

Peru: Cusco to Manú National Park + Machu Picchu Extension Species List | October 6 – 24, 2023 | with Naturalist Journeys



**With local Guide Percy Avendano and Naturalist Journeys Guide Greg Butcher,
and clients Linda, Linda and Donald.**

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575 Total Birds

Summary: An incredible journey with Peruvian guide extraordinaire Percy Avendano, organized by Naturalist Journeys and Neblina Forest Peru. We started along the coast south of Lima, then flew to Cusco to bird the ornithology-famous Manu Road for eight days to Atalaya, stopping at four lodges along the way. At Atalaya, we boarded a boat for a seven-hour ride down the Madre de Dios River with four nights at a beautiful lodge (with wonderful food) adjacent to the river. We continued on to Puerto Maldonado and flew back to Cusco, where we took a mototaxi, a van, a train, and a bus to world-famous Machu Picchu. It was the trip of my dreams! Some highlights included Humboldt Penguin, Darwin's Nothura, two pairs of Razor-billed Curassows, Lyre-tailed Nightjar, 46 species of hummingbirds, the incomparable Hoatzin and Sunbittern, Golden-headed Quetzal, 17 species of parrots, including 5 species of macaws, 21 species of antbirds, a lek with 6 Andean Cocks-of-the-Rock visible at once, 65 species of flycatchers (!), the endemic Inca Wren (a Machu Picchu specialty), and 60 species of tanagers. Did I mention that it was a special trip? The beds and the food were excellent everywhere.

We had 200 sea lions, 7 species of monkeys, two tayras, an hour with 5 giant otters checking us out, a close view of a male red brocket deer, two species of peccaries, several caimans and lizards and turtles and frogs, only a few snakes and tarantulas, and very few mosquitoes.

Our guide Percy has great ears and great eyes, he had friends at every stop, and he excelled at helping us see the birds well. Nonetheless, about 50 species on this list were heard only by Percy (as noted).

Thanks to Juan Cardenas Carrasco, who organized all the details, and to Peg Abbott, who took the trip last year and worked with Juan to iron out any glitches she encountered to ensure we had a smooth trip.

Did I mention all that we learned a lot about the Incas and the Spaniards from 500 years ago? Percy knows all those stories too!