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A TRIP REPORT FOR A BIRDING TRIP TO THE
MANU BIOSPHERE RESERVE

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BIRDING LOCALITIES ALONG THE MANU ROAD, CUSCO, ABRA MALAGA, ABANCAY, AND PUERTO MALDONADO

Huacarpay Lakes (3100 m)

Pisac Pass (3865m) and Colquepata (3400m)

Ajanacu (Tres Cruces) Guard Station (3355m)

Pillahuata Campsite (2800m)

Pillahuata Tunnels and Alder Woodlands (“Scythebill Bridge”) (2675-2225m)

Cock of the Rock Lodge (CORL) Area (1330 - 1410m)

Quita Calzones (1025 m)

Hacienda Amazonia Lodge (HAL) (500 m)

Manu Wildlife Center (MWC) (320 m)

Puerto Maldonado (220m)

“Tyre-slash Spot” – above Abancay (3555m)

Huanipaca Road – above Abancay (3325m)

Puente Sahuinte (Road to Andashuaylas) – below Abancay (1875m)

Puente Ruinas - Aguas Calientes (below Machu Picchu) (2010m)

Abra Malaga “East Slope” (3410 – 2980m)

Abra Malaga “*Polylepis* west slope” (4285 – 3565m)

DAY BY DAY ACTIVITIES

Pre-Tour Extension (Peter Bono, Tom and Fred Wickens)

July 24th: Full day birding Abra Malaga (both slopes). Night at Yanahuara

July 25th: Full day birding Abra Malaga (both slopes). Night at Yanahuara

July 26th: Birding Puente Sahuinte, “tyre-slash” and Huanipaca road. Night in Abancay

July 27th: Birding Puente Sahuinte and “tyre-slash” areas. Travel to and night in Cusco

Main Tour

July 28th: Birding Huacarpay Lakes. Night in Cusco

July 29th: Full day travel and birding Pisac Pass, Colquepata, Ajanacu and Pillahuata camp site area. Night in camp

July 30th: Full day birding Pillahuata camp area (upper Manu road – 2700-2275m)

July 31st: Birding Pillahuata (2250-2180m), Rocotal (2030-1880m) to CORL. Night at CORL

August 1st: Birding road above CORL (1510-140m) and the mirador (1675m)

August 2nd: Birding Rocotal, Road above CORL, road below CORL and lodge garden

August 3rd: Birding Quitacalzones (1080-970m) and trail below lodge. Night at CORL

August 4th: Birding road above CORL, Quitacalzones, Patria, Pilcopata area above Atalaya (680m) and journey to Amazonia Lodge. Night at Amazonia Lodge

August 5th: Birding the garden and quebrada trail, the jeep track and small lake at Amazonia lodge. Night at Amazonia Lodge

August 6th: Birding the ridge trail, quebrada trail and lodge area at Amazonia lodge

August 7th: Birding jeep track and small lake at Amazonia lodge. Travel to Manu Wildlife Centre (MWC) along Rio Alto and Rio Madre de Dios. Birding garden at MWC

August 8th: MWC Macaw clay lick and riverside trail

August 9th: MWC Canopy platform and GRID trail system

August 10th: MWC Ccollpa and manakin trails and Tapir clay lick

August 11th: MWC Cocha Camungo and Collpa and Lookout trails

August 12th: MWC Antthrush trail, Cocha Nueva and canopy tower

August 13th: MWC GRID trail system, bamboo trail, and Cocha Blanco

August 14th: Journey from MWC to Puerto Maldonado (PEM) along Rio Madre de Dios

End of Main Tour, beginning of Post-Tour Extension (with Jeff and Evelin Levin)

August 15th: Birding outskirts of PEM, journey to Cusco for start of post-tour extension where joined by two new ‘hostages’. Some of the original ‘hostages’ are “freed”. Journey to Abancay and bird Sahuinte area at dusk. Night in Abancay

August 16th: Bird Puente Sahuinte area, Huanipaca road, and then journey to Yanahuara

August 17th: Abra Malaga east slope and west slope. Night in Yanahuara

August 18th: Abra Malaga *Polylepis* woodlands (west slope). Night in Yanahuara

August 19th: Machu Picchu ruins. Bird Puente Ruinas area below Aguas Calientes

August 20th: Birding Puente Ruinas area below Aguas Calientes. Return to Cusco for the formal “freeing of hostages” ceremony!

THE BIRDLIST

Trip report shows seen only birds

RR = Restricted-range species (includes 'endemics')

Conservation Status follows Birdlife International (2007)

Taxonomy follows South American Check-list (2008) – mostly...

Family: TINAMIDAE

Great Tinamou *

Tinamus major

Hooded Tinamou*

Nothocercus nigrocapillus

Cinereous Tinamou *

Crypturellus cinereus

Brown Tinamou*

Crypturellus obsoletus

Undulated Tinamou *

Crypturellus undulatus

Black-capped Tinamou *

Crypturellus atrocapillus

Variiegated Tinamou

Crypturellus variegates

One individual was seen right next to the trail en route to the Cocha Blanco oxbow lake. The genus name means "hidden tailed"

Bartlett's Tinamou

Crypturellus bartletti

Ace looks at an adult bird foraging with two young in the old floodplain forest along the first part of ccollpa trail at MWC

Family: PODICIPEDIDAE

White-tufted Grebe

Rollandia rolland

Two individuals seen at Huacarpay Lakes and another two en route to Yanahuara from Abancay

Least Grebe

Tachybaptus dominicus

Great views of up to six individuals at Cocha Blanco

Family: PHALACORACIDAE

Neotropic Cormorant

Phalacrocorax brasilianus

Common

Family: ANHINGIDAE

Anhinga

Anhinga anhinga

Two seen at Cocha Blanco oxbow lake

Family: ANHIMIDAE

Horned Screamer

Anhima cornuta

Great views of this stunning bird at Cocha Blanco oxbow lake and along the Rio Madre de Dios

Family: ANATIDAE

Ruddy [Andean] Duck

Oxyura jamaicensis

One male was seen at Huacarpay lakes and more seen en route to Yanahuara during the post-tour extension. Andean populations have often been treated as a separate species. However, there are reasons for treating them as conspecific. See SACC website for references

Orinoco Goose **Near threatened**

Neochen jubata

A most wanted for several members of the group, we got crack-a-lacking views of nine birds all hanging out together along the Rio Madre de Dios below Boca Manu. Pairs were also seen along the same river on two further days.

Muscovy Duck

Cairina moschata

Nice views of several individuals during our time at Manu Wildlife Centre.

Speckled Teal

Anas flavirostris

Common at Huacarpay lakes and four individuals were also seen on the second day of the main tour. A whole bunch more seen on the lake en route to Yanahuara during the post-tour extension

Yellow-billed Pintail

Two seen well during the post-tour extension on “that lake”

Anas georgica**Puna Teal**

Common at Huacarpay Lakes and “that lake”

Anas puna**Cinnamon Teal**

Ditto...

Anas cyanoptera**Torrent Duck**

Ace looks along the river below Puente Sahuinte during the post-tour extension. Even better looks during our time at Aguas Calientes where we observed a pair with 3 ‘ickle babies’. How on earth does this species cope “acoustically” by living in such torrential waters?

Merganetta armata turneri

Family: ARDEIDAE

Little Blue Heron

Good views of one adult along the Rio Madre de Dios and at Huacarpay during the tour

Egretta caerulea**Capped Heron**

Wow! Nice looks along the rivers in the Amazonian lowlands.

Pilherodius pileatus**Snowy Egret**

Common

Egretta thula**Cocoi [White-necked] Heron**

Commonly seen along the rivers and oxbow lakes at MWC. Formerly known as "White-necked Heron," but this name is also used for the Old World species *Ardea pacifica*

Ardea cocoi**Great Egret**

Common

Ardea albus**Cattle Egret**

Common

Bubulcus ibis**Striated Heron**

Nice looks at Huacarpay, on the small lake at Amazonia lodge and also at Cocha Camungo

Butoroides striatus**Agami Heron**

Great close looks at this wonderful species as it skulked its way through the shallows underneath the vegetation overhang of Cocha Blanco and Theresa got a great photo

Agamia agami**Black-crowned Night Heron**

Two seen at Huacarpay

Nycticorax nycticorax**Fasciated Tiger-Heron**

Eleven (in total) seen over two days on the Rio Alto Madre de Dios. A great looks at the ritualized displays and posturing of two other individuals along the Rio Urubamba near Aguas Calientes

Tigrisoma fasciatum

Family: THRESKIORNITHIDAE

Puna Ibis

Common at Huacarpay and also at Abra Malaga during the pre-tour extension

Plegadis ridgwayi**Black-faced [Andean] Ibis**

Nice looks at a flock of seven calling individuals flying past as we set out on our Abra Malaga *Polylepis* hike during the pre-tour extension. Sibley & Monroe (1990) considered *branickii* as separate species ("Andean Ibis") from *melanopsis*. SACC are waiting for a proposal

Theristicus melanops branckii**Green Ibis**

Good views of one bird at the macaw clay lick

Mesembrinibis cayennensis**Roseate Spoonbill**

Nice looks at two birds on the journey to Puerto Maldonado

Ajaia ajaja

Family: CICONIIDAE

American Wood Stork

Flock of 9-11 individuals seen on 3 separate days along the Rio Madre de Dios and Cocha Blanco

Mycteria americana**Jabiru**

Gangbuster views of ten individuals along the Rio Madre de Dios. Awesome!

Jabiru mycteria

Family: CATHARTIDAE

Black Vulture

Common

Turkey Vulture

Common

Greater Yellow-headed Vulture

Common in the lowlands

King Vulture

Adults seen on four separate occasions during our time in the lowlands

Andean Condor **Near-threatened**

So during the post-tour extension, as we were walking back from the Aguas Calientes museum, Jeff came up to me and asked “so what are those great big black hawks with the white heads?” Yeah, it was the big guy alright! One adult and a sub-adult observed soaring and landing, and generally just larkin’ about above the knife-top peaks above Aguas Calientes. And just when the Terrible Twins, Derek and David, started ‘complaining’ (only joking) about the lack of a suitable size comparison, up popped a Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle and was immediately swallowed up by the thunder cloud-like shadow cast over it by these immense beasts! Comon!

Coragyps atratus

Cathartes aura

Cathartes melambrotus

Sarcoramphus papa

Vultur gryphus

Family: PANDIONIDAE

Osprey

Always a winner to see these guys in Manu!

Pandion haliaetus

Family: ACCIPITRIDAE

Grey-headed Kite

Awesome looks at a pair perched in full view and at such close distances at La Pastoria, on the outskirts of PEM, during a highly memorable and successful mornings birding on the last day of the main tour

Swallow-tailed Kite

We saw ten individuals in total during our tour, always majestically soaring around with such a graceful manner. One of the best raptors to see anywhere

White-tailed Kite

Only recently colonized Peru, the outskirts of PEM is the only place you can really get these for your Peru list. We saw one guy dive-bombing a Southern Caracara

Snail Kite

Good looks at a juvenile at Cocha Camungo

Double-toothed Kite

Nice looks at perched and soaring individuals in the Quitacalzones area and also at Amazonia lodge

Plumbeous Kite

Common

Cinereous Harrier

Two seen at Huacarpay Lakes and one during the pre-tour extension at Abra Malaga

Slate-coloured Hawk

One seen from the canopy tower at MWC but even better looks at a pair at La Pastoria, PEM

White Hawk

Nice looks at a perched individual along the ridge trail at Amazonia lodge

Great Black Hawk

Several individuals seen along the Rio Madre de Dios and at the macaw clay lick

Black-collared Hawk

Nice looks at a pair at Cocha Camungo

Black-chested Buzzard Eagle

Four sightings in all at Abra Malaga, Abancay, near Colquepata, and of course, at Aguas Calientes

Black-collared Hawk

One seen perched low over Cocha Blanco oxbow lake just as the rain came hammering down!

Roadside Hawk

Common

Leptodon cayanensis

Elanoides forficatus

Elanus leucurus

Rostrhamus sociabilis

Harpagus bidentatus

Ictinia plumbea

Circus cinereus

Leucopternis schistacea

Leucopternis albicollis

Buteogallus urbitinga

Busarellus nigricollis

Geranoaetus melanoleucus

Busarellus nigricollis

Buteo magnirostris

White-throated Hawk

One guy, who looked in real bad shape, was seen soaring around a Black-and-Chestnut Eagle, near the Pillahuata camp

Variable Hawk

We spotted one individual during the main tour and at least five during both tour extensions. Taxonomy for this “group” is a little confusing and a recent publication has again proposed to split this into *Puna* and *Red-backed Hawks*. However, the data presented is poor and recent genetic data are consistent with the earlier hypothesis that both forms are conspecific. No vocal differences exist between the forms and apparent differences in wing formula represent an elevational cline

Solitary Eagle

Nice looks at one at Quitacalzones

Black-and-White Hawk Eagle

Again good looks at one guy soaring around Quitacalzones

Black Hawk-Eagle

Incredible looks at a perched/hunting bird on the outskirts of Pilcopata, just before lunch! One of the birds of the trip for many of you, simply because of the quality views of such a monster! Voted by Marion as the “most intimidating bird of the trip”

Ornate Hawk-Eagle

One soaring adult was seen briefly during our morning in the terra-firme forest at MWC, but most of us got to see a perched juvenile from the MWC canopy tower

Black-and-Chestnut Eagle

Fantastic looks at individuals over four consecutive days during birding the Pillahuata and Rocotal areas (although Peter had to move fast outta the bus to see his first near the camp site). One even landed for us at Rocotal! The species is named after French zoologist Isidore Geoffroy Saint-Hillaire (1805-1861)

Family: FALCONIDAE

Black Caracara

Seen on consecutive days along the Rio Madre de Dios

Red-throated Caracara ***Mountain Caracara**

Common during both tour extensions with two seen near the Pisaq Pass

Southern Caracara

Nice looks at over 4 individuals perched at roadside on the outskirts of PEM. *Caracara cheriway* (Crested Caracara) and *C. plancus* were formerly considered conspecific but the ranges of *cheriway* and *plancus* are nearly parapatric with no sign of intergradation, contrary to earlier reports.

Laughing Falcon

One seen perched in the lower-floodplain riverine forest along the Rio Alto Madre de Dios

Barred Forest Falcon *

Close!

Lined Forest Falcon

Stennie was the only one to wrap her binoculars firmly around this guy as it came bombing in to playback along the trail at Cocha Camungo, whilst most of us were getting confused over a whole bunch of mixed-flocky-type stuff.

Aplomado Falcon

One seen well on two visits to the Huanipaca road on both tour extensions but David got a sensational photo of a pair in the *Polylepis* valley during the post-tour extension

American Kestrel

A few sightings here and there

Bat Falcon

Lots of sightings along the lowland rivers and also from the MWC canopy platform

Orange-breasted Falcon

Cracking looks at one guy bombing around the skies above the clearing edge at Amazonia lodge

Buteo albigularis**Buteo polysoma****Spizaetur melanoleucus****Spizaetus tyrannus****Spizaetus ornatus****Oroaetus isidori****Daptrius ater****Ibycter americanus****Phalcoboenus megalopterus****Caracara cheriway****Herpetotheres cachinnans****Micrastur ruficollis****Micrastur gilvicollis****Falco femoralis****Falco sparverius****Falco ruficularis****Falco deiroleucus**

Family: CRACIDAE

Speckled Chachalaca

All over the place....

Andean Guan

Seen on consecutive days during our time birding Pillahuata and Rocotal with only brief looks at Aguas Calientes

Spix's Guan

Quality views of consecutive days during our time around the Patria area and at Amazonia lodge

Blue-throated Piping-Guan

Nice looks at several birds along the Rio Madre de Dios

Razor-billed Curassow *

Ortalis guttata

Penelope montagnii

Penelope jacquacu

Pipile cumanensis

Mitu tuberosa

Family PHASANIDAE

Rufous-breasted Wood-quail *

Stripe-faced Wood-quail *

Starred Wood-quail *

Odontophorus speciosus

Odontophorus balliviani

Odontophorus stellatus

Family: RALLIDAE

Rufous-sided Crake *

Two little bullets shooting across the small jeep track aguajal near the Amazonia lodge clearing

Grey-necked Wood-Rail

Nice looks at Cocha Blanco and also along the main road from Laberinto to PEM

Uniform Crake *

Plumbeous Rail

Four co-operative birds seen well at Huacarpay lakes

Purple Gallinule

A young bird seen well at Cocha Blanco

Common Moorhen

Common at Huacarpay and "that lake"

Andean Coot

Likewise

Laterallus melanophaius

Aramides cajanea

Amaurolimnus concolor

Pardirallus sanguinolentus

Porphyrio martinicus

Gallinula chloropus

Fulica ardesiaca

Family: EURYPYGIDAE

Sunbittern

Gangbuster views of one bird along an exposed rocky sand bank in the Rio Madre de Dios

Eurypyga helias meridionalis

Family ARAMIDAE

Limpkin

Excellent looks at an agitated individual at Cocha Blanco

Aramus guarauna

Family: PSOPHIIDAE

Pale-winged Trumpeter

Has to be the bird of the trip! We had spent all day birding the terra-firme sandy-clay forests at MWC, and had spent mid-day way out there at the Tapir clay lick. On our return hike we had almost reached the point where the terra-firme forest descends into old floodplain forest, when we heard a bunch of trumpeters calling a little ways off in the distance. So I stopped the group and played a cut of agitated calls back to them. And in they came – galloping toward us with rabid-like ferocity across a small walk bridge before charging up the small slope in front of us – barking away very aggressively. They stopped just below the brow of the ridge – six heads atop stretched necks just poking out over the ridge in front of us. One brief play of the calls resulted in them walking out right in front of us in full view along the trail, and then off into the forest – displaying as they went. The best photo would have been the look on everyone's faces – the utter disbelief and wonder at what they were seeing as the trumpeters came charging toward us, was something I'll never forget. Can you believe that they even crossed the damn bridge!

Psophia leucoptera

Family: JACANIDAE

Wattled Jacana

Jacana jacana

One of the most vivid birds of the Cocha Blanco oxbow lake

Family: SCOLOPACIDAE

Oh joy!

Greater Yellowlegs

Tringa melanoleuca

Yeah, ok, one seen ...blah-blah-blah...

Spotted Sandpiper

Tringa macularia

Dear lord ...is it over yet?

Family: CHARADRIIDAE

Collared Plover

Charadrius collaris

Seen on three occasions along the Rio Madre de Dios

Pied Lapwing

Vanellus cayanus

Probably the most under-rated wader species in Peru, we must have seen over ten individuals, with the majority seen during our journey from MWC to Laberinto.

Andean Lapwing

Vanellus resplendens

Common in large numbers at Abra Malaga during the pre-tour extension, they were also seen during the first two days of the main tour but in smaller numbers

Family: LARIDAE

Andean Gull

Larus serranus

Several encounters during our time in Cusco, Huacarpay and traveling to Abancay

Large-billed Tern

Phaetusa simplex

Common along the rivers in the Manu lowlands

Amazonian Tern

Sterna superciliaris

Common in the Manu lowlands

Family: RYNCHOPIDAE

Black Skimmer

Rynchops niger

Great stuff – David had always wanted to see Skimmers ‘skimming’ and they didn’t disappoint!

Family: COLUMBIDAE

Scaled Pigeon

Patagioenas speciosa

Awesome looks at one singing bird perched in a tall *Cecropia* tree at La Pastoria, on the outskirts of PEM. Note that the New World *Columba* species are now placed in the genus *Patagioenas*

Spot-winged Pigeon

Patagioenas maculosa

Four birds seen perched in the trees around Huacarpay lakes

Band-tailed Pigeon

Patagioenas fasciata

Common along the upper Manu road

Pale-vented Pigeon

Patagioenas cayennensis

Common around the oxbow lakes and rivers in the Manu lowlands

Plumbeous Pigeon

Patagioenas plumbea

Numerous around CORL and a few more seen at Quitacalzones

Ruddy Pigeon

Patagioenas subvinacea

One seen at Amazonia lodge

Eared Dove

Zenaida auriculata

Several fly-by’s at Huacarpay lakes but better looks the next day below the PISAQ pass, and further good looks during our time birding Puente Sahuinte area, below Abancay

Bare-faced ground Dove

Metriopelia ceciliae

Over a dozen individuals were seen at Huacarpay lakes. Named after Cecile Gautrau (1845) the daughter of French naturalist Rene Primavera Lesson

White-tipped Dove

Several seen at Puente Ruinas and also around Puente Sahuinte, Abancay

Grey-fronted Dove

Scattered sightings throughout our time in the Manu lowlands

Leptotila verreauxi**Leptotila rufaxilla**

Family: PSITTACIDAE

Blue-and-Yellow Macaw

Stunning birds, and we had several sightings throughout our time in the Manu lowlands – one of the best places to see these guys

Scarlet Macaw

Again several great views around Manu Wildlife Centre

Red-and-Green Macaw

A number of sightings around Manu Wildlife Centre and Amazonia

Chestnut-fronted Macaw

A number of sightings around Amazonia and Manu Wildlife Centre

Red-bellied Macaw

Seen well at Manu Wildlife Centre and also on the last day birding the outskirts of PEM

Blue-headed Macaw Endangered RR

Awesome looks at a pair feeding in a fruiting tree at roadside below Pilcopata, with at least another nine individuals seen during the same day. This is a bird in trouble. Probably a relict species and now considered globally-threatened with a tiny global population. Reasons for its decline are not clear but an increase in numbers caught for the pet-trade is a major contributory factor. Named after Swiss naturalist Paul Louis de Coulon (1804-1894)

Mitred Parakeet

We found this species to be very common in the Apurimac canyon during both tour extensions and abundant around Puente Ruinas. Allocation to subspecies is highly confusing – it's possible that the Apurimac birds represent a different subspecies, but throughout its range, this species is so variable in plumage characteristics. There is a paper proposing numerous splits in the complex but it's based solely on morphological characteristics, no genetic or vocal data were presented. "Variable Parakeet" would be a more suitable vernacular name

White-eyed Parakeet

Daily fly-by's throughout our time in lowland Manu

Dusky-headed Parakeet

Seen well perched on three separate occasions during our time at Amazonia and MWC

Rose-faced Parakeet

Good views of several individuals at the Tapir clay lick, MWC. The Painted Parakeet complex has recently been split into several species and this is one of the splits

Andean Parakeet

A flock of 30+ birds seen at the "tyre slash spot" above Abancay during the pre-tour extension

Black-capped Parakeet

Good looks at two individuals perched above the Tapir clay lick at MWC

Dusky-billed Parrotlet

Around a dozen or more seen perched in the trees above the Tapir clay lick, MWC

Cobalt-winged Parakeet

Commonly encountered at Amazonia lodge and MWC

Tui Parakeet

Nice looks at the macaw clay lick and at both oxbow lakes in the Manu lowlands

Scarlet-shouldered Parrotlet *

Pairs heard flying low over the forest canopy above us but we were obscured both times!

White-bellied Parrot RR

Nice looks at three individuals from the MWC canopy platform

Orange-cheeked Parrot

Another star performer at the Macaw Lick

Ara ararauna**Ara macao****Ara chloropterus****Ara severa****Ara manilata****Primolius couloni****Aratinga mitrata [alticola]****Aratinga leucophthalmus****Aratinga weddellii****Pyrrhura roseifrons****Bolborhynchus orbynesius****Pyrrhura rupicola****Forpus sclateri****Brotogeris cyanoptera cyanoptera****Brotogeris sanctithomae****Touit huetii****Pionites leucogaster****Pionopsitta barrabandi**

Blue-headed Parrot

Common

Yellow-crowned Parrot

Great stuff at the macaw clay lick

Speckled-faced Parrot

Just the one pair seen at Rocotal. Interestingly, the northern subspecies *seniloides* was formerly considered a separate species ("White-capped Parrot") from *Pionus tumultuosus*, ("Plum-crowned Parrot") but O'Neill & Parker (1977) noted that the only differences between the two are the degree of saturation of rosy pigment. There is no evidence of intergradation between the two.

Scaly-naped Parrot

Over a dozen seen flying high above Pillahuata

Mealy Parrot

Common during our time at the Manu Wildlife Centre

Pionus menstruus**Amazona ochrocephala****Pionus seniloides****Amazona mercenaria****Amazona farinosa**

Family: CUCULIDAE

Squirrel Cuckoo

Common

Smooth-billed Ani

Common

Pavonine Cuckoo *

An overly responsive individual came bombing over the canopy at Quitacalzones but never perched in view for us. Denied!

Rufous-vented Ground-Cuckoo *

Hmmm ... whilst you guys were all comparing photos of the Great Jacamar we found in the terra firme sandy clay forest at MWC, this guy was on the ground and fired off a bill rattle at you, then scarpered as fast as it could! No amount of playback could tempt him back.

Piaya cayana**Crotophaga ani****Dromococcyx pavoninus****Neomorphus geoffroyi**

Family: OPISTHOCOMIDAE

Hoatzin

Common at Amazonia lodge and at both Manu oxbow lakes

Opisthocomus hoazin

Family: STRIGIDAE

Rufescent Screech-Owl

What a great owling trip this turned out to be. Staggering good looks (thanks to Stennie's "wonder-ears") near the entrance to CORL. 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*

Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl

Gave us a hard time but we eventually got this guy at Amazonia lodge

White-throated Screech Owl

After a highly frustrating pre-dawn battle for over 20 minutes, whereby this guy was simply buried in dense roadside foliage, he eventually perched up in full view for Peter, even showing off his white "cut-throat" pattern

Koepcke's Screech Owl RR

Oh yes! We were initially slightly worried about this guy as on both tour extensions, the strong wind at Puente Sahuinte during dusk (on both occasions) gave us cause for concern about how responsive it may 'not' be. On the first extension, it was a little more vocal and came in well for all to see. On the second post-tour extension, it was not very vocal at all and we failed to see it at dusk. But at pre-dawn the next day, the little fella came in silently and perched in full view less than 10 feet from us! I could have almost reached out and poked it in the face! These Apurimac birds may represent an undescribed subspecies – slight vocal differences between these and the northern Peruvian populations, and they tend to ignore playback of the northern calls.

Black-banded Owl

Ace looks as it came bombing into playback near the small lake at Amazonia lodge

Megascops ingens**Megascops watsonii****Megascops albogularis****Megascops koepckeae****Strix huhula**

Rufous-banded Owl *
Spectacled Owl *

Drove us to insanity – it was very close to us in a neighbouring tree as we owled from the MWC canopy platform at dusk, but the pair simply never perched in view, remaining buried in dense canopy vegetation

Amazonian Pygmy-Owl *

Peruvian Pygmy-Owl

Good looks at one individual in the Apurimac canyon during the pre-tour extension,

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl

Excellent looks at one singing individual during the day, along the macaw clay lick trail

Andean [Yungas] Pygmy-Owl

Cracking views of one guy along the Huanipaca road during the pre-tour extension, and even better looks in the Alder woodlands at Pillahuata, during the main tour

Burrowing Owl

More “pee-stop” birding unravelled this guy along the Rio Madre de Dios river bank, as we journeyed en route to Laberinto

Strix albitarsis

Pulsatrix perspicillata

Glaucidium hardyi

Glaucidium peruanum

Glaucidium brasilianum

Glaucidium jandini bolivianus

Speotyto cunicularia

Family: NYCTIBIIDAE

Common Potoo

Nice looks at a roosting individual in the secondary forest at Amazonia lodge

Great Potoo

Ace looks at this monster as it screamed and growled away around the clearing at MWC – although I’m not sure that Stennie and Jean’s choice of clothing was entirely appropriate for Neotropical nocturnal birding!

Nyctibius griseus

Nyctibius grandis

Family: CAPRIMULGIDAE

Rufous-bellied Nighthawk *

Sand-coloured Nighthawk

Large numbers seen on occasions along the Rio Madre de Dios

Pauraque *

Band-winged Nightjar

One male seen along the road below the Pillahuata campsite

Swallow-tailed Nightjar

Gangbuster stuff – two males came in like bullets (eventually) in response to tape, as we birded pre-dawn along the road below the Pillahuata campsite on two separate mornings. Derek’s bird of the trip, and both he and David initially had no idea what on earth I was spot-lighting as one male came in and almost took me off at the knee-caps!

Lyre-tailed Nightjar

But this guy was hard to beat. One majestic fly-by... and that’s all that was needed! Stennie’s bird of the trip!

Lurocalis rufiventris

Chordeiles rupestris

Nyctidromus albicollis

Caprimulgus longirostris

Uropsalis segmentata

Uropsalis lyra

Family: APODIDAE

White-chinned Swift

Only the second time I’ve ever seen this species – and oddly enough it was at then same time of year, last year, when these large mixed flocks of swifts seem to band together early in the mornings

White-chested Swift

Only the fourth time I’ve ever seen these guys! Again, same time as last year, in similar mixed flocks as the above species, this time at Amazonia lodge. It just goes to show, that around July/August, when these swift flocks gather, birders have to spend time sifting through them.

Chestnut-collared Swift

Common on three days of the tour whilst birding the CORL area

White-collared Swift

Common

Cypseloides cryptus

Cypseloides lemosi

Streptoprocne rutilus

Streptoprocne zonaris

Gray-rumped Swift

Several seen in the large swift flocks during our time at Amazonia lodge

Pale-rumped Swift

Numerous individuals seen well during three different days at MWC

Short-tailed Swift

Common in the Manu foothills and lowlands

Andean Swift

Common in the Apurimac canyon with a smattering around the Sacred valley also

White-tipped Swift

A better view desired from Puente Ruinas

Neotropical Palm-Swift

Common in the Manu lowlands and PEM

Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift

The final species from the large mixed flocks gathering over Amazonia lodge – over 15 individuals seen (probably more)

Chaetura cinereiventris***Chaetura egregia******Chaetura brachyura******Aeronautes andecolus******Aeronautes montivagus******Tachornis squamata******Panyptila cayennensis***

Family: TROCHILIDAE

Rufous-breasted Hermit

Daily sightings from the garden at MWC

Pale-tailed Barbthroat

Excellent looks at a perched bird in the under storey along the GRID trail system. Peter managed to photograph another in the MWC lodge clearing

Green Hermit

Good views of individuals at the CORL feeders, at Quitacalzones and at Puente Ruinas

Great-billed Hermit

Great looks only the one time at the feeders at Cock of the Rock Lodge

White-bearded Hermit

Three seen during our time in the Manu foothills and lowlands

Koepcke's Hermit Near-threatened RR

A Peruvian endemic and a specialty at Amazonia Lodge – great looks at two individuals whilst birding the ridge trail

Needle-billed Hermit

One sighting along the GRID trail system through the old floodplain forest at Manu Wildlife Center

Reddish Hermit

Again, daily looks in the garden at MWC

Buff-tailed Sicklebill

Good spot by Stennie and Theresa of one individual foraging at roadside above CORL

Grey-breasted Sabrewing

Common at the feeders at Amazonia lodge

White-necked Jacobin

Common at the feeders at Amazonia lodge

Sparkling Violet-ear

Common throughout the tour

Green Violetear

One seen at Rocotal and another at Puente Ruinas – both lekking

Violet-headed Hummingbird

Both males and females seen at Amazonia lodge - named after French chemist Jean Baptiste Gumet (1795-1871)

Rufous-crested Coquette

Another highlight of the trip - stunning views of an adult male, a juvenile male, and at least two different females at Amazonia lodge. Named after French naturalist/collector Henri de Lattre (1838)

Wire-crested Thorntail

One of my all-time favourite hummingbirds of all time, and we got incredible views of a male and female in the garden at CORL

Glaucis hirsuta***Threnetes leucurus******Phaethornis guy******Phaethornis malaris******Phaethornis hispidus******Phaethornis koepckeae******Phaethornis philippii******Phaethornis ruber******Eutoxeres condamini******Campylopterus largipennis******Florisuga mellivora******Colibri coruscans******Colibri thalassinus******Klais guimeti******Lophornis delattrei******Popelairia popelairii***

Blue-tailed Emerald

Common at the feeders at Amazonia lodge

Fork-tailed Woodnymph

Common at the feeders at Amazonia lodge

Golden-tailed Sapphire

Common at the feeders at Amazonia lodge

White-chinned Sapphire

One male seen in a flowering tree from the MWC canopy platform

Many-spotted Hummingbird

Great looks of several around the CORL feeders

Green and White Hummingbird RR

Common at Machu Picchu

White-bellied Hummingbird

Common at Puente Sahuinte below Abancay with further individuals seen around the garden of the Yanahuara hotel

Sapphire-spangled Emerald

One seen in the garden at Amazonia lodge

Speckled Hummingbird

ALL TOGETHER NOWWHAT IS IT? Comon ...you can do it!?!

Chlorostilbon mellisugus

Thalurania furcata

Chrysuronia oenone

Hylocharis cyanus

Taphrospilus hypostictus

Leucippus viridicauda

Leucippus chionogaster

Polyerata lactea

Adelomyia melanogenys



Photo: Theresa Bayoud

Peruvian Piedtail RR

One timed its entrance to perfection and popped out of the understory as we were all watching a male Black-backed Tody Flycatcher at Quitacalzones

Goulds Jewelfront

Awesome looks at one guy feeding at one of the Amazonia lodge feeders

Fawn breasted Brilliant

Great spot by Peter at the CORL feeders

Violet-fronted Brilliant

Common at CORL

Giant Hummingbird

One guy seen repeatedly in the grounds of the Yanahuara hotel and another at Huacarpay

Phlogophilus harterti

Heliodoxa aurescens

Heliodoxa rubinoides

Heliodoxa leadbeateri

Patagona gigas

Shining Sunbeam	Aglaeactis cupripennis caumatonotus
Several seen in the elfin forest habitat around Abra Malaga	
White-tufted Sunbeam RR	Aglaeactis castelnaudii
Nice eh? Two seen on different visits to Abra Malaga and one at the tyre slash spot, Abancay	
Great Sapphirewing	Pterophanes cyanopterus
One male seen zooming around the tree-line fragments near Acjanacu guard station, Parque Nacional Manu and another female seen in similar habitat at Abra Malaga during the pre-tour extension	
Bronzy Inca	Coeligena coeligena
One seen near Rocotal	
Collared [Gould's] Inca RR	Coeligena [coeligena] inca
Two individuals were seen on consecutive days whilst birding Pillahuata and another seen at Puente Ruinas after a great spot by Evelin. We saw the <i>inca</i> form with the rufous chest band. The SACC does not recognize the split. Schuchmann (1999) treated the southern <i>inca</i> subspecies group as a separate species from <i>Coeligena torquata</i> , a return to an older classification, but provided little evidence for the split. Looks good to me!	
Violet-throated Starfrontlet RR	Coeligena violifer osculans
Three individuals seen in total at Abra Malaga east slope, at the Creamy-crested Spinetail quebrada and also at Pillahuata	
Sword-billed Hummingbird	Enisfera enisfera
One male seen perched along the lower elevations birded along the east slope Abra Malaga during the pre-tour extension	
Chestnut-breasted Coronet	Boissonneauta matthewsii
Ace looks at two individuals at Pillahuata near our campsite	
Amethyst-throated Sunangel	Heliangelus amethysticollis
Several seen well along the upper Manu road near Pillahuata	
Sapphire-vented Puffleg	Eriocnemis luciani
A total of five different individuals seen during the two visits to Abra Malaga and Huanipaca Road	
Buff-thighed Puffleg	Haplophaedia assimilis
Surprisingly common at Rocotal	
Booted Racket-tail	Ocreatus underwoodii annae
Quality views at CORL. Voted by Marion as having "the best legs" of the trip!	
Green-tailed Trainbearer	Lesbia nuna
Two seen at Huacarpay and another in the hotel garden at Yanahuara during the post-tour extension	
Purple-backed Thornbill	Ramphomicron microrhynchum
Nice looks at a male and female on different visits to east slope Abra Malaga	
Scaled Metaltail RR	Metallura aeneocauda
Gangbuster views of males at Abra Malaga	
Tyrian Metaltail	Metallura tyrianthina smaragdnicollis
Common throughout our time birding the upper cloud forest elevations	
Blue-mantled Thornbill RR	Chalcostigma stanleyi
Great looks at this species on both visits to the Abra Malaga <i>Polylepis</i>	
Long-tailed Sylph	Aglaiocercus kingi
Common around Pillahuata and Rocotal. Named after British marine surveyor, collector and traveler in tropical America - Rear Admiral Phillip Parker King (1791-1856)	
Bearded Mountaineer RR	Oreonympha nobilis
Great views of two birds foraging on the <i>Nicotania</i> bushes around Huacarpay Lakes	
Wedge-billed Hummingbird	Schistes geoffroyi
Nice looks as they foraged on flowering shrubs around the periphery of the CORL garden	
Black-eared Fairy	Heliothryx aurita
One seen foraging on the garden shrubs in the MWC clearing	
Long-billed Starthroat	Heliomaster longirostris
One male and female seen at MWC and Amazonia lodge respectively	

Amethyst Woodstar

Great looks at both a male and female seen at Amazonia lodge

White-bellied Woodstar

Great looks at both the pot-bellied male and female in the CORL garden

Family: TROGONIDAE

Golden-headed Quetzal

Great views at Pillahuata

Crested Quetzal

Great close views of a male near CORL

Pavonine Quetzal ***Black-tailed Trogon**

Several encounters at both Amazonia lodge and MWC

[Amazonian] White-tailed Trogon

Great spot by Derek of a male singing amongst a larger territorial conflict with another 4 individuals in the terra firme sandy clay forests of MWC

Collared Trogon

One female seen at Amazonia lodge

Masked Trogon

Several individuals seen around Pillahuata, Rocotal and CORL

Blue-crowned Trogon

One male and female seen during our time at both Amazonia lodge and MWC

Calliphlox amethystine**Chaetocercus mulsant****Pharomachrus auriceps****Pharomachrus antisianus****Pharomachrus pavoninus****Trogon melanurus melanurus****Trogon viridis [viridis]****Trogon collaris****Trogon personatus****Trogon curucui**

Family: ALECEDINIDAE

Ringed Kingfisher

Five individuals seen during our time at Manu

Amazon Kingfisher

Again, a few good looks

Green-and-Rufous Kingfisher

Quality looks and photos of a male at Cocha Blanco

Ceryle torquata**Chloroceryle amazona****Chloroceryle inda**

Family: MOMOTIDAE

Broad-billed Motmot

One seen in the mid-storey of the terra firme sandy clay forests along Ccollpa trail at MWC

Rufous Motmot ***[Highland] Motmot**

Seen well at CORL and Puente Ruinas. The SACC lumps this with Blue-crowned Motmot. Fjeldså & Krabbe (1990) proposed that the Andean form *aequatorialis* was a separate species from *M. momota*, and other authors agree thus returning to a much earlier classification. However, no formal analysis has ever been published, and the published evidence in support of treating *aequatorialis* as a species-level taxon is weak

Blue-crowned Motmot

Nice looks at two birds by the bridge behind the MWC clearing

Electron platyrhynchum**Baryphthengus martii****Momotus momota [aequatorialis]****Momotus momota**

Family: GALBULIDAE

Purus Jacamar RR

Great views of several birds at Cocha Camungo and La Pastoria, PEM. *Galbalcyrrhynchus leucotis* and *G. purusianus* were formerly treated as separate species, but some authors considered them conspecific ("*Chestnut Jacamar*"). Haffer (1974) noted that they are parapatric in the Río Ucayali area with no sign of interbreeding and that they differ in plumage to the same degree as other jacamars currently ranked as species

White-throated Jacamar

Stunning looks at two different individuals of this little known species during the last highly memorable morning's birding of the main tour, at La Pastoria, PEM

Galbalcyrrhynchus purusianus**Brachygalba albogularis**

Bluish-fronted Jacamar

At least three seen during our time birding CORL and MWC

Great Jacamar

Another contender for bird of the trip – stunning views of a female (the male was also nearby) in the terra-firme sandy clay forest around Lookout Trail (and what about that call). Most of you got excellent photos of the thing. Only trouble was that there happened to be a Rufous-vented Ground-Cuckoo snapping at you all whilst you all stood around comparing photos!

Family: BUCCONIDAE

White-eared Puffbird

What a fantastic find in the arid xeric forest at Puente Sahuinte. Ace looks on both tour extensions

Striolated Puffbird

Again, good looks from the canopy tower at MWC

Semicollard Puffbird ***Black-streaked Puffbird**

Great views of at least three individuals in total, at the CORL and at Quitacalzones. Highly vocal and responsive

Rufous-capped Nunlet

Gave us a hard time at Amazonia lodge, but we nailed it. Even better views in the bamboo habitat at Cocha Nueva, MWC

Black-fronted Nunbird

Common

White-fronted Nunbird

Nice looks as they foraged with small mixed canopy flocks along the GRID trail system, but the first was seen from the MWC canopy tower

Swallow-wing

Common

Galbula cyanescens**Jacamerops aurens****Nystalus chacuru****Nystalus striolatus****Malacoptila semicineta****Malacoptila fulvogularis****Nonnula ruficapilla****Monasa nigrifrons****Monasa morphoeus****Chelidoptera tenebrosa**

Family: CAPITONIDAE

Gilded Barbet

Good looks at a pair from the MWC canopy tower with another male seen along Lookout trail and a final one at La Pastoria, PEM

Lemon-throated Barbet

Good views of a pair in the lodge clearing at Manu Wildlife Centre

Versicolored Barbet

We must have seen over twelve pairs in total, but the sight of that first male when it came to perch and sing in front of us at Rocotal – special stuff that! Voted by Marion as “performance of the trip”

Family: RAMPHASTIDAE

Emerald Toucanet

Great views of a pair at Amazonia lodge. 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 Short & Horne (2001) 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.

Blue-banded Toucanet RR

Good views at Pillahuata – one of Derek’s favorites!

Ivory-billed Aracari

Ace look at up to four individuals from the MWC canopy platform

Chestnut-eared Aracari

Several seen in the Manu foothills and lowlands

Aulacorhynchus prasinus cyanolaemus**Aulacorhynchus coeruleicinctis****Pteroglossus azara****Pteroglossus castanotis**

Curl-crested Aracari

Great looks at three individuals from the MWC canopy platform – major tick on Peter’s list! Named after Auguste Beauharnais, (1810-1835), second prince of Eichstadt, bird collector, and patron of the sciences! Voted by Marion as “best dressed bird of the trip”

Grey-breasted Mountain-Toucan Near-threatened Andigena hypoglauca

Quality looks (the second time) of a perched bird below the road in the alder woodlands at Pillahuata. The previous day they had given us a bit of trouble. Stunning bird!

Golden-collard Toucanet

Nice looks at a male whilst we birded the Amazonia Lodge jeep track

White-throated Toucan

Several sightings during our time at MWC. Haffer (1974) showed that *R. cuvieri* ("Cuvier's Toucan") and *R. tucanus* form a broad hybrid zone in northern and eastern Amazonia, and, therefore, treated *cuvieri* as a subspecies of *Ramphastos tucanus*. This taxonomic treatment has been followed by most subsequent authors except Sibley & Monroe (1990).

Channel-billed Toucan ***Pteroglossus beauharnaesii****Selenidera reinwardtii****Ramphastos tucanus****Ramphastos vitellinus**

Family: PICIDAE

Ocellated Piculet

Great looks at males and females at Puente Ruinas

Rufous-breasted Piculet

More great looks of another piculet species in the *Guadua* bamboo habitat at Cocha Nueva, MWC

Fine-barred Piculet RR

Great views of males and female in the forest edge around the garden at Amazonia lodge

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker

Nice bird!

Red-stained Woodpecker

Nice looks at a pair foraging in the canopy of the terra-firme sandy clay forest along Lookout Trail at the MWC

White-throated Woodpecker

Nice looks at a male on two occasions from the MWC canopy tower

Golden-green Woodpecker

More great looks at a pair at MWC

Golden-olive Woodpecker

Great views of males and females over consecutive days around Rocotal and CORL

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker

One of the most striking woodpeckers and we got great views of a pair at Pillahuata

Spot-breasted Woodpecker

Great looks at a male in the lake-side edge habitat at Cocha Camungo

Andean Flicker

Common during both tour extensions

Scaly-breasted Woodpecker

Better view desired!

Cream-coloured Woodpecker

Great looks at a male and female en route to the MWC macaw clay lick

Rufous-headed Woodpecker ***Lineated Woodpecker**

Three sightings during the tour

Crimson-crested Woodpecker

Awesome looks at a pair nesting near roadside above Pilcopata – but our views were rather rudely interrupted by a bloody great big Black Hawk Eagle flying into view and sending everyone nuts!

Red-necked Woodpecker

Another fantastic ‘terra-firme-sandy-clay-forest-spot’ by Derek who was able to direct us all onto a male foraging in the mid-storey vegetation off manakin trail, MWC. Comon!

Picumnus dorbygnianus**Picumnus rufiventris****Picumnus subtilis****Melanerpes cruentatus****Veniliornis affinis****Piculus leucolaemus****Piculus chrysochloros****Piculus rubiginosus****Piculus rivolii atriceps****Colaptes punctigula****Colaptes rupicola****Celeus grammicus latifasciatus****Celeus flavus****Celeus spectabilis****Dryocopus lineatus****Campephilus melanoleucos****Campephilus rubicollis**

Family: FURNARIIDAE

Slender-billed Miner

Better view desired

Pale-legged Hornero

Seen several times at Amazonia Lodge and MWC - voted by Marion as “nest-builder of the trip”

Bar-winged Cinclodes

Common during both tour extensions and a small number seen below the PISAQ pass

Royal Cinclodes RR Critically Endangered

We were able to get unsurpassed looks during the pre-tour extension of up to three different individual birds in the Abra Malaga *Polylepis* woodlands, but the species proved to be more elusive during our second visit, whereby we only got one fly-by and several mocking vocalizations!

Tawny Tit-spinetail RR Near-threatened

Ace looks during both visits to the Abra Malaga *Polylepis* woodlands

White-browed Tit-spinetail RR Endangered

One of the *Polylepis* specialists at Abra Malaga, we got great views during both tour extension trips

Puna Thistletail RR

Great looks at both Abra Malaga and Acjanacu guard station

Azara's Spinetail

Several sightings during the tour

Apurimac Spinetail RR Vulnerable

Gangbuster views of this threatened species in the cloud forest fragments along the Huanipaca road

Dark-breasted Spinetail

Good looks at a pair in the lower floodplain riverine forest near the macaw clay lick

Cabanis Spinetail

Good looks of individuals on two occasions in secondary scrub at Amazonia and also in the *Guadua* bamboo habitat at Cocha Nueva

Plain-crowned Spinetail *

Ash-browed Spinetail

Great looks at pairs constructing nests along the road above CORL

Marcapata Spinetail RR

Great looks at nesting pairs at Pillahuata and very close looks at Abra Malaga

Creamy-crested Spinetail RR

Wonderful looks of several birds along the Huanipaca road, the tyre slash spot above Abancay, and also at the quebraba above Paucartambo

Rusty-fronted Canastero RR

Nice looks of this arid montane scrub species at Huacarpay lakes and along the Huanipaca Road

Creamy-breasted [Pale-tailed] Canastero RR

Asthenes huancavelicae usheri
Gave us some trouble and we saw two individuals at Puente Sahuinte during the first pre-tour extension but was only heard during the second visit to the same site. Taxonomy for this species complex is still hotly debated with at least two other Peruvian endemic forms yet to be described. Some call this form “Pale-tailed Canastero” – and is ranked as Vulnerable

Line-fronted Canastero RR Near-threatened

Asthenes urubambensis
Thoroughly denied during our first visit to the Abra Malaga *Polylepis* woods, and also at Acjanacu guard station, the species proved to be super-responsive during our second *Polylepis* visits, where we got great views of three singing individuals

Junin Canastero RR

Asthenes virgata
Conversely, we got great views of this during our first visit to Abra Malaga but not a peep during the second post-tour visit! Hmph!?!

Streak-fronted Thornbird RR *

Plain Softail

We saw four individuals around the forest edge in the clearing at MWC

Wren-like Rushbird

A couple of individuals at Huacarpay lakes

Geositta tenuirostris

Furnarius leucopus tricolor

Cinclodes fuscus rivularis

Cinclodes aricomae

Leptasthenura yanacensis

Leptasthenura xenothorax

Schizoeaca helleri

Synallaxis azarae urubambae

Synallaxis courseni

Synallaxis albigularis

Synallaxis cabanisi

Synallaxis gujanensis

Cranioleuca curtata

Cranioleuca marcapatae marcapatae

Cranioleuca albicapilla albicapilla

Asthenes ottonis

Asthenes huancavelicae usheri

Asthenes urubambensis

Asthenes virgata

Phacellodromus striaticeps

Thripophaga fusiceps dimorpha

Phleocryptus melanops

Pearled Treerunner

Common in the elfin forest habitat at Abra Malaga

Streaked Tuftedcheck

Great views of foraging birds with the large mixed flocks at Abra Malaga and Pillahuata

Point-tailed Palmcreeper

Nice looks at one bird in the Maritia palm tree groves on the outskirts of PEM

Chestnut-winged Hookbill

Seen on two occasions foraging with canopy flocks in terra firme sandy clay and old floodplain forests at MWC

Striped Woodhaunter

Incredible looks at one bird which came bombing into play-back along the ridge trail at Amazonia lodge. A second individual was also seen foraging amongst a dense vine tangle with a mixed canopy flock in the terra-firme sandy-clay forest at MWC

Montane Foliage-gleaner

Common

Rufous-tailed Foliage-gleaner

Two sightings with mixed canopy flocks at Amazonia Lodge and MWC

Cinnamon-rumped Foliage-gleaner

Another which initially gave us some grief but we eventually nailed it – foraging in the canopy of an *Iriatea* palm tree with a mixed species flock. No doubt a palm specialist, it's obvious that it's not restricted to understorey palm species!

Rufous-rumped [Ochre-bellied] Foliage-gleaner Philydor erthrocercum ochrogaster

Good looks as it foraged with a large mixed flock around the Quitacalzones area

Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner

Quality views of a pair foraging with understorey mixed flock in the old floodplain forest at MWC

Chestnut-winged Foliage-gleaner ***Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner**

Nice looks at a pair the huge mixed flock at Quitacalzones

Peruvian Recurvebill RR Near-threatened

Great looks at a pair in the *Guadua* bamboo habitat along Ant-thrush trail after they gave us so much trouble in the bamboo habitat along the Manu road at Quitacalzones

Black-billed Treehunter

Great looks over two days whilst birding the road above CORL. These guys were highly vocal and responsive as they moved very low to the ground with mixed species flocks

Striped Treehunter

Good looks at a singing/foraging bird near the roadside at Rocotal

Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner

Remember how frustrating this guy was? Took two attempts and despite all the cursing from the guide, the bird was just perched at such an awkward angle and so close to us, that we couldn't get onto him until Derek pulled off another tremendous find!

Olive-backed Foliage-gleaner

Another almighty battle but we were rewarded with quality views of one individual foraging with a sparse understorey mixed flock

Chestnut-crowned Foliage-gleaner

More foliage-gleaner wars and this time we did manage to get two looks at this species at both MWC and also in the *Guadua* bamboo at Cocha Nueva

Slender-billed Xenops

Ace looks at one guy foraging in the shrubs around the Amazonia lodge clearing

Streaked Xenops

Several seen well foraging with huge mixed flocks at CORL and Quitacalzones

Plain Xenops

Nice looks on three separate occasions during our time at MWC

Margarornis squamiger**Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii****Berlepschia rikeri****Ancistrops strigilatus****Hyloctistes subulatus****Anabacerthia striaticollis****Philydor ruficaudatus****Philydor pyrrhodes****Philydor erthrocercum ochrogaster****Philydor erthrocercum****Philydor erythropterum****Philydor rufus****Simoxenops ucayalae****Thripadectes melanrhynchus****Thripadectes holostictus****Automolus ochrolaemus****Automolus infuscatus****Automolus rufipileatus****Xenops tenuirostris****Xenops rutilans****Xenops minutus**

Family: FURNARIIDAE

Subfamily: DENDROCOLAPTINAE

Plain-brown Woodcreeper

Dendrocincla fuliginosa

One seen along the entrance trail to Cocha Nueva at MWC

Long-tailed Woodcreeper

Deconychura longicauda pallida

Great looks of a male along the GRID trail system at MWC

Olivaceous Woodcreeper

Sittasomus griseicapillus amazonus

Brief looks of one individual foraging with a small mixed canopy flock along the GRID trail system at MWC. Keep track of these subspecies. *Sittasomus griseicapillus* almost certainly consists of multiple species with at least five subspecies groups possibly deserving separate species status.

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper

Glyphorhynchus spirurus

Good old Wedgey was seen on three separate occasions during our time in the Manu lowlands

Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper

Dendrexetastes rufigula

Nice looks at Amazonia lodge

Amazonian Barred Woodcreeper *

Dendrocolaptes certhia

Jurua Woodcreeper

Xiphorhynchus juruanus

At least five different individuals seen whilst birding the terra-firme sandy clay forests t MWC. Several authors have treated *Xiphorhynchus elegans* and *X. spixii* conspecific, but see Haffer (1997) for rationale for treating them as separate species. Aleixo (2002) also found molecular support for treating nominate *spixii* as a separate species from all other taxa in the group. Rapaso and Hofling (2003) go further and suggest that this form - *X. [elegans] juruanus* - is also distinct from other members of the *X. elegans* group.

Buff-throated Woodcreeper

Xiphorhynchus guttatus

Common in the Manu foothills and lowlands

Olive-backed Woodcreeper

Xiphorhynchus triangularis

Seen on consecutive days whilst birding Rocotal and CORL

Montane Woodcreeper

Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger

Numerous in the larger mixed flocks at Pillahuata. Treated as conspecific with Spot-crowned Woodcreeper *L. affinis* by recent authors, and may well be lumped back together in the near future

Lineated Woodcreeper

Lepidocolaptes albolineatus

Nice looks at this guy from the canopy platform at Manu Wildlife Centre and also in a mixed flock seen along the trail at Cocha Camungo

Red-billed Scythebill *

Campylorhamphus trochilirostris

Family: THAMNOPHILIDAE

Fasciated Antshrike *

Cymbilaimus lineatus

Bamboo Antshrike RR

Cymbilaimus sanctaemariae

Good looks at a male in the Manu roadside *Guadua* bamboo habitat below Pilcopata and another seen well along Ant-thrush trail at MWC

Great Antshrike

Taraba major

More quality looks at this guy in the bamboo habitat along Ant-thrush trail at MWC

Barred Antshrike *

Thamnophilus doliatus

Chestnut-backed Antshrike

Thamnophilus palliatus

Good views during our time at CORL

White-shouldered Antshrike

Thamnophilus aethiops

Crack-a-lacking views of a male singing its guts out as we birded the terra-firme sandy clay forests at MWC. Not often seen on this tour!

Uniform Antshrike

Thamnophilus unicolor

One male seen in the *Chusquea* bamboo habitat along the road above CORL

Plain-winged Antshrike

Thamnophilus schistaceus

Nice looks at a male as it foraged with a mixed flock along the Amazonia lodge jeep track

Variable Antshrike

Thamnophilus caeruleus

Nice looks at a male at Rocotal with two further males and a female seen well at Puente Ruinas during the post-tour extension

Spot-winged Antshrike

A male and female seen well in the large mixed flocks in the MWC terra-firme sandy clay forests

Russet Antshrike

Quality views of one individual as it foraged at close quarters with a large mixed flock along the road at Quitacalzones

Dusky-throated Antshrike

Nice looks at a males and females in the mixed flocks at MWC

Bluish-slate Antshrike

Good views of males and females at Amazonia lodge where they proved to be ideally responsive for all to see. Note how different the female is to the male with her orangey underparts!

Pygmy Antwren

Seen well during our time in the Manu foothills and lowlands

Sclaters Antwren

Great spot by Theresa as one male sneaked past most of our defenses whilst foraging high with a canopy flock in the MWC old floodplain forest habitat

Stripe-chested Antwren

Several great views of males and females at CORL

Amazonian Streaked Antwren

Good looks at a male foraging in dense lakeside vegetation at Cocha Blanco

Plain-throated Antwren

Quality close views of a male in response to playback along the trail to Cocha Camungo. Two days later we also saw a pair in the old floodplain forest at MWC

White-flanked Antwren

Nice looks at females but where were all the males? Numerous authors have noted that vocal differences among several subspecies of *Myrmotherula axillaris* suggest that more than one species is involved

Long-winged Antwren

Nice looks at a male and female in the smattering of understorey flocks encountered at both Amazonia lodge at MWC

Grey Antwren

Good looks during our time at both Amazonia lodge and MWC

Yellow-breasted Antwren

Quality views of a pair foraging and singing at roadside above CORL

Yellow-rumped Antwren RR Endangered

One of my favourite Neotropical species – we showed great patience in waiting around for this guy, and they didn't disappoint. Both male and female seen foraging together in a medium sized mixed flock along the road above the CORL lek. Not vocal and very unresponsive, both individuals hung around briefly before moving off with the flock. This highly restricted-range and endangered species is named after British ornithologist and author Richard Bowdler Sharp (1847-1909). No doubt a low-density species, it's in big trouble, and the Manu road is the only place you can see it with any degree of regularity

Long-tailed Antbird

Nice looks at a male in the *Chusquea* bamboo habitat at roadside above CORL

Striated Antbird

Quality looks at males and females at Cocha Nueva and along the bamboo trail at MWC

Blackish Antbird ***Manu Antbird**

Two males seen well in the *Guadua* bamboo habitat along Ant-thrush trail at MWC

White-backed Fire-eye

One male seen at Quitacalzones

Black-faced Antbird

Gangbuster views of a male and female along the trail at Cocha Camungo

Pygmytila stellaris**Thamnistes anabatinus****Thamnomanes ardesiacus ardesiacus****Thamnomanes schistogynus****Myrmotherula brachyura****Myrmotherula sclateri****Myrmotherula longicauda****Myrmotherula multostriata****Myrmotherula hauxwelli****Myrmotherula axillaris****Myrmotherula longipennis garbei****Myrmotherula menetriesii****Herpsilochmus axillaris****Terenura sharpei****Drymophila caudata****Drymophila devillei****Cercomacra nigrescens****Cercomacra manu****Pyriglena leuconota marcapatensis****Myrmoborus myotherinus**

Peruvian Warbling Antbird

Fantastic response to playback from one individual in a large vine tangle along the trail in the terra-firme sandy-clay forest at MWC

Yellow-breasted Warbling Antbird

Nice looks in the Cocha Nueva bamboo at MWC

Band-tailed Antbird

Good looks at a male along the small lake at Amazonia lodge

White-lined Antbird RR

Another near-obligate bamboo specialist seen well at Manu Wildlife Centre

Southern Chestnut-tailed Antbird

Good looks at a pair at Amazonia lodge

Plumbeous Antbird

One male seen along the Cocha Camungo trail

Goeldi's Antbird RR

Good views of this species in the bamboo at Manu and along the jeep track at Amazonia lodge

Sooty Antbird

Cracking views of a male along the ridge trail at Amazonia lodge

White-throated Antbird

Ace looks a male on two consecutive days at MWC

Scale-backed Antbird

Fantastic views of a female singing in response to play back as we birded the terra-firme sandy-clay forest along Lookout trail at MWC. Wish they all responded like this!

Spot-backed Antbird ***Black-spotted Bare-eye *****Hypocnemis peruviana****Hypocnemis subflava****Hypocnemoides maculicauda****Percnostola lophotes****Myrmeciza hemimelaena****Myrmeciza hyperythra****Myrmeciza goeldii****Myrmeciza fortis****Gymnopithys salvini****Hylophylax poecilinota griseiventralis****Hylophylax naevia****Phlegopsis nigromaculata**

Family: FORMICARIIDAE

Rufous-fronted Antthrush* RR Near threatened Formicarius rufifrons**Black-faced Antthrush****Formicarius analis**

One individual seen at Manu Wildlife Centre

Rufous-breasted Antthrush***Formicarius rufipectus thoracicus****Barred Anthrush *****Chamaeza mollissima yungae****Undulated Antpitta *****Grallaria squamigera****Scaled Antpitta*****Grallaria guatemalensis sonoria****Stripe-headed Antpitta RR****Grallaria andicola**

We'll have this one though, on both tour extensions! Ace looks at Abra Malaga

White-throated Antpitta ***Grallaria albigula****Red-and-white Antpitta * RR****Grallaria erythroleuca****Rufous Antpitta * RR****Grallaria rufula occabambae****Amazonian Antpitta *****Hylopezus berlepschi****Thrush-like Antpitta *****Myrmothera campanisona****Ochre-breasted Antpitta *****Grallaricula flavirostris boliviana****Slaty Gnatcatcher RR****Conpophaga ardesiaca**

Unbelievable good looks at a male and female along the trail below the CORL garden

Family: RHINOCRYPTIDAE

Rusty-belted Tapaculo**Liosceles thoracicus**

What a view of this guy sat on a small dead log off trail in the old floodplain forest at MWC. Not sure what was wrong with the bird as it seemed to be either sheltering a young bird or egg or was in extreme discomfort. Anyhow, unbelievable views!

White-crowned Tapaculo ***Scytalopus atratus****Trilling Tapaculo *****Scytalopus parvirostris**

Puna Tapaculo RR

This little fella came charging up the slope at Abra Malaga Station into full for everyone to see on both tour extensions. Who says Tapaculos never come into view?

Diademed Tapaculo RR

Brief views of one bird during the pre-tour extension in the elfin forest remnants at Abra Malaga [Ampay] Tapaculo *sp.nov* * RR

Scytalopus simonsi**Scytalopus schulenbergi****Scytalopus sp.nov**

Family: COTINGIDAE

Cinereous Mourner

Cracking views in response to play-back along the GRID trail at MWC

Red-crested Cotinga

Very common during the pre-tour extension with another pair seen at Ajcanacu

Chestnut-crested Cotinga

Another one of my favourite Neotropical birds, we got great views of two adults and a juvenile feeding in the fruiting trees around Rocotal pepper farm. Comon!

Barred Fruiteater

Stunning views of a male at Pillahuata

Masked Fruiteater RR

Fantastic stuff as a male came bombing into play-back along the rail track at Puente Ruinas

Screaming Piha

Yes, that large grey bird was seen rather well at Manu Wildlife Centre

Bare-necked Fruitcrow

One of the ugliest birds in the Neotropics!

Purple-throated Fruitcrow

Top looks at two males in the canopy of terra-firme sandy-clay forests at MWC

Andean Cock-of-the-Rock

A truly marvelous experience at CORL and David voted it as his bird of the trip!

Amazonian Umbrellabird

Great spot by Peter of an immature male along the road below CORL

Laniocerca hypopyrra**Ampelion rubrocristata****Ampelion rufaxilla****Pipreola arcuata****Pipreola pulchra****Lipaugus vociferans****Gymnoderus foetidus****Querula purpurata****Rupicola peruviana****Cephalopterus ornatus**

Family: PIPRIDAE

Band-tailed Manakin

Great views of a male at Amazonia lodge

Round-tailed Manakin

Good views of immature males and females at Manu Wildlife Centre

Blue-crowned Manakin

Great close views of two males off trail in the terra firme sandy clay forest at Manu Wildlife Centre where one of them actually descended onto the ground and... well ...its anybody's guess as to what the hell it was doing down there! Note: this is the all-green subspecies.

Yungas Manakin

Always a bit of a fight to see this one but we got him on two occasions around CORL

Blue-backed Manakin

Nice looks at an immature male in the terra firme sandy clay forest at MWC. Here the golden-crowned subspecies.

Fiery-capped Manakin

One of my birds of the trip, and we got great close views of a male during a magical afternoon's birding along the jeep track at Amazonia lodge

Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin

Got him! Small eh?

Wing-barred Piprites

This guy was part of the canopy flock conspiracy along the Cocha Camungo trail

Pipra fasciicauda**Pipra chloromeros****Pipra coronata exquisita****Chiroxiphia boliviana****Chiroxiphia pareola regina****Machaeropterus pyrocephalus****Tyrannetes stolzmanni****Piprites chloris**

Family: TYRANNIDAE

Streak-necked Flycatcher

Several seen during our time in the cloud forests of Manu

Olive-striped Flycatcher

Seen on both occasions birding Quitacalzones – always following mixed flocks

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher

Good looks at this guy as it foraged with the large terra-firme forest mixed flocks at MWC

Inca Flycatcher RR

Good looks eventually at about four different birds foraging with the large mixed flock near the scythebill bridge, Pillahuata

Sepia-capped Flycatcher

Seen well in the old floodplain forest and around the clearing at MWC

Slaty-capped Flycatcher

Common around CORL. The genus name means “slender, fine beard” a reference to the fine rictal bristles of this species

Hazel-fronted Pygmy-tyrant * RR

We only saw the silhouette of this guy as it came in for a quick look in response to playback at Rocotal. He lost interest very quickly though ...

White-cheeked Tody-tyrant * RR

White-bellied Tody-Tyrant

Nice views of one bird in the mid-storey along the Manakin trail at Manu Wildlife Centre

Black-throated Tody-Tyrant *

Ochre-faced Tody Flycatcher

Another battle but we were rewarded with great looks at this little gem at Rocotal

Rusty-fronted Tody-flycatcher

Cracking looks and a great response from this guy in the secondary forest around Amazonia lodge

Common Tody-Flycatcher

Two seen at Puente Ruinas

Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher

Nice looks from the aguajal platform at Amazonia lodge. Another was seen along the ridge trail the following day

Black-backed Tody-Tyrant RR

One of Peter’s top birds of the trip and we got great looks at a male, and brief looks at the female in response to play-back at Quitacalzones

Ringed Antpiper

Gave us a hard time along the ridge trail at Amazonia lodge but then did come in a close distance for great views

Sclaters Tyrannulet

Common at Machu Picchu

Plumbeous-crowned Tyrannulet

One seen well at close distance whilst birding Puente Ruinas, Machu Picchu

Ashy-headed Tyrannulet

Good find by Stennie and Jean at Puente Ruinas, Machu Picchu

Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet

Good looks at Abra Malaga during the pre-tour extension – highly vocal

Bolivian Tyrannulet RR

Ace looks at a couple of birds at Rocotal and also the following day at CORL

Red-billed Tyrannulet

Difficult to see amongst the mixed species flock along the ridge trail at Amazonia lodge but most of us got onto it

White-lored Tyrannulet

Great looks at one guy in the clearing around Amazonia lodge

Forest Elaenia

One seen in a mixed canopy flock along Lookout trail at MWC

Mionectes striaticollis

Mionectes olivaceus

Mionectes oleagineus

Leptopogon taczanowski

Leptopogon amaurocephalus

Leptopogon superciliaris

Pseudotriccus simplex

Poecilotriccus albifacies

Hemitriccus griseipectus

Hemmitriccus granadensis

Todirostrum plumbiceps

Todirostrum latirostre

Todirostrum cinereum

Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum neglectum

Todirostrum pulchellum

Corythopsis torquata

Phyllomyias sclateri

Phyllomyias plumbiceps

Phyllomyias cinereiceps

Phyllomyias uropygialis

Zimmerius bolivianus

Zimmerius cinereicapillus

Ornithion inermis

Myiopagis gaimardii

White-crested Elaenia

Two seen at Huacarpay lakes

Small-billed Elaenia

One seen foraging in riverside scrub along the quebrada at Amazonia lodge

Lesser Elaenia

Nice looks as it foraged on the fruiting Melastomes in the CORL garden

Sierran Elaenia

Common

White-throated Tyrannulet

Common at Abra Malaga and Pillahuata

White-banded Tyrannulet

Common at Abra Malaga and Pillahuata

Torrent Tyrannulet

Seen along the Rio Kosniapata and common along the Rio Urubamba at Aguas Calientes

Unstreaked Tit-Tyrant RR

Gangbuster views during both visits to the Abra Malaga elfin forest habitat where this proved to be common in mixed flocks – numbering 8-15 individuals

Tufted Tit-Tyrant

Good looks at two birds at Acjanacu guard station and around Abra Malaga area

Ash-breasted Tit-Tyrant RR Endangered

Great looks of up to 11 individuals over the two visits to the Abra Malaga *Polylepis* woodlands. Another of the *Polylepis* specialists that is in serious trouble

Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant

Two seen in the arid scrub at Huacarpay lakes

Many-coloured Rush-Tyrant

Good views at Huacarpay Lakes

Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant

Quality views at CORL

Spectacled Bristle-Tyrant

Ace looks as they foraged with the mixed flocks in the foothill forests along the ridge trail at Amazonia lodge

Variegated Bristle-Tyrant

One seen only briefly whilst foraging with a mixed flock at Rocotal

Cinnamon-faced Tyrannulet RR

Seen on consecutive days along the road at Quitacalzones and below CORL. This is one of several bird species named after the legendary Ted Parker and only formerly described in 1997

Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet

Two seen at Rocotal and several more at Puente Ruinas

Short-tailed Pygmy Tyrant ***Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant**

Seen on consecutive days whilst birding the CORL area

Dusky-tailed Flatbill

Good looks at one individual in the *Guadua* bamboo habitat along ant-thrush trail, MWC

Large-headed Flatbill

Ditto!

Rufous-tailed Flatbill

Great looks during our full day birding adventure in the MWC terra-firma sandy-clay forests

Olivaceous Flatbill

Great spot by Peter as one popped up into view during the mixed flock mayhem along the ridge trail, Amazonia lodge

Yellow-breasted [Olive-faced] Tolmomyias ***Golden-crowned Spadebill**

Good looks at one guy in the old floodplain forest understorey at MWC

Elaenia albiceps**Elaenia parvirostris****Elaenia chiriquensis****Elaenia pallatangae****Mecocerculus leucophrys****Mecocerculus stictopterus****Serpophaga cinerea****Uromyias agraphia****Anairetes parulus****Anairetes alpinus****Anairetes flavirostris****Tachuris rubrigastra****Phylloscartes ophthalmicus****Phylloscartes orbitalis****Phylloscartes poecilotis****Phylloscartes parkeri****Phylloscartes ventralis****Myiornis ecaudatus****Lophotriccus pileatus****Ramphotricon fuscicauda****Ramphotricon megacephala****Ramphotricon ruficauda****Rhynchocyclus olivaceus****Tolmomyias viridiceps [flaviventris]****Platyrinchus coronatus**

White-crested Spadebill

Great looks in response to tape along the trails to Cocha Camungo

Handsome Flycatcher

Over 20+ individuals seen in a mixed flock at the scythebill bridge, below Pillahuata

Ochraceous-breasted Flycatcher

Likewise, these guys were also giving it plenty in the same flock as both the Inca and Handsome Flycatchers

Bran-coloured Flycatcher

Four sightings during the trip

Plain Tyrannulet

A very unusual bird to see for this trip – one of these funky austral migrants and we got good looks at four individuals foraging tirelessly in the trees around La Pastoria, PEM

Cinnamon Flycatcher

Yeah, okay David – we get it. You like this one ... a lot!

Smoke-coloured Pewee

Several seen

Black Phoebe

Two seen along the Rio Kosniapata but much more common along the Rio Urubamba. This is the southern subspecies *latirostris*. The change from the darker-winged nominate *nigricans* to the white-winged *latirostris* is a north-south cline, with larger amounts of white gradually appearing further south

Vermillion Flycatcher

Dude!

Crowned [Peruvian] Chat-Tyrant

Brief views of one guy in the roadside edges of the Abra Malaga elfin forest during our first visit there for the pre-tour extension

Maroon-belted Chat-Tyrant

Gangbuster looks around Pillahuata. 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) have 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.

Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant

Several seen at close quarters at Acjanacu (Tres Cruces) guard station and also at Abra Malaga during both tour extensions

Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant

Common

D'Orbigny's Chat-Tyrant

Good spot by Tom as we approached the exit of the Abra Malaga *Polylepis* valley during the pre-tour extension

White-browed Chat-Tyrant

Seen well at Huacarpay Lakes and Abra Malaga

Drab Water-Tyrant

Ohh dear!

Red rumped Bush Tyrant

Quality views during our first visit to the Abra Malaga *Polylepis* forests

Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant

Nice looks at Abra Malaga during the pre-tour extension and further great looks along the Huanipaca road during the post-tour extension

Rufous-webbed Tyrant

Cracking views of one individual at our breakfast stop over the Pisaq pass

Spot-billed Ground Tyrant

One at Huacarpay and others seen at our breakfast stop over the Pisaq pass

Platyrinchus platrhynchos**Myiophobus pulcher****Myiophobus ochraceiventris****Myiophobus fasciatus****Inezia inornata****Pyrrhomyias cinnamomea****Contopus fumigatus****Sayornis nigricans latirostris****Pyrocephalus rubinus****Ochthoeca frontalis [spodionota]****Ochthoeca thoracica****Ochthoeca fumicolor berlepschi****Ochthoeca rufipectoralis rufipectoralis****Ochthoeca oenanthoides****Ochthoeca leucophrys****Ochthornis littoralis****Cnemarchus erythropgius****Myiotheretes striaticollis****Polioxolmis rufipennis****Muscisaxicola maculirostris**

Little Ground Tyrant	Muscisaxicola fluviatilis
Seen at the macaw clay lick and one along the Rio Madre de Dios	
Rufous-naped Ground Tyrant	Muscisaxicola rufivertex
Several seen at Huacarpay and at Abra Malaga	
Taczanowski's Ground Tyrant	Muscisaxicola alpina
Several sightings during the days in the Abra Malaga <i>Polylepis</i> valley	
Puna Ground Tyrant	Muscisaxicola juninensis
Difficult to ID but we managed to get this guy in the Abra Malaga <i>Polylepis</i> valley during the post-tour extension, on our way out of the valley	
Cinereous Ground Tyrant	Muscisaxicola cinerea
The ID challenges were coming thick and fast as this guy popped up in amongst a bunch of other ground-tyrants during the second extension to the Abra Malaga <i>Polylepis</i> valley	
White-browed Ground Tyrant	Muscisaxicola cinerea
This common austral migrant was seen well in the Abra Malaga <i>Polylepis</i> valley during both tour extensions	
Ochre-naped Ground Tyrant	Muscisaxicola flavinucha
Phew, not getting any easier is it, but we did get views of one individual (probably two or three others) during the pre-tour extension to the Abra Malaga <i>Polylepis</i> valley	
Andean Negrilo	Lessonia oreas
Male and female seen well at Huacarpay	
White-winged Black-Tyrant	Knipolegus atterimus
Good looks at a male around the Pillahuata campsite and a female at the Creamy-crested Spinetail quebrada above Paucartambo. Further birds were seen at Puente Sahuinte, Abancay	
Long-tailed Tyrant	Colonia colonus
Seen well at Amazonia lodge	
[White-eyed] Dull-capped Attila	Attila bolivianus
One seen well in response to play back as it perched in the subcanopy of lakeside trees at the Cocha Blanco oxbow lake, MWC. "White-eyed" is a much more suitable name for the species!	
Rufous Casiornis	Casiornis rufa
An unexpected surprise in the <i>Guadua</i> bamboo along Ant-thrush trail!	
Greyish Mourner	Rhytipterna simplex
Nice looks near the macaw clay lick	
Sirystes	Sirystes silbilator
Great looks at one guy from the canopy platform tower at MWC	
Dusky-capped Flycatcher	Myiarchus tuberculifer
Seen on three occasions during the tour	
Swainsons Flycatcher	Myiarchus swainsonii
One was seen foraging around the Manu Wildlife Centre canopy platform and a second seen foraging in the willow bars around the macaw clay lick	
Pale-edged Flycatcher	Myiarchus cephalotes
Nice looks of three individuals during two consecutive days birding Pillahuata and Rocotal	
Short-crested Flycatcher	Myiarchus tyrannulus
One seen in the secondary growth near the macaw clay lick and another around Cocha Camungo	
Tropical Kingbird	Tyrannus melancholicus
Common	
Sulphury Flycatcher	Tyrannopsis sulphurea
Good looks at one individual foraging in the <i>Maritima</i> palm groves on the outskirts of PEM	
Boat-billed Flycatcher	Megarynchus pitangua
Two seen during the tour	
Lemon-browed Flycatcher	Conopias cinchoneti
Great looks at several birds in the CORL area	
Golden-crowned Flycatcher	Myiodynastes chrysocephalus
A total of five individuals seen around CORL and Puente Ruinas	

Streaked Flycatcher

One seen at CORL

Rusty-margined Flycatcher

One seen on the outskirts of PEM on our last day in the lowlands

Social Flycatcher

Common

Grey-capped Flycatcher

Seen well at both Amazonia lodge and MWC

Dusky-chested Flycatcher

A great surprise to see three individuals foraging and fighting with each other in the trees above the Tapir clay lick whilst we were all watching the parrots

Piratic Flycatcher ***Lesser Kiskadee**

Common around the Manu oxbow lakes

Great Kiskadee

Several seen well in lowland Manu

Myiodynastes maculatus**Myiozetetes cayanensis****Myiozetetes similis****Myiozetetes granadensis****Myiozetetes luteiventris****Legatus leucophaeus****Philohydor lictor****Pitangus sulphuratus**

Family: TITYRIDAE

Masked Tityra

Four encounters during the tour

Black-crowned Tityra

Nice looks at a male around the clearing at Amazonia lodge with another individual seen at MWC

Black-tailed Tityra

One male seen in the dead trees at Cocha Blanco

Barred Becard

Males seen on consecutive days at Pillahuata - one of the most striking Becards!

White-winged Becard

A few females but what happened to all the males?

Black-capped Becard

Nice looks at a female from the tower at MWC

Pink-throated Becard

Great stuff – a male and female in the mixed canopy flock mayhem along the Cocha Camungo trail

Tityra semifasciata**Tityra inquisitor****Tityra cayana****Pachyramphus versicolor****Pachyramphus polychopterus****Pachyramphus marginatus****Pachyramphus minor**

Family: CORVIDAE

White-collared Jay RR

Great close views of a pair near the scythebill bridge area, below Pillahuata

Violaceous Jay

Several seen at Amazonia lodge and in the Manu lowlands

Purplish Jay

Several individuals seen along the main rivers in Manu

Green [Inca] Jay

Great looks over two consecutive days along the road above CORL

Cyanolyca viridicyana**Cyanocorax violaceus****Cyanocorax cyanomelas****Cyanocorax yncas**

Family: VIREONIDAE

Red-eyed (Chivi) Vireo

Seen at Amazonia lodge, MWC and also at Puente Ruinas. Some classifications have considered the South American *chivi* group as a separate species ("Chivi Vireo") from *V. olivaceus*, or as conspecific with *V. flavoviridis* (Hamilton 1962). Ridgely & Greenfield (2001) suggested, however, that more than one species may be involved within the South American *chivi* group itself

Brown-capped Vireo

Several seen at Puente Ruinas during the post-tour extension

Lemon-chested Greenlet

Not often seen in the Manu area, we were rewarded with good looks at a foraging pair near the road at Quitacalzones. Our sighting represents a small elevational range extension for the species

Vireo olivaceus chivi**Vireo leucophrys****Hylophilus thoracicus**

Dusky-capped Greenlet

A pair seen foraging with the large mixed flock along the ridge trail at Amazonia lodge

Tawny-crowned Greenlet

We managed to get this awkward little guy as it sneaked around two large mixed flocks – the first at Amazonia lodge and the second along the Cocha Camungo trail, MWC

Family: CINCLIDAE

White-capped Dipper

Seen along the Rio Union above CORL and also along the Rio Urubamba

Family: TURDIDAE

Andean Solitaire

Ace looks at one guy in response to play back at the first Pillahuata tunnel. Great song!

White-eared Solitaire ***Pale-eyed Thrush**

Nice looks at a female feeding in the fruiting trees around the Rocotal pepper farm

Chiguanco Thrush

Common

Great Thrush

Common

Glossy-black Thrush

Good looks on three consecutive days around Pillahuata

Andean Slaty Thrush

Quality views of a male and female in the garden at CORL feeding on the fruiting Melastomes

Creamy-bellied Thrush

One seen well foraging along the main quebrada trail at Amazonia lodge

Black-billed Thrush

Common

Hauxwell's Thrush

More quality views just off the forest edge around the clearing at Amazonia lodge

White-necked Thrush

Seen on consecutive days whilst birding the trails around MWC

Family: TROGLODYTIDAE

Thrush-like Wren

Better view desired!

Fulvous Wren RR

Nice looks at one individual of a family group. The genus name refers to the species' creeper-like plumage and curved bill

Sedge [Grass] Wren

Nice views of one bird singing in the puna habitat at Acjanacu and also at Abra Malaga

Inca Wren RR

Gangbuster views of two adults during the post-tour extension at Abra Malaga and one seen also during the pre-tour extension in the same spot but during which they proved to be more elusive

Moustached Wren

Seen well in the bamboo at Cocha Nueva and along ant-thrush trail

House Wren

Common

Mountain Wren

One seen at Pillahuata but the species was more common in the elfin forest habitat at Abra Malaga

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren

One seen along the road above CORL, at Rocotal and Puente Ruinas

Southern Nightingale-Wren

One seen well in response to tape at MWC

Hylophilus hypoxanthus**Hylophilus ochraceiceps****Myadestes ralloides ralloides****Entomodestes leucotis****Platycichla leucops****Turdus chiguanco chiguanco****Turdus fuscater ockenderi****Turdus serranus****Turdus nigriceps****Turdus amaurochalinus****Turdus ignobilis****Turdus hauxwelli****Turdus albicollis****Campylorhynchus turdinus****Cinnycerthia fulva****Cistothorus platensis****Thryothorus eisenmanni****Thryothorus genibarbis****Troglodytes aedon****Troglodytes solstitialis****Henicorhina leucophrys****Microcerculus marginatus**

Musician Wren

The greatest of all Neotropical bird songs! This guy came bombing into playback, and perched up at near point blank range at head height, and then absolutely cut loose with the most amazing vocals, along the GRID trail system at MWC. Voted by Jean as bird of the trip!

Chestnut-breasted Wren

In response to play-back, this thing came in like a Polaris missile, almost taking out several members of the group, and then perched up for all to see during a strategic afternoon's birding along the trail below CORL. The genus name means "bent or bowed nose" – a reference to the fact that these wrens have thick bills with a high, ridged culmen

Black-capped Donacobius

Common on the Manu ox-bow lakes - the genus name means "reed-inhabiting"

Cyphorhinus aradus**Cyphorhinus thoracicus****Donacobius atricapillus**

Family: SYLVIDAE

Tawny-faced Gnatwren

Awesome looks as it skimmed the ground in low shrubs whilst foraging with a mixed species flock along the ridge trail at Amazonia lodge

Microbates cinereiventris

Family: HIRUNDINIDAE

White-winged Swallow

Common

Brown-chested Martin

Great looks at four individuals flying close to our boat during our journey to Laberinto

Grey-breasted Martin

Six seen along the Rio Madre de Dios, always foraging around large clay bluffs

Southern Martin

The big guys perched on a log over the water at Cocha Nueva

Brown-bellied Swallow

Common during both tour extensions at Abra Malaga and Huanipaca

Blue-and-white Swallow

Common around CORL

Pale-footed Swallow

Huge flock watched for over 10 minutes as they foraged at roadside along the Manu road between the two Pillahuata tunnels

White-banded Swallow

Common

White-thighed Swallow

Nice looks at five perched birds above the road at La Pastoria, PEM

Southern Rough-winged Swallow

Common

Tachycineta albiventer**Phaeoprogne tapera****Progne chalybea****Progne elegans****Notiochelidon murina****Notiochelidon cyanoleuca****Notiochelidon flavipes****Atticora fasciata****Neochelidon tibialis****Stelgidopteryx ruficollis**

Family: PARULIDAE

Tropical Parula

Nice looks at CORL and Puente Ruinas

Slate-throated Whitestart

Common

Spectacled Whitestart

Common

Two-banded Warbler

Several seen between CORL and Quitacalzones

Parula pitiayumi**Myioborus miniatus****Myioborus melanocephalus****Basileuterus bivittatus**

Golden-bellied [CUSCO] Warbler RR

A pair was seen well foraging high with a large mixed flock along the ridge trail at Amazonia lodge. Considered a super-species with *B. c. chlorophrys* of Columbia and Ecuador but also considered a separate species by some authors and if so, would be a Peruvian endemic. Ridgely & Greenfield (2001) treated the northern subspecies *chlorophrys* as a separate species from *Basileuterus chrysogaster* based on differences in descriptions of songs

Pale-legged Warbler

Nice looks at two individuals foraging in the railway-side scrub at Puente Ruinas

Citrine Warbler

Great looks at several individuals foraging with the large mixed flocks at Abra Malaga and also at Pillahuata, along the Manu road

Russet-crowned Warbler

Seen at CORL and Puente Ruinas

Three-striped Warbler

Several seen foraging with mixed flocks at CORL

Buff-rumped Warbler

Nice looks at one guy foraging around the Tapir clay lick at MWC

Basileuterus chrysogaster chrysogaster**Basileuterus signatus signatus****Basileuterus luteoviridis striaticeps****Basileuterus coronatus****Basileuterus tristriatus****Basileuterus fulvicauda**

Family: THRAUPIDAE

Magpie Tanager

Nice looks at Quitacalzones and Amazonia lodge. More were seen at La Pastoria, PEM

Grass-green Tanager

Great looks as they foraged at all levels around the first Pillahuata tunnel

Black-capped [White-browed] Hemispingus RR Hemispingus [auricularis] atrpileus

Over eight individuals were seen at Pillahuata. If split, this species would be a Peruvian endemic. *Hemispingus calophrys* was formerly considered a subspecies of *H. atropileus*, but Weske & Terborgh (1974) provided rationale for treating the southern *calophrys* as a species separate from *H. atropileus*. This treatment has been followed by most recent authors but not by Isler & Isler (1987). The subspecies *auricularis* is at least as distinct genetically and morphologically

Parodi's Hemispingus RR

Cracking looks on both tour extensions to the elfin forest fragments at Abra Malaga

Superciliaried Hemispingus

Fairly common at Pillahuata in the large mixed flocks and a few were also seen lower down the road at Abra Malaga. Here the yellow subspecies *urubambae*

Oleaginous Hemispingus

Great looks at a pair foraging in *Chusquea* bamboo along the road above CORL

Black-eared Hemispingus

Several seen well at Rocotal and CORL - this *berlepschi* subspecies is fairly distinct and could merit full species status

Three-striped Hemispingus RR

Great views of several birds feeding with mixed flocks at Abra Malaga during both tour extensions

Orange-headed Tanager

Good views of a pair in the willow bar habitat at the macaw clay lick. The genus name means "warbler-appearance"

Rust-and-Yellow Tanager

Several seen during the tour

White-winged Shrike-Tanager

Good views of pairs with flocks along the Amazonia lodge ridge trail and also along the trail to Cocha Camungo and the tapir clay lick a MWC

Slaty Tanager RR

Great close views of four individuals along the Manu road

Yellow-crested Tanager RR

Nice looks at a couple of males at Quitacalzones

Cissopis leveriana**Chlorornis riefferii****Hemispingus parodi****Hemispingus superciliaris****Hemispingus frontalis****Hemispingus melanotis berlepschi****Hemispingus trifasciatus****Thlypopsis sordida****Thlypopsis ruficeps****Lanio versicolor****Creurgops dentata****Tachyphonus rufiventer**

White-shouldered Tanager

Two males seen at MWC

Black-goggled Tanager

Good spot by Peter - a male hidden amongst the mixed flock moving above the trail at CORL

Red-crowned Ant-Tanager

Great views of several males and females in understorey flocks at MWC

Masked Crimson Tanager

Dude!

Silver-beaked Tanager

Common

Blue-Gray Tanager

Common

Palm Tanager

Several sightings

Blue-capped Tanager

Common at Pillahuata and a couple more seen at Rocotal

Blue-and-yellow Tanager

Two seen at Huacarpay, Huanipaca and Puente Ruinas

Hooded Mountain-Tanager

Huge great big monstrous tanagers seen above and around the tunnels at Pillahuata but we got our first vies during the pre-tour extension whilst birding a lower section of road at Abra Malaga

Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager

The “Christmas-card bird” – stunning vies at both Pillahuata and Abra Malaga

Blue-winged Mountain-tanager

Ace looks at a pair in a small fruiting tree at Rocotal

Yellow-throated Tanager

This stunning tanager was seen several times around Rocotal and around CORL. Who needs waders when you have guys like this running round the undergrowth!

Golden-collared Tanager RR

Staggering looks at this guy in the roadside tree-line habitat at the Acjanacu guard station, and two others were also seen near the Pillahuata camp site. Big “ooo’s” and “aaahh’s” from the group!

Chestnut-bellied Mountain-Tanager RR

Gangbuster views in the mixed flocks at Pillahuata and during both trips to Abra Malaga

Fawn-breasted Tanager

One seen well on two consecutive days whilst birding CORL

Orange-eared Tanager

Several seen with mixed flocks around CORL and Quitacalzones, but what a bird!

Turquoise Tanager

Up to half a dozen in total seen on two visits to the MWC canopy platform

Paradise Tanager

Dude! What colour was this again? Marvellous stuff!

Green-and-gold Tanager

Several seen during the tour at both Amazonia lodge and MWC – commonly encountered foraging high with mixed flocks

Yellow-bellied Tanager

Great spot by Derek and David at Amazonia lodge!

Golden Tanager

Who needs waders when you have these fella’s – common!

Saffron-crowned Tanager

Common at Rocotal, CORL and Puente Ruinas - here the orange-crowned subspecies

Golden-eared Tanager

One of my favourite tanagers and always a bit “hit-and-miss” on this tour but this time of year when all the Melastomes are in fruit is always a good time to find it – daily views at CORL

Tachyphonus luctuosus**Trichothraupis melanops****Habia rubica peruviana****Ramphocelus nigrogularis****Ramphocelus carbo****Thraupis episcopus****Thraupis palmarum****Thraupis cyanocephala****Thraupis bonariensis****Buthraupis montana****Anisognathus igniventris igniventris****Anisognathus somptuosus****Iridosornis analis****Iridosornis jelskii****Delothraupis castaneiventris****Pipraeidea melanonota****Chlorochrysa calliparaea****Tangara mexicana****Tangara chilensis****Tangara schrankii****Tangara xanthogastra****Tangara arthus****Tangara xanthocephala lamprotis****Tangara chrysotis**

Spotted Tanager Common at CORL	Tangara punctata
Bay-headed Tanager Good looks at CORL, Quitacalzones and Puente Ruinas	Tangara gyrola
Golden-naped Tanager Great looks on consecutive days at Rocotal and CORL - also seen at Puente Ruinas	Tangara ruficervix
Blue-necked Tanager Common	Tangara cyanicollis
Beryl-spangled Tanager Always good to see	Tangara nigroviridis
Blue-and-black Tanager Several at Pillahuata and Abra Malaga	Tangara vassorii atrocaerulea
Silver-backed Tanager Great looks at a male at Puente Ruinas	Tangara viridicollis
Opal-rumped Tanager One seen in a small tanager flock from the MWC canopy tower	Tangara velia
Black-faced Dacnis Nice looks as they foraged with flocks along the Amazonia lodge ridge trail and from the MWC canopy platform	Dacnis lineata
Blue Dacnis Good views of a males and females on four separate occasions during the tour	Dacnis cayana
Green Honeycreeper Good looks at males with canopy flocks at Amazonia lodge and MWC	Chlorophanes spiza
Purple Honeycreeper Half a dozen males and females seen amongst a large canopy flock along the Amazonia ridge trail	Cyanerpes caeruleus
Tit-like Dacnis Amazingly common during the first visit to Abra Malaga's elfin forests, we also got brief views at Acjanacu guard station but further good looks during our second visit to Abra Malaga	Xenodacnis parina
Plushcap Great looks as they sneaked around the Chusquea bamboo habitat with the mixed flocks at Abra Malaga during the pre-tour extension	Catamblyrhynchus diadema
Chestnut-vented Conebill One male seen at MWC	Conirostrum speciosum
Cinereous Conebill Several seen at Huacarpay and during both tour extensions	Conirostrum cinereum cinereum
Capped Conebill Seen well at Pillahuata and Puente Ruinas	Conirostrum albifrons
White-browed Conebill RR Cracking views during both tour extensions to Abra Malaga and also at the Acjanacu guard station	Conirostrum ferrugineiventre
Blue-backed Conebill Surprisingly common during the pre-tour extension to Abra Malaga and also at Pillahuata	Conirostrum sitticolor
Giant Conebill RR Near-threatened Great looks at one individual during our post-tour extension to Abra Malaga	Oreomanes fraseri
Rusty Flower-piercer Commonly encountered during both tour extensions	Diglossa sittoides
Black-throated Flower-piercer Common	Diglossa brunneiventris
[Golden-eyed] Deep-blue Flower-piercer Nice looks as they foraged with small flocks in fruiting trees at Rocotal	Diglossopsis glauca
Moustached Flower-piercer Two sightings at Acjanacu and others seen during our first visit to Abra Malaga	Diglossa mystacalis albilnear
Bluish Flower-piercer A pair seen in the same flocks as the Deep-blue Flower-piercers	Diglossa caeruleascens

Masked Flowerpiercer

Common at Pillahuata and a couple also seen during both tour extensions

Diglossopsis cyanea

Family: EMBEZERIDAE

Rufous-collared Sparrow

Common

Yellow-browed Sparrow

Common

Grassland Sparrow

Nice looks at one guy foraging at roadside on the outskirts of PEM

Pectoral Sparrow

Ace looks at one guy in response to tape during our great afternoon birding the Amazonia jeep track

Black-faced Brush-Finch RR

Common around CORL and Pillahuata. The *Atlapetes* genus has been completely revamped based on bio-chemical data and work done at Copenhagen Field Museum. This species was formerly considered part of Rufous-naped Brush-Finch complex *A. rufinucha*

Chestnut-capped Brush-finch

Great views of a single individual in response to tape along the road below Aguas Calientes

Apurimac Brush-finch RR Near threatened

Gangbuster views of a pair in response to tape along the Huanipaca road during our first visit, but this species proved to be very difficult in the same spot on our return there, but we got one!

[Cusco] Slaty Brush Finch RR

Ace looks as one guy popped up into view and joined a mixed flock in the elfin forest habitat at Abra Malaga during our first visit there. Very distinct from other forms in the Slaty Brush Finch complex and is awaiting description as a full species when it will probably merit threatened status

Stripe-headed Brush Finch

Fantastic looks at one guy in response to play-back at Abra Malaga during the post-tour extension

Mourning Sierra-Finch

Great looks at males and females at our breakfast stop below the PISAQ Pass

Peruvian Sierra-Finch RR

Good looks during our breakfast stop below the PISAQ pass, the species proved to be more common during both visits to Abra Malaga and also along the Huanipaca Road

Plumbeous Sierra-Finch

Common at Abra Malaga and Huanipaca

Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch

Common at Abra Malaga and Huanipaca

White-winged Diuca-Finch

Six seen during our second visit to Abra Malaga

Chestnut-breasted Mountain-Finch RR

Cracking views on both visits to Abra Malaga, our first trip to Abancay and also at our breakfast spot below the PISAQ pass. This Peruvian endemic is tolerant of anthropogenic disturbance and agricultural mosaics and is probably a low-density species

Bright-rumped Yellow Finch

One large flock of 30+ individuals seen in the Abra Malaga valet during the pre-tour extension

Greenish Yellow-Finch

Seen at Huacarpay

Blue-black Grassquit

Common at PEM with half a dozen also seen in the willow bars at the MWC macaw clay lick

Black-and-white Seedeater

Pairs seen at Rocotal and also at Amazonia lodge

Double-collard Seedeater

Nice looks as they foraged at roadside on the outskirts of PEM

Zonotrichia capensis**Ammodramus aurifrons****Ammodramus humeralis****Arremon taciturnis****Atlapetes melanolaemus****Atlapetes brunneinucha****Atlapetes forbesi****Atlapetes schistaceus canigens****Atlapetes torquatus****Phrygilus fruticeti****Phrygilus punensis****Phrygilus unicolor****Phrygilus plebejus****Diuca speculifera****Poospiza caesar****Sicalis uropygialis****Sicalis olivascens****Volatinia jacarina****Sporophila luctuosa****Sporophila caerulescens**

Chestnut-bellied Seedeater

One male seen in the river edge habitat at the macaw clay lick and another seen foraging with the above species on the outskirts of PEM

Chestnut-bellied [Lesser] Seed-Finch

One male spotted by Stennie near Patria, along the lower Manu road

Band-tailed Seedeater

Common

Plain-colored Seedeater

Common at Abra Malaga and also seen along the Huanipaca Road

Sporophila castaneiventris***Oryzoborus angolensis******Catamenia analis analis******Catamenia inornata inornata***

Family: CARDINALIDAE

Several tanager species (genus *Piranga* for example) and certain grosbeak species are now placed in this family. Awaiting news regarding their English (vernacular) names

Carmioli's [Olive] Tanager

One seen foraging with a large mixed flock along the ridge trail at Amazonia lodge

Red-capped Cardinal

Common in the foothills and lowlands of Manu, particularly around rivers and oxbow lakes

Black-backed Grosbeak

All over the place at Puente Sahuinte during both trips there and we also caught views of other individuals at Rocotal and Abra Malaga

Chlorothraupis carmioli***Paroaria gularis******Pheucticus aureoventris***

Family: ICTERIDAE

Casqued Oropendola

One of the most unique vocalizations in the Neotropics, we saw several from the canopy platform tower over the old floodplain forest at MWC

Crested Oropendola

Several views at Quitacalzones, Amazonia lodge and MWC

Dusky-green Oropendola RR

Good views at CORL and Puente Ruinas

Russet-backed Oropendola

Common from CORL down and throughout the Manu lowlands

Olive [Amazonian] Oropendola

Great looks at these monsters displaying from near the canopy tower at MWC

Yellow-rumped Cacique

Common

Mountain Cacique

We saw pairs on consecutive days foraging in the alder woodlands below Pillahuata. Here the southern subspecies *chrysonotus* which has been considered as a separate species (Southern Mountain Cacique) but see the SACC website for further 'lumping' details

Epaulet Oriole

Always good to see this guy and a great surprise to find it feeding on the rice and bananas with the Red-capped Cardinals and tanagers at Amazonia lodge

Pale-eyed Blackbird RR

One of the most important birds to see in the lowlands, and Peter found one in the lakeside vegetation at Cocha Camungo for everyone to get good looks at this rare species. Probably merits threatened species status. Contrary to its genus name (meaning gregarious or flocking) this species does not flock, and that surprised many of you!

Yellow-winged Blackbird

Common at Huacarpay

Red-breasted Blackbird

Almost 'the last bird' of the main tour, and which finished off a fantastic morning's hit-list birding around the outskirts of PEM. There were some doubters amongst you when I found it perched in the distance but when he turned around to show off the red breast – well – I should have taped the gasps of disbelief!

Psarocolius oseryi***Psarocolius decumanus maculosus******Psarocolius atrovirens******Psarocolius angustifrons alfredi******Gymnostinops bifasciatus******Cacicus cela******Cacicus leucorhampus chrysonotus******Icterus cayanensis******Agelaius xanthophthalmus******Agelaius thilius******Leistes militaris***

Giant Cowbird
Common

Molothrus oryzivorus

Family: FRINGILLIDAE

Hooded Siskin

Several sightings during the first two days of the main tour and one also seen during the post-tour extension

Carduelis magellanica urubambensis

Olivaceous Siskin

This 'species' proved to be very common around CORL and Puente Ruinas. You all know my views on the separation between these two guys!

Carduelis magellanica olivacea

Thick-billed Siskin RR

Utterly denied any sign of this species during our first visit to Abra Malaga, but a couple of males popped up in full views for all to see during our post-tour extension to the *Polylepis* woodland. An absolute monster of a siskin!

Carduelis crassirostris

Blue-naped Chlorophonia

Quality views on three occasions during the tour. Jean first spotted this little gem in amongst a mixed flock at CORL, and it was also seen in another mixed flock at Quitacalzones, two days later. Then Peter found another in a mixed flock along the ridge trail at Amazonia lodge.

Chlorophonia cyanea

Thick-billed Euphonia

A couple of males were seen at CORL and in the garden at MWC, but it proved to be much more common at Puente Ruinas during the post-tour extension. The genus name means "fine-voiced"

Euphonia laniirostris

Golden-bellied [White-lored] Euphonia

Gawd knows why this species is still called by its old vernacular name, since white-lored is a much more appropriate name for the species. Anyhow, good looks at pairs collecting nesting material within touching distance of us in the canopy platform at MWC

Euphonia chrysopasta

Bronze-green Euphonia

Great looks at males on consecutive days whilst birding CORL and Quitacalzones

Euphonia mesochrysa

Orange-bellied Euphonia

Several sightings

Euphonia xanthogaster

Rufous-bellied Euphonia

Great views of a male at Amazonia lodge

Euphonia rufiventris

INCERTAE SEDIS

For the following species there are currently SACC proposals needed or impending, or awaiting further research as to their exact taxonomic placement/treatment

Bananaquit

Marion! Please!?

Coereba flaveola

Common Bush-Tanager

The first of four species of bush-tanager seen and most commonly encountered in the large mixed flocks around Pillahuata, Rocotal and CORL

Chlorospingus ophthalmicus

Yellow-throated Bush-Tanager

Then came these guys – common at CORL and a few seen at Puente Ruinas

Chlorospingus flavigularis

Yellow-whiskered Bush-Tanager

Closely followed by a few of these "cut-throat" guys, also at Rocotal and at Puente Ruinas

Chlorospingus parvirostris

Grey-hooded Bush-Tanager

Another species which drove Marion insane for a short while, but she eventually got it as they crashed around with the huge mixed flock (including the Inca flycatchers and their friends) near the scythebill bridge below the Pillahuata alder woodlands. The genus name *Cnemoscopus* means "mountain slope watcher, or seeker"

Cnemoscopus rubrirostris

Dull-coloured Grassquit

Half dozen or so seen near Puente Ruinas, Machu Picchu

Tiaris obscura

Buff-throated Saltator

Common around CORL, Amazonia lodge, and in the lowlands of Manu

Grayish Saltator

Good looks at Amazonia lodge and on our visit to Cocha Camungo oxbow lake

Golden-billed Saltator

Daily looks during our pre-tour extension to the Abra Malaga/Abancay area but only one individual was seen on our second visit there

Saltator maximus

Saltator coerulescens

Saltator aurantirostris albociliaris

**AND THE TOP TEN BIRDS OF THE TRIP AS VOTED BY YOU THE
FORMER HOSTAGES ARE:**

- 1) **Pale-winged Trumpeter**
- 2) **Wire-crested Thorntail**
- 3) **Cock-of-the-Rock**
- 4) **Rufous-crested Coquette**
- 5) **Curl-crested Aracari**
- 6) **Lyre-tailed Nightjar**
- 7) **Musician Wren**
- 8) **Versicolored Barbet**
- 9) **Booted Racquet-tail**
- 10) **Black Hawk-Eagle**

And did you honestly think that ...

.....I'd forget Stennie's cry of "Ohhh, Look! Look! Look! Look!" when she saw this guy burst out of the Rio Madre de Dios and then run along the beach next to the boat? Nah, of course not! Thankfully, he stopped twice to take a look at us, and Peter was able to capture this, the most magical moment of the trip....

