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## A TRIP REPORT FOR A BIRDING TRIP TO THE MARAÑÓN ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS

August 09<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010

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# DAY BY DAY ACTIVITIES

## **August 7th: Arrive in Lima**

### **August 8th: Pantanos de Villa and Pucusana**

The group visited by his own the coast south of Lima (the birds seen on that day are not included in the present trip report).

### **August 9th: Flight to Tarapoto. Juan Guerra, Huallaga river and Quebrada Upaquiuhau (night in Tarapoto)**

After a breakfast in the cool and misty Lima, we flew to the hot, humid and tropical Tarapoto.

There, we met our wonderful cook Aurelio, and our two expert drivers Guillermo and Walter. After a short drive, we stopped near Juan Guerra for a lunch and some birding. Nice introduction to South America, with 5 Chestnut-eared Aracari, Bluish-fronted Jacamar, 2 Swallow-winged Puffbird and the localized (at least in Peru) Ashy-headed Greenlet. The pair of Huallaga Slaty-Antshrike was perhaps the most wanted species here.

On the way to Quebrada Upaquiuhau, we stopped along the impressive Huallaga river where we found a few Comb Duck (quite rare in Peru), Sand-colored Nighthawk, a Large-billed Tern and few more widespread species.

In the dry woodland at Quebrada Upaquiuhau, we found the tiny White-bellied Pygmy-tyrant, the nervous Sulphur-bellied Tyrant-manakin, and a group of punk-like Hoatzin.

Night in Tarapoto.

### **August 10th: Tarapoto tunnel (night in Moyobamba)**

After an early start and a long try for some owl species, we had a wonderful view on a very cooperative (finally...) Band-bellied Owl. What a stunning bird !!

We then spent most of the morning birding the Tarapoto tunnel area. Masked and Paradise Tanager, Dusky-chested Flycatcher, Red-stained Woodpecker, Black Antbird, White-tipped Swifts, Honeycreepers and Dacnises were some of the birds we found there.

We then drove towards Tarapoto where we had a late lunch. On the way we stopped to a known place, where we saw a group of 50+ Oilbird roosting nearby the road!!

After our lunch, we birded the foothill near Tarapoto and visited some hummingbird feeders where we easily saw Black-throated Hermit, Pale-tailed Barbthroat, White-necked Jacobin and a few Grey-breasted Sabrewing. But the most beautiful bird here was definitely the Fiery-capped Manakin!

Night in Puerto Mirador hotel at Moyobamba.

### **August 11th: Morro de Calzada, Afluente (night in Pomacochas)**

Early start again, looking for nightbirds. A successful search with several Rufous and Little Nightjar singing, a Blackish Nightjar, and Band-bellied Owl and Tropical Screech-owl singing also.

During the few hours we spent there, birding the lowest part of Morro de Calzada, an isolated peak west of Moyobamba, we found some very interesting species, like Pearly-vented and Stripe-necked Tody-flycatcher, Barred Antshrike, Cinereous-breasted Spinetail, Rufous-fronted Thornbird, Plumbeous Kite, Lettered Aracari, and others.

The rarest bird found around here, was this group of 15+ White-chinned Swift! A lifer for me!!!

But we still had a long drive to do. On the way to Pomacochas, we did a few stops, and everytimes we get outside the bus, we found a mixed-species flock full of new species!! The most amazing was clearly at Affluente, where we had our lunch, where a single flock gave us a pair of Scaled Fruiteater (second lifer for Fabrice!!!! Two in a single day!!), a pair of Sarlet-breasted Fruiteater, a cooperative male Golden-collared Honeycreeper, a Blue-browed Tanager, a Russet Antshrike, and many more!!  
Night in Pomacochas.



**August 12<sup>th</sup>: Utcubamba canyon, Leymebamba museum (night in Leymebamba)**

After breakfast and some birding at the Pomacochas lake (Plumbeous Rail, Andean Gull, Peruvian Meadowlark, etc...), we visited the ECOAN hummingbird feeders. [ECOAN is a Peruvian NGO working mainly on the conservation of cloud and *Polylepis* forests. <http://www.ecoanperu.org/>] There we had stunning view on the target of the trip, the stunning Marvelous Spatuletail!!! A beautiful male gave us a wonderful show!

We then had to drive a long way to reach Leymebamba. On the way, we did a stop along the Utcubamba river to a spot where are roosting a pair of Koepcke's Screech-owl... not easy to find, but with some perseverance we had a nice scope view on 2 sleeping birds. At the same place, we also had 2 Marañon Thrush!

Arrived in Leymebamba, we directly went to the museum where the numerous feeders attract tons of hummingbirds (and we need lot's of hummingbird to make a ton!). What an amazing spectacle to see a Sword-billed Hummingbird feeding in the same time than a White-bellied Woodstar, surrounded by Purple-throated Sunangel, Rainbow

Starfrontlet, Green and Sparkling Violetear, and star of the star.... another male of Marvelous Spatuletail!  
Night in Leymebamba.

**August 13<sup>th</sup>: Abra Barro Negro, Condor canyon (night in Leymebamba)**

We spent all the morning in the last forest patches below Abra Barro Negro where we enjoyed some of the species present at this elevation: Scarlet-bellied Mountain-tanager, the endemic Russet-mantled Sofftail, a nice view on Rusty-breasted Antpitta, few Black-crested Warblers, White-tailed Tyrannulet, Andean Flicker and Smoky-brown Woodpecker, etc...

In the afternoon, we get to the "Condor canyon" where we had great views on a pair of Condor, and almost in the same time, gorgeous birds like Golden-headed Quetzal, Grey-breasted Mountain-toucan, Mountain Cacique, and Barred Becard. Difficult then to remember the grey Superciliated Hemispingus....

Night in Leymebamba.



**August 14<sup>th</sup>: Abra Barro Negro, Balsas (camp night in Balsas)**

Again, all the morning was spent in the forest patched below Abra Barro Negro where we found a nice tanagers flock including Scarlet-bellied and Yellow-scarfed, followed by Capped Conebill and Masked Flowerpiercer. The Many-striped Canastero were very active and we had nice scope views on this one. A Yunga's Pygmy-owl, coming to the tape and given us a great show, also attracted lot's of passerines!!

After lunch, we began the impressive way down to the bottom of the Marañon canyon. Just before Balsas we stopped for almost 2 hours birding and found the beautiful Peruvian endemics Buff-bridled Inca-finch (all the genus is endemic to Peru), a

cooperative Black-necked Woodpecker, a Peruvian Pygmy-owl, Spot-throated Hummingbird and Peruvian Pigeon.

Camp night near Balsas, on the shore of the Marañon river.

### **August 15<sup>th</sup>: Balsas and Hacienda Limon (night in Celendin)**

We had a few target endemic birds to find today, and we found them all!!

During the first birding hour around Balsas, from 6h30 to 7h30, we rapidly found few Yellow-tailed Oriole, a nice groups of Fasciated Wren, and excellent views on Peruvian Pigeon.

But the bird of the day was the lovely Yellow-faced Parrotlet. We had to work hard for this one, surprisingly hard to find, but we finally had excellent views on a small group. At Hacienda Limon, a pair of Chestnut-backed Thornbird was very cooperative and gave us some good views.

And finally, almost at the same place, we found a very excited pair of Grey-winged Inca-finch. Excellent views on this one too!!

At lunch, a striped Cuckoo sang, and sang, and sang.... And finally came to the tape!! Another wonderful sight!

Night in Celendin



### **August 16<sup>th</sup>: Cruz Conga, La Encañada and Rio Chonta (night in Cajamarca)**

During our first (breakfast) stop, we spotted almost immediately the endangered and extremely localized White-tailed Shrike-tyrant. Well done !!

At the same place, we had 2 Black-crested (Marañon) Tit-tyrant, had a brief view to a Rufous Antpitta (*cajamarcae* subspecies; expect a split in the forthcoming years...), a pair of Great Sapphirewing feeding nearby a Giant Hummingbird (the two larger hummingbird of the world together!!), a pair of Baron's Spinetail, etc...

Still around Cruz Conga, we also found a Jelski's Chat-tyrant, an uncommon flycatcher, and doing a random stop, we also found some high elevation species like Streak-throated Canastero, Paramo Pipit, Rufous-naped and White-browed Ground-tyrant.

Following our way to Cajamarca, we found a cooperative a Stripe-headed Antpitta at the same place than last year!!! Wonderful !

Arriving at 2h30 p.m. to the Rio Chonta, we spent more than 2 hours looking for the endemic Gray-bellied Comet but were unsuccessful in that search...

Night in Cajamarca

### **August 17<sup>th</sup>: San Marcos, Rio Chonta (night in Cajamarca)**

We had our breakfast at San Marcos, 1h30 driving from Cajamarca. THE bird we wanted to see there was the Great Spinetail and we had an excellent view on a extremely cooperative trio.

We then drove back to Cajamarca doing a stop to a small lake, where we found a few widespread species like Andean Coot, the recently split Common Gallinule, Mountain Caracara, etc...

We decided to spend the afternoon looking again for the Grey-bellied Comet, and a long search began. After hours and hours scanning flowers, a male finally arrived (bad luck for me.... he arrived just when I was scanning another flowering area... )!!!

Yehaaa, the comet is on the list!

Night in Trujillo.



**August 18<sup>th</sup>: Fly back to Lima, International connection.**



**Scaled Fruiteater, bird of the trip for the leader (below),  
picture Susan Gilliland**



**MAJOR GPS READINGS TAKEN  
NORTH PERU TRIP - AUGUST 2010**

**August 9<sup>th</sup>:**

Juan Guerra (creek): 06°34'48''S - 76°18'56''W - 238 m  
Huallaga River (Puerto Lopez): 06°43'26''S - 76°17'27''W - 301 m  
Quebrada Upaquiheu: 06° 44' S - 76° 23'' W

**August 10<sup>th</sup>:**

Tarapoto tunnel: 06°27'10'' S - 76°17'21''W - 837 m  
Quiscarrumi bridge: 06°08'51''S - 76°50'28''W - 799 m  
Moyobamba (Huacanqui): 06°04'29''S - 76°58'32''W - 990 m

**August 11<sup>th</sup>:**

Morro de Calzada  
Agua Verde bridge: 05°41'04''S - 77°39'14''W - 1037 m  
Afluente: 05°40'27''S - 77°42'09'' - 1418 m  
Abra Patricia: 05°40'49''S - 77°46'41''W - 1970 m

**August 12<sup>th</sup>:**

Lago Pomacochas  
ECOAN feeders: 05°51'26''S - 77°59'03''W - 2053 m

**August 13<sup>th</sup>:**

Lower Barro Negro: 06°43'30''S - 77°50'30''W - 2788 m  
Alto Barro Negro: 06°42'44''S - 77°52'14''W - 3360 m  
Condor canyon: 06°45'01''S - 77°47'55''W - 2559 m

**August 14<sup>th</sup>:**

Abra Barro Negro: 06°43'53''S - 77°53'48,5''W - 3458 m

**August 15<sup>th</sup>:**

Hacienda Limon: 06°51'57''S - 78°04'35''W - 1828 m  
Pass above Celendin: 06°52'42''S - 78°06'57''W - 3094 m

**August 16<sup>th</sup>:**

Cruz Conga: 06°59'00''S - 78°11' 48,7''W - 3306 m  
Sandpiper pond: 07°02'03''S - 78°14'02''W - 3538 m  
La Encañada: 07°04'34''S - 78°20'07''W - 3190 m  
Rio Chonta: 07°06'47''S - 78°25'39''W - 2844 m

**August 17<sup>th</sup>:**

San Marcos: 07°18'56''S - 78°11'05''W - 2384 m  
Lake near Cajamarca: 07°11'32''S - 78°22'13''W - 2971 m

# BIRDLIST

## Information preceding or following the bird name:

**RR** = Restricted-range species (total range < 50,000 km<sup>2</sup>)

**Conservation Status** follows Birdlife International (2009) <http://www.birdlife.org/>

(H) heard only

## Taxonomy:

SACC = South American Classification Committee (July 2010)

<http://www.museum.lsu.edu/~Remsen/SACCBaseline.html>

You can find all the complete references cited in that report on the SACC webpage.

IOC = International Ornithologist's Union <http://www.worldbirdnames.org/>

## Family: TINAMIDAE (TINAMOUS)

(H) LITTLE TINAMOU *Crypturellus soui*

Heard at Morro de Calzada

## Family: ANATIDAE (DUCKS)

COMB DUCK *Sarkidiornis melanotos*

12+ birds on the Huallaga river near Puerto Lopez.

TORRENT DUCK *Merganetta armata*

3 seen from the Agua Verde bridge, and a pair with young chicks on the Utcubamba river.

YELLOW-BILLED PINTAIL *Anas georgica*

1 at the Pomacochas lake.

## Family: CRACIDAE (GUANS)

(H) WATTLED GUAN *Aburria aburri*

Heard only, the morning at the Tarapoto tunnel

(H) SPECKLED CHACHALACA *Ortalis guttata*

ANDEAN GUAN *Penelope montagnii*

1 seen at the Condor Canyon near Leymebamba.

## Family: PODICIPEDIDAE (GREBES)

PIED-BILLED GREBE *Podilymbus podiceps*

5 at the small lake near Cajamarca.

## Family: THRESKIORNITHIDAE (IBISES)

PUNA IBIS *Plegadis ridgwayi*

20 in a field on the way to Cajamarca

**Family: ARDEIDAE (HERONS)**

FASCIATED TIGER-HERON *Tigrisoma fasciatum*  
A few seen along the Utcubamba river

BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON *Nycticorax nycticorax*  
2 seen on the lake near Cajamarca.

STRIATED HERON *Butorides striata*  
A few seen near Moyobamba, and 3 more at the Pomacochas lake.

CATTLE EGRET *Bubulcus ibis*  
Common all over the trip

COCOI HERON (WHITE-NECKED) *Ardea cocoi*  
2 along the Huallaga river, and 1 more at Pomacochas lake

GREAT EGRET *Ardea alba*  
Common all over the trip

CAPPED HERON *Pilherodius pileatus*  
3 together on a pond with Snowy and Great Egret, near Moyobamba.

SNOWY EGRET *Egretta thula*  
10 seen near Moyobamba

**Family: CATHARTIDAE (NEW WORLD VULTURES)**

TURKEY VULTURE *Cathartes aura*  
Common all over the trip

BLACK VULTURE *Coragyps atratus*  
Common all over the trip

ANDEAN CONDOR *Vultur gryphus* **Near-threatened**  
A wonderful view on a pair of adult birds, at the "Condor Canyon" near Leymebamba.  
First seen soaring in the canyon, we then had excellent scope views on these birds  
when perched on the cliff. They probably breed there.

**Family: ACCIPITRIDAE (HAWKS)**

HOOK-BILLED KITE *Chondrohierax uncinatus*  
2 seen near Juan Guerra

SWALLOW-TAILED KITE *Elanoides forficatus*  
One of the most beautiful raptor in South America!  
Seen around Tarapoto and Moyobamba.

PLUMBEOUS KITE *Ictinia plumbea*  
A nice view on this splendid raptor near Moyobamba.

SNAIL KITE *Rostrhamus sociabilis*  
1 seen from the bus near Tarapoto.

BLACK-CHESTED BUZZARD-EAGLE *Geranoaetus melanoleucus*  
A nice adult in the Utcubamba canyon.

ROADSIDE HAWK *Buteo magnirostris*  
Common in the eastern lowland

SHORT-TAILED HAWK *Buteo brachyurus*  
1 near Moyobamba

WHITE-THROATED HAWK *Buteo albigula*  
1 hunting near the pass above Celendin (coming from Balsas).  
Apparently, the birds seen in Peru are austral migrants, probably only breeding in Chile and Argentina. A bird born near Bariloche in Argentina, has been followed with satellite emitter to Ecuador, where he spent the austral winter.

VARIABLE HAWK *Buteo polyosoma*  
Regular sightings all over the trip.

The taxonomy of this group is confusing, and some authors try to split it as Puna Hawk *B. poecilochrous* and Red-backed Hawk *B. polyosoma*.  
SACC comments: Farquhar (1988) concluded that *Buteo poecilochrous* and *B. polyosoma* are conspecific, as they were formerly treated; he was unable to find any way to reliably diagnose the two forms using plumage characters or measurements. Ridgely & Greenfield (2001), Jaramillo (2003), and Schulenberg et al. (2007) followed this treatment and suggested "Variable Hawk" be retained for the composite species. Genetic data (Riesing et al. 2003) are consistent with hypothesis that *B. polyosoma* and *B. poecilochrous* are conspecific.

#### **Family: FALCONIDAE (FALCONS)**

MOUNTAIN CARACARA *Phalcoboenus megalopterus*  
Common at high elevation. Adults are beautiful birds, but immatures can be confusing and sometimes look like boobies.... right, Mark?

BLACK CARACARA *Daptrius ater*  
2 seen at Morro de Calzada

LAUGHING FALCON *Herpetotheres cachinnans*  
One seen perched on an antenna, near Moyobamba.

(H) BARRED FOREST-FALCON *Micrastur ruficollis*  
Heard early in the morning at Morro de Calzada.

AMERICAN KESTREL *Falco sparverius*  
Common all over the trip

APLOMADO FALCON *Falco femoralis*  
A beautiful pair seen at Cruz Conga, on the way to Cajamarca.

**Family: RALLIDAE (RAILS)**

(H) GRAY-NECKED WOOD-RAIL *Aramides cajanea*  
Heard only at Morro de Calzada

(H) CHESTNUT-HEADED CRAKE *Anurolimnas castaneiceps*  
1 heard at Quebrada Upaquiuhau. A very localized specie, but unfortunately this bird was not cooperative at all.

RUSSET-CROWNED CRAKE *Anurolimnas viridis*  
Heard near Moyobamba and at Morro de Calzada. A brief view on a bird at the 'Capped Heron pond' west of Moyobamba.

PLUMBEOUS RAIL *Pardirallus sanguinolentus*  
Nice views at Pomacochas lake and latter at Cruz Conga!!

COMMON GALLINULE *Gallinula galeatus*  
30+ at Pomacochas lake, and 100+ at the small lake near Cajamarca.  
A recent split from the Old World Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*.

PURPLE GALLINULE *Porphyrio martinica*  
1 seen by lance from the bus.

ANDEAN COOT *Fulica ardesiaca*  
30+ at the lake near Cajamarca

**Family: CHARADRIIDAE (PLOVERS)**

ANDEAN LAPWING *Vanellus resplendens*  
2 seen at the Pomacochas lake, and few more at Abra Barro Negro and near Cruz Conga

**Family: JACANIDAE (JACANAS)**

WATTLED JACANA *Jacana jacana*  
2 seen at the 'Capped Heron pond' near Moyobamba

**Family: SCOLOPACIDAE (SANDPIPERS)**

SOLITARY SANDPIPER *Tringa solitaria*  
1 bird between Celendin and Cajamarca. A surprising record at high elevation.

**Family: LARIDAE (GULLS)**

ANDEAN GULL *Chroicocephalus serranus*  
1 at the Pomacochas lake and few more near Cajamarca.

LARGE-BILLED TERN *Phaetusa simplex*  
1 seen on the Huallaga river near Buenos Aires

**Family: COLUMBIDAE (PIGEONS)**

RUDDY GROUND-DOVE *Columbina talpacoti*  
Common in the eastern lowlands.

PLAIN-BREASTED GROUND-DOVE *Columbina minuta*  
1 seen near Puerto Lopez, along the Huallaga river.

CROAKING GROUND-DOVE *Columbina cruziana*  
A few around Balsas and at San Marcos.

BLUE GROUND-DOVE *Claravis pretiosa*  
A male seen at Morro de Calzada, and few more heard.

BARE-FACED GROUND-DOVE *Metriopelia ceciliae*  
10+ seen in the Marañon canyon near Balsas

BAND-TAILED PIGEON *Patagioenas fasciata*  
Several sightings

PERUVIAN PIGEON *Patagioenas oenops* - **Vulnerable - RR**  
Fairly common around Balsas in the Marañon canyon.

PLUMBEOUS PIGEON *Patagioenas plumbea*  
Mostly heard but one seen at Affluente

RUDDY PIGEON *Patagioenas subvinacea*  
Heard and seen at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

WEST PERUVIAN (PACIFIC) DOVE *Zenaida meloda*  
Common in Lima.

EARED DOVE *Zenaida auriculata*  
Very common

WHITE-TIPPED DOVE *Leptotila verreauxi*  
Common all over the trip

**Family: PSITTACIDAE (PARROTS)**

SCARLET-FRONTED PARAKEET *Aratinga wagleri*  
20+ seen in the Marañon canyon near Balsas

MITRED PARAKEET *Aratinga mitrata*  
The best view were in the Utcubamba canyon and near Leymebamba. At Leymebamba, at least 200 birds were roosting in the Eucalyptus plantation near the village.

WHITE-EYED PARAKEET *Aratinga leucophthalma*  
Few flocks seen around Tarapoto and Moyobamba.

GOLDEN-PLUMED PARAKEET *Leptosittaca branickii* - **Vulnerable**  
A group of 15 at Abra Barro Negro

ANDEAN PARAKEET *Bolborhynchus orbynesius*  
A group of 50+ seen in the 'Condor Canyon' near leymeamba.

BLUE-WINGED PARROTLET *Forpus xanthopterygius*  
A nice group of 20 birds on the way to Quebrada Upaquiuhau.

YELLOW-FACED PARROTLET *Forpus xanthops* - **Vulnerable - RR - Peruvian endemic**  
7 seen very well, after a long search, near Balsas

COBALT-WINGED PARAKEET *Brotogeris cyanoptera*  
Frequently seen around Tarapoto and Moyobamba. Here the subspecies *gustavi* with yellow on the wings.

SACC comment:

The subspecies *gustavi* was formerly (e.g., Cory 1918, Peters 1937) considered a separate species from *Brotogeris cyanoptera*, but Traylor (1958) indicated that they probably intergrade in the Huallaga valley.

BLUE-HEADED PARROT *Pionus menstruus*  
Some nice views around Tarapoto and at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

SPECKLE-FACED PARROT *Pionus tumultuosus*  
A few seen on two occasions around Leymeamba. Here the (sub)species *seniloides*.

SACC comment:

The subspecies *seniloides* was formerly (e.g., Peters 1937, Meyer de Schauensee 1970) considered a separate species ("White-capped Parrot") from *Pionus tumultuosus*, 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. SACC proposal to treat *seniloides* as a species did not pass. Recent genetic data (Ribas et al. 2007) indicate that the genetic distance between them is about the same as other taxa ranked as species in *Pionus*. Proposal needed? English name "Speckle-faced Parrot" for composite species follows suggestion by Fjeldså & Krabbe (1990).

#### **Family: CUCULIDAE (CUCKOOS)**

SQUIRREL CUCKOO *Piaya cayana*  
Regular sighting on the east slope, but also 1 found in the Marañon canyon.

SMOOTH-BILLED ANI *Crotophaga ani*  
Common in the eastern lowlands

GROOVE-BILLED ANI *Crotophaga sulcirostris*  
Common in the Marañon canyon

STRIPED CUCKOO *Tapera naevia*  
1 fantastic view at Hacienda Limon in the Marañon canyon.

HOATZIN *Opisthocomus hoazin*

A group of 10 birds at the Quebrada Upaquiuhau. A prehistoric looking bird!!

**Family: TYTONIDAE (BARN-OWLS)**

BARN OWL *Tyto alba*

Incredibly spotted by Lance when we where driving back by night to Leymebamba!!!!

The New World *perlata* subspecies group was formerly (e.g., Cory 1919) considered a separate species from Old World *Tyto alba*

**Family: STRIGIDAE (OWLS)**

(H) TROPICAL SCREECH-OWL *Megascops choliba*

Heard at Morro de Calzada

KOEPCKE'S SCREECH-OWL *Megascops koepckeae* **Peruvian endemic**

2 birds at the usual roost in the Utcubamba river.



Koepcke's Screech-owl, picture Susan Gilliland

TAWNY-BELLIED SCREECH-OWL *Megascops watsonii*

1 only seen by Janet and Fabrice near Tarapoto. He just stayed too far from the road...

RUFOUS-BANDED OWL *Strix albitarsus*

Two excellent views on this one, the same day: 1 at dawn just before our breakfast above Leymebamba, and 1 at dusk in the Condor canyon.

BAND-BELLIED OWL *Pulsatrix melanota*

Spectacular views below the Tarapoto tunnel, where we heard a few more.



Band-bellied Owl, picture Mark Scheel

(H) FERRUGINOUS PYGMY-OWL *Glaucidium brasilianum*

Heard at Moyobamba, in the hotel garden.

PERUVIAN PYGMY-OWL *Glaucidium peruanum*

Few birds seen in the Marañon canyon.

YUNGA'S PYGMY-OWL *Glaucidium bolivianum*

A wonderful view at Abra Barro Negro.

#### **Family STEATORNITHIDAE (OILBIRD)**

OILBIRD *Steatornis caripensis*

50+ roosting at the usual cave between Tarapoto and Moyobamba, but the best surprise was to find 3 more birds (at least...) feeding on fruits in the Condor canyon above Leymebamba.



Yunga's Pygmy-owl, picture Susan Gilliland

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**Family: CAPRIMULGIDAE (NIGHTJARS)**

RUFOUS-BELLIED NIGHTHAWK *Lurocalis rufiventris*

The beautiful song of this one was heard in the Condor canyon, and the bird was briefly seen.

SAND-COLORED NIGHTHAWK *Chordeiles rupestris*

20+ birds on the Huallaga river.

RUFOUS NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus rufa*

Heard at the Tarapoto tunnel, and at least 3 bird singing at Morro de Calzada were we saw one.

BAND-WINGED NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus longirostris*  
3 seen above Leymebamba

BLACKISH NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus nigrescens*  
1 heard and seen briefly at Morro de Calzada

(H) LITTLE NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus parvulus*  
At least 2 heard at Morro de Calzada. The status of this species in Peru (local breeders? Austral migrants? Both?) is not clear.

SWALLOW-TAILED NIGHTJAR *Uropsalis segmentata*  
A beautiful male seen above Leymebamba, and fey more heard!!

**Family: APODIDAE (SWIFTS)**

WHITE-CHINNED SWIFT *Cypseloides cryptus*  
One of the rarest species found during this trip.  
20+ seen flying low at Morro de Calzada. Some excellent pictures have been taken!!



White-chinned Swift, picture Mark Scheel

CHESTNUT-COLLARED SWIFT *Streptoprocne rutila*  
25+ in the Marañon canyon, at Balsas.

WHITE-COLLARED SWIFT *Streptoprocne zonaris*  
Common

SHORT-TAILED SWIFT *Chaetura brachyuran*  
3 seen from the bus near Tarapoto

WHITE-TIPPED SWIFT *Aeronautes montivagus*

Excellent views below the Tarapoto tunnel and at Abra Patricia

ANDEAN SWIFT *Aeronautes andecolus*  
A few in the Utcubamba valley and río Chonta.

FORK-TAILED PALM-SWIFT *Tachornis squamata*  
Few sightings around Tarapoto and Moyobamba

LESSER SWALLOW-TAILED SWIFT *Panyptila cayennensis*  
1 seen at Morro de Calzada

**Family: TROCHILIDAE (HUMMINGBIRDS)**

WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN *Florisuga mellivora*  
1 male at the Tarapoto tunnel

GREAT-BILLED HERMIT *Phaethornis malaris*  
2 seen near Moyobamba

BLACK-THROATED HERMIT *Phaethornis atrimentalis*  
1 coming to the feeders near Moyobamba

PALE-TAILED BARBTHROAT *Threnetes leucurus*  
1 seen at the feeders near Moyobamba

GREEN VIOLETEAR *Colibri thalassinus*  
seen at the ECOAN feeders and at the Leymebamba museum

SPARKLING VIOLETEAR *Colibri coruscans*  
Fairly common and seen several times during the trip

AMETHYST-THROATED SUNANGEL *Heliangelus amethysticollis*  
A few seen at Abra Barro Negro.

PURPLE-THROATED SUNANGEL *Heliangelus viola* - **RR**  
2 at the Leymebamba feeders and 1 more on the way to Abra Barro Negro.

SPECKLED HUMMINGBIRD *Adelomyia melanogenys*  
Excellent views at the feeders at Leymebamba.

LONG-TAILED SYLPH *Agelaiocercus kingi*  
1 on the way to Abra Barro Negro seen by Lance

GRAY-BELLIED COMET *Taphrolesbia griseiventris* - **Endangered - RR - Peruvian endemic**

A long search for this one at the río Chonta near Cajamarca. All the group saw it (and photograph it!!) while I was scanning another area.... Bad luck for me!

BLACK-TAILED TRAINBEARER *Lesbia victoriae*  
2 at the río Chonta.

GREEN-TAILED TRAINBEARER *Lesbia nuna*

A few sighting during the trip, especially at Pomacochas and at the Leymebamba feeders.

TYRIAN METALTAIL *Metallura tyrianthina*

Common around Abra Barro Negro

COPPERY METALTAIL *Metallura theresiae* - **RR - Peruvian endemic**

Nice view on few birds at Abra Barro Negro. Amazing answer of a pair who came directly to the tape!!

SAPPHIRE-VENTED PUFFLEG *Eriocnemis luciani*

1 excellent view at Abra Barro Negro.

MARVELOUS SPATULETAIL *Loddigesia mirabilis* - **Endangered - RR - Peruvian endemic**

Poor of us, we only saw males....

At the ECOAN and Leymebamba museum feeders.



Marvelous Spatuletail, picture Susan Gilliland

SHINING SUNBEAM *Aglaeactis cupripennis*

Fairly common at Abra Barro Negro, and few more around Cruz Conga



Shining Sunbeam, picture Susan Gilliland

BRONZY INCA *Coeligena coeligena*  
1 at the ECOAN feeders

RAINBOW STARFRONTLET *Coeligena iris* - **RR**  
Common at the Leymebamba museum feeders and at Abra Barro Negro

MOUNTAIN VELVETBREAST *Lafresnaya lafresnayi*  
2 seen at Abra Barro Negro

SWORD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD *Ensifera ensifera*  
1 at the Leymebamba museum feeders, and 1 more at Abra Barro Negro

GREAT SAPPHIREWING *Pterophanes cyanopterus*  
A pair seen at Cruz Conga from our breakfast table, nearby a Giant Hummingbird...  
the two largest hummingbirds in the world.

GIANT HUMMINGBIRD *Patagona gigas*  
Seen at Cruz Conga. The largest Hummingbird in the world.

PURPLE-COLLARED WOODSTAR *Myrtis fanny*  
Fairly common in the Marañon canyon, Rio Chonta, and San Marcos. Also seen at the  
ECOAN feeders.

WHITE-BELLIED WOODSTAR *Chaetocercus mulsant*  
Wonderful views on this insect-bird, at the ECOAN and Leymebamba museum feeders

LITTLE WOODSTAR *Chaetocercus bombus* - **Vulnerable**

A rare hummingbird, coming to the tape of the Peruvian Pygmy-owl in the Marañon canyon.

GRAY-BREASTED SABREWING *Campylopterus largipennis*  
A few seen at the Tarapoto tunnel and near Moyobamba

FORK-TAILED WOODNYMPH *Thalurania furcata*  
A few seen at the Tarapoto tunnel and near Moyobamba

SPOT-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD *Leucippus taczanowskii* - **RR - Peruvian endemic**  
Seen several times and at different locations

WHITE-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD *Amazilia chionogaster*  
Excellent view in the garden of the Puerto Pumas hotel at Florida, and visiting the feeders at the Leymebamba museum.

ANDEAN EMERALD *Amazilia franciae*  
2 seen at the ECOAN feeders and 2 more at Hacienda Limon

GOLDEN-TAILED SAPPHIRE *Chrysuronia oenone*  
Nice view at the Tarapoto tunnel and near Moyobamba

**Family: TROGONIDAE (TROGONS)**

GOLDEN-HEADED QUETZAL *Pharomachrus auriceps*  
Several scope views in the Condor canyon near Leymebamba !!

BLUE-CROWNED TROGON *Trogon curucui*  
2 at Morro de Calzada

COLLARED TROGON *Trogon collaris*  
1 at the Tarapoto tunnel

GREEN-BACKED TROGON *Trogon viridis*  
2 at Juan Guerra

VIOLACEOUS TROGON *Trogon violaceus*  
1 female at the Tarapoto tunnel

**Family: ALCEDINIDAE (KINGFISHERS)**

GREEN KINGFISHER *Chloroceryle Americana*  
1 seen briefly at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

**Family: MOMOTIDAE (MOTMOTS)**

(H) BROAD-BILLED MOTMOT  
Heard at Morro de Calzada

**Family: GALBULIDAE (JACAMARS)**

BLUISH-FRONTED JACAMAR *Galbula cyanescens*  
Perfect view on 4 birds at Juan Guerra.

**Family: BUCCONIDAE (PUFFBIRDS)**

(H) RUFIOUS-CAPPED NUNLET *Nonnula ruficapilla*  
Heard at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

BLACK-FRONTED NUNBIRD *Monasa nigrifrons*  
1 scope view at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

WHITE-FRONTED NUNBIRD *Monasa morphoeus*  
1 seen at Afluente.

SWALLOW-WINGED PUFFBIRD *Chelidoptera tenebrosa*  
2 at Juan Guerra and 2 more at Morro de Calzada.

**Family: CAPITONIDAE (NEW WORLD BARBETS)**

GILDED BARBET *Capito auratus*  
4 seen at the Tarapoto tunnel and 2 more at Morro de Calzada

VERSCOLORED BARBET *Eubucco versicolor*  
A pair at Afluente on the way to Pomacochas.

**Family: RAMPHASTIDAE (TOUCANS)**

(H) CHANNEL-BILLED TOUCAN *Ramphastos vitellinus*  
Heard in the lowlands

GRAY-BREASTED MOUNTAIN-TOUCAN *Andigena hypoglauca* **Near-threatened**  
Definitely one of the most beautiful Toucan !!  
At least 6 different birds seen along the Museum road near Leymebamba, probably the best place to see this species.

LETTERED ARACARI *Pteroglossus incriptus*  
1 seen at Morro de Calzada

CHESTNUT-EARED ARACARI *Pteroglossus castanotis*  
A nice group of 5 birds at Juan Guerra

**Family: PICIDAE (WOODPECKERS)**

YELLOW-TUFTED WOODPECKER *Melanerpes cruentatus*  
A few seen near Moyobamba and at Morro de Calzada

SMOKY-BROWN WOODPECKER *Picoides fumigatus*  
Nice views below Abra barro Negro

LITTLE WOODPECKER *Veniliornis passerinus*  
Seen near Moyobamba and at Morro de Calzada

RED-STAINED WOODPECKER *Veniliornis affinis*  
2 seen at the Tarapoto tunnel.

(H) CRIMSON-MANTLED WOODPECKER *Colaptes rivolii*  
Unfortunately only heard in the Condor canyon near Leymebamba

BLACK-NECKED WOODPECKER *Colaptes atricollis* **Peruvian endemic**  
Well seen around Balsas.

ANDEAN FLICKER *Colaptes rupicola*  
Regular sightings around Abra Barro Negro, and between Celendin and Cajamarca.

CHESTNUT WOODPECKER *Celeus elegans*  
1 seen at Quebrada Upaquihaui

CRIMSON-CRESTED WOODPECKER *Campephilus melanoleucos*  
A beautiful male seen at Agua Verde bridge

**Family: FURNARIIDAE (OVENBIRDS)**

SLENDER-BILLED MINER *Geositta tenuirostris*  
2 on the way to Cajamarca

CREAM-WINGED CINCLODES *Cinclodes albiventris*  
2 seen at Abra Barro Negro. A recent split from Bar-winged Cinclodes.

WHITE-WINGED CINCLODES *Cinclodes atacamensis*  
Fairly common along the rio Chonta

RUSTY-CROWNED TIT-SPINETAIL *Leptasthenura pileata* - **RR - Peruvian endemic**  
2 seen at La Encañada

WHITE-CHINNED THISTLETAIL *Schizoeaca fuliginosa*  
A brief view at Abra Barro Negro. The ones here belong to the *peruviana* subspecies.

AZARA'S SPINETAIL *Synallaxis azarae*  
Seen and mostly heard above Leymebamba

(H) DARK-BREASTED SPINETAIL *Synallaxis albigularis*  
Heard at Affluente

CINEREOUS-BREASTED SPINETAIL *Synallaxis hypospodia*  
A cooperative pair at Morro de Calzada

GREAT SPINETAIL *Siptornopsis hypochondriaca* - **Vulnerable - RR - Peruvian endemic**  
A very cooperative trio, seen very well and close at San Marcos



Great Spinetail, picture Susan Gilliland

BARON'S SPINETAIL *Cranioleuca baroni* **Peruvian endemic**  
2 seen very well at Cruz Conga.

*Cranioleuca baroni* was considered conspecific with *C. antisiensis* by Meyer de Schauensee (1966, 1970), following Koepcke (1961a); it had formerly (e.g., Cory & Hellmayr 1925, Peters 1951) been considered a separate species. Although most current references (e.g., Ridgely & Tudor 1994) treat *baroni* as a species, evidence for considering this species separate from *C. antisiensis* is exceptionally weak; as noted by Koepcke (1961), the closest populations, geographically, 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 (Remsen 2003). Named after O.T. Baron (1847-1926), a German engineer who lived in Peru.

STREAK-THROATED CANASTERO *Asthenes humilis*  
1 seen during a random stop on the way to Cajamarca

MANY-STRIPED CANASTERO *Asthenes flammulata*  
A Canastero singing in the scope, that's the way to see them !!  
Nice look at Abra Barro Negro.

[MARAÑÓN] RUFIOUS-FRONTED THORNBIRD *Phacellodomus rufifrons*  
Good views at Morro de Calzada. Here the subspecies *peruvianus*, sometimes treated as a distinct species.

SACC comment:

Ridgely & Greenfield (2001) considered northern *inornatus* (with *castilloi*) a separate species from *Phacellodomus rufifrons*, and this was followed by and Hilty (2003); vocalizations are reported to differ, but no analysis or data have been published. SACC proposal to recognize *inornatus* as separate species did not pass because of insufficient published data. Ridgely & Greenfield (2001) also suggested that the subspecies *peruvianus* of the Marañon valley deserved recognition as a separate species.

CHESTNUT-BACKED THORNBIRD *Phacellodomus dorsalis* - **Vulnerable - RR - Peruvian endemic**

2 very cooperative birds near Hacienda Limon, and a few more heard.

RUSSET-MANTLED SOFTTAIL *Thripophaga berlepschi* - **Vulnerable - RR - Peruvian endemic**

4-5 birds seen very well at the usual spot above Leymebamba. A very localized species indeed!!

PEARLED TREERUNNER *Margarornis squamiger*

A few seen around Abra Barro Negro. One of the most beautiful *Furnariidae*.

STREAKED TUFTEDCHEEK *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii*

4 at Abra Barro Negro.

STREAKED XENOPS *Xenops rutilans*

1 at Affluente.

OLIVACEOUS WOODCREEPER *Sittasomus griseicapillus*

1 near Moyobamba

STRONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus*

1 seen at the end of the afternoon in the Condor canyon above Leymebamba

WEDGE-BILLED WOODCREEPER *Glyphorhynchus spirurus*

1 seen at Morro de Calzada

STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER *Dendroplex picus*

2 seen near Juan Guerra, during our lunch stop

BUFF-THROATED WOODCREEPER *Xiphorhynchus guttatus*

1 at Quebrada Upaquihau

MONTANE WOODCREEPER *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger*

2 in a mixed-species flock in the Condor canyon near Leymebamba

**Family: THAMNOPHILIDAE (ANTBIRDS)**

GREAT ANTSHRIKE *Taraba major*

1 seen at Juan Guerra, nad also heard from our tents at Balsas

BARRED ANTSHRIKE *Thamnophilus doliatus*

Nice views at Morro de Calzada.

NORTHERN [HUALLAGA] SLATY-ANTSHRIKE *Thamnophilus punctatus huallagae*  
Excellent view on 2 birds at Juan Guerra.

Ridgely & Greenfield recognized *leucogaster* of the Marañon Valley as a separate species; this taxon was tentatively retained as a subspecies of *T. punctatus* by Isler et al. (1997), with further evidence confirming subspecies status presented by Isler et al. (2001).

(H) RUFOUS-CAPPED ANTSHRIKE *Thamnophilus ruficapillus*  
Heard on a few occasions, but no cooperative birds.

RUSSET ANTSHRIKE *Thamnistes anabatinus*  
Excellent close view on a bird following a mixed-species flock at Affluente.

STRIPE-CHESTED ANTWREN *Myrmotherula longicauda*  
Excellent views on at least 4 birds at Juan Guerra

(H) RUFOUS-WINGED ANTWREN *Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus*  
Unfortunately only heard at Quebrada Upaquiuhau.

BLACK ANTBIRD *Cercomacra serva*  
A pair, seen well at the Tarapoto tunnel

WHITE-BROWED ANTBIRD *Myrmoborus leucophrys*  
Wonderful view on a pair at Juan Guerra and 2 more at Quebrada Upaquiuhau!!

(H) BLACK-FACED ANTBIRD *Myrmoborus myotherinus*  
Heard at the Tarapoto tunnel.

CHESTNUT-TAILED ANTBIRD *Myrmeciza hemimelaena*  
1 seen at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

#### **Family: GRALLARIIDAE (ANTPITTAS)**

CHESTNUT-CROWNED ANTPITTA *Grallaria ruficapilla*  
Heard several times, especially around Abra Barro Negro and Leymebamba. Some of us had a view one bird, just before our lunch on the way to Balsas.

STRIPE-HEADED ANTPITTA *Grallaria andicolus*  
Everybody enjoyed a scope view on this one!!  
A cooperative antpitta usually foraging in the open.

RUFOUS [CAJAMARCA] ANTPITTA *Grallaria rufula cajamarcae*  
1 seen briefly at Cruz Conga and 1 more heard.  
Geographic variation in song strongly suggests that *Grallaria rufula* includes more than one species (Krabbe & Schulenberg 2003a).

RUSTY-BREASTED ANTPITTA *Grallarica ferruginepectus leymebambae*  
2 birds heard above Leymebamba, and Lance found one of same perched in the open!!  
Amazing!

Ridgely & Tudor (1984) suspected that *G. ferrugineipectus* might consist of more than one species. Krabbe & Schulenberg (2003a) indicated that vocal differences suggest that the southern subspecies *leymebambae* deserves recognition as a separate species.

**Family: RHINOCRYPTIDAE (TAPACULOS)**

(H) NEBLINA (ELFIN FOREST) TAPACULO *Scytalopus altirostris*  
Heard at Abra Barro Negro

(H) BLACKISH TAPACULO *Scytalopus latrans*  
Heard above Leymebamba and Abra Barro Negro. One more cooperative bird came close in the Condor canyon, but I am the only one who had a glimpse of the bird.

**Family: TYRANNIDAE (TYRANT FLYCATCHERS)**

(H) YELLOW-CROWNED TYRANNULET *Tyrannulus elatus*  
Heard at Morro de Calzada

BLACK-CAPPED TYRANNULET *Phyllomyias nigrocapillus*  
2 seen above Leymebamba, on the way to Abra Barro Negro

YELLOW-BELLIED ELAENIA *Elaenia flavogaster*  
1 seen at Balsas

LARGE ELAENIA *Elaenia spectabilis*  
2 seen at Juan Guerra

LESSER ELAENIA *Elaenia chiriquensis*  
At least 4 birds seen at Morro de Calzada

SIERRAN ELAENIA *Elaenia pallatangae*  
Several sightings at high elevation.

SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET *Camptostoma obsoletum*  
Several sightings during the trip, including the *olivaceum* subspecies in the Tarapoto area, and *maranonicum* in the Marañon canyon.

WHITE-TAILED TYRANNULET *Mecocerculus poecilocercus*  
Fairly common at Abra Barro Negro and on the museum road near Leymebamba

WHITE-THROATED TYRANNULET *Mecocerculus leucophrys*  
5 birds seen at Abra Barro Negro

RUFIOUS-WINGED TYRANNULET *Mecocerculus calopterus*  
1 at the Leymebamba museum. Excellent views!!

BLACK-CRESTED TIT-TYRANT *Anairetes nigrocristatus*  
2 seen very well at Cruz Conga

YELLOW-BILLED TIT-TYRANT *Anairetes flavirostris*

2 very cooperative birds seen at La Encañada

TUFTED TIT-TYRANT *Anairetes parulus*

Seen a few times at Abra Barro Negro and around Cajamarca

TORRENT TYRANNULET *Serpophaga cinerea*

2 first seen at the Pomacochas lake, and 2 along the Utcubama river. A few more along the Chonta river near Cajamarca

MOUSE-COLORED TYRANNULET *Phaeomyias murina*

1 bird seen in the Marañon canyon (subspecies *maranonica*).

Ridgely & Tudor (1994) noted that vocal differences suggest that *Phaeomyias murina* might consist of more than one species. Ridgely & Greenfield (2001) considered the subspecies *tumbezana* (with *inflava* and *Maranonica*) of southwestern Ecuador and northwestern Peru to represent a separate species based on differences in vocalizations

TAWNY-CROWNED PYGMY-TYRANT *Euscarthmus meloryphus*

Seen several times during the trip

PERUVIAN TYRANNULET *Zimmerius viridiflavus* - **RR - Peruvian endemic**

Fairly common at the Tarapoto tunnel and at Affluente.

STREAK-NECKED FLYCATCHER *Mionectes striaticollis*

A few seen at Affluente, Abra Patricia and Abra Barro Negro

OLIVE-STRIPED FLYCATCHER *Mionectes olivaceus*

1 at the Tarapoto tunnel

SLATY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER *Leptopogon superciliaris*

Seen at the Tarapoto tunnel and Agua Verde

WHITE-BELLIED PYGMY-TYRANT *Myiornis albiventris*

Quebrada Upaquiuhau is definitely one of the best place to find this species, and we saw 1 birds very well !!

Also heard around Moyobamba and at Morro de Calzada

SCALE-CRESTED PYGMY-TYRANT *Lophotriccus pileatus*

1 seen at Affluente

STRIPE-NECKED TODY-TYRANT *Hemitriccus striaticollis*

Excellent view at Morro de Calzada.

PEARLY-VENTED TODY-TYRANT *Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer*

Heard on several occasions and good views at Quebrada Upaquiuhau.

COMMON TODY-FLYCATCHER *Todirostrum cinereum*

A few seen during the trip

[OLIVE-FACED] YELLOW-BREASTED FLYCATCHER *Tolmomyias flaviventris*

1 seen at Juan Guerra. Here the subspecies *viridiceps*.

SACC comment:

*Tolmomyias flaviventris* almost certainly involves more than one species; see Bates et al. (1992) and Ridgely & Tudor (1994). The subspecies *viridiceps* is almost certainly a distinct species, and was so considered by Ridgely et al. (2001) and Hilty (2003). However, Zimmer (1939a) considered them conspecific because the subspecies he considered the subspecies *subs similis* and *dissors* to represent taxa that were intermediate between the two, and this treatment was followed by Fitzpatrick (2004) in the absence of published data supporting a split.

BRAN-COLORED FLYCATCHER *Myiophobus fasciatus*

The few birds we saw in the Marañon canyon and at San Marcos belong to the *cryterythrus* subspecies, and the one seen at Juan Guerra probably belong to the austral migrant subspecies (*flammiceps?*).

BLACK-TAILED FLYCATCHER *Myiobus atricaudus*

A nice bird seen well at Quebrada Upaquiuhau

CINNAMON FLYCATCHER *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus*

Seen several times during the trip

CLIFF FLYCATCHER *Hirundinea ferruginea*

Fairly common around Abra Patricia and 5 birds seen very well at the Tarapoto tunnel.

SMOKE-COLORED PEWEE *Contopus fumigatus*

Very well seen in the Condor canyon near Leymebamba

BLACK PHOEBE *Sayornis nigricans*

seen a few times during the trip, especially along the Utcubamba river.

VERMILION FLYCATCHER *Pyrocephalus rubinus*

Fairly common in the Marañon valley and around Cajamarca.

BLACK-BILLED SHRIKE-TYRANT *Agriornis Montana*

At least 2 seen at Cruz Conga, and 2 more near Cajamarca

WHITE-TAILED SHRIKE-TYRANT *Agriornis albicauda* - **Vulnerable**

A very localised and rare species, who probably merits to be upgraded as endangered.

We saw 2 different birds at Cruz Conga.

RED-RUMPED BUSH-TYRANT *Cnemarchus erythropygius*

A beautiful large flycatcher seen very well at Abra Barro Negro

STREAK-THROATED BUSH-TYRANT *Myiotheretes striaticollis*

Seen well above Leymebamba

SMOKY BUSH-TYRANT *Myiotheretes fumigates*

A nice scope view on this one above Leymebamba

RUFOUS-WEBBED BUSH-TYRANT *Polioxolmis rufipennis*

6+ seen on the way to Cajamarca, around Cruz Conga.

JELSKI'S CHAT-TYRANT *Ochthoeca jelskii*  
A very excited pair near Cruz Conga. A beautiful flycatcher!!

[MAROON-CHESTED] SLATY-BACKED CHAT-TYRANT *Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris*  
2 seen in the Condor canyon near Leymebamba and a few more heard. Here of the *thoracica* subspecies.

García-Moreno et al. (1998) suggested that the plumage and genetic differences between subspecies groups north and south of the Marañón 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. Ridgely & Greenfield (2001) and Hilty (2003) further recognized Venezuelan *nigrita* as a separate species from *O. cinnamomeiventris*, as done by Cory & Hellmayr (1927); see Zimmer (1937b) for the rationale for treating them all as conspecific based on plumage pattern, the treatment followed by Fitzpatrick (2004).

RUFOUS-BREASTED CHAT-TYRANT *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis*  
2 seen nicely at Abra Barro Negro

BROWN-BACKED CHAT-TYRANT *Ochthoeca fumicolor*  
Few seen at Abra Barro Negro and Cruz Conga

WHITE-BROWED CHAT-TYRANT *Ochthoeca leucophrys*  
Few seen at Cruz Conga and Rio Chonta

RUFOUS-NAPED GROUND-TYRANT *Muscisaxicola rufivertex*  
1 on the way to Cajamarca

WHITE-BROWED GROUND-TYRANT *Muscisaxicola albilora*  
A group of 25+ birds on the way to Cajamarca. An austral migrant, breeding in Chile and Argentina.

RUFOUS-TAILED TYRANT *Knipolegus poecilurus*  
Excellent view on 2 birds at the Tarapoto tunnel

(H) BRIGHT-RUMPED ATTLA *Attila spadiceus*  
Heard at the Tarapoto tunnel

SOCIAL FLYCATCHER *Myiozetetes similis*  
Common in the lowlands

GRAY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER *Myiozetetes granadensis*  
2 seen near Moyobamba

DUSKY-CHESTED FLYCATCHER *Myiozetetes luteiventris*  
2 seen very well at the Tarapoto tunnel. A rare one!!

PIRATIC FLYCATCHER *Legatus leucophaeus*  
A few seen near Moyobamba and at Morro de Calzada

GREAT KISKADEE *Pitangus sulphuratus*  
Several sightings.

GOLDEN-CROWNED FLYCATCHER *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus*  
2 at the Tarapoto tunnel

STREAKED FLYCATCHER *Myiodynastes maculatus*  
An austral migrant seen at the Tarapoto tunnel

BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER *Megarynchus pitangua*  
1 seen at Quebrada Upaquiuhau and 2 more at Morro de Calzada

CROWNED SLATY-FLYCATCHER *Empidonomus aurantioatrocristatus*  
An austral migrant. 1 seen on the hotel ground at Tarapoto.

TROPICAL KINGBIRD *Tyrannus melancholicus*  
Very common

SHORT-CRESTED FLYCATCHER *Myiarchus ferox*  
2 seen at Morro de Calzada

BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER *Myiarchus tyrannulus*  
2 along the Huallaga river

**Family: COTINGIDAE (COTINGAS)**

RED-CRESTED COTINGA *Ampelion rubrocristatus*  
Excellent views above Leymebamba.

SCARLET-BREASTED FRUITEATER *Pipreola frontalis*  
A pair apparently following a mixed-species flock at Affluente. Seen in the same tree than the following species!!

SCALED FRUITEATER *Ampelioides tschudii*  
Wonderful !! A dreamed to see that bird for a so long time, and I finally put my bins on this splendid species. And the best view one can dream about: a pair stayed for one and a half hour feeding in a fruiting tree, very close to the road at Affluente. Thanks for the wonderful pictures!!

**Family: PIPRIDAE (MANAKINS)**

SULPHUR-BELLIED TYRANT-MANAKIN *Neopelma sulphureiventer*  
1 seen at Quebrada Upaquiuhau.

FIERY-CAPPED MANAKIN *Machaeropterus pyrocephalus*  
Probably one of the most beautiful bird of the trip!! It was not easy, but we finally all got an excellent view on this one, near Moyobamba. A few more heard.

**Family: TITYRIDAE (TITYRAS)**

MASKED TITYRA *Tityra semifasciata*

1 at Morro de Calzada.

[YELLOW-CHEEKED] GREEN-BACKED BECARD *Pachyramphus viridis xanthogenis*

A Fantastic view on a pair at the Tarapoto tunnel.

Ridgely & Tudor (1994) and Ridgely & Greenfield (2001) considered Andean *xanthogenis* a species separate from *P. viridis*, and this was followed by Fitzpatrick (2004) and Barber & Rice (2007).

BARRED BECARD *Pachyramphus versicolor*

Excellent view at close distance on a male in the Condor canyon near Leymebamba, and 1 more at Abra Barro Negro.

WHITE-WINGED BECARD *Pachyramphus polychopterus*

1 male at Juan Guerra and a pair at Morro de Calzada

**Family: VIREONIDAE (VIREOS)**

RUFOUS-BROWED PEPPERSHRIKE *Cyclarhis gujanensis*

1 at Juan Guerra and a few above Leymebamba. Also heard at Balsas and San Marcos.

BROWN-CAPPED VIREO *Vireo leucophrys*

2 seen in the Condor canyon near Leymebamba

[CHIVI] RED-EYED VIREO *Vireo olivaceus* (Chivi)

Several seen in the eastern lowlands.

Some classifications (e.g., Pinto 1944) 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.

ASHY-HEADED GREENLET *Hylophilus pectoralis*

Excellent views on a pair at Juan Guerra.

**Family: CORVIDAE (JAYS)**

WHITE-COLLARED JAY *Cyanolyca viridicyanus*

A nice group of 4 birds above Leymebamba.

[INCA] GREEN JAY *Cyanocorax yncas*

Fairly common and several sightings all over the trip.

Ridgely & Greenfield (2001) and Hilty (2003) treated Middle American populations as a separate species, *C. luxosus* ("Green Jay") from South American *C. yncas* ("Inca Jay"), but no data presented; they were formerly considered separate species.

**Family: HIRUNDINIDAE (SWALLOWS)**

BLUE-AND-WHITE SWALLOW *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*

Very common

BROWN-BELLIED SWALLOW *Orochelidon murina*  
Several sightings around Abra Barro Negro and Cajamarca

WHITE-BANDED SWALLOW *Atticora fasciata*  
5 along the Huallaga river

SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*  
Few sightings on the eastern side of the Andes.

BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN *Phaeoprogne tapera*  
2 at Morro de Calzada

GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN *Progne chalybea*  
2 along the Huallaga river, and 2 more at the Pomacochas lake

WHITE-WINGED SWALLOW *Tachycineta albiventer*  
2 seen on the Huallaga river.

**Family: TROGLODYTIDAE (WRENS)**

HOUSE WREN *Troglodytes aedon*  
Very common

Many authors (e.g., Hellmayr 1934, Pinto 1944, Phelps & Phelps 1950a) formerly treated Neotropical mainland populations as a separate species *T. musculus*; see also Brumfield and Capparella (1996); this treatment was followed by Brewer (2001) and Kroodsma & Brewer (2005). The Falklands population, *T. a. cobbi*, might also be best treated as a species (Wood 1993), as was done by Brewer (2001), Mazar Barnett & Pearman (2001), Jaramillo (2003), and Kroodsma & Brewer (2005)

MOUNTAIN WREN *Troglodytes solstitialis*  
Seen following mixed-species flocks at Abra Barro Negro.

FASCIATED WREN *Campylorhynchus fasciatus*  
Common in the Marañon canyon and at San Marcos.

CORAYA WREN *Thryothorus coraya*  
A few seen at Juan Guerra

(H) SPECKLE-BREASTED [MARAÑON] WREN *Thryothorus sclateri maranonica*  
Heard by Kathi in the Utcubamba valley.

(H) GRAY-BREASTED WOOD-WREN *Henicorhina leucophrys*  
Heard a few times.

**Family: POLIOPTILIDAE (GNATCATCHERS)**

[MARAÑON] TROPICAL GNATCATCHER *Polioptila plumbea maior*  
Seen in the Utcubamba valley, at Balsas, Hacienda Limon and San Marcos.

*Polioptila plumbea* likely includes several species (Atwood and Lerman 2006). The subspecies *maior* of the Marañón Valley (treated as a separate species by Hellmayr 1934) and the *bilineata* group of northern South American and Middle America may each warrant species recognition, but a published analysis is lacking (Ridgely & Tudor 1989). Even within populations east of the Andes, vocal differences suggest that more than one species is involved (Ridgely & Greenfield 2001, Hilty 2003).

**Family: CINCLIDAE (DIPPERS)**

WHITE-CAPPED DIPPER *Cinclus leucocephalus*  
2 seen on the way to Abra Patricia

**Family: MOTACILLIDAE (PIPITS and WAGTAILS)**

PARAMO PIPIT *Anthus bogotensis*  
2 different birds seen on the way to Cajamarca

**Family: TURDIDAE (THRUSHES)**

ANDEAN SOLITAIRE *Myadestes ralloides*  
We saw one just below Abra Patricia, but we also heard his beautiful song in the Condor canyon near Leymebamba.

WHITE-EARED SOLITAIRE *Entomodestes leucotis*  
I am the only one who saw that one, crossing the river at the Agua Verde bridge.

BLACK-BILLED THRUSH *Turdus ignobilis*  
1 near Moyobamba

MARAÑÓN THRUSH *Turdus Marañonicus* - **RR**  
Excellent views in the Utcubamba valley, and later in the Marañón canyon.

[ANDEAN SLATY] SLATY THRUSH *Turdus nigriceps*  
A pair seen in the Condor canyon near Leymebamba

Ridgely & Tudor (1989) considered the subspecies *subalaris* (from the South-East of South America) to be a separate species from *Turdus nigriceps*, based on unpublished vocal differences; this was followed by Sibley & Monroe (1990), Clement (2000), and Ridgely et al. (2001), and represents a return to the classification of Hellmayr (1934) and Pinto (1944); it was not followed by Collar (2005) because of the absence of published data.

GREAT THRUSH *Turdus fuscater*  
Common in the humid part of the Andes

CHIGUANCO THRUSH *Turdus chiguanco*  
Common in the dry part of the Andes

PALE-BREASTED THRUSH *Turdus leucomelas*  
1 at Morro de Calzada

**Family: MIMIDAE (MOCKINGBIRDS)**

LONG-TAILED MOCKINGBIRD *Mimus longicaudatus*  
Common in the Marañon drainage.

**Family: THRAUPIDAE (TANAGERS)**

BLACK-FACED TANAGER *Schistochlamys melanopsis*  
5 at Morro de Calzada

MAGPIE TANAGER *Cissopis leverianus*  
1 at Agua Verde bridge.

SUPERCILIARIED HEMISPINGUS *Hemispingus superciliaris*  
5 seen very close on the museum road near Leymebamba

DRAB HEMISPINGUS *Hemispingus xanthophthalmus*  
A wonderful bird, right Lance ?  
4 seen at Abra Barro Negro

BUFF-BELLIED TANAGER *Thlypopsis inornata* - **RR**  
A few seen in the Utcubamba valley and in the Marañon canyon

YELLOW-BACKED TANAGER *Hemithraupis flavicollis*  
A male near Moyobamba

YELLOW-CRESTED TANAGER *Tachyphonus rufiventer*  
A female was building a nest at the Tarapoto tunnel. The male was nearby, but did not participate to the nest construction.

WHITE-SHOULDERED TANAGER *Tachyphonus luctuosus*  
1 on the way to Quebrada Upaquihau

WHITE-LINED TANAGER *Tachyphonus rufus*  
A pair at Morro de Calzada

BLACK-BELLIED (HUALLAGA) TANAGER *Ramphocelus melanogaster* - **RR - Peruvian endemic**  
Excellent views near Moyobamba and at Morro de Calzada

SILVER-BEAKED TANAGER *Ramphocelus carbo*  
Seen in the eastern lowlands

BLUE-GRAY TANAGER *Thraupis episcopus*  
Common

PALM TANAGER *Thraupis palmarum*  
Seen around Moyobamba

BLUE-CAPPED TANAGER *Thraupis cyanocephala*  
Common around Abra Patricia and Abra Barro Negro

BLUE-AND-YELLOW TANAGER *Thraupis bonariensis*

Mostly seen at La Encañada and around Cajamarca

HOODED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER *Buthraupis montana*

A fantastic tanager seen on the way to Abra Barro Negro. 4 very cooperative birds, seen very close!!

SCARLET-BELLIED MOUNTAIN-TANAGER *Anisognathus igniventris*

Fairly common around Abra Barro Negro

YELLOW-SCARFED TANAGER *Iridosornis reinhardti* - **RR - Peruvian endemic**

3 seen very well in a mixed species flock above Leymebamba

SILVERY (SILVER-BACKED) TANAGER *Tangara viridicollis*

1 female near Abra Patricia, and a group of 10 birds including a splendid male was seen in the Condor canyon near Leymebamba.

MASKED TANAGER *Tangara nigrocincta*

10 + at the Tarapoto tunnel, and 1 at Morro de Calzada

BLUE-BROWED TANAGER *Tangara cyanotis*

1 at Affluente and 1 below Abra Patricia

BLUE-NECKED TANAGER *Tangara cyanicollis*

10+ seen around Afluente

YELLOW-BELLIED TANAGER *Tangara xanthogastra*

1 at Affluente

SPOTTED TANAGER *Tangara punctata*

1 at Affluente

BLUE-AND-BLACK TANAGER *Tangara vassorii*

A few seen above Leymebamba

PARADISE TANAGER *Tangara chilensis*

Some excellent views at the Tarapoto tunnel, Morro de Calzada and Agua Verde

BAY-HEADED TANAGER *Tangara gyrola*

Few seen at Affluente and at the Tarapoto tunnel

GOLDEN-EARED TANAGER *Tangara chrysotis*

3 seen in a mixed species flock near Affluente

SAFFRON-CROWNED TANAGER *Tangara xanthocephala*

Seen at Affluente and Abra Patricia

GREEN-AND-GOLD TANAGER *Tangara schrankii*

Good views near Moyobamba, at Morro de Calzada on during the stops on the way to Abra Patricia

GOLDEN TANAGER *Tangara arthus*

5 in a mixed-species flock at Affluente

SWALLOW TANAGER *Tersina viridis*

Excellent views at the Tarapoto tunnel and Morro de Calzada



Swallow Tanager, picture Susan Gilliland

BLACK-FACED DACNIS *Dacnis lineata*

5 at the Tarapoto tunnel, and 2 more at Morro de Calzada

BLUE DACNIS *Dacnis cayana*

2 seen at the Tarapoto tunnel, and 4 at Morro de Calzada.

PURPLE HONEYCREEPER *Cyanerpes caeruleus*

At least 2 different birds at the Tarapoto tunnel, and 2 more at Morro de Calzada

GOLDEN-COLLARED HONEYCREEPER *Iridophanes pulcherrima*

A beautiful male, seen very well in the scope, in the same fruiting tree than the two species of fruiteater!!!! Amazing!!

GREEN HONEYCREEPER *Chlorophanes spiza*

2 seen near Moyobamba, and a few more at Morro de Calzada

CINEREOUS CONEBILL *Conirostrum cinereum*  
Only 2 around Abra Barro Negro

BLUE-BACKED CONEBILL *Conirostrum sitticolor*  
2 seen very well, mobbing a Yunga's Pygmy-owl at Abra Barro Negro.

CAPPED CONEBILL *Conirostrum albifrons*  
A pair seen in a mixed-species flock in the Condor canyon near Leymebamba

RUSTY FLOWERPIERCER *Diglossa sittoides*  
1 at Pomacochas

MOUSTACHED FLOWERPIERCER *Diglossa mystacalis*  
Fairly common around Abra Barro Negro

BLACK-THROATED FLOWERPIERCER *Diglossa brunneiventris*  
Fairly common between Celendin and Cajamarca

WHITE-SIDED FLOWERPIERCER *Diglossa albilatera*  
1 at Abra Barro Negro

MASKED FLOWERPIERCER *Diglossa cyanea*  
Common around Abra Barro Negro

#### **INCERTAE SEDIS**

BANANAQUIT *Coereba flaveola*  
Common

DULL-COLORED GRASSQUIT *Tiaris obscurus*  
Very common around Balsas in the Marañon canyon, and also at San Marcos

(H) SLATE-COLORED GROSBEAK *Saltator grossus*  
Heard only at Juan Guerra.

BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR *Saltator maximus*  
2 at the Tarapoto tunnel and 2 more at Morro de Calzada

GRAYISH SALTATOR *Saltator coerulescens*  
2 seen during a stop north to Moyobamba (at the 'Capped Heron pond')

GOLDEN-BILLED SALTATOR *Saltator aurantirostris*  
Seen around Cruz Conga and Cajamarca

STREAKED SALTATOR *Saltator striatipectus*  
Only one seen at Hacienda Limon, in the Marañon canyon, belonging here to the *peruvianus* subspecies

#### **Family: EMBERIZIDAE (SPARROWS)**

RUFIOUS-COLLARED SPARROW *Zonotrichia capensis*

Very common

YELLOW-BROWED SPARROW *Ammodramus aurifrons*

A nice little sparrow seen at Juan Guerra, Quebrada Upaquiuhau and Morro de Calzada

PERUVIAN SIERRA-FINCH *Phrygilus punensis*

Several seen near Cruz Conga, on the way to Cajamarca

PLUMBEOUS SIERRA-FINCH *Phrygilus unicolor*

Few seen at Abra Barro Negro and near Cruz Conga, on the way to Cajamarca.

ASH-BREASTED SIERRA-FINCH *Phrygilus plebejus*

2 seen above Celendin, and a few more on the way to Cajamarca

GRAY-WINGED INCA-FINCH *Incaezpiza ortizi* - **Vulnerable - RR - Peruvian endemic**

Excellent views on 3 cooperative birds at Hacienda Limon!!

BUFF-BRIDLED INCA-FINCH *Incaezpiza laeta* - **RR - Peruvian endemic**

What a beautiful little bird !!

The common Inca-Finch in the Marañon canyon, and a few more seen at San Marcos.

SAFFRON FINCH *Sicalis flaveola*

Seen from the bus

BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT *Volatinia jacarina*

2 seen at San Marcos

CHESTNUT-BELLIED SEEDEATER *Sporophila castaneiventris*

One of the first bird seen arriving at Tarapoto: a male at the airport parking lot.

CHESTNUT-BELLIED (LESSER) SEED-FINCH *Oryzoborus angolensis*

1 female at Juan Guerra

BAND-TAILED SEEDEATER *Catamenia analis*

Common around Cajamarca

PLAIN-COLORED SEEDEATER *Catamenia inornata*

A few birds seen, at Abra Barro Negro and on the pass above Celendin

BLACK-CAPPED [MARAÑON] SPARROW *Arremon abeillei nigriceps* - **RR**

2 seen too briefly in the Utcubamba valley. A very distinctive (sub)species that may be split.

YELLOW-BREASTED (RUFIOUS-NAPED) BRUSH-FINCH *Atlapetes latinuchus*

Seen several times around Abra Patricia, at Pomacochas and above Leymebamba.

YELLOW-BREASTED (BARON'S) BRUSH-FINCH *Atlapetes latinuchus baroni*

2 birds seen at Encanada on the way to Cajamarca. A very distinctive subspecies from the precedent, and may deserve a split.

RUFIOUS-EARED BRUSH-FINCH *Atlapetes rufigenis* - **RR - Peruvian endemic**  
3 seen at Encanada, on the way to Cajamarca

YELLOW-THROATED BUSH-TANAGER *Chlorospingus flavigularis*  
5 at the Tarapoto tunnel

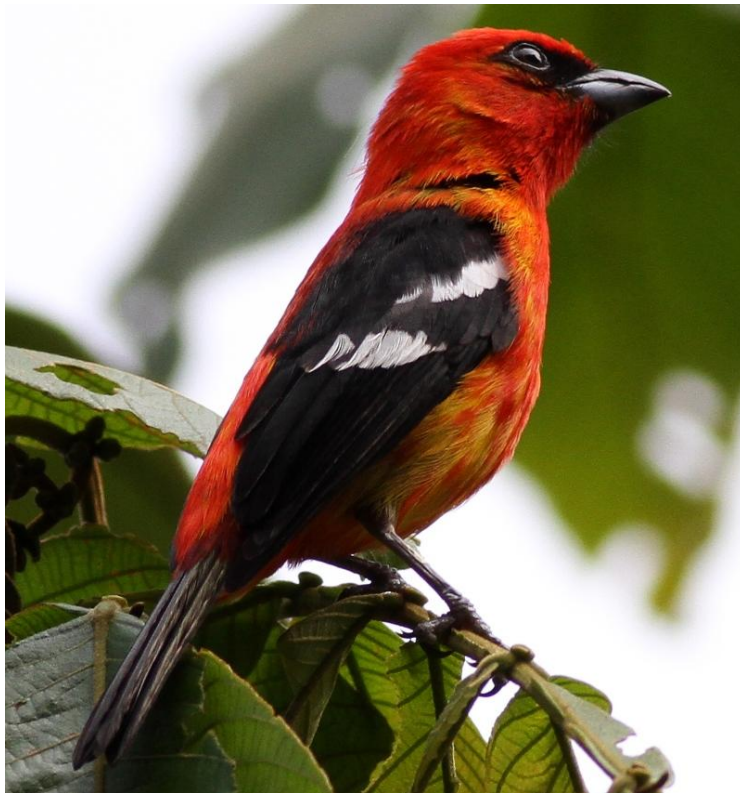
ASH-THROATED BUSH-TANAGER *Chlorospingus canigularis*  
1 at Affluente

**Family: CARDINALIDAE (CARDINAL GROSBEAKS)**

[HIGHLAND HEPATIC] HEPATIC TANAGER *Piranga flava lutea*  
Seen several times during the trip, in the Utcubamba valley, around Balsas and at San Marcos.

Meyer de Schauensee (1966) and Ridgely & Tudor (1989) proposed that this species probably consists of two or three separate species; two occur in South America: nominate *flava* of southern and eastern South America, and the *lutea* group of the Andes region (and also Panama and Costa Rica). See Zimmer (1929) concerning earlier claims of sympatry between *flava* and *lutea*. Ridgely & Greenfield (2001) treated the three groups as separate species. Haverschmidt and Mees (1994) treated the subspecies *haemalea* of the Tepuis as a separate species from *P. flava* based on habitat differences

WHITE-WINGED TANAGER *Piranga leucoptera*  
A female at Agua Verde, and then a beautiful male and his mate above Affluente!!



White-winged Tanager, picture Mark Scheel

CARMIOL'S TANAGER *Chlorothraupis carmioli*  
2 at the Tarapoto tunnel

GOLDEN-BELLIED GROSBEAK *Pheucticus chrysogaster*  
2 first at Pomacochas, and then common in the Marañón canyon.

**Family: PARULIDAE (WOOD-WARBLERS)**

TROPICAL PARULA *Parula pitiayumi*  
Seen at the Tarapoto tunnel and Morro de Calzada

[BLACK-LORED] MASKED YELLOWTHROAT *Geothlypis aequinoctialis*  
1 seen in the Utcubamba valley during a random stop, and 2 more at San Marcos. All belonging to the *auricularis* subspecies.

Escalante-Pliego (1992) considered *auricularis* (with *peruviana*) of western Peru and Ecuador and the *velata* subspecies group of southern South America as separate species from *Geothlypis aequinoctialis*. Ridgely & Tudor (1989) pointed out that *auricularis* (with *peruviana*) differs in plumage from other *aequinoctialis* at least as much as do taxa of *Geothlypis* yellowthroats treated as full species in Middle America. Ridgely & Greenfield (2001) followed Escalante-Pliego (1992) in treating *auricularis*, *velata*, and Central American *chiriquensis* as separate species from *aequinoctialis*, but see Wetmore et al. (1984). SACC Proposal to elevate *auricularis* and *velata* to species rank did not pass due to insufficient published data.

SPECTACLED WHITESTART *Myioborus melanocephalus*  
Common around Abra Barro Negro.

BLACK-CRESTED WARBLER *Basileuterus nigrocristatus*  
Several sightings at high elevation

CITRINE WARBLER *Basileuterus luteoviridis*  
A few seen above Leymebamba

**Family: ICTERIDAE (BLACKBIRDS)**

RUSSET-BACKED OROPENDOLA *Psarocolius angustifrons*  
5 at Agua Verde bridge, and a few from the bus.

[NORTHERN] MOUNTAIN CACIQUE *Cacicus chrysonotus leucoramphus*  
3 found in the Utcubamba river, and 5 more above Leymebamba.

The northern (*leucoramphus*) and southern (*chrysonotus*) groups of subspecies were treated as separate species by Blake (1968b), but most classifications have treated them as a single species (e.g., Hellmayr 1937, Meyer de Schauensee 1966, 1970, Ridgely & Tudor 1989, Fjeldså & Krabbe 1990; and usually as *Cacicus leucoramphus*, an error, because *chrysonotus* has priority) because specimens near the contact zone show some signs of gene flow (Hellmayr 1937, Bond 1953). However, see Jaramillo & Burke (1999) for possible reasons for ranking them as species; this was followed by Ridgely & Greenfield (2001) and Hilty (2003)

YELLOW-RUMPED CACIQUE *Cacicus cela*  
Common in the eastern lowlands

ORANGE-BACKED TROUPIAL *Icterus croconotus*  
1 seen near Moyobamba.

*Icterus icterus*, *I. jamacaii*, and *I. croconotus* were formerly treated as a single species by many authors (e.g., Hellmayr 1937, Blake 1968, Meyer de Schauensee 1970, Ridgely & Tudor 1989, Dickinson 2003), although others have treated them as three species (Hilty 2003, Ridgely & Greenfield 2001) or as two species (*croconotus* as a subspecies of *I. jamacaii*; e.g., Hilty & Brown 1986, Sibley & Monroe 1990, Omland et al. 1999). See Ridgely & Tudor (1989) and Jaramillo & Burke (1999) for details. SACC proposal passed to split into three species.

YELLOW-TAILED ORIOLE *Icterus mesomelas*  
A few seen in the Marañon canyon

PERUVIAN MEADOWLARK *Sturnella bellicosa*  
30+ seen at the Pomacochas lake, and a few around Cajamarca.

#### **Family: FRINGILLIDAE (FINCHES)**

HOODED SISKIN *Carduelis magellanica*  
Fairly common at high elevation.

PURPLE-THROATED EUPHONIA *Euphonia chlorotica*  
2 at Morro de Calzada

THICK-BILLED EUPHONIA *Euphonia lanirostris*  
A few seen at Juan Guerra and at the Tarapoto tunnel

BRONZE-GREEN EUPHONIA *Euphonia mesochrysa*  
4 at the Tarapoto tunnel

ORANGE-BELLIED EUPHONIA *Euphonia xanthogaster*  
Seen at the Tarapoto tunnel, near Moyobamba and at the Agua Verde bridge

(H) BLUE-NAPED CHLOROPHONIA *Chlorophonia cyanea*  
Heard at the Tarapoto tunnel

### **MAMMAL LIST**

RIO MAYO TITI MONKEY *Callicebus oenanthe* - **Endangered (IUCN)**  
3 seen at Quebarada Upaquihau!!!

An endangered and extremely localized species, endemic to the San Martin department in Peru. The total range of this monkey is only 9,000 km<sup>2</sup>.

NORTHERN AMAZON RED SQUIRREL *Sciurus igniventris*  
1 near Moyobamba