

# **PERU: MANU BIOSPHERE RESERVE**

**WAYQECHA LODGE, COCK-OF-THE-ROCK LODGE, VILLA  
CARMEN LODGE, AND MANU WILDLIFE CENTER LODGE**

**AUGUST 21–SEPTEMBER 6, 2016**

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We left the hotel at 3:45 a.m. with a cart of luggage, crossed the street, and entered Lima's International airport, already bustling with travelers. After check-in, a fast-food breakfast, security lines that proceeded smoothly, we were in the waiting area by 5:00 a.m., soon to board a predawn flight to Cuzco, leaving the glitz and glitter of Lima behind. At Cuzco, the second contrast of the day would begin—where our journey would really begin. We departed Cuzco shortly after 7:00, spent a couple of hours at nearby Laguna Huacarpay (elevation 11,000 feet; 3,300m) for an introduction to highland waterbirds, and then confronted a detour that lengthened our drive somewhat to the highland town of Paucartambo. The route was picturesque: villages, little mud and straw brick huts, farms, golden fields on hillsides, and birds scattering in front of our vehicle. Stops produced an interesting assortment of birds characteristic of Peru's arid highlands, including miners, bush-tyrants, and sierra-finches. By midafternoon we plunged downward into a region dramatically more humid, and by late afternoon reached the relatively new Wayqecha Lodge located at 9,750 feet elevation. Situated on the humid eastern slope of the Andes but little more than thirty minutes beyond the high pass at about 12,000 feet that marked a dramatic and rapid transition from the arid interior valleys of Peru to its humid eastern face, the lodge provided the third important contrast of the day—montane forest. We settled in to our rooms and made sure flashlights were handy. Nightfall comes early, and there would be only a three-hour span of electricity from a portable generator. And with no heat, the rooms would soon be cold.

The next several days took us downward through a series of habitats as dramatic as any in the world. It was a stunning transition—from puna grassland and scrub at 12,000 feet down through patches of elfin forest, then taller montane forest, and finally more humid foothill or lower montane forest, some of it mixed with bamboo. We would stay at three lodges, each at a lower elevation than the previous, and experience each with an almost completely new avifauna, a remarkable demonstration of how species replace each other as one travels up or down mountain slopes. Hummingbirds, flycatchers, and mountain-tanagers dominated the highlands. Lower down we encountered our first really good mixed species flocks with furnariids, wrens, warblers, tanagers, and brush-finches, and then spent time at a wonderful Andean Cock-of-the-rock lek before continuing our journey downward. In the foothills everything seemed to change again. There were aquatic species, hoatzins, parrots, macaws, antbirds, woodcreepers, and a different cast of hummingbirds; the increase in diversity was obvious.

Two days later we left the foothills and the comfort of the Villa Carmen Lodge for a long, rainy boat trip to our final and most important destination, the Manu Wildlife Center with its canopy level observation platforms, lakes, forest trails, and the spectacle of parrots and macaws descending to a river bank to eat clay early in the morning. And by now the avian diversity was amazing. We'd left all those colorful mountain-tanagers and hummingbirds far upslope, but they'd been replaced here with hoatzins, wood-rails, puffbirds, nunbirds, kingfishers, antbirds, spintails, manakins, new tanagers (but fewer *Tangara*), and more nightbird sounds. Dark highland forests with dense tiny leaves were now replaced by many plants with large leaves, many more palms, and trees that were impossibly tall. This was the Amazon rainforest we'd dreamed about.

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 in a whirlwind trip of just

over two weeks, but it is a great sampler. There is something for everyone, something to stir new interests, stimulate questions, flesh out a western Amazonian life list and, if nothing else, it is a place that 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.

Highlights are marked in red on the main list, but a few stand out above all others. For me, the Razor-billed Curassows and Pale-winged Trumpeters are near the top for honors. Along with these are the macaw spectacle at the Blanquillo collpa, the Cock-of-the-rock lek, the Common Woolly Monkeys, Giant Otters, howler monkeys, adorable little Saddleback Tamarins, and timid gouties in gardens, but nothing, in my mind, equals the amazing views we had of a much chagrined Ocelot that failed in its prey capture attempt, then stood for some minutes looking around as if he hoped no one had seen his clumsy effort.

I hope you enjoyed this trip, felt a little sense of adventure from time to time, and now carry with you some great memories and photos. We also hope that this trip leaves you wanting to see and learn more. And, of course, I'd love to see you again on another tour in the future.

## **ITINERARY:**

August 21: Arrival

August 22: Depart Lima for Cuzco and the Wayqecha Lodge; some people arrived a day or two prior in order to include some coastal birding south of Lima. With the main road from the Vilcanota River to Paucartambo closed for construction we had to take a winding detour that provided much the same birding opportunities including traversing a pass at over 4000m elevation.

August 23: Cold early morning at Wayqecha Lodge (2950m) and departure shortly thereafter for morning near treeline and birding up to the Tres Cruces park entrance.

August 24: Early morning departure for birding at lower elevation (ca. 2350m). Several stops between this site and ca. 1900 m el; late afternoon stop near "Mirador" at 1550 m and drive downward to Cock-of-the-rock Lodge (1450m)

August 25: Morning around Cock-of-the-rock Lodge; afternoon at Andean Cock-of-the-rock lek with matinee performance

August 26: Birding about an hour or more by road above the Cock-of-the-Rock Lodge in the morning with box lunch and mid-afternoon return to the lodge. Max elevation today ca. 2200m.

August 27: Departure from Cock-of-the-rock Lodge around 7 p.m. for birding downslope toward village of Atalaya. Night at Hacienda Amazonia

August 28-29: Two days at Villa Carmen Lodge near Pilcopata (foothill zone) with trail walks and amazingly good birding from the porch of the dining area; Bamboo areas difficult.

August 30: Heavy rain from 4 a.m. to 6:30 am and light rain and decidedly cooler temperatures as a southern cold front moved through today. Depart lodge at about 6:45 a.m. and by boat at ca. 0730 hrs for 7 and a half hours downriver in which we saw virtually no birds and mostly huddled under ponchos in an attempt to stay dry and warm (only partly successful).

August 31: Early morning at the Blanquillo macaw clay lick—with other species around as well; spectacular morning with over seventy Red-and-green Macaws and an ocelot attacking a group of Blue-headed Parrots (it was unsuccessful and looked somewhat chagrined after its failed attempt). Afternoon trails. Fig pass. Still cool but warming from yesterday's rain and cold.

September 1: Morning at Camungo canopy platforms and a boat trip on Cocha Camungo. Despite cool weather, canopy activity was good and the boat trip excellent.

September 2. Morning at Manu Wildlife Center Platform followed by long quiet walk along Creekside trail. Warmer today but pleasant.

September 3: Boat trip on Cocha Blanco in morning. Weather decidedly cool but good activity. Highlights included Giant Otters, Horned Screamers (dozens yelling at each other); Pale-eyed Blackbirds; and parrots, macaws and many other birds streaming overhead. Two hour stop at the Antthrush trail (bamboo) was productive. And, this afternoon the weather began turning blustery again with surprisingly strong winds (keeping us out of the forest for awhile) and also with temperatures dropping once again and light rain just after dark.

September 4. We awoke to rain and cold temperatures again—a second cold front in the space of a week! Almost three hours downriver by boat (depart at 0700 hours) and once again virtually no birds seen as we huddled under ponchos and heavy jackets to try and stay warm (more successful this time). Arrive at little frontier village of Colorado for transfer to trucks for a one hour mad dash to the Inambari River, where we ferried across, and then waited for a bag to catch up to us, and then on to Maldonado with three unsuccessful stops to try and lure a palmcreeper from Mauritia palms. Cold afternoon. Nice dinner at Burgoss's Restaurant in Maldonado but surprisingly cool with all of us in multiple layers of jackets and fleece and down!

September 5. Morning birding near Maldonado (still quite cool and all of us in jackets, even down jackets once again). No White-throated Jacamars to be found anywhere but plenty of seedeaters and others of interest. One last futile try for palmcreepers. Where do they go during cold weather? All of you off to Machu Picchu with Doris this afternoon and the start of another adventure. I continued on to Lima and a late night flight to USA.

#### KEY:

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

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

HA = Villa Carmen (500 m el)

MWC = Manu Wildlife Center (300m el)

\*Asterisk = species heard only

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

blue = austral migrant

pink = northern migrant

red = infrequent or rare (or at least rarely seen) or of interest for other reasons

Peruvian endemics = marked black boldface

SH = Steve Hilty; M = male; F = female

#### 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*

\***Hooded Tinamou, *Nothocercus nigrocapillus***, heard close at ca. 1550m el; first time I recall ever hearing this bird along this road

\*Cinereous Tinamou, *Tinamou cinereus*, heard at Villa Carmen and one seen by SH; heard at MWC

**Brown Tinamou, *Crypturellus obsoletus***, one seen under fruit feeder at Cock-of-the-rock Lodge; impressive and a rare event to see this little bird out in the open for several minutes

Undulated Tinamou, *Crypturellus undulates*, seen by everyone at Villa Carmen

\*Black-capped Tinamou, *Crypturellus atrocapillus*, Villa Carmen (heard)

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

Horned Screamer, *Anhima cornuta*, Cocha Blanco (we saw a dozen or more; heard a half dozen groups numbering probably 30 birds)

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

**Orinoco Goose, *Neochen jubata***, 2 seen on sand bar below MWC; a threatened species that has lost the greater portion of its former distribution

Brazilian Teal, *Amazonetta brasiliensis*, 4 at Villa Carmen; a pair near Maldonado; first noted about 15 years ago near Pto. Maldonado and now established

Torrent Duck, *Merganetta armata*, 1 female near the Cloud Forest Lodge

Cinnamon Teal, *Anas cyanoptera*, 2 at Laguna Huacarpay

Yellow-billed Pintail, *Anas georgica*, 25+ at Laguna Huacarpay

Puna Teal, *Anas puna*, 30+ at Laguna Huacarpay

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

### **Guans and Chachalacas, *Cracidae***

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

Spix's Guan, *Penelope jacquacu*, one at Villa Carmen; group of 6 at MWC

Blue-throated Piping-Guan, *Penelope cumanensis*, Villa Carmen and MWC (including wing rattle displays)

**Wattled Guan, *Aburria aburria***, 1 flew up a ravine right past us during our lunch in the foothills; a rare sighting

**Razor-billed Curassow, *Mitu tuberosum***, pair on riverbank and close to our boat; my vote for top bird of trip and a species we have not seen here for several years

### **New World Quail, *Odontophoridae***

\*Rufous-breasted Wood-Quail, *Odontophorus speciosus*, heard in highlands at about 1550m; same place as the Hooded Tinamou

### **Grebes, *Podicipedidae***

White-tufted Grebe, *Rolandia rolland*, 1 at Laguna Huacarpay

### **Storks, *Ciconidae***

Wood Stork, *Mycteria americana*, river trips and Maldonado area (seen on 5 separate days)

### **Cormorants, *Phalacrocoracidae***

Neotropic Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*, rivers and lakes both highland and lowland (daily along rivers)

### **Anhinga, *Anhingidae***

Anhinga, *Anhinga anhinga*, lakes around MWC

### **Hérons & Egrets, *Ardeidae***

Rufescent Tiger-Heron, *Tigrisoma lineatum*, 2 at Cocha Camungo; an immature at Cocha Blanco

Fasciated Tiger-Heron, *Tigrisoma fasciatum*, one along rapids as we left Atalaya but in the rain and cold it seen only poorly

Cocoi Heron, *Ardea cocoi*, rivers daily (often a trio of this species and Great Egret and a Snowy Egret together)

Great Egret, *Ardea alba*, rivers and lakes in lowlands

Snowy Egret, *Egretta thula*, commonest wader along rivers

Cattle Egret, *Bulbulcus ibis*, 1 at Laguna Huacarpay; a few along Río Madre de Dios near village of Colorado; many around Maldonado

Striated Heron, *Butorides striata*, 1 on Cocha Camungo; another on Cocha Blanco

Capped Heron, *Pilherodius pileatus*, 4 on our downriver trip from Atalaya to MWC

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

Puna Ibis, *Plegadis ridgwayi*, 50+ seen in puna zone on first day crossing Andes; another at 3000m near the high pass above Wayquecha

Green Ibis, *Mesembrinibis cayennensis*, one at Cocha Blanco

**Black-faced Ibis, *Theristicus melanopis***, 1 at ca. 3000m+ (uncommon)

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

Black Vulture, *Coragyps atratus*, all lower elevation areas and especially near towns

Turkey Vulture, *Cathartes aura*, all lower elevation areas but mainly along rivers

Greater Yellow-headed Vulture, *Cathartes melambrotus*, 1 or 2 at Villa Carmen; others in MWC area

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

Swallow-tailed Kite, *Elanoides forficatus*, Villa Carmen; MWC (only one)

Black-collared Hawk, *Busarellus nigricollis*, only one seen; Cocha Blanco (surprisingly few this year as last year)

Snail Kite, *Rostrhamus sociabilis*, 1 at Cocha Blanco

Plumbeous Kite, *Ictinia plumbea*, Villa Carmen and MWC area

Cinereous Harrier, *Circus cinereus*, one female seen very well (close) over marshes at Laguna Huacarpay

Slate-colored Hawk, *Leucopternis schistaceus*, 2 at MWC area (including one at Cocha Blanco)

Great Black-Hawk, *Buteogallus urubitinga*, rivers (only a few seen because of bad weather during our river trips)

Roadside Hawk, *Buteo (Rupornis) magnirostris*, daily from ca. 1450 m downward

Variable Hawk, *Geranoaetus polyosoma*, 2 in high puna zone including one with slaty back and another with a rufous back

White-throated Hawk, *Buteo albigula*, 1 adult and 2 immatures in Wayquecha area

Zone-tailed Hawk, *Buteo albonotatus*, 1 at Villa Carmen (distant)

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

\*Rufous-sided Crake, *Laterallus melanophaius*, heard at Villa Carmen and Cocha Camungo

Gray-necked Wood-Rail, *Aramides cajanea*, 4 birds around lodge and lagoon at Villa Carmen; heard at MWC

Blackish Rail, *Porphyrio martinicus*, pair daily at Villa Carmen

Purple Gallinule, *Porphyrio martinicus*, one at Villa Carmen

Common Gallinule, *Gallinula chloropus*, several at Laguna Huacarpay

Slate-colored Coot, *Fulica ardesiaca*, several at Laguna Huacarpay

### **Limpkin, *Aramidae***

Limpkin, *Aramus guarauna*, at Villa Carmen and lakes near MWC

### **Trumpeters, *Psophiidae***

**Pale-winged Trumpeter, *Psophia leucoptera***, group of 8 bounding out in front of us and onto a trail on the grid, then quickly moving on out of sight like a group of hunchbacked leprechauns

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

Pied Lapwing, *Vanellus cayanus*, Río Madre de Dios (a few pairs below MWC

Southern Lapwing, *Vanellus chilensis*, along river below MWC (the first time I have seen them so far upriver

Andean Lapwing, *Vanellus resplendens*, a few in puna grassland areas

Collared Plover, *Charadrius collaris*, MWC (a couple pairs including one cute pair near the Tambo Blanquillo lodge (where we had to beach our boat to get the key to the Camungo tower; these plovers can run very fast!

### **Jacanas, Jacanidae**

Wattle Jacana, *Jacana jacana*, MWC (lakes and marshes in lowlands)

### **Sandpipers etc, Scolopacidae**

Spotted Sandpiper, *Actitis macularius*, daily along Madre de Dios river and near Maldonado

Solitary Sandpiper, *Tringa solitaria*, 1 near Maldonado

Lesser Yellowlegs, *Tringa melanoleuca*, 2 at Laguna Huacarpay

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

Andean Gull, *Chroicocephalus serranus*, several at Laguna Huacarpay the first day (new genus change); many along the Río Vilcanota

Yellow-billed Tern, *Sterna superciliaris*, Madre de Dios river; but we did not see large numbers

Large-billed Tern, *Sterna simplex*, Madre de Dios river (a few singles or pairs; overall low numbers)

Black Skimmer, *Rynchops niger*, a group of about 20 near Boca Manu village

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

Rock Dove, *Columba livia*, around settled areas

Pale-vented Pigeon, *Patagioenas cayennensis*, MWC (river edges and around cochas; 1 very close on Cocha Blanco)

[Spot-winged Pigeon, *Patagioenas maculosa*, 1 bird seen in puna zone by SH]

Band-tailed Pigeon, *Patagioenas fasciata* in high montane forest the first few days; one large flock of more than a hundred at 2200m el

Plumbeous Pigeon, *Patagioenas plumbea*, heard as high as 1450m but commoner lower; 1 seen; others heard

Ruddy Pigeon, *Patagioenas subvinacea*, mostly heard; 1 seen near Cock-of-the-rock Lodge

Gray-fronted Dove, *Leptotila rufaxilla*, Villa Carmen (heard) and seen); MWC (common voice)

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

### **Hoatzin, Opisthocomidae**

Hoatzin, *Opisthocomus hoatzin*, HA, many including several quite close at Villa Carmen and lakes near MWC; if ever there was a prehistoric looking bird this is it!

### **Cuckoos, Cuculidae**

Little Cuckoo, *Coccyua minuta*, one at Cocha Camungo; another at Cocha Blanco

\*Squirrel Cuckoo, *Piaya cayana*, one heard at MWC

Greater Ani, *Crotophaga major*, seen at Cocha Blanco

Smooth-billed Ani, *Crotophaga ani*, clearing from near Villa Carmen downward in elevation to Pto. Maldonado

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

\*Tropical Screech-Owl, *Megascops choliba*, heard at Villa Carmen

\*Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl, *Megascops watsonii*, heard at Villa Carmen; heard also at MWC

**Yungas Pygmy-Owl, *Glaucidium bolivianum***, 1 spotted by Lois at ca. 2400m el; a good find

\*Mottled Owl, *Ciccaba virgata*, heard at MWC by one or two people

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

Sand-colored Nighthawk, *Chordeiles rupestris*, river sand bars; perched and flying

\*Pauraque, *Nyctidromus albicollis*, heard at Villa Carmen and MWC

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

\*Common Potoo, *Nyctibius griseus*, 1 heard at MWC in early morning

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

Chestnut-collared Swift, *Streptoprocne rutila*, a few small groups at high elevations; in one group the males with their chestnut collars were easily visible (ca. 2200m el)

White-collared Swift, *Streptoprocne zonaris*, mainly Villa Carmen and downriver

Fork-tailed Palm-Swift, *Tachornis squamata*, Cocha Blanco (a pair zooming around)

**Hummingbirds, *Trochilidae*** (without the Hacienda Amazonia this year our hummingbird list was much smaller; also fewer hummers at feeders at Cock-of-the-rock Lodge)

White-necked Jacobin, *Florisuga mellivora*, 1 in flowering *Maticia* tree near Cocha Camungo

Rufous-breasted Hermit, *Glaucis hirsute*, in bushes around MWC

White-bearded Hermit, *Phaethornis hispidus*, 1 at Villa Carmen; another also seen really well at MWC

Reddish Hermit, *Phaethornis ruber*, MWC (1 at Maldonado; we regard it as this species but identification is not 100% certain because of confusion with White-browed Hermit)

Sparkling Violetear, *Colibri coruscans*, a regular at the feeders at the Cock-of-the-rock Lodge where it dominated other species; also seen somewhat higher

Black-throated Mango, *Anthracothorax nigricollis*, 1 female in flowering *Erythrina* near Maldonado

Amethyst-throated Sunangel, *Heliangelus amethysticollis*, seen above Wayqecha and lower at 2400m

**Wire-crested Thorntail, *Discosura popelairii***, one male at a flowering *Erythrina* at ca. 1400m

Speckled Hummingbird, *Adelomyia melanogenys*, 1 seen above Cock-of-the-rock Lodge at ca. 2200m

Andean Hillstar, *Oreotrochilus estella*, 1 seen at treeline that was perched next to a Variable Hawk

Tyrian Metaltail, *Metallura tyrianthina*, 1 or perhaps 2 around Wayqecha Lodge

White-tufted Sunbeam, *Aglaeactis castelnaudii*, a half dozen around the Wayqecha Lodge

Chestnut-breasted Coronet, *Boissonneaua matthewsii*, 2 seen at ca. 3000m

Booted Racket-tail, *Ocreatus underwoodii*, males and females at verbena shrubs and feeders around Cock-of-the-rock Lodge; also a beautiful male in forest higher up

Violet-fronted Brilliant, *Heliodoxa leadbeateri*, Cock-of-the-rock Lodge feeders

Blue-tailed Emerald, *Chlorostilbon mellisugus*, Villa Carmen (1 female)

Fork-tailed Woodnymph, *Thalurania furcata*, Villa Carmen and MWC

Many-spotted Hummingbird, *Taphrospilus hypostictus*, 1 daily at Cock-of-the-rock Lodge feeders; another at a flowering *Erythrina* at ca. 1400m

Sapphire-spangled Emerald, *Amazilia lactea*, Villa Carmen; at verbena shrubs; despite the fancy name it is a rather dull and ordinary-looking little hummer

[Golden-tailed Sapphire, *Chrysuronia oenone*, 1 male at *Erythrina* tree at 1400m was seen only by SH

### **Trogons & Quetzals, *Trogonidae***

**Golden-headed Quetzal, *Pharomachrus auriceps***, seen twice in the 2200-2400m zone but briefly both times

**Crested Quetzal, *Pharomachrus antisanus***, 1 beautiful male at ca. 2400m; seen briefly in scope  
Black-tailed Trogon, *Trogon melanurus*, Villa Carmen and MWC; especially numerous by voice and the commonest trogon; heard or seen daily in foothills and lowlands

Amazonian (formerly Violaceous) Trogon, *Trogon ramonianus*, 1 at Villa Carmen

Blue-crowned Trogon, *Trogon curucui*, several sightings at Villa Carmen and MWC

Masked Trogon, *Trogon personatus*, one male at about 2200m

### **Motmots, *Momotidae***

\*Amazonian Motmot, *Momotus momota*, heard at Villa Carmen and MWC

\*Broad-billed Motmot, *Electron platyrhynchum*, heard at MWC

### **Kingfishers, *Alcedinidae***

Ringed Kingfisher, *Ceryle torquata*, a few along rivers and at the macaw collpa

Amazon Kingfisher, *Chloroceryle amazona*, rivers and lakes as in above species; one at Pto. Maldonado

Green-and-rufous Kingfisher, *Chloroceryle inda*, one seen in flight at Cocha Camungo; this is about a normal view of this reclusive bird

### **Puffbirds, *Bucconidae***

**Chestnut-capped Puffbird, *Bucco macrodactylus***, 1 at Villa Carmen; always a good find and never a bird we can count on seeing

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

Swallow-winged Puffbird, *Chelidoptera tenebrosa*, river-edge treetops from Villa Carmen to MWC area

### **Jacamars, *Galbulidae***

Purus Jacamar, *Galbalcyrhynchus purusianus*, MWC; several at Cocha Camungo; very cute

Bluish-fronted Jacamar, *Galbula cyanescens*, Villa Carmen and MWC area including pair seen daily by creek crossing behind the cabanas

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

Gilded Barbet, *Capito auratus*, beautiful pair close in *Ceiba* tree at Camungo;

\*Lemon-throated Barbet, *Eubucco richardsoni*, heard at Villa Carmen and MWC

Versicolored Barbet, *Eubucco versicolor*, 4 seen around Cock-of-the-rock Lodge

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

**Blue-banded Toucanet, *Aulacorhynchus prasinus***, 1 seen rather poorly (despite much effort) at ca. 2200m; **Peruvian endemic**

Chestnut-eared Araçari, *Pteroglossus castanotis*, MWC (1 seen by all or most of the group but not especially well)

**Ivory-billed Araçari, *Pteroglossus azara***, 4 seen at MWC canopy platform; great view of this spectacular bird

**Curly-crested Araçari, *Pteroglossus beauharnaesii***, group of 3 at MWC canopy platform seen well in scope

White-throated Toucan, *Ramphastos tucanus*, MWC (heard more than seen)

Channel-billed Toucan, *Ramphastos vitellinus*, heard at Cocha Blanco and seen there (presumed this but later we heard White-throated Toucan in same area)

### Woodpeckers, *Picidae*

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker, *Melanerpes cruentatus*, Villa Carmen and Maldonado

Little Woodpecker, *Veniliornis passerinus*, MWC (Antthrush trail); another at Maldonado

Golden-olive Woodpecker, *Piculus chrysochloros*, a couple seen in highlands

**Crimson-mantled Woodpecker, *Colaptes rivolii***, 1 beautiful male at 3000m el; one of the world's most beautiful woodpeckers

Spot-breasted Woodpecker, *Colaptes punctigula*, 1 in scope at Villa Carmen (by pond); pair at Cocha Camungo; also a beautiful woodpecker

Andean Flicker, *Colaptes rupicola*, 2 seen near treeline (but both brief)

\*Ringed Woodpecker, *Celeus torquatus*, heard at MWC canopy platform but did not approach

Lineated Woodpecker, *Dryocopus lineatus*, Villa Carmen and MWC

Red-necked Woodpecker, *Campephilus rubricollis*, great views of 3 birds (2FF) at MWC

Crimson-crested Woodpecker, *Campephilus melanoleucos*, Villa Carmen and MWC area

### Falcons & Caracaras

Black Caracara, *Daptrius ater*, along Río Madre de Dios

Mountain Caracara, *Phalcoboenus megalopterus*, several in the arid puna zone on first two days

American Kestrel, *Falco sparverius*, at least 4 seen the first day in arid highlands

### Macaws & Parrots etc, *Psittacidae*

Tui Parakeet, *Brotogeris sanctithomae*, MWC (20+ seen at the macaw collpa)

Cobalt-winged Parakeet, *Brotogeris cyanoptera*, heard at Villa Carmen and MWC; seen best near Maldonado

Orange-cheeked Parrot, *Pyrilia barrabandi*, only 1 flock of 6 streaking by the Camungo canopy platform

Speckle-faced Parrot, *Pionus tumultuosus*, 3-4 high fliers at 2200m (not seen very well)

Blue-headed Parrot, *Pionus menstruus*, daily from Cock-of-the-rock Lodge onward; estimated 80 birds at Blanquillo clay lick and **one very lucky bird that just barely escaped a prey capture attempt by an ocelot at the Blanquillo macaw clay bank**

Yellow-crowned Parrot, *Amazona ochrocephala*, Blanquillo clay lick with 50+ birds; in flight elsewhere

Mealy Parrot, *Amazona farinose*, 25+ at Blanquillo clay lick; also in flight elsewhere

*Pyrrhura sp.* 1 flock flying fast through forest at MWC (near the broken fig); based on voice these were almost certainly Black-capped Parakeets but our view was brief

Dusky-headed Parakeet, *Aratinga weddellii*, seen well at Maldonado (nice scope views)

Red-bellied Macaw, *Orthopsittaca manilata*, MWC pairs or flocks of 4-5 seen several times but never perched nor particularly well

**Blue-headed Macaw, *Primolius couloni***, one group of 4 in flight at Villa Carmen; the next evening we tried to reposition to get a better view but they passed overhead late, just as we were leaving and under trees where we could not see them!

Blue-and-yellow Macaw, *Ara ararauna*, Villa Carmen and MWC; lovely always

Scarlet Macaw, *Ara macao*, Villa Carmen and MWC where they were seen in numbers daily around lodge and elsewhere

**Red-and-green Macaw, *Ara chloropterus***, at least 70 at the Blanquillo clay lick; others in flight or seen perched from canopy platforms etc.

Chestnut-fronted Macaw, *Ara severa*, Villa Carmen and MWC; daily

White-eyed Parakeet, *Psittacara leucophthalma*, some large flocks at Villa Carmen; a few groups also at MWC

**Typical Antbirds, *Thamnophilidae*** (many heard but few were playback responsive)

\*Bamboo Antshrike, *Cymbilaimus sanctaemariae*, one heard at Antthrush trail near MWC

\*Great Antshrike, *Taraba major*, MWC and Maldonado (heard only)

\*Barred Antshrike, *Thamnophilus doliatus*, heard at Blanquillo clay lick

Chestnut-backed Antshrike, *Thamnophilus palliatus*, one male seen briefly at Cock-of-the-rock Lodge

\*Plain-winged Antshrike, *Thamnophilus schistaceus*, heard at Villa Carmen (first morning)

\*Variable Antshrike, *Thamnophilus caerulescens*, 1 male seen by SH but only heard or glimpsed by clients; this bird proved particularly difficult to see; 1600m

Dusky-throated Antshrike, *Thamnomanes ardesiacus*, heard at Villa Carmen; pair seen with mixed species flock at MWC

\*Bluish-slate Antshrike, *Thamnomanes schistogynus*, heard at Villa Carmen and MWC

Plain-throated Antwren, *Iseria hauxwelli*, 1 male seen briefly at MWC (Fig pass area)

\*Spot-winged Antshrike, *Pygoptila stellaris*, heard on walk in to Camungo canopy platform

Pygmy Antwren, *Myrmotherula brachyura*, heard at Villa Carmen; male seen at Camungo canopy platform; also heard around MWC lodge

Amazonian Streaked-Antwren, *Myrmotherula multostriata*, pair at Cocha Blanco; another behind cabins at MWC

Stripe-chested Antwren, *Myrmotherula longicauda*, Cock-of-the-rock Lodge; also heard at Villa Carmen

Gray Antwren, *Myrmotherula menetriesii*, one male with mixed species flock at MWC

\*Yellow-breasted Antwren, *Herpsilochmus axillaris*, heard near Cock-of-the-rock Lodge,

Yellow-breasted Warbling-Antbird, *Hypocnemis subflava*, seen in bamboo in foothills at 1350m and at Villa Carmen

Blackish Antbird, *Cercomacroides nigrescens*, heard and seen in mixed bamboo (*Guadua*) and broadleaf evergreen at ca. 1350m; also male and female close at Villa Carmen (500m) along a small creek and next to the entrance road to the lodge; this species can occur in a variety of habitats and is also sometimes associated with riparian situations but the males' song is a single note followed by a rather low-pitched rattle (=slower than next species). Frankly I do not completely understand the habitat distinctions (as given by authors and reviewers and experts of recent work on this complex) between this and the next species. I have heard both species in riparian habitats, although not at the same sites (thus not sympatrically) and have always associated this species with wet/creekside vegetation, e.g. as in Suriname at Pepperpot (east of Paramaribo).

\*Riparian Antbird, *Cercomacroides fuscicauda*, heard around edge of Cocha Camungo while we were on the canopy platform; this species is usually (according to conventional wisdom) found mainly (only?) in riparian situations (hence name) and is a recent split from Blackish Antbird (above); the song has the same pattern as the previous species but is somewhat higher-pitched and is a single note followed by a fast trill (not a slow rattle). Obviously we did not see this species because we were 35m above it.

Manu Antbird, *Cercomacra manu*, 1 male seen well in bamboo at Villa Carmen; heard at the Antthrush trail near MWC

**White-backed Fire-eye, *Pyriglena leuconota***, male seen well at Cock-of-the-rock Lodge

White-browed Antbird, *Myrmoborus leucophrys*, seen at Villa Carmen

\*Black-faced Antbird, *Myrmoborus myotherinus*, heard on trail walk in to the Camungo canopy platform; none around MWC

White-lined Antbird, *Percnostola lophotes*, pair seen along the Antthrush trail; one of the few really responsive pairs of antbirds; also heard at Villa Carmen and elsewhere

Black-throated Antbird, *Myrmeciza atrothorax*, seen well at Villa Carmen; also at Maldonado

\*Goeldi's Antbird, *Myrmeciza goeldii*, heard at Villa Carmen (unresponsive)

Plumbeous Antbird, *Myrmeciza hyperythra*, pair finally seen by boardwalk by MWC cabins

[\*Black-spotted Bare-eye, *Phlegopsis nigromaculata*, heard by SH while we up on the MWC canopy platform]

### **Antpittas, Grallariidae**

**Amazonian Antpitta, *Hylopezus berlepschi***, Villa Carmen (seen only by Lois; but everyone else heard it for a long time and maybe saw some leaves shaking where it had been)

### **Tapaculos, Rhinocryptidae**

\*Rusty-belted Tapaculo, *Liosceles thoracicus*, heard at Villa Carmen; a couple glimpses was all we got for a lot of work standing around waiting on this perverse bird

\*Trilling Tapaculo, *Scytalopus parvirostris*, heard at 2050 m and higher

\*White-crowned Tapaculo, *Scytalopus atratus*, one heard near Cock-of-the-rock Lodge at ca. 1450 m

### **Antthrushes, Formicariidae**

\*Black-faced Antthrush, *Formicarius analis*, heard at Villa Carmen and MWC

**\*Rufous-fronted Antthrush, *Formicarius rufifrons***, heard at the Blanquillo macaw lick area and again across river at Antthrush trail; a very localized species in southeastern Peru and adjacent Brazil

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

Common Miner, *Geositta cunicularia*, a pair at 4000m+ the first day before reaching Paucartambo

\*Olivaceous Woodcreeper, *Sittasomus griseicapillus*, MWC (heard frequently)

\*Long-tailed Woodcreeper, *Deconychura longicauda*, heard at 2 sites at MWC; unresponsive

Plain-brown Woodcreeper, *Dendrocincla fuliginosa*, seen at Villa Carmen

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper, *Glyphorhynchus spirurus*, seen briefly at Villa Carmen

Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper, *Dendrexetastes rufigula*, Villa Carmen and MWC; calling at dusk and generally much in evidence

**Long-billed Woodcreeper, *Nasica longirostris***, MWC; excellent study of a pair around MWC cabins; also again near big strangler fig where top broke off

Amazonian Barred Woodcreeper, *Dendrocolaptes certhia*, 1 with mixed species flock at MWC

\*Elegant Woodcreeper, *Xiphorhynchus elegans*, one with mixed species flock; called but unresponsive

Buff-throated Woodcreeper, *Xiphorhynchus guttatus*, heard at Villa Carmen; seen several times at MWC

Olive-backed Woodcreeper, *Xiphorhynchus triangularis*, mountains at ca. 2200m and 1500m

Straight-billed Woodcreeper, *Dendroplex picus*, heard at Cocha Blanco; pair seen repeatedly at Maldonado

Montane Woodcreeper, *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger*, seen at 2450m

Streaked Xenops, *Xenops rutilans*, 1 at 2200m

Streaked Tuftedcheek, *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii*, 2 close at ca. 2450 m el

Pale-legged Hornero, *Furnarius leucopus*, Villa Carmen and MWC (around cabins; repairing its nest in a *Cecropia* by creek; it was a poorly constructed nest with the hole facing mostly upward!)

Wren-like Rushbird, *Phleocryptes melanops*, Laguna Huacarpay

Cream-winged Cinclodes, *Cinclodes albiventris*, in arid highlands above 3400 m el; a split from Bar-winged Cinclodes

Dusky-cheeked Foliage-gleaner, *Anabazenops dorsalis*, 2 seen on Antthrush trail but it proved difficult for most people

\*Chestnut-winged Foliage-gleaner, *Philydor erythropterum*, heard in canopy near Manu canopy platform but we were on the ground at the time; not seen

Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner, *Philydor rufum*, one seen well (in scope) in bamboo above the Blanquillo clay lick

\*Peruvian Recurvebill, *Syndactyla ucayalae*, heard calling 2x only in bamboo at Villa Carmen

Black-billed Treehunter, *Thripadectes melanorhynchus*, 1 seen at 1250m on descent to Villa Carmen; quick view only

\*Chestnut-crowned Foliage-gleaner, *Automolus rufipileatus*, heard often at Villa Carmen and MWC

\*Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner, *Automolus ochrolaemus*, heard at MWC; glimpsed as a fly-by!

\*Olive-backed Foliage-gleaner, *Automolus infuscatus*, heard twice at MWC but never seen

Pearled Treerunner, *Margarornis squamiger*, seen repeatedly in mixed species flock at 2450m

**Creamy-crested Spinetail, *Cranioleuca albicapilla***, pair building nest at 3600m at Tres Cruces pass;

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Azara's Spinetail, *Synallaxis azarae*, heard often in highlands; pair seen close up at 2300m

\*Dark-breasted Spinetail, *Synallaxis albigularis*, heard at border of Cocha Blanco and again near the Blanquillo clay lick

\*Plain-crowned Spinetail, *Synallaxis gujanensis*, heard by our cabins at Villa Carmen but a little playback seems to cause it to move away so it has probably heard too much playback

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

Southern Beardless Tyrannulet, *Camptostoma obsoletum*, 1 near Maldonado (tiny bird with cocked tail that was spotted initially by Lois)

White-banded Tyrannulet, *Mecocerculus stictopterus*, a few at 2450m

White-throated Tyrannulet, *Mecocerculus leucophrys*, common 2450-3300m

Forest Elaenia, *Myiopagis gaimardii*, 1 seen well at Camungo canopy platform; often heard elsewhere in lowlands

Yellow-bellied Elaenia, *Elaenia xanthogaster*, Villa Carmen

Large Elaenia, *Elaenia spectabilis*, 1 at Cocha Blanco (3 wing bars); austral migrant

**Mottle-backed Elaenia, *Elaenia gigas***, 2 at Villa Carmen; studied in scope; large with bifurcated crest showing extensive white; scarce resident

Sierran Elaenia, *Elaenia pallatangae*, most elaenias we saw in upper montane forest borders at ca. 2950m at Wayqecha were this species (yellowish below)

Streak-necked Flycatcher, *Mionectes striaticollis*, 2450m; with large mixed species flock

Slaty-capped Flycatcher, *Leptopogon superciliaris*, at least 6 in a mixed species flock at 2475m; another in small mixed species flock at 1250m

Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet, *Phylloscartes ventralis*, pair at 1600m (just below mirador or the overlook)

Bolivian Tyrannulet, *Zimmerius bolivianus*, at the Cock-of-the-rock Lodge; has pale eyes but not much else of interest to see in this bird; we saw only one

\*Ringed Antpipit, *Corythopis torquatus*, heard in early morning at Villa Carmen and also below the Camungo Canopy platform

Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant, *Lophotriccus pileatus*, seen quite nicely at about 1350m

Flammulated Pygmy-Tyrant, *Hemitriccus flammulatus*, 1 seen in bamboo at Villa Carmen; Percy pointed this one out to our group as it was calling

\*White-bellied Pygmy-Tyrant, *Hemitriccus griseipectus*, 1 calling "pik-pik" in terra firme forest at MWC but we could never locate it

\*Johannes's Tody-Tyrant, *Hemitriccus johannis*, heard two at Villa Carmen but we couldn't locate them

Black-throated Tody-Tyrant, *Hemitriccus granadensis*, one seen well at 3000m; also heard in a couple other places

\*Ochre-faced Tody-Flycatcher, *Poecilatriccus plumbeiceps*, heard at 1600m and we spent some time trying to see it; finally glimpsed by Herman but basically heard only (not to be confused with the Poker-faced Tody-Flycatcher)

\*Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher, *Poecilatriccus latirostris*, heard in bamboo understory at the Antthrush trail but we got no response from it

Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher, *Tolmomyias flaviventris*, 1 seen by everyone from the Camungo canopy platform; close up views in the big *Ceiba pentandra* tree; high up on the cuteness scale this one

Cinnamon Flycatcher, *Pyrhomyias cinnamomeus*, charming little flycatcher that is common at high elevations (2200-3300 m); we saw many

\*Bran-colored Flycatcher, *Myiophobus fasciatus*, heard the first morning at Villa Carmen; another unresponsive bird

Smoke-colored Pewee, *Contopus fumigatus*, 2000-2475m; several seen including one pair with a small flycatcher mixed species flock (5 species of flycatchers) at 2200m

Black Phoebe, *Sayornis nigricans*, Cock-of-the-rock Lodge (river) and down to at least 1250 m el; not in lowlands

**Vermilion Flycatcher, *Pyrocephalus rubinus***, river edges and clearings; males at Villa Carmen and elsewhere including Maldonado; a female at Maldonado was clearly of the southern race with yellowish vent; austral migrant *rubinus*

Drab Water-Tyrant, *Ochthoeca littoralis*, daily along riverbanks (Río Madre de Dios); seen by everyone; a bird with one of the “world’s shortest migration routes!”

Little Ground Tyrant, *Muscisaxicola fluviatilis*, one on the roof of a building at Villa Carmen; another on a river sand bar on Río Madre de Dios

Spot-billed Ground-Tyrant, *Muscisaxicola maculirostris*, a couple seen in a plowed field at ca. 3400-3600m on our first day

Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant, *Myiotheretes striaticollis*, 2 seen on electric wires above Wayqecha Lodge and a third one a bit later even higher up; 3100-3300m

**Rufous-webbed Bush-Tyrant, *Polioxolmis rufipennis***, one seen very well in a high open field near a village at about 3600m el); perched on a fence post, and on low shrubs; note that correct name (following South Amer. Checklist Committee) is as shown above

Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant, *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis*, pair at ca. 2475m

Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant, *Ochthoeca fumicolor*, pair at ca. 3600m at the Tres Cruces pass

White-browed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca leucophrys*, 3 in highlands including the first at Laguna Huacarpay near Cuzco

Long-tailed Tyrant, *Colonia colonus*, several at Villa Carmen; one did not have a long tail (molting? Or a bag fright)

\*Large-headed Flatbill, *Ramphotricon megacephalum*, heard in bamboo at Villa Carmen; zero response to playback

\*Dusky-tailed Flatbill, *Ramphotricon fuscicauda*, heard in bamboo at Villa Carmen

Dull-capped Attila, *Attila bolivianus*, one eventually seen by everyone but only after Herman finally found it along the Cocha Blanco forest trail; this species has for some time been called White-eyed Attila (a much better name) but SACC reverted back to this older largely useless name for the sake of tradition I guess; also heard at Maldonado

Dusky-capped Flycatcher, *Myiarchus tuberculifer*, with mixed species flock at 2475m

Short-crested Flycatcher, *Myiarchus ferox*, Villa Carmen and MWC (heard and seen)

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

Great Kiskadee, *Pitangus sulphuratus*, Villa Carmen to Pto. Maldonado (mainly river and lake edges)  
\*Boat-billed Flycatcher, *Megarynchus pitangua*, 1 heard at Maldonado but we did not see it  
Social Flycatcher, *Myiozetetes similis*, daily from Cock-of-the-rock Lodge to Maldonado  
\*[Gray-capped Flycatcher, *Myiozetetes granadensis*, heard several times around Villa Carmen but it was seen only by SH]  
Golden-crowned Flycatcher, *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus*, mountains from 2200m down to about 1600m; large flycatcher; often along roadsides  
Streaked Flycatcher, *Myiodynastes maculatus*, most areas from Cock-of-the-rock Lodge downward in elevation to Pto. Maldonado; the bird at Maldonado and some of the others we saw may have been austral migrants (hence shown in blue) but they also breed on the slopes of southeastern Peru as well  
Piratic Flycatcher, *Legatus leucophalus*, especially vocal around Villa Carmen; seen there and also at the Camungo canopy platform  
Tropical Kingbird, *Tyrannus melancholicus*, daily from 1650 m above Cock-of-the-rock Lodge to Pto. Maldonado

### **Cotingas, Cotingidae**

**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 gorgeous males and a brief visit by a female that drove all the males crazy  
**Plum-throated Cotinga, *Cotinga maynana***, 1 very distant male in treetop at Cocha Blanco  
Spangled Cotinga, *Cotinga cayana*, 1 female on a prominent canopy perch for several minutes as we studied her in the telescope from the MWC canopy platform; she's a plain Jane but with interesting dove-like head shape and plump little body and not much evident scaling  
Screaming Piha, *Lipaugus vociferans*, MWC (spotted by Lois but the bird flew the moment I got it in the scope; voice is unforgettable)  
Bare-necked Fruitcrow, *Gymnoderus foetidus*, high fliers over rivers and a couple males and female around canopy platform trees

### **Manakins, Pipridae**

Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin, *Tyranneutes stolzmanni*, MWC (for what its worth we heard this little creature singing from somewhere fairly high overhead in the forest—an interesting little bird but very plain; Lois actually saw it  
Yungas Manakin, *Chiroxiphia boliviana*, Cock-of-the-Lodge where finally seen or at least glimpsed by most folks; I think everyone will agree this is a frustratingly difficult bird to see  
\*Band-tailed Manakin, *Pipra fasciicauda*, heard a couple times at MWC; very unresponsive  
Fiery-capped Manakin, *Machaeropterus pyrocephalus*, female seen at a fruiting melastome tree at Cock-of-the-rock Lodge; lots of males heard but we never saw one

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

Black-crowned Tityra, *inquisitor*, 1 male seen in scope at the Blanquillo clay lick  
Masked Tityra, *Tityra semifasciata*, pair at the Blanquillo clay lick; also at Maldonado  
\*Varzea Schiffornis, *Schiffornis major*, heard beneath both canopy platforms (while we were up top)  
Barred Becard, *Pachyramphus versicolor*, male and female at 2475m  
Chestnut-crowned Becard, *Pachyramphus castaneus*, **pair building nest 40-45m up in the big *Ceiba pentandra* at Cocha Camungo; a really high nest and next to a wasp's nest!**  
**White-winged Becard, *Pachyramphus polychopterus***, a couple males at Villa Carmen; also a female

### **Vireos, Vireonidae**

Brown-capped Vireo, *Vireo leucophrys*, seen at ca. 2400m and also higher up  
\*Dusky-capped Greenlet, *Hylophilus hypoxanthus*, heard and seen at MWC (canopy bird) one afternoon on walk to grid; surprisingly few vireos of any type this trip

### **Jays etc, *Corvidae***

Green Jay, *Cyanocorax yncas*, 2 seen at around 2450m (a possible split as this Andean form has whiter head etc.)  
Purplish Jay, *Cyanocorax cyanomelas*, Villa Carmen (quite common); also along rivers and a couple at Maldonado  
Violaceous Jay, *Cyanocorax violaceus*, Villa Carmen and MWC and Maldonado (second growth areas and rivers)

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

Blue-and-white Swallow, *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*, Andean highlands including a pair at Wayqecha at 2950m; others lower; and one or two of [the patagonica race](#) (larger and darker below) over ponds near Maldonado; but no Pale-footed Swallows  
White-banded Swallow, *Atticora fasciata*, Villa Carmen and rivers; also over some ponds at Maldonado; pairs or little groups of 3-5; overall quite numerous  
Southern Rough-winged Swallow, *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*, from Cock-of-the-rock Lodge to Pto. Maldonado (common everywhere along rivers and over lakes)  
Brown-chested Martin, *Progne tapera*, a few on Río Madre de Dios  
White-winged Swallow, *Tachycineta albiventer*, throughout Madre de Dios river system (common)

### **Wrens, *Troglodytidae***

House Wren, *Troglodytes aedon*, heard and seen throughout from the Wayqecha Lodge (2950m) downward in elevation to Maldonado  
Mountain Wren, *Troglodytes solstitialis*, one seen at ca. 2450m was seen very well  
Thrush-like Wren, *Campylorhynchus turdinus*, seen behind the cabins at MWC; also heard at Villa Carmen  
Moustached Wren, *Pheugopedius genibarbis*, heard in many places from near Cock-of-the-rock Lodge to Maldonado; a couple were seen at MWC and again poorly at Maldonado  
\*[Buff-breasted Wren, *Cantorchilus leucotis*, pair heard at lake edge below the Camungo Canopy platform; probably only by SH]  
**Fulvous Wren, *Cinnycerthia fulva***, gang of 4 seen repeatedly at 2450m with mixed species flock; what an interesting looking group with their funny whitish heads  
Gray-breasted Wood-Wren, *Henicorhina leucophrys*, heard often at several highland sites (1450-2350m) and seen well at one or two places; delightful song and everywhere a little different  
\*Chestnut-breasted Wren, *Cyphorhinus thoracicus*, heard at ca. 1350m in mixed bamboo and broadleaf forest; unusual songs but we had no chance to see it as it was uphill above us

### **Dippers, *Cinclidae***

White-capped Dipper, *Cinclus leucocephalus*, seen twice along the river below the now defunct Cloud Forest Lodge at 1600m

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

Black-capped Donacobius, *Donacobius atricapillus*, seen well at both lakes in lowlands (Camungo and Blanco); heard at Villa Carmen

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

\*Andean Solitaire, *Myadestes ralloides*, heard at several highland sites; never even close to seeing it  
**White-eared Solitaire, *Entomodestes leucotis***, one near the “mirador” or overlook and brief looks at least at 5 others all in the 1550-2000m zone

Hauxwell’s Thrush, *Turdus hauxwelli*, MWC (heard daily); seen at fruiting tree right by MWC lodge

\*Lawrence’s Thrush, *Turdus lawrencii*, one bird heard (on at least two occasions) at edge of grid and near the MWC canopy platform but we were never close enough to see it; some sounds were imitations of other birds but this one also sang other odd phrases that did not seem to be imitations; I think I forgot to mention this on the day lists but we did discuss it a couple times during our trail walks

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); we saw them around Villa Carmen and the MWC and along the rivers; distinctly paler below here than the northern South American birds

Great Thrush, *Turdus fuscater*, 20+ 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; duller and grayer than previous species; one “gray” one at about 2300m whose identity remains suspect (an immature Great Thrush or ? was very pale gray)

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

**Masked Yellowthroat, *Geothlypis aequinoctialis***, 2 seen in grass and bushes at edge of Cocha Blanco; this *velata* race is possibly an austral migrant according to Schulenberg *et al.* in the *Birds of Peru*; certainly looked pretty much at home in that wet grass and bushes

Three-striped Warbler, *Basileuterus tristriatus*, 1 (probably more) with the big close mixed species flock at 2450m that kept working back and forth at the road edge

Citrine Warbler, *Myiothlypis luteoviridis*, several in the same flock with the previous species (and wrens etc) at 2450m along roadside edge; very sharp looking bird with large but short yellow eyebrows

\*Two-banded Warbler, *Basileuterus bivittata*, these birds were retiring and so “overtaped” that they no longer care at all; Cock-of-the-Lodge; we never even got one to come close

Russet-crowned Warbler, *Basileuterus coronatus*, seen at the Cock-of-the-rock lek at 1550m

Slate-throated Redstart, *Myioborus miniatus*, seen from 2200 m down to ca. 1450 m el; at 2200m also in same flock with Spectacled Redstart

Spectacled Redstart, *Myioborus melanocephalus*, the dominant redstart from 2200m up to 3000m (an upper elevation replacement of slate-throated Redstart)

### **Tanagers, Thraupidae**

Red-capped Cardinal, *Paroaria gularis*, seen at all sites from Villa Carmen to Pto. Maldonado; like lake edges

Magpie Tanager, *Cissopis leverianus*, Villa Carmen and MWC

Slaty Tanager, *Creurgops dentatus*, 1 female at around 2475m was our only one; with a mixed species flock

[Black-capped Hemispingus, *Hemispingus atropileus*, 1 at 2450m seen only by SH]

Superciliaried Hemispingus, *Hemispingus superciliaris*, not marked on our day list but I recall this one being seen in the 2475m flock although it was a little distant and maybe not seen by everyone

Oleaginous Hemispingus, *Hemispingus frontalis*, 1 briefly at 2450m; pair somewhere between 1600-2200m that were seen by everyone; pretty dull birds but interesting behavior checking dead leaves

Black-eared Hemispingus, *Hemispingus melanotis*, group of 6 near Cock-of-the-rock Lodge that were singing together in “sextet” and what a chatter it was

Three-striped Hemispingus, *Hemispingus trifasciatus*, 2 seen at ca.3300m; often seen in much larger numbers

Orange-headed Tanager, *Thlypopsis sordida*, 1 bird along creek behind cabins at MWC

Rusty-and-yellow Tanager, *Thlypopsis ruficeps*, one at 2950m and a nice pair in a roadside flock (low along road) at ca. 1900-2000m

[Black-goggled Tanager, *Trichothraupis melanops*, one flew across road at 1460m; just above Cock-of-the-rock Lodge but it was seen well only by SH]

**Yellow-crested Tanager, *Tachyphonus rufiventer***, a pair seen very well by everyone just after lunch en route to Villa Carmen; about 1150m el; handsome bird and oddly they were not with a mixed species flock; instead foraging in mid-level foliage in trees over road; this is the absolute upper elevational limit for this species

Silver-beaked Tanager, *Ramphocelus carbo*, from Cock-of-the-rock Lodge to Pto. Maldonado); pair (or group of 4 actually) feeding two pin-feathered nestlings in a nest right beside the main walking trail from the river to the MWC lodge; so dozens of people pass within 1m of this nest many times each day but it was in a dense shrub and about 1.8m up and very well concealed by foliage; maybe a clever place to raise a family right under the noses of so many curious but unaware tourists and a place no monkey would dare visit

Masked Crimson Tanager, *Ramphocelus nigrogularis*, we saw only 1 group; these at the far end of Cocha Camungo but just as beautiful nevertheless; surprising not to see them at Villa Carmen

Hooded Mountain-Tanager, *Buthraupis montana*, several great views of this species around the Wayqecha Lodge where they were really close; 2950m; also at 2475m

Grass-green Tanager, *Chlorornis riefferii*, 1 see near Wayqecha Lodge by 1 or 2 people

Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager, *Anisognathus igniventris* seen at Wayqecha and a pair higher up the road

Yellow-throated Tanager, *Iridosornis analis*, 1 low in roadside shrubbery at ca. 1350m el but not seen by everyone; this was our only sighting of this interesting species

**Golden-collared Tanager, *Iridosornis jelskii***, 2 seen quite well along the trail to the “phantom” Wayqecha Biological Station (or at least we never found this biological station but we did see the concrete foundation for a building); this pair was with a small mixed species flock late in the afternoon and the group was fast-moving although eventually everyone saw this uncommon species

**Fawn-breasted Tanager, *Pipraeidae melanonota***, 1 female spotted by Lois at ca. 1350m

Blue-and-yellow Tanager, *Pipraeidea melanonota*, Laguna Huacarpay (**boy, does this bird ever not look like a *Pipraeidae* to me** or is it the Fawn-breasted Tanager that is the odd one?)

Orange-eared Tanager, *Chlorochrysa calliparaea*, seen between 1450 to 2000 m; we had several nice sightings of this spectacular but fast-moving little bird; seen especially well low along road by Cock-of-the-rock Lodge

Blue-gray Tanager, *Thraupis episcopus*, Cock-of-the-rock Lodge to Pto. Maldonado; many were seen feeding on nectar (?) or insects in flowering *Erythrina* trees; also at *Combretum* vines in forest canopy; **one bird studied in scope from the vantage point of the Camungo canopy platform looked suspiciously like a Sayaca Tanager to me (including bright blue shoulders) and seemed overall too bright to be a juvenile Blue-gray Tanager . . .** however given the difficulties of separating it from juveniles of Blue-gray I can't put much weight on this being correct.

Nevertheless, Sayaca Tanagers are common in eastern Bolivia and one wonders why they would not show up from time to time in southeastern Peru. And finally, this one and the next couple of species probably should be placed within *Tangara* according to the genetics guys. Or maybe the genetics folks should recheck their data because these *Thraupis* surely don't seem to fit well within *Tangara*

Palm Tanager, *Thraupis palmarum*, Cock-of-the-rock Lodge to Pto. Maldonado

Blue-capped Tanager, *Thraupis cyanocephala*, upper montane forest edges from ca. 2000 to 2950m; numerous around the Wayqecha Lodge

Blue-necked Tanager, *Tangara cyanicollis* Cock-of-the-rock Lodge and Villa Carmen

Spotted Tanager, *Tangara punctata*, Cock-of-the-rock Lodge (at least 8 seen)

Beryl-spangled Tanager, *Tangara nigroviridis*, montane forest (we saw only 1 at ca. 2000m and it was with a mixed species flock)

Turquoise Tanager, *Tangara mexicana*, pair visiting a *Ficus* tree regularly at Villa Carmen

**Paradise Tanager, *Tangara chilensis***, 2-3 at Cock-of-the-rock Lodge (1450 m el) and a couple more at MWC; marked in red because seeing this bird well is always a thrill; there are few small birds anywhere in the world that rival it for sheer color

Bay-headed Tanager, *Tangara gyrola*, 1 near Cock-of-the-rock Lodge

**Golden-eared Tanager, *Tangara chrysotis***, WOW! One bird at the fruit feeder the first afternoon shortly after we arrived at the Cock-of-the-rock Lodge; but never seen again; not a common bird here or much or anywhere else

Green-and-gold Tanager, *Tangara schrankii*, a couple distant sightings (1 in telescope) from MWC canopy platform

Golden Tanager, *Tangara arthus*, common at 1450-2000 m; several around Cock-of-the-rock Lodge and regularly visiting the fruit feeder

Swallow Tanager, *Tersina viridis*, a couple near Cock-of-the-rock Lodge; and a male in scope from the MWC canopy platform

Black-faced Dacnis, *Dacnis lineata*, seen really well from the Camungo canopy platform; also a pair at the MWC canopy platform

Yellow-bellied Dacnis, *Dacnis flaviventer* (?), I have a female marked as having been seen the first morning at Villa Carmen but I surely don't recall this one; maybe Percy showed it to everyone; a little brown bird with red eyes

Blue Dacnis, *Dacnis cayana*, Villa Carmen; Cocha Camungo canopy platform and MWC canopy platform

Purple Honeycreeper, *Cyanerpes caeruleus*, at a large *Erythrina* tree in flower at 1350m; also at Villa Carmen and both canopy platforms at MWC area

Green Honeycreeper, *Chlorophanes spiza*, Cocha Camungo and MWC canopy platforms

Chestnut-vented Conebill, *Conirostrum speciosum*, family of 3 at Villa Carmen

Blue-backed Conebill, *Conirostrum sitticolor*, 1 seen by Lois at 2950m or higher

White-browed Conebill, *Conirostrum ferrugineiventris*, 1 at 3600m at Tres Cruces pass

White-browed Conebill, *Conirostrum ferrugineiventris*, several seen between ca. 3300-3600 m

Moustached Flowerpiercer, *Diglossa mystacalis*, 1 seen by Herman at 3600m; somehow the rest of us missed this interesting little bird

Black-throated Flowerpiercer, *Diglossa brunneiventris*, arid highlands (common in scrubby treeline vegetation); up to 3600 m

Masked Flowerpiercer, *Diglossa cyanea*, common between at couple at 2960-3600m

Peruvian Sierra-Finch, *Phrygilus punensis*, 2-3 the first day in ultra highlands at 3600-4000m

Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch, *Phrygilus plebejus*, we saw at least a dozen in the 3600-4000m arid highlands the 1<sup>st</sup> day

Saffron Finch, *Sicalis flaveola*, 1 seen as we were driving near Maldonado

Blue-black Grassquit, *Volatinia jacarina*, near Pilcopata; Maldonado

Chestnut-bellied Seedeater, *Sporophila castaneiventris*, cute little male in grass in ditch at Pto. Maldonado; also several females with him

Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch, *Sporophila angolensis*, Blanquillo macaw blind (male in scope); Maldonado

Black-and-white Seedeater, *Sporophila luctuosa*, 1 immature male at Villa Carmen (front of dining area); breed higher up in mountains and probably only seasonal this low  
Double-collared Seedeater, *Sporophila caerulea*, bushes by cabins at MWC; 20+ in flock at Maldonado  
Band-tailed Seedeater, *Catamenia analis*, Laguna Huacarpay  
Plain-colored Seedeater, *Catamenia inornata*, one male at 3300m+ on first full day  
Bananaquit, *Coereba flaveola*, Cock-of-the-rock Lodge (the only place we saw it)  
Buff-throated Saltator, *Saltator maximus*, Cock-of-the-rock Lodge and all areas thereafter  
Grayish Saltator, *Saltator coerulescens* Villa Carmen; MWC; Maldonado  
Slate-colored Grosbeak, *saltator grossus*, pair in forest the first morning at Villa Carmen

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

Yellow-throated (Bush-Tanager) Chlorospingus, *Chlorospingus flavigularis*, seen near the Cock-of-the-rock Lodge (ca. 1450m); note that all *Chlorospingus* bush-tanagers have now been transferred to *Emberizidae* and are now known by their generic name (and not bush-tanagers)  
Short-billed (Bush-Tanager) Chlorospingus, *Chlorospingus parvirostris*, 3-4 seen in same area as Common Chlorospingus at ca. 2100-2475m  
Common Chlorospingus (formerly Bush-Tanager), *Chlorospingus ophthalmicus*, a few seen the 3<sup>rd</sup> day at 1900-2100m  
Yellow-browed Sparrow, *Ammodramus aurifrons*, seen best around Villa Carmen  
Rufous-collared Sparrow, *Zonotrichia capensis*, many on our drive through the arid highlands the first day  
Black-faced Brush-Finch, *Atlapetes melanoaemus*, numerous between 2450-2950m elevation; follows mixed species flocks

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

Red-breasted Blackbird, *Sturnella militaris*, male seen in scope at Maldonado; grassy area at edge of a pond; gorgeous color  
**Pale-eyed Blackbird, *Agelasticus xanthophthalmus***, 4 at Cocha Camungo; 3 at Cocha Blanco; local in oxbow lakes along the eastern base of the Andes; that enough to almost be considered a population explosion!  
Yellow-winged Blackbird, *Agelasticus thilius*, a few at Laguna Huacarpay  
Giant Cowbird, *Molothrus oryzivorus*, river edges from Villa Carmen to Pto. Maldonado  
Epaulet Oriole, *Icterus cayanensis*, 1 seen at eye level from Camungo canopy platform; a couple in flowering *Erythrina* at Maldonado; yellow shoulders  
Orange-backed Troupial, *Icterus croconotus*, 1 or 2 at Villa Carmen; 1 was at a rather bulky and poorly made suspended nest and I think that bird needed some lessons in nest-building from its northern cousins  
Yellow-rumped Cacique, *Cacicus cela*, Cock-of-the-rock Lodge to Pto. Maldonado; especially common along river edges; a large and active colony in the big tree behind the cabins at MWC  
**Casqued Oropendola, *Cacicus oseryi***, heard in forest at MWC and later a group of 20+ seen in a flowering *Maticia* tree from the MWC canopy platform; Geez, what a racket they make!  
Russet-backed Oropendola, *Psarocolius angustifrons*, from ca. 1500m el downward to Pto. Maldonado; commonest oropendola and just about everywhere except not much inside tall lowland forest  
Dusky-green Oropendola, *Psarocolius atrovirens*, Cock-of-the-rock Lodge (1450 m) up to ca. 1900-2000m elevation  
Crested Oropendola, *Psarocolius decumanus*, 1 at Villa Carmen; clearing by dining area  
Olive (Amazonian) Oropendola, *Psarocolius bifasciatus*, 2 at Villa Carmen (scope views)

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

\*Purple-throated Euphonia, *Euphonia chlorotica*, one heard at Maldonado (“dee-dee”) but not seen  
Thick-billed Euphonia, *Euphonia lanirostris*, Villa Carmen (in a *Ficus* tree); also at the Camungo canopy platform where a female appeared to be nest site (about 35m up) searching with the male nearby

Golden-bellied (White-lored) Euphonia, *Euphonia chrysopasta*, canopy platforms at Camungo and MWC; another bird that had a good name (White-lored Euphonia) but the name was changed back to an older useless name; one also seen in a *Ficus* tree at Villa Carmen

Orange-bellied Euphonia, *Euphonia xanthogaster*, Cock-of-the-rock Lodge area

Rufous-bellied Euphonia, *Euphonia rufiventris*, Villa Carmen (in *Ficus* tree)

Hooded Siskin, *Spinus magellanicus*, several flocks in high arid valleys flushed as we drove the first day but were not seen well (or at all) by the group; mainly by SH

Olivaceous Siskin, *Carduelis olivacea*, 1 female lit on ground beside us at 2475m el; others at Villa Carmen

***Pto. Maldonado List the final morning; boldface were new for trip): Brazilian Teal; Speckled Chachalaca; Wood Stork (4); Snowy Egret; Cattle Egret; Black Vulture (many at trash along roadside); Roadside Hawk; Wattled Jacana; Solitary Sandpiper (1); Smooth-billed Ani; Black-throated Mango (female; maybe seen only by SH); Amazon Kingfisher; Bluish-fronted Jacamar; Yellow-tufted Woodpecker; Little Woodpecker (1); Cobalt-winged Parakeet (first time it has been seen well); Blue-headed Parrot; Dusky-headed Parakeet; Chestnut-fronted Macaw (a couple in flight); Great Antshrike (heard); Straight-billed Woodcreeper (pair seen for first time); Great Kiskadee; Boat-billed Flycatcher (heard); Southern Beardless Flycatcher (1); Vermilion Flycatcher (female); Dull-capped Attila (heard); Social Flycatcher; Streaked Flycatcher; Tropical Kingbird; Violaceous Jay (common); Purplish Jay (a couple); Blue-and-white Swallow (*patagonica* race); Southern Rough-winged Swallow; White-banded Swallow; White-winged Swallow; Moustached Wren; Black-billed Thrush; Red-capped Cardinal; Silver-beaked Tanager; Blue-gray Tanager; Palm Tanager; Saffron Finch; Blue-black Grassquit; Chestnut-bellied Seedeater; Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch; Double-collared Seedeater (20+); Buff-throated Saltator; Grayish Saltator; Red-breasted Meadowlark (1 male); Giant Cowbird (in flight); Epaulet Oriole (2); Yellow-rumped Cacique; Russet-backed Oropendola; Purple-throated Euphonia (heard); and 1 Saddle-backed Tamarin***

### **MAMMALS:**

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

Saddleback Tamarin, *Saguinus fasciollis*, cute and sprightly little groups were seen the first day at MWC; again at Maldonado

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

\*Dusky Titi-Monkey, *Callicebus moloch*, heard at the Blanquillo macaw blind site and Cocha Blanco  
Common Squirrel Monkey, *Saimiri sciureus*, MWC (a couple groups seen)

Brown Capuchin, *Cebus apella*, Cock-of-the-rock Lodge; Villa Carmen and MWC

Common Woolly Monkey, *Lagothrix lagothricha*, 7-8 of these beautiful and muscular animals were observed right over the Cock-of-the-rock lek; (1500m) the next day we saw another group quite close at 2200m

### **Large New World Monkeys, *Atelidae***

Red Howler Monkey, *Alouatta seniculus*, MWC (two groups seen and heard; both close)

Black Spider Monkey, *Ateles paniscus*, MWC (seen from the MWC canopy platform)

### **Squirrels, *Sciuridae***

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

Southern Amazon Red Squirrel, *Sciurus spadiceus*, 1 seen briefly as it ran off through the understory at Cocha Blanco; large and rufous and quite pretty; stays low in forest

**Amazon Dwarf Squirrel, *Microsciurus flaviventer***, 1 seen in the giant *Ceiba* tree while we were in the canopy platform at the MWC; super fast moving, nervous and a rare opportunity to see this little animal so close; it seemed so nervous that it seemed as though it might die of fright just pausing to look at us

### **Capybaras, *Caviidae***

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

### **Agoutis, *Dasyproctidae***

Brown Agouti, *Dasyprocta variegata*, clearing at Cock-of-the-rock Lodge; also MWC clearing around cabins

### **Bats**

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

### **Cats**

**Ocelot, *Leopardus pardalis***, one seen at the Blanquillo macaw collpa; it tried to ambush a Blue-headed Parrot but the attack failed; this provided us with almost 2 minutes of viewing and photo opportunities before the cat finally decided to retreat to a hole just beneath an overhang at the collpa; WOW! What an opportunity to see this animal; harder to see than a Jaguar. And, if there was ever a cat that looked chagrined because of its inept attempt at a prey capture it was this one.

### **Weasels etc, *Mustelidae***

**Giant Otter, *Pteronura brasiliensis***, groups of 4 seen well by everyone at Cocha Blanco; unique throat patterns

### **Tapirs, *Tapiridae***

Brazilian Tapir, *Tapirus terrestris*, on our last evening we saw “Vanessa” the hand-reared tapir (some 5-6 years ago) that has returned to the wild (and now she was with her third baby that was so-o-o cute with its stripes and spots); Vanessa loves apples; she appears here at the lodge sometimes several times a month

### **REPTILES:**

Yellow-spotted Amazon River Turtle, *Podocnemus ignophyllus*, a few seen along the river

Monitor lizard (or Tegu), *Tupinambis sp*, one at Villa Carmen; another that rushed off through the leaves at forest edge and frightened Lois (they can be big and scary!)

Small lizard, *Ameiva sp*, MWC