

Amazon Rainforest Discovery: By Land & Water | Species List November 4 – 14, 2023 | with Naturalist Journeys



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(G) = guides only, not seen by the tour participants

(H) = heard only

(I) = introduced

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BIRDS (185 species recorded, of which 9 were seen by guides only and 13 were heard only)

TINAMOUS: Tinamidae — (1)

Undulated Tinamou *Crypturellus undulatus* — (H) Like most tinamous, these are nearly impossible to see, especially since most of our birding trips were on a boat; the distinctive call of these were heard on 3 days at Caño Iquitos, Caño Nauta, and on the morning visit to upper Yarapa

SCREAMERS: Anhimidae — (1)

Horned Screamer *Anhima cornuta* — One of the more distinctive species along the Amazon, we saw or heard these large birds on 5 days on several excursions, sometimes sitting in the tops of trees

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae — (1)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis* — Unexpectedly scarce in the upper Amazon, we flushed a large flock of these from a river island during our Yacapana River excursion

GUANS AND CURASSOWS: Cracidae — (1)

Speckled Chachalaca *Ortalis guttata* — (H) Heard calling nearby every day at Ceiba Tops, but none were visible

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae — (4)

Rock Pigeon (I) *Columba livia* — An urban bird, even in the Amazon basin, we found these every day we were in medium- or large-sized towns such as Lima, Iquitos, and Nauta

Plumbeous Pigeon *Patagioenas plumbea* — Recorded on 4 days of the tour, but most often heard, at several forested sites visited

Ruddy Pigeon *Patagioenas subvinacea* — (H) This forest canopy pigeon was heard at La Posada and Caño Nauta

Gray-fronted Dove *Leptotila rufaxilla* — (H) Another dove that we only heard once on the upper Yarapa boat trip

CUCKOOS: Cuculidae — (3)

Greater Ani *Crotophaga major* — These large anis seemed to be almost everywhere, especially on wooded streams visited; we recorded them on 5 days at many sites visited

Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani* — Found on 6 days of the tour at many sites, though usually right along the river or creeks in grassy or scrubby vegetation

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana* — A dramatic and charismatic species, we heard one at ExplorNapó and saw them at La Posada and on the upper Yarapa boat trip

NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae — (2)

Sand-colored Nighthawk *Chordeiles rupestris* — We saw various numbers of these nighthawks foraging over the rivers at dusk on two boat trips from La Perla

Ladder-tailed Nightjar *Hydropsalis climacocerca* — A roosting bird was found during the night excursion on the first day on the La Perla

POTOOS: Nyctibiidae — (2)

Great Potoo *Nyctibius grandis* — Seen during the day on our first walk at Ceiba Tops and again on the second night excursion from La Perla

Common Potoo *Nyctibius griseus* — Seen on the second night excursion from La Perla

SWIFTS: Apodidae — (2)

Short-tailed Swift *Chaetura brachyura* — Neotropical swifts are notoriously hard to identify, but we picked these out on at least 2 days of the tour as they flew overhead

Fork-tailed Palm Swift *Tachornis squamata* — One of the easier to identify swifts, we recorded these fast-flying birds on almost every day of the tour, both at Ceiba Tops and from La Perla

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae — (4)

Great-billed Hermit *Phaethornis malaris* — (G) One seen by Dave on the walk at ExplorNapó

Reddish Hermit *Phaethornis ruber* — One perched very clearly for us during the Caño Nauta boat trip; its identity was confirmed with photos taken by Mike

Olive-spotted Hummingbird *Talaphorus chlorocercus* — One of these was seen by some in the group from the boat on the Caño Nauta trip; this species is restricted to river islands in the main stem Amazon and its tributaries

Glittering-throated Emerald *Chionomesa fimbriata* — Found on 2 days at Ceiba Tops by the head of the stairs to the boats

RAILS, CRAKES, AND ALLIES: Rallidae — (2)

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata* — Seen once by a few at the edge of the rice fields at Ceiba Tops

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinica* — Found on 2 days at Ceiba Tops, either at the water's edge or hanging out in the rice fields

SUNGREBE AND FINFOOTS: Heliornithidae — (1)

Sungrebe *Heliornis fulica* — One seen by some in the group at the lake at La Posada/Amazon Natural Park

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae — (2)

Pied Plover (Lapwing) *Haploxypterus cayanus* — Several of this elegant species were seen on sandbars at the river's edge on the Shiryacu Creek boat trip

Collared Plover *Charadrius collaris* — A small group of these were on the same sandbar as the preceding species

JACANAS: Jacanidae — (1)

Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana* — One of the most ubiquitous and widespread species of the tour, we found these on all 9 days on pretty much every outing

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae — (1)

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* — One of the few North American migrants we found during the tour, these were spotted (pun intended) on 4 days on various rivers and creeks

GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae — (3)

Yellow-billed Tern *Sternula superciliaris* — The smaller of the two species of Amazon River terns, we found these on 7 days of the tour on most trips involving travel on one of the large rivers; not as numerous as the following species

Large-billed Tern *Phaetusa simplex* — A very distinctive large tern of the Amazon River, we saw these on every day of the tour, usually either over the river or roosting on dead tree limbs by the river's edge

Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger* — Found in small numbers of 7 days of the tour, generally out over the water, sometimes foraging, occasionally roosting

SUNBITTERN: Eurypygidae — (1)

Sunbittern *Eurypyga helias* — A pair of these stalked around the small wetland at Puerto Prado

STORKS: Ciconiidae — (1)

Wood Stork *Mycteria americana* — A surprise to César, a large soaring flock of these were seen by the group at Isla de los Monos

ANHINGAS: Anhingidae — (1)

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga* — One flew overhead during the Yanayacu River boat trip

CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae — (1)

Neotropic Cormorant *Nannopterum brasilianum* — Recorded on 9 days of the tour at most river and creek sites visited

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae — (8)

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi* — Similar at first glance to the Great Blue Heron, these were found on 6 days of the tour on almost every boat trip

Great Egret *Ardea alba* — A common species, see on every day of the tour both on the large rivers and in smaller side channels

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula* — Found on 6 days of the tour along the main rivers, sometimes “surfing” floating debris downriver!

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* — Seen on all 3 days while at Ceiba Tops, but only twice from La Perla

Striated Heron *Butorides striata* — Seen on 7 days of the tour while at Ceiba Tops and on many of the skiff trips from La Perla

Capped Heron *Pilherodius pileatus* — This elegant and dapper neotropical heron was found on the Río Sucusari on our way to ExplorNapó and again on the Yanayacu and Yarapa boat trips

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* — Seen on 2 days during daylight from the Ceiba Tops boat dock and on the two night boat trips from La Perla

Boat-billed Heron *Cochlearius cochlearius* — Seen on the second night boat trip from La Perla

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae — (3)

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* — Seen on every day of the tour, though mostly in very small numbers away from cities

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* — Recorded on 8 days of the tour at almost every site visited

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture *Cathartes burrovianus* — These were found on 8 days of the tour, though many times were hard to separate from the preceding species; apparently quite common along the margins of the large rivers

OSPREY: Pandionidae — (1)

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* — Presumably migrants from North America already on their wintering grounds, we saw these on the Pampa Creek and Yacapana river boat trips

HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae — (8)

Gray-headed Kite *Leptodon cayanensis* — One individual seen perched high in a tree at a distance on the Yanayacu River boat trip

Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus* — Several of these elegant raptors flew over the skiffs while on the upper Yarapa boat trip in the morning

Black-collared Hawk *Busarellus nigricollis* — A very widespread and frequently encountered hawk, always near water, the “mama vieja” was found on every outing from La Perla

Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis* — Only seen once, on our morning boat trip on the lower (white-water) Yarapa River

Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea* — These sleek raptors were found on 6 days of the tour at many sites visited, both while at Ceiba Tops and from La Perla

Slate-colored Hawk *Buteogallus schistaceus* — A pair of this spiffy-looking hawk were well seen from the boat on the upper Yarapa River trip

Great Black Hawk *Buteogallus urubitinga* — Found on 5 days of the tour along most creeks and Caños visited by the boats, another almost exclusively aquatic hawk, though not quite as common as Black-collared

Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris* — Perhaps better called “Riverside Hawk” here in the Amazon, these were frequently seen along waterways of all sizes, which are, of course, the roadways of the region

OWLS: Strigidae — (2)

Tropical Screech-Owl *Megascops choliba* — **(H)** Heard calling at dawn or dusk by some in the group at Ceiba Tops

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum* — **(G)** Seen by Dave one morning at Ceiba Tops while walking back to his room perched high in a tree

TROGONS: Trogonidae — (2)

Black-tailed Trogon *Trogon melanurus* — This lovely, red-bellied trogon species was found from the Canopy Walkway and again on two of the Yarapa River boat trips

Green-backed Trogon *Trogon viridis* — The common yellow-bellied trogon of the tour, we saw or heard these on 4 days at Ceiba Tops, ExplorNapó, and on some excursions from La Perla

KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae — (4)

Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata* — Recorded on all 10 days of the tour, this was the most regularly encountered kingfisher of the tour, from land, on main-stem rivers, and in side channels

Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona* — Found on 8 days of the tour at many sites visited; frequently seen from the boats as we explored various channels

American Pygmy Kingfisher *Chloroceryle aenea* — Only found once, on the Caño Nauta boat trip

Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana* — Apparently only found on quieter, smaller side channels, we found these on 3 days

PUFFBIRDS: Bucconidae — (2)

Black-fronted Nunbird *Monasa nigrifrons* — A very elegant and easy to recognize Amazonian forest species, we saw these at Isla de los Monos and on almost half of the excursions from La Perla

Swallow-winged Puffbird *Chelidoptera tenebrosa* — When learned, these distinctive puffbirds are easy to spot and identify as they sit in the highest trees alongside waterways; these were recorded on 4 days of the tour

JACAMARS: Galbulidae — (2)

White-eared Jacamar *Galbalcyrhynchus leucotis* — Seen by some in the group at the Yagua Community and then on the Caño Iquitos and Caño Nauta boat trips from La Perla

Paradise Jacamar *Galbula dea* — One seen by a few of the group from the canopy walkway

NEW WORLD BARBETS: Capitonidae — (2)

Scarlet-crowned Barbet *Capito aurovirens* — Recorded on several outings from Ceiba Tops, where they appeared quite prevalent, and on the upper Yarapa boat trip

Gilded Barbet *Capito auratus* — Seen or heard on 4 days of the tour

TOUCANS: Ramphastidae — (4)

Lettered Aracari *Pteroglossus inscriptus* — Found twice, first at a distance at La Posada and again on the upper Yarapa boat trip

Chestnut-eared Aracari *Pteroglossus castanotis* — Found once at Ceiba Tops and again on the Yanayacu and Caño Nauta boat trips from La Perla

Many-banded Aracari *Pteroglossus pluricinctus* — Found on one morning at Ceiba Tops right near the dining room

White-throated Toucan *Ramphastos tucanus* — Heard while we were on the Canopy Walkway and seen from the boat on the upper Yarapa trip

WOODPECKERS: Picidae — (8)

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker *Melanerpes cruentatus* — Seen on all days at Ceiba Tops, where they frequented the trees around the lodge

Crimson-crested Woodpecker *Campephilus melanoleucos* — Found at Isla de los Monos

Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus* — Only seen on one day on the Rio Nauta boat trip

Scale-breasted Woodpecker *Celeus grammicus* — Found by some in the group on the Canopy Walkway

Cream-colored Woodpecker *Celeus flavus* — The very lovely and unusually colored woodpecker was recorded on 3 days at Ceiba Tops and on the Caño Nauta and upper Yarapa boat trips

Chestnut Woodpecker *Celeus elegans* — Found (with photographic evidence!) by Mike at Ceiba Tops and again by the group at La Posada

Yellow-throated Woodpecker *Piculus flavigula* — (G) One seen by Dave from the Canopy Walkway

Spot-breasted Woodpecker *Colaptes punctigula* — This lovely flicker relative was seen by every single passenger from La Perla (all 25 of us!) at Puerto Prado and again on the lower Yarapa boat trip

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae — (4)

Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans* — **(H)** Heard during the walk to the Canopy Walkway

Yellow-headed Caracara *Daptrius chimachima* — A ubiquitous species along the Amazon rivers and its tributaries, we recorded these on 8 days of the tour

Black Caracara *Daptrius ater* — Seen by César and Dave at Ceiba Tops and by the whole group at San Rafael and Yanayacu River

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* — This North American migrant was found by a few one morning from the deck of the La Perla and again by the whole group when one flew over the boat at the junction of the Marañon, Ucayali, and Amazon Rivers.

PARROTS: Psittacidae — (13 + 3 tame/re-released species)

Tui Parakeet *Brotogeris sanctithomae* — The most regularly seen parakeet of the tour, we found these on 5 days at numerous sites at or near Ceiba Tops and on trips from La Perla

White-winged Parakeet *Brotogeris versicolurus* — Recorded on 5 days, usually flying overhead rapidly in medium- to large-sized flocks, at several sites visited

Cobalt-winged Parakeet *Brotogeris cyanoptera* — Only recorded on one day of the tour at Caño Iquitos, these were probably more common, but like others, usually flying overhead

Orange-cheeked Parrot *Pyrilia barrabandi* — Seen on 2 days of the tour, flying overhead on boat trips

Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus* — Recorded on 4 days at the Yagua Community, Pampa Creek, La Posada, and Río Nauta

Short-tailed Parrot *Graydidascalus brachyurus* — One of the more frequently encountered parrots of the tour, we noted these on 6 days of the tour on several excursions

Festive Parrot *Amazona festiva* — A pair seen during the Caño Nauta boat trip were the only sightings of the tour for this species

Yellow-crowned Parrot *Amazona ochrocephala* — A flying bird seen and heard at Caño Nauta

Mealy Parrot *Amazona farinosa* — **(*)** Several rehabbed and released birds were around the Manatee Rescue Center

Orange-winged Parrot *Amazona amazonica* — Numerous pairs of these flew over the boats on our visits to Yanayacu, Pampa Creek, and Río Nauta

Maroon-tailed Parakeet *Pyrhura melanura* — **(G)** Seen by Usiel and Dave at La Posada

Dusky-headed Parakeet *Aratinga weddellii* — Seen at Isla de los Monos and the Yagua Community while at Ceiba Tops and during our boat trip at the junction of the Marañon, Ucayali, and Amazon Rivers

Red-bellied Macaw *Orthopsittaca manilatus* — Small groups of this species, the only wild species of macaw of the tour, were seen on one day at Yanayacu and Pampa Creek

Blue-and-yellow Macaw *Ara ararauna* — **(*)** Several rehabbed and released birds were flying around the Manatee Rescue Center

Scarlet Macaw *Ara macao* — **(*)** Several rehabbed and released birds were flying around the Manatee Rescue Center

White-eyed Parakeet *Psittacara leucophthalmus* — Another parakeet usually seen flying rapidly over the boat, we recorded these on 5 days on several boat trips from La Perla

ANTBIRDS: Thamnophilidae — (8)

Great Antshrike *Taraba major* — **(H)** Heard on the Yanayacu River boat trip

Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus* — Seen on boat trips to Yanayacu, Río Nauta, and Yarapa

Plain-throated Antwren *Iseria hauxwelli* — One of the most impressive sightings of the tour, we had very close views of a male of this species on the walk through the forest at Casual

Amazonian Streaked-Antwren *Myrmotherula multostriata* — Pairs of this handsome antwren were seen very well at close range on both the Caño Iquitos and upper Yarapa boat trips—a highlight of the tour

Peruvian Warbling-Antbird *Hypocnemis peruviana* — **(H)** Heard during the walk to the Canopy Walkway

Riparian Antbird *Cercomacroides fuscicauda* — Heard and seen poorly at Yacapana river

Band-tailed Antbird *Hypocnemoides maculicauda* — Pairs of this distinctive antbird were very well seen on the Caño Nauta and upper Yarapa boat trips; a species always near waterways

Black-and-white Antbird *Myrmochanes hemileucus* — A specialist of main-stem Amazon riverbank habitats, these were seen on the Yacapana and Ucayali Rivermouth boat trips

OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS: Furnariidae — (9)

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper *Glyphorhynchus spirurus* — Found during the hike to the Canopy Walkway at ExplorNapó

Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper *Dendrexetastes rufigula* — Nice views by the whole group were had of this species at Casual

Long-billed Woodcreeper *Nasica longirostris* — Seen by some in the group on the upper Yarapa boat trip in the morning

Strong-billed Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus* — One seen on the walk through the forests at Isla de los Monos

Zimmer's Woodcreeper *Dendroplex kienerii* — Found in the canopy branches on the upper Yarapa boat trip

Pale-legged Hornero *Furnarius leucopus* — One of these very interesting birds was seen by the group at the turtle pond at Ceiba Tops and we found another on the Caño Nauta boat trip

Lesser Hornero *Furnarius minor* — Seen walking on the path as we left the Yagua Community to return to our boats

Red-and-white Spinetail *Certhiaxis mustelinus* — This lovely and easy to identify spinetail is restricted to the Amazon River and its major tributaries; we had great looks at pairs of these on 3 days at Río Nauta, Yacapana, and lower Yarapa

Dark-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis albigularis* — This characteristic spinetail of riverside grasses was dug out by Usiel on the Yacapana boat trip

MANAKINS: Pipridae — (3)

Blue-capped Mankin *Lepidothrix coronata* — Despite Usiel's best efforts to draw it out, only Beth from our group managed to glimpse this one at Casual

White-bearded Manakin *Manacus manacus* — **(H)** We heard the wing snapping of this species during the forest hike at La Posada

Golden-headed Manakin *Ceratopipra erythrocephala* — A male was seen by the group during the hike to the Canopy Walkway at ExplorNapó

COTINGAS: Cotingidae — (3)

Amazonian Umbrellabird *Cephalopterus ornatus* — A fly-over bird was photographed by Mike on the upper Yarapa boat trip

Plum-throated Cotinga *Cotinga maynana* — One seen perched high in a tree on the Yanayacu River boat trip

Bare-necked Fruitcrow *Gymnoderus foetidus* — Seen by the group in the top of the large ceiba at Ceiba Tops and again on the Yarapa boat trip

TITYRAS AND BECARDS: Tityridae — (3)

Black-tailed Tityra *Tityra cayana* — These handsome birds, usually in pairs or small groups, were found on 4 days at Ceiba Tops, Yanayacu, La Posada (at the pond), and Yarapa

Varzea Schiffornis *Schiffornis major* — Two of these were seen flying back and forth over the stream channel at Caño Iquitos and we heard one singing on the Yarapa boat trip

White-winged Becard *Pachyramphus polychopterus* — A male was photographed by Mike at Ceiba Tops

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae — (17)

Double-banded Pygmy-Tyrant *Lophotriccus vitiuosus* — (H) Heard on the walk to the Canopy Walkway

Spotted Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum maculatum* — Found on 3 days at the 20 de Enero Community and on the Río Nauta and Yarapa boat trips

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet *Tyrannulus elatus* — (H) Heard on the Caño Iquitos boat trip

Drab Water Tyrant *Ochthornis littoralis* — Despite the somewhat demeaning name, these cute flycatchers were found on 4 days, probably best at Ceiba Tops from the top of the boat dock, but also during a few of the boat trips from La Perla

White-headed Marsh Tyrant *Arundinicola leucocephala* — Found on 3 days of the tour at Ceiba Tops, the Yagua Community, Río Nauta, and Yarapa

Cinnamon Attila *Attila cinnamomeus* — Found by César on the upper Yarapa boat trip

Bright-rumped Attila *Attila spadiceus* — One found on the Yarapa boat trip

Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer* — (G) One seen by Dave from La Perla on the very last morning of the tour while tied up across from Nauta

Lesser Kiskadee *Philohydor lictor* — This species, very similar to the next one, proved to be quite common and widespread and was seen on most of the boat outings from La Perla; we recorded it on 5 days of the tour

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus* — Not surprisingly, recorded on almost every day of the tour, either by sight or sound, at almost every place visited

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua* — Another of the many “kiskadee lookalikes” to be found in this area, we recorded this species on 4 days at several sites, including the last morning at Ceiba Tops and on some of the boat trips from La Perla

Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis* — Regularly encountered throughout the tour, we recorded these on 7 days at multiple sites visited, including in natural habitats and in local communities

Gray-capped Flycatcher *Myiozetetes granadensis* — Found once on the Pampa Creek boat trip

Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus* — Great views of this small flycatcher were had at the pond at La Posada

Variegated Flycatcher *Empidonomus varius* — One found on the lower Yarapa boat trip; these are austral migrants from southern South America so this one was presumably a late-lingering bird

Sulphury Flycatcher *Tyrannopsis sulphurea* — This interesting species, easily mistaken for Tropical Kingbird, was found on 3 days at ExplorNapó, Ceiba Tops, and La Posada

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* — As is almost always the case for tours in the neotropics, we saw these on 9 days of the tour almost everywhere; a common and usually conspicuous species

VIREOS: Vireonidae — (1)

Chivi Vireo *Vireo chivi* — Heard and seen at San Rafel prior to visiting the butterfly farm

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae — (1)

Violaceous Jay *Cyanocorax violaceus* — A small group flew over the skiff on the Caño Iquitos boat trip

DONACOBIUS: Donacobiidae — (1)

Black-capped Donacobius *Donacobius atricapilla* — One of the most charismatic of Amazonian birds, we saw this photogenic species at the side of waterways on the Yanayacu, Caño Nauta, Yacapana, and Yarapa boat trips

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae — (5)

White-winged Swallow *Tachycineta albiventer* — One of the typical riverine swallow species of the Amazon, we found these on 7 days at most sites visited when near or on water

Gray-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea* — Encountered on 5 days of the tour, first at the Iquitos airport and then periodically at various places visited while on La Perla

Brown-chested Martin *Progne tapera* — Only recorded on 1 day of the tour, although there were many to be seen that day on the Yarapa River boat trip

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* — Found on 7 days of the tour at many sites visited

White-banded Swallow *Atticora fasciata* — A very handsome swallow, these were common and easily seen at Ceiba Tops on all our days there and on our trip to ExplorNapo; oddly, we did not record this species during our time on La Perla

WRENS: Troglodytidae — (4)

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon* — Only recorded on 2 days of the tour in or near some of the communities visited

Thrush-like Wren *Campylorhynchus turdinus* — This large wren, in the same genus as the North American Cactus Wren, was found on 3 days, though it tends to be high in the canopy and hard to see well

Buff-breasted Wren *Cantorchilus leucotis* — Once their song is learned, these wrens can be easily detected (though almost never seen!); we recorded these on 5 days of the tour but only successfully saw it on the lower Yarapa River boat trip

Musician Wren *Cyphorhinus arada* — **(H)** Heard during the walk to the Canopy Walkway

THRUSHES: Turdidae — (2)

Lawrence's Thrush *Turdus lawrencii* — **(H)** This accomplished mimic was singing quite loudly by the trail on the walk to the Canopy Walkway

Black-billed Thrush *Turdus ignobilis* — Only seen on one day at Ceiba Tops on our walk to release the turtles

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae — (1)

Thick-billed Euphonia *Euphonia laniirostris* — Oddly, the only euphonia species of the tour, these were found on 2 days at Ceiba Tops in the palms near the head of the boat dock

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae — (1)

Yellow-browed Sparrow *Ammodramus aurifrons* — Though normally very common in the area, we only found these twice during the tour, first at the Iquitos airport as we waited to pick up the other group and again on the Río Nauta boat trip

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES: Icteridae — (9)

Red-breasted Meadowlark *Leistes militaris* — Seen from the boat in some of the rice fields on the Río Nauta boat trip

Russet-backed Oropendola *Psarocolius angustifrons* — A widespread and easily seen and heard species throughout the tour; this is the most common oropendola of this part of the Amazon basin; occasionally, we

saw large flocks flying overhead as they headed to or from a roost; no nesting observed at this time of year

Solitary Black Cacique *Cacicus solitarius* — (G) Seen by Dave during the walk at Isla de los Monos

Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela* — A commonly seen blackbird on our tour, we found these on 6 days at many sites visited, often flying overhead in small to large groups

Orange-backed Troupial *Icterus croconotus* — Seen by Dave and Mike on the very last morning of the tour from La Perla

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis* — Noted on 4 days of the tour at several sites; probably the best view was one perched on a pole in the town square of Indiana

Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus* — A nest parasite of oropendolas, we recorded this species on 2 days at Isla de los Monos and Yacapana river

Oriole Blackbird *Gymnomystax mexicanus* — A quite large and conspicuous blackbird in the Amazon basin, we found these on 5 days of the tour on a variety of boat trips

Yellow-hooded Blackbird *Chrysomus icterocephalus* — This colorful blackbird, similar in appearance (and name!) to the North American Yellow-headed Blackbird, was seen on 2 days at Ceiba Tops in the rice fields across from the boat dock and again on several boat trips from La Perla

TANAGERS AND ALLIES: Thraupidae — (19)

Red-capped Cardinal *Paroaria gularis* — Definitely a crowd-pleaser, small groups of these were seen many times on the tour on 6 days at numerous sites; despite its name, it is not a cardinal!

Hooded Tanager *Nemosia pileata* — (G) Seen by Dave the very last morning of the tour at our tie-up spot across from Nauta

Orange-headed Tanager *Thlypopsis sordida* — This sought-after species was first seen by some in the group at Ceiba Tops and then by all on the Yacapana boat trip

Gray-headed Tanager *Eucometis penicillata* — A pair seen by some in the group at very close range at Ceiba Tops

Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo* — Easily the most regularly encountered tanager of the tour, we found these on 7 days at many sites visited

Masked Crimson Tanager *Ramphocelus nigrogularis* — Groups of this eye-catching tanager, including males, females, and young birds, were seen on 5 days on numerous trips from La Perla

Blue-gray Tanager *Thraupis episcopus* — Encountered regularly throughout the tour, though not on every day; the individuals we saw were of the white-edged form which is the common one in the Amazon basin

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum* — Found on 5 of the early days of the tour at Ceiba Tops and a few of the first sites visited from La Perla

Turquoise Tanager *Tangara mexicana* — Only successfully seen on the Caño Nauta boat trip

Paradise Tanager *Tangara chilensis* — This lovely tanager was encountered twice at Caño Nauta and the upper Yarapa; unfortunately, all sightings were of birds very high in the canopy

Swallow Tanager *Tersina viridis* — Several of these seen on the Pampa Creek boat trip

Yellow-bellied Dacnis *Dacnis flaviventer* — (G) Seen by Dave on one day at Ceiba Tops

Purple Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes caeruleus* — (G) Found by César and Dave at La Posada while standing on the dike of the pond

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina* — Only encountered on the trip to the Río Nauta

Lined Seedeater *Sporophila lineola* — A small group was in the streamside grasses on the Caño Nauta boat trip with at least one male

Chestnut-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila castaneiventris* — These were found on 6 days of the tour at many sites, mostly in grassy or weedy edges of rivers and streams or near small towns

Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch *Sporophila angolensis* — One found on the walk to the turtle pond on our first

morning at Ceiba Tops

Wing-barred (Caqueta) Seedeater *Sporophila americana* — Encountered twice on the tour on the lower Yarapa and at our final tie-off spot opposite Nauta

Bluish-gray Saltator *Saltator coerulescens* — Heard or seen on 3 days of the tour at Caño Nauta, lower Yarapa, and at our final tie-off spot opposite Nauta

MAMMALS (14 species)

Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth *Bradypus variegatus* — Found on 4 days of the tour at a variety of sites, plus at least 2 seen in local villages where they were pets

Linnaeus's Two-toed Sloth *Choloepus didactylus* — One was hanging out by the Canopy Walkway

Southern Tamandua *Tamandua tetradactyla* — An incredible spot by Alison, our boat driver, sitting high in a tree during the morning boat trip on the upper Yarapa

Greater Fishing Bat *Noctilio leporinus* — Seen flying low over the large rivers several days at dusk

Eastern Pygmy Marmoset *Cebuella niveiventris* — Found at Isla de los Monos in the forest and at Puerto Prado

Black-mantled Tamarin *Saguinus nigricollis* — A small group of these were in the trees by ExplorNapó Lodge; this species is found only North of the Amazon/Marañón/Napó Rivers

Red-mantled Saddleback Tamarin *Saguinus lagonotus* — A relatively frequently encountered primate, we saw these at Isla de los Monos, Ceiba Tops, Puerto Prado, and on the upper Yarapa morning boat trip

Humboldt's Squirrel Monkey *Saimiri cassiquiarensis* — The most frequently seen primate in the wild, we found these on 3 days on various excursions from La Perla; there were also some at Isla de los Monos

Monk Saki *Pithecia monachus* — Individuals were seen at Isla de los Monos and on the Caño Nauta boat trip

Common Woolly Monkey *Lagothrix lagothricha* — These were by far the most common monkey species on the grounds at Isla de los Monos; we also had a spectacular view of a brown one on the upper Yarapa boat trip in the morning

Colombian Red Howler Monkey *Alouatta seniculus* — Only seen at Isla de los Monos; we never did hear any during the entire tour

Pink River Dolphin *Inia geoffrensis* — Recorded on 8 days of the tour, practically throughout the itinerary

Gray River Dolphin *Sotalia fluviatilis* — Regularly seen while on La Perla, many times foraging very close to the boat

Yellow-crowned Brush-tailed Rat *Isothrix bistriata* — Discovered by César in a tree cavity during the walk to the Canopy Walkway as it viewed the world outside from its small space

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (10 species)

Red-backed Poison Frog *Ranitomeya reticulata* — One of these was found and captured by the local guide during our walk at Casual

Smoky Jungle Frog *Leptodactylus pentadactylus* — **(H)** Heard calling during our walk at Casual

Cane Toad *Rhinella marina* — A small one of these was caught by Usiel during our first night excursion on the La Perla and at least one more was spotted during the trip

Yellow-headed Sideneck Turtle *Podocnemis unifilis* — This was the turtle species that is being captive raised to produce young for repopulation efforts; we released young individuals into the pond at Ceiba Tops and again with the larger group during one of the La Perla outings

Green Iguana *Iguana iguana* — Seen on at least two days during various outings from La Perla as they sat on branches

Giant Ameiva *Ameiva ameiva* — Many of these were present under and around Ceiba Tops lodge and came out on sunny days

Green Anaconda *Eunectes murinus* — A small one of these was spotted in a small tree during our walk to try to find Hoatzin at San Jose de Panapacurá

Tropical Thorny-tail Iguana *Uracentron flaviceps* — Seen on the Canopy Walkway

Western Leaf Lizard *Stenocercus fimbriatus* — One of these was found and captured by the local guide during our walk at Casual

Unidentified skink, subfamily **Mabuyinae** — This lovely spotted skink was perching on a tree trunk during our walk at San José de Panapacurá

INSECTS (12 species)

Red Peacock *Anartia amathea*

White Peacock *Anartia jatrophae*

Julia Heliconian *Dryas julia*

Menelaus Morpho *Morpho menelaus* — Morphos, presumably of this species, were seen frequently throughout the tour at many sites

Illinissa Glasswing *Hyposcada illinissa*

Frosted Arcas *Arcas tuneta* — Photographed on the Canopy Walkway

Orion Cercropian *Historis odius* — Photographed on La Perla

Dusky Owl Butterfly *Calligo illioneus* — Seen at Ceiba Tops

Sphingid moth *Isognatus swainsonii* — A large and very distinctive black and white striped caterpillar of this species was seen crawling up a tree on the walk back from the Canopy Walkway

Green-banded (Lelis's) Urania *Urania leilus* — Large numbers of this day-flying moth were seen on some days while on La Perla

Anchemola Sphinx *Eumorpha anchemolus* — Photographed on La Perla

Ecuadorian Brown Velvet Tarantula *Megaphobema velvetosoma* — One of these was found and captured by the local guide during our walk at Casual; it was called a “bird-eating tarantula” at the time

LOCATIONS AND NOTES:

Day 1: Sunday, November 5: Lima, flight Lima to Iquitos, Iquitos, Ceiba Tops Lodge

Day 2: Monday, November 6: Ceiba Tops (turtle pond), Isla de los Monos, Yagua Community

Day 3: Tuesday, November 7: boat to Indiana, motokars to Mazan, boat to ExplorNapó Lodge, Canopy Walkway, Ceiba Tops

Day 4: Wednesday, November 8: Ceiba Tops, San Rafael, Iquitos and airport, Nauta, Río Marañón

Day 5: Thursday, November 9: Yanayacu River, 20 de Enero Community, Caño Iquitos

Day 6: Friday, November 10: La Posada (hike, boat trip), Iquitos Brook, Shiryacu creek & lake, night boat ride

Day 7: Saturday, November 11: Caño Nauta, Puerto Prado, Amazon River (Yacapana River)

Day 8: Sunday, November 12: Yarapa River (lower or white-water), Yarapa (upper or black-water), San José

Day 9: Monday, November 13: Yarapa (upper or black-water), confluence Marañón, Ucayali, and Amazon Rivers, Casual

Day 10: Tuesday, November 14: Marañón River opposite Nauta, Nauta, Manatee Rescue Center, Iquitos, return flight to Lima

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