



We obtained excellent views of the rare and localized Antioquia Brushfinch (tour participant Michael Boswell)

COLOMBIA OFF-THE-BEATEN-TRACK EXPEDITION

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This unusual expedition was put together by colleague Trevor Ellery, who, unfortunately, was unable to lead it. The main aim of this trip was to add a good number of new birds to the ever growing Birdquest life list and that is what we did. We visited totally new areas like the Perijá mountains (out of bounds till fairly recently), the subtropical forests of the upper Magdalena valley, and the white sand woodlands of the Puerto Inirida area. We also made a few short side trips for particular species and enjoyed a couple of days in the paramo reserves near Bogota. The twelve new Birdquest lifers were Perija Brushfinch, Black-fronted Brushfinch, Perija Tapaculo, Perija Thistletail, Perija Antpitta, Perija Metaltail, Turquoise-winged Parrotlet, Antioquia Brushfinch, Spectacled Prickletail, East Andean Antbird, 'Inirida Antshrike' and Orinoco Softtail, but on our wanderings we also observed other endemics, specialities or excellent species such as Northern Screamer, Chestnut-winged and Colombian Chachalacas, Sickle-winged Guan, Chestnut Wood Quail, Green-tailed Goldenthrout, Ruby Topaz, Green-bearded Helmetcrest, Bronze-tailed Thornbill, Coppery-bellied Puffleg, Blue-throated Starfrontlet, Sword-billed Hummingbird, Rufous-shafted Woodstar, Tolima Blossomcrown, Indigo-capped and Shining-green Hummingbirds, Black-bellied and Yellow-billed Cuckoos, Tolima Dove,

Double-striped Thick-knee, Stygian and Black-and-white Owls, American Pygmy Kingfisher, Green-tailed and Bronzy Jacamars, Chestnut Piculet, Cream-coloured and Ringed Woodpeckers, Aplomado and Orange-breasted Falcons, Maroon-tailed (Huila) Parakeet, White-whiskered Spinetail, Yapacana Antbird, Cherrie's Antwren, Imeri Warbling and Dot-backed Antbirds, White-bellied and Muisca Antpittas, Rufous-crowned Elaenia, Spectacled Tyrannulet, Rufous-crowned Tody Flycatcher, Amazonian Black Tyrant, Pale-bellied Mourner, Apical Flycatcher, Black-chested Fruiteater, Pompadour and Spangled Cotingas, Yellow-crested and Wire-tailed Manakins, Varzea Schiffornis, White-browed Purpletuff, Apolinar's Wren, Plumbeous and Velvet-fronted Euphonias, Golden-winged Sparrow, Red-bellied Grackle, White-naped Seedeater, White-bellied Dacnis, Black-throated Flowerpiercer and Orange-eared Tanager. The best mammals of the tour included Jaguarundi, Giant Otter, Amazon River Dolphin and Collared Titi.



Turquoise-winged Parrotlet and Spectacled Prickletail were both Birdquest lifers (tour participant Michael Boswell)

The tour started for real when we left the town of Valledupar, situated in the extreme northeast of Colombia close to the border with Venezuela. The first, short stop for our three 4x4 vehicles was a short grassy paddock where several Double-striped Thick-knees and Southern Lapwings showed well. We made an extended foray just before the track started to climb into the Sierra and enjoyed a birdy hour in a patch of secondary growth with goodies like Cinnamon Becard, a very smart-looking Golden-winged Sparrow, Orange-crowned Oriole, Dull-coloured Grassquit and Crimson-backed and Black-headed Tanagers. Other interesting species here included Grey-rumped Swift, Red-billed Emerald, White-vented Plumeleteer, Steely-vented Hummingbird, Broad-winged Hawk, Red-crowned Woodpecker, American Kestrel, Merlin, Orange-chinned Parakeet, Blue-headed Parrot, Masked Tityra, Golden-fronted Greenlet, Rufous-breasted Wren, Lesser Goldfinch, Thick-billed and Orange-bellied Euphonias, Yellow Oriole, Tennessee and gaudy Blackburnian Warblers, American Redstart, Summer Tanager, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Blue-grey and Streaked Saltators and Rusty Flowerpiercer. We followed the zigzagging track up and explored a few isolated patches of dense woodland, where after a bit of searching found the localized Perija Brushfinch. This skulker is endemic to a narrow altitudinal zone of the famous, isolated Sierra de Perijá, which saddles the Colombian-Venezuelan border and which was out of bounds till fairly recently. We also found several, range-restricted, but showy Black-fronted Brushfinches. A few more walks in the subtropical and temperate

zones produced species like Red-billed Parrot, the secretive, but vocal Perija Tapaculo (endemic to the Perijá mountains), the unobtrusive, localized Spectacled Tyrannulet, the gorgeous Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher, Smoke-coloured Pewee, Whiskered Wren, Black-hooded Thrush, Slaty Brushfinch, Common Bush Tanager, Black-crested Warbler, Slate-throated Whitestart, Black-and-white Seedeater, Bluish and Black Flowerpiercers and Blue-capped Tanager. In mid-afternoon we reached the cozy Pro Aves Lodge, where we settled in and admired the activity at the hummingbird feeders. Lesser and aggressive Sparkling Violetears, attractive Longuemare's Sunangels, Tyrian Metaltail and a female Mountain Velvetbreast stole the show. In the surroundings we also located Andean Guan, White-throated Toucanet, Scaly-naped Amazon, Streaked Tuftedcheek and Great Thrush. An after dinner walk gave us a heard only White-throated Screech-Owl.



The Golden-winged Sparrow is a real beauty (tour participant Michael Boswell)

The following morning we left long before dawn, flushed a Band-winged Nightjar and arrived at the paramo of the Sabana Rubia just when the sun was playing with the horizon. We soon heard and observed the very localized Perija Thistletail in the sparse bushes of this splendid habitat. The glorious, snow-covered tops of the distant Santa Marta mountains formed a terrific backdrop to our birding. A bit later we were hiding in a gully amidst dense bushes and obtained excellent looks at a curious Perija Antpitta (one of the many splits in the Rufous Antpitta complex). By midday we had already bagged four of the five real Perija endemics. On our walk through the paramo we also noted Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle, Streak-backed Canastero, Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant, Red-crested Cotinga, Andean Siskin, Paramo Seedeater, Lacrimose Mountain Tanager (of the distinctive Perijá race *pallididorsalis*) and Brown-bellied Swallow. We saw several Metaltails, but they all turned out to be Tyrian or unidentifiable. In the afternoon we birded the temperate forest below the lodge where Andean Emerald, Band-tailed Pigeon, Montane Woodcreeper, Montane Foliage-gleaner, Rufous Spinetail, Black-and-white Warbler, Oleaginous Hemispingus, Fulvous-headed Tanager and White-sided Flowerpiercer were seen.



Perija Thistletail and Perija Antpitta performed well in the Perijá paramo (tour participant Michael Boswell)



Black-fronted Brushfinch is endemic to the Sierra de Perijá (tour participant Michael Boswell); the distinctive pallidorsalis race of Lacrimose Mountain Tanager is restricted to the Sierra de Perijá (Mark Van Beirs)

Another morning on the paramo finally gave us the hard to get Perija Metaltail, after a fair amount of hard work. We waved goodbye to the hospitable Pro Aves Lodge and on the drive down added Rufous-shafted Woodstar, Crimson-rumped Toucanet, Inca Jay and Chestnut-capped Warbler to the tally.

The famous Los Besotes Reserve is one of the oldest protected areas in Colombia. Before dawn we were watching a singing Pauraque, soon followed by several Lesser Nighthawks. We walked through a stretch of well-preserved dry woodland, where Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Russet-throated Puffbird, cute Chestnut Piculets, Caribbean Hornero, extremely smart White-whiskered Spinetails, Black-backed Antshrike and Slender-billed Inezia were the highlights, next to more widespread species like Band-tailed Guan, Crested Bobwhite, Groove-billed and Smooth-billed Anis, Scaled and White-tipped Doves, Common Ground-Dove, Brown-throated and Blue-crowned Parakeets, Straight-billed Woodcreeper, Northern White-fringed Antwren, Pale-tipped Tyrannulet, Ochre-ored Flatbill, Brown-crested Flycatcher, Rufous-browed Peppershrike, Tropical Gnatcatcher and Prothonotary Warbler. A cracking Jaguarundi also performed very nicely, but all too briefly. In mid-morning the woodland fell silent and most of the rest of the day we drove through agricultural areas dotted with small lakes and marshes to the seaside city of Cartagena, adding species like Northern Screamer, Wattled Jacana (of the distinctive black backed race *hypomelaena*), Large-billed Tern, Wood Stork, Neotropic Cormorant, Buff-necked and Bare-faced Ibises, Roseate Spoonbill, Cocoi Heron, Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture, Savanna and Roadside Hawks and Ringed Kingfisher to the list. In the evening we

paid a visit to the colonial centre of Cartagena, which is a World Heritage Site. Most of us never managed to sleep that night as there was a very lively party going on next door to the hotel.



The smart White-whiskered Spinetail gave a sterling performance in the Los Besotes reserve (tour participant Michael Boswell), as did the cute Chestnut Piculet (Mark Van Beirs)

At dawn we were woken by a more natural sound, the incredibly loud roaring of Colombian Red Howler Monkeys in the trees adjacent to our rooms... We welcomed Dutchman Peter who joined us for the remaining two weeks of the tour and explored the surroundings of the nearby Botanical Gardens looking in particular for the restricted range and recently split Turquoise-winged Parrotlet. We encountered endemic Chestnut-winged Chachalacas, Rufous-tailed Hummingbird, Pale-vented Pigeon, Crane Hawk, colourful Keel-billed Toucans, Lineated and Crimson-crested Woodpeckers, Streaked and Boat-billed Flycatchers, Black-crowned Tityra, White-winged Becard, Black-chested Jay, Stripe-backed and Bicoloured Wrens, Clay-coloured Thrush, Crested Oropendola, Red-throated Ant-Tanager (an isolated population of this mainly Central American species), Hooded Tanager and White-eared Conebill and eventually found several Turquoise-winged Parrotlets loafing about on the utility posts near our hotel, offering excellent looks. On the drive to the airport we identified Willet, Laughing Gull, Magnificent Frigatebird, Great Blue and Tricoloured Herons and Brown Pelican and took an afternoon flight to Medellin, the city of infamous Pablo Escobar. Upon arrival we transferred to the small town of San Pedro de los Milagros, where we checked into a quaint, but eventually very hospitable hotel. An Andean Motmot was noted in the gardens.



The Keel-billed Toucan is one of the most colourful Neotropical birds (tour participant Michael Boswell)

Next morning we visited a nearby finca, where local expert Rodolfo took us around and showed us the very rare and only recently refound Antioquia Brushfinch. This endangered species performed ever so well in its secondary growth habitat and was probably the rarest bird we would encounter on the tour. A magical, always much desired and appreciated Stygian Owl showed brilliantly on its day roost and several Black-throated Flowerpiercers (of the isolated race *vuilleumieri*) played hide and seek in flowering bushes. We also observed Sickle-winged Guan, White-bellied Woodstar, White-tailed Kite, Azara's Spinetail, Blackish Tapaculo, Cinnamon Flycatcher, Black-billed Peppershrike, Grey-breasted Wood Wren, White-naped and Yellow-breasted Brushfinches, Golden-fronted Whitestart, Tooth-billed Tanager and a Common (or Northern Black-eared) Opossum here. In the afternoon we took a flight to the enormous conurbation of Bogota.



We obtained great views of the rare Antioquia Brushfinch (tour participant Michael Boswell); A delightful White-bellied Woodstar also showed quite well (Mark Van Beirs)

At 4:00 o'clock in the morning we left Bogota behind in a comfortable bus. We had started rather early to escape the truly dreadful Bogota traffic. The drive took us through the heavily cultivated fields of the Magdalena Valley and the only birds of note were Black-bellied Whistling Duck and an Aplomado Falcon. In



The Spectacled Parrotlet is widespread in Colombia (tour participant Michael Boswell)



The cracking Black-and-white Owl is a real jewel (tour participant Michael Boswell)

mid-afternoon we arrived in the small town of Garzón, where we visited a dry, scrubby valley which produced a range of widespread species like Western Osprey, Hook-billed Kite, Grey-lined and Short-tailed Hawks, Laughing Falcon, Spectacled Parrotlet, Scarlet-fronted Parakeet, Vermilion Flycatcher, Black-striped Sparrow, White-shouldered and Blue-necked Tanagers and a couple of introduced, Tricoloured Munias. We also obtained great looks at two Colombian endemics, Apical Flycatcher and Velvet-fronted Euphonia. An after dinner outing yielded a fantastic encounter with a gorgeous Black-and-white Owl in a park in Garzón.



The exquisite Red-bellied Grackle is a Colombian endemic (tour participant Michael Boswell)

Our full day in the beautiful forested valley of the Miraflores Parque Regional gave us a good variety of subtropical and temperate zone species, but best of all was the terrific, much wanted Spectacled Prickletail that we managed to observe several times in the regularly-encountered mixed flocks. This unobtrusive bird gave brilliant views and was yet another Birdquest lifer, although it occurs from southern Colombia to northern Peru. Another important species today was the little known Huila Parakeet, a very localized, montane race of Maroon-tailed Parakeet (race *chapmani*). Other goodies that found their way to the list included Gorgeted Woodstar, Andean Cock-of-the-Rock, the endemic Red-bellied Grackle and the delightful Orange-eared Tanager. We also found Tawny-bellied Hermit, Plain-breasted Hawk, Western Fire-eye, Torrent Tyrannulet, Slaty-capped, Rufous-breasted and Handsome Flycatchers, Black Phoebe, Golden-crowned Flycatcher, Barred Becard, Brown-capped Vireo, White-capped Dipper, Bronze-green Euphonia, Yellow-throated and Yellow-whiskered Bush Tanagers, Russet-backed Oropendola, Subtropical Cacique, Canada Warbler and Black-capped, Beryl-spangled, Saffron-crowned, Flame-faced and Golden Tanagers.



The Pale-edged Flycatcher is a distinctive Myiarchus (tour participant Michael Boswell), while the widespread Bay-headed Tanager is a true splash of colour (Mark Van Beirs)

Our final morning at the Miraflores reserve was rather slow. We birded forest edge habitat and came away with Colombian Chachalaca (endemic), White-collared Swift, Smoky-brown Woodpecker, Ash-browed and Slaty Spinetails, Golden-faced Tyrannulet, Streak-necked Flycatcher, Pale-edged Flycatcher (endemic), Black-billed Thrush and Fawn-breasted, Scrub and Bay-headed Tanagers. After an early lunch we drove to the very hospitable El Encanto reserve, which is situated near the small town of Palestina.



The endemic Tolima Dove showed particularly well in the upper Magdalena Valley (tour participant Michael Boswell)

We were welcomed by Michael and his very gracious family and spent the rest of the day observing the antics at the hummingbird feeders, which were visited by Black-throated Mango, Violet-fronted Brilliant,

Indigo-capped and Shining-green Hummingbirds and Short-tailed Emerald next to a variety of already encountered species. Elsewhere in the gardens we found Green Honeycreeper and Grey-headed and White-lined Tanagers. Dinner was truly excellent and Angela's dessert was to die for.



The endearing White-bellied Antpitta was one of the stars at the Drymophila Reserve (tour participant Michael Boswell)

Dawn found us at the entrance of the private Drymophila reserve, which abuts the extensive Cueva de los Guacharos National Park, the oldest National Park in Colombia. Good trails lead through the rich subtropical forest and several feeding stations (with hides) have been installed. We obtained cracking views of the endemic Tolima Dove, of the endemic and very localized East Andean Antbird, of a terrific White-bellied Antpitta and of Long-tailed Tapaculo, next to more widespread birds like Red-headed Barbet, Acorn and Golden-olive Woodpeckers, Strong-billed Woodcreeper, Lineated Foliage-gleaner, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush, Swainson's Thrush, Yellow-backed Oriole and Magpie and Golden-naped Tanagers. We heard the distinctive calls of a Hooded Antpitta, but never managed a glimpse.



Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush (tour participant Michael Boswell) and White-booted Racket-tail are widespread (Mark Van Beirs)



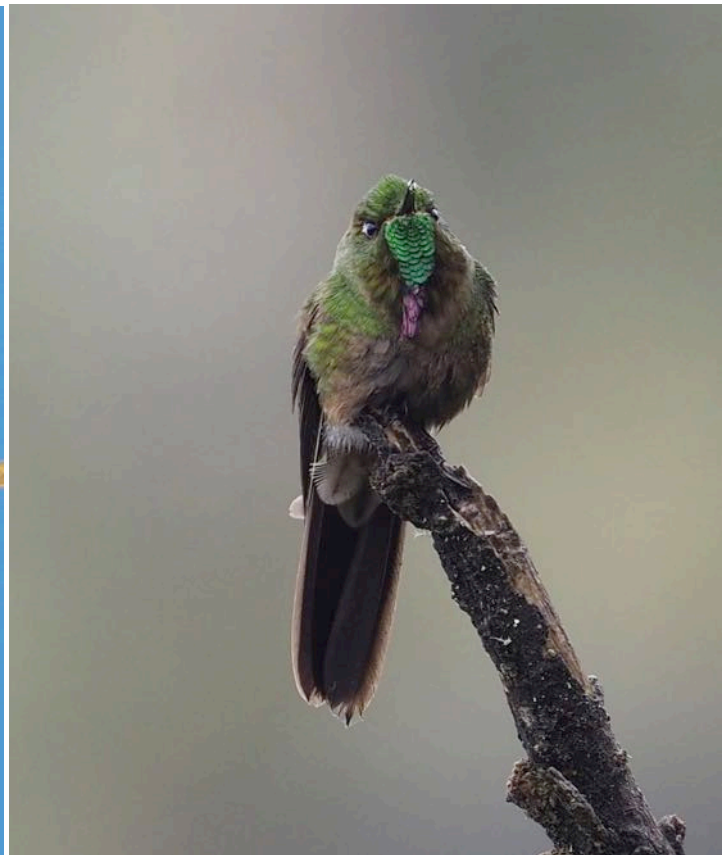
The marvelous Black-chested Fruiteater showed well in a fruiting Cecropia tree (tour participant Michael Boswell)



The Dusky-headed Brushfich is a Colombian endemic (tour participant Michael Boswell)



A delightful trio of Tropical Screech-Owls (tour participant Michael Boswell)



Glorious Green-bearded Helmetcrests were regular at the Sumapaz NP (tour participant Michael Boswell); The Bronze-tailed Thornbill is another high altitude species (Mark Van Beirs)

At a glade in the forest a fair number of hummingbird feeders attracted a fine variety of sugar-driven marvels, including new species like Brown Violetear, Speckled Hummingbird, Long-tailed Sylph, Greenish Puffleg, Bronzy Inca, Buff-tailed Coronet, White-booted Racket-tail, Tolima Blossomcrown and Crowned Woodnymph.

We returned the following day and observed Chestnut Woodquail (for the lucky half of the group), a cracking male Black-chested Fruiteater, Chestnut-bellied Thrush, Russet-crowned and Three-striped Warblers and the endemic Dusky-headed Brushfinch. In the afternoon we explored a patch of wetland near the town of Pitalito, where Pale-bellied Hermit, Grey-cowled Wood Rail, White-throated Crake, Limpkin, Striated Heron, Spot-breasted Woodpecker, Eastern Meadowlark, Red-breasted Blackbird and American Yellow Warbler obliged. A cute trio of adorable Tropical Screech-Owls were found on their day roost in a patch of bamboo.

The next day was an uneventful travel day as we returned to the traffic nightmare of Bogota.



Apolinar's Wren and Tawny Antpitta showed brilliantly at the Sumapaz NP (tour participant Michael Boswell)

As our flight to Puerto Inirida was timed for the early afternoon, we decided to first visit the glorious paramo of the Sumapaz National Park. It was decidedly chilly at 3,750m altitude at dawn, but we soon encountered several exquisite, heart-warming Green-bearded Helmetcrests. These endemic jewels showed particularly well as they were feeding on the impressive, flowering Espeletias. We also obtained fantastic views of several Tawny Antpittas (of the northern race, which has a rather different song compared to the southern race). Endemic Apolinar's Wrens performed beautifully, as did endemic Rufous-browed Conebills and an endemic Pale-bellied Tapaculo. Other goodies here included Andean Duck, Andean Teal, American Coot, Greater Yellowlegs, Bronze-tailed Thornbill, Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle, Many-striped Canastero, Andean Tit-Spinetail, Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant, Plumbeous Sierra Finch, Glossy Flowerpiercer and the gorgeous Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager. After these delights we drove to the airport and took the flight to Puerto Inirida, a small bustling town in the steamy lowlands close to the border with Venezuela. Upon arrival we were welcomed by local expert Daniel, who immediately took us birding in the nearby white sand forest. During the final hour of the day a cracking male White-naped Seedeater and a subtly-coloured Campina

Thrush (a recent split in the Black-billed Thrush complex) were the highlights, but we also noted several Least Nighthawks, Chestnut-fronted Macaw, Barred Antshrike, Plain-crested Elaenia and Red-shouldered and Black-faced Tanagers.



White-naped Seedeater is a rare inhabitant of white sand savanna (tour participant Michael Boswell), where we also encountered the subtly-coloured Green-tailed Goldenthrout (Mark Van Beirs)

The following morning found us again in white sand forest, but lots and lots of rain seriously sabotaged our birding endeavours. In between showers we still picked up a nice selection of hummers like Green-tailed Goldenthrout, Ruby Topaz, Amethyst Woodstar, Versicoloured Emerald and White-chinned Sapphire, while scanning the treetops and the sky gave us Plain-breasted Ground Dove, Black-collared Hawk, Swallow-winged Puffbird, White-throated Toucan, Bat Falcon, Cobalt-winged Parakeet, screeching Southern Mealy and Orange-winged Amazons, colourful Blue-and-yellow, Scarlet and Red-and-green Macaws, a modest female Pompadour Cotinga and a rare Plumbeous Euphonia. During a dry bout we explored a stretch of stunted forest where Amazonian Trogon, Golden-spangled Piculet, Cherrie's Antwren, Lesser Kiskadee, Pale-bellied Mourner, Short-crested Flycatcher, a wonderful Yellow-crested Manakin, Yellow-green Grosbeak, Blue Dacnis, Silver-beaked Tanager and Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch showed. We also spotted a Crab-eating Fox foraging along a forest edge. In the afternoon we visited another track leading through patches of well-preserved forest, where the icing on the cake was the excellent observation of a pair of rarely observed White-bellied Dacnises. We couldn't believe our luck. Another highlight was a fantastically performing male White-browed Purpletuft, that showed off its amazing flank tufts at length. What a terrific sight!



Cherrie's Antwren and Plumbeous Euphonia performed well in the white sand forest (tour participant Michael Boswell)

Other goodies here included Black-headed Parrot, Rufous-crowned Elaenia, Slender-footed Tyrannulet, Citron-bellied Attila, a male Spangled Cotinga and a male Black Manakin. We also noted Short-tailed Swift, Glittering-throated Emerald, Solitary Sandpiper, a circling flock of 57 Anhingas, Plumbeous Kite, Green-backed Trogon, Yellow-tufted Woodpecker, Yellow-throated and Swainson's Flycatchers, Chivi Vireo, White-lored Euphonia and Blackpoll Warbler.



We enjoyed cracking views of a male of the very rarely-seen White-bellied Dacnis (tour participant Michael Boswell)

Our morning in the varzea forest bordering the Guaviare River was another very wet affair. We waited under our umbrellas for hours until the weather gods suddenly relented and allowed us tremendous looks at a pair of modestly-plumaged, very localized Orinoco Softtails. Other rather infrequently seen species included Green-tailed Jacamar, Blackish-grey Antshrike, a cute Dot-backed Antbird and a sneaky Amazonian Black Tyrant. Further additions to the list were Neotropical Palm Swift, Grey-fronted Dove, Collared and Pied Plovers, Spotted Sandpiper, Black Skimmer, Yellow-billed Tern, Capped Heron, Western Osprey, Ferruginous Pygmy Owl, Amazon, Green and Ringed Kingfishers, a lovely Cream-coloured Woodpecker, loud Red-throated Caracaras, White-flanked and Dot-winged Antwrens, Black-chinned Antbird, Drab Water-Tyrant, a beautiful male Wire-tailed Manakin, White-banded Swallow, Buff-breasted Wren and Olive Oropendola. We also enjoyed the heart-warming sight of a family of Giant Otters, of several Amazon River Dolphins and of a party of acrobatic Squirrel Monkeys. In the afternoon Daniel took us by dugout to a stretch of Cecropia scrub upstream along the Guaviare River where we soon connected with the still to be described "Inirida" Antshrike. Both male and female of this little known, highly localized species showed well. While looking for this gem we also observed Greater Ani, Little Cuckoo, Purple Gallinule, Large-billed Tern, Great Black Hawk, Black Caracara, Rusty-backed and Yellow-chinned Spinetails, White-winged Swallow, Black-capped Donacobius, Lesson's, Grey and Ruddy-breasted Seedeaters and Red-capped Cardinal.



The unbelievable spectacle of a displaying male White-browed Purpletuft (tour participant Michael Boswell)



The female 'Inirida' Antshrike performed ever so well (tour participant Michael Boswell)



The very localized Orinoco Softtail was yet another Birdquest lifer; the male Wire-tailed Manakin is a glorious bird (tour participant Michael Boswell)

Just after dawn, in a patch of semi-flooded, stunted, white sand forest we obtained fantastic looks at a male Yapacana Antbird, as it foraged totally undisturbed just a few metres away. This extremely localized species performed brilliantly. The Flor de Inirida trail also held Straight-billed Hermit, Black-eared Fairy, Black-bellied Cuckoo, American Pygmy Kingfisher, Bronzy Jacamar, Imeri Warbling Antbird, Saffron-crested Tyrant-Manakin, White-crowned Manakin, Coraya Wren, Wedge-tailed Grass Finch and Purple Honeycreeper. The trail is named after a beautiful flower which abounds on the savanna (*Guacamaya superba*). In the afternoon we boarded the dugout canoe that took us a couple of hours upstream on the Inirida river to the famous Cerros de Mavicuri. These three impressive volcanic hills are called *Pajarito* (Little Bird), *Mono* (Monkey) and *Mavicuri* (blowgun of the mountains) and are 712 m, 480 m and 170 m high respectively. Nothing of note

was seen on the journey, but upon arrival at the foot of these outcrops we found several dainty Black-collared Swallows perched on rocks in the river. A bout of scanning produced a magnificent pair of rarely encountered Orange-breasted Falcons high up on one of the hills. We admired these dashing birds of prey for quite a while and even saw them mating. Great stuff.

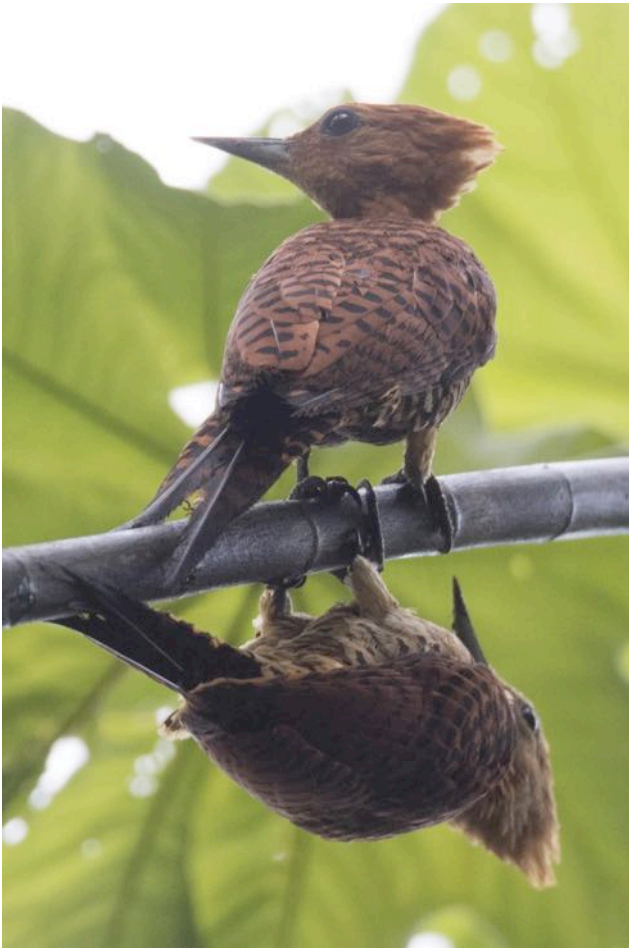


In the stunted white sand forest we admired Yapacana Antbird and Imeri Warbling Antbird (tour participant Michael Boswell)



The male White-crowned Manakin is a stunner; attractive Black-collared Swallows allowed close approach (tour participant Michael Boswell)

On our final morning at Inirida we returned to the varzea forest and found it to be very birdy. New birds included White-necked Puffbird, Ringed Woodpecker, Striped Woodcreeper, Grey-crowned Flatbill and Varzea Schiffornis, but only one person managed to get views of a secretive Spotted Antpitta. At midday we took the flight to Bogota, realising that we could easily have used another two days in the varied habitats around Puerto Inirida.



On our final morning at Inirida we added Ringed Woodpecker and White-necked Puffbird to the tally (our participant Michael Boswell)



Muisca Antpitta and Coppery-bellied Puffleg showed well at the Chingaza National Park (our participant Michael Boswell)

On the last outing of the tour we visited the temperate forest of the Chingaza National Park, which is situated to the east of the capital. Our main target was the Muisca Antpitta, yet another split in the Rufous Antpitta complex and it didn't take too long before we all had pretty good looks of this retiring species. Not much later we also connected with Coppery-bellied Puffleg, Black-capped Tyrannulet and Blue-backed Conebill. On the return journey we made a brief stop at the well-known Observatorio de Colibris, where a glorious Sword-

billed Hummingbird and jewels like Blue-throated Starfrontlet, Glowing Puffleg, Black-tailed and Green-tailed Trainbearers and Great Sapphirewing provided a fitting end of this unusual tour.



Muisca Antpitta and Coppery-bellied Puffleg showed well at the Chingaza National Park (our participant Michael Boswell)



The cute Golden-fronted Whitestart is yet another Colombian endemic (our participant Michael Boswell)



A Stygian Owl is always a jaw-dropper (Mark Van Beirs)

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR

The species names and taxonomy used in the report mostly follows Gill, F & D Donsker (Eds). **IOC World Bird Names**. This list is updated several times annually and is available at <http://www.worldbirdnames.org>.

Species which were heard but not seen are indicated by the symbol (H).

Species which were only recorded by the leader are indicated by the symbol (LO).

Species which were not personally recorded by the leader are indicated by the symbol (NL).

Species marked with the diamond symbol (◊) are either endemic to the country or local region or considered 'special' birds for some other reason (e.g. it is only seen on one or two Birdquest tours; it is difficult to see across all or most of its range; the local form is endemic or restricted-range and may in future be treated as a full species).

Cinereous Tinamou *Crypturellus cinereus* (H) We heard one at Inirida.

Little Tinamou *Crypturellus soui* (H) Heard at Inirida.

Northern Screamer *Chauna chavaria* Three were seen in a wetland near Cartagena. The rarest of the family.

Black-bellied Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis* Regular observations.

Andean Teal *Anas andium* Three were noted at a lake at the Sumapaz NP.

Andean Duck *Oxyura ferruginea* A single male was scoped at the Sumapaz NP.



Chestnut-winged Chachalaca (tour participant Michael Boswell); Colombian Chachalaca (Mark Van Beirs)

Chestnut-winged Chachalaca *Ortalis garrula* 4 showed well at the Turbaco Botanical gardens. Endemic.

Rufous-vented Chachalaca *Ortalis ruficauda* (H) One was heard in the lower Sierra de Perijá.

Colombian Chachalaca *Ortalis columbiana* Regular in the upper Magdalena Valley. A Colombian endemic.

Band-tailed Guan *Penelope argyrotis* Noted at the Los Besotes reserve.

Andean Guan *Penelope montagnii* Seen well in the Sierra de Perijá and at Chingaza.

Sickle-winged Guan *Chamaepetes goudotii* A single bird was seen at the Antioquia Brushfinch site.

Crested Bobwhite *Colinus cristatus* A covey of c12 was flushed at the Los Besotes reserve.

Chestnut Wood Quail *Odontophorus hyperythrus* Six were seen from a hide at the Drymophila reserve. Endemic.

Least Nighthawk *Chordeiles pusillus* 10+ showed well at dusk over the savanna at Inirida.

Lesser Nighthawk *Chordeiles acutipennis* Two showed at dawn at the Los Besotes reserve.

Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis* Good looks at a sitting bird, predawn, at Los Besotes.

Band-winged Nightjar *Systellura longirostris* One flushed on our pre-dawn drive up the Sierra de Perijá.

White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris* Five were noted at the Miraflores reserve. Our only observation.

Grey-rumped Swift *Chaetura cinereiventris* Regular encounters.

Short-tailed Swift *Chaetura brachyura* A few showed quite well at Inirida.

White-tipped Swift *Aeronautes montivagus* Two were noted in the lower Sierra de Perijá.
Neotropical Palm Swift *Tachornis squamata* Two were seen at Inirida.
Pale-bellied Hermit *Phaethornis anthophilus* A single was seen at the Pitalito wetland.
Tawny-bellied Hermit *Phaethornis syrmatophorus* A single showed well at the Miraflores reserve.
Straight-billed Hermit *Phaethornis bourcierii* Good looks at this unusual hermit at Inirida.



Brown Violetear and Sparkling Violetear (tour participant Michael Boswell)

Brown Violetear *Colibri delphinae* Regular at the Drymophila reserve.
Lesser Violetear *Colibri cyanotus* Fairly common and feisty.
Sparkling Violetear *Colibri coruscans* Fairly common and feisty.
Black-eared Fairy *Heliostyris auritus* A single performed well at Inirida.
Green-tailed Goldenthrout *Polytmus theresiae* Regular in the savanna at Inirida.
Ruby-topaz Hummingbird *Chrysolampis mosquitus* Three encounters at Inirida.
Black-throated Mango *Anthracothorax nigricollis* Regular.
Longuemare's Sunangel *Heliangelus clarisse* Regular in the Sierra de Perijá.
Speckled Hummingbird *Adelomyia melanogenys* A couple at the Drymophila reserve.
Long-tailed Sylph *Aglaiocercus kingii* A few at the Drymophila reserve.
Black-tailed Trainbearer *Lesbia victoriae* Nice looks at a male at the Observatorio de Colibris.
Green-tailed Trainbearer *Lesbia nuna* Two showed well at the Observatorio de Colibris.
Bronze-tailed Thornbill *Chalcostigma heteropogon* Fair looks at the Sumapaz NP.



Longuemare's Sunangel (tour participant Michael Boswell); Greenish Puffleg (Mark Van Beirs)



Buff-tailed Coronet and Gorgeted Woodstar (tour participant Michael Boswell)

Green-bearded Helmetcrest *Oxypogon guerinii* Excellent looks at thee beauties at the Sumapaz NP.

Tyrian Metaltail *Metallura tyrianthina* Regular.

Perija Metaltail *Metallura iracunda* Fair views eventually, in the paramo of the Sierra de Perijá.

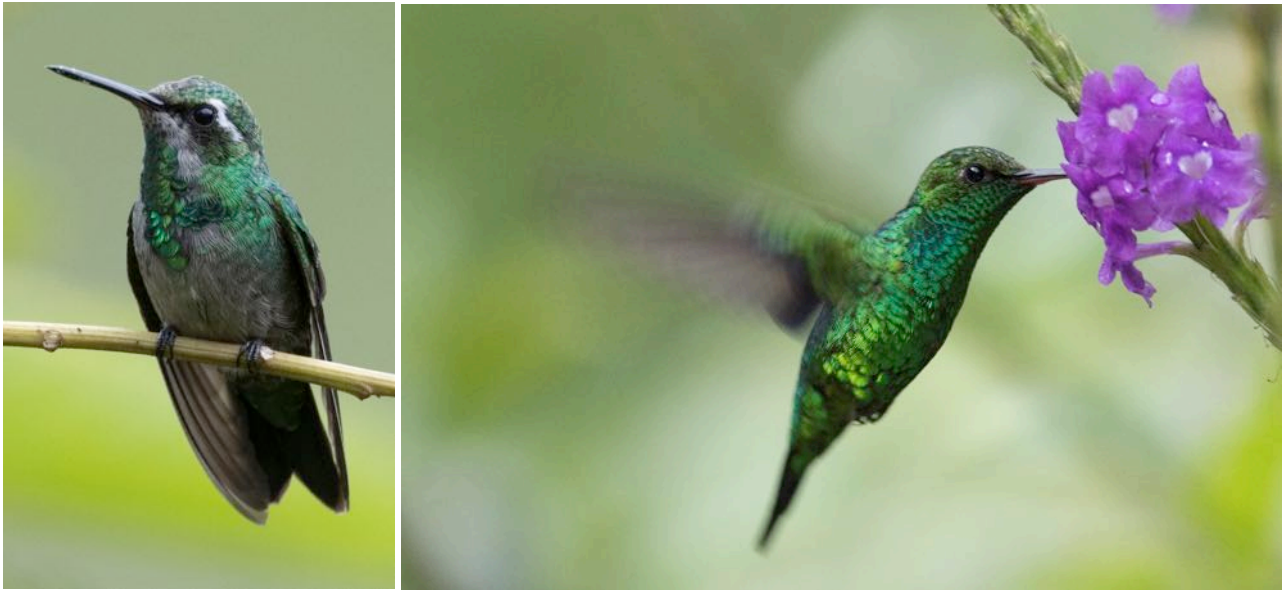
Greenish Puffleg *Haplophaedia aureliae* A few in the Drymophila reserve.

Glowing Puffleg *Eriocnemis vestita* Seen well at the Observatorio de Colibris, near Bogota.

Coppery-bellied Puffleg *Eriocnemis cupreovertris* Good looks at one at Chingaza.

Bronzy Inca *Coeligena coeligena* Seen well at the Drymophila reserve.

Blue-throated Starfrontlet *Coeligena helianthea* This beauty showed well at the Observatorio de Colibris.
Mountain Velvetbreast *Lafresnaya lafresnayi* A few encounters in the Sierra de Perijá.
Sword-billed Hummingbird *Ensifera ensifera* A single performed beautifully at the Observatorio de Colibris.
Great Sapphirewing *Pterophanes cyanopterus* A single bird was seen at the Observatorio de Colibris.
Buff-tailed Coronet *Boissonneaua flavescens* Several performed well at the Drymophila reserve.
White-booted Racket-tail *Ocreatus underwoodii* Common and endearing at the Drymophila reserve.
Violet-fronted Brilliant *Heliodoxa leadbeateri* Regular at the Drymophila reserve.
Amethyst Woodstar *Calliphlox amethystina* A female was noted at Inirida.
White-bellied Woodstar *Chaetocercus mulsant* Regular observations of this cutie.
Gorgeted Woodstar *Chaetocercus heliodor* Several very nice sightings at the Drymophila reserve.
Rufous-shafted Woodstar *Chaetocercus jourdani* A female was noted in the Sierra de Perijá.



Red-billed Emerald and Short-tailed Emerald (tour participant Michael Boswell)

Red-billed Emerald *Chlorostilbon gibsoni* Regular observations.
Short-tailed Emerald *Chlorostilbon poortmani* A single showed well at the El Encanto Lodge.



An immature Tolima Blossomcrown and an Indigo-capped Hummingbird (tour participant Michael Boswell)

Tolima Blossomcrown *Anthocephala berlepschi* A few observations at the Drymophila reserve.
Lazuline Sabrewing *Campylopterus falcatus* (H) Heard in the Sierra de Perijá.

White-vented Plumeleteer *Chalybura buffonii* A few sightings in the subtropics.
Crowned Woodnymph *Thalurania colombica* Regular at the Drymophila feeders.
Steely-vented Hummingbird *Saucerottia saucerottei* A single was noted in the lower Sierra de Perijá.
Indigo-capped Hummingbird *Saucerottia cyanifrons* Good looks at two at the El Encanto Lodge.
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird *Amazilia tzacatl* Regular.



Andean Emerald and Glittering-throated Emerald (Mark Van Beirs)

Andean Emerald *Uranomitra franciae* Common at the Drymophila feeders.
Shining-green Hummingbird *Chrysuronia goudoti* Regular at the El Encanto feeders.
Versicolored Emerald *Chrysuronia versicolor* Seen well at Inirida.
Glittering-throated Emerald *Chionomesa fimbriata* A single showed well at Inirida.
White-chinned Sapphire *Chlorestes cyanus* A single was noted in the canopy at Inirida.
Greater Ani *Crotophaga major* Several along the Guaviare river near Inirida.
Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani* Common.
Groove-billed Ani *Crotophaga sulcirostris* A few in drier areas.
Striped Cuckoo *Tapera naevia* (H) Heard at the Los Besotes reserve.
Little Cuckoo *Coccyzua minuta* Good looks near Inirida.
Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana* Regular.
Black-bellied Cuckoo *Piaya melanogaster* One performed very well in white sand forest at Inirida.
Yellow-billed Cuckoo *Coccyzus americanus* Scope views of this migrant at Los Besotes.
Rock Dove (introduced) *Columba livia*
Band-tailed Pigeon *Patagioenas fasciata* Regular in the highlands.
Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis* Regular in the lowlands.
Ruddy Pigeon *Patagioenas subvinacea* (H) Heard at several sites.
Scaled Dove *Columbina squammata* Only seen at the Los Besotes reserve.
Common Ground Dove *Columbina passerina* Several observations.
Plain-breasted Ground Dove *Columbina minuta* Good looks at a pair at Inirida.
Ruddy Ground Dove *Columbina talpacoti* Common.
White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi* Regular.
Grey-fronted Dove *Leptotila rufaxilla* A few were seen at Inirida.
Tolima Dove *Leptotila conoveri* This Colombian endemic showed extremely well at the Drymophila reserve.
White-throated Quail-Dove *Zentrygon frenata* (H) We heard it at the Drymophila reserve.



Double-striped Thick-knee and Capped Heron (Mark Van Beirs)

- Eared Dove** *Zenaida auriculata* Regular in the higher mountains.
- Grey-cowled Wood Rail** *Aramides cajaneus* Seen well at the Pitalito wetland.
- Common Gallinule** *Gallinula galeata* Regular at ponds on the drive to Cartagena.
- American Coot** *Fulica americana* Several were noted at the alpine lake at Chumapaz.
- Purple Gallinule** *Porphyrio martinica* An immature bird showed along the Guaviare river near Inirida.
- Russet-crowned Crake** *Rufirallus viridis* (H) We heard the trills at Inirida.
- White-throated Crake** *Laterallus albigularis* Fair looks at two at the Pitalito wetland.
- Limpkin** *Aramus guarauna* Seen at the Pitalito wetland.
- Double-striped Thick-knee** *Burhinus bistriatus* The first bird of the tour. Several were seen well near Valledupar.
- Black-necked Stilt** *Himantopus mexicanus* Seen along the Inirida river.
- Southern Lapwing** *Vanellus chilensis* Regular.
- Collared Plover** *Charadrius collaris* A single bird was on a sand bank along the Inirida river.
- Pied Plover** *Hoploxypterus cayanus* Regular along the rivers at Inirida.
- Wattled Jacana** *Jacana jacana* Regular observations. Most were of the black-backed race, *hypomelaena*.
- Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius* A single at Inirida.
- Solitary Sandpiper** *Tringa solitaria* A single at Inirida.
- Willet** *Tringa semipalmata* One was noted at the coast at Cartagena.
- Greater Yellowlegs** *Tringa melanoleuca* Two were seen at the highland lake at the Sumapaz NP.
- Black Skimmer** *Rynchops niger* Regular along the rivers at Inirida.
- Laughing Gull** *Leucophaeus atricilla* A single was seen at Cartagena.
- Yellow-billed Tern** *Sternula superciliaris* Small numbers were noted along the rivers at Inirida.
- Large-billed Tern** *Phaetusa simplex* Common, obvious and noisy along the rivers at Inirida.
- Wood Stork** *Mycteria americana* Two were seen at a wetland on the drive to Cartagena.
- Magnificent Frigatebird** *Fregata magnificens* Two were seen at Cartagena.
- Anhinga** *Anhinga anhinga* A circling flock of 57 birds was quite a sight at Inirida.
- Neotropic Cormorant** *Nannopterum brasilianum* Regular.
- Buff-necked Ibis** *Theristicus caudatus* Regular in the Magdalena Valley.
- Bare-faced Ibis** *Phimosus infuscatus* Quite common.
- Roseate Spoonbill** *Platalea ajaja* A single bird was noted near Cartagena.
- Striated Heron** *Butorides striata* A single bird at the Pitalito wetland.
- Western Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis* Common.
- Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias* A single bird was observed at Cartagena.
- Cocoi Heron** *Ardea cocoi* Regular at Inirida.
- Great Egret** *Ardea alba* Common.
- Capped Heron** *Pilherodius pileatus* Three observations at Inirida.
- Tricolored Heron** *Egretta tricolor* A single bird was seen at Cartagena.



Green-tailed Jacamar (Mark Van Beirs)

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* A single bird was noted at Inirida.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula* Regular.

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis* A few were seen at Cartagena.

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* Common.

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* Common.

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture *Cathartes burrovianus* A few in the open lowlands.

Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* 17 observations of this northern migrant.

White-tailed Kite *Elanus leucurus* Four sightings of this dainty bird of prey.

Pearl Kite *Gampsonyx swainsonii* A single was seen on the drive to Cartagena.
Hook-billed Kite *Chondrohierax uncinatus* Fair looks at one near Garzon.
Plain-breasted Hawk *Accipiter ventralis* One was spotted at the Miraflores reserve.
Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea* Two were seen in the Inirida area.
Black-collared Hawk *Busarellus nigricollis* A single was seen perched at Inirida.
Crane Hawk *Geranospiza caerulescens* Good looks at one near Cartagena.
Slate-colored Hawk *Buteogallus schistaceus* (H) We heard it in the Inirida varzea.
Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis* A handful of observations of this open country bird of prey.
Great Black Hawk *Buteogallus urubitinga* Three observations at Inirida.
Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris* Regular.
Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle *Geranoaetus melanoleucus* Good looks in the Sierra de Perijá and also at Sumapaz.
Grey-lined Hawk *Buteo nitidus* An immature bird was identified near Garzon.



Bronzy Jacamar (Mark Van Beirs)

Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus* Four sightings of this northern migrant.

Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyurus* Two were seen near Garzon.

Ferruginous Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum* A single was seen near Inirida. Heard elsewhere.

Stygian Owl *Asio stygius* Fantastic looks at this beauty at the Antioquia Brushfinch site.

White-throated Screech Owl *Megascops albogularis* (H) We heard it in the distance in the Sierra de Perijá.

Tropical Screech Owl *Megascops choliba* Three perched together on a day roost at Pitalito offered quite a sight.

Black-and-white Owl *Strix nigrolineata* Perfect looks at a responsive bird at Garzon.

Black-tailed Trogon *Trogon melanurus* (H) We heard it at Inirida.

Green-backed Trogon *Trogon viridis* Regular at Inirida.

Amazonian Trogon *Trogon ramonianus* A couple of sightings at Inirida.

Masked Trogon *Trogon personatus* (H) One was heard in the Sierra de Perijá.

Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona* Several observations at Inirida.

American Pygmy Kingfisher *Chloroceryle aenea* A single showed all too briefly at Inirida.

Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana* Two observations at Inirida.

Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata* Regular encounters.

Whooping Motmot *Momotus subrufescens* (NL) Steve saw one near Cartagena.

Andean Motmot *Momotus aequatorialis* A single bird was seen at San Pedro de los Milagros, near Medellin.

Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda* (H) We heard it at the Turbaco Botanical Gardens.

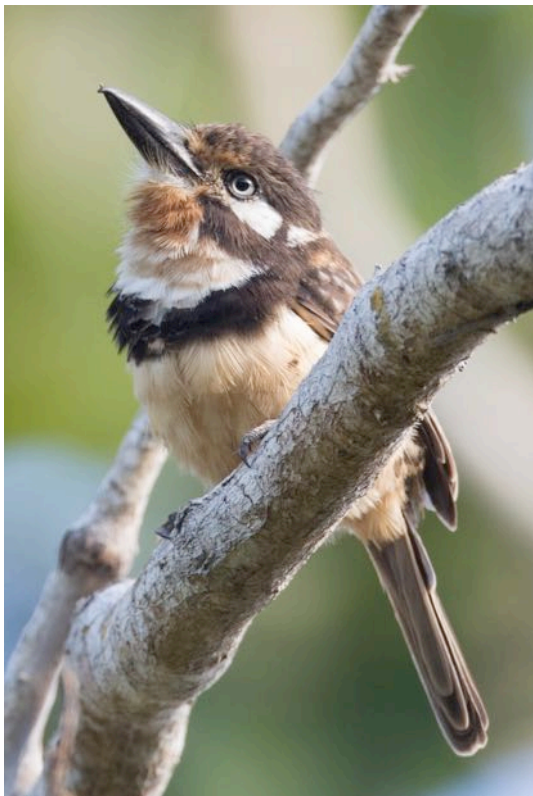
Green-tailed Jacamar *Galbula galbula* A couple showed well in the Inirida varzea.

Bronzy Jacamar *Galbula leucogastra* A single observation at Inirida.

White-necked Puffbird *Notharchus hyperrhynchus* Good looks at two at Inirida.

Spotted Puffbird *Bucco tamatia* (H) We heard it in the Inirida white sand forest.

Collared Puffbird *Bucco capensis* (H) We heard it in the Inirida varzea.



Russet-throated Puffbird (tour participant Michael Boswell); Swallow-winged Puffbird (Mark Van Beirs)

Russet-throated Puffbird *Hypnelus ruficollis* Good looks at several at Los Besotes.

Swallow-winged Puffbird *Chelidoptera tenebrosa* Common at Inirida.

Gilded Barbet *Capito auratus* (H) Commonly heard at Inirida.

Red-headed Barbet *Eubucco bourcierii* Nice looks at several in the Upper Magdalena Valley.

White-throated Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus albivitta* Regular in the Sierra de Perijá.



White-throated Toucanet (tour participant Michael Boswell)

- Crimson-rumped Toucanet** *Aulacorhynchus haematopygus* A single sighting in the Sierra de Perijá.
- Keel-billed Toucan** *Ramphastos sulfuratus* Great looks at several near Cartagena.
- White-throated Toucan** *Ramphastos tucanus* Several in the Inirida area.
- Yellow-throated Toucan** *Ramphastos ambiguus* We heard it in the Sierra de Perijá.
- Golden-spangled Piculet** *Picumnus exilis* Two encounters at Inirida.
- Chestnut Piculet** *Picumnus cinnamomeus* Good looks at two at the Los Besotes reserve.
- Acorn Woodpecker** *Melanerpes formicivorus* Regular at the Drymophila reserve.
- Yellow-tufted Woodpecker** *Melanerpes cruentatus* Regular in the Inirida area.
- Red-crowned Woodpecker** *Melanerpes rubricapillus* Fairly common.
- Smoky-brown Woodpecker** *Leuconotopicus fumigatus* A couple of observations in the Upper Magdalena Valley.
- Golden-olive Woodpecker** *Colaptes rubiginosus* Good looks at one at the Drymophila reserve.
- Spot-breasted Woodpecker** *Colaptes punctigula* Singles at Pitalito and at Inirida.
- Cream-colored Woodpecker** *Celeus flavus* Very nice looks at two at Inirida.
- Ringed Woodpecker** *Celeus torquatus* Great views of two in the Inirida varzea.
- Lineated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus lineatus* Regular.
- Crimson-crested Woodpecker** *Campephilus melanoleucos* A few observations.
- Black Caracara** *Daptrius ater* Several nice observations at Inirida.
- Red-throated Caracara** *Ibycter americanus* Scope views of this vociferous bird of prey.
- Crested Caracara** *Caracara plancus* Fairly common.
- Yellow-headed Caracara** *Milvago chimachima* Regular.
- Laughing Falcon** *Herpetotheres cachinnans* A single at Garzon and heard at Inirida.
- American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius* A handful of observations of this widespread species.
- Aplomado Falcon** *Falco femoralis* Two sightings in the Magdalena Valley.
- Merlin** *Falco columbarius* Three excellent observations on the paramo of the Sierra de Perijá.
- Bat Falcon** *Falco ruficularis* A single was noted at Inirida.
- Orange-breasted Falcon** *Falco deiroleucus* Great looks at a pair at the Mavicure hills near Inirida. Great stuff!!
- Orange-chinned Parakeet** *Brotogeris jugularis* Regular observations.
- Cobalt-winged Parakeet** *Brotogeris cyanoptera* Small numbers were noted in the Inirida area.



Lineated Woodpecker and Crested Caracaras (Mark Van Beirs)



Cobalt-winged and Orange-chinned Parakeet (Mark Van Beirs)

Orange-cheeked Parrot *Pyrilia barrabandi* (H) We heard the distinctive calls in the Inirida white sand forest.

Red-billed Parrot *Pionus sordidus* A couple of sightings.

Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus* Regular observations.

Bronze-winged Parrot *Pionus chalcopterus* A few were seen in flight at El Encanto.

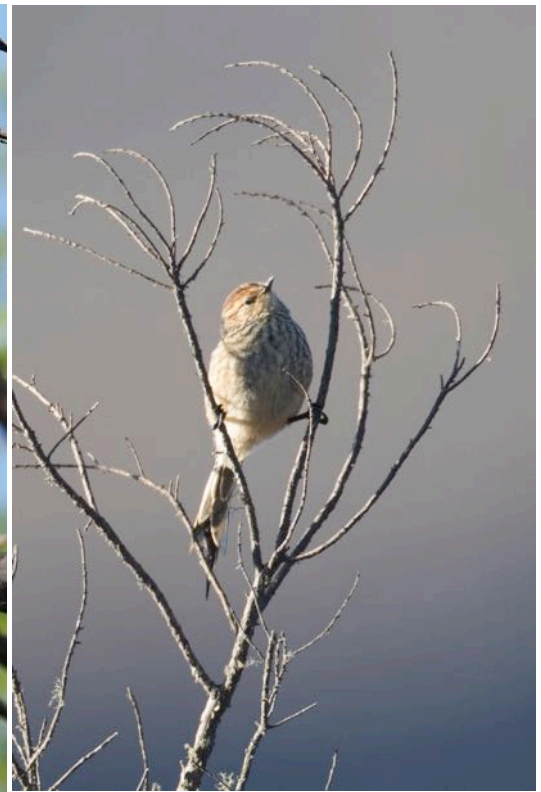
Scaly-naped Amazon *Amazona mercenarius* Regularly seen in the Sierra de Perijá.

Southern Mealy Amazon *Amazona farinosa* Scope views of interacting pairs at Inirida.

Orange-winged Amazon *Amazona amazonica* Common at Inirida.

Turquoise-winged Parrotlet *Forpus spengeli* Excellent scope observations near Cartagena. A Colombian endemic.

Spectacled Parrotlet *Forpus conspicillatus* Regular in the Upper Magdalena Valley.



Brown-throated Parakeet (Mark Van Beirs); Andean Tit-Spinetail (tour participant Michael Boswell)

- Black-headed Parrot** *Pionites melanocephalus* Good looks at two at Inirida.
- Maroon-tailed Parakeet** *Pyrrhura melanura* Nice looks at the distinctive race *chapmani* (Huila Parakeet) at Garzon.
- Brown-throated Parakeet** *Eupsittula pertinax* Regular.
- Blue-and-yellow Macaw** *Ara ararauna* Four were seen in flight at Inirida.
- Chestnut-fronted Macaw** *Ara severus* Regular at Inirida.
- Scarlet Macaw** *Ara macao* Regular at Inirida.
- Red-and-green Macaw** *Ara chloropterus* Fairly common at Inirida. Impressive.
- Blue-crowned Parakeet** *Thectocercus acuticaudatus* A few were seen in flight at the Los Besotes reserve.
- Scarlet-fronted Parakeet** *Psittacara wagleri* A few in the Upper Magdalena Valley.
- Plain-brown Woodcreeper** *Dendrocincla fuliginosa* A single bird was noted at Inirida.
- Wedge-billed Woodcreeper** *Glyphorhynchus spirurus* We heard it once at Inirida.
- Long-billed Woodcreeper** *Nasica longirostris* Regularly heard in the Inirida varzea.
- Strong-billed Woodcreeper** *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus* Seen well at the Drymophila reserve.
- Striped Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus obsoletus* Good looks in the Inirida varzea.
- Buff-throated Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus guttatus* Heard at Inirida.
- Straight-billed Woodcreeper** *Dendroplex picus* Seen quite well at the Los Besotes reserve.
- Red-billed Scythebill** *Campylorhamphus trochilirostris* (H) Heard at the Los Besotes reserve.
- Montane Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger* A few observations in the highlands.
- Streaked Tuftedcheek** *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii* A single encounter in the Sierra de Perijá.
- Caribbean Hornero** *Furnarius longirostris* Fair looks in the Los Besotes reserve.
- Montane Foliage-gleaner** *Anabacerthia striaticollis* A couple of encounters in highland forest.
- Lineated Foliage-gleaner** *Syndactyla subalaris* A single bird was seen in a flock at the Drymophila reserve.
- Andean Tit-Spinetail** *Leptasthenura andicola* A single bird was seen at the Sumapaz NP.
- Many-striped Canastero** *Asthenes flammulata* Fair looks at the Sumapaz NP.
- Streak-backed Canastero** *Asthenes wyatti* Excellent looks in the paramo of the Sierra de Perijá.
- Perija Thistletail** *Asthenes perijana* Perfect looks in the paramo of the Sierra de Perijá. Magnificent!
- White-chinned Thistletail** *Asthenes fuliginosa* (H) We heard it in the paramo of the Sumapaz NP.
- Spectacled Prickletail** *Siptornis striaticollis* Three excellent encounters in flocks at the Miraflores reserve. Great!
- Orinoco Softtail** *Thripophaga cherriei* Cracking looks at two in the Inirida varzea. A very localized species!
- Rusty-backed Spinetail** *Cranioleuca vulpina* A single along the Guaviare river at Inirida.



Azara's Spinetail and female Dot-winged Antwren (tour participant Michael Boswell)

Ash-browed Spinetail *Cranioleuca curtata* A few in the Upper Magdalena Valley.

Yellow-chinned Spinetail *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus* Two were seen along the Guaviare river at Inirida.

Plain-crowned Spinetail *Synallaxis gujanensis* (H) Heard at Inirida.

Slaty Spinetail *Synallaxis brachyura* Good looks at the Miraflores reserve.

Pale-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis albescens* (H) Heard on the lower slopes of the Sierra de Perijá.

Azara's Spinetail *Synallaxis azarae* Regular in the highlands.

White-whiskered Spinetail *Synallaxis candei* Great looks at this very attractive species at the Los Besotes reserve.

Rufous Spinetail *Synallaxis unirufa* Several observations in the Sierra de Perijá.

Rufous-rumped Antwren *Euchrepornis callinota* (NL) One was photographed by Michael at the Miraflores reserve.

Dot-winged Antwren *Microrhopias quixensis* Male and female were seen at Inirida.



Yapacana Antbird and Blackish-grey Antshrike (Mark Van Beirs)

Yapacana Antbird *Aprositornis disjuncta* Fantastic looks at a foraging male in the Inirida white sand forest.

Cherrie's Antwren *Myrmotherula cherriei* Fairly common at Inirida.

White-flanked Antwren *Myrmotherula axillaris* Regular at Inirida.

Northern White-fringed Antwren *Formicivora intermedia* A single showed well at Los Besotes.

Black-backed Antshrike *Thamnophilus melanonotus* A male was seen quite well at Los Besotes.

Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus* A few observations of this widespread species.

'Inirida' Antshrike *Thamnophilus sp nov* Male and female showed well at Inirida. A new taxon?

Blackish-grey Antshrike *Thamnophilus nigrocinereus* Regular in the Inirida varzea.

Mouse-colored Antshrike *Thamnophilus murinus* Heard at Inirida.

Black-crested Antshrike *Sakesphorus canadensis* Heard at Los Besotes and at Inirida.

Fasciated Antshrike *Cymbilaimus lineatus* (H) We heard the distinctive song at Inirida.

Great Antshrike *Taraba major* Heard at Inirida.



Western Fire-eye (tour participant Michael Boswell)

- Klages's Antbird** *Drymophila klagesi* (H) We heard it on the middle slopes of the Sierra de Perijá.
- East Andean Antbird** *Drymophila caudata* We saw it very well at the Drymophila reserve. *Very nice.*
- Imeri Warbling Antbird** *Hypocnemis flavescens* Great looks at Inirida.
- Dusky Antbird** *Cercomacroides tyrannina* (H) Heard at Inirida.
- Black-chinned Antbird** *Hypocnemoides melanopogon* Seen and heard in the Inirida varzea.
- Dot-backed Antbird** *Hylophylax punctulatus* Perfect looks at a beautiful male at Inirida.
- White-browed Antbird** *Myrmoborus leucophrys* (H) Heard in the Inirida varzea.
- Western Fire-eye** *Pyriglena maura* Superb looks at a singing male in the Drymophila reserve.
- Rufous-capped Antthrush** *Formicarius colma* (H) We heard it at Inirida.
- Schwartz's Antthrush** *Chamaeza turdina* (H) We heard it in the Drymophila reserve.
- Chestnut-crowned Antpitta** *Grallaria ruficapilla* (H) Regularly heard in the highland forests.
- White-bellied Antpitta** *Grallaria hypoleuca* Magnificent looks at close range in the Drymophila reserve.
- Perija Antpitta** *Grallaria saltuensis* Great looks at the edge of the paramo in the Sierra de Perijá.
- Muisca Antpitta** *Grallaria rufula* Very nice looks in the temperate scrub of the Chingaza NP.
- Tawny Antpitta** *Grallaria quitensis* Eight great sightings of the northern race *alticola* in the Sumapaz NP.
- Spotted Antpitta** *Hylopezus macularius* Brief looks for some at Inirida.
- Hooded Antpitta** *Grallaricula cucullata* (H) Heard at close range in the Drymophila reserve.
- Long-tailed Tapaculo** *Scytalopus micropterus* Good looks in the Upper Magdalena Valley.
- Blackish Tapaculo** *Scytalopus latrans* Brief looks at the Antioquia Brushfinch site.
- Magdalena Tapaculo** *Scytalopus rodriguezi* (H) Heard at the Drymophila reserve.
- Pale-bellied Tapaculo** *Scytalopus griseicollis* Nice looks at the Sumapaz NP.
- Perija Tapaculo** *Scytalopus perijanus* Regular observations in the Sierra de Perijá.
- Sooty-headed Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias griseiceps* Good looks at one on the lower slopes of the Sierra de Perijá.
- Black-capped Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias nigrocapillus* A couple in the Chingaza temperate scrub.
- Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet** *Tyrannulus elatus* (H) Regularly heard in lowland areas.
- Yellow-crowned Elaenia** *Myiopagis flavivertex* (H) Heard at Inirida.
- Yellow-bellied Elaenia** *Elaenia flavogaster* Regular.
- Plain-crested Elaenia** *Elaenia cristata* Nice looks at two in the white sand forest at Inirida.



Rufous-crowned Elaenia (tour participant Michael Boswell); *White-throated Tyrannulet* (Mark van Beirs)

Rufous-crowned Elaenia *Elaenia ruficeps* Very good looks at one in the Inirida white sand savanna.

Mountain Elaenia *Elaenia frantzii* Regular in highland areas.

Southern Beardless Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum* A few encounters.

White-throated Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus leucophrys* Common in temperate forests.

Torrent Tyrannulet *Serpophaga cinerea* Nice looks at Miraflores.

Spectacled Tyrannulet *Zimmerius improbus* Great encounters in the Sierra de Perijá.



Torrent Tyrannulet and *Spectacled Tyrannulet* (tour participant Michael Boswell)

Slender-footed Tyrannulet *Zimmerius gracilipes* Regular at Inirida.
Golden-faced Tyrannulet *Zimmerius chrysops* Nice looks at Miraflores.
Streak-necked Flycatcher *Mionectes striaticollis* Good looks at Miraflores.
Slaty-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon superciliaris* Nice looks at Miraflores.
Rufous-breasted Flycatcher *Leptopogon rufipectus* Several encounters in the Upper Magdalena Valley.
Slender-billed Inezia *Inezia tenuirostris* Very good looks at the Los Besotes reserve.
Pale-tipped Inezia *Inezia caudata* A couple of sightings at the Los Besotes reserve.
Handsome Flycatcher *Nephelomyias pulcher* A single bird at the Miraflores reserve.
Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer* (H) Heard at Los Besotes.
Black-throated Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus granadensis* (H) Heard in the higher reaches of the Sierra de Perijá.



Pale-tipped Inezia (tour participant Michael Boswell); *Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher* (Mark van Beirs)

Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilatriccus ruficeps* This cracker showed very well in the Sierra de Perijá.
Slaty-headed Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilatriccus sylvia* (H) Regularly heard.
Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum* Fairly common.
Yellow-olive Flatbill *Tolmomyias sulphurescens* Only seen at Cartagena.
Grey-crowned Flatbill *Tolmomyias poliocephalus* Seen well in the Inirida varzea.
Ochre-lored Flatbill *Tolmomyias flaviventris* Nice looks in the Los Besotes reserve.
Cinnamon Flycatcher *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus* Regular.
Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans* A few at Miraflores.
Olive-sided Flycatcher *Contopus cooperi* A single at the Drymophila reserve.
Smoke-colored Pewee *Contopus fumigatus* A couple of sightings in highland areas.
Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus obscurus* Only seen in the Magdalena Valley.
Drab Water Tyrant *Ochthornis littoralis* Seen along the Inirida river.
Amazonian Black Tyrant *Knipolegus poecilocercus* A male performed very well in the Inirida varzea.
Streak-throated Bush Tyrant *Myiotheretes striaticollis* A single bird was seen in the Sierra de Perijá.
Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis* Regular in the Sierra de Perijá.
Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca fumicolor* Good looks in the Sumapaz paramo.
Cattle Tyrant *Machetornis rixosa* Seen near Cartagena.
Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus* Regularly recorded at Inirida.
Rusty-margined Flycatcher *Myiozetetes cayanensis* Regular in lowland areas.
Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis* Fairly common at lowland sites.



Amazonian Black Tyrant (tour participant Michael Boswell); Lesser Kiskadee (Mark van Beirs)

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus* Common.

Lesser Kiskadee *Philohydor lictor* A single observation at Inirida.

Yellow-throated Flycatcher *Conopias parvus* Seen well at Inirida.

Golden-crowned Flycatcher *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus* A few encounters in subtropical forests.

Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus* Only seen at Cartagena.

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua* Several showed well at Cartagena.

Sulphury Flycatcher *Tyrannopsis sulphurea* (H) Heard at Inirida.

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* Very common.

Pale-bellied Mourner *Rhytipterna immunda* Good looks at this subtly-coloured speciality at Inirida.

Swainson's Flycatcher *Myiarchus swainsoni* A few in the Inirida area.

Short-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus ferox* Several showed well at Inirida.



Pale-bellied Mourner and Apical Flycatcher (tour participant Michael Boswell)

Apical Flycatcher *Myiarchus apicalis* This Colombian endemic was observed at Garzon.

Pale-edged Flycatcher *Myiarchus cephalotes* Seen well in the Upper Magdalena Valley.

Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus* Regular at Los Besotes.

Cinnamon Attila *Attila cinnamomeus* (H) We heard it at Inirida.

Citron-bellied Attila *Attila citriniventris* Seen well in the Inirida stunted forest.

Black-chested Fruiteater *Pipreola lubomirskii* Scope views of a male in the Drymophila reserve.

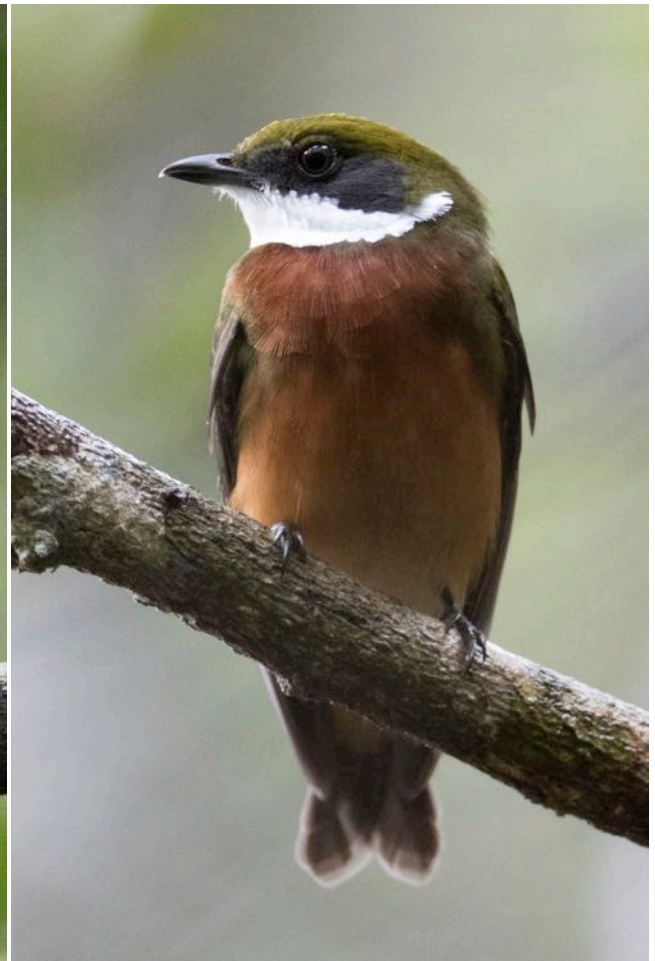


Red-crested Cotinga (Mark Van Beirs)

- Andean Cock-of-the-rock** *Rupicola peruvianus* A male performed quite well in the Miraflores reserve.
- Red-crested Cotinga** *Ampelion rubrocristatus* Several very nice encounters at the edge of the paramo.
- Screaming Piha** *Lipaugus vociferans* (H) The very distinctive call was heard in the Inirida varzea.
- Spangled Cotinga** *Cotinga cayana* Scope views of a male at Inirida.
- Pompadour Cotinga** *Xipholena punicea* Scope views of a female at Inirida.
- Saffron-crested Tyrant-Manakin** *Neopelma chrysocephalum* Great looks at a single bird at Inirida.
- Lance-tailed Manakin** *Chiroxiphia lanceolata* (H) We heard it on the lower slopes of the Sierra de Perijá.
- Black Manakin** *Xenopipo atronitens* Excellent looks at two males in the Inirida white sand forest.
- Yellow-crested Manakin** *Heterocercus flavivertex* Scope views of this attractive critter at Inirida.
- Wire-tailed Manakin** *Pipra filicauda* Very nice looks at a male in the Inirida varzea.
- White-crowned Manakin** *Pseudopipra pipra* Male and female showed very well at Inirida.
- Black-crowned Tityra** *Tityra inquisitor* One was seen near Cartagena.



Spangled Cotinga (Mark van Beirs); Saffron-crested Tyrant-Manakin (tour participant Michael Boswell)



Black Manakin and Yellow-crested Manakin (tour participant Michael Boswell)

Black-tailed Tityra *Tityra cayana* A female was noted at Inirida.

Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata* Three showed on the lower slopes of the Sierra de Perijá.

Varzea Schiffornis *Schiffornis major* Good looks at one in the Inirida varzea.

White-browed Purpletuft *Iodopleura isabellae* Unbelievable views of a male showing off its purple tufts at Inirida!

Barred Becard *Pachyramphus versicolor* A male was seen at Miraflores.

Cinnamon Becard *Pachyramphus cinnamomeus* A single bird was noted in the Sierra de Perijá.

White-winged Becard *Pachyramphus polychopterus* A male showed near Cartagena.

Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis* Regular.



Inca Jay (Mark van Beirs)

- Black-billed Peppershrike** *Cyclarhis nigrirostris* Seen quite well at the Antioquia Brushfinch site.
- Brown-headed Greenlet** *Hylophilus brunneiceps* (H) Heard at Inirida.
- Golden-fronted Greenlet** *Pachysylvia aurantiifrons* One showed quite well at the base of the Sierra de Perijá.
- Chivi Vireo** *Vireo chivi* A few encounters.
- Brown-capped Vireo** *Vireo leucophrys* A single bird was found at Miraflores.
- Black-chested Jay** *Cyanocorax affinis* Several sightings in the Magdalena Valley.
- Inca Jay** *Cyanocorax yncas* Common in highland areas.
- White-winged Swallow** *Tachycineta albiventer* Common at Inirida.
- White-banded Swallow** *Atticora fasciata* A few over the Inirida river.
- Blue-and-white Swallow** *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca* Regular in the highlands.
- Black-collared Swallow** *Pygochelidon melanoleuca* Excellent encounters at Mavicure. A cracker.
- Brown-bellied Swallow** *Orochelidon murina* Fairly common in the highlands.
- Southern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* Regular.
- Grey-breasted Martin** *Progne chalybea* Regular.
- Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica* A migrating flock was noted on the paramo of the Sierra de Perijá.
- Black-capped Donacobius** *Donacobius atricapilla* One showed quite well at Inirida.
- Stripe-backed Wren** *Campylorhynchus nuchalis* Seen well at Cartagena.
- Bicolored Wren** *Campylorhynchus griseus* Also seen well at Cartagena.
- Apolinar's Wren** *Cistothorus apolinari* Close up looks at Sumapaz.
- Grass Wren** *Cistothorus platensis* (H) Heard at Sumapaz.
- Whiskered Wren** *Pheugopedius mystacalis* Regular in subtropical forests.
- Coraya Wren** *Pheugopedius coraya* Good looks at Inirida.
- Rufous-breasted Wren** *Pheugopedius rutilus* Seen well on the lower slopes of the Sierra de Perijá.
- Buff-breasted Wren** *Cantorchilus leucotis* A few were seen well at Inirida.
- House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon* Common.
- Grey-breasted Wood Wren** *Henicorhina leucophrys* Regular in the highland forests.
- Tropical Gnatcatcher** *Polioptila plumbea* Regular.
- Tropical Mockingbird** *Mimus gilvus* Quite common.



Chestnut-bellied Thrush (Mark van Beirs); Campina Thrush (tour participant Michael Boswell)

- Andean Solitaire** *Myadestes ralloides* Seen quite well at the Drymophila reserve.
- Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush** *Catharus aurantiirostris* Cracking views at the Drymophila reserve.
- Swainson's Thrush** *Catharus ustulatus* Close ups at the Drymophila reserve.
- Chestnut-bellied Thrush** *Turdus fulviventris* Very nice looks at the Drymophila reserve.
- Black-hooded Thrush** *Turdus olivater* Good looks in the subtropical forests of the Sierra de Perijá.
- Great Thrush** *Turdus fuscater* Common in the highlands.
- Black-billed Thrush** *Turdus ignobilis* Regular.
- Campina Thrush** *Turdus arthuri* Scope views in the Inirida white sand forest. A recent split from Black-billed Thrush.
- Pale-breasted Thrush** *Turdus leucomelas* Regular.
- Clay-colored Thrush** *Turdus grayi* A few sightings near Cartagena. A mainly Central American species.
- White-capped Dipper** *Cinclus leucocephalus* Good views of one at the Miraflores reserve.
- Tricolored Munia** *Lonchura malacca* This introduced species was seen in the Magdalena Valley.
- Lesser Goldfinch** *Spinus psaltria* A handful of sightings of this widespread species.
- Andean Siskin** *Spinus spinescens* Seen in the Sierra de Perijá and at Sumapaz.
- Plumbeous Euphonia** *Euphonia plumbea* A nice performance in the white sand forest at Inirida. Localized.
- Velvet-fronted Euphonia** *Euphonia concinna* This Colombian endemic showed well in the Magdalena Valley.
- Trinidad Euphonia** *Euphonia trinitatis* (H) We heard it in the Los Besotes reserve.
- White-lored Euphonia** *Euphonia chrysopasta* A few observations at Inirida.
- Thick-billed Euphonia** *Euphonia lanirostris* Common.
- Orange-bellied Euphonia** *Euphonia xanthogaster* Regular.
- Bronze-green Euphonia** *Euphonia mesochrysa* A few in the Upper Magdalena Valley.



Orange-bellied Euphonia (Mark van Beirs); Yellow-whiskered Bush Tanager (tour participant Michael Boswell)



Chestnut-capped Brushfinch (Mark van Beirs); Bronze-green Euphonia (tour participant Michael Boswell)



Yellow-breasted Brushfinch and White-naped Brushfinch (tour participant Michael Boswell)

- Yellow-throated Bush Tanager** *Chlorospingus flavicularis* A few in the Upper Magdalena Valley.
- Yellow-whiskered Bush Tanager** *Chlorospingus parvirostris* Fairly common at the Miraflores reserve.
- Common Bush Tanager** *Chlorospingus flavopectus* Regular in the subtropical and temperate forests.
- Black-striped Sparrow** *Arremonops conirostris* One showed well near Garzon.
- Perija Brushfinch** *Arremon perijanus* This skulker performed well in the middle reaches of the Sierra de Perijá.



Russet-backed Oropendola (tour participant Michael Boswell)

Golden-winged Sparrow *Arremon schlegeli* Fantastic looks at this exquisite species in the Sierra de Perijá.
Chestnut-capped Brushfinch *Arremon brunneinucha* Regular.
Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis* Common.
White-naped Brushfinch *Atlapetes albinucha* One showed well in the Drymophila reserve.
Dusky-headed Brushfinch *Atlapetes fuscoolivaceus* Good looks at two in the Drymophila reserve. Endemic.
Slaty Brushfinch *Atlapetes schistaceus* Regular in the higher reaches of the Sierra de Perijá.
Antioquia Brushfinch *Atlapetes blancae* Probably the rarest bird of the tour. Great looks north of Medellín.
Yellow-breasted Brushfinch *Atlapetes latinuchus* Several at the Antioquia Brushfinch site.
Black-fronted Brushfinch *Atlapetes nigrifrons* Regular in the Sierra de Perijá, to which it is endemic.
Eastern Meadowlark *Sturnella magna* A few encounters.
Red-breasted Blackbird *Leistes militaris* Seen at the Pitalito wetland.
Russet-backed Oropendola *Psarocolius angustifrons* Common in the subtropics.
Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus* Common.
Olive Oropendola *Psarocolius bifasciatus* A single bird was noted at Inirida.
Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela* Regular at Inirida.
Subtropical Cacique *Cacicus uropygialis* Seen at the Miraflores reserve.



Yellow-backed Oriole (Mark van Beirs); Blackburnian Warbler (tour participant Michael Boswell)

Yellow-backed Oriole *Icterus chrysater* Very nice looks at the Drymophila reserve.
Yellow Oriole *Icterus nigrogularis* A few observations in the north.
Orange-crowned Oriole *Icterus auricapillus* Only seen in the lower reaches of the Sierra de Perijá.
Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus* A handful of observations of this widespread species.
Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis* Regular.
Carib Grackle *Quiscalus lugubris* Fairly common in the north.
Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus* Only seen in the Cartagena area.
Red-bellied Grackle *Hypopyrrhus pyrohypogaster* This endemic showed well in the Upper Magdalena Valley.
Yellow-hooded Blackbird *Chrysomus icterocephalus* A few sightings of this widespread bird.
Black-and-white Warbler *Mniotilta varia* A single observation of this northern migrant in the Sierra de Perijá.
Prothonotary Warbler *Protonotaria citrea* A single sighting of this northern migrant at Los Besotes.
Tennessee Warbler *Leiothlypis peregrina* A few in the Sierra de Perijá. Another northern migrant.
American Redstart *Setophaga ruticilla* A male was seen in the lower Sierra de Perijá.
Blackburnian Warbler *Setophaga fusca* Regular observations of this migrant in the subtropical and temperate areas.
American Yellow Warbler *Setophaga aestiva* We saw two in the Pitalito wetland.
Blackpoll Warbler *Setophaga striata* Two were noted in a flock at Inirida.
Black-crested Warbler *Myiothlypis nigrocristata* A few in temperate forests.
Russet-crowned Warbler *Myiothlypis coronata* Seen well in the Drymophila reserve.
Chestnut-capped Warbler *Basileuterus delatirii* Seen in the lower Sierra de Perijá and in the Drymophila reserve.
Golden-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus culicivorus* (H) We heard it in the middle reaches of the Sierra de Perijá.
Three-striped Warbler *Basileuterus tristriatus* A single bird was noted in the Drymophila reserve.
Canada Warbler *Cardellina canadensis* A single bird showed in the Miraflores reserve.

Slate-throated Whitestart *Myioborus miniatus* Regular.

Golden-fronted Whitestart *Myioborus ornatus* This endemic showed well at the Antioquia Brushfinch site.

Tooth-billed Tanager *Piranga lutea* A couple of observations.



Summer Tanager and Green Honeycreeper (Mark van Beirs)

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra* Regular sightings of this northern migrant.

Red-throated Ant Tanager *Habia fuscicauda* A female was noted at Cartagena; restricted range in South America.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak *Pheucticus ludovicianus* A handful of observations in the north. A northern migrant.

Yellow-green Grosbeak *Caryothraustes canadensis* A single sighting at Inirida. A strange scientific epithet!

Hooded Tanager *Nemosia pileata* Seen near Cartagena and at Inirida.

Wedge-tailed Grass Finch *Emberizoides herbicola* Good looks in the savanna at Inirida.

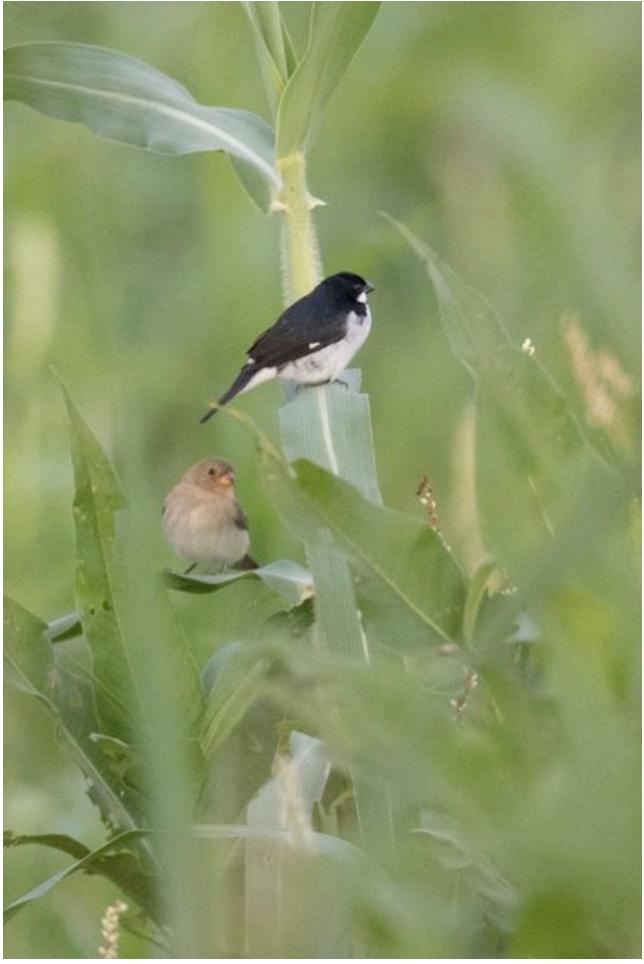
Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza* Regular.

Purple Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes caeruleus* A single bird was noted at Inirida.

Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana* A few observations at Inirida.



Female and male White-bellied Dacnis (tour participant Michael Boswell)



Grey-headed Tanager and Lesson's Seedeaters (tour participant Michael Boswell)

- White-bellied Dacnis** *Dacnis albiventris* Good looks at a male and scope views of a female at Inirida. A rare cracker!
- Blue-grey Saltator** *Saltator coerulescens* Regular.
- Streaked Saltator** *Saltator striatipectus* Quite common.
- Buff-throated Saltator** *Saltator maximus* A handful of observations.
- Bananaquit** *Coereba flaveola* Regular and well-known.
- Yellow-faced Grassquit** *Tiaris olivaceus* (H) Heard at the Antioquia Brushfinch site.
- Dull-colored Grassquit** *Asemospiza obscura* A single bird was observed at the base of the Sierra de Perijá.
- Blue-black Grassquit** *Volatinia jacarina* Only seen at the base of the Sierra de Perijá.
- Grey-headed Tanager** *Eucometis penicillata* Regular in the Magdalena Valley and at Inirida.
- White-shouldered Tanager** *Loriotus luctuosus* A couple showed well near Garzon.
- White-lined Tanager** *Tachyphonus rufus* A pair showed nicely at the El Encanto Lodge.
- Red-shouldered Tanager** *Tachyphonus phoenicius* Several great sightings in the Inirida savanna.
- Crimson-backed Tanager** *Ramphocelus dimidiatus* Regular and attractive.
- Silver-beaked Tanager** *Ramphocelus carbo* Common at Inirida.
- Lesson's Seedeater** *Sporophila bouvronides* Two were identified in a grassy patch at Inirida.
- Grey Seedeater** *Sporophila intermedia* Several together with the previous species at Inirida.
- White-naped Seedeater** *Sporophila fringilloides* Perfect looks at a male in the Inirida savanna. Rare and localized!
- Black-and-white Seedeater** *Sporophila luctuosa* Two were seen in the middle reaches of the Sierra de Perijá.
- Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch** *Sporophila angolensis* Two showed nicely in the Inirida stunted forest.
- Ruddy-breasted Seedeater** *Sporophila minuta* A few together with other seedeaters at Inirida.
- Oleaginous Hemispingus** *Sphenopsis frontalis* A couple of observations of this unobtrusive species in mixed flocks.
- Fulvous-headed Tanager** *Thlypopsis fulviceps* Noted in a flock in the middle reaches of the Sierra de Perijá.
- White-eared Conebill** *Conirostrum leucogenys* Seen in a flock at Cartagena.
- Blue-backed Conebill** *Conirostrum sitticolor* Nice views of two in temperate scrub at the Chingaza NP.
- Rufous-browed Conebill** *Conirostrum rufum* Excellent encounters with this endemic in the Sumapaz paramo.



White-naped Seedeater (Mark van Beirs); Black-and-white Seedeater (tour participant Michael Boswell)



Rufous-browed Conebill (Mark van Beirs); Paramo Seedeater (tour participant Michael Boswell)

Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola* Regular.

Plumbeous Sierra Finch *Geospizopsis unicolor* Several showed well in the Sumapaz paramo.

Paramo Seedeater *Catamenia homochroa* Great looks in the higher reaches of the Sierra de Perijá.

Bluish Flowerpiercer *Diglossa caerulescens* Regular.

Masked Flowerpiercer *Diglossa cyanea* Only seen in the Chingaza NP.

Rusty Flowerpiercer *Diglossa sittoides* A couple of encounters.

Glossy Flowerpiercer *Diglossa lafresnayii* Seen at Sumapaz and at Chingaza.

White-sided Flowerpiercer *Diglossa albilatera* Several encounters at different locations.

Black-throated Flowerpiercer *Diglossa brunneiventris* 3 of the isolated race *uilleumieri* at the Antioquia Brushfinch

Black Flowerpiercer *Diglossa humeralis* Regular in the Sierra de Perijá.

Fawn-breasted Tanager *Pipraeidea melanonota* A single sighting in the Upper Magdalena Valley.

Blue-capped Tanager *Sporathraupis cyanocephala* Common in the Sierra de Perijá.

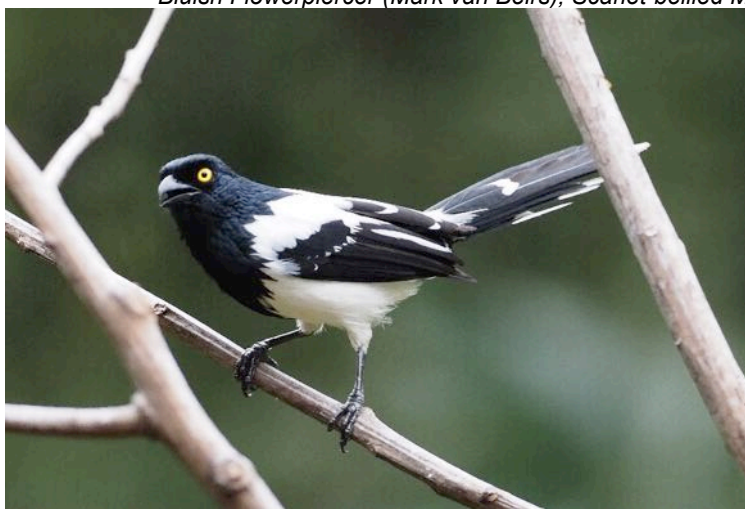
Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus igniventris* Nice encounters at Sumapaz and at Chingaza.

Lacrimose Mountain Tanager *Anisognathus lacrymosus* The race *pallidorsalis* showed well at Perijá.

Orange-eared Tanager *Chlorochrysa calliparaea* Several sightings at the Miraflores reserve.



Bluish Flowerpiercer (Mark van Beirs); Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager (tour participant Michael Boswell)



Magpie Tanager and Black-faced Tanager (Mark van Beirs)



Golden-naped Tanager and Black-capped Tanager (tour participant Michael Boswell)

Magpie Tanager *Cissopis leverianus* Regular at the Drymophila reserve.

Black-faced Tanager *Schistochlamys melanopis* A few were noted in the Inirida savanna.

Red-capped Cardinal *Paroaria gularis* A single sighting at Inirida.

Golden-naped Tanager *Chalcothraupis ruficervix* Good looks in the Cecropias at the Drymophila reserve.

Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus* Common.

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum* Common.

Black-headed Tanager *Stilpnia cyanoptera* A few encounters in the Sierra de Perijá.

Black-capped Tanager *Stilpnia heinei* Regular in the Upper Magdalena Valley.

Blue-necked Tanager *Stilpnia cyanicollis* Common and very attractive in the Upper Magdalena Valley.

Scrub Tanager *Stilpnia vitriolina* A few were spotted at the Miraflores reserve.

Beryl-spangled Tanager *Tangara nigroviridis* Just two at the Miraflores reserve.



Flame-faced Tanager and Blue-necked Tanager (tour participant Michael Boswell)

Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola* Common in the Upper Magdalena Valley.

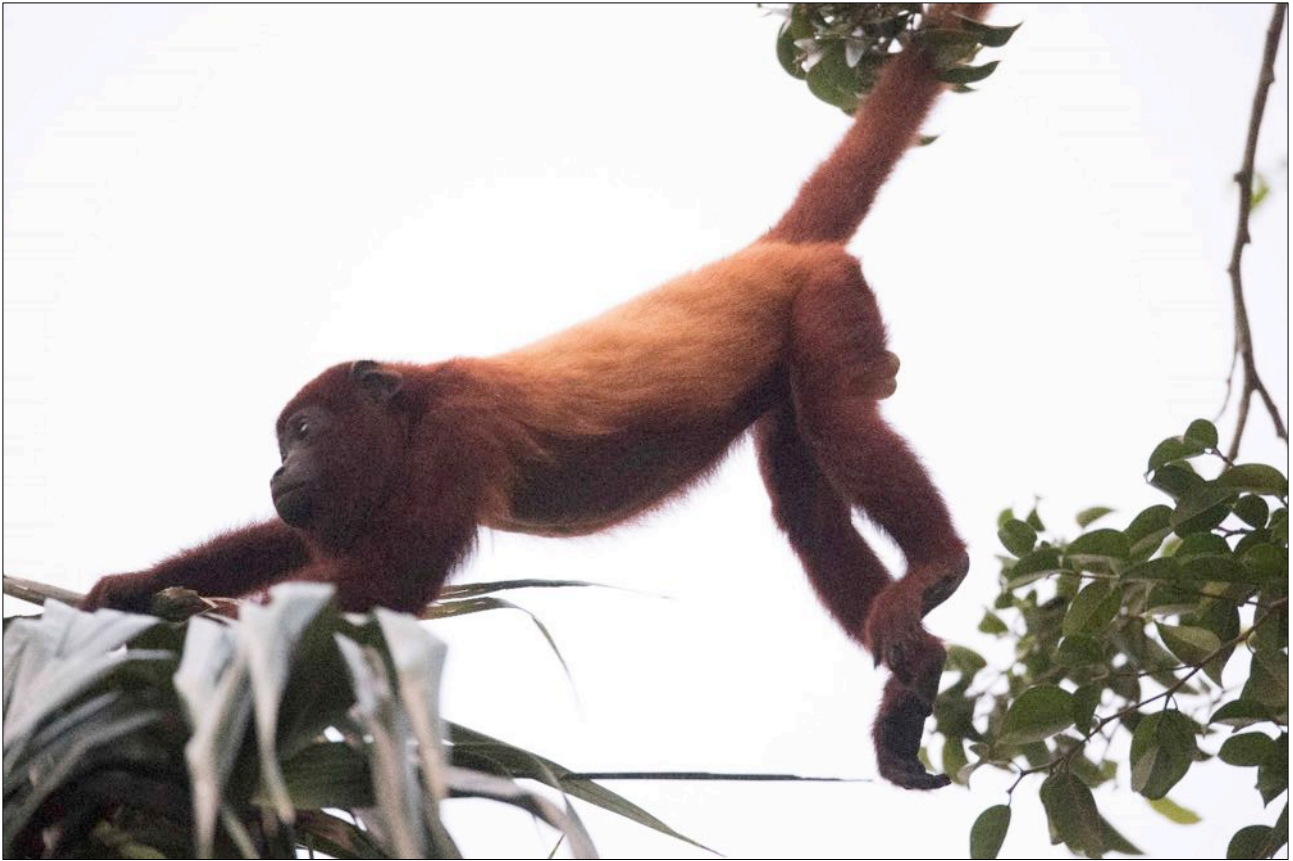
Saffron-crowned Tanager *Tangara xanthocephala* A few in the Upper Magdalena Valley.

Flame-faced Tanager *Tangara parzudakii* A few in the tanager flocks of the Upper Magdalena Valley.

Golden Tanager *Tangara arthus* A few in the tanager flocks of the Upper Magdalena Valley.



The group at Inirida (Mark Van Beirs)



Colombian Red Howler Monkey (tour participant Michael Boswell)

MAMMALS

Common Opossum *Didelphis marsupialis* One was seen at the Antioquia Brushfinch site.

Jaguarundi *Herpailurus yagouaroundi* Good looks at this fierce-looking cat at Los Besotes.

Crab-eating Fox *Cerdocyon thous* A single showed quite well at Inirida.

Giant Otter *Pteronura brasiliensis* Good looks at three in the Inirida river.

Amazon River Dolphin *Inia geoffrensis* A few sightings in the Inirida river.

Ecuadorean Squirrel Monkey *Saimiri macrodon* Good looks at a party in the Inirida varzea.

Collared Titi (White-chested Titi) *Cheracebus lugens* Nice looks at several at Inirida.

Colombian Red Howler Monkey *Alouatta seniculus* Seen and heard at close range near Cartagena.

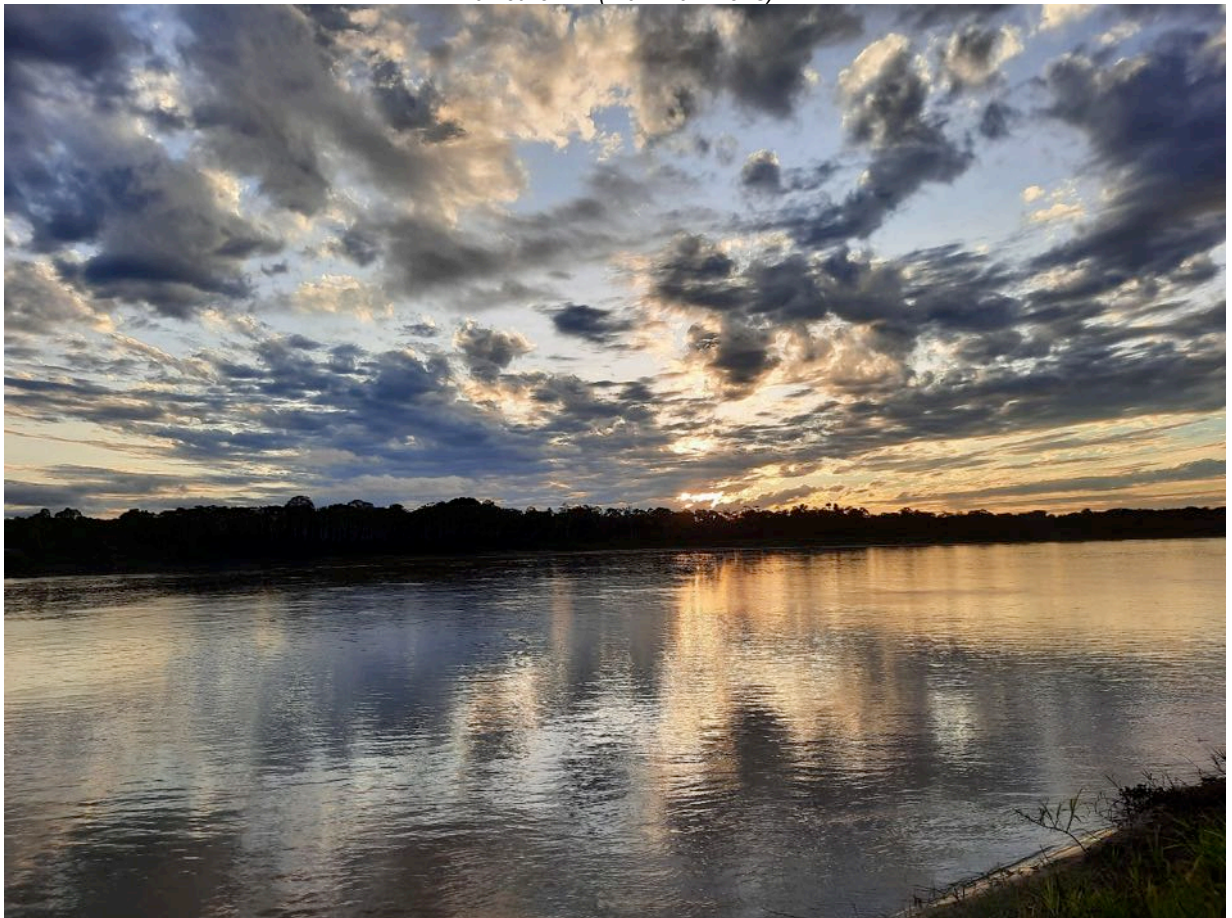
Red-tailed Squirrel *Sciurus granatensis* Regular encounters.



Jaguarundi and Amazon River Dolphin (tour participant Michael Boswell)



Mavicure Hill (Mark van Beirs)



Sunset over the Guaviare River (Mark Van Beirs)



Sumapaz National Park scenery (Mark Van Beirs)