

Colombia

(Eastern Andes, Leticia & Amacayacu, Cartagena & San Andres)

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White-bellied Woodstar

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General

The purpose of this trip was primarily a family holiday to enjoy this fantastic country. I grabbed the opportunity to arrive a few days ahead of the “holiday part” in order to catch up with some endemics in the northern part of the east Andes, where I had never been before. When my family arrived, we spent time in and around Bogotá, flew down to the Amazonian lowlands at Leticia, as well as visited the historical town Cartagena on the Caribbean coast. As a final leg of the trip before returning home to Panamá, we spent one day at San Andres, which is a Caribbean island close to the coast of Nicaragua, although belonging to Colombia.



Author is second from left

Highlights

- Red Data endemics like Black Inca, Mountain Grackle, Niceforo's Wren,
- Cool hummers like Golden-bellied Starfrontlet, Gorgeted Woodstar, Coppery-bellied Puffleg, Longuemare's Sunangel and many more
- Grey and Pink Dolphins in rio Amazonas
- San Andres Vireo
- Snorkeling in crystal clear and rich waters off San Andres
- Underground saltmine cathedral at Zipaquirá
- Old Hispanic town of Cartagena
- Dinner overlooking Bogotá from Montserrat as darkness fell
- Ropeclimbing to the canopy platform at Amacayacu in Amazonas



Yours truly explaining to the next generation where to find new species to science

Itinerary

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Late night arrival from Panama to Bogotá, where I checked in at the nice hostel Casona del Patio, where I have stayed before.

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I was picked up by Manuel at the hotel in central Bogotá at 4.00 for a 3 hours drive to Rogitama to the north. The roads were good and traffic limited, and when we reached Rogitama there was still dew in the grass under a rising sun. We were greeted with a cup of tea, and soon feasted on some Short-tailed Emeralds. After that it did not take long until we also had both a nice breakfast on the veranda and a splendid Black Inca showing off. We birded around the house and slightly up the slope behind the house for a few hours until noon. Longuemare's Sunangel was a nice addition, but the Lazuline Sabrewings were nowhere to be found.



Rogitama Reserve

By noon we left for a longish drive further north to Soatá. The journey was broken up by a quick lunch-stop and a couple birding stops at Paramo el Rusia. Immediately upon arrival at Soatá at 16.00, we started birding in a quebrada and some fields just northeast of town. This is an area where endemics like Niceforo's Wren, Chestnut-bellied Hummingbird and Apical Flycatcher occur. With the limited time until dark, we only managed to see the latter.

The night was spent at Hotel Internacional just next to the main square in Soatá.

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We left Soatá at 5.00 and after less than an hour we were at the target oak forest along the road to Onzaga, west of Soatá. At the crack of dawn we picked up Pedro, who lives in one of the two houses that are along the road up to the pass. Pedro knows the area well, and especially the key bird Mountain Grackle. It did not take us long at all until Pedro heard them and we could see them moving around in the canopy. With this bird under the belt, we decided to bird the higher altitudes and therefore drove up to the pass and somewhat beyond. The birding was rather slow and we instead walked up along a trail from the pass that eventually took us to a large clearing. Although the view over the Andes was stunning, it was in fact rather birdless in the sun and late morning.

During the middle of the day I walked from the pass a few kilometers down towards Onzaga, until the habitat was too poor. We returned to the pass and I walked all the way down to the lower end of the oak forest. The birding was still rather slow, and the only real highlight was a party of Moustached Brush-Finches, as well as better views of the same Grackles as in the morning.

By 15.00 I decided to give up on this site and instead give the Niceforo's Wren another chance. We spend the last couple of hours at the same site as yesterday afternoon. This time we were luckier and saw both

Chestnut-bellied Hummingbird, Scrub Tanager and eventually after much hard work also the Niceforo's Wren.

The night was again spent at Hotel Internacional in Soatá.



View from the top of Onzaga Road

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I was keen on another try for a couple of birds along Onzaga Road, so we again set off at 5.00. Just before dawn we reached the pass and it was freezing cold with frost in the grass. However, as soon as the sun rose, it started to warm up. I walked all the way down to the lower part of the oak forest, which took me about three hours. There were a few flocks moving around, but unfortunately it was again a rather quiet day. Bird of the day was the much wanted Golden-bellied Starfrontlet.

By 9.30 we were back at the scrubs and fields just outside Soatá in order to look for two remaining hummingbirds. It took a while until I found a pair of Indigo-capped Hummingbird, but the Lazuline Sabrewing again slipped away.

After a quick lunch we set off south towards Bogotá. However at KM 68-69 (an hour plus south of Soatá) we took a side-road into an area of nice paramo. The target was Bearded Helmetcrest, which is supposed to be regular in this area. The area was unfortunately almost completely silent, and in particular no hummers were around. Some compensation came in the form of the sometimes split Merida Speckled Teal.

From the paramo it was a long drive back to Bogotá, where we arrived at 21.00.

Night at Casona del Patio.



This government building was covered with ants in order to symbolize the hard-working people inside the building...

13/3

After a very short night, I woke up at 4.00 for a 1.5 hours drive to Pedro Palo on the western slope of Bogotá. I was joined by Oswaldo Cortes and Elisabeth. It was going to be a rather quick visit, as I needed to meet my arriving family before noon at the airport. The number one key species was Turquoise Dacnis-Tanager, and it was a relief that it was actually one of the first birds that landed in the canopy at the stake-out site. It took off all too quickly though. Oswaldo then briefly caught glimpse of another individual at another site. Luck continued as a Gorgeted Woodstar showed well. We birded the area along the lake until 9.30, when we had to leave.

My family arrived on time from Panamá and we took a taxi to the old city and checked in at a pre-booked hostel (La Candelaria). With a quick lunch under the belt, we went for some sightseeing (Museo del Oro). Best of the sightseeing was the late afternoon visit to the mountain-top Montserrate with a superb view over Bogotá. Montserrate also has another feature, which are lots of flowers attracting hummingbirds. Already from the Telesferico, I managed to see a sought-after Coppery-bellied Puffleg. The day was rounded off with a nice dinner at the French restaurant, overlooking Bogotá as darkness fell.

Night at Hostal Candelabria in the old parts of Bogotá.



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This day we made a trip to Zipaquirá north of Bogotá. The site is famous for its underground cathedral that is located in a salt mine, which was quite spectacular to see. We made the trip to Zipaquirá with a steam-engine train manufactured in my university city of Linköping (www.touristren.com.co), which made it a pleasant day.

Night at Hostal Candelabria again.



15/2

This day we took a midday flight from Bogotá to Leticia in the southeastern corner of Colombia. This frontier town is right by the border with Brazil and Peru. We were picked up at the airport and driven to the town center, where we sorted out our stay at Amacayacu Lodge. During the afternoon we traveled by speedboat up the Amazon river and finally reached the lodge. I walked the boardwalk in search of good birds, but in general throughout the stay it was extremely quiet in the flooded forest. After dark we all went by canoe up a small creek in search of nightbirds.



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I did the boardwalk birding in the morning. After breakfast we joined a group that was going to climb a major tree. I and one of my sons hauled ourselves with ropes up to a platform about 45 meters up in the canopy. Both going up, as well as staying in the platform was an adventurous experience, and slowly descending by rope was no less exciting!



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One of our targets was to see the river Dolphins. Both Gray and Pink Dolphins occur at this part of the Amazon. By boat we crossed the river and just a bit up a side river on the Peruvian side. In spite of a heavy downpour, we had a long session with both species feeding around us. Quite exciting!



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After some early morning birding around the lodge, we traveled by the speed-boat back down-river to Leticia. We walked across the non-existent border post into Brazil and had lunch. In the afternoon we caught a flight to Bogotá and onwards to Cartagena on the Caribbean coast.

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This was a full day of sightseeing in the old town of Cartagena. The place is very scenic and there is no shortage of historical landmarks. No birding during the entire day (guess it is bound to happen once in a while).

Night in Cartagena.



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Late morning flight from Cartagena to San Andres, where we arrived at midday. We too a taxi to our hotel which was situated halfway down the east side of the smallish island. The next steps happened in quick succession; throwing the bags into the room, walking across to a tiny wood and ticking off the endemic San Andres Vireo and rounding it off with lunch and then a Pina Colada on the beach. The rest of the day was spend snorkeling just outside the hotel.



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In the early morning I hitch-hiked with a motorbike to a nearby woodland, where I enjoyed views of a number of endemic subspecies. After breakfast we then took a taxi to the west side of the island where the snorkeling was absolutely fantastic. Probably the clearest water I've ever seen.

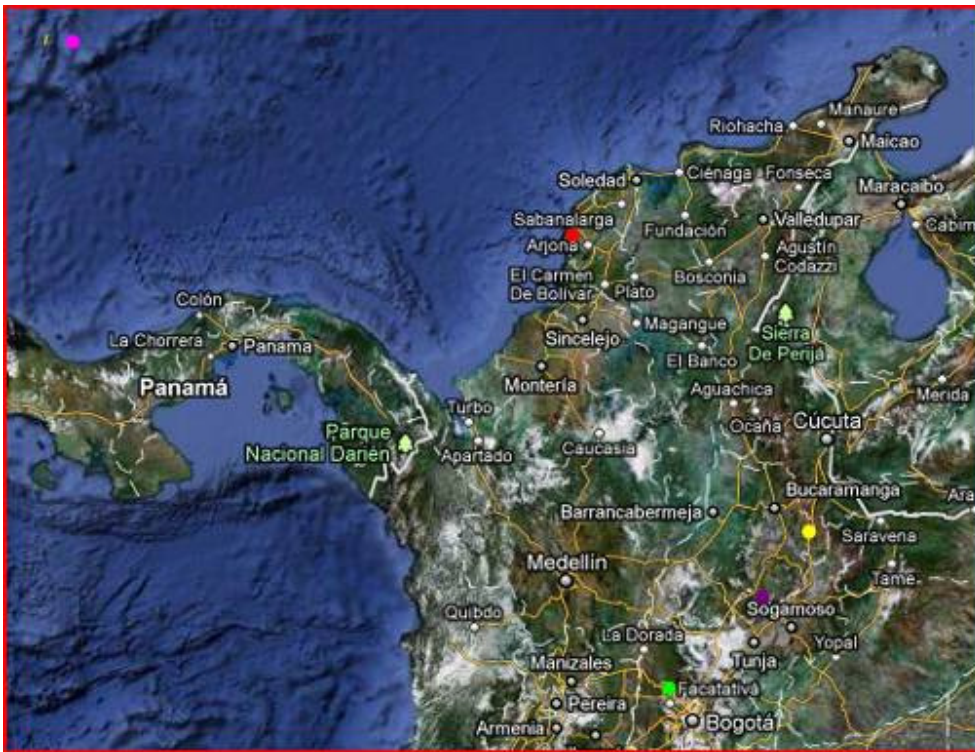
Midday direct flight from San Andres back home to Panama.



Logistics

Most of the logistics were booked through internet, although my friend Diego Calderon at www.colombiabirding.com arranged the birding pre-trip to Rogitama, Soatá, Onzaga and Pedro Palo.

Site descriptions



Northern Colombia, with the sites visited.

Pink dot=San Andrés

Red dot=Cartagena

Yellow dot=Soatá

Purple dot=Rogitama

Lime dot=Pedro Palo



Southern Colombia, with Amacayacu marked by a lime dot (lower right).

Rogitama

Rogitama is a small private reserve centered on a small finca. It is a very isolated pockets of forest in a an agricultural desert. The owners have put in a great effort in creating as much plant biodiversity as possible, and this attracts a number of key hummingbirds. Black Inca, Short-tailed Emerald and Longuemare's Sunangel were three localized species that made it to my list, but Lazuline Sabrewing seems rare nowadays. There are also irregular sightings of Golden-bellied Starfrontlet. The owners are very nice and also served a delicious breakfast.

Soatá

Soatá is a small town in the east Andes north of Bogotá. It serves as a good base for finding a few restricted range endemics such as Niceforo's Wren, Indigo-capped and Chestnut-bellied Hummingbirds. These all occur in the dry scrubby patches just outside of town.

Onzaga Road

Onzaga Road is a gravel road that winds up through oak forest to the west of Soatá, eventually leading to Onzaga. This is one of few sites where the endemic Mountain Grackle resides. Pedro, who lives in one of the few houses along the road, knows where they are. The forest in general is quite good and Golden-bellied Starfrontlet was a highlight for me.

Pedro Palo

Pedro Palo is a small forest reserve on the western slope of the east Andes. Access is rather easy from Bogotá along the main road leading to Medellin. The key bird is Turquoise Dacnis-Tanager. The forest is very disturbed. Birding is mainly from a small road bordered by fields and trees. Near a pool, there is access to better forest with a narrow trail.

Montserrat, Bogotá

Montserrat is a tourist spot with a major church sitting on the cliffside high above Bogotá. There is a cable car from the eastern part of town that provides access. The view from the top is fantastic and a couple of nice restaurants offer excellent food. There are plenty of flowers, which attract several interesting hummingbirds, e.g. Coppery-bellied Puffleg and Black-tailed Trainbearer.

Amacayacu, Leticia (Amazonas)



Map of Leticia and Amacayacu area. Red dot is Amacayacu Lodge and pink dot is the place we saw Gray and Pink Dolphins, which is actually in Peru. The Brazilian frontier town is called Tabatinga, which is directly built together with the Colombian town of Leticia.

Amacayacu National Park is a huge area along the Amazon at the corner of Colombia, Brazil and Peru. Access is easy going upriver from Leticia. There is a typical high quality lodge with the regular facilities. One thing that is not available is a good bird guide, I booked one coming from Leticia, but he was pretty useless. Near the lodge it is mostly seasonally flooded varzea forest, but at least one muddy trail leads to terra firma forest. As usual with lowland rainforest, it was very quiet and I struggled to find many good flocks. Behind the lodge there is a boardwalk trail that takes about 30 minutes to walk slowly. Canoes can be hired in order to explore the nearby creeks. Another attraction is the possibility to see both species of river dolphins. There is also a canopy platform that is possible to climb to. It is however not a substitute for a canopy birding tower, as it more of an adventure climb. As such, it was anyway very fun and exciting.



San Andres

San Andres is a small island situated in the Caribbean off the coast of Nicaragua. Politically it belongs to Colombia. It boasts one endemic bird; San Andres Vireo, as well as a few endemic subspecies. There are also a few Caribbean birds that make it this far southwest. The island is frequently visited by tourists from Colombia and Panama.



Map of San Andres with the airport and town at the northern end. Our hotel was located at the red dot, which is also the place where I saw San Andres Vireo. In the morning I also birded in the forest at the pink dot. Snorkeling was excellent on the west coast, with some of the clearest water I have ever seen.



Birds

- Great Tinamou, *Tinamus major*
One heard at Amacayacu.
- Undulated Tinamou, *Crypturellus undulates*
Three heard at Amacayacu.
- Least Grebe, *Tachybaptus dominicus*
Several at Pedro Palo.
- Brown Pelican, *Pelecanus occidentalis*
Several at Cartagena.
- Neotropic Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*
Several at Cartagena.
- Magnificent Frigatebird, *Fregata magnificens*
Several at San Andres.
- Great Blue Heron, *Ardea Herodias*
Two at San Andres.
- Cocoi Heron, *Ardea cocoi*
One at Amacayacu.
- Great Egret, *Ardea alba*
A few at Amacayacu, a few at San Andres.
- Tricolored Heron, *Egretta tricolor*
Two at Cartagena.
- Little Blue Heron, *Egretta caerulea*
One at San Andres.
- Snowy Egret, *Egretta thula*
One at San Andres.
- Western Cattle Egret, *Bubulcus ibis*
A few at Pedro Palo.
- Striated Heron, *Butorides striatus*
One at Amacayacu.
- Rufescent Tiger-Heron, *Tigrisoma lineatum*
One immature at Amacayacu.
- Horned Screamer, *Anhima cornuta*
Three at Amacayacu.



- Andean Teal, *Anas andinum*
One pair at the paramo site west of KM 68-69. This taxon is sometimes separated as a distinct species, Merida Teal.
- Black Vulture, *Coragyps atratus*
Many seen in the eastern Andes and many in Amazonas.
- Turkey Vulture, *Cathartes aura*
Many around Soatá and many in Amazonas.
- Greater Yellow-headed Vulture, *Cathartes melambrotus*
One at Amacayacu.
- White-tailed Kite, *Elanus leucurus*
One south of Soatá.
- Plain-breasted Hawk, *Accipiter ventralis*
One photographed at Pedro Palo. Unidentified Accipiters seen at three occasions around Soatá.

Slate-colored Hawk, *Leucopternis schistaceus*
One seen many times at Amacayacu.



Black-collared Hawk, *Busarellus nigricollis*
One near Amacayacu.

Roadside Hawk, *Buteo magnirostris*
One at Rogitama, one at Onzaga Road, one at Amacayacu.

Broad-winged Hawk, *Buteo platypterus*
One at Rogitama, one at Onzaga Road.

Red-throated Caracara, *Ibycter americanus*
One at Amacayacu.

Yellow-headed Caracara, *Milvago chimachima*
Several at Amacayacu.

American Kestrel, *Falco sparverius*
A few between Rogitama and Soatá, one at Onzaga Road.

Peregrine Falcon, *Falco peregrinus*
One at Cartagena and one at San Andres.

Speckled Chachalaca, *Ortalis guttata*
One at Amacayacu.

Andean Guan, *Penelope montagnii*
One or two at Montserrate in Bogotá.

Sunbittern, *Eurypyga helias*
One in a small stream at Soatá.

Wattled Jacana, *Jacana jacana*
Many at Amacayacu.

Spotted Sandpiper, *Actitis macularia*
A few at Amacayacu and one at San Andres.

Royal Tern, *Sterna maxima*
A few at Cartagena and many at San Andres.

Yellow-billed Tern, *Sterna superciliaris*
Many at Amacayacu.

Large-billed Tern, *Phaetusa simplex*
Several at Amacayacu.

Band-tailed Pigeon, *Patagioenas fasciata*
Several at Onzaga Road.

Ruddy Pigeon, *Patagioenas subvinacea*
A few heard at Amacayacu.

White-crowned Pigeon, *Patagioenas leucocephala*
Two at Decameron forest at San Andres.

White-winged Dove, *Zenaida asiatica*
Many at San Andres.

Eared Dove, *Zenaida auriculata*
Several in eastern Andes.

Common Ground-Dove, *Columbina passerina*
A few at Cartagena.

White-tipped Dove, *Leptotila verreauxi*
A few at Soatá.

Gray-fronted Dove, *Leptotila rufaxilla*
Several heard at Amacayacu.

Scarlet Macaw, *Ara macao*
One flew across the river at Amacayacu.

Brown-throated Parakeet, *Aratinga pertinax*
A few in Cartagena.

Dusky-billed Parrotlet, *Forpus sclateri*
A few at Amacayacu.

Canary-winged Parakeet, *Brotogeris versicolurus*
One large flock flew across the river at Amacayacu.

Short-tailed Parrot, *Graydidascalus brachyurus*
Several at Amacayacu.

Mealy Parrot, *Amazona farinosa*
A few at Amacayacu.

Squirrel Cuckoo, *Piaya cayana*
One at Soatá, two at Pedro Palo.

Greater Ani, *Crotophaga major*
Several at Amacayacu.

Smooth-billed Ani, *Crotophaga ani*
One at Rogitama, several at Soatá, a few at Pedro Palo, several at Amacayacu.

Striped Cuckoo, *Tapera naevia*
One heard at Soatá.

Tropical Screech-Owl, *Megascops choliba*
One spooked from a day-roost at Soatá, several heard at Amacayacu.

Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl, *Megascops watsonii*
Four of the northern taxon heard at Amacayacu.

Common Potoo, *Nyctibius griseus*
One heard calling each dawn at the lodge at Amacayacu.

Common Nighthawk, *Chordeiles minor*
One at San Andres.

White-collared Swift, *Streptoprocne zonaris*
Manu near Soatá.

Fork-tailed Palm-Swift, *Tachornis squamata*
Two at Amacayacu.

Short-tailed Swift, *Chaetura brachyuran*
Several in Cartagena.

White-tipped Swift, *Aeronautes montivagus*
One at Soata.

Straight-billed Hermit, *Phaethornis bourcierii*
Two at Amacayacu.

Green Violet-ear, *Colibri thalassinus*
A few at Rogitama.

Sparkling Violet-ear, *Colibri coruscans*
A few at Rogitama.

Green-breasted Mango, *prevestii hendersoni*
One at Coco Plum and two at Decameron forest at San Andres.

Short-tailed Emerald, *Chlorostilbon poortmani*
A few at Rogitama, four at Soatá.

Violet-crowned Woodnymph, *Thalurania colombica*
One female at Pedro Palo.

Fork-tailed Woodnymph, *Thalurania furcata*
A few at Amacayacu.

Chestnut-bellied Hummingbird, *Amazilia castaneiventris*
A few at Soatá.

Steeley-vented Hummingbird, *Saucerottia saucerrottei*
One at Pedro Palo.

Indigo-capped Hummingbird, *Saucerottia cyanifrons*
Two at Soatá.

Black Inca, *Coeligena prunellei*

Two at Rogitama was a trip highlight! Also one at Pedro Palo.



Golden-bellied Starfrontlet, *Coeligena bonapartei*

One seen about a km downhill on the Soatá side of the pass at Onzaga Road. It was seen in proximity to the red bell-like flowers in the larger trees. The picture in *Birds of Northern South America* is worse than dreadful.

Longuemare's Sunangel, *Heliangelus Clarisse*

One on the slope behind the house at Rogitama, four at Onzaga Road.



Glowing Puffleg, *Eriocnemis vestitus*

One or two at Onzaga Road.

Coppery-bellied Puffleg, *Eriocnemis cupreiventris*

One at Montserrate in Bogotá.

Black-tailed Trainbearer, *Lesbia victoriae*

One at Montserrate in Bogotá.

Tyrian Metaltail, *Metallura tyrianthina*

Many at Onzaga Road.

White-bellied Woodstar, *Chaetocercus mulsant*

A few at Rogitama, one at Soatá.

Gorgeted Woodstar, *Chaetocercus heliodor*

One female at Pedro Palo.

Amazonian White-tailed Trogon, *Trogon viridis*

Two at Amacayacu.

Collared Trogon, *Trogon collaris*

Four at Onzaga Road.



Black-tailed Trogon, *Trogon melanurus*

One at Amacayacu.

Ringed Kingfisher, *Ceryle torquatus*

One at Amacayacu.

Amazon Kingfisher, *Chloroceryle amazona*

One at Amacayacu.

Amazonian Motmot, *Momotus momota*
Two heard at Amacayacu.

Black-fronted Nunbird, *Monasa nigrifrons*
A few at Amacayacu.

Scarlet-crowned Barbet, *Capito aurovirens*
Five at Amacayacu.

Gilded Barbet, *Capito auratus*
Two at Amacayacu.

Many-banded Aracari, *Pteroglossus pluricinctus*
Four at Amacayacu.

White-throated Toucan, *Ramphastos tucanus*
Two at Amacayacu.

Olivaceous Piculet, *Picumnus olivaceus*
One at Pedro Palo.

Acorn Woodpecker, *Melanerpes formicivorus*
One heard at Pedro Palo.

Smoky-brown Woodpecker, *Veniliornis fumigatus*
One at Pedro Palo.

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker, *Piculus rivolii*
One at Onzaga Road.

Chestnut Woodpecker, *Celeus elegans*
One at Amacayacu.

Cream-colored Woodpecker, *Celeus flavus*
One seen twice at Amacayacu.



Lineated Woodpecker, *Dryocopus lineatus*
One at Amacayacu.

Red-necked Woodpecker, *Campephilus rubricollis*
Two at Amacayacu.

Lesser Hornero, *Furnarius minor*
One at Amacayacu.

Azara's Spinetail, *Synallaxis azarae*
A few at Rogitama.

Silvery-throated Spinetail, *Synallaxis subpudica*
One at Onzaga Road.

Ash-browed Spinetail, *Cranioleuca curtata*
Three at Pedro Palo.

Many-striped Canastero, *Asthenes flammulata*
Three at the paramo site west of KM 68-69.

Montane Foliage-gleaner, *Anabacerthia striaticollis*
Two at Pedro Palo.

Streaked Tuftedcheek, *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii*
Three at Onzaga Road.

Plain-brown Woodcreeper, *Dendrocincla fuliginosa*
Three at Amacayacu.

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper, *Glyphorhynchus spirurus*
A few at Amacayacu.

Buff-throated Woodcreeper, *Xiphorhynchus guttatus*
One at Amacayacu.

Montane Woodcreeper, *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger*
Five at Onzaga Road.

- Spot-winged Antshrike, *Pygiptila stellaris*
One at Amacayacu.
- Dusky-throated Antshrike, *Thamnomanes ardesiacus*
Two at Amacayacu.
- Black-faced Antbird, *Myrmoborus myotherinus*
A few at Amacayacu.
- Slate-colored Antbird, *Percnostola schistacea*
One pair on two days at Amacayacu. Both wing drop wing bars and female rich rufous on body and entire head. Upright posture. Song recorded.
- White-shouldered Antbird, *Myrmeciza melanoceps*
Two separate sightings of male and female at Amacayacu.
- Chestnut-crowned Antpitta, *Grallaria ruficapilla*
Several heard and one seen at Onzaga Road.
- Matorral Tapaculo, *Scytalopus griseicollis*
One heard at Paramo el Rusia south of Soatá, a few heard at Onzaga Road.
- Red-crested Cotinga, *Ampelion rubrocristata*
One seen a few times at Onzaga Road.
- Golden-headed Manakin, *Pipra erythrocephala*
Two at Amacayacu.
- Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin, *Tyrannetes stolzmanni*
One heard at Amacayacu.
- Mouse-colored Tyrannulet, *Phaeomyias murina*
Two at Pedro Palo.
- Caribbean Elaenia, *Elaenia martinica*
A few at Decameron forest at San Andres.
- Mountain Elaenia, *Elaenia frantzii*
A few at Rogitama.
- Golden-faced Tyrannulet, *Zimmerius chrysops*
Three at Pedro Palo.
- White-throated Tyrannulet, *Mecocerculus leucophrys*
Several at Rogitama, one at Paramo el Rusia south of Soatá, many at Onzaga Road.
- Short-tailed Pygmy-Tyrant, *Myiornis ecaudatus*
One at Amacayacu.
- Double-banded Pygmy-Tyrant, *Lophotriccus vitiensis*
Two at the canopy platform at Amacayacu.
- Cinnamon Flycatcher, *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomea*
Several at Onzaga Road.
- Smoke-colored Pewee, *Contopus fumigatus*
One at Onzaga Road.
- Empidonax* Flycatcher, *Empidonax* sp
One at Pedro Palo.
- Black Phoebe, *Sayornis nigricans*
One south of Soatá.
- Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant, *Ochthoeca fumicolor*
One at Paramo el Rusia south of Soatá, three at the paramo site west of KM 68-69.
- Bright-rumped Attila, *Attila spadiceus*
One heard at Amacayacu.
- Apical Flycatcher, *Myiarchus apicalis*
Two plus one at Soatá.



Great Kiskadee, *Pitangus sulphuratus*

Two heard at Amacayacu.

Rusty-margined Flycatcher, *Myiozetetes cayanensis*

Two at Pedro Palo, one at Cartagena.

Tropical Kingbird, *Tyrannus melancholicus*

One south of Soatá, a few at Soatá, one at Pedro Palo, two at Amacayacu.

Fork-tailed Flycatcher, *Tyrannus savanna*

Several at Amacayacu.

Gray-breasted Martin, *Progne chalybea*

Several at Amacayacu.

Blue-and-white Swallow, *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*

One south of Soatá, but many unidentified swallows (this or Brown-bellied) at Rogitama and Soatá.

Brown-bellied Swallow, *Notiochelidon murina*

Many at Pedro Palo.

Bicolored Wren, *Campylorhynchus griseus*

Two at Soatá.

Whiskered Wren, *Thryothorus mystacalis*

One at Pedro Palo.

Niceforo's Wren, *Thryothorus nicefori*

One at Soatá. It took until the second afternoon to find a responsive bird, which then showed rather well.



House Wren, *Troglodytes aedon*

A few at Rogitama, one at Pedro Palo.

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren, *Henicorhina leucophrys*

A few at Rogitama, a few at Onzaga Road, two at Pedro Palo.

Scaly-breasted Wren, *Microcerculus marginatus*

One at Amacayacu.

Tropical Mockingbird, *Mimus gilvus*

A few near Rogitama.

Gray-cheeked Thrush, *Catharus minimus*

Two at Soatá.

Swainson's Thrush, *Catharus ustulatus*

Two at Soatá.

Great Thrush, *Turdus fuscater*

Many in the eastern Andes.

Black-billed Thrush, *Turdus ignobilis*

Two at Pedro Palo.

Hauxwell's Thrush, *Turdus hauxwelli*

Several, including feeding of young, at Amacayacu. Based on comparison between photos and the original article these were not the newly described Varzea Thrush, *T. sanchezorum*.

Inca Jay, *Cyanocorax yncas*

Several at Onzaga Road.

San Andres Vireo, *Vireo caribaeus*

Two at Coco Plum and many heard and several seen at Decameron forest at San Andres.



Brown-capped Vireo, *Vireo leucophrys*

One at Rogitama, a few at Onzaga Road.

Black-whiskered Vireo, *Vireo altiloquus*

One at San Andres.

Rufous-browed Peppershrike, *Cyclarhis gujanensis*

One heard at Pedro Palo.

Andean Siskin, *Carduelis spinescens*

A few at Rogitama, one at Soatá, one at Onzaga Road, one at the paramo site west of KM 68-69.

Tennessee Warbler, *Vermivora peregrina*

Two at Rogitama, a few at Onzaga Road.

Tropical Parula, *Parula pitiayumi*

One at Soatá.

Blackburnian Warbler, *Dendroica fusca*

Several at Rogitama, many at Onzaga Road.

Black-and-white Warbler, *Mniotilta varia*

One at Onzaga Road.

Northern Waterthrush, *Seiurus noveboracensis*

One at San Andres.

Mourning Warbler, *Oporornis philadelphia*

Three at Soatá.

Slate-throated Redstart, *Myioborus miniatus*

Two at Rogitama, a few at Onzaga Road.

Golden-fronted Redstart, *Myioborus ornatus*

Several at Onzaga Road.

Russet-crowned Warbler, *Basileuterus coronatus*

Three at Soatá seemed to be closest fit to this species.

Black-crested Warbler, *Basileuterus nigrocristatus*

Five at Onzaga Road.

Bananaquit, *Coereba flaveola*

One at Pedro Palo and many at San Andres.

Capped Conebill, *Conirostrum albifrons*

Three at Onzaga Road.

Common Bush-Tanager, *Chlorospingus ophthalmicus*

One at Onzaga Road.

Ashy-throated Bush-Tanager, *Chlorospingus canigularis*

Several at Onzaga Road.

Red-crowned Ant-Tanager, *Habia rubica*

One at Amacayacu.

Summer Tanager, *Piranga rubra*

Five at Onzaga Road.

Masked Crimson Tanager, *Ramphocelus nigrogularis*

Three at Amacayacu.

Crimson-backed Tanager, *Ramphocelus dimidiatus*

One at Pedro Palo.

Blue-gray Tanager, *Thraupis episcopus*

Two at Amacayacu.

Blue-capped Tanager, *Thraupis cyanocephala*

One at Rogitama, one at Onzaga Road.

Palm Tanager, *Thraupis palmarum*

One at Soatá, two at Amacayacu.

- Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager, *Anisognathus igniventris*
A few at Onzaga Road.
- Thick-billed Euphonia, *Euphonia laniirostris*
One pair at Amacayacu.
- Golden Tanager, *Tangara arthus*
Two at Pedro Palo.
- Bay-headed Tanager, *Tangara gyrola*
Two at Pedro Palo.
- Scrub Tanager, *Tangara vitriolina*
One at Soatá, two at Pedro Palo.
- Blue-necked Tanager, *Tangara cyanicollis*
Several at Pedro Palo.
- Beryl-spangled Tanager, *Tangara nigroviridis*
Two at Pedro Palo.
- Black-capped Tanager, *Tangara heinei*
A few at Rogitama, a few at Pedro Palo.
- Turquoise Dacnis-Tanager, *Pseudodacnis hartlaubi*
One male at Pedro Palo in the early morning. Oswaldo also had one at another place later in the morning. This species is only known from 7 scattered sites in Colombia.
- Purple Honeycreeper, *Cyanerpes caeruleus*
One at Amacayacu.
- Black-faced Grassquit, *Tiaris bicolor*
One at Soatá, a few at San Andres.
- White-sided Flowerpiercer, *Diglossa albilatera*
Many at Rogitama, several at Onzaga Road, a few at Pedro Palo.
- Pale-naped Brush-Finch, *Atlapetes pallidinucha*
A few at Onzaga Road.
- Moustached Brush-Finch, *Atlapetes albofrenatus*
A small group at Onzaga Road finally surrendered after a full day of playback, and the same group was seen the day after.



- Rufous-collared Sparrow, *Zonotrichia capensis*
Many in the eastern Andes.
- Streaked Saltator, *Saltator striatipectus*
Two at Soatá.
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak, *Pheucticus ludovicianus*
One at Rogitama.
- Yellow-hooded Blackbird, *Chrysomus icterocephalus*
Many at Amacayacu.
- Eastern Meadowlark, *Sturnella magna*
A few in the eastern Andes.
- Great-tailed Grackle, *Quiscalus mexicanus*
Many at San Andres.
- Shiny Cowbird, *Molothrus bonariensis*
A few at Amacayacu on the Peruvian side. Strangely they showed pale eyes.
- Yellow-backed Oriole, *Icterus chrysater*
Three at Rogitama, one at Pedro Palo.
- Jamaican Oriole, *Icterus leucopterys*
Two seen and one heard at Decameron forest at San Andres.
- Yellow-rumped Cacique, *Cacicus cela*
Many at Amacayacu.
- Russet-backed Oropendola, *Psarocolius angustifrons*
Many at Amacayacu.

Oriole Blackbird, *Gymnomystax mexicanus*

Several at Amacayacu.

Mountain Grackle, *Macroagelaius subalaris*

A family group in the early morning in the lower part of the oak forest at Onzaga Road. The same group was also seen well in the late afternoon. Additional birds were heard at two other places higher up towards the pass.



Mammals

Unidentified Tamarin Monkey

One at Amacayacu. black , small.

Squirrel Monkey, *Saimiri sciureus*

One troupe at Amacayacu. Identification tentative. Red feet, black tail tip, pale face, dark markings.

Gray Dolphin, *Sotalia fluviatilis*

A few in the Peruvian waters near Amacayacu.

Pink Dolphin, *Inia geoffrensis*

A few in the Peruvian waters near Amacayacu. These were more or less seen in the same place as previous species.

Fantastic Colombian people...

