

Colombia: Birding from Bogota Species List | December 6 -12, 2024 with Naturalist Journeys



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This was a great tour to kick off Naturalist Journeys new "Short and Sweet" series of tours. Bogota has great air service and could not be a better hub to discover rich bird areas of varied elevation, from the high paramo to the llanos. Manuel Espejo shared his birding skills and love of country on this quick 6 days of birding, with 207 species recorded. Three secretive antpittas stand out, Cundinamarca, Boyaca, and Muisca, and we have gratitude to the local guides who have acclimated them to visitor with patient feeding. We saw 26 species of dazzling hummingbirds, most well enough to get good photographs. We spent time in two other-worldly paramo environments, logging sightings of some really tough species, such as Red-rumped Bush Tyrant alongside several endemics. We rounded a corner on a forest trail to stand in plain view of a pair of Great Potoo on their daytime roosts - unforgettable. We were mesmerized by tanagers and fruiteaters, Hoatzin, Whistling Heron, Black-bellied Mountain Tanager, Green Jay Red-breasted Meadowlark and a baby Band-bellied Owl. Best of all, we had a lot of fun on our successful adventure with a most compatible group and we met so many warm-hearted wonderful Colombian people.

The eBird link below details the 204 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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Following is a list of the birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians we were fortunate to observe during the trip

Family or Species Common Name Scientific Name: — (# of days on the trip seen)

BIRDS: 205 species (204 on eBird report plus one species seen by one client only)

E = Endemic

NE = Near Endemic – often shared with neighboring country, for this trip, mostly Venezuela

END = Endangered

HO = Heard Only – noted when the group focused on the call and recognized it

TINAMOUS: Tinamidae — (1)

Tawny-breasted Tinamou *Nothocercus julius* — (HO-1) Heard in the distance at Reserva Bosque Guajira.

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae — (4)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis* — (3) There was quite the “gang” at Hotel Aitabu in the lowlands, and we had a chance to watch them swimming, preening, marching across the parking lot. Lots of good photo ops in good light. High count was 16.

Torrent Duck *Merganetta armata*— (1) Seen from a bridge where Manuel predicted we might find them, returning from our outings that day we took a peek – success! We got scope views at Reserva Bioandina.

Andean Teal *Anas andium* — (3) Seen at both parks in the paramos, Parque Natural National (PNN) Chingaza and PNN Sumapaz and then from the bridge while at the Reserva Bioandina. Our high count of 8 was at Sumapaz where we walked the road between various ponds.

Andean Duck *Oxyura ferruginea* — (3) Very similar to Ruddy Duck, first seen at Parque Puente Sopó our first day. Seen again at both parks in the paramos, PNN Chingaza and PNN Sumapaz.

GUANS AND CURASSOWS: Cracidae — (3)

Rufous-vented Chachalaca *Ortalis ruficauda*— (1) Seen in the open country of the Llanos we spent one afternoon at, scanning open fields and scattered trees edging them.

Speckled Chachalaca *Ortalis guttata* — (2) Noisy and common on the grounds of Hotel Aitabu and also seen in tall trees lining the road we walked up at Bosque Bavaria.

Andean Guan *Penelope montagnii* — (1) A nice pickup at the antpitta site we visited, Observatorio de Aves Los Andes, being secretive in lush trees behind the antpitta site.

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae — (5)

Rock Pigeon (I) *Columba livia* — (5) Common in Bogota and other larger urban areas.

Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis* — (2) Seen on the grounds of Hotel Aitabu in the lowlands.

Ruddy Ground Dove *Columbina talpacoti* — (2) Seen well along the roadside of our drive and birding in the llanos, then also seen at feeders and on the grounds of Finca Las Hermanas our final day.

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi* — (1) Two were seen in the lowland llanos – open country birding.

Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata* — (5) Common and widespread.

CUCKOOS AND ALLIES: Cuculidae — (3)

Greater Ani *Crotophaga major* — (1) Seen near Hotel Aitabu, almost posing for us to see them well.

Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani* — (2) Seen in the llanos, and again at Finca Las Hermanas on our final day.

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana* — (1) We got good looks at one in the trees at Bosque Bavaria, a mid-elevation mountain site.

NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae — (1)

Common Parake *Nyctidromus albicollis*— (2) Calling each night and seen by a few of the group flying through the lights on our hotel grounds at night, as they returned their rooms after dinner.

POTOOS: Nyctibiidae — (1)

Great Potoo *Nyctibius grandis* — (1) An incredible highlight of the tour, a GREAT reward after an uphill walk at Bosque Bavaria, a pair of this huge nocturnal species, on day roosts. One in particular was right out in the open over the trail, we could watch it from different angles for as long as we liked, spectacular!

SWIFTS: Apodidae — (1)

Fork-tailed Palm-Swift *Tachornis squamata* — (1) Seen morning and evening circling above the hotel groups at Hotel Aitabu over palms and the pond there.

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae — (26)

Rufous-breasted Hermit *Glaucis hirsutus* — (1) Seen at eye level as we returned downhill from our walk at Bosque Bavaria, calling and feeding on flowers.

Blue-fronted Lancebill *Doryfera johannae* — (1) A species we'd hoped to see at Bosque Bavaria, we had success almost immediately and got repeated views as it fed above us, finding flowers in the tree canopy.

Sparkling Violetear *Colibri coruscans* — (3) We saw this species in the paramos, at two locations in PNN Chingaza and then the following day at feeders at Observatorio de aves Los Andes, where our photographers were especially happy to see this shining jewel up close.

Lesser Violetear *Colibri cyanotus* — (2) Seen at most of the feeders we visited, on each day seen at two sites, and our high count was 7 at Finca Las Hermanas.

Black-throated Mango *Anthracothorax nigricollis* — (1) Two individuals were frequenting the feeders we enjoyed sitting at while at Finca Las Hermanas, where a burst of tanagers and hummingbirds delighted everyone.

Longuemare's Sunangel *Helianthus clarisse* — (1) A cloudforest species of Colombia and adjacent Venezuela, we were happy to get very good looks at two sites on our day visiting Observatorio de aves Los Andes and Reserva Bosque Guajira.

Speckled Hummingbird *Adelomyia melanogenys* — (1) One of several species at the feeders atop the world, with a fine view of the Andes. We had breakfast here hosted by the family that has helped to protect habitat for the Cundinamarca Antpitta. We took a wild 4-wheel drive transport from the town of Monterredondo to get there, quite the adventure!

Long-tailed Sylph *Agelaiocercus kingii* — (1) Another beauty of the mountain top Sendero La Herrería -- Refugio del Tororoi, we had five of this incredible beauty to watch and photograph – wow.

Green-tailed Trainbearer *Lesbia nuna* — (1) Seen early in the morning, then again at day's end, at Reserva Chiguaza, where we leaned over the balcony of a small restaurant there to scan for birds. Quick visits to shrubbery, at some distance.

Purple-backed Thornbill *Ramphomicron microrhynchum* — (1) Seen in the paramo at two locations while in PNN Chingaza. This vivid beauty was actively feeding on a flowering shrub so we got repeated views. This species feeds on nectar and has the smallest bill of any hummingbird.

NE - Bronze-tailed Thornbill *Chalcostigma heteropogon* — (2) Fairly common in the two paramo environments we visited on different days.

END - Green-bearded Helmetcrest *Oxygogon guerinii* — (1) We worked hard to find this species (in between peeks at the new litter of puppies in the small store) past the military checkpoint in PNN Sumapaz. It was helpful that Manuel knew the flowers it feeds on and in time, with patience we found one in a patch where we got repeated views.

Tyrian Metaltail *Metallura tyrianthina* — (3) Fairly widespread at varied elevation, we saw them from our breakfast site and on several forest walks, and in PNN Chingaza.

Glowing Puffleg *Eriocnemis vestita* — (3) We saw this species in PNN Chingaza and Reserva Bosque Guajira, which borders it.

Shining Sunbeam *Aglaeactis cupripennis* — (1) Seen from a roadside viewpoint in PNN Chingaza.

Bronzy Inca *Coeligena* — (1) Seen at the reserve atop a ridge in the Andes, Sendero La Herrería -- Refugio del Tororoi, at the feeders where we had a delicious breakfast with the host family.

Collared Inca *Coeligena torquata* — (1) We saw at least four individuals at the mountaintop reserve at feeders while being served breakfast. They were bold at the feeders and gave us good views.

Blue-throated Starfrontlet *Coeligena helianthea* — (1) Our middle day between paramo national parks, Manuel crafted a great day for us visiting local farms and birding sites, with feeders where we got good views at this species.

Mountain Velvetbreast *Lafresnaya lafresnayi* — (1) Seen on our day at Reserva Bosque Guajira and Observatorio de aves Los Andes. The mix of forest edge and feeders gave us a good variety of species including this lovely member of the "brilliant" clan of hummingbirds, a widespread species in the Andes.

Sword-billed Hummingbird *Ensifera* — (1) OMG is the only thing one can say when seeing this bill with a hummingbird

attached. What a crazy species! We saw it at two locations on our day between the two paramo national parks.

White-bellied Woodstar *Chaetocercus mulsant* — (1) Another species seen while exploring farms and reserves of the montane areas adjacent to PNN Chingaza.

Fork-tailed Woodnymph *Thalurania furcata* — (1) Seen while at Bosque Bavaria.

Steely-vented Hummingbird *Saucerottia saucerottei* — (1) Quite common at the mid-montane site we stopped at en route back to Bogota, Finca Las Hermanas, we had six at the feeders.

Green-bellied Hummingbird *Saucerottia viridigaster* — (1) Also seen at Finca Las Hermanas, this rather plain hummingbird has a limited range in Colombia and adjacent Venezuela so we were happy to find it.

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird *Amazilia tzacatl* — (1) Widespread in distribution, we picked it up while at Finca Las Hermanas.

Versicolored Emerald *Amazilia versicolor* — (1) Seen in the lowlands while out in the llanos, feeding on flowers of trees lining the road in front of expansive pastures.

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

Bogota Rail (E) *Rallus semiplumbeus* — (HO-1) We heard this species our first outing at Parque Puente Sopó and thought we'd have time with it later in the trip. More time at other sites precluded that – next year we'll be sure to find it!

Gray-cowled Wood-Rail *Aramides cajaneus* — (2) We saw the same individual coming and going from Hotel Aitabu, walking out from a residence into the fields.

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata* — (1) Seen our first day at Parque Puente Sopó in small ponds.

American Coot *Fulica americana* — (2) Seen at varied elevation, quite close to Bogota at Parque Puente Sopó and then later in the paramo.

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae — (1)

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis* — (3) Our first sighting were two in the road as we left Observatorio de aves Los Andes. We then saw them often while staying at Hotel Aitabu and in large open pastures of our drive and birding in the llanos.

JACANAS: Jacanidae — (1)

Wattled Jacana — (1) Seen in the big pond at Hotel Aitabu where we had a high count of three individuals.

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae — (2)

Noble Snipe *Gallinago nobilis* — (1) Seen only by Andrew, on day 4 – not on our eBird checklist for the group but a great find for one of our tribe!

Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria* — (1) Just one sighting of one individual, which we got in the scope while scanning the high wetland area of Laguna Chisacá in PNN Sumapaz.

HOATZIN: Opisthocomidae — (1)

Hoatzin *Opisthocomus hoazin* — (3) Loud and vocal, fun to watch around the grounds of Hotel Aitabu.

ANHINGAS: — (1)

Anhinga — (2) Seen swimming and perched, drying its wings, at the pond at Hotel Aitabu.

IBISES AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae — (4)

Scarlet Ibis *Eudocimus ruber* — (1) Seen in flight over the pastures of the llanos, a brief but glorious view.

Green Ibis *Mesembrinibis cayennensis* — (2) Seen in the llanos and at Hotel Aitabu.

Bare-faced Ibis *Phimosus infuscatus* — (4) First seen along the roadside leaving Bogota briefly, then at Parque Puente

Sopó. We picked them up again at Hotel Aitabu.

Roseate Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja* — (1) Seen in the distance flying just as we got out of the bus when arriving at Hotel Aitabu.

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae — (5)

Whistling Heron *Syrigma sibilatrix* — (1) The bus came to a quick stop as this stunning heron was spotted as we drove back towards our hotel. We did not want to scare it away so viewed from inside and as a result got wonderful looks at it moving and feeding – such a lovely patterned bird.

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* — (1) Just one individual, at a roadside pond as we descended the Andes.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula* — (3) Seen at three locations, ponds at different elevations.

Western Cattle-Egret *Ardea ibis* — (6) Common and widespread.

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi* — (1) Seen in the pond at Hotel Aitabu.

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae — (2)

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* — (6) Common and widespread other than in the paramo habitats.

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* — (2) Seen at Reserva Bosque Guajira and on travel days at mid-elevation.

HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae — (7)

Black-and-Chestnut Eagle *Spizaetus isidori* — (HO-1) This elusive wilderness species was a joy to hear, though we would have loved to see it, we tried for some time as it called in the distance from our visit to a farm and feeders mid-elevation at Reserva Bosque Guajira.

Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea* — (2) Seen near Hotel Aitabu, one time perched for very good views.

Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis* — (1) Seen while in the llanos.

Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris* — (1) Seen perched, going into Reserva Bioandina.

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle *Geranoaetus melanoleucus* — (2) Grand views while at a viewpoint in the paramo, the first day in PNN Chingaza, and the second after seeing a Spectacled Bear coming out of PNN Sumapaz.

Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus* — (1) One of our first raptors spotted, at Parque Puente Sopó.

Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyurus* — (1) Seen at both forest sites on our day between paramo national parks, we got good views of birds in flight.

OWLS: Strigidae — (2)

Tropical Screech-Owl *Megascops choliba* — (HO-1) Heard only, from our rooms at night at Hotel Aitabu.

Band-bellied Owl *Pulsatrix melanota* — (1) We saw a precious juvenile in its nest hole, from the road, we got a scope on this pumpkin-colored fuzzball. It was sizeable and would fledge soon, and we were pleased to be able to see it.

TROGONS: Trogonidae — (2)

Green-backed Trogon *viridis* — (1) This species is common at Bosque Bavaria, we saw at least five going up and down the trail, and heard others calling.

Masked Trogon *personatus* — (1) Manuel heard this species calling just as we were leaving Reserva Bosque Guajira. We walked down a small slope to find it in lush vegetation. We had to move about but in time got scope views as it called repeatedly. Well worth the effort!

MOTMOTS: Momotidae — (1)

Amazonian Motmot *Momotus momota* — (1) We had very good views of this species a ways up the uphill trail, off to one side where we had it perched at Bosque Bavaria. A ways up the trail we had time with one other individual.

NEW WORLD BARBETS: Capitonidae — (1)

Gilded Barbet *Capito auratus* — (HO-1) Heard only, but repeatedly, at Bosque Bavaria.

TOUCANS: Ramphastidae — (3)

Black-billed Mountain Toucan *Andigena nigrirostris* — (1) A highlight of the tour, we saw five of this species in a group feeding alongside the road up to Observatorio de Aves Los Andes.

Chestnut-eared Aracari *Pteroglossus castanotis* — (1) Three of this species were in a tree canopy viewed from the outside eating area of our breakfast stop at a convenience store on the way to Bosque Bavaria.

White-throated Toucan *Ramphastos tucanus* — (HO-1) A few individuals were calling in the distance as we started our walk with local guides at Bosque Bavaria.

WOODPECKERS: Picidae — (2)

Scaled Piculet *Picumnus squamulatus* — (1) Seen in a vine tangle, feeding, briefly while walking up the trail in Bosque Bavaria.

Little Woodpecker *Dryobates passerinus* — (1) Seen with a mixed flock in Bosque Bavaria.

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae — (4)

Crested Caracara *Caracara plancus* — (2) Seen roadside on a travel day, then seen at Hotel Aitabu.

Yellow-headed Caracara *Daptrius chimachima* — (1) Four individuals were seen during our time in the llanos.

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius* — (1) Seen perched at Reserva Bosque Guajira.

Apomado Falcon *Falco femoralis* — (1) Seen in the scope, perched along a fence line between pastures of the llanos.

PARROTS: Psittacidae — (6)

Yellow-crowned Parrot *Amazona ochrocephala* — (1) Seen flying beyond the pond at Hotel Aitabu.

Mealy Amazon *Amazona farinosa* — (1) Seen in flight, in the llanos.

Orange-winged Amazon *Amazona amazonica* — (1) Seen while birding in the llanos.

***Brown-breasted Parakeet (E)** *Pyrrhura calliptera* — (1) Great views as we drove the main road into Observatorio de aves Los Andes. We got the scopes on one individual and another in flight.

Brown-throated Parakeet *Eupsittula pertinax* — (1) A flock of a dozen seen in the llanos.

Red-bellied Macaw *Orthopsittaca manilatus* — (3) This species roosted in large palms that rimmed the pond at Hotel Aitabu. We saw twenty or more each morning, and also saw a few while in the llanos.

ANTBIRDS: Thamnophilidae — (3)

Moustached Antwren *Myrmotherula ignota* — (1) We worked hard to find this secretive species, successful on our way back down the road, while at Bosque Bavaria.

Dusky Antbird *Cercomacroides tyrannina* — (1) A pair seen at Bosque Bavaria.

White-browed Antbird *Myrmoborus leucophrys* — (1) Three individuals seen at Bosque Bavaria.

ANTPITTAS: Grallariidae — (3)

Cundinamarca Antpitta (END) *Grallaria kaestneri* — (1) Remarkable views of two, walking a small trail into the cloud forest of a family run reserve to help protect habitat for this species, only described in 1992!

Muisca Antpitta *Grallaria rufula* — (1) Very special to see this species, coming in to the voice and calm demeanor of our local guide Freddie, at Observatorio de Aves Los Andes.

Boyaca Antpitta *Grallaria alticola* — (1) This species put on a good showing at two locations of the paramo, at different lagoons in PNN Sumapaz.

TAPACULOS: Rhinocryptidae — (2)

Long-tailed Tapaculo *Scytalopus micropterus* — (HO-1) An east slope species, we were able to hear but not see this elusive species.

Pale-bellied Tapaculo (NE) *Scytalopus griseicollis* — (2) We heard two individuals while in the paramo at PNN Chingaza and then with patience were able to see one at Observatorio de Aves Los Andes, where it is coming in to the antpitta feeding station. We even got photos, which is almost unheard of for a tapaculo.

OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS: Furnariidae — (7)

Buff-throated Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus guttatus* — (1) Seen feeding, perched vertically and flying between trees, at Bosque Bavaria.

Olive-backed Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus triangularis* — (1) A lucky sighting when this species came in to moss-lined tree limbs beyond the feeders at Finca Las Hermanas.

Chestnut-winged Cinclodes *albidiventris* — (1) Seen at the edge of two lagoons at PNN Chingaza.

Andean Tit-Spinetail *Leptasthenura andicola* — (1) It was cold and raining at our first lagoon stop at PNN Chingaza, but we ventured out anyway. It lighted up thankfully and we heard and then found this species in shrubs along the lakeshore.

Many-striped Canastero *Asthenes flammulata* — (1) Seen in the rainy conditions we started our birding at PNN Chingaza in, along the shore of Laguna Chisacá.

White-chinned Thistletail *Asthenes fuliginosa* — (1) Three were seen in the paramo of PNN Chingaza.

***Silvery-throated Spinetail (E)** *Synallaxis subpudica* — (1) Our first endemic of the trip, we were happy to find a pair at Parque Puente Sopó.

MANAKINS: Pipridae — (3)

White-bearded Manakin *Manacus* — (1) This species had a lek in the forest as we walked the trail at Bosque Bavaria. Our local guide took a few in at a time for front row seats – extraordinary!

Striolated Manakin *Machaeropterus striolatus* — (1) Seen in the forests of Bosque Bavaria.

Golden-headed Manakin *Ceratopipra erythrocephala* — (1) Seen quite high in the trees above us as we walked down the trail in Bosque Bavaria.

COTINGAS: Cotingidae — (2)

Green-and-black Fruiteater *Pipreola riefferii* — (2) We first saw this species in thick vegetation along a road we walked in Reserva Bosque Guajira, a pair. We then saw this stunning species again seen in the cloudforest reserve we visited by 4 WD, close to the antpitta feeding station.

Red-crested Cotinga *Ampelion rubrocristatus* — (HO-1) Heard as we were watching hummingbirds at the feeders, we tried to locate it as we walked to the antpitta site, but by then it was too distant to respond.

TITYRAS AND BECARDS: Tityridae — (1)

Cinnamon Becard *Pachyramphus cinnamomeus* — (1) Two were seen on the walk we did out to a viewpoint as we arrived at Finca Las Hermanas. They were feeding in trees near the trail, part of a mixed flock.

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae — (21)

Olive-striped Flycatcher *Mionectes galbinus* — (1) Seen in a mixed flock at Bosque Bavaria, feeding rapidly among dense branches.

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus* — (1) Seen while birding the trail of Bosque Bavaria.

Sepia-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon amaurocephalus* — (1) This striking small flycatcher was seen as we walked the trail of Bosque Bavaria, a bird-rich mid-elevation area.

White-throated Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus leucophrys* — (3) Seen well in both paramo parks and the cloud forest we spent time in the day between visiting those sites.

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet *Tyrannulus elatus* — (HO-1) Calling as we birded the grounds of Hotel Aitabu, but it stayed distant in the canopy.

Small-billed Elaenia *parvirostris* — (1) A lone individual seen and heard at Bosque Bavaria.

Mountain Elaenia *frantzii* — (3) First encountered our first day at Parque Puente Sopó. Then seen near the feeders at Observatorio de aves Los Andes.

Golden-faced Tyrannulet *Zimmerius chrysops* — (1) Seen on the trail we walked out to a viewpoint, a very small flycatcher in the canopy, at Finca Las Hermanas.

Western / Eastern Wood-Pewee *Contopus sp* — (1) Seen from the deck of our breakfast and lunch spot the day between paramo parks, it did not call and without that important clue we could not pin this one down.

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans* — (1) Seen along the roadside leaving Bogota our first full day.

Red-rumped Bush-Tyrant *Cnemarchus erythropygius* — (1) A great find in the paramo of PNN Sumapaz, Manual finessed our being able to stop in a spot good for them, and once found, we got engaging looks and plenty of photo ops.

White-headed Marsh Tyrant *Arundinicola leucocephala* — (1) Seen in reedy patches among the pastures of the llanos.

Pied Water-Tyrant *Fluvicola pica* — (1) Seen near the pond at Hotel Aitabu.

Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca fumicolor* — (1) Seen at two locations in PNN Sumapaz.

Cattle Tyrant *Machetornis rixosa* — (3) Seen on the grounds of Hotel Aitabu on two days.

Lesser Kiskadee *Philohydor lictor* — (2) Calling and seen on the grounds, near the pond and rooms at Hotel Aitabu.

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus* — (2) Seen in lower elevation sites visited and Finca Las Hermanas.

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua* — (2) First encountered in the llanos, it was then seen at Finca Las Hermanas.

Rusty-margined Flycatcher *Myiozetetes cayanensis* — (1) Seen in the llanos.

Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis* — (2) Seen regularly on the east side of the Andes at mid and lower elevations.

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* — (5) Common and widespread.

VIREOS: Vireonidae — (1)

Red-eyed (Chivi) Vireo *olivaceus* — (1) Seen at Bosque Bavaria, not calling so difficult to assign.

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae — (2)

Violaceous Jay *Cyanocorax violaceus* — (2) We first encountered this noisy, personable species at Hotel Aitabu, then at the outings we took close to there to the llanos and Bosque Bavaria.

Green Jay *Cyanocorax yncas* — (1) Seen really well at Finca Las Hermanas. Some of our diligent photographers kept at it to get good images as they were in the trees and not at the feeders there.

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae — (3)

White-winged Swallow *Tachycineta albiventris* — (2) Seen two days over the ponds at our hotel, sometimes perched on the fence surrounding it for very good views.

Brown-chested Martin *Progne tapera* — (2) Seen coming and going to Hotel Aitabu in a patch of drier forest and agricultural land.

Brown-bellied Swallow *Orochelidon murina* — (4) Seen in the paramo near lagoons, at PNN Chingaza, and then at the reserve of our breakfast and lunch spot as we explored PNN Sumapaz.

WRENS: Troglodytidae — (4)

Southern House Wren *Troglodytes musculus* — (2) Seen at Hotel Aitabu and Finca Las Hermanas, comfortable around settlements.

Grass Wren *Cistothorus platensis* — (2) Seen well at the two paramo national parks.

***Apolinar's Wren (E and END)** *Cistothorus apolinari* — (1) This jaunty endemic perched atop a fuzzy paramo shrub to sing in the rain, giving us hope the day would not be a bust. We had it at two lagoons in the high elevations of PNN Sumapaz.

Rufous-and-white Wren *Thryophilus rufalbus* — (HO-1) Secretive, heard from dense vegetation near the end of a historic estate wall lining the road in Bosque Bavaria.

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae — (1)

Tropical Mockingbird *Mimus gilvus* — (5) Widespread in non-paramo environments.

THRUSHES: Turdidae — (6)

Andean Solitaire *Myadestes ralloides* — (HO-1) This species lovely song was heard as we were watching a group of Black-billed Mountain Toucans.

Swainson's Thrush *Catharus ustulatus* — (2) Seen at Bosque Bavaria and Finca Las Hermanas.

Pale-breasted Thrush *Turdus leucomelas* — (2) Seen on the lawn of Hotel Aitabu and then quite common at Finca Las Hermanas.

White-necked Thrush *Turdus albicollis* — (1) A forest species, seen at Bosque Bavaria and then in the thick hedgerow of trees at the back of the hotel where we were watching the Hoatzin one afternoon.

Spectacled Thrush *Turdus nudigenis* — (1) Seen at Finca Las Hermanas, 15 individuals!

Great Thrush *Turdus fuscater* — (4) Common and widespread, one of our more commonly encountered species, at mid and higher elevations.

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae — (2)

Orange-bellied Euphonia *xanthogaster* — (1) Two were seen in canopy trees at Bosque Bavaria.

Andean Siskin *Spinus spinescens* — (1) Seen in small groups in both paramo parks.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae — (5)

Yellow-browed Sparrow *Ammodramus aurifrons* — (1) Seen in the llanos.

Pectoral Sparrow *Arremon taciturnus* — (1) Two were seen at Bosque Bavaria.

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis* — (5) Widespread at different elevations.

Northern Slaty Brushfinch *Atlapetes schistaceus* — (1) Seen by Andrew, on our third day.

Pale-naped Brushfinch *Atlapetes pallidinucha* — (3) First seen briefly in NNP Chingaza on a shrubby hillside, for many of the group heard only, we had a second chance at this species in Reserva Bosque Guajira.

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae — (11)

Eastern Meadowlark *Sturnella magna* — (4) Seen at two mid-elevation sites, and at the llanos.

Red-breasted Meadowlark *Leistes militaris* — (1) Seen at a distance, but in the scope on a fence line between pastures in the llano.

Russet-backed Oropendola *Psarocolius angustifrons* — (2) We encountered one in a bromeliad-clad tree in Bosque Bavaria, then found four at Finca Las Hermanas on our walk there.

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus* — (2) Quite common at Bosque Bavaria where we saw 8, we also had them around Hotel Aitabu and later at Finca Las Hermanas.

Olive Oropendola *Psarocolius bifasciatus* — (1) Three were seen in flight when we were looking for Giant Anteater near dusk in the area we birded at in the llanos.

Yellow-backed Oriole *Icterus chrysater* — (1) Distant but good views from the deck at Reserva Chiguaza, our breakfast/lunch spot before venturing into the highlands.

Epaulet Oriole *Icterus cayanensis* — (1) Two were seen our first arrival day at Hotel Aitabu, spotted by keen-eyed Andrew.

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis* — (1) Seen at our hotel in Bogota.

Carib Grackle *Quiscalus lugubris* — (2) Seen at Observatorio de aves Los Andes and then encountered again on the roadside birding we did in the llanos.

Oriole Blackbird *Gymnomystax mexicanus* — (2) A stunning species, a favorite of our photographers, seen on the grounds of Hotel Aitabu on two days.

Yellow-hooded Blackbird *Chrysomus icterocephalus* — (1) Seen in tall reeds at Parque Puente Sopó on our first birding outing.

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae — (8)

Golden-winged Warbler *Vermivora chrysoptera* — (1) Seen at Bosque Bavaria, our best site for forest birding and seeing warblers. One individual.

American Redstart *Setophaga ruticilla* — (1) Four were seen at Bosque Bavaria, at different locations on the trail.

Bay-breasted Warbler *Setophaga castanea* — (1) Five were seen at Bosque Bavaria, obviously an important wintering location for warblers.

Blackburnian Warbler *Setophaga fusca* — (4) Our first warbler seen on the outing to Parque Puente Sopó, then seen at several other forest locations.

Blackpoll Warbler *Setophaga striata* — (1) Three were seen at Bosque Bavaria.

Golden-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus culicivorus* — (1) This resident, breeding warbler was seen at Bosque Bavaria.

Canada Warbler *Cardellina canadensis* — (1) One seen at Bosque Bavaria.

Golden-fronted Redstart *Myioborus ornatus* — (2) Seen in the low shrubs of higher elevation at PNN Chingaza, then at Observatorio de Aves de los Andes. Also known as Colombian Whitestart.

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae — (2)

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra* — (1) Two were seen at Bosque Bavaria.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak *Pheucticus ludovicianus* — (1) Seen from the deck of our breakfast/lunch spot, which is located in Reserva Chiguaza.

TANAGERS AND ALLIES: Thraupidae — (28)

Magpie Tanager *Cissopis leverianus* — (1) Seen well at Finca Las Hermanas.

Superciliaried Hemispingus *Thlypsopsis superciliaris* — (1) Seen just out the gate at our breakfast/lunch spot, which is located in Reserva Chiguaza.

Flame-crested Tanager *Loriotus cristatus* — (1) Two were seen at Bosque Bavaria.

White-shouldered Tanager *Loriotus luctuosus* — (1) A lone individual spotted at Bosque Bavaria.

White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus* — (1) Two were seen at the feeders at Finca Las Hermanas.

Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo* — (1) Listed as a group favorite and seen well on the feeders at Finca Las Hermanas.

Hooded Mountain Tanager *Buthraupis montana* — (1) Four were seen as we walked a bit at Reserva Bosque Guajira. They flew over our heads but we eventually located them in thick canopy.

Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus igniventris* — (2) Seen in both paramo parks, well.

Blue-gray Tanager *Thraupis episcopus* — (2) Seen at low and mid-elevation sites of the Andres east side, high count of six at Finca las Hermanas.

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum* — (2) Seen in small number at Hotel Aitabu, the llanos, but then 8 were spotted on the grounds and feeders at Finca Las Hermanas.

Burnished-buff Tanager *Stilpnia cayana* — (1) Peg spotted a pair at Hotel Aitabu feeding on palm fruits between the

rooms. We then saw two more working the single row of trees between the road and pastures in the llanos.

Masked Tanager *Stilpnia nigrocincta* — (1) Five were seen in a little flock, feeding in the high canopy at Bosque Bavaria.

Blue-necked Tanager *Stilpnia cyanicollis* — (2) A vivid tanager, we saw them first at Bosque Bavaria but then had really great looks at Finca Las Hermanas.

Turquoise Tanager *Tangara mexicana* — (1) A lovely small tanager, actively feeding in a flock at Finca Las Hermanas.

Purple Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes caeruleus* — (1) Very common, ten were seen, at Bosque Bavaria.

Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza* — (1) One was seen at Bosque Bavaria in shrubs near the feeders.

***Rufous-browed Conebill (NE)** *Conirostrum rufum* — (2) Seen in both high elevation (paramo) national parks.

Glossy Flowerpiercer *Diglossa lafresnayii* — (2) Seen in both high elevation (paramo) national parks, where we actually had multiple flowerpiercer species in flocks.

Black Flowerpiercer *Diglossa humeralis* — (1) Seen at the top of the mountain at the antpitta reserve we visited by 4WD, Sendero La Herrería -- Refugio del Tororoi.

White-sided Flowerpiercer *Diglossa albilatera* — (3) Seen in both high elevation (paramo) parks, and also at cloud forest at Reserva Bosque Guajira.

Masked Flowerpiercer *Diglossa cyanea* — (2) Seen in PNN Chingaza, working flowering shrubs, and then we saw them in the garden off the deck of our breakfast/lunch spot going into PNN Sumapaz.

Plumbeous Sierra Finch *Geospizopsis unicolor* — (2) Seen in both paramo national parks.

Orange-fronted Yellow Finch *Sicalis columbiana.columbiana* — (1) This species has an odd disjunct distribution so someday may be split. Ours was found in the llanos, a habitat shared with Venezuela.

Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola* — (3) We first saw one at Hotel Aitabu, but then saw over a dozen active on the grounds and at the feeders at Finca Las Hermanas.

Grassland Yellow-Finch *Sicalis luteola* — (1) One popped into view near the feeders at Observatorio de aves Los Andes.

Plain-colored Seedeater *Catamenia inornata* — (1) A group of four, likely a family group, seen in the rocks from a high viewpoint in PNN Chingaza.

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola* — (1) Quite a few seen at the feeders at Finca Las Hermanas.

Buff-throated Saltator *maximus* — (2) Lone individuals seen at Bosque Bavaria and Finca Las Hermanas.

MAMMALS: — (6)

Guinea Pig *Cavia anolaimae* — (1) Seen on our fourth day, as we descended the Andes by a few of the group.

Capybara *Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris* — (2) Seen on two days lounging on the island by the pond at Hotel Aitabu.

Humboldt's Squirrel Monkey *Saimiri cassiquiarensis* — (1) Seen in a troop up in the tree canopy at Bosque Bavaria.

Brown Capuchin *Sapajus apella* — (1) Also called Tufted Capuchin, seen with the squirrel monkey troop at Bosque Bavaria.

Andean Spectacled Bear *Tremarctos ornatus* — (1) Our jubilant driver would not give up scanning and searching as we traveled through NNP Sumapaz. Peg wanted to stop to read a geology sign, all the group were tired, but got out for photos of the really impressive landscape, when Milar started pointing and shouting. They were a long way off, but with scopes and binoculars we could get a view and watch them feeding on plants of the paramo. WOW!

White-tailed Deer *Odocoileus virginianus* — (1) Seen in NNP Chingaza.

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS: — (3)

South American Slider *Trachemys callirostris* — (1) Seen in the pond at Hotel Aitabu.

Asian House Gecko (I) *Hemidactylus frenatus* — (2) Present in the room and public areas of Hotel Aitabu, calling at this low elevation site.

Green Iguana *Iguana iguana* — (1) Seen in the lowlands.