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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 AND PUERTO MALDONADO

Huacarpay Lakes (3100 m)

Tipon (3200m)

Pisaq Pass (3865m)

Ajanacu (Tres Cruces) Guard Station (3355m)

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)



Rufous-crested Coquette

## DAY BY DAY ACTIVITIES

**June 11th:** Everyone arrives in Cusco. Full day birding Huacarpay lakes and Tipon.

**June 12th:** Full day travel and birding Manu road down to CORL 3400m-1340m (Pisac pass Acjanacu Guard Station, Pillahuata region).

**June 13th:** Full day birding Manu road between CORL and HAL. Night at HAL.

**June 14th:** Birding HAL, journey along Rio's Alto Madre de Dios and Madre de Dios to MWC.

**June 15th:** Full day birding MWC: Macaw Ccollpa (clay lick) and canopy tower.

**June 16<sup>th</sup>:** Full day birding MWC: Cocha Blanco and Cocha Camungo oxbow lakes.

**June 17th:** Journey from MWC to Puerto Maldonado along Rio Madre de Dios

**June 18th:** Birding outskirts Puerto Maldonado. Flight to Cusco.

## THE BIRDLIST

Trip report shows seen only birds

**RR = Restricted-range species**

**Conservation Status** follows Birdlife International (2007)

**Taxonomy** follows South American Check-list (2007)

### **Undulated Tinamou**

One seen foraging along the trail at the macaw clay lick The genus name means "hidden tailed"

### **Small-billed Tinamou**

One seen and photographed foraging with Ruddy Ground Doves in some open secondary growth near a small chacra on the outskirts of PEM.

### **White-tufted Grebe**

Three individuals seen at Huacarpay Lakes.

### **Least Grebe**

Great views of two individuals at Cocha Blanco

### **Neotropic Cormorant**

Common

### **Anhinga**

One seen at Cocha Blanco oxbow lake.

### **Horned Screamer**

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

### **Orinoco Goose **Near threatened****

A most wanted for several members of the group, we got crack-a-lacking views of ten birds along the Rio Madre de Dios on two different days

### **Muscovy Duck**

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

### **Speckled Teal**

Common at Huacarpay Lakes

### **Crypturellus undulatus**

### **Crypturellus parvirostris**

### **Rollandia rolland**

### **Tachybaptus dominicus**

### **Phalacrocorax brasilianus**

### **Anhinga anhinga**

### **Anhima cornuta**

### **Neochen jubata**

### **Cairina moschata**

### **Anas flavirostris**

<b>Yellow-billed Pintail</b> Five seen at Huacarpay Lakes	<b>Anas georgica</b>
<b>Puna Teal</b> Common at Huacarpay Lakes	<b>Anas puna</b>
<b>Cinnamon Teal</b> Common at Pantanos de Ventanilla and Huacarpay Lakes	<b>Anas cyanoptera</b>
<b>Andean Duck</b> Two seen at Huacarpay Lakes	<b>Oxyura ferruginea</b>
<b>Little Blue Heron</b> Good views of three adults along the Rio Madre de Dios during the tour	<b>Egretta caerulea</b>
<b>Capped Heron</b> Wow! Nice looks along the rivers and oxbow lakes in the Amazonian lowlands.	<b>Pilherodius pileatus</b>
<b>Snowy Egret</b> Common	<b>Egretta thula</b>
<b>Cocoi (White-necked) Heron</b> Commonly seen along the rivers at MWC. Formerly known as "White-necked Heron," but this name is also used for the Old World species <i>Ardea pacifica</i> .	<b>Ardea cocoi</b>
<b>Great Egret</b> Common	<b>Ardea albus</b>
<b>Cattle Egret</b> Common	<b>Bubulcus ibis</b>
<b>Fasciated Tiger-Heron</b> Eight individuals seen along the Rio Alto Madre de Dios on the journey to MWC	<b>Tigrisoma fasciatum</b>
<b>Rufescent Tiger-Heron</b> Great views of three individuals adults during our time at HAL and MWC	<b>Tigrisoma lineatum</b>
<b>Puna Ibis</b> Common at Huacarpay, Abra Malaga and Pantanos de Ventanilla	<b>Plegadis ridgwayi</b>
<b>Roseate Spoonbill</b> Eight birds seen along the Rio Madre de Dios, with the best views of four individuals on the journey to Puerto Maldonado.	<b>Ajaia ajaja</b>
<b>American Wood Stork</b> Common along the Rio Madre de Dios	<b>Mycteria americana</b>
<b>Jabiru</b> Gangbuster views of one individual along the Rio Madre de Dios and it even gave us close quarter fly-by views! Awesome!	<b>Jabiru mycteria</b>
<b>Black Vulture</b> Common	<b>Coragyps atratus</b>
<b>Turkey Vulture</b> Common	<b>Cathartes aura</b>
<b>Greater Yellow-headed Vulture</b> Common	<b>Cathartes melambrotus</b>
<b>King Vulture</b> One adult seen from the canopy platform tower at MWC	<b>Sarcoramphus papa</b>
<b>Osprey</b> Always a winner to see these guys in Manu!	<b>Pandion haliaetus</b>
<b>Swallow-tailed Kite</b> We saw ten individuals majestically soaring around an canopy emergent tree at the rivers edge, along the Rio Madre de Dios	<b>Elanoides forficatus</b>
<b>White-tailed Kite</b> Only recently colonized Peru, the outskirts of PEM is the only place you can really get these for your Peru list. We saw two individuals on the last two days of the tour.	<b>Elanus leucurus</b>
<b>Double-toothed Kite</b> Great views as an adult perched in the canopy platform tree for us all to get close quarter views.	<b>Harpagus bidentatus</b>
<b>Plumbeous Kite</b>	<b>Ictinia plumbea</b>

Only one individual seen along the Rio Madre de Dios

**Cinereous Harrier**

Three seen at Huacarpay Lakes

**Crane Hawk**

Nice looks of two individuals soaring low over the Rio Madre de Dios during the journey to PEM

**Black-chested Buzzard Eagle**

Great views at Huacarpay

**Great Black Hawk**

Several sightings along the Rio Madre de Dios and at the macaw clay lick.

**Black-collared Hawk**

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

**Roadside Hawk**

Common

**Short-tailed Hawk**

One adult seen flying over the forest as we journeyed along the Rio Madre de Dios to PEM

**Variable Hawk**

We spotted three individuals during the tour. 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. Lump ‘em folks!

**Solitary Eagle**

At Quitacalzones we piled out of the bus to hopefully bump into a few mixed flocks and the first thing we saw were as pair of these guys soaring over the opposite ridge.

**Black-and-Chestnut Eagle**

Then as we were standing there watching the solitaires, one of these guys came cruising by! The species is named after French zoologist Isidore Geoffroy Saint-Hillaire (1805-1861)

**Black Caracara**

Seen on consecutive days along the Rio Madre de Dios

**Mountain Caracara**

One juvenile seen at the breakfast spot, below the Pisaq pass

**Southern Crested Caracara**

Nice looks at one individual perched at roadside on the outskirts of PEM

**Laughing Falcon**

One seen perched in open disturbed habitat near Pilcopata, during the ride to HAL.

**American Kestrel**

A couple of birds seen nesting around Huacarpay lakes

**Bat Falcon**

Spotted on two occasions along the Rio Madre de Dios

**Speckled Chachalaca**

Nice looks at HAL.

**Blue-throated Piping-Guan**

Just the one fly by at MWC

**Plumbeous Rail**

Six co-operative birds seen well and photographed at Huacarpay lakes

**Common Moorhen**

Common

**Andean Coot**

Common

**Sunbittern**

Gangbuster views of three birds (one singing) at the macaw clay lick

**Wattled Jacana**

One of the most vivid birds of the oxbow lakes

**Greater Yellowlegs**

**Circus cinereus**

**Geranospiza caerulescens**

**Geranoaetus melanoleucus**

**Buteogallus urbitinga**

**Busarellus nigricollis**

**Buteo magnirostris**

**Buteo brachyurus**

**Buteo polysoma**

**Harpyhaliaetus solitarius**

**Oroaetus isidori**

**Daptrius ater**

**Phalcoboenus megalopterus**

**Caracara cheriway**

**Herpetotheres cachinnans**

**Falco sparverius**

**Falco ruficularis**

**Ortalis guttata**

**Pipile cumanensis**

**Pardirallus sanguinolentus**

**Gallinula chloropus**

**Fulica ardesiaca.**

**Eurypyga helias meridionalis**

**Jacana jacana**

**Tringa melanoleuca**

What on earth was this guy doing at Huacarpay at this time of year?

**Collared Plover**

**Charadrius collaris**

Large numbers seen along the Rio Madre de Dios. The heavy rainfall had led to high river levels and lots of woody debris in the rivers, hence the river-side birds appeared to be highly conspicuous and occurring in large numbers.

**Pied Lapwing**

**Vanellus cayanus**

Probably the most under-rated wader species in Peru, we got repeated looks of (eventually) a large number of pairs along the Rio Madre de Dios. A stunning wader (not often I say that)!

**Andean Lapwing**

**Vanellus resplendens**

Common on the first day of the tour

**Andean Gull**

**Larus serranus**

Two seen at Huacarpay

**Large-billed Tern**

**Phaetusa simplex**

Common along the rivers in the Manu lowlands

**Amazonian Tern**

**Sterna superciliaris**

Common in the Manu lowlands

**Black Skimmer**

**Rynchops niger**

I personally have never seen so many skimmers along the Manu lowland rivers. On one day alone we must have seen 70+ individuals along the Rio Madre de Dios.

**Spot-winged Pigeon**

**Patagioenas maculosa**

Over two dozen seen perched in trees around Huacarpay lakes. Note that the New World *Columba* species are here placed in the genus *Patagioenas*.

**Band-tailed Pigeon**

**Patagioenas fasciata**

Just the one group fly by along the upper Manu road

**Pale-vented Pigeon**

**Patagioenas cayennensis**

Common in the lowlands.

**Plumbeous Pigeon**

**Patagioenas plumbea**

Two seen well at CORL

**Eared Dove**

**Zenaida auriculata**

Several at Huacarpay lakes

**Bare-faced ground Dove**

**Metriopelia ceciliae**

Several at Huacarpay lakes. Named after Cecile Gautrau (1845) the daughter of French naturalist Rene Primavera Lesson.

**Ruddy Ground-dove**

**Columbina talpacoti**

Common in the disturbed habitats around PEM and one seen at the MWC macaw clay lick

**Picui Ground-dove**

**Columbina picui**

Nice looks at two birds near roadside around PEM. A uncommon austral migrant only to this part of Peru. The word "Picui" originates from a (Paraguayan) Indian name for a small dove.

**Grey-fronted Dove**

**Leptotila rufaxilla**

One seen briefly at HAL

**Blue-and-Yellow Macaw**

**Ara ararauna**

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**

**Ara macao**

Again several great views around Manu Wildlife Centre

**Red-and-Green Macaw**

**Ara chloropterus**

A number of sightings around Manu Wildlife Centre

**Chestnut-fronted Macaw**

**Ara severa**

A number of sightings around HAL and Manu Wildlife Centre

**Red-bellied Macaw**

**Ara manilata**

Seen well at Manu Wildlife Centre but great looks around PEM

**Blue-headed Macaw **Endangered RR****

**Primolius couloni**

One fly-by of a pair at HAL. 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)

**White-eyed Parakeet**

Four seen at HAL and several fly-bys at MWC

**Dusky-headed Parakeet**

Seen perched in the dead trees at Cocha Blanco (as the rain came in) and we had several other fly-by's during the tour

**Dusky-billed Parrotlet**

Denied! Two fly-by's during our time at MWC

**Cobalt-winged Parakeet**

Seen at MWC

**Tui Parakeet**

Just the one fly-by at Cocha Blanco

**Orange-cheeked Parrot**

Another star performer at the Macaw Lick

**Blue-headed Parrot**

Common

**Yellow-crowned Parrot**

Great stuff at the macaw clay lick

**Mealy Parrot**

Low numbers seen at the Manu Wildlife Centre macaw clay lick

**Squirrel Cuckoo**

One seen at HAL

**Black-bellied Cuckoo**

One seen foraging with a mixed flock from the MWC canopy platform tower

**Smooth-billed Ani**

Common

**Hoatzin**

Common at Amazonia lodge and at both Manu oxbow lakes

**Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl**

One seen at Amazonia lodge. 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*.

**Common Potoo**

A brief fly-by in the open lower floodplain forest behind Amazonia lodge

**Great Potoo**

Another fly-by at HAL, but how high was he when he passed over us?

**Andean Potoo**

Wow! Great looks at a roosting bird in the rain near roadside, above Rocotal, along the Manu road.

**Sand-coloured Nighthawk**

Massive numbers seen on occasions along the Rio Madre de Dios

**Ladder-tailed Nightjar**

Nice close quarter looks at a male and female perched low over the Rio Madre de Dios.

**Pauraque**

One seen in the open lower floodplain forest behind Amazonia lodge

**Chestnut-collared Swift**

Common

**White-collared Swift**

Common

**Short-tailed Swift**

Several sightings

**Andean Swift**

One individual seen at Huacarpay lakes

**Neotropical Palm-Swift**

***Aratinga leucophthalmus***

***Aratinga weddellii***

***Forpus sclateri***

***Brotogeris cyanoptera cyanoptera***

***Brotogeris sanctithomae***

***Pionopsitta barrabandi***

***Pionus menstruus***

***Amazona ochrocephala***

***Amazona farinosa***

***Piaya cayana***

***Piaya melanogaster***

***Crotophaga ani***

***Opisthocomus hoazin***

***Megascops watsonii***

***Nyctibius griseus***

***Nyctibius grandis***

***Chordeiles rupestris***

***Hydropsalis climacocerca***

***Nyctidromus albicollis***

***Streptoprocne rutilus***

***Streptoprocne zonaris***

***Chaetura brachyura***

***Aeronautes andecolus***

***Tachornis squamata***

Several sightings at PEM

**Green Hermit**

Good views of individuals at the CORL feeders

**White-bearded Hermit**

Seen at HAL and Manu Wildlife Centre

**Grey-breasted Sabrewing**

Common at the feeders at Amazonia lodge

**White-necked Jacobin**

Common at the feeders at Amazonia lodge

**Sparkling Violet-ear**

Several sightings

**Rufous-crested Coquette**

Another highlight of the trip. Stunning views of a male and female at Amazonia lodge. Named after French naturalist and collector Henri de Lattre (1838).

**Violet-headed Hummingbird**

One seen at Amazonia lodge. Named after French chemist Jean Baptiste Gume (1795-1871).

**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

**Many-spotted Hummingbird**

Great looks at the CORL feeders

**Speckled Hummingbird**

Repeated views in the garden at CORL

**Violet-fronted Brilliant**

Common at CORL

**Rufous-webbed Brilliant RR**

One seen in the garden at CORL

**Goulds Jewelfront**

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

**Giant Hummingbird**

Five individuals seen at Huacarpay and Tipon

**Gould's (Collard) Inca RR**

One seen near Schythebill bridge.

**Violet-throated Starfrontlet RR**

One seen well around Pillahuata

**Amethyst-throated Sunangel**

Seen well along the upper Manu road near Pillahuata

**Booted Racket-tail**

Quality views at CORL. Stunning bird!

**Green-tailed Trainbearer**

One female seen at Tipon

**Tyrian Metaltail**

Three individuals seen around Ajanacu and Pillahuata

**Long-tailed Sylph**

One female seen at Pillahuata. Named after British marine surveyor, collector and traveller in tropical America - Rear Admiral Phillip Parker King (1791-1856).

**Long-tailed Sylph**

One seen at the MWC canopy platform tower

**Amethyst Woodstar**

Male and female seen at HAL

**Black-tailed Trogon**

**Phaethornis guy**

**Phaethornis hispidus**

**Campylopterus largipennis**

**Florisuga mellivora**

**Colibri coruscans**

**Lophornis delattrei**

**Klais guimeti**

**Chlorostilbon mellisugus**

**Thalurania furcata**

**Chrysuronia oenone**

**Taphrospilus hypostictus**

**Adelomyia melanogenys**

**Heliodoxa leadbeateri**

**Heliodoxa branickii**

**Heliodoxa aurescens**

**Patagona gigas**

**Coeligena (coeligena) inca**

**Coeligena violifer osculans**

**Heliangelus amethysticollis**

**Ocreatus underwoodii annae**

**Lesbia nuna**

**Metallura tyrianthina smaragdinicollis**

**Aglaiocercus kingi**

**Aglaiocercus kingi**

**Calliphlox amethystine**

**Trogon melanurus melanurus**

Two individuals seen at HAL

**Collared Trogon**

Two females seen at Manu Wildlife Centre

**Ringed Kingfisher**

Several individuals seen during our time at Manu

**Amazon Kingfisher**

Again, a few good looks

**Green Kingfisher**

Seen at Cocha Camungo

**Purus Jacamar RR**

Great views of three birds from the dock at Cocha Camungo. *Galbalcyrhynchus 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.

**Bluish-fronted Jacamar**

Seen on two occasions at CORL and at MWC

**White-necked Puffbird**

Great scope views of the big guy from the MWC canopy platform.

**Striolated Puffbird**

Again, good looks from the canopy tower at MWC

**Black-fronted Nunbird**

Common

**Swallow-wing**

Common

**Lemon-throated Barbet**

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

**Versicolored Barbet**

Three males seen at CORL foraging with mixed flocks. One of the contenders for bird of the trip.

**Chestnut-eared Aracari**

Seen around the clearing and quebrada at HAL

**Curl-crested Aracari**

One seen well from the MWC canopy platform. Named after Auguste Beauharnais, (1810-1835), second prince of Eichstadt, bird collector, and patron of the sciences!

**White-throated Toucan**

One seen briefly from the boat along the Rio Madre de Dios

**Fine-barred Piculet RR**

Great views of a male in the forest edge around the garden at Amazonia lodge. Important one this!

**Yellow-tufted Woodpecker**

Nice bird!

**Golden-olive Woodpecker**

Great views of a male near CORL

**Crimson-mantled Woodpecker**

One of the most striking woodpeckers and we got great views of a pair at our lunch spot below Pillahuata, along the Manu road.

**Andean Flicker**

Nice looks of four birds at our breakfast stop below the Pisaq pass

**Lineated Woodpecker**

Three sightings during the tour

**Crimson-crested Woodpecker**

Ditto!

**Bar-winged Cinclodes**

A number of individuals seen at our breakfast stop below the Pisaq pass

**Trogon collaris**

**Ceryle torquata**

**Chloroceryle amazona**

**Chloroceryle americana**

**Galbalcyrhynchus purusianus**

**Galbula cyanescens**

**Notharchus macrorrhynchos**

**Nystalus striolatus**

**Monasa nigrifrons**

**Chelidoptera tenebrosa**

**Eubucco richardsoni**

**Eubucco versicolor**

**Pteroglossus castanotis**

**Pteroglossus beauharnaisii**

**Ramphastos tucanus**

**Picumnus subtilis**

**Melanerpes cruentatus**

**Piculus rubiginosus**

**Piculus rivolii atriceps**

**Colaptes rupicola**

**Dryocopus lineatus**

**Campephilus melanoleucos**

**Cinclodes fuscus rivularis**

**Pale-legged Hornero**  
Seen during our time at Amazonia Lodge and MWC

**Wren-like Rushbird**  
Severasl individuals seen well at Huacarpay lakes

**Puna Thistletail RR**  
Breif views of one guy along the road at Acjanacu guard station.

**Azara's Spinetail**  
A couple of brief sightings at Pillahuata

**Plain-crowned Spinetail**  
This little fella was seen skulking around the woody shrubs around the garden at HAL

**Ash-browed Spinetail**  
Great looks at one singing individual with the huge "1-and-a-half hour" mixed flock at Quitacalzones

**Marcapata Spinetail RR**  
Fly-by's only at Pillahuta

**Rusty-fronted Canastero RR**  
Nice looks of this arid montane scrub species at Huacarpay lakes

**Streak-fronted Thornbird RR**  
Great looks at a pair along the road at Huacarpay

**Plain Softail**  
We saw two individuals from the canopy platform at Manu Wildlife Centre and another two around the lodge clearing..

**Pearled Treerunner**  
Two individuals seen with a mixed flock at Pillahuata

**Streaked Tuftedcheck**  
Great views of foraging birds with the large mixed flocks just before lunch at the scythebill bridge, below Pillahuata

**Montane Foliage-gleaner**  
Seen around CORL

**Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner**  
Nice looks at one individual in the huge "1-and-a-half hour" mixed flock at Quitacalzones

**Chestnut-winged Foliage-gleaner**  
One seen from the canopy tower at Manu Wildlife Centre

**Olive-backed Foliage-gleaner**  
A couple of fly-by's in response to playback as they foraged with a huge mixed flock along the trails at Cocha Camungo

**Streaked Xenops**  
Several seen well foraging with huge mixed flocks at CORL and Quita calzones

**Plain-brown Woodcreeper**  
One seen with the large mixed flock along the trail to Cocha Camungo

**Olivaceous Woodcreeper**  
Great views of one individual along the trail to Cocha Camungo. 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**  
Good old Wedgey was seen along the trail at Cocha Camungo in the same understorey mixed flock as the others.

**Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper**  
Nice looks at HAL and from the canopt tower at MWC

**Jurua (Elegant) Woodcreeper**  
Two seen foraging with the large understorey mixed flock along the trail at Cocha Camungo.. 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

**Furnarius leucopus tricolor**

**Phleocryptus melanops**

**Schizoeaca helleri**

**Synallaxis azarae urubambae**

**Synallaxis gujanensis**

**Cranioleuca curtata**

**Cranioleuca marcapatae marcapatae**

**Asthenes ottonis**

**Phacellodromus striaticeps**

**Thripophaga fusiceps dimorpha**

**Margarornis squamiger**

**Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii**

**Anabacerthia striaticollis**

**Philydor rufus**

**Philydor erythropterus**

**Automolus infuscatus**

**Xenops rutilans**

**Dendrocincla fuliginosa**

**Sittasomus griseicapillus amazonus**

**Glyphorhynchus spirurus**

**Dendrexetastes rufigula**

**Xiphorhynchus elegans juruanus**

(2003) go further and suggest *X. elegans juruanus* is also distinct from other members of the *X. elegans* group.

**Buff-throated Woodcreeper**

Two sightings at Manu Wildlife Centre.

**Olive-backed Woodcreeper**

Three seen around CORL

**Montane Woodcreeper**

Two seen foraging with mixed flocks around 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**

Nice looks at this guy from the canopy platform at Manu Wildlife Centre.

**Chestnut-backed Antshrike**

Good views of a pair at Quitacalzones

**Plain-winged Antshrike**

Nice looks at a male and female in the large mixed flock along the trail at Cocha Camungo

**Spot-winged Antshrike**

Also nice looks at a male and female in the large mixed flock along the trail at Cocha Camungo

**Russet Antshrike**

Nice looks of one individual as it foraged at close quarters with a large mixed flock along the road above CORL

**Dusky-throated Antshrike**

Nice looks at a male and female in the large mixed flock along the trail at Cocha Camungo

**Bluish-slate Antshrike**

Likewise, nice looks at a male and female in the large mixed flock along the trail at Cocha Camungo

**Stripe-chested Antwren**

Good views of male and female at CORL

**White-flanked Antwren**

Nice looks at a male and female in the large mixed flock along the trail at Cocha Camungo. Numerous authors have noted that vocal differences among several subspecies of *Myrmotherula axillaris* suggest that more than one species is involved. Watch this space!

**Long-winged Antwren**

Nice looks at a male and female in the large mixed flock along the trail at Cocha Camungo

**Grey Antwren**

The third and final different species of antwren in the same afternoon in the large mixed flock along the trail at Cocha Camungo

**Yellow-breasted Antwren**

One male seen well foraging with the huge “1-and-a-half hour” mixed flock at Quitacalzones

**Long-tailed Antbird**

Nice looks at a pair foraging in bamboo at roadside above CORL

**Yellow-rumped Antwren** **RR Endangered**

Some of us saw the male whilst others nailed the female of this highly restricted-range and endangered species as they foraged with a mixed species flock along the road above CORL. Named after British ornithologist and author Richard Bowdler Sharp (1847-1909). This is a low-density species that's in big trouble and the Manu road is the only place you can see it with any degree of regularity

**Black-faced Antbird**

Gangbuster views of female along the trail at Cocha Camungo

**Barred Fruiteater**

Stunning views of a male at Pillahuata

**Andean Cock-of-the-Rock**

Big, bright, shiny, orange birds! A truly marvellous experience at CORL.

**Yungas Manakin**

One male seen near CORL

**Xiphorhynchus guttatus**

**Xiphorhynchus triangularis**

**Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger**

**Lepidocolaptes albolineatus**

**Thamnophilus palliatus**

**Thamnophilus schistaceus**

**Pygiptila stellaris**

**Thamnistes anabatinus**

**Thamnomanes ardesiacus ardesiacus**

**Thamnomanes schistogynus**

**Myrmotherula longicauda**

**Myrmotherula axillaris**

**Myrmotherula longipennis garbei**

**Myrmotherula menetriesii**

**Herpsilochmus axillaris**

**Drymophila caudata**

**Terenura sharpei**

**Myrmoborus myotherinus**

**Pipreola arcuata**

**Rupicola peruviana**

**Chiroxiphia boliviana**

**Streak-necked Flycatcher**

Two individuals seen foraging with the huge “1-and-a-half hour” mixed flock at Quitacalzones

**Sepia-capped Flycatcher**

Seen well around the clearing at MWC

**Slaty-capped Flycatcher**

Seen along the road above CORL. The genus name means “slender, fine beard” a reference to the fine rictal bristles of this species

**Inca Flycatcher RR**

Cracking repeated views of four birds foraging with the large mixed flock near the schyebill bridge, below Pillahuata.

**Spotted Tody Flycatcher**

Great view of one guy in the lower floodplain forest along the trail to the macaw clay lick

**Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher**

Nice looks in the clearing at MWC

**White-lored Tyrannulet**

One seen briefly in the clearing around HAL

**White-crested Elaenia**

Common at Huacarpay lakes

**Small-billed Elaenia**

Two seen foraging in roadside scrub on the outskirts of PEM

**Sierran Elaenia**

Three seen at Pillahuata

**White-throated Tyrannulet**

Good looks at Pillahuata

**White-banded Tyrannulet**

Common at Pillahuata

**River Tyrannulet**

Good views of one bird in the willow bars at the macaw clay lick

**Many-colored Rush-Tyrant**

Good views at Huacarpay Lakes

**Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant**

Quality views at CORL

**Cinnamon-faced Tyrannulet RR**

Seen along the road at Quitacalzones. One of several birds named after the legendary Ted Parker.

**Fulvous-breasted Flatbill**

Gangbuster close views of one guy foraging quietly with a large mixed flock along the road above CORL

**(Yellow-breasted) Olive-faced Tolmomyias**

Two seen briefly at HAL. Ridgely & Greenfield (2001) used the English group name "Flatbill" for the species of *Tolmomyias*, returning to an older classification. However there is already a long established genus which carries the name Flatbill (*Ramphotrigo*) so I feel its best to use *Tolmomyias*. *Tolmomyias flaviventris* almost certainly involves more than one species (Ridgely & Tudor 1994). The subspecies *viridiceps* is almost certainly a distinct species but However, Zimmer (1939a) and Fitzpatrick (2004) considered them conspecific. Go figure!

**White-crested Spadebill**

Great looks in response to tape along the trails to Cocha Camungo at Manu Wildlife Centre

**Handsome Flycatcher**

Over 20+ individuals seen in a mixed flock at schythebill bridge below Pillahuata

**Bran-coloured Flycatcher**

Four sightings around MWC

**Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher**

Nice looks at one foraging individual with the large mixed flock along the trail at Cocha Camungo

**Cinnamon Flycatcher**

Several sightings

**Mionectes striaticollis****Leptopogon amaurocephalus****Leptopogon superciliaris****Leptopogon taczanowski****Todirostrum maculatum****Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum neglectum****Ornithion inerme****Elaenia albiceps****Elaenia parvirostris****Elaenia pallatangae****Mecocerculus leucophrys****Mecocerculus stictopterus****Serpophaga hypoleuca****Tachuris rubrigastra****Phylloscartes ophthalmicus****Phylloscartes parkeri****Rhynchocyclus fulvipectus****Tolmomyias viridiceps (flaviventris)****Platyrinchus platyrhynchus****Myiophobus pulcher****Myiophobus fasciatus****Myiobus erthrurus****Pyrrhomyias cinnamomea**

**Black Phoebe**

Three sightings around CORL. 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**

Several sightings along the main rivers in the Manu lowlands and at PEM

**Maroon-belted Chat-Tyrant**

Gangbuster looks at one guy 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) 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**

Four seen at close quarters at Acjanacu (Tres Cruces) guard station

**White-browed Chat-Tyrant**

Several sightings

**Drab Water-Tyrant**

Ohh dear!

**Rufous-webbed Tyrant**

Cracking views of up to 6 individuals at our breakfast stop over the Písaq pass

**Spot-billed Ground Tyrant**

One briefly at Huacarpay

**Little Ground Tyrant**

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

**Andean Negrito**

One fly-by at Huacarpay

**Long-tailed Tyrant**

Seen at Amazonia lodge

**Yellow-browed Tyrant**

Nice looks at this rare austral migrant to SE Peru in the riverine edge habitat around the macaw clay lick at MWC. The genus name means “a satrap” or “Persian viceroy or governor”. Go figure!

**Sirystes**

Great prolonged looks at a pair in the canopy platform tower at MWC

**Dusky-capped Flycatcher**

One seen at Quitacalzones

**Swainsons Flycatcher**

One 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**

Nice looks of one individual foraging with the large mixed flock below the Scythebill bridge, below Pillahuata.

**Short-crested Flycatcher**

One seen on the outskirts of PEM

**Tropical Kingbird**

Common

**Boat-billed Flycatcher**

Also seen in the roadside scrubby forest on the outskirts of PEM

**Golden-crowned Flycatcher**

One foraging with the huge mixed flock along the road above CORL

**Sayornis nigricans latirostris****Pyrocephalus rubinus****Ochthoeca thoracica****Ochthoeca fumicolor berlepschi****Ochthoeca leucophrys****Ochthornis littoralis****Polioxolmis rufipennis****Muscisaxicola maculirostris****Muscisaxicola fluviatilis****Lessonia oreas****Colonia colonus****Satrapa icterophrys****Sirystes silbilator****Myiarchus tuberculifer****Myiarchus swainsonii****Myiarchus cephalotes****Myiarchus tyrannulus****Tyrannus melancholicus****Megarynchus pitangua****Myiodynastes chrysocephalus**

**Rusty-margined Flycatcher**

Great views of three individuals on the outskirts of PEM on our last day in the lowlands

**Social Flycatcher**

Common

**Lesser Kiskadee**

Common at the Manu oxbow lakes

**Great Kiskadee**

Several seen well in lowland Manu and PEM

**Barred Becard**

One male seen at Pillahuata. One of the most striking Becards!

**Masked Tityra**

Four sightings during the tour

**White-collared Jay RR**

Great close views around the scythebill bridge area, below Pillahuata

**Violaceous Jay**

Several seen at PEM and MWC

**Purplish Jay**

Several seen along the main rivers

**Red-eyed (Chivi) Vireo**

Seen at Amazonia lodge and Manu Wildlife Centre. 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.

**Brown-capped Vireo**

One seen around CORL

**White-capped Dipper**

Seen along the Rio Union above CORL and one below the lodge

**Chiguanco Thrush**

Common

**Great Thrush**

Common

**Glossy-black Thrush**

A male seen at the Pillahuata tunnels

**Black-billed Thrush**

Common

**Grey-mantled Wren**

Nice views as they foraged acrobatically with mixed flocks near CORL

**Fulvous Wren RR**

After several near-misses we finally got good views of up to four individuals foraging with the large mixed flock near scythebill bridge, below Pillahuata. The genus name refers to the species' creeper-like plumage and curved bill.

**Grass Wren**

Nice views of one bird singing in the puna habitat at Acjanacu

**House Wren**

Common

**Mountain Wren**

Two seen well at Pillahuata

**Gray-breasted Wood-Wren**

One seen along the road above CORL

**Black-capped Donacobius**

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

**White-winged Swallow**

Common

**Myiozetetes cayanensis****Myiozetetes similis****Philohydor lictor****Pitangus sulphuratus****Pachyramphus versicolor****Tityra semifasciata****Cyanolyca viridicyana****Cyanocorax violaceus****Cyanocorax cyanomelas****Vireo olivaceus chivi****Vireo leucophrys****Cinclus leucocephalus****Turdus chiguanco chiguanco****Turdus fuscater ockenderi****Turdus serranus****Turdus ignobilis****Odontorchilus branickii****Cinnycerthia fulva****Cistothorus platensis****Troglodytes aedon****Troglodytes solstitialis****Henicorhina leucophrys****Donacobius atricapillus****Tachycineta albiventer**

**Grey-breasted Martin**

Three seen along the Rio Madre de Dios

**Brown-bellied Swallow**

Several at Acjanacu guard station.

**Blue-and-white Swallow**

Common around CORL

**White-banded Swallow**

Common

**Southern Rough-winged Swallow**

Common

**House Sparrow**

Two seen around the plaza in PEM

**Hooded Siskin**

Several sightings

**Olivaceous Siskin**

Two seen during the tour

**Slate-throated Whitestart**

Common

**Spectacled Whitestart**

Common

**Two-banded Warbler**

Several seen between CORL and Quitacalzones

**Citrine Warbler**

Great looks at several individuals foraging with the large mixed flock near scythebill bridge, below Pillahuata

**Three-striped Warbler**

Several seen foraging with mixed flocks at CORL

**Rufous-collared Sparrow**

Common

**Yellow-browed Sparrow**

Common

**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. Formerly considered part of Rufous-naped Brush-Finch complex *A. rufinucha*.

**Red-capped Cardinal**

Common

**Bananaquit**

Hmph!?!

**Cinereous Conebill**

Six birds seen in the arid montane scrub habitat around Huacarpay lakes

**Capped Conebill**

Seen well at Pillahuata

**Black-faced Tanager**

Nice views of two birds in the disturbed habitats on the outskirts of PEM

**Grass-green Tanager**

Brief views of one at Pillahuata

**Common Bush-Tanager**

The first of four species of bush-tanager in the large mixed flock near scythebill bridge, below Pillahuata.

**Yellow-throated Bush-Tanager**

Then came these guys

**Yellow-whiskered Bush-Tanager**

Closely followed by a few of these...

**Progne chalybea****Notiochelidon murina****Notiochelidon cyanoleuca****Atticora fasciata****Stelgidopteryx ruficollis****Passer domesticus****Carduelis magellanica urubambensis****Carduelis magellanica olivacea****Myioborus miniatus****Myioborus melanocephalus****Basileuterus bivittatus****Basileuterus luteoviridis striaticeps****Basileuterus tristriatus****Zonotrichia capensis****Ammodramus aurifrons****Atalapha melanolaemus****Paroaria gularis****Coereba flaveola****Conirostrum cinereum cinereum****Conirostrum albifrons****Schistochlamys melanops****Chlorornis riefferii****Chlorospingus ophthalmicus****Chlorospingus flavigularis****Chlorospingus parvirostris**

**Grey-hooded Bush-Tanager**

And finally, great looks at three individuals of this species. Its genus name means “mountain slope watcher, or seeker”!

**Black-capped (White-browed) Hemispingus RR**

One 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 (e.g., Ridgely & Tudor 1989, Sibley & Monroe 1990) but not by Isler & Isler (1987). The subspecies *auricularis* is at least as distinct genetically and morphologically (García-Moreno et al. 2001).

**Superciliaried Hemispingus**

Fairly common at Pillahuata. Here the yellow subspecies *urubambae*

**Black-eared Hemispingus**

Seen at CORL. The *berlepschi* subspecies is fairly distinct and could merit full species status.

**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**

One seen below CORL

**White-winged Shrike-Tanager**

Good views of two pairs along the trail to Cocha Camungo

**Yellow-crested Tanager RR**

Nice looks at a couple of males and a female at both Quiatcalzones and from the canopy platform at MWC

**White-shouldered Tanager**

Two males seen from the canopy tower at MWC

**Black-goggled Tanager**

A male and female seen along the road above CORL with large mixed flock

**Red-crowned Ant-Tanager**

Great views of several males and females in understory flocks along Cocha Camungo trail

**Masked Crimson Tanager**

Dude!

**Silver-beaked Tanager**

Common

**Blue-Gray Tanager**

Common

**Palm Tanager**

Several sightings

**Blue-and-yellow Tanager**

Common at Huacarpay

**Hooded Mountain-Tanager**

Huge great big monstrous tanagers seen above and around the tunnels at Pillahuata.

**Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager**

The “Christmas-card bird” was seen around Pillahuata

**Chestnut-bellied Mountain-Tanager RR**

Gangbuster views at scythebill bridge, below Pillahuata

**Buff-breasted Mountain Tanager**

Great bird to see in SE Peru as its not very common on the Manu road. Got good looks eventually of one guy typically silently foraging close to the ground in dense vegetation, with the large mixed flock near scythebill bridge, below Pillahuata. Here the subspecies *stictocephala*

**Fawn-breasted Tanager**

Two seen well at CORL

**Orange-eared Tanager**

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

**Cnemoscopus rubriostriis****Hemispingus (auricularis) atrpileus****Hemispingus superciliaris****Hemispingus melanotis berlepschi****Thlypopsis sordida****Thlypopsis ruficeps****Lanio versicolor****Tachyphonus rufiventer****Tachyphonus luctuosus****Trichothraupis melanops****Habia rubica peruviana****Ramphocelus nigrogularis****Ramphocelus carbo****Thraupis episcopus****Thraupis palmarum****Thraupis bonariensis****Buthraupis montana****Anisognathus igniventris igniventris****Delothraupis castaneoventris****Dubusia taeniata****Pipraeidea melanonota****Chlorochrysa calliparaea**

<b>Turquoise Tanager</b> Two seen at HAL.	<b>Tangara mexicana</b>
<b>Paradise Tanager</b> Dude! What colour was this again? Marvellous stuff!	<b>Tangara chilensis</b>
<b>Green-and-gold Tanager</b> A few seen around the clearing at Manu Wildlife Centre	<b>Tangara schrankii</b>
<b>Yellow-bellied Tanager</b> Two seen briefly at HAL	<b>Tangara xanthogastra</b>
<b>Golden Tanager</b> Great stuff! Who needs Stom Petrels when you have these fella's	<b>Tangara arthus</b>
<b>Saffron-crowned Tanager</b> Only two seen along the Manu road. Here the orange-crowned subspecies.	<b>Tangara xanthocephala lamprotis</b>
<b>Spotted Tanager</b> Good views of a small number of individuals at CORL	<b>Tangara punctata</b>
<b>Blue-necked Tanager</b> Common	<b>Tangara cyanicollis</b>
<b>Beryl-spangled Tanager</b> Always good to see	<b>Tangara nigroviridis</b>
<b>Blue-and-black Tanager</b> Several at Pillahuata	<b>Tangara vassorii atrocaerulea</b>
<b>Black-faced Dacnis</b> Nice looks at males at Quitacalzones and MWC	<b>Dacnis lineata</b>
<b>Blue Dacnis</b> Good views of a male at roadside, on the outskirts of PEM	<b>Dacnis cayana</b>
<b>Green Honeycreeper</b> Good views at HAL	<b>Chlorophanes spiza</b>
<b>Swallow Tanager</b> One female seen perched at roadside on outskirts of PEM	<b>Tersina viridis</b>
<b>Peruvian Sierra-Finch RR</b> Three seen at our breakfast stop below the PIsaq pass on the second day of the tour	<b>Phrygilus punensis</b>
<b>Mourning Sierra-Finch</b> Common at our breakfast stop below the PIsaq pass	<b>Phrygilus fruticeti</b>
<b>Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch</b> Common at our breakfast stop below the PIsaq pass and some seen at Huacarpay	<b>Phrygilus plebejus</b>
<b>Greenish Yellow-Finch</b> Seen at Huacarpay	<b>Sicalis olivascens</b>
<b>Blue-black Grassquit</b> Common at PEM	<b>Volatinia jacarina</b>
<b>Double-collared Seedeater</b> One male seen around the macaw clay lick	<b>Sporophila caerulescens</b>
<b>Band-tailed Seedeater</b> Common	<b>Catamenia analis analis</b>
<b>Black-throated Flower-piercer</b> Two seen at Acjanacu guard station and one at Tipon	<b>Diglossa brunneiventris</b>
<b>Deep-blue (Golden-eyed) Flower-piercer</b> A striking bird seen well at CORL	<b>Diglossopsis glauca</b>
<b>Moustached Flower-piercer</b> One seen well at Acjanacu (Tres Cruces) guard station	<b>Diglossa mystacalis albilinear</b>
<b>Saffron Finch</b> Two birds of this feral population seen on outskirts of PEM	<b>Sicalis flaveola</b>
<b>Black-billed Seed-Finch</b> One male seen at Cocha Blanco	<b>Oryzoborus atrirostris</b>
<b>Yellow-shouldered Grosbeak</b>	<b>Parkerthraustes humeralis</b>

Gangbuster views of three birds for over 15 minutes in the canopy foliage directly above us in the canopy tower at MWC.

**Buff-throated Saltator**

Four individuals seen throughout the tour

**Grayish Saltator**

Two seen on the final morning whilst birding the outskirts of PEM.

**Golden-billed Saltator**

Nice views at Tipon

**Crested Oropendola**

Several views

**Dusky-green Oropendola RR**

Good views at CORL

**Russet-backed Oropendola**

Common

**Amazonian Oropendola**

Distant scope views from the canopy tower at MWC

**Yellow-rumped Cacique**

Common

**Mountain Cacique**

We saw several birds near the scythebill bridge, below Pillahuata, where foraging with the White-collard Jays. Here the southern subspecies *chrysonotus* which has been considered as a separate species (Southern Mountain Cacique)

**Orange-backed Troupial**

Good views of one bird on the last morning around PEM

**Yellow-winged Blackbird**

Common at Huacarpay

**Pale-eyed Blackbird RR**

One of the most important birds to see in the lowlands, we got good looks at one bird at Cocha Camungo. Probably merits threatened species status. Contrary to its genus name (meaning gregarious or flocking) this species does not flock.

**Red-breasted Blackbird**

Around a dozen seen on the last morning around PEM

**Giant Cowbird**

Common

**Blue-naped Chlorophonia**

One female seen and photographed foraging with the large mixed flock along the road above CORL

**White-lored Euphonia**

Brief views of one individual in the clearing at HAL. The genus name means "fine-voiced".

**Bronze-green Euphonia**

One pair seen foraging with the large mixed flock above CORL

**Orange-bellied Euphonia**

Several sightings

**Saltator maximus**

**Saltator coerulescens**

**Saltator aurantiirostris albociliaris**

**Psarocolius decumanus maculosus**

**Psarocolius atrovirens**

**Psarocolius angustifrons alfredi**

**Gymnostinops bifasciatus**

**Cacicus cela**

**Cacicus leucorhampus chrysonotus**

**Icterus croconotus**

**Agelaius thilius**

**Agelaius xanthophthalmus**

**Leistes militaris**

**Molothrus oryzivorus**

**Chlorophonia cyanea**

**Euphonia chrysopasta**

**Euphonia mesochrysa**

**Euphonia xanthogaster brunneifrons**