

# Colombia: Birding from Bogota

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This Short & Sweet trip was designed to highlight a small variety of habitats within a stone's throw of Bogotá. At these areas we would search for, and find, numerous country endemics, range-restricted species, and a few surprises. We visited a national park, numerous private reserves, and a few sites with feeders. At the private reserves we would enjoy many delicious home-cooked meals served by gracious hosts. Overall, the weather was quite cooperative.

A total of 277 species were recorded of which 9 were heard only, 6 were endemic, and 5 were near-endemics. Details are included below.

Following is a list of the birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians we were fortunate to observe during the trip

#### **Family or Species Common Name Scientific Name:**

##### **DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae — (4)**

**Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna autumnalis*— A small flock present at the La Florida wetlands in Bogotá. A small flock seen at the Aitabu hotel.

**White-faced Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna viduata*—A small flock seen at the Aitabu hotel.

**Andean Teal** *Anas andium*— Small numbers present at the La Florida wetlands in Bogotá. A few also seen at the wetlands at San Antonio.

**Andean Duck** *Oxyura ferruginea*— Small numbers present at the La Florida wetlands in Bogotá. A few seen in the Sumapaz National Park wetlands.

##### **GUANS AND CURASSOWS: Cracidae — (2)**

**Speckled Chachalaca** *Ortalis guttata*— Three seen at the Aitabu hotel.

**Andean Guan** *Penelope montagnii*—Several seen well at the Guajira Forest Reserve. They were feeding on Melastomataceae fruits.

##### **PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae — (8)**

**Rock Pigeon (I)** *Columba livia*— Many seen in Bogota and other cities.

**Pale-vented Pigeon** *Patagioenas cayennensis*—Small numbers seen passing overhead at the Aitabu hotel.

**Band-tailed Pigeon** *Patagioenas fasciata*—A small flock seen flying over the Zoque Reserve.

**Ruddy Ground Dove** *Columbina talpacoti*— One male seen at the Aitabu hotel. Another pair observed at the El Silencio reserve. Two were on the fruit feeders at Casa Hillebrand.

**Scaled Dove** *Columbina squammata*— One seen at the El Silencio Reserve.

**White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi*—One seen at the Aitabu hotel. Another heard at the El Silencio reserve.

**Gray-fronted Dove** *Leptotila rufaxilla*— (HO) One heard calling inside the forest at the Bavaria reserve.

**Eared Dove** *Zenaida auriculata*— Seen frequently in cities as well as in the countryside. Common.

### **CUCKOOS AND ALLIES: Cuculidae — (3)**

**Greater Ani** *Crotophaga major* — Two observed at the El Silencio reserve.

**Smooth-billed Ani** *Crotophaga ani*— Two observed as we were departing the El Silencio reserve. Also seen along the entrance road to the Aitabu hotel.

**Squirrel Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana*—One observed at the Aitabu hotel. Another seen at Casa Hillebrand.

### **POTOOS: Nyctibiidae — (2)**

**Great Potoo** *Nyctibius grandis*— One observed at the Bavaria reserve. It was perched in plain view over the river. Two observed close to the Aitabu hotel when we departed for dinner one night.

**Common Potoo** *Nyctibius griseus*— (HO) One heard calling near dawn at the Aitabu hotel.

### **SWIFTS: Apodidae — (4)**

**Chestnut-collared Swift** *Streptoprocne rutila*—A few were observed at the Bavaria reserve, mixed in with Short-tailed Swifts.

**White-collared Swift** *Streptoprocne zonaris*—A small flock flew over the Zoque Reserve. A large flock seen flying high overhead while at the Bavaria reserve. A small flock passed quickly overhead at the Herreria reserve.

**Short-tailed Swift** *Chaetura brachyura*— A few seen on arrival day at the Aitabu hotel. Another flock seen at the Bavaria reserve.

**Fork-tailed Palm-Swift** *Tachornis squamata*—Seen frequently at the Aitabu hotel.

### **HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae — (29)**

**White-bearded Hermit** *Phaethornis hispidus*— One observed at the El Silencio reserve as it battled with itself in the bathroom mirror.

**Gray-chinned Hermit** *Phaethornis griseogularis*— One briefly seen at the Casa Hillebrand.

**Blue-fronted Lancebill** *Doryfera johannae*—Seen numerous times at the Bavaria reserve, including perched individuals.

**Sparkling Violetear** *Colibri coruscans*— One seen perched on a fence in Bogotá. A few seen at the Guajira Forest feeders. A few observed at the feeders at the Zoque Reserve. A few observed at the Mutar restaurant.

**Lesser Violetear** *Colibri cyanotus*— A few seen at the Guajira Forest feeders. A few observed at the feeders at the Zoque Reserve. Another seen at the Herreria reserve.

**Black-throated Mango** *Anthracothorax nigricollis*— A male was observed at the feeders at the Casa Hillebrand.

**Longuemare's Sunangel** *Helianthus clarisse*— Near-endemic. Seen well numerous times at the Guajira Forest feeders. At least one observed at the feeders at the Zoque Reserve.

**Speckled Hummingbird** *Adelomyia melanogenys*— One seen numerous times at the feeders and on flowers at the Herreria reserve.

**Long-tailed Sylph** *Agelaiocercus kingii*— At least three observed at the Herreria reserve, including one female.

**Black-tailed Trainbearer** *Lesbia victoriae*— Two seen at the Encenillo Reserve en route to San Antonio.

**Green-tailed Trainbearer** *Lesbia nuna*— A pair observed at the Mutar restaurant near Bogotá.

**Bronze-tailed Thornbill** *Chalcostigma heteropogon*—Near-endemic. One seen well at the Sumapaz N.P.

**Green-bearded Helmetcrest** *Oxygogon guerinii*—(E ) A male and female observed at Sumapaz N.P.

**Tyrian Metaltail** *Metallura tyrianthina*— Seen well at the Guajira Forest near the feeders where they fed on Abutilon flowers. Also seen along the highway where they fed on wildflowers. A few observed at the feeders at the Zoque

Reserve. One seen at the Mutar restaurant near Bogotá.

**Glowing Puffleg** *Eriocnemis vestita*— A few observed at the feeders at the Zoque Reserve.

**Coppery-bellied Puffleg** *Eriocnemis cupreiventris*— Near-endemic. A few observed at the feeders at the Zoque Reserve.

**Bronzy Inca** *Coeligena coeligena*— One seen numerous times on the feeders at the Herreria reserve.

**Collared Inca** *Coeligena torquata*— One seen numerous times on the feeders at the Herreria reserve.

**Blue-throated Starfrontlet** *Coeligena helianthea*— This magnificent species was seen well at the Guajira Forest Reserve feeders.

**Mountain Velvetbreast** *Lafresnaya lafresnaya*— Seen well at the Guajira Forest Reserve feeders.

**Sword-billed Hummingbird** *Ensifera ensifera*— At least one observed at the feeders at the Zoque Reserve.

**Great Sapphirewing** *Pterophanes cyanopterus*— Many observed at the feeders at the Zoque Reserve. They would often engage in high altitude chases.

**White-bellied Woodstar** *Chaetocercus mulsant*— Males and females seen well at the Guajira Forest Reserve feeders. A few observed at the feeders at the Zoque Reserve.

**Gorgeted Woodstar** *Chaetocercus heliodor*— One female seen well at the Guajira Forest Reserve feeders.

**White-vented Plumeleteer** *Chalybura buffonii*— Numerous individual seen on the feeders at Casa Hillebrand.

**Fork-tailed Woodnymph** *Thalurania furcata*— A few males and females observed at the Bavaria reserve.

**Green-bellied Hummingbird** *Saucerottia viridigaster*— One briefly seen at the Casa Hillebrand.

**Versicolored Emerald** *Amazilia versicolor*— One observed well at the El Silencio reserve. One had an odd looking nest high in a tree. One observed at the Aitabu hotel.

**Glittering-throated Emerald** *Chionomesa fimbriata*— One observed at the El Silencio reserve.

#### **RAILS, COOTS, AND ALLIES: Rallidae — (5)**

**Bogota Rail (E)** *Rallus semiplumbeus*— Two seen amidst the cattails at the La Florida wetlands in Bogotá. Two more seen in the wetlands at San Antonio. There, they would come out briefly in plain view.

**Gray-cowled Wood-Rail** *Aramides cajaneus*— One photographed by Ann at the Aitabu hotel. Also seen there walking in plain view on the back lawn one afternoon.

**Spot-flanked Gallinule** *Porphyriops melanops*— One seen at close range at the La Florida wetlands in Bogotá.

**Common Gallinule** *Gallinula galeata*— A few seen at the La Florida wetlands in Bogotá.

**American Coot** *Fulica americana*— A few seen at the La Florida wetlands in Bogotá. A few seen at a lake at Sumapaz N.P.

#### **THICK-KNEES: Burhinidae — (1)**

**Double-striped Thick-knee** *Hesperoburhinus bistriatus*— Two seen on the grounds of the Aitabu hotel after returning from dinner one night.

#### **PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae — (1)**

**Southern Lapwing** *Vanellus chilensis*— A few seen at the La Florida wetlands in Bogotá. Others seen in fields during transfers in the countryside. Common.

#### **JACANAS: Jacanidae — (1)**

**Wattled Jacana** *Jacana jacana*— A pair seen at the Aitabu hotel in a small marsh.

#### **SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae — (1)**

**Greater Yellowlegs** *Tringa melanoleuca*— One seen at a wetland at Sumapaz N.P.

#### **GREBES: Podicipedidae — (1)**

**Pied-billed Grebe** *Podilymbus podiceps*— A few seen at the La Florida wetlands in Bogotá.

**HOATZIN: Opisthocomidae— (1)**

**Hoatzin** *Opisthocomus hoazin*—Many seen at the Aitabu hotel. Others seen at the El Silencio reserve.

**SUNBITTERN: Eurypygidae— (1)**

**Sunbittern** *Eurypyga helias*—One seen in a small slough at the Aitabu hotel.

**CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae — (1)**

**Neotropic Cormorant** *Nannopterum brasilianum*— One seen at the La Florida wetlands in Bogotá.

**ANHINGIDAE: Anhingas— (1)**

**Anhinga** *Anhinga anhinga*—One seen at the artificial lagoon at the Aitabu hotel.

**IBISES AND SPOONBILLS:Threskiornithidae — (3)**

**Scarlet Ibis** *Eudocimus ruber*—A few seen by some participants who remained at the Aitabu hotel one afternoon. A second one seen there on the third day.

**Green Ibis** *Mesembrinibis cayennensis*—Three observed at the Aitabu hotel that were foraging in a grassy area.

**Bare-faced Ibis** *Phimosus infuscatus*— Large numbers seen at the La Florida wetlands in Bogotá. Even more seen around the San Antonio wetlands, including flocks flying overhead. A few seen at the Aitabu hotel.

**HERONS AND EGRETS:Ardeidae — (7)**

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*— One adult seen at the La Florida wetlands in Bogotá.

**Capped Heron** *Pilherodius pileatus*—One seen in a polluted creek as we entered the El Silencio reserve.

**Whistling Heron** *Syrigma sibilatrix*—One seen in a field as we approached the city of Villacencio. Several seen well as we entered the El Silencio reserve.

**Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea*— One seen perched in the middle of the river by the Bavaria reserve.

**Striated Heron** *Butorides striata*— One seen at the La Florida wetlands in Bogotá. Another seen in the wetland of the Aitabu hotel.

**Western Cattle-Egret** *Ardea ibis*— A few seen at the La Florida wetlands in Bogotá. Others seen at different areas during the trip. Common.

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba*— One seen during the drive leaving Bogotá. Another seen near the city of Villacencio.

**NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae — (3)**

**Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus*— A few seen at the La Florida wetlands in Bogotá and elsewhere

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura*— A few seen at the La Florida wetlands in Bogotá and elsewhere

**Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture** *Cathartes burrovianus*—Two seen by Bob on the Aitabu hotel grounds.

**OSPREY:Pandionidae — (1)**

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*— One seen at the La Florida wetlands in Bogotá.

**HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES:Accipitridae — (9)**

**White-tailed Kite** *Elanus leucurus*— One seen at the San Antonio wetlands.

**Black-and-Chestnut Eagle** *Spizaetus isidori*— An adult was found perched atop a tree in plain view en route to the Herreria reserve. A nest with a chick was nearby. We were fortunate to see one of the rarest birds of prey in the Americas.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk** *Accipiter striatus*— One seen at a distance at the Guajira Forest Reserve.

**Plumbeous Kite** *Ictinia plumbea*—One perched bird observed at the Aitabu hotel. A pair seen in the bustling town of Villavicencio.

**Savanna Hawk** *Buteogallus meridionalis*— Several seen in the Villacencio area, often sitting on fence posts or utility posts.

**Variable Hawk** *Geranoaetus polyosoma*—A dark morph individual was observed soaring over the Zoque Reserve.

**Roadside Hawk** *Rupornis magnirostris*— One observed at the Guajira Forest Reserve. One heard at the El Silencio reserve.

**Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle** *Geranoaetus melanoleucus*— Two seen well as they soared above the Guajira Forest Reserve. One observed soaring low over the vegetation at Sumapaz N.P.

**Broad-winged Hawk** *Buteo platypterus*— At least two observed along the dirt road leading to the Herreria reserve.

#### **OWLS: Strigidae — (2)**

**Tropical Screech-Owl** *Megascops choliba*—(HO) Heard on the Aitabu hotel grounds.

**Band-bellied Owl** *Pulsatrix melanota*— An adult and immature seen well at the Casa Hillebrand.

#### **TROGONS: Trogonidae — (1)**

**Green-backed Trogon** *Trogon viridis*—A male seen well at the Bavaria reserve.

#### **MOTMOTS: Momotidae — (1)**

**Amazonian Motmot** *Momotus momota*—One seen in dense vegetation at the El Silencio reserve.

#### **KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae — (2)**

**Ringed Kingfisher** *Megaceryle torquata*—One seen briefly at the El Silencio reserve.

**Amazon Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle amazona*—One observed at the Aitabu hotel.

#### **PUFFBIRDS: Bucconidae — (2)**

**Two-banded Puffbird** *Hypnelus bicinctus*—A pair seen well at the El Silencio reserve.

**White-chested Puffbird** *Malacoptila fusca*—Two observed at the Bavaria reserve in the forest understory.

#### **JACAMARS: Galbulidae — (1)**

**White-chinned Jacamar** *Galbula tombacea*— A pair seen well at the Bavaria reserve.

#### **NEW WORLD BARBETS: Capitonidae — (2)**

**Gilded Barbet** *Capito auratus*— A pair seen high in the subcanopy at the Bavaria reserve.

**Red-headed Barbet** *Eubucco bourcierii*—A female seen well at the Casa Hillebrand feeders.

#### **TOUCANS: Ramphastidae — (5)**

**Chestnut-eared Aracari** *Pteroglossus castanotis*— Two groups seen at the El Silencio reserve. A baby was found on the ground at the Bavaria reserve.

**Many-banded Aracari** *Pteroglossus plurinctus*—A few seen as we were approaching the Aitabu hotel.

**White-throated Toucan** *Ramphastos tucanus*— One briefly observed flying overhead at the Bavaria reserve.

**Channel-billed Toucan** *Ramphastos vitellinus*— (HO) A pair heard calling from the canopy at the Bavaria reserve.

**Black-billed Mountain-Toucan** *Andigena nigrirostris*—One seen well as we were leaving the Guajira Forest Reserve.

#### **WOODPECKERS: Picidae — (6)**

**Scaled Piculet** *Picumnus squamulatus*—One seen at the El Silencio reserve and another seen at eye level at the Bavaria

reserve. Another observed at the Aitabu hotel.

**Yellow-tufted Woodpecker** *Melanerpes cruentatus*— Two observed in a distant tree at the Bavaria reserve.

**Smoky-brown Woodpecker** *Dryobates fumigatus*— One seen inside the forest at the La Florida wetlands in Bogotá. Another pair seen at the Zoque Reserve.

**Red-rumped Woodpecker** *Dryobates kirkii*—A female seen on the grounds of the Aitabu hotel. A female observed at the El Silencio reserve.

**Crimson-crested Woodpecker** *Campephilus melanoleucos*— One briefly observed at the El Silencio reserve.

**Lineated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus lineatus*— One seen at the El Silencio reserve. A male/female pair seen well at the Casa Hillebrand.

#### **FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae — (4)**

**Laughing Falcon** *Herpetotheres cachinnans*— (HO) One heard calling from the forest at the Aitabu hotel.

**Crested Caracara** *Caracara plancus*— One seen flying over the Aitabu hotel grounds. Several seen at the El Silencio reserve. Two seen chasing a Savannah Hawk in the area as well.

**Yellow-headed Caracara** *Daptrius chimachima*—One seen flying over the Aitabu hotel grounds. A pair seen at the El Silencio reserve.

**American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius*— One seen at the San Antonio wetlands. Another observed in a cattle pasture at the El Silencio reserve.

#### **PARROTS: Psittacidae — (9)**

**Cobalt-winged Parakeet** *Brotogeris cyanopectus*—A few seen flying overhead at the Bavaria reserve.

**Yellow-crowned Parrot** *Amazona ochrocephala*— (HO) At least one heard flying overhead at the Aitabu hotel. A few heard while at the El Silencio reserve.

**Orange-winged Parrot** *Amazona amazonica*—Two perched individuals seen well at the El Silencio reserve.

**White-capped Parrot** *Pionus seniloides*—Four flew over the Herreria reserve.

**Spectacled Parrotlet** *Forpus conspicillatus*— One seen inside the forest at the La Florida wetlands in Bogotá. It was feeding fairly low in the trees. A pair seen perched at the Aitabu hotel.

**Brown-breasted Parakeet (E)** *Pyrrhura calliptera*— Two seen at the Guajira Forest Reserve.

**Brown-throated Parakeet** *Eupsittula pertinax*—A few seen at the El Silencio reserve.

**White-eyed Parakeet** *Psittacara leucophthalmus*—Two seen flying overhead at the El Silencio reserve.

**Red-bellied Macaw** *Orthopsittaca manilatus*—At least 30 observed in two separate groups that passed overhead at the Aitabu hotel in the late afternoon. This was seen twice at that hotel. Six seen flying overhead at the El Silencio reserve.

#### **ANTBIRDS: Thamnophilidae — (3)**

**Northern Slaty-Antshrike** *Thamnophilus punctatus* — A male seen well at the El Silencio reserve. Another seen at the Bavaria reserve.

**White-browed Antbird** *Myrmoborus leucophrys*— A pair seen well at the Bavaria reserve.

**Spot-winged Antbird** *Myrmelastes leucostigma*—One observed by Kelly at the Bavaria reserve.

#### **ANTPITTAS: Grallariidae— (4)**

**Chestnut-crowned Antpitta** *Grallaria ruficapilla*— (HO) One heard calling from a distant treeline at the San Antonio wetlands. Another just heard at the Zoque Reserve.

**Cundinamarca Antpitta** *Grallaria kaestneri*—(E) Two seen at close range at the Herreria reserve.

**Muisca Antpitta** *Grallaria rufula*—Near endemic. One seen well at the Guajira Forest Reserve. It was fed by Henry, the local caretaker of the area. Another seen well at the Zoque Reserve. It just showed up at a spot where the soil is turned for the antpittas to come and forage.



**Boyaca Antpitta** *Grallaria alticola*— (E) One heard calling in a patch of forest by the paramo not far from the La Estancia hotel. No less than five seen during the morning outing at Sumapaz N.P. At least two were seen foraging out in plain view.

**TAPACULOS: Rhinocryptidae— (2)**

**Long-tailed Tapaculo** *Scytalopus micropterus*—(HO) One heard at the Herreria reserve.

**Pale-bellied Tapaculo** *Scytalopus griseicollis*— Heard at close range in the Guajira Forest Reserve and in the paramo near there. Only briefly seen. Also, heard at the Zoque Reserve.

**OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS: Furnariidae — (12)**

**Tyrannine Woodcreeper** *Dendrocincla tyrannina*— One observed accompanying a mixed flock in the Guajira Forest Reserve.

**Straight-billed Woodcreeper** *Dendroplex picus*—One seen well at the El Silencio reserve.

**Montane Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger*—One seen well at the Casa Hillebrand.

**Chestnut-winged Cinclodes** *Cinclodes albidiventris*—One observed at Sumapaz N.P. that was foraging near a Boyaca Antpitta.

**Pearled Treerunner** *Margarornis squamiger*— One briefly observed in the Guajira Forest Reserve while it was accompanying a mixed flock.

**Plain Thornbird** *Phacellodomus inornatus*—A pair seen very well at the El Silencio reserve.

**Many-striped Canastero** *Asthenes flammulata*— A pair observed at a lake at Sumapaz N.P., including one that was foraging in plain view.

**White-chinned Thistletail** *Asthenes fuliginosa* — One briefly seen at the Encenillo Reserve.

**Plain-crowned Spinetail** *Synallaxis gujanensis*— A pair seen well at the El Silencio reserve.

**Silvery-throated Spinetail** *Synallaxis subpudica*— Two briefly seen inside the forest at the La Florida wetlands in Bogotá. Two more also observed in some thickets at the San Antonio wetlands. Also, briefly observed at the Zoque Reserve.

**Pale-breasted Spinetail** *Synallaxis albescens*— One seen crawling on the open ground near the feeders at Casa Hillebrand.

**Azara's Spinetail** *Synallaxis azarae*— (HO) One heard by the dining area at the Herreria reserve.

**MANAKINS: Pipridae— (1)**

**White-bearded Manakin** *Manacus manacus*—A pair of males and females seen well at the El Silencio reserve. A few also observed at the Bavaria reserve.

**COTINGAS: Cotingidae— (2)**

**Green-and-black Fruiteater** *Pipreola riefferii*— Three observed at the forest edge at the Herreria reserve.

**Red-crested Cotinga** *Ampelion rubrocristatus*—At least two observed at the Zoque Reserve, including one seen virtually all morning.

**TITYRAS AND BECARDS: Tityridae— (4)**

**Black-tailed Tityra** *Tityra cayana*—A male observed at the Aitabu hotel.

**Black-crowned Tityra** *Tityra inquisitor*— A male briefly observed at the El Silencio reserve.

**Cinnamon Becard** *Pachyramphus cinnamomeus*— (HO) One heard at close range at Casa Hillebrand.

**White-winged Becard** *Pachyramphus polychopterus*—A male and female observed at the El Silencio reserve. Another male seen at the Bavaria reserve.

## **TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae — (29)**

**Ochre-bellied Flycatcher** *Mionectes oleagineus*— A pair seen chasing each other at the Bavaria reserve.

**Slaty-capped Flycatcher** *Leptopogon superciliaris*—One seen in a viny tangle at the Bavaria reserve.

**Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant** *Atalotriccus pilaris*—One seen very well at the El Silencio reserve.

**Mouse-colored Tyrannulet** *Nesotriccus murinus*—One briefly observed in the forest understory at the Bavaria reserve.

**Common Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum cinereum* — One heard at the Aitabu hotel on arrival day. One seen at the El Silencio reserve. One also observed at the Aitabu hotel.

**Yellow-olive Flatbill** *Tolmomyias sulphureus*—One seen well at the El Silencio reserve.

**Ochre-ored Flatbill** *Tolmomyias flaviventris*—One seen well at the El Silencio reserve. Another observed at the Bavaria reserve.

**Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet** *Camptostoma obsoletum*— One observed high in the treetops at Casa Hillebrand

**White-banded Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus stictopterus*— One observed in the Guajira Forest Reserve while it was accompanying a mixed flock.

**White-throated Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus leucophrys*— One seen well at the Encenillo Reserve. Another observed at the San Antonio wetlands. Another seen at the Guajira Forest Reserve. Another seen at the Zoque Reserve.

**Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet** *Tyrannulus elatus*— One seen well at the El Silencio reserve.

**Mountain Elaenia** *Elaenia frantzii*— One observed at the Encenillo Reserve. Another observed at the San Antonio wetlands. Two more observed at the Guajira Forest Reserve. Another seen at the Zoque Reserve.

**Torrent Tyrannulet** *Serpophaga cinerea*— Three seen in the San Antonio wetland, including one immature.

**Black-capped Tyrannulet** *Tyranniscus nigrocapillus*— One observed at the Guajira Forest Reserve while it was accompanying a mixed flock.

**Golden-faced Tyrannulet** *Zimmerius chrysops*—Two seen at Casa Hillebrand.

**Eastern Wood-Pewee** *Contopus virens*— One identified by voice at the La Florida wetlands in Bogotá.

**Black Phoebe** *Sayornis nigricans* — One observed at a river crossing as we departed the Guajira Forest Reserve. A 'white-winged' morph at the Mutar restaurant near Bogotá.

**Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant** *Ochthoeca fumicolor*—Two observed at Sumapaz N.P.

**Dusky-capped Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tuberculifer*—One seen at Casa Hillebrand.

**Pale-edged Flycatcher** *Myiarchus cephalotes*—One seen at the El Silencio reserve.

**Great Crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus crinitus*—One observed at the El Silencio reserve.

**Cattle Tyrant** *Machetornis rixosa*—One observed on two different occasions at the Aitabu hotel, including one that entered the reception room to glean insects from the window sill.

**Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus*—Seen every day at Aitabu hotel and vicinity.

**Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua*— One heard at the Aitabu hotel. One observed at the El Silencio reserve.

**Rusty-margined Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes cayanensis*—One seen along the main highway where we switched cars to visit the Herreria reserve.

**Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis*—Several seen near at Aitabu hotel.

**Piratic Flycatcher** *Legatus leucophaeus*—(HO) One heard at the Aitabu hotel.

**Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus*— Seen virtually every day of the trip at all locales. Common.

**Fork-tailed Flycatcher** *Tyrannus savana*— Several observed in the cattle pastures at the El Silencio reserve.

## **VIREOS: Vireonidae — (2)**

**Chivi Vireo** *Vireo chivi*—Two seen at the Casa Hillebrand.

**Red-eyed Vireo** *Vireo olivaceus* — Several seen at the Aitabu hotel. More observed at the El Silencio reserve. A few seen at the Aitabu hotel.



### **CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae — (2)**

**Violaceous Jay** *Cyanocorax violaceus* — A pair seen at the Aitabu hotel. Another observed at the El Silencio reserve.

**Green (Inca) Jay** *Cyanocorax yncas*— A pair came in to the feeders at Casa Hillebrand.

### **SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae — (3)**

**Southern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* — One observed drinking water at the Aitabu hotel.

**Blue-and-white Swallow** *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*—One observed at the lagoon at the Aitabu hotel.

**Brown-bellied Swallow** *Orochelidon murina*— A large flock seen at the La Estancia hotel in San Antonio. More seen at the Zoque Reserve.

### **WRENS: Troglodytidae — (6)**

**Southern House Wren** *Troglodytes musculus*— Seen and/or heard at most places we visited.

**Grass Wren** *Cistothorus platensis* — Two seen well at the Zoque Reserve. They were in brushy habitat, not grasslands. At least one heard at Sumapaz N.P.

**Apolinar's Wren** *Cistothorus apolinari*— (E) A pair seen well at Sumapaz N.P.

**Rufous-and-white Wren** *Thryophilus rufalbus*—One seen well at the Bavaria reserve.

**Rufous Wren** *Cinnycerthia unirufa*—A group of at least seven was seen at the Zoque Reserve.

**Gray-breasted Wood-Wren** *Henicorhina leucophrys*—One briefly observed by the feeders at the Guajira Forest Reserve.

### **DIPPERS: Cinclidae— (1)**

**White-capped Dipper** *Cinclus leucocephalus* — One seen at a river crossing after departing the Guajira Forest Reserve.

### **MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae — (1)**

**Tropical Mockingbird** *Mimus gilvus*— One observed as we approached the Guajira Forest Reserve. Another seen at the Aitabu hotel.

### **THRUSHES: Turdidae — (5)**

**Pale-breasted Thrush** *Turdus leucomelas*— Several seen at the Aitabu hotel. Many were seen at Casa Hillebrand.

**White-necked Thrush** *Turdus albicollis*— At least two heard singing in the forest understory at the Bavaria reserve. One seen there on the second visit.

**Spectacled Thrush** *Turdus nudigenis*— Many were seen at the Casa Hillebrand feeders.

**Black-billed Thrush** *Turdus ignobilis*— One appeared at the Casa Hillebrand feeders.

**Great Thrush** *Turdus fuscater*— A common species found in cities as well as the countryside.

### **FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae— (8)**

**Purple-throated Euphonia** *Euphonia chlorotica*— (HO) Several heard calling in the canopy at the El Silencio reserve.

**Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia** *Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys*—One briefly observed when we were walking into the Guajira Forest Reserve. It is apparently uncommon in that area.

**Golden-bellied Euphonia** *Euphonia chrysopasta*—Several males and a female seen well at the Bavaria reserve.

**Bronze-green Euphonia** *Euphonia mesochrysa*—One seen at the Bavaria reserve.

**Thick-billed Euphonia** *Euphonia laniirostris*— A male was observed at the El Silencio reserve.

**Orange-bellied Euphonia** *Euphonia xanthogaster*— A male and female were observed at the Casa Hillebrand feeders.

**Lesser Goldfinch** *Spinus psaltria*— Two observed on a fence as we departed the Guajira Forest Reserve.

**Andean Siskin** *Spinus spinescens*— A large flock observed at the La Estancia hotel in San Antonio. A couple more seen in the paramo near the Zoque Reserve. At least two observed at the Sumapaz N.P.

#### **NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae — (6)**

**Common Chlorospingus** *Chlorospingus flavopectus*— One seen in the forest and then the feeder at the Herreria reserve.

**Yellow-mandibled Sparrow** *Arremon axillaris*—One observed in the thick understory at the Bavaria reserve.

**Rufous-collared Sparrow** *Zonotrichia capensis* — A common sighting everywhere in the highlands.

**Ochre-breasted Brushfinch** *Atlapetes semirufus*— Two seen at a river crossing after departing the Guajira Forest Reserve. According to Manuel, this is an uncommon species in the area.

**Northern Slaty Brushfinch** *Atlapetes schistaceus*— Seen well several times at the Guajira Forest Reserve.

**Pale-naped Brushfinch** *Atlapetes pallidinucha*— A pair seen well along the entrance road at the Zoque Reserve.

#### **NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae — (10)**

**Eastern Meadowlark** *Sturnella magna* — A few seen perched on fence posts at the Encenillo Reserve and near San Antonio. Another seen at the Guajira Forest Reserve. Another seen near the Aitabu hotel. Another seen at the Herreria reserve.

**Russet-backed Oropendola** *Psarocolius angustifrons*—At least three seen at the Aitabu hotel. A pair seen at the El Silencio reserve. A few seen at the Bavaria reserve. A few seen at Casa Hillebrand.

**Yellow-rumped Cacique** *Cacicus cela*—One seen at the Aitabu hotel.

**Yellow-backed Oriole** *Icterus chrysater*— A pair seen at the La Florida wetlands in Bogotá. Another seen at the San Antonio wetlands.

**Venezuelan Troupial** *Icterus icterus*—Two seen well at the Aitabu hotel. Each had a full, white wingbar.

**Shiny Cowbird** *Molothrus bonariensis*— A few seen at the El Silencio reserve.

**Giant Cowbird** *Molothrus oryzivorus*—Many seen flying overhead at the Aitabu hotel. More seen at the El Silencio reserve. Many more seen at the Aitabu hotel.

**Great-tailed Grackle** *Quiscalus mexicanus*—At least two observed at the Aitabu hotel. Apparently it is an uncommon bird there.

**Oriole Blackbird** *Gymnomystax mexicanus* — Two perched birds seen at the Aitabu hotel. Two more seen at the El Silencio reserve.

**Yellow-hooded Blackbird** *Chrysomus icterocephalus*— Small numbers seen at the La Florida wetlands in Bogotá.

#### **NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae — (10)**

**Black-and-white Warbler** *Mniotilta varia* — One seen at Casa Hillebrand.

**Tennessee Warbler** *Leiothlypis peregrina* — One observed at the San Antonio wetlands. A few more seen at the El Silencio reserve and Bavaria reserve. Another seen at Casa Hillebrand.

**American Redstart** *Setophaga ruticilla* — Several seen at the Bavaria reserve. A few more seen at Casa Hillebrand.

**Cerulean Warbler** *Setophaga cerulea* — One male seen at the Bavaria reserve amidst a mixed flock. Several seen together at Casa Hillebrand, including a nice male.

**Bay-breasted Warbler** *Setophaga castanea*— Many seen at the El Silencio and Bavaria reserves. More seen as Casa Hillebrand.

**Blackburnian Warbler** *Setophaga fusca*— One seen at the La Florida wetlands in Bogotá. Two more observed at the San Antonio wetlands. Several more seen at the Guajira Forest Reserve. A few more observed at the Zoque Reserve. Large numbers seen at Casa Hillebrand.

**Golden-crowned Warbler** *Basileuterus culicivorus*—One seen at the Bavaria reserve where it was foraging in a thick, viny tangle.

**Black-crested Warbler** *Myiothlypis nigrocristata*—Perhaps two seen at the Zoque Reserve.

**Canada Warbler** *Cardellina canadensis* — One observed at the Bavaria reserve. Another seen at Casa Hillebrand.

**Golden-fronted Redstart** *Myioborus ornatus* — This stunning resident warbler was seen well at the Guajira Forest Reserve.

#### **CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae — (4)**

**Summer Tanager** *Piranga rubra* — Several males and females seen at the Bavaria reserve.

**Hepatic Tanager** *Piranga hepatica* — One briefly observed at the Bavaria reserve.

**Black-backed Grosbeak** *Pheucticus aureoventris* — One seen along the entrance road as we were departing the La Estancia hotel.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** *Pheucticus ludovicianus* — A female observed at the La Florida wetlands in Bogotá.

#### **TANAGERS AND ALLIES: Thraupidae — (39)**

**Magpie Tanager** *Cissopis leverianus* — Several seen at the Casa Hillebrand feeders.

**Superciliaried Hemispingus** *Thlypopsis superciliaris* — This handsome bird was seen well at the Encenillo Reserve. Three observed at the Mutar restaurant near Bogotá.

**Black-eared Hemispingus** *Sphenopsis melanotis* — A pair seen in the Guajira Forest Reserve while it was accompanying a mixed flock.

**White-lined Tanager** *Tachyphonus rufus* — A male observed at the El Silencio reserve.

**Silver-beaked Tanager** *Ramphocelus carbo* — A male observed at the El Silencio reserve. Another male observed at the Bavaria reserve and the Aitabu hotel. A female observed at Casa Hillebrand.

**Hooded Mountain Tanager** *Buthraupis montana* — Several seen in the paramo after departing the Guajira Forest Reserve.

**Blue-capped Tanager** *Sporathraupis cyanocephala* — Two pairs seen inside the Guajira Forest Reserve, both accompanying mixed flocks. Another seen at the Herreria reserve.

**Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager** *Anisognathus igniventris* — A pair seen along the highway near the La Estancia hotel. Another pair seen in the paramo after departing the Guajira Forest Reserve. A pair seen very well at the Zoque Reserve, including two that would occasionally come down and land on the lawn or bench. One observed at the Sumapaz N.P.

**Buff-banded Mountain Tanager** *Dubusia taeniata* — One seen at least twice at the Zoque Reserve. Two observed at the Sumapaz N.P.

**Golden-crowned Tanager** *Iridosornis rufivertex* — One briefly observed at the Zoque Reserve.

**Fawn-breasted Tanager** *Pipraeidea melanonota* — One seen at the Casa Hillebrand.

**Blue-gray Tanager** *Thraupis episcopus* — Several observed at the Aitabu hotel. Observed elsewhere in the area. Common.

**Palm Tanager** *Thraupis palmarum* — Several observed at the Aitabu hotel. Observed elsewhere in the area. Common.

**Speckled Tanager** *Ixothraupis guttata* — One briefly observed foraging high in the trees at Casa Hillebrand.

**Burnished-buff Tanager** *Stilpnia cayana* — One observed high in the canopy at the El Silencio reserve. A pair observed at the Aitabu hotel making a nest in a cluster of small palms by the reception door.

**Masked Tanager** *Stilpnia nigrocincta* — Seen numerous times at the Bavaria reserve.

**Blue-necked Tanager** *Stilpnia cyanicollis* — Four seen at close range at the Casa Hillebrand, including a pair that came to the feeders.

**Blue-and-black Tanager** *Tangara vassorii* — Seen twice in mixed flocks at the Guajira Forest Reserve.

**Beryl-spangled Tanager** *Tangara nigroviridis* — Numerous individuals seen in the Guajira Forest Reserve where all were accompanying mixed flocks. Another observed at the Herreria reserve.

**Swallow Tanager** *Tersina viridis* — A male and two females observed well at the El Silencio reserve. Another pair seen at the Bavaria reserve. Another pair observed at the Aitabu hotel.

**Blue Dacnis** *Dacnis cayana* — A male and female were observed at the Aitabu hotel. Another observed at the Bavaria reserve.

**Purple Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes caeruleus* — A female observed at the Bavaria reserve.

**Green Honeycreeper** *Chlorophanes spiza* — A male and female observed at the Bavaria reserve.

**Blue-backed Conebill** *Conirostrum sitticolor*— One seen accompanying a mixed flock in the Guajira Forest Reserve.

**Rufous-browed Conebill** *Conirostrum rufum*— Near-endemic. A pair seen well at the Encenillo Reserve. Another seen at the San Antonio wetlands. Another seen in the Guajira Forest Reserve. Another observed at the Sumapaz N.P.

**Glossy Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa lafresnayii*— One seen at the edge of the paramo not far from the La Estancia hotel. One seen at the Zoque Reserve.

**Black Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa humeralis*— One seen feeding on Fuchsia at the La Estancia hotel.

**White-sided Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa albilatera*—Three seen at the Zoque Reserve. Another observed at the Sumapaz N.P. Another seen at the Herreria reserve.

**Bluish Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa caerulescens* — One seen by the feeders at the Guajira Forest Reserve.

**Masked Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa cyanea* — Two were found at a river crossing after departing the Guajira Forest Reserve. Another pair seen well at the Zoque Reserve. A pair observed at the Mutar restaurant.

**Plumbeous Sierra Finch** *Geospizopsis unicolor* — A pair observed at Sumapaz N.P.

**Saffron Finch** *Sicalis flaveola*—A pair observed at the Aitabu hotel. A few more seen at the Casa Hillebrand.

**Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch** *Sporophila angolensis* — One observed at the El Silencio reserve.

**Gray Seedeater** *Sporophila intermedia* — One observed at the El Silencio reserve.

**Band-tailed Seedeater** *Catamenia analis*— A male seen very well at the San Antonio wetlands.

**Plain-colored Seedeater** *Catamenia inornata*— One seen by Kelly at the San Antonio wetlands. One observed at Sumapaz N.P.

**Bananaquit** *Coereba flaveola*—Several observed at the El Silencio reserve. Many seen at Casa Hillebrand.

**Buff-throated Saltator** *Saltator maximus*— One seen at the feeders at Casa Hillebrand.

#### **MAMMALS: — (3)**

**Brazilian Guinea Pig** *Cavia aperea* — A pair seen in the wetlands at the La Florida in Bogotá. Another pair seen in the wetlands at San Antonio.

**Capybara** *Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris* — Two were seen at the lagoon at the Aitabu hotel. Apparently they were wild.

**Humboldt's Squirrel Monkey** *Saimiri cassiquiarensis*— A small troop was seen from a distance at the Bavaria reserve.

#### **REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS: — (3)**

**Red-footed Tortoise** *Chelonoidis carbonarius*—A fairly large individual spotted inside the forest at the El Silencio reserve.

**Asian House Gecko (I)** *Hemidactylus frenatus*— Seen at some hotels in the lowlands.

**Green Iguana** *Iguana iguana*—One seen near the Aitabu hotel.

#### **INSECTS: — (5)**

**Dartwhite Sulphur** *Catantix sp.*—One photographed along the entrance road to the Guajira Reserve.

**Menelaus Morpho** *Morpho menelaus*—One seen flying along the river at the Bavaria Reserve.

**Common Blue Morpho** *Morpho helenor*—One observed at the El Silencio Reserve.

**Ancyluris Metalmark** *Ancyluris aulestes*—Many males observed at the El Silencio Reserve.

**Great Eurybia** *Eurybia patrona*—Two observed feeding on an orange Hot Lips flowers at the Bavaria Reserve.