



**PERU TRIP REPORT: MANU ROAD AND LOWLANDS
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Rose-fronted Parakeet (photo Mark and Maria Jones)

In October/November 2017 we customized a shorter version of our Manu Road tour, and for two weeks we explored the famous Manu Road and the Manu lowlands, giving us the chance to find and admire many colorful and spectacular birds and some cryptically-colored understory species as well. We did well and enjoyed the trip very much. Even though the weather in the lowlands was difficult we managed to admire the great display of the **Andean Cock-of-the-rock** at the lek along the Manu Road and had the opportunity to see large numbers of **Red-and-green Macaws** displaying at the famous clay lick in the Manu Biosphere Reserve.

We started our trip in the city of Lima, the capital of Peru, and had a day to explore the southern coast of Lima, visiting the fishing village of Pucusana. Here we had incredible, close-up views of **Inca Tern** roosting at eyelevel, **Blackish Oystercatcher**, **Belcher's Gull**, **Red-legged Cormorant**, **Humboldt Penguin**, and the endemic **Peruvian Seaside Cinclodes**.



Inca Tern (photo Mark and Maria Jones)

A short boat ride on a fishing boat around the Pucusana island gave us great views of **Peruvian Pelican**, **Guanay Cormorant**, **Blackish Oystercatcher**, hundreds of **Peruvian Boobies**, and a few but good views of **Blue-footed Booby** roosting on the cliffs of the island. We also saw **Ruddy Turnstone**.

Later we moved to the Pantanos de Villa Wildlife Refuge (Villa Marshes). This protected area provides habitat for resident species and shelter for species during migration. The wetlands provided many aquatic species such as **Great Egret**, **Snowy Egret**, **Little Blue Heron**, **Black-crowned Night Heron**, **Neotropic Cormorant**, **Cinnamon Teal**, **White-cheeked Pintail**, **Andean Coot**, **Common Gallinule**, and **Great Grebe**.

The lagoon at the shores of Playa Villa provided views of **Grey Gull, Grey-headed Gull, Franklin's Gull, American Oystercatcher, Black-necked Stilt, Whimbrel, Killdeer, Semipalmated Plover, Least Sandpiper, and Sanderling**. Other species included the gorgeous **Many-colored Rush Tyrant** in the reeds, **Vermilion Flycatcher, American Kestrel, Harris's Hawk, and Black Vulture**. We returned to Lima to our hotel to rest and get ready for the next day.

We started our day very early, catching the first flight from Lima to Cusco at 5:00 a.m., but our flight was delayed for two hours, causing us to reach Cusco later than expected and miss valuable birding time. We immediately went to visit the Piuray Lake on the way to the Sacred Valley. Here we saw **Andean Goose, Puna Ibis, Andean Gull, Andean Duck, Yellow-billed Teal, and Puna Teal**. No matter how carefully we scanned the lake with our scopes, however, there was not sign of Silvery Grebe. But a nice surprise indeed was a flock of **American Cliff Swallows** flying around the lake.

We left Piuray Lake and headed to Huacarpay Lake, where we had fantastic views of **Plumbeous Rail** and enjoyed **Chilean Flamingo, Yellow-winged Blackbird, Andean Lapwing, Many-colored Rush Tyrant, Andean Gull, and Wren-like Rushbird**.



Plumbeous Rail (photo Mark and Maria Jones)

Then we returned to Cusco to check into our hotel and get ready for the next day. In the evening we had dinner at a nice restaurant in Cusco.

We had another early start, ready to hit the road and explore the famous Manu Road. On the way to the Manu Road we had to pass Huacarpay Lake once more, so we took advantage of the first hours of the morning to look for species we had not seen the previous day, such as the endemic **Rusty-fronted Canastero**, which provided great views in the rocky area near the archaeological site of Pikillaqta. We also had great views of **Blue-and-yellow Tanager**, **Band-tailed Seedeater**, **Golden-billed Saltator**, **Eared Dove**, **Giant Hummingbird**, **White-crested Elaenia**, **Chiguanco Thrush**, and **Rufous-collared Sparrow**. We also heard **Streak-fronted Thornbird**, but too distantly to even try.

We left the lake and drove along the road that passes through high elevation past the village of Huancarani to Paucartambo. During this drive we had views of **Aplomado Falcon**, **Spot-winged Pigeon**, **White-browed Chat-Tyrant**, **Rufous-webbed Bush Tyrant**, **Creamy-winged Cinclodes**, **Peruvian Sierra Finch**, **Hooded Siskin**, **Andean Flicker**, and **Cinereous Conebill**. We reached Paucartambo, which is the last town before one reaches the Manu Road. We walked along the old colonial bridge looking for Brown-bellied Swallow, which is often seen here, but instead of the swallow we had good views of **White-bellied Hummingbird** and **White-winged Cinclodes**.



Andean Fox

After a final dusty drive from Paucartambo, crossing through the Andes and admiring fantastic scenery, we arrived at Acjanaco at 3,600 meters (11,812 feet), which marks the official entrance to the Manu Road. Here we stopped for our picnic lunch and had great views of Andean Fox.

After lunch we experienced a nice flock with species such as the endemic **Creamy-crested Spinetail**, **White-throated Tyrannulet**, **White-banded Tyrannulet**, **Tit-like Dacnis**, **Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager**, and **Moustached Flowerpiercer**.



Wayqecha Biological Station



View from Wayqecha Biological Station

We started driving down the Manu Road until we arrived at the Wayqecha Biological Station. After we left our luggage in our cabins we enjoyed the last hours of light around the clearing, with species such as **Masked Flowerpiercer**, **Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager**, **Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant**, **Great Thrush**, **Amethyst-throated Sunangel**, and the distinctive *omissa* subspecies of **Collared Inca**, considered a different species, Gould's Inca, by some authorities.

The next day we started birding the surroundings of the lodge and the area below Wayqecha known as Pillahuata (2,660 meters/8,530 feet).

We had a good day, recording species such as **Golden-collared Tanager**, **Grass-green Tanager**, **Andean Guan**, **Pearled Treerunner**, **Streaked Tuftedcheek**, **Hooded Mountain Tanager**, **White-collared Jay**, **Masked Trogon**, **Golden-headed Quetzal**, **Blue-and-black Tanager**, **Fulvous Wren**, **Barred Fruiteater**, **Superciliaried Hemispingus**, **Spectacled Whitestart**, **Blackburnian Warbler**, **Capped Conebill**, **Long-tailed Sylph**, **Grey-eared Brushfinch**, and **Pale-legged** and **Citrine Warblers**. Unfortunately, the endemic Red-and-white Antpitta did not play for us today.



Barred Fruiteater (photo Mark and Maria Jones)

The next day we left the Pillahuata area and passed through some lush cloudforest on the way to the Cock of the Rock Lodge. We were lucky to see Common Woolly Monkey en route. We arrived at the lodge in time to check the hummingbird feeder from the lodge's veranda. Here we saw **Sparkling Violetear**, **Lesser Violetear**, **Many-spotted Hummingbird**, **Fork-tailed Woodnymph**, and **Green Hermit**.

The next morning we spent the first hours on the lodge's veranda, enjoying birds such as **Golden Tanager**, **Orange-bellied Euphonia**, **Silver-beaked Tanager**, **Blue-grey Tanager**, **Dusky-green Oropendola**, and **Buff-throated Saltator** at the fruit feeder. Around the garden we found the striking **Versicolored Barbet**, **Paradise Tanager**, **Bay-headed Tanager**, **Spotted Tanager**, **Plumbeous Pigeon**, and **Blue-naped Chlorophonia**. We managed to get good views of **Bolivian White-crowned Tapaculo** along one of the lodge trails as well as of **Scale-crested Pygmy Tyrant**.



Cock of the Rock Lodge veranda

In the afternoon we recorded **Dusky-green Oropendola**, **Lemon-browed Flycatcher**, **Golden-crowned Flycatcher**, **Chestnut-collared Swift**, **Black-eared Hemispingus**, **Bolivian Tyrannulet**, **Slaty-capped Flycatcher**, **Montane Foliage-gleaner**, and fly-by views of **Scaly-naped Amazon**. Other creatures such as Bolivian Squirrel, Central American Agouti, and Tufted Capuchin visited the garden, looking for food from the bird feeders. Unfortunately, our plans to look for owls and night birds was spoiled by heavy evening rain.

The following day we drove to the cloudforest of Rocotal (2,200 meters/7,218 feet), looking for mid-elevation species. We had good views of the classic **Grey-breasted Wood Wren**, **Azara's Spinetail**, the striking **White-eared Solitaire**, **Golden-olive Woodpecker**, **Olive-backed Woodcreeper**, **Andean Motmot**, **Cinnamon Flycatcher**, **Dusky-capped Flycatcher**, **Streaked Xenops**, **Beryl-spangled Tanager**, **Saffron-crowned Tanager**, **Yellow-bellied Seedeater**, **Grey-eared Brushfinch**, and **Blue-banded Toucanet**. **White-throated Hawk** and **Solitary Eagle** also gave us good views, and we heard **White-throated Antpitta**, but very distantly. We spent the morning here.

In the afternoon we were hit by rain again, which, however, was not an impediment to visiting the lek of the **Andean Cock-of-the-rock**, where even in the rain we thoroughly enjoyed quite a few males displaying at eyelevel. Suddenly one of our cameras slid down the lek and fell off the cliff; luckily it stopped at the base of the trunk of a *Cecropia* tree and was protected from the rain by the big leaves. Our friend, the guard of the lek, was kind enough to walk down the steep hill and get the camera back for us. Somebody was rather happy!

Sadly, the rain got worse, forcing us to return to the lodge and watch birds from the veranda. Only a few new birds were seen, but a highlight was a **Brown Tinamou** that was sneaking around the garden clearing. The hummingbird feeders provided **Violet-fronted Brilliant**, **Rufous-booted Racket-tail**, **Speckled Hummingbird**, and the wonderful **Wire-crested Thorntail**.

The following day we left the lodge after breakfast and birded the Manu Road. We managed to record **Stripe-chested Antwren**, **Ornate Antwren**, **Yellow-breasted Warbling Antbird**, **Chestnut-backed Antshrike**, and **Moustached Wren**. We had more views of **Two-banded Warbler**, but **White-backed Fire-eye** remained concealed in the thickest bush. There were good views of **Bluish-fronted Jacamar**, **Magpie Tanager**, **Swallow Tanager**, **Swallow-tailed Kite**, **Blue-headed Parrot**, **Scaly-naped Amazon**, and **Fiery-capped Manakin**.

After about an hour and a half of driving down from the lodge we left the reserve and crossed the buffer zone, in which there are a few villages and pastures. The first village we passed was Patria, where we had nice views of **Violaceous Jay**, **Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch**, and **Chestnut-bellied Seedeater**.

We arrived at the Villa Carmen Biological Station and Reserve and spent the afternoon birding the lodge clearing and some adjacent trails. We saw our first **Hoatzin** at a small lagoon near the restaurant, and in the same place we found a single **Limpkin**. We also enjoyed **Chestnut-fronted Macaw**, **Blue-throated Piping Guan**, **Common Tody-Flycatcher**, **Purplish Jay**, **Cobalt-winged Parakeet**, **Thrush-like Wren**, and nice views of the endemic **Fine-barred Piculet**. In the evening we found **Tropical Screech Owl** during a search around the lodge clearing.

The next morning we started exploring Trail 2 at the Villa Carmen Biological Station, which passes through some good bamboo. It did not take long and we found one of our main targets here, the localized **Manu Antbird**, and we also recorded **Bamboo Antshrike**, **Bamboo Foliage-gleaner**, **Flammulated Bamboo Tyrant**, **Dusky-tailed Flatbill**, **Moustached Wren**, **Wedge-billed Woodcreeper**, **Black Caracara**, and **White-shouldered Antshrike**. In an open pasture area we saw both **Plain-crowned** and **Dark-breasted Spinetails**, **Black-and-white Seedeater**, **Lineated Woodpecker**, and **Orange-backed Troupial**.

Suddenly we found a real relic in the middle of the jungle, an old Russian plane from the 50s that was abandoned in the jungle and apparently used to function as an air taxi in the area until the late 80s.

Back in the forest we managed to have great views of **Ringed Antpipit**, and going back to the lodge an **Undulated Tinamou** was running in front of us. Then we had a tasty lunch, where we became aware of the fact that while staying at Villa Carmen one has to be careful about two things: first the unfriendly Scarlet Macaw, which is the lodge pet and can be quite vicious talking, and second the red-hot sauce (pure dynamite!).

Later all our plans for birding in the afternoon were spoiled by rain again, which was soon followed by one of the strongest storms I have ever seen in the Amazon. This was a memorable night; it seemed like the wrath of the Gods had been unleashed. Lightning was ferocious, thunder made the lodge building shake, and the energy quit on us. The rain took all night.



A relic from the past

In the morning I was worried about the conditions of the road between Villa Carmen and Atalaya, our next destination. Fortunately, the road was OK and the driver managed to defeat a couple of rough spots. Suddenly a pair of Ocelots came from nowhere and crossed the road in front of our vehicle, sadly not to be seen by everybody. We arrived at Atalaya (500 meters/1,640 feet) on the Alto Madre de Dios River. Here we had to wait shortly until we could get our boat ready for our next adventure, sailing the Madre de Dios River all the way to the Manu Wildlife Center in the Manu Biosphere Reserve.

On the boat ride we had splendid views of **King Vulture** sitting on the rocky shores of the river. We made a brief stop at the headquarters of Crees-Manu, an ecotourism, research, and volunteer project that has been active in the area for more than a decade. Here we checked the flowering bushes in search of Rufous-crested Coquette, which, sadly, didn't show up this morning. But we recorded **Golden-tailed Sapphire**, **Grey-breasted Sabrewing**, and **White-necked Jacobin** here. Then we continued our long boat ride to the Manu Wildlife Center without very much else to see.

We arrived at the Manu Wildlife Center in the afternoon with time to look for birds around the clearing, including the sought-after **Festive Coquette**, which gave good views in the lodge garden.

The next morning we left very early to visit the famous Blanquillo Macaw Clay Lick, where every day, if the parrots find the right conditions and if the weather permits, they descend to ingest the clay from the cliffs. This is an amazing natural history and ornithological event worth to be seen.

On the way to the hide we were lucky to see the impressive and secretive **Razor-billed Curassow**. It was also great to have the hide to ourselves. We did not have to wait too long until the first species of parrots arrived, including **Yellow-crowned Amazon**, **Southern Mealy Amazon**, **Orange-cheeked Parrot**, and **White-eyed Parakeet**. We admired them for quite a while until the canopy above the clay lick started to turn red with several dozens of colorful **Red-and-green Macaws**. It was a fabulous show indeed to see these gorgeous birds flying and behaving free, as they should be.



Red-and-green Macaw (photo Mark and Maria Jones)



Red-and-green Macaws, Blanquillo Clay Lick

We also saw the tiny **Spotted Tody-Flycatcher** next to the hide. After the activity ended, we left the hide and returned to the Manu Wildlife Center.

The afternoon was very quiet, and we recorded only a few birds, including **Plain-winged Antshrike**, **Black-tailed Trogon**, **Blue-crowned Trogon**, **Swallow-winged Puffbird**, and a glimpse of **Little Tinamou**.

The next two mornings were scheduled to explore by boat both oxbow lakes in the reserve, Cocha Camungo and Cocha Blanco, as well as climbing the canopy tower next to the lake. Sadly, our plans were partially spoiled by rain again. During the boat rides we managed to get good views of species we had expected, such as **Hoatzin**, **Horned Screamer**, **Muscovy Duck**, **Pale-vented Pigeon**, **Wattled Jacana**, **Rufescent Tiger Heron**, **Purus Jacamar**, **White-throated Toucan**, all five kingfishers, the most-wanted **Sungrebe**, **Red-bellied Macaw**, **Purple Gallinule**, **Blue-and-yellow Macaw**, **Red-capped Cardinal**, **Western Osprey**, **Greater Ani**, **Pale-eyed Blackbird**, and **Black-billed Seed Finch**.

We explored the Manu Wildlife Center trails during the next two afternoons and enjoyed species such as the most-wanted **Pale-winged Trumpeter**, **Ringed Woodpecker**, **Amazonian Motmot**, **Broad-billed Motmot**, **Slate-colored Hawk**, **Plumbeous Kite**, **Double-toothed Kite**, **Screaming Piha**, **Lineated Woodpecker**, and **White-shouldered Antshrike**. We spent a morning visiting the mammal clay lick, which attracted some interesting species of parrots, such as **Rose-fronted Parakeet**, **Dusky-billed Parrotlet**, and **Tui Parakeet**. We were also lucky to see the scarce Emperor Tamarin around the clay lick as well. In the afternoon we took a quiet walk, which did not yield any further interesting species; however, we got a glimpse of Giant Anteater, which as soon as it detected us started to move only a couple of meters and then, amazingly, it seemed to have vanished. Well, we had another rainy night.

Our last day of birding had arrived, and it was a transfer day to travel by river from the Manu Wildlife Center to Boca Colorado and from there by land to Puerto Maldonado. Along the river trip we managed to see **Black Skimmer, Pied Plover, Large-billed Tern, Roseate Spoonbill, Wood Stork, Drab Water Tyrant, Blue-and-yellow Macaw, Roadside Hawk, and Southern Lapwing**. We arrived at Puerto Maldonado late in the afternoon after a long day trip and enjoyed our comfortable hotel.

The next morning we transferred to the airport to connect with our flight to Lima, with a stop in Cusco. Again our flight was delayed in Cusco, causing a late arrival in Lima. This day the whole country was focused on the Peruvian football team, which was to play a game against New Zealand for a place in the 2018 World Cup, and after 35 years Peru finally managed to get a place in the world cup, beating New Zealand two to zero. The celebration resembled an earthquake, so no matter where you stayed that night it was hard to escape from the hubbub. What a perfect end to say goodbye to my friends, thanking them for a wonderful trip and company, and hoping for future adventures together.

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Tinamidae

Great Tinamou (H) *Tinamus major* This species was heard at Manu Wildlife Center. The species is classified as Near-threatened.

Little Tinamou *Crypturellus soui* Brief views at Manu Wildlife Center

Brown Tinamou *Crypturellus obsoletus* Seen at the Cock of the Rock Lodge garden

Undulated Tinamou *Crypturellus undulatus* Seen at Manu Wildlife Center

Black-capped Tinamou (H) *Crypturellus atrocapillus* This species was heard at Villa Carmen Biological Station. The species is classified as Near-threatened.

Anhimidae

Horned Screamer *Anhima cornuta* Great views in the Manu lowlands. There are only three species in the Anhimidae family. The Horned Screamer received its name due to a long spiny structure projecting forward from its crown. This structure is unique among birds and is not derived from a feather but is a cornified structure that is loosely attached to the skull and grows continuously, while often breaking at its tip. The Horned Screamer is the official bird of the Arauca Department and the Municipality of Arauca in Colombia and also the symbol of the Churute Mangroves Ecological Reserve in Ecuador.

Anatidae

Andean Goose *Chloephaga melanoptera* Seen at Piuray Lake in Cusco

Muscovy Duck *Cairina moschata* Seen at Cocha Camungo in the Manu lowlands

Cinnamon Teal *Spatula cyanoptera* Seen at Piuray Lake in Cusco

Puna Teal *Spatula puna* Nice views at Huacarpay Lake

White-cheeked Pintail *Anas bahamensis* Seen at the Villa Marshes

Yellow-billed Teal *Anas flavirostris* Seen at Piuray Lake and Huacarpay Lake

Andean Duck *Oxyura ferruginea* Seen at Huacarpay Lake

Cracidae

Speckled Chachalaca *Ortalis guttata* Seen around Cock of the Rock Lodge and below the lowest parts of the Manu Road

Andean Guan *Penelope montagnii* Seen in the upper parts of the Manu Road

Blue-throated Piping Guan *Pipile cumanensis* Seen at Villa Carmen

Razor-billed Curassow *Mitu tuberosum* Nice views in the Manu lowlands on the way to the Blanquillo Macaw Clay Lick

Odontophoridae

Starred Wood Quail (H) *Odontophorus stellatus* This species was heard at Manu Wildlife Center before dusk

Spheniscidae

Humboldt Penguin *Spheniscus humboldti* Nice views at Pucusana. Named after Friedrich Wilhelm Heinrich Alexander von Humboldt (14 September 1769 – 6 May 1859), a Prussian polymath, geographer, naturalist, explorer, and influential proponent of Romantic philosophy and science. Humboldt's quantitative work on botanical geography laid the foundation for the field of biogeography. Humboldt's advocacy of long-term systematic geophysical measurement laid the foundation for modern geomagnetic and meteorological monitoring, and he was the first person to describe the phenomenon and cause of human-induced climate change in 1800 and again in 1831, based on observations generated during his travels. Humboldt Penguin is found in Peru and Chile. The species is classified as Vulnerable.

Podicipedidae

White-tufted Grebe *Rollandia rolland* Seen at Huacarpay Lake

Great Grebe *Podiceps major* Seen at Villa Marshes

Phoenicopteridae

Chilean Flamingo *Phoenicopterus chilensis* Seen at Huacarpay Lake. The species is classified as Near-threatened.

Ciconiidae

Wood Stork *Mycteria americana* Seen along the Madre de Dios River

Threskiornithidae

Green Ibis *Mesembrinibis cayennensis* Seen at Cocha Camungo in the Manu lowlands

Puna Ibis *Plegadis ridgwayi* Seen at Villa Marshes and Huacarpay Lake

Roseate Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja* Nice views in the Manu lowlands

Ardeidae

Rufescent Tiger Heron *Tigrisoma lineatum* Seen at Cocha Camungo in the Manu lowlands

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* Seen at Villa Marshes

Striated Heron *Butorides striata* Seen at Cocha Blanco in the Manu lowlands and Villa Marshes

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* Seen in pastures and fields south of Lima

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi* Seen along the Madre de Dios River

Great Egret *Ardea alba* Seen at Villa Marshes

Capped Heron *Pilherodius pileatus* Nice views in the Manu lowlands

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* Seen at Villa Marshes

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula* Seen at Villa Marshes

Pelecanidae

Peruvian Pelican *Pelecanus thagus* Seen along the coast of Lima. Found in Peru and Chile. The species is classified as Near-threatened.

Sulidae

Peruvian Booby *Sula variegata* Hundreds at the Pucusana island during our boat ride. Found in Peru and Chile, very few vagrants in Ecuador

Blue-footed Booby *Sula nebouxii* Nice views of a few individuals at the Pucusana island

Phalacrocoracidae

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* Common along the coast and in the Amazon lowlands

Red-legged Cormorant *Phalacrocorax gaimardi* Nice views at the Pucusana island. The species is classified as Near-threatened.

Guanay Cormorant *Leucocarbo bougainvillii* Seen around the Pucusana island. The species is classified as Near-threatened.

Anhingidae

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga* Seen at Cocha Camungo

Cathartidae

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* Seen at the Manu Road

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* Common

Greater Yellow-headed Vulture *Cathartes melambrotus* Seen at Villa Carmen

King Vulture *Sarcoramphus papa* Nice views of one individual sitting at the shores of the Alto Madre de Dios River

Pandionidae

Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* Seen at Cocha Blanco

Accipitridae

Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus* Seen at the lower parts of the Manu Road

Double-toothed Kite *Harpagus bidentatus* Nice views from the canopy tower at Manu Wildlife Center

Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea* Seen in the Manu lowlands

Slate-colored Hawk *Buteogallus schistaceus* Nice views in the Manu lowlands

Great Black Hawk *Buteogallus urubitinga* Seen along the Madre de Dios River

Solitary Eagle *Buteogallus solitarius* Seen from the stakeout above Cock of the Rock Lodge. The species is classified as Near-threatened.

Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris* Common in the Manu lowlands

Harris's Hawk *Parabuteo unicinctus* One seen between Villa Marshes and Lima city

White-throated Hawk *Buteo albicula* Seen above Pillahuata in the upper parts of the Manu Road

Heliornithidae

Sungrebe *Heliornis fulica* Seen at Cocha Blanco

Rallidae

Plumbeous Rail *Pardirallus sanguinolentus* Incredible views at Huacarpay Lake

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinica* Seen at Cocha Camungo

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata* Seen at Villa Marshes and Huacarpay Lake

Andean Coot *Fulica ardesiaca* Seen at Villa Marshes

Psophiidae

Pale-winged Trumpeter *Psophia leucoptera* A pair was seen well at Manu Wildlife Center.

Aramidae

Limpkin *Aramus guarauna* Seen at Villa Carmen

Haematopodidae

American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus* Seen at Villa Marshes

Blackish Oystercatcher *Haematopus ater* Seen at Pucusana

Recurvirostridae

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus* Seen at Villa Marshes

Charadriidae

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis* Seen on the way to Puerto Maldonado

Andean Lapwing *Vanellus resplendens* Seen at Huacarpay Lake

Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus* Seen at Villa Marshes

Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus* Seen at Villa Marshes

Pied Plover *Hoploxypterus cayanus* Seen along the Madre de Dios River on the way to Puerto Maldonado on the last day of the tour

Jacanidae

Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana* Seen at Cocha Camungo in the Manu lowlands

Scolopacidae

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus* Seen at Villa Marshes

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* Seen at Pucusana

Surfbird *Calidris virgata* Seen at Pucusana

Sanderling *Calidris alba* Seen at Villa Marshes

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla* Seen at Villa Marshes

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* One encounter on the trip only

Wilson Phalarope *Phalaropus tricolor* Seen at Villa Marshes

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* Seen at Huacarpay Lake

Laridae

Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger* Seen along the Madre de Dios River

Andean Gull *Chroicocephalus serranus* Common at high elevation including Huacarpay Lake

Grey Gull *Leucophaeus modestus* Seen at Villa Marshes

Belcher's Gull *Larus belcheri* Common along the coast of Lima including Pucusana. Named after Admiral Sir Edward Belcher (27 February 1799 – 18 March 1877), a British naval officer, hydrographer, and explorer. Found in Peru and Chile

Grey-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus* Seen at Villa Marshes

Franklin's Gull *Leucophaeus pipixcan* A boreal migrant seen by many of us at the Villa Marshes

Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus* A couple of sightings along the coast of Lima

Large-billed Tern *Phaetusa simplex* Seen along the Madre de Dios River

Inca Tern *Larosterna inca* Amazing views at Pucusana. Found in Peru and Chile and restricted to the Humboldt Current. The species is classified as Near-threatened.

Columbidae

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia* Common around towns

Band-tailed Pigeon *Patagioenas fasciata* Seen above Pillahuata

Spot-winged Pigeon *Patagioenas maculosa* Seen along the drive between Cusco and Paucartambo

Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis* Common in the Manu lowlands

Plumbeous Pigeon *Patagioenas plumbea* Seen at Cock of the Rock Lodge and Villa Carmen

Ruddy Ground Dove *Columbina talpacoti* Seen along the fields of Patria on the lower Manu Road

Croaking Ground Dove *Columbina cruziana* Seen at Villa Marshes

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi* Seen in the Cock of the Rock Lodge garden

Grey-fronted Dove *Leptotila rufaxilla* Seen in the Manu Wildlife Center lodge clearing

Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata* Seen at Huacarpay Lake

West Peruvian Dove *Zenaida meloda* Seen at Villa Marshes

Opisthocomidae

Hoatzin *Opisthocomus hoazin* Great views at the oxbow lakes in the Manu lowlands

Cuculidae

Greater Ani *Crotophaga major* Seen at Cocha Camungo

Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani* Seen along the fields of Patria in the Manu lowlands

Groove-billed Ani *Crotophaga sulcirostris* Seen at Villa Marshes

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana* Seen at Cock of the Rock Lodge

Strigidae

Tropical Screech Owl *Megascops choliba* Great views at Villa Carmen

Nyctibiidae

Great Potoo *Nyctibius grandis* Great views of one individual roosting at daytime along the Madre de Dios River

Caprimulgidae

Sand-colored Nighthawk *Chordeiles rupestris* At least 300 individuals seen roosting on a huge dead tree at the shores of the Madre de Dios River in front of Manu Wildlife Center

Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis* Seen at Villa Carmen

Apodidae

Chestnut-collared Swift *Streptoprocne rutila* Seen above Cock of the Rock Lodge
White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris* Several sightings on the trip
Grey-rumped Swift *Chaetura cinereiventris* Seen in the Manu lowlands
Neotropical Palm Swift *Tachornis squamata* Seen in the Manu lowlands between Patria and Pilcopata

Trochilidae

Green Hermit *Phaethornis guy* Seen at the Cock of the Rock Lodge feeders
Reddish Hermit *Phaethornis ruber* Seen at Manu Wildlife Center
Rufous-breasted Hermit *Glaucis hirsutus* Seen at Manu Wildlife Center
Grey-breasted Sabrewing *Campylopterus largipennis* Seen at Crees-Manu
White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora* Seen at Villa Carmen and Manu Wildlife Center
Lesser Violetear *Colibri cyanotus* Seen at the Cock of the Rock Lodge feeders
Sparkling Violetear *Colibri coruscans* Seen around Huacarpay Lake and at the Cock of the Rock Lodge feeders. The bully among hummingbirds
Festive Coquette *Lophornis chalybeus* Splendid views on the way to the Manu Wildlife Center at Crees-Manu and in the Manu Wildlife Center garden. We saw both male and female.
Blue-tailed Emerald *Chlorostilbon mellisugus* Seen in the Manu lowlands
Wire-crested Thorntail *Discosura popelairii* Incredible views of a male in the Cock of the Rock Lodge gardens
Fork-tailed Woodnymph *Thalurania furcata* Common at Cock of the Rock Lodge and Manu Wildlife Center
Golden-tailed Sapphire *Chrysuronia oenone* Seen at Crees-Manu
Many-spotted Hummingbird *Taphrosphilus hypostictus* Seen at Cock of the Rock Lodge
White-bellied Hummingbird *Amazilia chionogaster* Seen at Wayqecha
Sapphire-spangled Emerald *Amazilia lactea* Seen at Villa Carmen
Speckled Hummingbird *Adelomyia melanogenys* Seen at Cock of the Rock Lodge
Violet-fronted Brilliant *Heliodoxa leadbeateri* Common at the Cock of the Rock Lodge feeders
Chestnut-breasted Coronet *Boissonneaua matthewsii* Seen at Wayqecha
Shining Sunbeam *Aglaeactis cupripennis* Seen in the upperparts of the Manu Road
Collared Inca *Coeligena torquata* Nice views at Wayqecha. Here the distinctive subspecies *omissa*, which sometimes is treated as a different species, Gould's Inca
Giant Hummingbird *Patagona gigas* Nice views around Huacarpay Lake
Amethyst-throated Sunangel *Heliangelus amethysticollis* Several views around Wayqecha
Rufous-booted Racket-tail *Ocreatus addae* Common at the Cock of the Rock Lodge feeders. Booted Racket-tail has been split into three different species:
 White-booted Racket-tail *Ocreatus underwoodii* From N Venezuela to Colombia and W Ecuador
 Peruvian Racket-tail *Ocreatus peruanus* From E Ecuador to NE Peru
 Rufous Booted Racket-tail *Ocreatus addae* From C Peru to Bolivia
Green-tailed Trainbearer *Lesbia nuna* Seen around Huacarpay Lake
Tyrian Metaltail *Metallura tyrianthina* Seen around Wayqecha
Long-tailed Sylph *Aglaiocercus kingii* Seen around Wayqecha
White-bellied Woodstar *Chaetocercus mulsant* Seen below Wayqecha

Trogonidae

Pavonine Quetzal (H) *Pharomachrus pavoninus* Unfortunately it did not come to the tape at Manu Wildlife Center.
Golden-headed Quetzal *Pharomachrus auriceps* Good views below Pillahuata

Black-tailed Trogon *Trogon melanurus* Seen at Manu Wildlife Center

Blue-crowned Trogon *Trogon curucui* Seen at Manu Wildlife Center

Masked Trogon *Trogon personatus* Good views around Pillahuata

Alcedinidae

American Pygmy Kingfisher *Chloroceryle aenea* Seen at Cocha Camungo

Green-and-rufous Kingfisher *Chloroceryle inda* Seen at Cocha Camungo

Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona* Seen along the Madre de Dios River

Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana* Seen at Cocha Blanco

Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata* Seen along the Madre de Dios River

Momotidae

Amazonian Motmot *Momotus momota* Seen at Manu Wildlife Center

Andean Motmot *Momotus aequatorialis* Seen above Cock of the Rock Lodge

Broad-billed Motmot *Electron platyrhynchum* Seen at Manu Wildlife Center

Galbulidae

Bluish-fronted Jacamar *Galbula cyanescens* Seen below Cock of the Rock Lodge, Villa Carmen, and Manu Wildlife Center

Purus Jacamar *Galbalcyrhynchus purusianus* Nice views at Cocha Blanco. The Purus River or Rio Purús is a tributary of the Amazon River in South America. Its drainage basin is 63,166 km² (24,389 sq. mi), and the mean discharge is 8,400 m³/s. The river shares its name with the Alto Purús National Park as well as the Purús Province (and its conformed Purús District), one of the four provinces of Peru in the Ucayali Region.

Bucconidae

Black-fronted Nunbird *Monasa nigrifrons* Common in the Manu lowlands

Swallow-winged Puffbird *Chelidoptera tenebrosa* Seen along the Madre de Dios River

Capitonidae

Versicolored Barbet *Eubucco versicolor* Great views of this beautiful bird around Cock of the Rock Lodge. Found in Peru and Bolivia

Ramphastidae

Chestnut-eared Aracari *Pteroglossus castanotis* Seen flying across the Madre de Dios River

Blue-banded Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus coeruleicinctis* Nice encounter with two birds above Rocotal at the Manu Road. Found in Peru and Bolivia

White-throated Toucan *Ramphastos tucanus* Seen at Cocha Camungo

Picidae

Fine-barred Piculet *Picumnus subtilis* Seen at Villa Carmen

Rufous-breasted Piculet *Picumnus rufiventris* Brief views at Villa Carmen

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker *Melanerpes cruentatus* Common in the Manu lowlands

Golden-olive Woodpecker *Colaptes rubiginosus* Seen above Cock of the Rock

Andean Flicker *Colaptes rupicola* Common along the drive from Cusco to Paucartambo

Ringed Woodpecker *Ceelus torquatus* Nice views in the Manu lowlands

Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus* Seen at Villa Carmen

Falconidae

Black Caracara *Daptrius ater* Seen along the Madre de Dios River

Mountain Caracara *Phalcoboenus megalopterus* Seen in the high Andes above the Manu Road

Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans* Seen at Manu Wildlife Center

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius* Seen at Villa Marshes

Aplomado Falcon *Falco femoralis* Seen on the way to Paucartambo

Psittacidae

Tui Parakeet *Brotogeris sanctithomae* Great views in the Manu lowlands

Cobalt-winged Parakeet *Brotogeris cyanoptera* Common in the lowlands especially on the way to Puerto Maldonado

Orange-cheeked Parrot *Pyrilia barrabandi* Nice views of this handsome parrot at the Blanquillo Macaw Clay Lick in the Manu lowlands. The species is classified as Near-threatened.

Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus* Seen at the Blanquillo Macaw Clay Lick in the Manu lowlands

Yellow-crowned Amazon *Amazona ochrocephala* Seen at the Blanquillo Macaw Clay Lick in the Manu lowlands

Southern Mealy Amazon *Amazona farinosa* Seen at the Blanquillo Macaw Clay Lick in the Manu lowlands. The species is classified as Near-threatened.

Scaly-naped Amazon *Amazona mercenarius* Several fly-by views above the Manu Road. Here the nominate subspecies

Dusky-billed Parrotlet *Forpus modestus* Nice views at the Tapir clay lick at the Manu Wildlife Center

Rose-fronted Parakeet *Pyrrhura roseifrons* Wonderful views of this handsome parakeet at the Tapir clay lick at the Manu Wildlife Center

Dusky-headed Parakeet *Aratinga weddellii* Seen in the Manu lowlands including the clay lick

Red-bellied Macaw *Orthopsittaca manilatus* Fly-by views at Cocha Camungo in the Manu lowlands

Blue-and-yellow Macaw *Ara ararauna* Several encounters with this beautiful species at Manu Wildlife Center

Scarlet Macaw *Ara macao* Good views in the Manu lowlands without counting the aggressive pet at Villa Carmen

Red-and-green Macaw *Ara chloropterus* Seen well at Manu Wildlife Center

Chestnut-fronted Macaw *Ara severus* Seen at Villa Carmen

White-eyed Parakeet *Psittacara leucophthalmus* Seen at the Blanquillo Macaw Clay Lick in the Manu lowlands

Furnariidae

Coastal Miner *Geositta peruviana* Seen south of Lima on the first day of the trip. A country endemic

Cream-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes albiventris* Common at high elevation on the way to the Manu Road

White-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes atacamensis* Seen from the bridge at Paucartambo

Peruvian Seaside Cinclodes *Cinclodes taczanowskii* Seen at Pucusana. A country endemic

Rusty-fronted Canastero *Asthenes ottonis* Great views in the rocky area next to Huacarpay Lake. A country endemic

Streak-fronted Thornbird (H) *Phacellodomus striaticeps* This species was heard at Huacarpay Lake.

Azara's Spinetail *Synallaxis azarae* Seen at Pillahuata. Named after Félix Manuel de Azara (18 May 1746 – 20 October 1821), a Spanish military officer, naturalist, and engineer.

Dark-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis albigularis* Seen at Villa Carmen

Cabanis's Spinetail *Synallaxis cabanisi* Seen at Villa Carmen. Named after Jean Louis Cabanis (8 March 1816 – 20 February 1906), a German ornithologist. A number of birds are named after him, including Cabanis's Bunting *Emberiza cabanisi*, Cabanis's Spinetail *Synallaxis cabanisi*,

Cabanis's Tanager *Tangara cabanisi*, Cabanis's Greenbul *Phyllastrephus cabanisi*, and Cabanis's Ground Sparrow *Melospiza (biarcautum) cabanisi*. The species is classified as Near-threatened.

Plain-crowned Spinetail *Synallaxis gujanensis* Seen at Villa Carmen

Creamy-crested Spinetail *Cranioleuca albicapilla* Nice views at Acjanaco, the highest pass at the entrance of the Manu Road. A country endemic. Here the subspecies *albigula*

Wren-like Rushbird *Phleocryptes melanops* Seen at Huacarpay Lake and Villa Marshes

Pearled Treerunner *Margarornis squamiger* Seen below Wayqecha

Streaked Tuftedcheek *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii* Seen below Wayqecha

Bamboo Foliage-gleaner *Anabazenops dorsalis* Seen at Villa Carmen

Montane Foliage-gleaner *Anabacerthia striaticollis* Seen above Cock of the Rock Lodge

Black-billed Treehunter (H) *Thripadectes melanorhynchus* Sadly heard only below Cock of the Rock Lodge

Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans* Seen above Cock of the Rock Lodge

Long-billed Woodcreeper *Nasica longirostris* Seen at Manu Wildlife Center

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper *Glyphorhynchus spirurus* Seen at Manu Wildlife Center

Elegant Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus elegans* Seen at Manu Wildlife Center

Buff-throated Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus guttatus* Seen at Manu Wildlife Center

Montane Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger* Seen below Wayqecha

Thamnophilidae

Ornate Antwren *Epinecrophylla ornata* Seen below Cock of the Rock Lodge

Stripe-chested Antwren *Myrmotherula longicauda* Seen around Cock of the Rock Lodge

Bluish-slate Antshrike *Thamnomanes schistogynus* Seen at Villa Carmen. A mixed-flock leader

Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus* Seen at Villa Carmen

Bamboo Antshrike *Cymbilaimus sanctaemariae* Brief views at Villa Carmen.

Great Antshrike (H) *Taraba major* This species was heard at Villa Carmen.

Chestnut-backed Antshrike *Thamnophilus palliatus* Seen below Cock of the Rock Lodge

White-shouldered Antshrike *Thamnophilus aethiops* Seen at Manu Wildlife Center

Plain-winged Antshrike *Thamnophilus schistaceus* Seen at Manu Wildlife Center

Black-spotted Bare-eye (H) *Phlegopsis nigromaculata* This species was heard at Manu Wildlife Center.

Yellow-breasted Warbling Antbird *Hypocnemis subflava* Seen below Cock of the Rock Lodge

Manu Antbird *Cercomacra manu* Great views at Villa Carmen. Named after the Manu National Park

White-lined Antbird *Myrmoborus lophotes* Seen at Villa Carmen. The species is classified as Near-threatened.

White-browed Antbird *Myrmoborus leucophrys* Seen at Villa Carmen and Manu Wildlife Center

Plumbeous Antbird *Myrmelastes hyperythrus* Seen at Manu Wildlife Center

White-backed Fire-eye *Pyriglena leuconota* Mostly heard, and only the leader managed to get a brief shadow in the bush.

Formicariidae

Black-faced Antthrush (H) *Formicarius analis* Mostly heard, it unfortunately did not come to the tape at Manu Wildlife Center.

Barred Antthrush (H) *Chamaeza mollissima* Heard distantly below Wayqecha

Rufous-breasted Antthrush (H) *Formicarius rufipectus* Heard distantly in the Cock of the Rock Lodge area

Grallariidae

Red-and-white Antpitta (H) *Grallaria erythroleuca* Heard below Pillahuata, but not cigar. A country endemic

White-throated Antpitta (H) *Grallaria albigula* Heard distantly at Rocotal

Rhinocryptidae

Bolivian White-crowned Tapaculo *Scytalopus bolivianus* Good views at Cock of the Rock Lodge

Rusty-belted Tapaculo (H) *Liosceles thoracicus* Heard at Villa Carmen

Tyrannidae

Forest Elaenia *Myiopagis gaimardii* Seen at Villa Carmen

Sierran Elaenia *Elaenia pallatangae* Seen at Wayqecha

Chilean Elaenia *Elaenia chilensis* Seen around Huacarpay Lake. Chilean Elaenia is split from White-crested Elaenia *T. albiceps* (Ridgely & Tudor 1994, Jaramillo 2003, Rheindt et al. 2009)

White-throated Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus leucophrys* Seen at Acjanaco

White-banded Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus stictopterus* Seen in mixed flocks at Acjanaco and below Wayqecha

Tufted Tit-Tyrant *Anairetes parulus* Seen on the way to Paucartambo

Torrent Tyrannulet *Serpophaga cinerea* Seen along mid-elevations of the Manu Road

Ringed Antpipit *Corythopis torquatus* Great views at Villa Carmen

Bolivian Tyrannulet *Zimmerius bolivianus* Seen above Cock of the Rock Lodge

Marble-faced Bristle Tyrant *Pogonotriccus ophthalmicus* Seen at Rocotal

Slaty-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon superciliaris* Seen above Cock of the Rock Lodge

Many-colored Rush Tyrant *Tachuris rubrigastra* Seen at Villa Marshes and Huacarpay Lake

Flammulated Bamboo Tyrant *Hemitriccus flammulatus* Seen at Villa Carmen

Scale-crested Pygmy Tyrant *Lophotriccus pileatus* Seen at Cock of the Rock Lodge

Spotted Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum maculatum* Nice views at Villa Carmen

Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum* Seen at the lower parts of the Manu Road

Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum* Nice views at Manu Wildlife Center

Cinnamon Flycatcher *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus* Common in the cloudforest of Manu

Euler's Flycatcher *Lathrotriccus euleri* Only one encounter on the trip

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans* Common along rivers and streams along the Manu Road

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus obscurus* Seen at Villa Marshes. According to IOC (Carmi et al. 2016), Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus* has been split as follows:

Scarlet Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus* SE Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus obscurus* SW USA to N Chile

Darwin's Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus nanus* Galapagos Islands (except San Cristobal Island)

San Cristobal Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus dubius* San Cristobal Island (Galapagos) [Today extinct]

Drab Water Tyrant *Ochthornis littoralis* Seen along the Madre de Dios River

Rufous-webbed Bush Tyrant *Polioxolmis rufipennis* Seen at high elevation on the way to Paucartambo

Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis* Seen at Wayqecha

Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca fumicolor* Seen at Acjanaco. Here the subspecies *berlepschi*

White-browed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca leucophrys* Seen at high elevation on the way to Paucartambo

Long-tailed Tyrant *Colonia colonus* Seen at the lower parts of the Manu Road

Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus* Seen at Manu Wildlife Center. It gets its name because it does not build its own nest but appropriates the domed or enclosed nests of other, often far larger, bird species, such as Yellow-rumped Cacique or Crested Oropendola.

Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis* Common in the lowlands

Grey-capped Flycatcher *Myiozetetes granadensis* Seen at Villa Carmen

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus* Common in the lowlands

Lesser Kiskadee *Philohydor lictor* Seen at Cocha Camungo

Lemon-browed Flycatcher *Conopias cinchoneti* Seen at Cock of the Rock Lodge. The species is classified as Vulnerable.

Golden-crowned Flycatcher *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus* Seen above Cock of the Rock Lodge

Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus* Seen at Villa Carmen

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua* Seen at Villa Carmen

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* Common

Eastern Kingbird *Tyrannus tyrannus* Seen on the way to Puerto Maldonado

Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer* Seen above Rocotal

Dusky-tailed Flatbill *Ramphotrigon fuscicauda* A bamboo specialist, seen well at Villa Carmen

Cotingidae

Barred Fruiteater *Pipreola arcuata* Seen below Wayqecha

Andean Cock-of-the-rock *Rupicola peruvianus* Nice views at the lek above Cock of the Rock Lodge. This is the national bird of Peru.

Screaming Piha *Lipaugus vociferans* Brief views at Manu Wildlife Center.

Pipridae

Fiery-capped Manakin *Machaeropterus pyrocephalus* Nice views of a male above Pilcopata on the lower Manu Road

Tityridae

Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata* Seen at Villa Carmen

Barred Becard *Pachyramphus versicolor* Seen below Wayqecha

Vireonidae

Yellow-green Vireo *Vireo flavoviridis* A boreal migrant, seen well at Villa Carmen

Corvidae

White-collared Jay *Cyanolyca viridicyanus* Seen below Pillahuata. The species is classified as Near-threatened.

Violaceous Jay *Cyanocorax violaceus* Common in the Manu lowlands

Purplish Jay *Cyanocorax cyanomelas* Common at Villa Carmen

Hirundinidae

Blue-and-white Swallow *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca* Common along mid-elevation of the Manu Road

White-winged Swallow *Tachycineta albiventer* Common along the Madre de Dios River

White-rumped Swallow *Tachycineta leucorrhoa* A rare species in Peru with few records in Southern Peru. Seen at Huacarpay Lake

White-banded Swallow *Atticora fasciata* Seen along the Madre de Dios River

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* Seen at Cock of the Rock Lodge and along the Madre de Dios River

American Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota* A rare austral migrant, seen at the Piuray Lake in Cusco

Donacobiidae

Black-capped Donacobius *Donacobius atricapilla* Seen at both Cocha Blanco and Cocha Camungo in the Manu lowlands

Troglodytidae

Thrush-like Wren *Campylorhynchus turdinus* Common in the Manu lowlands

Fulvous Wren *Cinnycerthia fulva* Nice views below Wayqecha. Found in Peru and Bolivia

Moustached Wren *Pheugopedius genibarbis* Seen in the lower Manu Road including Villa Carmen

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon* Seen around towns

Mountain Wren *Troglodytes solstitialis* Seen below Wayqecha

Grey-breasted Wood Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys* Seen below Pillahuata

Musician Wren (H) *Cyphorhinus arada* Two individuals flew around us very quickly and disappeared into the bush.

Turdidae

Andean Solitaire (H) *Myadestes ralloides* This species was heard in the Manu cloudforest.

White-eared Solitaire *Entomodestes leucotis* Good views of this handsome species at Rocotal in the Manu Road. Found in Peru and Bolivia

Great Thrush *Turdus fuscater* Common in the upper parts of the Manu Road, especially between Acjanaco and Wayqecha

Chiguanco Thrush *Turdus chiguanco* Common around Huacarpay Lake

Black-billed Thrush *Turdus ignobilis* Common in the Manu lowlands

Lawrence's Thrush (H) *Turdus lawrencii* This species was heard in the Manu lowlands. One of the best mimics in the Neotropics, it can imitate up to 80 other sounds including birdcalls, mammals, and insects with incredible fidelity. Named after George N. Lawrence, 19th century American businessman, collector and ornithologist

Hauxwell's Thrush *Turdus hauxwelli* Seen at Cock of the Rock Lodge. Named after J. Hauxwell (1854), collector resident in Peru

Fringillidae

Olivaceous Siskin *Spinus olivaceus* Seen at Cock of the Rock Lodge

Hooded Siskin *Spinus magellanicus* Seen on the drive between Cusco and Paucartambo

Orange-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia xanthogaster* Seen at the Cock of the Rock Lodge feeders

Thick-billed Euphonia *Euphonia laniirostris* Seen on the lower Manu Road

Blue-naped Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia cyanea* Splendid views of a pair nesting in the Cock of the Rock Lodge garden

Passerellidae

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis* One of the most widespread species in South America, occupying a large range in Peru from sea level up to 5,000 meters on the west slope of the Andes at elevation and on the east slope of the Andes down across the elfin forest and cloudforest. Only absent from the Amazon lowlands

Yellow-browed Sparrow *Ammodramus aurifrons* Seen at the lower Manu Road and Villa Carmen

Grey-eared Brushfinch *Atlapetes melanolaemus* Good views between Pillahuata and Cock of the Rock Lodge

Common Bush Tanager *Chlorospingus flavopectus* Seen above Rocotal. Here the subspecies *peruvianus*

Icteridae

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

Dusky-green Oropendola *Psarocolius atrovirens* Common around Cock of the Rock Lodge. Found in Peru and Bolivia

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus* A couple of sightings in the Manu lowlands

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

Orange-backed Troupial *Icterus croconotus* Seen in the Manu lowlands

Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus* Seen along the Madre de Dios River

Yellow-winged Blackbird *Agelasticus thilius* Seen at Huacarpay Lake

Pale-eyed Blackbird *Agelasticus xanthophthalmus* Nice views at Cocha Blanco. Found in Peru and Ecuador

Parulidae

Blackburnian Warbler *Setophaga fusca* Nice views of this austral migrant below Pillahuata

Citrine Warbler *Myiothlypis luteoviridis* Seen around Wayqecha

Pale-legged Warbler *Myiothlypis signata* Seen below Pillahuata

Two-banded Warbler *Myiothlypis bivittata* Seen below Cock of the Rock Lodge

Yungas Warbler *Basileuterus punctipectus* Seen at Rocotal. Yungas Warbler is split from Three-striped Warbler (Gutiérrez-Pinto et al. 2012, Donegan 2014)

Slate-throated Whitestart *Myioborus miniatus* Seen below Cock of the Rock Lodge

Spectacled Whitestart *Myioborus melanocephalus* Common around Wayqecha and Pillahuata

Thraupidae

Red-capped Cardinal *Paroaria gularis* Seen at Cocha Camungo

Magpie Tanager *Cissopis leverianus* Seen below Cock of the Rock Lodge

Black-eared Hemispingus *Hemispingus melanotis* Seen above Cock of the Rock Lodge

Superciliaried Hemispingus *Hemispingus superciliaris* Seen at Pillahuata

Rust-and-yellow Tanager *Thlypopsis ruficeps* Seen above Rocotal

Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo* Common at Cock of the Rock Lodge and in the Manu lowlands

Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus* Common in the lowlands

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum* Common in the Manu lowlands

Blue-capped Tanager *Thraupis cyanocephala* Seen between Wayqecha and Pillahuata

Blue-and-yellow Tanager *Thraupis bonariensis* Seen around Huacarpay Lake

Hooded Mountain Tanager *Buthraupis montana* Seen below Wayqecha

Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus igniventris* Seen between Acjanaco and Wayqecha

Grass-green Tanager *Chlorornis riefferii* Seen at Wayqecha

Yellow-throated Tanager *Iridosornis analis* Nice views below Cock of the Rock Lodge

Golden-collared Tanager *Iridosornis jelskii* Nice views below Wayqecha. Found in Peru and Bolivia

Turquoise Tanager *Tangara mexicana* Seen at Villa Carmen and Manu Wildlife Center

Paradise Tanager *Tangara chilensis* Seen around Cock of the Rock Lodge. Here the nominate subspecies

Golden Tanager *Tangara arthus* Common at Cock of the Rock Lodge
Spotted Tanager *Tangara punctata* Seen below Cock of the Rock Lodge
Saffron-crowned Tanager *Tangara xanthocephala* Seen between Pillahuata and Rocotal
Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola* Seen at Cock of the Rock Lodge
Blue-necked Tanager *Tangara cyanicollis* Common at low elevation along the Manu Road
Beryl-spangled Tanager *Tangara nigroviridis* Several sightings below Rocotal
Blue-and-black Tanager *Tangara vassorii* Seen below Wayqecha
Swallow Tanager *Tersina viridis* Seen in the Manu lowlands
Tit-like Dacnis *Xenodacnis parina* Seen below Acjanaco. Found in Peru and Ecuador
Cinereous Conebill *Conirostrum cinereum* Seen on the way to Paucartambo
Blue-backed Conebill *Conirostrum sitticolor* Nice views below Wayqecha
Capped Conebill *Conirostrum albifrons* Seen below Pillahuata
Moustached Flowerpiercer *Diglossa mystacalis* Nice views at Acjanaco. Found in Peru and Bolivia
Black-throated Flowerpiercer *Diglossa brunneiventris* Seen during our drive from Huacarpay Lake to Paucartambo
Masked Flowerpiercer *Diglossa cyanea* Common at Wayqecha
Peruvian Sierra Finch *Phrygilus punensis* Seen at high elevation on the way to Paucartambo. Found in Peru and Bolivia
Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch *Phrygilus plebejus* Seen at high elevation on the way to Paucartambo.
Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola* Seen around Puerto Maldonado
Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus* Seen at Cock of the Rock Lodge
Greyish Saltator *Saltator coerulescens* Seen in the Manu lowlands
Golden-billed Saltator *Saltator aurantirostris* Nice views at Huacarpay Lake
Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina* Seen at Villa Carmen and along the Patria fields
Black-and-white Seedeater *Sporophila luctuosa* Seen at Villa Carmen
Chestnut-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila castaneiventris* Seen along the fields between Patria and Pilcopata
Yellow-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila nigricollis* Seen at mid-elevation along the Manu Road
Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch *Oryzoborus angolensis* Seen at Villa Carmen
Black-billed Seed Finch *Oryzoborus atrirostris* Seen at Cocha Camungo
Band-tailed Seedeater *Catamenia analis* Seen at Huacarpay Lake
Plain-colored Seedeater *Catamenia inornata* Seen below Acjanaco
Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola* Seen in the Cock of the Rock Lodge gardens

WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

Mammals

Giant Anteater *Myrmecophaga tridactyla* Brief views at Manu Wildlife Center
South American Sea Lion *Otaria flavescens* Seen at the Pucusana island
Marine Otter *Lontra felina* One of the rarest animals Peru. Brief but good views in Pucusana
Andean Fox *Lycalopex culpaeus* Seen at Acjanaco
Ocelot *Leopardus pardalis* Two individuals crossed the road in front of us during our drive to Atalaya. Magical!

Common Woolly Monkey *Lagothrix lagothricha* Seen above Cock of the Rock Lodge

Tufted Capuchin *Sapajus apella* Seen at Cock of the Rock Lodge

Humboldt's White-fronted Capuchin *Cebus albifrons*

Venezuelan Red Howler *Alouatta seniculus* Seen at Manu Wildlife Center

Saddleback Tamarin *Saguinus fuscicollis* Seen at Villa Carmen

Emperor Tamarin *Saguinus imperator* Great views of three individuals at Manu Wildlife Center

Brazilian Guinea Pig *Cavia aperea* Wild guinea pigs were seen around Huacarpay Lake.

Bolivian Squirrel *Sciurus ignitus* Seen at Cock of the Rock Lodge

Central American Agouti *Dasyprocta punctata* Seen at Cock of the Rock Lodge

Reptiles

Black Caiman *Melanosuchus niger* Seen in the Manu oxbow lakes

Common Caiman *Caiman crocodilus* Seen along the Madre de Dios River

Amazon Racerunner *Ameiva ameiva* One of the most common lizards in the Amazon lowlands. Seen at Villa Carmen and Manu Wildlife Center

Amphibians

Cane Toad *Rhinella marina* The fourth-largest frog on earth was seen at Villa Carmen before the storm.