

Feb-March 2008 Gran-Colombia tour



Empress Brilliant
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Participants were 2 couples; 1 retired British couple, where basically only the man was a passionate birder and a young British-American couple, who were both ornithologists. All had given me their wish list of endemic and near-endemic birds. With this information I made a 27 day tour, which would give them the maximum number of lifers and rarities.

Tour started in Santa Marta, followed by the Central-Andes, then the Western Andes and finally the Eastern Andes.

After arrival in Santa Marta, we went straight to the mountains. Cuchilla San Lorenzo went very smooth. It actually started fantastic on the lower slopes with a **Rusty-breasted Antpitta** as one of the first birds of the trip. Also here we saw **Coppery Emerald (NE)**, **Scaled Pigeon** (building its nest) and **Long-tailed Antbirds** calling from the bushes.

It was dry and for the first time ever we had all resident endemics, which occur here (apart from Black-backed Thornbill which only occasionally is seen here): **Santa Marta Parakeet** (as one of the first endemics!), **Rusty-headed Spinetail (E)**, **Santa Marta Antpitta (E)**, **Brown-rumped Tapaculo (E)**, **Santa Marta Brush-Finch (E)**, **Yellow-crowned Whitestart (E)**, **White-lored Warbler (E)** and **Santa Marta Mountain-Tanager (E)**.



Around the bungalows there were other good birds, such as **Band-tailed Guan (NE)**, **White-tipped Quetzal (NE)**, **Golden-breasted Fruiteater (NE)** and very common now), **Golden-bellied Grosbeak**, (see picture) **Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush**, **Red-billed & Scaly-naped Parrots**.

2nd day was devoted on the higher parts of the ridge. The "ground-Bromelia's" were still blooming and after a while we all saw male **White-tailed Starfrontlets (E)** (picture), for many one of the most attractive hummingbirds. Usually the females are much easier to see.



We also found **Santa Marta Warbler (E)** and several **Streak-capped Spinetails (NE)**. The latter were once considered endemics. I have seen them as well in the Venezuelan Perija Mountains, where they have a slightly different song.

Early morning of the 3rd day, Jon tried (and succeeded) to find the missing endemic: the **Santa Marta Bush-Tyrant (E)**. It was the only endemic not seen by the whole group.

On the way down we added the lower slope specialities: **Santa Marta Tapaculo (E)**, **Blossomcrown (E)**, **Lined Quail-Dove (NE)**, **Santa Marta Woodstar (E)** and also **Ruddy Foliagegleaner** with its very different song. By many already regarded as a separate species.

Unfortunately following species were heard only: **Barred Forest-Falcon**, **Black-fronted Wood-Quail**, **Rosy Thrush-Tanager**. The latter was a real pity as we tried about 5 times to lure it out in the open. Also no **Grey-throated Leaf-tosser**, nor **Black-and-White Owl**.

On the way to Guajira, we added **Black-backed Antshrike (NE)** and **Lance-tailed Manakin (NE)** as most special birds.

Near Riohacha, we managed to get most of the near-endemic semi-desert specialities: **Chestnut Piculet**, **Northern Scrub-Flycatcher**, **Slender-billed Inezia**, **White-whiskered Spinetail**, **Glaucous Tanager**, **Vermillion Cardinal** and **Orinocan Saltator** (picture).

On the way back we had some male **Ruby-Topaz Hummingbirds** at a stop.



Next 3 days were spent in the Rio Claro area. This resulted in following specialities: **White-mantled Barbet (E)** (best of all), **Sooty Ant-tanager (E)**, **(Southern) Bentbill**, **Citron-throated Toucan (NE)**, **White-whiskered Puffbird**, **Oilbirds**, **Band-tailed Barbthroat**, **Purple-crowned Fairy**, **Cinnamon Woodpecker** (stupidly missed in February), **Dull-mantled**, **Chestnut-backed** and **Bicoloured Antbird**, **Antioquia Bristle-Tyrant (E)**, **Brownish Twistwing**, **Blue-crowned Manakin** and **Fulvous-vented Euphonia**.

Yellow-browed Shrike-Vireo was – as usual - only heard.

A stop towards Medellin gave us **Bar-crested Antshrike (NE)**.

Due to problems in the reserve in Amalfi, where we usually go for the Chestnut-capped Piha, we headed for the alternative: the Forzosa reserve near Anori.

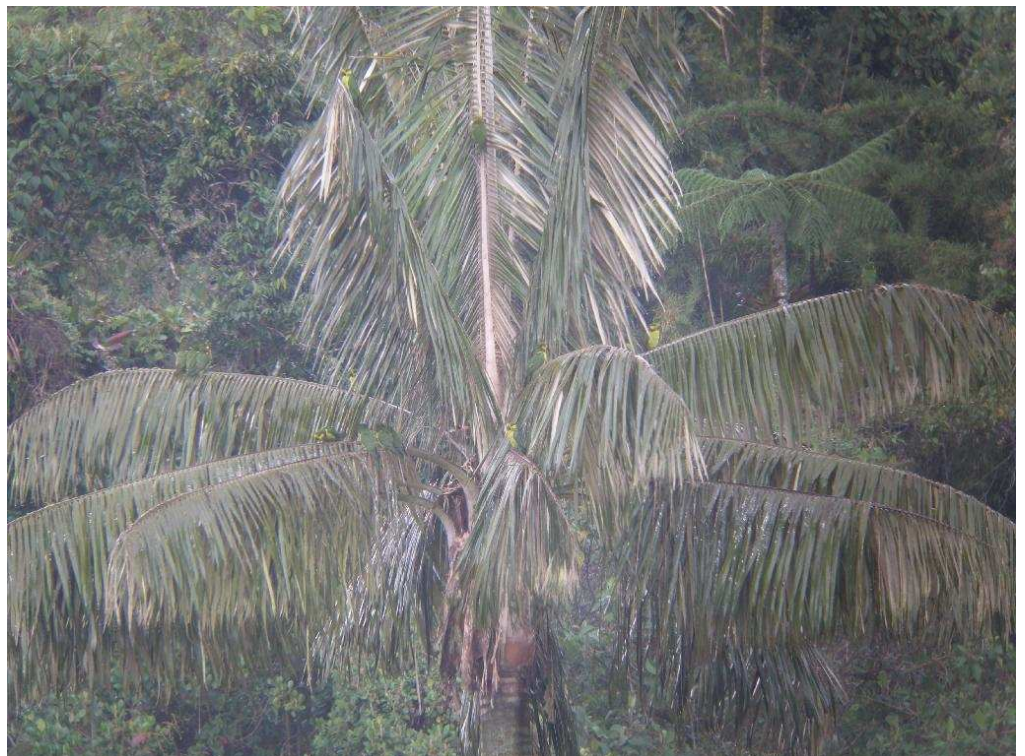
The disadvantage of this is that we had to walk 2 hours to get there. But on the other hand, we never had so quickly all the 4 wanted endemics: **Red-bellied Grackle (E)**, **Parkers Antbird (E)**, **Chestnut-capped Piha (E)** and **(Gary) Stiles' Tapaculo (E)**.

At 9:30 they looked at their watch and said: "What now?".

But we could add some other good birds: **Crimson-rumped Toucanet**, **White-crowned Manakin** and **Purplish-mantled Tanager**.

I was the only one who saw **Black-winged Saltator**. It disappeared before the group joined me.

Then we headed for Jardin. Main attraction here is **Yellow-eared Parrot (E)** (picture), but it also has 2 other highly wanted species: **Tanager Finch (NE)** and **Chestnut-crested Cotinga**.



We failed on the last species, but had very good views of the other 2.

Other goodies here were our first of many **Black-billed Mountain-Toucans**, **White-capped Tanager**, **Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager** and **Black-billed Peppershrike**.

Rio Blanco started spectacular (as usual). In the first afternoon we had **Rusty-faced Parrot** and 3 species of Antpitta: **Chestnut-naped**, **Brown-banded (E)** and the more common **Chestnut-crowned**.

The next days we could add: **Slate-crowned** and **Bicoloured Antpitta (NE)**. The latter eventually seen well by all, which is a real achievement as it is a really difficult one. Other species here were **Tyrannine Woodcreeper**, **Ocellated Tapaculo** (unfortunately only seen by Martyn, who had already seen it with me the previous year in Venezuela).

In the paramo towards the Nevado del Ruiz, we were unlucky with the weather. Thick fog made birding nearly impossible. So we missed on the 2 highly wanted species: the **Black-backed Bush-tanager** and the **Rufous-fronted Parakeets (E)**. We climbed higher till above the clouds and had a female **Bearded Helmetcrest (NE)** and a real glowing **Glowing Puffleg**.

We added antpitta # 7: **Tawny Antpitta**.

Otun-Quimbaya was our only chance left to see **Multicoloured Tanager (E)**. And we had 2 chances. The second was the best, with excellent views for all of us.

Chestnut-breasted Wren performed well and eventually everyone got it.

Red-ruffed Fruitcrow is common in this area. Several perched quite close. We also had in this group of fruit-eating birds a female **Andean Cock-of-the-rock**.

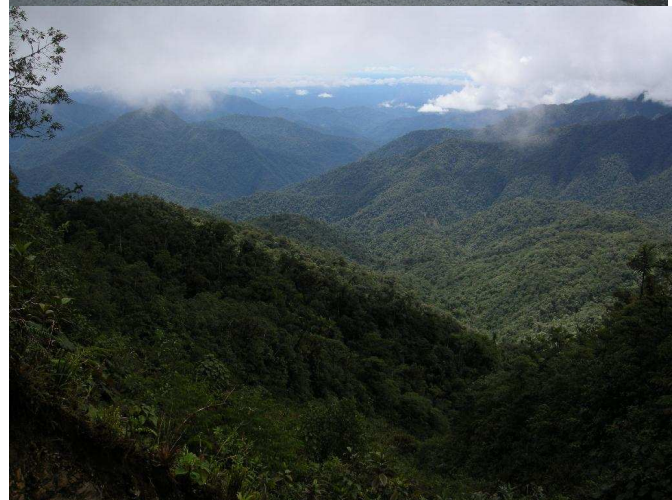
Also a couple of **Torrent Ducks** were a nice bonus for a few of us.

Cauca Guan (E) has become a really easy target, with several in trees along the road. On the other hand it becomes each time more difficult to find **Wattled Guan**. And this time we found it at the last minute, when our "open bus" Chiva made a special stop for us.

Then we headed for the wet Western Andes. I had warned them that it was going to be birding under an umbrella, but strange enough we had mostly sunny weather during the next 2 days. I didn't understand it. It was raining in the Cauca valley and my wife, who was in Santa Marta told me in the evening that it even had rained there.

Anyway, it was more pleasant birding and we had nearly all the species we wanted to see:

Fulvous-dotted Treerunner, **Beautiful Jay (NE)**, **Nariño Tapaculo (NE)**, **Empress Brilliant (NE)**, **White-tailed Hillstar**, **Velvet-purple Coronet**, **Violet-tailed Sylph (NE)**, **Rufous-headed & Bronze-olive Pygmy-Tyrant**, **Orange-breasted Fruiteater (NE)**, **Slaty Finch**, **Munchique Wood-Wren (E)**, **Black Solitaire (NE)**, **Indigo Flowerpiercer (NE)**, **Black-chinned Mountain-Tanager**, **Flame-faced**, **Glistening-green (NE)** & **Rufous-throated Tanager (NE)**, **Chestnut-breasted & Yellow-collared Chlorophonia (NE)**, the very rare **Bicoloured Antvireo** and the star bird: **Gold-ringed Tanager (E)**.



Yellow-breasted Antpitta (NE) (# 8) was unfortunately only seen by Jon.

For all participants (as for the participants of previous trip) these days were considered as the best of the whole trip.

In Juntas near Ibague, we went for the 3 endemics: Tolima Dove (E), **Yellow-headed Brush-Finch (E)** and **Blossomcrown (E)**.

The first one is very difficult and we didn't see or hear it. The Brush-Finch was also now not too hard and we had fantastic views of male **Blossomcrowns (E)**, which were common. We had already several females in the Santa Marta mountains, but this was much better.

The afternoon we birded in a reserve in the higher parts of the Magdalena valley (400 m asl) or should I say: the lower slopes of the Eastern Andes. Target birds here were **Velvet-fronted Euphonia** (picture), **Jet** and **White-bellied Antbirds**.

All were quickly ticked-off. The next day, just before leaving, I found that the Euphonia's were making a nest at 3 meters from the lodge.

Western Slaty Antshrike and **Pheasant Cuckoo** were heard but stayed out of view.



We went higher in the Eastern Andes. Probably we didn't stay long enough at Laguna Pedropalo. We had in a few hours only **White-throated Crake** and **Ash-browed Spinetail** as special birds.

Next stop was Fuquene's lake. In the morning we saw here following species: **Spot-flanked Gallinule (NE)**, **Apolinar's Wren (E)** and a **Sora**. But unfortunately no Bogota Rail (E).

On the long drive towards Soata we made one stop. It gave Jon good views of **Bronze-tailed Thornbill (NE)** at exact the same spot where Wim saw it 4 weeks before.

We had some time over and could add already **Niceforo's Wren (E)** close to Soata.

The Onzaga road near Soata was excellent. We had dry clouded weather. First a group of **Mountain Caciques** and then the bird of the reserve: a group of nomadic **Mountain Grackles (E)**. Other lifers for the group were **Longuemare's Sunangel (E)** and **Black-banded Woodcreeper**. Also some **Rusty-faced Parrots** were seen. This subspecies is more "rusty-faced" than the ones from Rio Blanco (Central Andes) and is considered by a few as a different species.



In the afternoon we birded around Soata and added **Apical Flycatcher (E)** to the list. At a Yatago tree with only a few flowers we soon found fighting hummingbirds. All species were very special. First a few **Chestnut-bellied Hummingbirds (E)**, then a **Short-tailed Emerald (NE)**, a single **Lazuline Sabrewing**, and a single **Indigo-capped Hummingbird (E)**, which was immediately chased away. Only a few of us had good views.

As we found all the target species so quickly, we had some time over for another interesting stop: Laguna de Tota. At this place **Bogota Rail (E)** is supposed to be easy and indeed, it was quickly found after we had arrived. Anne, who had missed **Apolinar's Wren (E)** in Fuquene, saw this species well now.

We stayed overnight at my very best friend Roberto in Arcabuco. Rogitama Biodiversidad has some excellent populations of **Black Inca (E)**. A beautiful male **Lazuline Sabrewing** was in his territory and some **Short-tailed Emeralds (NE)** were seen around the house.

Before going to bed, we tried for **White-throated Screech-owl** and succeed.

Next day a short walk gave us another endemic: **Matorral Tapaculo (E)**.

The BioAndina reserve near the Chingaza National Park is a good place for **Rufous Antpitta (#10)**. We heard it often, but only one was calling from close to the road. We brought everyone in position before starting to call it in. Unfortunately it perched on top of the bushes and only Jon and I - who already have seen this species before - saw it.

But everyone had good views of a group of **Brown-breasted Parakeets (E)**.

The last day was devoted to **Cundinamarca Antpitta (E) (#11)**. I felt really happy that Jon and Martyn had finally excellent views due to their patience.

Another lifer for them was **Spotted Barbtail** and **Blackish Tapaculo** for Martyn.

The next day I went only with Martyn to Humedal La Conejera. We had another perfect view of a **Bogota Rail (E)** as well as better views of **Silvery-throated Spinetail (E)**.

The trip ended with nearly 548 species seen (and an additional 23 heard only). Among them are 41 endemics and 77 specialities (range restricted species).

Reaction of the participants:

"Hi Jorgen,

Many thanks indeed for the excellent trip report, which looks like a really good summary of the trip. When time permits, I will see what amendments I have for the bird list, and will pass them on.

Thanks again for a great trip. I finished with exactly 540 species personally seen, plus a few heard only, with just under 200 lifers. But the quality was much more important than the quantity of course. ...

All the best, Jon King"

"Jorgen,

Thank you once again for a great trip, it was strenuous but very worthwhile.

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Look forward to seeing you again. I am now off to Costa Rica (it is my way of keeping Iberia Airways in business).

Regards

Martyn Bailey"

Hereunder follows the complete list.

Bird list Gran Colombia Trip March 2008

Italic English names = Heard only
BOLD English names = Specialities
BOLD Scientific names = Endemics

Little Tinamou (*Crypturellus soui*)
 Speckled Chachalaca (*Ortalis guttata*)
Band-tailed Guan (*Penelope argyrotis*)
 Andean Guan (*Penelope montagnii*)
Cauca Guan (*Penelope perspicax*)
Wattled Guan (*Aburria aburri*)
 Sickle-winged Guan (*Chamaepetes goudotii*)
 Crested Bobwhite (*Colinus cristatus*)
Black-fronted Wood-Quail (*Odontophorus atrifrons*)
Chestnut Wood-Quail (*Odontophorus hyperythrus*)
 Torrent Duck (*Merganetta armata*)
 Speckled Teal (*Anas flavirostris*)
 Olivaceous Piculet (*Picumnus olivaceus*)
Chestnut Piculet (*Picumnus cinnamomeus*)
 Acorn Woodpecker (*Melanerpes formicivorus*)
 Red-crowned Woodpecker (*Melanerpes rubricapillus*)
 Yellow-vented Woodpecker (*Veniliornis dignus*)
 Smoky-brown Woodpecker (*Veniliornis fumigatus*)
 Red-rumped Woodpecker (*Veniliornis kirkii*)
 Golden-olive Woodpecker (*Piculus rubiginosus*)
 Crimson-mantled Woodpecker (*Piculus rivolii*)
 Cinnamon Woodpecker (*Celeus loricatus*)
 Crimson-crested Woodpecker (*Campephilus melanoleucos*)
White-mantled Barbet (*Capito hypoleucus*)
 Red-headed Barbet (*Eubucco bourcierii*)
 Emerald Toucanet (*Aulacorhynchus prasinus*)
Santa Marta Toucanet (*Aulacorhynchus*)
 Crimson-rumped Toucanet (*Aulacorhynchus haematopygus*)
 Collared Araçari (*Pteroglossus torquatus*)
Black-billed Mountain-Toucan (*Andigena nigrirostris*)
 Keel-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos sulfuratus*)
Citron-throated Toucan (*Ramphastos citreolaemus*)
 Chestnut-mandibled Toucan (*Ramphastos swainsonii*)
 Rufous-tailed Jacamar (*Galbula ruficauda*)
 Barred Puffbird (*Nystalus radiatus*)
 Russet-throated Puffbird (*Hypnelus ruficollis*)
White-whiskered Puffbird (*Malacoptila panamensis*)
White-tipped Quetzal (*Pharomachrus fulgidus*)
 Golden-headed Quetzal (*Pharomachrus auriceps*)
 White-tailed Trogon (*Trogon viridis*)
 Collared Trogon (*Trogon collaris*)
 Masked Trogon (*Trogon personatus*)
 Violaceous Trogon (*Trogon violaceus*)
 Broad-billed Motmot (*Electron platyrhynchum*)
 Blue-crowned Motmot (*Momotus momota*)
 Highland Motmot (*Momotus aequatorialis*)
 Ringed Kingfisher (*Megaceryle torquata*)
 Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*)
 Greater Ani (*Crotophaga major*)
 Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*)
 Groove-billed Ani (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*)
 Striped Cuckoo (*Tapera naevia*)
 Pheasant Cuckoo (*Dromococcyx phasianellus*)
 Scarlet-fronted Parakeet (*Aratinga wagleri*)
 Brown-throated Parakeet (*Aratinga pertinax*)
Yellow-eared Parrot (*Ognorhynchus icterotis*)
Santa Marta Parakeet (*Pyrrhura viridicata*)
Brown-breasted Parakeet (*Pyrrhura calliptera*)
 Green-rumped Parrotlet (*Forpus passerinus*)
 Spectacled Parrotlet (*Forpus conspicillatus*)
 Orange-chinned Parakeet (*Brotogeris jugularis*)
Rusty-faced Parrot (*Hapalopsittaca amazonina*)
 Blue-headed Parrot (*Pionus menstruus*)
 Red-billed Parrot (*Pionus sordidus*)
 Speckle-faced Parrot (*Pionus tumultuosus*)
 Yellow-crowned Parrot (*Amazona ochrocephala*)
 Scaly-naped Parrot (*Amazona mercenaria*)
 White-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)
 Chestnut-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne rutila*)
 Chimney Swift (*Chaetura pelagica*)
 White-tipped Swift (*Aeronautes montivagus*)
 Short-tailed Swift (*Chaetura brachyura*)
 Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift (*Panyptila cayennensis*)
 Rufous-breasted Hermit (*Glaucis hirsutus*)
 Band-tailed Barbthroat (*Threnetes ruckeri*)
 Stripe-throated Hermit (*Phaethornis striigularis*)
 Pale-bellied Hermit (*Phaethornis anthophilus*)
 Tawny-bellied Hermit (*Phaethornis symmatophorus*)
 Western Long-tailed Hermit (*Phaethornis longirostris*)
 Green-fronted Lancebill (*Doryfera ludovicae*)
 Lazuline Sabrewing (*Campylopterus falcatus*)
 Brown Violet-ear (*Colibri delphinae*)
 Green Violet-ear (*Colibri thalassinus*)
 Sparkling Violet-ear (*Colibri coruscans*)
 Black-throated Mango (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*)
 Red-billed Emerald (*Chlorostilbon gibsoni*)
Coppery Emerald (*Chlorostilbon russatus*)
Short-tailed Emerald (*Chlorostilbon poortmani*)
 Blue-crowned Woodnymph (*Thalurea colombica*)
 White-chinned Sapphire (*Hylocharis cyanus*)
 Andean Emerald (*Amazilia franciae*)
Indigo-capped Hummingbird (*Amazilia cyanifrons*)
 Steely-vented Hummingbird (*Amazilia saucerrottei*)
 Rufous-tailed Hummingbird (*Amazilia tzacatl*)
Chestnut-bellied Hummingbird (*Amazilia castaneiventris*)
 White-vented Plumeleteer (*Chalybura buffonii*)
 Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer (*Chalybura urochrysia*)
 Speckled Hummingbird (*Adelomyia melanogenys*)
Blossomcrown (*Anthocephala floriceps*)
Empress Brilliant (*Heliodoxa imperatrix*)
 Fawn-breasted Brilliant (*Heliodoxa rubinoides*)
 White-tailed Hillstar (*Urochroa bougueri*)
 Mountain Velvetbreast (*Lafresnaya lafresnayi*)
 Bronzy Inca (*Coeligena coeligena*)
 Brown Inca (*Coeligena wilsoni*)
Black Inca (*Coeligena prunellei*)
 Collared Inca (*Coeligena torquata*)
White-tailed Starfrontlet (*Coeligena phalerata*)
 Buff-tailed Coronet (*Boissonneaua flavescens*)
Velvet-purple Coronet (*Boissonneaua jardini*)
Longuemare's Sunangel (*Heliangelus clarisse*)
 Tourmaline Sunangel (*Heliangelus exortis*)
 Glowing Puffleg (*Eriocnemis vestita*)
 Greenish Puffleg (*Haplophaedia aureliae*)
 Booted Racket-tail (*Ocreatus underwoodii*)
 Viridian Metaltail (*Metallura williami*)
 Tyrian Metaltail (*Metallura tyrianthina*)
Bronze-tailed Thornbill (*Chalcostigma heteropogon*)
Bearded Helmetcrest (*Oxygogon guerini*)
 Long-billed Starthroat (*Helio-master longirostris*)
 Ruby-Topaz Hummingbird (*Chrysolampis mosquitus*)
 Long-tailed Sylph (*Aglaiocercus kingi*)
 Violet-tailed Sylph (*Aglaiocercus coelestis*)
Purple-crowned Fairy (*Heliophryx barroti*)
 White-bellied Woodstar (*Acestrura mulsant*)
Santa Marta Woodstar (*Acestrura aestreans*)
 Tropical Screech-owl (*Megascops choliba*)
White-throated Screech-owl (*Megascops albogularis*)
 Andean Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium jardini*)
 Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum*)

Oilbird (*Steatornis caripensis*)
 Pauraque (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)
 Band-tailed Pigeon (*Patagioenas fasciata*)
 Pale-vented Pigeon (*Patagioenas cayennensis*)
Plumbeous Pigeon (Patagioenas plumbea)
 Scaled Pigeon (*Patagioenas speciosa*)
 Ruddy Pigeon (*Patagioenas subvinacea*)
 Eared Dove (*Zenaida auriculata*)
 Scaled Dove (*Columbina squammata*)
 Ruddy Ground-Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*)
Blue Ground-Dove (Claravis pretiosa)
 White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*)
 Lined Quail-Dove (*Geotrygon linearis*)
 Quail-Dove (*Geotrygon*)
 White-throated Crake (*Laterallus albigularis*)
Bogota Rail (*Rallus semiplumbeus*)
 Sora (*Porzana carolina*)
 Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinicus*)
 Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*)
Spot-flanked Gallinule (*Gallinula melanops*)
 American Coot (*Fulica americana*)
 Noble Snipe (*Gallinago nobilis*)
 Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*)
 Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*)
 Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*)
 Solitary Sandpiper (*Tringa solitaria*)
 Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularia*)
 Willet (*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*)
 Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*)
 Semipalmated Sandpiper (*Calidris pusilla*)
 Western Sandpiper (*Calidris mauri*)
 Least Sandpiper (*Calidris minutilla*)
 Grey Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*)
 Semipalmated Plover (*Charadrius semipalmatus*)
 Wilson's Plover (*Charadrius wilsonia*)
 Southern Lapwing (*Vanellus chilensis*)
 Laughing Gull (*Larus atricilla*)
 Gull-billed Tern (*Sterna nilotica*)
 Caspian Tern (*Sterna caspia*)
 Royal Tern (*Sterna maxima*)
 Sandwich Tern (*Sterna sandvicensis*)
 Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*)
 Pearl Kite (*Gampsonyx swainsonii*)
 White-tailed Kite (*Elanus leucurus*)
 Double-toothed Kite (*Harpagus bidentatus*)
 Tiny Hawk (*Accipiter superciliosus*)
 Grey Hawk (*Buteo nitidus*)
 Roadside Hawk (*Buteo magnirostris*)
 Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*)
White-rumped Hawk (*Buteo leucorrhous*)
 Short-tailed Hawk (*Buteo brachyurus*)
 White-tailed Hawk (*Buteo albicaudatus*)
 Zone-tailed Hawk (*Buteo albonotatus*)
Black Hawk-Eagle (Spizaetus tyrannus)
 Crested Caracara (*Caracara plancus*)
 Yellow-headed Caracara (*Milvago chimachima*)
Barred Forest-Falcon (Micrastur ruficollis)
 American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*)
 Bat Falcon (*Falco rufigularis*)
 Least Grebe (*Tachybaptus dominicus*)
 Pied-billed Grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps*)
 Neotropical Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)
 Reddish Egret (*Egretta rufescens*)
 Tricoloured Heron (*Egretta tricolor*)
 Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*)
 Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*)
 Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*)
 Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)
 Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)
 Striated Heron (*Butorides striatus*)
 Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (*Nyctanassa violacea*)
 Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)
 Least Bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*)
 Greater Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber*)
 Whispering Ibis (*Phimosus infuscatus*)
 Roseate Spoonbill (*Ajaia ajaja*)
 Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*)
 Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*)
 Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*)
 Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture (*Cathartes burrovianus*)
 Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*)
 Streak-necked Flycatcher (*Mionectes striaticollis*)
 Ochre-bellied Flycatcher (*Mionectes oleagineus*)
 Rufous-breasted Flycatcher (*Leptopogon rufipectus*)
 Sepia-capped Flycatcher (*Leptopogon amaurocephalus*)
 Slaty-capped Flycatcher (*Leptopogon superciliosus*)
 Bronze-olive Pygmy-Tyrant (*Pseudotriccus pelzelni*)
 Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant (*Pseudotriccus ruficeps*)
 Rufous-crowned Tody-Tyrant (*Poecilatriccus ruficeps*)
 Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer*)
 Black-throated Tody-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus granadensis*)
 Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum sylvia*)
 Common Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum cinereum*)
 Black-capped Tyrannulet (*Phylloscopus nigrocapillus*)
 Venezuelan Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius improbus*)
 Golden-faced Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius chrysops*)
 Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)
 Mouse-coloured Tyrannulet (*Phaeomyias murina*)
 Northern Scrub-Flycatcher (*Sublegatus arenarum*)
 Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet (*Tyrannulus elatus*)
 Yellow-bellied Elaenia (*Elaenia flavogaster*)
 Mountain Elaenia (*Elaenia frantzii*)
 White-throated Tyrannulet (*Mecocerculus leucophrys*)
 White-banded Tyrannulet (*Mecocerculus stictopterus*)
 Torrent Tyrannulet (*Serpophaga cinerea*)
 Slender-billed Inezia (*Inezia tenuirostris*)
Antioquia Bristle-Tyrant (*Phylloscartes lanyoni*)
 Variegated Bristle-Tyrant (*Phylloscartes poecilotis*)
 Black-capped Pygmy-Tyrant (*Myiornis atricapillus*)
 Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant (*Lophotriccus pileatus*)
 Pale-eyed Pygmy-tyrant (*Lophotriccus pilaris*)
 Bentbill (*Oncostoma olivaceum*)
Brownish Twistwing (*Cnipodectes subbrunneus*)
 Olivaceous Flatbill (*Rhynchocyclus olivaceus*)
 Ornate Flycatcher (*Myiobrycon ornatus*)
 Flavescent Flycatcher (*Myiophobus flavicans*)
 Handsome Flycatcher (*Myiophobus pulcher*)
 Bran-coloured Flycatcher (*Myiophobus fasciatus*)
 Cinnamon Flycatcher (*Pyrrhomyias cinnamomea*)
 Olive-sided Flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*)
 Smoke-coloured Pewee (*Contopus fumigatus*)
 Black Phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*)
 Vermillion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*)
 Yellow-bellied Chat-tyrant (*Ochthoeca diadema*)
 Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant (*Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris*)
 Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant (*Ochthoeca rufipectoralis*)
 Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant (*Ochthoeca fuscicollis*)
 Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant (*Myiotheretes striaticollis*)
Santa Marta Bush-Tyrant (*Myiotheretes pernix*)
 Pied Water-Tyrant (*Fluvicola pica*)
 Long-tailed Tyrant (*Colonia colonus*)
 Cattle Tyrant (*Machetornis rixosus*)
 Bright-rumped Attila (*Attila spadiceus*)
 Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*)
 Panama Flycatcher (*Myiarchus panamensis*)
 Pale-edged Flycatcher (*Myiarchus cephalotes*)
Apical Flycatcher (*Myiarchus apicalis*)
 Brown-crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*)
 Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)
 Grey Kingbird (*Tyrannus dominicensis*)
 Boat-billed Flycatcher (*Megarynchus pitangua*)
 Golden-crowned Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes chrysocephalus*)
 Streaked Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)
 Rusty-margined Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes cayanensis*)
 Social Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes similis*)
 Piratic Flycatcher (*Legatus leucophaius*)
 Lesser Kiskadee (*Philohydor lictor*)
 Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)
 Barred Becard (*Pachyramphus versicolor*)
 Cinnamon Becard (*Pachyramphus cinnamomeus*)

White-winged Becard (*Pachyrhamphus polychopterus*)
Cinereous Becard (*Pachyrhamphus rufus*)
One-coloured Becard (*Pachyrhamphus homochrous*)
Masked Tityra (*Tityra semifasciata*)
Red-crested Cotinga (*Ampelion rubrocristata*)
Green-and-black Fruiteater (*Pipreola riefferii*)
Golden-breasted Fruiteater (*Pipreola aureopectus*)
Orange-breasted Fruiteater (*Pipreola jucunda*)
Chestnut-capped Piha (*Lipaugus weberi*)
Red-ruffed Fruitcrow (*Pyroderus scutatus*)
Andean Cock-of-the-rock (*Rupicola peruviana*)
White-crowned Manakin (*Pipra pipra*)
Blue-crowned Manakin (*Pipra coronata*)
Lance-tailed Manakin (*Chiroxiphia lanceolata*)
White-bearded Manakin (*Manacus manacus*)
Striped Manakin (*Machaeropterus regulus*)
Black-crested Antshrike (*Sakesphorus canadensis*)
Black-backed Antshrike (*Sakesphorus melanonotus*)
Barred Antshrike (*Thamnophilus doliatus*)
Bar-crested Antshrike (*Thamnophilus multistriatus*)
Uniform Antshrike (*Thamnophilus unicolor*)
Western Slaty Antshrike (*Thamnophilus atrinucha*)
Plain Antwren (*Dysithamnus mentalis*)
Bicoloured Antwren (*Dysithamnus occidentalis*)
Checker-throated Antwren (*Myrmotherula fulviventris*)
White-flanked Antwren (*Myrmotherula axillaris*)
Slaty Antwren (*Myrmotherula schisticolor*)
Dot-winged Antwren (*Microrhopias quixensis*)
White-fringed Antwren (*Formicivora grisea*)
Long-tailed Antbird (*Drymophila caudata*)
Parker's Antbird (*Cercomacra parkeri*)
Jet Antbird (*Cercomacra nigricans*)
White-bellied Antbird (*Myrmeciza longipes*)
Chestnut-backed Antbird (*Myrmeciza exsul*)
Dull-mantled Antbird (*Myrmeciza laemosticta*)
Bicoloured Antbird (*Gymnopithys bicolor*)
Stout-billed Cinclodes (*Cinclodes excelsior*)
Andean Tit-Spinetail (*Leptasthenura andicola*)
Azara's Spinetail (*Synallaxis azarae*)
Pale-breasted Spinetail (*Synallaxis albescens*)
Slaty Spinetail (*Synallaxis brachyura*)
Silvery-throated Spinetail (*Synallaxis subpudica*)
Rufous Spinetail (*Synallaxis unirufa*)
Rusty-headed Spinetail (*Synallaxis fuscorufa*)
White-whiskered Spinetail (*Synallaxis candei*)
Ash-browed Spinetail (*Cranioleuca curtata*)
Streak-capped Spinetail (*Cranioleuca hellmayri*)
Spotted Barbtail (*Premnoplex brunnescens*)
Fulvous-dotted Treerunner (*Margarornis stellatus*)
Pearled Treerunner (*Margarornis squamiger*)
Streaked Tuftedcheek (*Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii*)
Lineated Foliage-gleaner (*Syndactyla subalaris*)
Montane Foliage-gleaner (*Anabacerthia striaticollis*)
Slaty-winged Foliage-gleaner (*Philydor fuscipennis*)
Uniform Treehunter (*Thripadectes*)
Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner (*Automolus ochrolaemus*)
Ruddy Foliage-gleaner (*Automolus rubiginosus*)
Grey-throated Leaf-tosser (*Sclerurus albigularis*)
Plain Xenops (*Xenops minutus*)
Streaked Xenops (*Xenops rutilans*)
Tyrannine Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla tyrannina*)
Plain-brown Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*)
Olivaceous Woodcreeper (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*)
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*)
Strong-billed Woodcreeper (*Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus*)
Black-banded Woodcreeper (*Dendrocolaptes picumnus*)
Straight-billed Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus picus*)
Cocoa Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus susurrans*)
Streak-headed Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*)
Montane Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger*)
Red-billed Scythebill (*Campylorhamphus trochilirostris*)
Brown-billed Scythebill (*Campylorhamphus pusillus*)
Cundinamarca Antpitta (*Grallaria kaestneri*)
Santa Marta Antpitta (*Grallaria bangsi*)
Chestnut-crowned Antpitta (*Grallaria ruficapilla*)
Bicoloured Antpitta (*Grallaria rufocinerea*)
Chestnut-naped Antpitta (*Grallaria nuchalis*)
Yellow-breasted Antpitta (*Grallaria flavotincta*)
White-bellied Antpitta (*Grallaria hypoleuca*)
Rufous Antpitta (*Grallaria rufula*)
Tawny Antpitta (*Grallaria quitensis*)
Brown-banded Antpitta (*Grallaria milleri*)
Rusty-breasted Antpitta (*Grallaricula ferrugineipectus*)
Slate-crowned Antpitta (*Grallaricula nana*)
Ash-coloured Tapaculo (*Myornis senilis*)
Unicoloured Tapaculo (*Scytalopus unicolor*)
Santa Marta Tapaculo (*Scytalopus sanctaemartae*)
Nariño Tapaculo (*Scytalopus vicini*)
Spillmann's Tapaculo (*Scytalopus spillmanni*)
Brown-rumped Tapaculo (*Scytalopus latebricola*)
Paramo Tapaculo (*Scytalopus canus*)
Matorral Tapaculo (*Scytalopus griseicollis*)
Stiles' Tapaculo (*Scytalopus stilesi*)
Ocellated Tapaculo (*Acropternis orthonyx*)
Rufous-browed Peppershrike (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*)
Black-billed Peppershrike (*Cyclarhis nigrirostris*)
Yellow-browed Shrike-Vireo (*Vireolanius eximius*)
Yellow-throated Vireo (*Vireo flavifrons*)
Brown-capped Vireo (*Vireo leucophrys*)
Rufous-naped Greenlet (*Hylophilus semibrunneus*)
Scrub Greenlet (*Hylophilus flavipes*)
Black-collared Jay (*Cyanolyca armillata*)
Beautiful Jay (*Cyanolyca pulchra*)
Black-chested Jay (*Cyanocorax affinis*)
Green Jay (*Cyanocorax yncas*)
Andean Solitaire (*Myadestes ralloides*)
Black Solitaire (*Entomodestes coracinus*)
Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush (*Catharus fuscater*)
Swainson's Thrush (*Catharus ustulatus*)
Yellow-legged Thrush (*Platycichla flavipes*)
Great Thrush (*Turdus fuscater*)
Glossy-black Thrush (*Turdus serranus*)
Black-hooded Thrush (*Turdus olivater*)
Pale-breasted Thrush (*Turdus leucomelas*)
Black-billed Thrush (*Turdus ignobilis*)
White-necked Thrush (*Turdus albicollis*)
Tropical Mockingbird (*Mimus gilvus*)
Bicoloured Wren (*Campylorhynchus griseus*)
Band-backed Wren (*Campylorhynchus zonatus*)
Rufous Wren (*Cinnycerthia unirufa*)
Sharpe's Wren (*Cinnycerthia olivascens*)
Sedge Wren (*Cistothorus platensis*)
Apolar's Wren (*Cistothorus apolinari*)
Black-bellied Wren (*Thryothorus fasciatoventris*)
Whiskered Wren (*Thryothorus mystacalis*)
Rufous-breasted Wren (*Thryothorus rutilus*)
Bay Wren (*Thryothorus nigricapillus*)
Rufous-and-white Wren (*Thryothorus rufalbus*)
Niceforo's Wren (*Thryothorus nicefori*)
House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*)
Mountain Wren (*Troglodytes solstitialis*)
Grey-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucophrys*)
Munchique Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina negreti*)
Southern Nightingale-wren (*Microcerculus marginatus*)
Chestnut-breasted Wren (*Cyphorhinus thoracicus*)
Long-billed Gnatwren (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*)
Tropical Gnatcatcher (*Poliottila plumbea*)
White-winged Swallow (*Tachycineta albiventer*)
Brown-chested Martin (*Progne tapera*)
Grey-breasted Martin (*Progne chalybea*)
Brown-bellied Swallow (*Notiochelidon murina*)
Blue-and-white Swallow (*Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*)
Southern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)
Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)
Paramo Pipit (*Anthus bogotensis*)
Andean Siskin (*Carduelis spinescens*)
Rufous-collared Sparrow (*Zonotrichia capensis*)
Orange-billed Sparrow (*Arremon aurantirostris*)
Golden-winged Sparrow (*Arremon schlegeli*)
Pale-naped Brush-Finch (*Atlapetes pallidinucha*)

Yellow-breasted Brush-Finch (*Atlapetes latinuchus*)
Santa Marta Brush-Finch (*Atlapetes melanocephalus*)
Yellow-headed Brush-Finch (*Atlapetes flaviceps*)
 Tricoloured Brush-Finch (*Atlapetes tricolor*)
 Moustached Brush-Finch (*Atlapetes albofrenatus*)
 Slaty Brush-Finch (*Atlapetes schistaceus*)
 Chestnut-capped Brush-finch (*Buarremon brunneinuchus*)
 Stripe-headed Brush-Finch (*Buarremon torquatus*)
 Golden-winged Warbler (*Vermivora chrysoptera*)
 Tennessee Warbler (*Vermivora peregrina*)
 Tropical Parula (*Parula pitaiayumi*)
 Yellow Warbler (*Dendroica petechia*)
 Blackburnian Warbler (*Dendroica fusca*)
 Bay-breasted Warbler (*Dendroica castanea*)
 Black-and-white Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*)
 American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*)
 Northern Waterthrush (*Seiurus noveboracensis*)
 Mourning Warbler (*Oporornis philadelphia*)
 Canada Warbler (*Wilsonia canadensis*)
 Slate-throated Whitestart (*Myioborus miniatus*)
 Golden-fronted Whitestart (*Myioborus ornatus*)
Yellow-crowned Whitestart (*Myioborus flavivertex*)
 Black-crested Warbler (*Basileuterus nigrocristatus*)
Santa Marta Warbler (*Basileuterus basilicus*)
White-lored Warbler (*Basileuterus conspicillatus*)
 Russet-crowned Warbler (*Basileuterus coronatus*)
 Rufous-capped Warbler (*Basileuterus rufifrons*)
 Three-striped Warbler (*Basileuterus tristriatus*)
 Buff-rumped Warbler (*Basileuterus fulvicauda*)
 Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*)
Rufous-browed Conebill (*Conirostrum rufum*)
 Blue-backed Conebill (*Conirostrum sitticolor*)
 Capped Conebill (*Conirostrum albigrons*)
 Grass-green Tanager (*Chlorornis riefferii*)
White-capped Tanager (*Sericossypha albocristata*)
 Common Bush-Tanager (*Chlorospingus ophthalmicus*)
 Yellow-throated Bush-Tanager (*Chlorospingus flavigularis*)
 Ashy-throated Bush-Tanager (*Chlorospingus canigularis*)
 Dusky-bellied Bush-Tanager (*Chlorospingus*)
 Grey-hooded Bush-Tanager (*Cnemoscopus rubrirostris*)
 Black-capped Hemispingus (*Hemispingus atropileus*)
 Superciliaried Hemispingus (*Hemispingus superciliaris*)
 Black-eared Hemispingus (*Hemispingus melanotis*)
Rosy Thrush-Tanager (*Rhodinocichla rosea*)
 Dusky-faced Tanager (*Mitrospingus cassinii*)
 Grey-headed Tanager (*Eucometis penicillata*)
 White-shouldered Tanager (*Tachyphonus luctuosus*)
 Tawny-crested Tanager (*Tachyphonus delatrii*)
 White-lined Tanager (*Tachyphonus rufus*)
Sooty Ant-Tanager (*Habia gutturalis*)
 Hepatic Tanager (*Piranga flava*)
 Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*)
 Crimson-backed Tanager (*Ramphocelus dimidiatus*)
Flame-rumped Tanager (*Ramphocelus flammigerus*)
 Lemon-rumped Tanager (*Ramphocelus icteronotus*)
 Blue-grey Tanager (*Thraupis episcopus*)
Glaucous Tanager (*Thraupis glaucocolpa*)
 Palm Tanager (*Thraupis palmarum*)
 Blue-capped Tanager (*Thraupis cyanocephala*)
Gold-ringed Tanager (*Bangsia aureocincta*)
 Hooded Mountain-Tanager (*Buthraupis montana*)
Santa Marta Mountain-Tanager (*Anisognathus melanogenys*)
 Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager (*Anisognathus lacrymosus*)
 Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager (*Anisognathus igniventris*)
 Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager (*Anisognathus somptuosus*)
Black-chinned Mountain-Tanager (*Anisognathus notabilis*)
 Purplish-mantled Tanager (*Iridosornis porphyrocephala*)
 Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager (*Dubusia taeniata*)
 Fawn-breasted Tanager (*Pipraeidea melanonota*)
 Trinidad Euphonia (*Euphonia trinitatis*)
Velvet-fronted Euphonia (*Euphonia concinna*)
 Thick-billed Euphonia (*Euphonia laniirostris*)
 Fulvous-vented Euphonia (*Euphonia fulvicrissa*)
 Orange-bellied Euphonia (*Euphonia xanthogaster*)
Yellow-collared Chlorophonia (*Chlorophonia flavirostris*)
 Blue-naped Chlorophonia (*Chlorophonia cyanea*)
 Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia (*Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys*)
Multicoloured Tanager (*Chlorochrysa nitidissima*)
Glistening-green Tanager (*Chlorochrysa phoenicotis*)
 Plain-coloured Tanager (*Tangara inornata*)
 Golden Tanager (*Tangara arthus*)
 Saffron-crowned Tanager (*Tangara xanthocephala*)
 Flame-faced Tanager (*Tangara parzudakii*)
 Speckled Tanager (*Tangara guttata*)
Rufous-throated Tanager (*Tangara rufigula*)
 Bay-headed Tanager (*Tangara gyrola*)
 Scrub Tanager (*Tangara vitriolina*)
 Blue-necked Tanager (*Tangara cyanicollis*)
 Golden-hooded Tanager (*Tangara larvata*)
 Beryl-spangled Tanager (*Tangara nigroviridis*)
 Blue-and-black Tanager (*Tangara vassorii*)
 Black-capped Tanager (*Tangara heinei*)
 Black-headed Tanager (*Tangara cyanoptera*)
 Green Honeycreeper (*Chlorophanes spiza*)
 Swallow Tanager (*Tersina viridis*)
 Plushcap (*Catamblyrhynchus diadema*)
Tanager Finch (*Oreothraupis arremonops*)
 Pileated Finch (*Coryphospingus pileatus*)
 Plumbeous Sierra-Finch (*Phrygilus unicolor*)
 Slaty Finch (*Haplospiza rustica*)
 Saffron Finch (*Sicalis flaveola*)
 Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina*)
 Grey Seedeater (*Sporophila intermedia*)
 Yellow-bellied Seedeater (*Sporophila nigricollis*)
 Ruddy-breasted Seedeater (*Sporophila minuta*)
 Lesser Seed-Finch (*Oryzoborus angolensis*)
 Plain-coloured Seedeater (*Catamenia inornata*)
 Yellow-faced Grassquit (*Tiaris olivacea*)
 Black-faced Grassquit (*Tiaris bicolor*)
 Rusty Flowerpiercer (*Diglossa sittoides*)
 White-sided Flowerpiercer (*Diglossa albilatera*)
 Black Flowerpiercer (*Diglossa humeralis*)
Indigo Flowerpiercer (*Diglossopsis indigotica*)
 Bluish Flowerpiercer (*Diglossopsis caerulescens*)
 Masked Flowerpiercer (*Diglossopsis cyanea*)
 Golden-bellied Grosbeak (*Pheucticus chrysogaster*)
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*)
Vermilion Cardinal (*Cardinalis phoeniceus*)
 Slate-coloured Grosbeak (*Saltator grossus*)
 Buff-throated Saltator (*Saltator maximus*)
 Black-winged Saltator (*Saltator atripennis*)
 Greyish Saltator (*Saltator coerulescens*)
Orinocan Saltator (*Saltator orenocensis*)
 Streaked Saltator (*Saltator striatipectus*)
 Crested Oropendola (*Psarocolius decumanus*)
 Russet-backed Oropendola (*Psarocolius angustifrons*)
 Chestnut-headed Oropendola (*Psarocolius wagleri*)
 Yellow-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus cela*)
 Mountain Cacique (*Cacicus chrysonotus*)
 Yellow-backed Oriole (*Icterus chrysater*)
 Yellow Oriole (*Icterus nigrogularis*)
 Yellow-tailed Oriole (*Icterus mesomelas*)
Orange-crowned Oriole (*Icterus auricapillus*)
 Northern Oriole (*Icterus galbula*)
 Yellow-hooded Blackbird (*Agelaius icterocephalus*)
 Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*)
Red-bellied Grackle (*Hypopyrrhus pyrohypogaster*)
Mountain Grackle (*Macroagelaius subalaris*)
 Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*)
 Shiny Cowbird (*Molothrus bonariensis*)
 Giant Cowbird (*Scaphidura oryzivora*)