

# COLOMBIA: CAUCA VALLEY, CHOCO BIOREGION AND EASTERN, CENTRAL AND WESTERN ANDES

February 28 - March 15, 2013

## Day One (January 28, 2013): Paramo de Sumapaz and Chicaque

We rose very early in time to be at the Paramo de Sumapaz by daybreak, at around 3,000 meters in elevation. As we arrived we were greeted by the endemic Silver-throated Spinetail, the beautiful Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager, the very active Golden-fronted Whitestart and the very sought-after Bearded Helmet-crest. Also around were Rufous-browed Conebill and the handsome Brown-backed Chat-tyrant. It was a great way to start the trip, as soon enough we were birding at several high altitude lagoons enjoying species such as Andean Teal, Merlin, Ruddy Duck and Solitary Sandpiper. To our surprise, our first try for the endemics Bogota Rail and Apolinar's Wren along the edge of one of the lagoons was successful! We saw both species within a minute of being there! And as we were loading up the van Mike spotted a Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle, another new species for the Wile duo. As we continued along the road we enjoyed the spectacular scenery in search of Tawny Antpitta, which we found running along the ground near a peasants pasture.

Content with our Paramo birding, we headed down the hill towards the Chicaque Natural Reserve, stopping for lunch along the road. Before arriving at the reserve we stopped at a small pond for very nice views of the localized Spot-flanked Gallinule. At Chicaque we encountered our first owl of the trip, Andean Pygmy-owl called in by our local guide Miguel Ruiz. The visibility was not great, so we spent some time trying for Blackish Tapaculo and the entire group got to see it. The clouds rolled away as we climbed back to the van, a great way to end the day.

American Coot	Bogota Rail	Rock Pigeon
Andean Teal	Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant	Ruddy Duck
Andean Tit-Spinetail	Brown-bellied Swallow	Rufous-browed Conebill
Band-tailed Pigeon	Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager	Rufous-collared Sparrow
Bar-winged Cinclodes (chestnut-winged)	Cattle Egret	Saffron Finch
Bearded Helmetcrest	Eared Dove	Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager
Black Flowerpiercer	Golden-fronted Whitestart	Sedge Wren
Black Vulture	Great Egret	Shiny Cowbird
Black-chested Buzzard Eagle	Great Thrush	Silver-Throated Spinetail
Black-crested Warbler	Greater Yellowlegs	Spot-flanked Gallinule
Blackish Tapaculo	Masked Flowerpiercer	Tawny Antpitta
Blue-and-white Swallow	Merlin	Tourmaline Sunangel
Blue-capped Tanager	Pale-naped Brush-Finch	Tropical Kingbird
Blue-winged Teal	Paramo Tapaculo	White-tailed Kite
	Plumbeous Sierra-Finch	



## **Day 2 (January 29, 2013) Laguna Tabacal, Jardin Encantado and La Florida Wetlands.**

Another early morning had us at Laguna Tabacal birding by sunrise, after a drive down the western flank of the eastern Andes. This was the beginning of a long day, and we were already getting great birds in the parking lot, including Olivaceous Piculet and Bar-crested Antshrike. Arriving at the Laguna we had great views of the conspicuous White-vented Plumeteer, and then our we were delighted with views of Bay-headed Tanager that got better and better as the morning progressed. On the way to the van we had views of Yellow-rumped Cacique and were treated to groups of Spectacled Parrotlets and Yellow-bellied Seedeaters.

We had the usual Black Vulture and Tropical Kingbird present along the way to San Francisco de Sales, in search of Jardin Encantado. The small home along the Cañas River is strategically situated to attract 23 species of hummingbirds, of which we saw 11! After a few hours spent in awe of the activity and diversity of the hummingbirds we had lunch in town and headed up the mountain to La Florida Wetlands in Bogota to bird before our flight to Cali. Wattled Jacana, Southern Lapwing, Sora, and Ruddy Duck made an appearance. We enjoyed the birding blind for a while as Solitary Sandpiper, Green Heron, the very common American Coot and Blue-winged Teal foraged in front of us. After a great day of birding we headed to the airport for a flight to Cali, where we arrived at the hotel and had Salerno Pizza, Chicken and beer waiting for us.



Least Grebe	Smooth-billed Ani	Social Flycatcher
Pied-billed Grebe	Brown Violet-ear	Piratic Flycatcher
Neotopic Cormorant	Sparklin Violet-ear	Tropical Kingbird
Striated Heron	Green Violet-ear	Blue-an-white Swallow
Green Heron	Violet-crowned Woodnymph	Southern Rough-winged Swallow
Bare-faced Ibis	Rufous-tailed Hummingbird	House Wren
Broad-winged Hawk	White-vented Plumeteer	Grey-breaste Wood-wren
White-tailed Kite	Fawn-breasted Brilliant	Balck-billed Thrush
Blue-winged Teal	Black-throated Mango	Andean Siskin
Ruddy Duck	Tourmaline Sunangel	Northern Waterthrush
Sora H	White-bellied Woodstar	Blue-grey Tanager
Purple Gallinule	Gorgeted Woodstar	Blue-necked Tanager
Common Moorhen	Olivaceous Piculet	Thick-billed Euphonia
Spot-flanked Gallinule	Red-crowned Woodpecker	Plain-colored Tanager
American Coot	Red-faced Spinetail	Bay-headed Tanager
Southern Lapwing	Bar-crested Antshrike	Scrub Tanager
Solitary Sandpiper	Common Toady-flycatcher	Yellow-bellied Seedeater
Spotted Sanpiper	Golden-face Tyrannulet	Masked Flowerpiercer
Band-tailed Pigeon	Vermillion Flycatcher	Saffron Finch
Ruddy Ground-dove	Great Kiskidee	Streaked Saltator
Spectacled Parrotlet	Rusy-margined Flycatcher	Yellow-hooded Blackbird

### **Day 3 (January 30, 2013): EI 18 and EL Queremal to EPSA Cabins.**

A short drive from Cali to EL 18 had us attempting for the endemic Chestnut Wood-quail as the light appeared. Today would prove to be our biggest day yet with a morning highlights by Scarlet-fronted Parakeet, Andean Solitaire, Black-billed Peppershrike, Red-faced Spinetail, Sickle-winged Guan and the sounds of Colombian Chachalaca in the distance. The we had the show of a lifetime while enjoying a bbq at Raul's place. Hummingbirds and Tanagers galore! A festival of color with Red-headed Barbet, Green Honeycreeper, Blue-winged Mountain Tanager, Golden Tanager, Blue-capped Tanager, Scrub Tanager, Golden-naped Tanager and the magnificent Saffron-crowned Tanager among many others. Delighted with our birdathon during lunch, we headed to El Queremal, where we began our descent towards the Anchicaya Canyon. The birding got even better! Violet-tailed Sylph, Laughing Falcon, Rufous-throated Tanager, Golden-hooded Tanager, the near endemic Dusky Bush-tanager, and one of the stars of the day: the endemic Crested Ant-tanager. Content with an unbelievable day of birding we headed to the EPSA property to check into our cabin.

Sickle-winged Guan	Red-faced Spinetail	Scrub Tanager
Colombian Chachalaca H	Spotted Barbtail H	Rufous-throated Tanager
Chestnut Wood-Quail H	Streak-capped Treehunter	Metallic-green Tanager
Bare-faced Ibis	Streaked Xenops	Saffron-crowned Tanager
Broad-winged Hawk	Montane Woodcreeper	Golden Tanager
Roadside Hawk	Unifrom Antshrike H	Silver-throated Tanager
Laughing Falcon	Narino Tapaculo	Green Honeycreeper
Southern Lapwing	Golden-faced Tyrannulet	Masked Flowerpiercer
Eared Dove	Variiegated Brystle-tyrant	Rusty Flowerpiercer
White-throated Quail-Dove H	Black Phoebe	Bananaquit
Scarlet-fronted Parakeet	Rusty-margined Flycatcher	Yellow-faced Grassquit
Squirrel Cuckoo	Golden-crowned Flycatcher H	Black-winged Saltator
White-collared Swift	Tropical Kingbird	Rufous-collared Sparrow
Band-rumped Swift	Bright-rumped Attila H	Yellow-bellied Seedeater
White-necked Jacobin	Green-and-black Fruiteater	Chestnut-capped Brush-finch
Wedge-billed Hummingbird	Golden-winged Manakin	Yellow-green Bush-tanager
Brown Violet-ear	Barred Beccard	Summer Tanager
Green Thorntail	Black-billed Peppershrike	Ashy-throated Bush-tanager
Speckled Hummingbird	Southern rough-winged Swallow	Crested Ant-tanager
Long-tailed Sylph	House Wren	Tropical Parula
Violet-tailed Sylph	Grey-breasted Wood-wren	Blackburnian Warbler
Greenish Puffleg	Bay Wren H	Black-and-white Warbler
Bronzy Inca	Chestnut-breasted Wren	Blackpoll Warbler
Buff-tailed Coronet	White-capped Dipper	Canada Warbler
Fawn-breasted Brilliant	Andean Solitaire	Slate-throated Whitestart
Booted Rackettail H	Glossy-black Thrush	Russet-crowned Warbler
Green-crowned Woodnymph	Flame-rumped Tanager	Riverbank Warbler
Golden-headed Quetzal H	Lemon-rumped Tanager	Three-striped Warbler
Ringed Kingfisher	Blue-capped Tanager	Shiny Cowbird
Highland Motmot	Blue-grey Tanager	Orange-bellied Euphonia
Red-headed Barbet	Blue-winged Mountain-tanager	
Golden-olive Woodpecker	Golden-naped Tanager	

Day 4 (January 31, 2013): Anchicaya

A whole day to explore the grounds of Alto Anchicaya started with an attempt at Long-wattled Umbrellabird. We strategically placed ourselves in front of a moth-ridden streetlight, a place known by many of the birds on our target list. First came Northern Barred Woodcreeper, then Great Antshrike, then Orange-billed Sparrow, then Yellow-throated Bush-Tanager. After a nice show, we headed on the trail to the aqueduct which



came with many pleasant surprises. The first surprise was Gray Tinamou, not minding us being on the trail one bit. Then Broad-billed Motmot, Scarlet-and-white Tanager, Grey-and-gold Tanager, and our first trogon of the trip: Blue-tailed Trogon. Tawny-crested Tanager and Rufous-winged Tanager also graced our presence, it was most definitely a hectic morning that also included White-throated Crake.

The afternoon gave way to species such as Choco Toucan, Collared Aracari, White-shouldered Tanager, and scarlet-browed Tanager. A highlight of the afternoon was the views we had on the scope of Lita Woodpecker. Content with a good day of birding we returned to the cabins for dinner and rest.

Grey Tinamou	Olive-striped Flycatcher/Fruit-tyrant	Blue-grey Tanager
Black Vulture	Black-capped Pygmy-tyrant	Palm Tanager
Tiny Hawk	Scale-crested Pygmy-tyrant	Grey-and-Gold Tanager
Roadside Hawk	Common Toady-flycatcher	Golden-hooded Tanager
White-throated Crake	Fulvous-breasted Flatbill	Blue-necked Tanager
Southern Lapwing	Black Phoebe	Rufous-winged Tanager
Plumbeus Pigeon	Long-tailed Tyrant	Green Honeycreeper
Blue-headed Parrot	Rusty-margined Flycatcher	Scarlet-and-white Tanager
Squirrel Cuckoo	Tropical Kingbird	Red-legged Honeycreeper
Smooth-billed Ani	Dusky-capped Flycatcher	Scarlet-browed Tanager
Common Puaque	Bright-rumped Attila	Dusky-faced Tanager
White-collared Swift	Cinnamon Beccard	Yellow-throated Bush-tanager
White-necked Jacobin	One-colored Beccard	Black-winged Saltator
Tooth-billed Hummingbird	Masked Tityra	Variable Seedeater
Purple-crowned Fairy	Blue-and-white Swallow	Yellow-bellied Seedeater
Blue-tailed Trogon	Southern Rough-winged Swallow	Orange-billed Sparrow
Broad-billed Motmot	Scaly-breasted Wren H	Yellow Warbler
Choco Toucan	Bay Wren	Blackburnian Warbler
Collared Aracari	White-headed Wren	Slate-throated Whitestart
Northern Barred Woodcreeper	House Wren	Riverbank Warbler
Great Antshrike	White-capped Dipper	Chestnut-headed Oropendola
Black-headed Anthrush H	White-shouldered Tanager	Scarlet-rumped Cacique H
Thicket Antpitta H	Tawny-crested Tanager	Orange-bellied uponia
Marble-faced Bristle-tyrant	Lemon-rumped Tanager	Rose-breasted Grosbeak

## Day 5 (February 1, 2013): Anchicaya to Queremal

We again tried for Long-wattled Umbrellabird in the morning but this time with success! Although the rain was coming down, we toughed it out and had some good views of the amazing trip target. We decided to bird the lower elevations of Bajo Anchicaya, crossing a splendid waterfall that falls directly on the road. Although it continued to rain, we took advantage of small breaks in the rain and amassed a good number of additions to our trip list including: Ochre-breasted Tanager, Silver-throated Tanager, Golden-chested Tanager, Scale-crested Pygmy-tyrant, Baudo Guan. Of course, Chestnut-headed Oropendola's were a pleasant companion throughout the day that ended in the town of El Queremal.

Grey Tinamou	Scale-crested Pygmy-tyrant	Blue-necked Tanager
Baudo Guan	Torrent Tyrannulet	Golden-hooded Tanager
Great Curassow H	Black Phoebe	Scarlet-and-white Tanager
Broad-winged Hawk	Tufted Flycatcher	Rufous-winged Tanager
Turkey Vulture	Dusky-capped Flycatcher	Silver-throated Tanager
Black Vulture	Long-tailed Tyrant	Green Honeycreeper
White-throated Crake H	Bright-rumped Attila H	Purple Honeycreeper
Southern Lapwing	Long-wattled Umbrellabird	Dusky-faced Tanager
Spotted Sandpiper	Cinnamon Becard	Orange-billed Sparrow
Squirrel Cuckoo	Slaty-capped Shrike-vireo	Black-winged Saltator
White-collared Swift	Southern Rough-winged Swallow	Blue-black Grassquit
White-necked Jacobin	Blue-and-white Swallow	Yellow-bellied Seedeater
Purple-crowned Fairy	Scaly-breasted Wren H	Variable Seedeater
Purple-chested Hummingbird	White-headed Wren	Yellow-throated Bush-tanager
Choco Toucan	White-breasted Wood-wren H	Summer Tanager
Chestnut-mandibled Toucan	Bay Wren	Blackburnian Warbler
Collared Aracari	White-capped Dipper	Scarlet-rumped Cacique
Northern-barred Woodcreeper	Lemon-rumped Tanager	Ochre-breasted Tanager
Plain-brown Woodcreeper	Tawny-crested Tanager	Northern Waterthrush
Great Antshrike	Blue-grey Tanager	Chestnut-headed Oropendola
Black-headed Anthrush H	Palm Tanager	Scarlet-rumped Cacique
Marble-faced Brystle Tyrant	Golden-chested Tanager	Orange-bellied Euphonia
Olive-striped Fruit-tyrant	Grey-and-gold Tanager	



*The group at Raul's place*

**Day 6 (February 2, 2013): San Antonio and Cauca River Madres Viejas (oxbows).**

We started the morning with a little adrenaline as we encountered an accident along the road that looked really bad but ended up being minor. We started birding on the road through vacation homes and had our first toucanet of the trip, a group of three Crimson-rumped Toucanets in plain view. That was nice for Mike as he was wanting to see this bird for a while. We also tried for Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper, an uncommon and local species that we finally did not see. After a while it started to rain heavily, so we took refuge under the canopy and Darwin continued to bird, spotting Beryl-spangled Tanager foraging near us. We eventually entered the forest and had close-up views of Golden-crowned Flycatcher and a juvenile Lyre-tailed Nightjar laying on the road. Also at the top, Colombian Chachalaca, Finally! We also had some fantastic views of male and female Booted Racketail, and the surprise of the day was a lifer for Jose, his 500th species, Ornate Hawk-eagle. What a memorable day. Another great surprise came later in the morning when Judy was able to see the endemic Multicolored Tanager, which Judy had been trying to see since her first trip to Colombia. After a very nice morning of birding, we had lunch at the Dolmetsch Arboretum and did a short tour of the gardens before heading down the hill to the Cauca Valley.

En route to Buga we stopped at some oxbows, or remnant channels of the Cauca River. The birding was great as we added Yellow-backed Oriole, Glossy Ibis, Cocoli Heron and Blue-headed Parrot to our list. The day ended at our beautiful colonial style hotel in Buga. And yet another great thing to end the day, Buff-necked Ibis roosting in the palms by the hotel pool!



*Ornate Hawk-eagle*

Highland Tinamou H	Scarlet-fronted Parakeet	White-winged Becard
Blue-winged Teal	Blue-headed Parrot	Brown-capped Vireo
Cinnamon Teal	Scaly-naped Parrot H	Grey-breasted Wood-wren
Sickle-winged Guan	Squirrel Cuckoo	Whiskered Wren
Colombian Chachalaca	Lyre-tailed Nightjar	Long-billed Gnatwren
Neotropical Cormorant	White-collared Swift	Black-billed Thrush
Cattle Egret	Band-rumped Swift	Great Thrush
Great Egret	White-necked Jacobin	Blue-grey Tanager
Cocoi Heron	Steely-vented Hummingbird	Blue-capped Tanager
Glossy Ibis	Rufous-tailed Hummingbird	Palm Tanager
Bare-faced Ibis	Booted Raquetail	Blue-winged Mountain-tanager
Buff-necked Ibis	Green Kingfisher	Multicolored Tanager
Black Vulture	Highland Motmot	Golden-naped Tanager
Turkey Vulture	Red-headed Barbet	Black-capped Tanager
Roadside Hawk	Crimson-rumped Toucanet	Scrub Tanager
Ornate Hawk-eagle	Emerald Toucanet	Yellow Oriole
Common Gallinule	Acorn Woodpecker	Black-winged Saltator
Southern Lapwing	Golden-olive Woodpecker	Green Honeycreeper
Black-necked Stilt	Azaras Spinetail	Rufous-collared Sparrow
Spotted Sandpiper	Red-faced Spinetail	Yellow-bellied Seedeater
Greater Yellowlegs	Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper H	Yellow-breasted Brush-finch
Lesser Yellowlegs	Narino Tapaculo	Summer Tanager
Wattled Jacana	Mountain Elaenia	Blackburnian Warbler
Ruddy Ground-dove	Golden-faced Tyrannulet	Yellow Warbler
Band-tailed Pigeon	Golden-crowned Flycatcher	Slate-throated Whitestart
Eared Dove	Eastern Kingbird	Yellow-backed Oriole
White-throated Quail-dove H	Bright-rumped Atila	Yellow-bellied Siskin
Rock Pigeon	Barred Becard	

### **Day 7 (February 3, 2013): Sonso Lagoon and Otun Quimbaya 2013**

The light was just getting good when we arrived at the Sonso Lagoon, the timing was perfect. We instantly started adding species to our list: Ringed Kingfisher, Blackish Rail, Common Potoo, Common Nighthawk, Purple Gallinule, and Orchard Oriole which was a great find by Darwin as it was a lifer for Jose and I. We then had good views of the endemic Apical Flycatcher, and Linneated Woodpecker for Mike who had offered to buy beers for the crew if we saw it. We seriously were crossing out our targets with no remorse, Jet Antbird, Striped Cuckoo, American Flamingo, Crested Caracara, and many more.

Our last target, Grayish Piculet, showed up at the end of the morning just as we were wrapping up. It was a great way to end a morning of birding with all of our targets accomplished. We returned to the hotel for lunch and showers and then embarked on our drive up the Central Andes, to the Otun Quimbaya Flora and





Apical Flycatcher



Jet Antbird



Grayish Piculet

Fauna Sanctuary. Our road target was Torrent Duck, and we accomplished our goal along the Otun River.

Torrent Duck

Fulvous Whistling-Duck

Torrent Duck

Blue-winged Teal

American flamingo

Cauca Guan

Least bittern

Black-crowned Night-heron

Striated Heron

Cattle Egret

Great Egret

Great-blue Heron

Cocoi Heron

Snowy Egret

Little-blue Heron

Bare-faced Ibis

Glossy Ibis

Black Vulture

Turkey Vulture

Osprey

Roadside Hawk

Crested Caracara

Yellow-headed Caracara

Limkin

Blackish Rail

Common Gallinule

Purple Gallinule

Southern Lapwing

Black-necked Stilt

Greater Yellowlegs

Lesser Yellowlegs

Wattled Jacana

Laughing Gull

Ruddy-ground Dove

Pale-vented Pigeon

Eared Dove

Rock Pigeon

Spectacled Parrotlet

Blue-headed Parrot

Striped Cuckoo

Greater Ani

Smooth-billed Ani

Common Potoo

Common Nighthawk

Steely-vented Hummingbird

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird

Ringed Kingfisher

Amazon Kingfisher

Grayish Piculet

Red-crowned Woodpecker

Linneated Woodpecker

Golden-olive Woodpecker

Pale-breasted Spinetail

Azaras Spinetail

Streak-headed Woodcreeper

Bar-crested Antshrike H

Jet Antbird

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet

Yellow-bellied Elaenia

Slate-headed Toady-flycatcher

Common Toady-flycatcher

Cattle Tyrant

Piratic Flycatcher

Rusty-margined Flycatcher

Great Kiskidee

Tropical Kingbird

Fork-tailed Flycatcher

Apical Flycatcher

Barn Swallow

Blue-and-white Swallow

Southern Rough-winged Swallow

House Wren

Black-billed Thrush

Blue-grey Tanager

Flame-rumped Tanager

Black-capped Tanager

Scrub Tanager

Blue-capped Tanager

Blue-winged Mountain-tanager

Yellow Warbler

Ruddy-breasted Seedeater

Tropical Parula

Prothonotary Warbler

Yellow Oriole

Orchard Oriole

Shiny Cowbird

Thick-billed Euphonia

Lesser Goldfinch

Saffron Finch

Chestnut-collared Swift

Blue-black Grassquit



### Day 8 (February 4, 2013) Otun-Quimbaya

We rose early and began birding in the hotel grounds and we were already hearing Red-ruffed Fruitcrow in the distance. We had regular views at the lek, but listening to them was a neat experience. And we would eventually get very well-acquainted with this species. Another joy to listen to was Wattled Jacana, which we were able to see once we started hiking on the trail and heard throughout the morning. A bit more frustrating was Chestnut Wood-quail, but most of the group got a small glimpse of this skulker. The afternoon came with a bit of rain, so we just birded from the balconies around the perimeter of the lodge, which proved quite comfortable and productive. We had very nice views of the uncommon Bronze-winged Parrot and Speckle-faced Parrot feeding in groups on some berries and also Grey-necked Wood-rail. By the end of the day we had added to our list Cauca Guan, Green Jay, Fawn-breasted Tanager, Torrent Tyrannulet and many others.



Chestnut Wood-quail  
Cauca Guan  
Wattled Guan  
Bare-faced Ibis  
Black Vulture  
Roadside Hawk  
Grey-necked Wood-rail  
Southern Lapwing  
Pale-vented Pigeon  
Eared Dove  
Scarlet-fronted Parakeet  
Speckled-faced Parrot  
Bronze-winged Parrot  
Rufous-bellied Nighthawk  
Squirrel Cuckoo  
Tropical Screech-owl  
White-collared Swift  
Chestnut-collared Swift  
Tawny-bellied Hermit  
Tourmaline Sunangel  
Bronzy Inca  
Long-billed Starthroat  
Golden-headed Quetzal H  
Collared Trogon  
Highland Motmot  
Crimson-rumped Toucanet H  
Golden-olive Woodpecker  
Azara's Spinetail H

Streaked Xenops  
Montane Woodcreeper  
Montane Foliage-gleaner  
Mountain Elaenia  
Golden-face Tyrannulet  
Rufous-breasted Flycatcher  
Common Toady-flycatcher  
Cinnamon Flycatcher  
Golden-crowned Flycatcher  
Tropical Kingbird  
Black Phoebe  
Pale-edged Flycatcher  
Red-ruffed Fruitcrow  
White-winged Becard  
Black-billed Peppershrike  
Yellow-throated Vireo  
Green Jay  
Blue-and-white Swallow  
House Wren  
Whiskered Wren H  
Chestnut-breasted Wren  
Andean Solitaire H  
Orange-billed Nightingale-thrush  
Swainson's Thrush  
Pale-eyed Thrush  
Black-billed Thrush  
Glossy-black Thrush  
Flame-rumped Tanager

Blue-grey Tanager  
Palm Tanager  
Black-capped Tanager  
Scrub Tanager  
Blue-necked Tanager  
Golden Tanager  
Yellow-faced Grassquit  
Black-winged Saltator H  
Rufouys-collared Sparrow  
Saffron Finch  
Yellow-bellied Seedeater  
White-naped Brush-finch  
Ashy-throated Bush-tanager  
Hepatic Tanager  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
Tennessee Warbler  
Canada Warbler  
Tropical Parula  
Cerulean Warbler  
Blackburnian Warbler  
Black-and-white Warbler  
American Redstart  
Slate-throated Whitestart  
Three-striped Warbler  
Yellow-bellied Siskin  
Lesser Goldfinch  
Orange-bellied Euphonia



*Torrent Duck*

## Day 9 (February 5, 2013): Otun and Rio Blanco

We rose early and after taking a trail in the rain we decided our best option was to head to Rio Blanco and go after some of our targets there. We did have another round with Torrent Duck on the drive out, and arrived in Rio Blanco just in time for lunch. We spent some time getting acquainted with the species near the lodge that included: Slaty Brush-finch, Stripe-headed Brish-finch, Long-tailed Sylph, Masked FLowerpiercer, Tourmaline Sunangel, and Buff-tailed Coronet.

We then visited one of the Antpitta feeders and got good to see Chestnut-crowned and the endemic Brown-banded Antpittas. We tried unsuccessfully at another two feeders for Bicolored and Undulated, but neither decided to cooperate. We returned to the lodge for a delicious Ajiaco soup and rest.

Torrent Duck	Long-tailed Sylph	Rufous-breasted Flycatcher H
Andean Guan	Tyrian Metaltail	Rufous-crowned Toady-flycatcher
Cauca Guan	Collared Inca	Cinnamon Flycatcher
Sickle-winged Guan	Mountain Velvetbreast	Eastern Wood-pewee H
Wattled Guan H	Buff-tailed Coronet	Black Phoebe
Chestnut Wood-quail H	Booted Racketail	Slaty-backed Chat-tyrant H
Cattle egret	Fawn-breasted Brilliant	Tropical Kingbird
Snowy Egret	White-bellied Woodstar	Golden-crowned Flycatcher
Bare-faced Ibis	Purple-backed thornbill	Pale-edged Flycatcher
Black Vulture	Green Violetear	Torrent Tyrannulet
Roadside Hawk	Masked Trogon H	Cattle Tyrant
Broad-winged Hawk	Highland Motmot	Green-and-black Fruiteater
Yellow-headed Caracara	Emerald Toucanet	Red-ruffed Fruitcrow
Crested Caracara	Crimson-mantled Woodpecker	Barred Becard
Southern Lapwing	Powerful Woodpecker H	Black-billed Peppershrike H
Spotted Sandpiper	Azara's Spinetail H	Black-collared Jay
Ruddy-ground Dove	Pearled Treerunner	Blue-and-white Swallow
Eared Dove	Streaked Xenops	Brown-bellied Swallow
Band-tailed Pigeon	Montante Woodcreeper	House Wren
Pale-vented Pigeon	Tyrannine Woodcreeper	Mountain Wren
Rock Pigeon	Chestnut-crowned Antpitta	Whiskered Wren
Scarlet-fronted Parakeet	Brown-banded Antpitta	Sharpe's Wren H
Scaly-naped Parrot	Slate-crowned Antpitta H	Grey-breasted Wood-wren
Speckled-faced Parrot	Blackish Tapaculo H	Great Thrush
Smooth-billed Ani	Spillman's Tapaculo H	Glossy-black Thrush
Rufous-bellied Nighthawk	Mountain Elaenia	Black-billed Thrush
Tawny-bellied Hermit	White-tailed Tyrannulet	Superciliaried Hemispingus
Tourmaline Sunangel	Golden-faced Tyrannulet	Oleagenous Hemispingus



*Cinnamon Flycatcher*



*Chestnut-crowned Antpitta*

Black-eared Hemispingus

Grey-hooded Bush-tanager

Flame-rumped Tanager

Blue-grey Tanager

Palm Tanager

Blue-capped Tanager

Blue-winged Mountain-tanager

Buff-breasted Mountain-tanager

Black-capped Tanager

Scrub Tanager

Blue-necked Tanager

Blue-and-black Tanager

Beryl-spangled Tanager

Golden Tanager

Capped Conebill

Masked Flowerpiercer

White-sided Flowerpiercer

Plushcap

Yellow-faced Grassquit

Black-winged Saltator

Streaked Saltator

Rufous-collared Sparrow

Saffron Finch

Blue-black Grassquit

Chestnut-capped Brush-finch

Stripe-headed Brush-finch

White-naped Brush-finch

Slaty Brush-finch

Summer Tanager

Blackburnian Warbler

Black-and-white Warbler

Golden-fronted Whitestart

Russet-crowned Warbler

Shiny Cowbird

Yellow-bellied Siskin

## Day 10 (February 6, 2013) Rio Blanco

A full day at Rio Blanco was just what we needed. We started the morning with Chestnut-naped Antpitta and Slate-crowned Antpitta, and it just kept getting better. Good views of Grass-green Jay, Andean Guan, Collared Inca, Scaly-naped Parrot, Russet-crowned Warbler and Darwin's favorite, Cinnamon Flycatcher. Near the house on top of the hill Judy spotted one of her favorites Purple-backed Thornbill, and this spot also afforded us great views of Lachrymose Mountain-tanager, Sickle-winged Guan and the beautiful Black-billed Mountain-Toucan. After lunch we hiked down the hill and encountered Strong-billed Woodcreeper, Superciliated Hemispingus and a large group of Rufous Wren.

Sickle-winged Guan  
Andean Guan  
Black Vulture  
Broad-winged Hawk  
Crested Caracara  
Southern Lapwing  
Eared Dove  
Band-tailed Pigeon  
Bronze-winged Parrot  
Scaly-naped Parrot  
Rufous-banded Owl  
White-throated Screech-owl H  
Chestnut-collared Swift  
Wedge-billed Hummingbird  
Green Violetear  
Sparkling Violetear  
Tourmaline Sunangel  
Long-tailed Sylph  
Purple-backed Thornbill  
Bronzy Inca  
Collared Inca  
Buff-tailed Coronet  
Booted Racketail  
Fawn-breasted Brilliant  
White-bellied Woodstar  
Speckled Hummingbird  
Golden-headed Quetzal H  
Highland Motmot  
Emerald Toucanet  
Black-billed Mountain-Toucan  
Yellow-vented Woodpecker H  
Powerful Woodpecker  
Azara's Spinetail  
Pearled Treerunner  
Streaked Tuftedcheek  
Montane foliage gleaner  
Streaked Xenops  
Tyrannine Woodcreeper  
Strong-billed Woodcreeper

Montane Woodcreeper  
Long-tailed Antbird H  
Chestnut-crowned Antpitta  
Bicolored Antpitta  
Chestnut-naped Antpitta  
Brown-banded Antpitta  
Slate-crowned Antpitta  
Ash-colored Tapaculo H  
Blackish Tapaculo H  
Spillman's Tapaculo  
Ashy-headed Tyrannulet  
Black-capped Tyrannulet  
Southern-beardless Tyrannulet  
Mountain Elaenia  
White-tailed Tyrannulet  
Golden-faced Tyrannulet  
Rufous-breasted Flycatcher  
Rufous-crowned Toady-tyrant  
Cinnamon Flycatcher  
Slaty-backed Chat-tyrant  
Golden-crowned Flycatcher  
Pale-edged Flycatcher  
Green-and-black Fruiteater  
Dusky Piha  
Barred Becard  
Black-billed Peppershrike H  
Brown-capped Vireo  
Black-collared Jay H  
Blue-and-white Swallow  
Brown-bellied Swallow  
Mountain Wren  
Rufous Wren  
Sharpe's Wren  
Grey-breasted Wood-wren  
Glossy-black Thrush  
Great Thrush  
Black-capped Hemispingus  
Superciliated Hemispingus  
Oleagenous Hemispingus

Black-eared Hemispingus  
Grey-hooded Bush-tanager  
Blue-capped Tanager  
Hooded Mountain-tanager H  
Lachrimose Mountain-tanager  
Blue-winged Mountain-tanager  
Grass-green Tanager  
Buff-breasted Mountain-tanager  
Blue-and-black Tanager  
Beryl-spangled Tanager  
Metallic-green Tanager  
Saffron-crowned Tanager  
Capped Conebill  
Masked Flowerpiercer  
White-sided Flowerpiercer  
Masked Saltator H  
Rufous-collared Sparrow  
Stripe-headed Brush-finch  
White-naped Brush-finch  
Slaty Brush-finch  
Yellow-throated Brush-finch  
Blackbunian Warbler  
Black-and-white Warbler  
Canada Warbler  
Golden-fronted Whitestart  
Russet-crowned Warbler  
Yellow-bellied Siskin



**Day 11 (February 7, 2013): Rio Blanco, Road to Jardin, Cock-of-the-rock Lek**

The morning at Rio Blanco was foggy and a bit slow, with the only new species to add to our list being Red-hooded Tanager. We had an early lunch and departed down the Western Andes to the Cauca River Canyon and then up the Western Andes to Jardin, Antioquia. We arrived in town just in time to check-in at the hotel on the plaza and take out ten minute hike to the Andean Cock-of-the-rock lek. This was Mike's main trip target, so he was pretty pumped. We could hear the birds clearly as we approached the lek, and were treated to a great show by six or seven males. As we were getting ready to leave, the female showed up for about 30 seconds and left, which most definitely ended the show. On the hike back to town we added to birds to the list, citrine Warbler and the very beautiful Guira Tanager. We had the night to explore the pleasant town and prepare for an early morning the next day in search of Yellow-eared Parrot.



*Chestnut-naped Antpitta*



*Indigo-capped Hummingbird*



*Andean Cock-of-rock*

Andean Guan  
Blue-and-white Swallow  
Brown-bellied Swallow  
Neotropical Cormorant  
Cattle Egret  
Great Egret  
Black Vulture  
Turkey Vulture  
Broad-winged Hawk  
Yellow-headed Caraara  
Eared Dove  
Band-tailed Pigeon  
Ruddy-ground Dove  
Scaly-naped Parrot H  
Bronze-winged Parrot H  
Smooth-billed Ani  
White-throated Screech-owl  
Chestnut-collared Swift  
White-collared Swift  
Tourmaline Sunangel  
Speckled Hummingbird  
Buff-tailed Coronet  
Long-tailed Sylph  
Purple-backed Thornbill  
Collared Inca  
Highland Motmot  
Black-billed Mountain-toucan

Powerful Woodpecker  
Acorn Woodpecker  
Azara's Spinetail H  
Pearled Treerunner  
Montane Woodcreeper  
Long-tailed Antbird H  
Chestnut-crowned Antpitta H  
Bicolored Antpitta H  
Brown-banded Antpitta H  
Spillman's Tapaculo  
Mountain Elaenia  
Cinnamon Flycatcher  
Black Phoebe  
Tropical Kingbird  
Rusty-margined Flycatcher  
Pale-edged Flycatcher  
Great Kiskidee H  
Golden-faced Tyrannulet  
Andean Cock-of-the-rock  
Dusky Piha  
Black-billed Peppershrike  
Black-chested Jay  
Grey-breasted Wood-wren H  
Rufous Wren  
Mountain Wren H  
Great Thrush  
Black-billed Thrush

Glossy-black Thrush  
Superciliaried Hemsippingus  
Grey-hooded Bush-tanager  
Oleaginous Hemispingus  
Flame-rumped Tanager  
Blue-grey Tanager  
Palm Tanager  
Blue-winged Mountain-tanager  
Beryl-spangled Tanager  
Blue-and Black Tanager  
Blue-necked Tanager  
Guira Tanager  
White-sided Flowerpiercer  
Masked Flowerpiercer  
Lachrimose Mountain-tanager  
Black-winged Saltator  
Rufous-collared Sparrow  
Yellow-bellied Seedeater  
Slaty Brush-finch  
Yellow-breasted Brush-finch  
Red-hooded Tanager  
Blackburnian Warbler  
Citrine Warbler  
Golden-fronted Whitestart  
Shiny Cowbird



*Green-and-black Fruiteater*



## Day 12 (February 8, 2013): Road to Las Ventanas

We had our first bird before daylight this morning, Rufous-banded Owl on the drive up to our breakfast stop. We arrived at the top in time to see a group of Yellow-eared Parrot feeding in a tree across the ridge. While we waited for the parrots, we were visit by Glowing Puffleg and Golden-breasted Puffleg among many others. It rained on and off all day but the birding was still productive. Amazing views of Rufous Antpitta and a short look at the endemic Red-bellied Grackle. Also had excellent views of Crimson-mantled Woodpecker, Russet-backed Oropendola and closer looks at the parrots. Constant throughout the day was Pearled Tree-runner, a marvelous bird in my opinion. The afternoon also brought some rain so we decided to head back to town so folks could get some things done.

Black vulture

Broad-winged Hawk

Band-tailed Pigeon

White-throated Quail-dove

Yellow-eared Parrot

Rock Pigeon

Squirrel Cuckoo

Smoothg-billed Ani

Rufous-banded Owl

Tourmaline Sunangel

Speckled Hummingbird

Long-tailed Sylph

Tyrian Metaltail

Glowing Puffleg

Golden-breasted Puffleg

Bronzy Inca

Buff-tailed Coronet

Collared Inca

Mountain Velvetbreast

Collared Trogon

Highland Motmot

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker

Azara's Spinetail

White-browed Spinetail

Pearled Treerunner

Montane Woodcreeper

Rufous Antpitta

Blackish Tapaculo

Spillman's Tapaculo

Ocellated Tapaculo



*Yellow-eared Parrot*

Rufous-headed Pygmy-tyrant  
Tropical Kingbird  
Black-capped Tyrannulet  
Cinnamon Flycatcher  
Cmoke-coloured Pewee  
Slaty-backed Chat-tyrant  
Pale-edged Flycatcher  
Black Phoebe  
Green-and-black Fruiteater  
Andean Cock-of-the-rock  
Brown-capped Vireo  
Blue-and-white Swallow  
Grey-breasted Wood-wren  
Rufous Wren  
Sharpe's Wren

Black-billed Thrush  
Great Thrush  
Black-capped Hemispingus  
Superciliaried Hemispingus  
Oleaginous Hemispingus  
Blue-grey Tanager  
Buff-breasted Mountain-tanager  
Lachrymose Mountian-tanager  
Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager  
Grass-green Tanager  
Blue-and-black Tanager  
Metallic-green Tanager  
Saffron-crowned Tanager  
Blue-backed Conebill  
Masked Flowerpiercer

Rufous-collared Sparrow  
Beryl-spangled Tanager  
Slaty Brush-finch  
Yellow-breasted Brush-finch  
Dusky Bush-tanager  
Grey-hooded Bush-tanager  
Red-hooded Tanager  
Blackburnian Warbler  
Russet-crowned Warbler  
Russet-backed Oropendola  
Scarlet-rumped Cacique  
Red-bellied Grackle  
Mountain Cacique

**Day 13 (February 9, 2013): Jardin to Medellin, Anifina River Dry Forest.**

We started the morning early in search of the endemic Parker's Antbird, which we found within twenty minutes of birding. With our mission accomplished, we headed down the mountain back to the Cauca River Canyon, between the Central and the Western Andes. We birded on a ridge above the Anifina River, and were able to add 9 new species to our list in a short period of time. The highlight was the newly described Antioquia Wren, but who could forget Western Slaty-antshrike or the King Vulture that Judy spotted soaring above us.

List of new birds

Parker's Antbird  
King Vulture  
Antioquia Wren  
Tropical Gnatcatcher  
Western Slaty-Antshrike  
Rufous-naped Greenlet  
Red-breasted Blackbird  
White-fringed Antwren  
Spot-breasted Woodpecker



*Common Potoo*



*Broad-billed Motmot*



*White-bellied Woodstar*



*Apical Flycatcher*



*Dusky starfrontlet*



*King Vulture*

