



**Northern Peru: The Endemic-rich North and Cordillera Blanca –  
trip report June 2015**

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Rusty-tinged Antpitta (photo Paul van Gersbergen)

**SUMMARIZED ITINERARY****Day 1, June 5**

Arrival in Lima and transfer to the hotel. Overnight Lima.

**Day 2, June 6**

Exploring Pucusana, Puerto Viejo marshes and beach, and Pantanos de Villa Wildlife Refuge. Transfer back to the hotel. Overnight Lima.

**Day 3, June 7**

Exploring Lomas de Lachay Reserve and Paraiso beach. Transfer to Barranca. Overnight Barranca.

**Day 4, June 8**

Drive to Huaraz. Birding around Conococha Lake. Transfer to Yungay. Overnight Yungay.

**Day 5, June 9**

Exploring Llanganuco Lakes and the *Polylepis* forest at the Portachuelo mountain pass. Transfer to Carhuaz. Overnight Carhuaz.

**Day 6, June 10**

Exploring the Huaylas road and Pueblo Libre. Drive back to the coast. Overnight Casma.

**Day 7, June 11**

Exploring the Chao surroundings in the morning. Transfer to Trujillo and exploring Cerro Campana in the afternoon. Overnight Trujillo.

**Day 8, June 12**

Exploring Sinsicap. Transfer to Chiclayo. Overnight Chiclayo.

**Day 9, June 13**

Exploring Bosque de Pómac and transfer to Salas. Overnight Los Faiques lodge.

**Day 10, June 14**

Exploring the mountains above Salas and transfer to Olmos. Overnight Olmos.

**Day 11, June 15**

Exploring Quebrada Frejolillo and transfer to Jaén. Overnight Jaén.

**Day 12, June 16**

Exploring Tamborapa. Birding along the Marañon valley. Visit Huembo. Transfer to Pomacochas. Overnight Puerto Pumas Inn.

**Day 13 - 15, June 17 - 19**

Transfer to the Owlet Lodge. Three days exploring the Abra Patricia Area. Includes trails, road, and Fundo Alto Nieva and Nieva areas. Overnight Owlet Lodge.

**Day 16, June 20**

Exploring Afluente. Visit the Yacumaman Ethnobotanical Center and transfer to Moyobamba. Overnight Wakanki.

**Day 17, June 21**

Exploring the forest above Wakanki, Koepcke's Hermit Reserve and transfer to Tarapoto. Visit the Hermit feeder center. Overnight Tarapoto.

**Day 18, June 22**

Visit the surroundings of Quebrada Upaquihoa and Tarapoto. Transfer to Moyobamba. Overnight Wakanki.

**Day 19, June 23**

Exploring Río Romero in the morning and the Moyobamba surroundings in the afternoon. Overnight Wakanki.

**Day 20, June 24**

Exploring the Moyobamba surroundings and transfer to Pomacochas. Birding between Moyobamba and Pomacochas. Overnight Puerto Pumas Inn.

**Day 21, June 25**

Birding along the Utcubamba valley and transfer to Leymebamba. Exploring the Atuen road and visit the Kentipata feeders. Overnight Leymebamba.

**Day 22, June 26**

Exploring Barro Negro and the Calla-Calla Pass and Las Palmas. Overnight Leymebamba.

**Day 23, June 27**

Exploring Balsas, Hacienda Limon and transfer to Cajamarca (birding the road between Balsas and Cajamarca). Overnight Cajamarca.

**Day 24, June 28**

Exploring the Chonta canyon in the morning and the Gavilan Pass in the afternoon. Overnight Cajamarca.

**Day 25, June 29**

Visit San Marcos for the Great Spinetail. Birding at La Encañada and transfer to the Cajamarca airport to connect with a domestic flight to Lima.

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Taxonomy: IOC, International Ornithological Congress, 5.3

Abbreviations:

(H) Heard only

(E) Country endemic

**TINAMIFORMES**

**Tinamidae**

**Cinereous Tinamou** *Crypturellus cinereus* Excellent views of one individual at the feeders of the Arena Blanca Reserve. This is the first place where tinamous have been habituated to come to a feeder in Peru.

**Little Tinamou** *Crypturellus soui* Another visitor to the Arena Blanca Reserve feeders. Here the race *nigriceps*

**Pale-browed Tinamou** *Crypturellus transfasciatus* Good but short views of two birds at Quebrada Frejolillo. This is a Tumbesian specialist found only in NW Peru and SW Ecuador. The species is classified as near-threatened.

**Tataupa Tinamou (H)** *Crypturellus tataupa* Heard in the Tamborapa area and near Wakanki

**ANSERIFORMES**

**Anatidae**

**Torrent Duck** *Merganetta armata* One of the classics of the Andes. One bird seen well along the Utcubamba River. Here the subspecies *colombiana*

**Comb Duck** *Sarkidiornis sylvicola* Scope views of two birds along the lower Utcubamba River on the way to Pedro Ruiz. The Old World population has been split as Knob-billed Duck *Sarkidiornis melanotos*.

**Cinnamon Teal** *Anas cyanoptera* Several sightings in freshwater ponds along the coast and in the Andes as well. Here the subspecies *orinoma*

**White-cheeked Pintail** *Anas bahamensis* Seen at Paraiso and the Pantanos de Villa Wildlife Refuge. Here the subspecies *rubirostris*

**Crested Duck** *Lophonetta specularioides* Great views of this attractive species at Conococha Lake. Here the subspecies *alticola*

**Yellow-billed Teal** *Anas flavirostris* Several birds were seen at Conococha Lake. Here the subspecies *oxyptera*

**Puna Teal** *Anas puna* Nice views at Conococha Lake

**Andean Duck** *Oxyura ferruginea* Seen at Pantanos de Villa Wildlife Refuge and at Conococha Lake

## GALLIFORMES

### Cracidae

**Speckled Chachalaca** *Ortalis guttata* A few sightings in the lowlands

**Andean Guan** *Penelope montagnii* Two birds were seen well above Leymebamba.

**White-winged Guan (E)** *Penelope albipennis* Great views of at least four birds at Quebrada Frejolillo above Olmos. This is the place where the White-winged Guan was rediscovered in 1977 by John O' Neill, Gustavo del Solar and our friend Lino Ricco. The species is classified as critical endangered.

**Sickle-winged Guan** *Chamaepetes goudotii* Brief views of two birds along the Chido River not far from our hotel in Pomacochas. Here the subspecies *tschudii*

### Odontophoridae

**Rufous-breasted Wood Quail** *Odontophorus speciosus* Great views of a family party at the feeders of the Arena Blanca Reserve. Here the subspecies *speciosus*. The species is classified as near-threatened.

## SPHENISCIFORMES

### Spheniscidae

**Humboldt Penguin** *Spheniscus humboldti* Scope views of six individuals from the Pucusana stakeout. Named after Friedrich Wilhelm Karl Heinrich Alexander Baron von Humboldt (1769-1859), one of the greatest German explorers and scientists. This species is classified as vulnerable and is near-endemic.

## PODICIPEDIFORMES

### Podicipedidae

**White-tufted Grebe** *Rollandia rolland* One individual was seen at Conococha Lake. Here the subspecies *chilensis*

**Pied-billed Grebe** *Podilymbus podiceps* One individual noticed in the quiet waters of Paraiso

**Great Grebe** *Podiceps major* Seen nicely at Puerto Viejo and Pantanos de Villa Wildlife Refuge

## PELECANIFORMES

### Threskiornithidae

**Puna Ibis** *Plegadis ridgwayi* Several encounters at higher elevations and along the southern coast of Lima

### Ardeidae

**Fasciated Tiger Heron** *Tigrisoma fasciatum* Nice views along the Utcubamba River

**Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax* Seen at Pantanos de Villa Wildlife Refuge

**Striated Heron** *Butorides striata* Common along rice fields in Rioja and Moyobamba. This bird is known for its bait-fishing practice, which consists in attracting fish by placing bait – insects, flowers, seeds, twigs, bread, even popcorn – on the water surface. The Striated Heron may also break off part of a twig to use as bait, making this bird not only one of the few tool-using animals, but one of the very few that actually make their tools.

**Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*** Common along pastures and paddy fields. First recorded in the New World in 1877 (in Suriname), it has since then spread through large sections of the hemisphere, even reaching islands such as the Galapagos.

**Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi*** A single bird was recorded at Paraiso.

**Great Egret *Ardea alba*** Several encounters

**Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*** Two birds were seen at Pantanos de Villa Wildlife Refuge.

**Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*** Common

### **Pelecanidae**

**Peruvian Pelican *Pelecanus thagus*** Great views at the Pucusana harbor. This near-endemic species is listed as near-threatened.

## **SULIFORMES**

### **Sulidae**

**Peruvian Booby *Sula variegata*** It's always nice to see boobies fishing by plunge-diving, as we saw them in Pucusana and at Paraiso. A near-endemic species

### **Phalacrocoracidae**

**Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*** Common along the coast of Lima

**Guanay Cormorant *Leucocarbo bougainvillii*** Close-up views of three birds during the boat ride along Pucusana bay. The name comes from guano, which is the word used to refer to the bird excrements used as fertilizer. From 1849 to 1870 guano was the most effective fertilizer, and Peru was the largest producer of guano, exporting between 10 and 12 million tons, mostly to the United Kingdom. The species is classified as near-threatened.

**Red-legged Cormorant *Phalacrocorax gaimardi*** Nice views from the Pucusana stakeout. This species is classified as a near-threatened.

## **ACCIPITRIFORMES**

### **Cathartidae**

**Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*** Another frequently encountered vulture, while soaring typically showing the characteristic "dihedral" angle

**Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*** Numerous and widespread

### **Accipitridae**

**Hook-billed Kite *Chondrohierax uncinatus*** Brief views of one individual crossing the Utcubamba River on the way to Pedro Ruiz

**Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus*** This beautiful raptor was seen nicely on the way to Moyobamba and around Wakanki.

**Cinereous Harrier *Circus cinereus*** One bird was seen north of Lomas de Lachay.

**Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris*** Common in the lowlands

**Harris's Hawk *Parabuteo unicinctus*** Seen south of Lima and few more in the NW

**Variable Hawk *Geranoaetus polyosoma*** We saw two subspecies, which are sometimes considered to be separate species, Puna Hawk *B. poecilochrous* and Red-backed Hawk *B. polyosoma*. However, the argumentation for the proposed split is weak, and recent genetic data are consistent with the hypothesis that the two forms are conspecific.

**White-throated Hawk *Buteo albigula*** One bird was seen along the San Lorenzo road (Río Chido trail) not far from Pomacochas.

**Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle *Geranoaetus melanoleucus*** Several juveniles were seen at Lomas de Lachay.

## **GRUIFORMES**

### **Heliornithidae**

**Sungrebe *Heliornis fulica*** One seen during the canoe ride along the black waters of Rio Romero

### Rallidae

**Ocellated Crake (H) *Micropygia schomburgkii*** This species has been recently recorded in the Moyobamba area, constituting a new expansion of the range of distribution in the country. We heard it a few times around the Masked Duck pond.

**Russet-crowned Crake (H) *Laterallus viridis*** We had one very close, responding from the grass, but no cigar.

**Chestnut-headed Crake (H) *Anurolimnas castaneiceps*** One bird was heard at Koepcke's Hermit Reserve.

**Plumbeous Rail *Pardirallus sanguinolentus*** Good views at Pantanos de Villa Wildlife Refuge, and one was seen at Pueblo Libre. Here the subspecies *tshudii*

**Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata*** Common at several locations

**Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinicus*** Seen at the Masked Duck pond near Moyobamba

**Andean Coot *Fulica ardesiaca*** Common at Puerto Viejo and the Pantanos de Villa Wildlife Refuge

**Giant Coot *Fulica gigantea*** Great views at Conococha Lake

### Aramidae

**Limpkin *Aramus guarauna*** One was noticed during the canoe ride along the black waters of Río Romero.

## CHARADRIIFORMES

### Burhinidae

**Peruvian Thick-knee *Burhinus superciliaris*** At least 40 individuals were seen along the highway on the way to Barranca.

### Haematopodidae

**Blackish Oystercatcher *Haematopus ater*** Seen at Puerto Viejo beach

**American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus*** Seen in Puerto Viejo and at Paraiso

### Recurvirostridae

**Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*** A few seen along the coast

### Charadriidae

**Andean Lapwing *Vanellus resplendens*** Seen at higher elevations, where it is normally common

**Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus*** Seen at Puerto Viejo

**Collared Plover *Charadrius collaris*** One seen well at La Viña reservoir near Salas

**Pied Plover *Hoploxypterus cayanus*** Scope views of this handsome bird along the Utcubamba River on the way to Pedro Ruiz

### Jacaniidae

**Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana*** Seen along the rice fields of Moyobamba and Rioja

### Thinocoridae

**Least Seedsnipe *Thinocorus rumicivorus*** Excellent views of this handsome bird along the entrance track of Lomas de Lachay. Here the subspecies *cuneicauda*

### Scolopacidae

**Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*** Seen at Paraiso

**Willet *Tringa semipalmata*** One seen at Paraiso

**Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*** Several encounters along the coast

### Laridae

**Andean Gull *Chroicocephalus serranus*** Seen at higher elevations, where it's common

**Grey Gull *Leucophaeus modestus*** A large flock was seen at the Puerto Viejo beach.

**Grey-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus*** Nice views at Pantanos de Villa Wildlife Refuge and Puerto Viejo

**Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla*** Two birds were seen floating on the quiet waters at Pantanos de Villa Wildlife Refuge.

**Belcher's Gull *Larus belcheri*** Common along the cold waters of the Humboldt Current. Named after Sir Edward Belcher, British naval explorer of the Pacific coast of the Americas

**Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus*** A few encounters along the coast

**Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus*** Seen at Paraiso

**Elegant Tern *Thalasseus elegans*** Seen at Paraiso. The species is classified as near-threatened.

**Cabot's Tern *Thalasseus acuflavidus*** Seen at Paraiso. New World Cabot's Tern, including Cayenne Tern *T. eurygnatha*, is sister to Elegant Tern, not Sandwich Tern of Europe (AOU, Efe et al. 2009); *acuflavida* (Cabot 1847) has priority over *eurygnatha* (Sanders 1876).

**Inca Tern *Larosterna inca*** Close-up views of several birds roosting from the stakeout at Pucusana. A truly handsome bird. The species is classified as near-threatened.

## COLUMBIFORMES

### Columbidae

**Rock Dove *Columba livia*** Too many!

**Band-tailed Pigeon *Patagioenas fasciata*** Several were seen in the cloudforest of Abra Patricia.

**Maranon Pigeon *Patagioenas oenops*** First seen along the narrow gorge in the Utcubamba valley, and a few others were seen later above Balsas. The species is classified as vulnerable and is near-endemic.

**Scaled Pigeon *Patagioenas speciosa*** Great views of two birds at the Arena Blanca Reserve

**Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata*** Numerous at Lomas de Lachay and common at others locations

**West Peruvian Dove *Zenaida meloda*** The common dove on the west slope of the Andes

**Ruddy Ground Dove *Columbina talpacoti*** Common around Wakanki

**Blue Ground Dove *Claravis pretiosa*** Seen around Wakanki

**Bare-faced Ground Dove *Metriopelia ceciliae*** Seen well on the way to Huaraz

**White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi*** Several sightings, especially along the Utcubamba River

**White-throated Quail-Dove (H) *Geotrygon frenata*** This species was heard in the cloudforest of Abra Patricia.

## CUCULIFORMES

### Cuculidae

**Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani*** Common in the tropical lowlands

**Groove-billed Ani *Crotophaga sulcirostris*** Common on the west slope and along the Marañon valley

**Striped Cuckoo (H) *Tapera naevia*** Heard around Tamborapa

**Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana*** A few encounters in the lowlands

**Little Cuckoo *Coccyua minuta*** One bird was seen well in the roadside marshes south of Moyobamba.

## STRIGIFORMES

### Strigidae

**Tropical Screech Owl *Megascops choliba*** This species was heard around Wakanki, but was not cooperative this time. Later one individual was seen well and photographed in the Moyobamba outskirts.

**West Peruvian Screech Owl *Megascops roboratus*** Great views of one bird coming to the tape at Los Faiques lodge near Salas. A near-endemic species

**Cinnamon Screech Owl *Megascops petersoni*** Great views of a responsive bird at the Owlet Lodge in Abra Patricia. This localized species is near-endemic.

**Vermiculated Screech Owl (H) *Megascops vermiculatus*** This species was heard above Wakanki.

**Rufous-banded Owl (H) *Strix albitarsis*** We had this very close along the Monkey Trail at the Owlet Lodge, but unfortunately no cigar.

**Ferruginous Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum*** Good views at Wakanki

**Pacific Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium peruanum*** A few encounters of both the brown and the rufous morphs. The first bird was seen along the Huaylas road during our Rufous-backed Inca Finch search. A near-endemic species

**Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia*** Several encounters along the coast. Great views at Lomas de Lachay

**Long-whiskered Owlet (E) *Xenoglaux loweryi*** A truly magical moment with this tiny owl at eye level at the Owlet Lodge. What can I say? We were just truly lucky trying for the owlet on the first night before the cold winds. The species is classified as endangered.



Long-whiskered Owlet (photo Alan van Norman)

## CAPRIMULGIFORMES

### Steatornithidae

**Oilbird *Steatornis caripensis*** Seen at the usual place below the Moyobamba bridge

### Caprimulgidae

**Rufous-bellied Nighthawk *Lurocalis rufiventris*** Nice views in respond to the tape at the Owlet Lodge



**Lesser Nighthawk** *Chordeiles acutipennis* Seen flying before dawn along the northern coast of Peru

**Pauraque (H)** *Nyctidromus albicollis* Heard around Wakanki

**Lyre-tailed Nightjar** *Uropsalis lyra* A female was seen nicely around the Owlet Lodge main building.

**Spot-tailed Nightjar** *Hydropsalis maculicaudus* Seen in the Wakanki pastures

**Rufous Nightjar (H)** *Antrostomus rufus* Heard at Wakanki

## **APODIFORMES**

### **Apodidae**

**White-collared Swift** *Streptoprocne zonaris* Several encounters throughout the trip

**Grey-rumped Swift** *Chaetura cinereiventris* Seen well during our drive from Afluente to Moyobamba

**Short-tailed Swift** *Chaetura brachyura* We had good views of one at Quebrada Frejolillo above Olmos. Short-tailed Swift includes *C. b. ocybetes*, treated as a species (Tumbes Swift) by Ridgely and Greenfield (2001). This is the subspecies we encountered.

**White-tipped Swift** *Aeronautes montivagus* Only one encounter near the Tarapoto tunnel

**Andean Swift** *Aeronautes andecolus* Seen along the Huaylas road during our Rufous-backed Inca Finch search

**Neotropical Palm Swift** *Tachornis squamata* Common around Wakanki

### **Trochilidae**

**Rufous-breasted Hermit** *Glaucis hirsutus* One bird was seen very well along the black waters of Río Romero.

**Reddish Hermit** *Phaethornis ruber* One seen well at the Arena Blanca Reserve. Here the subspecies *nigricinctus*

**Black-throated Hermit** *Phaethornis atrimentalis* Seen well at the Wakanki feeders

**Green Hermit** *Phaethornis guy* Seen well at the Arena Blanca Reserve

**Great-billed Hermit** *Phaethornis malaris* Good views at the Koepcke's Hermit Reserve near Tarapoto

**Koepcke's Hermit (E)** *Phaethornis koepckeae* Great views at the Koepcke's Hermit Reserve near Tarapoto. This bird is named after Maria Koepcke, a German ornithologist, explorer and curator of the museum of Lima, who wrote the Dep. of Lima field guide and died in a plane crash along with 92 others in 1971. One of the sole survivors was her 14-year-old daughter, brought back in a rescue mission. From Peru she described three new species to science and 13 new subspecies. The species is classified as near-threatened.

**Blue-fronted Lancebill** *Doryfera johannae* Great views of this uncommon hummingbird at the feeders of the Arena Blanca Reserve

**Green-fronted Lancebill** *Doryfera ludovicae* Seen well below the Owlet Lodge

**Grey-breasted Sabrewing** *Campylopterus largipennis* Common at Wakanki and Koepcke's Hermit Reserve near Tarapoto

**White-necked Jacobin** *Florisuga mellivora* Several encounters at feeders

**Green Violetear** *Colibri thalassinus* Seen well at Huembo

**Brown Violetear** *Colibri delphinae* Seen well at the Wakanki feeders

**Sparkling Violetear** *Colibri coruscans* The common bull of the Andes

**Black-throated Mango** *Anthracothorax nigricollis* Nice views of one bird in Wakanki

**Violet-headed Hummingbird** *Klais guimeti* Brief views of one individual in Wakanki

**Rufous-crested Coquette** *Lophornis delattrei* Excellent views at the Arena Blanca Reserve and Wakanki

**Wire-crested Thorntail** *Discosura popelairii* Splendid views at Arena Blanca Reserve. The species is classified as near-threatened.

**Blue-tailed Emerald** *Chlorostilbon mellisugus* Seen well in Wakanki, where it's found at the forest edge and along grasslands

**Fork-tailed Woodnymph** *Thalurania furcata* Common at the Koepcke's Hermit Reserve near Tarapoto

**White-chinned Sapphire** *Hylocharis cyanus* Great views of a single bird at the Wakanki feeders

**Golden-tailed Sapphire** *Chrysuronia oenone* Common at the feeders of the tropical lowlands

**Tumbes Hummingbird** *Leucippus baeri* Excellent views of this localized species in the scrub of Quebrada Frejolillo. Named after the department of Tumbes, which is the department that borders Ecuador in NW Peru. This is a near-endemic species.

**Spot-throated Hummingbird (E)** *Leucippus taczanowskii* This endemic was seen at Pueblo Libre, Tamborapa, and Balsas.

**Many-spotted Hummingbird** *Taphrospilus hypostictus* Excellent views at the Arena Blanca Reserve

**White-bellied Hummingbird** *Amazilia chionogaster* Found in semi-deciduous areas, especially along the Utcubamba River, but also common at the Huembo feeders

**Amazilia Hummingbird** *Amazilia amazilia* Several encounters along the coast. Common at Bosque de Pómac

**Andean Emerald** *Amazilia franciae* Seen at Huembo and Balsas

**Sapphire-spangled Emerald** *Amazilia lactea* Common at Wakanki

**Speckled Hummingbird** *Adelomyia melanogenys* Seen at the feeders of the Owlet Lodge, Atuen, and Kentipata

**Gould's' Jewelfront** *Heliodoxa aurescens* Nice views of this hummer at the Koepcke's Hermit Reserve near Tarapoto. Named after John Gould (1884-1881), English publisher, naturalist and artist

**Fawn-breasted Brilliant** *Heliodoxa rubinoides* Seen at the Owlet Lodge feeders

**Violet-fronted Brilliant** *Heliodoxa leadbeateri* Seen at Huembo and the Fundo Alto Nieva feeders

**Chestnut-breasted Coronet** *Boissonneaua matthewsii* Common at Huembo and the Owlet Lodge feeders

**Shining Sunbeam** *Aglaeactis cupripennis* Seen at higher elevations

**Mountain Velvetbreast** *Lafresnaya lafresnayi* Seen well above Leymebamba

**Bronzy Inca** *Coeligena coeligena* Seen at Huembo, Fundo Alto Nieva, and the Owlet Lodge feeders

**Collared Inca** *Coeligena torquata* Nice views at the Owlet Lodge feeders

**Rainbow Starfrontlet** *Coeligena iris* Seen well at the Kentipata feeders near Leymebamba

**Sword-billed Hummingbird** *Ensifera ensifera* Excellent views at the Kentipata feeders near Leymebamba

**Giant Hummingbird** *Patagona gigas* Great views of the largest hummingbird of the world at Huaylas

**Amethyst-throated Sunangel** *Helianthus amethysticollis* Seen well above Leymebamba

**Purple-throated Sunangel** *Heliangelus viola* Good views at the Sunipampa feeders along the Atuen road

**Royal Sunangel** *Heliangelus regalis* Difficult this year. We tried hard for this one and finally we saw it after a tricky climb below the Owllet Lodge. Recently recorded in Ecuador, which makes it a near-endemic. The species is classified as endangered.

**Emerald-bellied Puffleg** *Eriocnemis aline* Great views at the Owllet Lodge and the Fundo Alto Nieva Reserve

**Greenish Puffleg** *Haplophaedia aureliae* Good views of one individual at the Fundo Alto Nieva Reserve

**Rufous-vented Whitetip** *Urosticte ruficrissa* Good views of one individual at the Fundo Alto Nieva Reserve

**Booted Racket-tail** *Ocreatus underwoodii* Seen well at the Fundo Alto Nieva Reserve

**Black-tailed Trainbearer** *Lesbia victoriae* Seen around La Encañada not far from Cajamarca

**Green-tailed Trainbearer** *Lesbia nuna* One female each was seen at the Owllet Lodge and in the Puerto Pumas Hotel gardens

**Tyrian Metaltail** *Metallura tyrianthina* Seen at the Black Mud Pass. Named for the port of Tyre, today in Lebanon. The city of Tyre was famous for the production of a rare and extraordinarily expensive sort of purple dye, produced from a murex shellfish, known as Tyrian purple.

**Coopery Metaltail (E)** *Metallura theresiae* Good views of one bird near the Barro Negro Pass above Leymebamba. This was a difficult day to look for birds up there due to the bad weather we had to face.

**Black Metaltail (E)** *Metallura phoebe* Good views of this endemic in the Cordillera Blanca National Park and in the Chonta canyon near Cajamarca

**Olivaceous Thornbill** *Chalcostigma olivaceum* Great views of one bird near the Portachuelo pass above Llanganuco Lakes in the Cordillera Blanca National Park

**Blue-mantled Thornbill** *Chalcostigma stanleyi* One bird was seen well above Llanganuco Lakes

**Grey-bellied Comet (E)** *Taphrolesia griseiventris* This rare and localized hummingbird was seen well along the Chonta canyon near Cajamarca. Another country endemic. The species is classified as endangered.

**Long-tailed Sylph** *Agelaiocercus kingii* Good views at the Owllet Lodge and the Fundo Alto Nieva feeders

**Marvelous Spatuletail (E)** *Loddigesia mirabilis* Great views at the feeders of Huembo. One of the main targets of the Northern Peru tour for everybody. The species is classified as endangered.

**Long-billed Starthroat** *Helimaster longirostris* One bird was seen well at the Arena Blanca Reserve.

**Oasis Hummingbird** *Rhodopis vesper* Brief views of a female at Lomas de Lachay

**Amethyst Woodstar** *Calliphlox amethystina* Good views at the Arena Blanca Reserve

**Purple-collared Woodstar** *Myrtis fanny* Good views at Huaylas

**White-bellied Woodstar** *Chaetocercus mulsant* Excellent views at the Owllet Lodge feeders

**Little Woodstar** *Chaetocercus bombus* A female was seen well at the Huembo feeders. The species is classified as vulnerable.

## TROGONIDAE

**Crested Quetzal** *Pharomachrus antisianus* A shy bird was flushed at the Fundo Alto Nieva Reserve.

**Masked Trogon *Trogon personatus*** Excellent views of a male at the Fundo Alto Nieva Reserve  
**Blue-crowned Trogon *Trogon curucui*** Great views around Moyobamba  
**Ecuadorian Trogon *Trogon mesurus*** Seen well at Quebrada Frejolillo. A near-endemic species  
**Green-backed Trogon (H) *Trogon viridis*** We heard this species around Moyobamba.

### **CORACIIFORMES**

#### **Alcedinidae**

**American Pygmy Kingfisher *Chloroceryle aenea*** Brief views along the Río Romero near Rioja  
**Green-and-rufous Kingfisher *Chloroceryle inda*** Seen along the Río Romero  
**Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona*** Seen along the Río Romero  
**Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata*** Seen well during our visit to the Yacumaman Ethnobotanical Center

#### **Momotidae**

**Whooping Motmot *Momotus subrufescens*** Seen above Salas and at Quebrada Frejolillo. A recent split from Blue-crowned Motmot. There are six new species as the result of the Blue-crowned Motmot split:

***Momotus coeruliceps* Blue-crowned Motmot** – NE and C Mexico

***Momotus lessoni* Blue-diademed Motmot** – S Mexico to C Panama

***Momotus subrufescens* Whooping Motmot** - E Panama to NC Venezuela and the Magdalena valley of Colombia, SE Ecuador and extreme NW Peru

***Momotus bahamensis* Trinidad Motmot** – Trinidad and Tobago

***Momotus momota* Amazonian Motmot** - Venezuela (S of the Orinoco) and the Guianas, S through the entire Amazon basin to extreme N Argentina and Paraguay

***Momotus aequatorialis* Andean Motmot** – the Andes from NC Colombia to NE Bolivia

### **PICIFORMES**

#### **Galbulidae**

**Bluish-fronted Jacamar (H) *Galbula cyanescens*** Heard at Quebrada Upaquihua

#### **Capitonidae**

**Gilded Barbet *Capito auratus*** Great views around Moyobamba

#### **Ramphastidae**

**Black-throated Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus atrogularis*** Seen along the San Lorenzo road. The Emerald Toucanet has been split into seven species:

***Aulacorhynchus wagleri* Wagler's Toucanet** – endemic to south-western Mexico

***Aulacorhynchus prasinus* Emerald Toucanet** – S Mexico to Nicaragua.

***Aulacorhynchus caeruleogularis* Blue-throated Toucanet** – Costa Rica to western Panama

***Aulacorhynchus cognatus* Violet-throated Toucanet** – E Panama and adjacent far NW Colombia

***Aulacorhynchus lautus* Santa Marta Toucanet** – endemic to the Santa Marta Mountains

***Aulacorhynchus albivitta* Andean Toucanet** – the Andes from W Venezuela through Colombia to N Ecuador

***Aulacorhynchus atrogularis* Black-throated Toucanet** – from S Ecuador through Peru and far W Brazil (in the state of Acre) to C Bolivia

**Chestnut-eared Aracari *Pteroglossus castanotis*** Seen around Tarapoto

**Channel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos vitellinus*** One bird seen well at the Tarapoto tunnel

**White-throated Toucan *Ramphastos tucanus*** Seen along the Río Romero

#### **Picidae**

**Lafresnaye's Piculet *Picumnus lafresnayi*** Seen at Wakanki

**Yellow-tufted Woodpecker** *Melanerpes cruentatus* Seen around Tarapoto and Moyobamba  
**Scarlet-backed Woodpecker** *Veniliornis callonotus* Seen well at Bosque de Pómac and Salas  
**Little Woodpecker** *Veniliornis passerinus* Seen around Moyobamba  
**Red-stained Woodpecker** *Veniliornis affinis* Seen in the fruiteater forest above Wakanki  
**Golden-olive Woodpecker** *Colaptes rubiginosus* Seen at Bosque de Pómac  
**Crimson-mantled Woodpecker** *Colaptes rivolii* Seen in a mixed flock below the Owlet Lodge  
**Black-necked Woodpecker (E)** *Colaptes atricollis* This species was heard at many locations throughout the trip and finally seen well along the Utcubamba River on the way to Leymebamba.  
**Spot-breasted Woodpecker** *Colaptes punctigula* Seen around Wakanki  
**Andean Flicker** *Colaptes rupicola* Common at higher elevations  
**Crimson-crested Woodpecker** *Campephilus melanoleucos* Seen along the Río Romero

## FALCONIFORMES

### Falconidae

**Black Caracara** *Daptrius ater* Seen at Yacumama  
**Mountain Caracara** *Phalcoboenus megalopterus* Several encounters with this high-elevation species  
**Northern Crested Caracara** *Caracara cheriway* A few encounters along the coast  
**Yellow-headed Caracara** *Milvago chimachima* Seen along the Huallaga valley  
**American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius* Common in open areas

## PSITTACIFORMES

### Psittacidae

**Red-bellied Macaw** *Orthopsittaca manilatus* A flock with at least 12 individuals was seen flying distantly above the Mauritia palm marsh near Moyobamba.  
**Red-masked Parakeet** *Psittacara erythrogenys* Seen at Quebrada Frejolillo. A near-endemic species, classified as near-threatened  
**White-eyed Parakeet** *Psittacara leucophthalmus* Seen at the oilbird bridge and around Moyobamba  
**Mitred Parakeet** *Psittacara mitratus* Seen along the Utcubamba valley and at Huembo  
**Scarlet-fronted Parakeet** *Psittacara wagleri* Seen at Balsas and near Jaén  
**Blue-winged Parrotlet** *Forpus xanthopterygius* A few at Wakanki and Quebrada Upaquihua  
**Yellow-faced Parrotlet (E)** *Forpus xanthops* A great moment for the group! After a bit of search Raul spotted a small flock feeding by the cactus above Balsas, and later we found some closer. This endemic species is listed as vulnerable.  
**Pacific Parrotlet** *Forpus coelestis* Seen at Bosque de Pómac and Quebrada Frejolillo. A near-endemic species  
**Cobalt-winged Parakeet** *Brotogeris cyanoptera* Seen at Yacumama. Here the subspecies *gustavi* with more yellow in the wing  
**Blue-headed Parrot** *Pionus menstruus* Seen at Wakanki  
**Plum-crowned Parrot** *Pionus tumultuosus* Seen along the San Lorenzo road  
**Scaly-naped Amazon** *Amazona mercenarius* Flying by at the Owlet Lodge

## PASSERIFORMES

### Furnariidae

**Greyish Miner** *Geositta maritima* Seen at Lomas de Lachay. A near-endemic species  
**Coastal Miner (E)** *Geositta peruviana* Seen at Puerto Viejo and Lomas de Lachay  
**Creamy-winged Cinclodes** *Cinclodes albiventris* Common at higher elevations  
**White-winged Cinclodes** *Cinclodes atacamensis* Seen along Quebrada Sangal in Cajamarca

- Peruvian Seaside Cinclodes (E)** *Cinclodes taczanowskii* Seen well at Pucusana
- Pacific Hornero *Furnarius cinnamomeus*** Common at Bosque de Pómac and the Marañón valley. A near-endemic species
- Tawny Tit-Spintail *Leptasthenura yanacensis*** Great views in the *Polylepis* forest above Llanganuco. The species is classified as near-threatened.
- Rusty-crowned Tit-Spintail (E) *Leptasthenura pileata*** Seen at Llanganuco and Quebrada Sangal
- Streak-throated Canastero *Asthenes humilis*** Seen around Conococha. Here the subspecies *humilis*
- Pale-tailed Canastero (E) *Asthenes huancavelicae*** Seen well near Caraz
- Cactus Canastero (H) (E) *Pseudasthenes cactorum*** We tried hard for this one but unfortunately we did not score.
- Azara's Spintail *Synallaxis azarae*** Seen at the Owlet Lodge. Named after Felix Manuel de Azara (1746-1811), Spanish officer commanding the Paraguayan border, a naturalist and author (*Apuntamientos para la historia natural de los pájaros de Paraguay y Río de la Plata*, 1805)
- Rufous Spintail *Synallaxis unirufa*** Seen at the Owlet Lodge
- Maranon Spintail *Synallaxis maranonica*** Great views of this localized species at Tamborapa. A near-endemic species, listed as critically endangered
- Russet-bellied Spintail (H) (E) *Synallaxis zimneri*** Heard near Sinsicap. The species is classified as endangered.
- Necklaced Spintail *Synallaxis stictothorax*** Great views of this near-endemic species. We saw both the subspecies *S. s. maculata* at Bosque de Pómac and *S. s. chinchipensis* in the Tamborapa area.
- Great Spintail (E) *Siptornopsis hypochondriaca*** Seen well above San Marcos. The species is classified as vulnerable.
- Baron's Spintail (E) *Cranioleuca baroni*** Seen in the Cordillera Blanca and the Cajamarca area
- Russet-mantled Softtail (E) *Thripophaga berlepschi*** Excellent views above Leymebamba. The species is classified as vulnerable.
- Rufous-fronted Thornbird *Phacellodomus rufifrons*** Common around Jaén and Moyobamba. Here the subspecies *peruviana*
- Chestnut-backed Thornbird (H) (E) *Phacellodomus dorsalis*** This endemic was heard at Hacienda Limon. The species is classified as vulnerable.
- Wren-like Rushbird *Phleocryptes melanops*** Seen in the Puerto Viejo reeds
- Pearled Treerunner *Margarornis squamiger*** Seen in a mixed flock above Leymebamba
- Streaked Tuftedcheek *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii*** A bromeliad specialist seen nicely at the Owlet Lodge
- Montane Foliage-gleaner *Anabacerthia striaticollis*** Seen at Afluente
- Henna-hooded Foliage-gleaner *Hylocryptus erythrocephalus*** Good views of this species above Salas. This near-endemic species is classified as vulnerable.
- Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans*** Seen at Afluente
- Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus*** Seen at Wakanki. Here the subspecies *amazonus*. Keep track of this species; it's expected to be split at least into five new species!
- Buff-throated Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus guttatus*** Seen along the Río Romero
- Ocellated Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus ocellatus*** Seen at Wakanki
- Amazonian Barred Woodcreeper *Dendrocolaptes certhia*** Seen in the Yacumama forest

**Streaked-headed Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii* Common at Bosque de Pómac. Here the nominate subspecies *souleyetii*

**Montane Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger* Seen at the Owllet Lodge and along the Atuen valley

### Thamnophilidae

**Great Antshrike (H)** *Taraba major* Heard near Río Romero

**Collared Antshrike** *Thamnophilus bernardi* Seen at Bosque de Pómac and Quebrada Frejolillo

**Northern Slaty Antshrike** *Thamnophilus punctatus* One seen well at Tamborapa. Here the subspecies *leucogaster*

**Variable Antshrike (H)** *Thamnophilus caerulescens* Heard at the Owllet Lodge, where it was common by voice

**White-flanked Antwren** *Myrmotherula axillaris* Seen in the forest of Wakanki. Here the subspecies *melaena*. Keep track of your subspecies, as some split may occur in this species!

**Ash-throated Antwren (E)** *Herpsilochmus parkeri* Seen well in the Wakanki forest after a long steep hike. The species is classified as endangered.

**Peruvian Warbling Antbird** *Hypocnemis peruviana* Seen at Wakanki

**Streak-headed Antbird** *Drymophila striaticeps* Seen at the Owllet Lodge. Streak-headed Antbird is split from East Andean [Long-tailed] Antbird *D. caudata* (Chapman 1912, Isler et al. 2012, SACC 542); includes *occidentalis*, *peruviana*, and *boliviana*.

**Northern Chestnut-tailed Antbird** *Myrmeciza castanea* Only one encounter with this species

**Spot-winged Antbird** *Schistocichla leucostigma* Seen in the forest above Wakanki

**Spot-backed Antbird** *Hylophylax naevius* Beautiful views in the forest above Wakanki

### Grallariidae

**Chestnut-crowned Antpitta (H)** *Grallaria ruficapilla* Common by voice along the Utcubamba valley, where it was heard

**Stripe-headed Antpitta** *Grallaria andicolus* Excellent views in the *Polylepis* forest above Llanganuco

**Rusty-tinged Antpitta (E)** *Grallaria przewalskii* Excellent close-up views at the Owllet Lodge. The species is classified as vulnerable.

### Rhinocryptidae

**Rufous-vented Tapaculo (E)** *Scytalopus femoralis* Seen briefly at the Owllet Lodge

**Ancash Tapaculo (E)** *Scytalopus affinis* Great views of one individual above Llanganuco Lakes

**Northern White-crowned Tapaculo (H)** *Scytalopus atratus* This species was heard at Afluente.

**Trilling Tapaculo (H)** *Scytalopus parvirostris* This species was heard at the Owllet Lodge.

**Unicolored Tapaculo (E)** *Scytalopus unicolor* Seen briefly at the Gavilan mountain pass above Cajamarca

### Melanopareiidae

**Elegant Crescentchest** *Melanopareia elegans* Good views of this handsome skulker below Sinsicap. A near-endemic species

**Maranon Crescentchest** *Melanopareia maranonica* Good views of this skulker in the Tamborapa area. This is a near-endemic species, classified as near-threatened.

### Tyrannidae

**Black-capped Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias nigrocapillus* Great views in a mixed flock above Leymebamba

**Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet** *Tyrannulus elatus* Seen well around Moyobamba

- Pacific Elaenia** *Myiopagis subplacens* Good views above Salas
- Yellow-bellied Elaenia** *Elaenia flavogaster* Seen at the Wakanki gardens
- Sierran Elaenia** *Elaenia pallatangae* Common in the cloudforest
- Small-billed Elaenia** *Elaenia parvirostris* A single encounter with this austral migrant
- Southern Beardless Tyrannulet** *Camptostoma obsoletum* Several encounters
- White-throated Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus leucophrys* Seen in a mixed flock above Leymebamba
- White-banded Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus stictopterus* Seen in a mixed flock at the Sunipampa feeders along the Atuen road
- Sulphur-bellied Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus minor* One bird was seen well at Fundo Alto Nieva.
- Black-crested Tit-Tyrant** *Anairetes nigrocristatus* Seen well at Llanganuco Lakes and at the Chonta Canyon. A near-endemic species
- Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant** *Anairetes flavirostris* Seen well below Huaylas
- Mouse-colored Tyrannulet** *Phaeomyias murina* Seen at Wakanki
- Tumbesian Tyrannulet** *Phaeomyias tumbesana* Seen along the Utcubamba River
- Rufous-headed Pygmy Tyrant** *Pseudotriccus ruficeps* Seen at the Owllet Lodge
- Tawny-crowned Pygmy Tyrant** *Euscarthmus meloryphus* Our first encounter was above Barranca on the way to the Andes.
- Grey-and-white Tyrannulet** *Pseudelaenia leucospodia* Seen at Quebrada Frejolillo above Olmos. A near-endemic species
- Red-billed Tyrannulet** *Zimmerius cinereicapilla* Seen in the forest above Wakanki. The species is classified as vulnerable.
- Mishana Tyrannulet (E)** *Zimmerius villarejoi* Seen at Wakanki. The species is classified as vulnerable.
- Peruvian Tyrannulet (E)** *Zimmerius viridiflavus* Seen at the Owllet Lodge and Afluente
- Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet** *Phylloscartes ventralis* Seen well around the Owllet Lodge clearing
- Streak-necked Flycatcher** *Mionectes striaticollis* Seen below the Owllet Lodge
- Slaty-capped Flycatcher** *Leptopogon superciliaris* Seen at Afluente and Wakanki
- Flavescent Flycatcher** *Myiophobus flavicans* Seen at the Owllet Lodge
- Bran-colored Flycatcher** *Myiophobus fasciatus* Seen above Barranca on the way to Conococha
- Ornate Flycatcher** *Myiotriccus ornatus* This handsome bird was spotted at Afluente. Here the subspecies *phoenicurus*
- Many-colored Rush Tyrant** *Tachuris rubrigastra* Seen at Puerto Viejo
- Black-throated Tody-Tyrant** *Hemitriccus granadensis* Seen at the Owllet Lodge
- Cinnamon-breasted Tody-Tyrant** *Hemitriccus cinnamomeipectus* Only a few glimpses of this localized species below the Owllet Lodge. A near-endemic species
- Buff-throated Tody-Tyrant** *Hemitriccus rufigularis* Seen in the forest above Wakanki. The species is classified as near-threatened.
- Lulu's Tody-Flycatcher (E)** *Poecilatriccus luluae* Seen at the Owllet Lodge. Named after Lulu May von Hagen for her support of research in avian genetics. The species is classified as endangered.





Lulu's Tody-Flycatcher (photo Alan van Norman)

**Black-and-white Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilatriccus capitalis*** It took time, but at the end we got super views of this truly handsome little bird.

**Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum*** A few encounters at several locations

**Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum*** Seen near the Tarapoto tunnel

**Cinnamon Flycatcher *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus*** A classic beauty of the cloudforest mountains

**Cliff Flycatcher *Hirundinea ferruginea*** Seen at the Tarapoto tunnel

**Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans*** Seen at a few locations

**Smoke-colored Pewee *Contopus fumigatus*** Seen along the San Lorenzo road on the Rio Chido trail

**Tropical Pewee *Contopus cinereus*** Seen above Barranca

**Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*** A few during the tour

**Andean Negrito *Lessonia oreas*** Seen at Conococha

**Rufous-tailed Tyrant *Knipolegus poecilurus*** Seen below the Owllet Lodge

**Taczanowski's Ground Tyrant *Muscisaxicola griseus*** Seen above Llanganuco Lakes

**Ochre-naped Ground Tyrant *Muscisaxicola flavinucha*** Seen above Llanganuco Lakes

**Rufous-webbed Bush Tyrant *Polioxolmis rufipennis*** Seen near Cruz Conga on the way to Cajamarca

**Tumbes Tyrant (E) *Tumbezia salvini*** A truly handsome flycatcher. Seen at Quebrada Frejolillo. The species is classified as near-threatened.

**Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris*** Good views along the San Lorenzo road on the Rio Chido trail

**Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis*** Seen above Leymebamba

**D'Orbigny's Chat-Tyrant** *Ochthoeca oenanthoides* Seen well above the Llanganuco Lakes. Named after Alcide Dessalines d'Orbigny (1802-1857), French naturalist and explorer in tropical America

**White-browed Chat-Tyrant** *Ochthoeca leucophrys* A few encounters in the Andes

**Long-tailed Tyrant** *Colonia colonus* Seen at Wakanki

**Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis* Seen on the way to Pomacochas and at Wakanki

**Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus* Common

**Grey-capped Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes granadensis* Seen at Wakanki

**Baird's Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes bairdii* Seen at Bosque de Pómac and Quebrada Frejolillo. A near-endemic species

**Streaked Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes maculatus* Seen well at Wakanki. Here the subspecies *maculatus*

**Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua* Seen at Wakanki

**Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus* Common

**Snowy-throated Kingbird** *Tyrannus niveigularis* A few sightings at Bosque de Pómac

**Rufous Flycatcher (E)** *Myiarchus semirufus* Seen at Bosque de Pómac. The species is classified as endangered.

**Dusky-capped Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tuberculifer* Seen in the upper Utcubamba valley

**Short-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus ferox* Seen at Wakanki

**Pale-edge Flycatcher** *Myiarchus cephalotes* Seen at the Owllet Lodge

**Sooty-crowned Flycatcher** *Myiarchus phaeocephalus* Seen at Tamborapa

**Brown-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tyrannulus* Seen on the way to the Little Inca Finch site

#### Cotingidae

**Peruvian Plantcutter (E)** *Phytotoma raimondii* Seen at Bosque de Pómac. The species is classified as endangered.

**Green-and-black Fruiteater** *Pipreola riefferii* Seen at the Owllet Lodge. Here the subspecies *chachapoyas*

**Fiery-throated Fruiteater** *Pipreola chlorolepidota* A pair seen at Wakanki. The species is classified as near-threatened.

**Andean Cock-of-the-rock** *Rupicola peruvianus* Seen at Afluente. The national bird of Peru

#### Pipridae

**Fiery-capped Manakin** *Machaeropterus pyrocephalus* Good views at Wakanki

#### Tityridae

**Masked Tityra** *Tityra semifasciata* Seen at Afluente

**Barred Becard** *Pachyramphus versicolor* Seen at the Owllet Lodge

**Yellow-cheeked Becard** *Pachyramphus xanthogenys* Seen well at Tamborapa

**White-winged Becard** *Pachyramphus polychopterus* Seen near Yacumama

**Black-and-white Becard** *Pachyramphus albogriseus* Seen at Tamborapa

#### Vireonidae

**Rufous-browed Peppershrike** *Cyclarhis gujanensis* Seen at the Owllet Lodge

**Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo** *Vireolanius leucotis* Good views of this attractive species in the forest above Wakanki

**Red-eyed Vireo** *Vireo olivaceus* Seen along the Utcubamba valley. Here the subspecies *chivi* (Chivi Vireo)

**Tawny-crowned Greenlet** *Hylophilus ochraceiceps* Seen at Wakanki

#### Corvidae

**White-collared Jay** *Cyanolyca viridicyanus* Seen at the Owlet Lodge. A near-endemic species, classified as near-threatened

**White-tailed Jay** *Cyanocorax mystacalis* Good views at Bosque de Pómac and Quebrada Frejolillo. A near-endemic species

**Inca Jay** *Cyanocorax yncas* Seen at Tamborapa

#### Hirundinidae

**Tumbes Swallow** *Tachycineta stolzmanni* Seen at Bosque de Pómac at its usual site. A near-endemic species

**White-winged Swallow** *Tachycineta albiventer* Seen along the Huallaga River

**Grey-breasted Martin** *Progne chalybea* Seen on the way to Olmos

**Brown-chested Martin** *Progne tapera* Excellent views of one individual on a nest at the La Viña reservoir near Salas

**Blue-and-white Swallow** *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca* Common

**White-banded Swallow** *Atticora fasciata* Seen below Puente Colombia near Tarapoto

**Brown-bellied Swallow** *Notiochelidon murina* Common in the Andes

**Southern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* Seen at Afluente and Tarapoto

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica* Seen along the coast

**Chestnut-collared Swallow** *Petrochelidon rufocollaris* A huge flock with at least 100 individuals was seen near Chao. A near-endemic species

#### Donacobiidae

**Black-capped Donacobius** *Donacobius atricapilla* Seen well near Moyobamba

#### Troglodytidae

**Fasciated Wren** *Campylorhynchus fasciatus* Seen near Chao on the way to Trujillo

**Thrush-like Wren** *Campylorhynchus turdinus* Seen in the lowlands

**Sepia-brown Wren** *Cinnycerthia olivascens* A noisy family seen down the Owlet trail. Here the subspecies *olivascens*

**Speckle-breasted Wren (H)** *Pheugopedius sclateri* This species was heard at a few locations around the Marañón and Utcubamba valleys. Here the subspecies *maranonica*

**Superciliated Wren** *Cantorchilus superciliaris* Seen at Chao on our way to Trujillo, but also seen at Quebrada Frejolillo. A near-endemic species

**House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon* Common

**Mountain Wren** *Troglodytes solstitialis* Seen in the cloudforest

**Grey-breasted Wood Wren** *Henicorhina leucophrys* Seen at the Owlet Lodge

**Bar-winged Wood Wren** *Henicorhina leucoptera* An obligatory Abra Patricia specialist, seen and photographed well below the Owlet Lodge. A near-endemic species, classified as near-threatened

#### Poliopitidae

**Tropical Gnatcatcher** *Poliopitila plumbea* Common on the west slope, subspecies *bilineata*, and also seen in the Marañón valley, subspecies *major*, which could be a future split

#### Mimidae

**Long-tailed Mockingbird** *Mimus longicaudatus* Common at several locations. A near-endemic species

#### Turdidae

**Andean Solitaire (H)** *Myadestes ralloides* The classic call of the cloudforest. Heard below the Owlet Lodge

**White-eared Solitaire (H) *Entomodestes leucotis*** Heard below the Owllet Lodge. A near-endemic species

**Great Thrush *Turdus fuscater*** Common in the cloudforest

**Chiguanco Thrush *Turdus chiguanco*** A few near the Cordillera Blanca Reserve

**Glossy-black Thrush *Turdus serranus*** Seen at the Owllet Lodge

**Plumbeous-backed Thrush *Turdus reevei*** Seen at Bosque de Frejolillo

**Maranon Thrush *Turdus maranonicus*** Seen along the Utcubamba valley near the Chillo Lodge. A near-endemic species

**Black-billed Thrush *Turdus ignobilis*** Common in the lowlands of Moyobamba and Tarapoto

**Pale-breasted Thrush *Turdus leucomelas*** Seen well at Wakanki

**Hauxwell's Thrush *Turdus hauxwelli*** Seen around Moyobamba

### Cinclidae

**White-capped Dipper *Cinclus leucocephalus*** Seen below the Owllet Lodge

### Passeridae

**House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*** A few

### Motacillidae

**Yellowish Pipit *Anthus lutescens*** Seen at Lomas de Lachay

### Parulidae

**Black-lored Yellowthroat *Geothlypis auriculata*** Great views above Barranca. It has been split from Masked Yellowthroat. A near-endemic species

**Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitaiyumi*** A few encounters

**Black-crested Warbler *Myiothlypis nigrocristata*** Seen along the Chonta canyon in Cajamarca

**Buff-rumped Warbler (H) *Myiothlypis fulvicauda*** Heard near the stream at Wakanki

**Grey-and-gold Warbler *Myiothlypis fraseri*** Excellent views above Salas. Here the nominate subspecies *fraseri*. A near-endemic species

**Russet-crowned Warbler *Myiothlypis coronata*** Seen at the Owllet Lodge and along the Atuen road

**Three-banded Warbler *Basileuterus trifasciatus*** Seen below Sinsicap

**Three-striped Warbler *Basileuterus tristriatus*** Seen below the Owllet Lodge. Here the nominate subspecies *tristriatus*

**Slate-throated Whitestart *Myioborus miniatus*** Several encounters

**Spectacled Whitestart *Myioborus melanocephalus*** Seen well at the Owllet Lodge and other locations

### Icteridae

**Peruvian Meadowlark *Sturnella bellicosa*** Seen along the coast

**Russet-backed Oropendola *Psarocolius angustifrons*** Common in the lowlands

**Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus*** Seen in the lowlands

**Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela*** Common in the lowlands

**Red-rumped Cacique *Cacicus haemorrhous*** Seen at Wakanki. Here the subspecies *pachyrhynchus*

**Northern Mountain Cacique *Cacicus leucoramphus*** Seen at the Owllet Lodge

**Yellow-tailed Oriole *Icterus mesomelas*** Seen in the Marañón valley

**White-edged Oriole *Icterus graceanae*** Nice views in Bosque de Pómac and at Quebrada Frejolillo. A near-endemic species

**Orange-backed Troupial *Icterus croconotus*** Seen near Moyobamba

**Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis*** Common in Chiclayo city

**Scrub Blackbird** *Dives warczewiczi* A few around Los Faiques and then on the way to Jaén. A near-endemic species

**Oriole Blackbird** *Gymnomystax mexicanus* Seen on the paddy fields near Moyobamba

**Pale-eyed Blackbird** *Agelasticus xanthophthalmus* Great views at the road marsh near Moyobamba

### Coerebidae

**Bananaquit** *Coereba flaveola* A few

### Emberizidae

**Rufous-collared Sparrow** *Zonotrichia capensis* Common at several locations

**Yellow-browed Sparrow** *Ammodramus aurifrons* Seen at Wakanki

**Tumbes Sparrow** *Rhynchospiza stolzmanni* Seen at Quebrada Frejolillo. A near-endemic species

**Orange-billed Sparrow** *Arremon aurantiirostris* Seen at the Arena Blanca Reserve. Here the subspecies *spectabilis*

**Black-capped Sparrow** *Arremon abeillei* Seen at Quebrada Frejolillo. A near-endemic species

**Yellow-breasted Brush Finch** *Atlapetes latinuchus* The nominate subspecies *latinuchus* is common at the Owlet Lodge. We also saw the endemic subspecies *baroni* well in the Chonta canyon.

**Rufous-eared Brush Finch (E)** *Atlapetes rufigenis* Seen at Llanganuco. The species is classified as near-threatened.

**White-winged Brush Finch** *Atlapetes leucopterus* Seen above Salas. A near-endemic species

**White-headed Brush Finch** *Atlapetes albiceps* Seen well at Quebrada Frejolillo. A near-endemic species

**Bay-crowned Brush Finch** *Atlapetes seebohmi* Seen at Sinsicap. A near-endemic species

**Common Bush Tanager** *Chlorospingus flavopectus* Seen well at the Owlet Lodge. Here the subspecies *hiaticolus*

### Fringillidae

**Hooded Siskin** *Spinus magellanicus* Seen at a few locations

**Purple-throated Euphonia** *Euphonia chlorotica* Seen at Tamborapa and along the Utcubamba valley

**Thick-billed Euphonia** *Euphonia lanirostris* Seen at Wakanki

**Bronze-green Euphonia** *Euphonia mesochrysa* Seen at Wakanki

**Orange-bellied Euphonia** *Euphonia xanthogaster* Seen at Afluente

**Blue-naped Chlorophonia** *Chlorophonia cyanea* Seen below the Owlet Lodge

### Thraupidae

**Red Pileated Finch** *Coryphospingus cucullatus* Seen around Jaén

**Peruvian Sierra Finch** *Phrygilus punensis* Seen at Llanganuco Lakes. A near-endemic species

**Mourning Sierra Finch** *Phrygilus fruticeti* Seen on the way to the coast from Huaraz

**Ash-breasted Sierra Finch** *Phrygilus plebejus* Common at higher elevations

**Band-tailed Sierra Finch** *Phrygilus alaudinus* Seen at Lomas de Lachay

**Cinereous Finch (E)** *Piezorina cinerea* Great views at Cerro de la Campana

**Rufous-backed Inca Finch (E)** *Incaspiza personata* Seen well at our usual site near Huaylas

**Grey-winged Inca Finch (E)** *Incaspiza ortizi* Seen above Hacienda Limón on the way to Celendín. The species is classified as vulnerable.

**Little Inca Finch (E)** *Incaspiza watkinsi* Seen near Bagua Grande. The species is classified as near-threatened.

**Buff-bridled Inca Finch (E) *Incaezpiza laeta*** Seen above Balsas. The species is classified as endangered.

**Plain-tailed Warbling Finch (E) *Poospiza alticola*** Seen at Llanganuco. The species is classified as endangered.

**Collared Warbling Finch *Poospiza hispaniolensis*** Seen at Lomas de Lachay. A near-endemic species

**Bright-rumped Yellow Finch *Sicalis uropigialis*** Seen at Conococha

**Greenish Yellow Finch *Sicalis olivascens*** Seen on the way to Huaraz and at Pueblo Libre

**Grassland Yellow Finch *Sicalis luteola*** Seen in the marshes of Puerto Viejo

**Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola*** Common at several locations

**Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina*** Seen at Wakanki

**Parrot-billed Seedeater *Sporophila peruviana***. Seen well in Chao. A near-endemic species

**Chestnut-throated Seedeater *Sporophila telasco*** Seen along the southern coast of Lima

**Chestnut-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila castaneiventris*** Seen at Moyobamba

**Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch *Oryzoborus angolensis*** Seen well at Wakanki

**Black-billed Seed Finch *Oryzoborus atrirostris*** Great views of this uncommon species south of Moyobamba

**Band-tailed Seedeater *Catamenia analis*** Seen near Cajamarca

**Dull-colored Grassquit *Tiaris obscurus*** Seen around Balsas. Here the subspecies *pauper*

**Red-capped Cardinal *Paroaria gularis*** Seen at Río Romero. Here the nominate subspecies *gularis*

**Black-faced Tanager *Schistochlamys melanopsis*** Seen well in the Moyobamba grasslands

**Magpie Tanager *Cissopis leverianus*** Seen well in the Tarapoto area

**White-capped Tanager (H) *Sericossypha albocristata*** Heard at the Owllet Lodge. The species is classified as vulnerable.

**Rufous-crested Tanager *Creurgops verticalis*** Seen on the Owllet trail

**Black-eared Hemispingus *Hemispingus melanotis*** Seen at the Owllet Lodge

**Superciliaried Hemispingus *Hemispingus superciliaris*** Seen well in the Atuen valley. Here the subspecies *insignis*

**Drab Hemispingus *Hemispingus xanthophthalmus*** Seen well above Leymebamba

**Buff-bellied Tanager *Thlypopsis inornata*** Seen along the Utcubamba valley

**Yellow-crested Tanager *Tachyphonus rufiventer***

**White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus*** A couple seen well at Tamborapa

**Huallaga Tanager (E) *Ramphocelus melanogaster*** Seen well at Wakanki

**Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo*** Seen in the Tarapoto area

**Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus*** Common

**Blue-capped Tanager *Thraupis cyanocephala*** Seen at the Owllet Lodge

**Blue-and-yellow Tanager *Thraupis bonariensis*** Seen along the Utcubamba valley

**Hooded Mountain Tanager *Buthraupis montana*** Seen well above Leymebamba

**Lacrimose Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus lacrymosus*** Seen well at the Owllet Lodge. Here the subspecies *caerulescens*

**Blue-winged Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus somptuosus*** Seen below the Owllet Lodge

**Grass-green Tanager *Chlorornis riefferii*** Seen at the Owllet Lodge

**Yellow-throated Tanager *Iridosornis analis*** Seen below the Owllet Lodge

**Yellow-scarfed Tanager (E) *Iridosornis reinhardti*** Nice views at the Owllet Lodge

**Turquoise Tanager *Tangara mexicana*** Seen near Moyobamba. It does not occur in Mexico.

**Paradise Tanager** *Tangara chilensis* Seen at Afluente and Wakanki. It does not occur in Chile.  
**Saffron-crowned Tanager** *Tangara xanthocephala* Seen at the Owllet Lodge  
**Flame-faced Tanager** *Tangara parzudakii* Seen below the Owllet Lodge  
**Bay-headed Tanager** *Tangara gyrola* Seen at Afluente  
**Metallic-green Tanager** *Tangara labradorides* Seen well at Abra Patricia  
**Blue-necked Tanager** *Tangara cyanicollis* Seen at Afluente. The whole head is blue!  
**Masked Tanager** *Tangara nigrocincta* Seen at the Tarapoto tunnel  
**Beryl-spangled Tanager** *Tangara nigroviridis* Seen at the Owllet Lodge  
**Blue-and-black Tanager** *Tangara vassorii* Seen at the Owllet Lodge. Here the subspecies *branickii*  
**Silver-backed Tanager** *Tangara viridicollis* Seen at Huembo  
**Swallow Tanager** *Tersina viridis* Seen at the Tarapoto tunnel  
**Black-faced Dacnis** *Dacnis lineata* Seen at Wakanki  
**Blue Dacnis** *Dacnis cayana* Seen at Wakanki  
**Purple Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes caeruleus* Seen at Wakanki  
**Green Honeycreeper** *Chlorophanes spiza* Seen at Wakanki  
**Tit-like Dacnis** *Xenodacnis parina* Seen at Llanganuco. A near-endemic species  
**Cinereous Conebill** *Conirostrum cinereum* Seen at Lomas de Lachay  
**Capped Conebill** *Conirostrum albifrons* Seen in the Atuen valley  
**Giant Conebill** *Oreomanes fraseri* Good views of this most-wanted species at the *Polylepis* forest at Llanganuco Lakes. The species is classified as near-threatened.  
**Blue-backed Conebill** *Conirostrum sitticolor* Seen at the Barro Negro mountain pass  
**Rusty Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa sittoides* Seen in the garden of our hotel in Pomacochas  
**Black-throated Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa brunneiventris* Seen at the Chonta canyon  
**White-sided Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa albilatera* Seen at the Owllet Lodge  
**Golden-eyed Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa glauca* Seen below the Owllet Lodge  
**Bluish Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa caerulescens* Seen at the Owllet Lodge  
**Masked Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa cyanea* Seen at the Owllet Lodge  
**Cardinalidae**  
**Tooth-billed Tanager** *Piranga lutea* Seen at Huaylas  
**Buff-throated Saltator** *Saltator maximus* Seen at Wakanki and Tarapoto  
**Greyish Saltator** *Saltator coerulescens* Seen near Moyobamba  
**Streaked Saltator** *Saltator striatipectus* Seen above Balsas. Here the subspecies *peruvianus*  
**Golden-billed Saltator** *Saltator aurantiirostris* Seen along the Chonta canyon  
**Golden Grosbeak** *Pheucticus chrysogaster* Seen at a few locations

42 endemic species recorded during the tour

41 near endemic species recorded during the tour

A remarkable number of 63 hummingbirds recorded during the tour

**TOTAL: 522 SPECIES**