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TRIP REPORT FOR A BIRDING TRIP TO THE MARANON AND TUMBESIAN ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS

September 29th – October 19th 2007

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Chestnut-backed Thornbird

DAY BY DAY ACTIVITIES

September 29th: Arrive in Lima.

September 30th: Travel to Chiclayo. Birding Puerto Eten and Mocube Nuevo (Rafan).

October 1st: Morning birding Batan Grande/Bosque de Pomac (75m). Afternoon birding at Quebrada Limon guan canyon (315m). Night at camp.

October 2nd: Morning birding at guan canyon (495 – 315m). Afternoon birding at Tocto trail (175m). Night in Olmos.

October 3rd: Morning birding Abra Porculla (1785m). Travel to Jaen – bird outskirts of Jaen (695m). Night in Jaen.

October 4th: Morning birding Tamborapa, Jaen (795m). Afternoon travel and birding La Florida Pomacochas (2245m). Night at Pomacochas.

October 5th: Birding Abra Patricia: pass (2295m), Owlet Ridge (1890m) and Afluente (1400m) La Florida. Night at Pomacochas.

October 6th: Birding Abra Patricia: Owlet Ridge (1890m), Garcia/Alto Nieve (1870m), Afluente (1400m).

October 7th: Birding Abra Patricia: Afluente (1400m), Owlet Ridge (1890m), Aguas Verdes (1090m), Pass (2295m). Night in Pomacochas

October 8th: Birding Aguas Verdes. Travel and birding at Moro de Calzada. Travel to Tarapoto. Night at Pumarini Lodge.

October 9th: Birding Quebrada Upaquiuhau (315m). Explore Mamonaquihua (230m) and Juan Guerra (265m). Night at Pumarini Lodge.

October 10th: Birding Chazuta road below Pumarini Lodge and Juan Guerra (265m). Afternoon travel to Rioja. Night in Rioja.

October 11th: Birding Abra Patricia: Afluente (1400m) and pass (2245m). Night at Pomacochas.

October 12th: Birding Shipamarca (2595m) in Utcubamba valley, and Leimebamba Museum road (2600m). Night at Leymebamba.

October 13th: Full day birding Abra Barro Negro: museum road (2600m), also 2850m, 3225m and 3280m elevation. Night at Leymebamba

October 14th: Morning birding Abra Barro Negro 2850m and upper north west side of Maranon canyon. Afternoon birding Balsas (965m). Night in camp at Balsas.

October 15th: Early start birding Balsas, area above camp and Hacienda Limon (1785m). Bird Cruz Conga (3200m). Arrive Celendin in afternoon. Night in Celendin.

October 16th: Morning birding Cruz Congo. Afternoon travel to Cajamarca and bird Rio Chonta (2685m). Night in Cajamarca

October 17th: Morning birding coastal road at Abra Gavilan (3050m), and then San Marcos. Afternoon travel to Huamachuco. Night in Huamachuco.

October 18th: Morning travel to Sinsicap. Travel to Trujillo. Night in Trujillo.

October 19th: Travel to Lima: Pucusana and San Pedro coast. End of tour.

THE BIRDLIST

* = Heard Only

RR = Restricted-range species

Conservation Status follows Birdlife International (2004)

Taxonomy follows South American Check-list (2007)

Pale browed Tinamou RR Near-threatened	Crypturellus transfasciatus
Two seen at the guan canyon. The genus name means "hidden tail"	
Tataupa Tinamou *	Crypturellus tataupa
Curve-billed Tinamou	Nothoprocta curvirostris
One seen briefly at Abra Gavilan	
Peruvian Booby	Sula variegata
Common at San Pedro	
Neotropic Cormorant	Phalacrocorax brasilianus
One seen at Puerto Eten and Tarapoto area	
Peruvian Pelican	Pelecanus thagus
Seen at Puerto Eten and Pucusana	
Yellow-billed Pintail	Anas georgica
One seen at Sausacocha lakes, en route to Huamchuco	
Little Blue Heron	Egretta caerulea
Good views at Puerto Eten	
Snowy Egret	Egretta thula
Common	
Great Egret	Ardea albus
Common	
Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis
Common	
Fasciated Tiger-Heron	Tigrisoma fasciatum
One was seen along the Rio Utcabamba en route to Pomacochas.	
Puna Ibis	Plegadis ridgwayi
Two at Sausacocha lake	
Black Vulture	Coragyps atratus
Turkey Vulture	Cathartes aura
Greater Yellow-headed Vulture	Cathartes melambrotus
Seen around Tarapoto and Rioja	
King Vulture	Sarcoramphus papa
One seen along soaring over the Chazuta road, near Pumarini Lodge	
Swallow-tailed Kite	Elanoides forficatus
Nice looks at this graceful raptor at Moro de Calzada.	
Cinereous Harrier	Circus cinereus
One seen at Puerto Etan	
Plain breasted Hawk	Accipiter ventralis
Cracking views of a pair nesting (and mobbing) along Owllet Ridge trail	
Bay-winged Hawk	Parabuteo unicinctus
Bizzare this! We saw a pair collecting nest material from the tops of emergent trees along the museum road at Leimebamba. Recording of the species' song to document the record. Unusual habitat and elevation. Also seen at the Guan Canyon.	
Black-chested Buzzard Eagle	Geranoaetus melanoleucus
Several sightings including one trying to take out a White-winged Guan at Limon!	

Roadside Hawk

Just a couple of birds!

Short-tailed Hawk

One adult seen at Afluente

Variable Hawk

Four individuals seen throughout the trip. People are still despartely trying to split this guy! Taxonomy for this “group” is a little confusing. Both Puna and Red-backed are sometimes considered to be separate species (Puna Hawk *B. poecilochrous* and Red-backed Hawk *B. polysoma*). A recent publication has proposed that both forms are better considered as separate species. There are 27 morphs, all vocally identical, and wing formula represents an elevational cline. Furthermore recent genetic data are consistent with the earlier hypothesis that both forms are conspecific.

Yellow-headed Caracara

One seen along the road near Pumarini Lodge

Mountain Caracara

Common

Laughing Falcon

Nice looks at one bird in the guan canyon!

Speckled Chachalaca

Two seen at Quebrada Upaquiuhau.

Andean Guan ***White-winged Guan RR Critically endangered Penelope albipennis**

One of the birds of the trip and what a pleasure it is to see that this species is still extant. A dozen individuals seen in the guan canyon. This species still has an extremely small and fragmented population but captive breeding and the release of captive bred birds which are now successfully breeding in the area provide hope for the species continued persistence in the wild. Bit of birding trivia for you - the genus is named after the wife of Ulysses, King of Ithaca, but why this name was bestowed on these birds is unknown.

Sickle-winged Guan

What about this one then? Sitting on the road at Abra Patricia one morning! Suicidal! A difficult bird to see in Peru. The genus refers to the species’ habit of seeking escape from danger on the ground (“falling prostrate on the ground”).

Marbled Wood-Quail ***Russet-crowned Crane*****Plumbeous Rail**

Two seen at Cruz Conga, near Celendin

Common Moorhen

Several at Puerto Eten and Sausacocho

Andean Coot

Several at Sausacocho

Black-necked Stilt

Common at Puerto Eten. Taxonomy is a bit confusing. The SACC says “*Himantopus mexicanus* was formerly considered a subspecies of Old World *H. himantopus* (“Common Stilt”). Some authors have treated southern South American *melanurus* as a separate species. The six taxa in the genus *Himantopus* form a near-globally distributed superspecies and between one to six species-level taxa recognized by various authors. Virtually no data are available relevant to taxon-ranking of allopatric populations. The contact between *mexicanus* and *melanurus* in South America, where at least some hybridization occurs, affords one of the best opportunities for such study.

Andean Snipe ***Ruddy Turnstone**

Lots of these guys at Pucusana and San Pedro

Sanderling

Common at Puerto Eten and San Pedro

Whimbrel**Buteo magnirostris****Buteo brachyurus****Buteo polysoma****Milvago chimachima****Phalcoboenus megalopterus****Herpetotheres cachinnans****Ortalis guttata****Penelope montagnii****Penelope albipennis****Chamaepetes goudotii****Odontophorus gujanensis****Anurolimnas viridis****Pardirallus sanguinolentus****Gallinula chloropus****Fulica ardesiaca.****Himantopus mexicanus****Gallinago jamesoni****Arenaria interpres****Calidris alba****Numenius phaeopus**

Common at Puerto Eten, and San Pedro

Greater Yellowlegs

Seen at Puerto Eten

Lesser Yellowlegs

Ditto

Spotted Sandpiper

Stunning!

Bairds Sandpipers

Common at Puerto Eten

Hudsonian Godwit

Two at Puerto Eten

Wilson's Phalarope

Common at Puerto Eten

Peruvian Thicknee RR

Two individuals at Puerto Eten

American Oystercatcher

About half a dozen seen at San Pedro

Blackish Oystercatcher

One guy sulking on his own near the cave at Pucusana bay

Andean Lapwing

Common around Abra Barro Negro

Belcher's Gull

Common at Pucusana and San Pedro. This is a split from Band-tailed Gull. *Larus belcheri* and *L. atlanticus* were formerly considered conspecific, but recent publications provided rationale for treatment as separate species

Gray Gull

Common at Pucusana and San Pedro

Kelp Gull

Common at Pucusana and San Pedro

Gray-hooded Gull

Common at Puerto Eten, Pucusana and San Pedro

Inca Tern

Several at Pucusana

Black Skimmer

Half a dozen or so at San Pedro

Band-tailed Pigeon

Common. Note that recent research has shown that the genus *Columba* is paraphyletic, with New World taxa being more closely related to *Streptopelia* than to Old World *Columba* pigeons. This is consistent with differences between New World and Old World *Columba* in terms of morphology, serology and behaviour. The suggestion was made to place all New World forms in the genus *Patagioenas*, and the AOU recently adopted this change in its latest checklist supplement

Peruvian Pigeon RR Vulnerable

Excellent views of several birds over two consecutive days around Balas in the Maranon canyon.

Plumbeous Pigeon

A couple of pairs at Afluente

Ruddy Pigeon

One at Afluente and Aguas Verdes

Pale-vented Pigeon

Two seen at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

Eared Dove

Common

Pacific Dove

Common. Formerly considered con-specific with White-winged Dove. The SACC says "*Zenaida meloda* was formerly (e.g., Peters, 1937, Hellmayr & Conover 1942, Meyer de Schauensee 1970)

Tringa melanoleuca

Tringa flavipes

Tringa macularia

Calidris bairdii

Limosa haemastica

Steganopus tricolor

Burhinus superciliaris

Haematopus palliatus

Haematopus ater

Vanellus resplendens

Larus belcheri

Larus modestus

Larus dominicanus

Larus cirrocephalus

Larosterna inca

Rynchops niger

Patagioenas fasciata

Patagioenas oenops

Patagioenas plumbea

Patagioenas subvinacea

Patagioenas cayennensis

Zenaida auriculata

Zenaida meloda

considered a subspecies of *Zenaida asiatica*. Treatment here as a separate species follows split from *Z. asiatica* in Baptista et al. (1997) and Johnson & Clayton (2000b), and followed by Gibbs et al. (2001); they form a superspecies.

Ruddy Ground-dove

Common in Tarapoto

Ecuadorian Ground-Dove *

Heard only at Tamborapa

Croaking Ground-Dove

Common

Bare-faced ground Dove

Half a dozen or so individuals seen in the Maranon Canyon

Blue Ground-Dove *

White-tipped Dove

Common throughout the tour.

Grey-fronted Dove

Four seen during our time at Afluente

White-throated Quail-Dove *

Scarlet-fronted Parakeet

Large flock fly-over at Tamborapa

White-eyed Parakeet

Fly-by's at Afluente

Mitred Parakeet

Large numbers seen at La Florida. Pomacochas at the Spatuletail site. Peruvian Ornithologist Peter Hocking's thesis is that birds in the Utcubamba Valley are this species and not Scarlet-fronted Parakeet. Apparently both the lower-elevation nominate race and the higher-elevation *alticola* are present and they may represent distinct species.

Red-masked Parakeet RR Near-threatened

Great views of this Tumbesian restricted-range species during our time at Quebrada Limón

Pacific Parrotlet

Common

Andean Parakeet

A large flock seen flying high over the elfin forest fragments at Abra Barro Negro

Yellow-faced Parrotlet RR Vulnerable

One of the birds of the trip. Sensational views of this Maranon restricted-range species "crop-raiding" in the orchids before Balsas. Further individuals were seen the very next day gathering at a near-by waterhole.

Cobalt-winged Parakeet

Four seen around Pumarini Lodge. The unusual thing about this subspecies is the yellow markings on the wing, and has some blue colour on the head. This may represent a separate species, restricted to the lower Huallaga Valley

Blue-headed Parrot

Common

Red-billed Parrot

Two sightings at Afluente

Speckle-faced Parrot

Flock of eight birds seen in flight at Abra Barro Negro, along the new museum road. The subspecies *seniloides* was formerly (e.g., Peters 1937, Meyer de Schauensee 1970) considered a separate species ("White-capped Parrot") from *Pionus tumultuosus*, ("Plum-crowned Parrot") but see O'Neill & Parker (1977), who noted that the only differences between the two are the degree of saturation of rosy pigment; this treatment was followed by Collar (1997) and Dickinson (2003), but not by Forshaw (1989), Fjeldså & Krabbe (1990), or Ridgely et al. (2001). There is no evidence of intergradation between the two.

Scaly-naped Parrot

High fly-by's at Abra Patricia

Columbina talpacoti

Columbina buckleyi

Columbina cruziana

Metriopelia ceciliae

Claravis pretiosa

Leptotila verreauxi

Leptotila rufaxilla

Geotrygon freneta

Aratinga wagleri

Aratinga leucophthalmus

Aratinga mitrata

Aratinga erythrogenys

Forpus coelestis

Bolborhynchus orbynesius

Forpus xanthops

Brotogeris cyanoptera gustavi

Pionus menstruus

Pionus sordidus

Pionus seniloides

Amazona mercenaria

Yellow-crowned Parrot
One seen at Aguas Verdes

Squirrel Cuckoo
Two seen at Tamborapa

Smooth-billed Ani
Common

Groove-billed Ani
Common

Striped Cuckoo *

Tropical Screech-Owl *

Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl *

White-throated Screech Owl *

Peruvian (Maranon) Screech-Owl RR

Staggering views of a pair at predawn along the track at Tamborapa. Recent analyses of genetic and vocal differences confirm a major division of the screech-owls into New World *Otus* and Old World groups. Consequently, the AOU placed all New World *Otus* (except *O. flammulatus*) in the genus *Megascops*.

Peruvian Screech-Owl RR

Great views at our Quebrada Limon campsite. Vocally distinct from the above subspecies. Slight differences in plumage and smaller size too. König et al. (1999) suggested that the subspecies *pacificus* might deserve recognition as a separate species from *Megascops roboratus*. I agree!

Cinnamon Screech Owl RR

Following a previous denial we got great views of one guy singing his guts out along the upper section of owl ridge trail at pre-dawn!

Amazona ochrocephala

Piaya cayana

Crotophaga ani

Crotophaga sulcirostris

Tapera naevia

Megascops choliba

Megascops watsonii

Megascops albogularis

Megascops roboratus roboratus

Megascops roboratus pacificus

Megascops petersoni

Koepcke's Screech Owl RR

Awesome views of one member of a pair at predawn near the tiny village of Shipamarca, in the Utcubamba valley. Another two (pair) were seen at the Hostal Estancia Chillo, near Tingo, at their usual roost. The ID of these guys has puzzled many for the last few years. However I finally confirmed the ID of these guys after playing tape at the Shipamarca birds who responded well to Koepcke's tape and I obtained a recording of their song. Furthermore, the presence of *M. koepckeeae* in the Dept. of Amazonas is supported by a small series collected there around the turn of the last century above Chachapoyas (Lane and Schulenberg pers.comm). The whole rainshadow slope of the Marañon may be inhabited by *koepckeeae*, they simply have never been encountered other than the Utcubamba population

Rufous-banded Owl *

Responded to tape but never came into view along the museum road at Leimebamba. The other guy at Abra Barro Negro was simply on the wrong side of the valley!

Crested Owl *

Band-bellied Owl

Amazing pre-dawn close-up at Pumarini Lodge

Peruvian Pygmy-Owl

Two individuals seen during the tour

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl *

Pygmy-Owl sp *

Heard only at predawn along the new museum road at Abra Barro Negro. Sounded like Yungus Pygmy Owl but it should be Andean. Confused? Me too!

Burrowing Owl

Good views at Batan Grande

Common Potoo *

Andean Potoo *

Seriously, seriously denied!!

Pauraque

Megascops koepckeeae

Strix albitarsis

Lophotrix cristata

Pulsatrix melanota

Glaucidium peruanum

Glaucidium brasilianum

Glaucidium sp.

Speotyto cunicularia

Nyctibius griseus

Nyctibius maculosus

Nyctidromus albicollis

Three seen at Mocuba Nuevo (Rafan) and one seen along the track at Tamborapa	
Lesser Nighthawk	Chordeiles acutipennis
One seen at Quebrada Limon	
Scrub Nightjar RR	Caprimulgus anthonyi
Brief views of a male at Batan Grande.	
Swallow-tailed Nightjar	Uropsalis segmentata
Brief views of a male at Abra Barro Negro.	
White-chested Swift	Cypsiloides lemosi
One seen at Pumarini Lodge	
Chestnut-collared Swift	Streptoprocne rutilus
Common.	
White-collared Swift	Streptoprocne zonaris
Common	
Gray-rumped Swift	Chaetura cinereiventris
Several seen at Pumarini Lodge	
Tumbes Swift	Chaetura ocyptetes
Good looks at one bird at Quebrada Limon	
Andean Swift	Aeronautes andecolus
Common at Rio Chonta, Cajamarca.	
Neotropical Palm-Swift	Tachornis squamata
Common at Moro de Calzada	
Green Hermit	Phaethornis guy
Good views of individuals at Afluente	
Great-billed Hermit	Phaethornis malaris
One seen at Afluente	
Koepcke's Hermit RR	Phaethornis koepckeae
Finally got following several near misses along the Chasuta Road, below Pumarini Lodge	
Blue-fronted Lancebill	Doryfera johannae
Good views of a male at Pumarini Lodge. Named after Johanna Verreaux (1850's), the wife of French natural history dealer Jules Verreaux!	
Sparkling Violet-ear	Colibri coruscans
Common	
Green Violetear	Colibri thalassinus
Seen on consecutive days at Abra Patricia	
Wire-crested Thorntail	Popelairia popelairii
One of my favourite hummingbirds, we got incredible views of a male and female displaying above the canopy at Afluente.	
Violet-headed Hummingbird	Klais guimeti
One male seen at Afluente	
Fork-tailed Woodnymph	Thalurania furcata
Males seen on consecutive days at Afluente and Moro de Calzada	
White-chinned Sapphire	Hylocharis cyanus
Great views of a perched singing males at Afluente and Moro de Calzada	
Golden-tailed Sapphire	Chrysuronia oenone
One male seen at Afluente	
Tumbes Hummingbird RR	Leucippus baeri
Good views of this Tumbesian restricted range species at Quebrada Limon	
Spot-throated Hummingbird RR	Leucippus taczanowskii
Two individuals seen well during the tour.	
White-bellied Hummingbird	Leucippus chionogaster
Common in the garden at La Florida, Pomacochas	
Many-spotted Hummingbird RR	Taphrospilus hypostictus
One perched individual seen at Aguas Verdes	
Sapphire-spangled Emerald	Polyerata lactea

One male seen at along the Chasuta road, Pumarini Lodge.

Amazilia Hummingbird

Amazilia amazilia

Common

Andean Emerald

Agyrtria franciae

Seen at the Balsas camp

Speckled Hummingbird

Adelomyia melanogenys

Seen at Abra Patricia

Ecuadorian Piedtail RR

Phlogophilus hemileucurus

Crack-a-lacking views of two foraging birds at Afluente

Giant Hummingbird

Patagona gigas

One male seen at Siniscap

Shining Sunbeam

Aglaeactis cupripennis

Seen on consecutive days in the Cajamarca area

Collard Inca

Coeligena torquata

Gangbuster views of a male at Puente Ruinas.

Bronzy Inca

Coeligena coeligena

One seen at Abra Patricia

Rainbow Starfrontlet RR

Coeligena iris

Great views of this species at Abra Barro Negro and Leimebamba museum road

Sword-billed Hummingbird

Enisfera enisfera

Nothing I could write in a trip report could reflect the sheer delight of seeing this thing at such close distances at Abra Barro Negro.

Purple-throated Sunangel Least Concern

Heliangelus viola

Great views of a male along the museum road at Leimebamba.

Royal Sunangel RR Endangered

Heliangelus regalis

Excellent views of two males along the knife-edge ridge at Alta Nieve, Abra Patricia.

Sapphire-vented Puffleg

Eriocnemis luciani

One seen well at Abra Barro Negro. The southern subspecies *sapphiropygia* which has been considered a separate species from *E. luciani* but most subsequent classifications treat them as conspecific. There is currently a proposal pending with the SACC to recognize *sapphiropygia* as a separate species. Intermediate specimens between the two forms exist however and I personally think this is a very, very (bad) dubious split.

Emerald-bellied Puffleg

Eriocnemis alinae

Three seen at Abra Patricia

Booted Racket-tail

Ocreatus underwoodii

Great close-quarter views of a foraging male at Afluente and Aguas Calientes

Black-tailed Trainbearer

Lesbia victoriae

One seen at Abra Barro Negro. Named after Victoire Mulsant, the wife of yet another French naturalist – Martial Muslant!

Green-tailed Trainbearer

Lesbia nuna

Several seen

Tyrian Metaltail

Metallura tyrianthina smaragdinicollis

Several sightings

Coppery Metaltail RR

Metallura theresiae

Nice looks of a perched bird in the elfin forest fragments at Abra Barro Negro!

Black Metaltail RR

Metallura phoebe

Great views of three foraging males at Abra Gavilan, outside Cajamarca. The species name is an alternative name for the Roman goddess Diana – goddess of the hunt!

Long-tailed Sylph

Aglaiocercus kingi

Male and female seen during our time at Abra Patricia

Grey-bellied Comet RR Endangered

Taphrolesia griseiventris

Until about five years ago, no-one was able to find this species with any form of regularity anywhere in Peru. Luckily about five years ago we found this current stake-out near the Rio Chonta

and since then many people have been able to enjoy this spectacular endemic and highly threatened hummingbird. We had to wait an hour but then got great views of the resident male. Stunning!

Marvellous Spatuletail RR Endangered

One male and several females seen at La Florida, Pomacochas. The genus is named after British taxidermist and natural history dealer G. Loddiges (1784-1846), who specialised in hummingbirds.

Purple-collared Woodstar

Common throughout the tour.

White-bellied Woodstar

Several great views at Afluente

Short-tailed Woodstar

Two seen at the guan canyon, Quebrada Limon

Crested Quetzal *

Golden-headed Quetzal

Great views along the museum road at Leimebamba where the species appears to be super-abundant. Also got great looks at one really bored-looking male along the owlet ridge trail!

Black-tailed Trogon *

Masked Trogon *

Blue-crowned Motmot *

Bluish-fronted Jacamar

Seen well at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

Black-fronted Nunbird

Common at Pumarini lodge area, Tarapoto

Swallow-wing

Seen along the Chasuta-Pumarini Lodge road and at Moro de Calzada

Gilded Barbet

Seen well at Aguas Verdes

Versicolored Barbet

Up to three males in total seen at Affuente

Emerald Toucanet

Great views of three birds at Abra Patricia. Some authors have recently split this “complex” into several species. Ridgely & Greenfield (2001) suggested that *Aulacorhynchus prasinus* may consist of more than one species-level taxon, but see Short & Horne (2001) who pointed out that the allopatric taxa are no more distinctive than those known to intergrade. All subspecies are similar vocally, bill pattern varies relatively little and all interbreed with each other wherever they meet.

Grey-breasted Mountain-Toucan Near-threatened Andigena hypoglauca

Quality, quality prolonged views of several individuals along the museum road at Leimebamba with several more heard in the area. This appears to be a highly concentrated and dense population.

Black-mandibled Toucan *

Lafresnaye’s Piculet

Good looks at Aguas Verdes and also heard at Quebrada Upaquiuhau. Named after French ornithologist Baron Noel Frederic Armand Andre de Lafresnaye (1783-1861).

Speckle-chested Piculet RR Vulnerable

More quality looks at Abra Patricia and Afluente. Named after Franz Steindachner (1834-1919), an Austrian zoologist who was director of the famous Vienna Museum.

Scarlet-backed Woodpecker

Common at Quebrada Limon and Batan Grande.

Smoky-brown Woodpecker

Good looks at two birds at Abra Patricia.

Red-stained Woodpecker

A pair seen well at Afluente

Golden-olive Woodpecker

Common at Quebrada Limon guan canyon (subspecies *rubripileus*) and one seen at Affluente (subspecies *buenavista*).

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker

Loddigesia mirabilis

Myrtis fanny

Chaetocercus mulsant

Myrmia micrura

Pharomachrus antisianus

Pharomachrus auriceps

Trogon melanurus melanurus

Trogon personatus

Momotus momota

Galbula cyanescens

Monasa nigrifrons

Chelidoptera tenebrosa

Capito auratus

Eubucco versicolor

Aulacorhynchus prasinus cyanolaemus

Ramphastos ambiguus

Picumnus lafresnayi

Picumnus steindachneri

Veniliornis callonotus

Veniliornis fumigatus

Veniliornis affinis

Piculus rubiginosus

Piculus rivolii

Several looks during our time at Abra Patricia

Black-necked Woodpecker RR

Seen very well in the Utcubamba valley at Shipamarca and also in the Maranon canyon, above Balsas

Andean Flicker

Common.

Spot-breasted Woodpecker

One male seen at Pumarini Lodge

Lineated Woodpecker

Two seen at Quebrada Limon

Guayaquil Woodpecker RR

Gangbuster views of a pair at Quebrada Limon

Crimson-crested Woodpecker

Great views at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

Coastal Miner RR

Good looks at Rafan

Striated Earthcreeper RR

Great views of one individual in response to playback at Cruz Congo and another in the comet gully at Rio Chonta

White-winged Cinclodes

Good views at Rio Chonta, where a pair were nesting

Surf Cinclodes RR

Great views at Pucusana! Wish they all did that!

(Pacific) Hornero RR

Commonly seen and heard throughout the tour. The subspecies *cinnamomeus* of W. Ecuador and NW. Peru merits recognition as a separate species from *F. leucopus* (Ridgely & Tudor 1994) and was treated as such by recent authors. However, although distinct vocal and behavioral differences have been reported, no real analysis has been published to support these splits. Therefore the SACC have not yet split the two simply due to insufficient published data.

Rusty-crowned Tit-Spintail RR

One individual was seen at Cruz Conga after several near misses.

(Peruvian) White-chinned Thistletail RR

Once again, great close views of this species at Abra Barro Negro. This *peruviana* subspecies is restricted to Northern Peru, vocally distinct from other forms and deserves full species rank.

Azara's Spintail *

Dusky Spintail *

Rufous Spintail *

Marañón Spintail RR Vulnerable

Great views (eventually) of a pair in the dry forests at Tamborapa.

Plain-crowned Spintail

Great views of one individual of this undescribed subspecies at Quebrada Upaquiuhau. They are darker gray than even *S. maranonica*, and based on LSU specimens that have been identified as "*huallagae*", the latter are very similar to birds from elsewhere in western Amazonia as far as the shade of gray (or rather gray-brown) on the head and underparts.

Necklaced Spintail

Common at Mocube Nuevo (Rafan), Quebrada Limon and at Batan Grande.

Chinchi Spintail RR

Fairly common in the dry deciduous forests at Tamborapa. Formerly regarded as a subspecies of Necklaced Spintail.

Great Spintail RR Vulnerable

What about this one then? We got stunning views of a pair along the main road at San Marcos. This species probably merits the conservation status of Endangered due to continuing loss and fragmentation of its breeding habitat due to overgrazing by sheep and goats.

Baron's Spintail RR

Colaptes atricollis

Colaptes rupicola

Colaptes punctigula

Dryocopus lineatus

Campephilus gayaquilensis

Campephilus melanoleucos

Geositta peruviana

Upucerthia serrana

Cinclodes atacamensis

Cinclodes taczanowskii

Furnarius leucopus cinnamomeus

Leptasthenura pileata cajabambae

Schizoeaca fulginosa peruana

Synallaxis azarae

Synallaxis moesta

Synallaxis unirufa

Synallaxis maranonica

Synallaxis gujanensis

Synallaxis stictothorax

Synallaxis chinchipensis

Siptornopsis hypochondriacus

Cranioleuca baroni

Great views at Shipamarca, and Cruz Conga. *Cranioleuca baroni* was formerly considered conspecific with *C. antisiensis* (Line-cheeked Spinetail) by numerous authors. Although most current references treat *baroni* as a species, evidence for considering this species separate from *C. antisiensis* is exceptionally weak. It appears that the closest geographic populations of *antisiensis* and *baroni* are more similar to one another than they are to other subspecies within their respective "species", and drawing a line between these two is arbitrary, even though the extremes differ radically. Named after O. T. Baron (1847-1926), a German engineer who lived in Peru.

Line-cheeked Spinetail Least Concern

Cranioleuca antisiensis

Seen well in the remnant forests at Abra Porculla. Depending on future taxonomic studies, its conservation status may change (see above).

Ash-browed Spinetail

Cranioleuca curtata

Seen well at Afluente and Aguas Verdes

Streak-backed Canastero

Asthenes wyatii

Good views of a single bird in response to tape at Abra Barro Negro

Russet-mantled Softtail RR Vulnerable

Phacellodomus berlepschi

Despite extensive deforestation at Abra Barro Negro, this species is still at our usual spot. Great to see because this is one that's also in big trouble and probably merits conservation status of Endangered due to continued habitat loss.

(Maranon) Rufous-fronted Thornbird RR

Phacellodomus rufifrons peruvianus

Good views several sightings Tamborapa. Here the subspecies *peruvianus*, often referred to as a distinct species (Marañón or Peruvian Thornbird).

Chestnut-backed Thornbird RR Vulnerable

Phacellodomus dorsalis

Great views of a highly responsive pair on the north-west slope of the Maranon Canyon.

Equatorial Greytail RR Near threatened

Xenerpestes singularis

Gangbuster views at Afluente. The genus name means "strange, or foreign, creeper".

Spotted Barbtail

Premnoplex brunescens

One seen at Abra Patricia

Pearled Treerunner

Margarornis squamiger

Several seen

Streaked Tuftedcheck

Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii

Great views of birds foraging in moss and bromeliads at Abra Patricia and also along the museum road at Leimebamba. The species name is a mis-spelling, following naming the species after French ornithologist and author, A. Boissonneau.

Striped Woodhaunter *

Hyloctistes subulatus

Rufous-necked Foliage-gleaner RR Vulnerable

Syndactyla ruficollis

One seen briefly at Abra Porculla

Montane Foliage-gleaner

Anabacerthia striaticollis

Seen at Afluente

Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner

Philydor rufus

Several sightings at Afluente

Peruvian Treehunter RR

Thripadectes scrutator

Oooohhhh yyyeessss!!! Not many people have seen this guy. Cracking views at roadside, of one member of a pair as they foraged in non-bamboo substrate along the museum road at Leimebamba. Another pair were heard nearby. Conservation status of this species merits investigation - little known, hardly ever seen or heard (probably low-density) and not "on the radar". The species name means "seacher" or "examiner", no doubt a reference to its foraging behaviour.

Black-billed Treehunter

Thripadectes melanorhynchus

Gangbuster response to playback at Afluente!

Henna-hooded Foliage Gleaner RR Vulnerable

Hylocryptus erythrocephalus

A beast of a furnariid, we got to see this guy at Abra Porculla and high-five's all-round!! The genus refers to "woodland" and "hidden", "secretive".

Streaked Xenops

Xenops rutilans

Seen at Aguas Verdes

Tyrannine Woodcreeper

Nice looks as it foraged with a large mixed flock along the owlet ridge trail at Abra Patricia

Olivaceous Woodcreeper

Seen at Afluente. *Sittasomus griseicapillus* almost certainly consists of multiple species with at least five subspecies groups possibly deserving separate species status.

Strong-billed Woodcreeper

Good looks at this guy in another mixed flock at owlet ridge trail. The individual we saw belongs to the *orenocensis* subspecies 'group', which was formerly treated as a separate species from *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus*. The *emigrans* subspecies group of Middle America was also formerly considered a separate species. Some authors have been unable to find a clear demarcation in plumage between the two groups, and Marantz et al. (2003) noted that voices were remarkably similar among these forms, given their pronounced plumage differences. In a nut-shell, a comprehensive analysis is required!

Buff-throated Woodcreeper

Two seen at Quebrada Upaquiuhau. Note that this species has NOT been formerly split!

Olive-backed Woodcreeper

A total of two individuals seen around Afluente

Streak-headed Woodcreeper

Several seen at Quebrada Limon and Batan Grande

Montane Woodcreeper

Great looks as they foraged with a large mixed flock along the museum road, Leimebamba. Treated as conspecific with Spot-crowned Woodcreeper *L. affinis* by recent authors and may well be lumped back together in the near future.

Great Antshrike

One male seen well at Pumarini Lodge

Collared Antshrike

Great views at Quebrada Limon and Batan Grande

Antshrike *sp nov* RR

Brilliant views of a male and female in the arid scrub habitat on the outskirts of Jaen. This is a distinctive subspecies, with a different song and plumage characteristics. A manuscript for the proposed split is currently being prepared.

Barred Antshrike ***Chapman's Antshrike RR**

Great views of five birds (males and females) at Abra Porculla.

Lined Antshrike

Great views of an underestimated looking species at Afluente

Uniform Antshrike

Great views of a male along the trail at owlet ridge. Song here is different to the birds in SE Peru. Worth investigating!

Mouse-coloured Antshrike

Great views of a male and female along the Chasuta road, below Pumarini Lodge

Northern (Marañón) Slaty-Antshrike RR

Nice looks at two males and a female at Tamborapa.

Northern (Huallaga) Slaty-Antshrike RR

Truly an honour to get good looks of this endemic species at Pumarini Lodge (several others heard at Quebrada Upaquiuhau), which, until 6 or 7 years ago, was unknown in life, until its rediscovery by Barry Walker. In my experience and opinion, this form is so obviously vocally and morphologically distinct from the Marañón Slaty-Antshrike (see above) that it just has to be split.

Variable Antshrike

Good looks at the Abra Patricia pass

Stripe-chested Antwren

A pair seen well in response to tape at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

White-flanked Antwren**Dendrocincla tyrannina****Sittasomus griseicapillus****Xiphorhynchus promeropirhynchus****Xiphorhynchus guttatus****Xiphorhynchus triangularis****Lepidocolaptes souleyetii****Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger****Taraba major****Sakesphorus bernardi bernardi****Sakesphorus bernardi shumbae****Thamnophilus doliatus****Thamnophilus zarumae****Thamnophilus tenuipunctatus****Thamnophilus unicolor****Thamnophilus murinus****Thamnophilus leucogaster leucogaster****Thamnophilus leucogaster huallagae****Thamnophilus caerulescens****Myrmotherula longicauda****Myrmotherula axillaris**

We saw one male of the undescribed race found at Tarapoto. This subspecies has distinct vocal differences with subtle plumage differences.

Ash-throated Antwren RR Endangered

Great stuff. A male seen well foraging in the canopy at Afluente. Only known from two sites, this species probably merits critical conservation status due to ongoing deforestation in the Afluente area and its global population probably totals fewer than 500 individuals.

Yellow-breasted Antwren

Nice looks at a male as it foraged with a mixed flock at Afluente

Rufous-winged Antwren *

Long-tailed Antbird

One seen along the trail at owl ridge, Abra Patricia.

Blackish Antbird

Two seen well at Afluente

Black Antbird *

White-backed Fire-eye *

White-browed Antbird

Seen at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

Black-faced Antbird *

Peruvian Warbling Antbird

Great looks at a pair along the Chasuta Road, below Pumarini Lodge.

Southern Chestnut-tailed Antbird *

Chestnut-crowned Antpitta

Good looks at Abra Porculla.

Rufous (Cajamarca) Antpitta RR

Godd looks at this highly distinctive subspecies at Cruz Conga. The Rufous Antpitta complex is currently being analysed and this form no doubt will be split in the very near future. It should be!

Rusty-tinged Antpitta RR

Gave us a hard time at Abra Patricia but we got it eventually

Ochre-fronted Antpitta RR Endangered

One of the contenders for bird of the trip – gangbuster close quarter views of a singing bird at Garcia/Alto Nieve. More vocal and responsive between October and December, this guy always comes in higher than you think, above head height, and always sings back as he approaches.

Thrush-like Antpitta *

Elegant Crescentchest

Excellent views on consecutive days at Quebrada Limon and Abra Porculla

Marañón Crescentchest RR Near threatened

Landmark bird for Howard as he completed the Crescentchests with gangbuster close views of a foraging bird at roadside, at Tamborapa. Highly memorable.

Blackish Tapaculo

One seen well in response to tape at Abra Barro Negro and several others were heard in the area. Here the subspecies *intermedius* (often misidentified by others as being anything other than Blackish Tapaculo).

Unicoloured Tapaculo RR

Good looks at Abra Gavilan

Rufous-vented Tapaculo * RR

White-crowned Tapaculo

One seen at roadside at Afluente. Watch this space for further taxonomic studies on this one!

Peruvian Plantcutter RR Endangered

Stunning views of two birds at Mocube Nuevo (Rafan) and three others at Batan Grande. Adam completes the Plantcutters with this guy and its on many peoples' "most-wanted" list. The species probably merits the conservation status of Critical due to ongoing habitat destruction.

Red-crested Cotinga

Good looks at Abra Barro Negro

Herpsilochmus parkeri

Herpsilochmus axillaris

Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus

Drymophila caudate

Cercomacra nigrescens

Cercomacra serva

Pyriglena leuconota

Myrmoborus leucophrys

Myrmoborus myotherinus

Hypocnemis peruvianus

Myrmeciza hemimelaena

Grallaria ruficapilla

Grallaria rufula cajabambae

Grallaria przewalski

Grallaricula ochraceifrons

Myrmothera campanisona

Melanopareia elegans

Melanopareia maranonica

Scytalopus latrans

Scytalopus unicolor

Scytalopus femoralis

Scytalopus atratus

Phytotoma raimondii

Ampelion rubrocristata

Green-and-black Fruiteater

Nice looks at a male at Abra Patricia

Red-ruffed Fruitcrow ***Andean Cock-of-the-Rock**

The national bird of bird didn't disappoint and we saw guzzillions of individuals at Afluente – most I've ever seen during any bird tour.

Band-tailed Manakin ***Fiery-capped Manakin *****Sulphur-bellied Tyrant-Manakin**

One bird seen well at Quebrada Upaquiuhau foraging with a mixed flock.

Streak-necked Flycatcher

Seen on consecutive days at Abra Patricia

Olive-striped Flycatcher

Seen on two occasions at Afluente and Aguas Verdes

Inca Flycatcher RR

One seen foraging with a mixed flock at Abra Patricia

Slaty-capped Flycatcher

Seen at Afluente and Aguas Verdes

Bronze-Olive Pygmy Tyrant ***Johnsons Tody-Tyrant RR**

This wonderful flycatcher was seen on our first morning at Abra Patricia. The scientific name (and the original vernacular name) is from the late Lulu May Von Hagen for her support of research in avian genetics.

Black-throated Tody-Tyrant

Good looks of this little guy along the trail before the pass at Abra Patricia.

Cinnamon-breasted Tody-Tyrant RR Near threatened Hemitriccus cinnamomeipectus

Quite an adventure to nail this guy down and after thrashing through the undergrowth at Garcia/Alto Nieve, we got it....just!

Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant ***Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant**

Two individuals at Quebrada Upaquiuhau.

Common Tody-Flycatcher

Common

Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher

Two seen at Pumarini Lodge

Sooty-headed Tyrannulet

One seen at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

Black-capped Tyrannulet

Quality views as they foraged with mixed flocks along the museum road, Leimebamba

Mishana Tyrannulet * RR Vulnerable**Peruvian Tyrannulet RR**

This species is common at Afluente. These are vocally identical to those found in Central Peru, but recently there has been considerable debate about whether these are distinct from the Golden-faced Tyrannulet (likewise the species status of Loja Tyrannulet).

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet

Common throughout the tour.

Tumbesian Tyrannulet RR

Seen at Quebrada Limon and Batan Grande (subspecies *inflava*). At Abra Porculla we saw the subspecies *maranonica*

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet ***Pacific Elaenia RR**

We had great views of two birds in response to tape, at Quebrada Limon.

Grey-and-white Tyrannulet RR

Common at Batan Grande and Quebrada Limon

Pipreola riefferii**Pyroderus scutatus****Rupicola peruviana****Pipra fasciicauda****Machaeropterus pyrocephalus****Neopelma sulphureiventer****Mionectes striaticollis****Mionectes olivaceus****Leptopogon taczanowski****Leptopogon superciliaris****Pseudotriccus pelzelni****Poecilotriccus luluae****Hemitriccus granadensis****Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer****Hemitriccus striaticollis****Todirostrum cinereum****Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum neglectum****Phyllomyias griseiceps****Phyllomyias nigrocapillus****Zimmerius villarejoi****Zimmerius viridiflavus****Camptostoma obsoletum****Phaeomyias tumbezana****Tyrannulus elatus****Myiopagis subplacens****Pseudelaenia leucospodia**

Yellow-bellied Elaenia	Elaenia flavogaster
One seen at Moro de Calzada	
Sierran Elaenia	Elaenia pallatangae
Common at Abra Patricia.	
Lesser Elaenia	Elaenia chiriquensis
Common at Quebrada Upaquiuhau	
White-banded Tyrannulet	Mecocerculus stictopterus
Seen in mixed flocks along the museum road, Leimebamba and at Abra Barro Negro	
Torrent Tyrannulet	Serpophaga cinerea
Half a dozen or so seen along the Rio Chonta and two others seen along the Rio Utcubamba	
Black-crested Tit-Tyrant RR	Anairetes nigrocristatus
Two birds were seen at Cruz Conga, along the road from Celendín - Cajamarca. The genus <i>Anairetes</i> means “destroyer” or “murderer” - a typical epithet for a tyrant-flycatcher!	
Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant	Anairetes flavirostris
Two seen along the Rio Chonta	
Tufted Tit-Tyrant	Anairetes parulus
One seen at Abra Barro Negro	
Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant	Euscarthmus meloryphus
Common throughout the tour	
Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant	Phylloscartes ophthalmicus
One seen in mixed flocks on consecutive days at Afluente	
Ecuadorian Tyrannulet RR	Phylloscartes gualaquizae
Good looks at four birds at Afluente - two adults feeding two young.	
Mottled-cheeked Tyrannulet	Phylloscartes ventralis
One seen at Abra Patricia collecting nesting material	
White-bellied Pygmy-Tyrant RR	Myiornis albiventris
Good looks of this restricted-range species amongst the plague-like proportions of mosquito's at Quebrada Upaquiuhua. This is really the only known site for the species (where you can find it with any regularity) throughout its narrow range.	
Short-tailed Pygmy Tyrant *	Myiornis ecaudatus
Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant	Lophotriccus pileatus
Seen at Afluente	
Double-banded Pygmy-Tyrant	Lophotriccus vitiosus
Great views of four individuals the road from Pumarini Lodge to Chasuta, Tarapoto	
Yellow-olive Tolmomyias	Tolmomyias sulphurens
Two individuals seen very well at Quebrada Limon. Ridgely & Greenfield (2001) used the English group name "Flatbill" for the species of <i>Tolmomyias</i> , returning to an older classification. However there is already a long established genus which carries the name Flatbill (<i>Ramphotrigon</i>) so I feel its best to use <i>Tolmomyias</i> .	
Bran-coloured Flycatcher	Myiophobus fasciatus
Now this is where it gets interesting. We saw two distinct subspecies: at Batan Grande we saw the <i>rufescens</i> subspecies, which may deserve full species status (Rufescent or Pacific Bran-coloured Flycatcher). In the Marañon canyon, we saw the very unusual subspecies <i>crypterythrus</i> . At Abra Porculla, we saw something completely different and who knows what that was!?	
Olive-chested Flycatcher	Myiophobus cryptoxanthus
One seen well in secondary vegetation in the first clearing along owl ridge trail, Abra Patricia	
Cinnamon Flycatcher	Pyrrhomyias cinnamomea
Commonly encountered throughout the tour.	
Cliff Flycatcher	Hirundinea ferruginea
Abra Patricia	
Smoke-coloured Pewee	Contopus fumigatus
Common at Abra Barro Negro	
Tumbes Pewee RR	Contopus punensis
Great views at Quebrada Limon where it appears to be very common.	

Black Phoebe

Several sightings along the Rio Utcubmaba.

Vermilion Flycatcher

Common throughout the tour – thankfully! Great bird!

Piura Chat-Tyrant RR

We got great views of this restricted-range species at Abra Porculla where it can be difficult to track down unless one is familiar with its subtle and partly inaudible song. Not currently listed as globally threatened but its status is under review due to severe deforestation of its habitat.

Maroon-belted Chat-Tyrant

Great views of two birds along the museum road, Leimebamba. Biochemical work conducted at Copenhagen University by Jon Fjeldsa indicates this is a separate species from Slaty-backed Chat-tyrant – *O. cinnamomeiventris* to the north of the Marañon valley. García-Moreno et al. (1998) suggested that the plumage and genetic differences between subspecies groups north and south of the Marañon should be recognized at the species level, with *Ochthoeca thoracica* the name for the southern species. Ridgely & Tudor (1994) reported that there are also vocal differences that would support this split.

Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant

Seen at Abra Barro Negro

Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant

Two seen at Cruz Congo.

White-browed Chat-Tyrant

Conspicuous at the Rio Chonta comet gully

Tumbes Tyrant RR Near-threatened

One of the most striking flycatchers to be found on the Marañon circuit, we got good views of one bird at Batan Grande, and better views of three individuals at Quebrada Limon and Tocto Trail

Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant

Good views of one bird along the museum road, Leimebamba

Smokey Bush Tyrant

Good looks at one individual in the disturbed habitat along the Rio Chonta, Cajamarca

White-tailed Shrike-Tyrant RR Vulnerable

Great looks at two pairs hunting lizards Cruz Conga. With experience, this species is readily identified from Black-billed here by its overall size, and the form and colour of its bill.

Rufous-webbed Tyrant

Excellent looks at two birds in a small area of scrub/open area above Cruz Congo.

Short-tailed Field-Tyrant

Great looks along the Tocto Trail

Rufous-tailed Tyrant

Seen on two different days at Afluente. We also witnessed a very unusual wing-mantling display by three individuals in dispute over something! Never seen that before.

White-winged Black-Tyrant

Good views of a males at San Marcos.

Long-tailed Tyrant

One male seen at Afluente.

Rufous Flycatcher RR Least Concern

One the the target birds of the trip, we got good views of two birds along the road through Batan Grande and along the Tocto Trail. This species' conservation status is currently under review and is probably globally threatened due to the ongoing deforestation of its habitat (the same as the Peruvian Plantcutter).

Dusky-capped Flycatcher

Two sightings during the trip

Brown-crested Flycatcher

A couple of birds were seen at Quebrada Upaquiuhau.

Short-crested Flycatcher

Seen at Moro de Calzada.

Sayornis nigricans**Pyrocephalus rubinus****Ochthoeca piurae****Ochthoeca thoracica****Ochthoeca rufipectoralis****Ochthoeca fumicolor****Ochthoeca leucophrys****Tumbezia salvini****Myiotheretes striaticollis****Myiotheretes fumigatus****Agriornis andicola****Polioxolmis rufipennis****Muscigralla brevicauda****Knipolegus poecilurus****Knipolegus aterrimus****Colonia colonus****Myiarchus semirufus****Myiarchus tuberculifer****Myiarchus tyrannulus****Myiarchus ferox**

Tropical Kingbird	Tyrannus melancholicus
Common	
Great Kiskadee	Pitangus sulphuratus
Four individuals seen in the Tarapoto area	
Boat-billed Flycatcher	Megarynchus pitangua
Sightings from Quebrada Upaquiuhau and Tarapoto.	
Social Flycatcher	Myiozetetes similis
Seen at Tarapoto	
Baird's Flycatcher RR	Myiodynastes bairdii
Great views on several occasions at Quebrada Limon and Batan Grande	
Streaked Flycatcher	Myiodynastes maculates
Seen well at Afluente	
Yellow-cheeked Becard	Pachyramphus xanthogenys
One confusing immature male at Tamborapa	
Barred Becard	Pachyramphus versicolor
Good looks at two females at Afluente, and along the museum road, Leimebamba	
Rufous-browed Peppershrike	Cyclarhis gujanensis
Common	
Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo *	Vireolanius leucotis
Red-eyed Vireo	Vireo olivaceus
Several sightings. Here the subspecies <i>chivi</i> which is probably resident in Peru and sometimes regarded as a separate species, the Chivi Vireo.	
Brown-capped Vireo	Vireo leucophrys
Common at Leimebamba	
Ashy-headed Greenlet	Hylophilus pectoralis
Good views of one individual at Quebrada Upaquiuhau. Also heard at Mamonaquiuhau	
Olivaceous Greenlet	Hylophilus olivaceus
Cracking views of one singing bird at Affluente. Vocally, very common there.	
Dusky-capped Greenlet *	Hylophilus hypoxanthus
Green (Inca) Jay	Cyanocorax yncas
Common at several locations throughout the tour. Ridgely & Greenfield (2001) and Hilty (2003) consider Central American populations as a separate species, <i>C. luxosus</i> (Green Jay) from South American <i>C. yncas</i> (Inca Jay), but no data has been published on this proposed split.	
White-tailed Jay	Cyanocorax mystacalis
Stunning views on consecutive days at Batan Grande and Quebrada Limon.	
White-collared Jay RR	Cyanolyca viridicyana
Great close views of several birds along the museum road, Leimebamba	
White-capped Dipper	Cinclus leucocephalus
One seen on the river in the museum road, valley, Leimebamba	
Grey-breasted Martin	Progne chalybea
Seen during the first four days of the tour	
Blue-and-white Swallow	Pygochelidon cyanoleuca
Common throughout the tour.	
Brown-bellied Swallow	Notiochelidon murina
Common at Abra Barro Negro and Cajamarca area.	
Southern Rough-winged Swallow	Stelgidopteryx ruficollis
Several encounters	
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica
Several at Puerto Eten	
Fasciated Wren	Campylorhynchus fasciatus
Common at several sites	

Sharpe's Wren RR	Cinnycerthia olivascens
Cracking close quarter views along the trail before the Abra Patricia pass	
Grey-mantled Wren	Odontorchilus branickii
Two individuals seen foraging with mixed flocks at Afluente	
Coraya Wren	Thryothorus coraya
Seen well at Quebrada Upaquiuhau	
Speckle-breasted (Maranon) Wren RR	Thryothorus sclateri maranonica
Nice looks at one individual who came in silently to tape, at roadside at Tamborapa. Good split this!	
Speckle-breasted Wren	Thryothorus sclateri paucimaculatus
Great views of six birds at Quebrada Limon guan canyon	
Superciliated Wren	Thryothorus superciliaris
Common at Batan Grande, Quebrada Limon and Abra Porculla.	
Mountain Wren	Troglodytes solstitialis
Common in a mixed flocks at Abra Barro Negro and the museum road, Leimebamba	
House Wren	Troglodytes aedon
Common throughout the trip.	
Grass Wren *	Cistothorus platensis
White-breasted Wood-Wren *	Henicorhina leucostiga
Grey-breasted Wood-Wren	Henicorhina leucophrys
One seen at Abra Patricia.	
Bar-winged Wood-Wren RR Near threatened	Henicorhina leucoptera
This was one of my most memorable birds of the trip – gangbuster close views of this little guy at roadside, at Garcia/Alto Nieve - displaying aggressively to playback.	
Chestnut breasted Wren	Cyphorhinus thoracicus
What on earth was this little fella doing foraging at mid-storey level with a mixed flock along owl ridge trail? The genus name means “bent or bowed nose” – a reference to the fact that these wrens have thick bills with a high, ridged culmen.	
Southern Nightingale-Wren *	Microcerculus marginatus
Tropical Gnatcatcher	Polioptila plumbea
We first encountered this species at Batan Grande, where we we saw the Tumbesian <i>bilineata</i> subspecies. The second subspecies we saw was at Quebrada Upaquiuhau - a black-capped male and paler female of the Amazonian <i>parvirostris</i> subspecies.	
Marañón Gnatcatcher RR	Polioptila maior
Seen well in the Maranon canyon, San Marcos and at Tamborapa	
Long-billed Gnatwren	Ramphocaenus melanurus
Nice looks at this guy in a vine tangle along the road below Pumarini Lodge	
Andean Solitaire	Myadestes ralloides
One seen along owl ridge trail, Abra Patricia	
White-eared Solitaire	Entomodestes leucotis
Good looks at two at Afluente	
Chiguanco Thrush	Turdus chiguanco
Common around the Cajamarca region	
Great Thrush	Turdus fuscater
Common throughout the tour.	
Glossy-black Thrush	Turdus serranus
Nice views of a male at Abra Patricia.	
Andean Slaty-Thrush	Turdus nigriceps
Should have been on their way home to Bolivia or somewhere else further south, but four individuals decided to stay a little longer at Afluente and gorge themselves on the multitude of fruiting trees at roadside.	
Plumbeous-backed Thrush RR Least Concern	Turdus reevei
Great looks at Quebrada Limon and Abra Porculla.	
Marañón Thrush RR Least Concern	Turdus maranonicus
Great views of three birds at Shipamarca, in the Utcubamba valley, en route to Leymebamba.	

Black-billed Thrush	Turdus ignobilis
Seen on consecutive days at Afluente	
Pale-breasted Thrush	Turdus leucomelas
One seen in amongst the blankets of mosquito's at Moro de Calzada	
Hauxwell's Thrush	Turdus hauxwelli
One seen at Moro de Calzada. This is a very distinctive form and probably merits species rank.	
Long-tailed Mockingbird	Mimus longicaudatus
Mockers!!!! Shoot 'em!!!	
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus
Yeah, done that already!	
Paramo Pipit	Anthus bogotensis
Great scope views of a foraging bird at Cruz Congo	
Hooded Siskin	Carduelis magellanica urubambensis
Common	
Olivaceous Siskin	Carduelis magellanica olivacea
Several sightings. Is this really any different from the above? Hmmm....	
Lesser Goldfinch	Carduelis psaltria
One singing male seen at Hacienda Limon, Maranon Canyon.	
Tropical Parula	Parula pitiayumi
Common at a number of sites throughout the tour.	
Blackburnian Warbler	Dendroica fusca
Three seen at Afluente	
Canada Warbler	Wilsonia canadensis
Nice looks at Aguas Verdes	
Black-lored Yellowthroat	Geothlypis auricularis
One seen well at Shipamarca, in the Utcubamba valley	
Slate-throated Whitestart	Myioborus miniatus
Common	
Spectacled Whitestart	Myioborus melanocephalus
Common	
Grey and Gold Warbler RR	Basileuteris fraseri
One seen well skulking around in the leaf litter at Abra Porculla. Named after English natural history dealer, author, and collector, Louis Fraser (d.1866).	
Citrine Warbler	Basileuterus luteoviridis
Four seen at Abra Patricia	
Black-crested Warbler	Basileuterus nigrocristatus
Cracking views at Abra Barro Negro and Cruz Conga	
Russet-crowned Warbler	Basileuterus coronatus
One seen at Afluente	
Three-banded Warbler RR	Basileuterus trifasciatus
Good views at Abra Porculla were it appears to be numerous	
Three-striped Warbler	Basileuterus tristriatus
Two seen amongst the mixed flocks along owlet ridge trail.	
Bananaquit	Coereba flaveola
Hmph!	
Cinereous Conebill	Conirostrum cinereum
Common	
Capped Conebill	Conirostrum albifrons
Seen well in the mixed flocks along the museum road, Leimebamba	
Blue-backed Conebill	Conirostrum sitticolor
Cracking views of two birds in a mixed flock at Abra Barro Negro	
Rufous-collared Sparrow	Zonotrichia capensis
Ohh dear....	
Yellow-browed Sparrow	Ammodramus aurifrons

Seen at Afluyente

Rufous-naped Brush-Finch

Several birds were seen around Abra Patricia.

Rufous-naped (Baron's) Brush-Finch RR

This distinctive subspecies (probably merits full species-status) which differs in having a pale nape, no wing speculum, and a different song, was seen at Cruz Conga, along the Cajamarca-Celendin road and at Abra Gavilan.

Bay-crowned Brush-Finch

Seen well at Abra Porculla. Named after British businessman, ornithologist, traveller and author, Henry Seebohm (1832-1895).

White-winged Brush-Finch

Seen at Quebrada Limon and Abra Porculla. Here the subspecies *dresseri*.

White-headed Brush-Finch

Common at Quebrada Limón, foraging in a large flock.

Stripe-headed Brush-Finch

Good looks on consecutive days at Abra Barro Negro

Chesnut-capped Brush-finch

Brief views of two birds fighting at roadside at the Abra Patricia pass

Black-capped (Maranon) Sparrow RR

Nice looks at one individual at Tamborapa. This distinctive subspecies merits full species status (plumage and vocal characteristics) and a review of its conservation status.

Black-capped Sparrow RR

Good views of this Tumbesian specialist foraging with brush finches on the ground at Quebrada Limon

Tumbes Sparrow RR

Great views of numerous birds along the road out of Quebrada Limon guan canyon and along the Tocto Trail. Named after Polish zoologist and collector, J. Sztolcman (1854-1928).

Black-faced Tanager

Fine views of two birds at Moro de Calzada.

Magpie Tanager

One seen at Afluyente.

Grass-green Tanager

Seen at Abra Patricia and at Abra Barro Negro

White-capped Tanager

Following distant views along owl ridge trail, we were fortunate to get absolutely crack-a-lacking views along the trail before the Abra Patricia pass, and again along the museum road, Leimebamba. Has to be a member of the Jay family! Genus name means "silken blackbird" – a reference to its plumage appearance.

Common Bush-Tanager

Seen at Abra Patricia

Yellow-throated Bush-Tanager

Seen at Afluyente

Grey-hooded Bush Tanager

Three seen with the mixed flocks along the museum road, Leimebamba. Its genus name means "mountain slope watcher, or seeker"!

Superciliaried Hemispingus

We saw several birds during our visit to Abra Barro Negro and the museum road, Leimebamba. This distinctive subspecies probably merits full species rank. Here the subspecies *insignis* but in my experience, it's identical to *leucogaster* - lump them!.

Drab Hemispingus

Stunning close views of half a dozen birds (eventually) in the mixed flock action along the museum road, Leimebamba

Rufous-chested Tanager

Seen at Abra Barro Negro. The name *Thlyposis* means "warbler-like"

Atlapetes latinuchus latinuchus

Atlapetes latinuchus baroni

Atlapetes seebohmi

Atlapetes leucopterus

Atlapetes albiceps

Atlapetes torquatus

Atlapetes brunneinucha

Arremon abeillei nigriceps

Arremon abeillei abeillei

Aimophila stolzmanni

Schistochlamys melanopsis

Cissopis leveriana

Chlorornis riefferii

Sericossypha albocristata

Chlorospingus ophthalmicus

Chlorospingus flavigularis

Cnemiscopus rubrirostris

Hemispingus superciliaris leucogaster

Hemispingus xanthophthalmus

Thlyposis ornata

Buff-bellied Tanager RR

Excellent looks at several individuals at Shipamarca.

Fulvous-crested Tanager

One seen at Abra Patricia

White-lined Tanager

Seen at Afluente.

Highland Hepatic-Tanager

Several encounters

Red-hooded Tanager

Another highlight of the trip as a massive bunch of 20+ individuals led a mixed flock around the emergent trees at roadside, along the museum road, Leimebamba. Brilliant!

Huallaga Tanager RR

This striking tanager was seen on a small number of occasions at Afluente, Aguas Verdes, Moro de Calzada and the Tarapoto region

Blue-grey Tanager

Common

Blue-capped Tanager

Common throughout the tour

Palm Tanager

Common throughout the tour

Blue-and-yellow Tanager

Common at Leimebamba.

Hooded Mountain-Tanager ***Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager**

Nice looks at Abra Barro Negro. The genus name refers to the “uneven or unequal bill” referring to the strongly arched, finch-like upper mandible.

Blue-winged Mountain Tanager

Nice looks at one bird in amongst the mixed flock activity along owl ridsge trail, Abra Patricia

Yellow-throated Tanager

Great looks at a pair at Afluente

Orange-eared Tanager

Several seen around Afluente. The species name refers to “beautiful cheeked”.

Turquoise Tanager

Two individuals along the road from Pumarini lodge to Chasuta

Paradise Tanager

Dude!

Green-and-gold Tanager

Several at Afluente and Aguas Verdes.

Golden Tanager

Another wonderful looking tanager at Afluente.

Saffron-crowned Tanager

Common at Abra Patricia and Afluente

Flame-faced Tanager

Great views at Abra Patricia and Afluente

Spotted Tanager

Common at Afluente

Bay-headed Tanager

Several seen at Afluente and Aguas Verdes.

Burnished-buff Tanager

Good looks at Moro de Calzada

Golden-naped Tanager

One seen at Afluente

Thlypopsis inornata**Tachyphonus surinamus****Tachyphonus rufus****Piranga lutea****Piranga rubriceps****Ramphocelus melanogaster****Thraupis episcopus****Thraupis cyanocephala****Thraupis palmarum****Thraupis bonariensis****Buthraupis montana****Anisognathus igniventris****Anisognathus somptuosus**

along owl ridsge trail, Abra Patricia

Iridosornis analis**Chlorochrysa calliparaea****Tangara mexicana****Tangara chilensis****Tangara schrankii****Tangara arthus****Tangara xanthocephala****Tangara parzudakii****Tangara punctata****Tangara gyrol****Tangara cayana****Tangara ruficervix fulcivervix**

Metallic-green Tanager

Five individuals seen at the Abra Patricia pass. The species name refers to the Labrador stone, and the shining silver and blue reflections in the species' green plumage.

Blue-necked Tanager

Common at Afluente

Beryl-spangled Tanager

A couple of sightings around Afluente.

Blue-and-black Tanager

Seen well at Abra Patricia and Abra Barro Negro (subspecies *branickii*)

Silver-backed Tanager

Common at Abra Patricia

Opal-rumped Tanager

Seen along the road at Pumarini Lodge

Opal-crowned Tanager

Seen along the road at Pumarini Lodge

Golden-collard Honeycreeper

One male seen foraging with a mixed flock at Afluente

Black-faced Dacnis

Several seen at Afluente and Aguas Verdes

Blue Dacnis

Seen well at Afluente

Purple Honeycreeper

Brief views of two at Afluente.

Crimson-breasted Finch

Two seen along the road at Tamborapa

Peruvian Sierra-Finch RR

A small number seen along the Rio Chonta, outside Cajamarca, and also at Cruz Conga.

Cinereous Finch RR

Great views at Rafan, Quebrada Limon and Batan Grande

Tangara labradorides**Tangara cyanicollis****Tangara nigroviridis****Tangara vassorii****Tangara viridicollis****Tanagara velia****Tangara callophrys****Iridophanes pulcherrima****Dacnis lineata****Dacnis cayana****Cyanerpes caeruleus****Rhodospingus cruentus****Phrygilus punensis****Piezorhina cinerea****Grey-winged Inca-Finch RR Vulnerable**

Crack-a-lacking views of two singing birds perched atop a *Prosopis*-like tree at Hacienda Limon, in the Maranon Canyon. Completed the *Incaspiza* hat-trick! Named after Peruvian Ornithologist Javier Ortiz.

Buff-bridled Inca-Finch RR Least Concern

Again, great views on consecutive days in the Maranon Canyon. The first pair came a long, long way in response to tape.

Little Inca-Finch RR

Seen in the arid scrub on the outskirts of Jaen. Named after the brother of English collector Henry Watkins.

Collared Warbling-Finch

Seen at Batan Grande, Quebrada Limon and Cruz Conga

Saffron Finch

Several sightings from north Peru

Sulphur-throated Finch RR

One helluva Lloydly-lifer – been after this one for a while. Adam spotted this guy perched atop a woody tangle, amongst all the Tumbes Sparrows along the Tocto Trail, as it responded to tape.

Blue-black Grassquit

Several sightings.

Parrot-billed Seedeater RR

Three individuals were seen (but by no means conspicuous) along road out of Quebrada Limon and along the Tocto Trail.

Incaspiza ortizi**Incaspiza laeta****Incaspiza watkinsi****Poospiza hispaniolensis****Sicalis flaveola****Sicalis taczanowskii****Volatinia jacarina****Sporophila peruviana**

Chestnut-throated Seedeater

Numerous at Puerto Eten

Band-tailed Seedeater

Common.

Plain-coloured Seedeater

Common.

Dull-coloured Grassquit

Several encounters

Rusty Flower-piercer

Seen in the Utcubamba valley and at the comet gully, Rio Chonta. The genus name means “double-tongued” – a reference to the fact that they have specialised tongues for feeding on nectar.

White-sided Flowerpiercer

Seen at Abra Barro Negro.

Moustached Flowerpiercer

Four seen at Abra Barro Negro and Abra Patricia. Here the subspecies *unicincta*.

Black-throated Flowerpiercer

Several seen in the Cajamarca area

Bluish Flowerpiercer

Four individuals seen well along the trail before the Abra Patricia pass

Masked Flowerpiercer

A few seen at Abra Barro Negro

Streaked Saltator

Common throughout the tour. Two subspecies: the streaked *peruvianus* in the Maranon Canyon, and the unstreaked *immaculatus* at Batan Grande.

Greyish Saltator

Four seen at Quebrada Upaquihau

Buff-throated Saltator

Common

Golden-bellied Grosbeak

Common throughout the tour

Golden-billed Saltator

Nice views of two birds at Cruz Conga

Peruvian Meadowlark

Several sightings during the tour

Scrub Blackbird

Seen well around Sinsicap and along the road from Huamachuco (subspecies *kalinowskii*)

Shiny Cowbird

A few seen around Batan Grande

Yellow-tailed Oriole

Two seen briefly in the Maranon Canyon. Here the subspecies *taczanowskii*.

White-edged Oriole RR

Great views at Quebrada Limón.

Orange-backed Troupial

Great views of a pair at Afluente

Yellow-rumped Cacique

Regular sightings at Tarapoto, around Pumarini Lodge.

Subtropical Cacique ***Mountain Cacique**

Several birds seen foraging with a flock of large frugivores and omnivores along the museum road, Leimebamba. The northern subspecies group *leucoramphus* and southern *chrysonotus* subspecies group were treated as separate species by previous authors but most classifications have treated them as a single species because specimens near the contact zone show some signs of gene flow.

Russet-backed Oropendola

Common at Afluente (subspecies *alfredi*) and Tarapoto (subspecies *angustifrons*).

Sporophila telasco**Catamenia analis****Catamenia inornata****Tiaris obscura****Diglossa sittoides****Diglossa albilatera****Diglossa mystacalis****Diglossa brunneiventris****Diglossopsis caerulescens****Diglossopsis cyanea****Saltator striatipectus****Saltator coerulescens****Saltator maximus****Pheucticus chrysogaster****Saltator aurantiirostris albociliaris****Sturnella bellicosa****Dives warszewiczi****Molothrus bonariensis****Icterus mesomelas****Icterus graceannae****Icterus croconotus****Cacicus cela****Cacicus uropygialis****Cacicus chrysonotus****Psarocolius angustifrons**

Purple-throated Euphonia

Commonly seen at several sites throughout the tour. The genus name means “fine-voiced”.

Thick-billed Euphonia

Seen on consecutive days at Quebrada Limon guan canyon.

Golden-rumped Euphonia

One male seen at Shipamarca

Bronze-green Euphonia

Gave us some serious problems at Abra Patricia but then showed up nicely at Afluente.

Orange-bellied Euphonia

Several birds seen at Afluente.

Euphonia chlorotica

Euphonia lanirostris

Euphonia cyanocephala

Euphonia mesochrysa

Euphonia xanthogaster

Mammal List

Saddle-backed Tamarins

Coastal Grey Fox

Long-tailed Weasel

Allen’s Olingo

Guayaquil Squirrel