Colombia

(Western & Central Andes)

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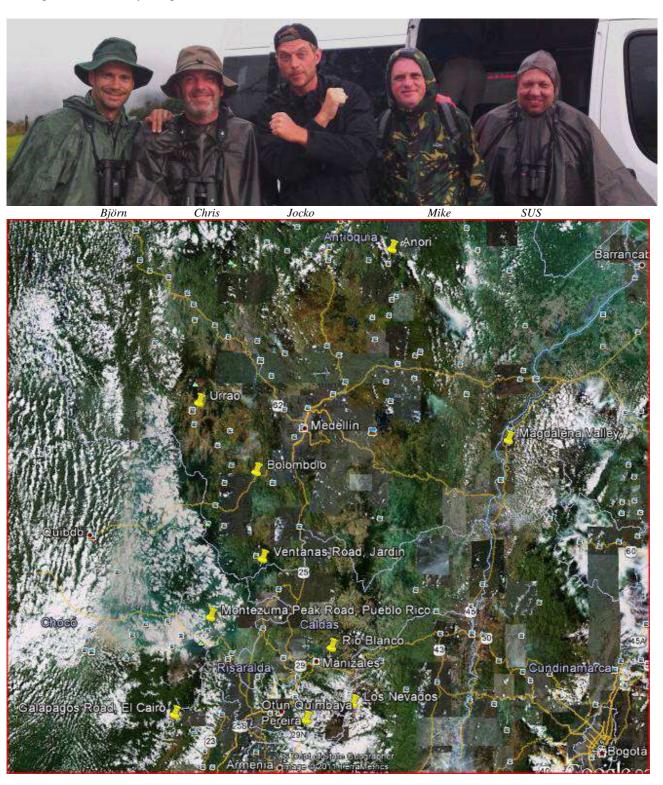
Bearded Mountaineer

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General

Colombia is nowadays high on the list of superb birding destinations in Latin America. During the last few years the safety has improved dramatically and it is possible to go birding at lots of key sites. This was my third birding trip to this the richest birding country in the world, and it was in the good company of Stig-Uno 'Roadrunner' Svensson, Jocko 'Moustached Laughingthrush' Hammar, Chris 'Blackcap' Campion and Mike 'Pale-legged Hornero' Turnbull.

As we arrived from various destinations like Sweden, Hong Kong and Panamá, we had slightly different starting and finishing schedules. The entire trip was arranged by Colombia Birding with Jose Castano as a local guide, and everything went like a clock-work.



Highlights

Birding highlights

- The newly described Urrao Antpitta
- 12 more species of Antpittas, e.g. Brown-banded, Slate-crowned, Chestnut-naped, Bicolored, Yellow-breasted ...
- ...and of course a whole serie of classic northeast Ecuadorian top-line species like Ocellated Tapaculo, Tanager-Finch, Orange-breasted Fruiteater
- The amazing Bearded Helmetcrest
- The recently rediscovered Dusky Starfrontlet
- Key parrots like Yellow-eared Parrot, Golden-plumed and Rufous-fronted Parakeets
- The busy afternoon hours at the hummer-spot at Los Nevados with pufflegs and Rainbow-bearded Thornbill
- Endemics like Grayish Piculet, Caucá Guan, Crested Ant-Tanager, Parker's Antbird, Red-bellied Grackle, Chestnut-capped Piha
- The last minute twitch to see Northern Screamers in Magdalena Valley
- Dazzling Tanagers like Multicolored, White-capped, Black-and-Gold, Gold-ringed, Purplishmantled....
- Cool wrens like Chestnut-breasted and Munchique Wood-Wren.
- The five-star Star-chested Treerunners amongst the mossy environment at Galapagos Road

Non-birding highlights

- The horse-back ride in full moon-light to the lodge at Colibri del Sol will never be forgotten
- The other horse-back climb to the paramo, where my horse suddenly tripped and throw me off
- The sunny day at paramo habitat at Colibri del Sol
- The company of Asian birding friends
- Staying at Leo's place at Montezuma, enjoying Colombian glögg in the evenings



Itinerary

16/7

I flew from Panamá to Medellin and then drove to a hotel in central Medellin for a few hours sleep.

17/7

I was up before 03.00 in order to make the supposed 3 hours drive to Anori (Chestnut-capped Piha Reserve), north of Medellin. Everything went fine and we covered a good distance until we came to an area with several landslides. It turned out that during the night there had been an earthquake, so lots of eroded slopes had collapsed. We navigated most of them but at 05.00 we were stuck. Dawn came and after a couple of hours a digging machine eventually turned up and cleared the road. Luck was only with us for a few kilometers until we were stuck again for another couple of hours. After this second landslide, we were able to pass by all of them, but it wasn't until 11.00 that we arrived at Proaves Lodge at the Piha Reserve. We

had a quick breakfast and the driver returned to Medellin. I and the local warden Jose, headed straight for the forest and were soon picking up a good selection of birds. We spent the entire afternoon until 17.00 on the contour trail and the main ridge trail. At 17.00 it started to rain and we walked back down. Rain most of the night prevented any nightbirding.



18/7

The rain continued the entire night and into dawn, so no night-birding this morning either. Breakfast at 05.30 and after a brief check in the garden, Jose and I set off to the forest. We birded the main trail for most of the day and only came back at 14.00, after having completed the 8 km circuit. My friends from Sweden and Hong Kong had texted me that they were going to be seriously delayed due to a new major landslide. I was therefore rather surprised when I set off for my late afternoon birding to see Chris and Mike coming down the trail! It turned out that they had taken another car much earlier and escaped the landslide. We birded along the main trail up to the ridge until dusk. Much later in the evening Jocko, SUS and Jose turned up with a public bus that they had managed to flag down. The landslide had not been cleared, so they had walked across and by public transport made it all the way. Eventually we were all gathered for a great reunion!

19/7

We were up for a star-lit sky and went up and down the road listening for nightbirds. A single Mottled Owl was everything that we could squeeze out though. After breakfast we set off along the main trail. The procedure was much the same as yesterday, with the only difference that the lunch was carried to us in the field. All the others walked both directions along the ridge, whereas I walked down at the far end. Along the road I stopped at the marshy areas and counted as many as six territorial Russet-crowned Crakes. When I came back to the lodge there was still an hour of daylight, so I carried straight on for another dash at the ridge. Eventually my patience with Chestnut-crowned Gnateater paid off with mega views. Shortly before dusk it started to rain, so I quickly returned to the lodge.

20/7

The last morning at Anori was dedicated to Lanceolated Monklet, but it turned out negative as usual with this species for me. I walked a bit along the ridge looking for Antpittas, but with the same results. By 09.00 it had started to rain and we anyway had to leave the area for a long journey to Jardin. Between Anori and Medellin we stopped on a bridge across a lake and marsh covered with water-lilies. Two hours south of Medellin, after having crossed Rio Cauca, we birded for the last hour of the day along a woodland edge in search of Grayish Piculet, on which we draw a blank. One hour further south we eventually came to the small town of Jardin. We checked in at the nicely decorated hotel near the main square. After that it was dinner and straight to bed for an early morning start.

21/7

We left Jardin town at 04.40 with two jeeps that would take us to the mountain Ventanas Road above Jardin. Not too long after we departed we saw ourselves stuck in front of a fallen tree. It had fallen across the power line and was hanging way too low for us to pass. Fortunately Jose grabbed the machete and started chopping up the 0.5 meter wide trunk. Half an hour later we managed to pass and continue up the mountain. The track

took us to 2850 masl at a pass before leading slightly downhill to a small farm. This was the best place to watch the threatened wax-palm feeding Yellow-eared Parrot. Unfortunately we were just a bit too late due to the blocking tree. Anyway we soon saw small flocks of Parrots flying past in the clouds. From then on we walked back downhill in good cloud-forest. Not much bird activity, but with a few flocks and some playback we soon managed to get a quite respectable list of key birds. The occasional rain shower did not disturb too much, and by the end of the day we were very satisfied as we returned for another night in Jardin.



22/7

We birded Ventanas Road until 9.30, when we had to leave for the next destination. A refuelling and energizing stop in Jardin until 12.15 and then a long drive on a landslide-strucken road to Urrao. Very scenic, but narrow and winding. A bit of rain, especially when we arrived at Urrao. Half an hour drive above Urrao we finally came to a stop at a horse stable. In the light rain we loaded the horses and enjoyed the adventure to come. As it became rather late we saw ourselves riding uphill, first in the mist and soon in full moon-light. The ride took 2 hours until we arrived at the small rustic but cosy Proaves lodge at the Colibri del Sol reserve. It was nicely situated in the river valley with fantastic view over the mountains. Moments like this are the icing of the cakes of global birding.



23/7

We were up well before dawn with a full breakfast. The big attraction then was seeing the recently described Urrao Antpitta having their breakfast. Already on the trail I stumbled across a hungry Antpitta and soon we had close-up views of a pair of this little known species. There was no time to rest, as we were all keen on getting back up on the horses for another ride up the valley. Near the end of the ride my horse tripped over and I fell off, luckily with no injuries for neither of us. The target was to reach the altitude close to the paramo in order to look for the localized Dusky Starfrontlet. We were not disappointed, as a pair showed well at the feeders located inside the forest. We continued on foot up to the paramo where we spent several hours birding in one of the most spectacular sceneries. During the afternoon we retraced our steps downhill and enjoyed some mixed species flocks, until mid-afternoon when we walked down to the lodge. The rest of the day was spent on a steep ridge trail just above the lodge and watertank.



24/7

Our last morning at Colibri del Sol we birded until 9.00 at the ridge trail, but unfortunately it was extremely silent. Instead of taking the horses down the valley (was it to spare ourselves of the horses??), we walked down to the horse stable. By midday we left Urrao for a long drive to Bolombola where we had an energizing drink before setting off to look for Grayish Piculet. It did not take us very long, and soon we continued along Rio Cauca to Manizales. This is the gateway city to the Rio Blanco reserve located some 30 minutes above town. We did not arrive until 21.00, but were greeted with calling White-throated Screech-Owls. As it was a bit cool, the Abuelo came to good use.



25/7

The entire day was spent birding at Rio Blanco. The reserve holds some spectacular birds and we did very well in notching up virtually all of the target birds. In nowadays typical manner, the lodge has a feeding station for antpittas. This time it was the localized Brown-banded that was the star attraction, well accompanied by several Chestnut-crowned. Bicolored, Chestnut-naped (heard only) and Hooded (heard only) were also elsewhere in the forest, so this is a true antpitta fiesta place. Most of the day was spent on the contour trail above the lodge, but in the late afternoon we also birded about halfway down the access road. Another night at Rio Blanco Lodge, with calling Screech-Owls around.

26/7

We left Rio Blanco well before dawn in order to be at nearby Los Nevados National Park by the crack of light. At the high altitude it was cloudy, misty, rainy and cold, and similarities were drawn to north UK and Sweden. Nevertheless, after rain comes sun-shine and we soon heard and briefly saw small flocks of Rufous-fronted Parakeets. In order to get out of the clouds we descended to a lake and some scrubby areas, where we birded for a couple of hours. With all of us warmed up, we drove all the way to the park entrance and spent a couple of hours in the paramo looking for hummingbirds. Star of the show was the incredible Bearded Helmetcrest of which we saw a pair. The other target hummers were not as cooperative, so we drove back down the valley and soon scored a new flock of Rufous-fronted Parakeets. Even better, at a nearby hotel with hot springs, we found a stretch of the road with lots of different species of flowers. Here we enjoyed a huge mixed species flock and more importantly a fantastic selection of hummers including, both wanted Pufflegs, Shining Sunbeam, Rainbow-bearded Thornbill, Buff-winged Starfrontlet, Purplebacked Thornbill and a few more. It was hard to drag ourselves from this place, but 3BT (Black-backed Bush-Tanager) called for some urgent attention at the other side of the ridge. Our luck continued and we soon pulled in a mixed flock containing the wanted bird. Happy with this clean-up, we drove to Perreira and a small village near Otun Quimbaya National Park. The Abuelo was finished off and we were in good mood.

27/7

Yet another pre-dawn departure, this time for a short drive to the entrance road of Otun Quimbaya NP. Our playback of Wattled Guan, yielded only a Sickle-winged, and it took us quite some time to find the target Cauca Guan, which alas only a few of us saw during a bio-break. A cooperative Chestnut-breasted Wren and two Wedge-billed Hummingbirds were enjoyed, but otherwise the forest was rather quiet. By midday it started to rain, as we had lunch at the park HQ. The afternoon was again spent on the road, this time to the famous Galapagos Road. The gateway town of El Cairo was reached at a rainy twilight. Our prebooked hotel turned out to be full, but our local talent Jhonnier soon rustled up a substitute in the form of a local's house, which was quite a fun thing. Dinner was enjoyed a nearby restaurant, where we could observe the local personalities.

28/7

From El Cairo it was a 1.5 hour jeep drive to the first site. It took us a while until the endemic Crested Ant-Tanager gave itself up, but as is usually the case, perseverance pays off. We then drove onwards closer to the pass. From then on it was pleasant birding along Galapagos Road all the way down from 2500 to 1300 masl. It was mostly excellent forest, although the mixed flocks were sometimes a bit thin on the ground. By the end of the day we anyway had bagged many of the wanted birds, leaving a few behind for the day after...



<u> 29/7</u>

Due to different preferences on target birds, we split up and the early bird crew drove straight down to 1300 masl. From there we birded uphill until we met the other team members near the pass. The most interesting record was two Altopisones Tapaculos that constitutes the first record outside Tatama NP of this yet to be described species. By late morning we had to leave for a jeep-drive back towards El Cairo, where our driver

Carlos was waiting for us. Then it was again a long winding drive to the town of Pueblo Rico, which is the gateway to Montezuma Peak Trail in Tatama NP. In Pueblo Rico we again switched to two jeeps and continued for yet another hour on worse and worse roads/tracks. We passed a major temporary military camp, which in combination with the gloomy weather and poor roads, added to a bizarre feeling. Eventually we arrived at a farm close to the forest and were greeted by a smiling Leo and her three daughters. We were quickly installed in some basic rooms and delicious food was put on the table behind the plastic curtain. Even better was the local home-brewed "gluh-wein" that warmed us.

30/7

After a nourishing breakfast with freshly baked bread from the automatic baking machine, we soon jumped into our wellies and marched in darkness in the foot-steps of Leo. She took us across two rivers and finally along a slowly climbing trail through excellent forest. Multiple bird-waves came through, with many species new for the trip. Alas, none of my admittedly few target birds appeared and during the afternoon we were somewhat affected by rain for the first time on the trip. Back at the farm we dried up and enjoyed yet another good dinner prepared by the family.

31/7

This was our last morning of joint birding and we only had a few hours. A few of us went back to the lower part of the trail from yesterday. With a couple of exceptions, we scored on most of the same birds though and soon the rain set in again. By 10.00 we were boarding the jeeps and raced down the hills to Pueblo Rico, where Carlos was waiting with a well cleaned bus.

From then on it was the longest drive of the trip back to Medellin; 8 hours. The drive was unfortunately interrupted by a very tragic fatal car accident happening right in front of our bus. Back in Medellin by 19.40, we quickly check into the hotel and went for dinner.

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The dinner last night continued for most of the team until early morning, when I was woken up by the returning crew at the same time as I was set to leave the hotel. As my flight was not until early evening, I decided to twitch my last of the three Screamers in Magdalena Valley. The others caught various morning flights to desinations like Copenhagen, Stockholm and Hong Kong. I had a smooth drive down to Magdalena Valley, and it did not take me long to find a handful of Northern Screamers. With this key bird under the belt we immediately returned back to Medellin, with a birding and lunch stop at Palacio de los Frijoles on the east side of the Central Andes. In the evening I took the flight back to Panama, looking foward to my next birding experience in this bird-rich country (which took place just one week later when e.g. Cundinamarca Antpitta was bagged!).

Weather

Being at the end of the major wet season, we experienced quite some rain. This year, the rains had continued for longer than usual, perhaps as a result of the El Niño season. The trails were often muddy, and wellies were handy on most days. Fortunately the rain mostly were in the afternoons and pre-dawn, and thus did not seriously affected the birding too much. In between we also had some brilliant sunny and warm weather. At Los Nevados it was quite cold and fleece jackets, gloves and hats came into good use.



Logistics

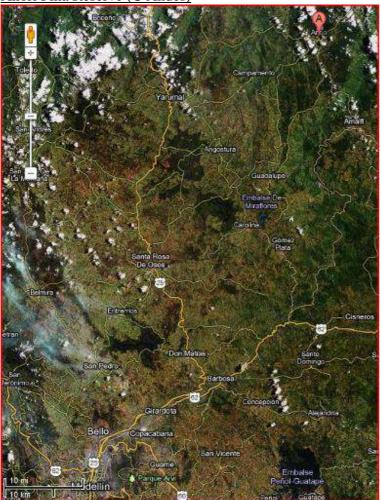
The entire trip was arranged by Diego Franco-Calderon at Colombia Birding. He has successfully arranged my previous Colombia birding trips and can be highly recommended. Our local guide José Castaño joined us for the entire trip and was a very much appreciated company. He was fixing everything from cutting fallen trees, to sending for Ron&Coke, never shying away from a potential problem. In addition he had extensive birding experience from the areas around Jardin and Urrao. Looking forward to seeing you again José!



Birding in the 21^{st} century; José phoned Diego, who emailed the needed recording, which we transferred to the Edirol and amplified. Everything in the field within minutes. Long gone are the days when you wrote a letter to someone that mailed a cassette tape before you took off on a foreign trip.

Site descriptions

Anori Piha Reserve (C Andes)



This is a Proaves reserve and was created about four years ago. It is located some 4 hours drive north of Medellin in the northernmost tip of the Central Andes. There is a small comfortable lodge that comes with nice rooms and a garden with bird feeders. Jose who was the current care-taker knows quite a lot about the birds, although does not know bird names in English. On the grounds there are a few trails, especially one that is 8 km long and takes you in a big loop up the ridges. There is also a recently cut trail that contours a valley to a waterfall. Key bird is of course the recently described (2001) Chestnut-capped Piha that occurs mostly along the ridges. Other specialties are Parker's Antbird (described in1997), White-crowned Tapaculo, Multicolored Tanager, Black-and Gold Tanager, Red-bellied Grackle.

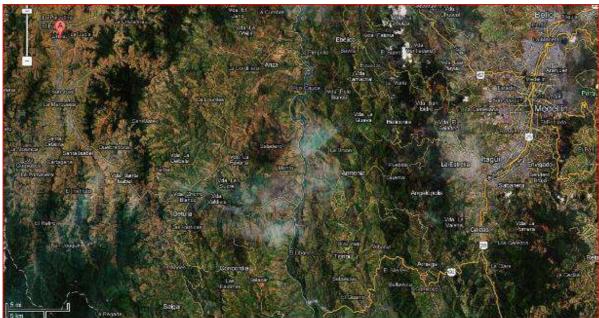
Ventanas Peak Road, Jardin (W Andes)



Above the town of Jardin, a 1-2 hour jeep-ride leads to prime cloud-forest. At the high elevation, beyond the pass, is where wax palms grow, which is the key habitat for the endangered Yellow-eared Parrot. The parrots are often seen early and late in the day when they fly to and from the roosting areas. Another specialty is the recently described Munchique Wood-Wren, plus a whole range of other goodies like Ocellated Tapaculo, Tanager-Finch, Chestnut-naped and Slate-crowned Antpittas. This is yet another must-visit site.



Colibri del Sol, Urrao (W Andes)



This reserve is run by Proaves with the initial showcase bird Dusky Starfrontlet that was recently rediscovered after the only known specimen. With the recent discovery of a new species to science, Urrao Antpitta, the reserve has truly established itself as a must visit place. To add to the flavor, there is a two hour horse-ride up the valley to a small, but nice lodge (rustic, but with electricity and excellent food). From the lodge there is another hour by horse to the final climb to true paramo habitat. The Starfrontlet comes to feeders just below the edge of the paramo, and a pair of Urrao Antpittas is habituated to come to worms just a few hundred meters from the lodge. In addition to these star birds, there is excellent birding in general. There are a couple of

trails, although they are often very steep.



Bolombolo (Rio Cauca Valley)



Bolombolo is in the Cauca valley in between the West and Central Andes. Along the valley bottom is the area to search for the endemic Grayish Piculet that can at certain places be rather frequent.

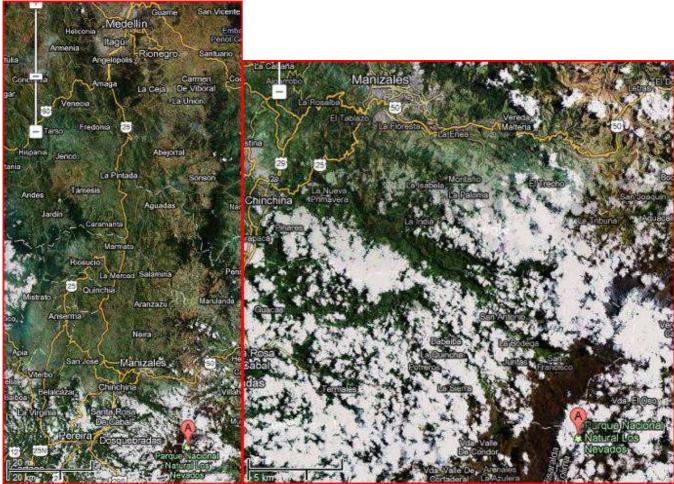
Rio Blanco Reserve (C Andes)



Rio Blanco is one of the key places in the Central Andes, located 30 minutes outside Manizales. The birding is absolutely excellent, and is done along a couple of trails/roads. The lodge comes with good food and plenty of hummingbird feeders. It is a heaven for Antpittas, and for example the endemic Brown-banded is coming to worms. Hooded Antpitta occurs, but is scarce and tricky.

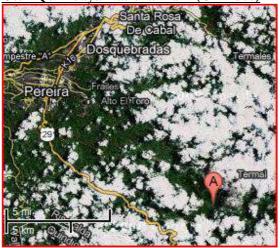


Los Nevados National Park (C Andes)



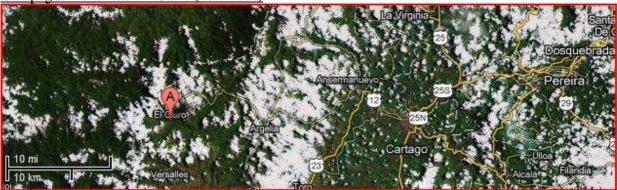
This park provides access to real high altitudes, and can thus be misty and cold. We birded in a side valley, near a lake and around the park entrance. Key species are Rufous-fronted Parakeet, Black-backed Bush-Tanager, Bearded Helmetcrest plus a range of other good hummingbirds.

Otun Quimbaya National Park (C Andes)



We birded along a straight and level dirt-road along the perimeter of the National Park. The key bird here is Cauca Guan, and often seen is also Wattled Guan. Chestnut-breasted Wren and Wedge-billed Hummingbird were nice additions and we heard Moustached Antpitta.

Galapagos Road near El Cairo (W Andes)



This is one of the few roads that lead down to the costal lowlands in Chocó province. From the town of El Cairo it is a 1-2 hours jeep-ride to superb birding habitat from cloud-forest at 2500 masl to the foothills at ca 1300 masl. It is possible to drive even lower than that, but due to security it is definitely not recommended. Key birds like Gold-ringed and Black-and-gold Tanagers are easy, with a supporting cast of Crested Ant-Tanager, Yellow-breasted Antpitta, Star-chested Treerunner and many more. We also found the undescribed 'Alto Pisones' Tapaculo.



Montezuma Peak Trail, Tatamá National Park (W Andes)



One hour jeep-ride above the town of Pueblo Rico is the edge of the large Tatamá National Park. Here Leo and her daughters have opened their farm-house in a lodge-like fashion. From her house there is easy access to a trail that leads all the way to Montezuma Peak. The forest is in excellent condition and hosts for example a yet to be described Tapaculo ('Alto Pisones').



Magdalena Valley



The sole purpose for me visiting Magdalena Valley was seeing the rare Northern Screamer. It can be found in marshes along the north/south road running east of Rio Magdalena towards Santa Marta. The traffic can be rather heavy, so apart from Screamers, it is not really recommended for birding, although a wide selection of waterbirds can surely be found.

Palacio de los Frijoles

This is a roadside stop on the eastern slope of the Central Andes, some 2 hours away from Medellin. It has a good restaurant and a nearby dirt road that can be birded for some open country and forest edge birds. Not really recommended as such, but a nice place to take a break.



Roadrunner, Blackcap, Wandering Albatross, Moustached Laughingthrush and Pale-legged Hornero

Birds

Little Tinamou, Crypturellus soui

One heard at Anori Lodge.

Least Grebe, Tachybaptus dominicus

One at Magdalena Valley.

Neotropic Cormorant, Phalacrocorax brasilianus

One between Anori and Medellin.

Cocoi Heron, Ardea cocoi

Two at Magdalena Valley.

Great Egret, Ardea alba

Several en route to Anori, many between Anori and Jardin and many at Magdalena Valley.

Western Cattle Egret, Bubulcus ibis

Many en route to Anori, many between Anori and Jardin, many between Jardin and Urrao, many between Urrao and Manizales, many at Magdalena Valley.

Striated Heron, Butorides striatus

Two en route to Anori, and many between Anori and Medellin, two at Magdalena Valley.

Black-crowned Night-Heron, Nycticorax nycticorax

A few en route to and from Anori.

Bare-faced Ibis, Phimosus infuscatus

Many en route to and from Anori and at Magdalena Valley.

Northern Screamer, Chauna chavaria

Five at Magdalena Valley, 32 km north of the junction Bogota/Medellin/Santa Marta. One of the key birds of the trip.



Northern Screamer in the distant tree-top

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, Dendrocygna autumnalis

Many at Magdalena Valley.

Torrent Duck, Merganetta armata

One pair at Otun Quimbaya National Park was showing off with their "swim-against-the-current" behavior.



Andean Teal, Anas andinum

One at Los Nevados.



Andean Duck, Oxyura ferruginea

Four at Los Nevados.

Black Vulture, Coragyps atratus

Many around Anori, Medellin, Jardin, Galapagos Road, between El Cairo and Pueblo Rico, Magdalena Valley.

Turkey Vulture, Cathartes aura

Many around Anori, Medellin, Jardin, Magdalena Valley.

Swallow-tailed Kite, Elanoides forficatus

A few at Galapagos Road.

Plumbeous Kite, Ictinia plumbea

Seven together at Rio Blanco.

Great Black-Hawk, Buteogallus urubitinga

Two at Jardin, one at Colibri del Sol at Urrao and one near Bolombola.

Savanna Hawk, Buteogallus meridionalis

One at Magdalena Valley.

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle, Geranoaetus melanoleucus

One at Los Nevados.

Roadside Hawk, Buteo magnirostris

One at Anori, one at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, one at Magdalena Valley.

White-tailed Hawk, Buteo albicaudatus

One possible at Anori.

Crested Caracara, Caracara cheriway

One at Urrao, one at Magdalena Valley.

Yellow-headed Caracara, Milvago chimachima

Several en route to Anori, two between Medellin and Jardin, two between Otun and El Cairo.

American Kestrel, Falco sparverius

One above Urrao.

Aplomado Falcon, Falco femoralis

One en route to Anori.

Colombian Chachalaca, Ortalis columbianus

One at Anori Lodge, a few at the marhs between Anori and Medellin.

Andean Guan, Penelope montagnii

Two at Rio Blanco.

Cauca Guan, Penelope perspicax

Two at Otun Quimbaya National Park during a lucky convenience break.

Sickle-winged Guan, Chamaepetes goudotii

Two at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, three at Otun Quimbaya National Park.

Chestnut Wood-Quail, Odontophorus hyperythrus

Two seen near the wooden bridge along the main trail at Anori, and probably the same pair heard the morning after. Next morning another pair was heard somewhat higher up. One pair heard at Rio Blanco, one pair heard at Otun Quimbaya National Park where also two were seen, one pair heard at Galapagos Road, one pair heard at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Russet-crowned Crake, Anurolimnas viridis

Six territorial birds were heard near the grassy areas near the marshes 1 km up the road from Anori Lodge.

White-throated Crake, Laterallus albigularis

One heard at the marsh up the road from Anori Lodge.

Blackish Rail, Pardirallus nigricans

One heard at the marsh up the road from Anori Lodge.

Purple Gallinule, Porphyrio martinica

Several at the marsh between Anori and Medellin.

Southern Lapwing, Vanellus chilensis

A few en route to and from Anori, near Urrao, one at Rio Blanco, heard at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP, a few at Magdalena Valley.

Band-tailed Pigeon, Patagioenas fasciata

Many at Anori, many at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, many at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, many at Rio Blanco, a few at Galapagos Road.

Plumbeous Pigeon, Patagioenas plumbea

Several at Galapagos Road and several at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Ruddy Pigeon, Patagioenas subvinacea

Several at Anori.

Eared Dove, Zenaida auriculata

Four at Urrao, one at Otun Quimbaya National Park.

Ruddy Ground-Dove, Columbina talpacoti

A few around Medellin, a few between Urrao and Manizales, a few at Magdalena Valley.

Chestnut-fronted Macaw, Ara severa

Two at Magdalena Valley.

Yellow-eared Parrot, Ognorhynchus icterotis

Pairs and small flocks of up to 40-50 birds were seen in the early morning and late afternoon at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin.



Scarlet-fronted Parakeet, Aratinga wagleri

Several at the roadside stop one hour north of Jardin, a few at Otun Quimbaya National Park.

Golden-plumed Parakeet, Leptosittaca branickii

4-6 at Los Nevados was an excellent catch up after dipping at Rio Blanco.

Barred Parakeet, Bolborhynchus lineola

Heard at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, 30+ at Rio Blanco.

Rufous-fronted Parakeet, Bolborhynchus ferrugineifrons

Four observations at Los Nevados. Once four birds seen in flight and once about 30 in flight. Never seen perched.

Spectacled Parrotlet, Forpus conspicillatus

A few at Bolombola in Cauca Valley.

Orange-chinned Parakeet, Brotogeris jugularis

Several at Magdalena Valley.

Rusty-faced Parrot, Hapalopsittaca amazonina

Unfortunately heard-only, twice at Rio Blanco.

Blue-headed Parrot, Pionus menstruus

Several between Urrao and Manizales and several at Magdalena Valley.

Speckle-faced Parrot, Pionus tumultuosus

Two at Otun Quimbaya National Park.

Bronze-winged Parrot, Pionus chalcopterus

Several en route to Anori, two at Rio Blanco.

Squirrel Cuckoo, Piaya cayana

Two at Rio Blanco, one at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Smooth-billed Ani, Crotophaga ani

Three at Anori, several at Otun Quimbaya National Park. Several anis at the marsh between Anori and Medellin, many at Magdalena Valley.

Tropical Screech-Owl, Megascops choliba

One heard and seen at Anori Lodge, one heard in Jardin town, one seen sitting on the road when coming down from Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin.

Cinnamon Screech-Owl, Megascops petersoni

One heard at Anori Lodge. This species is recently well documented and published from this site.

White-throated Screech-Owl, Megascops albogularis

5-6 heard at Rio Blanco, once as close a few meters but it remained invisible.

Mottled Owl, Ciccaba virgata

One heard at Anori Lodge.

Band-winged Nightjar, Caprimulgus longirostris

One at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Chestnut-collared Swift, Streptoprocne rutila

One at Anori, a few at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, one at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

White-collared Swift, Streptoprocne zonaris

One at Anori Lodge, one at Los Nevados.

Gray-rumped Swift, Chaetura cinereiventris

One type at the ridge of Anori that glided the entire time, fairly largish. Another type at Anori Lodge that had bat-like wing-beats with only short glides. Borth were typical Chaetura, with not particularly short tails. The second day the larger gliding swift was seen against the forest and showed paler body and grayish rump all the way to the tail. One Chaetura seen in the Cauca valley. A few at Galapagos Road with pale bodies and pale rumps and upper tail coverts. Identifications tentative to say the least...

Green Hermit, Phaethornis guy

Two at Anori and one at Palacio de los Frijoles.

Tawny-bellied Hermit, Phaethornis syrmatophorus

One at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin.

Stripe-throated Hermit, Phaethornis striigularis

One at Galapagos Road.

Green-fronted Lancebill, Doryfera ludovicae

One at Galapagos Road.

White-necked Jacobin, Florisuga mellivora

One at El Cairo and one at Montezuma Peak Trail.

Brown Violet-ear, Colibri delphinae

One at Anori Lodge.

Green Violet-ear, Colibri thalassinus

One at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, several at Rio Blanco.



Sparkling Violet-ear, Colibri coruscans

Two at Colibri del Sol at Urrao.

Black-throated Mango, Anthracothorax nigricollis

One at the roadside stop one hour north of Jardin.

Green Thorntail, Discosura conversii

One at Galapagos Road.

West Andean Emerald, Chlorostilbon melanorhynchus

One female at Anori Lodge, one male near El Cairo, one female at Palacio de los Frijoles.

Green-crowned Woodnymph, Thalurania fannyi

Many at Anori Lodge.



Rufous-tailed Hummingbird, Amazilia tzacatl

One at Bolombola in Cauca Valley, one at Otun Quimbaya National Park.

Andean Emerald, Agyrtria franciae

Many at Anori Lodge.



Steely-vented Hummingbird, Saucerottia saucerrottei

Several at Anori Lodge.

Speckled Hummingbird, Adelomyia melanogenys

One at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, a few at Rio Blanco.

Fawn-breasted Brilliant, Heliodoxa rubinoides

One at Rio Blanco.

Green-crowned Brilliant, Heliodoxa jacula

Many at Anori.



White-tailed Hillstar, Urochroa bougueri

Many at Galapagos Road, a few at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.



Buff-tailed Coronet, Boissonneaua flavescens

A few at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, many at Rio Blanco.



Velvet-purple Coronet, Boissonneaua jardini Two at Galapagos Road. Shining Sunbeam, Aglaeactis cupripennis A few at Los Nevados.



Mountain Velvetbreast, Lafresnaya lafresnayi

One at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, many at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, one at Los Nevados.

Bronzy Inca, Coeligena coeligena

Three at Anori, one at Rio Blanco.

Collared Inca, Coeligena torquata

A few at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, a few at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, a few at Rio Blanco.



Dusky Starfrontlet, Coeligena orina
Two females and two males at Colibri del Sol at Urrao.

Buff-winged Starfrontlet, Coeligena lutetiae Two at Los Nevados.



Sword-billed Hummingbird, Ensifera ensifera Three at Colibri del Sol at Urrao. Great Sapphirewing, Pterophanes cyanopterus A few at Los Nevados.

Tourmaline Sunangel, Heliangelus exortis

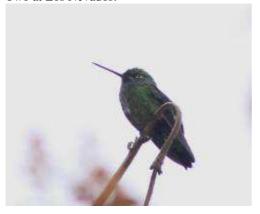
Several at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, many at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, many at Rio Blanco.



Glowing Puffleg, Eriocnemis vestitus A few at Colibri del Sol at Urrao.



Black-thighed Puffleg, Eriocnemis derbyi Two at Los Nevados.



Golden-breasted Puffleg, Eriocnemis mosquera

Two at Los Nevados.

Greenish Puffleg, Haplophaedia aureliae

Many at Anori, especially along the ridge, several at Galapagos Road.

Purple-bibbed Whitetip, Urosticte benjamini

Two females at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Booted Racket-tail, Ocreatus underwoodii

A few at the ridge at Anori.

Purple-backed Thornbill, Ramphomicron microrhynchum

One at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, one at Los Nevados.

Bearded Helmetcrest, Oxypogon guerinii

One pair at the park entrance at Los Nevados.



Tyrian Metaltail, Metallura tyrianthina

One at Colibri del Sol at Urrao.

Viridian Metaltail, Metallura williami

Several at Los Nevados.

Rainbow-bearded Thornbill, Chalcostigma herrani

One adult and two immatures at Los Nevados.



Long-tailed Sylph, Aglaiocercus kingi

Two at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, several at Rio Blanco.



Violet-tailed Sylph, Aglaiocercus coelestis

Several at Galapagos Road, a few at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Wedge-billed Hummingbird, Augastes geoffroyi

Two at Otun Quimbaya National Park.

Purple-throated Woodstar, Calliphlox mitchellii

One at Galapagos Road.

White-bellied Woodstar, Chaetocercus mulsant

Several at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, a few at Rio Blanco.

Collared Trogon, Trogon collaris

One at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, two at Otun Quimbaya National Park.

Masked Trogon, Trogon personatus

Two at Rio Blanco, three at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Ringed Kingfisher, Ceryle torquatus

One en route to Anori, two at the marsh between Anori and Medellin, two between Otun Quimbaya National Park and El Cairo, one at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Highland Motmot, Momotus aequatorialis

Two at Anori, two at Rio Blanco, two at Otun Quimbaya National Park, one at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.



Moustached Puffbird, Malacoptila mystacalis

Four sightings at Anori, one near the trail entrance and three at the ridge.



Red-headed Barbet, Eubucco bourcierii

Two at Anori, one at Galapagos Road, several at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Toucan Barbet, Semnornis ramphastinus

A few at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Andean Toucanet, Aulacorhynchus albivitta

Two just above Jardin, one at Otun Quimbaya National Park.



Crimson-rumped Toucanet, Aulacorhynchus haematopygus

Two at Anori were probably this species.

Black-billed Mountain-Toucan, Andigena nigrirostris

Three sightings at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin.



Grayish Piculet, Picumnus granadensis

Three at Bolombola in Cauca Valley.

Red-crowned Woodpecker, Melanerpes rubricapillus

Three at the roadside stop one hour north of Jardin, two between Urrao and Manizales.

Yellow-vented Woodpecker, Veniliornis dignus

One at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, one at Galapagos Road.

Smoky-brown Woodpecker, Veniliornis fumigatus

Two at Anori.

Golden-olive Woodpecker, Piculus rubiginosus

Four at Anori, two at Otun Quimbaya National Park.

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker, Piculus rivolii

A few at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, two at Colibri del Sol at Urrao.

Stout-billed Cinclodes, Cinclodes excelsior

Many at Los Nevados.



Rufous Spinetail, Synallaxis unirufa

Two at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin.

Azara's Spinetail, Synallaxis azarae

A few heard at Anori, one at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, one at Otun Quimbaya National Park, one heard near El Cairo.

Pale-breasted Spinetail, Synallaxis albescens

One at Anori, several at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP, a few at Palacio de los Frijoles.

Slaty Spinetail, Synallaxis brachyuran

One at Anori, one at Galapagos Road and 3-4 at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Red-faced Spinetail, Cranioleuca erythrops

Two at Galapagos Road.

White-chinned Thistletail, Schizoeaca fuliginosa

One at Los Nevados.

Many-striped Canastero, Asthenes flammulata

A few at Los Nevados.



Spotted Barbtail, Premnoplex brunnescens

A few at Anori, two at Galapagos Road.

Star-chested (Fulvous-dotted) Treerunner, Margarornis stellatus

Three at Galapagos Road was a real trip highlight as they were scoped at eye-level.



Pearled Treerunner, Margarornis squamiger

Several at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, three at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, several at Rio Blanco, a few at Los Nevados.



Streaked Xenops, Xenops rutilans

Two at Anori, three at Rio Blanco, one at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Montane Foliage-gleaner, Anabacerthia striaticollis

One at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Streaked Tuftedcheek, Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii

One at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, two at Colibri del Sol at Urrao.

Pacific Tuftedcheek, Pseudocolaptes johnsoni One at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP. Flammulated Treehunter, Thripadectes flammulatus



Streak-capped Treehunter, Thripadectes virgaticeps Two at Anori.

Uniform Treehunter, Thripadectes ignobilis One at Galapagos Road.

Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner, Philydor rufus

A few at Anori, one at Galapagos Road.

Tawny-throated Leaftosser, Sclerurus mexicanus

One heard at Galapagos Road.

Plain-brown Woodcreeper, Dendrocincla fuliginosa

One at Anori Lodge, one at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, two at Rio Blanco.



Wedge-billed Woodcreeper, Glyphorynchus spirurus

Two at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Strong-billed Woodcreeper, Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus

One at Rio Blanco.

Black-banded Woodcreeper, Dendrocolaptes picumnus

One at Otun Quimbaya National Park.

Straight-billed Woodcreeper, Dendroplex picus

One at Rio Claro.

Olive-backed Woodcreeper, Xiphorhynchus triangularis

A few at Anori.

Montane Woodcreeper, Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger

One at Anori, one at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, one at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, a few at Rio Blanco, one at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Brown-billed Scythebill, Campylorhamphus pusillus

One at Anori.

Bar-crested Antshrike, Thamnophilus multistriatus

One heard at the marsh between Anori and Medellin, two between Urrao and Manizales, one at Palacio de los Frijoles.

Uniform Antshrike, Thamnophilus unicolor

A few at the ridge at Anori, two heard at Galapagos Road.



Plain Antvireo, Dysithamnus mentalis

Two at Anori.

Bicolored Antvireo, Dysithamnus occidentalis

One pair at Galapagos Road.

Slaty Antwren, Myrmotherula schisticolor

Two at Anori.

Yellow-breasted Antwren, Herpsilochmus axillaris

One male at Galapagos Road and one female at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Long-tailed Antbird, Drymophila caudate

Three at Rio Blanco.

Parker's Antbird, Cercomacra parkeri

Many at Anori, all the way from the trail start to the ridge.



Immaculate Antbird, Myrmeciza immaculate

One at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Rufous-breasted Antthrush, Formicarius rufipectus

A few heard at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Scaled Antpitta, Grallaria guatimalensis

One heard at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Moustached Antpitta, Grallaria alleni

Two heard at Otun Quimbaya National Park.

Chestnut-crowned Antpitta, Grallaria ruficapilla

Many at Rio Blanco, one heard at Otun Quimbaya National Park.



Bicolored Antpitta, Grallaria rufocinerea

At least ten heard, and seen twice, at Rio Blanco.

Chestnut-naped Antpitta, Grallaria nuchalis

Several heard and one seen when crossing the trail at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, three heard at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, a few heard at Rio Blanco.

Yellow-breasted Antpitta, Grallaria flavotincta

A few heard and two seen at Galapagos Road.

White-bellied Antpitta, Grallaria hypoleuca

One heard well and at length at the ridge at Anori, but was to far down the slope to be pulled in.

Rufous Antpitta, Grallaria rufula

One heard at Colibri del Sol at Urrao.

Tawny Antpitta, Grallaria quitensis

A few heard and two seen at Los Nevados. The week after this trip, I saw and heard the taxon from the East Andes, and as it sounds quite different and combined with morphological differences, more than one species is likely involved.



Brown-banded Antpitta, Grallaria milleri

Two seen and a few heard at Rio Blanco.



Urrao Antpitta, Grallaria fenwickorum

One pair at Colibri del Sol at Urrao. This is a newly described species in 2010.



Hooded Antpitta, Grallaricula cucullata

One called back only once to playback at Rio Blanco.

Slate-crowned Antpitta, Grallaricula nana

Three heard and one seen very well at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin.



Chestnut-crowned Gnateater, Conopophaga castaneiceps

One seen nicely at Anori, after much time spent looking for it.



Ash-colored Tapaculo, Myornis senilis

Several heard and one seen at Colibri del Sol at Urrao.

Blackish Tapaculo, Scytalopus latrans

Three heard at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, a few heard at Rio Blanco.

White-crowned Tapaculo, Scytalopus atratus

Several heard at Anori, mostly along the ridge.

Stile's Tapaculo, Scytalopus stilesi

A few heard at Anori, mostly in the cloud-forest. Once two were seen together when hopping across the trail.

Nariño Tapaculo, Scytalopus vicinior

Several heard and one seen at Galapagos Road.

Spillman's Tapaculo, Scytalopus spillmanni

A few heard at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, several heard and one seen at Rio Blanco.

Paramo Tapaculo, Scytalopus opacus

Several heard at Los Nevados.

Paramillo Tapaculo, Scytalophus canus

Two heard at Colibri del Sol at Urrao. This recently described species is split from Paramo Tapaculo.

Alto Pisones Tapaculo, Scytalophus sp nov

One seen and another heard nearby at 1470 masl at Galapagos Road. This is the first record outside the "type" area at Tatama NP. One seen and three heard at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP. This is a not yet described species.



Chocó Tapaculo, Scytalopus chocoensis

One heard and seen at Galapagos Road, one heard at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Ocellated Tapaculo, Acropternis orthonyx

One seen and heard at Ventanas Road at Jardin.

Red-crested Cotinga, Ampelion rubrocristata

One at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, three at Los Nevados.

Chestnut-crested Cotinga, Ampelion rufaxilla

One at the trout farm at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin.

Green-and-black Fruiteater, Pipreola riefferii

Two at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, one at Rio Blanco, several at Galapagos Road.



Barred Fruiteater, Pipreola arcuata

One male at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin.



Golden-breasted Fruiteater, Pipreola aureopectus

Two seen and a couple more heard along the ridge at Anori.

Orange-breasted Fruiteater, Pipreola jucunda

A few at Galapagos Road.



Olivaceous Piha, Snowornis cryptolophus One at Galapagos Road. Dusky Piha, Lipaugus fuscocinereus One at Rio Blanco.

Chestnut-capped Piha, Lipaugus weberi

One seen and heard at the ridge at the main trail at Anori. Two separate sightings coming down from the ridge trail at the far end. The next day one was seen in the latter area. Described as recently as 2001 and is know from a very limited and fragmented range.



Red-ruffed Fruitcrow, Pyroderus scutatus

Four at Otun Quimbaya National Park.

Andean Cock-of-the-rock, Rupicola peruviana

One female at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Golden-winged Manakin, Masius chrysopterus

A few at Anori and one at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Club-winged Manakin, Machaeropterus deliciosus

Two heard and two females seen at Galapagos Road, a few heard at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Wing-barred Piprites, Piprites chloris

Three at Anori.

Mouse-colored Tyrannulet, Phaeomyias murina

One at Rio Blanco. Extremely short bill, pale gray white below, rather long tail.

Yellow-bellied Elaenia, Elaenia flavogaster

One heard between Urrao and Manizales and a few at Palacio de los Frijoles.

Mountain Elaenia, Elaenia frantzii

Two at Anori.

Torrent Tyrannulet, Serpophaga cinerea

One at Otun Quimbaya National Park.

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher, Mionectes oleaginous

One at the roadside stop one hour north of Jardin.

Streak-necked Flycatcher, Mionectes striaticollis

A few at Anori, two at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Rufous-breasted Flycatcher, Leptopogon rufipectus

One at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, two at Colibri del Sol at Urrao.

Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant, Pseudotriccus ruficeps

Four at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin.

Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant, Pogonotriccus ophthalmicus

One at Anori, one at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Variegated Bristle-Tyrant, Pogonotriccus poecilotis

Three at Anori, two at Galapagos Road.

Rufous-browed Tyrannulet, Phylloscartes superciliaris

Two at Anori.

Plumbeous-crowned Tyrannulet, Phyllomyias plumbeiceps

One at Galapagos Road.

Black-capped Tyrannulet, Phyllomyias nigrocapillus

One at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, one at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, two at Rio Blanco.

Golden-faced Tyrannulet, Zimmerius chrysops

One at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, one at Rio Blanco.

Chocó Tyrannulet, Zimmerius albogularis

Two at lower parts of Galapagos Road.

White-throated Tyrannulet, Mecocerculus leucophrys

One at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, many at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, one at Rio Blanco, several at Los Nevados.

White-banded Tyrannulet, Mecocerculus stictopterus

One at Los Nevados.

Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant, Lophotriccus pileatus

Two at Anori.

Rufous-crowned Tody-Tyrant, Poecilotriccus ruficeps Two at Rio Blanco.



Common Tody-Flycatcher, Todirostrum cinereum

One at Anori Lodge, one at the roadside stop one hour north of Jardin, one between Urrao and Manizales, one at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Ornate Flycatcher, Myiotriccus ornatus

Many at Anori, a few at Galapagos Road, several at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.



Handsome Flycatcher, Myiophobus pulcher

One at Rio Blanco, two at Galapagos Road.

Bran-colored Flycatcher, Myiophobus fasciatus

One at the marsh between Anori and Medellin, one at Galapagos Road, one at Palacio de los Frijoles.

Tawny-breasted Flycatcher, Myiobius villosus

One at Galapagos Road.

Cinnamon Flycatcher, Pyrrhomyias cinnamomea

A few at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, a few at Rio Blanco, two at Otun Quimbaya National Park, a few at Galapagos Road.

Smoke-colored Pewee, Contopus fumigatus

One at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin.

Black Phoebe, Sayornis nigricans

A few at Anori, two at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, one at Otun Quimbaya National Park, one at Palacio de los Frijoles.

Vermilion Flycatcher, Pyrocephalus rubinus

One between Urrao and Manizales, one between Otun Quimbaya National Park and El Cairo.

Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant, Ochthoeca diadema

Several at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin.

Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant, Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris

Three at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, one at Rio Blanco.

Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant, Ochthoeca fumicolor

One at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, several at Los Nevados.

Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant, Myiotheretes striaticollis

Two at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin.

Smoky Bush-Tyrant, Myiotheretes fumigatus

Two at Colibri del Sol at Urrao.

Cattle Tyrant, Machetornis rixosus

One en route to Anori.

Bright-rumped Attila, Attila spadiceus

One heard at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Pale-edged Flycatcher, Myiarchus cephalotes

Three at the ridge at Anori, one at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, one at Rio Blanco, one at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.



Great Kiskadee, Pitangus sulphuratus

A few between Anori and Medellin, a few at Palacio de los Frijoles.

Rusty-margined Flycatcher, Myiozetetes cayanensis

Two at Anori Lodge, a few at the roadside stop one hour north of Jardin, a few between Urrao and Manizales, a few at Palacio de los Frijoles.

Golden-crowned Flycatcher, Myiodynastes chrysocephalus

Two at Galapagos Road, one at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Streaked Flycatcher, Myiodynastes maculates

One en route to Anori, one at Anori, two between Urrao and Manizales, one at Otun Quimbaya National Park, one at Palacio de los Frijoles.

Piratic Flycatcher, Legatus leucophaius

One at Palacio de los Frijoles.

Tropical Kingbird, Tyrannus melancholicus

Many.

Fork-tailed Flycatcher, Tyrannus savanna

Two at Urrao.

White-winged Becard, Pachyramphus polychopterus

One at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

White-winged Swallow, Tachycineta albiventer

One at Magdalena Valley.

Gray-breasted Martin, Progne chalybea

A few at Anori, several noted elsewhere.

Blue-and-white Swallow, Notiochelidon cyanoleuca

Several at Anori, several at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, several at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, many at Otun Quimbaya National Park.

Brown-bellied Swallow, Notiochelidon murina

Many at Rio Blanco, many at Los Nevados.

White-thighed Swallow, Neochelidon tibialis

One at Anori.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow, Stelgidopteryx ruficollis

Many en route to Anori, a few the roadside stop one hour north of Jardin, several at Otun Quimbaya National Park, several at Palacio de los Frijoles.

White-capped Dipper, Cinclus leucocephalus

Two at Colibri del Sol at Urrao.



White-headed Wren, Campylorhynchus albobrunneus

A few at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Rufous Wren, Cinnycerthia unirufa

One at Rio Blanco.

Sharpe's Wren, Cinnycerthia olivascens

Four at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, one at Rio Blanco.

Sooty-headed Wren, Thryothorus spadix

Several at Anori, one heard at Otun Quimbaya National Park, two at Palacio de los Frijoles.

Bay Wren, Thryothorus nigricapillus

One at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

House Wren, Troglodytes aedon

One at Anori Lodge, one at Otun Quimbaya National Park, one at Galapagos Road.

Mountain Wren, Troglodytes solstitialis

One at Rio Blanco, one at Los Nevados.

Sedge Wren, Cistothorus platensis

A few at Los Nevados.

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren, Henicorhina leucophrys

Several at Anori, heard at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, a few heard at Rio Blanco, one at Otun Quimbaya National Park, several at Galapagos Road, a few at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Munchique Wood-Wren, Henicorhina negreti

One just below the trout farm at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin.



Scaly-breasted Wren, Microcerculus marginatus

Two en route to Anori, a few at Anori, one heard at Galapagos Road, one at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP. Chestnut-breasted Wren, Cyphorhinus thoracicus

One seen and one heard at Otun Quimbaya National Park, one heard at Galapagos Road.

Andean Solitaire, Myadestes ralloides

Two heard at Anori, a few heard at Galapagos Road.

Black Solitaire, Entomodestes coracinus

Three at Galapagos Road.



Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush, Catharus aurantiirostris

One heard at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Pale-eyed Thrush, Platycichla leucops

One immature at Anori.

Great Thrush, Turdus fuscater

Many at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, several at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, a few at Rio Blanco, many at Los Nevados. Glossy-black Thrush, Turdus serranus

One heard at Rio Blanco.

Black-billed Thrush, Turdus ignobilis

Several at Anori, a few at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP, several at Palacio de los Frijoles.



Clay-colored Robin, Turdus grayi

Several at Colibri del Sol at Urrao.

Long-billed Gnatwren, Ramphocaenus melanurus

Three at Anori.

Black-chested Jay, Cyanocorax affinis

Four at the roadside stop one hour north of Jardin.

Inca Jay, Cyanocorax yncas

A few at Anori.

Black-collared Jay, Cyanolyca armillata

Four at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, two at Colibri del Sol at Urrao.

Beautiful Jay, Cyanolyca pulchra

One heard and two seen at Galapagos Road.

Red-eyed Vireo, Vireo olivaceus

Two at the roadside stop one hour north of Jardin, a few between Urrao and Manizales.

Rufous-naped Greenlet, Hylophilus semibrunneus

Several at Anori.

Black-billed Peppershrike, Cyclarhis nigrirostris

One at Anori, one at Galapagos Road.

Andean Siskin, Carduelis spinescens

Two at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, one at Los Nevados.



Lesser Goldfinch, Carduelis psaltria

One at Anori Lodge, one at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, a few near El Cairo.

Slate-throated Redstart, Myioborus miniatus

Many at Anori, one at Rio Blanco, two at Galapagos Road, a few at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP. Golden-fronted Redstart, Myioborus ornatus

Many at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, many at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, many at Rio Blanco, many at Los Nevados.



Chocó Warbler, Basileuterus chlorophrys

Three at Galapagos Road.

Black-crested Warbler, Basileuterus nigrocristatus

One at Los Nevados.

Russet-crowned Warbler, Basileuterus coronatus

One at Rio Blanco.

Rufous-capped Warbler, Basileuterus rufifrons

One at Palacio de los Frijoles.

Three-striped Warbler, Basileuterus tristriatus

Several at Anori, several at Galapagos Road, many at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Buff-rumped Warbler, Basileuterus fulvicauda

A few at Anori, one at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Bananaquit, Coereba flaveola

A few en route to Anori, one at Anori, one at Galapagos Road, one at Palacio de los Frijoles.

Blue-backed Conebill, Conirostrum sitticolor

A few at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, a few at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, several at Los Nevados.

Capped Conebill, Conirostrum albifrons

One at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, one at Colibri del Sol at Urrao.

Grass-green Tanager, Chlorornis riefferii

A few at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, one at Rio Blanco.



White-capped Tanager, Sericossypha albocristata

8-10 in a flock at Rio Blanco was one of the trip highlights.



Dusky Bush-Tanager, Chlorospingus semifuscus

Several at Galapagos Road.

Yellow-throated Bush-Tanager, Chlorospingus flavigularis

Many at Anori, two at Galapagos Road, a few at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Gray-hooded Bush-Tanager, Cnemoscopus rubrirostris

Several at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, a few at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, a few at Rio Blanco.

Black-capped Hemispingus, Hemispingus atropileus

Several at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, a few at Rio Blanco.

Superciliaried Hemispingus, Hemispingus superciliaris

One at Los Nevados.

Oleaginous Hemispingus, Hemispingus frontalis

A few at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin.

Black-eared Hemispingus, Hemispingus melanotis

A few at Rio Blanco.

Black-headed Hemispingus, Hemispingus verticalis

A few at Colibri del Sol at Urrao.

Guira Tanager, Hemithraupis guira

A few at Anori.

Dusky-faced Tanager, Mitrospingus cassinii

A few at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Ochre-breasted Tanager, Chlorothraupis stolzmanni

A few at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

White-lined Tanager, Tachyphonus rufus

One at the marsh between Anori and Medellin.

Crested Ant-Tanager, Habia cristata

Five at Galapagos Road.



White-winged Tanager, Piranga leucoptera

One pair at Anori.

Red-hooded Tanager, Piranga rubriceps

A few in one mixed flock at Colibri del Sol at Urrao.

Crimson-backed Tanager, Ramphocelus dimidiatus

A few en route to Anori, a few at Anori, one between Urrao and Manizales, a few at Palacio de los Frijoles.

Flame-rumped Tanager, Ramphocelus flammigerus

A pair near El Cairo.

Lemon-rumped Tanager, Ramphocelus icteronotus

Several en route to Anori and at Anori, several at Galapagos Road, a few at Palacio de los Frijoles.

Blue-gray Tanager, Thraupis episcopus

Several en route to Anori and at Anori, many between Urrao and Manizales, many at Palacio de los Frijoles and Magdalena Valley.

Blue-capped Tanager, Thraupis cyanocephala

One at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, two at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, two at Rio Blanco.

Palm Tanager, Thraupis palmarum

A few en route to Anori, a few at Anori, one at Otun Quimbaya National Park, one at Palacio de los Frijoles. Black-and-gold Tanager, Bangsia melanochlamys

One at the ridge at Anori, two at Galapagos Road, many at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.



Gold-ringed Tanager, Bangsia aureocincta



Hooded Mountain-Tanager, Buthraupis Montana One at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin.

Black-chested Mountain-Tanager, Buthraupis eximia

One at Colibri del Sol at Urrao.

Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager, Anisognathus lacrymosus

Several at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, one at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, one at Rio Blanco.

Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager, Anisognathus igniventris

Several at Los Nevados.

Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager, Anisognathus somptuosus

Several at Anori, a few at Rio Blanco, two at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Black-chinned Mountain-Tanager, Anisognathus notabilis

One at Galapagos Road, several at Galapagos Road, a few at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Purplish-mantled Tanager, Iridosornis porphyrocephala

Several along the ridge at Anori, several at Galapagos Road, one at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.



Golden-crowned Tanager, Iridosornis rufivertex

Three at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, one at Los Nevados.

Thick-billed Euphonia, Euphonia laniirostris

A few en route to Anori, one between Urrao and Manizales.

Orange-bellied Euphonia, Euphonia xanthogaster

Several at Anori, a few at Galapagos Road, a few at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia, Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys

Several at Galapagos Road, once a displaying flock of six birds together.

Glistening-green Tanager, Chlorochrysa phoenicotis

Three at Galapagos Road, a few at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Multicolored Tanager, Chlorochrysa nitidissima

Several at Anori.

Plain-colored Tanager, Tangara inornata

A few en route to Anori.

Golden Tanager, Tangara arthus

Several at Anori, a few at Galapagos Road, several at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Silver-throated Tanager, Tangara icterocephala

One at Anori, two at Galapagos Road, a few at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Saffron-crowned Tanager, Tangara xanthocephala

One at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, one at Galapagos Road.

Speckled Tanager, Tangara guttata

A few at Anori.

Rufous-throated Tanager, Tangara rufigula

Several at Galapagos Road, a few at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Bay-headed Tanager, Tangara gyrola

Two at Anori, one near El Cairo, one at Palacio de los Frijoles.

Scrub Tanager, Tangara vitriolina

Two at Anori Lodge, two near El Cairo, two at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.



Blue-necked Tanager, Tangara cyanicollis

Two at Anori Lodge, one near El Cairo, one at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP, one at Palacio de los Frijoles.



Golden-hooded Tanager, Tangara larvata

Two at Galapagos Road.

Beryl-spangled Tanager, Tangara nigroviridis

Many at Anori, one at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, one at Rio Blanco.

Blue-and-black Tanager, Tangara vassorii

Many at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, one at Rio Blanco, one at Palacio de los Frijoles.

Black-capped Tanager, Tangara heine

Two at Otun Quimbaya National Park.

Green Honeycreeper, Chlorophanes spiza

One en route to Anori.

Plush-capped Finch, Catamblyrhynchus diadema

One at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, two at Rio Blanco.

Tanager Finch, Oreothraupis arremonops

One seen extremely well at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin.



Black-backed Bush-Tanager, Urothraupis stolzmanni

Seven at Los Nevados.



Plumbeous Sierra-Finch, Phrygilus unicolor

A few at Los Nevados.

Blue-black Grassquit, Volatinia jacarina

Several en route to and from Anori, one at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin.

Gray Seedeater, Sporophila intermedia

Two en route to Anori, two at the marsh between Anori and Medellin, a few at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Variable Seedeater, Sporophila corvine

One at Galapagos Road.

Yellow-bellied Seedeater, Sporophila nigricollis

Many en route to Anori and at Anori, a few between Urrao and Manizales, several at Galapagos Road, several at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP and Palacio de los Frijoles.

Ruddy-breasted Seedeater, Sporophila minuta

Many en route to and from Anori, one at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Thick-billed Seed-Finch, Oryzoborus funereus

One at the marsh between Anori and Medellin, two between Urrao and Manizales, one at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP, two at Palacio de los Frijoles.

Plain-colored Seedeater, Catamenia inornata

Many at Los Nevados.

Yellow-faced Grassquit, Tiaris olivacea

A few at Galapagos Road, one at Palacio de los Frijoles.

Chestnut-bellied Flowerpiercer, Diglossa gloriosissima

Two at Colibri del Sol at Urrao.

White-sided Flowerpiercer, Diglossa albilatera

One at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, one at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, one at Rio Blanco.

Glossy Flowerpiercer, Diglossa lafresnayii

A few at Los Nevados.

Black Flowerpiercer, Diglossa humeralis

Three at Los Nevados.

Indigo Flowerpiercer, Diglossopis indigotica

Four sightings at the ridge at Anori, one at Galapagos Road, one at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.



Bluish Flowerpiercer, Diglossopis caerulescens

One at Galapagos Road, one at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Masked Flowerpiercer, Diglossopis cyanea

A few at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, a few at Rio Blanco.

Saffron Finch, Sicalis flaveola

One at Rio Claro and one at Palacio de los Frijoles.

Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch, Emberizoides herbicola

One between Perreira and Medellin.

Yellow-throated Brush-Finch, Atlapetes gutturalis

Three at Rio Blanco.

Pale-naped Brush-Finch, Atlapetes pallidinucha

Two at Los Nevados.

Chocó Brush-Finch, Atlapetes crassus

Three at Galapagos Road, one at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Slaty Brush-Finch, Atlapetes schistaceus

Mant at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, two at Colibri del Sol at Urrao.

Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch, Buarremon brunneinucha

Several at Anori.

Stripe-headed Brush-Finch, Buarremon torquatus

Three at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, a few at Rio Blanco.



Black-striped Sparrow, Arremonops conirostris

One at the roadside stop one hour north of Jardin, one between Urrao and Manizales.

Rufous-collared Sparrow, Zonotrichia capensis

A few at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin, many at Colibri del Sol at Urrao, several at Rio Blanco, many at Los Nevados, one at Otun Quimbaya National Park, several at Galapagos Road.

Streaked Saltator, Saltator striatipectus

One at Bolombola in Cauca Valley. A few at Palacio de los Frijoles.

Buff-throated Saltator, Saltator maximus

A few en route to Anori, a few at Anori, a few at Palacio de los Frijoles.

Black-winged Saltator, Saltator atripennis

Two at Anori Lodge, one at Otun Quimbaya National Park, one near El Cairo.

Masked Saltator, Saltator cinctus

One at Rio Blanco was a very good find just near the lodge in the early morning.

Yellow-hooded Blackbird, Chrysomus icterocephalus

Several at Magdalena Valley.

Eastern Meadowlark, Sturnella magna

One at Los Nevados.

Shiny Cowbird, Molothrus bonariensis

Three at the roadside stop one hour north of Jardin, four at Palacio de los Frijoles.

Yellow-backed Oriole, Icterus chrysater

Two above Jardin.

Orange-crowned Oriole, Icterus auricapillus

Three at the roadside stop one hour north of Jardin.

Yellow-billed Cacique, Amblycercus holosericeus

One at Rio Blanco.

Mountain Cacique, Cacicus chrysonotus

A few at Ventanas Peak Road at Jardin.

Russet-backed Oropendola, Psarocolius angustifrons

One at Montezuma Peak Trail at Tatama NP.

Red-bellied Grackle, Hypopyrrhus pyrohypogaster

Two fly-by views in the evening at Anori Lodge and excellent views of four birds in the forest the day after.

Mammals

Vevezuelan Red Howler Monkey, Alouatta seniculus One at Otun.

Cat sp

One at Galapagos Road. Small and blackish

