis*, pair at the biological station first afternoon
Streaked Flycatcher, *Myiodynastes maculatus*, seen 2-3 times including on a river island at
junction of Marañon and Ucayali; also at Posada Marañon
Piratic Flycatcher, *Legatus leucophaeus*, its loud whistles heard almost every morning; perhaps
1 or 2 seen
Sulphury Flycatcher, *Tyrannopsis sulphurea*, pair at the biological station first p.m. (a Tropical
Kingbird look-alike but this species is a moriche palm specialist)
Tropical Kingbird, *Tyrannus melancholicus*, daily; common and conspicuous
Eastern Kingbird, *Tyrannus tyrannus*, single birds seen on 3 days and about 10 seen near
Posada Marañon; early migrants perhaps already moving northward

Cotingas, Cotingidae

Purple-throated Fruitcrow, *Querula purpurata*, pairs seen twice; distinctive whistles easily
imitated

Amazonian Umbrellabird, *Cephalopterus ornatus*, seen on at least 4 mornings with ca. 6
seen (possibly a record for this cruise)

Plum-throated Cotinga, *Cotinga maynana*, one or two males seen on a total of 5 mornings;
spectacular bird

Bare-necked Fruitcrow, *Gymnoderus foetidus*, 1-5 seen on at least 4 mornings (almost all were
in high flight except for 1) and all were males with silvery white upperparts

Manakins, Pipridae

Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin, *Tyranneutes stolzmanni*, 1 seen very well at Posada Marañon (but not without a long search)

Striped Manakin, *Machaeropterus regulus*, one male seen by all on the Posada Marañon forest walk

Blue-crowned Manakin, *Lepidothrix (Pipra) coronata*, one male seen by all of group on the Posada Marañon forest walk (heavily molting subadult male with mostly black plumage and ragged blue cap was with mixed species understory flock)

White-bearded Manakin, *Manacus manacus*, male seen briefly at Posada Marañon

White-crowned Manakin, *Pipra pipra*, one female in scope at Posada Marañon

Wire-tailed Manakin, *Pipra filicauda*, one male high in fruiting tree along Caño Yanallpa

Golden-headed Manakin, *Pipra erythrocephala*, one super energetic male at Posada Marañon

Tityras & allies, Tityridae

Masked Tityra, *Tityra semifasciata*, 1 seen first morning on Caño Yarapa

Black-tailed Tityra, *Tityra cayana*, seen on at least 4 days

Várzea Schiffornis, *Schiffornis major*, eventually everyone had excellent looks at perched birds (a rare event) on Cano Yarapa; also heard on one or more other creeks

Thrush-like Schiffornis, *Schiffornis turdina*, 1 hd on forest walk with Ruby (várzea forest)

Cinereous Becard, *Pachyramphus rufus*, males or pairs a few times

Chestnut-crowned Becard, *Pachyramphus castaneus*, pairs several times

White-winged Becard, *Pachyramphus polychopterus*, as far as I am aware this species was only heard

Vireos & Greenlets, Vireonidae

Red-eyed (Chivi) Vireo, *Vireo olivaceus* (or if split *Vireo chivi*), hd and seen along both Río Ucayali and its tributaries and along Río Marañon; this is a resident form with a simple two-note call

Crowns & Jays, Corvidae

Violaceous Jay, *Cyanocorax violaceus*, heard and seen by some only along Caño El Dorado

Swallows & Martins, Hirundinidae

Southern Rough-winged Swallow, *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*, daily

Gray-breasted Martin, *Progne chalybea*, large group of 100-150+ at Moriche Palm site (Río Ucayali) with Red-bellied Macaws

Brown-chested Martin, *Progne tapera*, 6-10 at mouth of Caño El Dorado were the only sightings

White-winged Swallow, *Tachycineta albiventer*, daily; common over all rivers

Bank Swallow, *Riparia riparia*, only seen once (as far as I am aware) these from pre-breakfast vigil with La Amatista still at anchor near junction of Marañon and Ucayali

Barn Swallow, *Hirundo rustica*, daily but only singles or a few each day except for one ragged heavily molting group of 40+ at mouth of Caño El Dorado; and another group of 50 or more on a river island near mouth of Río Marañon; cf. with 2010 trip (a week later) in which there were many more

Wrens, Troglodytidae

Thrush-like Wren, *Campylorhynchus turdinus*, hd most days; pairs seen high in trees several times

Buff-breasted Wren, *Thryothorus leucotis*, heard everywhere along creek sides; a few seen

House Wren, *Troglodytes aedon*, seen at Iquitos; also Posada Marañon

Gnatcatchers, Polioptilidae

Tropical Gnatcatcher, *Polioptila plumbea*, 2 mobbing a Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl

Donacobius, Donacobiidae

Black-capped Donacobius, *Donacobius atricapillus*, hd or seen most days; wonderful tail-wagging display; now in a family of its own (this species has checkered taxonomic history that may yet undergo more revision)

Thrushes, Turdidae

Black-billed Thrush, *Turdus ignobilis*, Iquitos; also daily in semi-open sites along the rivers daily

*White-necked thrush, *Turdus albicollis*, hd on Caño Yanallpa

New World Warblers, Parulidae

Yellow Warbler, *Dendroica petechia*, 1 in Iquitos

Tanagers, Thraupidae

Bananaquit, *Coereba flaveola*, at least 3 seen on various creeks joining the Ucayali; molecular genetics places it with tanagers and not in a separate family (despite your checklist)

Hooded Tanager, *Nemosia pileata*, pairs or little groups up to ca. 5 at three sites along Río Ucayali

Orange-headed Tanager, *Thlypopsis sordida*, seen by both groups at mouth of Caño Supay

Pearly-breasted Conebill, *Conirostrum margaritae*, seen on a river island by Ascanio group; *Cecropia* specialist; quite local

[Guira Tanager, *Hemithraupis guira*, one male seen by Hilty (others?) with group of birds mobbing a Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl during a brief pre-lunch boat outing near Caño El Dorado]

Gray-headed Tanager, *Eucometis penicillata*, single bird seen along Caño Yarapa first morning

Masked Crimson Tanager, *Ramphocelus nigrogularis*, stunning plumage and common enough that it was seen daily in small groups along river and creek edges

Silver-beaked Tanager, *Ramphocelus carbo*, daily; common but fewer than previous species

Blue-gray Tanager, *Thraupis episcopus*, daily; common close to rivers

Palm Tanager, *Thraupis palmarum*, daily; generally scarce along rivers; perhaps seen best at Posada Marañon

Turquoise Tanager, *Tangara mexicana*, Caño Supay and Posada Marañon (where 3 birds perched for all to see in scopes)

Paradise Tanager, *Tangara chilensis*, singles or up to 4 seen on three mornings including Caño Yarapa; & Caños Supay and lower loop of Caño Yarapa in late p.m.

Green-&-gold Tanager, *Tangara schrankii*, seen a couple times on Ucayali tributaries

Yellow-bellied Dacnis, *Dacnis flaviventer*, male seen along Caño Yanallpa (elsewhere?)

Blue Dacnis, *Dacnis cayana*, seen on two mornings including Caño El Dorado

Grayish Saltator, *Saltator coerulescens*, hd or seen almost daily in early to mid-stage successional growth along rivers

Buff-throated Saltator, *Saltator maximus*, 1 with mixed species understory flock at Posada Marañon

Finches & Sparrows etc, Emberizidae

Blue-black Grosbeak, *Cyanocompsa cyanooides*, one at dawn while La Amatista was still at anchor near junction of Ucayali and Marañon
Caquetá Seedeater, *Sporophila murallae*, seen most days in grass and marshy areas along rivers
Lesson's Seedeater, *Sporophila bouvronides*, seen on at least three mornings in same habitat at Caquetá Seedeater; most numerous along Caño Yanallpa in long grassy area where a dozen or more were present (but only a few males)
Lined Seedeater, *Sporophila lineola*, several seen along Caño Supay by Ascanio group
Double-collared Seedeater, *Sporophila caerulescens*, 1 on the 26th (possibly a subadult male); with a group of Lesson's Seedeaters
Chestnut-bellied Seedeater, *Sporophila castaneiventris*, river islands and river banks; daily
Chestnut-bellied (Lesser) Seed-Finch, *Oryzoborus angolensis*, seen along Caño Supay and Yanallpa
Red-capped Cardinal, *Paroaria gularis*, daily along rivers, creeks and lakes
Yellow-browed Sparrow, *Ammodramus aurifrons*, a few along river edges

Cardinals & Allies, Cardinalidae

Slate-colored Grosbeak, *Saltator grossus*, Male & female seen at far end of boardwalk at Posada Marañon

Blackbirds etc., Icteridae

Red-breasted Blackbird, *Sturnella militaris*, group of perhaps 8-10 on flat semi-open area on river island (fresh alluvial soil with scattered driftwood and colonizing grass) at mouth of Marañon and Ucayali; most birds were either females (including the first one that everyone saw) with mainly brownish and buff plumage and hint of rose on breast; or fresh plumage males (showing heavy brown scaling) including a more distant one that kept perching up on stem of grass and then dropping to ground; very local in Amazonia (although perhaps expanding range); elsewhere often fairly common

Oriole Blackbird, *Gymnomystax mexicanus*, river islands and riverbanks throughout trip

Velvet-fronted Grackle, *Lamprosarus tanagrinus*, one group along border of Caño El Dorado

Yellow-hooded Blackbird, *Chrysomus icterocephalus*, daily; sizable flocks in marshes

Shiny Cowbird, *Molothrus bonariensis*, scattered birds almost daily along river edges and islands

Giant Cowbird, *Molothrus oryzivorus*, 1-several noted on at least 3 separate days; mainly river edges and a few flying along river borders

Yellow-rumped Cacique, *Cacicus cela*, daily; common; many nest colonies

Solitary (Black) Cacique, *Cacicus solitarius*, only seen once

Russet-backed Oropendola, *Psarocolius angustifrons*, daily; very common

Casqued Oropendola, *Clypicterus oseryi*, perhaps 10-12 in a mixed oropendola colony with Band-tailed Oropendolas at Posada Marañon "canopy" walkway; somewhat local here although occurs in both terra firme (here) as well as tall várzea forest

Band-tailed Oropendola, *Ocyalus latirostris*, group of 8-10 in mixed oropendola colony with Casqued Oropendolas at Posada Marañon "canopy" walkway; generally scarce and local and more often along creek borders than inside terra firme forest in my experience

Siskins & Goldfinches & Euphonias, Fringillidae

Purple-throated Euphonia, *Euphonia chlorotica*, Iquitos and males seen on 3 days along rivers (a non-forest species)

Thick-billed Euphonia, *Euphonia lanirostris*, one along Caño El Dorado

White-vented Euphonia, *Euphonia minuta*, seen along Caño Yarapa and another mobbing a Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl along Río Ucayali on a pre-lunch boat trip
Orange-bellied Euphonia, *Euphonia xanthogaster*, one with a mixed understory flock of antwrens and antshrikes etc. at Posada Maraño

LIST OF MAMMALS, HERPS and miscellaneous critters:

American Opossums, Didelphidae

Common Opossum, *Didelphis marsupialis*, 1 seen on night excursion by boat

Sloths. Bradypodidae

Brown-throated three-toed Sloth, *Bradypus variegatus*, at least a 12-15 seen including 6 spotted one day by Johnnie along Caño El Dorado

Bulldogs Bats, Noctilionidae

Fishing (or Bulldog) bats, *Noctilio leporinus*, seen in evenings and on night excursion; mostly rather low over water

Sheath-tailed Bats, Emballonuridae

Long-nosed Bat, *Rhynchonycteris naso*, groups clinging beneath trees overhanging creeks

Marmosets & Tamarins, Callitrichidae

Pygmy Marmoset, *Cebuella pygmaea*, La Posada (Suites del Maraño) where seen for extended period of time by all parties; scurries rapidly up and down dense vine tangles near boardwalk and on several occasions stopped and peered intently at our amassed groups

Saddleback Tamarin, *Saguinus fasciollis*, seen on three separate occasions including one group of 7-8 on Caño Yanallpa which remained close and relatively in open for an extended period of time; a great "leaper" as moves from trunk to trunk or higher up from one tree branch to another tree branch

Black-mantle Tamarin, *Saguinus nigricollis*, Suites del Maraño (seen by Ascanio group)

New World Monkeys, Cebidae

Night Monkey, *Aotus vociferans*, seen on 3 separate occasions which is surely a record for this cruise; numerous wonderful opportunities to see and photograph; in general rarely seen during day

*Dusky Titi-Monkey, *Callicebus moloch*, several families heard in early morning at Posada Maraño; noisy raucous *Wauk-a, Wauk-a, Wauk-a . . .* vocalization can be heard for nearly a km

Common Squirrel Monkey, *Saimiri sciureus*, large troops several times including many along Caño El Dorado

Brown Capuchin, *Cebus apella*, a few with Squirrel Monkeys along Caño El Dorado

White-fronted Capuchins, *Cebus albifrons*, 1 seen near boardwalk Posada Maraño but this animal quickly moved out of sight; formerly there were some semi-habituated individuals around the lodge

Equatorial Saki Monkey, *Pithecia aequatorialis*, one adult seen quite well along Caño Yarapa the first morning; black with grayish white face; this species rather similar to Monk Saki which differs in having more buff brown underparts (not rusty) and less clearly defined whitish face

Red Howler Monkey, *Alouatta seniculus*, heard on at least 2 mornings; none close

Squirrels

Northern Amazonian Red Squirrel, *Sciurus igniventris*, one at Posada Marañon; beautiful rufous squirrel with white belly; mostly keep quite low in forest

Rodents,

Yellow-crowned Brush-Tailed Tree Rat, seen peering out from tree hole along Caño Yarapa and another on forest walk on south bank of Río Marañon

Agoutis etc, Dasyproctidae etc

Black Agouti, *Dasyprocta fuliginosa*, 1 seen near Posada Marañon (close to boardwalk)

Weasels, Otters etc

Tayra, *Eira barbara*, seen by female Amazonian guide Ruby and Rebecca on forest walk on south bank of Marañon

Rodents, Rodentia

Yellow-crowned Brush-tailed (Tree) Rat, *Isothrix bistrriata*, We saw at least 2 in floodplain forest where they sat motionless in holes ca. 10 m up and stared intently (apparently at us?); yellowish buff crown patches quite obvious

Dolphins

Pink River Dolphin, *Inia geoffrensis*, seen daily and in good numbers at mouths of creeks

Frogs:

(Variable) Clown Frog, *Hyla triangulum*, Caño el Dorado (the frog with long reddish rectangle on back)

Gladiator (or Goliath) Tree-Frog, *Hyla boans*, Caño El Dorado (large brown frog at mouth of Caño El Dorado)

Pygmy Hatchet-faced Tree-Frog, *Sphaenorhynchus carneus*, Caño El Dorado (all green and with slender nose)

Amazon Rocket Tree-Frog, *Hyla lanciformos*, forest walk on south bank of Marañon

Other herps:

Amazon Green Iguana, *Iguana iguana*, Caño Yarapa and Caño Yanallpa

Speckled Caiman, *Caiman crocodilus*, El Dorado (mainly their orange eye shine)

Dusky Mud Snake, seen on log at edge of river island in Río Ucayali near Caño Faucett

Unidentified snake, near mouth of Caño Faucett on Río Ucayali (a fast-swimming snake)

For easiest identification of frogs and herps see: Bartlett, R. D. & P. Bartlett. 2003. *Reptiles & Amphibians of the Amazon. An Ecotourist's Guide*. Univ. Florida press.

PART II. LIST OF BIRDS SEEN IN LIMA-PUCUSANA AREA: January 21, 2011

Dusks & Geese, Anatidae

White-cheeked Pintail, *Anas bahamensis*, Pantanos de Villa, at least 10 including adult female with I downy ducklings that were mottled yellow and black
Cinnamon Teal, *Anas cyanoptera*, Pantanos de Villa; 3 by parking lot
Ruddy (Andean-Ruddy) Duck, *Oxyura ferruginea*, Pantanos de Villa (2-3)

Grebes, Podicipedidae

Pied-billed Grebe, *Podilymbus podiceps*, Pantanos de Villa (2)
Great Grebe, *Podiceps major*, Pantanos de Villa (3)

Penguins, Spheniscidae

Humboldt Penguin, *Spheniscus humboldti*, 3 seen swimming at sea south of Pucusana; these individuals were observed at length through the telescopes as they remained in same area for an extended period of time

Boobies, Sulidae

Peruvian Booby, *Sula variegata*, Lima coast (100+)

Pelicans, Pelecanidae

Peruvian Pelican, *Pelecanus thagus*, Lima coast (25-35 total)

Cormorants, Phalacrocoracidae

Neotropic Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax olivaceus*, Lima coast (est. 75-100)
Guanay Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax bougainvillii*, Lima coast (4-5; all immatures)
Red-legged Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax gaimardi*, Pucusana (18-25+)

Hérons & Egrets, Ardeidae

Great Egret, *Egretta alba*, Lima coast (1)
Little Blue Heron, *Egretta thula*, Pantanos de Villa (1 pied immature)
Snowy Egret, *Egretta thula*, 2-3
Cattle Egret, *Bulbulcus ibis*, Pantanos de Villa (<10)
Striated Heron, *Butorides striatus*, Pantanos de Villa (only 1 seen in flight)
Black-crowned Night-Heron, *Nycticorax nycticorax*, Pantanos de Villa (2 imms.)

Ibises, Threskiornithidae

Puna Ibis, *Plegadis ridgwayi*, Pantanos de Villa, 5+; (migrant from high els; Pantanos de Villa)

New World Vultures, Cathartidae

Black Vulture, *Coragyps atratus*, many around Pantanos de Villa
Turkey Vulture, *Cathartes aura*, Pantanos de Villa

Osprey, Pandionidae

Osprey, *Pandion haliaetus*, 3 at Pantanos de Villa

Hawks & Eagles, Accipitridae

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle, *Geranoaetus melanoleucus*, 1 seen from bus by a few people
Variable Hawk, *Buteo polyosoma*, 1 (also seen from bus by only a few people; this is the former Red-backed Hawk)
Harris' Hawk, *Parabuteo unicinctus*, 1 at small park in front of Hotel Olivar in Lima

Falcons & Caracaras, Falconidae

American Kestrel, *Falco sparverius*, only 1 or 2
Peregrine Falcon, *Falco peregrinus*, 1 sitting on post on beach (and greatly increasing the anxiety of 1000s of nearby Franklin's Gulls)

Rails & Coots, Rallidae

Plumbeous Rail, *Rallus sanguinolentus*, 2 seen at Pantanos de Villa (but not very close; unresponsive)
Common Gallinule (Moorhen), *Gallinula chloropus*, Pantanos de Villa (est.10; low numbers)
Slate-colored Coot, *Fulica ardesiaca* (includes all Andean forms), est. 2+ ; Pantanos de Villa

Thick-knees, Burhinidae

Peruvian Thick-Knee, *Burhinus superciliaris*, 1 in sandy area between marsh and beach; now local and declining with increased settlement along coast

Plovers and Lapwings, Charadriidae

Killdeer, *Charadrius vociferus*, 3+ (Pantanos de Villa marshes near beach)

Oystercatchers, Haematopodidae

Blackish Oystercatcher, *Haematopus ater*, 8+ at Pucusana
American Oystercatcher, *Haematopus palliatus*, 2-3 on beach (Pantanos de Villa)

Avocets & Stilts, Recurvirostridae

Black-necked Stilt, *Himantopus mexicanus*, Pantanos de Villa (ca. 10)

Sandpipers etc, Scolopacidae

Spotted Sandpiper, *Actitis macularia*, 2+ at Pantanos de Villa
Lesser Yellowlegs, *Tringa flavipes*, 20+ Pantanos de Villa beach area
Whimbrel, *Numenius phaeopus*, 3 at Pucusana; 30+ at beach at Pantanos de Villa
Ruddy Turnstone, *Arenaria interpres*, 75-100 at Pucusana
Surfbird, *Aphriza interpres*, 1 winter plumage bird with Ruddy Turnstones at Pucusana
Least Sandpiper, *Calidris minutilla*, another *Calidris* 1 at Pantanos de Villa
Western Sandpiper, *Calidris mauri*, 1 presumed this species based largely on bill length and size but this was not a bird with a noticeably long bill or with drooped tip; in marshy area about 1 km inland from beach

Gulls & Terns, Laridae

Gray-headed Gull, *Larus cirrocephalus*, ca. 15-20 (Pantanos de Villa); beach and inland lagoon

Franklin's Gull, *Larus pipixcan*, est. 12,000-15,000 birds massed on beaches and inland lagoons at Pantanos de Villa

Band-tailed (Belcher's) Gull, *Larus belcheri*, est. 350+; all beach and water areas; common

[Gray Gull, *Larus modestus*, NOT SEEN; perhaps breeding to south at this time; this species also seems to disappear during El Niño years]

[Kelp Gull, *Larus dominicanus*, NOT SEEN; not obvious to me why this species was absent]

Inca Tern, *Larosterna inca*, 800+ in Pucusana

Elegant Tern, *Thalasseus elegans*, 3+ seen at Pantanos de Villa and Pucusana Bay

Sandwich Tern, at least 10 seen by part of group at Pucusana Bay

Pigeons & Doves, Columbidae

Feral (Rock) Pigeon, *Columba livia*, settled areas

Eared Dove, *Zenaida auriculata*, Many in park by Hotel Olivar

Pacific Dove, *Zenaida meloda* (formerly *asiatica*), 40+ (Lima and all along coast)

Croaking Ground-Dove, *Columbina cruziana*, a few in park by Hotel Olivar

Cuckoos, Cuculidae

Groove-billed Ani, *Crotophaga sulcirostris*, only 1 noted near Pantanos de Villa

Hummingbirds, Trochilidae

Amazilia Hummingbird, *Amazilia amazilia*, 1 in park by Hotel Olivar

Ovenbirds, Furnariidae

Surf (Peruvian Seaside) Cinclodes, *Cinclodes taczanowskii*, 4-5 on rocky coast around Pucusana

Wren-like Rushbird, *Phleocryptes melanops*, Pantanos de Villa; two seen but difficult to see well

Tyrant Flycatchers, Tyrannidae

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet, *Camptostoma obsoletum*, 1 in park in Lima

Many-colored Rush-Tyrant, *Tachuris rubrigastra*, 2 immature birds at Pantanos de Villa

Vermilion Flycatcher, *Pyrocephalus rubinus*, 12+; mostly dusky in Lima; mostly red outside city

Tropical Kingbird, *Tyrannus melancholicus*, Lima area

Swallows, Hirundinidae

Blue-and-white Swallow, *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*, Only 2 seen

Wrens, Troglodytidae

House Wren, *Troglodytes aedon*, Common voice; several seen

Mockingbirds & Thrashers, Mimidae

Long-tailed Mockingbird, *Mimus longicaudatus*, Pucusana (4-5)

Tanagers, Thraupidae

Bananaquit, *Coereba flaveola*, 1 in Lima park in front of Hotel Olivar

Cinereous Conebill, *Conirostrum cinereum*, 1 in Lima park in front of Hotel Olivar

Blue-gray Tanager, *Thraupis episcopus*, Lima area

Sparrows etc, Emberizidae

Blue-black Grassquit, *Volatinia jacarina*, 1 in Lima

Chestnut-throated Seedeater, *Sporophila telasco*, 1 male at Pantanos de Villa

Saffron Finch, *Sicalis flaveola*, pair in grass in park in Lima

Grassland Yellow-Finch, *Sicalis luteola*, 1 at Pantanos de Villa (seen only by a few people)

Rufous-collared Sparrow, *Zonotrichia capensis*, mostly Lima area

Blackbirds, Icteridae

Peruvian (Red-breasted) Meadowlark, *Sturnella bellicose*, several at Pantanos de Villa (in palm top)

Scrub Blackbird, *Dives warszewiczi*, 2 in park in front of hotel in Lima

Shiny Cowbird, *Molothrus bonariensis*, 2 in park in front of hotel in Lima

Old World Sparrows, Passeridae

House Sparrow, *Passer domesticus*, Pantanos de Villa

We also saw a squirrel (of unknown identity) in the park in Lima (I do not believe there are any "native" squirrels in this formerly desert region)