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Yellow-scarfed Tanager— Photo: Andrew Whittaker

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In this mecca for Andean cloud forest birding, our Northern Peru tour this year surpassed my wildest dreams, with 348 species! Huge roaming flocks of tanagers, with an incredible 46 species seen, covered every spectacular color combination imaginable, and 34 species of dazzling hummingbirds produced kaleidoscopic non-stop action at feeders. However, voted number one by the group was the holy grail of Neotropical birding, the Long-whiskered Owlet, which perched within meters of us (below eye level) and entertained us by leaping from one open bamboo perch to another!

Highlights came thick and fast including magical scope views of the poorly-known White-faced Nunbird, two different rarely seen Lanceolated Monklets, multiple breathtaking views of the stunning Yellow-scarfed Tanager, a close pair of Fiery-throated Fruiteaters, Golden-headed Quetzal, three endemic antpittas (Ochre-fronted, Rusty-tinged, and Chestnut), stellar studies of three Rufous-vented Tapaculos (endemic), the recently described endemic Johnson's Tody-Flycatcher, and Cinnamon-breasted Tody-Tyrant. Hummingbirds included the stupendous male Marvelous Spatuletail (what a tail!), Rufous-crested Coquette, Royal Sunangel, Sword-billed, endearing White-bellied, and miniscule Little Woodstar. Some truly stunning tanagers included Vermilion, Hooded Mountain, White-winged, Flame-faced, Yellow-crested, Grass-green, Yellow-throated, Paradise, Golden, Saffron-crowned, Golden-naped, Blue-necked, and flocks of the odd looking huge White-capped. We were blessed as the top songster of the Andes, the Chestnut-breasted Wren, mesmerized us with its solo within just a few meters; this amazing musician has to be heard to be believed!

The well-kept forest trails at both lodges were brimming with incredible flowering orchids, and there is no better way to experience the shades and colors of countless bromeliads, mosses, and lichens festooning the trees than by climbing the wonderful Owlet Lodge canopy tower. On top, the view is breathtaking, as magnificent unbroken cloud forest unravels itself ridge after ridge as far as the eye can see.

Our exploration of lower elevations was very rewarding and produced scope studies of a magnificent White-rumped Hawk, Crimson-mantled Woodpecker, Speckle-chested Piculet, Lyre-tailed Nightjar, Torrent Duck, White-capped Dipper, and countless mixed species flocks producing Scaled and Green-and-black fruiteaters, multiple male Andean Cocks-of-the-rock, Red-ruffed Fruitcrow, stupendous Versicolored Barbet, Inca Jay, and Ornate Flycatcher. We were amazingly lucky to get the best views ever of such canopy species as Rufous-rumped Antwren and Gray-mantled Wren.

Close to our last stop at the new Fruiteater Lodge, we had a fantastic visit to the Oilbird cleft (adults and juvenile seen in scope and in flight) and a daytime perched Common Potoo. The lodge garden and hummingbird feeders rewarded us with 17 species of hummers including Rufous-crested Coquette. Highlights of the forested grounds were Band-bellied Owl, the newly described Mishana Tyrannulet, and the brilliant endemic Black-bellied Tanager. We also visited the incredible orchid garden, which seemed to display every size, shape, and color imaginable.

What a fantastic group! Thank you for accompanying me into this rich cloud forest paradise. I hope you'll take home many wonderful birding memories. And I'd like to thank the staff at both lodges who took such good care of us. I can't wait to return next year!

## **Tour Notes**

**July 6:** Arrive from US and overnight in Lima airport at the Ramada hotel.

**July 7:** Morning flight from Lima to Tarapoto. Transfer in our van with lunch along the way, birding stop to see the wonderful Oilbirds. After lunch, continued on our way to our lovely home base, the Owlet Lodge, set into this pristine cloud forest reserve for the next 7 nights. Birding the hummingbird feeders and around the forested clearing.

**July 8-13:** Birding around the Owlet lodge, walking the wonderful forested trail system (Mono, Grallaria, and Owlet trails) through pristine cloud forest full of spectacular orchids. Successful Owlet excursion, various visits to the fabulous Canopy Tower, several short excursions exploring close by stunted elfin forest and descending to lower elevations mountain forest for tanagers and other mixed species flocks, and Andean Cock-of-the rock along the roads. A special afternoon visit to see the stupendous Marvelous Spatuletail at the ECOAN Huembo Reserve.

**July 14:** Early morning birding along the Grallaria trail before driving to Moyobamba with a great lunch waiting for us at the lovely Fruiteater Lodge. Afternoon we spent birding the grounds at the hummingbird observation tower and its feeders.

**July 15:** We began the day by birding the forested trails above the lodge in the morning. We returned to the lodge for lunch with another hummingbird bonanza followed by an owling excursion.

**July 16:** First few hours birding forested trails followed by an early lunch before driving onto Tarapoto airport to catch our late afternoon flight to Lima. On arrival we had a fun farewell meal at the Ramada hotel followed by checking in for our international homebound flights.

**July 17:** Arrive in US.

## **TOP 5 Birds Part I (as voted by group)**

- 1- Long-whiskered Owlet (endemic)
- 2- Yellow-scarfed Tanager (endemic)
- 3- Johnson's Tody-Flycatcher (endemic)
- 4- Lanceolated Monklet
- 5- Fiery-throated Fruiteater

**Key:**

(E) = Peruvian ENDEMIC

**NOTE:** Trinomials (subspecific names) are provided for distinctive subspecies that are endemics or near-endemics of the region.

\* = indicates the bird was heard but not seen on our tour

FL = Birds seen or heard only at Fruiteater Lodge, Moyobamba

**BIRDLIST**

**Tinamous (Tinamidae)**

Gray Tinamou (*Tinamous tao*)- \* FL

Little Tinamou (*Crpturellus soui*)- \* FL

Tataupa Tinamou ( *C. tataupa* )- \* FL

**Ducks, Geese & Waterfowl (Anatidae)**

Torrent Duck (*Merganetta armata*) - Outstanding studies of a female feeding below the bridge on a rock and in the white water.

**Guans, Chachalacas & Curassows (Cracidae)**

Speckled Chachalaca (*Ortalis guttata*)

Andean Guan (*Penelope montagnii*)

Sickle-winged Guan (*Chamaepetes goudotii tschudi*) - A bird in the road narrowly escaped being run over by us in the early morning.

**Hérons, Egrets & Bitterns (Ardeidae)**

Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*)

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)

Striated Heron ( *Butorides striata* )

**New World Vultures (Cathartidae)**

Black Vulture (*Coragyps auratus*)

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*)

### **Hawks, Eagles & Kites (Accipitridae)**

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*) - Always a thrill to see this graceful raptor.

Double-toothed Kite (*Harpagus bidentatus*)

Plumbeous Kite (*Ictinia plumbea*) - FL

Rufous-thighed Hawk (*Accipiter erythronemius*) - We saw the pale white bellied form soaring and perched.

Bicolored Hawk (*Accipiter bicolor*) - Good find (well spotted Diane) as it landed for scope views!

Roadside Hawk (*Buteo magnirostris*)

**White-rumped Hawk (*Buteo leucorrhous*) - Fantastic scope views of this poorly-known raptor which is rarely observed perched.**

Short-tailed Hawk (*Buteo brachyurus*)

### **Rails, Gallinules & Coots (Rallidae)**

Russet-crowned Crake (*Lateralus viridis*) - \* FL Alas, would not respond to tape.

### **Pigeons & Doves (Columbidae)**

Band-tailed Pigeon (*Columba fasciata*)

Plumbeous Pigeon (*Patagioenas plumbea pallescens*) - Prepare for several splits here! Nominate form in Atlantic rainforests of Brazil.

Ruddy Pigeon (*Patagioenas subvinacea*)

Ruddy Ground-Dove ( *Columbina tapacoti* )- FL

Blue-ground Dove (*Columbina pretiosa*)- FL

White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*)- FL

### **Cuckoos (Cuculidae)**

Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*)- FL

Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*)- FL

### **Owls (Strigidae)**

Tropical Screech-owl (*Megascops choliba* )- \*FL

**Cinnamon Screech-Owl (*Megascops petersoni*) – \* (ENDEMIC). Alas we tried hard but heard only.**

Vermiculated Screech-Owl (*Megascops guatamalae*) - \* FL So close, but sadly too dense to find this hard to see owl.

White-throated Screech Owl (*Otus albigularis*) - \* Alas, heard only would not come in.

**Band-bellied Owl (*Pulsatrix melanota*) - FL Superb scope looks at this stunning owl!**

Rufous-banded Owl (*Strix albitarsus*) - One finally seen on telegraph pole at roadside.

**Striped Owl (*Pseudoscops clamator*)- Another WOW as we watched this magnificent Owl attempting to catch a large moth along the road, and just within a meter of our van! It was early morning and we were at 1850m (an altitudinal record in Peru)!**

Andean Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium jardinii*) - \*

Ferruginous Pygmy Owl (*Glaucidium brasiliaianum*) - \* FL

**Long-whiskered Owlet (*Xenoglaux loweryi*) – (ENDEMIC).** The trip highlight was getting to see this Mythical tiny Owlet well below eye level perched on bamboo! This tiny Owlet was the bird discovery of the century, being caught in a mist net during an LSU expedition to Abra Particia, and then described in a new genus *Xenoglaux* as recently as **1976!** Never seen in the wild out of a mist net with only 4 specimens it was thought to not fly properly and glide in thick bamboo. It was not until 2007 that it was first seen in the wild after its voice was discovered and taped from a netted bird! This was a **MEGA TICK** and we all were extremely privileged!

### **Nightjars & Allies (Caprimulgidae)**

Rufous-bellied Nighthawk (*Lurocalis rufiventris*) – WOW, nearly took my head off after imitating its call in front of the dining room!

Common Parakeet (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)- FL

Ocellated Porwill (*Nyctiphrynus ocellatus*) - FL Fantastic close up studies of a female. Neat voice too.

Rufous Nightjar (*Caprimulgus rufus*)- \* FL

Spot-tailed Nightjar (*Caprimulgus maculicaudus*)

Swallow-tailed Nightjar (*Uropsalis segmentata*)- Female seen in lodge clearing (leader only).

**Lyre-tailed Nightjar (*Uropsalis lyra*) - Great studies of a female in the scope.**

### **Potoo (Nyctibidae)**

Common Potoo (*Nyctibius griseus*)- FL Fantastic studies on its daytime roost (thanks to Carlos for finding it).

### **Oilbird (Steatornithidae)**

**Oilbird (*Steatornis caripensis*) - Cool looking birds. Well seen juveniles and adults even in flight below us.**

Swifts (Apodidae)

White-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)

Short-tailed Swift (*Chaetura brachyura*)- FL

White-tipped Swift (*Aeronautes montivagus*)

Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift (*Panyptila cayennensis*)

Fork-tailed Palm Swift (*Tachornis squamata*)- FL

### **Hummingbirds (Trochilidae)**

White-necked Jacobin ( *Florisuga mellivora*)- FL Simply stunning views of wonderful males and a few females.

Rufous-breasted Hermit (*Glaucis hursutus*) - FL

Long-tailed Hermit (*Phaethornis superciliosus moorei*)- FL Many splits to occur within what is known as Long-tailed, stay tuned!

Black-throated Hermit (*Phaethornis atrimentalis*) – FL Striking little feller.

Reddish Hermit (*Phaethornis ruber*)- FL

Green-fronted Lancebill (*Doryfera ludovicae*) - Good looks feeding at flowering tree.

Green Violetear (*Colibri thalassinus*)

Sparkling Violetear (*Colibri coruscans*)

Brown Violetear (*Colibri delphinae*)- FL

Black-throated Mango (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*)-FL

**Royal Sunangel (*Heliangelus regalis*) – (ENDEMIC). Stunning close views on sandy ridge.**

**Rufous-crested Coquette (*Lophornis delattrei*) – FL Wow, what a treat! Multiple fantastic crippling studies of male and female on feeders - simply spectacular!**

Ecuadorian Piedtail (*Phlogophilus hemileucurus*)- Quick look by leader only.

Speckled Hummingbird (*Adelomyia melanogenys*) – Common.

Emerald-bellied Puffleg (*Eriocnemis alinae*) - Wow a real gem at lodge feeders.

Buff-thighed Puffleg (*Haplophaedia assimilis*) - Split from Greenish Puffleg.

Long-tailed Sylph (*Agelaiocercus kingi*) - Wonderful looks of magnificent males and females at lodge feeders.

**Marvelous Spatuletail (*Loddigesia mirabilis*) – (ENDEMIC). Simply a magnificent bird, worth the trip alone just to see this wonder - and what an extraordinary tail on those stunning males at the feeders!**

Gray-breasted Sabrewing (*Campylopterus largipennis*) - FL

Violet-headed Hummingbird (*Klais guimeti*)- FL Quick, poor views.

Blue-tailed Emerald (*Chlorostilbon mellisugus*) - FL

Andean Emerald (*Amazilia franciae*)- Cool looking bird on Huembo feeders.

Fork-tailed Woodnymph (*Thalurania furcata*) – FL Common on feeders.

Golden-tailed Sapphire (*Chrysuroria oenone*) – FL Wonderful studies of many stunning males at the lowland feeders.

White-chinned Sapphire (*Hylocharis cyanus*)- FL

White-bellied Hummingbird (*Leucippus chionogaster*)- Common at Huembo feeders.

Sapphire-spangled Emerald (*Amazilia lactea*)- FL Stunning males on feeders.

Fawn-breasted Brilliant (*Heliodoxa rubinoides*) - Common at the lodge feeders.

Violet-fronted Brilliant (*Heliodoxa leadbeateri*) – One cool looking male at Huembo feeders.

Bronzy Inca (*Coeligena coeligena*) - Several at lodge feeders.

Collared Inca (*Coeligena torquata aurora*) - Regular at lodge feeders. A very smart bird.

**Sword-billed Hummingbird (*Ensifera ensifera*)- Watched hunting insects in forest at lodge and flying over canopy too. What a bill!**

Chestnut-breasted Coronet (*Boissonneaua matthewsii*) - Commonest hummer at lodge feeders a real favorite of mine.

Booted Racket-tail (*Ocreatus underwoodii*)- Seen by some.

White-bellied Woodstar (*Acetura mulsant*) - Great looks at males and females at lodge with males display flight being spectacular!

Little Woodstar (*Chaetocercus bombus*) - These tiny females were seen at the Spatuletail feeders. Must be one of the smallest hummers ever!

### **Trogon (Trogonidae)**

**Golden-headed Quetzal (*Pharomachrus auriceps*) – Fantastic studies of a few birds.**

Green-backed Trogon (*Trogon viridis*)- FL \*

Masked Trogon (*Trogon personatus*) - Smart birds.

### **Motmots ( Momotidae)**

Broad-billed Motmot (*Electron platyrhynchum*) – FL \*

### **Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)**

Ringed Kingfisher (*Ceryle torquata*) - On wires in lowlands.

### **Puffbirds (Bucconidae)**

**Lanceolated Monklet (*Micromonacha lanceolata*)- Another trip highlight, not one but two fantastic scope looks on the same morning of different tape-responsive birds! This certainly took some finding, and well done for the good spotting, first Yvonne - then the other singing birds by Georgann!**



**White-faced Nunbird (*Haploptila castanea*) - Stunning close up studies of this rarely seen bird from off the canopy tower. Certainly a trip highlight!**

**New World Barbets (Capitonidae)**

Gilded Barbet ( *Capito auratus*)- FL

**Versicolored Barbet (*Eubucco versicolor*) - Always stunning to see. We had great scope studies of a pair of these stunners.**

**Toucans (Ramphastidae)**

Emerald Toucanet ( *Aulacorhynchus prasinus cyanoaemus*) – Blue throated form, splits expected.

Lettered Aracari ( *Pteroglossus inscriptus*)- FL\*

Chestnut-eared Aracari (*Pteroglossus castanotis*)- FL

Golden-collared Toucanet ( *Selenidera reinwardtii*) – FL Flight only, playing hard to get.

Black-mandibled Toucan ( *Ramphastus ambiguus* )- Seen by some in flight, heard by all.

Channel-billed Toucan ( *Ramphastos vitellinus*) - FL

**Woodpeckers (Picidae)**

Lafresnaye's Piculet ( *Picumnus lafresnayi* )- FL

**Speckle-chested Piculet (*Picumnus steindachneri*)- (ENDEMIC). Excellent views of a tape responsive pair and we also found a nest with the female excavating and well seen in the scope.**

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker ( *Melanerpes cruentatus*)- FL

Smoky-brown Woodpecker (*Veniliornis fumigatus*)

Little Woodpecker (*Veniliornis passerinus*)- FL

Red-stained Woodpecker ( *V. affinis*)- FL

Golden-olive Woodpecker ( *Colaptes rubiginosus*)

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker (*Piculus rivolii*) – Wonderful looks of this fabulous woodpecker.

**Falcons & Caracaras (Falconidae)**

American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*) - FL

**Parrots (Psittacidae)**

Scarlet-fronted Parakeet ( *Aratinga wagleri* )- Highlands.

White-eyed Parakeet (*Aratinga leucophthalmus*) – Lowlands

Blue-winged Parrotlet ( *Forpus xanthopterygius*)- FL \*

Spot-winged Parrotlet (*Touit stictopterus*) - Distant views of flying birds twice.

Colbolt-winged Parakeet (*Brotogeris cyanoptera*) - FL

Blue-headed Parrot (*Pionus menstruus*) – Nice scope studies.

Red-billed Parrot (*Pionus sordidus*) - Great scope looks on a fruiting tree.

Scaly-naped Parrot (*Amazona mercenaria*) - Unexpectedly rare this trip.

### **Typical Antbirds (*Thamnophilidae*)**

Barred Antshrike (*Thamnophilus doliatus*) - \*

Plain-winged Antshrike (*Thamnophilus schistaceus*) - FL

Uniform Antshrike (*Thamnophilus unicolor*) - Playing hard to get, seen by some.

Variable Antshrike (*Thamnophilus caerulescens*) - Good looks.

Foothill Antwren (*Epinecrophylla spodionota*) - FL Good studies at dead leaves.

Ornate Antwren (*Epinecrophylla ornate*) - FL

Stripe-chested Antwren (*Mymotherula longicauda*) - FL

Yellow-breasted Antwren (*Herpsilochmus axillaris*) - Nice looks after some tape work.

Streak-headed Antbird (*Drymophila striaticeps*) - Wonderful studies of this recent split bamboo specialist. **(Isler et al. (2012) proposed that the broadly defined *Drymophila caudata* (ex Long-tailed) consists of four species: (1) *klagesi*, with *aristeguietana*; (2) *hellmayri*; (3) nominate *caudata*; and (4) *striaticeps*, with *occidentalis*, *peruviana*, and *boliviana*.).**

**Rufous-rumped Antwren (*Terenura callinota*) – Incredible repeated studies of this canopy bird (best I have ever had). We could all clearly see its bright rump and yellow wing coverts.**

Blackish Antbird (*Cercomacra nigrescens*)

Peruvian- warbling Antbird (*Hypocnemis peruviana*) FL

Spot-winged Antbird (*Schistocichla leucostigma*) - FL

Chestnut-tailed Antbird (*Myrmeciza hemimelaena*) - FL\*

### **Antthrushes (Formicariidae)**

**Barred Antthrush (*Chamaeza mollissima*) – Most folks saw this really hard to see skulker.**

### **Antpittas (Grallariidae)**

**Rusty-tinged Antpitta (*Grallaria przewalskii*) – (ENDEMIC). This very difficult skulker was seen by several (but not all) despite multiple attempts at several different territories. Betsy was blessed with seeing two different birds!**

**Chestnut Antpitta** (*Grallaria blakei*) – (ENDEMIC). Wonderful looks of a close bird coming into worms.

**Ochre-fronted Antpitta** (*Grallaricula ochraceifrons*) – (ENDEMIC). Another trip highlight with all of us seeing this rare endemic perched. And one bird with a recently fledged juvenile!

Rusty-breasted Antpitta (*Grallaricula ferruginepectus leymeabambae*) - Heard by all and seen by most while in flight and some seen perched views! For sure vocally distinct and a future split from northern nominate birds.

### **Tapaculos (Rhinocryptidae)**

Trilling Tapaculo (*Scytalopus parvirostris*) \* - Only heard this hard to see skulker.

**Rufous-vented Tapaculo** (*Scytalopus femoralis*) – (ENDEMIC). This endemic “terrestrial mouse” was seen extremely well by all, even singing!

White-crowned Tapaculo (*Scytalopus atratus*) – Another skulker we almost all saw! I think this is the true nominate form splits for sure are expected within this species.

### **Ovenbirds & Woodcreepers (Furnariidae)**

Olivaceous Woodcreeper (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*) - \*

Tyrannine Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla tyrannina*) – Seen by some.

Plain-brown Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa neglecta*)- FL Seen well but briefly. Many splits to occur within the species.

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*)-FL

Strong-billed Woodcreeper (*Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus*)-\*

Elegant Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus elegans*)- FL

Olive-backed Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus triangularis*)

Montane Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger*) - Several good looks.

**Inambari Woodcreeper** (*Lepidocolaptes fatimalimae*) - This cryptic species was in fact first unraveled by me and described only a month ago in the special volume 17 of *Hand Book of Birds of the World*. I first differentiated it ten years ago by its vocal differences, and later, Rodrigues et. al. confirmed genetical and morphological differences as well. Nice to finally have a name for it other than ‘it’s a new cryptic species’. We were probably one of the first ever groups to have used the correct name for it! The Lineated Woodcreeper complex was further split into 4 other species.

Streaked Xenops (*Xenops rutilans*)-

Streaked Tuftedcheek (*Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii*) - A real cool looking bromeliad specialist.

Lineated Foliage-gleaner (*Syndactyla subalaris*) - \*

Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner (*Phylidor rufum*)-

Montane Foliage-gleaner (*Anabacerthia striaticollis*) - Excellent close studies.

Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner ( *Automolus ochrolaemus* )- FL

Spotted Barbtail ( *Premnoplex brunnescens*)- Great studies of a foraging pair.

Pearled Treerunner ( *Margaritis squamiger*)- Cool looking critter always with flocks.

Rufous-fronted Thornbird ( *Phacellodomus ruffifrons* )- FL

Ash-browed Spinetail ( *Cranioleuca curtata*)-

Azara's Spinetail ( *Synallaxis azarae*)-

Rufous Spinetail ( *Synallaxis unirufa*)- Great studies.

### **Tyrant Flycatchers (Tyrannidae)**

White-lored Tyrannulet ( *ornithion inerme* )- FL Watched collecting nesting material.

White-tailed Tyrannulet ( *Mecocerculus poecilocercus* ) - Excellent repeated studies.

Sulphur-bellied Tyrannulet ( *Mecocerculus minor*)-

Mouse-colored Tyrannulet ( *Phaeomyias murina* )- FL

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet ( *Tyrannulus elatus*)- \* FL

Forest Elaenia ( *Myiopagis gaimardii* ) – FL\*

Yellow-bellied Elaenia ( *Elaenia flavogastra*)- FL

Small-billed Elaenia ( *Elaenia parvirostris*)- FL Austral migrant.

Lesser Elaenia ( *Elaenia chiriquensis* )- FL

Sierran Elaenia ( *Elaenia pallatangae* ) - Commonest flycatcher abundant.

Streak-necked Flycatcher ( *Mionectes striaticollis* )

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher ( *Mionectes oleaginous* )- FL

Slaty-capped Flycatcher ( *Leptopogon superciliaris* )

**Inca Flycatcher ( *Leptopogon taczanowskii* )- (ENDEMIC). Nice studies of this distinct endemic.**

Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet ( *Phylloscartes ventralis* )

Sooty-headed Tyrannulet ( *Phyllomyias griseiceps* )- FL

Ashy-headed Tyrannulet ( *Phyllomyias cinereiceps* )

**Mishana Tyrannulet ( *Zimmerius villarejoi* ) - (ENDEMIC). A neat endemic newly described as recently as 2001!  
Seen extremely well by all in the scope off of hummingbird platform.**

Peruvian Tyrannulet, *Zimmerius viridiflavus* (ENDEMIC). A recent split from widespread Golden-faced Tyrannulet which looks almost identical but differs in markedly different voice; this was the common little tyrannulet we were calling Golden-faced at Abra Patricia; another mistletoe berry specialist.

Ornate Flycatcher (*Myiobrycon ornatus*) - Really smart look at this stunning flycatcher. Good spotting Yvonne!

Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant (*Pseudotriccus ruficeps*) \*- Hard to see this trip. Not at all tape responsive.

White-bellied Pygmy-Tyrant (*Myiornis albiventris*)- FL Tiny ball of a bird!

Short-tailed Pygmy Tyrant (*Myiornis ecaudatus*)- FL Good looks of this miniscule species.

Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant (*Lophotriccus pileatus*)- Hard to see this year.

Black-throated Tody-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus granadensis*) - Neat studies.

Cinnamon-breasted Tody-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus cinnamomeipectus*) - (ENDEMIC). The best views I have ever had of this incredibly difficult, low density bird, at eye level- only feet away! For sure one of my trip highlights.

**Johnson's (Lula's) Tody-Flycatcher** (*Poecilotriccus luluae*) - (ENDEMIC). Simply one of the neatest flycatchers, and what outstanding 'in our face' views had by all. Several great photos!

Black-and-white Tody-Flycatcher (*Poecilotriccus capitalis*)- FL Playing very hard to get this year.

Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher (*Poecilotriccus latirostris*)- FL

Common Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum cinereum*)- FL

Olivaceous Flatbill (*Rhynchocyclus olivaceus*) - FL

Yellow-margined Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias assimilis*)- FL Good looks in canopy flock.

Yellow-breasted Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias flaviventris*)- FL

Cinnamon Flycatcher (*Pyrrhomyias cinnamomea*)- One of the commonest high elevation flycatchers.

Flavescent Flycatcher (*Myiophobus flavicans*)- Leader only.

Bran-colored Flycatcher (*Myiophobus fasciatus*)- \*

Euler's Flycatcher (*Lathrotriccus euleri*)- \* FL

Smoke-coloured Pewee (*Contopus fumigatus*)

Smoky Bush-tyrant (*Myiotheretes fumigatus*)-

Black Phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*)

Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant (*Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris angustifasciata*) - Good look at this distinct looking and sounding subspecies thanks to Georgann. Good candidate for future split.

Rufous-tailed Tyrant (*Knipolegus poecilurus*)

Long-tailed Tyrant (*Colonia colonus*)

Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer atriceps*)

Short-crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus ferox*)

Pale-edged Flycatcher (*Myiarchus cephalotes*) - Seen by few around the lodge clearing.

Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)

Boat-billed Flycatcher (*Megarhynchus pitangua*) - FL

Golden-crowned Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes chrysocephalus*) - \*

Streaked Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes maculatus*) - FL Stay tuned for splits within this complex.

Social Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes similis*)- FL

Gray-capped Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes grandensis*)- FL

### **Cotingas (Cotingidae)**

Green-and-black Fruiteater (*Pipreola riefferii*) – Common repeated excellent views.

**Fiery-throated Fruiteater (*Pipreola chlorolepidota*)- FL WOW, stunning close up studies of a pair feeding on fruits. This is the smallest and hardest of all Fruiteaters to encounter!**

Scaled Fruiteater ( *Ampelioides tschudii*)- Good studies of this large, odd sounding and fierce looking Fruiteater in the scope.

Red-ruffed Fruitcrow (*Pyroderus scutatus grandensis*) - Excellent scope looks at a pair of this curious, lethargic species, possibly looking for a nesting site. Male courtship feeding her several times.

**Andean Cock-of-the-rock (*Rupicola peruviana*) – Fantastic studies of multiple males and females! Always great to see.**

### **Manakins (Pipridae)**

Fiery-capped Mankin (*Machaeropterus pyrocephalus*) - FL Seen by some briefly in fruiting tree. Heard by all but would not come into tape.

Golden-winged Manakin ( *Masius chrysopterus*)- Female in mixed understory flock at 1600m seen briefly by your leader only.

Green Manakin ( *Xenopipo holochlora*)- FL Super close looks as it fed in fruiting tree. This is an extremely easy bird to miss and overlook!

Wing-barred Piprites (*Piprites chloris*) - \* FL

### **Tityras & Allies (Tityridae)**

Barred Becard (*Pachyramphus versicolor*) - One of the coolest in the family.

White-winged Becard (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*) – FL

Black-and-white Becard (*Pachyramphus albogriseus*)

Masked Tityra (*Tityra semifasciata*)

### **Vireos (Vireonidae)**

Brown-capped Vireo (*Vireo leucophrys*)

Red-eyed (Chivi) Vireo (*Vireo olivaceus pectoralis*) - FL

Olivaceous Greenlet (*Hylophilus olivaceus*) \*

Lemon-chested Vireo (*Hylophilus thoracicus*) - FL

Slaty-capped Shrike- Vireo (*Vireolanius leucotis*) - FL

Rufous-browed Peppershrike (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*)

### **Crows, Jays & Magpies (Corvidae)**

White-collared Jay (*Cyanolyca viridicyana*)\* - Only heard this year.

Green (Inca) Jay (*Cyanocorax yncas*) - Wonderful repeated looks.

### **Swallows (Hirundinidae)**

Blue-and-white Swallow (*Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*)

White-banded Swallow (*Atticora fasciata*)- A real surprise so high at 1100m below the bridge to see a pair.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)

Gray-breasted Martin (*Progne chalybe*)

### **Wrens (Troglodytidae)**

Thrush-like Wren (*Campylorhynchus turdinus*) - \* FL

Grey-mantled Wren (*Odontorchilus branickii*) – Wow, great studies as it foraged peering under limbs etc.

Sharpe's Wren (*Cinnycerthia olivascens*) - What a wonderful duet song and good views for all after some work.

House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*)

Mountain Wren (*Troglodytes solstitialis*) - Lovely close looks.

Grey-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucophrys*)

**Bar-winged Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucoptera*) - Discovered here in a mist net in the elfin forest. We all got stunning looks at this striking near endemic.**

Chestnut-breasted Wren (*Cyphorhinus thoracicus*) – WOW, great studies! For sure the number one songster of the trip - a moment never to forget.

### **Dippers (Cinclidae)**

White-capped Dipper (*Cinclus leucocephalus*) - Cool good spotting.

### **Thrushes & Allies**

Andean Solitaire (*Myadestes ralloides*)\* - Great voice.

Slaty-backed Nightingale Thrush (*Catharus fuscater*)- Good looks

Great Thrush (*Turdus fuscater*)- Common around the lodge

Glossy-black Thrush (*Turdus serranus*)\*

Black-billed Thrush (*Turdus ignobilis*)- FL Common thrush.

White-necked Thrush (*Turdus albicollis*)\*

Varzea Thrush ( *Turdus sanchezorum* ) \* Alas, we tried hard to get a look, but in the end, was only heard by all.

### **New World Warblers (Parulidae)**

Tropical Parula (*Parula pitiayumi*)

Russet-crowned Warbler (*Basileuterus coronatus*)

Three-striped Warbler (*Basileuterus tristriatus*) – Good looks.

Slate-throated Redstart (*Myioborus miniatus*)

Spectacled Redstart (*Myioborus melanocephalus*)

### **Tanagers & Allies (Thraupidae)**

Black-faced Tanager (*Schistochlamys melanopis*)- FL

Magpie Tanager (*Cissopis leveriana*)

**White-capped Tanager (*Sericossypha albocristata*) - Another trip moment of bliss. On two occasions we brought in groups of this large, odd (more Jay like) species to perch close to us and descend to eye level.**

Rufous-crested Tanager (*Creurgops verticalis*)- Odd name with the crest rarely apparent.

Oleaginous Hemispingus (*Hemispingus frontalis*) - An odd colored bird.

**Buff-bellied Tanager ( *Thlypopsis inornata* ) ENDEMIC. Seen at Huembo reserve.**

Grey-hooded Bush-Tanager (*Cnemoscopus rubrirostris*)

Black-gogled Tanager ( *Trichothraupis melanops* ) - FL



Chestnut-vented Conebill (*Conirostrum speciosum*)

Flame-crested Tanager (*Tachyphonus cristatus*)

**Yellow-crested Tanager (*Tachyphonus rufiventer*) FL - Lovely close up as it fed in the fruiting tree of this distinct and normally hard to see canopy bird.**

**Black-bellied Tanager (*Ramphocelus melanogaster*) – ENDEMIC. Several stunning males.**

Blue-grey Tanager (*Thraupis episcopus*)

Palm Tanager (*Thraupis palmarum*)

Blue-capped Tanager (*Thraupis cyanocephala*)

**Vermilion Tanager (*Calochaetes coccineus*) – Wow, worth the wait to see this great looker!**

Hooded Mountain-Tanager (*Buthraupis montana*) – What a monster Tanager! Almost Jay sized and so striking!

Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager (*Anisognathus lacrymosus*)

Yellow-throated Tanager (*Iridosornis analis*) – Wow, several great looks.

**Yellow-scarfed Tanager (*Iridosornis reinhardti*) – (ENDEMIC). Breathtaking views after multiple encounters even in the scope and always feeding within flocks.**

Grass-green Tanager (*Chlorornis riefferii*) - So pretty, with such a vivid green.

Bay-headed Tanager (*Tangara gyrola*)

Golden-eared Tanager (*Tangara chrysotis*)- WOW!

Golden-naped Tanager (*Tangara ruficervix*) - Another WOW bird.

Metallic-green Tanager (*Tangara labradorides*) - Brief looks at fruiting tree.

Blue-necked Tanager (*Tangara cyanicollis*) - Another stunner in our tanager line up.

Yellow-bellied Tanager (*Tangara cyanicollis*)- FL

Spotted Tanager (*Tangara punctata*)

Blue-and-black Tanager (*Tangara vassorii*)- So common this year!

Beryl-spangled Tanager (*Tangara nigroviridis*)

Metallic green (*Tangara labradorides*)

Turquoise Tanager (*Tangara mexicanus*)- FL

Silvery Tanager (*Tangara viridicollis*) - Cool bird, not so many this trip.

Paradise Tanager (*Tangara chilensis*) - Always a crowd pleaser with its vivid, multiple colors. Lots of great looks.

Saffron-crowned Tanager (*Tangara xanthocephala*)

Flame-faced Tanager (*Tangara parzudakii*) - Has to be my favorite of these wonderful Tangara, its face truly looks like it is on fire!

Green-and-Gold Tanager ( *Tanagara schrankii*)- A stunner.

Golden Tanager (*Tangara arthus*) - What a color for a bird!

Swallow Tanager ( *Tersina viridis*)

Black-faced Dacnis (*Dacnis lineata*)

Blue Dacnis (*Dacnis cayana*) FL

Purple Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*)-FL So common. Great studies, often at flowers.

Green Honeycreeper ( *Chlorophanes spiza*)

Yellow-backed Tanager ( *Hemithraupis flavicollis*)

White-sided Flower-piercer (*Diglossa albilatera*)

Deep-blue Flower-piercer (*Diglossopsis glauca*)

Bluish Flower-piercer (*Diglossopsis caeruleascens*)

Masked Flower-piercer (*Diglossa cyanea*)

Blue-black Grassquit ( *Volatinia jacarina*)- FL

Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*)

Dull-colored Grassquit ( *Tiaris obscurus* )

Buff-throated Saltator (*Saltator maximus*)

Slate-colored Grosbeak ( *Saltator grossus*)

Masked Saltator ( *Saltator cinctus*)- Alas, heard only!

### **Buntings & New World Sparrows (Emberizidae)**

Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch (*Atlapetes brunneinucha*)

Orange-billed Sparrow ( *Arremon aurantiirostris spectabilis* )- FL We saw the stunning orange shouldered for rightly named 'spectabilis'. For sure more splits are going to take place within the complex.

Yellow-breasted Brush-Finch (*Atlapetes latinuchus*)- Common around lodge.

Rufous-collared Sparrow (*Zonotrichia capensis*)

Common Bush-Tanager (*Chlorospingus ophthalmicus* )

### **Cardinals & Allies (Cardinalidae)**

Red-hooded Tanager (*Piranga rubriceps*) - \*

White-winged Tanager (*Piranga leucoptera*)- Simply stunning males and neat looking females observed.

Red-crowned Anttanager (*Habia rubica*)- FL

### **Troupials & Allies (Icteridae)**

Orange-backed Troupial (*Icterus croconotus*)- FL

Yellow-billed Cacique (*Amblycercus holosericeus*)

Mountain Cacique (*Cacicus chrysonotus leucoramphus* )- Our birds had yellow coverts to the wing and possibly are a good split Northern Mountain Cacique.

Scarlet-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus uropygialis*)

Yellow-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus cela*)

Russet-backed Oropendola (*Psarocolius angustifrons alfredi*)- FL We saw well this yellow billed and foreheaded subspecies distinct from nominate lowland darker and black billed birds.

Crested Oropendola (*Psarocolius decumanus*)

### **Siskins, Crossbills & Allies**

Purple-throated Euphonia (*Euphonia chlorotica*)-

Thick-billed Euphonia (*Euphonia laniirostris*)

Bronze-green Euphonia (*Euphonia mesochrysa*)

Orange-bellied Euphonia (*Euphonia xanthogaster*)

Blue-naped Chlorophonia (*Chlorophonia cyanea*)

Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia (*Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys*)\* - Alas, heard only.

Hooded Siskin (*Spinus magellanicus*)

**Total bird species 348.**

### **Mammals**

Black Agouti

Tyra

Saddle-backed Tamarin