

Peru: Machu Picchu & Cusco Extension Species List

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Summary: This short extension to our Peru tour that covered areas from mountain passes near Cusco down to lowland (Amazonia) forests in Manu gave participants to see one of the archeological wonders of the world. Cusco is guide Juan's home city and he shared his knowledge of history, culture and birding. There were many highlights from Torrent Ducks in the raging river to seeing the signature Inca Wren. The flurry of hummingbirds in the gardens and at feeders of both our hotels was something to behold. True to the riches of birding in South America, we saw a good number (20) species of flycatcher and colorful tanagers were plentiful. In just a few short days of this extension, we tallied 119 species of birds in 29 families and for mammals, got to see the Mountain Viscacha.

BIRDS:

DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS: Anatidae (7)

Torrent Duck *Merganetta armata* – seen in the river along the railway to Aguas Calientes. A total of 29 were counted on the return trip

Puna Teal *Spatula puna* - seen in the lakes in the hills above Cusco

Cinnamon Teal *Spatula cyanoptera* – seen in the lakes in the hills above Cusco

Yellow-billed Pintail *Anas georgica* – seen in the lakes in the hills above Cusco

Yellow-billed Teal *Anas flavirostris* – flocks seen around Ollantaytambo and along the river next to the railway

Andean Duck *Oxyura ferruginea* – several seen in the lakes in the hills above Cusco

Andean Goose *Oressochen melanopterus* – several seen in the lakes in the hills above Cusco

GUANS AND CURASSOWS: Cracidae (1)

Andean Guan *Penelope montagnii*. – seen around the grounds of Inkaterra Hotel

GREBES: Podicipedidae (2)

White-tufted Grebe *Rollandia microptera* – several seen in the lakes in the hills above Cusco

Silvery Grebe *Podiceps occipitalis* - several seen in the lakes in the hills above Cusco

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (9)

Rock Pigeon *Columbia livia* – common in towns

Spot-winged Pigeon *Patagioenas maculosa* – occasional around the Pakaritampu Hotel in Ollantaytambo

Band-tailed Pigeon *Patagioenas fasciata* – several seen at the Sitio Arqueológico de Ollantaytambo

Bare-faced Ground Dove *Metriopelia ceciliae* – Several pairs in the gardens of Hotel Pakaritampu, Ollantaytambo usually sitting on the roof peaks

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi* – around the grounds of the Hotel Inkaterra

West Peruvian Dove *Zenaida meloda* – around the grounds of the Hotel Inkaterra

Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata* – common in town at Ollantaytambo and Aguas Calientes

White-tipped Swift *Aeronautes montivagus* – flybys in the Hotel Pakaritampu gardens

Andean Swift *Aeronautes andecolus* – flybys in the Hotel Pakaritampu gardens and around Aguas Calientes

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae (16)

Sparkling Violetear *Calibri caruscans* – common at feeders throughout Sacred Valley and in the gardens at Hotel Pakaritampu

Speckled Hummingbird *Adelomyia melanogenys* – seen near feeders at Hotel Inkaterra

Black-tailed Trainbearer *Lesbia victoriae* – Great looks at this hummer on flowers at Hotel Pakaritampu grounds in Ollantaytambu

Green-tailed Trainbearer *Lesbia nuna* – Great looks at this hummer on flowers at Hotel Pakaritampu gardens in Ollantaytambu in comparison with previous

Bearded Mountaineer *Oreonympha nobilis* (E) – Multiple good looks of several at Hotel Pakaritampu, Ollantaytambu. This hummer owned the gardens!

Tyrian Metaltail *Metallura tyrianthina* – on flowers at Hotel Pakaritampu gardens in Ollantaytambu

Shining Sunbeam *Aglaeactis cupripennis* – on flowers at Hotel Pakaritampu gardens in Ollantaytambu

White-tufted Sunbeam *Aglaeactis castelnaudii* (E) – one of two endemics seen at the Ensifera Colibri Gardens in the Sacred Valley

Collared Inca *Coeligena torquata* – in town at Aguas Calientes

Sword-billed Hummingbird *Ensifera ensifera* – Great looks at the Ensifera Colibri Gardens in the Sacred Valley

Great Sapphirewing *Pterophanes cyanopterus* – Several observed at the Ensifera Colibri Gardens in the Sacred Valley

Chestnut-breasted Coronet *Boissonneaua matthewsii* – Gorgeous, close looks at Inkaterra Hotel grounds, Aguas Calientes. Several claimed one feeder and defended it against all comers.

Giant Hummingbird *Patagona gigas* – Great looks at the Ensifera Colibri Gardens in the Sacred Valley, then put on a good show on flowers and wires at Hotel Pakaritampu grounds, Ollantaytambu

White-bellied Woodstar *Chaetocercus mulsant* – Great looks at the Ensifera Colibri Gardens in the Sacred Valley

White-bellied Hummingbird *Amazilia chionogaster* - Seen at Ensifera Colibri Gardens, at the Hotel Pakaritampu grounds in Ollantaytambo, and at the Hotel Inkaterra gardens

Green-and-white Hummingbird *Amazilia viridicauda* (E) – Seen at Ensifera Colibri Gardens, at the Hotel Pakaritampu grounds in Ollantaytambo, and at the Hotel Inkaterra gardens compared well with the White-bellied Hummingbird

RAILS, COOTS AND ALLIES: Rallidae (3)

Plumbeous Rail *Pardirallus sanguinolentus* – seen at lakes in the hills above Cusco

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata* – seen at lakes in the hills above Cusco

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinica* – seen at lakes in the hills above Cusco

STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae (1)

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus* – seen at lakes in the hills above Cusco

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae (2)

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis* – seen at lakes in the hills above Cusco

Andean Lapwing *Vanellus resplendens* – seen along river next to Aguas Calientes railway

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae (3)

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* – seen at lakes in the hills above Cusco

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* – seen at lakes in the hills above Cusco

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes* – seen at lakes in the hills above Cusco

GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae (1)

Andean Gull *Chroicocephalus serranus* – common along waterways and lakes in high altitudes

CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae (6)

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* – common along rivers and lakes throughout

Fasciated Tiger-Heron *Tigrisoma fasciatum* – several seen along river next to railway to Aguas Calientes

Great Egret *Ardea alba* – easily seen around Cusco and throughout the Sacred Valley near water

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula* – seen at lakes in hills above Cusco

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* – seen at lakes in hills above Cusco

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* – seen at lakes in hills above Cusco

IBISES AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae (3)

Puna Ibis *Plegadis ridgway* – seen at lakes in hills above Cusco, and near water throughout Sacred Valley and along Urubamba River next to railway

Peruvian Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium peruanum* – one singing loudly in the gardens of Hotel Pakaritampu put on a good show for all

Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia* – several seen near lake in Sacred Valley

MOTMOTS: Momotidae (1)

Andean Motmot *Momotus aequatorialis* – several seen along railway as we were heading to Aguas Calientes, then again in the gardens at Hotel Inkaterra

WOODPECKERS: Picidae (2)

Golden-olive Woodpecker *Colaptes rubiginosus* – common around the Hotel Inkaterra

Andean Flicker *Colaptes rupicola* – well seen in the Sacred Valley

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae (2)

Mountain Caracara *Phalco boenus megalopterus* – several seen well in the Sacred Valley

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius* – common throughout, seen multiple times daily

PARROTS: Psittacidae (3)

Mitred Parakeet *Psittacara mitratus* – heard in Ollantaytambu up in the clouds/mist, finally a flock seen on our last day in Ollantambu

Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans* – one in the garden at Hotel Inkaterra

Azara's Spinetail *Synallaxis azarae* – heard in gardens of Hotel Inkaterra

COTINGAS: Cotingidae (1)

Andean Cock-of-the-Rock *Rupicola peruvianus* – seen daily at Hotel Inkaterra, one male almost flew into the dining room at breakfast, thrilling the many tourists who were able to see it at a distance of twenty feet

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae (20)

Yellow-margined Flycatcher *Tolmomyias assimilis* – one seen at Machu Picchu

Cinnamon Flycatcher *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus* – seen from train on way to Aguas Calientes

White-banded Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus stictopterus* – in gardens at Hotel Inkaterra

White-throated Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus leucophrys* – in gardens at Hotel Inkaterra

Tufted Tit-Tyrant *Anairetes parulus* -Machu Picchu early morning expedition

Highland Elaenia *Elaenia obscura* – in town at Aguas Calientes

Plain-crested Elaenia *Elaenia cristata* – several multiple times in town at Aguas Calientes

White-crested Elaenia *Elaenia albiceps* – in town at Aguas Calientes

Sierran Elaenia *Elaenia pallatangae* – Machu Picchu second expedition

Torrent Tyrannulet *Serpophaga cinerea* – several seen along Urubamba River on way to Aguas Calientes

Sclater's Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias sclateri* – in the gardens of Hotel Inkaterra

Ashy-headed Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias cinereiceps* – in the gardens of Hotel Inkaterra

Mottle-cheeked Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes ventralis* – seen several days in the Hotel Inkaterra gardens

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans* – common along Urubamba River

Andean Negrito *Lessonia areas* – one seen near lake in Sacred Valley

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua* – several seen around village of Aguas Calientes

Golden-crowned Flycatcher *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus* – good looks at one at the fruit feeder in Hotel Inkaterra
Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher *Myiodynastes luteiventris* – good looks at one hanging around at the fruit feeder in Hotel Inkaterra

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* – common almost everywhere, particularly in towns

Sharp-tailed Streamkeeper *Lochmias nematura* – Perched on rocks in Urubamba River, Aguas Calientes

VIREOS: Vireonidae (1)

Chivi Vireo *Vireo chivi* – good looks at one on the path into Machu Picchu

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (3)

Blue-and-white Swallow *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca* – common swallow throughout around water

Brown-bellied Swallow *Orochelidon murina* – common around water at lower elevations

Bank Swallow *Riparia riparia* – seen at lakes above Cusco

WRENS: Troglodytidae (2)

Inca Wren *Pheugopedius euophrys* (E) – heard and seen at Machu Picchu

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys* – in gardens at Hotel Inkaterra

THRUSHES: Turdidae (2)

Andean Solitaire *Myadestes ralloides* – beautiful song heard around gardens at Hotel Inkaterra

Chiguanco Thrush *Turdus chiguanco* – commonly seen in hills around Cusco

OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae (1)

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* – several in city of Cusco

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae (5)

Blue-naped Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia cyanea* – adult and immature at fruit feeder at Hotel Inkaterra

Thick-billed Euphonia *Euphonia laniirostris* – at fruit feeder at Hotel Inkaterra

Orange-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia xanthogaster* – at fruit feeder at Hotel Inkaterra

Hooded Siskin *Spinus magellanicus* – seen in hills above Cusco

Olivaceous Siskin *Spinus olivaceus* – seen in hills above Cusco

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae (2)

Chestnut-capped Brushfinch *Arremon brunneinucha* – seen on trail at Machu Picchu

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis* – common around Cusco and in the Sacred Valley

BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES: Icteridae (2)

Dusky-green Oropendola *Psarocolius atrovirens* – this one teased us for three days in the gardens at Hotel Inkaterra, calling often and remaining hidden

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus* – one seen along Urubamba River

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae (3)

Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitiayumi* – one seen as we were leaving Hotel Inkaterra

Russet-crowned Warbler *Myiothlypis coronata* – On grounds of Inkaterra Lodge, Aguas Calientes

Slate-throated Redstart *Myioborus miniatus* – In gardens of Hotel Pakaritampu and at the Sitio Arqueológico de Ollantaytambo

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae (2)

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra* – Male and female on fruit feeder at Hotel Inkaterra

Black-backed Grosbeak *Pheucticus aureoventris* – Several well seen around Hotel Pakaritampu grounds, Ollantaytambo

TANAGERS AND ALLIES: Thraupidae (13)

Rust-and-yellow Tanager *Thlypopsis ruficeps* – On trail at Machu Picchu

Blue-capped Tanager *Sporathraupis cyanocephala* – On trail at Machu Picchu

Blue-gray Tanager *Thraupis episcopus* – common in Aguas Calientes

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum* – common in Aguas Calientes

Golden-naped Tanager *Tangara ruficervix* – several at fruit feeder in Hotel Inkaterra gardens

Blue-necked Tanager *Tangara cyanicollis* – several at fruit feeder in Hotel Inkaterra gardens

Beryl-spangled Tanager *Tangara nigroviridis* – On Inkaterra Hotel grounds, Aguas Calientes

Saffron-crowned Tanager *Tangara xanthocephala* – My new favorite tanager. Seen on trail at Machu Picchu.

Cinereous Conebill *Conirostrum cinereum* – several seen on grounds of Hotel Pakaritampu on Ollantaytambo

Black-throated Flowerpiercer *Diglossa brunneiventris* – several seen on grounds of Hotel Pakaritampu on Ollantaytambo

Rusty Flowerpiercer *Diglossa sittoides* – several seen on grounds of Hotel Pakaritampu on Ollantaytambo

Band-tailed Seedeater *Catamenia analis* – small flock seen in Sacred Valley

Golden-billed Saltator *Saltator aurantiirostris* – one seen in Sacred Valley on way to Ollantaytambo

Mammals

Llama *Lama glama* – Domestic, seen near Machu Picchu top lookout by several party members

Mountain Viscacha *Lagidium viscacia* – seen and photographed in Machu Picchu ruins by some members of the group