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

June 28th – July 18th 2008

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Russet-bellied Spinetail - Paul Noakes

### DAY BY DAY ACTIVITIES

**June 28th:** Arrive in Lima.

**June 29<sup>th</sup>** Travel to Chiclayo. Birding Puerto Eten (Baton Grande)

**June 30<sup>th</sup>** Birding at Quebrada Limon guan canyon (315m). Night at camp

- July 1st:** Morning birding Quebrada Limon guan canyon. Afternoon birding at Tocto trail (175m). Night in Olmos
- July 2nd:** Morning birding Abra Porculla (1785m). Travel to Jaen – bird outskirts of Jaen (695m). Night in Jaen
- July 3rd:** Morning birding Tamborapa, Jaen (795m). Afternoon travel to La Florida Pomacochas (2245m)
- July 4th:** Birding Pomacochas, Abra Patricia: pass (2265m), and Alto Nieve/Garcia (1890m). Night at ECOAN Lodge
- July 5th:** Birding Abra Patricia: pass (2265m), and Alto Nieve/Garcia (1890m). Night at ECOAN Lodge
- July 6th:** Birding Afluente (1400m) and Garcia/Alto Nieve (1870m). Night at ECOAN lodge
- July 7th:** Birding Abra Patricia: Afluente (1400m), Owlet Ridge (1890m), Aguas Verdes (1090m). Night in Tarapoto
- July 8th:** Birding Tarapoto Tunnel Area. Afternoon travel to Pumarini Lodge (260m), birding road below the lodge. Night at Pumarini Lodge
- July 9th:** Birding Quebrada Upaquiuhau (315m). Afternoon travel back to Tarapoto
- July 10th:** Birding Moro de Calzada (890m) in the morning. Afternoon birding Aguas Verdes, Garcia and ECOAN Lodge. Night in ECOAN lodge
- July 11th:** Birding Abra Patricia. Evening travel to Leimebamba. Night at Leimebamba
- July 12th:** Full day birding Abra Barro Negro (2600-3285) and Leimebamba museum road (2440m). Night in Leimebamba
- July 13th:** Birding Leimebamba museum road and upper north west side of Maranon canyon. Afternoon birding Balsas (965m). Night in camp at Balsas
- July 14th:** Early start birding Balsas, area above camp and Hacienda Limon (1785m). Bird Cruz Conga (3200m). Arrive Celendin in afternoon. Night in Celendin
- July 15th:** Morning birding Cruz Congo. Afternoon travel to Cajamarca and birding Rio Chonta (2685m). Night in Cajamarca
- July 16th:** Morning birding San Marcos (2300m) and coastal road at Abra Gavilan (3050m). Travel to Trujillo. Night in Trujillo
- July 17th:** Morning birding Sinsicap (2280m). Afternoon birding coast at Trujillo. Night in Trujillo
- July 18th:** Travel to Lima. End of tour

## THE BIRDLIST

\* = Heard Only

**RR = Restricted-range species (includes “endemic”)**  
**Conservation Status follows Birdlife International (2004)**  
**Taxonomy follows South American Check-list (2008)**

Family: TINAMIDAE

**Hooded Tinamou**

**Nothocercus nigrocapillus**

Whilst we were all waiting for something very uninteresting to pop out of the bamboo understorey along Grallaria trail at the ECOAN lodge, Chris was watching the trail ahead and saw one of these big fellas bumbling around and eventually toddle off into the distance.

**Pale browed Tinamou \* RR Near-threatened**

**Crypturellus transfasciatus**

**Tataupa Tinamou \***

**Crypturellus tataupa**

Family: DIOMEDEIDAE

**Waved Albatross**

**Diomedea irrorata**

Struggling views of one individual in the medium swell from the Trujillo “sea-side”

Family: PROCELLARIDAE

**Sooty Shearwater**

**Puffinus griseus**

Hmmm... it was probably this and group members are claiming it, but it remains a firm non-leader sighting only.

Family: SULIDAE

**Peruvian Booby**

**Sula variegata**

A few of these on the last afternoon at the Trujillo “sea-side”

Family: PELICANIDAE

**Peruvian Pelican**

**Pelecanus thagus**

More “sea-side dude birds” at Trujillo

Family: ANATIDAE

**Comb Duck**

**Sarkidiornis melanotis**

A group of 100+ birds seen along the Rio Huallaga on our way back from Quebrada Upaquiuhau. A major Lloydy-lifer (rare bird this in Peru)!

**Torrent Duck**

**Merganetta armata turneri**

Ace looks at a male along the river at the Leimebamba museum road.

Family: ARDEIDAE

**Tricoloured Heron**

**Egretta tricolor**

One along the river that parallels the main coastal road close to Trujillo

**Little Blue Heron**

**Egretta caerulea**

Ditto

**Snowy Egret**

**Egretta thula**

Common

**Great Egret**

**Ardea albus**

Common

**Cattle Egret**

**Bubulcus ibis**

Common

**Cocoi (White-necked) Heron**

**Ardea cocoi**

Two individuals seen during the trip in the Tarapoto and Rioja area

**Striated Heron**

**Butoroides striatus**

Nice looks at one guy along the river parallel to the Leimebamba museum road

**Fasciated Tiger-Heron**

**Tigrisoma fasciatum**

One was seen along the Rio Utcabamba en route to Pomacochas.

Family: CATHARTIDAE

**Black Vulture**

Gawd!

**Turkey Vulture**

Are we there yet?

**Greater Yellow-headed Vulture**

Seen around Tarapoto and Rioja

**Andean Condor** **Near-threatened**

Great spot by Paul along the Leimebamba museum road – great prolonged views of an adult soaring back and forth the table-top ridges above the valley, with a Mountain Caracara thrown in for a suitable size comparison!

**Coragyps atratus**

**Cathartes aura**

**Cathartes melambrotus**

**Vultur gryphus**

Family: ACCIPITRIDAE

**Swallow-tailed Kite**

Nice looks at this graceful raptor at Tarapoto and around Leimebamba.

**White Hawk**

Nice looks of a low soaring individual from the lunch table whilst birding the Taraopto tunnel area.

**Great Black Hawk**

One was seen soaring above the road near Tamborapa, Jaen.

**Bay-winged Hawk**

Several seen during the first two days of the trip, around Batan Grande and the Guan Canyon

**Black-chested Buzzard Eagle**

Two sightings during the trip

**Roadside Hawk**

Just a couple of birds!

**Short-tailed Hawk**

Seen twice during the trip – first at the Guan Canyons, and second, at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

**Variable Hawk**

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

**Zone-tailed Hawk**

Gangbuster looks as it came soaring low over the road at Tamborapa, Jaen.

**Black Hawk-Eagle**

Two seen (one adult and one juv) at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

**Black-and-White Hawk Eagle**

One seen from our lunch table whilst birding the Tarapoto Tunnel area, just beofre it was joined by the White Hawk. Sweet!

**Elanoides forficatus**

**Leucopternis albicollis**

**Buteogallus urubitinga**

**Parabuteo unicinctus**

**Geranoaetus melanoleucus**

**Buteo magnirostris**

**Buteo brachyurus**

**Buteo polysoma**

**Buteo albonotatus**

**Spizaetus tyrannus**

**Spizaetur melanoleucus**

Family: FALCONIDAE

**Black Caracara**

Nice looks at two birds at Moro de Calzada

**Yellow-headed Caracara**

One spotted in the fields below the main dirt track road at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

**Mountain Caracara**

Common

**Northern Crested Caracara**

One seen along the road to the Guan Canyons, near Olmos. Crested and Southern Caracara (*C. plancus*) were formerly considered conspecific but the ranges of *cheriway* and *plancus* are nearly parapatric with no sign of intergradation contrary to earlier interpretations.

**Daptrius ater**

**Milvago chimachima**

**Phalcoboenus megalopterus**

**Caracara cheriway**

**American Kestrel**

Common

**Falco sparverius****Peregrine Falcon**

One was seen flying around the comet gully at Rio Chonta, Cajamarca.

**Falco peregrinus**

Family: CRACIDAE

**Speckled Chachalaca**

Encountered during five consecutive days whilst birding the Abra Patricia and Tarapoto region

**Ortalis guttata****White-winged Guan RR Critically endangered Penelope albipennis**

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

Family: RALLIDAE

**Chestnut-headed Crane \***

Sang but just weren't interested in the slightest!

**Anurolimnas castaneiceps****Russet-crowned Crane**

Myriam was the only one to wrap her binoculars firmly around this little terror as he popped out of a completely different bush to the one everyone else was watching!

**Anurolimnas viridis****Plumbeous Rail**

Two seen at Cruz Conga, near Celendin

**Pardirallus sanguinolentus****Common Moorhen**

Several seen on day two of the tour

**Gallinula chloropus**

Family: RECURVIROSTRIS

**Black-necked Stilt**

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

**Himantopus mexicanus**

Family: BURHINIDAE

**Peruvian Thicknee RR**

Over 15 individuals seen along a sparse, sandy stretch of road leading into the Guan Canyons

**Burhinus superciliaris**

Family: CHARADRIIDAE

**Andean Lapwing**

Common around Abra Barro Negro

**Vanellus resplendens****Pied Lapwing**

Probably the most under-rated wader species in Peru, we saw one along the Rio Huallaga.

**Vanellus cayanus**

Family: LARIDAE

**Belcher's Gull**

Common during our little "sea-side" excursion at Trujillo. This is a split from Band-tailed Gull. *Larus belcheri* and *L. atlanticus* were formerly considered conspecific, but recent publications provided rationale for treatment as separate species

**Larus belcheri****Gray Gull****Larus modestus**

Common at Trujillo coast

**Kelp Gull**

Likewise ...

**Gray-hooded Gull**

Are we there..... yet?

**Royal Tern**

Nice looks at six individuals at Trujillo

**Inca Tern**

Finally, Chris didn't have to worry about birding around Lima as one of these guys perched on the rooftop of the pier at Humachuco, Trujillo coast. And boyohoboyohboyohboy was he happy! The whole bunch more were seen way out to see from near the lunch table! As seabirds go, this one ain't so bad!

**Larus dominicanus**

**Larus cirrocephalus**

**Sterna maxima**

**Larosterna inca**

Family: COLUMBIDAE

**Band-tailed Pigeon**

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

**Peruvian Pigeon RR Vulnerable**

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

**Plumbeous Pigeon**

One seen at Aguas Verdes, below Afluente

**Ruddy Pigeon \***

**Pale-vented Pigeon**

Two seen at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

**Eared Dove**

Common

**Pacific Dove**

Common. Formerly considered con-specific with White-winged Dove. The SACC says "*Zenaida meloda* was formerly (e.g., Peters, 1937, Hellmayr & Conover 1942, Meyer de Schauensee 1970) considered a subspecies of *Zenaida asiatica*. Treatment here as a separate species follows split from *Z. asiatica* in Baptista et al. (1997) and Johnson & Clayton (2000b), and followed by Gibbs et al. (2001); they form a superspecies.

**Ruddy Ground-dove**

Common

**Ecuadorian Ground-Dove**

A small flock seen along the road ("pee-stop birding") en route to Jaen

**Croaking Ground-Dove**

Common

**Bare-faced ground Dove**

Two individuals seen in the Maranon Canyon

**Blue Ground-Dove**

Ace looks at Moro de Calzada

**White-tipped Dove**

Common throughout the tour

**White-throated Quail-Dove**

Nice looks at two birds rapidly bumbling down Mono Trail at the ECOAN lodge

**Patagioenas fasciata**

**Patagioenas oenops**

**Patagioenas plumbea**

**Patagioenas subvinacea**

**Patagioenas cayennensis**

**Zenaida auriculata**

**Zenaida meloda**

**Columbina talpacoti**

**Columbina buckleyi**

**Columbina cruziana**

**Metriopelia ceciliae**

**Claravis pretiosa**

**Leptotila verreauxi**

**Geotrygon freneta**

Family: PSITTACIDAE

**Scarlet-fronted Parakeet**

Nice looks at Hacienda Limon, in the Maranon Canyon

**White-eyed Parakeet**

**Aratinga wagleri**

**Aratinga leucophthalmus**

Seen well at Afluente

**Mitred Parakeet**

***Aratinga mitrata***

Large numbers seen at La Florida. Pomacochas at the Spatuletail site. Peruvian Ornithologist Peter Hocking's thesis is that birds in the Utcubamba Valley are this species and not Scarlet-fronted Parakeet. Apparently both the lower-elevation nominate race and the higher-elevation *alticola* are present and they may represent distinct species. But the paper does not examine vocal or genetic data, only morphological. "Variable Parakeet" would be a more suitable vernacular name.

**Red-masked Parakeet RR Near-threatened**

***Aratinga erythrogenys***

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

**Pacific Parrotlet**

***Forpus coelestis***

Common

**Yellow-faced Parrotlet RR Vulnerable**

***Forpus xanthops***

One of the birds of the trip. Great views of this Marañon restricted-range species on both sides of the Marañon canyon.

**Blue-winged Parrotlet**

***Forpus xanthopterygius***

Four birds seen flying low around Moro de Calzada

**Cobalt-winged Parakeet**

***Brotogeris cyanoptera gustavi***

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

**Blue-headed Parrot**

***Pionus menstruus***

Common around Tarapoto tunnel, Pumarinri Lodge and Moro de Calzada

**Red-billed Parrot**

***Pionus sordidus***

Ten individuals spotted at Afluente

**Speckle-faced Parrot**

***Pionus seniloides***

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

**Scaly-naped Parrot**

***Amazona mercenaria***

High fly-by's at Abra Patricia

Family: CUCULIDAE

**Squirrel Cuckoo**

***Piaya cayana***

Common

**Smooth-billed Ani**

***Crotophaga ani***

Common

**Groove-billed Ani**

***Crotophaga sulcirostris***

Common

**Striped Cuckoo**

***Tapera naevia***

Great looks at this species singing near the main road on the outskirts of Jaen.

Family: OPISTHOCOMIDAE

**Hoatzin \***

***Opisthocomus hoazin***

Family: STRIGIDAE

**Tropical Screech-Owl**

***Megascops choliba***

One of many great owl species seen on this trip. Gangbuster views at Pumarinri Lodge

**Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl \***

***Megascops watsonii***

**White-throated Screech Owl**

***Megascops albogularis***

Came in like a rocket and perched up at the edge of the ECOAN lodge clearing. Wish they all did this! Paul got a cracking photo.

**Peruvian [Maranon] Screech-Owl \* RR**

**Megascops roboratus roboratus**

Denied only by the heavy rain at predawn at Tamborapa, Jaen. One did start singing at mid-day but was tucked firmly in a dense tangle and wasn't that bothered about responding to tape. Recent analyses of genetic and vocal differences confirm a major division of the screech-owls into New World *Otus* and Old World groups. Consequently, the AOU placed all New World *Otus* (except *O. flammulatus*) in the genus *Megascops*.

**Peruvian Screech-Owl RR**

**Megascops roboratus pacificus**

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

**Cinnamon Screech Owl RR**

**Megascops petersoni**

Following an almighty battle, we were handsomely rewarded with great views of one guy singing his guts out along the upper section of the trail at Garcia ridge. Paul managed to get some more great photos.

**Koepcke's Screech Owl RR**

**Megascops koepckeae**

What an experience this was. Initially denied (heard only) in the Utcubamba valley. After twitchin' the Russet-bellied Spinetails at Sinsicap, a slight communication cock-up meant that we had a few minutes to bird the main road below the spinetail trail. Rather selfishly and foolishly, I started playing tape of this guy, and incredibly, at 11am in the morning, one came in and sang back aggressively. Cathy then pulled off the spot of the trip and found it sitting in full view for all to see.

**Rufous-banded Owl**

**Strix albitarsis**

Heard only at Abra Patricia, but one big guy came cruising over us in response to tape as we trawled for it along the Leimebamba museum road. Difficult bird to see at the best of times!

**Crested Owl \***

**Lophotrix cristata**

**Band-bellied Owl**

**Pulsatrix melanota**

Another contender for bird of the trip. A stunning early evening performance by one guy along the road above Pumarinri lodge – even gave us the full frontal “Band-bellied” display.

**Peruvian Pygmy-Owl**

**Glaucidium peruanum**

Great looks

**Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl \***

**Glaucidium brasilianum**

**Andean [Yungus] Pygmy-Owl**

**Glaucidium jardiinii bolivianus**

Cracking views from the breakfast table as we feasted on pancakes and ornithology alike along the Leimebamba museum road!

**Long-whiskered Owlet \* RR Endangered**

**Xenoglaux loweryi**

Where do I begin? Where do I begin....man, this thing was so close to us when it sang back. But it obviously came in just for a quick look and that was that. Dreams denied at 03.30 am! Just could not see it. One day, it shall be ours...ohh yes ....it shall.....

**Burrowing Owl**

**Speotyto cunicularia**

Nice looks at over 5 individuals in the same area as the Peruvian Thick-Knees, Quebrada Limo Guan Canyon. Two were also seen on the very first day of the tour.

Family: NYCTIBIIDAE

**Andean Potoo**

**Nyctibius maculosus**

Great repeated views over three days of one bird at the ECOAN lodge. Chris got some great video of the thing.

Family: CAPRIMULGIDAE

**Rufous-bellied Nighthawk \***

**Lurocalis rufiventris**

**Pauraque**

**Nyctidromus albicollis**

Seen well at Batan Grande and Tamborapa

**Lesser Nighthawk**

**Chordeiles acutipennis**

Several seen at Batan Grande (and also on arrival at Chiclayo airport at some god-forsaken time in the early hours)

**Rufous Nightjar \***

**Scrub Nightjar RR**

Quality looks at Quebrada Limon camp site

**Caprimulgus rufus**

**Caprimulgus anthonyi**

Family: APODIDAE

**Chestnut-collared Swift**

Common on two days of the trip around the Tarapoto region

**White-collared Swift**

Common

**Gray-rumped Swift**

Several seen during our time at Tarapoto

**Tumbes Swift**

Good looks on consecutive days at the Quebrada Limon Guan Canyon

**White-tipped Swift**

Several sightings at Abra Patricia

**Andean Swift**

Half a dozen or so seen well at Abra Porculla.

**Neotropical Palm-Swift**

Common at Moro de Calzada and Aguas Verdes

**Streptoprocne rutilus**

**Streptoprocne zonaris**

**Chaetura cinereiventris**

**Chaetura ocyptes**

**Aeronautes montivagus**

**Aeronautes andecolus**

**Tachornis squamata**

Family: TROCHILIDAE

**Green Hermit**

Good views of individuals at Afluente

**Tawny-bellied Hermit**

Ooohhhh never sat in full view. So close

**Grey-chinned Hermit**

\*That\* lekking hummingbird at Afluente!

**Grey-chinned [Porculla] Hermit RR**

Great views of this highly distinctive subspecies at Abra Porculla. Should be split

**Koepcke's Hermit RR**

Quality looks at 3 individuals feeding on *Heliconia* flowers along the road below the Tarapoto tunnel.

**Green-fronted Lancebill**

One seen at Afluente

**Grey-breasted Sabrewing**

Nicelooks at flowering trees near the Tarapoto Tunnel

**Sparkling Violet-ear**

Common

**Green Violetear**

One seen at La Florida, Pomacochas, near the Spatuletail site, lekking

**Brown Violetear**

Again, great looks at one individual foraging in roadside flowering trees along the road below the Tarapoto tunnel

**Rufous-crested Coquette**

Another highlight of the trip. Great looks at a male at Moro de Calzada

**Wire-crested Thorntail**

One of my favourite hummingbirds, we got views of a male foraging in the forest canopy at Afluente.

**Black-bellied Thorntail**

Even better views of the male of this species, foraging at close quarters again at the Tarapoto Tunnel area

**Blue-tailed Emerald**

**Phaethornis guy**

**Phaethornis syrmatophorus**

**Phaethornis griseogularis**

**Phaethornis griseogularis porcullae**

**Phaethornis koepckeae**

**Doryfera ludovicae**

**Campylopterus largipennis**

**Colibri coruscans**

**Colibri thalassinus**

**Colibri delphinae**

**Lophornis delattrei**

**Popelairia popelairii**

**Discosura langsdorffi**

**Chlorostilbon mellisugus**

Those flowering *Inga* trees were a hummingbird magnet as we also saw a male of this species in the same area. Another was also seen at Quebrada Upquihau the following day.

**Violet-headed Hummingbird \***

***Klais guimeti***

**Fork-tailed Woodnymph**

***Thalurania furcata***

Also seen at the flowering trees near the Tarapoto tunnel and one at Moro de Calzada

**Golden-tailed Sapphire**

***Chrysuronia oenone***

One male seen at the Tarapoto tunnel area

**Tumbes Hummingbird RR**

***Leucippus baeri***

Good views of this Tumbesian restricted range species at Quebrada Limon

**Spot-throated Hummingbird RR**

***Leucippus taczanowskii***

Quality views on four different days of the tour.

**White-bellied Hummingbird**

***Leucippus chionogaster***

Common in the garden at La Florida, Pomacochas

**Many-spotted Hummingbird RR**

***Taphrosphilus hypostictus***

The same two individuals seen perched in the same location on two different days at Aguas Verdes

**Amazilia Hummingbird**

***Amazilia amazilia***

Common

**Andean Emerald**

***Agyrtria franciae***

Two seen at Hacienda Limon and Balsas

**Speckled Hummingbird**

***Adelomyia melanogenys***

Seen at Abra Patricia and along the museum road, Leimebamba

**Giant Hummingbird**

***Patagona gigas***

Seen on consecutive days throughout our time in the Cajamarca and Sinsicap region

**Shining Sunbeam**

***Aglaeactis cupripennis***

Nice looks at Abra Barro Negro

**Mountain Velvetbreast**

***Lafresnaya lafresnayi***

Nice looks at two individuals along the museum road, Leimebamba.

**Collard Inca**

***Coeligena torquata***

Seen on consecutive days at Abra Patricia

**Rainbow Starfrontlet RR**

***Coeligena iris***

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

**Sword-billed Hummingbird**

***Enisfera enisfera***

One male seen perched along the Mono trail at the ECOAN lodge

**Chestnut-breasted Coronet**

***Boissonneauta matthewsii***

Ace looks at four individuals foraging low next to the museum road, Leimebamba.

**Purple-throated Sunangel Least Concern**

***Heliangelus viola***

Great views of males and females at Abra Barro Negro and along the museum road at Leimebamba

**Royal Sunangel RR Endangered**

***Heliangelus regalis***

Excellent views of two males along the knife-edge ridge at Alta Nieve, Abra Patricia. One seen in the same location a few days later

**Sapphire-vented Puffleg**

***Eriocnemis luciani***

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

**Emerald-bellied Puffleg**

***Eriocnemis alinae***

Two seen at Abra Patricia

**Booted Racket-tail**

***Ocreatus underwoodii***

Great close-quarter views at Afluente

**Black-tailed Trainbearer**

***Lesbia victoriae***

Nice looks at a male at La Florida, Pomacochas. Named after Victoire Mulsant, the wife of yet another French naturalist – Martial Muslant!

**Green-tailed Trainbearer**

***Lesbia nuna***

Two seen at the comet gully, Rio Chonta

**Tyrian Metaltail**

Several sightings

**Coppery Metaltail RR**

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

**Rufous-capped Thornbill**

One male seen at the ECOAN lodge Abra Patricia

**Long-tailed Sylph**

Several males seen during our time at Abra Patricia

**Grey-bellied Comet RR Endangered**

Until about five years ago, no-one was able to find this species with any form of regularity anywhere in Peru. Luckily about five years ago we found this current stake-out near the Rio Chonta and since then many people have been able to enjoy this spectacular endemic and highly threatened hummingbird. We had to wait three hours but then got great views of the resident male. Stunning!

**Wedge-billed Hummingbird**

Nice looks at the ECOAN Abra Patricia lodge.

**Marvellous Spatuletail RR Endangered**

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

**Long-billed Starthroat**

One male seen along the road at Pumarinri lodge

**Black-throated Mango**

One female spotted by Cathy at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

**Peruvian Sheartail RR**

Crack-a-lacking views of a male at Abra Porculla!

**Purple-collared Woodstar**

Several sightings throughout the tour

**White-bellied Woodstar**

One male and one female seen at Abra Patricia and Leimebamba museum road respectively

**Short-tailed Woodstar**

One male seen at close quarters at the guan canyon, Quebrada Limon

**Metallura tyrianthina smaragdinicollis**

**Metallura theresiae**

**Chalcostigma ruficeps**

**Aglaiocercus kingi**

**Taphrolesia griseiventris**

**Schistes geoffroyi**

**Loddigesia mirabilis**

**Heliomaster longirostris**

**Anthracothorax nigricollis**

**Thaumastura cora**

**Myrtis fanny**

**Chaetocercus mulsant**

**Myrmia micrura**

Family: TROGONIDAE

**Golden-headed Quetzal**

Great views along the museum road at Leimebamba where the species appears to be very common.

Also seen on consecutive days at Abra Patricia

**Ecuadorian Trogon**

Ace looks at a male in the taller, wetter forests further up the guan canyon, Quebrada Limon.

**Masked Trogon**

Also seen on consecutive days along the Leimebamba museum road

**Collard Trogon**

Nice looks at a male at Afluente

**Blue crowned Trogon**

One male seen at Qubrada Upaquiuhau

**Pharomachrus auriceps**

**Trogon melanurus mesurus**

**Trogon personatus**

**Trogon collaris**

**Trogon curucui**

Family: MOMOTIDAE

**Blue-crowned Motmot**

Also seen at Qubrada Upaquiuhau

**Momotus momota**

Family: GALBULIDAE

**Bluish-fronted Jacamar**

Seen well at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

**Galbula cyanescens**

Family: BUCCONIDAE

**Black-fronted Nunbird**

Common at Pumarini lodge area, Tarapoto

**White-fronted Nunbird**

Nice looks a one individual at Afluente

**Swallow-wing**

Seen well at Moro de Calzada

**Monasa nigrifrons**

**Monasa morphoeus**

**Chelidoptera tenebrosa**

Family: CAPITONIDAE

**Gilded Barbet**

I've personally never seen so many individuals at one place at one time. Obscene numbers seen along the road at the Tarapoto tunnel. Also seen at Moro de Calzada

**Capito auratus**

Family: RAMPHASTIDAE

**Emerald Toucanet**

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

**Chestnut-eared Aracari**

Great views at Moro de Calzada

**Grey-breasted Mountain-Toucan Near-threatened Andigena hypoglauca**

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

**Golden-collard Toucanet**

One of the birds of the trip for many of you on the tour simply because of the quality of view and the display they performed whilst being so, sooooo close to us. An awesome display at roadside near the Tarapoto tunnel. A true privilege to see

**Aulacorhynchus prasinus cyanolaemus**

**Pteroglossus castanotis**

Family: PICIDAE

**Lafresnaye's Piculet**

Good looks at a pair at Quebrada Upaquiuhau. Named after French ornithologist Baron Noel Frederic Armand Andre de Lafresnaye (1783-1861)

**Speckle-chested Piculet RR Vulnerable**

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

**Ecuadorian Piculet**

Cracking views of a male at the Quebrada Limon guan canyon.

**Yellow-tufted Woodpecker**

Nice looks at Moro de Calzada and near the Tarapoto Tunnel

**Scarlet-backed Woodpecker**

Common at Quebrada Limon and Batan Grande

**Smoky-brown Woodpecker**

Good looks at three birds at Abra Patricia

**Little Woodpecker**

Nice looks at Afluente

**Red-stained Woodpecker**

A pair seen well at the Tarapoto tunnel

**Golden-olive Woodpecker**

One seen at Quebrada Limon guan canyon (subspecies *rubripileus*) and one seen at Afluente (subspecies *buenavista*)

**Crimson-mantled Woodpecker**

Several looks during our time at Abra Patricia. One of the best woodpeckers by a country mile!

**Picumnus lafresnayi**

**Picumnus steindachneri**

**Picumnus sclateri**

**Melanerpes cruentatus**

**Veniliornis callonotus**

**Veniliornis fumigatus**

**Veniliornis passerines**

**Veniliornis affinis**

**Piculus rubiginosus**

**Piculus rivolii**

**Black-necked Woodpecker RR**

Seen very well in the Maranon canyon, above Balsas and also oddly enough, eating papaya from the trees at Sinsicap! New piece of dietary information there!

**Andean Flicker**

Two seen throughout the trip

**Spot-breasted Woodpecker**

Great close looks at a male and female at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

**Lineated Woodpecker**

One seen at Afluente

**Guayaquil Woodpecker RR**

Gangbuster views of a pair at Quebrada Limon

**Crimson-crested Woodpecker**

Great views of a male at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

**Colaptes atricollis****Colaptes rupicola****Colaptes punctigula****Dryocopus lineatus****Campephilus gayaquilensis****Campephilus melanoleucos**

Family: FURNARIIDAE

**Coastal Miner RR**

Common at Batan Grande with over a dozen individuals seen

**Slender billed Miner**

Good looks at Cruz Conga, near Celendin

**White-winged Cinclodes**

Good views at Rio Chonta, where a pair were nesting

**[Pacific] Hornero RR**

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

**Rusty-crowned Tit-Spintail RR**

One individual was seen at Cruz Conga. Here the streaked crowned subspecies.

**[Peruvian] White-chinned Thistletail RR**

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

**Azara's Spintail**

Pair seen well at Abra Patricia

**Dusky Spintail \*****Rufous Spintail**

More great looks at the ECOAN lodge

**Russet-bellied Spintail RR Endangered**

Fantastic views of up to seven different individuals at Sinsicap. This is a spectacular spintail, one of these funky west slope specialists, and it bares some remarkable similarities in terms of foraging behaviour, posturing, group behaviour, and vocalisations, to the "Necklaced Spintail" complex, even though plumage-wise, its very unique. It probably doesn't belong in the *Synallaxis* genus (along with the other west slope species). It is also unfortunately in huge trouble due to widespread habitat clearance, but could also possibly represent a relict species.

**Marañón Spintail RR Vulnerable**

Great views (eventually) of up to three different individuals in the dry forests at Tamborapa

**Plain-crowned Spintail**

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

**Cinereous-breasted Spintail**

Nice looks at both an adult and juvenile in the varallal scrub off-trail at Moro de Calzada

**Geositta peruviana****Geositta tenuirostris****Cinclodes atacamensis****Furnarius leucopus cinnamomeus****Leptasthenura pileata cajabambae****Schizoeaca fulginosa peruana****Synallaxis azarae****Synallaxis moesta****Synallaxis unirufa****Synallaxis zimmeri****Synallaxis maranonica****Synallaxis gujanensis****Synallaxis hyospodia**

**Dark-breasted Spinetail**

Good looks at one bird in response to tape at Afluente

**Necklaced Spinetail**

Common at Quebrada Limon and at Batan Grande

**[Chinchi] Spinetail RR**

Fairly common in the dry deciduous forests at Tamborapa. Officially regarded as a subspecies of Necklaced Spinetail but it will be split at a future date

**Great Spinetail RR Vulnerable**

We got stunning views of three birds (adult plus young helper?) along the main road at San Marcos. This species probably merits the conservation status of Endangered due to continuing loss and fragmentation of its breeding habitat due to overgrazing by sheep and goats.

**[Baron's] Spinetail RR**

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

**Line-cheeked Spinetail Least Concern**

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

**Ash-browed Spinetail**

Seen well at Afluente

**Many-striped Canastero**

Good views of a two birds in response to tape at Cruz Conga

**Russet-mantled Softtail RR Vulnerable**

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

**[Maranon] Rufous-fronted Thornbird RR**

Good views of several sightings at Tamborapa and Moro de Calzada. Here the subspecies *peruvianus* often referred to as a distinct species (Marañón or Peruvian Thornbird).

**Chestnut-backed Thornbird RR Vulnerable**

Great views of a highly responsive pair at Hacienda Limon in the Maranon Canyon

**Equatorial Greytail RR Near threatened**

Gangbuster views at Afluente as a pair were constructing a nest. The genus name means "strange, or foreign, creeper".

**Spotted Barbtail**

Two seen at Abra Patricia

**Pearled Treerunner**

Several seen at Leimebamba museum road and Abra Barro Negro

**Streaked Tuftedcheck**

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

**Striped Woodhaunter**

Fantastic views of one highly responsive individual at Afluente

**Rufous-necked Foliage-gleaner RR Vulnerable**

One of the highlights at Abra Porculla and Paul managed to take yet another fantastic photo of the "rufous neck".

**Montane Foliage-gleaner**

Seen at Afluente

**Rufous-tailed Foliage-gleaner****Synallaxis albigularis****Synallaxis stictothorax maculata****Synallaxis chinchipensis****Siptornopsis hypochondriacus****Cranioleuca baroni****Cranioleuca antisiensis****Cranioleuca curtata****Asthenes flammulata****Phacellodomus berlepschi****Phacellodomus rufifrons peruvianus****Phacellodomus dorsalis****Xenerpestes singularis****Premnoplex brunnescens****Margarornis squamiger****Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii****Hyloctistes subulatus****Syndactyla ruficollis****Anabacerthia striaticollis****Philydor ruficaudatus**

Nice looks at a pair at Aguas Verdes

**Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner**

Also, good looks at a pair at Afluente

**Striped Treehunter \***

**Streaked Xenops**

Several seen well during our time in the Abra Patricia/Afluente area

**Philydor rufus**

**Thripadectes holostictus**

**Xenops rutilans**

Family: FURNARIIDAE

Subfamily: DENDROCOLAPTINAE

**Straight-billed Woodcreeper**

Seen well at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

**Strong-billed Woodcreeper**

Superb close quarter views of a foraging pair along the museum road at Leimebamba. The monstrous individuals we saw belongs to the *orenocensis* subspecies 'group', which was formerly treated as a separate species from *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus*. The *emigrans* subspecies group of Middle America was also formerly considered a separate species. Some authors have been unable to find a clear demarcation in plumage between the two groups, and Marantz *et al.* (2003) noted that voices were remarkably similar among these forms, given their pronounced plumage differences. In a nutshell, a comprehensive analysis is required!

**Buff-throated Woodcreeper \***

**Ocellated Woodcreeper **Least Concern****

Nice looks at one individual in the foothill forests along the road below the Tarapoto tunnel

**Olive-backed Woodcreeper**

A total of two individuals seen around Afluente

**Streak-headed Woodcreeper**

Several seen at Quebrada Limon and Batan Grande

**Montane Woodcreeper**

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

**Linneated Woodcreeper**

Nice looks at one guy foraging with a large mixed flock below the Tarapoto tunnel.

**Xiphorhynchus picus**

**Xiphorhynchus promeropirhynchus**

**Xiphorhynchus guttatus**

**Xiphorhynchus ocellatus**

**Xiphorhynchus triangularis**

**Lepidocolaptes souleyetii**

**Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger**

**Lepidocolaptes albolineatus**

Family: THAMNOPHILIDAE

**Great Antshrike**

One male seen well at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

**Undulated Antshrike \***

Denied! Moved side to side above the road on the far side of the Tarapoto tunnel, but it didn't move forwards toward us.

**Collared Antshrike**

Great views at Quebrada Limon and Batan Grande

**[Collared] Antshrike *sp nov* **RR****

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

**Barred Antshrike**

Up to four individuals seen well at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

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

Great views of a male at Abra Porculla

**Lined Antshrike**

Great views of an underestimated looking species at Afluente

**Uniform Antshrike**

Great views of a male along the road below the ECOAN lodge. Song here is different to the birds in SE Peru. Worth investigating!

**Taraba major**

**Frederckena unduligera**

**Sakesphorus bernardi bernardi**

**Sakesphorus bernardi shumbae**

**Thamnophilus doliatus**

**Thamnophilus zarumae**

**Thamnophilus tenuipunctatus**

**Thamnophilus unicolor**

**Mouse-coloured Antshrike**

Great views of a male along the Chazuta road, below Pumarini Lodge

**Northern [Marañón] Slaty-Antshrike RR**

Nice looks at both males and females at Tamborapa. So distinct, both morphologically and vocally from the species below

**Northern [Huallaga] Slaty-Antshrike RR**

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

**Variable Antshrike**

Good looks at a male as it had a sight disagreement with the male Uniform Antshrike near the ECOAN lodge.

**Stripe-chested Antwren**

Several individuals seen well in response to tape at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

**Ash-throated Antwren RR Endangered**

Great stuff. A male seen well foraging in the canopy at Afluente. Bizarre response to tape in that it got very aggressive and began dive-bombing down into the understorey! Only known from two sites, this species probably merits critical conservation status due to ongoing deforestation in the Afluente area and its global population probably totals fewer than 500 individuals.

**Yellow-breasted Antwren**

Nice looks at a pair as they foraged with a mixed flock at Afluente

**Rufous-winged Antwren**

Brief views of a male at the Tarapoto tunnel but all that was forgiven when another male gave us the full treatment at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

**Long-tailed Antbird**

Seen well on consecutive days at Abra Patricia

**Blackish Antbird**

Three seen well at Afluente

**Black Antbird**

Nice looks at a pair on the other side of the Tarapoto tunnel, just before breakfast!

**White-backed Fire-eye**

Some of us got the male whilst the rest got the female! So in total, a pair!

**White-browed Antbird**

Good looks at a male at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

**Black-faced Antbird\*****Peruvian Warbling Antbird**

Great looks at along the Chazuta Road, below Pumarini Lodge

**Southern Chestnut-tailed Antbird \*****Thamnophilus murinus****Thamnophilus leucogaster leucogaster****Thamnophilus leucogaster huallagae****Thamnophilus caerulescens****Myrmotherula longicauda****Herpsilochmus parkeri****Herpsilochmus axillaris****Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus****Drymophila caudate****Cercomacra nigrescens****Cercomacra serva****Pyriglena leuconota****Myrmoborus leucophrys****Myrmoborus myotherinus****Hypocnemis peruvianus****Myrmeciza hemimelaena**

Family: FORMICARIIDAE

**Chestnut-crowned Antpitta \*****Rufous [Cajamarca] Antpitta RR**

A better view desired, as one hopped along the ground in front of only some members of the tour at Cruz Conga. Most antpitta's were damn difficult during this trip. The Rufous Antpitta complex is currently being analysed and this form no doubt will be split in the very near future. It should be!

**Chestnut Antpitta RR**

Likewise, two chestnut bullets zipping across the trail!

**Ochre-fronted Antpitta RR Endangered**

One of the contenders for bird of the trip – gangbuster close quarter views of a male at the ECOAN lodge. This guy always comes in higher than you think, above head height, and always sings back as he approaches.

**Thrush-like Antpitta \*****Grallaria ruficapilla****Grallaria rufula cajabambae****Grallaria balkei****Grallaricula ochraceifrons****Myrmothera campanisona**

Family: MELANOPAREIIDAE

**Elegant Crescentchest**

**Melanopareia elegans**

Excellent views on consecutive days at Quebrada Limon – Chris and Paul were especially happy at this one after dipping on it in the Tumbes National Reserve during the previous week.

**Marañón Crescentchest RR Near threatened** **Melanopareia maranonica**

This guy eclipsed everything at Tamborapa and again, another contender for bird of the trip. Gangbuster close views of a foraging bird at roadside, at Tamborapa. Check out Paul's photos on the World Rarities Gallery on surfbirds website!

Family: RHINOCRYPTIDAE

**Blackish Tapaculo \***

**Scytalopus latrans**

**Unicoloured Tapaculo RR**

**Scytalopus unicolor**

One seen by some of the group at Abra Gavilan

**Rufous-vented Tapaculo RR**

**Scytalopus femoralis**

Finally got it after several failed attempts along Mono trail at the ECOAN lodge

**White-crowned Tapaculo \***

**Scytalopus atratus**

Family: PHYTOTOMIDAE

**Peruvian Plantcutter RR Endangered**

**Phytotoma raimondii**

Stunning views of up to six birds at Batan Grande. The species probably merits the conservation status of Critical due to ongoing habitat destruction.

Family: COTINGIDAE

**Red-crested Cotinga**

**Ampelion rubrocristata**

Good looks at Abra Barro Negro

**Chestnut-crested Cotinga**

**Ampelion rufaxilla**

Ace looks at a pair foraging off roadside a few bends down the road from the ECOAN lodge, on our last full day there before leaving for Leimebamba

**Green-and-black Fruiteater**

**Pipreola riefferii**

Nice looks at over half dozen individuals at Abra Patricia

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

**Rupicola peruviana**

The national bird of bird didn't disappoint and we saw a male and female at Aguas Verdes and Afluente on separate days.

Family: PIPRIDAE

**Band-tailed Manakin \***

**Pipra fasciicauda**

**Fiery-capped Manakin**

**Machaeropterus pyrocephalus**

Up to three individuals seen along the Chazuta road, below Pumarinri lodge

**Sulphur-bellied Tyrant-Manakin**

**Neopelma sulphureiventer**

Two individuals seen well at Quebrada Upaquiuhau foraging with a mixed flock

**Wing-barred Piprites**

**Piprites chloris**

Good looks at one bird foraging with a mixed flock at Aguas Verdes

Family: TYRANNIDAE

**Streak-necked Flycatcher**

**Mionectes striaticollis**

Seen on consecutive days at Abra Patricia and one along the Leimebamba museum road

**Olive-striped Flycatcher**

**Mionectes olivaceus**

Seen on three occasions at Afluente and Aguas Verdes

**Slaty-capped Flycatcher**

**Leptopogon superciliaris**

Seen at Afluente and Aguas Verdes

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

This wonderful flycatcher was seen during two mornings at the ECOAN lodge, Abra Patricia. The scientific name (and the original vernacular name) is from the late Lulu May Von Hagen for her support of research in avian genetics.

**Black-throated Tody-Tyrant**

Good looks of this little guy along the road opposite the ECOAN lodge. Another seen along Grallaria trail at the lodge

**Cinnamon-breasted Tody-Tyrant \* RR Near threatened****Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant**

Common at Quebrada Upaquiuhau and one other seen at Moro de Calzada

**Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant \*****Common Tody-Flycatcher**

Common

**Sooty-headed Tyrannulet**

One seen at Moro de Calzada reluctantly following a mixed flock through the varallal forest

**Plumbeous-crowned Tyrannulet**

One seen at close distance at the ECOAN lodge

**Black-capped Tyrannulet**

Quality views of one individual foraging with mixed flocks along the museum road, Leimebamba

**Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet**

Good looks on consecutive days at Abra Barro Negro and Leimebamba

**Mishana Tyrannulet RR Vulnerable**

Gangbuster looks at a pair as they brought up the rear of a mixed flock in the varallal forests of Moro de Calzada. These guys just attached themselves quietly to the back of the flock and kinda did their own thing, ignoring tape of Iquitos birds but responded very well to their own call (which was very different from the birds of Iquitos). Undescribed subspecies? We love it!

**Peruvian Tyrannulet RR**

This species was common at Afluente and Abra Patricia. These are vocally identical to those found in Central Peru, but recently there has been considerable debate about whether these are distinct from the Golden-faced Tyrannulet (likewise the species status of Loja Tyrannulet). Probably they should be lumped with Golden-faced.

**Red-billed Tyrannulet**

Difficult bird to get on as we watched the flock at the Tarapoto Tunnel

**White-lored Tyrannulet**

Nice looks at two individuals whilst birding the Tarapoto tunnel area

**Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet**

Common throughout the tour

**[Tumbesian] Tyrannulet RR**

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

**Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet**

One seen at Moro de Calzada

**Pacific Elaenia RR**

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

**Grey-and-white Tyrannulet RR**

Common at Batan Grande and Quebrada Limon

**Yellow-bellied Elaenia**

Over half dozen seen in total at Quebrada Upaquiuhau and Moro de Calzada

**White-crested Elaenia**

One seen at Tamborapa

**Sierran Elaenia**

Common

**Pseudotriccus pelzelni****Poecilotriccus luluae****Hemitriccus granadensis****Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer****Hemitriccus striaticollis****Todirostrum cinereum****Phyllomyias griseiceps****Phyllomyias plumbiceps****Phyllomyias nigrocapillus****Phyllomyias uropygialis****Zimmerius villarejoi****Zimmerius viridiflavus****Zimmerius cinereicapillus****Ornithion inerme****Camptostoma obsoletum****Phaeomyias tumbezana****Tyrannulus elatus****Myiopagis subplacens****Pseudelaenia leucospodia****Elaenia flavogaster****Elaenia albiceps****Elaenia pallatangae**

<b>Lesser Elaenia</b>	<b>Elaenia chiriquensis</b>
Common at Moro de Calzada but also seen at Quebrada Upaquiuhau and near the Tarapoto tunnel	
<b>White-throated Tyrannulet</b>	<b>Mecocerculus leucophrys</b>
Good looks at Abra Barro Negro	
<b>White-tailed Tyrannulet</b>	<b>Mecocerculus poecilocercus</b>
Nice looks at Alto Nieve/Garcia, Abra Patricia	
<b>Sulphur-bellied Tyrannulet</b>	<b>Mecocerculus minor</b>
Seen on consecutive days foraging with small mixed flocks during our time birding the trails at ECOAN lodge and at Alto Nieve/Garcia	
<b>White-banded Tyrannulet</b>	<b>Mecocerculus stictopterus</b>
Seen in mixed flocks along the museum road, Leimebamba and at Abra Barro Negro	
<b>Torrent Tyrannulet</b>	<b>Serpophaga cinerea</b>
One seen along the Rio Chonta, Cajamarca	
<b>Black-crested (Maranon) Tit-Tyrant RR</b>	<b>Anairetes nigrocristatus</b>
Two birds were seen at Cruz Conga, along the road from Celendín - Cajamarca. The genus <i>Anairetes</i> means “destroyer” or “murderer” - a typical epithet for a tyrant-flycatcher!	
<b>Tufted Tit-Tyrant</b>	<b>Anairetes parulus</b>
Common toward the latter third of the trip	
<b>Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant</b>	<b>Euscarthmus meloryphus</b>
Common throughout the tour	
<b>Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant</b>	<b>Phylloscartes ophthalmicus</b>
Two seen in a mixed flock at Afluente	
<b>Variegated Bristle-tyrant</b>	<b>Phylloscartes poecilotris</b>
Nice looks at a pair foraging with a mixed flock along the road below the ECOAN lodge	
<b>Ecuadorian Tyrannulet RR</b>	<b>Phylloscartes gualaquiza</b>
Good looks at five birds at Afluente	
<b>Mottled-cheeked Tyrannulet</b>	<b>Phylloscartes ventralis</b>
Two seen at Abra Patricia	
<b>White-bellied Pygmy-Tyrant RR</b>	<b>Myiornis albiventris</b>
Good looks of this tiny restricted-range species at Quebrada Upaquiuhau. This is really the only known site for the species (where you can find it with any regularity) throughout its narrow range.	
<b>Short-tailed Pygmy Tyrant</b>	<b>Myiornis ecaudatus</b>
Ace looks at a pair of this tiny ball of feathers along the Chazuta road, below Pumarinri lodge	
<b>Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant *</b>	<b>Lophotriccus pileatus</b>
<b>Double-banded Pygmy-Tyrant</b>	<b>Lophotriccus vitiosus</b>
Great views of two individuals along the road from Pumarini Lodge to Chasuta, Tarapoto	
<b>[Olive-faced Tolmomyias]</b>	<b>Tolmomyias viridiceps</b>
Common throughout our time in Tarapoto. Part of the Yellow-breasted Flycatcher complex. Ridgely & Greenfield (2001) used the English group name "Flatbill" for the species of <i>Tolmomyias</i> , returning to an older classification. However there is already a long established genus which carries the name Flatbill ( <i>Ramphotricon</i> ) so we feel its best to use <i>Tolmomyias</i> .	
<b>Flavescent Flycatcher</b>	<b>Myiophobus flavescens</b>
Nice looks at a pair along Grallaria trail at ECOAN lodge	
<b>Bran-coloured Flycatcher</b>	<b>Myiophobus fasciatus</b>
We saw the <i>rufescens</i> subspecies, which may deserve full species status (Rufescent or Pacific Bran-coloured Flycatcher).	
<b>Olive-chested Flycatcher</b>	<b>Myiophobus cryptoxanthus</b>
One seen well in secondary vegetation in the first clearing along Garcia ridge trail, Abra Patricia	
<b>Black-tailed Flycatcher</b>	<b>Myiobius villosus</b>
Good looks at up to three different individuals at Quebrada Upaquiuhau	
<b>Rufous Casiornis</b>	<b>Casiornis rufa</b>
Quality views of a pair foraging with a mixed flock around a tall, dense vine tangle at Upaquiuhau	
<b>Cinnamon Flycatcher</b>	<b>Pyrrhomyias cinnamomea</b>
Commonly encountered throughout the tour	

<b>Cliff Flycatcher</b>	<b>Hirundinea ferruginea</b>
Seen several times at Abra Patricia	
<b>Smoke-coloured Pewee</b>	<b>Contopus fumigatus</b>
Common at Abra Barro Negro with a few seen at Abra Patricia	
<b>[Tumbes] Pewee RR</b>	<b>Contopus punensis</b>
Great views at Quebrada Limon where it appears to be very common	
<b>Blackish Pewee RR</b>	<b>Contopus nigrescens</b>
Great looks at one guy near the road well below the Tarapoto tunnel.	
<b>Black Phoebe</b>	<b>Sayornis nigricans</b>
Several sightings along the Rio Utcubmaba and Rio Chonta	
<b>Vermilion Flycatcher</b>	<b>Pyrocephalus rubinus</b>
Common throughout the tour – thankfully! Great bird!	
<b>Piura Chat-Tyrant RR</b>	<b>Ochthoeca piurae</b>
We got great views of this restricted-range species at Abra Porculla where it can be difficult to track down unless one is familiar with its subtle and partly inaudible song. Not currently listed as globally threatened but its status is under review due to severe deforestation of its habitat.	
<b>Maroon-belted Chat-Tyrant</b>	<b>Ochthoeca thoracica</b>
Great views of five birds along the museum road, Leimebamba. Biochemical work conducted at Copenhagen University by Jon Fjeldsa indicates this is a separate species from Slaty-backed Chat-tyrant – <i>O. cinnamomeiventris</i> 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 <i>Ochthoeca thoracica</i> the name for the southern species. Ridgely & Tudor (1994) reported that there are also vocal differences that would support this split.	
<b>Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant</b>	<b>Ochthoeca rufipectoralis</b>
One seen at Abra Barro Negro	
<b>Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant</b>	<b>Ochthoeca fumicolor</b>
Several seen at Cruz Congo and Abra Barro Negro	
<b>Tumbes Tyrant RR Near-threatened</b>	<b>Tumbezia salvini</b>
One of the most striking flycatchers to be found on the Marañon circuit, we got good views of one bird at Batan Grande	
<b>Red-rumped Bush Tyrant</b>	<b>Cnemarchus erthropygius</b>
Great looks as we reached the paramo at the top of the Marañon canyon	
<b>Smokey Bush Tyrant</b>	<b>Myiotheretes fumigatus</b>
Good looks at two individuals in the elfin forest fragments at Abra Barro Negro	
<b>Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant</b>	<b>Agriornis montana</b>
Great looks at this species on two consecutive trips to Cruz Conga. We also got to compare it to the following ....	
<b>White-tailed Shrike-Tyrant RR Vulnerable</b>	<b>Agriornis andicola</b>
Great looks at one bird hunting on the ground at Cruz Conga. With experience, this species is readily identified from Black-billed here by its overall size, and the form and colour of its bill.	
<b>Rufous-webbed Tyrant</b>	<b>Polioxolmis rufipennis</b>
Excellent looks at three birds in a small area of scrub/open area above Cruz Congo	
<b>Short-tailed Field-Tyrant</b>	<b>Muscigralla brevicauda</b>
Great looks along the Tocto Trail, around Quebrada Limon and Batan Grande	
<b>Rufous-tailed Tyrant</b>	<b>Knipolegus poecilurus</b>
Seen on two different days at Afluente	
<b>Long-tailed Tyrant</b>	<b>Colonia colonus</b>
Three seen at Afluente	
<b>Greyish Mourner</b>	<b>Rhytipterna simplex</b>
One seen near the Tarapoto tunnel	
<b>Rufous Flycatcher RR Endangered</b>	<b>Myiarchus semirufus</b>
One the the target birds of the trip, we got great looks at three birds along the road through Batan Grande – also had the added bonus of it emitting a previously unknown vocalisation. This species'	

conservation status has recently been upgraded unfortunately due to the ongoing deforestation of its habitat (the same as the Peruvian Plantcutter).

**Dusky-capped Flycatcher**

Three sightings of this species during the trip

**Short-crested Flycatcher**

Seen well at Aguas Verdes and Moro de Calzada

**Pale-edged Flycatcher**

Great close looks at the ECOAN lodge

**Brown-crested Flycatcher**

A couple of birds were seen at Quebrada Upaquiuhau and Moro de Calzada

**Snowy-throated Kingbird RR**

The late rains meant that these guys were still hanging around the still lush green Tumbesian forests of not only Batan Grande but also along the Tocto trail

**Tropical Kingbird**

Common

**Crowned Slaty-flycatcher**

Two seen at Moro de Calzada and with a name that long, you'd think you'd be able to spot 'em!

**Lemon-browed Flycatcher**

Good looks at half a dozen birds at Afluente

**Great Kiskadee**

Eight individuals seen around Pumarinri lodge area and the Tarapoto area

**Golden-crowned Flycatcher**

Seen along the road below the Tarapoto tunnel

**Baird's Flycatcher RR**

Great views on several occasions at Quebrada Limon and Batan Grande

**Boat-billed Flycatcher**

Sightings from Quebrada Upaquiuhau and Tarapoto

**Social Flycatcher**

Seen at Tarapoto, Afluente and Aguas Verdes

**Streaked Flycatcher**

Seen well at the Tarapoto tunnel area and Moro de Calzada

**Grey-capped Flycatcher**

One seen at Pumarinri Lodge

**Dusky-chested Flycatcher**

Gangbuster views of what is quite a difficult bird to nail down in Peru, whilst birding the fruting trees just below the Tarapoto tunnel. A lifer for most on the trip

**Piratic Flycatcher**

Two seen at Moro de Calzada

**Variiegated Flycatcher**

One seen at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

**Myiarchus tuberculifer**

**Myiarchus ferox**

**Myiarchus cephalotes**

**Myiarchus tyrannulus**

**Tyrannus niveigularis**

**Tyrannus melancholicus**

**Griseotyrannus aurantioatrocristatus**

**Conopias cinchoneti**

**Pitangus sulphuratus**

**Myiodynastes chrysocephalus**

**Myiodynastes bairdii**

**Megarynchus pitangua**

**Myiozetetes similes**

**Myiodynastes maculates**

**Myiozetetes granadensis**

**Myiozetetes luteiventris**

**Legatus leucophaeus**

**Empidonomus varius**

Family: TITYRIDAE

**Masked Tityra \***

**Black-and-white Becard**

One male seen at Quebrada Limon and another three individuals seen at Tamborapa

**Barred Becard**

Good looks on consecutive days at Abra Patricia and along the museum road, Leimebamba

**White-winged Becard**

One male seen at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

**One coloured Becard**

One female seen foraging with a mixed flock in the more humid forests of the upper section of Quebrada Limon, Guan canyon

**Tityra semifasciata**

**Pachyramphus albogriseus**

**Pachyramphus versicolor**

**Pachyramphus polychopterus**

**Pachyramphus homochrous**

Family: CORVIDAE

**White-collared Jay RR** *Cyanolyca viridicyana*  
 Great views of two birds along the museum road, Leimebamba

**White-tailed Jay** *Cyanocorax mystacalis*  
 Stunning views on consecutive days at Batan Grande and Quebrada Limon

**Green [Inca] Jay** *Cyanocorax yncas*  
 Common at several locations throughout the tour. Ridgely & Greenfield (2001) and Hilty (2003) consider Central American populations as a separate species, *C. luxosus* (Green Jay) from South American *C. yncas* (Inca Jay), but no data has been published on this proposed split.

Family: VIREONIDAE

**Rufous-browed Peppershrike** *Cyclarhis gujanensis*  
 Seen at several different locations throughout the tour

**Red-eyed Vireo** *Vireo olivaceus*  
 Several sightings. Here the subspecies *chivi* which is probably resident in Peru and sometimes regarded as a separate species, the Chivi Vireo.

**Brown-capped Vireo** *Vireo leucphrys*  
 Common at Leimebamba with one other sighting from Abra Patricia

**Ashy-headed Greenlet** *Hylophilus pectoralis*  
 Good views of two birds at Quebrada Upaquihau

**Olivaceous Greenlet** *Hylophilus olivaceus*  
 Cracking views of two singing individuals at Afluente

**Dusky-capped Greenlet \*** *Hylophilus hypoxanthus*

Family: CINCLIDAE

**White-capped Dipper** *Cinclus leucocephalus*  
 One seen on the river which parallels the museum road, Leimebamba

Family: TURDIDAE

**Andean Solitaire \*** *Myadestes ralloides*

**White-eared Solitaire** *Entomodestes leucotis*  
 Good looks at two at Alto Nieve and Afluente

**Chiguanco Thrush** *Turdus chiguanco*  
 Common around the Cajamarca region

**Great Thrush** *Turdus fuscater*  
 Common throughout the tour

**Glossy-black Thrush** *Turdus serranus*  
 Nice views of a male at Abra Patricia.

**Plumbeous-backed Thrush RR Least Concern** *Turdus reevei*  
 Great looks at Quebrada Limon

**Marañón Thrush RR Least Concern** *Turdus maranonicus*  
 Great views of three birds at Tamborapa and another seen at Hacienda Limon

**Black-billed Thrush** *Turdus ignobilis*  
 Seen on consecutive days at Afluente and the Pumarinri Lodge area

Family: MIMIDAE

**Long-tailed Mockingbird** *Mimus longicaudatus*  
 Quick....take aim ...

Family: TROGLODYTIDAE

**Black-capped Donacobius** *Donacobius atricapillus*  
 Great looks at two birds at roadside at Afluente. What on earth were they doing there?

**Thrush-like Wren \*** *Campylorhynchus turdinus*

**Fasciated Wren** *Campylorhynchus fasciatus*  
 Common at several sites

**Sharpe's Wren**

Several excellent close quarter views during our time at the ECOAN lodge, Abra Patricia

**Sedge [Grass] Wren**

Ace looks at Cruz Conga

**Coraya Wren**

Seen well at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

**Speckle-breasted [Maranon] Wren RR**

Difficult and very, very fast moving species but with perserverence we prevailed and nailed it at Tamborapa. Good split this!

**Speckle-breasted Wren**

Great views of two birds at Quebrada Limon guan canyon

**Superciliated Wren**

Common at Batan Grande and Quebrada Limon

**Mountain Wren**

Five individuals seen in total foraging with mixed flocks at Abra Barro Negro and the museum road, Leimebamba.

**House Wren**

Common throughout the trip

**White-breasted Wood-Wren \*****Grey-breasted Wood-Wren**

Two seen at Abra Patricia

**Bar-winged Wood-Wren RR Near threatened**

Excellent close up views of this little guy at roadside, at Garcia/Alto Nieve on two consecutive days

**Southern Nightingale-Wren \*****Cinnycerthia olivascens****Cistothorus platensis****Thryothorus coraya****Thryothorus sclateri maranonica****Thryothorus sclateri paucimaculatus****Thryothorus superciliaris****Troglodytes solstitialis****Troglodytes aedon****Henicorhina leucostiga****Henicorhina leucophrys****Henicorhina leucoptera****Microcerculus marginatus**

Family: SYLVIDAE

**Tropical Gnatcatcher**

We first encountered this species at Batan Grande, where we we saw the Tumbesian *bilineata* subspecies. The second subspecies seen was at Quebrada Upaquiuhau - a black-capped male and paler female of the Amazonian *parvirostris* subspecies.

**Marañón Gnatcatcher RR**

Seen well in the Maranon canyon, San Marcos and at Tamborapa

**Polioptila plumbea****Polioptila maior**

Family: HIRUNDINIDAE

**Tumbes Swallow RR**

Great looks at 8+ individuals at Batan Grande

**White-winged Swallow**

One seen along the Rio Huallaga near Pumarinri Lodge

**Grey-breasted Martin**

Seen during the first two days of the tour and also at Moro de Calzada

**Blue-and-white Swallow**

Common throughout the tour

**Brown-bellied Swallow**

Common at Abra Barro Negro and Cajamarca area

**Southern Rough-winged Swallow**

Common

**Chestnut-collard Swallow**

One seen at Batan Grande

**Tachycineta stolzmanni****Tachycineta albiventer****Progne chalybea****Pygochelidon cyanoleuca****Notiochelidon murina****Stelgidopteryx ruficollis****Hirundo rufocollaris**

Family: PASSERIDAE

**House Sparrow**

Ohhh yes!

**Passer domesticus**

Family: MOTACILLIDAE

**Paramo Pipit**

Dot spotted this guy along the road as we travelled from Celendin to Cajamarca

**Anthus bogotensis**

Family: PARULIDAE

**Tropical Parula**

Common at Quebrada Limon and also seen at Afluente

**Masked [Black-lored] Yellowthroat**

One female was seen well at Quebrada Limon and a handful of males were also spotted by Cathy and Miriam in the Utcubamba valet en route to Leimebamba and also at Sinsicap.

**Slate-throated Whitestart**

Common

**Spectacled Whitestart**

Common

**Grey and Gold Warbler RR**

Several individuals seen well foraging with mixed flocks at all levels on consecutive days at Quebrada Limon, and also Abra Porculla. Named after English natural history dealer, author, and collector, Louis Fraser (d.1866)

**Citrine Warbler**

Over half a dozen individuals seen well at Abra Patricia

**Black-crested Warbler**

Cracking views at Abra Barro Negro and Abra El Gavilan

**Russet-crowned Warbler**

Good looks during our time in the Abra Patricia/Afluente area

**Three-banded Warbler RR**

Good views at over half a dozen individuals at Abra Porculla where it appears to be numerous

**Three-striped Warbler**

Several seen amongst the mixed flocks during our time at Abra Patricia

**Parula pitiayumi**

**Geothlypis auricularis**

**Myioborus miniatus**

**Myioborus melanocephalus**

**Basileuteris fraseri**

**Basileuterus luteoviridis**

**Basileuterus nigrocristatus**

**Basileuterus coronatus**

**Basileuterus trifasciatus**

**Basileuterus tristriatus**

Family: THRAUPIDAE

**Black-faced Tanager**

Fine views at Quebrada Upaquiuhau and Moro de Calzada

**Black-and-white Tanager**

Excellent spotting by the group at Quebrada Limon as one male was seen well foraging at the back end of a small flock in the more humid areas of forest along the guan canyon. Normally, by this time of year these guys have disappeared (real funky and largely unknown migration patters – they apparently migrate across the Andes to larger eastern lowland riverine habitats) but because of the late rains, the Tumbesian forests were still fairly green and lush, so like the Snowy-throated Kingbirds, these guys were still around. Along the Tocto trail, there must have been dozens of them all singing from the largest trees (and what a strange song for a tanager) where they appeared to be hanging around in pairs and almost always remaining in dense canopy foliage. For such a large and highly vocal tanager, their foraging patterns are unexpectedly secretive.

**Magpie Tanager**

Dude! Please?

**Grass-green Tanager**

Seen at Abra Patricia and at Abra Barro Negro

**White-capped Tanager**

Following a bit of playback, a whole bunch of nine individuals came in for a closer look (and travelled a long way too) just before dusk at Alto Nieve/Garcia, right along the road. Really, really does resemble a member of the Jay family in more than one aspect of its ecology! Genus name means “silken blackbird” – a reference to its plumage appearance.

**Superciliaried Hemispingus**

**Schistochlamys melanopis**

**Conothraupis speculigera**

**Cissopis leveriana**

**Chlorornis riefferii**

**Sericossypha albocristata**

**Hemispingus superciliaris leucogaster**

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

**Drab Hemispingus**

**Hemispingus xanthophthalmus**

Stunning close views of a singing individual at the ECOAN lodge and also a few more seen with all the mixed flock action along the museum road, Leimebamba

**Black-eared [Piura] Hemispingus RR**

**Hemispingus melanotis piurae**

Following rather scrappy looks of an unresponsive pair at Abra El Gavilan, quality *pishing* by Paul pulled out a couple more for most of the group to see at roadside, just as we left the scrub gully.

**Rufous-chested Tanager**

**Thlypopsis ornata**

Seen well at Abra Porculla. The name *Thlypopsis* means “warbler-like”

**Buff-bellied Tanager RR**

**Thlypopsis inornata**

Excellent looks at several individuals at Tamborapa

**Rufous-crested Tanager**

**Creurgops verticalis**

Nice looks at a male foraging with a canopy flock along Grallaria trail at the ECOAN lodge

**Yellow-crested Tanager**

**Tachyphonus rufiventer**

Seen on two separate occasions at Aguas Verdes

**White-lined Tanager**

**Tachyphonus rufus**

Seen well at Afluente, Quebrada Upaquihaui and Moro de Calzada

**Huallaga Tanager RR**

**Ramphocelus melanogaster**

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

**Blue-grey Tanager**

**Thraupis episcopus**

Common

**Blue-capped Tanager**

**Thraupis cyanocephala**

Common throughout the tour

**Palm Tanager**

**Thraupis palmarum**

Common

**Blue-and-yellow Tanager**

**Thraupis bonariensis**

Three seen at Sinsicap

**Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager**

**Anisognathus igniventris**

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

**Blue-winged Mountain Tanager**

**Anisognathus somptuosus**

Nice looks at amongst the mixed flock activity at Abra Patricia

**Yellow-throated Tanager**

**Iridosornis analis**

Great looks at Alto Nieve/Garcia

**Yellow-scarfed Tanager RR**

**Iridosornis reinhardti**

Yeah, the big fella at Abra Patricia didn't let us down and popped up for all to see whilst we were getting all excited over the Chestnut-crested Cotinga's

**Buff-breasted Mountain-tanager**

**Dubusia taeniata**

One guy sneaked in front of us during some quality mixed flock action along the Leimebamba museum road

**Chestnut-bellied Mountain-tanager**

**Delothraupis castaneiventris**

More quality views of this gem at Abra Patricia in amongst the mixed flocks

**Turquoise Tanager**

**Tangara mexicana**

Five individuals seen at Moro de Calzada

**Paradise Tanager**

**Tangara chilensis**

Dude!

**Green-and-gold Tanager**

**Tangara schrankii**

Several at Afluente and Aguas Verdes

**Golden Tanager**

**Tangara arthus**

Another wonderful looking tanager at Afluente/Aguas Verdes

<b>Saffron-crowned Tanager</b> Common at Abra Patricia and Afluente	<b>Tangara xanthocephala</b>
<b>Flame-faced Tanager</b> Great views at Abra Patricia and Afluente	<b>Tangara parzudakii</b>
<b>Yellow-bellied Tanager</b> Several looks at this foothill specialist whilst birding the area around the Tarapoto tunnel	<b>Tangara xanthrogastra</b>
<b>Spotted Tanager</b> Common at Afluente	<b>Tangara punctata</b>
<b>Dotted Tanager</b> Yeah, didn't let us down and we saw three individuals on either side of the Tarapoto tunnel	<b>Tangara varia</b>
<b>Bay-headed Tanager</b> Several seen at Afluente and Aguas Verdes	<b>Tangara gyrol</b>
<b>Golden-naped Tanager</b> Two seen at Alto Nieve/Garcia	<b>Tangara ruficervix fulcivervix</b>
<b>Metallic-green Tanager</b> Several individuals were seen at during our time at Abra Patricia. The species name refers to the Labrador stone, and the shining silver and blue reflections in the species' green plumage.	<b>Tangara labradorides</b>
<b>Blue-browed Tanager</b> Just the one individual seen in a mixed flock of tanagers near Alto Nieve/Garcia	<b>Tangara cyanotis</b>
<b>Blue-necked Tanager</b> Common	<b>Tangara cyanicollis</b>
<b>Masked Tanager</b> Common at the Tarapoto tunnel and a few also seen at Moro de Calzada	<b>Tangara nigrocincta</b>
<b>Beryl-spangled Tanager</b> Common around Alto Nieve/Garcia and Afluente	<b>Tangara nigroviridis</b>
<b>Blue-and-black Tanager</b> Seen well at Abra Patricia and Abra Barro Negro (subspecies <i>branickii</i> )	<b>Tangara vassorii</b>
<b>Silver-backed Tanager</b> Common at Abra Patricia	<b>Tangara viridicollis</b>
<b>Black-faced Dacnis</b> Several seen at Afluente, Aguas Verdes and near the Tarapoto tunnel	<b>Dacnis lineata</b>
<b>Yellow-bellied Dacnis</b> Females seen on consecutive days at Aguas Verdes and near the Tarapoto tunnel	<b>Dacnis flaviventer</b>
<b>Blue Dacnis</b> Seen well in the flock mayhem near the Tarapoto tunnel area	<b>Dacnis cayana</b>
<b>Purple Honeycreeper</b> Good looks whilst birding the flowering and fruiting trees near the Tarapoto tunnel	<b>Cyanerpes caeruleus</b>
<b>Short-billed Honeycreeper</b> Good spot by Bill – a male seen in amongst all the flocks in the same flowering trees below the Tarapoto tunnel	<b>Cyanerpes nitidus</b>
<b>Swallow Tanager</b> Common in the same flock-heavy area along the road below the Tarapoto tunnel	<b>Tersina viridis</b>
<b>Cinereous Conebill</b> Nice looks at Cruz Conga and Sinsicap	<b>Conirostrum cinereum</b>
<b>Capped Conebill</b> Seen well in the mixed flocks at Abra Patricia, and along the museum road, Leimebamba	<b>Conirostrum albifrons</b>
<b>Blue-backed Conebill</b> Cracking views of four birds in a mixed flock at Abra Barro Negro	<b>Conirostrum sitticolor</b>
<b>Rusty Flower-piercer</b> Seen at Abra Patricia, Abra Barro Negro and Sinsicap. The genus name means “double-tongued” – a reference to the fact that they have specialised tongues for feeding on nectar.	<b>Diglossa sittoides</b>
<b>White-sided Flowerpiercer</b> Seen at Abra Patricia and Abra Barro Negro	<b>Diglossa albilatera</b>

**Moustached Flowerpiercer**

Two seen at Abra Barro Negro- here the subspecies *unicincta*

**Black-throated Flowerpiercer**

Common at Cruz Conga

**Deep-blue [Golden-eyed] Flowerpiercer**

Two seen at Alto Nieve/Garcia

**Bluish Flowerpiercer**

Several encounters at Abra Patricia – commonly seen at the ECOAN lodge

**Masked Flowerpiercer**

Common

**Diglossa mystacalis****Diglossa brunneiventris****Diglossa glauca****Diglossopsis caerulescens****Diglossopsis cyanea**

Family: EMBERIZIDAE

**Rufous-collared Sparrow**

Is the truth still out there? Mulder? Scully? Anyone ...anyone ...Bueller... Bueller ...

**Yellow-browed Sparrow**

Seen at Afluente

**Tumbes Sparrow RR**

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

**Red-crested Finch**

One seen at Tamborapa

**Crimson-breasted Finch**

One moulting bird seen along the Tocto trail

**Peruvian Sierra-Finch RR**

A small number seen at Cruz Conga

**Plumbeous Sierra-Finch**

Common along the Celendin-Cajamarca road

**Band-tailed Sierra-Finch**

Nice looks at a male at Abra El Gavilan

**Cinereous Finch RR**

Great views at Quebrada Limon and Batan Grande

**Grey-winged Inca-Finch RR Vulnerable**

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

**Buff-bridled Inca-Finch RR Least Concern**

Again, great views on consecutive days in the Maranon Canyon and more seen at San Marcos, Cajamarca.

**Little Inca-Finch RR**

A pair was seen well in the arid scrub on the outskirts of Jaen. Named after the brother of English collector Henry Watkins

**Collared Warbling-Finch**

One juvenile was seen at Quebrada Limon

**Saffron Finch**

Several sightings

**Blue-black Grassquit**

Several sightings

**Parrot-billed Seedeater RR**

Huge numbers seen along the Tocto trail and en route to Quebrada Limon. Highly vocal males with large numbers of young birds also seen hanging around with the parents

**Drab Seedeater**

Just the one adult seen en route to Olmos (“pee-stop” birding!)

**Band-tailed Seedeater**

Seen at Abra Porculla and Sinsicap

**Zonotrichia capensis****Ammodramus aurifrons****Aimophila stolzmanni****Coryphospingus cucullatus****Rhodospingus cruentus****Phrygilus punensis****Phrygilus unicolor****Phrygilus alaudinus****Piezorhina cinerea****Incaspiza ortizi****Incaspiza laeta****Incaspiza watkinsi****Poospiza hispaniolensis****Sicalis flaveola****Volatinia jacarina****Sporophila peruviana****Sporophila simplex****Catamenia analis**

**Plain-coloured Seedeater**

Common around Abra Barro Negro and Cruz Conga

**Dull-coloured Grassquit**

Several encounters

**Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch**

Great looks at a singing adult along the dirt track road to Moro de Calzada

**Black-capped [Maranon] Sparrow RR**

Nice looks at three individuals foraging off trail at an army ant swarm, at Tamborapa. This highly distinctive subspecies merits full species status (plumage and vocal characteristics) and a review of its conservation status.

**Black-capped Sparrow RR**

Good views of this Tumbesian specialist foraging with brush finches mainly on the ground or within a metre of it, at Quebrada Limon

**Rufous-naped Brush-Finch**

Several encounters and great looks during our time at Abra Patricia

**Rufous-naped [Baron's] Brush-Finch RR**

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

**Bay-crowned Brush-Finch**

Great, great looks at one guy at Abra Porculla. Then, five more were spotted at Sinsicap. Named after British businessman, ornithologist, traveller and author, Henry Seebohm (1832-1895)

**White-winged Brush-Finch**

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

**White-headed Brush-Finch**

Suddenly appeared in large numbers on day three of the trip at Quebrada Limón

**Stripe-headed Brush-Finch**

Good looks at Abra Barro Negro

**Catamenia inornata****Tiaris obscura****Emberizoides herbicola****Arremon abeillei nigriceps****Arremon abeillei abeillei****Atlapetes latinuchus latinuchus****Atlapetes latinuchus baroni****Atlapetes seebohmi****Atlapetes leucopterus****Atlapetes albiceps****Atlapetes torquatus**

Family: CARDINALIDAE

**Highland Hepatic-Tanager**

Several encounters

**White-winged Tanager**

Excellent looks at a pair at Afluente

**Red-hooded Tanager**

Another highlight of the trip as a pair popped up with a large mixed species flock along the museum road, Leimebamba. Brilliant!

**Carmioli's Tanager**

Ace looks at over four individuals of this foothill specialist in the fruiting trees at the Tarapoto tunnel

**Golden-bellied Grosbeak**

Common throughout the tour

**Piranga lutea****Piranga leucoptera****Piranga rubriceps****Chlorothraupis carmioli****Pheucticus chrysogaster**

Family: ICTERIDAE

**Russet-backed Oropendola**

Common at Afluente and Tarapoto

**Crested Oropendola**

One seen at Moro de Calzada

**Yellow-rumped Cacique**

Regular sightings at Afluente, Aguas Verdes, Tarapoto, and around Pumarini Lodge

**Psarocolius angustifrons****Psarocolius decumnus****Cacicus cela**

**Subtropical Cacique**

Very common at Afluente where highly conspicuous in large numbers

**Mountain Cacique**

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

**Yellow-tailed Oriole**

Two seen briefly at Tamborapa but better views in the Marañon Canyon - here the subspecies *taczanowskii*

**White-edged Oriole RR**

Great views at Batan Grande and Quebrada Limón

**Orange-backed Troupial**

Nice views of one individual at Afluente

**Moriche Oriole**

Great looks at this very uncommon species along the road near the Tarapoto tunnel

**Peruvian Meadowlark**

Several sightings during the tour

**Scrub Blackbird**

Seen well around Sinsicap (subspecies *kalinowskii*) and Chiclayo area (nominate subspecies)

**Shiny Cowbird**

A few seen around Batan Grande and Quebrada Limon, Tocto trail

**Giant Cowbird**

Common around Tarapoto and Moro de Calzada

**Cacicus uropygialis****Cacicus chrysonotus****Icterus mesomelas**

Marañon Canyon - here the subspecies

**Icterus graceannae****Icterus croconotus****Icterus chrysocephalus****Sturnella bellicosa****Dives warszewiczi****Molothrus bonariensis****Scaphidura oryzivora**

Family: FRINGILLIDAE

**Hooded Siskin**

Common

**Purple-throated Euphonia**

Seen at several sites throughout the tour. The genus name means "fine-voiced".

**Thick-billed Euphonia**

Seen on consecutive days at Quebrada Limon guan canyon and also at Tamborapa

**Bronze-green Euphonia**

Several males and females seen at Afluente, Aguas Verdes and also at the Tarapoto tunnel area

**Orange-bellied Euphonia**

Several birds seen at Afluente

**Rufous-bellied Euphonia**

Nice looks at a pair in the fruiting tree mayhem along the road below the Tarapoto tunnel

**Blue-naped Chlorophonia**

Three individuals also seen amongst the fruiting tree mayhem along the road below the Tarapoto tunnel

**Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia**

Not an easy species to see in Peru, by any stretch of the imagination! We got sensational views of a pair foraging in amongst bromeliads as they moved with a large canopy flock above the Grallaria trail, at the ECOAN lodge. An absolute delight to see!

**Carduelis magellanica****Euphonia chlorotica****Euphonia laniirostris****Euphonia mesochrysa****Euphonia xanthogaster****Euphonia rufiventris****Chlorophonia cyanea****Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys****INCERTAE SEDIS**

For the following species, there are currently SACC proposals needed or impending, or awaiting further research as to determine their exact taxonomic placements/treatments.

**Bananaquit**

Hmph!

**Common Bush-Tanager**

Common, hanging around bushes and behaving all tanager-like at Abra Patricia

**Coereba flaveola****Chlorospingus ophthalmicus**

**Yellow-throated Bush-Tanager**

Seen at Afluente

**Ash-throated Bush-Tanager**

Common on our first visit to Afluente

**Grey-hooded Bush Tanager**

This was seen well on two separate days whilst birding along the trails at the ECOAN lodge. Its genus name means “mountain slope watcher, or seeker”!

**Dull-coloured Grassquit**

Several encounters

**Slate-coloured Grosbeak**

Great looks at one individual in the fruiting trees along the road below the Tarapoto tunnel

**Streaked Saltator**

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

**Greyish Saltator**

Half dozen individuals seen at Querada Upaquiuhau

**Buff-throated Saltator**

Common

**Black-cowled Saltator RR**

What a bird! Great looks at Abra Porculla near the breakfast table!

**Golden-billed Saltator**

Nice views of birds at Cruz Conga and Abra El Gavilan

**Chlorospingus flavigularis**

**Chlorospingus canigularis**

**Cnemiscopus rubrirostris**

**Tiaris obscura**

**Pitylus grossus**

**Saltator striatipectus**

**Saltator coerulescens**

**Saltator maximus**

**Saltator nigriceps**

**Saltator aurantirostris albociliaris**

**And the top five birds of the trip... as voted by you ...**

- 1 Ochre-fronted Antpitta**
- 2 Maranon Crescent-chest**
- 3 Marvellous Spatuletail**
- 4 Golden-collared Toucanet**
- 5 Band-bellied Owl**