



The superb Long-whiskered Owlet - our inevitable bird-of-the-trip! (Pete Morris)

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Our Northern Peru tour has become a real blockbuster over the years! It is one of those tours that really has evolved over time, with more and more goodies being added as knowledge increased. The only downside is that there really is a lot to pack in now, but hey, who's going to complain when the total list was well over 700 species (721) and the top birds included Long-whiskered Owlet, Scarlet Banded Barbet and Pale-billed Antpitta. I have highlighted these three as, just a few years ago, we would have only dreamt of seeing these species! Now they are most definitely a reality! The barbet no longer takes a week long tough expedition – just a few hours muddy drive! Other toughies, such as Ochre-fronted Antpitta and a number of rare hummingbirds have become much easier to see, whilst old favourites such as White-winged Guans, Marvellous Spatuletail and

Peruvian Plantcutter are still doing us proud! Of particular note on this tour were the 18 species (if one splits Marañon Screech Owl) of owl recorded (14 of which were seen well), and the sixty species of hummingbirds. By special request, we also added a short extension at the end of the tour. This produced spectacular numbers of storm petrels, including the rare Hornby's Storm Petrel, good movements of skuas and Sabine's Gulls (the latter joined by spectacular but similarly-plumaged Swallow-tailed Gulls!), and some stunning Waved Albatrosses as well as a few cetaceans.



Stunning Waved Albatrosses were a feature of the pelagic (Pete Morris)

I think it's fair to say that the tour did not get off to the best of starts! Dense fog in Western Europe meant that several of us had disrupted travel from Europe, and even some of those that were scheduled to arrive a day ahead of the tour did not make it to the tour in time! Luckily, thanks to great work by Gunnar and his team, everyone was able to catch up with the group as quickly as possible, and, miraculously, we managed to catch up on nearly all of the important birds for those that arrived late. For the first time in my career (that spans 20 years and over 130 tours!!) I was actually late too, but fortunately Gunnar was on the ground to meet the group and do a great job of guiding them through the first day.

The tour began with a flight up to Chiclayo in the northwest of the country, from where the group visited the famous Bosque Rafan Reserve. Here, the major prizes were the endangered Peruvian Plantcutter and localized endemic Rufous Flycatcher. The supporting cast included a number of dry forest specialists such as smart Collared Antshrikes, Tumbes Tyrants, our first Baird's Flycatchers, Tumbesian and Grey-and-white Tyrannulets, charismatic White-tailed Jays, perky Fasciated and Superciliated Wrens, the localized Cinereous Finch and our only Collared Warbling Finch of the tour. We also visited some coastal habitats including dunes where we found our only Least Seedsnipes of the tour, as well as some wetlands and the coast itself. Here we found species such as Peruvian Pelican, Peruvian Booby, a variety of shorebirds including American Oystercatcher, Snowy and Semipalmated Plovers, Willet and Surfbird, Royal and Elegant Terns, Franklin's and Laughing Gulls, the localized Coastal Miner and our only multi-hued Many-coloured Rush Tyrant of the tour. We were also surprised to see a few Wilson's and Elliot's Storm Petrels offshore – no doubt something to do with the El Niño effect! Other species found on our first day included our only Pearl Kites of the tour, Burrowing Owl, our first of many Pacific Pygmy Owls, smart Peruvian Sheartails, Pacific Parrotlets, Pacific Horneros, conspicuous Long-tailed Mockingbirds, colourful Peruvian Meadowlarks and noisy Scrub Blackbirds.



West Peruvian Screech Owl - my first species with the group (Pete Morris)

Meanwhile, some of the party were still marooned in Europe, whilst as dark approached, I finally made it to Chaparri Lodge, meeting the group on the access road where they had already bagged Anthony's Nightjar. It wasn't too long before we were back out in action, and soon had a cute West Peruvian Screech Owl in the scope. A nice way for me to start the tour at least, on what was to become an owl-filled tour!

The following morning we visited the nearby forest at Casupe. Birding along a lightly-used gravel road, we were we were able to add a number of Tumbesian specialities to our list. Although we had already seen the rather confiding re-introduced White-winged Guans at Chaparri, we were delighted to see our first 'wild'



Ecuadorian Trogon and Guayaquil Woodpecker provided colour! (Pete Morris)

birds flash across in front of us here. Smart white-eyed male Ecuadorian Trogons posed in the scope, and equally well appreciated was a spectacular Guayaquil Woodpecker. Subtle Rufous-necked and Henna-hooded Foliage-gleaners showed incredibly well, localized Grey-and-gold and Three-banded Warblers obliged and interesting flycatchers included Pacific Elaenia and Tumbes Pewee. Also seen were our first Black-chested Buzzard Eagle, some showy Grey-chinned Hermits, Speckle-breasted Wrens and White-winged Brush Finch.

Making our way back to Chaparri, we paused to watch Purple-collared and Short-tailed Woodstars, noted some smart Scarlet-backed Woodpeckers and Pacific Parrotlets, and stopped at a waterhole where we finally got some great views of the scarce Sulphur-throated Finch, alongside hundreds of Parrot-billed Seedeaters. As we ate a fine lunch, we were entertained by some very striking White-tailed Jays. It was then time to pack up and move on to our next base at Olmos. We paused at a nearby reservoir where amongst the large groups of White-cheeked Pintail and Cinnamon Teal we found a Comb Duck and a Black-faced Ibis from the very localized population which clings on in this area. Also present were Pied-billed and Great Grebes and our only Savanna Hawk of the trip. We also called in at Bosque de Pomac where, as well as finding another smart Rufous Flycatcher, we were delighted to get great views of a number of confiding Tumbes Swallows. As we supped a beer with dinner that evening, news arrived that our final two group members had now arrived in Lima.



Highlights from the Tumbes region included White-tailed Jay, the localized Sulphur-throated Finch and Tumbes Swallow (Pete Morris)

The following morning we set off for the Quebrada Frejolillo. This starkly attractive canyon is perhaps the best stake out for White-winged Guans, and although we'd already listed them, we were more than happy to see a few more! However, it was a more unexpected sighting which really stole the show here as we spent some time watching, listening to and generally studying a magnificent (Montane) Solitary Eagle. We felt quite privileged to watch this rarely seen raptor for so long, both perched and in flight, and it really made the morning. The canyon itself was quite full of birds. Noisy flocks of Red-masked Parakeets entertained, smart Plumbeous-backed Thrushes posed, our only King Vulture drifted over and a confiding Andean Tinamou was a surprise. Endemic



(Montane) Solitary Eagle was a fantastic bonus! (Pete Morris)

Tumbes Hummingbirds were pleasingly common, whilst the thicker scrub held Necklaced Spinetails, delightful Elegant Crescentchest, another colourful Tumbes Tyrant, a subtle Sooty-crowned Flycatcher, numerous Tumbes and Black-capped Sparrows and great flocks of White-headed Brush Finches. On the drive out we stopped to admire some rather large gatherings of superb Peruvian Thick-knees as well as more Cinereous Finches. That afternoon was somewhat quiet, though we did manage some fine views of a Spotted Rail as well as a flock of Chestnut-throated Seedeaters and several entertaining Pacific Pygmy Owls.

Meanwhile, Gunnar and Marcell were doing a sterling job. Having driven back down to Chiclayo and picked up our two remaining clients, they guided them through an action packed day, finding all of the key birds so far including Peruvian Plantcutter, Rufous Flycatcher, White-winged Guan, Tumbes Flycatcher and Tumbes Hummingbird, as well as an excellent supporting cast. Finally, we sat down for a meal together, the group complete!!



White-winged Guan and White-headed Brushfinch both showed very well (Pete Morris)



Ecuadorian Piculet and Piura Chat-Tyrant; two of the highlights from Abra Porculla (Pete Morris)

The following morning we made our way straight up to the top of Abra Porculla and took in the fresh morning air. As is often the case here, the birds were a little slow to get going (or was that us?), though fortunately a fine field breakfast gave us the energy to keep going. It took some time before we found our main prize, the quiet and localized Piura Chat-Tyrant, though whilst looking we did encounter a number of other specialities including our first Spot-throated Hummingbirds, Green-tailed Trainbearers, a lovely pair of Ecuadorian Piculets and chunky Black-cowled Saltators. In the remaining patches of vegetation we found more obliging Rufous-necked and Henna-hooded Foliage-gleaners, noisy Line-cheeked Spinetails and a fine pair of Chapman's Antshrikes, whilst furtive Grey-browed, White-winged and Bay-crowned Brush Finches all performed. Content with our haul, we moved on, exploring one or two spots as we went and arrived at our next destination, Jaen, in time for lunch. Here, we traded Gunnar for Carlos (a fair trade?) and continued our birding. That afternoon we visited a small reserve nearby. This proved to be strangely quiet, though we did manage a few new ones including our first Blue Ground Doves, the local 'Shumba' form of Collared Antshrike, and two other potential Marañon splits, namely Marañon (Tropical) Gnatcatcher and Marañon (Black-capped) Sparrow.



What's that lurking in the undergrowth?! Gunnar - not doing what it looks like!! (Pete Morris)



The delightful Buff-bellied Tanager was seen at several sites (Pete Morris)

Not surprisingly, we were up early the following morning in search of more Marañon specialities. Our brief pre-dawn session yielded views of the *roboratus* form of West Peruvian Screech Owl (a potential split as Marañon Screech Owl) and very soon the sun was rising to the sound of Tataupa Tinamous (which some of us saw). It was again slow to get going, and once again that field breakfast helped! Gradually we teased out the specialities. Marañon Spinetail and the 'Chinchipe' form of Necklaced Spinetail both gave themselves up, showing superbly, as did the gorgeous Marañon Crescentchest. Other Marañon forms included the distinctive Marañon (Northern) Slaty Antshrike and Marañon (Speckle-breasted) Wren, and we also found the smart endemic Buff-bellied Tanager. We then embarked upon the longish drive to Leymebamba, which turned out to be longer than hoped for (time wise anyway) as Little Inca Finches failed to cooperate! We quickly found our first pair, and although half of the group saw them well, the rest failed, and they flatly refused to reappear. We kept looking in other areas, and just as we'd decided to take a break and eat lunch, Carlos found a pair! Mayhem ensued, but eventually all saw this endemic well, and we moved on. There was little time to stop, though we did pause to admire a stately Fasciated Tiger Heron, and a little bit before Leymebamba we made a stop. Just as we had started the day, we finished it with an owl in the spotlight – this time a pair of the endemic Koepcke's Screech Owl showing superbly, rounding off the day in style!



Oh no, not another owl! This one is the endemic Koepcke's Screech Owl (Pete Morris)



Yellow-faced Parrotlets were a highlight of our visit to the Balsas Canyon (Pete Morris)

The following day saw us at high altitude at first light, breathing in somewhat thinner air and feeling in need of gloves. The voice of a Fulvous Antpitta cut across the slope, Sedge Wrens jumped about in the vegetation and a Blackish Tapaculo grovelled in the roadside bushes. Andean Guans perched up, gulping down their breakfasts, colourful Spectacled Whitestarts flitted through the trees and our first Shining Sunbeams sallied out. However, just as the activity was warming up, the clouds rolled in, and it became distinctly wet... then wetter and wetter. Since we were coming back the same way in a couple of days (or so we thought!) we decided to cut our losses and head down towards the Balsas Canyon. Before too long, we had dropped out of the cloud, and under clearing skies, snaked our way down the near vertical walls of the canyon, negotiating hairpin after hairpin. As the mercury rose, we paused to admire our first endemic Marañon Pigeons and Black-necked Woodpeckers, before making our way virtually all the way down to the river, crossing a temporary bridge as we went. Here we found scaled Marañon Thrushes and a trio of delightful Yellow-faced Parrots before crossing to the other side of the canyon and making our way up the other side. Here a stop in suitable habitat yielded several dapper Buff-bridled Inca Finches before we paused for lunch. Some heavy machinery passed us... more retrospective clues as to what would happen! We continued on towards Celendin, pausing higher up the canyon to admire Giant Hummingbirds, and finished the day with a couple more Marañon endemics, namely the smart and showy Grey-winged Inca Finch and the impressive Chestnut-backed Thornbird.



Two localized endemics: Grey-winged Inca Finch and Chestnut-backed Thornbird (Pete Morris)



Giant Hummingbird is a cracking bird when seen up close and personal! (Pete Morris)

We were once again out for dawn, this time exploring the remnant patches of vegetation around Cruz Conga. I say vegetation, as forest would be far to grand a term to describe the tiny conifer plantations and isolated bushes and patches of streamside vegetation that remain in this otherwise denuded landscape! Amazingly however, the birds we were looking for have adapted, and our first Cajamarca (Rufous) Antpitta was hopping around a tiny, 1.5 metre high, conifer plantation! We went on to see another pair in a patch of remnant forest the size of a tennis court! Also in these scraggs of vegetation we found a fine Plumbeous Rail, our first Baron's Spinetails, Rusty-capped Tit-Spinetails, attractive Black-crested Tit-Tyrants and Baron's (Yellow-breasted) Brushfinches as well as a fine Striated Earthcreeper, a couple of Tit-like Dacnises and Peruvian Sierra Finches. Sadly, the threat of foreign mining led to us not being welcome in one of the better areas of Polylepis, so we cut our losses and moved on! In the more open areas we scrutinized the large tyrant flycatchers, soon racking up excellent views of both White-tailed and Black-billed Shrike-Tyrants and Rufous-webbed Tyrants. Heading over higher ground, we noticed one or two Cream-winged Cinclodes along the roadsides before moving down to the Rio Chonta canyon for the afternoon. It proved to be a tricky afternoon as the hoped-for comets failed to materialize. We did find numerous White-winged Cinclodes and another Plumbeous Rail along the river as well as our first Rufous-chested Tanager, Black-throated Flowerpiercers and some showy Black Metaltails, but the general lack of flowers was not encouraging.

The following morning saw us in twitch mode, and it wasn't long before we were watching our quarry, the rare and impressive Great Spinetail. Showy Striped Cuckoos called around us, and as we headed back towards Cajamarca, we paused to admire a handsome group of Andean Gulls. We then undertook another long vigil at the Rio Chonta, again without luck for our comets. Andean Swifts whizzed overhead, and some compensation was provided by a confiding Jelski's Chat-Tyrant, but ultimately we were a little dejected as we drove back to Celendin. A bright and early start the following day saw us heading back to the top of the Balsas Canyon where we enjoyed a scenic field breakfast whilst admiring our first Red-crested Cotingas of the tour. We then wound our way all the way back down the canyon, only to be stopped by the police. After a lengthy discussion, it appeared that the road was blocked as a bridge was being repaired. We decided to go and see for ourselves... Well, it turned out the bridge would be open about three days later. That dodgy temporary bridge and the heavy machinery being transported down the canyon all fell into place! Some decisions had to be made!



The Cajamarca area brought us White-tailed Shrike-Tyrants and Cajamarca (Rufous) Antpittas amongst others (Pete Morris)

Sadly, there seemed to be no better option than to head back up the canyon and take a longish detour. A twelve hour drive soon became a 14 hour drive and so on, and it was breakfast time when we arrived at Leymebamba. This should have been our base for the night and was only a stone's throw (well a bit further) from the broken bridge. On the positive side, we had seen some impressive scenery, and the drivers, Marcell and Julio, had done fantastically well, but it was not an experience that we would have chosen to do! We did see more White-tailed Shrike-Tyrants and our only Streak-throated Canastero, but there was little time for anything else.

Like true Birdquesters, we soon shrugged off this experience by tucking into some fried eggs and... going birding! Of course we should have been birding the montane forest patches above Leymebamba the previous day, so we had to make up for lost time! Smiles were soon restored as we quickly located a small group of smart endemic Russet-mantled Softtails which proceeded to show incredibly well! Hummers buzzed around the bushes and these included Black-tailed Trainbearer and the smart endemic Coppery Metaltail. We also encountered a couple of impressive mixed flocks led by Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanagers. Amongst these we picked out the local Drab Hemispingus as well as delightful Pearled Treerunners, Barred Becards, Yellow-breasted Brush Finch, smart and unusually showy Buff-breasted Mountain Tanagers, colourful Blue-backed Conebills and Moustached Flowerpiercers. Right up at the highest elevations we also found the local form of White-chinned Thistletail and some smart Many-striped Canasteros, and we paused for a roadside Fulvous (Rufous) Antpitta which showed well to most. It was amazing to hear how different the song was to the Cajamarca (Rufous) Antpittas just down the road!



We were relieved to get back to Abra Barra Megra and find Russet-mantled Softtail and Coppery Metaltail (Pete Morris)



Sword-billed Hummingbird needs no words! (Pete Morris)

By the time we arrived back down to Leymebamba, it was nearly lunchtime, but we did manage to squeeze in a few more birds. Sword-billed Hummingbird, Rainbow Starfrontlet, our first Chestnut-breasted Coronets and Purple-throated Sunangels entertained around the feeders, Maroon-belted Chat-Tyrant and gorgeous Red-hooded Tanagers showed along the river, and, as we tucked into our lunch, we were delighted to find a male Andean Slaty Thrush and a pair of Rufous-winged Tyrannulets right under our noses!! It was then time to relax as we were driven to our overnight stop at Pomacochos, where, those that wished, sampled the traditional dish of cavy (a.k.a. guinea pig!). Delicious according to some!!

The following day was to be a 'big one' as a potentially tough walk lay between us and our quarry – the spectacular Pale-billed Antpitta. A pair of White-throated Screech Owls got the adrenalin going even before first light, and as it turned out, the uphill slog was nowhere near as bad as we had been led to believe, and all made it comfortably, all enjoying spectacular views of this excellent antpitta at close range! As we poked around in the bamboo, we found a number of other interesting species, including Lacrimose Mountain Tanagers, colour-



The delightful Rufous-capped Antshrike (Pete Morris)

ful Grass Green Tanagers and, for some, the charismatic Plushcap. Songs led us into the understory and here we unearthed Rufous-capped Antshrikes, Ash-colored Tapaculos, a fine Golden-browed Chat-Tyrant and a lovely pair of Barred Fruiteaters, whilst out in the more open areas we enjoyed a pair of Crimson-mantled Woodpeckers and several Violet-throated Starfrontlets. On the walk down we made the first of several concerted efforts to see the elusive Rusty-tinged Antpitta, and although we met with some success, some gaining good views, it eluded some of us, a theme that sadly continued with this tricky species.



Pale-billed Antpittas (adult left and juvenile) gave us an outstanding performance! (Pete Morris)

We were still playing catch up though, and had to pack in a visit to the nearby Huembo that afternoon. Although we had to dodge the rain, this site is a must, and we soon found ourselves marvelling at the male Marvellous Spatuletails that buzzed around like miniature drones! Absolutely amazing creatures!! Many other hummingbirds shared the feeders, and these included numerous Chestnut-breasted Coronets and Velvet-fronted Brilliants, and we also found our first Speckled Chachalaca, an all-too-brief Speckle-chested Piculet (fortunately they were more showy at Abra Patricia) and a noisy flock of Mitred Parakeets. Once again though, it was soon time to move on, this time to the famous Abra Patricia Reserve.

The brilliant Ecoan Owlet Lodge at Abra Patricia is set in some wonderful montane forest. And now of course, the star bird of the lodge is gettable, though far from straightforward! Suffice to say, it took us five attempts (one aborted due to rain, and one additional attempt for those not present on the fourth) before everyone had seen the enigmatic Long-whiskered Owlet. This really has become almost the emblem of this tour, and the pressure to see it is high! Each attempt takes a fair amount of effort, and, understandably, disturbance to each of the few known pairs of owls is monitored and restricted! That said, all the trials and tribulations were forgotten when we had this little beauty fixed in the spotlight beam for spectacular views. At that point, the bird of the trip was decided!

But the reserve is not just about the owlets, even if it can seem that way at times! There are other cracking and localized endemics. The brilliant male Ochre-fronted Antpitta was one such treasure, and others included the fabulous Royal Sunangel (there are not too many blue hummers), the lovely Lulu's Tody-Tyrant, the sneaky Bar-winged Wood Wren and the fabulous Yellow-scarfed Tanager. We spent a fair amount of time birding



The brilliant Ochre-fronted Antpitta was another favourite (Pete Morris)

around the lodge and on the adjacent trails and road. Here, feeders held Fawn-breasted Brilliants, Collared Incas and Emerald-bellied Pufflegs, bold Tayras and Black Agoutis raided the fruit, and other highlights included some confiding White-throated Quail-doves, a female Swallow-winged Nightjar, Black-throated Toucanets, Streak-headed Antbirds, a wonderful Chestnut Antpitta, the endemic Rufous-vented Tapaculo, Peruvian Tyrannulet, Ornate Flycatcher, Black-throated Tody-Tyrant, numerous Green-and-black Fruiteaters, a smart pair of White-collared Jays, Sepia-brown Wren and Andean Solitaire. A little lower, another reserve held a surprise Greater Ani (a reserve first, what was it doing so high?!) as well as Buff-thighed Puffleg, buff-booted Booted Racket-tails, White-bellied Woodstars and a confiding Spotted Barbtail. Lower along the road, White-capped Dippers were found along the river, Sickie-winged Guans gorged on fruit and stunning Golden-headed Quetzals sang by the road as did sneaky Northern White-crowned Tapaculos. Mixed flocks held Versicoloured Barbets, Rufous-rumped Antwrens, Inca Flycatchers, migrant Cerulean and Blackburnian Warblers, Bronze-green Euphonia and stunning Vermillion Tanagers. Indeed the whole area was great for tanagers, and over



Royal Sunangel. There aren't too many blue hummingbirds! (Pete Morris)

the few days we were present, we racked up an impressive list of species. These were headed by the noisy White-capped Tanagers which we saw on our first day, but others included Yellow-throated, Ash-throated and Grey-hooded Bush-Tanagers, the scarce Rufous-crested Tanager, the bulky Hooded Mountain Tanager, and colourful Yellow-throated, Orange-eared, Saffron-crowned, Flame-faced, Spotted, Metallic-green and Silver-backed Tanagers.

By the time we left Abra Patricia we were doing pretty well, if a little tired after rather a few nocturnal forays! We headed for Aguas Verdes where some new feeders gave us the chance to see a few new species that may otherwise prove tricky! The trickiest thing was the viewing – the screen was certainly not designed for a large group! Nevertheless, we did all manage to see Cinereous and Little Tinamous at close range, feeding alongside Orange-billed Sparrows and Grey-necked Wood Rails. The hummingbird feeders nearby were productive, and here we found several territorial Many-spotted Hummingbirds, some gorgeous Blue-fronted Lancebills, several chunky Grey-breasted Sabrewings, Golden-tailed Sapphires, Sapphire-spangled Emeralds and diddy Amethyst Woodstars. A nearby pair of Golden-collared Toucanets were much appreciated, as were the endemic Huallaga Tanager and our first flock of dazzling Paradise Tanagers.



Golden-collared Toucanet and juvenile Amethyst Woodstar at Aguas Verdes (Pete Morris)

We also spent a little time back up above Afluente. Whilst trying in vain to find a decent mixed flock, some were fortunate enough to see a White-chested Swift overhead. Blackish Antbirds chuntered at the roadside, Andean Cock-of-the-Rocks glowed from the dark mid-canopy, and we were fortunate to find a stunning Scaled Fruiteater. We did eventually find a small flock, and from this we located the scarce Ecuadorian Tyrannulet, the strange-looking Grey-mantled Wren, and the scarce Equatorial Greytail. The long drive to Moyobamba was fairly uninspiring, though we did get first rate views of the uncommon Pale-eyed Blackbird, though a detour to look for Striped Owl only yielded some showy Western Barn Owls.

Waqanki Lodge has come on to the birding scene in recent years, and offers access to a number of tricky species. We enjoyed a couple of mornings picking up as many of these as we could! Nightbirding yielded a fine pair of Band-bellied Owls and our first Ferruginous Pygmy Owl as well as an interesting Stygian Owl perched atop a huge aerial! The hummingbird feeders here held another set of goodies including the rare Black-throated Hermit and the gorgeous Rufous-crested Coquette as well as the more widespread Great-billed Hermit. The localized and recently described Varzea Thrush showed well and other highly-sought species included Mishana Tyrannulet, the smart Fiery-throated Fruiteater and the lovely little Fiery-capped Manakin. Other goodies seen included Broad-billed Motmot, the smart Bluish-fronted Jacamar and the snazzy Black-and-white Tody-Flycatcher. Mixed flocks were led by a showy Slaty-capped Shrike Vireo and included such goodies as Tschudi's



Band-bellied Owl at Waqanki Lodge (Pete Morris)

Woodcreeper and Yellow-crested Tanager. Antbirds were well represented, and we notched up a number of species including Fasciated, Lined and Plain-winged Antshrikes, Ornate and Stripe-chested Antwrens and Peruvian Warbling and Spot-winged Antbirds. Unfortunately the skulking Chestnut-throated Spinetail was heard but only glimpsed. On one afternoon we birded some more open habitats nearby. Here we were delighted to finally find a magnificent Striped Owl! Nearby we found Cinereous-breasted Spinetail, Rusty-backed Antwren and Black-faced Tanager, whilst a nearby pool held a spectacular gathering of Masked Ducks, and we also teased some dapper little Russet-crowned Crakes into view.



Some sharp-eyed spotting got us this superb Striped Owl (Pete Morris)



Oilbirds in the sun from the road!! Yes, really... (Pete Morris)

All too soon it was time to move again, and as we headed south towards Tarapoto we made a few stops, the most productive of which saw us watching some remarkable Oilbirds right by the road! Surely the easiest Oilbirds in the world?! White-banded Swallows were all we could find of note along the Huallaga River, and we spent the late afternoon birding at Quebrada Mishquiyacu. This turned out to be pretty good but still left us in need of the odd bird! We did manage great views of several Northern (Huallaga) Slaty Antshrikes, a lovely pair of Southern Chestnut-tailed Antbirds, obliging Plain-crowned Spinetails, a tiny little White-bellied Pygmy-Tyrant and some Chestnut-vented Conebills.



Two rare tyrannulets: Red-billed Tyrannulet on the left and the similar Mishana Tyrannulet (Pete Morris)



The rare Blackish Pewee and the elusive Grey-tailed Piha were two great birds at Plataforma (Pete Morris)

Until very recently, one needed to make a rather demanding and difficult week long expedition in order to see the spectacular Scarlet-banded Barbet. Well, things have changed a little now, and, for us at least, even the drive to the new site wasn't that bad. Ok it was a bit muddy and a bit of fun, but we were there by lunchtime! During the interesting drive up to Plataforma we saw a few new trip birds including Ruddy Pigeon, Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift and Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant. As we approached Plataforma we stopped in the first areas of decent forest, and almost immediately dropped-in on some quality birds. First Blackish Pewees showed superbly and then a Grey-tailed Piha posed for all to admire. With the appetites whetted we continued to add more goodies including Violet-headed Hummingbird, Rose-fronted Parakeet, Blue-rumped (Milky-rumped) Manakin, and the poorly-known Red-billed Tyrannulet. And it wasn't too long before we located the holy grail. A fine group of Scarlet-banded Barbets growled at us from the canopy, offering spectacular scope views – once more high fives all round and plenty of smiles. We spent the rest of the afternoon and most of the following day



Napo Screech Owl gave stunning views! (Pete Morris)

birding the forest adjacent to the village. Unfortunately, habitat degradation is occurring at an alarming rate, and what is left is only accessible via a very, very muddy track! Thus this was plenty of time! We did manage to dig out some more real quality birds including a fabulous pair of Yellow-throated Spadebills and both Yungas and Jet Manakins. Scaled and Plumbeous Pigeons put in an appearance, and mixed flocks held goodies including Ash-browed Spinetail, Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner, localized Yellow-breasted Antwrens, attractive Yellow-cheeked Becards, Yellow-whiskered Bush Tanager and Golden-naped Tanager. We also teased a Rufous-breasted Antthrush out of the gloomy undergrowth, and after dark, had a fine Rio Napo Screech Owl fixed in our spotlight beam. As we headed back down to Bellavista we paused at a wetland where Yellow-billed Terns were fishing, bizarre Hoatzins jumped clumsily through the riverside bushes, and, as darkness fell, numerous Sand-colored Nighthawks appeared.

It was good to be back in a comfortable hotel, though once again we set out early, this time for a return visit to Quebrada Mishquiyacu. Plain-breasted Ground Doves fed by the roadside, and upon arrival, we soon found the missing Sulphur-bellied Tyrant Manakin. Indeed it was quite birdy in the early morning with more new species appearing including Amazonian Motmot, Blue-crowned Trogons, a displaying Grey-headed Kite, a showy White-browed Antbird, a couple of Band-tailed Manakins and a much appreciated Hauxwell's Thrush. After such a good result, we made our way to Tarapoto where we quickly settled in, had lunch and then got cracking. The Tarapoto area gives access to a number of foothill Amazonian birds that are really peripheral to this tour, and as a result, we were like the proverbial kids in a candy store, trying to grab as much as we could! That afternoon and the following morning we targeted a few specialities and added what else we could! Koepcke's Hermit and Gould's Jewelfronts both delighted at some feeders, and the scarce Dotted Tanager showed in the scope. Many new species were added to our tour list and these included Green-backed Trogon, Curl-crested Aracari (for some), a fine Red-necked Woodpecker, more Rose-fronted Parakeets (for those that missed the first ones), Cliff Flycatchers, several Violaceous Jays, an amazingly cooperative Southern Nightingale Wren and some vocal Olive Tanagers. It was perhaps two other events on the final morning that will be best remembered. First we found an amazing adult and juvenile Crested Owl on a day roost and then, as our time was literally slipping by, we found first Hairy-crested Antbird and then, in the final moments, the amazing White-plumed



This adult and juvenile Crested Owl were a lovely last minute surprise! (Pete Morris)

Antbird. An incredible if somewhat hectic Grand Finale. All that remained was the usual head back, tidy up, eat and get to the airport!! At this stage we said goodbye to our excellent drivers, Julio and Marcell, and excellent guide, Carlos, who had found so many good birds for us.

For some that was it, but for the majority of the group, by special request, we had laid on an additional couple of days to allow us to make a pelagic into the cool waters of the Humboldt current. We assembled at the harbour where a ridiculous number of Franklin's Gulls were present, and boarded our spacious vessel. As we headed out to sea, we soon found good numbers of Peruvian Boobies and Guanay Cormorants followed by Elliot's Storm Petrels and Sooty Shearwaters, and it soon became apparent that many migrants were present including good numbers of Pomarine and Long-tailed Skuas, Sabine's Gulls and both Red and Red-necked Phalaropes. As we started chumming we attracted in excellent numbers of Elliot's Storm Petrels, and these



The pelagic was storm petrel heaven! Clockwise from top left: Elliot's; Black; Wedge-rumped and Hornby's Storm Petrels (Pete Morris)

were joined by smaller numbers of superb Hornby's Storm Petrels, as well as several Wedge-rumped and Black Storm Petrels This has to be one of THE trips for storm petrels anywhere in the world; incredible stuff. But it wasn't just the storm petrels. There was plenty else besides! Several graceful Waved Albatrosses visit-



More pelagic highlights! Swallow-tailed Gull and Pink-footed Shearwater (Pete Morris)





Migrants included Long-tailed (left) and Pomarine Skuas, Sabines Gull and Red (behind) and Red-necked Phalaropes (Pete Morris)

ed the boat, and another visitor from the Galapagos, Swallow-tailed Gull also put in many appearances, even occasionally joining the Sabine's Gulls, appearing like giant versions! Other species included numerous White-chinned Petrels, Pink-footed Shearwaters and a Chilean Skua, and on the way back we saw several Peruvian Diving Petrels. Common Bottle-nosed and Dusky Dolphins entertained, and closer to the coast we visited some islands where we enjoyed our first views of the endemic Peruvian Seaside Cinclodes as well as brilliant views of breeding seabirds including colourful Peruvian Pelicans and Red-legged Cormorants, amazing Inca Terns, Peruvian Boobies, a lone Blue-footed Booby and smart Humboldt Penguins alongside thousands of South American Sea-Lions. Back in the harbour, we had a quick look at some Surfbirds and Blackish Oystercatchers.

On the final day, we began at the bird-rich Laguna Paraiso. Here we soon found ridiculous numbers of Franklin's Gulls and Elegant Terns as well as a variety of waterbirds, most of which we'd previously seen. Western Sandpiper and Grey Gull were amongst the few new trip birds, as was Chilean Flamingo, but the biggest surprise of all was a James's Flamingo which showed very well! A quite bizarre record, this bird was well out of range! It was the furthest north record ever as far as we know and a first for the Lima district! It's normally found in the High Andes of Southern Peru, Northern Chile, Bolivia and Argentina!

We then made our way to a typically grey Lomas de Lachay, an area of often fog-enshrouded hills north of Lima for a relatively brief visit. It was generally pretty quiet... Along the entrance road to the main part of the reserve we observed several Burrowing Owls and more endemic Coastal Miners, whilst in the reserve itself, highlights included Oasis Hummingbird and flocks of smart Mountain Parakeets.

All too soon, it was time to head back to Lima for the end of the tour. It had been an action-packed few weeks, with a great group who were determined to overcome the difficulties of travel in the remote Peruvian Andes. With so much to offer, this is unquestionably one of those not to miss trips, and we made sure we got our fair share!!



This James's Flamingo was perhaps the biggest surprise of the tour (Pete Morris)



The Lima area held ridiculous numbers of Franklin's Gulls and Elegant Terns (Pete Morris)





Scarlet-banded Barbet - another of the tour's 'signature birds', and what a bird! (Pete Morris)

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR

Species which were heard but not seen are indicated by the symbol (H).

Species which were only recorded by the leader are indicated by the symbol (LO).

Species which were not personally recorded by the leader are indicated by the symbol (NL).

Species only seen on the pelagic extension are indicated by the symbol (PE).

Species marked with the diamond symbol (◊) are either endemic to the country or local region or considered 'special' birds for some other reason (e.g. it is only seen on one or two Birdquest tours; it is difficult to see across all or most of its range; the local form is endemic or restricted-range and may in future be treated as a full species).

Conservation threat categories and information are taken from *Threatened Birds of the World*, BirdLife International's magnificent book on the sad status of the rarest 10% of the world's avifauna, and updates on the BirdLife website: <http://www.birdlife.org/datazone/home>

(E)= Endangered, **(V)** = Vulnerable, **(NT)** = Near Threatened, **(DD)** = Data Deficient.

For polytypic species, the subspecies seen on the tour, where known, is placed in parentheses at the end of the species comment. Generally, species listed with trinomials are not currently split by the IOC.

The species names and taxonomy used in the report mostly follows Gill, F & D Donsker (Eds). **2016. IOC World Bird List (v 6.2)**. This list is updated several times annually and is available at <http://www.worldbirdnames.org>. Please note, this was the current version when the report checklist was created. Some alternative names are given in parentheses.

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Cinereous Tinamou *Crypturellus cinereus* Great views of one at close range at Aguas Verdes. Others heard.

Little Tinamou *Crypturellus soui* Great views of a juvenile at close range at Aguas Verdes [*inconspicuus*].

Tataupa Tinamou *Crypturellus tataupa* Heard, and seen by some, at Tamborapa, north of Jaen [*inops*].

Andean Tinamou *Nothoprocta pentlandii* Good views of one at Quebrada Frejolillo [*ambigua*].

Comb Duck *Sarkidiornis sylvicola* Seen at the reservoir near Chaparri, and good numbers seen near Bellavista.

Cinnamon Teal *Anas cyanoptera* Seen at the reservoir, Tinajones, near Chaparri, and at Laguna Paraiso [nominate].

White-cheeked Pintail *Anas bahamensis* Same sites as the above species [*rubrirostris*].

Masked Duck *Nomonyx dominicus* Great views of 18+, including some stunning males, near Moyobamba.

Speckled Chachalaca *Ortalis guttata* Several heard and a few seen, the first of which was at Huembo [nominate].

Andean Guan *Penelope montagnii* Great views of a couple at Abra Barra Negro [*plumosa*].

White-winged Guan ◊ *Penelope albipennis* (CR) See note.

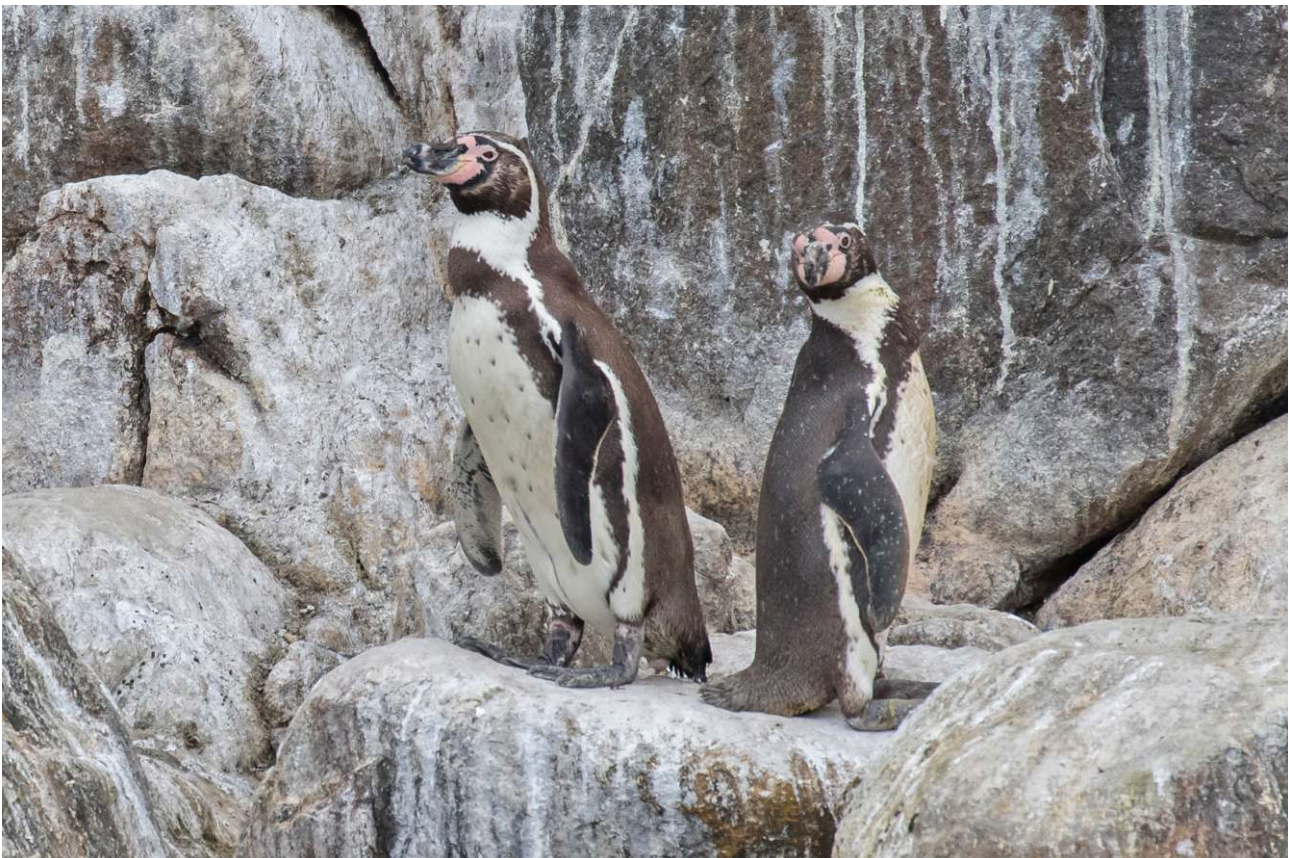
Wattled Guan *Aburria aburri* (H) (NT) Seen and heard by some of the group near to Tarapoto.

Sickle-winged Guan *Chamaepetes goudotii* A few seen well at the roadside down from Abra Patricia.

Marbled Wood Quail *Odontophorus gujanensis* (H) (NT) A group heard calling near Waqanki Lodge [*buckleyi*].

Rufous-breasted Wood Quail ◊ *Odontophorus speciosus* (H) (NT) A group heard at Plataforma [nominate].

Humboldt Penguin ◊ *Spheniscus humboldti* (PE) (VU) A few on the pelagic, including several on the Islas Palomino.



Humboldt Penguins on Los Islotes near to Lima (Pete Morris)

Wilson's Storm Petrel ◊ *Oceanites oceanicus* A few off the coast near to Santa Rosa were a write in.

Elliot's Storm Petrel ◊ (White-vented S P) *Oceanites gracilis* (DD) See note.

Waved Albatross *Phoebastria irrorata* (PE) (CR) c10 seen very well on the pelagic. Cracking birds!

Wedge-rumped Storm Petrel *Oceanodroma tethys* (PE) A few seen well on the pelagic [*kelsalli*].

Black Storm Petrel *Oceanodroma melania* (PE) Quite a few seen well on the pelagic from Callao.

Hornby's Storm Petrel (Ringed S P) *Oceanodroma hornbyi* (PE) (DD) A few seen very well on the pelagic. Crackers!

White-chinned Petrel *Procellaria aequinoctialis* (PE) (VU) Several seen well on the pelagic from Callao.

Sooty Shearwater *Puffinus griseus* (PE) Several seen well on the pelagic from Callao.

Pink-footed Shearwater *Puffinus creatopus* (PE) (VU) Several seen well on the pelagic from Callao.

Peruvian Diving Petrel *Pelecanoides garnotii* (PE) (EN) A couple seen well on the pelagic from Callao.

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps* A few seen at the reservoir, Tinajones, near Chaparri [*antarcticus*].

Great Grebe *Podiceps major* Seen distantly at the reservoir near Chaparri and then better at Laguna Paraiso.

Chilean Flamingo *Phoenicopterus chilensis* (PE) (NT) Small numbers seen at Laguna Paraiso, 24/11.
James's Flamingo ◊ (Puna F) *Phoenicoparrus jamesi* (PE) (NT) See note.
Black-faced Ibis ◊ *Theristicus melanopis* See note.
Puna Ibis *Plegadis ridgwayi* A few seen at several sites. First seen at the reservoir, Tinajones, near Chaparri.
Fasciated Tiger Heron *Tigrisoma fasciatum* A few seen, the first scoped on the way to Leymebamba [salmon].
Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* A few near to Bellavista and one at Laguna Paraiso [hoactli].
Striated Heron *Butorides striata* A few seen, the first at the reservoir, Tinajones, near Chaparri [nominate].
Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* Fairly common and widespread.
Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi* First seen at the reservoir, Tinajones, near Chaparri.
(American) Great Egret *Ardea [alba] egretta* Widespread. First seen at the reservoir, Tinajones, near Chaparri.
Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* First at the reservoir, Tinajones, near Chaparri. Common around Moyobamba.
Snowy Egret *Egretta thula* Fairly common and widespread [nominate].
Peruvian Pelican *Pelecanus thagus* (NT) Common off Santa Rosa and along the Lima Coast/pelagic.
Blue-footed Booby *Sula nebouxii* (PE) Just one on the Islas Palomino during the pelagic from Callao [nominate].
Peruvian Booby ◊ *Sula variegata* 100s off Santa Rosa and during the pelagic including a large colony on the Islas.
Red-legged Cormorant ◊ *Phalacrocorax gaimardi* (PE) (NT) Common on the pelagic especially around the Islas.



Red-legged Cormorant from the pelagic, and a fishing Fasciated Tiger Heron (Pete Morris)

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* Biggest numbers were at the reservoir, Tinajones, near Chaparri.
Guanay Cormorant ◊ *Leucocarbo bougainvillii* (PE) (NT) Plenty on the pelagic from Callao.
Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga* (NL) A couple of sightings in the Bellavista area.
Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* Common and widespread.
Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* Common and widespread.
King Vulture *Sarcoramphus papa* Just one, seen well at Quebrada Frejolillo.
Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* One at the reservoir near Chaparri and another at Laguna Paraiso [carolinensis].
Pearl Kite *Gampsonyx swainsonii* A pair on the first day were the only ones.
Grey-headed Kite *Leptodon cayanensis* One displaying over Quebrada Upaquihua [nominate].
Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus* Quite a few seen, the first around Abra Patricia [yetapa].

Plain-breasted Hawk *Accipiter ventralis* Good views of a perched bird near Saturno, Cruz Conga area, 9/11.
Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis* A few seen near to Bellavista [nominate].
Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis* One at the reservoir, Tinajones, near Chaparri, was the only one.
Solitary Eagle ◊ (Montane S E) *Buteogallus solitarius* (NT) See note [nominate].
Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris* Common and widespread [occiduus].
Harris's Hawk *Parabuteo unicinctus* A few noted. First seen on the journey from Chaparri to Olmos [harrisj].
Variable Hawk *Geranoaetus polyosoma* A few, including a pair at Rio Chonta and common at Lomas de Lachay [nominate].
Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle *Geranoaetus melanoleucus* Several seen, the first at Casupe, near to Chaparri [australis].
Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus* One seen below Abra Patricia [nominate].
Russet-crowned Crane *Laterallus viridis* Heard at various sites and three seen well near Moyobamba [nominate].
Rufous-sided Crane [oenops] *Laterallus melanophaius* (H) One heard near to Bellavista [oenops].
Grey-necked Wood Rail *Aramides cajaneus* Seen well at Aguas Verdes and on the road near to Bellavista.
Spotted Rail *Pardirallus maculatus* Excellent views of one at a roadside pond just north of Olmos [nominate].



It's always good to find a Spotted Rail lurking in the reedbed! (Pete Morris)

Plumbeous Rail *Pardirallus sanguinolentus* Seen well near to Cruz Conga and at Rio Chonta [*tschudii*].
Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinicus* A few. First seen at the roadside pond near Olmos.
Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata* Good numbers at a few sites, first at the reservoir near Chaparri [*pauvilla*].
Andean Coot *Fulica ardesiaca* Good numbers at the reservoir near Chaparri and at Laguna Paraiso [*atrura*].
Limpkin *Aramus guarauna* A few seen, first in the ricefields around Moyobamba and one at Bellavista [nominated].
Peruvian Thick-Knee *Burhinus superciliaris* Great views of c40 on the journey back from Quebrada Frejolillo.



Good numbers of Peruvian Thick-knees gave wonderful views (Pete Morris)

Blackish Oystercatcher *Haematopus ater* (PE) A few seen at Callao and Laguna Paraiso.
American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus* A few near Santa Rosa and c10 at Laguna Paraiso [nominated].
Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus* Seen at a few sites [nominated].
Andean Lapwing *Vanellus resplendens* A few seen, mostly on journeys, the first on the way to Abra Barra Negra.
Grey Plover (Black-bellied P) *Pluvialis squatarola* A few seen in the Santa Rosa area.
Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus* A few seen in the Santa Rosa area.
Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus* A few near Santa Rosa and at the reservoir near Chaparri [*peruvianus*].
Snowy Plover (NT) *Charadrius nivosus occidentalis* A few seen near Santa Rosa and c8 seen at Laguna Paraiso.
Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana* Small numbers. First seen in ricefields near to Moyobamba [*peruviana*].
Least Seedsnipe *Thinocorus rumicivorus* Small numbers seen in the Santa Rosa area.
(Hudsonian) Whimbrel *Numenius [phaeopus] hudsonicus* (PE) Two at Laguna Paraiso [*hudsonicus/rufiventris*].
Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* One in paddies near to Tarapoto.
(Western) Willet *Tringa [semipalmata] inornata* Three seen in the Santa Rosa area.
Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* Quite a few, the first in the Santa Rosa area.
Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* A few in the Santa Rosa area and plenty seen at Callao [*morinella*].
Surfbird *Aphriza virgata* A few in the Santa Rosa area and plenty seen at Callao.

Sanderling *Calidris alba* c10 seen in the Santa Rosa area.

Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla* (NT) A few for some near Santa Rosa and c10 at Laguna Paraiso.

Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri* (PE) One seen at Laguna Paraiso.

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla* Three seen in the Santa Rosa area.

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus* (PE) A few seen on the pelagic from Callao, Lima.

Red Phalarope (Grey P) *Phalaropus fulicarius* (PE) Quite a few seen on the pelagic from Lima.

Swallow-tailed Gull *Creagrus furcatus* (PE) c15 seen on the pelagic including some stunning full-plumaged adults.

Sabine's Gull *Xema sabini* (PE) c300 on the pelagic from Callao, Lima, including many great views.

Andean Gull *Chroicocephalus serranus* c20 in a roadside field on the drive back from San Marcos.

Grey-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus* c50 at the reservoir near Chaparri, and a few on the coast [nominate].

Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla* Small numbers seen in the Santa Rosa area.

Franklin's Gull *Leucophaeus pipixcan* A few near Santa Rosa and huge flocks (10,000+) at Callao and Laguna Paraiso.

Grey Gull *Leucophaeus modestus* (PE) A single at Laguna Paraiso.

Belcher's Gull *Larus belcheri* (PE) Plenty along the coast. First at Callao.

Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus* Plenty along the coast [nominate].

Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus* A couple seen along the coast near to Santa Rosa.

Elegant Tern *Thalasseus elegans* (NT) A few near Santa Rosa, a few at Callao and hundreds at Laguna Paraiso.

Cabot's Tern *Thalasseus acutifluidus* (PE) Singles at Callao and Laguna Paraiso [nominate].

Yellow-billed Tern *Sternula superciliaris* c10 seen in the marshes near to Bellavista.

South American Tern *Sterna hirundinacea* (PE) c4 seen on the pelagic from Callao.

Inca Tern *Larosterna inca* (PE) (NT) Plenty seen along the coast, especially on the pelagic from Callao, Lima.



Inca Terns always impress! (Pete Morris)

Chilean Skua *Stercorarius chilensis* (PE) One seen on the pelagic from Callao, Lima.

Pomarine Skua *Stercorarius pomarinus* (PE) c50 seen on the pelagic with many great views.

Long-tailed Jaeger (L-t Skua) *Stercorarius longicaudus* (PE) c20 seen well on the pelagic. Skuas are not easy [*pallascens*].

Rock Dove (Feral Pigeon) *Columba livia* Introduced vermin!

Scaled Pigeon *Patagioenas speciosa* One seen well in the scope at Flor del Café, Plataforma.

Band-tailed Pigeon *Patagioenas fasciata* Good numbers at several sites. First seen at Abra Porculla [*albilinea*].

Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis* Several in the south. First seen on the drive to Tarapoto [*sylvestris*].



The endemic Maranon Pigeon and another view of the Long-whiskered Owlet (Pete Morris)

- Maranon Pigeon (Peruvian P) *Patagioenas oenops* (VU)** Great views of a few in the Balsas Canon.
- Plumbeous Pigeon *Patagioenas plumbea*** A few heard, and one seen at Flor del Café Plataforma [*pallescens*].
- Ruddy Pigeon *Patagioenas subvinacea* (VU)** A few heard and two seen on the journey to Plataforma [*ogilviegranti*].
- Plain-breasted Ground Dove *Columbina minuta*** A few seen on the drive from Bellavista to Quebrada Upaquihua.
- Ruddy Ground Dove *Columbina talpacoti*** Common in the south. First seen near to Moyobamba [n nominate].
- Croaking Ground Dove *Columbina cruziana*** Common and widespread. First seen at Casupe.
- Blue Ground Dove *Claravis pretiosa*** Several seen including 6+ near Jaen several at Quebrada Mishquiyacu.
- Bare-faced Ground Dove *Metriopelia ceciliae*** See note.
- White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi*** Pretty common and widespread. First seen at Quebrada Frejolillo [*decolor*].
- Grey-fronted Dove *Leptotila rufaxilla*** Only seen at the Koepcke's Hermit Akonabikh, Tarapoto [*dubusi*].
- White-throated Quail-dove *Zentrygon frenata*** A couple seen at Abra Patricia - one showed pretty well [n nominate].
- Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata*** Common and widespread [*hypoleuca*].
- West Peruvian Dove *Zenaida meloda*** Common and widespread.
- Hoatzin *Opisthocomus hoazin*** Great views of five in the marshes near to Bellavista.
- Greater Ani *Crotophaga major*** One seen well at Fundo Alto Nieva, Abra Patricia, was an unlikely first for the reserve!!
- Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani*** Common in the southeast. First seen on the journey to Moyobamba.
- Groove-billed Ani *Crotophaga sulcirostris*** Common in the arid west.
- Striped Cuckoo *Tapera naevia*** A few heard. Our best views were at San Marcos.
- Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana*** A few seen. First noted around Tamborapa [*nigricrissa*].
- Western Barn Owl *Tyto alba*** Great views of a couple in ricefields near to Moyobamba [*contempta*].
- West Peruvian Screech Owl ◇ *Megascops [roboratus] pacificus*** Brilliant views of one in the spotlight at Chaparri.
- West Peruvian (Maranon) Screech Owl ◇ *Megascops [roboratus] roboratus*** One spotlighted near to Tamborapa.
- Tropical Screech Owl *Megascops choliba* (H)** One heard by some at Waqanki Lodge.
- Koepcke's Screech Owl ◇ *Megascops koepckee*** Brilliant spotlight views of a pair near to Leymebamba [n nominate].
- Napo Screech Owl ◇ *Megascops napensis*** Superb spotlight views of one at Flor del Café, Plataforma.
- White-throated Screech Owl *Megascops albogularis*** Great spotlight views of a pair San Lorenzo [*remotus*].
- Rufous-banded Owl *Strix albitarsis* (H)** Heard a couple of times at Abra Patricia, but sadly not obliging.
- Black-banded Owl *Strix huhula* (H)** Heard distantly at Flor del Café, Plataforma [n nominate].

Crested Owl *Lophostrix cristata* Brilliant views of a stunning adult and juvenile at roost near Tarapoto [nominate].
Spectacled Owl *Pulsatrix perspicillata* (H) Heard quite distantly near to Waqanki Lodge [nominate].
Band-bellied Owl ◊ *Pulsatrix melanota* Excellent spotlight views of a pair at Waqanki Lodge.
Ferruginous Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum* Singles near to Waqanki Lodge and at Flor del Café [ucayalae].
Pacific Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium peruanum* Amazingly common and easy - more than 20 noted, the first at Casupe.



There are few owls as common, as easy to see, and as cute as the Pacific Pygmy Owl!! (Pete Morris)

Long-whiskered Owlet ◊ *Xenoglaux loweryi* (EN) Yes, yes YES!!! Took some effort – see note.
Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia* A couple at Quebrada Frejolillo, and common at Lomas de Lachay.
Striped Owl *Pseudoscops clamator* Stunning views of a roosting bird in roadside tress near Moyobamba [nominate].
Stygian Owl *Asio stygius* One scoped hunting bats from the top of a huge aerial in Moyobamba. Weird! [robustus].
Oilbird *Steatornis caripensis* Great views of c20 from the roadside south of Moyobamba. A nice bonus!
Sand-colored Nighthawk *Chordeiles rupestris* Good views of c25 over the river near to Moyobamba [nominate].
Lesser Nighthawk *Chordeiles acutipennis* Quite a few seen in the northwest. First seen near to Chaparri [exilis].
Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis* (H) Heard a couple of times, the first time at Tamborapa [nominate].
Anthony's Nightjar ◊ (Scrub N) *Nyctidromus anthonyi* Some decent views on the first evening at Chaparri.
Swallow-tailed Nightjar *Uropsalis segmentata* A female showed well at Abra Patricia a couple of times [kalinowskii].
White-chested Swift ◊ *Cypseloides lemosi* Seen by a lucky few above the road at Afluente.
Chestnut-collared Swift *Streptoprocne rutila* c50 seen well in the Balsas Canyon and a few other [brunnitorques].
White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris* First seen in the Balsas Canyon. A few other sightings [subtropicalis].
Grey-rumped Swift *Chaetura cinereiventris* A couple of sightings, the first at Afluente [sclateri].
Short-tailed Swift *Chaetura brachyura* A couple seen at Flor del Café, Plataforma [nominate].
White-tipped Swift *Aeronautes montivagus* First seen at Casupe. More seen in the southeast [nominate].

Andean Swift *Aeronautes andecolus* Good views of a few at Rio Chonta [*parvulus*].
Neotropical Palm Swift *Tachornis squamata* Just a few. First seen near to Moyobamba [*semota*].
Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift *Panyptila cayennensis* A couple seen on the drive up to Flor del Café, Plataforma.
Rufous-breasted Hermit *Glaucis hirsutus* One seen at the feeders at Quebrada Mishquiayacu [n nominate].
Green Hermit *Phaethornis guy* Just a few seen, the first at Aguas Verdes [*apicalis*].
Great-billed Hermit *Phaethornis malaris* Just a few including three at Waqanki Lodge [*bolivianus*-group].
Koepcke's Hermit ◇ *Phaethornis koepckeae* (NT) Great views of one at the Koepcke's Hermit Akonabikh.
Reddish Hermit *Phaethornis ruber* A couple seen well around the feeders at Aguas Verdes, 16/11.
Black-throated Hermit ◇ *Phaethornis atrimentalis* Excellent views at the feeders at Waqanki Lodge [n nominate].
Grey-chinned Hermit *Phaethornis griseogularis* A few seen, the first couple seen very well at Casupe [*porcullae*].
Blue-fronted Lancebill ◇ *Doryfera johannae* Brilliant views of c10 at the feeders at Aguas Verdes.
Grey-breasted Sabrewing *Campylopterus largipennis* Quite a few, the first at Aguas Verdes [*aequatorialis*].
White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora* First seen at the feeders at Aguas Verdes.
Green Violetear *Colibri thalassinus* A few, first seen at Abra Porculla [*crissalis*].
Sparkling Violetear *Colibri coruscans* Quite a few, the first seen at Casupe [n nominate].
Black-throated Mango *Anthracothorax nigricollis* A few, the first at the feeders at Waqanki Lodge.
Violet-headed Hummingbird *Klais guimeti* Good views of a few at Flor del Café, Plataforma [*pallidiventris*].
Rufous-crested Coquette ◇ *Lophornis delattrei* Great views at Waqanki. Stunners! [n nominate].



Many-spotted Hummingbird and the brilliant Rufous-crested Coquette (Pete Morris)

Blue-tailed Emerald *Chlorostilbon mellisugus* Just three, the first couple at Aguas Verdes [*peruanus*].
Fork-tailed Woodnymph *Thalurania furcata* Quite common. First seen at the feeders at Aguas Verdes [*viridipectus*].
White-chinned Sapphire *Hylocharis cyanus* Singles at Quebrada Upaquiuhua on two dates [*rostrata*].
Golden-tailed Sapphire *Chrysuronia oenone* Common at several feeders, first at Aguas Verdes [*josephinae*].
Tumbes Hummingbird ◇ *Leucippus baeri* Great views of several at Quebrada Frejolillo.
Spot-throated Hummingbird ◇ *Leucippus taczanowskii* Quite a good number seen, the first at Abra Porculla.
Many-spotted Hummingbird ◇ *Taphrospilus hypostictus* Great views of several at the feeders at Aguas Verdes.
White-bellied Hummingbird *Amazilia chionogaster* A few seen, the first at the feeders at Leymebamba.

Amazilia Hummingbird *Amazilia amazilia* Common in the dry west. First seen at Casupe [*leucophaea*].

Andean Emerald *Amazilia franciae* A few seen. First noted at Gotas de Agua [*cyanicollis*].

Sapphire-spangled Emerald *Amazilia lactea* Plenty seen well, especially at the various feeders [*bartletti*].

Speckled Hummingbird *Adelomyia melanogeny* Quite a few seen, the first at the feeders at Leymebamba [*maculata*].

Gould's Jewelfront ◊ *Heliodoxa aurescens* Great views of several at the feeders at the Koepcke's Hermit Akonabikh.

Fawn-breasted Brilliant *Heliodoxa rubinoides* 4+ seen at the feeders at Abra Patricia [*cervinigularis*].

Violet-fronted Brilliant *Heliodoxa leadbeateri* Seen well at the feeders at Huembo and at Abra Patricia [*sagitta*].

Chestnut-breasted Coronet *Boissonneaua matthewsii* Many seen well, first at the feeders at Leymebamba.

Shining Sunbeam *Aglaeactis cupripennis* Best views were at Abra Barra Negra.

Mountain Velvetbreast *Lafresnaya lafresnayi* Just one seen briefly at San Lorenzo [*orestes*].

Bronzy Inca *Coeligena coeligena* Fairly common, first seen at the feeders at Huembo [*obscura*].

Collared Inca *Coeligena torquata* Good numbers on the feeders at Abra Patricia [*insectivora/margaretae*].

Violet-throated Starfrontlet *Coeligena violifer* Several sightings, many of which were quick, at San Lorenzo [*dichroua*].

Rainbow Starfrontlet *Coeligena iris* Excellent views of a couple at the feeders at Leymebamba [*fulgidiceps*].

Sword-billed Hummingbird *Ensifera ensifera* Excellent views at Leymebamba, and one at San Lorenzo.

Giant Hummingbird *Patagona gigas* Several seen very well, the first in the Balsas Canyon [*peruviana*].

Amethyst-throated Sunangel *Heliangelus amethysticollis* Seen at San Lorenzo and Abra Patricia [*laticlavus*].

Purple-throated Sunangel *Heliangelus viola* Seen at the feeders at Leymebamba and at Huembo.

Royal Sunangel *Heliangelus regalis* (EN) At least four cracking males seen very well at Abra Patricia [nominate].

Sapphire-vented Puffleg *Eriocnemis luciani* See note.

Emerald-bellied Puffleg *Eriocnemis aline* Smart! Easy to see at the feeders at Owllet Lodge [*dybowskii*].



We enjoyed so many fabulous hummingbirds! Here, clockwise from top left, are: Amethyst-throated Sunangel; Violet-fronted Brilliant; Chestnut-breasted Coronet and the gorgeous Emerald-bellied Puffleg (Pete Morris)

Buff-thighed Puffleg *Haplophaedia assimilis* See note.

Booted Racket-tail *Ocreatus underwoodii* First and best views at the feeders at Fundo Alto Nieva. Buff puffs here!

Black-tailed Trainbearer *Lesbia victoriae* Singles at Abra Barra Negra and Leymebamba [*juliae*].

Green-tailed Trainbearer *Lesbia nuna* A couple seen well at Abra Porculla [*pallidiventris*].

Tyrian Metaltail *Metallura tyrianthina* Quite a few at the higher sites, the first near to Cruz Conga [*septentrionalis*].

Coppery Metaltail ◊ *Metallura theresiae* Two seen very well at Abra Barra Negro.

Black Metaltail ◊ *Metallura phoebe* Good views of several at the Rio Chonta.

Long-tailed Sylph *Aglaiocercus kingii* A few seen well, the first at Abra Patricia [*smaragdinus*].

Marvellous Spatuletail ◊ *Loddigesia mirabilis* (EN) Brilliant views of at least two stunning males and a female at Huembo.



More brilliant hummingbirds! Booted Racket-tail, white-thighed form of Buff-thighed Puffleg and the amazing Marvellous Spatuletail (Pete Morris)

Long-billed Starthroat *Heliomaster longirostris* Two forms: *albicrissa* at Casupe and nominate at Aguas Verdes.

Peruvian Sheartail ◊ *Thaumastura cora* Three seen by those present on the first day!

Oasis Hummingbird *Rhodopis vesper* (PE) Several seen well at Lomas de Lachay.

Amethyst Woodstar *Calliphlox amethystina* A couple seen at the feeders at Aguas Verdes.

Purple-collared Woodstar *Myrtis fanny* Fairly common in drier areas. First seen at Casupe [nominate].

Short-tailed Woodstar ◊ *Myrmia micrura* A couple seen in the desert at Chaparri.
White-bellied Woodstar *Chaetocercus mulsant* Several seen well at the feeders around Abra Patricia.
Golden-headed Quetzal *Pharomachrus auriceps* Excellent views of a male below Abra Patricia [nominate].
Ecuadorian Trogon ◊ *Trogon mesurus* Superb views of two males at Casupe. Pale eyes obvious!
Green-backed Trogon *Trogon viridis* A couple seen below the tunnel at Tarapoto.
Blue-crowned Trogon *Trogon curucui* Good views of a couple at Quebrada Upaquiuhua [peruvianus].
Collared Trogon *Trogon collaris* A few seen well at Flor del Café, Plataforma [nominate].
Masked Trogon *Trogon personatus* At least three seen in the Abra Patricia area [nominate].
Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana* Just a couple seen, near Olmos [cabanisii].
Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona* (NL) A single riverside bird from the vehicles for some.
Amazonian Motmot *Momotus momota* Good views of one at Quebrada Upaquiuhua [ignobilis].
Broad-billed Motmot *Electron platyrhynchum* Good views of one at Waqanki Lodge [pyrrholaemum].
Bluish-fronted Jacamar *Galbula cyanescens* Several seen well, the first at Waqanki Lodge.
Black-fronted Nunbird *Monasa nigrifrons* About 6 seen well at Quebrada Upaquiuhua.
White-fronted Nunbird *Monasa morphoeus* Two seen on the way down from Flor del Café, Plataforma [peruana].
Scarlet-banded Barbet ◊ *Capito wallacei* (VU) Great views of a fabulous group of five just below Flor del Café. Stunners!
Gilded Barbet *Capito auratus* A couple at Waqanki Lodge and seen again at Tarapoto [punctatus].
Versicolored Barbet ◊ *Eubucco versicolor* (NT) See note.
Black-throated Toucanet ◊ *Aulacorhynchus atrogularis* Just a few noted, the first below Abra Patricia [cyanolaemus].
Chestnut-tipped Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus derbianus* At least four seen well at Flor del Café, Plataforma.
Chestnut-eared Aracari *Pteroglossus castanotis* A few seen, the first at Waqanki Lodge [nominate].
Curl-crested Aracari *Pteroglossus beauharnaesii* Seen briefly by some below the tunnel at Tarapoto.
Golden-collared Toucanet *Selenidera reinwardtii* Seen well at Aguas Verdes and again at Waqanki Lodge.
Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan *Andigena hypoglauca* (H) (NT) Heard by some at Leymebamba.
Lafresnaye's Piculet *Picumnus lafresnayi* A couple seen well at Afluente, and one or two others.
Ecuadorian Piculet ◊ *Picumnus sclateri* Excellent views of a pair at Abra Porculla [porcullae].
Speckle-chested Piculet ◊ *Picumnus steindachneri* (EN) One seen at Huembo and a pair below Abra Patricia.
Yellow-tufted Woodpecker *Melanerpes cruentatus* A few seen, the first at Waqanki Lodge.
Smoky-brown Woodpecker *Picoides fumigatus* A pair seen at Abra Porculla, and a couple later in the trip [obscuratus].



Two splashes of colour! Bluish-fronted Jacamar and Blue-crowned Trogon (Pete Morris)



Several smart little Scarlet-backed Woodpeckers entertained us in the northwest (Pete Morris)

- Scarlet-backed Woodpecker** *Veniliornis callonotus* Plenty in the north: first seen well by the lodge at Chaparri [major].
- Little Woodpecker** *Veniliornis passerinus* (H) One heard near to Moyobamba [agilis].
- Red-stained Woodpecker** *Veniliornis affinis* One seen below the tunnel at Tarapoto [hilaris].
- Golden-olive Woodpecker** *Colaptes rubiginosus* See note.
- Crimson-mantled Woodpecker** *Colaptes rivolii* A pair seen well at San Lorenzo [brevirostris].
- Black-necked Woodpecker** ◊ *Colaptes atricollis* A couple seen very well in the Balsas Canyon [peruvianus].
- Spot-breasted Woodpecker** *Colaptes punctigula* (H) Heard by some near to Moyobamba
- Andean Flicker** *Colaptes rupicola* Common at some highland sites. First noted at Abra Barra Negro [cinereicapillus].
- Lineated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus lineatus* One seen well at Quebrada Upaquiuhua [nominate].
- Red-necked Woodpecker** *Campephilus rubricollis* Excellent views of one below the tunnel at Tarapoto [trachelopyrus].
- Guayaquil Woodpecker** ◊ *Campephilus gayaquilensis* (NT) Excellent views of a male at Casupe.
- Mountain Caracara** *Phalcoboenus megalopterus* Small numbers at several sites, the first near Cruz Conga.
- Northern Crested Caracara** *Caracara cheriway* A few seen, the first near to Chaparri.
- Yellow-headed Caracara** *Milvago chimachima* Just a few in the south, the first near to Moyobamba [cordata].
- Laughing Falcon** *Herpetotheres cachinnans* (H) Heard at Quebrada Upaquiuhua [nominate].
- American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius* Small numbers. First noted on the drive to Olmos [peruvianus].
- Aplomado Falcon** *Falco femoralis* (PE) Just one at Lomas de Lachay [pichincha].
- Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus* One seen on the first day and another at Lomas de Lachay [cassini].
- Mountain Parakeet** ◊ *Psilopsiagon aurifrons* (PE) c100 showing well at Lomas de Lachay [nominate].
- Cobalt-winged Parakeet** *Brotogeris cyanoptera* A few noted in the south, the first near Moyobamba [nominate].
- Red-billed Parrot** *Pionus sordidus* A couple seen and heard flying over at Abra Patricia.
- White-capped Parrot** *Pionus seniloides* Two seen well at Abra Patricia.
- Blue-headed Parrot** *Pionus menstruus* Fairly common in the southeast. First seen at Waqanki Lodge [nominate].
- Scaly-naped Amazon** *Amazona mercenarius* A few flying over at Abra Patricia [nominate].
- Blue-winged Parrotlet** *Forpus xanthopterygius* A few in the south, first seen near to Moyobamba [flavescens].
- Pacific Parrotlet** ◊ *Forpus coelestis* A few flocks in the northwest, first seen at Casupe.
- Yellow-faced Parrotlet** ◊ *Forpus xanthops* (VU) Great views of a pair near to the bottom of the Balsas Canyon.
- Rose-fronted Parakeet** *Pyrrhura roseifrons* See note.
- Scarlet-fronted Parakeet** ◊ *Psittacara wagleri* See note.
- Mitred Parakeet** *Psittacara mitratus* Great views of a flock of c30 by the entrance to Huembo [chlorogenys].



Red-masked Parakeets showed wonderfully at Quebrada Frejolillo (Pete Morris)

- Red-masked Parakeet** ◊ *Psittacara erythrogenys* (NT) Great views of c100 at Quebrada Frejolillo.
- White-eyed Parakeet** *Psittacara leucophthalmus* Quite a few noted, including several at the Oilbird bridge [*callogenys*].
- Coastal Miner** ◊ *Geositta peruviana* Two forms *paytae* at Bosque de Pomac, nominate at Lomas de Lachay.
- Striated Earthcreeper** *Geocerthia serrana* Excellent views of one near to Cruz Conga [nominate].
- Cream-winged Cinclodes** *Cinclodes albiventris* A few roadside birds, the first en route to Cajamarca [nominate].
- White-winged Cinclodes** *Cinclodes atacamensis* Many seen well at the Rio Chonta canyon [nominate].
- Peruvian Seaside Cinclodes** ◊ *Cinclodes taczanowskii* (PE) Good views of a couple on the islands off Callao.
- Pale-legged Hornero** *Furnarius leucopus* (H) Heard at Waqanki Lodge Quebrada Mishquiyacu [*tricolor*].
- Pacific Hornero** ◊ *Furnarius cinnamomeus* Common in the northwest. First seen at Casupe.
- Rusty-crowned Tit-Spinetail** ◊ *Leptasthenura pileata* A few, first seen near to Cruz Conga [*cajabambae*].
- White-chinned Thistletail** ◊ *Asthenes fuliginosa* A couple seen well near to the summit of Abra Barra Negro [*peruviana*].
- Streak-throated Canastero** *Asthenes humilis* A single roadside bird on our long detour from Celendin [*cajamarcae*].
- Many-striped Canastero** *Asthenes flammulata* Good views of a pair near the summit of Abra Barra Negro [*pallida*].
- Rufous Spinetail** *Synallaxis unirufa* A few, mostly heard but first seen at San Lorenzo [*ochrogaster*].
- Azara's Spinetail** *Synallaxis azarae* Two forms: *fruticicola* heard at Abra Barra Negro, *infumata* seen at San Lorenzo.
- Dark-breasted Spinetail** *Synallaxis albigularis* (H) Heard at Aguas Verdes and Afluenta.
- Cinereous-breasted Spinetail** ◊ *Synallaxis hypospodia* (H) One heard well and seen briefly near to Moyobamba.
- Chestnut-throated Spinetail** ◊ *Synallaxis cherriei* (NT) One heard and glimpsed in the coffee at Waqanki Lodge [*saturata*].
- Plain-crowned Spinetail** *Synallaxis gujanensis* Good views of on both visits to Quebrada Upaquiuhua [*huallagae*].
- Maranon Spinetail** ◊ *Synallaxis maranonica* (CR) Fantastic views of three and others heard at Tamborapa.
- Necklaced Spinetail** ◊ *Synallaxis stictothorax* A few. Seen well the first day and at Quebrada Frejolillo.
- Necklaced** (or Chinchipe) Spinetail *Synallaxis [stictothorax] chinchipensis* Fantastic views at Tamborapa.
- Great Spinetail** ◊ *Siptornopsis hypochondriaca* (VU) Great views of a singing pair above San Marcos.
- Ash-browed Spinetail** *Cranioleuca curtata* (VU) Good views of a few at Flor del Café, Plataforma [*cisandina*].
- Line-cheeked Spinetail** *Cranioleuca antisimensis* Four seen well at Abra Porculla [*palambiae*].
- Baron's Spinetail** ◊ *Cranioleuca baroni* A few seen, the first seen well near to Cruz Conga [nominate].
- Russet-mantled Softtail** ◊ *Thripophaga berlepschi* (VU) Great views of at least 7 at Abra Barra Negro. Also at San Lorenzo.

Rufous-fronted Thornbird *Phacellodomus rufifrons* Several, first seen at Gotas de Agua, Jaen [*peruvianus*].

Chestnut-backed Thornbird ◊ *Phacellodomus dorsalis* (VU) Great views of one, and others heard, in the Balsas Canyon.

Equatorial Greytail ◊ *Xenerpestes singularis* Good views of a responsive pair at Afluente.

Spotted Barbtail *Premnoplex brunnescens* First at Fundo Alto Nieva, Abra Patricia. Also seen at Plataforma [nominat].

Pearled Treerunner *Margarornis squamiger* A few seen in the uplands. First seen at Abra Barra Negro [*peruvianus*].

Streaked Tuftedcheek *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii* Seen well at San Lorenzo and at Abra Patricia [*medianus*].

Montane Foliage-gleaner *Anabacerthia striaticollis* Several seen in mixed flocks above Afluente [*montana*].

Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner *Syndactyla rufosuperciliata* Good views of a couple at Abra Patricia [*cabanisi*].

Rufous-necked Foliage-gleaner ◊ *Syndactyla ruficollis* (VU) Excellent views at Casupe and again at Abra Porculla.

Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner *Philydor erythrocerum* Good views at Flor del Café Plataforma [*ochrogaster*].

Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner *Philydor rufum* One seen well in a mixed flock above Afluente [*bolivianum*].

Striped Treehunter *Thripadectes holostictus* (H) Heard a couple of times at Abra Patricia.

Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner *Automolus ochrolaemus* One seen well at Quebrada Upaquiuhua [*ochrolaemus*].

Henna-hooded Foliage-gleaner ◊ *Hylocryptus erythrocephalus* See note.

Plain Xenops *Xenops minutus* A single at Waqanki Lodge was the only one [*obsoletus*].

Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans* A few seen, the first at Abra Patricia [*peruvianus*].

Plain-brown Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla fuliginosa* A couple at Waqanki Lodge were the only ones [*neglecta*].

Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus* Quite a few in the southeast, the first near Afluente [*amazonus*].

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper *Glyphorhynchus spirurus* Just one below the Tarapoto tunnel [*castelnaudii*].

Strong-billed Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus* Good views of one at Quebrada Upaquiuhua.

Black-banded Woodcreeper *Dendrocolaptes picumnus* (H) One heard below the tunnel at Tarapoto [*validus*].

Straight-billed Woodcreeper *Dendroplex picus* Good views of a pair at Quebrada Upaquiuhua [*peruvianus*].

Tschudi's Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus chunchotambo* Seen at Waqanki Lodge and Flor del Café [nominat].

Buff-throated Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus guttatus* One seen on the way up to Flor del Café [*guttatoides*].

Olive-backed Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus triangularis* A couple of sightings in the Abra Patricia area.

Streak-headed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii* A few in the northwest, mostly at Quebrada Frejoillo [nominat].

Fasciated Antshrike *Cymbilaimus lineatus* A female seen well at Waqanki Lodge; others heard [*intermedius*].

Collared Antshrike ◊ *Thamnophilus bernardi* Quite common in the northwest. First seen at Casupe [nominat].

Collared (or Shumba) Antshrike ◊ *Thamnophilus [bernardi] shumbae* A few seen well near to Jaen.

Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus* Heard and seen briefly at Quebrada Upaquiuhua [*radiatus*].

Chapman's Antshrike ◊ *Thamnophilus zarumae* Excellent views of at least two at Abra Porculla [*palamblae*].

Lined Antshrike *Thamnophilus tenuipunctatus* (VU) A pair seen well at Waqanki Lodge, others heard [*berlepschii*].

Plain-winged Antshrike *Thamnophilus schistaceus* A couple seen well at Waqanki Lodge [nominat].

Northern Slaty Antshrike ◊ *Thamnophilus punctatus* See note.

Variable Antshrike *Thamnophilus caerulescens* (H) One heard at San Lorenzo [*melanchrous*].

Rufous-capped Antshrike *Thamnophilus ruficapillus* Great views of a couple of males at San Lorenzo [*jaczewskii*].

Plain Antwren *Dysithamnus mentalis* A few heard and one seen at Flor del Café, Plataforma [*tambillanus*].

Ornate Antwren *Epinecrophylla ornata* See note.

Pygmy Antwren *Myrmotherula brachyura* (H) Heard in the canopy at the Koepcke's Hermit Akonabikh, Tarapoto.

Stripe-chested Antwren *Myrmotherula longicauda* Seen at Waqanki Lodge and Quebrada Upaquiuhua [*pseudoaustralis*].

White-flanked Antwren *Myrmotherula axillaris* Good views of a group at the Koepcke's Hermit Akonabikh, Tarapoto.

Slaty Antwren *Myrmotherula schisticolor* A female seen briefly at Flor del Café, Plataforma [*interior*].

Yellow-breasted Antwren *Herpsilochmus axillaris* (VU) Several seen very well at Flor del Café, Plataforma [*puncticeps*].

Dot-winged Antwren *Microrhophias quixensis* Heard and seen briefly at the Koepcke's Hermit Akonabikh [*intercedens*].

Rusty-backed Antwren *Formicivora rufa* A male seen well to the west of Moyobamba [*urubambae*].

Streak-headed Antbird *Drymophila striaticeps* Frequently heard and a few seen well at Abra Patricia.

Rufous-rumped Antwren *Terenura callinota* A couple seen well in mixed flocks above Afluente [*peruviana*].

Grey Antbird *Cercomacra cinerascens* A singing bird seen well at Quebrada Upaquiuhua [*sclateri*].

Blackish Antbird *Cercomacra nigrescens* A pair seen well above Afluente, others heard [*aequatorialis*].

White-backed Fire-eye *Pyriglena leuconota* (H) A few heard in the Abra Patricia area [*picea*].

White-browed Antbird *Myrmoborus leucophrys* Some good views at Quebrada Upaquiuhua [nominat].

Black-faced Antbird *Myrmoborus myotherinus* A pair seen, others heard, at the Koepcke's Hermit Akonabikh [nominat].

Peruvian Warbling Antbird *Hypocnemis peruviana* Good views of a few at Waqanki Lodge.

Spot-winged Antbird *Schistocichla leucostigma* Great views of a male at Waqanki Lodge. Others heard [*subplumbea*].

Northern Chestnut-tailed Antbird (Zimmer's A) *Myrmeciza castanea* (H) Heard at Aguas Verdes.

Southern Chestnut-tailed Antbird ◊ *Myrmeciza hemimelaena* Brilliant views of a pair at Quebrada Upaquiuhua.

White-plumed Antbird *Pithys albifrons* Good views of at least three near Tarapoto. A bit lastminute.com! [*peruvianus*].
Hairy-crested Antbird ◊ *Rhegmatorhina melanosticta* See note.
Common Scale-backed Antbird *Willisornis poecilinotus* Excellent views of a female near Tarapoto [*lepidonota*].
Rufous-breasted Antthrush *Formicarius rufipectus* Several heard and one seen well to tape at Flor del Café [*thoracicus*].
Barred Antthrush *Chamaeza mollissima* (H) Heard distantly at Abra Patricia [nominated].
Scaled Antpitta *Grallaria guatemalensis* (H) One heard at dusk at Flor del Café, Plataforma [*sororia*].
Chestnut-crowned Antpitta *Grallaria ruficapilla* (H) Heard at several sites, but no sightings [*albiloris*].
Pale-billed Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria carrikeri* (NT) Brilliant views of c4 birds above San Lorenzo. Real megas!
Rusty-tinged Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria przewalskii* (VU) Good views for some of one at San Lorenzo. Many more heard.
Rufous (or Fulvous) Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria [rufula] obscura* Excellent views, for most, of one above Abra Barra Negro.
Rufous (or Cajamarca) Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria [rufula] cajamarcae* See note.
Chestnut Antpitta ◊ *Grallaria blakei* (NT) Brilliant views of one at Abra Patricia and a couple of others heard there.



This gorgeous Chestnut Antpitta was a star at Abra Patricia! (Pete Morris)

Thrush-like Antpitta *Myrmothera campanisona* (H) Heard a couple of times, but when we were pre-occupied [*minor*].
Ochre-fronted Antpitta ◊ *Grallaricula ochraceifrons* (EN) Brilliant views of a male at Abra Patricia. Stunner!
Ash-colored Tapaculo *Myornis senilis* Excellent views of one at San Lorenzo. Others heard there.
Northern White-crowned Tapaculo *Scytalopus atratus* Great views of a male above Afluente.
Rufous-vented Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus femoralis* Very good views of a couple at Abra Patricia. Others heard.
Trilling Tapaculo *Scytalopus parvirostris* (H) One heard at Abra Patricia, 15/11.
Neblina Tapaculo ◊ *Scytalopus altirostris* (H) One heard near Abra Barra Negro, but high up the slope.
Blackish Tapaculo *Scytalopus latrans* Superb views of one at Abra Barra Negro. Others heard [*intermedius*].
Maranon Crescentchest ◊ *Melanopareia maranonica* (NT) Brilliant views of a couple at Tamborapa.
Elegant Crescentchest *Melanopareia elegans* A few seen well at Quebrada Frejolillo [*paucaensis*].
Wing-barred Piprites *Piprites chloris* (H) One heard at the Koepcke's Hermit Akonabikh, near Tarapoto [*tschudii*].
Sooty-headed Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias griseiceps* Good views of one at Waqanki Lodge.
Plumbeous-crowned Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias plumbeiceps* Good views of one at Afluente.
Black-capped Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias nigrocapillus* One heard at Abra Patricia [nominated].
Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet *Tyrannulus elatus* (H) Heard near Tarapoto.
Forest Elaenia *Myiopagis gaimardii* (H) Heard at Flor del Café, Plataforma.

Pacific Elaenia ◊ *Myiopagis subplacens* Great views at Casupe and at Quebrada Frejolillo.

Greenish Elaenia *Myiopagis viridicata* Surprisingly we found a breeding pair at Quebrada Upaquiua [nominated].

Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster* A few seen, the first at Tamborapa [*semipagana*].

Sierran Elaenia *Elaenia pallatangae* First seen at the top of the Balsas Canyon, just below Celendin [*intensa*].

White-lored Tyrannulet *Ornithion inerme* Great views of a tailless individual below the tunnel at Tarapoto.

Southern Beardless Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum* See note.

White-throated Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus leucophrys* A few around Abra Barra Negro [*brunneomarginatus*].

White-tailed Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus poecilocercus* (H) Heard at Abra Patricia.

Rufous-winged Tyrannulet ◊ *Mecocerculus calopterus* Excellent views of a pair at Leymebamba.

White-banded Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus stictopterus* A couple seen well at Abra Barra Negra [nominated].

Black-crested Tit-Tyrant ◊ *Anairetes nigrocristatus* Several seen well, the first near to Cruz Conga.

Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant *Anairetes flavirostris* Just a few seen, the first near to Abra Porculla [*huancabambae*].

Tufted Tit-Tyrant *Anairetes parulus* A few seen, the first near to Saturno, south of Cruz Conga [*aequatorialis*].

Torrent Tyrannulet *Serpophaga cinerea* Only seen at the Rio Chonta where first seen [nominated].

Mouse-colored Tyrannulet *Phaeomyias murina* One seen near to Waqanki Lodge [*wagae*].

Tumbesian Tyrannulet ◊ *Phaeomyias tumbezana* See note.

Rufous-headed Pygmy Tyrant *Pseudotriccus ruficeps* Great views of one at Abra Patricia. Others heard.

Tawny-crowned Pygmy Tyrant *Euscarthmus meloryphus* Surprisingly conspicuous in the northwest [*fulviceps*].

Grey-and-white Tyrannulet ◊ *Pseudelaenia leucospodia* Common in the northwest. First seen at Casupe.

Red-billed Tyrannulet ◊ *Zimmerius cinereicapilla* (VU) Excellent views of a pair below Flor del Café, Plataforma.

Mishana Tyrannulet ◊ *Zimmerius villarejoi* (VU) Brilliant views of a calling bird at Waqanki Lodge. Others heard.

Peruvian Tyrannulet ◊ *Zimmerius viridiflavus* Quite a few seen and heard, the first at Abra Patricia.

Variegated Bristle Tyrant *Pogonotriccus poecilotis* Seen in mixed flocks below Abra Patricia, and at Plataforma.

Ecuadorian Tyrannulet ◊ *Phylloscartes gualaquizae* (NT) Excellent views of one at Afluente.

Streak-necked Flycatcher *Mionectes striaticollis* A couple seen at Abra Patricia [*palambiae*].

Olive-striped Flycatcher *Mionectes olivaceus* Several seen at Flor del Café, Plataforma [*fasciaticollis*].

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus* Just three seen, the first at Waqanki Lodge.

Slaty-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon superciliaris* A few seen, the first at Abra Patricia [*nominata*].

Inca Flycatcher ◊ *Leptopogon taczanowskii* (NT) Good views of a few in a mixed flocks below Abra Patricia.

Fluorescent Flycatcher *Myiophobus flavicans* A couple seen at Abra Patricia [*supercilius*].

Bran-colored Flycatcher *Myiophobus fasciatus* Singles in the Marañon Valley and Hacienda Limon [*fasciatus-group*].

Ornate Flycatcher *Myiotriccus ornatus* About four seen at Afluente [*aureiventris*].

Many-colored Rush Tyrant *Tachuris rubrigastra* One on the first day was our only one.

Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer* Just one seen, near to Moyobamba [*rufipes*].

Black-throated Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus granadensis* Good views of one at Abra Patricia.

White-bellied Pygmy Tyrant *Myiornis albiventris* One seen well at Quebrada Upaquiua and others heard.

Short-tailed Pygmy Tyrant *Myiornis ecaudatus* Great views of one on the way up to Flor del Café.

Scale-crested Pygmy Tyrant *Lophotriccus pileatus* (H) Only heard at Afluente.

Lulu's Tody-Flycatcher ◊ *Poecilotriccus luluae* (EN) Excellent views of three near to Abra Patricia.

Black-and-white Tody-Flycatcher ◊ *Poecilotriccus capitalis* Excellent views of one at Waqanki Lodge.

Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum* Several. First noted at Gotas de Agua, Jaen [*sclateri*].

Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum* Decent views of one at Quebrada Upaquiua [*neglectum*].

Yellow-olive Flatbill *Tolmomyias sulphurens* (H) Heard by some at Abra Patricia.

Zimmer's Flatbill *Tolmomyias assimilis* (H) Heard by some at Flor del Café.

Olive-faced Flatbill *Tolmomyias viridiceps* Only seen well below the tunnel at Tarapoto [nominated].

White-throated Spadebill *Platyrrinchus mystaceus* Seen at Waqanki Lodge and at Flor del Café [*zamorae*].

Yellow-throated Spadebill ◊ *Platyrrinchus flavigularis* Brilliant views of an obliging pair at Flor del Café [nominated].

Cinnamon Flycatcher *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus* Several seen, first at Abra Patricia [*pyrrhopterus*].

Cliff Flycatcher *Hirundinea ferruginea* Several below the tunnel at Tarapoto [*sclateri*].

Euler's Flycatcher *Lathrotriccus euleri* One seen well at Waqanki Lodge Quebrada Mishquiyacu [*bolivianus*].

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans* A few seen in the Utcubamba River on the drive to Leymebamba [*angustirostris*].

Olive-sided Flycatcher *Contopus cooperi* Several of these migrants seen, the first at Flor del Café, Plataforma.

Smoke-colored Pewee *Contopus fumigatus* A few seen, the first at Casupe [*zarumae*].

Western Wood Pewee *Contopus sordidulus* Several migrants seen/heard, the first at Waqanki Lodge [nominated].

Eastern Wood Pewee *Contopus virens* Several migrants seen/heard, the first at Flor del Café, Plataforma.

Tumbes Pewee ◊ *Contopus punensis* Fairly common in the northwest, first seen at Casupe.

Blackish Pewee ◊ *Contopus nigrescens* Brilliant views of an obliging pair below Flor del Café [nominate].

Alder Flycatcher *Empidonax alnorum* A few of these migrants noted, the first at Tamborapa.

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus* Two forms: *piurae* first at Casupe, *ardens* first at Tamborapa.

Rufous-tailed Tyrant ◊ *Knipolegus poecilurus* (NL) Seen by some at Huembo.

Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant *Agriornis montanus* A couple near Cruz Conga. Pale eye and small bill obvious [*insolens*].

White-tailed Shrike-Tyrant ◊ *Agriornis albicauda* (VU) Great views near to Cruz Conga, and on the detour drive [nominate].

Streak-throated Bush Tyrant *Myiotheretes striaticollis* Only seen at the Rio Chonta [*pallidus*].

Smoky Bush Tyrant *Myiotheretes fumigatus* A pair near to Abra Barra Negro [*cajamarcae*].

Rufous-webbed Bush Tyrant *Polioxolmis rufipennis* Several seen between Cruz Conga and Cajamarca [nominate].

Tumbes Tyrant ◊ *Tumbezia salvini* (NT) Good views of one near Olmos and another at Quebrada Frejolillo.

Golden-browed Chat-Tyrant ◊ *Silvicultrix pulchella* Excellent views of a vocal bird above San Lorenzo [*similis*].

Jelski's Chat-Tyrant ◊ *Silvicultrix jelskii* Great views of one in a small stream along the Rio Chonta.

Maroon-belted Chat-Tyrant ◊ *Ochthoeca thoracica* One seen well near to Leymebamba [*angustifasciata*].

Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis* Three above San Lorenzo were the only ones [*obfuscata*].

Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca fumicolor* A few seen, the first near to Cruz Conga [*brunneifrons*].

White-browed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca leucophrys* A few seen, the first near to Cruz Conga [*dissors*].

Piura Chat-Tyrant ◊ *Ochthoeca piurae* (NT) Excellent views of two individuals at Abra Porculla.

Long-tailed Tyrant *Colonia colonus* A single seen at Flor del Café, Plataforma [*niveiceps*].

Short-tailed Field Tyrant *Muscigralla brevicauda* One on the first day and one at Quebrada Frejolillo.

Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaius* A few heard but just one seen at Waqanki Lodge [*leucophaius*].

Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis* Common after the first sighting on the way to Moyobamba [nominate].

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus* Surprisingly few. First seen at Waqanki Lodge.

Lemon-browed Flycatcher *Conopias cinchoneti* (H) (VU) Heard briefly at Afluente [nominate].

Baird's Flycatcher ◊ *Myiodynastes bairdii* Quite a few seen well in the northwest. First seen at Casupe.

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua* A few heard and a couple seen at Waqanki Lodge [nominate].

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* Pretty common and widespread. First seen at Casupe.

Eastern Kingbird *Tyrannus tyrannus* A small group of four seen well in paddies west of Moyobamba.

Rufous Flycatcher ◊ *Myiarchus semirufus* (EN) Excellent views at Bosque Rafan and at Bosque Pomac.

Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer* (H) Only heard at Casupe.

Short-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus ferox* Seen by some at Waqanki Lodge.

Pale-edged Flycatcher *Myiarchus cephalotes* A few seen well at Abra Patricia [nominate].



The localized Baird's Flycatcher was seen well on several occasions (Pete Morris)

Sooty-crowned Flycatcher ◊ *Myiarchus phaeocephalus* Good views of one at Quebrada Frejolillo [nominate].
Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus* A few seen, the first at Gotas de Agua, Jaen [nominate].
Red-crested Cotinga *Ampelion rubrocristatus* Three seen, the first two at the top of the Balsas Canyon.
Peruvian Plantcutter ◊ *Phytotoma raimondii* (EN) Great views of three at Bosque Rafan.
Green-and-black Fruiteater *Pipreola riefferii* Quite common around Abra Patricia [*chachapoyas*].
Barred Fruiteater *Pipreola arcuata* Excellent views of a pair above San Lorenzo [nominate].
Fiery-throated Fruiteater ◊ *Pipreola chlorolepidota* (NT) A male and then a female seen well by most at Waqanki Lodge.
Scaled Fruiteater ◊ *Ampelioides tschudii* Superb views of a stunning female at Afluente.



Another couple of crackers! Barred Fruiteater and Golden-headed Manakin (Pete Morris)

Andean Cock-of-the-Rock *Rupicola peruvianus* A few seen between Abra Patricia and Afluente [*aequatorialis*].
Grey-tailed Piha ◊ *Snowornis subalaris* (NT) Great views of one below Flor del Café, Plataforma; others heard there.
Sulphur-bellied Tyrant-Manakin ◊ *Neopelma sulphureiventer* Great views of one at Quebrada Upaquiuhua.
Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin *Tyrannetes stolzmanni* (H) Heard at the Koepcke's Hermit Akonabikh, near Tarapoto.
Fiery-capped Manakin ◊ *Machaeropterus pyrocephalus* Great views of a pair at Waqanki Lodge [nominate].
Blue-crowned Manakin *Lepidothrix coronata* At least three seen well at the Koepcke's Hermit Akonabikh, Tarapoto.
Blue-rumped Manakin *Lepidothrix isidorei* (NT) Good views of a few at Flor del Café, [*leucopygia* = Milky-rumped].
Blue-backed Manakin *Chiroxiphia pareola* (H) A few heard at the Koepcke's Hermit Akonabikh, Tarapoto [*regina*].
Yungas Manakin ◊ *Chiroxiphia boliviana* A few seen at Flor del Café, Plataforma.
Jet Manakin ◊ *Xenopipo unicolor* One taped in and seen well, but relatively briefly, above Flor del Café.
Band-tailed Manakin *Pipra fasciicauda* A couple of female types seen very well at Quebrada Upaquiuhua [*purusiana*].
Golden-headed Manakin *Dixiphia erythrocephala* At least 10 seen well at a lek at the Koepcke's Hermit Akonabikh [*berlepschi*].
Whiskered Myiobius *Myiobius barbatus* One seen briefly at Quebrada Upaquiuhua [*amazonicus*].
Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata* A few seen at Flor del Café, Plataforma [*fortis*].
Yellow-cheeked Becard ◊ *Pachyramphus xanthogenys* Great views of one just below Flor del Café [*peruanus*].
Barred Becard *Pachyramphus versicolor* A pair seen in a mixed flock near Abra Barra Negro [*meridionalis*].
White-winged Becard *Pachyramphus polychopterus* Just three seen, the first pair at Waqanki Lodge [nominate].
Black-and-white Becard *Pachyramphus albogriseus* Just one, a male, in a mixed flock above Afluente [*salvini*].

Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis* See note.

Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo *Vireolanius leucotis* A few seen and heard. The first of showed very well at Waqanki Lodge.



The often elusive Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo showed unusually well (Pete Morris)

Brown-capped Vireo *Vireo leucophrys* First seen at Abra Patricia, and also a few at Flor del Café [nominate].

Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus* See note.

Lemon-chested Greenlet *Hylophilus thoracicus* (H) One heard at Waqanki Lodge [*aemulus*].

Ashy-headed Greenlet *Hylophilus pectoralis* (H) One heard at Quebrada Upaquihoa.

Olivaceous Greenlet *Hylophilus olivaceus* Good views of one at Afluente.

White-collared Jay ◊ *Cyanolyca viridicyanus* (NT) Two seen well in the scope below Abra Patricia [*jolyaea*].

Violaceous Jay *Cyanocorax violaceus* First seen at Quebrada Upaquihoa and others near Tarapoto [nominate].

White-tailed Jay ◊ *Cyanocorax mystacalis* Common in the northwest. First seen around Casupe and Chaparri.

Inca Jay *Cyanocorax yncas* A few seen, first at Gotas de Agua, Jaen [*longirostris*].

Tumbes Swallow ◊ *Tachycineta stolzmanni* At least 30 seen well at Bosque Pomac.

White-winged Swallow *Tachycineta albiventer* Just a few seen, the first on the journey to Leymebamba.

Grey-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea* Seen at a number of sites, first near to Olmos [*macrorhamphus*].

Blue-and-white Swallow *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca* Common, first seen at Casupe, [*peruviana*].

Brown-bellied Swallow *Notiochelidon murina* Seen at a few sites, first seen well at the Rio Chonta [nominate].

White-banded Swallow *Atticora fasciata* At least three seen well over the Rio Huallaga south of Tarapoto.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* Just a handful, the first seen well near to Bellavista [nominate].

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* Common, especially in the northwest where first seen near Chaparri [*erythrogaster*].

Black-capped Donacobius *Donacobius atricapilla* At least four seen in paddies west of Moyobamba [*nigrodorsalis*].

Fasciated Wren *Campylorhynchus fasciatus* Common, especially in the northwest. First seen at Bosque Rafan.

Thrush-like Wren *Campylorhynchus turdinus* Just a few, the first at Flor del Café, Plataforma [*hypostictus*].

Grey-mantled Wren *Odontorchilus branickii* Good views of a pairs at Afluente and below Flor del Café [nominate].

Sepia-brown Wren ◊ *Cinnycerthia olivascens* Three at Abra Patricia were the only ones [nominate].

Sedge Wren *Cistothorus platensis* A few seen around Abra Barra Negro [*aequatorialis*].

Plain-tailed Wren *Pheugopedius euophrys* (H) Frustratingly, only heard above San Lorenzo. Amazing song though [*schulenbergi*].

Coraya Wren *Pheugopedius coraya* A few noted. First seen at Waqanki Lodge [*amazonicus*].

Speckle-breasted Wren ◊ *Pheugopedius [sclateri] paucimaculatus* A few seen well in the northwest.

Speckle-breasted Wren ◊ (Marañon W) *Pheugopedius [sclateri] sclateri* At least six seen well at Tamborapa.

Buff-breasted Wren *Cantorchilus leucotis* Good views of a couple at Quebrada Upaquihoa [*peruanus*].

Superciliated Wren ◊ *Cantorchilus superciliaris* Several seen well in the northwest [*baroni*].

(Southern) House Wren *Troglodytes aedon* Common, first seen at Casupe [*musculus*-group].

Mountain Wren *Troglodytes solstitialis* A couple seen well above San Lorenzo.

Grey-breasted Wood Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys* Regularly heard and a few seen, the first at San Lorenzo [nominate].

Bar-winged Wood Wren ◊ *Henicorhina leucoptera* (NT) Eventually we got excellent views of one at Fundo Alto Nieva.

Southern Nightingale-wren *Microcerculus marginatus* Seen at Waqanki Lodge and incredible views near Tarapoto [nominate].

Tropical Gnatcatcher *Polioptila plumbea* Two forms: *bilineata* in the northwest and *parvirostris* at Quebrada Upaquihua.

Tropical (or Marañon) Gnatcatcher ◊ *Polioptila [plumbea] maior* Common. First seen at Gotas de Agua, Jaen.

Long-tailed Mockingbird *Mimus longicaudatus* Common, especially in the northwest.

Andean Solitaire *Myadestes ralloides* Mostly heard, but a couple seen well above Afluente [*venezuelensis*].

Swainson's Thrush *Catharus ustulatus* Several seen, the first at Tamborapa [*swainsoni*-group].

Great Thrush *Turdus fuscater* Pretty common. First seen at Abra Porculla [*gigantodes*].

Chiguanco Thrush *Turdus chiguanco* Also pretty common and first seen at Abra Porculla [nominate].

Andean Slaty Thrush *Turdus nigriceps* Excellent views of a male at Leymebamba.

Plumbeous-backed Thrush ◊ *Turdus reevei* Good views of some of the 12+ seen at Quebrada Frejolillo. Smart!

Maranon Thrush ◊ *Turdus maranonicus* A reasonable number seen, with best views in the Balsas Canyon.

Pale-breasted Thrush *Turdus leucomelas* A couple seen near to Moyobamba.

Black-billed Thrush *Turdus ignobilis* Common in the southeast. First seen near to Moyobamba [*debilis*].

Hauxwell's Thrush ◊ *Turdus hauxwelli* One seen briefly at Waqanki Lodge then seen well at Quebrada Upaquihua.

Varzea Thrush ◊ *Turdus sanchezorum* See note.

White-necked Thrush *Turdus albicollis* One at the Koepcke's Hermit Akonabikh, near Tarapoto [*spodiolaemus*].

White-capped Dipper *Cinclus leucocephalus* Nice views of one in the river above Afluente [nominate].

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* (Introduced) Seen at a few sites [nominate].

Yellowish Pipit *Anthus lutescens* A few seen well at Laguna Paraiso and Lomas de Lachay [*peruvianus*].

Lesser Goldfinch *Spinus psaltria* A few seen in the Balsas Canyon [*colombianus*].

Hooded Siskin *Spinus magellanicus* Seen at a number of sites, first at Abra Porculla.

Purple-throated Euphonia *Euphonia chlorotica* Quite common by voice. First seen at Tamborapa [*taczanowskii*].

Thick-billed Euphonia *Euphonia laniirostris* Two forms noted: *hypoxantha* at Quebrada Frejolillo; *melanura* first at Waqanki Lodge.

Golden-rumped Euphonia *Euphonia cyanocephala* A pair seen at Flor del Café, Plataforma [nominate].

Bronze-green Euphonia *Euphonia mesochrysa* A few seen. First noted at Abra Patricia [*media*].

Orange-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia xanthogaster* Not uncommon in the southeast. First seen at Afluente [*brevirostris*].

Blue-naped Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia cyanea* Seen on a few occasions, the first above Afluente [*longipennis*].

Black-lored Yellowthroat *Geothlypis auricularis* A couple seen, the first in the Balsas Canyon [*peruviana*].

Cerulean Warbler *Setophaga cerulea* A few of these migrants seen, the first of which were above Afluente.

Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitaiyumi* Seen at a number of sites after our first sighting at Casupe [*pacifica*].

Blackburnian Warbler *Setophaga fusca* Quite a few seen, the first between Alto Fundo Nieva and Afluente.

Blackpoll Warbler *Setophaga striata* One seen at Waqanki Lodge, Quebrada Mishquiyacu.

Citrine Warbler *Myiothlypis luteoviridis* Seen by some of the group above San Lorenzo.

Black-crested Warbler *Myiothlypis nigrocristata* Quite common in the higher forests, first near the Porculla Pass.

Buff-rumped Warbler *Myiothlypis fulvicauda* (H) Heard at Waqanki Lodge, Quebrada Mishquiyacu.

Grey-and-gold Warbler ◊ *Myiothlypis fraseri* Excellent views at Casupe and at Quebrada Frejolillo [nominate].

Russet-crowned Warbler *Myiothlypis coronata* Heard a few times at Abra Patricia; at least 4 seen there [nominate].

Three-banded Warbler ◊ *Basileuterus trifasciatus* Excellent views at Casupe and again at Abra Porculla [nominate].

Three-striped Warbler *Basileuterus tristriatus* A few seen, first seen at Abra Patricia [nominate].

Canada Warbler *Cardellina canadensis* A fairly common migrant, first seen at Abra Patricia.

Slate-throated Whitestart *Myioborus miniatus* Seen at a few sites, first at Abra Porculla [*verticalis*].

Spectacled Whitestart *Myioborus melanocephalus* See note.

Peruvian Meadowlark *Sturnella bellicosa* Reasonably common. First seen in the Balsas Canyon [nominate].

Russet-backed Oropendola *Psarocolius angustifrons* Seen above Afluente and common near Tarapoto [*alfredii*].

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus* A few seen. First noted at Waqanki Lodge.

Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela* Quite a few seen, the first at Waqanki Lodge [*flavicrissus*].

Yellow-tailed Oriole *Icterus mesomelas* Just a few, most of which were at Gotas de Agua, Jaen [*taczanowskii*].

White-edged Oriole ◊ *Icterus graceannae* Very common at Quebrada Frejolillo.

Orange-backed Troupial *Icterus croconotus* (NL) A roadside bird for vigilant eyes!

Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus* A few seen, the first on the journey to Moyobamba [nominate].

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis* A few seen, the first in flocks in the northwest [*occidentalis*].

Scrub Blackbird ◊ *Dives waczewiczi* Fairly common along the northwest coast [*kalinowskii*].



Yet more goodies form the tour! White-edged Oriole, Pale-eyed Blackbird and Tumbes Sparrow (Pete Morris)

- Oriole Blackbird** *Gymnomystax mexicanus* A few seen, the first near to Moyobamba
- Pale-eyed Blackbird** ◊ *Agelasticus xanthophthalmus* Excellent views of a singing male west of Moyobamba.
- Bananaquit** *Coereba flaveola* Reasonably common and widespread. First seen at Casupe [*intermedia*].
- Rufous-collared Sparrow** *Zonotrichia capensis* Common and widespread [*huancabambae*].
- Yellow-browed Sparrow** *Ammodramus aurifrons* Fairly common in the southeast [nominate].
- Tumbes Sparrow** ◊ *Rhynchospiza stolzmanni* First seen at Chaparri, and very common at Quebrada Frejolillo.
- Orange-billed Sparrow** *Arremon aurantirostris* Excellent views of about 4 at the feeders at Aguas Verdes [*spectabilis*].
- Black-capped Sparrow** *Arremon abeillei* See note.
- Chestnut-capped Brush Finch** *Arremon brunneinucha* A few seen at Abra Patricia, [*frontalis*].
- Grey-browed Brush Finch** *Arremon assimilis* Good views of a couple at Abra Porculla, and another at Abra Patricia.
- Yellow-breasted Brush Finch** ◊ *Atlapetes [latinuchus] latinuchus* Quite a few seen. First at Abra Barra Negro.
- Yellow-breasted (or Baron's) Brush Finch** ◊ *Atlapetes [latinuchus] baroni* A few seen very well, the first near Cruz Conga.
- White-winged Brush Finch** *Atlapetes leucopterus* A few seen. The first at Casupe, but common at Abra Porculla.
- White-headed Brush Finch** ◊ *Atlapetes albiceps* Very common at Quebrada Frejolillo, where 100+ were seen.

Bay-crowned Brush Finch ◊ *Atlapetes seebohmi* At least six were seen at Abra Porculla [nominate].
Common Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus flavopectus* Small numbers seen around Abra Patricia [*hiaticolus*].
Yellow-whiskered Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus parvirostris* Excellent views at Flor del Café, [*huallagae*].
Yellow-throated Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus flavigularis* First seen near Afluente. Also seen at Flor del Café [nominate].
Ashy-throated Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus canigularis* A small group of 3 or so seen at Afluente [*signatus*].
Red-capped Cardinal *Paroaria gularis* Three seen well in the ricefields west of Moyobamba [nominate].
Black-faced Tanager *Schistochlamys melanopis* A couple seen west of Moyobamba [*grisea*].
Maggie Tanager *Cissopis leverianus* Common around Flor del Café, Plataforma [nominate].
White-capped Tanager *Sericossypha albocristata* (VU) Good views of a group of four at Abra Patricia. Great birds!
Rufous-crested Tanager *Creurgops verticalis* A couple at Abra Patricia, and good views of one above Afluente.
Superciliated Hemispingus *Hemispingus superciliaris* Several of this grey and white form, first at Abra Barra Negra [*insignis*].
Oleaginous Hemispingus *Hemispingus frontalis* Heard and seen briefly above Afluente [nominate].
Black-eared Hemispingus *Hemispingus melanotis* One at Abra Patricia for some of the group [*berlepschi*].
Drab Hemispingus ◊ *Hemispingus xanthophthalmus* A few near Abra Barra Negro, and seen again at Abra Patricia.
Grey-hooded Bush Tanager *Cnemoscopus rubrirostris* A couple seen at Abra Patricia [*chrysogaster*].
Rufous-chested Tanager *Thlypopsis ornata* A few seen at Rio Chonta and at Leymebamba [*media*].
Buff-bellied Tanager ◊ *Thlypopsis inornata* Several of this smart endemic seen well, the first at Tamborapa.
Yellow-crested Tanager ◊ *Tachyphonus rufiventer* Excellent views of a pair at Waqanki Lodge.
Fulvous-crested Tanager *Tachyphonus surinamus* A male seen at the Koepcke's Hermit Akonabikh [*napensis*].
White-shouldered Tanager *Tachyphonus luctuosus* At least three seen at Quebrada Upaquihua [nominate].
White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus* Just a few, the first near to Flor del Café, Plataforma.
Huallaga Tanager ◊ *Ramphocelus melanogaster* Good views of two at Aguas Verdes. The only ones seen well.
Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo* One seen in Jaen, and several more in the southeast [nominate].
Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus* See note.
Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum* Fairly common after our first sightings around Aguas Verdes [*melanoptera*].
Blue-capped Tanager *Thraupis cyanocephala* A few seen in the highlands, the first at Huembo [nominate].
Blue-and-yellow Tanager *Thraupis bonariensis* Several seen, the first at Abra Porculla [*darwinii*].
Vermilion Tanager ◊ *Calochaetes coccineus* Excellent views of at least two in a mixed flock above Afluente.
Hooded Mountain Tanager *Buthraupis montana* Good views of a flock of three near to Abra Patricia [*cyanonota*].
Lacrimose Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus lacrymosus* A couple of sightings around Abra Patricia [*caerulescens*].
Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus igniventris* At least 8 seen around Abra Barra Negro [*ignicrissa*].
Blue-winged Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus somptuosus* Seen at Afluente and at Flor del Café [nominate].
Grass-green Tanager *Chlorornis riefferii* Seen above San Lorenzo and around Abra Patricia [*dilutus*].
Buff-breasted Mountain Tanager *Dubusia taeniata* Great views of two near Abra Barra Negro [*taeniata* or *carrikeri*].
Yellow-throated Tanager *Iridosornis analis* Great views of small numbers above Afluente.
Yellow-scarfed Tanager ◊ *Iridosornis reinhardti* Great views of at least four of these crackers close at Abra Patricia.
Orange-eared Tanager *Chlorochrysa calliparaea* Seen well a few times, the first above Afluente [*bourcierii*].
Turquoise Tanager *Tangara mexicana* A single roadside bird seen well below the Tarapoto Tunnel [*boliviana*].
Paradise Tanager *Tangara chilensis* A few flocks seen, the first at Aguas Verdes [nominate].
Green-and-gold Tanager *Tangara schrankii* Fairly common in the lowlands of the southeast [nominate].
Golden Tanager *Tangara arthus* A few seen above Afluente and at Flor del Café, Plataforma [*aequatorialis*].
Saffron-crowned Tanager *Tangara xanthocephala* Small numbers seen around Abra Patricia [*venusta*].
Flame-faced Tanager *Tangara parzudakii* Around four seen at Abra Patricia [*urubambae*].
Yellow-bellied Tanager *Tangara xanthogastra* A few seen in the southeast, first at Waqanki Lodge [*xanthogastra*].
Spotted Tanager *Tangara punctata* A few seen in mixed flocks above Afluente.
Dotted Tanager ◊ *Tangara varia* Good scope views of a singing individual below the Tarapoto Tunnel.
Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola* Fairly common in the southeast. First seen at Aguas Verdes [*catharinae*].
Golden-naped Tanager *Tangara ruficervix* At least four seen in a mixed flock at Flor del Café, Plataforma [*amabilis*].
Metallic-green Tanager *Tangara labradorides* Just one seen at Abra Patricia [*chaupensis*].
Blue-necked Tanager *Tangara cyanicollis* Fairly common after our first sightings at Aguas Verdes [*caeruleocephala*].
Masked Tanager *Tangara nigrocincta* Just two seen, at Waqanki Lodge Quebrada Mishquiyacu.
Beryl-spangled Tanager *Tangara nigroviridis* Small numbers seen around Abra Patricia [*berlepschi*].
Blue-and-black Tanager *Tangara vassorii* Just two seen at Abra Patricia [*branickii*].
Silver-backed Tanager *Tangara viridicollis* A pair seen at Abra Porculla, and a few around Abra Patricia [*fulvigula*].
Swallow Tanager *Tersina viridis* A few seen, the first at Waqanki Lodge Quebrada Mishquiyacu [*occidentalis*].
Black-faced Dacnis *Dacnis lineata* Fairly common in the southeast. First seen around Aguas Verdes.

Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana* A few seen below the Tarapoto Tunnel [*glaucoocularis*].

Purple Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes caeruleus* Fairly common in the southeast. First at Waqanki Lodge [*microrhynchus*].

Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza* Fairly common in the southeast. First at Waqanki Lodge [*caerulescens*].

Tit-like Dacnis *Xenodacnis parina* A couple seen near to Cruz Conga [*bella*].

Chestnut-vented Conebill *Conirostrum speciosum* Nice views of a pair at Quebrada Upaquihoa [*amazonum*].

Cinereous Conebill *Conirostrum cinereum* Common, especially along the coast. First seen at Casupe [*littorale*].

Blue-backed Conebill *Conirostrum sitticolor* About 10 seen in mixed flock near Abra Barra Negro [*cyaneum*].

Capped Conebill *Conirostrum albifrons* Just two seen, at Abra Patricia [*atrocyaneum*].

Rusty Flowerpiercer *Diglossa sittoides* A total of three seen, the first at Leymebamba [*decorata*].

Moustached Flowerpiercer *Diglossa mystacalis* Just a couple in mixed flocks near Abra Barra Negro [*unicincta*].

Black-throated Flowerpiercer *Diglossa brunneiventris* A good number seen. First seen near Cruz Conga [nominate].

White-sided Flowerpiercer *Diglossa albilatera* First seen at Abra Barra Negro [*affinis*].

Bluish Flowerpiercer *Diglossa caerulescens* A couple at Abra Patricia for some of the group.

Masked Flowerpiercer *Diglossa cyanea* A few noted in the highlands, the first above San Lorenzo [*melanopsis*].

Red Pileated Finch *Coryphospingus cucullatus* Quite a few seen in the Jaen area, the first at Tamborapa [*fargoii*].

Peruvian Sierra Finch *Phrygilus punensis* Plenty seen well, the first near to Cruz Conga [*chloronotus*].

Plumbeous Sierra Finch *Phrygilus unicolor* A single seen on the high pass between Celendin and Cajamarca [*geospizopsis*].

Ash-breasted Sierra Finch *Phrygilus plebejus* Reasonably common, first seen at Abra Porculla [nominate].

Band-tailed Sierra Finch *Phrygilus alaudinus* (PE) Around four seen at Lomas de Lachay [*humboldti*-group].

Cinereous Finch ◊ *Piezorina cinerea* At least five seen well, including a juvenile, at Quebrada Frejolillo.

Grey-winged Inca Finch ◊ *Incaspiza ortizi* (VU) Excellent views of a pair at Hacienda Limon, in the Balsas Canyon.

Buff-bridled Inca Finch ◊ *Incaspiza laeta* Great views of a good number c20, in the Balsas Canyon.



The stunning little Buff-bridled Inca Finch was another favourite (Pete Morris)



Two more 'good' finches: Little Inca Finch and the localized Cinereous Finch (Pete Morris)

- Little Inca Finch** ◊ *Incafinch watkinsi* (NT) It took a while, but seen well by all near Bagua Grande in the end!
- Plain-tailed Warbling Finch** ◊ *Poospiza alticola* (LO) (EN) One seen at the Rio Chonta.
- Collared Warbling Finch** ◊ *Poospiza hispaniolensis* A single on our first day out was the only one seen.
- Saffron Finch** *Sicalis flaveola* At least 20 seen near to Olmos, and others seen in the southeast [valida].
- Grassland Yellow Finch** *Sicalis luteola* A couple seen at Lomas de Lachay [luteiventris].
- Sulphur-throated Finch** ◊ *Sicalis taczanowskii* Great scope views of a few at Chaparri. Some had good yellow throats.
- Wedge-tailed Grass Finch** *Emberizoides herbicola* Seen well near to Moyobamba.
- Blue-black Grassquit** *Volatinia jacarina* A few seen, the first at Quebrada Frejolillo [peruviansis].
- Variable Seedeater** *Sporophila corvina* A single on the first day was actually a write-in!
- Parrot-billed Seedeater** ◊ *Sporophila peruviana* First seen at Chaparri Lodge, where 100s were drinking [devronis].
- Drab Seedeater** *Sporophila simplex* (NL) One for some of the group at Tamborapa.
- Chestnut-bellied Seedeater** *Sporophila castaneiventris* A few seen, the first at Aguas Verdes.
- Chestnut-throated Seedeater** *Sporophila telasco* At least 8 seen at the back of a small pond north of Olmos.
- Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch** *Oryzoborus angolensis* A few seen below the Tarapoto Tunnel [torridus].
- Band-tailed Seedeater** *Catamenia analis* Common at the Rio Chonta where at least 12 seen [insignis].
- Plain-colored Seedeater** *Catamenia inornata* At least four seen in the Saturno/Cruz Conga area.
- Dull-colored Grassquit** *Tiaris obscurus* A few seen First noted at Tamborapa [pauper].
- Plushcap** *Catamblyrhynchus diadema* (NL) Seen by some in the dense bamboo stands above San Lorenzo.
- Tooth-billed Tanager** *Piranga lutea* A few seen. First noted at Casupe [lutea].
- Summer Tanager** *Piranga rubra* A few of these migrants noted, the first at Waqanki Lodge [n nominate].
- Scarlet Tanager** *Piranga olivacea* A single seen below the Tarapoto Tunnel.
- Red-hooded Tanager** ◊ *Piranga rubriceps* Excellent views of a couple of fine males at Leymebamba.
- Red-crowned Ant Tanager** *Habia rubica* A couple of noisy individuals seen briefly at Waqanki Lodge [rubra-group].
- Olive Tanager** ◊ *Chlorothraupis frenata* Several seen well below the Tarapoto Tunnel. A rich songster!
- Golden Grosbeak** *Pheucticus chrysogaster* Quite a few seen, the first at Casupe [n nominate].
- Slate-colored Grosbeak** *Saltator grossus* Several heard and a few seen, the first at Waqanki Lodge [n nominate].
- Buff-throated Saltator** *Saltator maximus* Not uncommon in the southeast. First seen at Aguas Verdes [n nominate].
- Greyish Saltator** *Saltator coerulescens* Just one seen, west of Moyobamba [azarae].
- Black-cowled Saltator** ◊ *Saltator nigriceps* Excellent views of several at Abra Porculla. Good to see!
- Golden-billed Saltator** *Saltator aurantirostris* Several seen in upland areas, the first near to Cruz Conga [iterates].
- Streaked Saltator** *Saltator striatipectus* Reasonably common. First seen near to Jaen [peruvianus].
- Rothschild's Grosbeak** *Cyanocompsa rothschildii* (H) Heard near Tarapoto Tunnel. A recent split from Blue-black Grosbeak.



An incredible spectacle! Thousands of South American Sea Lions! (Pete Morris)

MAMMALS

Andean Slender Mouse-Opossum *Marmosa impavida* See note.

Andean White-eared Opossum *Dedelfhis pernigra* One crossed the road on our long detour drive.

Forest Rabbit (Tapiti, Brazilian Cottontail) *Sylvilagus brasiliensis* Just one seen, near to Cruz Conga.

Guayaquil Squirrel *Sciurus stramineus* A few seen in the northwest.

Black Agouti *Dasyprocta fuliginosa* Some confiding individuals at Abra Patricia.

South American Sea-Lion *Otaria flavescens* (PE) A few seen on the pelagic and thousands on the islands!!

Tayra *Eira barbara* Seen well on the feeders at Abra Patricia.

Saddle-backed Tamarin *Saguinus fuscicollis* A couple seen at Waqanki Lodge.

Rio Mayo Titi (San Martin Titi Monkey) *Callicebus oenanthe* This localized primate was seen at Waqanki Lodge.

Humpback Whale *Megaptera novaeangliae* (PE) A single seen on the pelagic.

Common Bottle-nosed Dolphin *Tursiops truncatus* (PE) A pod fed around us during the pelagic.

Dusky Dolphin *Lagenorhynchus obscurus* (PE) Several groups seen well during the pelagic.



Shame about the bananas! A Tayra at Abra Patricia! (Pete Morris)



The fabulous Jelski's Chat-Tyrant was a welcome bonus at the Rio Chonta (Pete Morris)

NOTES TO THE SYSTEMATIC LIST

The most up to date referenced taxonomic list referred to in the Tour Report is that of the IOC World Bird Names. (Gill, F and Donsker, D Eds). 2014. IOC World Bird Names v4.1. Available at <http://www.worldbirdnames.org>

White-winged Guan *Penelope albipennis*

One seen in flight at Casupe, near to Chaparri, and great views of at least three in the Guan Canyon at Quebrada Frejolillo. We also saw a few introduced/reintroduced birds at Chaparri, where the birds seem to be doing well, and are confiding.

Elliot's (or White-vented) Storm Petrel *Oceanites gracilis*

Two seen from the coast, near to Santa Rosa were a surprise and a write-in for the main tour. Those taking the pelagic extension were then treated to the spectacle of hundreds at close range!

James's (or Puna) Flamingo *Phoenicoparrus jamesi*

Amazingly, we found an adult at Laguna Paraiso on the 24th of November and got some great views of this most unlikely visitor. It was far further north than any previous records on the coast – an extreme vagrant and a first for the Lima area!

Black-faced Ibis *Theristicus melanopis*

We saw one well in the scope at the reservoir, Tinajones, near to Chaparri. Interesting to see it here, as there is just a very small relict population in the area.

(Montane) Solitary Eagle *Buteogallus solitarius*

We enjoyed some brilliant views of a perched, calling bird in the Guan Canyon at Quebrada Frejolillo. We were able to note and photograph all the salient features as well as hear the distinctive calls. Good flight views too! Superb!!

Bare-faced Ground Dove *Metriopelia ceciliae*

We saw two subspecies: the form *obsoleta* was first seen in the Balsas Canyon whilst we recorded the nominate form on our long detour to Leymebamba.

Long-whiskered Owlet *Xenoglaux loweryi*

First seen relatively poorly along the Owlet Trail at Abra Patricia. After a couple of failed attempts, we then got stunning views of an individual at Fundo Alto Nieva, Abra Patricia. A real belter that showed for several minutes. Later that night we got pretty good views of one along the Owlet Trail at Abra Patricia for Andrew who didn't come for the other one!! Tense and tough, but worth the effort!!

Sapphire-vented (or Coppery-naped) Puffleg *Eriocnemis [luciani] sapphiropygia*

Excellent views of a couple at Abra Barra Negro. The form concerned, *catharina* is part of the *sapphiropygia* group which is sometimes split off as a separate species under the name Coppery-naped Puffleg.

Buff-thighed Puffleg *Haplophaedia assimilis*

At least six seen very well at the feeders at Fundo Alto Nieva, Abra Patricia. Interestingly, and somewhat confusingly, the form concerned, *affinis*, has white puffs!

Versicolored Barbet *Eubucco versicolor*

A good number seen, the first at Afluente. The form concerned *steerii* is considered a separate species by HBW/Birdlife under the name Blue-cowled Barbet. When split, BirdLife consider the species to be Near Threatened.

Golden-olive Woodpecker *Colaptes rubiginosus*

We noted two separate forms of this widespread species during the tour. At Quebrada Frejolillo we noted the form *rubripileus* whilst at Flor del Café, Plataforma, we saw the form *coloratus*.

Rose-fronted Parakeet *Pyrrhura roseifrons*

One seen well for most of the group on the way up to Flor del Café, Plataforma, and then good scope views of a group of three below the tunnel at Tarapoto [nominate].



Black-and-white Tody-Flycatcher from Waqanki Lodge, and a fine Black-capped Sparrow from the northwest (Pete Morris)



The relatively recently-described Lulu's Tody-Flycatcher was another favourite at Abra Patricia (Pete Morris)

Scarlet-fronted Parakeet *Psittacara wagleri*

Quite a few seen, the first at Gotas de Agua, Jaen, 6/11. The form we saw, which was either *frontatus* or *minor* is split off as part of a separate species by BirdLife International: Cordilleran Parakeet *P. frontatus*.

Henna-hooded Foliage-gleaner *Hylocryptus erythrocephalus*

Excellent views of a smart pair at Casupe, and another pair at Abra Porculla, the latter often feeding on the ground in the open. Really great birds [*palambrae*].

Northern Slaty Antshrike *Thamnophilus punctatus*

With the recent splitting of the former Slaty Antshrike complex, it is worth keeping track of exactly which forms one has seen. On this tour we saw two distinct forms: Northern (or Marañon) Slaty Antshrike *T. [p.] leucogaster* of which we saw several well at Tamborapa, and Northern (or Huallaga) Slaty Antshrike *T. [p.] huallagae* of which we saw a few well at Quebrada Upaquihua.

Ornate Antwren *Epinecrophylla ornata*

We saw two distinctly different forms of this species. At Waqanki Lodge, Quebrada Mishquiyacu, we had good views of at least three of the form *atrogularis*, whilst at Flor del Café, Plataforma, we saw a male of the form *saturata*. The two forms have distinctly different tempos to their songs, so further taxonomic revision is not out of the question!

Hairy-crested Antbird *Rhegmatorhina melanosticta*

Good, close but brief, views of a stunner at the Koepcke's Hermit Akonabikh, near Tarapoto, and others heard there. The subspecies involved was [*brunneiceps*].

Rufous (or Cajamarca) Antpitta *Grallaria [rufula] cajamarcae*

We saw a pair pretty well in a young conifer plantation near to Cruz Conga, and then had excellent views of a pair nearby. This was only about 50km in a straight line from where we saw Fulvous Antpitta! The calls are so fundamentally different that they must be different species. The range of this form is small, and nearly all of the natural habitat within its range has already been destroyed. Fortunately however, they do seem to be quite adaptable, hanging on in the smallest bits of vegetation, even non-native vegetation.

Southern Beardless Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum*

We saw two forms of this widespread and variable species. In the northwest we saw the form *sclateri* which we first noted at Casupe. Further east, at Quebrada Upaquihua, we noted what was most likely the form *maranonicum*.

Tumbesian Tyrannulet ◊ *Phaeomyias tumbezana*

This split (from Mouse-colored Tyrannulet) was common in the northwest where we first noted them at Casupe (nominate form). In the Marañon Valley, we first noted the form *maranonica* near Hacienda Limon.

Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis*

We noted two forms of this widespread and variable species: *saturata* was first seen at the Rio Chonta whilst *virenticeps* was first seen at Quebrada Frejolillo, 5/11.



Some rather random highlights! Masked Duck, Long-tailed Sylph and Sulphur-bellied Tyrant-Manakin (Pete Morris)

Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus*

At Waqanki Lodge, Quebrada Mishquiayacu, we saw this species, but could not attribute the silent birds to race. However, the singing birds at Quebrada Upaquiuhua, were presumably Chivi Vireos (the resident breeding form), presumably of the *griseobarbatus*-group.

Varzea Thrush *Turdus sanchezorum*

Excellent views of one in the coffee at Waqanki Lodge, Quebrada Mishquiayacu. The yellow bill and orbital ring were obvious, as was the distinct voice, though the tail colour was less easy to assess. It did appear overall duller than Hauxwell's as well.

Spectacled Whitestart *Myioborus melanocephalus*

We saw two forms of this attractive species. The nominate form, *melanocephalus*, the common form of the Eastern Andes, was first seen around Abra Barra Negro, whilst the form *griseonuchus* was the form first seen around Cruz Conga.

Black-capped Sparrow *Arremon abeillei*

We saw two different subspecies of this widespread species. In the northwest, we had excellent views of several of the nominate form which we first saw at Casupe and also saw well at Quebrada Frejolillo. At Gotas de Agua, Jaen, we saw an individual of the form *nigriceps* which is colloquially known as Marañon Sparrow.

Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus*

Two distinctly different forms noted. A few of the form *quaesita* were seen in the northwest, the first near to Olmos, whilst the very distinctive white-winged Amazonian form, *caerulea*, was very common after our first sightings around Aguas Verdes.

MAMMALS

Andean Slender Mouse-Opossum *Marmosa impavida*

I really struggled to identify the small opossum that we saw two nights running at the Fundo Alta Nieva reserve. This is the closest match I could come up with, but I am not totally sure.



We saw many stunning moths and butterflies! Here's a Blue Doctor (*Rhetus dysonii*) from Plataforma (Pete Morris)

APPENDIX 1

TOP TEN BIRDS OF THE TOUR

- 1st LONG-WHISKERED OWLET
- 2nd MARVELLOUS SPATULETAIL
- 3rd SCARLET-BANDED BARBET
- 4th Pale-billed Antpitta
- 5th Striped Owl
- 6th (Montane) Solitary Eagle
- 7th Ochre-fronted Antpitta
- 8th Scaled Fruiteater
- 9th White-winged Guan
- 10th Crested Owl



Had we included the pelagic, Waved Albatross may have been in with a shout! The lovely Scaled Fruiteater snook in at number 8! (Pete Morris)





In case you needed a reminder, this was the road to the Scarlet-banded Barbets. Fun though!! (Pete Morris)