

ECUADOR: NAPO WILDLIFE CENTER FIELD CHECK-LIST

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BRIEF TRIP REPORT

A trip to the Napo Wildlife Center is a total experience—floating down blackwater streams, bushwacking through dense and lush undergrowth, bearing down under a tropical rainstorm, surveying the forest canopy from a treetop platform built over 100 feet above the ground—and trying to make sense out of the most complex faunal community on earth becomes a most exhilarating challenge. Our August trip had many memorable moments and species to remember, right from the “get-go” and just a few minutes after beginning our expedition, floating along Añanguyacu that first afternoon, we came upon an Oilbird on its day roost, rocking gently from side-to-side right in front of us. We were all mesmerized! That and the 92 other species we recorded during this initial entrance into the world of NWC was just a sample of more wonderful things to come.

Even the more “common” species of this wonderfully rich Amazonian forest are memorable; crazy-looking Hoatzins, hissing and clambering clumsily about, adorable White-eared Jacamars, the animated Black-capped Donocobius with its insistent scolding and spirited duets, along with “gangs” of Greater Anis and their green and blue glossy sheen and glaring pale eyes. But it was the tremendous variety of experiences and wonderful bird species that we came upon at almost every turn that seemed to be the most exciting. Finally getting scope views of a calling Great Jacamar perching stealthily in the subcanopy, or our fine views of Brown Nunlet and White-chested Puffbird along the same trail must be favorite memories for all of our group. Peering patiently through a dense mesh of understory vegetation at an army ant swarm was most exciting, as we quietly witnessed Bicolored, Sooty, Scale-backed, Lunulated and spectacular White-plumed Antbirds slipping in and out of our various viewpoints; even getting scope views of most of the species! To top that off, a juvenile(?) Buckley’s Forest-Falcon swooped in twice in an attempt at snatching up one of these unsuspecting ant followers. For sure, our “up-close-and personal” look at a Zigzag Heron was a thrill for all of us, too.

Our encounter with the rarely seen Gray-bellied Hawk on its perch along the Añanguyacu and scoped views of the two rare hummingbirds—Festive Coquette and Rufous-throated Sapphire—below us in the flowers of a canopy tree seen from the forest canopy tower, along with the rather uncommon Back-bellied Thorntail were among our most unusual records. Floating up upon a Salvin’s Currassow resting on the bank of the Añanguyacu and drifting by a sleeping three and a half meter long Black Caiman were moments that will not be forgotten. Each day and each different area

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brought new species and experiences and all in all, it was a great trip and it would not have been so if not for Jiovanny, whose intimate knowledge of this spectacular area is absolutely unsurpassed! It is always a pleasure and an honor to share this wonderful area with him.

ITINERARY

August 7 —Arrival in Quito (part of group arrived earlier)

August 8 —Morning flight to Coca; transfer in “chiva” bus to the Napo River landing. 2-hour motor-canoe ride to Napo landing area, much of the afternoon floating upstream along Añanguyacu to the lodge, located on the shores of Añangucocha

August 9 —Early AM paddle across Añangucocha (the lake) to the Napo Trail landing, birding to the forest canopy tower ; rest of AM birding from the tower. Lunch at the lodge. PM paddle up the Cariañangu stream and back along the Añanguyacu

August 10 —Early AM down the Añanguyacu to the Napo landing area (much rain—we had to use plan C or D!); birding the Añangu community trail (lunch in the field), PM return up the Añanguyacu

August 11 —Early AM paddle across the lake most of the day along the Napo Trail and PM return to the forest canopy tower

August 12 —Early AM paddle down the Añanguyacu; transfer to motor canoes and transfer to Napo “saladero;” then transfer to Napo landing area and walk to forest “saladero”. Group divides: some to ridge trail, others to landing area. PM return up Añanguyacu to lodge

August 13 —Early morning departure: Añanguyacu, transfer to motor canoes and return to Coca; flight to Quito

August 14 —Early departure (part of the group continue on with the Tandayapa/Mindo Extension this morning

THE SPECIES LIST

This list follows *The Birds of Ecuador* by Ridgely & Greenfield (2001)

TINAMOUS: TINAMIDAE

Great Tinamou (*Tinamus major*)—1 seen briefly walking along Añanguyacu river bank (Aug. 10)

Cinereous Tinamou (*Crypturellus cinereus*)—Heard briefly on three days in terra firme forest

Little Tinamou (*Crypturellus soui*)—Heard once along trail to internal “saladero”

Undulated Tinamou (*Crypturellus undulatus*)—Heard often in varzea habitats

ANHINGAS: ANHINGIDAE

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*)—two sightings (the same bird?) along the Añanguyacu

HERONS & BITTERNES: ARDEIDAE

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)—Generally small numbers (1-3) always along the Río Napo

Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*)—1 individual along the Río Napo on the last day

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Striated Heron (*Butorides striatus*)—Singles and pairs from extensive sandbar along the Río Napo

Agami Heron (*Agamia agami*)—1 bird seen briefly by some along the Añanguyacu (Aug. 12)

Capped Heron (*Pilherodius pileatus*)—Beautiful breeding male seen on first and last days along the Río Napo

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)—2 seen at Coca on last morning

Boat-billed Heron (*Cochlearius cochlearius*)—Singles and pairs seen around Añangu Lake

Rufescent Tiger-Heron (*Tigrisoma lineatum*)—Common and tame along Añanguyacu

Zigzag Heron (*Zebrilus undulatus*)—Excellent close looks at 1 adult along Añanguyacu

AMERICAN VULTURES: CATHARTIDAE

King Vulture (*Sarcoramphus papa*)—1 soaring bird seen above forest “saladero”

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*)—Common Greater Yellow-headed Vulture (*Cathartes melambrotus*)—The “regular” vulture in the area; seen perched and flying

KITES, EAGLES & HAWKS: ACCIPITRIDAE

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)—1 flying bird over the Río Napo on last morning

Hook-billed Kite (*Chondrohierax uncinatus*)—1 dark-morph bird soaring along Río Napo on last morning

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*)—Single birds seen overflying along the Río Napo on first and last days

Snail Kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*)—At least 2 around Añangu Lake, seen on three occasions

Slender-billed Kite (*Rostrhamus hamatus*)—At least a pair seen regularly along Añanguyacu, seen at close range

Double-toothed Kite (*Harpagus bidentatus*)—2 separate sightings from forest canopy tower

Plumbeous Kite (*Ictinia plumbea*)—A single bird seen perched on four separate days

Tiny Hawk (*Accipiter superciliosus*)—A single bird seen briefly but well by some of us along Añanguyacu

Gray-bellied Goshawk (*Accipiter poliogaster*)—A single individual of this rare raptor seen twice, perched in the open along the Añanguyacu

Crane Hawk (*Geranospiza caerulescens*)—1 distant bird scoped from the forest canopy tower

Black-faced Hawk (*Leucopternis melanops*)—A pair perched distantly, scoped from forest canopy tower

Roadside Hawk (*Buteo magnirostris*)—Singles seen on most days

FALCONS & CARACARAS: FALCONIDAE

Black Caracara (*Daptrius ater*)—A rather common raptor seen daily

Yellow-headed Caracara (*Milvago chimachima*)—1 and then a pair seen along the Río Napo (10 and 13 Aug.)

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Buckley's Forest-Falcon (*Micratur buckleyi*)—A single bird (buffy juvenile!) came in to snatch antbirds at an antswarm along the Napo Trail (11 Aug.)

Laughing Falcon (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*)—3 single birds seen from forest canopy tower and along Añanguyacu

Bat Falcon (*Falco ruficularis*)—1 perched along the Río Napo on first day

CURASSOWS & GUANS: CRACIDAE

Speckled Chachalaca (*Ortalis guttata*)—Several seen, on most days; a few seen at close range

Blue-throated Piping-Guan (*Pipile cumanensis*)—Fairly common, especially along Añanguyacu

Salvin's Curassow (*Mitu salvini*)—1 fine bird seen by most of the group along Añanguyacu riverbank

RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS: RALLIDAE

Gray-breasted Crake (*Laterallus exilis*)—Heard only once or twice from lake-edge vegetation

Gray-necked Wood-Rail (*Aramides cajanea*)—2 birds seen well by part of the group along Añanguyacu

FINFOOTS: HELIORNITHIDAE

Sungrebe (*Heliornis fulica*)—At least seven sightings, including several very close-ups! day and night

LIMPKINS: ARAMIDAE

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*)—2 birds seen and heard on most evenings or early mornings

SANDPIPERS, SNIPES & PHALAROPES: SCOLOPACIDAE

Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*)—1 breeding plumaged bird on sandbank at Coca

Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularia*)—3 sightings along the Río Napo

Pectoral Sandpiper (*Calidris melanotos*)—1 bird on sandbank at Coca upon arrival

LAPWINGS & PLOVERS: CHARADRIIDAE

Southern Lapwing (*Vanellus chilensis*)—1 bird seen upon landing at Coca airport

Collared Plover (*Charadrius collaris*)—2 birds seen by most of the group on sandbar at Añangu

GULLS & TERNS: LARIDAE

Yellow-billed Tern (*Sterna superciliaris*)—5 seen along the Río Napo on first day

PIGEONS & DOVES: COLUMBIDAE

Pale-vented Pigeon (*Patagioenas [Columba] cayennensis*)—5 in all around Añangucocha

Ruddy Pigeon (*Patagioenas [Columba] subvinacea*)—4 seen, others heard (dark iris)

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Plumbeous Pigeon (*Patagioenas [Columba] plumbea*)—At least three seen, others heard (light iris)

Gray-fronted Dove (*Leptotila rufaxilla*)—2 seen, others heard; best one at nest at very close range

Sapphire Quail-Dove (*Geotrygon saphirina*)—Heard only in terra firme along Napo Trail

PARROTS & MACAWS: PSITTACIDAE

Blue-and-yellow Macaw (*Ara ararauna*)—At least a dozen seen, basically flying over, several good looks

Scarlet Macaw (*Ara macao*)—Two pair seen flying by on 9 and 10 Aug.

Chestnut-fronted Macaw (*Ara severa*)—Several fly-bys; at least one or two pairs scoped as they perched

Red-bellied Macaw (*Orthopsittaca manilata*)—Common in the area in varzea areas and flying over other habitats

White-eyed Parakeet (*Aratinga leucophthalmus*)—Mostly fly-bys (up to 40); a pair scoped at “saladero”

Dusky-headed Parakeet (*Aratinga weddellii*)—Large numbers at the Napo “saladero”; also elsewhere

Maroon-tailed Parakeet (*Pyrrhura melanura*)—Heard only on two separate days

Cobalt-winged Parakeet (*Brotogeris cyanopectus*)—Very common; large numbers at forest “saladero”

Black-headed Parrot (*Pionites melanocephala*)—Heard only once

Blue-headed Parrot (*Pionus menstruus*)—Rather common; several seen perched

Yellow-crowned Amazon (*Amazona ochrocephala*)—Only 2 seen at the Napo “saladero”; also heard

Orange-winged Amazon (*Amazona amazonica*)—Several seen; mostly flying over (some seen well)

Mealy Amazon (*Amazona farinosa*)—Several seen; best at Napo “saladero”

CUCKOOS & ANIS: CUCULIDAE

Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*)—Several seen on first three days

Little Cuckoo (*Piaya minuta*)—1 seen in rank vegetation along Añanguyacu

Greater Ani (*Crotophaga major*)—Common along water’s edge

Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*)—Small numbers seen daily

HOATZIN: OPISTHOCOMIDAE

Hoatzin (*Opisthocomus hoazin*)—This bizarre, primitive-looking bird is common around lake and streams

TYPICAL OWLS: STRIGIDAE

Tropical Screech-Owl (*Megascops[Otus] choliba*)—Heard nightly at NWC lodge

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum*)—2 birds seen along Añanguyacu; heard often

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OILBIRD: STEATORNITHIDAE

Oilbird (*Steatornis caripensis*)—Spectacular! First, “crippling” views of a single bird perched (rocking gently side-to-side) along the Añanguyacu, and then a feeding bird (perhaps the same individual) several kilometers upstream

POTOOS: NYCTIBIIDAE

Great Potoo (*Nyctibius grandis*)—1 bird “glued” to his same perch daily

Common Potoo (*Nyctibius griseus*)—Heard only (12 Aug.)

NIGHTHAWKS & NIGHTJARS: CAPRIMULGIDAE

Lesser Nighthawk (*Chordeiles acutipennis*)—Single bird flying over the lake (8 and 12 Aug.)

Pauraque (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)—Heard almost every night; one seen briefly by some

Ladder-tailed Nightjar (*Hydropsalis climacocerca*)—Nice pair seen on sandbar at Añangu; female perched in the open

SWIFTS: APODIDAE

White-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)—Several bands of this small race flying and kettling overhead

Short-tailed Swift (*Chaetura brachyura*)—A fairly common swift seen on several days; short stubby body

Gray-rumped Swift (*Chaetura cinereiventris*)—Group of 5 seen over-flying the lake (9 Aug.)

Neotropical Palm-Swift (*Tachornis squamata*)—Very common with large numbers seen daily

HUMMINGBIRDS: TROCHILIDAE

Rufous-breasted Hermit (*Glaucis hirsuta*)—Several single birds seen, mostly feeding along Añanguyacu

Great-billed Hermit (*Phaethornis malaris*)—2 birds seen including scope views (1 at its lek) near the forest “saladero”

White-bearded Hermit (*Phaethornis hispidus*)—At least 2 birds seen at their lek near forest “saladero”, scope views

Straight-billed Hermit (*Phaethornis bourcierii*)—1 bird scoped at its lek near forest “saladero”

White-necked Jacobin (*Florisuga mellivora*)—At least 4 different sightings of a territorial male at Napo landing

Festive Coquette (*Lophornis chalybeus*)—1 female scoped at pink canopy flowers from forest tower (a rare species in Ecuador)

Black-bellied Thorntail (*Popelairia langsdorffi*)—1 male (growing new tail) scoped at pink canopy flowers from forest canopy tower on two days

Blue-tailed Emerald (*Chlorostilbon mellisugus*)—1 male seen feeding along Añangu community trail

Fork-tailed Woodnymph (*Thalurania furcata*)—2 sightings; Napo landing area and Añangu community trail

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- Rufous-throated Sapphire** (*Hylocharis sapphirina*)—3 individuals of this rare species (in Ecuador) at pink canopy flowers from forest canopy tower
Glittering-throated Emerald (*Amazilia fimbriata*)—Only 1 of this rather common species seen briefly on our last morning
Long-billed Starthroat (*Heliomaster longirostris*)—1 bird seen on several at the lodge, also 1 at Napo landing area

TROGONS & QUETZALS: TROGONIDAE

- Black-tailed Trogon (*Trogon melanurus*)—2 single birds seen in subcanopy; Añanguyacu and Napo Trail
Amazonian White-tailed Trogon (*Trogon viridis*)—2 single birds seen in subcanopy; Añanguyacu and from lodge tower
Collared Trogon (*Trogon collaris*)—1 bird seen along Añangu community trail
Black-throated Trogon (*Trogon rufus*)—Heard only; two unresponsive birds—Napo Trail and Añanguyacu
Amazonian Violaceous Trogon (*Trogon violaceus*)—1 male in subcanopy along Napo Trail

KINGFISHERS: ALCEDINIDAE

- Ringed Kingfisher (*Ceryle torquata*)—Common and conspicuous daily
Amazon Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle amazona*)—At least 6 sightings along Añanguyacu and Río Napo
Green Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle americana*)—1 or 2 birds seen a few times along Añanguyacu
Green-and-rufous Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle inda*)—This uncommon species is rather common here—at least seven sightings including very close views (even at night)
American Pygmy Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle aenea*)—This adorable species seen at least 7 times, including super close views

MOTMOTS: MOMOTIDAE

- Rufous Motmot (*Baryphthengus martii*)—Heard only, briefly on 11 Aug.

JACAMARS: GALBULIDAE

- White-eared Jacamar (*Galbalcyrrhynchus leucotis*)—This amazing species was quite common almost daily
White-chinned Jacamar (*Galbula tombacea*)—Singles and pairs seen almost daily
Great Jacamar (*Jacamerops aurea*)—Great scope views of a calling bird, along the Napo Trail; heard also

PUFFBIRDS: BUCCONIDAE

- Chestnut-capped Puffbird (*Bucco macrodactylus*)—At least one seen (scoped too) along Napo Trail
White-chested Puffbird (*Malacoptila fusca*)—Fine looks at this understory species along the Napo Trail
Brown Nunlet (*Nonnula brunnea*)—Excellent views of this inconspicuous understory species; Napo Trail

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Black-fronted Nunbird (*Monasa nigrifrons*)—Common and seen daily

White-fronted Nunbird (*Monasa morphoeus*)—2 individuals of this terra firme species;
Napó Trail and Añanguyacu

Yellow-billed Nunbird (*Monasa flavirostris*)—4 of this local and uncommon species at
Napó landing area upon arrival

Swallow-wing (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*)—Common; including 2 birds feeding on
ground at Napó riverbank

NEW WORLD BARBETS: CAPITONIDAE

Scarlet-crowned Barbet (*Capito aurovirens*)—Quite a few of this varzea species seen

Gilded Barbet (*Capito auratus*)—Several sightings (including very close views) of this
terra firme species

TOUCANS: RAHMPHASTIDAE

Chestnut-eared Aracari (*Pteroglossus castanotis*)—Mostly close to Río Napó; best
views of 4 scoped at Napó landing area

Many-banded Aracari (*Pteroglossus pluricinctus*)—The most common araçari in the
area; scoped often

Lettered Aracari (*Pteroglossus inscriptus*)—Only 2 separate sightings of single birds;
best, scoped at Napó landing area

Ivory-billed Aracari (*Pteroglossus flavirostris*)—Fairly common, including many scoped
views from forest canopy tower

Channel-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos vitellinus*)—Heard often; several sightings,
including scoped views

White-throated Toucan (*Ramphastos tucanus*)—Common (including 31 in one tree!)

WOODPECKERS: PICIDAE

Spot-breasted Woodpecker (*Colaptes punctigula*)—At least 1 bird called in along
Añangu community trail

Chestnut Woodpecker (*Celeus elegans*)—2 seen on first day along Añanguyacu

Scale-breasted Woodpecker (*Celeus grammicus*)—A calling pair seen nicely from the
forest canopy tower

Rufous-headed Woodpecker (*Celeus spectabilis*)—1 bird decoyed into tape briefly;
seen by a few of us

Ringed Woodpecker (*Celeus torquatus*)—1 female perched in full view, from forest
canopy tower; scoped nicely

Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*)—1 watched along Añangu community trail

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker (*Melanerpes cruentatus*)—Common and beautiful; mostly
pairs and family groups on dead snags

Little Woodpecker (*Veniliornis passerinus*)—6 seen mostly along Añangu community
trail

Crimson-crested Woodpecker (*Campephilus melanoleucos*)—The common, large
woodpecker in the area

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OVENBIRDS: FURNARIIDAE

Orange-fronted Plushcrown (*Metopothrix aurantiacus*)—1 bird scoped with mixed flock along Añangu community trail

Chestnut-winged Hookbill (*Ancistrops strigilatus*)—1 seen (others heard) with mixed flock along ridge above forest “saladero”

WOODCREEPERS: DENDROCOLAPTIDAE

Plain-brown Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*)—1 bird at antswarm along Napo Trail

Olivaceous Woodcreeper (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*)—1 seen with various other woodcreeper species along Añanguyacu

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*)—3 sightings of individuals with mixed flocks

Long-billed Woodcreeper (*Nasica longirostris*)—Spectacular species; pairs and singles seen a few times along Añanguyacu

Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper (*Dendrexetastes rufigula*)—1 bird fighting with Buff-throated Woodcreeper along Añanguyacu on first day

Strong-billed Woodcreeper (*Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus*)—1 seen with pair of Long-billed Woodcreeper along Añanguyacu

Buff-throated Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus*)—Heard often; at least 3 birds seen; common

Lineated Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes albolineatus*)—1 seen with other woodcreeper species along Añanguyacu on first day

TYPICAL ANTBIRDS: THAMNOPHILIDAE

Great Antshrike (*Taraba major*)—A pair decoyed in to tape along Añangu community trail

Mouse-colored Antshrike (*Thamnophilus murinus*)—Heard only in various terra firme areas

Dusky-throated Antshrike (*Thamnomanes ardesiacus*)—A pair, then a single male seen in understory (also scope views) mainly along Napo Trail

Pygmy Antwren (*Myrmotherula brachyura*)—Heard only along Napo Trail

Short-billed Antwren (*Myrmotherula obscura*)—Heard only along Napo Trail

Amazonian Streaked-Antwren (*Myrmotherula surinamensis*)—A pair seen (calling) at same spot along Añanguyacu

White-flanked Antwren (*Myrmotherula axillaris*)—1 male seen well with understory flock along Napo Trail

Gray Antbird (*Cercomacra cinerascens*)—Heard and then 1 seen by part of the group near forest “saladero”

Black-faced Antbird (*Myrmoborus myotherinus*)—Males seen well (1 was scoped at close range!) along Napo Trail

Warbling Antbird (*Hypocnemis cantator*)—1 seen, only a few heard, along Napo Trail

Dot-backed Antbird (*Hylophylax punctulata*)—Nice looks at 1 bird in typical varzea habitat

Scale-backed Antbird (*Hylophylax poecilonota*)—At least 5 birds seen, several close looks, along Napo Trail

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Banded Antwren (*Dichrozona cincta*)—Close looks (scoped too) at this wonderful little bird as it waddled along; Napo Trail

Silvered Antbird (*Sclateria naevia*)—A few (males and females) seen closely along shoreline vegetation along streams

Plumbeous Antbird (*Myrmeciza hyperythra*)—Nice looks (Heard too) at a pair in stream-side, varzea vegetation

White-shouldered Antbird (*Myrmeciza melanoceps*)—Nice looks at 1 bird at Napo landing area

Sooty Antbird (*Myrmeciza forties*)—At least 4 birds; mainly associated with ants

White-plumed Antbird (*Pithy albatross*)—Classic antbird, good looks (even scoped) at antswarm along Napo Trail

Bicolored Antbird (*Gymnopithys leucaspis*)—Classic Antbird, at least 3 with antswarm along Napo Trail

Lunulated Antbird (*Gymnopithys lunulata*)—1 juvenile male of this little known antbird with antswarm along Napo Trail

Reddish-winged Bare-eye (*Phlegopsis erythroptera*)—Heard only at Napo Trail antswarm; non-responsive

GROUND ANTBIRDS: FORMICARIIDAE

Striated Antthrush (*Chamaeza nobilis*)— Heard only once along the Napo Trail

TAPACULOS: RHINOCRYPTIDAE

Rusty-belted Tapaculo (*Liosceles thoracicus*)—Heard twice only, along Napo Trail; un-responsive this time

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: TYRANNIDAE

Golden-faced Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius chrysops*)—2 from forest canopy tower; seen on two separate days

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)—1 bird called in near lodge along Añanguyacu; very different song from Andean and western populations

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet (*Tyrannulus elatus*)—Several seen from forest canopy tower and on last day—Napo landing area

Yellow-crowned Elaenia (*Myiopagis flavivertex*)—1 came in to Pygmy-owl call; also heard

Mottle-backed Elaenia (*Elaenia gigas*)—1 of this “horned” species came in to pygmy-owl call along Añangu community trail

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher (*Mionectes oleagineus*)—1 seen with mixed flock along Añangu community trail

Double-banded Pygmy-Tyrant (*Lophotriccus vitiosus*)—Heard only along forest “saladero” trail

Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum*)—Heard only from forest canopy tower; un-responsive

Olive-faced Flatbill (*Tolmomyias viridiceps*)—2 seen at Napo landing area

Drab Water-Tyrant (*Ochthornis littoralis*)—At least 1 along shores of Río Napo, seen by some of us

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- Cinnamon Attila (*Attila cinnamomeus*)—Heard often, finally 1 or 2 birds seen well along Añanguyacu
- Citron-bellied Attila (*Attila citriniventris*)—Heard only; along Añanguyacu and along Napo Trail
- Grayish Mourner (*Rhytipterna simplex*)—1 seen close-by in forest canopy tower tree
- Eastern Sirystes (*Sirystes sibilator*)—Heard; 1 seen at close range in forest canopy tower tree
- Short-crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus ferox*)—2 separate sightings of single birds around the lodge and along the Añangu community trail
- Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)—A few seen almost daily in more open areas near water
- Lesser Kiskadee (*Philohydor lictor*)—A few seen daily, always near water
- Boat-billed Flycatcher (*Megarhynchus pitangua*)—Several seen and heard, mostly in open areas near the Napo
- Social Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes similis*)—A few seen daily; a common species in the Orient
- Gray-capped Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes granadensis*)—4 seen around the Napo landing area (10 Aug.)
- Streaked Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)—2 seen along the Añangu community trail
- Piratic Flycatcher (*Legatus leucophaeus*)—Heard only calling in the tree-tops along Añanguyacu
- Variiegated Flycatcher (*Empidonomus varius*)—10 seen; a concentration of this austral migrant at the Napo landing area and the Añangu community trail
- Crowned Slaty-Flycatcher (*Griseotyrannus aurantioatrocristatus*)—At least 4 of this austral migrant (excellent scope views too); best from forest canopy tower
- Sulphury Flycatcher (*Tyrannopsis sulphurea*)—Heard once, then 1 bird heard and seen briefly in canopy (not in Moriche Palm!) along the Napo Trail
- Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)—Common daily
- White-winged Becard (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*)—2 seen and scoped along the Añangu community trail
- Black-tailed Tityra (*Tityra cayana*)—Several pairs at various locations in the area; scoped views included

COTINGAS: COTINGIDAE

- White-browed Purpletuft (*Iodopleura isabellae*)—1 bird seen by some of us (scoped) in tree-tops from forest canopy tower
- Screaming Piha (*Lipaugis vociferans*)—Heard only, once along ridge trail above forest “saladero”
- Plum-throated Cotinga (*Cotinga maynana*)—Several scope views of 2 different stunning males; forest canopy tower and Añangu community trail
- Spangled Cotinga (*Cotinga cayana*)—Nice scope views of two males from forest canopy tower
- Bare-necked Fruitcrow (*Gymnoderus foetidus*)—9 or so seen; mostly from the forest canopy tower, a juvenile bird was seen along the Añangu community trail

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Purple-throated Fruitcrow (*Querula purpurata*)—Heard in a few places, a pair scoped from the Napo “saladero”

MANAKINS: PIPRIDAE

Golden-headed Manakin (*Pipra erythrocephala*)—4 seen at lek (in cool display!) on ridge trail above forest “saladero”

Wire-tailed Manakin (*Pipra filicauda*)—2 female plumaged birds seen along Napo Trail

White-crowned Manakin (*Dixiphia pipra*)—1 male scoped nicely on ridge trail above forest “saladero”

Blue-crowned Manakin (*Lepidothrix coronata*)—a few males seen on two days (also scoped) along Napo and ridge trails

Blue-backed Manakin (*Chiroxiphia pareola*)—3 males (including a sub-adult male) seen (also scoped) along the Napo Trail

Striped Manakin (*Machaeropterus regulus*)—2 males seen (scoped too) along ridge trail above forest “saladero”

Orange-crested Manakin (*Heterocercus aurantiivertex*)—Very nice looks at this species along the Añanguyacu while watching a Varzea Schiffornis

Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin (*Tyrannutes stolzmanni*)—1 bird scoped along Napo Trail and others heard

Varzea Schiffornis (*Schiffornis major*)—2 birds seen (and gave us the chase!) well eventually in varzea habitat along the Añanguyacu

JAYS: CORVIDAE

Violaceous Jay (*Cyanocorax violaceus*)—Seen and heard daily, generally common though not always seen well; we had a few satisfying looks

THRUSHES: TURDIDAE

Lawrence's Thrush (*Turdus lawrencii*)—The incredible mimicking song of this species was heard on two occasions, with 1 bird seen briefly as it “plummeted” away from its singing perch near the forest “saladero”

Hauxwell's Thrush (*Turdus hauxwelli*)—Nice looks at 1 bird along the Añanguyacu on the first day

MARTINS & SWALLOWS: HIRUNDINIDAE

Brown-chested Martin (*Progne tapera*)—15 or so around the Río Napo in the Coca area, seen on first and last days

Gray-breasted Martin (*Progne chalybea*)—Relatively small numbers (4-8) in the Coca area

White-winged Swallow (*Tachycineta albiventer*)—This attractive swallow was fairly common almost daily

White-banded Swallow (*Atticora fasciata*)—This very attractive swallow was fairly common along the Río Napo

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WRENS: TROGLODYTIDAE

Black-capped Donacobius (*Donacobius atricapillus*)—This charming and noisy species was common in the aquatic vegetation that bordered the lake and streams throughout the area

Thrush-like Wren (*Campylorhynchus turdinus*)—Heard daily, with 1 bird seen at Napo landing area on first day

Buff-breasted Wren (*Thryothorus leucotis*)—1 bird seen well from canoe along Añanguyacu on first day

White-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucosticta*)—1 bird seen and heard along Napo Trail

Southern Nightingale-Wren (*Microcerculus marginatus*)—1 bird seen along Napo Trail, others heard infrequently

GNATCATCHERS: POLIOPTILIDAE

Tropical Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila plumbea*)—1 bird came in to pygmy-owl call along Añangu community trail

TANAGERS & HONEYCREEPERS: THRAUPIDAE

Purple Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*)—4-5 seen on both visits to forest canopy tower

Green Honeycreeper (*Chlorophanes spiza*)—Several sightings, best from forest canopy tower where scoped

Blue Dacnis (*Dacnis cayana*)—1 bird seen by Theresa from lodge tower

Black-faced Dacnis (*Dacnis lineata*)—4 from forest canopy tower (even in the same tree)

Yellow-bellied Dacnis (*Dacnis flaviventer*)—Several seen and scoped from forest canopy tower

Orange-bellied Euphonia (*Euphonia xanthogaster*)—1 male seen from forest canopy tower

White-vented Euphonia (*Euphonia minuta*)—2 males and a female scoped from forest canopy tower

Rufous-bellied Euphonia (*Euphonia rufiventris*)—1 stunning male scoped from forest canopy tower

Turquoise Tanager (*Tangara mexicana*)—3 or so scoped from forest canopy tower

Opal-rumped Tanager (*Tangara velia*)—At least 2 seen from (and in the tree) forest canopy tower

Opal-crowned Tanager (*Tangara callophrys*)—2 seen in forest canopy tower tree

Blue-gray Tanager (*Thraupis episcopus*)—Common lowland species; this race with white in the wing

Palm Tanager (*Thraupis palmarum*)—Mostly more common than Blue-gray Tanager this trip

Silver-beaked Tanager (*Ramphocelus carbo*)—A generally common Amazonian species

Masked Crimson Tanager (*Ramphocelus nigrigularis*)—Fairly common and really colorful; usually near water

Red-crowned Ant-Tanager (*Habia rubica*)—Heard only; un-responsive to playback

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Flame-crested Tanager (*Tachyphonus cristatus*)—1 male scoped from forest canopy tower

Magpie Tanager (*Cissopis leveriana*)—3 seen (including scoped views) in Napo landing and Añangu community trail area

SALTATORS, CARDINALS & ALLIES: CARDINALIDAE

Red-capped Cardinal (*Paroaria gularis*)—4 seen well along lake shore on day two; heard and glimpsed elsewhere

EMBERIZINE FINCHES: EMBERIZIDAE

Yellow-browed Sparrow (*Ammodramus aurifrons*)—1 seen on sand bank on the Río Napo

AMERICAN ORIOLES & BLACKBIRDS: ICTERIDAE

Yellow-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus cela*)—Very common and noisy; seen daily

Red-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus haemorrhous*)—Heard only; un-responsive to playback

Solitary Cacique (*Cacicus solitarius*)—Heard and then 2 birds seen at Napo landing area

Crested Oropendola (*Psarocolius decumanus*)—One of the 2 most common oropendolas in the area

Russet-backed Oropendola (*Psarocolius angustifrons*)—One of the two most common oropendolas in the area

Green Oropendola (*Psarocolius viridis*)—At least 1 bird scoped from the forest canopy tower

Giant Cowbird (*Scaphidura oryzivora*)—1 or 2 seen on most days, even at the lodge site

Moriche Oriole (*Icterus chryscephalus*)—2 seen (scoped too) from forest canopy tower

Orange-backed Troupial (*Icterus croconotus*)—1 seen well (scoped) along Añangu community trail

Oriole Blackbird (*Gymnomystax mexicanus*)—2 seen on river island along the Río Napo

MAMMALS & OTHER CREATURES

MARMOSETS AND TAMARINS: CALLITRICHIDAE

Pygmy Marmoset (*Cebuella pygmaea*)—1 seen through dense vegetation as it clung to tree trunk; Añangu community trail (the smallest monkey in the World)

Golden-mantled Tamarin (*Saguinus tripartitus*)—A group of 6 seen by Chris, who expressly went looking for them along Napo Trail

NEW WORLD MONKEYS: CEBIDAE

Dusky Titi Monkey (*Callicebus [cupreus] moloch*)—Heard only right near the lodge on our last morning

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Common Squirrel Monkey (*Saimiri sciureus*)—At least 3 seen by part of the group along the Añanguyacu; 12 Aug.

White-fronted Capuchin (*Cebus albifrons*)—At least 20 seen from lodge tower by part of the group

Red Howler Monkey (*Alouatta seniculus*)—5 sleeping monkeys scoped from forest canopy tower; also heard

SQUIRRELS: SCIURIDAE

Amazon Dwarf Squirrel (*Microsciurus flaviventer*)—4 seen at various forest locations

SHEATH-TAILED BATS: EMBALLONURIDAE

Long-nosed Bat (*Rhynchonycteris naso*)—About 6 perched by day on sticks protruding from the water near the lodge

BULLDOG BATS: NOCTILLIONIDAE

Bulldog [Fishing] Bat (*Noctilio sp.*)—Large numbers flying and fishing all around us a dusk along Añanguyacu

WEASELS, OTTERS AND ALLIES: MUSTELIDAE

Southern River Otter (*Lutra longicaudis*)—1 glimpsed as it lunged from shore along the Añanguyacu

OTHER CREATURES

Caiman Lizard (*Dracaena guianensis*)—1 seen closely along Añanguyacu on day one
Spiny-necked Lizard (*Plica plica*)—1 seen in forest on ridge trail above forest
“saladero”

Black Caiman (*Melanosuchus niger*)—1 seen distantly on the lake, then another large and old one seen right next to us along the Añanguyacu

Caiman sp.—eyeshine spotted on lake could have been the Black Caiman or that of Spectacled Caiman (*Caiman crocodilus*)

Snake sp.—small snake seen in grasses along the lake shore

Anolis sp.—1 anolis lizard with orange dewlap along Napo Trail

Stingray sp.—1 seen clearly through blackwater near Napo Trail landing

Giant land-snail—1 making its way along at lodge

Yellow-spotted Turtle (*Podocnemis unifilis*)—Group of 6 sunning themselves at lake edge near the lodge