

## **Birds !**

I appreciate that you really didn't open this report to read the trivial matters above so here goes.....

Taxonomy below follows Ridgely & Greenfield's "Bird of Ecuador" with occasional reference to Clements.

I don't count heards

Lifers are in bold below. I got 208 and extended my Ecuador list to just under 700

Short notes have been made against interesting sightings, lifers & local specialities.

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### **CORMORANTS AND SHAGS**

**Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)**

### **DARTERS**

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*)

### **SCREAMERS**

**Horned Screamer (*Anhima cornuta*)** – two birds at Manglares - Churute. My first new bird family of the trip

### **DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS**

**Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*)** – Manglares - Churute

Andean Teal (*Anas andium*)

**White-cheeked Pintail (*Anas bahamensis*)** – Santa Rosa

**Yellow-billed Pintail (*Anas spinicauda*)** - Cajas

Andean Ruddy-Duck (*Oxyura ferruginea*)

### **HERONS, BITTERNS, EGRETS**

Cocoi Heron (*Ardea cocoi*)

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)

Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*)

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)

Striated Heron (*Butorides striatus*)

### **AMERICAN VULTURES**

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*)

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*)

### **KITES, EAGLES, HAWKS**

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*)

**Snail Kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*)** – immature bird seen at Manglares-Churute

Plumbeous Kite (*Ictinia plumbea*)

**Plain-breasted Hawk (*Accipiter ventralis*)** - seen well at Utuana and Cajanuma

**Crane Hawk (*Geranospiza caerulescens*)** - Cerro Blanco

**Gray-backed Hawk (*Leucopternis occidentalis*)** – seen a couple of times at Buenaventura including a bird soaring with a Barred Hawk

**Barred Hawk (*Leucopternis princes*)** - a single bird at Buenaventura

**Savanna Hawk (*Buteogallus meridionalis*)** – reasonably common in western lowlands

**Great Black-Hawk (*Buteogallus urubitinga*)** – brilliant views of a perched bird at Buenaventura. A certain amount of persuasion was required to get it to fly and show off the all important tail pattern...

**Harris's Hawk *Parabuteo unicinctus***

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle *Geranoaetus melanoleucus*

**Gray Hawk *Buteo nitida***

Roadside Hawk *Buteo magnirostris*

**White-rumped Hawk *Buteo leucorrhous*** - had shown very fleeting glimpses until we got a superb perched bird at Sozoranga.

Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus*

Variable Hawk *Buteo polyosoma*

### **FALCONS AND CARACARAS**

Northern Crested-Caracara (*Caracara cheriway*)

Carunculated Caracara (*Phalcoboenus carunculatus*)

American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*)  
**Bat Falcon (*Falco ruficularis*) - fly-by views at Jorupe**

#### **CURASSOWS, GUANS, ETC.**

Speckled Chachalaca (*Ortalis guttata*)  
**Rufous-headed Chachalaca (*Ortalis erythroptera*) - Buenaventura**  
**Bearded Guan (*Penelope barbata*) - distant but prolonged views at Cajanuma**  
Sickle-winged Guan (*Chamaepetes goudotii*)

#### **JAÇANAS**

Wattled Jaçana (*Jacana jacana*)

#### **SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES**

Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*)  
Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularia*)  
Baird's Sandpiper (*Calidris bairdii*)  
Pectoral Sandpiper

#### **STILTS AND AVOCETS**

Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*)

#### **PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS**

Collared Plover (*Charadrius collaris*)

#### **GULLS AND TERNS**

Laughing Gull (*Larus atricilla*)  
Sandwich Tern (*Sterna sandvicensis*)

#### **PIGEONS AND DOVES**

Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*)  
Band-tailed Pigeon (*Columba fasciata*)  
Pale-vented Pigeon (*Columba cayennensis*)  
Plumbeous Pigeon (*Columba plumbea*)  
Eared Dove (*Zenaida auriculata*)  
**Ecuadorian Ground-Dove (*Columbina buckleyi*) – very common at Cerro Blanco**  
**Croaking Ground-Dove (*Columbina cruziana*) – several seen by the runway at Catamayo.**  
**Blue Ground-Dove (*Claravis pretiosa*) – a pair perched in a tree at Jorupe was a very nice surprise**  
White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*)

#### **PARROTS AND MACAWS**

**Red-masked Parakeet (*Aratinga erythrogenys*) – quite common as fly-by birds in the Buenaventura. Finally found some perched at Jorupe**  
**Golden-plumed Parakeet (*Leptosittaca branickii*) – Tapichalaca has some roosting trees which we staked out one evening. One bird gave superb views before very quickly disappearing into the roosting chamber but we were seriously concerned that it wasn't going to show.....**  
**White-breasted Parakeet (*Pyrrhura albipectus*) – six birds flew over just as we were watching the fly-by Amazonian Umbrellabird. The parakeets were relocated in a tree and gave brilliant views – the Umbrellabird was never seen again...**  
**Pacific Parrotlet (*Forpus coelestis*) – very common in the west**  
**Gray-cheeked Parakeet (*Brotogeris pyrrhopterus*) – great views at El Empalme**  
Bronze-winged Parrot (*Pionus chalcopterus*)  
**Red-lored Amazon (*Amazona autumnalis*) – fly-overs at Cerro Blanco**  
**Scaly-naped Amazon (*Amazona mercenaria*) – fly-overs at Tapichalaca**

#### **CUCKOOS AND ANIS**

Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*)  
Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*)  
**Groove-billed Ani (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*)**

#### **TYPICAL OWLS**

**Pacific Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium peruanum*)**  
**Black-and-white Owl (*Strix nigrolineata*) – watched at the well-known stake-out at Buenaventura**

#### **NIGHTJARS & NIGHTHAWKS**

**Pauraque (*Nyctidromus albicollis*) – nice views of a young bird on the road at Buenaventura being attended by 2 adults**

**Blackish Nightjar (*Caprimulgus nigrescens*)** – one on the road to Rio Bombuscaro gave prolonged close-range views

## SWIFTS

White-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)

**Chestnut-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne rutilus*)** – quite an attractive bird when seen well. Seeing them well is another matter.....

**Tumbes Swift (*Chaetura ocybetes*)** – finally came low enough at Jorupe to be identified

## HUMMINGBIRDS

White-whiskered Hermit (*Phaethornis yaruqui*)

**Green Hermit (*Phaethornis guy*)** – Rio Bombuscaro

**Baron's Hermit (*Phaethornis baroni*)** – Buenaventura feeders

**Gray-chinned Hermit (*Phaethornis griseogularis*)** – Jorupe & Bombuscaro. Seems to have a strange range which extends to both slopes in just southern Ecuador

**White-tipped Sicklebill (*Eutoxeres aquila*)** – after watching almost every Heliconia in the Buenaventura valley we finally pinned this one down on the last day

White-necked Jacobin (*Florisuga mellivora*)

Brown Violet-ear (*Colibri delphinae*)

**Violet-headed Hummingbird (*Klais guimeti*)** – only seen at Copalinga farm

**Wire-crested Thorntail (*Popelairia popelairii*)** – only females at the Copalinga feeders

Green Thorntail (*Popelairia conversii*)

Fork-tailed Woodnymph (*Thalurania furcata*)

**Emerald-bellied Woodnymph (*Thalurania hypochlora*)** – common at the Buenaventura feeders

**Violet-bellied Hummingbird (*Damophila julie*)** - common at the Buenaventura feeders

**Golden-tailed Sapphire (*Chrysuronia oenone*)** – a nice male at the Copalinga Inga trees

**Tumbes Hummingbird (*Leucippus baeri*)** – El Empalme

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird (*Amazilia tzacatl*)

**Amazilia Hummingbird (*Amazilia amazilia*)** – one in the centre of Macara. This is the highland "alticola" race which may be split in the future as Loja Hummingbird

Andean Emerald (*Amazilia franciae*)

**Glittering-throated Emerald (*Amazilia fimbriata*)** – common at the Copalinga feeders

**White-vented Plumeleteer (*Chalybura buffonii*)** - Buenaventura feeders

Speckled Hummingbird (*Adelomyia melanogenys*)

**Ecuadorian Piedtail (*Phlogophilus hemileucurus*)** – not easy but views of a perched bird eventually achieved at Bombuscaro near to the entrance

Green-crowned Brilliant (*Heliodoxa jacula*)

**Violet-fronted Brilliant (*Heliodoxa leadbeateri*)** – common at the Copalinga feeders

**Black-throated Brilliant** – female at the Copalinga feeders. This is the place to see this bird

Fawn-breasted Brilliant (*Heliodoxa rubinoides*)

**Giant Hummingbird (*Patagona gigas*)** – Wow ! Last minute sighting in Cajas before we descended back to Guayaquil

Shining Sunbeam (*Aglaeactis cupripennis*)

Mountain Velvetbreast (*Lafresnaya lafresnayi*)

Great Sapphirewing (*Pterophanes cyanopterus*)

**Bronzy Inca (*Coeligena coeligena*)** - Tapichalaca

Collared Inca (*Coeligena torquata*)

Buff-winged Starfrontlet (*Coeligena lutetiae*)

**Rainbow Starfrontlet (*Coeligena iris*)** – absolutely loads of these beauties at the feeders at Utuana

**Chestnut-breasted Coronet (*Boissonneaua matthewsii*)** – Tapichalaca is the place for these. Loads at the feeders

**Amethyst-throated Sunangel (*Heliangelus amethysticollis*)** - - Tapichalaca. Completed my set of Ecuadorian Sunangels

**Flame-throated Sunangel (*Heliangelus micrastur*)** - Tapichalaca

**Purple-throated Sunangel (*Heliangelus viola*)** – several at the Utuana feeders

**Glowing Puffleg (*Eriocnemis vestitus*)** – several of these whizzing around at Cajanuma

Booted Racket-tail (*Ocreatus underwoodii*)

**Green-tailed Trainbearer (*Lesbia nuna*)** - Sozoranga

**Viridian Metaltail (*Metallura williami*)** – great views of a perched bird at Acanama

**Violet-throated Metaltail (*Metallura baroni*)** – several in Cajas NP

Tyrian Metaltail (*Metallura tyrianthina*)

**Rufous-capped Thornbill (*Chalcostigma ruficeps*)** – one very attractive male managed to slip past the very aggressive Chestnut-breasted Coronets at Tapichalaca

Blue-mantled Thornbill (*Chalcostigma stanleyi*)

Long-tailed Sylph (*Aglaiocercus kingi*)

Violet-tailed Sylph (*Aglaiocercus coelestis*)

Purple-crowned Fairy (*Heliodytes barroti*)

**Long-billed Starthroat** (*Heliomaster longirostris*) – very nice bird. Seen on odd occasions on both slopes

**White-bellied Woodstar** (*Acestrura mulsant*) – Tapichalaca feeders

#### TROGONS AND QUETZALS

Golden-headed Quetzal (*Pharomachrus auriceps*)

**Ecuadorian Trogon** (*Trogon mesurus*) – at least 2 birds at Jorupe.

**Northern Violaceous Trogon** (*Trogon caligatus*) – Cerro Blanco

#### KINGFISHERS

Ringed Kingfisher (*Megaceryle torquata*)

#### MOTMOTS

**Highland Motmot** (*Momotus aequatorialis*) - Bombuscaro

#### JACAMARS

**Coppery-chested Jacamar** (*Galbula pastazae*) – one very wet bird at Bombuscaro near to the entrance

#### PUFFBIRDS

**Black-streaked Puffbird** (*Malacoptila fulvogularis*) - Bombuscaro

**Lanceolated Monklet** (*Micromonacha lanceolata*) - a fantastic find by Scott at the start of the Loja – Zamora road. Definitely one of the top ten birds of the trip

#### NEW WORLD BARBETS

Red-headed Barbet (*Eubucco bourcierii*)

#### TOUCANS

**Emerald Toucanet** (*Aulacorhynchus prasinus*) – sub-species “cyanolaemus”. Clements calls this Andean Toucanet. Still a nice bird whatever it's name is

Pale-mandibled Araçari (*Pteroglossus erythrogygius*)

**Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucan** (*Andigena hypoglauca*) - a pair at Cajanuma showed really well

**Black-billed Mountain-Toucan** (*Andigena nigrirostris*) - a big surprise ! One landed directly above us while waiting for the Jocotoco Antpitta to appear.

#### WOODPECKERS & PICULETS Picidae

**Lafresnaye's Piculet** (*Picumnus lafresnayi*) – reasonably frequent in Bombuscaro

Olivaceous Piculet (*Picumnus olivaceus*)

**Ecuadorian Piculet** (*Picumnus sclateri*) – Cerro Blanco appears to be the best site to nail this brilliant little bird

**Crimson-mantled Woodpecker** (*Piculus rivolii*) – not a lifer but I could never get tired of seeing these beauties. Surprisingly common at Cajanuma

Golden-olive Woodpecker (*Piculus rubiginosus*)

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker (*Melanerpes cruentatus*)

Little Woodpecker (*Veniliornis passerinus*)

Scarlet-backed Woodpecker (*Veniliornis callonotus*)

Guayaquil Woodpecker (*Campephilus gayaquilensis*)

#### OVENBIRDS

Bar-winged Cinclodes (*Cinclodes fuscus*)

Stout-billed Cinclodes (*Cinclodes excelsior*)

Pacific Hornero (*Furnarius cinnamomeus*)

Andean Tit-Spinetail (*Leptasthenura andicola*)

Azara's Spinetail (*Synallaxis azarae*)

**Blackish-headed Spinetail** (*Synallaxis tithys*) – good views at Jorupe

Rufous Spinetail (*Synallaxis unirufa*)

**Ash-browed Spinetail** (*Craniroleuca curtata*) – Tapichalaca along the Palanda Road

**Mouse-colored Thistletail** (*Schizoeaca griseomurina*) – seen well at the very foggy Sabanilla Ridge.

Also several seen at Cajas

Many-striped Canastero (*Asthenes flammulata*)

**Equatorial Graytail** (*Xenerpestes singularis*) – Bombuscaro on two dates

Streaked Tuftedcheek (*Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii*)

**Pacific Tuftedcheek** (*Pseudocolaptes johnsoni*) – a good bird to get. Great views of one at Buenaventura

Spotted Barbtail (*Premnoplex brunnescens*)

**Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner** (*Anabacerthia variegaticeps*) - Buenaventura

**Montane Foliage-gleaner (*Anabacerthia striaticollis*)** – **Bombuscaro and the Loja-Zamora road**  
**Henna-hooded Foliage-gleaner (*Hylodytes erythrocephalus*)** – good but brief views at both Cerro Blanco and Jorupe  
Streaked Xenops (*Xenops rutilans*)  
Plain Xenops (*Xenops minutus*)

#### WOODCREEPERS

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*)  
Olivaceous Woodcreeper (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*)  
Spotted Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus erythropygius*)  
**Olive-backed Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus triangularis*)** – appears to replace Spotted in east.  
Seen at Bombuscaro  
Streak-headed Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*)  
Montane Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger*)  
**Red-billed Scythebill (*Campylorhamphus trochilirostris*)** – Jorupe only

#### TYPICAL ANTBIRDS

**Collared Antshrike (*Sakesphorus bernardi*)** – nice males seen at Cerro Blanco and Jorupe  
**Lined Antshrike (*Thamnophilus tenuipunctatus*)** – a nice singing / displaying bird seen at the start of the Loja-Zamora road  
**Chapman's Antshrike (*Thamnophilus zarumae*)** – male & female birds seen at Utuana  
Uniform Antshrike (*Thamnophilus unicolor*)  
Western Slaty-Antshrike (*Thamnophilus atrinucha*)  
**Plain Antvireo (*Dysithamnus mentalis*)** – Cerro Blanco  
**Checker-throated Antwren (*Myrmotherula fulviventris*)** – seen well in the lower Buenaventura valley  
Slaty Antwren (*Myrmotherula schisticolor*)  
**Yellow-breasted Antwren (*Herpsilochmus axillaris*)** – singing bird watched well along the Loja-Zamora road. Nice tail movement....  
Chestnut-backed Antbird (*Myrmeciza exsul*)

#### ANTHRUSHES & ANTPITTAS

**Watkins's Antpitta (*Grallaria watkinsi*)** – excellent views at both Jorupe and Sozoranga  
**Jocotoco Antpitta (*Grallaria ridgelyi*)** – Following the success of the Antpitta feeding at Angels Paz's place in the North, the Jocotoco foundation sent one of their rangers (Franco ?) to see how the feeding was done. About two weeks before our visit the first people visiting Tapichalaca were able to watch the Jocotoco's being fed worms. The experience is absolutely fantastic. Franco starts by digging for worms and continues to make digging noises for a while afterwards. This apparently inspires the Antpitta to make towards the feeding area. Franco then sits by the path and calls to the bird. After about 20 minutes we were able to watch as he threw worms to the bird. The bird proceeded to rise through the foliage to eye-level (at a range of about 3 metres) where it called constantly with the worm hanging from its bill. A stunning **CMF** in anyone's terms ! We later spoke to Franco and he said that he saw 3 birds after we had left the site !  
**Chestnut-naped Antpitta (*Grallaria nuchalis*)** – Antpitta feeding Part 2 !!. About 200 metres further along the trail from the Jocotoco Franco left some worms on a large leaf and asked us to retreat about 50 metres away. After 5 minutes a Chestnut-naped Antpitta hopped nonchalantly along the trail and started eating the worms.  
[As an aside Franco also has a White-throated Quail-Dove that takes worms off a leaf but it is too shy to perform at the moment !]  
Tawny Antpitta (*Grallaria quitensis*) – hopping around in true Tawny Antpitta-style at Cajas

#### GNATEATERS

**Chestnut-crowned Gnateater (*Conopophaga castaneiceps*)** – superb views of a male at Bombuscaro. My second new family of the trip.

#### TAPACULOS

**Elegant Crescentchest (*Melanopareia elegans*)** – superb views of a superb bird at Jorupe  
**Uncoloured Tapaculo (*Scytalopus unicolor*)** - Utuana  
**No. White-crowned Tapaculo (*Scytalopus atratus*)** – one under the feeders at Copalinga gave prolonged views rather than the usual "black shape responding to a tape" scenario  
**Páramo Tapaculo (*Scytalopus canus*)** – one along the Zumba road

#### TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

**Black-capped Tyrannulet (*Phyllomyias nigrocapillus*)**  
**Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet (*Phyllomyias uropygialis*)** – an easy tyrannulet for a change  
**Golden-faced Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius chrysops*)**  
**Loja Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius flavidifrons*)** – there is quite an appreciable difference between this and the previous species

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)  
**Tumbesian Tyrannulet** (*Phaeomyias tumbezana*)  
**Pacific Elaenia** (*Myiopagis subplacens*)  
**Greenish Elaenia** (*Myiopagis viridicata*)  
Mottle-backed Elaenia (*Elaenia gigas*)  
White-crested Elaenia (*Elaenia albiceps*)  
White-throated Tyrannulet (*Mecocerculus leucophrys*)  
White-tailed Tyrannulet (*Mecocerculus poecilocercus*)  
Tufted Tit-Tyrant (*Anairetes parulus*)  
**Black-crested Tit-Tyrant** (*Anairetes nigrocristatus*) – there are several birds in the field guide that simply don't do the bird justice. This is definitely one of these. A brilliant little bird seen along the aptly named "Black-crested Tit-Tyrant" trail at Utuana  
**Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant** (*Euscarthmus meloryphus*) – great views at El Empalme  
**Olive-striped Flycatcher** (*Mionectes olivaceus*)  
**Slaty-capped Flycatcher** (*Leptopogon superciliaris*)  
**Ecuadorian Tyrannulet** (*Phylloscartes gualaquizae*)  
Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant (*Lophotriccus pileatus*) – still a brilliant bird  
**Black-throated Tody-Tyrant** (*Hemitriccus granadensis*) - a very obliging individual showed down to about 2 metres at **Cajanuma**  
Common Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum cinereum*)  
**Yellow-olive Flatbill** (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens*)  
**Olive-faced Flatbill** (*Tolmomyias viridiceps*)  
Ornate Flycatcher (*Myiobius ornatus*)  
**Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher** (*Terentriacus erythrurus*) – Good views at Rio Bombuscaro. A little higher than the field guide suggests  
**Tawny-breasted Flycatcher** (*Myiobius villosus*) – at both Buenaventura & Bombuscaro  
**Orange-crested Flycatcher** (*Myiophobus phoenicomitra*)  
Bran-colored Flycatcher (*Myiophobus fasciatus*)  
**Olive-chested Flycatcher** (*Myiophobus cryptoxanthus*)  
**Orange-banded Flycatcher** (*Myiophobus lintoni*)  
Cinnamon Flycatcher (*Pyrrhomyias cinnamomea*)  
Western Wood-Pewee (*Contopus sordidulus*)  
**Tumbes Pewee** (*Contopus punensis*)  
**Olive-sided Flycatcher** (*Contopus cooperi*)  
Black Phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*)  
**Vermilion Flycatcher** (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*)  
Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant (*Ochthoeca fumicolor*)  
**Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant** (*Ochthoeca rufipectoralis*) several at **Cajanuma**  
Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant (*Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris*)  
**Jelski's Chat-Tyrant** (*Silvicultrix jelskii*) – one elusive bird at Utuana  
Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant (*Silvicultrix diadema*)  
**Red-rumped Bush-Tyrant** (*Cnemarchus erythropygius*) – about a week before the trip Wes & Susan had found one of these at Cajas. The bird was on exactly the same sapling on this visit !  
**Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant** (*Myiotheretes striaticollis*)  
**Smoky Bush-Tyrant** (*Myiotheretes fumigatus*)  
**Cliff Flycatcher** (*Hirundinea ferruginea*) – two at the very start of the Old Loja-Zamora road  
**Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant** (*Agriornis montana*) – one seen through the early morning fog at Cajas and then another at the ranger station showing much better  
Paramo Ground-Tyrant (*Muscisaxicola alpina*)  
**Rufous-tailed Tyrant** (*Knipolegus poecilurus*) – nice views of one along the road near Valladolid  
**Long-tailed Tyrant** (*Colonia colonus*) – Copalinga farm  
Masked Water-Tyrant (*Fluvicola nengeta*)  
**Pale-edged Flycatcher** (*Myiarchus cephalotes*)  
**Sooty-crowned Flycatcher** (*Myiarchus phaeocephalus*)  
Social Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes similis*)  
Rusty-margined Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes cayanensis*)  
Streaked Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes maculates*)  
**Baird's Flycatcher** (*Myiodynastes bairdii*) – big, distinctive flycatchers. Seen only at El Empalme  
Golden-crowned Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes chrysocephalus*)  
Piratic Flycatcher (*Legatus leucophaeus*)  
Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)  
**Yellow-cheeked Becard** (*Pachyramphus xanthogenys*) – great views along the road below Valladolid  
**Slaty Becard** (*Pachyramphus spodiurus*) – a couple of pairs at Jorupe  
Black-and-white Becard (*Pachyramphus albogriseus*)  
One-colored Becard (*Pachyramphus homochrous*)

## COTINGAS

### Red-crested Cotinga (*Ampelion rubrocristata*)

Barred Fruiteater (*Pipreola arcuata*)

Green-and-black Fruiteater (*Pipreola riefferii*)

**Amazonian Umbrellabird (*Cephalopterus ornatus*) – a fly-by at Bombuscaro**

**Long-wattled Umbrellabird (*Cephalopterus penduliger*) – fantastic bird with a fantastic Latin name.**

**In this case the bird's penduliger was way below the branch he was perched on**

Andean Cock-of-the-rock (*Rupicola peruviana*)

## MANAKINS

**Blue-rumped Manakin (*Lepidothrix isidorei*) – lovely male at Bombuscaro**

Club-winged Manakin (*Machaeropterus deliciosus*)

## CROWS, JAYS, AND MAGPIES

Turquoise Jay (*Cyanolyca turcosa*)

**White-tailed Jay (*Cyanocorax mystacalis*) - seen in good numbers at both Cerro Blanco & Jorupe**

**Inca Jay (*Cyanocorax yncas*) - Bombuscaro**

## VIREOS AND ALLIES

**Rufous-browed Peppershrike (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*)**

**Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo (*Vireolanius leucotis*) – singing bird watched in full view along the Loja-Zamora road**

Red-eyed Vireo (*Vireo olivaceus*)

Brown-capped Vireo (*Vireo leucophrys*)

Lesser Greenlet (*Hylophilus decurtatus*)

**Olivaceous Greenlet (*Hylophilus olivaceus*) – one along the Loja-Zamora road.**

## THRUSHES, SOLITAIRES

Swainson's Thrush (*Catharus ustulatus*)

Great Thrush (*Turdus fuscater*)

**Plumbeous-backed Thrush (*Turdus reevei*) – several along the trail at Jorupe**

**Marañón Thrush (*Turdus maranonicus*) – a bird I didn't expect to see. At least 2 around the village of Valladolid – here at the extreme northern end of their range**

Black-billed Thrush (*Turdus ignobilis*)

Ecuadorian Thrush (*Turdus maculirostris*)

## MOCKINGBIRDS

**Long-tailed Mockingbird (*Mimus longicaudatus*)**

## DIPPERS

White-capped Dipper (*Cinclus leucocephalus*)

## SWALLOWS AND MARTINS

Gray-breasted Martin (*Progne chalybea*)

Brown-bellied Swallow (*Notiochelidon murina*)

Blue-and-white Swallow (*Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*)

**Pale-footed Swallow (*Notiochelidon flavipes*) – not easy ! Several eventually picked out of the swallow flock at Cajanuma**

White-banded Swallow (*Atticora fasciata*)

Southern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)

Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)

**Chestnut-collared Swallow (*Petrochelidon rufocollaris*) – large colonies of these at Macara and Guayaquil**

## WRENS

**Fasciated Wren (*Campylorhynchus fasciatus*) – seen very frequently**

Rufous Wren (*Cinnycerthia unirufa*)

Grass Wren (*Cistothorus platensis*)

**Plain-tailed Wren (*Thryothorus euophrys*)- Tapichalaca. This and the following 3 *Thryothorus* typically took a lot of time and patience but were all seen well**

**Whiskered Wren (*Thryothorus mystacalis*)**

**Superciliated Wren (*Thryothorus superciliaris*)**

**Speckle-breasted Wren (*Thryothorus sclateri*) – Cerro Blanco**

House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*)

Mountain Wren (*Troglodytes solstitialis*)

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucophrys*)

**Song Wren (*Cyphorhinus phaeocephalus*) – superb close views of a pair at Buenaventura.**

## GNATCATCHERS & GNATWRENS

Tropical Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila plumbea*)

## PIPITS AND WAGTAILS

**Páramo Pipit (*Anthus bogotensis*)** – a couple of birds at Cajas NP

## NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Tropical Parula (*Parula pitiayumi*)

Blackburnian Warbler (*Dendroica fusca*)

**Black-lored Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis auricularis*)** - one singing at Buenaventura gave good looks

Canada Warbler (*Wilsonia Canadensis*)

Slate-throated Whitestart (*Myioborus miniatus*)

Spectacled Whitestart (*Myioborus melanocephalus*)

Black-crested Warbler (*Basileuterus nigrocristatus*)

**Three-banded Warbler (*Basileuterus trifasciatus*)** - Sozoranga

Russet-crowned Warbler (*Basileuterus coronatus*)

**Gray-and-gold Warbler (*Basileuterus fraseri*)** – Cerro Blanco

## TANAGERS AND ALLIES

Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*)

Green Honeycreeper (*Chlorophanes spiza*)

**Golden-collared Honeycreeper (*Iridophanes pulcherrima*)** – excellent views along the Loja-Zamora road

Yellow-tufted Dacnis (*Dacnis egregia*)

Blue-backed Conebill (*Conirostrum sitticolor*)

Capped Conebill (*Conirostrum albifrons*)

**Giant Conebill (*Oreomanes fraseri*)** – one that I'd missed at Papallacta in 2003. Point blank views of a stunning bird at Cajas NP made up for the lost years...

**Tit-like Dacnis (*Xenodacnis parina*)** – one nice male amongst a flock of about 8-10 birds at Cajas NP by the ranger station. Didn't quite blow my mind as expected.....

**Bluish Flowerpiercer (*Diglossopsis caerulea*)** – several along the Quebrada Honda trail

Masked Flowerpiercer (*Diglossopsis cyanea*)

Glossy Flowerpiercer (*Diglossa lafresnayii*)

**Black Flowerpiercer (*Diglossa humeralis*)** – Cajas NP

White-sided Flowerpiercer (*Diglossa albilatera*)

Guira Tanager (*Hemithraupis guira*)

Rufous-chested Tanager (*Thlypopsis ornata*)

Thick-billed Euphonia (*Euphonia laniirostris*)

Orange-bellied Euphonia (*Euphonia xanthogaster*)

Orange-crowned Euphonia (*Euphonia saturata*)

**Bronze-green Euphonia (*Euphonia mesochrysa*)** – small parties of these at the HQ clearing at Rio Bombuscaro

**Orange-eared Tanager (*Chlorochrysa calliparaea*)** -

Rufous-throated Tanager (*Tangara rufigula*)

Golden Tanager (*Tangara arthus*)

Silver-throated Tanager (*Tangara icterocephala*)

**Saffron-crowned Tanager (*Tangara xanthocephala*)**

Flame-faced Tanager (*Tangara parzudakii*)

Golden-naped Tanager (*Tangara ruficervix*)

Beryl-spangled Tanager (*Tangara nigroviridis*)

Blue-and-black Tanager (*Tangara vassorii*)

Blue-necked Tanager (*Tangara cyanicollis*)

Masked Tanager (*Tangara nigrocincta*)

**Turquoise Tanager (*Tangara mexicana*)**

**Paradise Tanager (*Tangara chilensis*)** – I managed to miss some of the common tanagers at Sacha in 2003. This was probably the most embarrassing...

Green-and-gold Tanager (*Tangara schrankii*)

**Spotted Tanager (*Tangara punctata*)**

Bay-headed Tanager (*Tangara gyrola*)

**Golden-crowned Tanager (*Iridosornis rufivertex*)**

Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager (*Anisognathus igniventris*)

**Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager (*Anisognathus lacrymosus*)**

Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager (*Anisognathus somptuosus*)

Hooded Mountain-Tanager (*Buthraupis montana*)

Black-chested Mountain-Tanager (*Buthraupis eximia*)

Grass-green Tanager (*Chlorornis riefferii*)

Swallow Tanager (Tersina viridis)  
 Blue-gray Tanager (Thraupis episcopus)  
 Palm Tanager (Thraupis palmarum)  
 Blue-capped Tanager (Thraupis cyanocephala)  
**Silver-beaked Tanager (Ramphocelus carbo)** - maybe more a embarrassing miss than the Paradise Tanager ?  
 Lemon-rumped Tanager (Ramphocelus icteronotus)  
**Highland Hepatic-Tanager (Piranga flava)**  
**White-winged Tanager (Piranga leucoptera)**  
 White-lined Tanager (Tachyphonus rufus)  
 Ochre-breasted Tanager (Chlorothraupis stolzmanni)  
**Common Bush-Tanager (Chlorospingus ophthalmicus)**  
**Ashy-throated Bush-Tanager (Chlorospingus canigularis)**  
**Yellow-throated Bush-Tanager (Chlorospingus flavigularis)**  
**Black-capped Hemispingus (Hemispingus atropileus)** – a very attractive bird. Tried to steal the Chestnut-naped Antpitta's worms...  
**Oleaginous Hemispingus (Hemispingus frontalis)**  
 Seen well at Podacarpus (San Francisco) Ridgely & Greenfield state that this species is "Essentially devoid of field marks..." They are not wrong. It was my last Ecuadorian Hemispingus so there is some consolation  
 Black-eared Hemispingus (Hemispingus melanotis)  
**Piura Hemispingus (Hemispingus piurae)** – a beautiful bird seen well at Utuana  
**Black-headed Hemispingus (Hemispingus verticalis)** – seen along the Quebrada Honda trail at Tapichalalca  
**Black-and-white Tanager (Conothraupis speculigera)** - birds singing and showing really well at Cerro Blanco  
**Magpie Tanager (Cissopis leveriana)**  
 Plushcap (Catamblyrhynchus diadema)

#### SALTATORS & GROSBEAKS

Buff-throated Saltator (Saltator maximus)  
 Black-winged Saltator (Saltator atripennis)  
 Grayish Saltator (Saltator coerulescens)  
**Black-cowled Saltator (Saltator nigriceps)** - a nice, fat, bright Saltator that sits on top of bushes. Or at least they do in Utuana.  
**Streaked Saltator (Saltator striatipectus)** - both types seen – Streaked & Un-streaked. I don't really understand but then it seems that neither does anyone else  
 Southern Yellow-Grosbeak (Pheucticus chrysogaster)

#### EMBERIZINE FINCHES

**Crimson-breasted Finch (Rhodospingus cruentus)** – several showy males at Cerro Blanco  
 Blue-black Grassquit (Volatinia jacarina)  
**Dull-colored Grassquit (Tiaris obscura)** – the clue's in it's name !  
**Lesser Seed-Finch (Oryzoborus angolensis)** - singing male at Buenaventura. This race "funereus" has all black belly and is often known as Thick-billed Seed-Finch  
**Large-billed Seed-Finch (Oryzoborus crassirostris)** - a big surprise ! Couple of birds (female & immature) seen very well between Cajas and Guayaquil on the last day  
 Variable Seedeater (Sporophila corvine)  
 Black-and-white Seedeater (Sporophila luctuosa)  
 Yellow-bellied Seedeater (Sporophila nigricollis)  
**Chestnut-throated Seedeater (Sporophila telasco)**  
 Plain-colored Seedeater (Catamenia inornata)  
 Plumbeous Sierra-Finch (Phrygilus unicolor)  
**Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch (Phrygilus plebejus)**  
**Band-tailed Sierra-Finch (Phrygilus alaudinus)** – another who's picture in the field guide doesn't do it justice. A superb male seen in the hills above Catamayo  
**Saffron Finch (Sicalis flaveola)** – very common in lowlands  
 Pale-naped Brush-Finch (Atlapetes pallidinucha)  
 Rufous-naped Brush-Finch (Atlapetes latinuchus)  
**Bay-crowned Brush-Finch (Atlapetes seebohmi)** - Sozoranga  
**White-headed Brush-Finch (Atlapetes albiceps)** – El Empalme  
**Stripe-headed Brush-Finch (Buarremon torquatus)** – seen, after a looong wait, at Sozoranga  
 Orange-billed Sparrow (Arremon aurantirostris)  
**Black-capped Sparrow (Arremon abeillei)** – a pair showed very well at Cerro Blanco  
 Black-striped Sparrow (Arremonops conirostris)  
 Yellow-browed Sparrow (Ammodramus aurifrons)  
**Tumbes Sparrow (Aimophila stolzmanni)** – El Empalme

Rufous-collared Sparrow (*Zonotrichia capensis*) – Wes's favourite bird of the trip

#### **ORIOLES AND BLACKBIRDS**

Yellow-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus cela*)  
Crested Oropendola (*Psarocolius decumanus*)  
Shiny Cowbird (*Molothrus bonariensis*)  
Giant Cowbird (*Scaphidura oryzivora*)  
Scrub Blackbird (*Dives warszewiczi*)

**Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*)**

**White-edged Oriole (*Icterus graceannae*)**

**Yellow-tailed Oriole (*Icterus mesomelas*)**

**Peruvian Meadowlark (*Sturnella bellicose*)**

#### **CARDUELINE FINCHES**

**Hooded Siskin (*Carduelis magellanica*)**

**Saffron Siskin (*Carduelis siemiradzkii*)** – stunning adult male at Jorupe

**Yellow-bellied Siskin (*Carduelis xanthogastra*)**

#### **OLD WORLD SPARROWS**

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*)

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