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Plum-throated Cotinga

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To visit the Napo Wildlife Center is to enter another realm, one totally different from our own. Here we left the veneer of “civilization” behind at the bustling frontier town of Coca and entered the world of the Amazonian rainforest. As we canoed the final segment of our journey to the lodge, we spotted our first birds, gawked at the luxuriant vegetation, and realized that we had left all artificial noise behind. Our explorations had begun, and for the next week we would immerse ourselves in tracking down the special sights of this pristine area, with the help of the alert eyes and ears of our native guides. This great forest is their home, and they are eager to show it off, to reveal things to us that we would never find on our own.

Every excursion into the forest was like working on a complex jigsaw puzzle, every sighting one small piece of a grand picture. Birding from the tower, a very secure marvel of engineering, gave us a new perspective on the canopy as we spotted aracaris, fruitcrows, puffbirds, cotingas, and dacnis. Best of all, after several rainy mornings the raptors sat up for us. One group had a stunning Crested Eagle, another watched a hunting Black Hawk-Eagle, and collectively we had looks at Slender-billed, Hook-billed, Gray-headed, and Double-toothed kites, Black-faced Hawk, and even a very distant Harpy Eagle! In the shady subcanopy we tracked down trogons and Golden-collared Toucanets, woodcreepers and jacamars, and more. Far below, in the dark understory, antbirds and other skulkers were present along the trails. Leisurely canoe trips along the lakeshore and creeks produced a Zigzag Heron on a nest and another sitting on an open bank, plus sparkling kingfishers, the incredible Long-billed Woodcreeper, and stunning Blue-and-yellow Macaws. Overhead we watched monkeys, including the lovely golden-mantled tamarin and the rarely-seen monk saki. Our luck really held when a family of giant otters appeared in the lake one afternoon!

Of the many birds here, the comical Hoatzin quickly became a group favorite. Though common over a wide area, this unique species is endlessly fascinating. Found only in South America, it is the only member of its family and is so odd that taxonomists can't agree on its closest relatives. They feed on leaves, mostly obtained at night, and have an extra “stomach” for digesting this mass, a strange diet indeed for a sizable bird. As we passed by in canoes, they hissed and flapped and perhaps retreated a little, but rarely did they go very far. Their nests are crude bowls of twigs placed over the water, and the chicks have spurs at the bend of the wing for climbing back into the bushes if spooked from the nest. *Archaeopteryx* anyone?

One of the greatest sights at the Napo Wildlife Center is the spectacle of hundreds of parrots coming to eat clay from “saladeros” along the Napo River. After watching the larger species restlessly gathering and then descending, we hiked to a blind just inside the forest and waited until a mob of small Cobalt-winged Parakeets came down right in front of us. Amidst them were a few of the exquisite and rarely-seen Scarlet-shouldered Parrotlets and several colorful Orange-cheeked Parrots, while a Scarlet Macaw remained well-hidden in the trees above us. All of this and much more is part of this marvelous realm that we were lucky to enter for one wonderful week that passed all too quickly.

Itinerary:

January 10: the group gathers in Quito, Ecuador.

January 11: a late-morning flight to Coca, where we transferred to the dock on the Napo River for the trip downriver by motorized dugout. Then several hours by canoe up the tiny creek that leads to Anyangu Cocha and the lovely Napo Wildlife Center.

January 12: we divided into two groups, both groups watching from the towers and nearby areas. Afternoon excursions by canoe on Anyangu Creek.

January 13: for one group a morning hike into the terra firme forest on the Tiputini Trail; the other group visited the Napo Trail and Tower. Afternoon birding around the lodge and up the small side creek nearby.

January 14: all-day excursion to the parrot clay licks on the Napo River and nearby; after lunch some birding at “the landing” and then a leisurely paddle back upstream to the lodge.

January 15: a rainy morning; both groups birded the Towers and nearby trails and lakeshore. Late afternoon canoe trips along the lakeshore.

January 16: another rainy morning; for one group a hike on the Tiputini Trail and for the other group the Tower and Napo Trail. Evening night-bird excursion down the creek and around the lakeshore..

January 17: for one group an all-day trip down the creek to the landing and the nearby community, with a leisurely paddle back upstream. For the other group a return to the Tower and Napo Trail.

January 18: we left Napo Wildlife Center in the half-light of dawn for the return trip to Coca and flight back to Quito; rest of the afternoon at leisure in Quito.

January 19: departure for those not continuing on the Northern Andes Tour.

Bird List: a few highlights, group favorites and rare sightings are underscored.

Great Tinamou (*Tinamus major*) - heard only

Little Tinamou (*Crypturellus soui*) - heard only

Undulated Tinamou (*Crypturellus undulatus*) - heard only

Variegated Tinamou (*Crypturellus variegates*) – seen near tower by one group.

- Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*)
Cocoi (White-necked) Heron (*Ardea cocoi*)
Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)
Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*)
Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)
Striated Heron (*Butorides striatus*)
Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)
Boat-billed Heron (*Cochlearius cochlearius*)
Rufescent Tiger-Heron (*Tigrisoma lineatum*) - frequent along the stream.
Zigzag Heron (*Zebrius undulatus*) - incredible looks at one on a flimsy nest and then another sitting out on an open creekbank.
Orinoco Goose (*Neochen jubata*) - an extremely rare species in Ecuador and one of very few modern sightings on the Napo River, on our trip back upriver to Coca. Good spotting Jenny!
Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*)
Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*)
Greater Yellow-headed Vulture (*Cathartes melambrotus*)
King Vulture (*Sarcoramphus papa*)
Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)
Gray-headed Kite (*Leptodon cayanensis*)
Hook-billed Kite (*Chondrohierax uncinatus*)
Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*)
Snail Kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*)
Slender-billed Kite (*Rostrhamus hamatus*) - a specialty of these swampy forests, seen regularly both perched and in flight.
Double-toothed Kite (*Harpagus bidentatus*)
Plumbeous Kite (*Ictinia plumbea*)
Tiny Hawk (*Accipiter superciliosus*)
Slate-colored Hawk (*Leucopternis schistacea*)
Black-faced Hawk (*Leucopternis melanops*) - a rarity, seen twice this week.
Roadside Hawk (*Buteo magnirostris*)
Crested Eagle (*Morphnus guianensis*) - stunning look from the tower for one lucky group (who waited out a rain).
Harpy Eagle (*Harpia harpyja*) - very distant bird from the tower for some.
Black Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus tyrannus*) - close study of foraging immature from the tower.
Ornate Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus ornatus*)
Black Caracara (*Daptrius ater*)
Yellow-headed Caracara (*Milvago chimachima*)
Laughing Falcon (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*)
Barred Forest-Falcon (*Micrastur ruficollis*)
Bat Falcon (*Falco ruficularis*)

Speckled Chachalaca (*Ortalis guttata*)
Spix's Guan (*Penelope jacquacu*) - several great looks at this large gamebird.
Blue-throated Piping-Guan (*Pipile cumanensis*)
Marbled Wood-Quail (*Odontophorus gujanensis*) - heard only
Hoatzin (*Opisthocomus hoazin*) - this comical favorite was common and conspicuous along the stream and lakeshore, including nests.
Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*)
Rufous-sided Crake (*Laterallus melanophaius*) - heard only
Gray-necked Wood-Rail (*Aramides cajanea*)
Azure Gallinule (*Porphyrio flavirostris*) - several sightings of this rarity.
Pied Lapwing (*Vanellus cayanus*)
Collared Plover (*Charadrius collaris*)
Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*)
Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularia*)
Yellow-billed Tern (*Sterna superciliaris*)
Pale-vented Pigeon (*Patagioenas cayennensis*)
Plumbeous Pigeon (*Patagioenas plumbea*)
Ruddy Pigeon (*Patagionenas subvinacea*)
Ruddy Ground-Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*)
Gray-fronted Dove (*Leptotila rufaxilla*)
Ruddy Quail-Dove (*Geotrygon montana*) - heard only
Blue-and-yellow Macaw (*Ara ararauna*) - always spectacular.
Scarlet Macaw (*Ara macao*) - one hard-to-see bird perched above the forest interior "saladero".
Chestnut-fronted Macaw (*Ara severa*)
Red-bellied Macaw (*Orthopsittaca manilata*)
Dusky-headed Parakeet (*Aratinga weddellii*)
Maroon-tailed Parakeet (*Pyrrhura melanura*)
Cobalt-winged Parakeet (*Brotogeris cyanoptera*)
Scarlet-shouldered Parrotlet (*Touit huetii*) - a few at the forest interior lick.
Black-headed Parrot (*Pionites melanocephala*)
Orange-cheeked Parrot (*Pionopsitta barrabandi*) - an especially colorful parrot, at the forest interior salt lick.
Blue-headed Parrot (*Pionus menstruus*)
Yellow-crowned Parrot (*Amazona ochrocephala*)
Orange-winged Parrot (*Amazona amazonica*)
Mealy Parrot (*Amazona farinosa*)
Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*)
Little Cuckoo (*Piaya minuta*)
Greater Ani (*Crotophaga major*) - hordes of these comical birds "boiling over" around the clearing, lake and stream.

Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*)
Tropical Screech-Owl (*Megascops choliba*) - heard only
Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl (*Megascops watsonii*) - heard only
Crested Owl (*Lophostrix cristata*) - pair side-by-side at their day roost for some.

Spectacled Owl (*Pulsatrix perspicillata*) - heard only
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum*)
Oilbird (*Steatornis caripensis*) - one spotlighted on the evening excursion.
Great Potoo (*Nyctibius grandis*) - we got pretty good at spotting these strange birds on their day roosts!
Common Potoo (*Nyctibius griseus*) – heard only
Pauraque (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)
Ocellated Poorwill (*Nyctiphrynus ocellatus*) - incredibly close looks at a well camouflaged bird sitting in the leaf litter of the Tiputini Trail, for both groups.
Blackish Nightjar (*Caprimulgus nigrescens*)
Ladder-tailed Nightjar (*Hydropsalis climacocerca*)
White-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)
Gray-rumped Swift (*Chaetura cinereiventris*)
Pale-rumped Swift (*Chaetura egregia*)
Short-tailed Swift (*Chaetura brachyura*)
Fork-tailed (Neotropical) Palm-Swift (*Tachornis squamata*)
Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift (*Panyptila cayennensis*)
Rufous-breasted Hermit (*Glaucis hirsuta*)
Pale-tailed Barbthroat (*Threnetes niger*)
White-bearded Hermit (*Phaethornis hispidus*)
Great-billed Hermit (*Phaethornis malaris*)
Straight-billed Hermit (*Phaethornis bourcierii*)
Black-throated Hermit (*Phaethornis atrimentalis*)
Gray-breasted Sabrewing (*Campylopterus largipennis*)
Blue-tailed Emerald (*Chlorostilbon mellisugus*)
Fork-tailed Woodnymph (*Thalurania furcata*)
Glittering-throated Emerald (*Polyerata fimbriata*)
Long-billed Starthroat (*Heliomaster longirostris*) - an adult male seen regularly around the clearing; otherwise hummingbirds were scarce and hard to see.

White-tailed Trogon (*Trogon viridis*) - split by the field guide as “Amazonian White-tailed” Trogon (*Trogon viridis*).
Violaceous Trogon (*Trogon violaceus*) - split by the field guide as “Amazonian Violaceous” Trogon (*Trogon violaceus*).
Blue-crowned Trogon (*Trogon curucui*)
Black-tailed Trogon (*Trogon melanurus*)
Ringed Kingfisher (*Ceryle torquata*)
Amazon Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle amazona*)

Green Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle americana*)

Green-and-rufous Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle inda*) - what a beauty!

Generally the toughest of the New World kingfishers to see.

American Pygmy Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle aenea*) - a tiny gem.

Blue-crowned Motmot (*Momotus momota*)

White-eared Jacamar (*Galbalcyrhynchus leucotis*)

White-chinned Jacamar (*Galbula tombacea*)

Purplish Jacamar (*Galbula chalcothorax*)

Great Jacamar (*Jacamerops aureus*)

White-necked Puffbird (*Notharchus macrorhynchos*) - closeup in the

Tower tree

Brown Nunlet (*Nonnula brunnea*) - heard only

Black-fronted Nunbird (*Monasa nigrifrons*)

White-fronted Nunbird (*Monasa morphoeus*)

Yellow-billed Nunbird (*Monasa flavirostris*)

Swallow-wing (*Chelidoptera tenebrosa*)

Scarlet-crowned Barbet (*Capito aurovirens*) - colorful and easy to see.

Gilded Barbet (*Capito auratus*)

Lettered Aracari (*Pteroglossus inscriptus*)

Ivory-billed Aracari (*Pteroglossus azara*)

Chestnut-eared Aracari (*Pteroglossus castanotis*)

Many banded Aracari (*Pteroglossus pluricinctus*)

Golden-collared Toucanet (*Selenidera reinwardtii*) - "neck-breakers"

high overhead in the canopy.

Channel-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos vitellinus*)

Red-billed (White throated) Toucan (*Ramphastos tucanus*)

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker (*Melanerpes cruentatus*)

Little Woodpecker (*Veniliornis passerinus*)

Scaly-breasted Woodpecker (*Celeus grammicus*)

Chestnut Woodpecker (*Celeus elegans*) - seen especially often and well.

Cream-colored Woodpecker (*Celeus flavus*)

Ringed Woodpecker (*Celeus torquatus*) - heard only

Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*)

Red-necked Woodpecker (*Campephilus rubricollis*)

Crimson-crested Woodpecker (*Campephilus rubricollis*)

Chestnut-winged Hookbill (*Ancistrops strigilatus*)

Olive-backed Foliage-gleaner (*Automolus infuscatus*)

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*)

Long-billed Woodcreeper (*Nasica longirostris*) - spectacular!

Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper (*Dendrexetastes rufigula*)

Black-banded Woodcreeper (*Dendrocolaptes picumnus*)

Striped Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus obsoletus*)

Buff-throated Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus guttatus*)

- Straight-billed Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus picus*)
Great Antshrike (*Taraba major*)
Plain-winged Antshrike (*Thamnophilus schistaceus*)
Mouse-colored Antshrike (*Thamnophilus murinus*)
Spot-winged Antshrike (*Pygoptila stellaris*)
Dusky-throated Antshrike (*Thamnomanes ardesiacus*)
Cinereous Antshrike (*Thamnomanes caesius*)
Pygmy Antwren (*Myrmotherula brachyura*)
Short-billed Antwren (*Myrmotherula obscura*)
Plain-throated Antwren (*Myrmotherula hauxwelli*)
White-flanked Antwren (*Myrmotherula axillaris*)
Gray Antwren (*Myrmotherula menetriesii*)
Black-faced Antbird (*Myrmoborus myotherinus*)
Silvered Antbird (*Sclateria naevia*)
Plumbeous Antbird (*Myrmeciza hyperythra*)
White-shouldered Antbird (*Myrmeciza melanocephala*)
Sooty Antbird (*Myrmeciza fortis*)
Lunulated Antbird (*Gymnopithys lunulata*)
Spot-backed Antbird (*Hylophylax naevia*)
Dot-backed Antbird (*Hylophylax punctulata*) - specialty of the swampy forests.
Scale-backed Antbird (*Hylophylax poecilinota*)
Rufous-capped Antthrush (*Formicarius colma*) - great looks at this ground-dweller in the terra firme.
Black-faced Antthrush (*Formicarius analis*) - heard only
Striated Antthrush (*Chamaeza nobilis*) - heard only
Thrush-like Antpitta (*Myrmothera campanisoma*) - heard only
Rusty-belted Tapaculo (*Lisoceles thoracicus*) - heard only
Screaming Piha (*Lipaugus vociferans*)
Purple-throated Cotinga (*Porphyrolaema porphyrolaema*)
Plum-throated Cotinga (*Cotinga maynana*) - fabulous looks at a number of cotingas from the Tower, this one coming especially close.
Spangled Cotinga (*Cotinga cayana*)
Bare-necked Fruitcrow (*Gymnoderus foetidus*)
Purple-throated Fruitcrow (*Querula purpurata*)
Blue-backed Manakin (*Chiroxiphia pareola*)
Wire-tailed Manakin (*Pipra filicauda*)
White-crowned Manakin (*Dixiphia (Pipra) pipra*)
Blue-crowned Manakin (*Lepidothrix (Pipra) coronata*)
Golden-headed Manakin (*Pipra erythrocephala*) - heard only
Orange-crested Manakin (*Heterocercus aurantiivertex*) - a range-restricted specialty of the tangled varzea swamps.

Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin (*Tyranneutes stolzmanni*) - seen so often that this little bird became a group favorite, especially the one singing continually on the Napo Trail.

White-lored Tyrannulet (*Ornithion inerme*)

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet (*Tyrannulus elatus*)

Forest Elaenia (*Myiopagis gaimardii*)

Yellow-crowned Elaenia (*Myiopagis flavivertex*)

Mottle-backed Elaenia (*Elaenia gigas*)

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher (*Mionectes oleagineus*)

Slender-footed Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius gracilipes*)

Golden-faced Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius chrysops*)

Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum*) – colorful canopy sprites that came into the Tower tree.

Yellow-margined Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias assimilis*) - split by the field guide as “Zimmer’s Flatbill” (*Tolmomyias assimilis*).

Gray-crowned Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias poliocephalus*)

Eastern Wood-Pewee (*Contopus virens*)

Drab Water-Tyrant (*Ochthornis littoralis*)

Cinnamon Attila (*Attila cinnamomeus*)

Citron-bellied Attila (*Attila citriniventris*) - heard only

Bright-rumped Attila (*Attila spadiceus*) - heard only

Sirystes (*Sirystes sibilator*)

Grayish Mourner (*Rhytipterna simplex*)

Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*)

Short-crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus ferox*)

Lesser Kiskadee (*Philohydor lictor*)

Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)

Boat-billed Flycatcher (*Megarhynchus pitangua*) - including an aggressive pair nest-building in the lodge clearing.

Social Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes similis*)

Gray-capped Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes granadensis*)

Dusky-chested Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes luteiventris*)

Piratic Flycatcher (*Legatus leucophaeus*)

Variiegated Flycatcher (*Empidonomus varius*) - unexpected at this season, but seen well and studied carefully.

Sulphury Flycatcher (*Tyrannopsis sulphurea*)

Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)

Eastern Kingbird (*Tyrannus tyrannus*)

Black-tailed Tityra (*Tityra cayana*)

Brown-chested Martin (*Progne tapera*) - including adults feeding fledglings on posts in the lake; rather rare breeder in eastern Ecuador.

Gray-breasted Martin (*Progne chalybea*)

White-winged Swallow (*Tachycineta albiventer*)

White-banded Sallow (*Atticora fasciata*)
Southern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)
Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)
Black-capped Donacobius (*Donacobius atricapillus*) - a noisy friend
always present along the lakeshore and stream.
Thrush-like Wren (*Campylorhynchus turdinus*)
Buff-breasted Wren (*Thryothorus leucotis*)
House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*)
“Southern” House Wren (*Troglodytes (a.) musculus*)
White-breasted wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucosticta*)
Scaly-breasted (Southern Nightingale) Wren (*Microcerculus marginatus*) – heard
only
Black-billed Thrush (*Turdus ignobilis*)
Lawrence's Thrush (*Turdus lawrencii*) - heard only, but a remarkable
mimic.
Hauxwell's Thrush (*Turdus hauxwelli*)
White-necked Thrush (*Turdus albicollis*)
Violaceous Jay (*Cyanocorax violaceus*)
Yellow-green Vireo (*Vireo flavoviridis*)
Thick-billed Euphonia (*Euphonia lanirostris*)
White-lored Euphonia (*Euphonia chrysopasta*)
Orange-bellied Euphonia (*Euphonia xanthogaster*)
Rufous-bellied Euphonia (*Euphonia rufiventris*)
Blackpoll Warbler (*Dendroica striata*)
Magpie Tanager (*Cissopis leveriana*)
Flame-crested Tanager (*Tachyphonus cristatus*)
Scarlet Tanager (*Piranga olivacea*)
Masked Crimson Tanager (*Ramphocelus nigrogularis*) - brilliant!
Silver-beaked Tanager (*Ramphocelus carbo*)
Blue-gray Tanager (*Thraupis episcopus*)
Palm Tanager (*Thraupis palmarum*)
Turquoise Tanager (*Tangara mexicana*)
Paradise Tanager (*Tangara chilensis*)
Green-and-gold Tanager (*Tangara schrankii*)
Bay-headed Tanager (*Tangara gyrola*)
Masked Tanager (*Tangara nigrocincta*) - a pair with a nest with chicks
right on the Tower steps gave us extravagant looks.
Opal-rumped Tanager (*Tangara velia*)
Black-faced Dacnis (*Dacnis lineata*)
Yellow-bellied Dacnis (*Dacnis flaviventer*)
Blue Dacnis (*Dacnis cayana*)
Green Honeycreeper (*Chlorophanes spiza*)
Purple Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes caeruleus*)

Swallow-Tanager (*Tersina viridis*)
Red-capped Cardinal (*Paroaria gularis*)
Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina*)
seedeater sp? (*Sporophila sp?*) - female around the clearing
Grayish Saltator (*Saltator coerulescens*)
Shiny Cowbird (*Molothrus bonariensis*)
Giant Cowbird (*Molothrus oryzivorus*)
Moriche Oriole (*Icterus chryscephalus*)
Orange-backed Troupial (*Icterus croconotus*) - conspicuous at the landing.
Yellow-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus cela*)
Red-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus haemorrhous*) - seen several times from the Tower; rare in this region.
Solitary Cacique (*Cacicus solitarius*)
Casqued Oropendola (*Psarocolius oseryi*)
Crested Oropendola (*Psarocolius decumanus*)
Russet-backed Oropendola (*Psarocolius angustifrons*)
Oriole Blackbird (*Gymnomystax mexicanus*) - a colorful and conspicuous favorite seen along the Napo River islands.

Mammal List:

Golden-mantled Tamarin (*Saguinus tripartitus*)
Dusky Titi Monkey (*Callicebus moloch*)
Common Squirrel Monkey (*Saimiri sciureus*)
Monk Saki (*Pithecia monachus*)
White-fronted Capuchin (*Cebus albifrons*)
Red Howler Monkey (*Alouatta seniculus*)
White-bellied Spider Monkey (*Ateles belzebuth*)
Northern Amazon Red Squirrel (*Sciurus igniventris*)
Amazon Dwarf Squirrel (*Microsciurus flaviventer*)
Long-nosed Bat (*Rhynchonycteris naso*)
bulldog (fishing) bat (*Noctilio sp?*)
Giant Otter (*Pteronura brasiliensis*)

Reptile & Amphibian List:

Crested Forest Toad (*Bufo margaritafer*)
“frogs” – several small species seen and many heard!
Black Caiman (*Caiman (Melanosuchus) niger*) – huge!
Yellow-spotted River Turtle (*Podocnemis unifilis*)
anole sp? – in tower tree; medium in size.
Collared Tree Runner (*Tropidurus (Plica) plica*) – attractive and sizable lizard low down on tree trunk, inside the forest.
Amazon Forest Dragon

Northern Caiman Lizard (*Dracaena guianensis*)

Black-skinned Parrot Snake (*Leptophis ahaetulla*) – very thin and beautiful iridescent snake with bright yellow eyes, in creekside marsh vegetation; feeds on frogs and small anoles.

Tiger Rat Snake (*Spilotes pullatus*) - Rodrigo caught a beautiful juvenile.

Anaconda

Birds seen in Quito by members of the group:

American Kestrel

Rock Pigeon

Eared Dove

Common Ground-Dove

Sparkling Violet-ear

Black-tailed Trainbearer

Southern Beardless Tyrannulet

Vermilion Flycatcher

Swainson's Thrush

Great Thrush

Black Flowerpiercer

Hooded Siskin

Black-and-white Warbler

American Redstart

Summer Tanager

Blue-gray Tanager

Rufous-collared Sparrow

Golden-bellied (Southern Yellow) Grosbeak

House Sparrow