



**COLOMBIA: SIERRA NEVADA DE SANTA MARTA, TAYRONA,
AND ISLA SALAMANCA NATIONAL PARKS
March 14-20 (and extension 20-23), 2016**

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(HO) = Heard only

(E) = Endemic to Colombia

Taxonomy follows eBird for the country of Colombia 2016

Summary: This was a first tour for our company to the region, and we loved it. Very birdy, this year particularly hot due to El Nino so the combination of time in the mountains at El Dorado with coastal lowland habitat was good. El Dorado adds to our list with high recommendations of being one of the great birding lodges of the world, location and species are grand! Our luxury casitas at Tayrona had way too many stairs, we will move off that site, but the region is great to combine with El Dorado. Santa Marta was a great place to end, beautiful city being carefully restored, and great birding at the Simon Bolivar monument, nice mix of history and birds, all with good dining and fun. We enjoyed seeing and hearing Howler Monkeys, the nearly tame trogons at El Dorado, the hummingbird show daily was sublime. Highlights included: standing on the San Lorenzo/Cerro Kennedy Ridge with endemics all around and one of the world's rarest parakeets – WOW; finding M/M White-tipped Quetzal in their nest – just stunning. And all the surprises of March migration activity were a real bonus to the trip. Next year we will add a jaunt into the drier part of the peninsula, this wet our appetite to experience that as well.

BIRDS

Tinamous: Tinamidae

- **Grey Tinamou** *Tinamus tao*– (HO) Heard each night at El Dorado, the final morning quite close to cabins 9 and 10.
- **Great Tinamou** *Tinamus major*– (HO) Heard by early risers of the group, from Minca, from the porch
- **Little Tinamou** *Crypturelus soui*– (HO) Heard the final morning at Tayrona, as three of the group walked to reception very early for our birding outing.

Screamers: Anhimidae

- **(NE) Northern Screamer** *Chauna chavaria* – Six individuals seen at Isla Salamanca wetlands on the second outing for the group on extension. Jose Miguel, our nine-year-old guide called them out with great excitement. Way across the reed beds a cowboy was sorting calves from the water buffalo cows, and he put them on the wing for us – six grand screamers in flight. They landed and we got the scopes on them for some fine views.

Ducks: Anatidae

- **Black-bellied Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna autumnalis* – Several individuals, at Isla Salamanca wetlands were seen by the first group to visit the wetlands at Isla Salamanca.
- **Blue-winged Teal** *Anas discors* – Seen coming and going from Barranquilla, at the “pond” by the first lunch stop and at along the causeway, also at Isla Salamanca wetlands in good number, groups of 30-40 or so.
- **Northern Shoveler** *Anas clypeata* – Chuck scoped them Day 1 on a pond visible from the Aires de Peru restaurant balcony.

Chachalacas, Curassows, Guans: Cracidae

- **Band-tailed Guan** *Penelopeargyrotis argyrotis* – This species was encountered several times above and below El Dorado Lodge, but at the lodge we found an acclimated gang that was pretty entertaining, making short flights between sides of the patio, almost clipping us with their wings. They frequented the compost pile and were bold all around the area.
- **Sickle-winged Guan** *Chamaepetes goudotii* – *Their thunderous wing clap usually alerted us to this species, that despite their loud sounds were often furtive. We got good looks as we encountered them each day while at El Dorado, seen in the tree canopy, and at times down on the road.*
- **(E) Chestnut-winged Chachalaca** *Ortalis garrula* – We had good looks at this species as our first endemic spotted. Found them going to roost on the Vale road leading into the mine after crossing the causeway from Barranquilla.
- **(E) Blue-billed Curassow** *Crax alberti* – Both mornings at Tayrona we were able to find this endangered species. The first morning we found two family groups, three on one side of the road and four on the other, and on the second day we found just one male, seemingly a younger male as his bill coloration was not quite as bright. We networked with park and lodge staff to find their most frequented locations, in this dry time water was the main attraction, where we found them a pipe leak alongside the entry road.

Wood Quails: Odontophoridae

- **(NE) Black-fronted Wood-Quail** *Odontophorus atrifrons* – Great to repeatedly see small groups of this species at the corn feeders at El Dorado. There seemed to be a pair, and then a family of four, and they came on no regular schedule, furtive but fun to observe. Peg also found a pair on the side road we explored driving up from Minca.

Storks: Ciconidae

- **Wood Stork** *Mycteria americana* – scoped from the balcony of the restaurant in Barranquilla flying over the pond our scopes were trained on.

Frigatebirds: Fregatidae

- **Magnificent Frigatebird** *Fregata magnificens* – Again seen most days we were at the ocean, but always small numbers, one or two in distant flight.

Cormorants: Phalacrocoracidae

- **Neotropic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* – Seen in appropriate habitat, highest numbers by far at Isla Salamanca wetlands, in the distance, where they numbered in the thousands, packed onto a sandbar, then others seen there close, bathing in a side lagoon. We also had them in the harbor at Santa Marta, along the ocean, and along the causeway.

Anhingas: Anhingidae

- **Anhinga** *Anhinga anhinga* – One individual only, seen on the causeway.

Pelicans: Pelicanidae

- **Brown Pelican** *Pelecanus occidentalis* – Seen each day we were at the coast, memorable long lines of them seen from our breakfast and lunch table at Tayrona National Park, iconic view with palms and pelicans. Tough birding, but someone has to do it!

Egrets & Herons: Ardeidae

- **Great Blue Heron** *Butorides virescens* – One individual, on one of the docks of the floating villages along the causeway. We pulled over to scan shorebird flocks, and this individual was spied holding his wings out like two open hands, sunning.
- **Cocoi Heron** *Ardea cocoi* – Seen from the bus en route to Minca along the causeway, then in good number at Isla Salamanca in the wetlands, they spaced themselves so evenly along a line through the reeds that it must have marked the productive water depth for their hunting. Lots of white, some exceedingly so. Over 100 individuals there.
- **Great Egret** *Ardea alba* – Regular sightings in wetland habitat, one or two individuals. At Isla Salamanca wetlands, distant views of hundreds.
- **Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula* – Common along the causeway and in small wetlands and lagoons.
- **Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea* – Common in small wetland areas, close views at the lagoon at the beach of Tayrona.
- **Tricolored Heron** *Egretta tricolor* – Causeway and the lagoon of Tayrona NP.
- **Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis* – Numerous in all rural locations, hundreds to thousands at Isla Salamanca wetlands.
- **Striated Heron** *Butorides striata* – We had 4 or 5 of this species in mangrove areas seen over the last three days of our journey, when we were along the coast at Tayrona and at Isla Salamanca.
- **Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticora nycticorax* – One individual, seen along the causeway in a lagoon section with mangroves, perched at the water's edge.
- **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** *Nyctanassa violacea* – Small lagoon at Tayrona National Park

Ibises & Spoonbills: Threskiornithidae

- **White Ibis** *Eudocimus albus* – seen and scoped by Pat, wetlands of private farm near Isla Salamanca
- **Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus* – Isla Salamanca wetlands, seen by both groups, A dozen or more individuals in closer range, likely many more at distant range, mixed in with herons and egrets. Also scoped from the restaurant the first day.
- **Green Ibis** *Mesemrinibis cayennensis* – Scoped from the balcony of the restaurant we met up by the airport by Chuck.
- **Bare-faced Ibis** *Phimosus infuscatus* – Scoped from the balcony, flying close to the restaurant we first stopped at from the airport, on the first day.

Vultures: Cathartidae

- **Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus* – An everyday bird particularly common near settlements and towns.
- **Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura* – An everyday bird, seen at all locations. At times we spotted kettles of 20-50 birds, possible migrants, or perhaps just residents gathering at thermals.
- **Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture** *Cathartes burrovianus* – Seen well at Isla Salamanca wetlands, and photographed, first spotted in flight keyed off by its behavior of flying low and purposefully. Two down on a carcass let us view their multi-colored faces and longer beaks with ease. Intermingled with the much more numerous Turkey Vultures.

Ospreys: Pandionidae

- **Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus* – Seen at Tayrona, and again at Isla Salamanca from the boardwalk trail.

Eagles, Hawks, Kites: Accipitridae

- **Black-and-chestnut Eagle** *Spizaetus isidori* – A great find right overhead as we scanned for Santa Marta Parakeets atop the ridge leading to Cerro Kennedy above El Dorado.
- **Black-collared Hawk** *Busarellus nigricollis* – Good views in the canal behind the ranger station at Isla Salamanca NP.
- **Snail Kite** *Rostrhaus sociabilis* – Seen by both groups visiting Isla Salamanca wetlands. We enjoyed seeing their perches just littered with snail shells, indicating they should be easy to find.
- **Plumbeous Kite** *Ictinia plumbea* – Seen perched above a quiet dirt road that we explored between Minca and El Dorado.
- **Sharp-shinned Hawk** (Plain-breasted) *Accipiter striatus volox* – The pale form, a quick flyover on the ridge of Cerro Kennedy.
- **Common Black Hawk** *Buteogallus anthracinus* – Seen in the mangrove area of Isla Salamanca NP.
- **Savanna Hawk** *Buteogallus meridionalis* – Seen from the bus, driving through open areas after we crossed the causeway.
- **Roadside Hawk** *Rupornis magnirostris* – Seen as we stopped to scan for shorebirds, its presence put several flocks of jittery migrants into flight.
- **Harris's Hawk** *Parabuteo unicinctus* – Pat spied an individual drinking water in an area of the park honoring Simon Bolivar in Santa Marta. It then flew into a line of trees at the edge of the garden and posed for us.
- **White Hawk** *Leucopternis albicollis* – Driving to Tayrona, along the main road through agricultural areas, spotted by Chuck from the bus.
- **Broad-winged Hawk** *Buteo platypterus* – Several lone individuals seen.
- **Zone-tailed Hawk** *Buteo albonotatus* – Seen by our first group to explore the Isla Salamanca wetlands, the private farm and wetlands, among numerous vultures.

Rails & Gallinules: Rallidae

- **Mangrove (Clapper) Rail** *Rallus longirostris* – (HO) Heard in response to playback to see if they might be present, at the lagoon at Tayrona adjacent to the beach.
- **Purple Gallinule** *Porphyrio porphyrio* – Seen by both groups while at Isla Salamanca wetlands.
- **Common Moorhen** *Gallinula galeata* – Seen by the first group at Isla Salamanca, via a private ranch that allows access to extensive wetlands.

Limpkins: Aramides

- **Limpkin** *Aramus guarauna* – A few individuals seen at the extensive wetlands near Isla Salamanca, in the reeds and rushes of the vast wetland.
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Stilts: Recurvirostridae

- **Black-necked Stilt** *Himantopus mexicanus* – Seen along the causeway, at the lagoon at Tayrona, and again at the Isla Salamanca wetlands, several individuals.
- **American Avocet** *Recurvirostra americana* – Seen from the balcony at the restaurant. One pair feeding with Black-necked Stilts. We were unaware at sighting time just how RARE this is in Colombia, but noting a report in Sunrise Birding from this area with photos, suggest in March to be on the lookout!

Lapwings & Plovers: Charadriidae

- **Southern Lapwing** *Vanellus chilensis* – Seen on the travel day to Minca, on the causeway.
- **Snowy Plover** *Charadrius alexandrinus* – Seen on the causeway, first by Chuck as we crossed to Minca, then scoped by our group returning from the extension, one individual that return-drive day.

- **Semi-palmated Plover** *Charadrius semipalmatus* – We scoped a group of 8 roosting on a wet sand bar of the causeway.

Jacanas: Jacanidae

- **Wattled Jacana** *Jacana jacana* – Numerous and present at each wetland location.

Sandpipers: Scolopacidae

- **Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularis* – Regularly seen at coastal and inland wetland locations. Often with Solitary Sandpiper.
- **Solitary Sandpiper** *Tringa solitaria* – Particularly numerous at Isla Salamanca wetlands, also in small lagoons visited.
- **Greater Yellowlegs** *Tringa melanoleuca* – Found on several occasions.
- **Willet** *Catoptrophorus semipalmatus* – Seen from the causeway in small numbers.
- **Lesser Yellowlegs** *Tringa flavipes* – Small wetland ponds and lagoons.
- **Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus* – One individual seen on the causeway as we drove. Several more found by the first group on the causeway during the return trip, shorebirds on the move this month.
- **Stilt Sandpiper** *Calidris himantopus* – Seen from the causeway with other sandpipers including dowitchers.
- **Sanderling** *Calidris alba* – Good views of several individuals still pearly white, from the causeway.
- **Pectoral Sandpiper** *Calidris melanotos* – Seen at the wetlands ranch, scope views by the first group returning to Barranquilla.
- **Semipalmated Sandpiper** *Calidris pusilla* – Numerous, several 100 in groups of 20-50 off the causeway on a windy day, perhaps migrants touching down ahead of the storm.
- **Western Sandpiper** *Calidris mauri* – One textbook individual in the Semi-palmated scores, but likely others if we had more time to scope.
- **Short-billed Dowitcher** *Limnodromus griseus* – A feeding group was seen as we crossed the causeway on our return.

Gulls & Terns Laridae

- **Yellow-billed Tern** *Sturnula superciliaris* – Three individuals hunting over the wetlands at Isla Salamanca wetlands, dipping into a quiet pool and flying over the larger wetlands.
- **Large-billed Tern** *Phaetusa simplex* – Seen on day one, from the causeway. A number were seen at the Isla Salamanca wetlands by the first group.
- **Gull-billed Tern** *Gelochelidon nilotica* – Seen well just off the beach at Tayrona NP.
- **Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo* – Heard and seen along the beach, from our restaurant at the Tayrona Ecohabs.
- **Royal Tern** *Thalasseus maximus* – The most widespread and common of terns seen, present at all coastal locations including the urban waterfront of Santa Marta.
- **Cabot's (Sandwich) Tern** *Thalasseus (sandwichensis) acufavidus* – Quite numerous where the rock reef edged the beach at Tayrona NP, on our hike. Field Guide to the Birds of Colombia call them Sandwich Terns

Doves & Pigeons: Columbidae

- **Rock Pigeon** *Columba livia* – Urban areas and farms, the botanical garden at the Bolivar monument in Santa Marta.
- **Pale-vented Pigeon** *Patagioenas cayennensis* – Encountered in lowlands, all along the coast.
- **Scaled Pigeon** *Patagioenas speciose* – Heard more often than seen, but a few encounters in the moist forests of El Dorado.

- **Bare-eyed Pigeon** *Patagioenas corensis* – Seen by the first group back to Barranquilla on the causeway, while driving they pulled over to stop to identify.
- **Band-tailed Pigeon** *Patagioenas fasciata* – Seen and heard on walks from El Dorado, especially from the Tower lookout.
- **Ruddy Ground Dove** *Columbina talpacoti* – Numerous.
- **Scaled Dove** *Columbina squammata* – Farm areas near Tayrona and also at the farm at Isla Salamanca, where they popped up onto the path by the farm where we entered the area.
- **Blue Ground Dove** *Claravis pretiosa* – One quick fly by on Neguanja dry forest walk and we also heard them there
- **White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi* – Seen each day around El Dorado, at the corn feeders and along the roadsides. Also at other locations.
- **Lined Quail-Dove** *Zentrygon linearis* – A wonderful find, first spotted by Chuck who alerted us all. We had good looks as this species came in to the corn feeder, working its way down a secretive path to get there.
- **Eared Dove** *Zenaida auriculata* – Seen in small towns along the roadway.

Anis & Cuckoos: Cuculidae

- **Squirrel Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana* – Tayrona NP, good views on short trail from the museum at Tayrona NP. Seen on three days. Also at the Simon Bolivar monument in Santa Marta.
- **Greater Ani** – Seen in mangroves along the causeway on the first day by Chuck and Jerry. Also seen by the first group on the trip back.
- **Smooth-billed Ani** *Crotophaga ani* – The most common ani encountered, seen on four days
- **Groove-billed Ani** *Crotophaga sulcirostris* – Around Minca in dry habitat, and then in arid areas near the Simon Bolivar monument of Santa Marta on the extension, we had this species.

Owls: Strigidae

- **(E) Santa Marta Screech Owl** (undescribed form) *Megascops gilesi* -sps nova- – Heard from our lodgings at El Dorado and seen very well on our trip up the mountain, encountered before daylight as we stopped to view a nightjar. It responded to calls, and we got photos, great!
- **Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** *Glaucidium brasilianum* (HO) – Heard only, the morning (early) that we left Minca heading to El Dorado, from the hotel.

Nightjars: Caprimulgidae

- **Lesser Nighthawk** *Chordeiles acutipennis* – Seen on our very first evening, after crossing the causeway, on the road to the mines, Vale Rd, 5 individuals
- **Common Nighthawk** *Chordeiles minor* – First nighthawk seen, one solo bird in same location as Lesser Nighthawk
- **Band-winged Nightjar** *Systellura longirostris* – Seen on the road as we ascended to San Lorenzo Ridge, by those in the first 4 x 4, identified by local guide Roger.
- **Common Parake** *Nyctidromus albicollis*– (HO) Tayrona NP from dining area
- **Rufous Nightjar** *Antrostomus rufus* – (HO) Heard from Minca hotel in the very early morning, by Chuck who was the first one out on the porch.

Swifts: Apodidae

- **Chestnut-collared Swift** *Streptoprocne rutila* – Seen two days from El Dorado, best views with numerous (hundreds) of individuals and vocalizations on the ridge of Cerro Kennedy.
- **White-collared Swift** *Streptoprocne zonaris* – Seen in the mixed flock of swifts from the ridge at Cerro Kennedy, less common than the Chestnut-collared.

- **?? Band-rumped Swift** *Chaetura spinicaudus* – Numerous small swifts on Cerro Kennedy ridge were thought to be this species, though we were below them, we did see banding, we did not find a definitive Gray-rumped.
- **Swift, sp.** There was an additional species of swift, not much smaller than the Chestnut-collared, with long narrow wings and a narrow build overall, that we did not identify. Too many swifts and too little time, but we had thousands of swifts over the ridge, and it would make a good project to define the mix with care. Best reference on this are the notes of Richard Webster, of Field Guides – see recent trip reports; we wish we had read more on this ahead of our visit! Next March...

Hummingbirds: Trochilidae

- **White-necked Jacobin** *Florisuga mellivora* – Seen and photographed at the Minca feeders, coming and going from El Dorado.
- **Rufous-breasted Hermit** *Glaucis hirsutus* – Seen on our return to Minca, one individual, a juvenile perched and feeding at the end feeder (right of the door when stepping out on the porch).
- **Long-billed Hermit** *Phaethornis longirostris* – Seen on three days, first encountered at the Minca feeders where we had a good long look, then seen as fleeting visits at El Dorado feeders, less quality looks, and one in the wild as we walked the roads above El Dorado where numerous flowers were in bloom.
- **Pale-bellied Hermit** *Phaethornis anthophilus* – Seen in small number at the feeders at Minca. Others possible, but our best looks were at Minca.
- **Stripe-throated Hermit** *Phaethornis striigularis* – Seen on flowers outside room # 1 at Tayrona Ecohabs by Pat, a female working the shrubs.
- **Brown Violetear** *Colibri delphinae* – Seen four days, fairly common at the feeder, at least 3 individuals
- **Green Violetear** *Colibri thalassinus* – Calling constantly, common and ever present at the feeders, and encountered on road and trails, gardens. It was one of the few hummingbirds active on the ridge.
- **Sparkling Violetear** *Colibri coruscans* – Seen every day at El Dorado, just a few individuals among the far more numerous Green Violetear. With attention, one could find and photograph them.
- **Black-throated Mango** *Anthracothorax nigricollis* – Seen well at the Minca feeders on Day 2 and on our return, about 2PM.
- **(E) Blossomcrown** *Anthocephala floriceps* – Yeah, success with this species. As a friend had tipped Peg off to, they were not feeding much at feeders but were focused on a small fushia and pink flower with an open petal arrangement, long stamens. We stopped for lunch between Minca and El Dorado at the wonderful hummingbird garden and with time found them, a male and female, the male would perch at length, though getting clear views through the vegetation was artful. A few were able to photograph them.
- **(E) Black-backed Thornbill** *Ramphomicron dorsale* – A male made infrequent visits to the El Dorado feeders, but with diligence all could find it. It preferred the less busy lower feeders by the bottom of the stairs.
- **Tyrian Metaltail** *Metallura tyrianthina* – Busy on the orange and yellow flowers around El Dorado Lodge, we saw it on three days, both here and up the road at a more abandoned garden area past the tower.
- **(E) White-tailed Starfrontlet** *Coeligena phalerata* – We found the first one at our lunch stop and were just amazed – what a stunning hummingbird. Our first individual perched, we all got super close views and photos, and then at El Dorado we had several. Seen on four days of the journey.
- **(E) Santa Marta Woodstar** *Chaetocercus astreans* – We had one female that came into the flowers and feeders at El Dorado, shy of the other species it often came late and early. Seen on two days.
- **(NE) Red-billed Emerald** *Chlorostilbon gibsoni* – One individual, a female, seen well at the Minca feeders.
- **(NE) Coppery Emerald** *Chlorostilbon russatus* – Dry forest, on quiet road we walked at day's end – the westernmost entrance road to Tayrona NP, not very far up that road we veered off to this side road.
- **Lazuline Saberwing** *Campylopterus falcatus* – El Dorado, very quick views – erratic at the feeders but distinctive. Chuck was the first to spot it and helped others catch views.

- **White-vented Plumeleteer** *Chalybura buffonii* – A dominant hummingbird at the mid-elevation Minca feeders, seen both days we visited there.
- **Crowned Woodnymph** *Thalurania colombica* – Common at the feeders at El Dorado, and seen feeding in the gardens, a really stunning species, we'd see twenty at a time, impressive!
- **Steely-vented Hummingbird** *Amazilia saucerrottei* – One of the more numerous at Minca, 4-5 seen at a time on different feeders. Also seen while walking roads and trails.
- **Rufous-tailed Hummingbird** *Amazilia tzacati* – Seen on four days of the tour, in drier habitats they were the most frequently encountered species. Present at the Minca feeders.
- **Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird** *Lepidopyga lilliae* – Both groups were able to find this species, feeding on wild flowers rather than the typical trees by the Isla Salamanca ranger station. With patience, we heard their chirps and zeroed in. The first group had them over by the boardwalk trail, the second not far from the entrance, by a small canal that winds around to go under the boardwalk. Male and female. Judy and Jerry had the male perch very close and flash its colors, wow!
- **White-chinned Sapphire** *Hylocharis cyanus* – We first encountered this lovely species feeding on flowering trees as we walked to the beach lagoon at Tayrona. We had it again in the forests near Santa Marta.

Quetzals & Trogons

- **White-tipped Quetzal** *Pharomachrus fulgidus* – We heard or saw glimpses of this impressive species, a few getting scope views, our first two days at El Dorado. We made one more effort our final day, checking a nest that one of the local guides suspected might be in use again this year. We could hear the pair calling back and forth, one of them quite a ways up the slope. Inspecting the nest, we found the male at home, stunning! We left quickly to not disturb them, with this wonderful memory indelible now in our brains.
- **Masked Trogon** *Trogon personatus* – This species was the greeting committee as we got settled into our cabins at El Dorado, bold and not moving from perches just a few yards off the trail. We encountered them several times in subsequent days. Seen all four days.

Motmots: Momotidae

- **Whooping Motmot** *Momotus subrufescens* – Seen and heard first three days at Vale Road, El Dorado, and seen and heard three days at Tayrona and Simon Bolivar Monument. Andrew spotted the first one, almost our first bird of the trip as we got out of the van!

Kingfishers: Alcedinidae

- **Ringed Kingfisher** *Megaceryle torquata* – This species was seen from the causeway, and at the lagoon we visited in Tayrona, then seen again our final day returning to Barranquilla.
- **Belted Kingfisher** *Megaceryle alcyon* – One individual, chasing the Ringed Kingfisher in the lagoon at Tayrona, great to compare both the rattles and the plumage.
- **Green Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle americana* – Seen at the lagoon at Tayrona, fishing and perched, and again in a very small pond at the Simon Bolivar memorial in Santa Marta, and again at Isla Salamanca.
- **American Pygmy Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle aenea* – Isla Salamanca in mangrove area between the entrance and the boardwalk trail.

Puffbirds: Bucconidae

- **Russet-throated Puffbird** *Hypnelus ruficollis* – A favorite of some on the trip, so confiding! Seen at length on our walk in dry forest on the westernmost road into Tayrona that leads to Neguanje, and then very bold, at least five individuals seen well at the Bolivar Monument in Santa Marta.

Jacamars: Galbulidae

- **Rufous-tailed Jacamar** *Galbula ruficauda* – Seen very well in Tayrona National Park, several individuals on the one day. A pair was nesting in the bank of a very busy trail, artfully swooping in between hikers to visit.

Toucans: Ramphastidae

- **(E) Santa Marta (Emerald) Toucanet** *Aulacorhynchus (prasinus) lautus* – A strong contender for cutest species, we had excellent looks on two days, and heard another on a third while at El Dorado.
- **Groove-billed Toucanet** *Aulacorhynchus sulcatus* – Seen coming and going from El Dorado, lower elevations than the Santa Marta (Emerald) Toucanet.
- **Collared Aracari** *Pteroglossus torquatus* – Seen only at Tayrona, four individuals including a juvenile in the horse corral area below Ecohabs.
- **Keel-billed Toucan** *Ramphastos sulfuratus* – Seen on five days of the main tour, always great to see this tropical iconic species.

Woodpeckers: Picidae

- **Scaled Piculet** *Picumnus squamulatus* – Seen just out of Minca as we climbed up to El Dorado, below Pozo Azul.
- **(NE) Chestnut Piculet** *Picumnus cinnamomeus* – Isla Salamanca in mature dry forest across the street from Visitor Center, we had it near the covered pavilion on the boardwalk trail, wonderful views of a male. Peg also spied one down drinking water in the canal, a bright quick flash of iridescent chestnut.
- **Red-crowned Woodpecker** *Melanerpes rubricapillus* – An everyday bird, widespread and vocal.
- **Golden-olive Woodpecker** *Piculus rubiginosis* – Seen on two days, just below El Dorado lodge.
- **Spot-breasted Woodpecker** – Isla Salamanca, in disturbed and open dry forest, seen by the first group only.

Caracaras & Falcons: Falconidae

- **Crested Caracara** *Caracara cheriway* – Seen on three days in the Tayrona area, one regally perched on the rocks we'd see from the breakfast spot at Ecohabs. The first group saw about 40 individuals in a flock at the Salamanca wetlands associating with several Yellow-headed Caracaras.
- **Yellow-headed Caracara** *Milvago chiimachima* – Seen on the travel day from Barranquilla. Seen at Tayrona, and nesting at the Simon Bolivar Monument in Santa Marta where we had a half dozen individuals.
- **American Kestrel** *Falco sparverious* – Seen on the travel day from Barranquilla.
- **Merlin** *Falco columbarius* – We had a bird's eye view with one below us, seen from the viewing tower of El Dorado. Walter and Cathy were quick to spot it and were delighted with the find.

Macaws, Parakeets & Parrots: Psittacidae

- **Orange-chinned Parakeet** *Brotogeris jugularis* – Seen almost daily, flexible in habitat and numerous. We had scope views from the porch at Minca, and flybys most every day except higher elevation in the mountains.
- **Red-billed Parrot** *Pionus sordidus* – Seen on three days from El Dorado, our common bigger parrot. We scoped one we expected to be Scaley-naped, but it was a juvenile of this species.
- **Blue-headed Parrot** *Pionis menstruus* – Common, flight views and perched, vocal, seen on five days of the journey, best views near Minca our first morning.
- **(E) Turquoise-winged (Blue-winged) Parrotlet** *Forpus (xanthopteryglus) spengeli* – Identified by voice, with only quick views, all fly-overs, 3 small flocks were seen as we stopped, coming and going from Barranquilla to Minca and reverse. Field Guide does not mention "Turquoise-winged Parrotlet" in reference to the Blue-winged Parrotlet nor does it list it as an endemic.

- **(E) Santa Marta Parakeet** *Pyrrhura viridicata* – We had just one individual of this tremendously rare species to admire, but it remained perched up on the ridge of Cerro Kennedy for a long time, allowing great scope views. Some took digiscope shots, and we all admired how comfortable it seemed in this lofty realm, in view of charred remains of many palms due to the fire that swept through its limited range over the last few weeks, just put out finally the day before we saw this precious species.
- **Brown-throated Parakeet** *Pyrrhura viridicata* – First seen coming from the airport, then seen on four other days, common in more arid habitat along the coast. Seen perched and flying.
- **Military Macaw** *Ara militaris* – (HO) Wonderful to hear them, but we searched an impressive green wall of vegetation on the lush slopes of mountains reaching the sea at the lagoon at Tayrona with no sightings. They kept up the racket, about mid-slope, likely perched.
- **Scarlet-fronted Parakeet** *Psittacara wagleri* – This parakeet was numerous as we climbed in elevation above El Dorado, first seeing them by the research station, then in big numbers as we first topped out on the ridge. Seen the day we climbed, and a group by the tower the following day.

Antbirds: *Thamnophilidae*

- **Black-crested Antshrike** *Sakesphorus canadensis* – Seen on the trail we hiked at Tayrona, another pair on a morning walk to find curassows, and then seen again at the monument to Simon Bolivar.
- **Barred Antshrike** *Thamnophilus doliatus* – A pair was seen well, and calling, on the first stop we made, below Pozo Azul, as we left Minca.
- **Black-crowned Antshrike** (Western Slaty) *Thamnophilus atrinucha* – This species was common on the road into Tayrona National Park, and with delight Peg and Pat found and watched a pair building a nest. The full group got to see them while looking for curassows.
- **Black-backed Antshrike** *Thamnophilus melanonotus* – We worked for this species, entering its arid forest realm on the westernmost road to Tayrona. We heard it first, and with a call it came close for inspection, calling back. Nice!
- **(E) Santa Marta (Long-tailed) Antbird** *Drymophila hellmayri* – Seen on a short road above Minca west from Campano where we walked next to a cutbank with a lot of thick vegetation. A skulker!
- **White-bellied Antbird** *Myrmeciza longipes* (HO) – Tayrona NP, early in the morning when we looked for Blue-billed Curassow.

Antpittas: *Grallaridae*

- **Scaled Antpitta** *Grallaria guatimalensis* – (HO) Heard on our first walk below the entry to El Dorado, not far from where we saw the tapaculo.
- **(E) Santa Marta Antpitta** *Grallaria bangsi* – We had three lucky ones of our group, looking to the road at just the right moment atop the San Lorenzo ridge. Chuck called it as he spied it – under the 4 x 4, it then made a quick run across the road, wow. Heard several others, three atop and one at San Lorenzo Field Station.
- **Rufous Antpitta** *Grallaria rufula* – (HO) Heard on the road to Cerro Kennedy.
- **Rusty-breasted Antpitta** *Grallaria ferruginepectus* – (HO) We worked on this regularly calling individual for over an hour, watching leaves toss in dense understory on a wooded slope. A few got glimpses of a rounded head, it called frequently, but never emerged for inspection. What a tease!

Tapaculos: *Rhinocryptidae*

- **(E) Santa Marta Tapaculo** *Scytalopus sanctaeartae* – This was fun for all, as we got good views. It came down to the road edge, staying in dense vegetation, but working along it so with patience we all got views, and Peg even managed to get some pictures.
- **(E) Brown-rumped Tapaculo** *Scytalopus latebricola* – Judy got a look at this little skulker, the rest of us had to be content with hearing it. We worked on two individuals atop the San Lorenzo/Cerro Kennedy Ridge.

Spinetails, Woodcreepers & Xenops: Furnariidae

- **Gray-throated Leaf-tosser** *Sclerurus aligularis* – Seen at the first rocky-river road crossing, on the road below El Dorado.
- **Olivaceous Woodcreeper** *Sittasomus griseicapillus* – In a mixed flock at the first rocky river road crossing on the road below El Dorado Lodge the first day we walked there.
- **Strong-billed Woodcreeper** *Xiphocolaptes promerophirhynchus* – One individual seen in lush forests where we viewed the quetzals.
- **Cocoa Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus susurrans* – common at Tayrona, we saw two individuals walking back from viewing the Currasows, on the park entry road before the museum. We heard at least 4 others. Vocalization differs a bit from other locations as we know for this species.
- **Straight-billed Woodcreeper** *Dendroplex picus* – Isla Salamanca, seen by the first group, heard only by the second.
- **Montane Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger* – Seen on three days while at El Dorado, each time lone individuals or a pair in a mixed flock.
- **Plain Xenops** *Xenops minutus* – One individual seen in a mixed flock below El Dorado, and then again in Tayrona National Park.
- **Streaked Xenops** *Xenops rutilans* – One individual seen on the day we went up on the ridge from El Dorado, near the San Lorenzo research facility, in a mixed flock.
- **Caribbean (Pale-legged) Hornero** *Furnarius (leucopus) longirostris* – Wally spied one early on in the tour, then several of us were able to catch up on a great sighting in the open at the monument to Simon Bolivar in Santa Marta, where watering created a magnet for birds.
- **Montane Foliage-gleaner** *Anabacerthia striaticollis* – Seen on two days from El Dorado, once below the entrance as we walked down the road, and again on the drive up the mountain. Lone individuals in a mixed flock.
- **(E) Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner** *Clibanornis rufipectus* – We went quite a ways down the road from El Dorado for this one, past the small school, and with luck found a pair below the road for good viewing.
- **Spotted Barbtail** *Premnoplex brunnescens* – One individual seen in a mixed flock by the first stream crossing below the entrance to El Dorado, on the main road.
- **Pale-breasted Spinetail** *Synallaxis albescens* – Seen by some of the group on the day we returned to Minca, in drier habitat near Minca.
- **Yellow-chinned Spinetail** *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus* – Vocal on the trail we followed from the private farm to an extensive wetlands near Isla Salamanca. Both groups visiting on different days had good views.
- **(NE) Streak-capped Spinetail** *Cranioleuca hellmayri* – We found this species while we were watching the Santa Marta Parakeet on high, then we had several more pairs that day. It was also seen the day before in lower forested areas below the lodge. Our list shows the bird seen on Day 3 (day before) and Day 4 on the ridge.
- **(E) Rusty-headed Spinetail** *Synallaxis fuscorufa* – We were glad to sort this out, as it occurred with Montane Foliage-gleaner in a mixed flock at one point and the sightings got a bit wild. Seen then another time on the ridge, on our day up the mountain from El Dorado.

Flycatchers: Tyrannidae

- **Brown-capped Tyrannulet** *Ornithion brunneicapillus* – Seen on two days, from El Dorado.
- **Southern Beardless Tyrannulet** *Ampetostoma obsoletum* – Seen on both days while at Tayrona.
- **White-throated Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus leucophrys* – Seen very well up on the mountain, where we had a half a dozen or more, vocal, confiding, easy to see.
- **Mouse-colored Tyrannulet** *Phaeomyias murina* – One individual seen on one day at Tayrona, and then again at the Simon Bolivar monument, drier habitats.
- **Forest Elaenia** *Myiopagis gaimardii* – Seen on the day we went up to the ridge from El Dorado.

- **Yellow-bellied Elaenia** *Elaenia flavogaster* – Seen on four days, Minca, Tayrona where one pair were building a nest in the clearing at the end of the hiking trail, and in Santa Marta at the Boliver Monument.
- **Mountain Elaenia** *Elaenia frantzii* – First seen and heard walking down from one of our stops below the San Lorenzo research station, then seen well by the quetzal nest, just above the lookout tower of El Dorado.
- **Sierran Elaenia** *Elaenia pallatangae* – We were stumped on an elaenia at Pozo Azul, the bird was calling and appearing to be nesting. It answered playback to this species from Gustavo, and shot right in. Out of range by the books at this location, something to check in the future, but we note other trip reports have recorded the species near Minca.
- **Olive-striped Flycatcher (Fruit-Tyrant)** *Mionectes olivaceous* – Seen on our first full day at El Dorado.
- **Sooty-headed Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias griseiceps* – One individual in a mixed flock seen by the museum at Tayrona, in moist forest with a mixed flock.
- **Northern Scrub Flycatcher** *Sublegatus arenarum* – Peg and Pat found one our final day at Tayrona, and then we found two individuals at the Simon Bolivar monument in Santa Marta.
- **Pale-eyed (Pearly-vented) Pygmy Tyrant** *Atalotriccus pilaris* – We got great looks at an individual we found walking the dry forest of the westernmost entrance road to Tayrona.
- **(NE) Southern Bentbill** *Oncostoma olivaceum* – Heard by all at Tayrona, walking back from the second morning of watching curassows, four got to see it quite well, one calling individual.
- **Black-throated Tody-Tyrant** *Hemitriccus granadensis* – From El Dorado, great looks at this one on the grounds of the lodge.
- **Common Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum cinereum* – Isla Salamanca, by both groups.
- **Olivaceous Flatbill** *Rhynchocyclus olivaceus* – Seen well on our “death march to beach” in Tayrona National Park.
- **Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher** *Terenotriccus erythrurus* – Peg spotted this in the lush moist forest of Tayrona, down the road from the Ecohabs, near where we found the curassows.
- **Cinnamon Flycatcher** *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus* – Seen in the area we waited so long to see the antpitta that teased us, below El Dorado and above Minca, at one of the creek crossings.
- **Streak-throated Bush Tyrant** *Myiotheretes striaticollis* – (HO) This was heard up a drainage we stopped at also hearing quetzals as we descended from Cerro Kennedy ridge. Above the research station but below the ridge.
- **(E) Santa Marta Bush Tyrant** *Myiotheretes pernix* – We had at least three individuals, and got great looks at this large flycatcher. It was bold and perched repeatedly, making short flights. It seemed comfortable, even attracted to the burned forest margin.
- **Pied Water Tyrant** *Fluvicola pica* – Isla Salamanca area, on wetlands of the private farm. Several pair.
- **White-headed Marsh Tyrant** *Arundinicola leucocephala* – Isla Salamanca area, on wetlands of the private farm. One individual that seemed to pose for us. Both groups got to see this.
- **Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant** – Seen on the ridge of Cerro Kennedy, up the mountain from El Dorado.
- **Cattle Tyrant** *Machetornis rixosa* – First seen in the grassy opening we reached by hiking at Tayrona, where the horse and human trail come together, and there is a restaurant and other services. Later seen at our hotel in Barranquilla by the pool!
- **Venezuelan Flycatcher** *Myiarchus venezuelensis* – Seen at Minca, at Tayrona, and again at the Simon Bolivar monument, one individuals at each location.
- **Panama Flycatcher** *Myiarchus panamensis* – We tested one in the parking lot by Minca, expecting Venezuelan but it clearly responded to Panama, and in the scope checked out well for Panama. Pretty close species! Also noted in the Santa Marta area at Bolivar Monument.
- **Lesser Kiskadee** *Pitangus lictor* – Seen on the day we hiked at Tayrona, several pair around the campground clearing, and not all by water, though not far from small lagoons. Our notes show this bird seen only on Day 8 at Simon Bolivar Monument.
- **Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus* – Seen on seven days of the combined tour and extension, mainly in the lower coastal area, and around Minca.

- **Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua* – Seen near Minca and both days at Tayrona, one of those days we had five or six in separate sightings.
- **Rusty-margined Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes cayanensis* – Seen by our lunch spot in the clearing we hiked to in Tayrona. One pair.
- **Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis* – Seen at Barranquilla at the restaurant area.
- **Golden-crowned Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus* – Seen all days at El Dorado, vocalizing.
- **Streaked Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes maculatus* – Seen at Minca (in the eve of the hotel as well as the parking area), and on both days at Tayrona, where we had as many as a half dozen individuals the day we hiked.
- **Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus* – An everyday bird, common and vocal.
- **Gray Kingbird** *Tyrannus dominicensis* – Seen one day at Tayrona National park, one individual, in the grassy opening by the restaurant.

Cotingas & Fruiteaters

- **Golden-breasted Fruiteater** *Pipreaola aureopectus* – This beautiful species delighted us in the lush montane forest around El Dorado. We had several sightings a day, alerted by their high-pitched whistle call.

Manakins: Pipridae

- **Lance-tailed Manakin** *Chiroxiphia lanceolata* – Surprisingly common at Tayrona, calling and active on leks at Tayrona in the humid forest. Seen both days there in good number, often several males at a time.
- **White-bearded Manakin** *Manacus manacus* – First seen at the Pozo Azul, then several times on the road to Minca from there. A new family for our Australians, fun!

Becards & Tityras Tityridae

- **Masked Tityra** *Tityra semifasciata* – Very quick looks as we stopped at Pozo Azul en route down the mountain, dry slopes. Hard to believe it did not join the party at the fruiting tree!
- **Cinnamon Becard** *Pachyramphus cinnamomeus* – Seen walking from El Dorado, near one of our sightings of the fruit-eater.
- **One-colored Becard** *Pachyramphus homochrous* – Seen at our hummingbird garden lunch stop on the way up to El Dorado.

Greenlets & Vireos Vireonidae

- **Brown-capped Vireo** *Vireo leucophrys* – Seen on two days from El Dorado.
- **Red-eyed Vireo** *Vireo olivaceus* – Heard on two days, one near Minca and one below El Dorado near the school.
- **Yellow-green Vireo** *Vireo flavoviridis* – Seen on the road running through the dry forest area on the western entrance road to Tayrona.
- **Rufous-browed Peppershrike** *Cyclarhis gujanensis* – On the main tour, heard where we looked for Santa Marta Antbird coming down from Minca. On the extension, great views at a pair at Simon Bolivar monument by Santa Marta.

Jays: Corvidae

- **Black-chested Jay** *Cyanocroax affinis* – First seen from the balcony our first morning at Minca. Seen again as we passed through that elevation and area returning from El Dorado.

Swallows: Hirundinidae

- **Southern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* – Seen regularly, almost every day of the journey. Days 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, and 9.

- **Purple Martin** *Progne subis* – Good views of two individuals as we stopped to scan for shorebirds on the second group's return across the causeway. March brings fun sightings!
- **Grey-breasted Martin** *Progne chalybea* – Barranquilla coming and going, then along the coast a few near Santa Marta.
- **Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica* – We'd see one or two in days along the coast, noted on four days.

Wrens: Troglodytidae

- **House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon* – Seen or heard on seven days of the combined tour and extension.
- **(E) Santa Marta (Wood) Wren** *Henicorhina anachoreta* – We managed to see this species very well, on our day up the mountain, and on outings from, mainly above, El Dorado.
- **(E) Bang's Wood Wren** (pending split...) *Henicorhina bangsi* – Our best views of this species was below Santa Marta, at a bend in the road we frequented for some time trying to sluice out an antbird. Recorded on two days of the trip, as we descended from El Dorado, and at Tayrona. Field Guide lists both wood-wrens as full species.
- **Stripe-backed Wren** *Campylorhynchus nuchalis* – Seen the first day lunch stop and then again on the way to the Isla Salamanca wetlands and lagoon.
- **Bicolored Wren** *Campylorhynchus griseus* – Minca, Tayrona, Santa Marta, seen on five days in total of combined tour and extension.
- **Buff-breasted Wren** *Cantorchilus leucotis* – Seen on both days while we stayed at Tayrona, very common there, pairs, family groups, they were bold around the cottages, seen from the dining room, not secretive at all.

Gnateaters: Poliptilidae

- **Long-billed Gnatwren** *Ramphcaenus melanurus* – Seen on two days, mid elevations near El Dorado, one sighting down by the school.
- **Tropical Gnatcatcher** *Poliptila plumbea* – Coastal scrub habitat Tayrona NP.

Thrushes: Turdidae

- **Pale-eyed Thrush** *Turdus leucops* – Seen by Walter near El Dorado.
- **Yellow-legged Thrush** *Turdus flavipes* – Mid-elevations on two days from El Dorado, fairly common, up to a dozen a day.
- **Pale-breasted Thrush** *Turdus leucomelas* – Seen near Minca, and then on two days at Tayrona National Park, one to three individuals per day.
- **Clay-colored Thrush** *Turdus grayi* – Seen below Minca as we left the area.
- **Black-hooded Thrush** *Turdus olivater* – Seen on three days, a few individuals each day, in the lush forested area, particularly where drainages crossed the road, near El Dorado. Has the habit of tossing leaves.
- **Great Thrush** *Turdus fuscater* – Seen on three days from El Dorado. One day we had at least six individuals.

Mockingbirds: Mimidae

- **Tropical Mockingbird** *Mimus gilvus* – Seen in the Barranquilla and Minca areas.

Warblers and Redstarts: Parulidae

- **Northern Waterthrush** *Parkesia noveboracensis* – Seen on our last day of the extension, at Isla Salamanca.
- **Louisiana Waterthrush** *Parkesia motacilla* – Seen on our last day at Isla Salamanca, close views in the little moat we started our birding around, not far from the entrance. The first group saw one by the beginning of the boardwalk.

- **Black-and-white Warbler** *Mniotilta varia* – Seen all three days we were at El Dorado, in mixed flocks, one or two individuals a day. We also had one in a mixed flock in tropical moist forest at Tayrona.
- **Prothonotary Warbler** *Protonotaria citrea* – An individual seen at Pozo Azul.
- **Tennessee Warbler** *Leiothlypis peregrine* – One of the more common warblers we saw, from Pozo Azul up to El Dorado, seen on four days, one to four individuals a day.
- **Mourning Warbler** *Geothlypis philadelphia* – Seen below us on a slope with good views confirming the species (as opposed to resident White-lored) at El Dorado.
- **Hooded Warbler** *Setophaga citrina* – Seen on the trail to the beach at Tayrona National Park, close views of a lone male. A rare migrant here, but no mistaking a bright spring male.
- **American Redstart** *Setophaga ruticilla* – Seen on both days mid-elevation near Minca, and one at El Dorado Lodge.
- **Bay-breasted Warbler** *Setophaga castanea* – Seen two days near El Dorado, several individuals a day, most still fairly dull but a couple males had the bay color coming on through.
- **Blackburnian Warbler** *Setophaga fusca* – This lovely species, including a few bright males brightened our days at El Dorado, seen each day there, three or four individuals.
- **Yellow Warbler** *Setophaga aestiva* – Seen near Minca, at Tayrona, and in the Santa Marta and Isla Salamanca areas.
- **Blackpoll Warbler** *Setophaga striata* – Seen in the mixed flock at Pozo Azul, two individuals in different plumage.
- **Palm Warbler** *Setophaga palmarum* – Seen at the monument to Bolivar at Santa Marta, wagging its tail... It was in an area they were watering and a number of species had gathered.
- **Rufous-capped Warbler** *Basileuterus rufifrons* – Seen on two days from El Dorado, Chuck called us over for one that was very cooperative at eye-level.
- **Golden-crowned Warbler** *Basileuterus culicivorus* – Seen on two days, low in vegetation typically below us on a road, from El Dorado.
- **(E) Santa Marta Warbler** *Myiothlypis basilica* – Seen only on our day up the San Lorenzo / Cerro Kennedy ridge but we had at least three pair, and they were quite bold, coming right down to the road edge feeding on seeds of a shrub. They can be elusive, so seeing and photographing them with ease was a treat.
- **(E) White-lored Warbler** *Myiothlypis conspicillata* – Seen on four days in and around El Dorado, a few individuals or pairs a day.
- **Slate-throated Redstart** *Myioborus miniatus* – Seen on two days, one at the viewpoint of another hotel below El Dorado was very tame, and another near El Dorado Lodge.
- **(E) Santa Marta (Yellow-crowned) Whitestart (Redstart)** *Myioborus flavivertex* – Also called Yellow-crowned Redstart, we got great views of several individuals of this species up on the San Lorenzo / Cerro Kennedy ridge.

Tanagers, Seedeaters, and Finches: Thraupidae

- **Gray-headed Tanager** *Eucometis penicillata* – Seen on Day 5, on our return from El Dorado.
- **White-shouldered Tanager** *Tachyphonus luctuosus* – Seen by some of the group on Day Two, on our first stop above Minca.
- **White-lined Tanager** *Tachyphonus rufus* – Seen just one day, male and female, as we came down the road from El Dorado.
- **Crimson-backed Tanager** *Ramphocelus dimidiatus* – Pozo Azul and then seen well in Tayrona on several days, a bold pair frequented the patio of the dining room.
- **(E) Santa Marta (Black-cheeked) Mountain Tanager** *Anisognathus melanogenys* – Cerro Kennedy, we had several individuals, giving all in time a chance to see them well.
- **Blue-gray Tanager** *Thraupis episcopus* – Seen on both days at elevations at or near Minca, and then more commonly at Tayrona National Park.

- **Glaucous Tanager** *Thraupis glaucocolpa* – Seen three days from El Dorado, one in flock near the school below the lodge.
- **Palm Tanager** *Thraupis palmarum* – Seen on one of our stops between Minca and El Dorado, then both days at Tayrona National Park.
- **Blue-capped Tanager** *Thraupis cyanocephala* – We saw this lovely species only on the day we got to higher elevations, on the San Lorenzo / Cerro Kennedy ridge, also the next day on the return to Minca.
- **Black-headed Tanager** *Tangara cyanoptera* – Seen from El Dorado, and on the day we descended from El Dorado at one of our stops.
- **Black-capped Tanager** *Tangara heinei* – Best views were when we were watching the quetzal in its nest hole. We had them two days from El Dorado.
- **Bay-headed Tanager** *Tangara gyrola* – One of the more common tanagers, though not in large number they were present with every mixed flock. We got close views at Pozo Azul, at the hummingbird garden lunch stop, from El Dorado, and on stops above and below the lodge.
- **Swallow Tanager** *Tersina viridis* – Seen on three days from Minca up to El Dorado and back. We watched a pair working together to feed nestlings in a cavity in the bank of the road, the anxious female shot right by us to go in without using a perch, hungry young ones to feed and we moved off!
- **Bicolored Conebill** *Conirostrum bicolor* – Seen by both groups on different days, one pair, both male and female, calling and feeding in the trees by the boardwalk trail at Isla Salamanca.
- **Black Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa humeralis* – Quick views of this species when atop the San Lorenzo/Cerro Kennedy ridge. Three individuals. We also saw this bird the day before at El Dorado.
- **White-sided Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa albilatera* – This was a very common garden bird, close up at the orange flowering shrub so prevalent in the mountain gardens, and at El Dorado.
- **Rusty Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa sittoides* – First seen at our lunchtime stop at the hummingbird garden, we found it again in the gardens at El Dorado.
- **Plushcap** *Catamblyhynchus diadema* – Seen as we started down from the San Lorenzo / Cerro Kennedy ridge, a stop where we had a huge mixed flock, we got extended views. Always active, they were often viewed in part to get the sum of the total to make a bird!
- **Saffron Finch** *Sicalis flaveola* – Peg lagged behind at Isla Salamanca and saw a pair, in gale force winds, jump into a nice thick hedge row. On a calm day, likely easy to find. Also seen by a few of the group on Day 2, just out of Minca.
- **Bananaquit** *Coereba flaveola* – Minca, Tayrona National Park, and Isla Salamanca, fairly common, and vocal.
- **Dull-colored Grassquit** *Tiaris obscurus* – Seen both days in the vicinity of Minca, and at the wetlands location we visited near Isla Salamanca.

Saltators: Incertae sedis

- **Grayish Saltator** *Saltator coerulescens* – Seen by the extension group at the monument to Bolivar in Santa Marta.
- **Streaked Saltator** *Saltator striatipectus* – Seen at one of our first stops leaving Minca for El Dorado, and then again on the day the extension group visited Isla Salamanca.
- **Buff-throated Saltator** *Saltator maximus* – Seen on two days, at lower elevation mountain stops between Minca and El Dorado.

Brushfinches and Sparrows: Emberizidae

- **Black-striped Sparrow** *Arremonops conirostris* – Seen on three days, from El Dorado.
- **(E) Colombian (Sierra Nevada) Brush Finch** *Arremon basilicus* – A cooperative individual liked the compost bin at El Dorado, but we also encountered a few individuals on our outings from the lodge.
- **(NE) Golden-winged Sparrow** *Arremon schlegeli* – What a stunning species! We had such great looks first in the garden, then hopping up on the feeder at Minca, after a quick and furtive visit, Peg kept watch over breakfast and called out, come! All got to see it as a pair stayed around, easy viewing, high rewards.

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- **Rufous-collared Sparrow** *Zonotrichia capensis* – This southern cousin of the White-crowned/White-throated clan was present but not common as it can be, seen on all four days from El Dorado.
- **(E) Santa Marta Brush Finch** *Atlapetes melanocephalus* – One of the first endemics we spotted, and it would prove to be the one most regularly encountered. Seen on all days at El Dorado, perhaps a dozen or more throughout the day.

Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Tanagers: Cardinalidae

- **Hepatic Tanager** *Piranga flava* – Seen on our second day, as we approached El Dorado, one of the road stops.
- **Summer Tanager** *Piranga rubra* – Seen both days at lower elevations around Pozo Azul, some of the young males were really splotchy yellow and red, then seen again at Simon Bolivar Monument.
- **Scarlet Tanager** *Piranga olivacea* – Seen both days at Pozo Azul on the road above Minca.
- **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** *Pheucticus ludovicianus* – Best seen at Pozo Azul, picked up a few other places. Males getting bright!

Blackbirds and Allies: Icterids

- **Great-tailed Grackle** *Quiscalus mexicanus* – Seen on seven days, only missing from the two days we spent at higher elevations from El Dorado.
- **Carib Grackle** *Quiscalus lugubris* – Seen on five days, in appropriate habitat, mostly coastal.
- **Yellow-hooded Blackbird** *Chrysomus icterocephalus* – Seen on private farm near Isla Salamanca (KM 4).
- **Shiny Cowbird** *Molothrus bonariensis* – This bird was quite common at Tayrona, and Santa Marta.
- **Orchard Oriole** *Icterus spurius* – Seen in a mixed flock our first stop out of the vans above Minca, before Pozo Azul in drier scrub habitat, one individual.
- **Yellow Oriole** *Icterus nigrogularis* – Tayrona and Isla Salamanca, and on the dry road we walked looking for several species on the west side of Tayrona before reaching our lodgings.
- **Baltimore Oriole** *Icterus galbula* – Seen on three days, Pozo Azul, Minca, Tayrona.
- **Yellow-billed Caticue** *Amblycercus holosericeus* – One individual seen on one of the stops we made coming down from the ridge above El Dorado.
- **Crested Oropendola** *Psarocolius decumanus* – Seen commonly from El Dorado, working on nests in the area.
- **(E) Bronze-brown (Brown) Cowbird** *Molothrus (aeneus) armenti* – Pat alerted us to this species in the park, walking around Santa Marta's historic section.

Chlorophonias, Euphonias, Siskins: Fringillidae

- **Trinidad Euphonia** *Euphonia trinitatis* – Heard before seen, then good views, on the dry forest road into Tayrona on the west side, then several locations in the dry forest along the coast.
- **Thick-billed Euphonia** *Euphonia laniirostris* – Seen just one day, our first near Minca.
- **Blue-naped Chlorophonia** *Chlorophonia cyanea* – This lovely gem of a species came to the tray feeder at El Dorado! Great looks, we saw three individuals on two days.
- **Lesser Goldfinch** *Spinus psaltria* – A half dozen individuals working in seed-rich grasses below the road we walked to look for Santa Marta Antwren, coming down from Minca.

Old World Sparrows: Passeridae

- **House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* – Urban areas, gas stations, where you'd expect them but not plentiful.

MAMMALS

Red Howler Monkey *Alouatta seniculus* – Several days, in the mountains at El Dorado, we got scope and photographic views.

Cotton-top Tamarin *Saguinus oedipus* – Seen each day at Tayrona, delightful!

White-fronted Capuchin *Cebus albifrons* – Seen on one day at Tayrona.

Black Agouti *Dasyprocta fuliginosa* – Seen well on the trails at Tayrona.

Crab-eating Fox *Cerdocyon thous* – Seen one early morning at Tayrona, near the museum.

Red-tailed Squirrel *Sciurus granatensis* – Seen well and frequently, almost daily.

Long-tailed Weasel *Mustela frenata* – Seen at the stream crossing on a side road above Mindo, caused birds to alarm call.

Bat, sp.

HERPS

House Gecko, Minca

Green Anole, Pozo Azul

Spiny Lizard, sp

Amevia Lizard, sp.

Tegu Lizard, sp – a very large individual at Tayrona NP at the lunch spot we hiked to

Green Iguana – huge individual sunning high in a tree at Tayrona

Snake, sp – A small vine-like snake, in Peg and Pat's refrigerator casing at Ecohabs!