

# Northern Peru Endemics With Naturalist Journeys



## SPECIES LIST

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**SUMMARY:** One of the truly great birding routes in the world, encompassing so many fabulous stops between sweeping mountain passes down to primary lowland rainforest - one wakes every day to a veritable explosion of bird activity. Ours was a companionable group led by Andrea Molina, with Peg Abbott of Naturalist Journeys and Chuck, Andrew, Gerold, Holly, Linda, Lars and Rob. All of the group contributed to spotting and put in extensive field time. We were rewarded by surprises like seeing a Harpy Eagle and ... yes, a Jaguar, down at the water's edge drinking from the Madre de Dios. We had a good laugh each time Peg announced, "this one is my new favorite tanager", for how does one sort through such avian jewelry! We worked on the skulkers and saw hummingbirds up close and personal at two new (and terrific!) gardens opened since the pandemic. We stayed at lodges where the birding never stopped unless we did, from the dawn chorus to owls. With over 400 species of birds it was difficult to choose favorites, but the Andean cock-of-the-Rock was on most of our lists, alongside Hoatzin, all of the large macaws, several of the striking hummingbirds, and for our intrepid hikers, the Gray-breasted Mountain Toucan. Finding secretive crakes and antpittas, standing in the limbs of a huge rainforest tree (atop a canopy platform) with two species of nesting kites, and listening to the calls of Horned Screamers as Giant Otter uttered their snorts beside our boats was magical. We added a coastal day in Lima before flying up to Cusco, including a boat trip to spot Humboldt Penguins and a host of seabirds. A wonderful, memorable journey for us all.

The link to our eBird Trip Report: <https://ebird.org/tripreport/94266>