

# **PERU: MANU BIOSPHERE RESERVE**

**CLOUD FOREST, FOOTHILLS  
AND LOWLAND RAINFOREST**

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After thirty-one tours to the Manu Park and Biosphere Reserve area, you would think it would be routine. But you would be wrong. For the first time in several years we added a new site—the Wayquecha Lodge—to the itinerary, and it was a roaring success. Second, I added a couple of life birds on this trip and that hasn't happened in awhile. Life birds aren't my goal, but getting them for our clients is a top priority, and this trip succeeded in spades.

On our first morning out of the Wayquecha Lodge, located in humid upper montane forest at 9,750 feet elevation, we slowly worked our way back up the eastern slope to a treeline pass and encountered mixed species flocks almost continually—mostly fast-moving groups—where we tallied dozens of Three-striped Hemispinguses, a half-dozen Golden-collared Tanagers, several White-browed Conebills, and so many Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanagers that we lost count. A pair of little Line-fronted Canasteros at the pass rounded out the morning. But the day didn't end there. A late afternoon session with a Red-and-white Antpitta was interrupted when a stunning Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucan appeared, and at dusk we watched a spectacular Swallow-tailed Nightjar fly around us and perch in full view.

The next day began with a pair of stunningly close Hooded Mountain-Tanagers at the lodge entrance, as well as a Grass-green Tanager, several brush-finches, and light misty rain. Downslope a few kilometers we soon encountered Mountain Caciques, more Hooded Mountain-Tanagers, White-collared Jays, a Strong-billed Woodcreeper, and a rare Greater Scythebill, all of which appeared almost one after another. Later, at lower elevation still, and at the tail end of a midday rain shower, we followed the mother of all mixed species flocks for nearly 45 minutes and enjoyed a sampling of that Andean tanager diversity that everyone dreams about.

The following afternoon we sat in a primitive little wooden “hide” on a steep hillside and watched the matinee performance of eight Andean Cocks-of-the-rock—and it was a show to behold, those blood-red males carrying out their ages-old antics. No females were present, but the males have to display anyway in order to maintain an uneasy pecking order in the lek. And we ended the day with another nightjar performance, this time the spectacular silhouette of a male Lyre-tailed Nightjar flying back and forth against the evening sky.

If the first three days in the Andes were spectacular, it only got better as this two-week trip progressed, ever downward in elevation, and ever richer in species diversity. As we descended the eastern slope of the Andes, we gradually lost the colorful, tanager-dominated flocks of the cloud forests, but gained a more diverse avifauna that included hoatzins, wood-rails, quail-doves, macaws, puffbirds, antbirds, spinetails, manakins, a new cast of tanagers (but fewer *Tangara*), and a wider array of nightbird sounds. Throughout the trip there also were plenty of diversions for butterflies (Dave Wolf, I'm looking at you here), and butterfly diversity and abundance were more spectacular this year than I have ever seen in the lowlands. There were also many new and exotic plants, new primates, Giant Otters, and discussions of “what ifs” and “how things might work” on a wide variety of avian and community ecology topics.

This trip plunges you into arguably one of the most diverse biological regions on the planet, and there is simply a lot more of everything than a visitor can possibly comprehend during a whirlwind trip of just over two weeks, but it is a great sampler. There's something for everyone—something to stir new interests, stimulate questions, and flesh out a western Amazonian life list. And, if nothing else, it is a place which takes you just a little bit beyond your normal comfort zone, where suddenly everything is new and different and exciting, and the unexpected might be waiting around the next bend in the river, or a little further down that forest trail. And that, I think, is what makes a birding trip, or any trip, exciting.

We hope you enjoyed this trip, felt a little sense of adventure from time to time, made some new friends, and took away some great memories and photos. We also hope that this trip leaves you wanting to see and learn more. So, of course, we want to see each of you again somewhere on another VENT tour.

## **ITINERARY:**

- September 10 (Wed):** Depart Lima for Cuzco and the Wayquecha Lodge (several people arrived a day or two prior in order to include some coastal birding south of Lima)
- September 11 ((Thurs):** Early morning at Wayquecha Lodge (ca. 2950 m el) and departure shortly thereafter for morning near treeline and late morning at the Tres Cruces park entrance. Afternoon birding at slightly lower elevation along road below lodge; short trip at dusk to look for Swallow-tailed Nightjar
- September 12 (Fri):** Early morning departure with light rain for birding at lower elevation (ca. 2350 m el). Several stops between this site and ca. 1900 m el; late evening stop near “Mirador” at 1550 m and drive downward to Cock-of-the-rock Lodge (1450 m el)
- September 13 (Sat):** Morning around Cock-of-the-rock Lodge; afternoon at Andean Cock-of-the-rock lek (great matinee performance) with continuation up road to Lyre-tailed Nightjar site at dusk
- September 14 (Sun):** Departure from Cock-of-the-rock Lodge around 7 p.m. for birding downslope toward village of Atalaya. Night at Hacienda Amazonia
- September 15 (Mon):** Day at Hacienda Amazonia with great morning activity around clearing; mid-morning and late-afternoon trail walks; hummingbirds and other birds around hacienda
- September 16 (Tues):** Six a.m. departure from Hacienda Amazonia for boat trip downriver to the Manu Wildlife Center. Cool and rainy for first hour but thereafter pleasant and gradually warming; early afternoon arrival at Manu Wildlife Center
- September 17 (Wed):** Early morning at the Blanquillo macaw clay lick (with other species around as well); spectacular morning with nearly fifty macaws
- September 18 (Thurs):** Morning on canopy platforms for both groups; Steve downriver at Camungo canopy platform and Cocha Camungo; Dave at Manu Wildlife Center canopy platform and trail walk around Toucan loop; both groups on afternoon trail walks
- September 19 (Fri):** Entire group on early morning catamaran boat trip on Cocha Blanco; macaws, parrots; Pale-eyed Blackbird; two sungrebes; an Agami Heron (stunning views); and six in-your-face Giant Otters; and vocalizations of Horned Screamers echoing across lake were but a few highlights. Afternoon trail walk on grid and bamboo trail
- September 20 (Sat):** Steve on Manu Wildlife Center canopy platform (until 0730 hrs); this followed by long trail walk in high ground forest and return via the Creekside Trail; Dave downriver to Camungo Canopy Platform (until 0745) and Cocha Camungo catamaran trip with a pregnant

female Giant Otter stretching and scratching on a log; afternoon grid walk (Steve and part of group) in unsuccessful search for trumpeters; much forest cutting at rear of grid trail system

**September 21 (Sun):** Rain from dawn until about 11 a.m with 9 a.m. depart in two boats for the two and a half hour adventure ride downriver to Boca Colorado (public bathroom stop); transfer to small Toyota cars (with bald tires) and one larger Toyota truck (also bald tires) for a one hour fast drive (some bridge repair required) to Río Inambari (no bridge); transfer again (three boats which was at least one and possibly two more boats than we needed—but we boosted the local economy) for short ride across the river to waiting bus; one-thirty p.m. stop in the village of Santa Rosa for bathrooms (a cultural experience) and drinks; balance of afternoon driving to Pto. Maldonado.

**September 22 (Mon):** Morning north of Pto. Maldonado; more intermittent rain but White-throated Jacamar families and pleasant easy birding were bonuses; last stop for palmcreeper and Sulphury Flycatchers; early afternoon flight to Cuzco with some on to Lima and the rest of us departing in Cuzco for a Machu Picchu adventure.

## **KEY:**

Wayquecha Lodge = 2950 m el (ca. 9735 ft)

Cock-of-the-rock Lodge (1450 m el)

HA = Hacienda Amazonia (500 m el)

MWC = Manu Wildlife Center (300m el)

\*Asterisk = species heard only

[ ] brackets indicate species seen or heard only by Steve Hilty (SH) or Dave Wolf (DW)

blue = infrequently seen or of interest for various reasons

red = rare (or at least rarely seen)

## **BIRDS:**

Order and taxonomy follow that of Clements checklist with updates. Note that SACC (South American Checklist Committee) names differ somewhat from the Clements names but SACC is now the ultimate arbitrator of names.

### **Tinamous, *Tinamidae***

Great Tinamou, *Tinamus major*, MWC (1 seen quite well in forest at MWC)

\*Cinereous Tinamou, *Tinamous cinereus*, HA and MWC (heard)

\*Brown Tinamou, *Crypturellus obsoletus*, Cock-of-the-Lodge (1 hd)

\*Undulated Tinamou, *Crypturellus undulates*, MWC (heard daily); also heard at HA

\*Black-capped Tinamou, *Crypturellus atrocapillus*, HA (hd)

### **Screamers, *Anhimidae***

Horned Screamer, *Anhima cornuta*, 5 pairs recorded on our downriver trip from HA to MWC; also seen at Cocha Blanco and along river below MWC

### **Ducks, *Anatidae***

Orinoco Goose, *Neochen jubata*, 10 seen by DW boat party between HA and MWC; none seen near MWC but pair seen by SH boat party on rainy downriver trip from MWC to Boca Colorado; a threatened species that has lost the greater portion of its former distribution

Muscovy Duck, *Cairina moschata*, 3 seen (1M) at Cocha Blanco; 1 male on river sand bar below MWC

Brazilian Teal, *Amazonetta brasiliensis*, pair flying across Río Madre de Dios about an hour above Boca Colorado; a species that is expanding its range; first noted about 14 years ago near Pto. Maldonado and now established

Cinnamon Teal, *Anas cyanoptera*, 1F at Laguna Huacarpay

Yellow-billed Pintail, *Anas georgica*, about 6 at Laguna Huacarpay

Puna Teal, *Anas puna*, 10+ at Laguna Huacarpay

Yellow-billed (Speckled) Teal, *Anas flavirostris*, 24 at Laguna Huacarpay

### **Guan and Chachalacas, Cracidae**

Speckled Chachalaca, *Ortalis guttata*, daily from Cock-of-the-rock Lodge to HA; also MWC

Andean Guan, *Penelope montagnii*, 6-7 seen between 1500 and 2800 m el

Spix's Guan, *Penelope jacquacu*, HA (3 seen on 2 days)

Blue-throated Piping-Guan, *Penelope cumanensis*, HA; MWC (but in small numbers)

### **Grebes, Podicipedidae**

White-tufted Grebe, *Rollandia rolland*, 2 at Laguna Huacarpay

Least Grebe, *Tachybaptus dominicus*, MWC (3 seen at Cocha Blanco)

### **Storks, Ciconiidae**

Wood Stork, *Mycteria americana*, flock of 12 below MWC; flock of 27 seen about 1.5 hours below MWC and a few singles thereafter on downriver trip to Boca Colorado

### **Cormorants, Phalacrocoracidae**

Neotropic Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*, HA and MWC (daily along rivers)

### **Anhinga, Anhingidae**

Anhinga, *Anhinga anhinga*, MWC (Cocha Blanco) and on Río Madre de Dios

### **Hérons & Egrets, Ardeidae**

Rufescent Tiger-Heron, *Tigrisoma lineatum*, HA (1 at oxbow lake); Cocha Camungo; Pto. Maldonado

Fasciated Tiger-Heron, *Tigrisoma fasciatum*, HA (rapids in upper Alto Madre de Dios; 15+ seen)

Cocoi Heron, *Ardea cocoi*, rivers daily

Great Egret, *Ardea alba*, HA and MWC (rivers); scattered singles

Snowy Egret, *Egretta thula*, rivers from ca. 500 m and lower; commonest wader along rivers by far but in settled and opened up areas Cattle Egret is becoming increasingly numerous

Little Blue Heron, *Egretta caerulea*, both Alto Madre de Dios and Madre de Dios rivers; ca. 500 m and lower; 12-15 or more seen; adults and a few immatures

Cattle Egret, *Bulbulcus ibis*, near Pilcopata; a few along Río Madre de Dios; also near Pto. Maldonado

Striated Heron, *Butorides striatus*, Cocha Blanco and also near Pto. Maldonado

**Agami Heron, *Agamia agami***, fabulous views of a bird at edge of Cocha Blanco; most beautiful heron in the New World

Capped Heron, *Pilherodius pileatus*, several along Río Madre de Dios from HA to Pto. Maldonado

Black-crowned-Night-Heron, *Nycticorax Nycticorax*, Laguna Huacarpay; Pto. Maldonado

### **Ibises & Spoonbills, Threskiornithidae**

Puna Ibis, *Plegadis ridgwayi*, 50+ seen in puna zone on first day crossing Andes

Black-faced Ibis, *Theristicus melanopis*, pair in puna the first day  
Roseate Spoonbill, *Platalea ajaja*, 2 seen flying (spotted by Dianne); Río Madre de Dios below MWC

### **New World Vultures, *Cathartidae***

Black Vulture, *Coragyps atratus*, all lower elevation areas  
Turkey Vulture, *Cathartes aura*, all lower elevation areas  
Greater Yellow-headed Vulture, *Cathartes melambrotus*, HA (a few); MWC (daily)  
King Vulture, *Sarcoramphus papa*, seen on 3 days including at HA and MWC (one group of 4 that included 3 adults and 1 immature were seen from the MWC compound)

### **Osprey, *Pandionidae***

Osprey, *Pandion haliaetus*, along upper Río Madre de Dios (3-4)

### **Hawks & Kites etc, *Accipitridae***

Hook-billed Kite, *Chondrohierax uncinatus*, 1 soaring near Pto. Maldonado our last morning  
Gray-headed Kite, *Leptodon cayanensis*, 1 seen over Cocha Blanco  
Swallow-tailed Kite, *Elanoides forficatus*, MWC and downriver (seen only at least 3 separate days with 5-6 individuals total)  
**Black-and-chestnut Eagle, *Spizaetus isidori***, 1 adult above Cock-of-the-rock Lodge at ca. 1550 m el but seen mainly gliding away from us  
Black-collared Hawk, *Busarellus nigricollis*, MWC (Cocha Camungo)  
Snail Kite, *Rostrhamus sociabilis*, MWC (6 over Cocha Blanco); another over Cocha Camungo  
Slender-billed Kite, *Helicolestes hamatus*, 1 seen soaring near MWC  
Double-toothed Kite, *Harpagus bidentatus*, HA; and one near MWC (singles or pairs)  
Plumbeous Kite, *Ictinia plumbea*, HA and MWC (daily)  
Cinereous Harrier, *Circus cinereus*, 1 briefly in puna  
Slate-colored Hawk, *Leucopternis schistaceus*, MWC (mainly Cocha Camungo)  
Great Black-Hawk, *Buteogallus urubitinga*, Madre de Dios river above and below MWC (6-8+ total)  
**Solitary Eagle, *Buteogallus solitarius***, one adult bird seen for an extended period of time just above the Cock-of-the-Lodge; perched and soaring relatively close; a rare opportunity with this scarce bird  
Roadside Hawk, *Buteo (Rupornis) magnirostris*, daily from ca. 1450 m downward  
Variable Hawk, *Geranoaetus polyosoma*, 3 in high puna zone  
Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle, *Geranoaetus melanoleucus*, 2 seen the first day in puna zone  
Gray-lined Hawk, *Buteo nitidus*, 1 seen in scope near Pto. Maldonado the last morning  
White-throated Hawk, *Buteo albigula*, 1 seen by Winnie and Julia and Dick near the Wayquecha Lodge; a low-density bird

### **Sunbittern, *Eurypygidae***

Sunbittern, *Eurypyga helias*, only one seen along river near MWC

### **Rails & Gallinules, *Rallidae***

Rufous-sided Crake, *Laterallus melanophaius*, 2 seen (fighting!) at Cocha Camungo by DW group; another glimpsed by a few people on the Cocha Blanco catamaran trip  
Gray-sided Crake *Laterallus exilis*, 1 glimpsed on Cocha Blanco catamaran trip by a couple people; heard by everyone; always a difficult bird to see  
Gray-necked Wood-Rail, *Aramides cajanea*, HA (2 seen around clearing); heard in early a.m. at MWC  
Plumbeous Rail, *Porphyrio martinicus*, pair seen calling at Laguna Huacarpay  
Common (Moorhen) Gallinule, *Gallinula chloropus*, several at Laguna Huacarpay  
Slate-colored Coot, *Fulica ardesiaca*, several at Laguna Huacarpay

### **Sungrebe & Finfoots, *Heliornithidae***

Sungrebe, *Heliornis fulica*, MWC (at last 3 seen at Cocha Blanco and Cocha Camungo)

### **Stilts & Avocets**

Black-necked Stilt, *Himantopus mexicanus*, 6 along river sandbar below MWC; may have been *melanurus* subspecies but did not seem as white on head or mantle (although whiter than nominate *mexicanus*)

### **Plovers & Lapwings, *Charadriidae***

Pied Lapwing, *Vanellus cayanus*, Río Madre De Dios (only a couple birds)

Southern Lapwing, *Vanellus chilensis*, 2-3 in pastures near Pto Maldonado

Andean Lapwing, *Vanellus resplendens*, 12+ in puna zone the first day

Collared Plover, *Charadrius collaris*, MWC (only a single bird seen by DW boat group below HA)

### **Jacanas, *Jacanidae***

Wattle Jacana, *Jacana jacana*, MWC (a few on cochas; several near Pto. Maldonado)

### **Sandpipers etc, *Scolopacidae***

Spotted Sandpiper, *Actitis macularius*, daily along Madre de Dios river (probably 30+ seen)

Greater Yellowlegs, *Tringa melanoleuca*, 1 by DW boat group on Alto Madre de Dios below HA

Wilson's Phalarope, *Phalaropus tricolor*, 1 seen distantly in flight by DW and a few of clients at Laguna Huacarpay

### **Gulls & Terns, *Laridae***

Andean Gull, *Chroicocephalus serranus*, several seen on long drive through highlands the first day (new genus change)

Yellow-billed Tern, *Sterna superciliaris*, Madre de Dios river beginning in upper zone; but we did not see large numbers; fewer below MWC

Large-billed Tern, *Sterna simplex*, Madre de Dios river (max of about 20 on longest boat rides)

Black Skimmer, *Rynchops niger*, 2 on river between HA and MWC by SH boat group; at least 6 more on boat trip down to Boca Colorado

### **Pigeons & Doves, *Columbidae***

Rock Dove, *Columba livia*, around settled areas

Pale-vented Pigeon, *Patagioenas cayennensis*, MWC (along river edges and around Cochas); Pto. Maldonado

Spot-winged Pigeon, *Patagioenas maculosa*, one seen in flight at Laguna Huacarpay; 2-3 more in Puna zone

Band-tailed Pigeon, *Patagioenas fasciata*, a few in montane forest at 2950 m el

Plumbeous Pigeon, *Patagioenas plumbea*, Cock-of-the-rock Lodge (1450m and lower); heard more than seen

Ruddy Pigeon, *Patagioenas subvinacea*, 1 or 2 seen and several heard in vicinity of MWC

Eared Dove, *Zenaida auriculata*, a few the first day in arid highlands

Ruddy Ground-Dove, *Columbina talpacoti*, a few along road near Pto. Maldonado

Gray-fronted Dove, *Leptotila rufaxilla*, HA and MWC (common voice; a few were seen several times as they hustled through the small clearing; also seen at HA; heard at MWC); one bird was nesting (incubating) under the roof at HA (bird could easily be seen from my room)

Ruddy Quail-Dove, *Geotrygon montana*, 1 seen by a few people at MWC

### **Hoatzin, *Opisthocomidae***

Hoatzin, *Opisthocomus hoatzin*, HA (many); also Cocha Camungo and Cocha Blanco

### **Cuckoos, *Cuculidae***

Little Cuckoo, *Piaya minuta*, 1 seen at Cocha Camungo

Squirrel Cuckoo, *Piaya cayana*, 1 at Cock-of-the-rock Lodge; a few seen near HA and MWC but not particularly numerous

Greater Ani, *Crotophaga major*, seen around Cocha Camungo and Cocha Blanco

Smooth-billed Ani, *Crotophaga ani*, clearing from near Cock-of-the-rock Lodge downward in elevation to Pto. Maldonado

### **Owls, *Strigidae***

Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl, *Megascops watsonii*, HA (heard both nights and seen by part of group the last morning due to the efforts of Ramiro Yabar; also heard at MWC

\*Crested Owl, *Lophotrix cristata*, was heard behind some cabins by some of group

\*Yungas Pygmy-Owl, *Glaucidium bolivianum*, 1 heard (responded to playback) at ca. 3200 m el and approached but not where we could see it

\*Amazonian Pygmy-Owl, *Glaucidium hardyi*, MWC (heard on two evenings but unable to locate it)

\*Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl, *Glaucidium brasilianum*, hear near MWC (DW group)

Burrowing Owl, *Athene cunicularia*, 3 seen on sandbars along river below HA by DW boat group; spreading into Amazonia with deforestation; this is the furthest upriver we have recorded it

### **Nighthawks etc, *Caprimulgidae***

Sand-colored Nighthawk, *Chordeiles rupestris*, sand bars; we saw only a couple groups of 3 and another group of 8 (where do they all go?)

Rufous-bellied Nighthawk, *Lurocalis semitorquatus*, 1 seen by a few people at dusk around the Wayquecha Lodge

Pauraque, *Nyctidromus albicollis*, HA (heard); MWC (heard and also seen); at both sites heard almost every evening and also predawn

Lyre-tailed Nightjar, *Uropsalis lyra*, we observed one adult male sailing back and forth overhead in a small forest clearing at ca. 1550 m el; a spectacular silhouette; we also observed a female on a nest built on a small ledge about 4 m up on a vertical rock cliff next to the road at about 2200 m el

Swallow-tailed Nightjar, *Uropsalis segmentata*, one observed close as it flew around us and later seen perched close as well; quite a memorable evening with this bird!

### **Potoos, *Nyctibiidae***

Great Potoo, *Nyctibius grandis*, one seen perched on large open limb in tree between Pilcopata and Atalaya in early afternoon

Long-tailed Potoo, *Nyctibius griseus*, HA (1 seen on day roost in remarkably open situation; bird perched on side of a *Cecropia* trunk and in open—very unusual for this forest species); Ramiro Yabar thought it might be a young bird; it had been present at this site for at least a month

Andean Potoo, *Nyctibius maculosus*, 1 seen on day roost at ca. 1950 m el on cloud forest road between Wayquecha Lodge and Cock-of-the-rock Lodge; this was a bird whose location has been known for more than a year now and the bird seems faithful to this site

### **Swifts, *Apodidae***

Chestnut-collared Swift, *Streptoprocne rutila*, a few small groups seen near Cock-of-the-rock Lodge



White-collared Swift, *Streptoprocne zonaris*, daily in numbers from near Wayquecha Lodge (2950 m el) down to Pto. Maldonado  
Short-tailed Swift, *Chaetura brachyura*, 1 on downriver trip from HA to MWC; a pair seen from the MWC canopy platform  
Gray-rumped Swift, *Chaetura cinereiventris*, a few seen on the downriver trip from HA to MWC; possible also near MWC  
Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift, *Panyptila cayennensis*, pair at HA; 2 more circling above MWC canopy platform  
Fork-tailed Palm-Swift, *Tachornis squamata*, downriver boat trips; MWC and Pto. Maldonado

### **Hummingbirds, Trochilidae**

White-necked Jacobin, *Florisuga mellivora*, HA (at feeders and verbena shrubs)  
Rufous-breasted Hermit, *Glaucis hirsute*, MWC (1 visiting the verbena shrubs but seen only by one or two people)  
[Koepcke's Hermit, *Phaethornis koepckeae*, HA where apparently seen only by DW]  
Reddish Hermit, *Phaethornis ruber*, MWC (seen a couple times at verbena shrubs around MWC; we regard them as this species but identification is uncertain as I do not know how to separate this species from White-browed Hermit nor apparently do the authors of *Birds of Peru*; I even question the validity of White-browed Hermit as a good species); these individuals are often identified as White-browed Hermits by other bird tour group leaders  
Green-fronted Lancebill, *Doryfera ludovicae*, 2 seen in cloud forest zone at ca. 1900-2000 m el  
Green Violetear, *Colibri thalassinus*, 1-2 seen at 2300 m el were the only records  
Sparkling Violetear, *Colibri coruscans*, 1 at Wayquecha Lodge; a regular at the feeders at the Cock-of-the-rock Lodge and also dominating other species here  
Amethyst-throated Sunangel, *Heliangelus amethysticollis*, 2 seen in small flowering shrub at 2350 m elevation in early morning were our only records  
Wire-crested Thorntail, *Discosura popelairii*, 1M and 1F seen at the Cock-of-the-rock Lodge  
**Rufous-crested Coquette**, *Lophornis delattrei*, HA (1 male and 1-2 females at verbena shrubs)  
Speckled Hummingbird, *Adelomyia melanogenys*, 1 bird was seen by a few people; surprising that this "common" species was so scarce; seen at ca. 2000 m el  
Black-tailed Trainbearer, *Lesbia nuna*, 2MM were seen in arid highlands the first day  
**Rufous-capped Thornbill**, *Chalcostigma ruficeps*, 3 (more?) were seen in vicinity of the Wayquecha Lodge; generally scarce and hard to find  
**Bearded Mountaineer**, *Oreonympha nobilis*, 3FF were seen in dry scrub at or near treeline the first day; Peruvian endemic  
Tyrian Metaltail, *Metallura tyrianthina*, seen the first day in humid montane highlands and around the Wayquecha Lodge and nearby  
Shining Sunbeam, *Aglaeactis castelnaudii*, a dozen or more seen in high montane shrubs above the Wayquecha Lodge (ca. 3200-3600 m el)  
Bronzy Inca, *Coeligena coeligena*, 1 seen at the Wayquecha Lodge  
Great Sapphirewing, *Pterophanes cyanopterus*, 6-8 seen beautifully at ca. 3300 m el the second day  
Booted Racket-tail, *Ocreatus underwoodii*, Cock-of-the-rock Lodge ; 1-2MM; 1450 m  
**Gould's Jewelfront**, *Heliodoxa aurescens*, HA; 2-3 birds (or possibly more) were visiting feeders; generally scarce and seldom seen away from hummingbird feeders (and not frequent even at feeders)  
Violet-fronted Brilliant, *Heliodoxa leadbeateri*, Cock-of-the-rock Lodge (1450m; common but this was the only place we saw it)  
Giant Hummingbird, *Patagona gigas*, 2 seen on our first day at Laguna Huacarpay; typical of arid highland zones

Blue-tailed Emerald, *Chlorostilbon mellisugus*, HA (2MM at verbena shrubs)  
Gray-breasted Sabrewing, *Campylopterus largipennis*, HA (several at shrubs and feeders around lodge)  
Fork-tailed Woodnymph, *Thalurania furcata*, HA (at feeders and verbena shrubs); MWC (a couple males around lodge)  
Sapphire-spangled Emerald, *Amazilia lacteal*, HA (4-5 at feeders and verbena shrubs); also seen at Pto. Maldonado; despite the name this is usually a rather dull and ordinary-looking little hummer  
Golden-tailed Sapphire, *Chrysuronia oenone*, HA (males were commonly seen at feeders and in verbena shrubs but few females; 1M seen at MWC)

### **Trogon & Quetzals, Trogonidae**

Golden-headed Quetzal, *Pharomachrus auriceps*, M (observed in scope) in upper montane forest at 2300 m  
Black-tailed Trogon, *Trogon melanurus*, HA and MWC; especially numerous by voice and the commonest trogon; heard or seen daily  
Blue-crowned Trogon, *Trogon curucui*, one male seen just beyond Pilcopata; also at the HA and at MWC  
Collared Trogon, *Trogon collaris*, 1F seen at MWC  
Masked Trogon, *Trogon personatus*, 1M at 1900-200 m el in montane forest

### **Motmots, Momotidae**

Amazonian Motmot, *Momotus momota*, 1 seen at HA; heard daily and also seen at MWC  
Andean (formerly split as Highland) Motmot, *Momotus aequatorialis* (several seen in montane forest edge along road); these highland birds were formerly regarded as a separate species from Blue-crowned Motmot; now both are merged under the new name of Andean Motmot while “true” Blue-crowned Motmot is the name applied to Central American birds  
Broad-billed Motmot, *Electron platyrhynchum*, MWC (often heard and at least 3 seen)

### **Kingfishers, Alcedinidae**

Ringed Kingfisher, *Ceryle torquata*, we saw them daily beginning with our first downriver trip but not in large numbers  
Amazon Kingfisher, *Chloroceryle amazona*, rivers and lakes as in above species; we saw many more individuals of this species than the Ringed Kingfisher  
Green Kingfisher, *Chloroceryle americana*, MWC (1 seen at one of the cochas)  
Green-and-rufous Kingfisher, *Chloroceryle inda*, a couple seen flying along shore at Cocha Blanco

### **Puffbirds, Bucconidae**

Chestnut-capped Puffbird, *Bucco macrodactylus*, MWC (pair seen beautifully by everyone from the bridge behind cabins)

Striolated Puffbird, *Nystalus striolatus*, 1 seen by SH group at HA; heard by DW group

Black-fronted Nunbird, *Monasa nigrifrons*, HA and MWC (common and seen daily; a forest-edge species)

White-fronted Nunbird, *Monasa morphoeus*, MWC (an interior forest species seen on the grid several times by all groups)

Swallow-winged Puffbird, *Chelidoptera tenebrosa*, river-edges from HA downriver

### **Jacamars, Galbulidae**

Purus Jacamar, *Galbalcyrrhynchus purusianus*, MWC (Cocha Camungo; very cute)

White-throated Jacamar, *Brachygalba albogularis*, a half dozen or more (2 family groups) of these sweet little birds were seen near Pto. Maldonado; super alert on open perches  
Bluish-fronted Jacamar, *Galbula cyanescens*, MWC where seen almost daily

### **Barbets, *Capitonidae***

Gilded Barbet, *Capito auratus*, MWC (heard and seen at MWC; also seen at Pto. Maldonado)  
Scarlet-hooded Barbet, *Eubucco tucinkae*, HA (1M seen by DW group); apparently a female also seen at MWC

### **Toucans, *Ramphastidae***

Emerald Toucanet, *Aulacorhynchus prasinus*, black-throated race seen a couple times in the mountains and also at HA; there are proposals afoot to split the various races of Emerald Toucanet into as many as 7 species (which would be way too many Emerald Toucanets!)  
Blue-banded Toucanet, *Aulacorhynchus coeruleicinctis*, 3 seen at ca. 1900 m el  
Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucan, *Andigena hypoglauca*, 1 seen (in scope!) at ca. 2850 m el  
Chestnut-eared Araçari, *Pteroglossus castanotis*, MWC (only 1 was seen)  
Ivory-billed Araçari, *Pteroglossus azara*, 1 seen from the Camungo canopy platform by DW group  
Curl-crested Araçari, *Pteroglossus beauharnaesii*, a couple seen on two mornings at the MWC canopy platform  
Golden-collared Toucanet, *Selenidera reinwardtii*, also seen a couple times in vicinity of MWC canopy platform and maybe also at the Camungo Platform  
White-throated Toucan, *Ramphastos tucanus*, heard at various places around MWC; one seen at Cocha Camungo and a couple others seen near MWC  
\*Channel-billed Toucan, *Ramphastos vitellinus*, heard in various places around MWC and cochas but not seen

### **Woodpeckers, *Picidae***

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker, *Melanerpes cruentatus*, mainly along rivers or clearings from HA to Pto. Maldonado  
Little Woodpecker, *Veniliornis passerinus*, a pair seen by SH group at HA  
White-throated Woodpecker, *Piculus leucolaemus*, 1 seen at MWC by DW group  
Golden-olive Woodpecker, *Piculus chrysochloros*, a couple seen in mountains at ca. 1900 m el  
Spot-breasted Woodpecker, *Piculus punctigula*, seen around the cochas  
Scale-breasted Woodpecker, *Celeus grammicus*, seem from both canopy platforms but not particularly well at by my (SH) group because it kept flying under the canopy platform and nobody was going to go down past that wasp nest (again) to see it!  
Cream-colored Woodpecker, *Celeus flavus*, pair seen twice around Cocha Camungo platform  
Lineated Woodpecker, *Dryocopus lineatus*, one at Pto. Maldonado  
Red-necked Woodpecker, *Campephilus rubricollis*, great views by all groups at MWC  
Crimson-crested Woodpecker, *Campephilus melanoleucos*, seen at HA and MWC

### **Falcons & Caracaras**

Barred Forest-Falcon, *Micrastur ruficollis*, heard predawn along river; 1 seen very close by SH group at MWC (base of high ground forest)  
Lined Forest-Falcon, *Micrastur gilvicollis*, we weren't so lucky with this one; one was called in by SH (near Camungo platform) but we could never see it  
Black Caracara, *Daptrius ater*, along Río Madre de Dios (almost daily); also Pto. Maldonado  
Mountain Caracara, *Phalcoboenus megalopterus*, several seen in the arid puna zone on first two days; at immature seen at 2350 m on the third day

Southern (Crested) Caracara, *Caracara plancus*, 1 seen along river above MWC; a second one seen on Madre de Dios river between MWC and Boca Colorado (expanding range with deforestation); a taxonomic split from birds north of the Amazon although the exact reasons for the split are difficult to uncover; plumage variation between northern and southern birds is clinal  
American Kestrel, *Falco sparverius*, at least 4 seen the first day in arid highlands  
Bat Falcon, *Falco ruficularis*, along river above MWC

### **Macaws & Parrots etc, *Psittacidae***

\*Rose-fronted Parakeet, *Pyrrhura rosifrons*, MWC (flocks heard several times while walking grid trails but we never saw them)

White-eyed Parakeet, *Aratinga leucophthalma*, seen best along the Alto Madre de Dios River downstream from HA

Dusky-headed Parakeet, *Aratinga weddellii*, HA and MWC (river edges but seen well only at Cocha Blanco); then many were seen at Pto. Maldonado

Chestnut-fronted Macaw, *Ara severa*, HA and MWC (daily); also Pto. Maldonado

Red-and-green Macaw, *Ara chloropterus*, a few on boat trip downriver from HA; MWC daily; also an estimated 45-50 (minimum) at Blanquillo clay lick and this is always a trip highlight

Scarlet Macaw, *Ara macao*, mainly at MWC where they were seen in numbers daily around lodge and elsewhere; also on river below HA

Blue-and-yellow Macaw, *Ara ararauna*, along river below HA; also MWC (daily in numbers)

Red-bellied Macaw, *Orthopsittaca manilata*, MWC; a few seen briefly in flight from canopy platforms and cochas; then a pair were seen very well in scopes at Pto. Maldonado

Blue-headed Macaw, *Primolius couloni*, 4 seen only in flight downriver from HA; generally uncommon

Cobalt-winged Parakeet, *Brotogeris cyanoptera*, HA and MWC (common but hard to see well)

Tui Parakeet, *Brotogeris sanctithomae*, MWC (seen best around cochas)

White-bellied Parrot, *Pionites leucogaster*, a pair rather distantly in scope at Cocha Camungo platform

Orange-cheeked Parrot, *Pyrrhura barrabandi*, Blanquillo clay lick where we had great views of nearly a dozen plus a flock of 15-20 flying by the blind; also singles and pairs from canopy platforms

Speckle-faced Parrot, *Pionus tumultuosus*, 2 seen in flight near Wayquecha Lodge; a flock distantly a day later

Blue-headed Parrot, *Pionus menstruus*, daily from Cock-of-the-rock Lodge onward; estimated 250 birds at Blanquillo clay lick

Yellow-crowned Parrot, *Amazona ochrocephala*, best seen at Blanquillo clay lick with 40+ birds in trees above clay bank (none observed coming down to clay); pairs also at Cocha Blanco in early morning

Mealy Parrot, *Amazona farinose*, large numbers at Blanquillo clay lick with an estimated 50+; pairs daily in vicinity of MWC and Cocha Blanco and flying past Cocha Camungo canopy platform

Scaly-naped Parrot, *Amazona mercenarius*, flock of 25+ seen near Wayquecha Lodge; a couple at 1600 m el circled over the valley as we watched them from the "mirador" (lookout)

### **Typical Antbirds, *Thamnophilidae***

Bamboo Antshrike, *Cymbilaimus sanctaemariae*, 1M seen very well by SH group at HA

Great Antshrike, *Taraba major*, HA (hd); MWC (mostly hd but also seen by some around the lodge)

Barred Antshrike, *Thamnophilus doliatus*, pair seen (with difficulty) in the cane (Gynerium) on the trail to the Blanquillo clay lick

Chestnut-backed Antshrike, *Thamnophilus palliatus*, pair seen along road above Cock-of-the-rock Lodge (ca. 1475 m el)

Dusky-throated Antshrike, *Thamnomanes ardesiacus*, seen by part of group at MWC; also heard

- \*Bluish-slate Antshrike, *Thamnomanes schistogynus*, apparently only heard at MWC
- Plain-throated Antwren, *Isleria hauxwelli*, 1M seen on trail to grid by SH group
- Spot-winged Antshrike, *Pygiptila stellaris*, male seen rather well in high ground forest by SH group
- Ornate Antwren, *Epinecrophylla ornate*, cute (but a little difficult to see) pair seen in bamboo at ca. 1100 m el (along road below Cock-of-the-rock Lodge)
- Pygmy Antwren, *Myrmotherula brachyura*, 1M seen well by part of group at HA; also heard at MWC [Amazonian Streaked-Antwren, *Myrmotherula multostriata*, heard at MWC clearing edge by SH but we never saw this bird anywhere]
- White-flanked Antwren, *Myrmotherula axillaries*, 1M with understory mixed species flock in high ground forest
- Long-winged Antwren, *Myrmotherula longipennis*, males seen with understory flocks by all parties
- Gray Antwren, *Myrmotherula menetriesii*, MM and FF seen a few times in the MWC area
- Yellow-breasted Warbling-Antbird, *Hypocnemis rufimarginatus*, 1 seen well in foothills at ca. 900 m el; quite yellowish below
- \*Blackish Antbird, *Cercomacra nigrescens*, heard around Cocha Camungo (not seen by either group)
- White-browed Antbird, *Myrmoborus leucophrys*, 1 was seen in MWC area
- Black-faced Antbird, *Myrmoborus myotherinus*, 1 seen by both parties in understory near the Camungo Platform; sang only in early morning
- Silvered Antbird, *Sclateria naevia*, 1M seen very well by everyone at Cocha Blanco
- Chestnut-tailed Antbird, *Myrmeciza atrothorax*, 1 bird seen near Cocha Camungo by DW group
- Black-throated Antbird, *Myrmeciza atrothorax*, HA (seen by part of group); heard near MWC but never seen there
- Goeldi's Antbird, *Myrmeciza goeldii*, was this seen at HA by DW group?
- Plumbeous Antbird, *Myrmeciza hyperythra*, seen by both groups near Cocha Camungo platform; also heard on the "Grid" trail system
- \*Black-spotted Bare-eye, *Phlegopsis nigromaculata*, MWC (heard near lodge and also heard near Cocha Camungo but not seen)

### **Antpittas, *Grallariidae***

- Red-and-white Antpitta, *Grallaria erythroleuca*, seen briefly by a few people at ca. 2850 m el (not far below the Wayquecha Lodge); for better or worse our antpitta session was interrupted by the appearance of a Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucan!
- \*Amazonian Antpitta, *Hylopezus berlepschi*, HA and Cocha Camungo (heard at both sites)
- \*Thrush-like Antpitta, *Myrmothera campanisona*, 1 heard (close) at HA by DW group

### **Tapaculos, *Rhinocryptidae***

- \*Rusty-belted Tapaculo, *Liosceles thoracicus*, heard at HA; also heard calling below the Camungo canopy platform
- \*White-crowned Tapaculo, *Scytalopus atratus*, heard at 1900 m el in montane forest edge

### **Antthrushes, *Formicariidae***

- \*Rufous-capped Antthrush, *Formicarius colma*, MWC (only seen in flight on the "grid" despite much effort by SH group)
- Black-faced Antthrush, *Formicarius analis*, MWC (1 eventually seen well by part of group; several others heard)
- \*Rufous-breasted Antthrush, *Formicarius rufipectus*, HA (heard near Cock-of-the-rock Lodge; flat 2-note call)

\*Striated Antthrush, *Chamaeza nobilis*, hd in vicinity of Cocha Camungo (on early morning walk to canopy platform); usually quite difficult and time-consuming to see but the long song which rises and then ends with several descending whoop, whoop . . . notes is memorable)

### **Ovenbirds & Woodcreepers, *Furnariidae***

Slender-billed Miner, *Geositta tenuirostris*, 2 seen in high arid altiplano zone (ca. 3800 m) the first day

Olivaceous Woodcreeper, *Sittasomus griseicapillus*, MWC (heard and seen)

Long-tailed Woodcreeper, *Deconychura longicauda*, heard by all groups; seen by DW group at MWC

\*Tyrannine Woodcreeper, *Dendrocincla tyrannina*, 1 heard at 2350 m el

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper, *Glyphorhynchus spirurus*, 1 seen by SH group near Fig pass trail was our only record

Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper, *Dendrexetastes rufigula*, HA (calling at dawn and dusk in clearing; we saw it in this area also); also heard and seen almost daily at MWC

Long-billed Woodcreeper, *Nasica longirostris*, MWC (one seen right over the main lodge buildings; also once on trail near MWC; also seen and heard on two other days in MWC area)

\*Amazonian Barred-Woodcreeper, *Dendrocolaptes certhia*, only heard

Black-banded Woodcreeper, *Dendrocolaptes picumnus*, HA (seen in clearing where a pair had a nest and were feeding their young remarkably large prey items)

Buff-throated Woodcreeper, *Xiphorhynchus guttatus*, HA and MWC (commonest woodcreeper and quite a few were seen; also heard often)

Strong-billed Woodcreeper, *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus*, 1 seen very well at 2350 m el

Olive-backed Woodcreeper, *Xiphorhynchus triangularis*, 4 seen between 1900-2350 m el

Straight-billed Woodcreeper, *Dendroplex picus*, 1 seen near Pto. Maldonado the last morning; note generic name change

**Greater Scythebill, *Drymotoxeres pucherani***, 1 seen at point-blank range at 2300 m el by our entire group; a rare species and perhaps the best (rarest) bird of the trip

Montane Woodcreeper, *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger*, several seen between 1900-2350 m el

Slender-billed Xenops, *Xenops minutus*, 1 seen quite close from the Camungo Canopy platform

**Point-tailed Palmcreeper, *Berlepschia rickeri***, 1 seen well in scopes west of Pto. Maldonado; local in Moriche palms (and nowhere else!)

Pale-legged Hornero, *Furnarius leucopus*, HA (where common) and MWC (around cabins)

Wren-like Rushbird, *Phleocryptes melanops*, 2 seen well at Laguna Huacarpay (3100 m el)

Chestnut-winged Foliage-gleaner, *Philydor erythropterum*, 1 seen at MWC canopy platform by one group; certainly heard there by everyone

Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner, *Philydor rufum*, pair seen at HA by SH group

Montane Foliage-gleaner, *Anabacerthia striaticollis*, seen near the Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge

Rufous-tailed Foliage-gleaner, *Anabacerthia ruficaudata*, 1 seen rather well by SH group in high-ground forest at MWC; canopy species with smudgy streaks on chest

\*Olive-backed Foliage-gleaner, *Automolus infuscatus*, 1 heard at dusk on trail to grid but we were unable to see this bird (only glimpsed flying back and forth frantically)

\*Chestnut-crowned Foliage-gleaner, *Automolus rufipileatus*, HA (hd); MWC; also heard at various sites including behind the MWC lodge dining area in predawn darkness but we never saw it

Striped Treehunter, *Thripadectes holostictus*, 1 seen well at 1900 m (seemed to be at least loosely associated with a few other birds right after a rain)

Pearled Treerunner, *Margarornis squamiger*, 6+ seen at elevations between ca. 2350-3500 m

**Line-fronted Canastero, *Asthenes urubambensis***, 2 seen at Tres Cruces (3600 m el) in semiopen puna with bushes; a good find and never seen here previously by us

Puna Thistletail, *Asthenes helleri*, pair seen very close at ca. 3500 m el

Plain Softtail, *Thripophaga fusciceps*, family of 5 seen in *Cecropia* and cane at HA by SH group; heard by everyone right around the clearing but unresponsive there (not surprisingly as they hear playback from almost every bird group passing through)

Creamy-crested Spinetail, *Cranioleuca albicapilla*, good view of a pair in arid scrub at ca. 3200 m the first morning; Peruvian endemic

Ash-browed Spinetail, *Cranioleuca curtata*, 1 heard then taped in for everyone to see at the Cock-of-the-rock Lodge area

Speckled Spinetail, *Cranioleuca gutturata*, 1 seen by DW group in the HA clearing

Azara's Spinetail, *Synallaxis azarae*, heard at various highland sites; seen at about 2700 m el

Dark-breasted Spinetail, *Synallaxis albigularis*, pair seen by everyone at the Blanquillo clay lick

Plain-crowned Spinetail, *Synallaxis gujanensis*, 1 around HA was probably seen by everyone but it was not as easy to see here this time

### **Tyrant Flycatchers, *Tyrannidae***

White-lored Tyrannulet, *Ornithion inerme*, 1 seen early on at the Camungo canopy platform by SH group (but at that moment the group was more concerned with the wasp nest at the edge of the platform than this little tyrannulet!)

White-banded Tyrannulet, *Mecocerculus stictopterus*, at least 6 seen in upper montane forest at 2200-2350 m

White-throated Tyrannulet, *Mecocerculus leucophrys*, upper montane forest with 10+ seen at ca. 2000-2350 m

Many-colored Rush-Tyrant, *Tachuris rubrigastra*, a beautiful pair seen close at Laguna Huacarpay

Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant, *Anairetes flavirostris*, 1 seen at Laguna Huacarpay the first morning (3100 m el)

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet, *Tyrannulus elatus*, HA; also heard and seen at Cocha Camungo

Forest Elaenia, *Myiopagis gaimardii*, 1 seen at HA; heard around the MWC clearing

White-crested Elaenia, *Elaenia albiceps*, apparently 1-2 seen (whitish below) but we had some difficulty distinguishing this species from the next one for some reason

Sierran Elaenia, *Elaenia pallatangae*, most elaenias we saw in upper montane forest borders at ca. 2800-3000 m were apparently this species (yellowish below)

Streak-necked Flycatcher, *Mionectes striaticollis*, quite numerous; we saw at least 6 between 1900-2350 m el; then 4 more at around 1450-1550 m el

Olive-striped Flycatcher, *Mionectes olivaceus*, 1 seen at around 900-1000 m el (with the big tanager flock)

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher, *Mionectes oleagineus*, 1 also seen also with this same tanager flock (above) and another at HA

Sepia-capped Flycatcher, *Leptopogon amaurocephalus*, 1 in creekside vegetation right behind the cabins (seen by Pam) at MWC; a pair have been here for years

Slaty-capped Flycatcher, *Leptopogon superciliaris*, 1 seen near Cock-of-the-rock Lodge

**Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet, *Phyllomyias uropygialis***, 1 very responsive bird was seen at ca. 3200 m el and seen well by almost everyone

Bolivian Tyrannulet, *Zimmerius bolivianus*, we saw a 2-3 of these at around 1900 m el; then another near the Cock-of-the-rock Lodge and this last one was observed in the telescopes so that the pale eyes could be seen! (there's not much else of interest to see in this bird)

Plain Tyrannulet, *Inezia inornata*, 1 seen by DW group near the MWC

Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant, *Lophotriccus pileatus*, heard at the Cock-of-the-rock Lodge ; seen the next day a lower elevation (around 900-1000 m

White-bellied Tody-Tyrant, *Hemitriccus griseipectus*, one seen on the grid (spotted by Winnie) by part of our group

Spotted Tody-Flycatcher, *Todirostrum maculatum*, heard at HA; pair seen in scrub vegetation on a sand-bar on our downriver trip from HA to MWC; also seen by DW group at Cocha Camungo

Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher, *Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum*, pair building nest in tree in MWC clearing and this pair allowed scope views for all

Yellow-olive Flycatcher, *Tolmomyias flaviventris*, pair building nest along road above the Cock-of-the-rock Lodge

\*Golden-crowned Spadebill, *Platyrinchus coronatus*, 1 was heard by DW group but not seen

Cinnamon Flycatcher, *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus*, common at high elevations (1900-3000 m area)

Handsome Flycatcher, *Nephelomyias pulcher*, several with a mixed species flock at 1900-2000 m

Unadorned Flycatcher, *Myiophobus inornatus*, 1 seen well by part of group when we observed the huge mixed species flock at the end of a rainstorm at 1900-2000 m area; an easily overlooked species

Bran-colored Flycatcher, *Myiophobus fasciatus*, 1 seen in low bushes in front of the “blind” at the Blanquillo clay lick

\*Smoke-colored Pewee, *Contopus fumigatus*, heard at ca. 1900-2000 m el

Black Phoebe, *Sayornis nigricans*, Cock-of-the-rock Lodge (river) and down to at least 1250 m el

Vermilion Flycatcher, *Pyrocephalus rubinus*, mostly river edges including near Pto. Maldonado; one incredibly amazingly unbelievably drab female proved to confuse both DW and SH for a few minutes when we stopped on a river sandbar en route to MWC

Drab Water-Tyrant, *Ochthoeca littoralis*, daily along riverbanks (Río Madre de Dios); and finally seen by everyone

Rufous-naped Ground-Tyrant, *Muscisaxicola rufivertex*, 4 seen in same area in high puna pastureland

Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant, *Myiotheretes striaticollis*, 1 seen near Wayquecha Lodge

Rufous-webbed (Bush-) Tyrant, *Polioxolmis rufipennis*, 1 seen very well in scope and flying several times in high open abused puna (3800 m el); perched mostly on low shrubs

Rufous-browed Chat-Tyrant, *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis*, a half dozen charming little pairs were seen at elevations ranging from ca. 2350-3400 m

Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant, *Ochthoeca fumicolor*, one pair at ca. 3300 m el

White-browed Chat-Tyrant, *Ochthoeca leucophrys*, 4-5 seen the first day at Laguna Huacarpay and in high elevation dry valleys at elevations above 3000 m and higher

Long-tailed Tyrant, *Colonia colonus*, HA (seen in lowlands near Pilcopata and at H; also 1 on downriver trip to MWC)

Rufous-tailed Flatbill, *Ramphotrigon ruficauda*, 1 seen at dawn on walk in to the Camungo canopy platform by SH group; singing at dawn

\*Dull-capped Attila, *Attila bolivianus*, heard at MWC and Cocha Blanco area; this species has for years been called White-eyed Attila (a much better name)

\*Bright-rumped Attila, *Attila spadiceus*, 1 heard by DW group in MWC area

Sirystes, *Sirystes sibilator*, a bushy-headed bird seen at the MWC canopy platform by SH group; this species is to about to get split up into four species (which may be about 2 species too many but anyway that is the trend at the moment)

Dusky-capped Flycatcher, *Myiarchus tuberculifer*, 1 at 2300 m in montane forest edge

Short-crested Flycatcher, *Myiarchus ferox*, HA (1 in front yard); MWC (hd and seen almost daily along rivers and cochas; also seen at Pto. Maldonado)

Lesser Kiskadee, *Philohydor lictor*, seen at Cocha Camungo and Cocha Blanco lake edges

Great Kiskadee, *Pitangus sulphuratus*, HA to Pto. Maldonado (mainly river and lake edges)

Boat-billed Flycatcher, *Megarynchus pitangua*, 1 seen in HA clearing; 1 along river below HA by DW boat group; another near MWC

Social Flycatcher, *Myiozetetes similis*, daily from Cock-of-the-rock Lodge to Pto. Maldonado

Gray-capped Flycatcher, *Myiozetetes granadensis*, HA (1 or 2 in clearing); heard near MWC



\*Lemon-browed Flycatcher, *Conopias cinchoneti*, heard at Cock-of-the-rock Lodge on our morning walk but would not respond to playback  
Golden-crowned Flycatcher, *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus*, 1 at ca. 1900 m el; a couple around Cock-of-the-rock Lodge at 1450 m el  
Streaked Flycatcher, *Myiodynastes maculatus*, 1 blackish bird (austral race) at Pto. Maldonado  
Piratic Flycatcher, *Legatus leucophaeus*, heard at numerous places from near Pilcopata and HA to Pto. Maldonado; 1 was seen on the 17<sup>th</sup> (MWC area)  
Variegated Flycatcher, *Empidonomus varius*, 1 seen by DW group in MWC area (a late austral migrant)  
**Sulphury Flycatcher**, *Tyrannopsis sulphurea*, pair seen in Moriche Palms west of Pto. Maldonado; a moriche palm specialist for nesting  
Tropical Kingbird, *Tyrannus melancholicus*, daily from Cock-of-the-rock Lodge to Pto. Maldonado  
Fork-tailed Flycatcher, *Tyrannus savana*, apparently 1 seen by DW group on Sept 17<sup>th</sup> boat trip (I have marked it on my checklist but do not recall discussion of it; an austral migrant)

### **Cotingas, Cotingidae**

Red-crested Cotinga, *Ampelion rubrocristatus*, 1 seen at 3300-3400 m el on second day  
**Andean Cock-of-the-Rock**, *Rupicola peruviana*, 15 minutes by bus above the Cock-of-the-lodge we visited an active lek of males for an amazing afternoon display at almost point blank range with about 8 (or possibly 9) gorgeous males; 1 also seen by Bruno at ca. 2300 m el; another seen some distance below the Cock-of-the-rock Lodge  
Purple-throated Fruitcrow, *Querula purpurata*, 2 seen at Cocha Camungo canopy by all groups  
Plum-throated Cotinga, *Cotinga maynana*, a couple females seen from canopy platforms; 1 distant male at Cocha Blanco  
Spangled Cotinga, *Cotinga cayana*, 1 partly hidden male seen by DW group from MWC platform  
Screaming Piha, *Lipaugus vociferans*, MWC (seen by everyone on grid trail walks; and no one will forget its voice)  
Bare-necked Fruitcrow, *Gymnoderus foetidus*, HA and MWC (rivers and lakes); maybe 6-8 seen

### **Manakins, Pipridae**

Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin, *Tyranneutes stolzmanni*, MWC (1 singing male seen in high ground forest by Sh group with great scope views—ok so it's not such a beauty but it is an interesting little bird  
\*Blue-backed Manakin, *Chiroxiphia pareola*, heard 1x in high ground forest at MWC by SH group but we could get no response from it  
Yungas Manakin, *Chiroxiphia boliviana*, Cock-of-the-Lodge (only seen by Pam and maybe one or two other people); heard often; also heard at ca. 1600 m el' why is this species so difficult to see?  
\*Fiery-capped Manakin, *Machaeropterus Pyrocephalus*, heard at HA and again in high ground forest at MWC but never seen (a disappointment)  
Band-tailed Manakin, *Pipra fasciicauda*, MWC (seen well along the Fig pass trail by everyone; a gorgeous little bird)

### **Tityras & Allies, Tityridae**

Black-tailed Tityra, *Tityra cayana*, MWC (singles daily from canopy platforms and rivers)  
Masked Tityra, *Tityra semifasciata*, at least 3 seen in MWC area  
\*Várzea Schiffornis, *Schiffornis major*, heard by DW group in the Cocha Camungo area  
Cinereous Mourner, *Laniocera hypopyrra*, MWC (1 seen by DW group)  
**White-browed Purpletuft**, *Iodopleura isabellae*, 1 seen in a treetop above the Blanquillo clay lick  
Barred Becard, *Pachyramphus versicolor*, 1M seen at 2350 m el

White-winged Becard, *Pachyramphus polychopterus*, pair at nest in clearing at HA; also heard at MWC

Pink-throated Becard, *Pachyramphus minor*, 1F seen at Cocha Camungo canopy platform; a couple seen at a nest in MWC area

### **Vireos, Vireonidae**

Red-eyed Vireo, *Vireo olivaceus*, a couple at HA; these may have been austral migrant birds)

Dusky-capped Greenlet, *Hylophilus hypoxanthus*, heard and seen at MWC (canopy bird)

\*Tawny-crowned Greenlet, *Hylophilus ochraceiceps*, 1 heard by DW group but unresponsive to playback

### **Jays etc, Corvidae**

White-collared Jay, *Cyanolyca viridicyanus*, 3 birds very close at 2300 m el (were loosely associated with Hooded Mt.-Tanagers and Mt. Caciques and the Greater Scythebill)

Green Jay, *Cyanocorax yncas*, 4 seen in vicinity of the Cock-of-the-rock Lodge (a possible split as this Andean form has whiter head and differs in other ways); ca. 1475 m el

Purplish Jay, *Cyanocorax cyanomelas*, HA (quite common); MWC; Pto. Maldonado (river edges and clearings)

Violaceous Jay, *Cyanocorax violaceus*, near Pilcopata; HA and MWC (second growth areas and rivers)

### **Swallows & Martins, Hirundinidae**

Blue-and-white Swallow, *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*, Andean highlands including small group (only 2-3 pairs) at 2350 m el; several large groups on the Río Madre de Dios between HA and MWC and also between MWC and Boca Colorado; some of these birds may be from the highlands but some also are likely austral migrants); note also that we saw two “blue-and-white” swallows at 2700-2800 m el (above the two tunnels) that were flying over forest and these may well have been **Pale-footed Swallows** but they were too far away to hear or see well enough to be sure of identity

Brown-bellied Swallow, *Orochelidon murina*, several at Paucuartambo (first day) but we did not stop for them

White-banded Swallow, *Atticora fasciata*, along Madre de Dios river from near HA to MWC; in pairs or little groups of 3-5

Southern Rough-winged Swallow, *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*, from Cock-of-the-rock Lodge to Pto. Maldonado (common everywhere along rivers and over lakes)

Gray-breasted Martin, *Progne chalybea*, 1 female picked out by DW from the boat dock at Cocha Camungo

Brown-chested Martin, *Progne tapera*, 1 or 2 on Upper Río Madre de Dios were seen by DW group

White-winged Swallow, *Tachycineta albiventer*, throughout Madre de Dios river system (common)

Barn Swallow, *Hirundo rustica*, 6-8 over a damp pasture near Laguna Huacarpay; 1 also along the Madre de Dios river near Boca Colorado

### **Wrens, Troglodytidae**

\*Scaly-breasted Wren, *Microcerculus marginatus*, heard on three successive days on the grid

House Wren, *Troglodytes aedon*, heard and seen throughout from high puna (3400 m) to Pto. Maldonado

Mountain Wren, *Troglodytes solstitialis*, 1 seen at ca. 2350 m el

Thrush-like Wren, *Campylorhynchus turdinus*, heard at HA daily and the pair were eventually seen

Moustached Wren, *Pheugopedius genibarbis*, MWC (heard and seen by most of group); also heard at various other sites

- \*Buff-breasted Wren, *Cantorchilus leucotis*, heard at Cocha Camungo by both groups
- \*Fulvous Wren, *Cinnycerthia fulva*, heard at 2350 m elevation (pair or several) but we could never see them
- \*Gray-breasted Wood-Wren, *Henicorhina leucophrys*, heard at several highland sites (1450-2350 m) but we never saw one

### **Donacobius, *Donacobiidae***

Black-capped Donacobius, *Donacobius atricapillus*, seen at HA; also seen well at Cocha Blanco (lake edges)

### **Thrushes, *Turdidae***

Andean Solitaire, *Myadestes ralloides*, 1 seen at 1900 m el; others heard above or below this elevation  
 White-eared Solitaire, *Entomodestes leucotis*, 1 seen very well at 1900 m (bird probably part of a large mixed species flock in the area)

Hauxwell's Thrush, *Turdus hauxwelli*, HA (heard); MWC (heard daily and one or two seen)

Black-billed Thrush, *Turdus ignobilis*, a common thrush in foothills and lower montane zone; not a bird of primary forest interior (replaced there by Hauxwell's Thrush); it was common at MWC but we saw few elsewhere

Great Thrush, *Turdus fuscater*, 10+ seen between ca. 2950-3600 m el (generally likes humid areas)

Chiguanco Thrush, *Turdus chiguanco*, Puna/dry interior valleys; Laguna Huacarpay and drier treeline areas; 1 seen at 2300 m in humid forest edge; duller and grayer than previous species

Glossy-black Thrush, *Turdus serranus*, 1 female seen at ca. 2650 m

White-necked Thrush, *Turdus albicollis*, I think this species was at least heard by DW group near MWC

**Lawrence's Thrush, *Turdus lawrenceii***, 1 heard in p.m. near the MWC canopy platform; and heard (and seen in flight) the next morning from the MWC canopy platform by SH group; this is the first time I have recorded this species here at the MWC although it is widespread (but local) across all of western Amazonia and "famous" for its remarkable ability to mimic virtually any bird in the forest

### **New World Warblers, *Parulidae***

\*Tropical Parula, *Setophaga pitiayumi*, heard at Cock-of-the-rock Lodge

Pale-legged Warbler, *Myiothlypis luteoviridis*, 3+ seen at ca. 2350 m area

Riverbank Warbler, *Myiothlypis fulvicauda*, 1 seen at HA; now split from Buff-rumped Warbler and this new name is about as "ugly" as they get; seems to me that Riverside Warbler would be a much better name although in truth neither name is particularly accurate because it is often far away from rivers and creeks—as was the case when we saw this pair around the buildings at Hacienda Amazonia

Two-banded Warbler, *Basileuterus bivittatus*, heard and finally a pair was seen (sort of) at the Cock-of-the-rock Lodge; as is typical for this species this pair was not particularly easy to see

Russet-crowned Warbler, *Basileuterus coronatus*, 1 seen at ca. 1900-2000 m el

Slate-throated Redstart, *Myioborus miniatus*, seen from 1900 m down to ca. 1450 m el

Spectacled Redstart, *Myioborus melanocephalus*, the dominant redstart from 1900 m up to 2600 m (an upper elevation replacement of slate-throated Redstart)

### **Tanagers, *Thraupidae***

Red-capped Cardinal, *Paroaria gularis*, seen at HA; along river trips; and at Cocha Camungo; and Cocha Blanco as well as at Pto. Maldonado

Magpie Tanager, *Cissopis leverianus*, HA; along upper Madre de Dios (boat trip); and two seen Cocha Camungo platform by SH group

Slaty Tanager, *Creurgops dentatus*, male and female seen with mixed species flock at 1900-2000 m zone; another seen at ca. 1600 m

Superciliaried Hemispingus, *Hemispingus superciliaris*, at least 4 seen at ca. 2350 m

Three-striped Hemispingus, *Hemispingus trifasciatus*, at least 25+ seen with several mixed species flocks between 3200-3500 m (each flock had 5-10 or more individuals); obviously not a rare bird but of interest because of the large numbers of them

Gray-hooded Bush-Tanager, *Cnemoscopus rubrirostris*, 3-4 with mixed species flock at ca. 3000 m el or higher

Rusty-and-yellow Tanager, *Thlypopsis ruficeps*, 4 seen with one mixed species flock at ca. 3300-3400 m el; 2 seen at ca. 2350 m el

White-shouldered Tanager, *Tachyphonus luctuosus*, MWC (only a couple seen)

White-winged Shrike-Tanager, *Lanio versicolor*, MWC (3-4 seen but mostly quite high and difficult to see; mm and ff)

Masked Crimson Tanager, *Ramphocelus nigrogularis*, HA (common around clearing but none elsewhere)

Silver-beaked Tanager, *Ramphocelus carbo*, from Cock-of-the-rock Lodge to Pto. Maldonado)

Hooded Mountain-Tanager, *Buthraupis montana*, several great views of this species although perhaps seen best at the entrance to the Wayquecha Lodge where they were really close; groups noted between 2350-3000 m and a frequent associate with Mt. Caciques and White-throated Jays and even the Greater Scythebill!

Grass-green Tanager, *Chlorornis riefferii*, 1 at the Wayquecha Lodge

Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager, *Anisognathus igniventris*, dozens seen well between 3200-3600 m el; good brief we almost got tired of seeing so many of these beautiful birds!

Chestnut-bellied Mountain-Tanager, *Delothraupis castaneiventris*, 1 seen at ca. 2950 m el

Yellow-throated Tanager, *Iridosornis analis*, 4+ with enormous mixed species flock at 1900-2000 m el

Golden-collared Tanager, *Iridosornis jelskii*, at least 6 seen with mixed species flocks at ca. 3400 m el in stunted humid montane woodland near treeline; the largest number of these birds that I've ever seen in a single day

Blue-and-yellow Tanager, *Thraupis bonariensis*, 2 seen at Laguna Huacarpay

Orange-eared Tanager, *Chlorochrysa calliparaea*, seen between 1450 to 2000 m

Blue-gray Tanager, *Thraupis episcopus*, Cock-of-the-rock Lodge to Pto. Maldonado

Palm Tanager, *Thraupis palmarum*, Cock-of-the-rock Lodge and HA; apparently none around MWC but seen at Pto. Maldonado

Blue-capped Tanager, *Thraupis cyanocephala*, upper montane forest edges from ca. 2000 to 3500 m; taxonomic name of this bird is about to change

Golden-naped Tanager, *Tangara ruficervix*, only 1 seen at ca. 1500 m

Green-throated Tanager, *Tangara argyrofenges*, 1M seen at 900-1000 m el with a large flock of mostly *Tangara* tanagers (Bay-headed, Blue-necked, Paradise) and a few small flycatchers at forest edge on a steep hillside; the presence of this bird here represents a significant range extension from that presented in *Birds of Peru*; both DW and SH saw this bird well (as did many or all clients with us) particularly noting the aqua green throat and straw-colored mantle and back plumage; a first for this tour; unfortunately no photos were possible

Blue-necked Tanager, *Tangara cyanicollis*, a pair around Cock-of-the-rock Lodge area and others a little higher up; also down at least to 900 m)

Spotted Tanager, *Tangara punctata*, Cock-of-the-rock Lodge (several in melastomes)

Blue-and-black Tanager, *Tangara vassorii*, 1900-2600 m (only *Tangara* normally at 2600 m or higher)

Beryl-spangled Tanager, *Tangara nigroviridis*, montane forest (4-5 seen at 1900-2000 m el)

Turquoise Tanager, *Tangara mexicana*, pairs twice at Cocha Camungo canopy platform  
Paradise Tanager, *Tangara chilensis*, Cock-of-the-rock Lodge (1450 m el) and all lower elevations down to MWC (some excellent studies of this incomparable bird)  
Bay-headed Tanager, *Tangara gyrola*, 2 with the tanager flock at 900-1000 m (same flock as the Green-throated Tanager)  
Golden-eared Tanager, *Tangara chrysotis*, Cock-of-the-rock Lodge (1 coming to banana feeders on both mornings but only quite early and usually only once or twice)  
Saffron-crowned Tanager, *Tangara xanthocephala*, 1900-2000 m with enormous mixed species flock  
Green-and-gold Tanager, *Tangara schrankii*, seen by both groups at MWC canopy platform  
Golden Tanager, *Tangara arthus*, common at 1450-2000 m  
Swallow Tanager, *Tersina viridis*, 1 at Pto. Maldonado in treetop  
Black-faced Dacnis, *Dacnis lineata*, 1 seen from MWC canopy platform by DW group  
Yellow-bellied Dacnis, *Dacnis flaviventer*, pair **building nest** in canopy of *Ceiba* tree at the Cocha Camungo canopy platform; I only saw the female bring fine thread-like material to the unfinished nest where spent several minutes forming the nest cup which was anchored to a couple leaf petioles and a slender woody branch; DW group also saw this species in this tree three days later but did not see it at the nest; apparently only one previous nest of this species has been found or reported  
Blue Dacnis, *Dacnis cayana*, a couple at the Cocha Camungo Canopy platform  
Green Honeycreeper, *Chlorophanes spiza*, 1 at HA; another at canopy platform at Cocha Camungo by SH group  
Cinereous Conebill, *Conirostrum cinereum*, 1 in high arid scrub the first day  
Blue-backed Conebill, *Conirostrum sitticolor*, 4-6 at ca. 3300-3450 m el  
Capped Conebill, *Conirostrum albifrons*, with mixed species flock at 2350 m el  
White-browed Conebill, *Conirostrum ferrugineiventris*, several seen between ca. 3300-3600 m  
Moustached Flowerpiercer, *Diglossa mystacalis*, common (10-12 seen) between ca. 3300-3600 m  
Black-throated Flowerpiercer, *Diglossa brunneiventris*, arid highlands (common in scrubby treeline vegetation)  
Deep-blue Flowerpiercer, *Diglossa glauca*, 1 at 1900-2000 m el with large mixed species flock  
Masked Flowerpiercer, *Diglossa cyanea*, common (12+ seen) between 2950-3600 m; others somewhat lower  
Plushcap, *Catamblyrhynchus diadema*, 1 seen at 2350 m (with mixed species flock) but bird was not foraging in bamboo  
Mourning Sierra-Finch, *Phrygilus fruticeti*, not marked on my list but we saw several at Laguna Huacarpay; most were birds with only partial black foreparts and underparts (molting/young?) and one or two females  
Plumbeous Sierra-Finch, *Phrygilus unicolor*, 6-8 in highlands at or above treeline  
Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch, *Phrygilus plebejus*, common at 3600-3700 m el in arid highlands the 1<sup>st</sup> day  
Chestnut-breasted Mountain-Finch, *Poospiza caesar*, 1 seen in dry scrub the 1<sup>st</sup> morning; ca. 3300 m el; Peruvian endemic  
Saffron Finch, *Sicalis flaveola*, 1 at Pto. Maldonado  
Blue-black Grassquit, *Volatinia jacarina*, 1 molting male at Pto. Maldonado  
Black-and-white Seedeater, *Sporophila luctuosa*, HA; 2-3 birds but all were molting and mixed brown and black but with large white wing spots at base of primaries; possible younger birds?; elevational migrants apparently and also unpredictable in occurrence  
Double-collared Seedeater, *Sporophila caerulea*, 1M at Pto. Maldonado  
Chestnut-bellied Seedeater, *Sporophila castaneiventris*, was this species seen along riverbanks?  
Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch, *Oryzoborus angolensis*, 1M seen well at Pto. Maldonado (in scope); has a great song and often trapped for cage trade  
Band-tailed Seedeater, *Catamenia analis*, in arid highlands the first day

Plain-colored Seedeater, *Catamenia inornata*, pair at Tres Cruces (3600 m) the second day  
Bananaquit, *Coereba flaveola*, Cock-of-the-rock Lodge and HA  
Grayish Saltator, *Saltator coerulescens*, along upper Madre de Dios River below HA; heard around cochas at MWC and eventually seen there and perhaps best at Pto. Maldonado  
Buff-throated Saltator, *Saltator maximus*, Cock-of-the-rock Lodge; HA; MWC (heard daily in almost all areas; a few seen)

### **Finches & Sparrows, *Emberizidae***

Yellow-breasted Brush-Finch, *Atlapetes latinuchus*, 3 seen at ca. 2950 (including 2 at the Wayquecha Lodge)  
Gray-eared (Black-faced) Brush-Finch, *Atlapetes melanolaemus*, numerous between 2300-2950 m elevation; follows mixed species flocks; called Black-faced Brush-Finch in *Birds of Peru*  
Yellow-browed Sparrow, *Ammodramus aurifrons*, only a few seen along open river banks; also one at Pto. Maldonado  
Rufous-collared Sparrow, *Zonotrichia capensis*, many on our drive through the arid highlands the first day and down to ca. 2300 m el  
Common Chlorospingus (formerly Bush-Tanager), *Chlorospingus ophthalmicus*, a few seen the 3<sup>rd</sup> day at ca. 1900-2000 m el with mixed species flock  
Short-billed Bush-Tanager, *Chlorospingus parvirostris*, 3-4 seen with small mixed species flock in the rain at ca. 2000 m el; possibly seen only by SH  
Yellow-throated Bush-Tanager, *Chlorospingus flavigularis*, seen near the Cock-of-the-rock Lodge (ca. 1450 m); note that all *Chlorospingus* bush-tanagers have now been transferred to *Emberizidae* and are now known by their generic name (and not bush-tanagers)

### **Cardinals & Allies, *Cardinalidae***

Hepatic Tanager, (highland form), *Piranga flava lutea*, 3 seen (2FF and a M) at ca. 1100 m el; a species probably should be separated into several species (genetic analysis done years ago) but as yet it is regarded as a single species from western USA to northern Argentina and eastern Brazil  
Red-crowned Ant-Tanager, *Habia rubica*, a single at MWC and then a group of 4-5 near the Fig Pass trail at edge of high ground forest

### **Blackbirds & Allies, *Icteridae***

Pale-eyed Blackbird, *Agelasticus xanthophthalmus*, one bird seen quite well at Cocha Blanco; extremely local in oxbow lakes along the eastern base of the Andes  
Yellow-winged Blackbird, *Agelasticus thilius*, a few at Laguna Huacarpay  
Giant Cowbird, *Molothrus oryzivorus*, river edges from HA to Pto. Maldonado  
Epaulet Oriole, *Icterus cayanensis*, 1 seen from the Cocha Camungo canopy platform by DW group  
Orange-backed Troupial, *Icterus croconotus*, seen at HA; also Blanquillo clay lick; and Cocha Camungo canopy platform  
Yellow-billed Cacique, *Amblycercus holosericeus*, 1 seen at ca. 2350 m by Julia (by others?)  
Mountain Cacique, *Cacicus chrysonotus*, 3 with White-collared Jays and Hooded Mountain-Tanagers in humid montane forest at ca. 2350 m el; this southern subspecies may eventually be regarded as a species distinct from those from Venezuela to northern Peru  
Solitary Black Cacique, *Cacicus solitarius*, 1 at Cocha Blanco was seen by part of group during our catamaran trip  
Yellow-rumped Cacique, *Cacicus cela*, HA to Pto. Maldonado; especially common along river edges; a large and active colony in the big tree behind the cabins at MWC  
Russet-backed Oropendola, *Psarocolius angustifrons*, Cock-of-the-rock Lodge to Pto. Maldonado; commonest oropendola

Dusky-green Oropendola, *Psarocolius atrovirens*, Cock-of-the-rock Lodge (1450 m) up to ca. 1900-2000 m elevation

Crested Oropendola, *Psarocolius decumanus*, a single bird at HA and another at Pto. Maldonado were our only records

Olive Oropendola, *Psarocolius (Gymnostinops) bifasciatus*, pair in flight past the Cocha Camungo canopy platform by SH group; a single in flight past this same canopy platform by DW group might have been one member of this same pair

### **Siskins & Euphonias, Fringillidae**

Thick-billed Euphonia, *Euphonia lanirostris*, a couple females at HA; a pair at MWC clearing

Golden-bellied (White-lored) Euphonia, *Euphonia chrysopasta*, our only record was a single female near the MWC so it wasn't exactly a trip highlight; another bird that had a good name (White-lored Euphonia) but the name was changed back to an older and pretty useless name (all but a couple euphonias have golden or yellow lower underparts!)

Orange-bellied Euphonia, *Euphonia xanthogaster*, Cock-of-the-rock Lodge area (1450-1900 m) where a pair were with almost all mixed species flocks

Hooded Siskin, *Spinus magellanicus*, flock of 8 the first day in high arid zone

Olivaceous Siskin, *Carduelis olivacea*, several groups (or the same group seen several times) around the Cock-of-the-rock Lodge; a larger group of about 20) at HA

## **MAMMALS:**

### **Armadillos, Dasypodidae**

(not seen) Giant Armadillo, *Pridontes maximus*, 1 large hole of this species noted on the slope up into *terra firme* forest at MWC; we did not see this species but just knowing they are here is impressive

### **Marmosets & Tamarins, Callitrichidae**

Saddleback Tamarin, *Saguinus fascicollis*, cute and sprightly little groups were seen daily at the MWC

### **New World Monkeys, Cebidae**

Common Squirrel Monkey, *Saimiri sciureus*, HA (seen by all groups); also MWC (several large groups)

Brown Capuchin, *Cebus apella*, Cock-of-the-rock Lodge (3 that were unwelcome guests at the bird feeders); also seen at HA and almost daily at MWC

Common Woolly Monkey, *Lagothrix lagothricha*, 3 beautiful and muscular animals were observed for an extended period of time a short distance above the Cock-of-the-rock Lodge; each one appeared to be traveling alone (or maybe they were just well separated from each other)

Red Howler Monkey, *Alouatta seniculus*, MWC (two groups seen high in open trees at Cocha Blanco; also heard several times; much larger and more impressive primates than the scrawny black ones in Central America or south of the Amazon basin)

Black Spider Monkey, *Ateles paniscus*, MWC (small groups of 2-3 were seen every day at MWC)

### **Squirrels, Sciuridae**

Bolivian Squirrel, *Sciurus ignites*, Cock-of-the-rock Lodge (the small one at the feeder)

Southern Amazon Red Squirrel, *Sciurus spadiceus*, HA (large and rufous and quite pretty; stays rather low in forest)

Amazon Dwarf Squirrel, *Microsciurus flaviventer*, 1 (presumed this species although we don't know for sure) seen by DW group at MWC

### **Capybaras, Caviidae**

Capybara, *Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris*, our only record was a single individual spotted by the boatman on our downriver journey from HA to MWC but this animal was well concealed and seen only by part of the group

Montane Guinea Pig, *Cavia tschudii* (*C. porcellus* is the domesticated Guinea Pig), this may be the little animals we were seeing in the marshes at Laguna Huacarpay; the Domesticated Guinea Pig does not exist in the wild anymore. Another species the Common Yellow-toothed Cavy (*Galea musteloides*) also occurs in Peru but is apparently a larger species; . . . this may not be the end of the story

### **Agoutis, Dasyproctidae**

Brown Agouti, *Dasyprocta variegata*, 1 in clearing at Cock-of-the-rock Lodge; 2-3 around clearing at MWC were seen daily

### **Rabbits**

Tropical Cottontail, *Sylvilagus brasiliensis*, one seen during our long walk from the river to the Blanquillo clay lick (seen only by a few of our group)

### **Bats**

Long-nosed Bat (*Rhynchonycteris naso*), under roof of Cocha Blanco boat dock

### **Weasels etc, Mustelidae**

Giant Otter, *Pteronura brasiliensis*, group of 6 seen very close by everyone at Cocha Blanco; pair seen at Cocha Camungo by SH group; then a few days later a pregnant female and another animal (probably the same two SH group saw) were seen hauled out on a log to sun and scratch by DW group at Cocha Camungo; overall one of few trips where we have had extended observations of this rare animal

### **Peccaries, Tayassuidae**

Collared Peccary, *Pecari tajacu*, 2 seen on the grid trail system by SH group

## **REPTILES:**

Yellow-spotted Amazon River Turtle, *Podocnemus ignophyllus*, rivers and lakes; but we saw only a few in the Madre de Dios river; one had a butterfly on its nose

Monitor lizard (or Tegu), *Tupinambis sp*, MWC

Small lizard, *Ameiva sp*, HA; MWC

Large unidentified lizard (with very long toes and long thin tail) and mottled dark gray and greenish pattern at MWC – seen on a large log in forest



## **BUTTERFLIES:**

This list includes mostly species from the lowlands. It was an amazing butterfly show this year and I thank Dave for putting this list together.

### **Butterflies: Manu Biosphere Tour, September 9-23, 2014**

Compiled by David Wolf

Here is a **sampling** of some of the many butterflies seen on this trip and pointed out to the group at least once, but this is by no means a complete list! The butterflies were a pleasant distraction when the birding was slow and your enthusiasm for observing them was appreciated.

#### **PAPILIONIDAE (Swallowtails)**

Short-lined Kite Swallowtail (*Protographium neosilaus*)- a few of these “zebra-striped” swallowtails were seen amidst the puddles of sulphurs along the river.

Emerald-patched (Sesostris) Cattleheart (*Parides sesostris*) - one at the dock at Manu Wildlife Center when we returned from our excursion to the parrot lick.

Ruby-spotted Swallowtail (*Heraclides anchisiades*) - a dark one with red spots photographed on the sandy bank of the stream right below the Manu Wildlife Center tower.

Crimson-spotted Swallowtail (*Pterourus menatius eurotas*) - a gorgeous big swallowtail drinking on a bridge over a very lush forested stream at ca 3300 ft.

**PIERIDAE (Sulphurs & Whites)** - the great swarms of these along the riverbanks and islands were described as “a confetti of butterflies” – very apt!

Statira Sulphur (*Aphrissa statira*) - abundant in great swirls at the numerous “puddles” of butterflies along the river from Atalaya to below the Manu Wildlife Center.

Apricot Sulphur (*Phoebis argante*) – this was the bright orange sulphur present in the many “puddles” of pierids along the river.

Black-banded (Cross-barred) White (*Itoballia demophile*) - not common, but a few of these black-and-white butterflies were at most of the “puddles” of pierids along the river..

Pamela White (*Perrhybris pamela*) - not uncommon and solitary males were seen regularly low down in the shady understory of the interior of the forest near Manu Wildlife Center.

Florida White (*Glutophrissa drusilla*) - a few of these mostly-white sulphurs were present in almost every puddle of butterflies along the riverbanks and islands.

#### **RIODINIDAE (Metalmarks)**

Periander Swordtail (*Rhetus periander*) - a spectacular creature - single males were seen at 3300 ft. in the foothills and upon arrival at Manu Wildlife Center.

Meneria Metalmark - a beautiful red-and-black metalmark; one on the trail through transitional woods on the Cocha Camungo trail landed on our hats, but was too jumpy to photograph.

**NYMPHALIDAE (Brush-footed Butterflies)** - a huge and very diverse family, clearwings - seen along the forest interior trails; lovely but almost impossible to identify.

Erato Heliconian (*Heliconius erato*) - one of the many orange-and-black longwings seen.

Sara Longwing (*Heliconius sara*) - a longwing that is brilliant blue above with a yellowish stripe on the forewing; photographed at our picnic lunch stop in the foothill forest.

actinotes (*Actinote sp?*) - a big outbreak of these slow-flying red-and-black butterflies in the Cock-of-the-Rock area, with swarms gathering along the road and many killed by traffic.

Julia (*Dryas iulia*) - one seen in young river island woodland at Blanquillo lick.

Amazon Beauty (*Baeotus aeilus*)- a strikingly-patterned large butterfly, always solitary, but seen here and there along the river, including on sunning turtles.

Tropical Buckeye (*Junonia evarete*) - in the grassy yard at Hac. Amazonia.

White Peacock (*Anartia jatrophe*) - seen in the grass at Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge.

Scarlet Peacock (*Anartia amathea*) - an open-country species seen on the lawn at Hac Amazonia.

Rusty-tipped Page (*Siproeta epaphus*) - several of these distinctive large butterflies seen along the road above Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge.

Orange Mapwing (*Hypanartia lethe*) - several pointed out around Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge.

Crethon Daggerwing (*Marpesia crethon*) - white stripe on the upperwings; the 2<sup>nd</sup> commonest species in the swarms of daggerwings along the river, but greatly outnumbered by Many-banded.

Many-banded Daggerwing (*Marpesia chiron*) - abundant in great swarms along the river in the MWC area, in all stages of wear. By far the most I have ever seen anywhere.

Cynosura Eighty-eight (*Callicore cynosura*) - a large eighty-eight with yellow and black stripes below with blue dots, but flashing brilliant red above when flushed. Singles seen here and there.

eighty-eights (*Diaethria sp?*) - several species of these colorful little butterflies were all around us and even on us along the road above Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge and elsewhere. All have interesting patterns below and variations of brilliant blue stripes above.

Blue-frosted Catone (*Catonephele numilia*) - colorful orange and black.

purplewings (*Eunica sp?*) - very jumpy small to medium butterflies around the steps at the MWC, purple above but cryptic below. Several species noted, even landing on our tripods.

Starry Night Cracker (*Hamadryas laodamia*) - stunning male on a small tree amidst tall *Gynerium* cane on the walk out of the Blanquillo Clay Lick.

Variable or Guatemalan Cracker? (*Hamadryas feronia/guatemalena*) - one on a concrete pole near Puerto Maldonado was one of these two species.

Prola Beauty - the brilliant and abundant large red and blue butterflies that were simply everywhere in the Manu region, from swarms along the riverbanks to singles in the forest canopy – and inside the lodge as well. Huge outbreak of this species; often only one or two are seen per trip.

Hewitson's Olivewing (*Nessaea hewitsonii*) - seen by one group at Hac. Amazonia.

redrings (*Pyrrhogtyra sp?*) - medium-sized black-and-white butterflies with red rims to the mostly-white undersides.

Zunilda Emperor (*Doxocopa zunilda*) - brilliant and bold butterfly landing on the mud by the small lake at Hac. Amazonia.

sisters (*Adelpha sp?*) - one species or another was pointed out almost everywhere that we went from Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge to the lowlands, but this is a huge genus and they are very hard to identify to species. Typically with a white stripe and orange forewing spot above; complex pattern below.

leafwings (*Memphis sp?*) - very cryptic and leaf-like when wings are closed, but with bright blue above when flushed. Various hard-to-identify species seen several places (including inside the bus).

Common? Morpho (*Morpho helenor?*) - typical large blue morphos were seen occasionally.

giant owl sp? (*Caligo sp?*) - huge butterflies (almost bat-like) that were flushed daily along forest interior trails in the MWC area, but most made off very rapidly.

Pink-tipped Satyr (*Cithaeris sp?*) - ethereal clear-winged butterfly of the floor of the forest.

Lamia Pierella (*Pierella lamia*) - oddly-shaped brown butterflies cruising low to the ground along the forest interior trails at MWC.

satyrs - small brown or brown and white butterflies with wing striped and eye-spots; many seen.

blue satyr - a small pale blue satyr along the road in the cloud forest.

*Taygetis sp?* - a large brown satyr that joined us for a check-list session.