The Colombian Amazon w/ Bogotá Extension | Species List August 2 – 16, 2023 | with Naturalist Journeys



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- (G) = guides only, not seen by the tour participants
- (H) = heard only
- (P) = seen as a domestic pet only, not in the wild (these are not counted in the species total)

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BIRDS (345 species recorded, of which 9 were seen by guides only, 13 were heard only, 2 were heard by guides only, and 2 were pets not recorded in the final total):

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae — (3)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck Dendrocygna autumnalis — A pair at La Florida

Andean Teal *Anas andium* — 4 individuals seen in a pond outside La Calera when returning from the Observatorio de Colibries

Andean Duck Oxyura ferruginea — Several in the large lake at La Florida

<u>GUANS AND CURASSOWS: Cracidae — (2)</u>

Speckled Chachalaca Ortalis guttatta — Seen on 3 days when in and around Mitú, sometimes from the cars! **Andean Guan** Penelope montagnii — One seen in a tree at the top of Monserrate **Crestless Curassow** Crax tomentosum — **(P)** A tame, pet bird was wandering around the hostel at Remanso

GREBES: Podicipedidae — (2)

Least Grebe *Tachybaptus dominicus* — Several of these frankly adorable grebes were in the lake at Tabacal, where at least one pair were building a nest

Pied-billed Grebe Podilymbus podiceps — Several in the lake at La Florida

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae — (11)

Rock Pigeon (I) Columba livia — Seen on 8 days of the tour when we were paying attention, almost always in cities like Bogotá, Inírida, and Mitú

Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis* — Seen or heard on every day in Inírida; the common large wild pigeon there

Band-tailed Pigeon *Patagioenas fasciata* — Seen at Chicaque, a common mountain pigeon in Colombia **Plumbeous Pigeon** *Patagioenas plumbea* — One seen and heard in a tall tree at Bocatoma Terra Firme

Ruddy Pigeon Patagioenas subvinacea — Seen or heard several times in the lowlands around Mitú

Common Ground Dove Columbina passerina — Seen or heard at Remanso, Pueblo Nuevo, and Mitú Cachivera

Ruddy Ground Dove Columbina talpacoti — Only seen on the first day of the tour at the Jardín Encantado

Blue Ground Dove Claravis pretiosa — One seen flying by on the walk at Sabanitas; another was calling at Ceima

Chachivera

Ruddy Quail-Dove *Geotrygon montana* — This lovely forest, ground-floor dwelling dove was well-seen on the trail at Tabacal

White-tipped Dove Leptotila verreauxi — Calling and briefly seen at Tabacal

Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata* — A common and ubiquitous species in Bogotá, these were seen every day there, even from the Hilton Garden

CUCKOOS: Cuculidae — (5)

Greater Ani *Crotophaga major* — Found on 4 days at Sabanitas, along the Río Inírid, and at Caño Matraca, general over or very near water

Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani* — The common ani in the lowlands of Orinoquian and Amazonian Colombia, these were found on 5 days, often when driving from place to place

Little Cuckoo Coccycua minuta — One bird seen from the boat at Caño Cunubén

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana* — Only seen once, during the walk at Remanso

Dark-billed Cuckoo *Coccyzus melacoryphus* — A definite highlight bird of the tour, one was well observed bopping around the treetops on the road to Sabanitas community

NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae — (2)

Blackish Nightjar *Nyctipolus nigrescens* — One individual spotted by Manuel and very well observed by all while roosting on the ground at Ceima Cachivera

Band-winged Nightjar *Systellura longirostris* — **(H)** One heard calling from a cliff face on the trip to Chingaza National Park

SWIFTS: Apodidae — (3)

Gray-rumped Swift *Chaetura cinereiventris* — Only identified for sure on the walk at Sabanitas; neotropical swift species are notoriously difficult to identify with certainty

Short-tailed Swift *Chaetura brachyura* — Only recorded with certainty on 2 days in Mitú, but undoubtedly more frequent than this

Fork-tailed Palm-Swift *Tachornis squamata* — The most frequently seen swift species of the tour, we saw these on 6 days at several sites in both Inírida and Mitú

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae — (33)

Fiery Topaz *Topaza pyra* — A female put on a show for us at the Puente Lata, Mitú, where it perched and foraged for small insects over the river for a long time

White-necked Jacobin Florisuga mellivora — Seen at the feeders at Jardin Encantado and again at the Puente Lata, Mitú Green Hermit Phaethornis quy — One briefly appeared at the Puente Lata

Reddish Hermit Phaethornis ruber — (G) Seen by Dave or Manuel at Ceima and Mitú Cachivera

Sparkling Violetear *Colibri coruscans* — The common and widespread hummingbird of the Colombian Andes and a frequent and aggressive feeder visitor, these were seen on almost all days of the extension at most sites

Brown Violetear Colibri delphinae — One at the Jardín Encantado feeders

Lesser Violetear Colibri cyanotus — Seen at feeders at Jardín Encantado, Observatorio de Colibries, and Chicaque

Green-tailed Goldenthroat Polytmus theresiae — Seen in the white sand forests at Sabanitas and Remanso

Black-throated Mango Anthracothorax nigricollis — One of the most common hummers at Jardín Encantado

Tourmaline Sunangel Heliangelus exortis — Seen at the Chicaque feeders at the top

Black-tailed Trainbearer Lesbia victoriae — Several seen at the feeders at the Observatorio de Colibries

Green-tailed Trainbearer Lesbia nuna — Seen at the feeders at the Observatorio de Colibries

Purple-backed Thornbill *Ramphomicron microrhynchum* — A female observed for quite a while feeding in the flowers of a tree at Monserrate

Bronze-tailed Thornbill Chalcostigma heteropogon — At least one seen feeding on flowers in the páramo at Chingaza **Tyrian Metaltail** Metallura tyrianthina — This high elevation hummer was found at Chingaza, Observatorio de Colibries, and Monserrate

Glowing Puffleg *Eriocnemis vestita* — Aptly named for its startling rump, these were seen at Observatorio de Colibries and Monserrate

Shining Sunbeam *Aglaeactis cupripennis* — Seen at the summit of Monserrate

Black Inca Coeligena prunellei — One briefly appeared during the walk down the road at Chicaque

Collared Inca *Coeligena torquata* — Seen by the group at Chicaque

Golden-bellied Starfrontlet *Coeligena bonapartei* — This Colombian endemic was seen during a stakeout at a clump of flowering *Bomarea* along the entrance road at Chicaque before we departed

Blue-throated Starfrontlet *Coeligena helianthea* — Very well observed at the feeders at the Observatorio de Colibries and seen again at the summit of Monserrate

Sword-billed Hummingbird *Ensifera ensifera* — Probably the most dramatically billed hummer of them all, these were found at Observatorio de Colibries and Monserrate

Great Sapphirewing Pterophanes cyanopterus — Seen visiting the feeders at the Observatorio de Colibries

Gould's Jewelfront *Heliodoxa aurescens* — One of the top birds of the trip, an apparent female perched very cooperatively over the trail at Bocatoma Terra Firme, Mitú

White-bellied Woodstar Chaetocercus mulsant — Seen on 2 days when visiting the feeders at Jardín Encantado and the Observatorio de Colibries

Gorgeted Woodstar Chaetocercus heliodor — Seen visiting the feeder at Jardín Encantado

White-vented Plumeleteer Chalybura buffonii — Found twice on the first day at Jardín Encantado and Tabacal

Fork-tailed Woodnymph Thalurania furcata — One seen briefly in the white sand forest at Mitú Cachivera

Indigo-capped Hummingbird *Saucerottia cyanifrons* — A Colombian endemic, many of these were seen at very close range at the feeders at Jardín Encantado

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird Amazilia tzacatl — Several at the feeders at Jardín Encantado

Versicolored Emerald *Chrysuronia versicolor* — Probably the most regularly encountered lowland hummer, we found these at Sabanitas and Remanso near Inírida and at the Urania Bridge near Mitú

Glittering-throated Emerald Chionomesa fimbriata — Seen during the hike at Sabanitas

White-chinned Sapphire Chlorestes cyanus — Seen at Sabanitas and at the Urania Bridge

RAILS, COOTS, AND ALLIES: Rallidae — (4)

Bogota Rail Rallus semiplumbeus — A pair with a chick very well seen walking through the reeds at La Florida **Spot-flanked Gallinule** Porphyriops melanops — Several individuals of this lovely coot relative were seen at La Florida **Common Gallinule** Gallinula galeata — A few individuals seen in the lake at La Florida

American Coot *Fulica americana* — A large number were seen in the lake at La Florida; they had slightly larger and more yellowish bills than the North American ones we are familiar with

TRUMPETERS: Psophiidae — (0)

Gray-winged Trumpeter *Psophia crepitans* — **(P)** Not uncommonly domesticated for bug control, these were seen at Ceima Cachivera and near Pueblo Nuevo

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae — (2)

Pied Lapwing Vanellus cayanus — One seen on the river bank at the Cerros de Mavecure from the boat

Southern Lapwing Vanellus chilensis — Found at a wide array of sites during the tour, including near Bogotá and at

Ceima Cachivera

JACANAS: Jacanidae — (1)

Wattled Jacana Jacana jacana — A few individuals walking in the grass around a pond near Pueblo Nuevo; these were of

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae — (1)

Spotted Sandpiper Actitis macularius — One seen on the river bank during our short walk at Raudal Mavicure

GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae — (1)

Large-billed Tern Phaetusa simplex — One seen flying over the Río Inírida on the boat trip to Cerros de Mavecure

<u>SUNBITTERN: Eurypygidae — (1)</u>

Sunbittern *Eurypyga helias* — This fabulous species was first seen at the Sabanitas shore by Barb and Don and then again by everyone else at the Urania Bridge on both visits

<u>CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae — (1)</u>

Neotropic Cormorant Nannopterum brasilianum — Several perching in dead trees in the water at Laguna Tabacal

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae — (7)

Rufescent Tiger-Heron *Tigrisoma lineatum* — Seen from the boat at Caño Matraca and from the bridge on second visit to the road to Urania

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi* — One seen flying over the Río Inírida from the boat on our return from the Cerros de Mavecure

Great Egret Ardea alba — One seen at the Inírida airport as we waited for our flight

Cattle Egret Bubulcus ibis — Seen on a couple of days around Bogotá, including at the airport from the plane
Striated Heron Butorides striata — Seen when taking the short canoe ride at Sabanitas and again along the Río Inírida
Capped Heron Pilherodias pileatus — Two seen on the river bank at the Cerros de Mavecure from the boat
Black-crowned Night-Heron Nycticorax nycticorax — Only seen at La Florida

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae — (2)

Green Ibis *Mesembrinibis* cayennensis — Seen perched in a tree and flying on the second visit to the Urania Bridge **Bare-faced Ibis** *Phimosus* infuscatus — Remarkably common around Bogotá, including at La Florida and while driving; also seen from the boat on the Río Inírida

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae — (4)

King Vulture Sarcoramphus papa — Seen on 2 days, first by one of the boats during the trip to the Cerros de MAvecure and again by all when 3 birds soared high in the sky over the basketball court at Mitú Cachivera when we were taking a break

Black Vulture Coragyps atratus — Seen almost every day when in or around Bogotá and Inírida; not present in Mitú **Turkey Vulture** Cathartes aura — Noted in 3 days, once near Bogotá and again near Inírida; all were of the resident, tropical subspecies

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture *Cathartes burrovianus* — Found twice, first at La Florida (where considerably above its normal elevational range in Colombia) and again at the Urania bridge on the second visit

OSPREY: Pandionidae — (1)

Osprey Pandion haliaetus — One seen flying along the Río Inírida at Caño Cunubén from the boat on the way back from the Cerros de Mavecure

HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae — (6)

Black-collared Hawk Busarellus nigricollis — (G) Seen by Manuel and Dave at Caño Cunubén

Plumbeous Kite Ictinia plumbea — One seen perched in a tree at Ceima Cachivera and a large kettle seen the next day

at Pueblo Nuevo

Slate-colored Hawk Buteogallus schistaceus — Seen from the boat at Caño Cunubén

Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris* — As on most neotropical trips, by far the most frequently seen raptor species; found on 6 days of the tour at La Florida and near both Inírida and Mitú

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle *Geranoaetus melanoleucus* — Seen on the trip to Chingaza, flying high over the páramo **Short-tailed Hawk** *Buteo brachyurus* — Seen soaring at Sabanitas and Remanso

OWLS: Strigidae — (1)

Burrowing Owl Athene cunicularia — A familiar species to those of us from North America, this was seen on 2 days in the exact same spot: on a fence post in a field outside Mitú

TROGONS: Trogonidae — (1)

Green-backed Trogon *Trogon viridis* — The only trogon species encountered on the tour, we had great views of males and females at Sabanitas, Remanso, Bocatoma white sand forest, and at the Urania bridge (second visit)

MOTMOTS: Momotidae — (1)

Amazonian Motmot Momotus momota — One seen in the forest walk at Pueblo Nuevo

KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae — (3)

Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata* — Seen perched on a phone wire at Curva de los Pepes and on two boat trips while in Inirida

Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona* — Seen on the walk at Curva de los Pepes and on two boat trips while in Inirida

Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana* — Found at Laguna Tabacal, Cano Matraca, and on both visits to the Urania Bridge

PUFFBIRDS: Bucconidae — (5)

Brown-banded Puffbird *Notharchus ordii* — Seen on the second visit to Urania Bridge, a genuine rarity only found in white sand forests

Spotted Puffbird Bucco tamatia — seen and heard on the walk at Sabanitas

Black-fronted Nunbird Monasa nigrifrons — Found on the Caño Matraca boat trip

White-fronted Nunbird Monasa morphoeus — Seen on the forest walk at Pueblo Nuevo, high in a tree

Swallow-winged Puffbird *Chelidoptera tenebrosa* — A common and usually very easy to see puffbird, these were found on 5 days at many sites visited near both Inírida and Mitú

JACAMARS: Galbulidae — (4)

Brown Jacamar Brachygalba lugubris — Found in white sand forests on the walks at Sabanitas and Remanso

Green-tailed Jacamar Galbula galbula — Seen in the Caño Cunubén from the boat

Bronzy Jacamar Galbula leucogastra — Perched nicely high in a tree for us on the first visit to the Urania Bridge

Paradise Jacamar *Galbula dea* — Several seen perching on phone wires along the road during the drive from Puente Lata to Pueblo Nuevo

BARBETS: Capitonidae — (1)

Gilded Barbet Capito auratus — Seen very nicely during the walk at Sabanitas and heard at Pueblo Nuevo

TOUCANS: Ramphastidae — (4)

Southern Emerald-Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus albivitta* — Seen several times on the hike at Chicaque; these were of the gray-throated form

Many-banded Aracari Pteroglossus pluricinctus — (G) Seen by Dave and Omar while flying over the car one day in Mitú Tawny-tufted Toucanet Selenidera nattereri — Excellent views, albeit almost straight overhead, on the return hike at Ceima Cachivera; a highly sought-after species in the Mitú area

White-throated Toucan Ramphastos tucanus — This large, colorful, and sometimes noisy toucan was found on 6 days at multiple sites visited in both Inirida and Mitú

WOODPECKERS: Picidae — (7)

Orinoco Piculet Picumnus pumilus — Found on the white sand forest walk at Remanso

Golden-spangled Piculet *Picumnus exilis* — Seen for quite a while, though essentially never sitting still, on the walk at Sabanitas

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker *Melanerpes cruentatus* — Found on 3 of the days in the Mitú area at several sites; truly an attractive and elegant woodpecker

Smoky-brown Woodpecker Dryobates fumigatus — Seen by some in the group during the walk at Chicaque

Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus* — By far the most often seen woodpecker species of the tour, these were found on 5 days at Tabacal, Remanso, Ceima Cachivera, and Mitú Cachivera

Scale-breasted Woodpecker *Celeus grammicus* — This lovely woodpecker was seen working on a termite nest on the first visit to Urania bridge

Cream-colored Woodpecker *Celeus flavus* — Decent views of this unique, large woodpecker were had from the boat at Caño Matraca

<u>FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae — (5)</u>

Laughing Falcon Herpetotheres cachinnans — One seen perched in a tall tree during the walk from Remanso

Red-throated Caracara *Ibycter americanus* — Several seen along the road when coming back from the Bocatoma Terra Firme hike

Yellow-headed Caracara Daptrius chimachima — Found twice in Inirida at Curva de los Pepes and Remanso

Black Caracara Daptrius ater — Seen on three days in the Mitú area at most sites visited

Bat Falcon Falco rufigularis — Found on 3 days, twice from boats when on the Río Inírida ant at Caño Matraca and from the road while driving near Mitú

PARROTS: Psittacidae — (15)

Cobalt-winged Parakeet *Brotogeris cyanoptera* — Found on 4 days of the tour, first (and probably best) at Sabanitas and again several times in the Mitú area

Orange-cheeked Parrot Pyrilia barrabandi — Seen at the Urania bridge and in Mitu Cachivera

Blue-headed Parrot Pionus menstruus — Only recorded twice, first in Inírida and again along the road in Mitú

Mealy Parrot Amazona farinosa — Seen at Caño Cunubén and Ceima Cachivera

Kawall's Parrot *Amazona kawalli* — A pair of this not well-known species, only recently discovered to occur in Colombia, was seen in a tree at Mitú Cachivera

Orange-winged Parrot Amazona amazonica — Encountered during the Sabanitas walk and from the boat on the Río Inírida

Spectacled Parrotlet *Forpus conspicillatus* — A small flock flew into a tree during lunch at Los Naranjos Restaurant on the first day

Black-headed Parrot *Pionites melanocephalus* — A small flock of this elegant parrot species perched in a palm at Puente

Red-fan Parrot *Deroptyus accipitrinus* — A pair spotted by Greg perched high in a dead tree on the forest walk at Ceima Cachivera

Maroon-tailed Parakeet *Pyrrhura melanura* — Heard at Ceima Cachivera and seen by the group perched in a tree as we were finishing our walk at Mitú Cachivera

Brown-throated Parakeet *Eupsittula pertinax* — A small flock spotted by Greg at the boat disembarkation as we left Sabanitas

Red-bellied Macaw Orthopsittaca manilatus — A small flock flew over at Mitú Cachivera

Chestnut-fronted Macaw *Ara severus* — Seen, usually flying overhead, at Sabanitas, in Inírida, and on the Caño Matraca boat trip

Scarlet Macaw *Ara macao* — This large macaw was found on 4 days, many times when flying in pairs or small groups at a distance, at Caño Matraca and at several sites in the Mitú area

Red-and-green Macaw Ara chloropterus — Only recorded positively on one day at Remanso

ANTBIRDS: Thamnophilidae — (18)

Black-crested Antshrike Sakesphorus canadensis — Very nicely seen from the boat in Caño Cunubén

Barred Antshrike Thamnophilus doliatus — (H) Heard on the walk at Tabacal

Mouse-colored Antshrike *Thamnophilus murinus* — A pair of these were well observed for quite a while at close range at Ceima Cachivera; it is a pity they are so aptly named!

Blackish-gray Antshrike Thamnophilus nigrocinereus — A pair seen at close range in the flooded forest at Caño Matraca

Amazonian Antshrike Thamnophilus amazonicus — Great looks at a male and female on the Sabanitas walk

Moustached Antwren *Myrmotherula ignota* — This very cute antwren was seen on both visits to the Urania bridge, though it was quite active

Cherrie's Antwren *Myrmotherula cherriei* — A pair of this handsome antwren was seen in the white sand forest at Mitú Cachivera

Spot-backed Antwren Herpsilochmus dorsimaculatus — Encountered at Bocatoma white sand forest

White-fringed Antwren Formicivora grisea — Found on the Sabanitas hike

Imeri Warbling-Antbird Hypocnemis flavescens — Encountered at Ceima Cachivera and Bocatoma Terra Firme

Gray Antbird *Cercomacra cinerascens* — A pair of these were high in a tree at Bocatoma Terra Firme, but were extremely difficult to locate and see well

Jet Antbird Cercomacra nigricans — (H) Heard at Tabacal

Black-faced Antbird *Myrmoborus myotherinus* — Brief, but decent sighting, at a roadside stop between the Puente Lata and Pueblo Nuevo

Black-throated Antbird *Myrmophylax atrothorax* — **(H)** Heard at both Bocatoma white sand forest and Ceima Cachivera; could not be lured out with playback

White-plumed Antbird Pithys albifrons — (H) On the Bocatoma Terra Firme road walk

White-cheeked Antbird Gymnopithys leucaspis — (H) Ceima Cachivera

Chestnut-crested Antbird *Rhegmatorhina cristata* — One of the top birds of the tour, the group heard it calling on the Bocatoma Terra Firme road, and Omar and Greg actually got to see it with some extra effort

Common Scale-backed Antbird Willisornis poecilinotus — A female seen during the forest walk at Pueblo Nuevo

ANTPITTAS: Grallariidae — (2)

Undulated Antpitta Grallaria squamiqera — (G,H) Heard by Manuel at Chingaza

Chestnut-crowned Antpitta Grallaria ruficapilla — (H) Heard at Chicaque

TAPACULOS: Rhinocryptidae — (2)

Blackish Tapaculo *Scytalopus latrans* — **(H)** Heard calling in the shrubbery while waiting for the Golden-bellied Starfrontlet at Chicaque

Pale-bellied (Matorral) Tapaculo *Scytalopus griseicollis* — In typical furtive tapaculo fashion, one of these was glimpsed darting back and forth in reponse to playback along the road in Chingaza

OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS: Furnariidae — (17)

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper Glyphorynchus spirurus — Seen during the forest walk at Pueblo Nuevo

Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper *Dendrexetastes rufigula* — This large woodcreeper was seen at Caño Matraca; considered rare for the area by eBird

Long-billed Woodcreeper *Nasica longirostris* — This large and spectacular woodcreeper is a varzea specialist; we found it on the Caño Cunubén and Caño Matraca boat trips

Black-banded Woodcreeper Dendrocolaptes picumnus — Seen on the forest walk at Ceima Cachivera

Strong-billed Woodcreeper Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus — We had beautiful views of a pair of these at Chicaque

Streak-headed Woodcreeper Lepidocolaptes souleyetii — Found in the forests around Laguna Tabacal

Montane Woodcreeper Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger — Seen during the walk down the road at Chicaque

Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans* — Seen at least twice during the Chicaque walk

Point-tailed Palmcreeper *Berlepschia rikeri* — A highlight bird of the tour, several of this sought-after and unique species were well seen perching at the top of palms at Mitú Cachivera

Montane Foliage-gleaner Anabacerthia striaticollis — Sighted during the walk down at Chicaque

Rufous-tailed Foliage-gleaner *Anabacerthia ruficaudata* — This canopy specialist of lowland forest was pretty well seen on the forest walk at Pueblo Nuevo

Pearled Treerunner *Margarornis squamiger* — One found in the mixed species flock we observed on the way down from Chingaza

White-chinned Thistletail Asthenes fuliginosa — This paramo species was seen at Chingaza

Rusty-backed Spinetail Cranioleuca vulpina — Seen from the boat at Caño Cunubén

Silvery-throated Spinetail *Synallaxis subpudica* — Endemic to the eastern Cordillera, we found these at La Florida and Chingaza

Azara's Spinetail Synallaxis azarae — (G) Seen by Manuel and Dave at Chicaque

Rufous Spinetail *Synallaxis unirufa* — Great views of this species were had at the entrance gate to Chicaque before starting the walk down

MANAKINS: Pipridae — (8)

Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin *Tyranneutes stolzmanni* — Seen by some in the group on the walk at Ceima Cachivera **Black Manakin** *Xenopipo atronitens* — A female was seen during the walk at Sabanitas; a white sand forest specialist **Blue-capped Manakin** *Lepidothrix coronata* — A lovely male was seen during the walk at Pueblo Nuevo

Yellow-crowned Manakin *Heterocercus flavivertex* — One of the most elegant manakins, one was well seen during the walk at Mitú Cachivera

White-bearded Manakin Manacus manacus — Encountered on 3 days, first by the guides at Tabacal, then at Bocatoma white sand forest and on the road between Puente Lata and Pueblo Nuevo

Striolated Manakin *Machaeropterus striolatus* — **(G)** Manuel spotted one at Puente Lata, but could not get the others on it

White-crowned Manakin *Pseudopipra pipra* — Recorded at Sabanitas and Bocatoma white sand forest Golden-headed Manakin *Ceratopipra erythrocephala* — Seen at Sabanitas, Remanso, and Puente Lata

COTINGAS: Cotingidae — (7)

Green-and-black Fruiteater Pipreola riefferii — One found during the walk at Chicaque

Red-crested Cotinga *Ampelion rubrocristatus* — Two birds very well seen multiple times at the Observatorio de Colibries **Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock** *Rupicola rupicola* — One male seen at a bit of a distance on Ceima Chachivera near the rocky lek site; August is not the lekking season

Amazonian Umbrellabird Cephalopterus ornatus — One seen flying at the bridge to Urania on the second visit

Purple-breasted Cotinga *Cotinga cotinga* **— (G)** Seen briefly by Luis and Manuel at Remanso, but failed to show again for the rest of the group

Spangled Cotinga *Cotinga cayana* — One of the more popular species of the tour, these were seen at Remanso and on both visits to the Urania bridge

Pompadour Cotinga *Xipholena punicea* — A highly sought-after species of the white sand forests, we found these at Sabanitas and Remanso, though mostly females or immatures

TITYRAS AND BECARDS: Tityridae — (4)

Black-tailed Tityra Tityra cayana — Encountered at Sabanitas and Remanso

Varzea Schiffornis Schiffornis major — Heard and seen flying around in response to playback at Caño Cunubén

White-browed Purpletuft *Iodopleura isabellae* — Found on three days at Sabanitas, Urania bridge, and Pueblo Nuevo, often cooperatively perching in the top of trees; the "purpletuft" is nearly impossible to see

White-winged Becard *Pachyramphus polychopterus* — Great looks at a male of this species were had on the walk at Sabanitas; in this part of Colombia, these are the black-bodied subspecies *tenebrosus*

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae — (38)

Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant *Lophotriccus pileatus* — One found at Tabacal

Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilotriccus ruficeps* — A truly lovely flycatcher, we saw these at Chingaza

Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilotriccus latirostris* — This elegant, but very small, flycatcher was seen on the walk at Pueblo Nuevo

Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum* — Seen very well by the group in the clearing on the hike back from the cock-of-the-rock lek at Ceima Cachivera

Gray-crowned Flycatcher *Tolmomyias poliocephalus* — Apparently pretty common around Inírida, these were found on 3 days at Ceima Cachivera, Puente Lata, and Mitú Cachivera

Ochre-lored Flycatcher *Tolmomyias flaviventris* — Found as part of the mixed-species flock from the bleachers at Mitú Cachivera

Cinnamon Flycatcher Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus — This very lovely (and small) flycatcher was seen at Chicaque
White-throated Tyrannulet Mecocerculus leucophrys — A common montane flycatcher, these were seen at Chingaza
and Monserrate

Yellow Tyrannulet Capsiempis flaveola — Found at Sabanitas

Forest Elaenia Myiopagis gaimardii — Found on the white sand forest walks at Sabanitas and Remanso

Plain-crested Elaenia Elaenia cristata — One seen in the white sand savannah on our first outing in Inírida to Los Pepes

Rufous-crowned Elaenia *Elaenia ruficeps* — This white-sand forest specialist was seen briefly during the walk at Remanso

Yellow-bellied Elaenia Elaenia flavogaster — First seen at Los Naranjos Restaurant and again at Remanso

Mountain Elaenia Elaenia frantzii — (H) Heard at La Florida

Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias cinereiceps* — This hard-to-find species was found by Manuel at Monserrate and seen by the whole group

Slender-footed Tyrannulet Zimmerius gracilipes — One perched at the top of a small tree for us at Ceima Cachivera

Amazonian Scrub-Flycatcher *Sublegatus obscurior* — Perched very cooperatively for us on the phone wire at the Urania Bridge

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus* — A lovely male seen during our lunch stop at Los Naranjos Restaurant **Drab Water Tyrant** *Ochthornis littoralis* — Seen by a few from the boat on the Río Inírida on the trip to the Cerros de Mavecure

Smoky Bush-Tyrant *Myiotheretes fumigatus* — One individual perched very nicely for us in a shrub at Chingaza **Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant** *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis* — One spotted by Don from the van as we drove the road at

utous-breasted Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoecd rujipectoralis* — One spotted by Don from the van as we drove the road at Chingaza

Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca fumicolor* — Seen twice in one day, first in the páramo in Chingaza and again at Observatorio de Colibries

Citron-bellied Attila *Attila citriniventris* — A white sand forest specialist, these were seen at Sabanitas and Mitú Cachivera

Swainson's Flycatcher *Myiarchus swainsoni* — Seen during lunch at Sabanitas perching in the trees outside the dining porch

Short-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus ferox* — Found during the walk at Sabanitas

Pale-edged Flycatcher Myiarchus cephalotes — Seen by Greg at Chicaque

Cattle Tyrant Machetornis rixosa — A pair seen at Los Naranjos Restaurant in La Vega during lunch there

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus* — Usually a widespread and conspicuous species, we only recorded these on 3 days, once near Bogotá and twice near Inírida

Boat-billed Flycatcher Megarynchus pitangua — (G) Seen by Dave at Los Naranjos Restaurant

Rusty-margined Flycatcher *Myiozetetes cayanensis* — Very similar to the next species, but more widespread in the lowlands, we recorded these on 4 days in both Inírida and Mitú

Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis* — Sometimes difficult to separate from the preceding species, these were recorded on 4 days of the tour; first on our first day at the lunch restaurant and at Tabacal then at the Urania bridge and Puente Lata near Mitú

Yellow-throated Flycatcher Conopias parvus — Seen on the walk at Mitú Cachivera

Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus* — Seen by some in the group at the Urania Bridge on the first visit **Piratic Flycatcher** *Legatus leucophaius* — Found at Sabanitas

Variegated Flycatcher *Empidonomus varius* — Perched on the phone lines at the Urania Bridge on the first visit **Sulphury Flycatcher** *Tyrannopsis sulphurea* — Several were very easily seen at Mitú Cachivera

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* — The "TK" was found on 9 days of the tour at almost all sites visited **Fork-tailed Flycatcher** *Tyrannus savana* — Seen at Sabanitas and Ceima Cachivera

VIREOS: Vireonidae — (3)

Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis* — **(H)** Singing constantly overhead during the start of the hike at Pueblo Nuevo

Brown-capped Vireo Vireo leucophrys — Encountered at Tabacal and Chicaque

Chivi Vireo *Vireo chivi* — This vireo, very similar to Red-eyed but a resident species in many parts of Colombia, was found at Sabinatas, Remanso, and Ceima Cachivera

<u>SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae — (5)</u>

Brown-bellied Swallow *Orochelidon murina* — A ubiquitous and common swallow in the highlands of the Eastern Cordillera, we saw these pretty much every day when in or around Bogotá, including at the Hilton Garden

White-banded Swallow *Atticora fasciata* — A swallow typically associated with Amazonian rivers, these distinctive swallows were seen at Caño Cunubén and at several sites near Mitú

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* — Recorded at Tabacal, Sabanitas, Remanso, and near Pueblo Nuevo

Gray-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea* — First seen inside the terminal building at the Inírida airport while we were waiting for the flight back to Bogota; also seen on both visits to the Urania bridge

White-winged Swallow *Tachycineta albiventer* — A swallow species typically found near Amazonian rivers, these were well seen at Caño Cunubén and at the Urania bridge

GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae — (1)

Long-billed Gnatwren Ramphocaenus melanurus — (H) One heard at Laguna Tabacal

WRENS: Troglodytidae — (6)

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon* — A frequently encountered species, particularly in the Andes, these were recorded on 7 days of the tour at most sites visited near Bogotá and again at Remanso, Pueblo Nuevo, and Mitú Cachivera

Grass (Paramo) Wren Cistothorus platensis aequatorialis — (H) One bird heard calling in the páramo at Chingaza

Thrush-like Wren Campylorhynchus turdinus — A pair seen from the boat at Caño Cunubén

Whiskered Wren Pheugopedius mystacalis — Found at Chicaque

Coraya Wren *Pheugopedius coraya* — Found at Sabanitas

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren Henicorhina leucophrys — Seen and heard at Chicaque near the entrance gate

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae — (1)

Tropical Mockingbird *Mimus gilvus* — Only encountered twice during the tour, first at Jardín Encantado and again at Curva de los Pepes

THRUSHES: Turdidae — (3)

Andean Solitaire Myadestes ralloides — (H) Heard singing at Chicaque

Black-billed Thrush Turdus ignobilis — Seen at Los Naranjos Restaurant

Great Thrush Turdus fuscater — A ubiquitous and easily seen species in and around Bogotá

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae — (6)

Plumbeous Euphonia Euphonia plumbea — Found at Ceima Cachivera

Velvet-fronted Euphonia *Euphonia concinna* — Recorded at Tabacal

White-vented Euphonia Euphonia minuta — A memorable bird, this was spotted high in a dead tree by Don from the bleachers around the basketball court in Mitu Cachivera

Rufous-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia rufiventris* — Encountered at Bocatoma white sand forest and on the first visit to the Urania bridge

Lesser Goldfinch *Spinus psaltria* — Seen by Greg and Dave on an early day outing at the Botanical Garden in Bogotá **Andean Siskin** *Spinus spinescens* — Found at Chingaza and the El Tambor Restaurant on the same day and again at the summit of Monserrate

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae — (9)

Ashy-throated Chlorospingus *Chlorospingus canigularis* — Recorded at Chicaque, where one bird very memorably sat for a long time sunning itself by the path

Common Chlorospingus Chlorospingus flavopectus — Seen, usually as part of flocks, at Chicaque

Yellow-browed Sparrow *Ammodramus aurifrons* — Heard at Ceima Cachivera and seen by the group at Pueblo Nuevo and Mitú Cachivera

Gray-browed Brushfinch Arremon assimilis — Recorded at Chicaque and the summit of Monserrate

Pectoral Sparrow Arremon taciturnus — Seen in the forests at Pueblo Nevo

Chestnut-capped Brushfinch *Arremon brunneinucha* — Only found at Chicaque

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis* — One of the more common and ubiquitous birds in the Andes of Colombia, these were seen or heard at every site visited near Bogotá except for Tabacal

Moustached Brushfinch *Atlapetes albofrenatus* — Several of these handsome brushfinches were found during the walk at Chicague

Pale-naped Brushfinch *Atlapetes pallidinucha* — Found near Bogota at Observatorio de Colibries, Chicaque, and the summit of Monserrate

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae — (12)

Eastern Meadowlark *Sturnella magna* — Heard or seen by Manuel at Chingaza and Curva de los Pepes and from the bus while driving back from Chicaque

Red-breasted Meadowlark *Sturnella militaris* — A few seen in cattle pastures along the road when driving from Puenta Lata to Pueblo Nuevo

Yellow-billed Cacique Amblycercus holosericeus — One found on the walk at Chicaque

Green Oropendola *Psarocolius viridis* — This large oropendola was recorded on 3 days in Mitu, often while flying overhead

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus* — Seen on 2 mornings at breakfast at Moro's in downtown Inírida and again on the boat ride to Caño Matraca

Olive Oropendola *Psarocolius bifasciatus* — Reported on 6 days of the tour on the last 2 days in Mitú and on all days in Inírida

Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela* — Reported on 5 days, 2 near Inirida either in town or from a boat, and again in Mitú at the Urania bridge and Mitu Cachivera

Epaulet Oriole *Icterus cayanensis* — This handsome oriole, also known as Moriche Oriole for its close association with palms, was found at Bocatoma white sand forest, Puente Lata, and Mitu Cachivera

Shiny Cowbird Molothrus bonariensis — Several at the seed feeders at Jardín Encantado

Carib Grackle Quiscalus lugubris — Seen during lunch at Los Naranjos Restaurant

Velvet-fronted Grackle Lampropsar tanagrinus — A small flock seen in the flooded forest at Caño Matraca

Yellow-hooded Blackbird Chrysomus icterocephalus — Several seen in the reed beds at La Florida

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae — (4)

Black-crested Warbler Myiothlypis nigrocristata — Seen on 2 days at Chingaza and Chicaque

Gray-throated Warbler *Myiothlypis cinereicollis* — **(G)** Seen by Manuel and Dave at Chicaque who could not get the rest of the group on it despite some effort

Slate-throated Redstart *Myioborus miniatus* — Found by the group at Chicaque; these are of the yellow-bellied form **Golden-fronted (Yellow-fronted) Redstart** *Myioborus ornatus* — Seen several times on the Chingaza trip

CARDINALS AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae — (1)

Black-backed Grosbeak *Pheucticus aureoventris* — One flew into a tree for the group while we were watching the feeders at the restaurant on the summit of Monserrate

TANAGERS AND ALLIES: Thraupidae — (59)

Red-capped Cardinal Paroaria gularis — One bird seen from the boat at Caño Cunubén

Black-faced Tanager *Schistochlamys melanopis* — This elegant white sand forest species was found at Curva de los Pepes and Remanso

Black-eared Hemispingus Sphenopsis melanotis — Only seen at Chicaque

Superciliaried Hemispingus *Thlypopsis superciliaris* — Found as part of mixed-species flocks in Chingaza and at Chicaque **White-shouldered Tanager** *Loriotus luctuosus* — Found on the walk at Remanso

Fulvous-crested Tanager *Tachyphonus surinamus* — Found, usually in small groups, at Sabanitas, REmanso, and Ceima Cachivera

Red-shouldered Tanager *Tachyphonus phoenicius* — A white sand specialist, we found several of these on our first outing near Inírida at Los Pepes

Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo* — The very common and ubiquitous tanager of the eastern lowlands, these were found on 5 days at most sites near Inírida and Mitú

Crimson-backed Tanager *Ramphocelus dimidiatus* — Found on one day at both the Jardín Encantado and the Los Naranjos Restaurant

Blue-capped Tanager *Sporathraupis cyanocephala* — Found at Chicaque

Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus igniventris* — This crowd-pleasing tanager was seen several times in Chingaza National Park and again at the Observatorio de Colibries on the same day

Buff-breasted Mountain Tanager *Dubusia taeniata* — Seen at Chicaque

Fawn-breasted Tanager Pipraeidea melanonota — This lovely tanager was found at Chicaque

Blue-gray Tanager *Thraupis episcopus* — Seen on the first day at the lower elevation sites of Jardín Encantado and Los Naranjos Restaurant and then again several times around both Inírida and Mitú; the latter birds were of the white-shouldered form

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum* — As in many other Latin American countries, a common and widespread species; found on 6 days of the tour at several sites

Black-capped Tanager Stilpnia heinei — Seen at Chicaque

Burnished-buff Tanager Stilpnia cayana — Found near Inírida at Los Pepes and Remanso

Scrub Tanager *Stilpnia vitriolina* — Only seen at Tabacal

Masked Tanager *Stilpnia nigrocincta* — Found at the Urania Bridge on one visit and at Bocatoma Terra Firme **Blue-necked Tanager** *Stilpnia cyanicollis* — Seen twice in one day at Los Naranjos Restaurant and Tabacal

Blue-and-black Tanager Tangara vassorii — Found in mixed species flocks at Chicaque

Beryl-spangled Tanager Tangara nigroviridis — Found in mixed species flocks at Chicaque

Metallic-green Tanager Tangara labradorides — Found in mixed species flocks at Chicaque

Plain-colored Tanager Tangara inornata — Found in mixed species flocks at Chicaque

Turquoise Tanager *Tanagara mexicana* — Found as part of larger tanager flocks at Ceima Cachivera and Bocatoma Terra Firme

Paradise Tanager *Tangara chilensis* — This amazing tanager (can you believe its flaming rump?) was seen, usually the most numerous tanager species in a flock, at both Bocatoma walks and at Ceima Cachivera

Opal-rumped Tanager *Tangara velia* — Only seen at Sabanitas

Opal-crowned Tanager *Tangara callophrys* — Seen as part of larger tanager flocks at Ceima Cachivera and Bocatoma Terra Firme

Bay-headed Tanager Tangara gyrola — In a larger tanager flock at Bocatoma Terra Firme

Saffron-crowned Tanager Tangara xanthocephala — Seen at the rest stop on the walk down at Chicaque

Green-and-gold Tanager *Tangara schrankii* — Picked out of larger tanager flocks at Ceima Cachivera and Bocatoma Terra Firme

Black-faced Dacnis Dacnis lineata — (G) Seen by Manuel at Ceima Cachivera

Yellow-bellied Dacnis Dacnis flaviventer — We had the great luck to see this beautiful Dacnis on 3 days in Mitú

Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana* — Found on 4 days scattered throughout the tour at Chicaque, Sabanitas, Remanso, and Ceima Cachivera

Purple Honeycreeper Cyanerpes caeruleus — Found at Sabanitas and on almost all days in Mitú

Red-legged Honeycreeper Cyanerpes cyaneus — Seen on 2 days in Inírida and 2 in Mitú

Green Honeycreeper Chlorophanes spiza — Found on 5 days at several sites in both Inírida and Mitú

Blue-backed Conebill *Conirostrum sitticolor* — A small group of this very attractive species was part of a mixed-species flock on our way down from Chingaza

Glossy Flowerpiercer Diglossa lafresnayii — Seen in the high elevation páramo at Chingaza

Black Flowerpiercer *Diglossa humeralis* — The most regularly seen flowerpiercer of the Bogotá area days, we saw these at pretty much every site visited at higher elevations; the form that occurs in the Eastern Cordillera where we were has whitish shoulders

White-sided Flowerpiercer Diglossa albilatera — Seen at Monserrate

Rusty Flowerpiercer *Diglossa sittoides* — Several seen at Chicaque

Bluish Flowerpiercer Diglossa caerulescens — Seen during the walk down the road at Chicaque

Masked Flowerpiercer Diglossa cyanea — Seen at Chingaza, Chicaque, and Monserrate

Plushcap *Catamblyrhynchus diadema* — Truly one of the most fabulous species of the Andes, we had great views of this at Chingaza

Plumbeous Sierra Finch *Geospizopsis unicolor* — Several, mostly females, on the edge of the road at Chingaza in the páramo

Slaty Finch *Spodiornis rusticus* — One of the more remarkable sightings of the tour, Manuel spotted a female of this nomadic, bamboo specialist feeding on a seeding *Chusquea* bamboo during the Chicaque hike

Saffron Finch Sicalis flaveola — Seen twice the same day at Los Naranjos Restaurant and the Jardín Encantado

Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch Emberizoides herbicola — Very well seen on the first outing in Inírida to Los Pepes

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina* — Although generally a very common species, we only recorded these on 4 days of the tour, once at Remanso and on most days around Mitú

Chestnut-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila castaneiventris* — Several of both sexes seen at Mitú Cachivera near the basketball court

Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch *Sporophila angolensis* — Heard at Ceima Cachivera and nicely seen by the whole group at Mitú Cachivera

White-naped Seedeater *Sporophila fringilloides* — A white sand savannah specialist with a very small range, we had excellent views of this species on our first outing at Los Pepes in Inírida

Band-tailed Seedeater Catamenia analis — A few seen in the shrubs in the paramo at Chingaza

Bananaquit Coereba flaveola — This well-known species was found on 6 days throughout the tour **Buff-throated Saltator** Saltator maximus — Seen at Ceima Cachivera

Olive-gray Saltator Saltator olivascens — Seen by some in the group briefly at Los Naranjos Restaurant during lunch Streaked Saltator Saltator striatipectus — (G,H) Heard by Manuel and Dave singing constantly at Tabacal Slate-colored Grosbeak Saltator grossus — Excellent views of this elegant saltator at Ceima Cachivera on the return hike

MAMMALS (3 species)

Humboldt's Squirrel Monkey *Saimiri cassiquiarensis* — Seen twice at Caño Matraca and again at Ceima Cachivera **Black Titi** *Cheracebus lugens* — Found at Ceima Cachivera

Boto Dolphin *Inia geoffrensis* — Excellent views of this famed freshwater dolphin were had from the boat in Caño Cunubén

LOCATIONS AND NOTES:

- Day 1: Thursday, August 3; Bogotá area—Parque La Florida, Jardín Encantado (in San Francisco), Los Naranjos (lunch), Laguna El Tabacal
- Day 2: Friday, August 4; Bogotá area—Chingaza National Park, Obervatorio de Colibries
- Day 3: Saturday, August 5; Bogotá area—Chicaque Private Reserve
- Day 4: Sunday, August 6; free day
- Day 5: Monday, August 7; Bogotá area—Montserrate Cima, Inírida area—Los Pepes (road birding)
- Day 6: Tuesday, August 8; Inírida area—Sabanitas
- Day 7: Wednesday, August 9; Inírida area—Río Inírida (boat trip), Remanso, Cerros de Mavecure, Caño Cunubén
- Day 8: Thursday, August 10; Inírida area Caño Matraca, Inírida Airport, Hilton Garden Inn Bogotá Airport
- Day 9: Friday, August 11; Mitú area—Bocatoma White Sand Forest
- Day 10: Saturday, August 12; Mitú area—Ceima Cachivera, bridge between Urania and Mitú Sueño
- Day 11: Sunday, August 13; Mitú area—Puente Lata, Pueblo Nuevo, bridge between Urania and Mitú Sueño
- Day 12: Monday, August 14; Mitú area—Mitú Cachivera, Bocatoma Terra Firme
- Day 13: Tuesday, August 15; flight from Mitú to Villavicencio, drive back to Bogotá (no birding due to flight delay and slow road travel)
- Day 14: Wednesday, August 16; Departures