

Colombia: Birding & Culture in the Central Andes

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(E) – endemic to Colombia

(I) – introduced

Summary: This was the first tour for Naturalist Journeys on this new Colombia itinerary. The tour started and ended in Medellín and focused on the northern Central Andes, primarily in the Department of Antioquia but with a few sites visited just to the south in the Department of Caldas. The tour was structured to visit the east slopes of the Central Cordillera and the mid-Magdalena River Valley for the first half, spend a break day back in Medellín, then focus the second half of the tour on southwestern Antioquia and adjacent Caldas visiting the west slopes of the Central Cordillera and east slopes of the Western Cordillera near the lovely town of Jardín. A wide range of elevations and habitat types were visited, from several hundred meters along the Magdalena and Cauca Rivers to over 2800 meters in the mountains above Jardín. Although the weather when out in the field was generally good, the rainy season was very much still happening; however, most of the rain was in the afternoon or evenings and did not interfere too much with our field trips. In addition to the great diversity of birds and other wildlife listed below, we greatly enjoyed our interactions with all the Colombians we met, particularly those who graciously hosted us at their houses, and were incredibly impressed with the foods and fruits we ate and drank, the places we stayed, and the beautiful countryside.

BIRDS (284 species recorded, of which were 5 heard only, 9 were seen by guides only, and 14 were endemic to Colombia):

DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS: Anatidae (1)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, *Dendrocygna autumnalis*—Found on one day of the tour along the Puerto Triunfo road and again in the small wetland at Torrelavega

GUANS, CHACHALACAS, AND CURASSOWS: Cracidae (1)

Colombian Chachalaca (E), *Ortalis columbiana*—Regularly encountered at several sites throughout the tour, including from the dining room at the GHL Hotel!

GREBES: Podicipedidae (1)

Least Grebe, *Tachybaptus dominicus*—Seen in a pond along the Puerto Triunfo road

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (6)

Rock Pigeon (I), *Columba livia*—Found on every day (that someone was paying attention!) when in or passing through cities

Pale-vented Pigeon, *Patagioenas cayennensis*—Found on 3 days at Puerto Triunfo and at the Balandú

Band-tailed Pigeon, *Patagioenas fasciata*—Found on 2 days in the Jardín area

Ruddy Ground Dove, *Columbina talpacoti*—Found on 6 days at several sites throughout the tour

White-tipped Dove, *Leptotila verreauxi*—Heard on 2 days and seen once on the Aquitania Road
Eared Dove, *Zenaida auriculata*—Common and ubiquitous in Medellín, these were also found near Jardín, notably at the El Roble feeders

CUCKOOS AND ALLIES: Cuculidae (3)

Greater Ani, *Crotophaga major*—Regularly encountered on all days near Los Colores and other sites in the mid-Magdalena River valley

Groove-billed Ani, *Crotophaga sulcirostris*—Recorded on 4 days of the tour at sites throughout

Squirrel Cuckoo, *Piaya cayana*—Always a popular species on most tours, these were found on 4 days in a variety of places

NIGHTJARS AND ALLIES: Caprimulgidae (1)

Common Pauraque, *Nyctidromus albicollis*—(HO) Heard one morning at Los Colores

OILBIRD: Steatornithidae (1)

Oilbird, *Steatornis caripensis*—Easily heard and seen at the cave at Rio Claro at dusk and later

SWIFTS: Apodidae (1)

White-collared Swift, *Streptoprocne zonaris*—Found on 4 days of the tour at several places, always flying rapidly by overhead

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae (21)

White-necked Jacobin, *Florisuga mellivora*—Found while birding along the road at Bellavista

Rufous-breasted Hermit, *Glaucis hirsutus*—Encountered on 3 days at Rio Claro, Puerto Triunfo, and the first visit to Bolombolo dry forest

Green Hermit, *Phaethornis guy*—(GO) Seen by Luis on one of the Finca Bambusa visits

Sparkling Violetear, *Colibri coruscans*—One of the common and frequent feeder visitors at El Roble

Lesser Violetear, *Colibri cyanotus*—Although hard to pick out, several of these were frequenting the feeders at El Roble

Purple-crowned Fairy, *Heliathryx barroti*—Seen dancing through the trees at Rio Claro

Black-throated Mango, *Anthracothorax nigricollis*—An obvious female was one of the few hummingbirds that could be picked out of the top of a flowering *Tabebuia* during the walk at Finca Bambusa

Tourmaline Sunangel, *Heliangelus exortis*—One or two were visiting the feeders at El Roble

Speckled Hummingbird, *Adelomyia melanogenys*—Easy to see visiting the feeders at El Roble

Long-tailed Sylph, *Agelaiocercus kingii*—A lovely male periodically visited the feeders at El Roble

Bronzy Inca, *Coeligena coeligena*—The most infrequent of the hummingbird species at El Roble, only visited once

Collared Inca, *Coeligena torquata*—This distinctive hummingbird visited the El Roble feeders regularly and was found while walking the road

Sword-billed Hummingbird, *Ensifera ensifera*—One of the definite highlights of the trip was a individual well seen while perching and foraging from the Alto de Ventanas road

Buff-tailed Coronet, *Boissonneaua flavescens*—A large and feisty species, these were the most common at the El Roble feeders

White-bellied Woodstar, *Chaetocercus mulsant*—An elegant male frequently came to the feeders at Mirador El Roble

Red-billed Emerald, *Chlorostilbon gibsoni*—(GO) One seen by Dave on the walk through Bellavista Reserve near the school

Western Emerald, *Chlorostilbon melanorhynchus*—One seen by Dave at Bambusa and then again by the group on our morning walk at Balandú

White-vented Plumeleteer, *Chalybura buffonii*—Found twice during the tour when birding, first at Rio Claro and again at the Bolombolo dry forest

Steely-vented Hummingbird, *Saucerottia saucerottei*—A characteristic Andean species, these were found at the Palacio de Frijoles during lunch and several times when in and around Jardín

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird, *Amazilia tzacatl*—By far the most often encountered hummingbird of the tour, these were found on 6 days at several sites

Andean Emerald, *Uranomitra franciae*—Seen on the second visit to Finca Bambusa

RAILS, COOTS AND ALLIES: Rallidae (2)

Gray-cowled Wood-Rail, *Aramides cajaneus*—One individual observed around the pond at Los Colores

White-throated Crake, *Laterallus albigularis*—Found on two days by the wetland at Los Colores, first by Martha and Dana and then by the rest of the group; a pair with two black, downy chicks; one of the best sightings of the tour

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae (1)

Southern Lapwing, *Vanellus chilensis*—A characteristic and sometimes loud bird of the Andes, these were seen on 7 days of the tour at several areas, perhaps best on the grounds of the Hacienda Balandú

JACANAS, Jacanidae (1)

Wattled Jacana, *Jacana jacana*—Found on 2 days at some of the wetlands visited on the Puerto Triunfo road and at the Charco de Guarinocito

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae (2)

Spotted Sandpiper, *Actitis macularius*—One seen along the Magdalena River while having lunch

Lesser Yellowlegs, *Tringa flavipes*—(GO) Seen by Dave on 2 mornings at Los Colores around puddles on the soccer field

GULLS, TERNS, AND SKIMMERS, Laridae (1)

Yellow-billed Tern, *Sternula superciliaris*—One, possibly more, foraging over the Charco de Guarinocito

CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae (1)

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*—Best seen at the Charco de Guarinocito, but also seen from the bus on the trip back to Medellín

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae (8)

Rufescent Tiger-Heron, *Tigrisoma lineatum*—This very elegant neotropical heron was found on 2 days at Puerto Triunfo, Torrelavega, and Charco de Guarinocito

Great Blue Heron, *Ardea herodias*—One was present at Charco de Guarinocito

Cocoi Heron, *Ardea cocoi*—Found on two days in the Rio Magdalena and at Charco de Guarinocito

Great Egret, *Ardea alba*—Seen at appropriate wetland sites, though not as numerous as the following 2 herons, such as Puerto Triunfo and Charco de Guarinocito

Snowy Egret, *Egretta thula*—Regularly seen at appropriate wetland sites such as Puerto Triunfo and Charco de Guarinocito

Cattle Egret, *Bubulcus ibis*—One of the most ubiquitous and regularly encountered birds of the tour, these are everywhere in Colombia when cattle are present

Striated Heron, *Butorides striata*—This small heron, very similar to the North American Green Heron, was also seen at wetlands such as Puerto Triunfo and Charco de Guarinocito

Black-crowned Night-Heron, *Nycticorax nycticorax*—Like the other herons listed above, seen at wetlands such as Puerto Triunfo and Charco de Guarinocito

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae (2)

Green Ibis, *Mesembrinibis cayennensis*—One reported at the Medellín Botanical Garden during an informal visit there

Bare-faced Ibis, *Phimosus infuscatus*—Surprisingly to most of us North Americans, these ibis are one of the more frequently seen species in this part of Colombia, being seen on 7 days in many situations, including sometimes in towns and not infrequently while driving

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae (4)

King Vulture, *Sarcoramphus papa*—This magnificent vulture was seen twice, first at Los Colores and again at Bolombolo dry forest, both times soaring overhead

Black Vulture, *Coragyps atratus*—One of the commonest and ubiquitous birds in Colombia, these were seen on every field day of the tour

Turkey Vulture, *Cathartes aura*—Regularly encountered throughout the tour on 8 days

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture, *Cathartes burrovianus*—This lowland, open habitat vulture, was seen on two days in the mid-Magdalena River Valley

OSPREY: Pandionidae (1)

Osprey, *Pandion haliaetus*—One flying around the Charco de Guarinocicto

HAWKS, KITES AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (6)

Gray-headed Kite, *Leptodon cayanensis*—One individual perched nicely in a tree on the road to Torre la Vega

Swallow-tailed Kite, *Elanoides forficatus*—Observed flying over Los Colores

Savanna Hawk, *Buteogallus meridionalis*—A flying bird seen by most of the group from the gas station in Victoria

Roadside Hawk, *Rupornis magnirostris*—By far the most often seen true raptor of the tour, these were found on 8 days at many sites visited

Broad-winged Hawk, *Buteo platypterus*—One seen perched in a tree by the side of the road on the Alto de Ventanas trip

Short-tailed Hawk, *Buteo brachyurus*—One seen soaring at Los Colores

TROGONS: Trogonidae (2)

White-tailed Trogon, *Trogon chionurus*—Seen pretty well at Rio Claro

Black-throated Trogon, *Trogon rufus*—A very nice male was well seen and perched for photography at Rio Claro

MOTMOTS, Momotidae (2)

Andean Motmot, *Momotus aequatorialis*—This elegant motmot (formerly part of the Blue-crowned Motmot complex) was seen or heard at La Romera and on 2 days near Jardín

Rufous Motmot, *Baryphthengus martii*—A truly amazing view was had of this species as it posed for an extended period at the Bellavista Reserve; a truly memorable sighting of an excellent bird

KINGFISHERS, Alcedinidae (2)

Amazon Kingfisher, *Chloroceryle amazona*—One seen at Charco de Guarincito

Green Kingfisher, *Chloroceryle americana*—One perched, albeit pretty far off, at Torrelavega

PUFFBIRDS, Bucconidae (6)

Pied Puffbird, *Notharchus tectus*—Several of these small puffbirds perched in a tree at Torrelavega affording scope views and lots of photo ops

Barred Puffbird, *Nystalus radiatus*—A pair of these perched high in a tree above the road at Rio Claro

Russet-throated Puffbird, *Hypnelus ruficollis*—This species was very well seen perching cooperatively at Puerto Triunfo and Torrelavega

White-whiskered Puffbird, *Malacoptila panamensis*—This handsome puffbird perched nicely for all on the Aquitania Road

Moustached Puffbird, *Malacoptila mystacalis*—Found at the Bolombolo dry forest on the first visit

Gray-cheeked Nunlet, *Nonnula frontalis*—One seen very well at Rio Claro

JACAMARS, Galbulidae (1)

Rufous-tailed Jacamar, *Galbula ruficauda*—Seen twice, a pair at the Charco de Guarinocito and another on the Aquitania Road

NEW WORLD BARBETS, Capitonidae (2)

White-mantled Barbet (E), *Capito hypoleucus*—This unique barbet was found both at Rio Claro and Bellavista

Red-headed Barbet, *Eubucco bourcierii*—(GO) Excellent views of a male and female eating plantain at the Finca Bambusa feeders on both visits

TOUCANS, Ramphastidae (3)

Southern Emerald-Toucanet, *Aulacorhynchus albivitta*—Found on the final morning walk at Hacienda Balandú
Collared Aracari, *Pteroglossus torquatus*—Several of these small toucans were seen at Rio Claro in the morning
Yellow-throated Toucan, *Ramphastos ambiguus*—One seen high overhead at Rio Claro of the Chestnut-mandibled subspecies (*R. a. swainsonii*)

WOODPECKERS: Picidae (11)

Olivaceous Piculet, *Picumnus olivaceus*—One or two individuals very well seen along the road to Puerto Triunfo
Grayish Piculet (E), *Picumnus granadensis*—This very restricted range species was seen at the Bolombolo dry forest site
Acorn Woodpecker, *Melanerpes formicivorus*—Found twice, first at the roadside restaurant in Amagá on our way to Jardín and again at Finca Bambusa; yes, there are oaks in Colombia!
Beautiful Woodpecker (E), *Melanerpes pulcher*—Seen high in a tree at the Bellavista Reserve
Red-crowned Woodpecker, *Melanerpes rubricapillus*—The most widely encountered woodpecker of the tour; found on 5 days at several sites, including around the buildings at Los Colores
Red-rumped Woodpecker, *Dryobates kirkii*—Only observed at Rio Claro
Yellow-vented Woodpecker, *Dryobates dignus*—Seen from the Alto de Ventanas road
Lineated Woodpecker, *Dryocopus lineatus*—One of these large woodpeckers, in the same genus as the North American Pileated, put in an appearance at Finca Bambusa
Cinnamon Woodpecker, *Ceelus loricatus*—A pair of these lovely woodpeckers was very well seen at Rio Claro
Golden-olive Woodpecker, *Colaptes rubiginosus*—Found at Romera and on both visits to Finca Bambusa
Spot-breasted Woodpecker, *Colaptes punctigula*—A colorful and distinctive woodpecker, this species was found on the afternoon walk at Los Colores and in the Bolombolo dry forest

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae (2)

Crested Caracara, *Caracara plancus*—Encountered on 3 days at several sites throughout the tour
Yellow-headed Caracara, *Milvago chimachima*—Encountered on 4 days throughout the tour

PARROTS, Psittacidae (11)

Orange-chinned Parakeet, *Brotogeris jugularis*—Large and noisy flocks of this parakeet were present every day at Los Colores, particularly right by the parking lot
Blue-headed Parrot, *Pionus menstruus*—Seen on all four days at and around Los Colores
Bronze-winged Parrot, *Pionus chalcopterus*—Found on two days at Hacienda Balandú and nearby sites
Yellow-crowned Parrot, *Amazona ochrocephala*—Several observed perching in a tree at Puerto Triunfo and found again at the Charco de Guarinocito
Orange-winged Parrot, *Amazona amazonica*—Flying over and perching on the road to Puerto Triunfo
Spectacled Parrotlet, *Forpus conspicillatus*—Found on 4 days of the tour at most Magdalena River Valley sites
Brown-throated Parakeet, *Eupsittula pertinax*—Oddly, only seen in downtown Medellín during the city tour
Blue-and-yellow Macaw, *Ara ararauna*—A pair of these flying overhead provided a nice treat at Torrelavega
Chestnut-fronted Macaw, *Ara severus*—Several seen perching and flying on the road to Puerto Triunfo
Yellow-eared Parrot (E), *Ognorhynchus icterotis*—This rare Colombian endemic was very well observed at the aptly named Yellow-eared Parrot Reserve high in the mountains above Jardín, including a pair that circled around us as they responded to playback of their calls
Scarlet-fronted Parakeet, *Psittacara wagleri*—seen on almost every day right on the grounds of the Hacienda Balandú, often perching very conveniently in the top of a bare-branched tree

TYPICAL ANTBIRDS, Thamnophilidae (3)

Bar-crested Antshrike, *Thamnophilus multistriatus*—Both sexes seen on 3 days at the Bolombolo dry forest and Finca Bambusa
Parker's Antbird (E), *Cercomacroides parkeri*—(GO) Seen by Luis and Dave at Finca Bambusa skulking in the bamboo behind the feeders

Bicolored Antbird, *Gymnopithys bicolor*—Very poor looks at this skulking antbird were had at Rio Claro

ANTPITTAS, Grallariidae (2)

Chami Antpitta (E), *Grallaria alvarezii*—Seen at the El Roble antpitta feeding area

Slate-crowned Antpitta, *Grallarica nana*—(HO) Heard from the underbrush at the Yellow-eared Parrot Reserve, but did not come close enough in response to call playback to be seen

TAPACULOS, Rhinocryptidae (1)

Spillmann's Tapaculo, *Scytalopus spillmanni*—(HO) Heard along the Alto de Ventanas road

OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS, Furnariidae (11)

Plain-brown Woodcreeper, *Dendrocincla fuliginosa*—Found at the Bellavista Reserve

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper, *Glyphorhynchus spirurus*—This small, but pretty easily recognizable woodcreeper, was found at Rio Claro and on the Aquitania road

Cocoa Woodcreeper, *Xiphorhynchus susurrans*—Found at Rio Claro

Straight-billed Woodcreeper, *Dendroplex picus*—Seen on 2 days at Puerto Triunfo and Bellavista

Streak-headed Woodcreeper, *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*—Encountered twice at Rio Claro and Bolombolo dry forest

Plain Xenops, *Xenops minutus*—This very minute ovenbird was seen at Rio Claro

Pale-legged Hornero, *Furnarius leucopus*—(GO) One observed by Dave on the soccer field at Los Colores

Striped Treehunter, *Thripadectes holostictus*—Well observed while on the Alto de Ventanas trip

Spotted Barbtail, *Premnoplex brunnescens*—Extraordinarily good views of this intriguing species were had at La Romera

Yellow-chinned Spinetail, *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*—This wetland-associated spinetail was seen on 2 days at Torrelavega and Charco de Guarinocito

Azara's Spinetail, *Synallaxis azarae*—Heard and glimpsed (as is typical for this species!) on the Alto de Ventanas road

MANAKINS, Pipridae (5)

Yellow-headed Manakin, *Chloropipo flavicapilla*—Seen by most of the group, with a lot of effort and patience, at La Romera

White-bibbed Manakin, *Corapipo leucorrhoea*—A female seen at Charco de Guarinocito

White-bearded Manakin, *Manacus manacus*—The most frequently encountered manakin of the tour, this species was found on 4 days at Rio Claro, Charco de Guarinocito, Aquitania Road, and Bolombolo dry forest

Striolated Manakin, *Machaeropterus striolatus*—Seen, mostly high in trees, at Bellavista and on the Aquitania Road

Golden-headed Manakin, *Ceratopipra erythrocephala*—A lovely male found at Bellavista

COTINGAS, Cotingidae (2)

Green-and-black Fruiteater, *Pipreola riefferii*—Found as part of several mixed species flocks on the Alto de Ventanas road

Andean Cock-of-the-rock, *Rupicola peruvianus*—A large collection of males observed at the Jardín lek, generally carrying on in raucous fashion and having a great time!

TITYRAS AND BECARDS: Tityridae (4)

Black-crowned Tityra, *Tityra inquisitor*—One bird seen at Torrelavega

Masked Tityra, *Tityra semifasciata*—Several pairs found during the Torrelavega hike

Cinnamon Becard, *Pachyramphus cinnamomeus*—Seen on the Aquitania Road

White-winged Becard, *Pachyramphus polychopterus*—Appeared briefly in the trees behind the feeders at Finca Bambusa

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae (41)

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher, *Mionectes oleagineus*—Seen by Dave at Rio Claro and by the group at Bolombolo dry forest and at Finca Bambusa

Antioquia Bristle-Tyrant (E), *Phylloscartes lanyoni*—One of the target species early in the tour, this species was seen at Rio Claro

Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant, *Pseudotriccus ruficeps*—Seen by part of the group on the walk to the El Roble antpitta feeding station

Black-capped Pygmy-Tyrant, *Myiornis atricapillus*—Found at Rio Claro

Southern Bentbill, *Oncostoma olivaceum*—(GO) Found by Luis at Aquitania

Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher, *Poecilatriccus ruficeps*—One found on the Alto de Ventanas trip

Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher, *Poecilatriccus sylvia*—A very cute tody-flycatcher species, this was found on both visits to the Bolombolo dry forest

Common Tody-Flycatcher, *Todirostrum cinereum*—Seen and heard calling at both Torrelavega and Charco de Guarinocito

Olivaceous Flatbill, *Rhynchocyclus olivaceus*—This elegant flycatcher was very well seen multiple times at Rio Claro

Yellow-olive Flycatcher, *Tolmomyias sulphurescens*—Recorded at La Romera and on the first visit to Bolombolo dry forest

Cinnamon Flycatcher, *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus*—This very handsome highland species was recorded several times during the Alto de Ventanas trip

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet, *Camptostoma obsoletum*—Found 2 times, first at Puerto Triunfo, where it perched on a phone line right above the group, and again at Hacienda Balandú

White-throated Tyrannulet, *Mecocerculus leucophrys*—(HO) Heard at Alto de Ventanas

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet, *Tyrannulus elatus*—Very well seen during the afternoon walk at Los Colores

Greenish Elaenia, *Myiopagis viridicata*—Seen at the Bolombolo dry forest

Yellow-bellied Elaenia, *Elaenia flavogaster*—Somewhat unexpectedly only found twice at Los Colores and the Palacio de Frijoles lunch stop

Mountain Elaenia, *Elaenia frantzii*—Good views of this rather drab flycatcher were had on the Alto de Ventanas trip

Sooty-headed Tyrannulet, *Phyllomyias griseiceps*—Impressive well seen (for a tyrannulet!) at the Aquitania Road

Black-capped Tyrannulet, *Phyllomyias nigrocapillus*—Found on the Alto de Ventanas trip

Golden-faced Tyrannulet, *Zimmerius chrysops*—A pretty widespread tyrannulet, these were seen at many sites throughout the tour in the mountains

Western Wood-Pewee, *Contopus sordidulus*—Pewees, presumably of this species, were seen several times in the area of Jardín

Eastern Wood-Pewee, *Contopus virens*—Recorded on four days in and around Los Colores

Acadian Flycatcher, *Empidonax virescens*—Seen at Finca Bambusa while on the walk on the road

Black Phoebe, *Sayornis nigricans*—Found on 5 days of the tour when around water or around the Balandú; all birds seen were of the resident South American subspecies with distinct white wingbars

White-headed Marsh Tyrant, *Arundinicola leucocephala*—Found in open wetlands at Puerto Triunfo and the Charco de Guarinocito

Pied Water-Tyrant, *Fluvicola pica*—Found in open wetlands at Puerto Triunfo and the Charco de Guarinocito, sometimes at very close range

Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant, *Ochthoeca diadema*—Found on the Alto de Ventana road

Long-tailed Tyrant, *Colonia colonus*—Two of these very elegant flycatchers were found perching on wires near the entrance gate to Rio Claro

Bright-rumped Attila, *Attila spadiceus*—Encountered at Rio Claro

Dusky-capped Flycatcher, *Myiarchus tuberculifer*—One appeared briefly while at Finca Bambusa, though not at the feeders

Great Crested Flycatcher, *Myiarchus crinitus*—One seen by some in the group on the Aquitania Road

Cattle Tyrant, *Machetornis rixosa*—This distinctive, ground-foraging flycatcher was found at Los Colores and at Balandú, where a pair perched on top of the bus!

Great Kiskadee, *Pitangus sulphuratus*—A widespread, conspicuous (by sight and sound) species in Colombia, these were found at many sites throughout the tour, except for the highest elevation and most forested areas

Boat-billed Flycatcher, *Megarynchus pitangua*—One of the several “kiskadee lookalikes” seen on the tour, these were found 2 times at Torrelavega and the Aquitania Road

Rusty-margined Flycatcher, *Myiozetetes cayanensis*—This widespread flycatcher, very similar to the next, was found on 6 days of the tour, including all days in and around Los Colores

Social Flycatcher, *Myiozetetes similis*—Tricky to tell from the preceding, these were encountered at Finca Bambusa and at the Balandú

Golden-crowned Flycatcher, *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus*—One perched nicely for us, though briefly, at La Romera

Streaked Flycatcher, *Myiodynastes maculatus*—Seen on 2 days at Rio Claro and on the first visit to Finca Bambusa

Piratic Flycatcher, *Legatus leucophaeus*—

Tropical Kingbird, *Tyrannus melancholicus*—A widespread and ubiquitous species in Colombia, as elsewhere in the neotropics, these were recorded on 9 days of the tour

Fork-tailed Flycatcher, *Tyrannus savana*—(GO) One seen by Dave while driving

VIREOS: Vireonidae (4)

Rufous-browed Peppershrike, *Cyclarhis gujanensis*—Found at Torrelavega, where it was singing

Scrub Greenlet, *Hylophilus flavipes*—Well observed in trees quite low at Torrelavega

Rufous-naped Greenlet, *Pachysylvia semibrunnea*—This forest vireo was seen twice, first at La Romera and again at the Bolombolo dry forest

Red-eyed Vireo, *Vireo olivaceus*—One seen in the woods at the Bolombolo dry forest

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae (2)

Black-chested Jay, *Cyanocorax affinis*—Seen by Luis flying across the road one day and again by the whole group at Finca Bambusa

Green Jay, *Cyanocorax yncas*—Several regularly came to the feeders at Mirador El Roble while we were there and they were seen again at Finca Bambusa

DONACOBIUS: Donacobiidae (1)

Black-capped Donacobius, *Donacobius atricapilla*—A pair of these unique birds were seen displaying at Charco de Guarinocito

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (4)

Blue-and-white Swallow, *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*—A very common higher elevation swallow in the Andes, these were first found at La Romera and then again every day when in the Jardín area; they appeared to be roosting under the roof tiles of the Balandú

White-thighed Swallow, *Atticora tibialis*—Several of these were foraging over the trees at Bellavista near the school

Southern Rough-winged Swallow, *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*—Very common at a few sites, such as Los Colores and the Palacio de Frijoles

Gray-breasted Martin, *Progne chalybea*—Several seen perching on a phone line at Torrelavega

GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae (1)

Long-billed Gnatwren, *Ramphocaenus melanurus*—Found on the Aquitania Road walk, though very active and hard to see well

WRENS: Troglodytidae (9)

Scaly-breasted Wren, *Microcerculus marginatus*—(GO) Heard by Luis at the Aquitania Road

House Wren, *Troglodytes aedon*—Found by sight or, more often, sound, on 5 days throughout the tour

Band-backed Wren, *Campylorhynchus zonatus*—Found twice at Rio Claro and again at the Palacio de Frijoles

Bicolored Wren, *Campylorhynchus griseus*—This very large wren was easily seen or heard every day at Los Colores, sometimes while eating!

Black-bellied Wren, *Pheugopedius fasciatoventris*—A very elegant wren, a pair of these were found at Bellavista

Antioquia Wren (E), *Thryophilus sernai*—(HO) Only heard despite a great deal of effort spent trying on both visits to the Bolombolo dry forest

Bay Wren, *Cantorchilus nigricapillus*—Several of these very handsome wrens were seen at Rio Claro

Sharpe's Wren, *Cinnycerthia olivascens*—Several of these were seen along the Alto de Ventanas road

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren, *Henicorhina leucophrys*—Heard and glimpsed by some at La Romera

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae (1)

Tropical Mockingbird, *Mimus gilvus*—Seen on almost all days at Hacienda Balandú, where they perched on lampposts

THRUSHES: Turdidae (5)

Andean Solitaire, *Myadestes ralloides*—This lovely Andean songster was seen with some effort at La Romera and heard on the Alto de Ventanas trip

Swainson's Thrush, *Catharus ustulatus*—An often encountered North American migrant during the early part of the tour at several sites

Pale-breasted Thrush, *Turdus leucomelas*—Found on 4 days of the tour, mostly at mid-Magdalena River Valley sites such as Rio Claro

Black-billed Thrush, *Turdus ignobilis*—A very common and easy to find species (“the American Robin of Colombia’!), these were found on 6 days at lower elevation sites throughout the tour; a leucistic one was at Los Colores

Great Thrush, *Turdus fuscater*—This large, usually very common, thrush was only found at La Romera and El Roble

FINCHES, EUPHONIAS, AND ALLIES: Fringillidae (5)

Velvet-fronted Euphonia (E), *Euphonia concinna*—Found at Bellavista

Thick-billed Euphonia, *Euphonia laniirostris*—By far the most commonly encountered euphonia of the tour, these were seen on 6 days at sites throughout the trip

Fulvous-vented Euphonia, *Euphonia fulvicrissa*—Found twice at Rio Claro and on the Aquitania Road

Orange-bellied Euphonia, *Euphonia xanthogaster*—Seen at La Romera only

Lesser Goldfinch, *Spinus psaltria*—A nicely plumaged, dark-backed male perched in a tree at Finca Bambusa on our second visit

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae (4)

Common Chlorospingus, *Chlorospingus flavopectus*—Found in a flock at La Romera

Gray-browed Brushfinch, *Arremon assimilis*—Seen at the El Roble antpitta feeders

Rufous-collared Sparrow, *Zonotrichia capensis*—Generally a common and widespread species in the Andes, these were easily found every day at Balandú

Slaty Brushfinch, *Atlapetes schistaceus*—Seen several times during our trip on the Alto de Ventanas road, including one that fed out of Martha’s hands at the Mirador El Roble!

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae (11)

Red-breasted Meadowlark, *Leistes militaris*—Several seen perching in the grasslands along the Puerto Triunfo road

Russet-backed Oropendola, *Psarocolius angustifrons*—The common, large oropendola of Colombia was seen at La Romera and at the Balandú

Crested Oropendola, *Psarocolius decumanus*—One made a brief, but easily visible, appearance at Finca Bambusa

Yellow-rumped Cacique, *Cacicus cela*—One perched nicely for the group on the afternoon walk around the grounds at Los Colores

Yellow-backed Oriole, *Icterus chrysater*—Found on two days at Finca Bambusa and the Hacienda Balandú

Yellow Oriole, *Icterus nigrogularis*—Seen on 2 of the days at Los Colores

Shiny Cowbird, *Molothrus bonariensis*—One perched on a gas station roof in the town of Victoria

Giant Cowbird, *Molothrus oryzivorus*—Photographed by Lu at Hacienda Balandú

Carib Grackle, *Quiscalus lugubris*—This small grackle was seen at Los Colores (where some wandered around the dining area) and at Hacienda Balandú

Red-bellied Grackle (E), *Hypopyrrhus pyrohypogaster*—Several of these Colombian Andes endemics were seen at the Romera Reserve, including an apparent fledged young begging from a parent

Yellow-hooded Blackbird, *Chrysomus icterocephalus*—Many of these seen in the marshes at the Charca de Guarinocito

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae (15)

Northern Waterthrush, *Parkesia noveboracensis*—Found on 2 days at Los Colores

Black-and-white Warbler, *Mniotilta varia*—Seen at La Romera and on the walk at Finca Bambusa
Mourning Warbler, *Geothlypis philadelphia*—One bird, apparently a male, was part of a large flock attracted to the mob tape on our walk along the road at Finca Bambusa
American Redstart, *Setophaga ruticilla*—Found at Bellavista
Tropical Parula, *Setophaga pitaiyumi*—Seen and heard as part of a mixed flock at the Bolombolo dry forest
Bay-breasted Warbler, *Setophaga castanea*—The most regularly encountered and fairly numerous North American migrant at lower elevations at all Magdalena River Valley sites
Blackburnian Warbler, *Setophaga fusca*—Regularly seen at higher elevation sites in the Andes, including Romera Reserve and in the area around Jardín
Yellow Warbler, *Setophaga petechia*—Found on 4 days of the trip at various sites
Golden-crowned Warbler, *Basileuterus culicivorus*—Seen during the walk at the Bolombolo dry forest
Three-striped Warbler, *Basileuterus tristriatus*—A pair of these were observed foraging at La Romera
Buff-rumped Warbler, *Myiothlypis fulvicauda*—Found near the river on the evening walk at Rio Claro
Russet-crowned Warbler, *Myiothlypis coronata*—Observed on the Alto de Ventanas road
Canada Warbler, *Cardellina canadensis*—Observed 3 times during the tour (much to Jayne and Lu's delight!) at several sites
Slate-throated Redstart, *Myioborus miniatus*—Several found at La Romera; these were of the yellow-bellied South American subspecies
Golden-fronted Redstart, *Myioborus ornatus*—A rather showy and conspicuous species on the Alto de Ventanas road, where they were encountered several times

MITROSPINGID TANAGERS, Mitrospingidae (1)

Dusky-faced Tanager, *Mitrospingus cassinii*—Several individuals of this interesting tanager relative were well seen in the undergrowth at Rio Claro

CARDINAL AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae (5)

Summer Tanager, *Piranga rubra*—Commonly encountered, including quite a few males, on 7 days at sites throughout the tour
Scarlet Tanager, *Piranga olivacea*—One seen by a few in the group on the Aquitania road
Sooty Ant-Tanager (E), *Habia gutturalis*—This very handsome Colombian endemic was found 2 days in a row at Bellavista and on the Aquitania Road
Crested Ant-Tanager (E), *Habia cristata*—This unique tanager was glimpsed by very few at the Jardín cock-of-the-rock lek as we were about to leave
Rose-breasted Grosbeak, *Pheucticus ludovicianus*—Several of these were seen eating berries at La Romera and again on the walk at Finca Bambusa

TANAGERS AND ALLIES, Thraupidae (40)

Black-capped Hemispingus, *Kleinotherapis atropileus*—Several found as part of a large flock at Alto de Ventanas
Black-eared Hemispingus, *Sphenopsis melanotis*—Seen on the visit to the antpitta feeding station at Mirador El Roble
Superciliaried Hemispingus, *Thlypopsis superciliaris*—Several found as part of a large flock at Alto de Ventanas
Gray-headed Tanager, *Eucometis penicillata*—Found at Bellavista during the walk there
White-lined Tanager, *Tachyphonus rufus*—A pair briefly came close to the feeders one day at Finca Bambusa
Flame-rumped Tanager, *Ramphocelus flammigerus flammigerus*—A lovely and lively tanager, males and females were seen on three days, perhaps best at the Finca Bambusa feeders
Lemon-rumped Tanager, *Ramphocelus flammigerus icteronotus*—This very distinctive subspecies was well seen at the Palacio Frijoles
Crimson-backed Tanager, *Ramphocelus dimidiatus*—Although not as numerous as other species, these were found on 7 days of the tour at many sites
Blue-capped Tanager, *Sporathraupis cyanocephala*—Found several times on the Alto de Ventanas road
Grass-green Tanager, *Chlorornis riefferii*—Seen on the visit to the antpitta feeding station at Mirador El Roble
Lacrimose Mountain Tanager, *Anisognathus lacrymosus*—Found several times on the Alto de Ventanas road

Blue-gray Tanager, *Thraupis episcopus*—A widely encountered, often numerous tanager, found on 8 days at almost all sites

Palm Tanager, *Thraupis palmarum*—Found on 7 days, a regularly seen species, especially at feeders

Black-capped Tanager, *Stilpnia heinei*—Found twice during the tour, first at La Romera and again at Balandú

Scrub Tanager, *Stilpnia vitriolina*—Found on 4 days during the last half of the trip at various sites, best at Finca Bambusa where it was a regular visitor to the fruit feeders

Golden-hooded Tanager, *Stilpnia larvata*—Seen on the afternoon walk at Los Colores and again on the Aquitania Road

Blue-necked Tanager, *Stilpnia cyanicollis*—This very colorful tanager was found on 4 days, easily the best when coming to the fruit feeders at Finca Bambusa

Blue-and-black Tanager, *Tangara vassorii*—Seen on the visit to the antpitta feeding station at Mirador El Roble

Plain-colored Tanager, *Tangara inornata*—Found at Rio Claro, Bellavista, and at the Palacio Frijoles, where we were able to look at one in the scope

Bay-headed Tanager, *Tangara gyrola*—Seen on the Aquitania Road and at the Finca Bambusa feeders

Golden Tanager, *Tangara arthus*—This aptly named species was found at La Romera and at Balandú, the first and last days in the field!

Swallow Tanager, *Tersina viridis*—A pair of these were found on the afternoon walk at Los Colores

Black-faced Dacnis, *Dacnis lineata*—Found at Bellavista

Blue Dacnis, *Dacnis cayana*—Found at Bellavista

Purple Honeycreeper, *Cyanerpes caeruleus*—Found at Bellavista

Green Honeycreeper, *Chlorophanes spiza*—Seen on the Aquitania Road and briefly at the Finca Bambusa feeders

Guira Tanager, *Hemithraupis guira*—Found as part of a flock at the Bolombolo dry forest

White-eared Conebill, *Conirostrum leucogenys*—A pair of this very interesting-looking species were foraging right off the deck at our restaurant overlooking the Cauca River

Capped Conebill, *Conirostrum albifrons*—A pair seen foraging on the Alto de Ventana road

White-sided Flowerpiercer, *Diglossa albilatera*—Seen on the Alto de Ventana road and a pair were foraging in the shrubs at El Roble

Bluish Flowerpiercer, *Diglossa caerulescens*—Found on the Alto de Ventana road

Masked Flowerpiercer, *Diglossa cyanea*—Found on the Alto de Ventana road at several stops; regularly trying to drink nectar from the El Roble feeders

Plushcap, *Catamblyrhynchus diadema*—Seen on the visit to the antpitta feeding station at Mirador El Roble

Saffron Finch, *Sicalis flaveola*—A very colorful, widespread, and easy to spot (and identify!) species, these were found on 6 days at sites throughout the tour

Blue-black Grassquit, *Volatinia jacarina*—Though ordinarily a widespread species in Colombia, we only found this at Torrelavega and the Aquitania Road

Yellow-bellied Seedeater, *Sporophila nigricollis*—Found on the two visits to Finca Bambusa

Bananaquit, *Coereba flaveola*—Found on 6 days of the tour at many sites, both in the mid-Magdalena River Valley and near Jardín

Yellow-faced Grassquit, *Tiaris olivaceus*—Seen at Finca Bambusa on the first visit

Buff-throated Saltator, *Saltator maximus*—Found on the Aquitania Road walk

Olive-gray Saltator, *Saltator olivascens*—Also known as Olivaceous Saltator, taxonomically this one used to be considered part of the Grayish Saltator complex; despite the nomenclature, we found this species at Los Colores (where it regularly perched in the trees outside our rooms) and at the Rancherito in Amagá's feeders

Streaked Saltator, *Saltator striatipectus*—Encountered twice, first while having lunch at Palacio de Frijoles and again at Finca Bambusa

MAMMALS (4 species)

Red-tailed Squirrel, *Sciurus granatensis*—A colorful, large squirrel, seen at several sites, including in the bamboos right behind the GHL in Medellín

Andean Squirrel, *Sciurus pulcheranii*—Squirrels, presumably of these species, seen at several sites at higher elevations in the mountains

White-throated Capuchin, *Cebus capucinus*—Seen well in the trees at Rio Claro

White-footed Tamarin (E), *Saguinus leucopus*—A small group was observed in the treetops at Bellavista

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (4 species)

Chiriqui-Flusse Tree Frog, *Boana pugnax*—Seen sitting on a fence rail one evening at Los Colores

Leaf Litter Toad, *Rhaebo haematiticus*—Eagle-eyed members of the group spotted this one by the side of the road at Rio Claro

Giant Toad, *Rhinella horribilis*—Heard calling at night at Los Colores

Green Iguana, *Iguana iguana*—Easily the most frequently encountered reptile of the trip, these were particularly noticeable at Los Colores, including some gigantic males on the ground

BUTTERFLIES AND OTHER INVERTEBRATES (21 species)

Altinote sp., *Altinote neleus*

Andromica Clearwing, *Greta andromica*

Bellona Metalmark, *Necyria bellona*

Cindy's Leafwing, *Fountainea nessus*

Harmonia Tigerwing, *Tithorea harmonia*

Hermes Satyr, *Hermeuptychia Hermes*

Lamplight Altinote, *Altinote ozomene*

Leafhopper sp., *Membracis dorsata*

Morpho sp., *Morpho sulkowskyi*

Narrow-banded Dartwhite, *Catantop flisa*

Oculate Dancer, *Argia oculata*

Orange-washed Sister, *Adelpha cocala*

Periander Metalmark, *Rhetus periander*

Red Peacock, *Anartia amathea*

Satyr sp., *Oressinoma typhla*

Vague Numberwing sp., *Perisama oppelii*

Wave sp., *Xanthryus flaveolata*

Whipscorpion sp., *Heterophrynus longicornis*

White Peacock, *Anartia jatrophae*

White-dotted Crescent, *Castilia ofella*

Widespread Eighty-Eight, *Diaethria clymena*

LOCATIONS AND NOTES:

Day 1: Tuesday, November 8; GHL Hotel Portón, Medellín; La Romera Reserve; Los Colores Ecoparque Hotel

Day 2: Wednesday, November 9; Los Colores Ecoparque, Rio Claro Canyon Nature Reserve

Day 3: Thursday, November 10; Puerto Triunfo, Torrelavega Farm, El Doradal, Los Colores Ecoparque

Day 4: Friday, November 11; Bellavista Reserve (Caldas Department), Dorada, Charco de Guarinocito

Day 5: Saturday, November 12; Los Colores Ecoparque, Aquitania Road, Palacio de los Frijoles, GHL Hotel Portón

Day 6: Sunday, November 13; City Tour, Medellín

Day 7: Monday, November 14; GHL Hotel Portón, El Rancherito (Amagá), Bolombolo dry forest (Sinifana), La Mayoría del Suroeste Restaurant (Peñalisa), Hotel Hacienda Balandú (Jardín)

Day 8: Tuesday, November 15; Alto de Ventanas, Mirador El Roble (Caldas Department); Hotel Hacienda Balandú

Day 9: Wednesday, November 16; Hotel Hacienda Balandú, Finca Bambusa, Jardín Cock-of-the-Rock lek

Day 10: Thursday, November 17; Hotel Hacienda Balandú, Finca Bambusa, La Mayoría del Suroeste, Bolombolo dry forest (Sinifana), GHL Hotel Portón