

# **Santa Marta, Bogota & Magdalena Valley Colombia**

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*Santa Marta mountains – home to lots of endemic birds*

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## General

With rather short notice I had the opportunity to spend a week of birding in Colombia. As I had never been to the country before, the opportunities were amazing, but I settled for Santa Marta, Bogota and a couple of sites in Magdalena Valley. Colombia had long been on my list of dream destinations, and with the nowadays improved security situation, it turned out to be highly successful and deserves a few repeat visits in the near future. I had made contact with Diego Calderon at Colombia Birding, and Diego had arranged both logistics and guiding in an excellent way.

## Itinerary

26/6

I took the evening flight from Panama to Bogota and was duly picked up and transported to the hotel Casona del Patio ([ww.lacasonadelpatio.net](http://www.lacasonadelpatio.net)).

27/6

Early wake-up in order to catch the 9.00 flight to Santa Marta. At the airport I was picked up by Waly, who was going to be my guide on the Santa Marta leg of the trip. With no time to waste we were quickly driving towards Minca in the foothills of Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta. As it was about 11.00 by the time we started birding, it was a bit slow. We therefore birded/drove all the way up to San Lorenzo Lodge, which we arrived shortly after dusk. The road, or rather track, was in very bad shape and took some time to negotiate. The birding was good, especially at higher altitudes. In the late afternoon we passed El Dorado Lodge, where we had planned to stay for one night. They however cancelled us with short notice in favor of a larger group of people. No harm to the birding, as we were anyway going to drive even higher the next morning. We stayed at the San Lorenzo Lodge, which is the more rustic of the two, however fully adequate.

28/6

This morning we continued on the track uphill and eventually reached El Cuchillo ridge. We parked the car and birded along the track, adding a truckload of Santa Marta endemics plus enjoying the awesome views of the landscape. In one direction was the snow-covered peak of Santa Marta and in the other direction below us was the Caribbean Sea. We spent the full morning at this altitude before eventually descending, picking up Santa Marta Bush-Tyrant along the road. At the lodge we had a quick lunch as well as enjoying a close-up White-tipped Quetzal. The afternoon turned up some rain as we birded around San Lorenzo and along the track down to El Dorado Lodge. After dinner we tried to locate the newly discovered Screech-Owl and eventually we connected, although it took as some effort to really pin it down. This night was also spent at San Lorenzo Lodge.

29/6

We spent the morning at San Lorenzo Lodge and along the track immediately uphill, before descending all the way to Minca. Birding along the way at multiple stops produced some good birds like a brief Lined Quail-Dove. Down towards Mincao we spent some time in a side valley where Golden-winged Sparrow proved common. I spent the night at a hotel in Minca.

30/6

We started the day with looking for a couple of missing targets slightly above Minca, but by mid-morning we left the mountain and headed for the dry forest east of Santa Marta. This habitat is distinctly different with dry low scrubby forest. By visiting a couple of different places at Vereda las Tinajas in Tayrona Nature Park, we soon nailed the target birds Russet-throated Puffbird, Black-backed Antshrike and Slender-billed Inezia. We had lunch in a small pocket of humid forest a bit further east towards Guajira, before continuing towards the drier areas in Guajira. At Perico, 25 km west of Riohacha, we stopped for several hours and scored on an almost complete set of specialties. Buffy Hummingbird and Tocuyo Sparrow were somewhat surprising finds as they are normally rather difficult this far west. With this good scoring we were left with basically two target birds, so we quickly carried on to a site near Camarones to look for Vermillion Cardinal

before dusk. We struck gold, or rather ruby, very quickly and could conclude a productive day by checking in at the hotel in Riohacha.

### 1/7

The day started at a riverine site at Camarones, but as it was flooded, access was somewhat difficult. Instead we decided to give the Perico site another go for Chestnut Piculet. It turned out to be rather quiet, so I was happy that yesterday's afternoon had been so productive. By mid morning we drove westwards and made a couple of stops in somewhat more humid forest patches en route back to Santa Marta. No particularly exciting birds showed up. Our last stop was Mamancana Nature Park near Santa Marta airport, in a last attempt for Chestnut Piculet. A light rain did not help and we finally had to give up and drive back to the airport, where I took the late afternoon flight back to Bogota.

Diego picked me up and we had a nice dinner at the airport before going back to the same hotel as the first night.

### 2/7

City birding. We began targeting a few exclusive birds that occur in the few remaining swamps in the Bogota plain. First in line was a stop at Conejera Swamp, where we fairly quickly pulled in a Bogota Rail. The next targe took a bit longer at the other end of the marsh, but we finally found a sole juvenile Apolinar's Wren. Besides that we encountered a few other special birds like Rufous-browed Conebill and Silver-throated Spinetail. After having had a quick breakfast at the parking place, we continued to another swamp, Juan Amarillo Swamp, and rather soon connected with a pair of Subtropical Doraditos. By then it was time to head for Magdalena Valley, to the west of the Eastern Andes. Along the way down the mountain we stopped for a couple of hours at La Laguna near La Vega. Bar-crested Antshrike and Spectacled Parrotlets soon showed themselves. We had a lunchstop along the way and by early evening we reached the small township of Victoria after having crossed the mighty Rio Magdalena. The journey took significantly longer than expected, due to the road being blocked by three crashed trucks. It is seemingly not a brilliant idea for two trucks to overtake each other at the same time as meeting a third. Thanks to innovative actions by a few hardy souls that cut a detour along the roadside, we could escape the quickly increasing line of cars.

### 3/7

Immediately above Victoria is a small patch of good forest and this was our target spot for the full morning. Sooty Ant-Tanager, Beautiful Woodpecker and Yellow-tufted Dacnis appeared dutifully even before we entered the forest proper. Later we also enjoyed good views of White-mantled Barbet and played hide-and-seek with a Tody Motmot. Quality-wise it was an Antioquia Bristle-Tyrant that took the prize and we had quite a photo-session with it. At the middle of the day we drove down to Victoria to pick up our baggage and continued north along Rio Magdalena. By late afternoon we reached Gruta el Condor and walked for half an hour along a stream to reach a huge cave. A flock of Saffron-headed Parrots made an appreciated fly-by, and inside the cave we were treated to excellent views of lots of Oilbirds.

Upon return to the car, we finished off the drive to the nearby Rio Claro. This is a nice lodge situated inside the forest on the eastern foothills of the Central Andes.



*The valley bottom of the mighty Magdalena Valley has many table mountains*

4/7

The full morning was spent along the trails and access road to Rio Claro lodge. In spite of the decent forest, we encountered very few birds and only Citron-throated Toucan was new. By midday we started the long return journey to Bogota and 6.5 hours later we arrived at the very same hotel again.

5/7

My last morning was dedicated to go birding at Chingaza in the eastern mountains just outside Bogota. This was excellent Andean birding and we enjoyed good views of Rufous Antpitta, Black-chested Mountain-Tanager, Crowned Chat-Tyrant, White-browed Spinetail and Glowing Puffleg, amongst other lifers. In the late morning we reluctantly had to leave the area and return to Bogota in order for me to catch the flight to Panama.

## **Weather**

The weather was very pleasant in general. We had only a few drops of rain in Santa Marta and the eastern Andes, but nothing that really affected the birding. At higher altitudes it was rather cool, and fleece jacket was necessary.

## Logistics

The entire trip was set up by Diego Calderon-Franco who runs Colombia Birding, [www.colombiabirding.com](http://www.colombiabirding.com). For the Santa Marta leg of the trip I had Waly as a local guide, and around Bogota and in Magdalena Valley I birded with Diego and his friend Oswaldo Cortes. All in all everything worked out very well, and I can highly recommend Diego setting it all up.



*Diego*



*Oswaldo*

## Site descriptions

### Santa Marta mountain

Santa Marta is a mountain range that peaks at 5700 masl only 42 km from the Caribbean Sea. It is completely isolated from the eastern Andes and as such holds a large number of endemic taxa. No less than 12 species has the name Santa Marta something! A few years ago a new species of Screech-Owl was discovered and it would surprise me if there are not more stuff to discover. A number of taxa with subspecific rank, will almost certainly be reclassified with time. The place that most birders visit is El Cuchillo San Lorenzo beyond the village of Minca, rather close to the city Santa Marta. This ridge is actually a bit detached from the true Santa Marta range. It is however very easy to visit, although the road is very poor and requires a 4WD. Almost all the SM endemics are found in this area, except for e.g. the Sabrewing and Wren. There are nowadays two lodges where birders can conveniently stay (El Dorado and San Lorenzo), as well as a hotel in Minca at lower altitudes.

### Guajira area

Northeast of Santa Marta the forest gets much drier and could almost be called a desert. This is home to a good set of endemics; some of them shared across the border with Venezuela, and is therefore another must for visiting birders. First we visited a couple of places in Tayrona Nature Park, where the tall scrub holds some specialties. One of the sites (where we scored on Black-backed Antshrike) was Vereda las Tinajas. These site can apparently be visited during the middle of the day with excellent chances of turning up all the key birds. Further east is the town of Riohacha and not quite as far west are two key sites at Perico (25 km west of Riohacha) and Camarones (10 km west of Riohacha). These sites have lower, sometimes desert-like, scrub and contain most of the Guajira specialties.

### Mamancana Nature Park (outskirts of Santa Marta city)

This park has some scrub and dry forest on rocky slopes. It is locatd not too far away from the airport and is therefore an option to kill some time. We visited in the middle of the day and had a light rain, so we did not add so much to the birdlist.

### Bogota swamps

The marshes in Bogota valley holds some specialty birds and we visited two places; Conejera swamp and Juan Amarillo swamp. The first site proved good for Bogota Rail, Rufous-browed Conebill, Silver-throated and Spinetail, and we eventually found an Apolinar's Wren. At the later place we found Subtropical Doradito as well as another Apolinar's Wren. The swamps are rather small and completely surrounded by buildings and the ever-growing city.

### La Laguna, La Vega

La Laguna is a tiny lake (almost pond) a few km off the road from Bogota to Medellin, when descending the eastern Andes into Magdalena Valley. We spent a couple of midday hours and picked up goodies like Bar-crested Antshrike and Spectacled Parrotlet in the surrounding woodland.

### Victoria

Victoria is a small town in the foothill of the central Andes, just west of the mighty Magdalena River. Immediately above the town is an isolated patch of good forest. We birded here for a full morning adding mega birds like Antioquia Bristle-Tyrant, White-mantled Barbet, Beautiful Woodpecker, Yellow-tufted Dacnis, etc.

### Gruta el Condor near Rio Claro.

Gruta el Condor is a cave that holds a sizeable colony of Oilbirds. It is a 30 minute walk from the road following a stream-bed. The stream actually leads into the cave. As always with Oilbirds, it is an Indiana Jones experience to visit such a cave. We also notched up on a small group of Saffron-headed Parrots.



*The entrance to the Oilbird cave*

### Rio Claro

Rio Claro is a lodge with a trail system in rather good forest, just off the Bogota-Medellin road in the central Andes foothills. Rio Claro is north of Victoria. We had a rather slow morning, although the area looked really good.

### Chingaza

Chingaza Nature Park offers excellent Andean scrub and paramo birding only a short drive east of Bogota. We scored on Rufous Antpitta, White-browed Spinetail, Black-chested Mountain-Tanager, Golden-fronted Whitestart, Glowing Puffleg and Mattoral Tapaculo and many others. This is an area that deserves more than the morning we had time to spend.

## Birds

- Little Tinamou, *Crypturellus soui*  
Three heard at Victoria and one heard at Rio Claro.
- Pied-billed Grebe, *Podilymbus podiceps*  
Two at Conejera Swamp (Bogota).
- Brown Pelican, *Pelecanus occidentalis*  
A few along the coast en route back from Guajira area.
- Great Egret, *Ardea alba*  
Many at Guajira area, several at Conejera Swamp (Bogota) and many in Magdalena Valley.
- Little Blue Heron, *Egretta caerulea*  
One at Camarones (Guajira area).
- Snowy Egret, *Egretta thula*  
Two at Guajira area.
- Western Cattle Egret, *Bubulcus ibis*  
Many at Guajira area, around Bogota and in Magdalena Valley.
- Striated Heron, *Butorides striatus*  
One at Guajira area, and one at Conejera Swamp (Bogota).
- Wood Stork, *Mycteria americana*  
One at Camarones (Guajira area).
- Bare-faced Ibis, *Phimosus infuscatus*  
Many in Magdalena Valley.
- White Ibis, *Eudocimus albus*  
One at Camarones (Guajira area).
- Scarlet Ibis, *Eudocimus ruber*  
One at Camarones (Guajira area).
- Roseate Spoonbill, *Platalea ajaja*  
Two at Camarones (Guajira area).
- Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, *Dendrocygna autumnalis*  
A few small flocks at Guajira area.
- Blue-winged Teal, *Anas discors*  
A few at Conejera Swamp (Bogota).
- Andean Duck, *Oxyura ferruginea andina*  
About ten at Conejera Swamp (Bogota).
- Black Vulture, *Coragyps atratus*  
Several at Santa Marta, many at Guajira area, at Bogota and in Magdalena Valley.
- Turkey Vulture, *Cathartes aura*  
A few at Santa Marta, many at Guajira area and in Magdalena Valley.
- Osprey, *Pandion haliaetus*  
One at Guajira area.
- Pearl Kite, *Gampsonyx swainsonii*  
One en route to Guajira area and one en route from Rio Claro.
- Savanna Hawk, *Buteogallus meridionalis*  
One at Victoria and one en route from Rio Claro.
- Harris' Hawk, *Parabuteo unicinctus*  
One at Guajira area.
- Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle, *Geranoaetus melanoleucus*  
One immature at Chingaza (E of Bogota).
- Gray-lined Hawk, *Asturina nitida*  
One at Vereda las Tinajas (E Santa Marta).
- Roadside Hawk, *Buteo magnirostris*  
One at Minca and three at Victoria.
- Zone-tailed Hawk, *Buteo albonotatus*  
One above Minca.
- Black Hawk-Eagle, *Spizaetus tyrannus*  
One heard at Victoria.
- Crested Caracara, *Caracara cheriway*  
Many at Guajira area and a few in Magdalena Valley.
- Yellow-headed Caracara, *Milvago chimachima*  
One at Vereda las Tinajas (E Santa Marta), one at Guajira area and a few en route back from Guajira area.
- Laughing Falcon, *Herpetotheres cachinnans*  
One en route to Rio Claro.

American Kestrel, *Falco sparverius*

One en route to Guajira area, one en route to Rio Claro.

Rufous-vented Chachalaca, *Ortalis ruficauda*

One heard at Camarones (Guajira area).

Band-tailed Guan, *Penelope argyrotis*

One pair at the lodge at San Lorenzo, Santa Marta.

Sickle-winged Guan, *Chamaepetes goudotii*

One below San Lorenzo Lodge.

Crested Bobwhite, *Colinus cristatus*

Three small parties at Guajira area.

Black-fronted Wood-Quail, *Odontophorus atrifrons*

Heard (as is so often the case with *Odontophorus*) twice in the early morning at San Lorenzo Lodge.

White-throated Crake, *Laterallus albigularis*

One heard at La Laguna (La Vega, NW of Bogota) and one heard at Victoria.

Bogota Rail, *Rallus semiplumbeus*

One seen very well and one more heard at Conejera Swamp (Bogota). This rail has not only a tiny tiny range, but is also seriously threatened by loss of habitat. The swamp we visited is almost within the city of the 8 million people Bogota.



*Bogota Rail*

Common Moorhen, *Gallinula chloropus*

Many at Conejera Swamp (Bogota).

Spot-flanked Gallinule, *Gallinula melanops*

One at Conejera Swamp (Bogota). Here at a site a long way from its main range.

American Coot, *Fulica Americana*

Many at Conejera Swamp (Bogota).

Wattled Jacana, *Jacana jacana*

Many at Guajira area and in Magdalena Valley.

Southern Lapwing, *Vanellus chilensis*

Four en route to Guajira area, one at Conejera Swamp (Bogota) and one in Magdalena Valley.

Collared Plover, *Charadrius collaris*

A few at the salt-ponds at the airstrip 10 km west of Riohacha (Guajira).

Royal Tern, *Sterna maxima*

One probable from the flight when landing at Santa Marta airport.

Scaled Pigeon, *Patagioenas speciosa*

At least one at Santa Marta and one at Victoria.



Bare-eyed Pigeon, *Patagioenas corensis*

Many at Guajira area. Mostly seen in flight. A bit of a local specialty.



*Bare-eyed Pigeon*

Band-tailed Pigeon, *Patagioenas fasciata*

Many at higher altitudes at Santa Marta and a few at Chingaza (E of Bogota).

Ruddy Pigeon, *Patagioenas subvinacea*

One en route to Guajira area.

Eared Dove, *Zenaida auriculata*

Many in Bogota and a few at Guajira area.

Common Ground-Dove, *Columbina passerina*

A few near Santa Marta.

Ruddy Ground-Dove, *Columbina talpacoti*

A few en route to Guajira area, a few en route to and in Magdalena Valley.

Scaled Dove, *Columbina squammata*

Many at Guajira area.

Blue Ground-Dove, *Claravis pretiosa*

A few at Victoria.

White-tipped Dove, *Leptotila verreauxi*

Generally common in most areas around Santa Marta and Guajira.

Lined Quail-Dove, *Geotrygon linearis*

Two heard near El Dorado Lodge and two heard below El Dorado Lodge, where also one bird was flushed and flew up into a tree before quickly flying off again.

Blue-crowned Parakeet, *Aratinga acuticaudata*

One pair en route to Guajira area.

Scarlet-fronted Parakeet, *Aratinga wagleri*

Several flocks in flight at lower altitudes at Santa Marta, a couple of flocks of up to 30 at Victoria.



*Scarlet-fronted Parakeet*

Brown-throated Parakeet, *Aratinga pertinax*

A few small flocks at Guajira area.

Santa Marta Parakeet, *Pyrrhura viridicata*

Three birds together near the radio station at El Cuchillo de San Lorenzo. The birds attended what was probably a nest at a broken palm-tree. They provided some nice scope views before flying off. This is a Santa Marta endemic that sometimes proves tricky to get.



*Santa Marta Parakeets*

Green-rumped Parrotlet, *Forpus passerinus*

Many at Guajira area.

Spectacled Parrotlet, *Forpus conspicillatus*

Two at La Laguna (La Vega, NW of Bogota), a few at Victoria and one at Gruta el Condor near Rio Claro.

Orange-chinned Parakeet, *Brotogeris jugularis*

Several flocks above Minca, and en route to Guajira area, a few at Victoria and heard at Rio Claro.

Saffron-headed Parrot, *Pionopsitta pyralia*

A flock almost ten flew past us briefly, but much appreciated, at Gruta el Condor near Rio Claro. Then we found four together at Rio Claro that were perched.

Blue-headed Parrot, *Pionus menstruus*

Heard at Santa Marta and at Rio Claro.

Red-billed Parrot, *Pionus sordidus*

Many *Pionus* flocks seen at higher altitudes at Santa Marta wee most likely of this species.

Yellow-crowned Parrot, *Amazona ochrocephala*

Two at Gruta el Condor near Rio Claro.

Scaly-naped Parrot, *Amazona mercenaria*

Smaller numbers at higher altitudes at Santa Marta.

Dwarf Cuckoo, *Coccyzus pumilus*

One heard in the late afternoon at the airstrip 10 km west of Riohacha (Guajira).

Squirrel Cuckoo, *Piaya cayana*

One at a lunch-stop en route to Guajira area and another on the way back, and one at Rio Claro.

Smooth-billed Ani, *Crotophaga ani*

At least one identified en route back from Guajira area one at La Laguna (La Vega, NW of Bogota), a few at Victoria.

Many unidentified anis were also seen.

Groove-billed Ani, *Crotophaga sulcirostris*

At least one identified en route to Guajira area.

Striped Cuckoo, *Tapera naevia*

One at the airstrip 10 km west of Riohacha (Guajira) and two en route back from Guajira area.

Barn Owl, *Tyto alba*

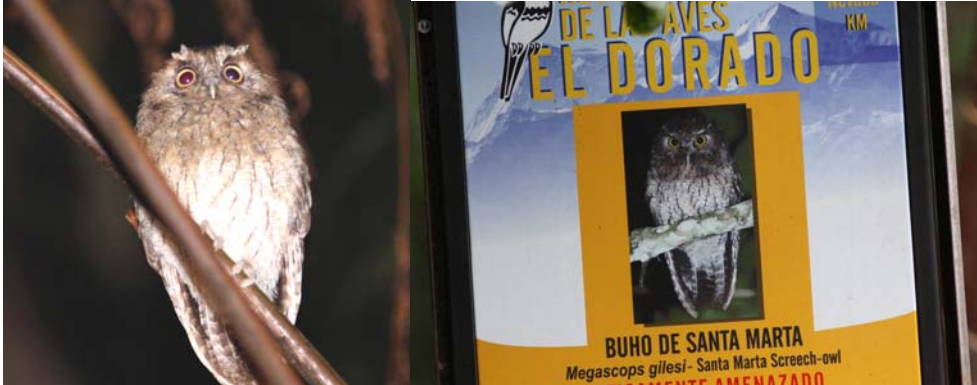
One seen in central Bogota while driving from the airport to the hotel.

Tropical Screech-Owl, *Megascops choliba*

One heard a few times at dusk below El Dorado Lodge.

“Santa Marta Screech-Owl, *Megascops gilesi*”

Two heard between El Dorado Lodge and San Lorenzo Lodge and one of them was eventually tracked down and produced stunning views at 4 meters distance. This owl has not yet been formally described and was first recognized in 2007.



*Santa Marta Screech-Owl*

Andean Pygmy-Owl, *Glaucidium jardinii*

Two at Chingaza (E of Bogota).

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl, *Glaucidium brasilianum*

One heard at Vereda las Tinajas (E Santa Marta), one seen and two more heard at Guajira area.



*Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl*

Striped Owl, *Pseudoscops clamator*

One seen on dayroost at Conejera Swamp (Bogota).



*Striped Owl*

Oilbird, *Steatornis caripensis*

Some 10-20 at the cave at Gruta el Condor near Rio Claro. was an amazing spectacle.



*Oilbirds*

- Lesser Nighthawk, *Chordeiles acutipennis*  
One at dawn west of Riohacha.
- Pauraque, *Nyctidromus albicollis*  
One at Rio Claro.
- Rufous Nightjar, *Caprimulgus rufus*  
Two heard and one seen pre-dawn on the road above San Lorenzo Lodge.
- Chestnut-collared Swift, *Streptoprocne rutila*  
One at Victoria.
- White-collared Swift, *Streptoprocne zonaris*  
Common at Santa Marta during the first afternoon and good numbers above Minca, many at Victoria and at Gruta el Condor near Rio Claro.
- Band-rumped Swift, *Chaetura spinicaudus*  
One at Victoria.
- Gray-rumped Swift, *Chaetura cinereiventris*  
One at Victoria.
- Short-tailed Swift, *Chaetura brachyuran*  
Many at Victoria.
- Rufous-breasted Hermit, *Glaucis hirsute*  
Several at a lek near Minca, one en route back from Guajira area and two at Rio Claro.
- Band-tailed Barbthroat, *Threnetes ruckeri*  
Two at Rio Claro
- Long-billed Hermit, *Phaethornis longirostris*  
Two at Rio Claro.
- Stripe-throated Hermit, *Phaethornis striigularis*  
One at the Hermit lek above Minca and one at Rio Claro.
- White-necked Jacobin, *Florisuga mellivora*  
Two at Rio Claro.
- Green Violet-ear, *Colibri thalassinus cyanotus*  
A few at El Dorado Lodge, a few at Conejera Swamp (Bogota) and Juan Amarillo Swamp (Bogota).
- Ruby-topaz Hummingbird, *Chrysolampis mosquitus*  
One or two males at Perico (Guajira).
- Blue-tailed (Red-billed) Emerald, *Chlorostilbon mellisugus*  
One at Vereda las Tinajas (E Santa Marta) and two at Perico (Guajira) were taxon nitens. One of the taxon gibsoni at La Laguna (La Vega, NW of Bogota).
- Violet-crowned Woodnymph, *Thalurania colombica colombica*  
Many at mid altitudes at Santa Marta.
- Shining-green Hummingbird, *Lepidopyga goudoti*  
A few at Perico (Guajira). Three hummers, one of which was incubating in a nest, at Victoria were identified as this species with some uncertainty. Same story with one at Rio Claro (photo, blue breast).



*Shining-green Hummingbird – a good name for this bird*

- White-chinned Sapphire, *Hylocharis cyanus*  
One seen in the Santa Marta area.

Buffy Hummingbird, *Leucippus fallax*

Two at Perico (Guajira) and two at the airstrip 10 km west of Riohacha (Guajira). This was surprising numbers of a normally scarce bird at these sites.



*Buffy Hummingbird*

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird, *Amazilia tzacatl*

Several above Minca and one at Rio Claro.

Steely-vented Hummingbird, *Saucerottia saucerrottei*

A few above Minca.

Blossomcrown, *Anthocephala floriceps*

One showing poorly below El Dorado Lodge. It came in to playback and sang from a perch in very poor light. Grey breast and tawny crest-patch.

White-vented Plumeleteer, *Chalybura buffonii*

A few above Minca, one at La Laguna (La Vega, NW of Bogota).

Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer, *Chalybura urochrysis*

One at Rio Claro.

Mountain Velvetbreast, *Lafresnaya lafresnayi*

One male at El Cuchillo de San Lorenzo and one female at San Lorenzo Lodge.



*Female Mountain Velvetbreast*

White-tailed Starfrontlet, *Coeligena phalerata*

One male was coming to the feeders at El Dorado Lodge.

Glowing Puffleg, *Eriocnemis vestitus*

A few at Chingaza (E of Bogota). The name is absolutely appropriate, really glowing even on a cloudy day!

Tyrian Metaltail, *Metallura tyrianthina*

Many at higher altitudes at Santa Marta and one female at Chingaza (E of Bogota). The taxon in Santa Marta bears little resemblance to the taxa further south.

Purple-crowned Fairy, *Heliophryx barroti*

One at Rio Claro.

Santa Marta Woodstar, *Chaetocercus astreans*

After having staked out a special garden at Santa Marta, we coincidentally found one stunning male perched atop a high dead tree. This species has a very spectacular tail, with the outermost tail-feathers being tiny spikes and the central being much shorter than the elongated middle ones.

Western White-tailed Trogon, *Trogon chionurus*

One at Rio Claro.

Northern Violaceous Trogon, *Trogon caligatus*

One at Rio Claro.

Masked Trogon, *Trogon personatus*  
One female below El Dorado Lodge.



*Masked Trogon*

White-tipped Quetzal, *Pharomachrus fulgidus*

A few were heard around San Lorenzo Lodge and right at the lodge one male was showing nicely one afternoon.



*White-tipped Quetzal*

Ringed Kingfisher, *Ceryle torquatus*

One at Camarones (Guajira area), one en route back from Guajira area, one at Bogota.

Amazon Kingfisher, *Chloroceryle amazona*

One en route from Rio Claro.

Green Kingfisher, *Chloroceryle Americana*

One at Camarones (Guajira area) and one en route to Rio Claro.

American Pygmy Kingfisher, *Chloroceryle aenea*

One at Perico (Guajira).

Tody Motmot, *Hylomanes momotula*

One at Victoria took us some crawling around, but eventually gave superlative views.



*Tody Motmot*

Blue-crowned Motmot, *Momotus momota*

One below Minca and one at the lunchstop en route to Guajira area.

Rufous Motmot, *Baryphthengus martii*

One heard at Gruta el Condor near Rio Claro. and two at Rio Claro.

Rufous-tailed Jacamar, *Galbula ruficauda*

One below Minca, one at the lunchstop en route to Minca, one at Vereda las Tinajas (E Santa Marta), two en route back from Guajira area, two en route to Magdalena Valley and one heard at Rio Claro.



*Rufous-tailed Jacamar*

Barred Puffbird, *Nystalus radiatus*

One heard at Rio Claro.

Russet-throated Puffbird, *Hypnelus ruficollis*

Three at Vereda las Tinajas (E Santa Marta), one at Perico (Guajira) and one at Mamancana Nature Park near Santa Marta airport.



*Russet-throated Puffbird*

White-mantled Barbet, *Capito hypoleucus*

A group of 7-8 was seen at the ridge forest patch at Victoria. A specialty of Magdalena Valley.

Santa Marta Toucanet, *Aulacorhynchus lautus*

Several seen at mid and high altitudes at Santa Marta.



*Santa Marta Toucanets*

Collared Aracari, *Pteroglossus torquatus*

Three at Victoria.

Keel-billed Toucan, *Ramphastos sulfuratus*

One near El Dorado Lodge, one heard above Minca and one heard at Vereda las Tinajas (E Santa Marta).

Citron-throated Toucan, *Ramphastos citrolaemus*

Two were heard at Victoria, but in spite of some circumnavigation we could not track them down. At Rio Claro we heard on calling and it was then seen in flight.

Black-mandibled Toucan, *Ramphastos ambiguus*

One of the Chestnut-mandibled form was heard at Gruta el Condor near Rio Claro and one seen at Rio Claro.

Olivaceous Piculet, *Picumnus olivaceus*

A few at Victoria and one at Rio Claro.

Beautiful Woodpecker, *Melanerpes pulcher*

One at Victoria. One of the specialties of Magdalena Valley.

Red-crowned Woodpecker, *Melanerpes rubricapillus*

A few near Minca, many en route to and at Guajira area, one at Conejera Swamp (Bogota), one at Gruta el Condor near Rio Claro..

Red-rumped Woodpecker, *Veniliornis kirkii*

One en route to Magdalena Valley, one at Victoria and one at Rio Claro.

Golden-olive Woodpecker, *Piculus rubiginosus*

Two near El Dorado Lodge and one above Minca.

Lineated Woodpecker, *Dryocopus lineatus*

One below El Dorado Lodge and one at Vereda las Tinajas (E Santa Marta) and one heard at Victoria.

Pale-legged Hornero, *Furnarius leucopus*

One at Perico (Guajira) and one heard at Camarones (Guajira area).

White-whiskered Spinetail, *Poecilurus candei*

Several at both Perico (Guajira) and the airstrip 10 km west of Riohacha (Guajira).



*White-whiskered Spinetail – the best-looking spinetail?*

Rusty-headed Spinetail, *Synallaxis fuscorufa*

Several heard and one seen at highest altitudes at Santa Marta.



Silvery-throated Spinetail, *Synallaxis subpudica*

Several at Conejera Swamp (Bogota), one at Juan Amarillo Swamp (Bogota) and a few at Chingaza (E of Bogota).

Pale-breasted Spinetail, *Synallaxis albescens*

One above Minca.

White-browed Spinetail, *Hellmayrea gularis*

One at Chingaza (E of Bogota). Looks more like a wren with its short tail, not at all as depicted in Restall et al.

Monotypic genus and a cool bird.

Streak-capped Spinetail, *Cranioleuca hellmayri*

One at El Cuchillo de San Lorenzo and one below El Dorado Lodge.

White-chinned Thistletail, *Schizoeaca fuliginosa*

A few at Chingaza (E of Bogota).

Plain Xenops, *Xenops minutus*

One above Minca.

Montane Foliage-gleaner, *Anabacerthia striaticollis*

A few at higher altitudes at Santa Marta.

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper, *Glyphorhynchus spirurus*

Three at Rio Claro.

Strong-billed Woodcreeper, *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus*

One below El Dorado Lodge.

Black-banded Woodcreeper, *Dendrocolaptes picumnus*

Two at San Lorenzo Lodge.

Straight-billed Woodcreeper, *Dendroplex picus*

One bird that looked roughly like *ssp deltanus* at Vereda las Tinajas (E Santa Marta) and two at Guajira area that looked like *ssp phalara*. Very strange as the habitat is connected dry forest.

Cocoa Woodcreeper, *Xiphorhynchus susurrans*

One heard at Victoria and two heard at Rio Claro.

Streak-headed Woodcreeper, *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*

One at Minca.

Montane Woodcreeper, *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger*

A total of three at mid altitudes at Santa Marta.

Black-crested Antshrike, *Sakesphorus canadensis*

One female at Perico (Guajira) and one female at the airstrip 10 km west of Riohacha (Guajira).

Black-backed Antshrike, *Sakesphorus melanonotus*

Two males at Vereda las Tinajas (E Santa Marta).



*Black-backed Antshrike*

Barred Antshrike, *Thamnophilus doliatus*

Several heard above Minca.

Bar-crested Antshrike, *Thamnophilus multistriatus*

Three at La Laguna (La Vega, NW of Bogota) and one en route to Magdalena Valley.



*Bar-crested Antshrike*

Western Slaty-Antshrike, *Thamnophilus atrinucha*

One heard at Victoria and one at Rio Claro.

Pacific Antwren, *Myrmotherula pacifica*

One heard at Gruta el Condor near Rio Claro.

Checker-throated Antwren, *Myrmotherula fulviventris*

A few at Rio Claro.

Slaty Antwren, *Myrmotherula schisticolor*

One below El Dorado Lodge.

White-fringed Antwren, *Formicivora grisea*

One at Vereda las Tinajas (E Santa Marta), two at Perico (Guajira) and one en route back from Guajira area.

White-bellied Antbird, *Myrmeciza longipes*

One heard at La Laguna (La Vega, NW of Bogota).

Chestnut-backed Antbird, *Myrmeciza exsul*

Two at Rio Claro.

Undulated Antpitta, *Grallaria squamigera*

One heard at Chingaza (E of Bogota).

Santa Marta Antpitta, *Grallaria bangsi*

Many heard and one seen at higher altitudes at Santa Marta.



*Santa Marta Antpitta*

Chestnut-crowned Antpitta, *Grallaria ruficapilla*

One heard at Chingaza (E of Bogota).

Rufous Antpitta, *Grallaria rufula*

One responded well and was seen at length when feeding on the road at El Cuchillo de San Lorenzo. This Santa Marta endemic taxon calls completely different from Andean taxa, and work is in progress to split it.

One seen and three more heard at Chingaza (E of Bogota). This taxon was slightly more rufous than at Santa Marta, but had a strikingly different call (very well-spaced hui, hui, hui 4-6 times as well as a hui, tu-tu-tu-tu.)



*Rufous Antpitta at Santa Marta*

Rusty-breasted Antpitta, *Grallaricula ferrugineipectus*

One pair responded nicely and offered lengthy views at Santa Marta.



*Rufous-breasted Antpitta*

Santa Marta Tapaculo, *Scytalopus sanctaemartae*

Three heard and one one seen close up above Minca.

Brown-rumped Tapaculo, *Scytalopus latebricola*

One seen when sitting out in the open below San Lorenzo Lodge. Several heard at highest altitudes at Santa Marta.

Matorral Tapaculo, *Scytalopus griseicollis*

Several heard and one seen well at Chingaza (E of Bogota).

Golden-breasted Fruiteater, *Pipreola aureopectus*

One called in and showed nicely although a bit brief, above El Dorado Lodge and a female seen well below El Dorado Lodge. A fw more were heard, giving their extremely high-pitched calls.

White-bearded Manakin, *Manacus manacus*

One en route back from Guajira area, one heard at La Laguna (La Vega, NW of Bogota), one heard at Victoria.

Lance-tailed Manakin, *Chiroxiphia lanceolata*

One immature male below Minca and a few heard at multiple spots en route to and from Guajira area.

Blue-crowned Manakin, *Lepidothrix coronata*

Two at Rio Claro.

Golden-headed Manakin, *Pipra erythrocephala*

A few at Rio Claro.

Western Striped Manakin, *Machaeropterus striolatus*

One heard at La Laguna (La Vega, NW of Bogota), three heard at Victoria.

Wing-barred Piprites, *Piprites chloris*

One at Rio Claro.

Mouse-colored Tyrannulet, *Phaeomyias murina*

One at Mamancana Nature Park near Santa Marta airport.

Yellow Tyrannulet, *Capsiempis flaveola*

One below Minca.

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet, *Tyrannulus elatus*

One pair at Gruta el Condor near Rio Claro.

Yellow-bellied Elaenia, *Elaenia flavogaster*

Two below Minca, two above Minca and two at La Laguna (La Vega, NW of Bogota).

Mountain Elaenia, *Elaenia frantzii*

Common at higher altitudes at Santa Marta.

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher, *Mionectes oleaginous*

One at Santa Marta, one en route back from Guajira area, one at Victoria and one at Rio Claro.

Sepia-capped Flycatcher, *Leptopogon amaurocephalus*

One at Rio Claro.

Slaty-capped Flycatcher, *Leptopogon superciliaris*

A few at Rio Claro.

Antioquia Bristle-Tyrant, *Pogonotriccus lanyoni*

One showed perfectly at Victoria. This is a relatively recently described species.



*Antioquia Bristle-Tyrant*

Sooty-headed Tyrannulet, *Phyllomyias griseiceps*

One at mid-altitude at Santa Marta, two at Victoria.

Venezuelan Tyrannulet, *Zimmerius improbus*

One above Minca.

Golden-faced Tyrannulet, *Zimmerius chrysops*

Two at Victoria and two at Rio Claro.

Northern Scrub-Flycatcher, *Sublegatus arenarum*

Several at Guajira area.

White-throated Tyrannulet, *Mecocerculus leucophrys*

Common at higher altitudes at Santa Marta and at Chingaza (E of Bogota).



*White-throated Tyrannulet*

Slender-billed Tyrannulet, *Inezia tenuirostris*

A few at Perico (Guajira).



*Slender-billed Tyrannulet*

Subtropical Doradito, *Pseudocolopteryx acutipennis*

One pair at Juan Amarillo Swamp (Bogota).

Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant, *Euscarthmus meloryphus*

One at the airstrip 10 km west of Riohacha (Guajira).

Black-capped Pygmy-Tyrant, *Myiornis atricapillus*

One at Rio Claro.

Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant, *Atalotriccus pilaris*

One at Minca, a few at Perico (Guajira) and two at Mamancana Nature Park near Santa Marta airport.

Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant, *Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer impiger*

Two below Minca.

Common Tody-Flycatcher, *Todirostrum cinereum*

One at La Laguna (La Vega, NW of Bogota), one at Victoria and one at Rio Claro.

Olivaceous Flatbill, *Rhynchocyclus olivaceus*

A nest-building pair at the lunchstop en route to Guajira area and two at Rio Claro.

Yellow-olive Flycatcher, *Tolmomyias sulphureus*

One above Minca and one en route back from Guajira area.

Yellow-breasted Flycatcher, *Tolmomyias flaviventris*

Two en route back from Guajira area.

Cinnamon Flycatcher, *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomea*

A few at mid altitudes at Santa Marta.



*Cinnamon Flycatcher*

Tropical Pewee, *Contopus cinereus*

Two above Minca.

Black Phoebe, *Sayornis nigricans*

One at Rio Claro.

Vermilion Flycatcher, *Pyrocephalus rubinus*

A few at Guajira area.

Crowned Chat-Tyrant, *Ochthoeca frontalis albidiadema*

Two at Chingaza (E of Bogota).



*Crowned Chat-Tyrant*

Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant, *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis*

A few at Chingaza (E of Bogota).



*Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant*

Santa Marta Bush-Tyrant, *Myiotheretes pernix*

One above San Lorenzo Lodge showed in good light when perched conspicuously in a pine tree.



*Santa Marta Bush-Tyrant*

Pied Water-Tyrant, *Fluvicola pica*

Two at Camarones (Guajira area).

Long-tailed Tyrant, *Colonia colonus*

Two at Victoria and two at Rio Claro.

Bright-rumped Attila, *Attila spadiceus*

One heard at Rio Claro.

Dusky-capped Flycatcher, *Myiarchus tuberculifer*

Several at mid to low altitudes at Santa Marta.

Brown-crested Flycatcher, *Myiarchus tyrannulus*

Several at Vereda las Tinajas (E Santa Marta) and Guajira area.

Great Kiskadee, *Pitangus sulphuratus*

A few near Minca, and at Guajira area.

Boat-billed Flycatcher, *Megarynchus pitangua*

Two heard at Victoria.

Rusty-margined Flycatcher, *Myiozetetes cayanensis*

Many en route to Magdalena Valley, several at Victoria.

Social Flycatcher, *Myiozetetes similis*

A few above Minca and at Guajira area, and one at Rio Claro.

Golden-crowned Flycatcher, *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus*

Two at El Dorado Lodge.

Streaked Flycatcher, *Myiodynastes maculates*

A few at Minca, many en route to and from Guajira area, a few at Victoria.

Piratic Flycatcher, *Legatus leucophaeus*

A few at Victoria.

Tropical Kingbird, *Tyrannus melancholicus*

Several at Guajira area, a few in Bogota, many en route to and in Magdalena Valley.

Cinnamon Becard, *Pachyramphus cinnamomeus*

Two at Minca, one at Victoria and two at Rio Claro.

Masked Tityra, *Tityra semifasciata*

A few at mid altitudes at Santa Marta.

Black-crowned Tityra, *Tityra inquisitor*

A few at Victoria.

Brown-chested Martin, *Progne tapera*

Several en route to Guajira area.

Gray-breasted Martin, *Progne chalybea*

A few at Victoria and in Magdalena Valley.

Blue-and-white Swallow, *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*

Many above San Lorenzo Lodge. Several at Victoria were best left unidentified, but could have been this species.

Brown-bellied Swallow, *Notiochelidon murina*

Common at Conejera Swamp (Bogota) and Juan Amarillo Swamp (Bogota), and a few at Chingaza (E of Bogota).



*Brown-bellied Swallow*

White-thighed Swallow, *Neochelidon tibialis*

One at Gruta el Condor near Rio Claro.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow, *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*

A few en route back from Guajira area.

Band-backed Wren, *Campylorhynchus zonatus*

Five at Gruta el Condor near Rio Claro.

Bicolored Wren, *Campylorhynchus griseus*

Four above Minca, several en route to and at Guajira area.

Rufous Wren, *Cinnycerthia unirufa*

A few at Chingaza (E of Bogota).

Black-bellied Wren, *Thryothorus fasciatoventris*

Two heard at Victoria and one heard at Rio Claro.

Rufous-breasted Wren, *Thryothorus rutilus laetus*

Three above Minca.

Bay Wren, *Thryothorus nigricapillus*

One heard at Rio Claro.

Rufous-and-white Wren, *Thryothorus rufalbus cumanensis*

Three above Minca.

Buff-breasted Wren, *Thryothorus leucotis*

A few en route back from Guajira area.

House Wren, *Troglodytes aedon*

A few above Minca and en route to and at Guajira area, three at Gruta el Condor near Rio Claro.

Apolinar's Wren, *Cistothorus apolinari*

One juvenile at Conejera Swamp (Bogota) and another also juvenile at Juan Amarillo Swamp (Bogota). This is yet another of the Bogota swamp endemics that is living on the brink of extinction.



*Apolinar's Wren*

White-breasted Wood-Wren, *Henicorhina leucosticte*

Two heard at Victoria and two heard at Rio Claro.

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren, *Henicorhina leucophrys*

Many at mid and high altitudes at Santa Marta.

Scaly-breasted Wren, *Microcerculus marginatus*

One heard at Victoria and one heard at Rio Claro. A local name is appropriately "Buscan tono - looking for the tone".

Tropical Mockingbird, *Mimus gilvus*

Several en route to and around Guajira area, one en route to Magdalena Valley.

Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush, *Catharus fuscater*

Several heard at higher altitudes at Santa Marta.

Yellow-legged Thrush, *Platycichla flavipes*

Many at Santa Marta.

Great Thrush, *Turdus fuscater*

Several at highest altitudes at Santa Marta, a few at Conejera Swamp (Bogota) and many at Chingaza (E of Bogota).

Black-hooded Thrush, *Turdus olivater*

One below El Dorado Lodge.

Pale-breasted Thrush, *Turdus leucomelas*

Common around Minca and en route to Guajira area.

Black-billed Thrush, *Turdus ignobilis*

Many at Victoria and two at Rio Claro.

Clay-colored Robin, *Turdus grayi*

A few en route to Guajira area. Many brown thrushes were certainly overlooked.

Long-billed Gnatwren, *Ramphocaenus melanurus*

Two at Rio Claro.

Tropical Gnatcatcher, *Polioptila plumbea*

A few at Perico (Guajira).



*Tropical Gnatcatcher*

Black-chested Jay, *Cyanocorax affinis*

Several troupes at mid and high altitudes at Santa Marta.

Brown-capped Vireo, *Vireo leucophrys mirandae*

One above El Dorado Lodge.

Red-eyed Vireo, *Vireo olivaceus*

A few above Minca.

Rufous-naped Greenlet, *Hylophilus semibrunneus*

One at Victoria.

Scrub Greenlet, *Hylophilus flavipes*

Two at Minca and several at Vereda las Tinajas (E Santa Marta) and Guajira area, one at La Laguna (La Vega, NW of Bogota), one at Victoria.

Golden-fronted Greenlet, *Hylophilus aurantiifrons*

One above Minca.

Rufous-browed Peppershrike, *Cyclarhis gujanensis*

One below Minca, and two at Vereda las Tinajas (E Santa Marta).

Andean Siskin, *Carduelis spinescens*

Two at El Cuchillo de San Lorenzo, an adult feeding a young at Juan Amarillo Swamp (Bogota).

Lesser Goldfinch, *Carduelis psaltria*

Two at Victoria.

Tropical Parula, *Parula pitiayumi*

One above Minca.

Slate-throated Whitestart, *Myioborus miniatus*

Several at mid altitudes at Santa Marta.

Golden-fronted Whitestart, *Myioborus ornatus*

Three at Chingaza (E of Bogota). Stunningly beautiful bird!



Yellow-crowned Whitestart, *Myioborus flavivertex*  
A few at El Cuchillo de San Lorenzo.



*Yellow-crowned Whitestart*

Black-crested Warbler, *Basileuterus nigrocristatus*  
Many at Chingaza (E of Bogota).

Santa Marta Warbler, *Basileuterus basilicus*  
Two at El Cuchillo de San Lorenzo.



*Santa Marta Warbler*

White-lored Warbler, *Basileuterus conspicillatus*  
Two near El Dorado Lodge and a few below El Dorado Lodge.

Rufous-capped Warbler, *Basileuterus rufifrons*  
Several above Minca.

Buff-rumped Warbler, *Basileuterus fulvicauda*  
Singles heard at Victoria and Gruta el Condor near Rio Claro.

Bananaquit, *Coereba flaveola*  
Several at Guajira area, a few en route to Magdalena Valley and at Rio Claro.

Rufous-browed Conebill, *Conirostrum rufum*  
A few at Conejera Swamp (Bogota) and a few at Chingaza (E of Bogota).

Blue-backed Conebill, *Conirostrum sitticolor*  
Three at Chingaza (E of Bogota).

Black-faced Tanager, *Schistochlamys melanopsis*  
One at Victoria.

Yellow-backed Tanager, *Hemithraupis flavicollis*  
One at Rio Claro.

Rosy Thrush-Tanager, *Rhodinocichla rosea*  
One heard above Minca, two heard at La Laguna (La Vega, NW of Bogota).

Dusky-faced Tanager, *Mitrospingus cassinii*  
Three small flocks at Rio Claro.

Gray-headed Tanager, *Eucometis penicillata*  
Two at Victoria.

White-shouldered Tanager, *Tachyphonus luctuosus*  
Two at Rio Claro.

Tawny-crested Tanager, *Tachyphonus delatrii*

A few at Rio Claro.

White-lined Tanager, *Tachyphonus rufus*

Three above Minca.

Sooty Ant-Tanager, *Habia gutturalis*

A few at Victoria and one at Gruta el Condor near Rio Claro.. One of the Magdalena specialties, and a good-looking such.



*Sooty Ant-Tanager*

Crimson-backed Tanager, *Ramphocelus dimidiatus*

Several above Minca, many at Vereda las Tinajas (E Santa Marta) and Guajira area and a few around Santa Marta and in Magdalena Valley, and at Rio Claro.

Blue-gray Tanager, *Thraupis episcopus*

Several near Minca, several en route to and from Guajira area, several en route to and in Magdalena Valley and at Rio Claro.

Glaucous Tanager, *Thraupis glaucocolpa*

Two at Perico (Guajira).

Blue-capped Tanager, *Thraupis cyanocephala*

One at higher altitude at Santa Marta.

Palm Tanager, *Thraupis palmarum*

One en route back from Guajira area, one en route to Magdalena Valley, a few at XX, and one at Rio Claro.

Black-chested Mountain-Tanager, *Buthraupis eximia*

Two at Chingaza (E of Bogota).

Santa Marta Mountain-Tanager, *Anisognathus melanogenys*

Several seen at (mid and) higher altitudes at Santa Marta.

Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager, *Anisognathus igniventris*

Many at Chingaza (E of Bogota).

Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager, *Dubusia taeniata*

Three at Chingaza (E of Bogota).

Velvet-fronted Euphonia, *Euphonia concinna*

One immature male was scoped at Victoria. Another Magdalena specialty.

Thick-billed Euphonia, *Euphonia lanirostris*

One above Minca, one at Perico (Guajira) and two at Rio Claro.

Fulvous-vented Euphonia, *Euphonia fulvicrissa*

Two at Rio Claro

Blue-naped Chlorophonia, *Chlorophonia cyanea longipennis*

Three near El Dorado Lodge.

Plain-colored Tanager, *Tangara inornata*

A few small groups at Victoria.

Bay-headed Tanager, *Tangara gyrola*

Many at Santa Marta.



*Bay-headed Tanager*

Blue-necked Tanager, *Tangara cyanicollis*

A few at La Laguna (La Vega, NW of Bogota), several at Victoria.

Golden-hooded Tanager, *Tangara larvata*

A few at Victoria and one at Rio Claro.

Black-capped Tanager, *Tangara heinei*

Several at higher altitudes at Santa Marta.

Black-headed Tanager, *Tangara cyanoptera*

A few above Minca.

Yellow-tufted Dacnis, *Dacnis egregia*

Two at Victoria. Yet another Magdalena specialty.

Blue Dacnis, *Dacnis cayana*

Two near Minca and two at Rio Claro.

Green Honeycreeper, *Chlorophanes spiza*

Two at La Laguna (La Vega, NW of Bogota), two at Victoria and two at Rio Claro.

Purple Honeycreeper, *Cyanerpes caeruleus*

One at Rio Claro.

Swallow-Tanager, *Tersina viridis*

Several above Minca, one en route to Rio Claro.

Pileated Finch, *Coryphospingus pileatus*

Several at Perico (Guajira) and two at Mamancana Nature Park near Santa Marta airport.



*Pileated Finch*

Plumbeous Sierra-Finch, *Phrygilus unicolor*

A few at Chingaza (E of Bogota).

Blue-black Grassquit, *Volatinia jacarina*

Several at mid and low altitudes at Santa Marta and en route to Guajira area, one at Victoria.

Gray Seedeater, *Sporophila intermedia*

One at the lunchstop en route to Guajira area, two at Guajira area one en route to Magdalena Valley.

Yellow-bellied Seedeater, *Sporophila nigricollis*

Several above Minca, three at Victoria.

Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch, *Oryzoborus angolensis*

One female above Minca.

Plain-colored Seedeater, *Catamenia inornata*

A few at Chingaza (E of Bogota).

Black-faced Grassquit, *Tiaris bicolor*

A few at Guajira area.

Rusty Flowerpiercer, *Diglossa sittoides*

One female below El Dorado Lodge.



*Rusty Flowerpiercer – doing what it is supposed to do*

White-sided Flowerpiercer, *Diglossa albilatera*

Several at higher altitudes at Santa Marta, a few at Conejera Swamp (Bogota).

Glossy Flowerpiercer, *Diglossa lafresnayii*

One at Chingaza (E of Bogota).

Black Flowerpiercer, *Diglossa humeralis*

Several at Chingaza (E of Bogota).

Masked Flowerpiercer, *Diglossopsis cyanea*

One at Chingaza (E of Bogota).

Saffron Finch, *Sicalis flaveola*

A few at Juan Amarillo Swamp (Bogota), a few en route to Magdalena Valley, several at Victoria.

Pale-naped Brush-Finch, *Atlapetes pallidinucha pallidinucha*

Several at Chingaza (E of Bogota).



*Pale-naped Brush-Finch*

Santa Marta Brush-Finch, *Atlapetes melanocephalus*

Many at mid and high altitudes at Santa Marta.



*Santa Marta Brush-Finch*

Slaty Brush-Finch, *Atlapetes schistaceus*

Several at Chingaza (E of Bogota).



*Slaty Brush-Finch*

Stripe-headed Brush-Finch, *Buarremon torquatus*

Two at El Cuchillo de San Lorenzo.

Orange-billed Sparrow, *Arremon aurantiirostris*

Two at Victoria.

Golden-winged Sparrow, *Arremon schlegeli*  
Several seen above Minca.



*Golden-winged Sparrow*

Tocuyo Sparrow, *Arremonops tocuyensis*

One at Perico (Guajira) was a rather unusual find for that specific area.

Rufous-collared Sparrow, *Zonotrichia capensis*

Two in Bogota, a few at Santa Marta, common around Bogota and a few at Chingaza (E of Bogota).

Streaked Saltator, *Saltator striatipectus*

Several above Minca and at Guajira area.

Grayish Saltator, *Saltator coerulescens*

A few above Minca and a few at Guajira area.

Buff-throated Saltator, *Saltator maximus*

Several above Minca and en route to and from Guajira area, and one at Rio Claro.

Orinocan Saltator, *Saltator orinocensis*

Two flew across the road near Guajira area, then two seen nicely at the airstrip 10 km west of Riohacha (Guajira) and two seen singing at Perico (Guajira) the next morning.



*Orinocan Saltator*

Vermilion Cardinal, *Cardinalis phoeniceus*

One pair in the late afternoon at the airstrip 10 km west of Riohacha (Guajira).



*Vermilion Cardinal*

Black-backed Grosbeak, *Pheucticus aureoventris*  
 One at Conejera Swamp (Bogota).

Blue-black Grosbeak, *Cyanocompsa cyanoides*  
 One at Minca.

Yellow-hooded Blackbird, *Chrysomus icterocephalus*  
 One at Guajira area, many at Conejera Swamp (Bogota) and Juan Amarillo Swamp (Bogota).

Red-breasted Blackbird, *Sturnella militaris*  
 One en route to Rio Claro.

Great-tailed Grackle, *Quiscalus mexicanus*  
 One at Santa Marta and several en route to Guajira area and around Bogota.

Carib Grackle, *Quiscalus lugubris*  
 Several en route to Guajira area.

Shiny Cowbird, *Molothrus bonariensis*  
 A few at Guajira area, many at Conejera Swamp (Bogota).

Yellow-backed Oriole, *Icterus chrysater*  
 A few above Minca, one at Conejera Swamp (Bogota).

Yellow Oriole, *Icterus nigrogularis*  
 Several en route to and at Guajira area.

Orange-crowned Oriole, *Icterus auricapillus*  
 Two below Minca.

Yellow-rumped Cacique, *Cacicus cela*  
 One en route to Guajira area.

Crested Oropendola, *Psarocolius decumanus*  
 Several at Santa Marta.

Chestnut-headed Oropendola, *Psarocolius wagleri*  
 One at Rio Claro.

## Mammals

Gray Fox, *Urocyon cinereoargenteus*  
 One above El Dorado Lodge and one at Perico (Guajira).

White-footed Tamarin Monkey, *Saguinus leucopus*  
 A small party at Victoria. A Critically Endangered endemic species.

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*White-footed Tamarin Monkey*