

# Southern Ecuador: Biodiversity Across the Andes Species List | March 3 – 16, 2024 with Naturalist Journeys



**Compiled by guide Andrea Molina. Our clients included Carol, Jack, Sandra, James, Brent, and Velma.**

Southern Ecuador contains several restricted and endangered ecosystems ranging from swamps, deserts, arid scrub, deciduous forests, rainforests, montane cloud forests, high altitude elfin forests, and paramo. Some of these are considered Endemic Bird Areas (EBAs) by BirdLife International and are home to a number of Tumbesian and Chocó regions endemics. Through our journey, we visited a combination of private and national protected land, emblematic National Parks such as El Cajas, Podocarpus, Antisana; and some of the most remarkable reserves managed by the Ecuadorian Foundation Locofofo. We had the chance to see 2 Ecuador endemic species: Violet-throated Metaltail and El Oro Parakeet, plus several other species encountered in trails, roads, highways and specific feeding stations, hummingbirds where delightful and close enough to capture images even with phones. Our days started early in the morning taking advantage of the best locations and besides birding, we also enjoy landscapes, culture and local food. As an addition, the last day, we had the chance to visit the best location for Andean Condor with multiple display of this iconic bird of Andes and the emblematic for the country, a perfect ending for a great trip.

The eBird link below details the 357 species of birds our group observed during the tour. If you're new to eBird, be sure to click "Show All Details" on the right side of the list to expand the report and reveal where and when each of the birds were seen and how many.

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