

COLOMBIA UNCOVERED TOUR REPORT

09 - 20 February 2024

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Chestnut Wood Quail, an endemic of Colombia (photo Chuck Gates).

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Overview

In 2024, we ran a shorter version of our classic <u>Colombia Uncovered birding tour</u>, which focused on the main route from Cali to Puerto Asis in the Putumayo state, and added a couple of days in Bogotá to look for some special birds around the capital, instead of our typical days visiting the Llanos in Juan Solito. Please see our 2023 trip report where we birded the Llanos around Juan Solito, <u>here</u>. Our 2024 set departure was a great trip with a group of friends who had birded and traveled together many times before.

We started by visiting the humid montane cloud forest above Cali, enjoying a busy feeding station, feasting our eyes on several species of colorful birds, including the endemic and striking **Multicolored Tanager**, a contender for the most beautiful tanager in the world. We also saw the endemic **Chestnut Wood Quail** coming to the feeder with chicks.

Then we moved south for a taste of the Puracé National Park, where we admired the majestic **Andean Condor** and obligatory **Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan**. After a long drive, we arrived at the Paramo de Bordoncillo, where we found the rare **Chestnut-bellied Cotinga**, one of the many targets of this trip, without hiking at all!

We then descended in elevation, birding along the infamous Trampolin de la Muerte, a mountain road that joins the high-elevation Andes of Colombia in Pasto state with the Amazon rainforest foothills and lowlands near the Ecuadorian border. This is a fantastic route that provides quality mixed-species flocks, with beautiful and colorful tanagers, **Andean Cock-of-the-rock** and some range-restricted birds, such as the most-wanted **White-rimmed Brushfinch**.

The upper tropical lowlands provided beauties like **Paradise Tanager** and **Wire-crested Thorntail**. The Amazon lowlands yielded an excellent selection of birds like **Cream-colored Woodpecker**, **White-chinned** and **White-eared Jacamars**, **Long-billed Woodcreeper**, **Spot-crowned Barbet**, **Chestnut-eared** and **Lettered Aracaris**, **Hoatzin**, **Ladder-tailed Nightjar**, **Black-capped Donacobious**, **Red-bellied Macaw**, **Opal-crowned Tanager** and the localized **Sapphire-rumped Parrotlet**, amongst many others.

The Andes of Bogotá were good, with outstanding views of Andean Potoo, Muisca Antpitta, Black-headed Hemispingus, Bogota Rail, Whistling Heron, Green-bearded Helmetcrest, Black-billed Mountain Toucan, Blue-throated Starfrontlet and many more.

We enjoyed other wildlife as well, including a few endemic primates of Colombia and brief views of **Pink River Dolphin** and **Spectacled Bear**. This was a fun trip along a seldom-visited birding route in the most bird-diverse country in the world.

Detailed Report

Day 1, 8th February 2024. Arrival in Cali and transfer to hotel

The group agreed to arrive a day early to be sure to be in town and ready for the start of the trip in a relaxed and organized way. We enjoyed a lovely supper at the hotel and discussed the tour plan and schedule.



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Day 2, 9th February 2024. Finca La Florida and transfer to Popayan

We had an early start and drove to La Florida, a private bird reserve that has become very popular among local and international birders in recent years due to its great feeding stations. On arrival, we spent the whole morning at the "moth trap", where we got super views of **Grey-breasted Wood Wren** and **Russet-crowned Warbler** showing very well, right out in the open. Other interesting birds included **Variegated Bristle Tyrant**, **Streak-capped Treehunter**, **Montane Woodcreeper**, **Red-faced Spinetail**, **Northern Tropical Pewee**, **Black-and-white Warbler**, **Blackburnian Warbler**, **Canada Warbler**, **Slate-throated Whitestart** and **Narino Tapaculo** (heard only).



Multicolored Tanager, perhaps the most striking Colombian endemic (photo Daniel Orozco).

Perhaps the most excitement came when an endemic **Multicolored Tanager** came in at eye level and posed well for pictures. This was truly a special moment with one of the most beautiful and colorful birds of the neotropics. This bird has only become accessible at feeders in the Cali area in the last ten years. Before that, it was tricky to get good views, since it was usually only seen in mixed-species flocks in the cloud forest canopy in only a handful of places in Colombia. Other birds that we saw at the feeders included **Red-headed Barbet**, **Crimson-rumped Toucanet**, **Golden-naped**, **Golden**, **Flame-rumped**, **Saffron-crowned**, **Blue-grey**, **Palm** and **Metallicgreen Tanagers**.

Additionally, we secured good views of Blue-winged Mountain Tanager, Green Honeycreeper, Black-billed Thrush, Saffron Finch, Bananaquit, White-naped Brushfinch, Chestnut-capped Brushfinch, Orange-bellied Euphonia and Acorn Woodpecker. We also saw Common Potoo at its daytime roost as well as Sickle-winged Guan and Andean Motmots in the lodge garden. Some of the birds that remained heard only for the day included Bright-rumped Attila, Colombian Chachalaca, Squirrel Cuckoo and Andean Solitaire.

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Of course, the hummingbirds were a blast and kept us entertained for a good while, providing excellent views of White-necked Jacobin, Speckled Hummingbird, Brown Violetear, Fawnbreasted Brilliant, White-booted Racket-tail, Bronzy Inca, Andean Emerald, Greenish Puffleg, and Steely-vented Hummingbird, with brief views of Tawny-bellied and Green Hermit.

Another highlight of the day was witnessing several visits of the endemic **Chestnut Wood Quail** with chicks, making birders and photographers very happy.

We then had a tasty local lunch and left Cali and drove south towards <u>Popayan</u>, the capital of the Cauca department.

Day 3, 10th February 2024. Paramo de Puracé

After breakfast, we enjoyed views of **Southern Lapwing** in the hotel grounds. We then drove above Popayan to the <u>Puracé National Park</u> below the paramo of the Cauca department. Here, we visited the Cruz del Condor sector, where, accompanied by members of the local community, we went to the Cruz del Condor stakeout to wait for the national bird of Colombia (as well as Ecuador, Chile and Bolivia). It was drizzling, windy, and overcast, and as time went on, it seemed increasingly likely that we would unfortunately miss the condor today. While we were waiting we had several good views of **Carunculated Caracara**, and then the **Andean Condor** flew above the stakeout and around us to finally land on the huge rock on the cliff where the locals had left some bait for it. We had phenomenal, close views of the condor!



Andean Condor (photo Chuck Gates).



Other birds seen at the stakeout included Greenish Puffleg, Band-tailed Pigeon and Whitecollared Swift. We birded along the road for a while, and the activity was very quiet until we got our first targets, including the widespread but beautiful, Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager, as well as great views of Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan, which performed very well for us. Additionally, we saw Sierran Elaenia, Great Thrush, Andean Siskin, Inca Jay, Mountain Cacique, Hooded Mountain Tanager, Blue-capped Tanager, Lacrimose Mountain Tanager, Superciliaried Hemispingus, Blue-and-black Tanager, Blue-backed Conebill, Masked Flowerpiercer, White-naped Brushfinch and Blackburnian Warbler.

We ate lunch in the community and then visited a garden with some feeders, where we saw **Shining Sunbeam**, **Buff-winged Starfrontlet**, **Greenish Puffleg** and **Sparkling Violetear**. We had great views of **Golden-fronted Whitestart** and **Crimson-mantled Woodpecker**. Then we drove back to Popayan for the night.



Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan (photo Chuck Gates).

Day 4, 11th February 2024. Transfer to Pasto

Today was mostly a travel day as we made our way from Popayan all the way south to the Guamuez Lake (also known as Laguna La Cocha) in the Nariño department, above the city of Pasto. It was one of the longest drives of the trip, but it was necessary to explore the montane and upper tropical forest of the infamous Trampolin de la Muerte. We stopped along the road and were able to add some interesting species, such as the endemic **Apical Flycatcher**, **Pale-vented Pigeon**, **Crested** and **Yellow-headed Caracaras**, **Common Tody-Flycatcher**, **Chivi Vireo**, **Yellow-bellied Elaenia**, **Scrub Tanager**, **Thick-billed Seed Finch**, **Yellow-bellied Seedeater**, **Yellow-faced Grassquit**, **Yellow Warbler** and **Lesser Goldfinch**. We arrived at the Laguna La Cocha, located

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at an altitude of 8,530 feet (2,600 meters). At night, we heard **Rufous-banded Owl** around the cabins when the temperature dropped to less than $50^{\circ}F(10^{\circ}C)!$



Chestnut-bellied Cotinga, mega of the Andes.

Day 5, 12th February 2024. Birding Paramo de Bordoncillo

Today, our main goal was to explore the Paramo de Bordoncillo, a place that has caught the attention of birders for the past decade thanks to consecutive records of the poorly known Chestnut-bellied Cotinga. This is one of the rarest birds in the whole of the Andes, (where it also occurs in Ecuador), but it is tough to find anywhere.

The weather was not promising, but fortunately, it was not raining. We started birding along a steep trail when Donna suddenly spotted a bird, and there it was; the **Chestnut-bellied Cotinga**! We did not even have to reach the ridge – a challenging task for anyone who is not physically fit – but thankfully we found it very easily and could enjoy it big time.

We also had good encounters with **Tawny Antpitta** (an individual who appeared to have an injured foot), **White-banded Tyrannulet**, **Agile Tit-Tyrant**, **Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant**, **Hooded**, **Scarlet-bellied** and **Lacrimose Mountain Tanagers**, **Golden-crowned Tanager**, **Mountain Wren**, **Slaty Brushfinch**, **Pale-naped Brushfinch**, **Glossy Flowerpiercer**, **Tyrian Metaltail** and **White-chinned Thistletail**. At the end of a lovely day of birding, we went to Mocoa for the night.



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Day 6, 13th February 2024. Trampolin (Upper Section)

On our 2023 Colombia Uncovered tour, we could not explore this area because of the destruction caused by a massive landslide that made the road to Pasto unusable. Thus, in 2023, we took a detour from Puracé to Huila and then to Mocoa. This gave us the opportunity to visit other areas, such as El Encanto Reserve in the Huila, where we saw Hooded Antpitta, Tolima Dove and Redbellied Grackle attending feeding stations. We also spent more time at the Vereda Campuna, where we recorded Golden-winged Tody-Flycatcher. Unfortunately, Paramo de Bordoncillo and the Trampolin were unavailable to us on that tour, so we were eagerly anticipating going there on this 2024 tour.

The birds behaved well despite the non-stop rain every day until the end of our trip. Some of the remarkable species we encountered along this route included **Yellow-throated Tanager** (which just sneaks into Colombia from Ecuador, here at its northern limit). This can be easy to see in northern Peru and Ecuador, but in Colombia, it is found only in this area. Other birds seen were **Blue-winged Mountain Tanager**, **Beryl-spangled**, **Flame-faced**, **Saffron-crowned**, **Metallic-green**, **Blue-and-black**, **Blue-grey**, **Blue-necked**, **Blue-capped** and **Golden Tanagers**. **Grass-green Tanager** showed very well along the road down from Paramo de Bordocillo to the upper section of the Trampolin, and it was a highlight for some tour participants.



Yellow-throated Tanager (photo Chuck Gates).

We saw the obligatory Golden-eyed Flowerpiercer (previously known as Deep-blue Flowerpiercer), Three-striped Warbler, Canada Warbler, Scarlet-rumped Cacique, Pale-



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naped Brushfinch, **Common Chlorospingus** (here of the race *nigriceps*), **Mountain Wren** and **Sepia-brown Wren** (also known as Sharpe's Wren).

We encountered a nice mixed-species feeding flock, with **Sulphur-bellied Tyrannulet**, **Handsome Flycatcher**, **White-banded Tyrannulet**, **Golden-bellied Flycatcher**, **Rufous-breasted Flycatcher**, **Spotted Barbtail**, **Streaked Xenops**, **Black-and-white Warbler** and **Blackburnian Warbler**. We also heard **White-bellied Antpitta** far away from the road. We then went to look for the **White-rimmed Brushfinch** – a sought-after species in South America – and saw it well, but it was difficult to photograph due to the poor light conditions. (It is also found in the southern Andes of Colombia and northern Andes of Ecuador, north and east of Quito).



The range-restricted White-rimmed Brushfinch (photo Daniel Orozco).

Day 7, 14th February 2024. Birding Trampolin (lower section)

We left Mocoa with a packed breakfast and returned to the Trampolin to explore the mid to lower parts. We found upper tropical forest species such as **Andean Cock-of-the-rock**, spotted by Donna, who also saw a **Red-ruffed Fruitcrow** male, unfortunately missed by the rest of us. We then saw **Plumbeous Pigeon**, **Speckled Chachalaca** and **Chestnut-eared Aracari**, which was spotted and photographed well by Chuck. We heard **Black Tinamou** in the forest down the road, but it was in an inaccessible spot. Jeff and I managed to see **Wattled Guan** which then disappeared into the lush forest. Additionally, **Lineated** and **Crimson-crested Woodpeckers**, **Russet Antshrike**, **Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet**, **Black-crowned Tityra**, **Violaceus Jay**, **White-lored**, **Thick-billed** and **Orange-bellied Euphonias**, **Yellow-throated Chlorospingus** and **Orangeeared Tanager** were seen. **Golden-eared Tanager** was the next bird we enjoyed. In the lower parts, we had an excellent encounter with **Yellow-handed Titi**.

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Later we explored the surroundings of Mocoa in the Vereda Rumiyacu sector and had views of Speckled Chachalaca, Squirrel Cuckoo, Gilded Barbet, Chestnut-eared Aracari, Creamcolored Woodpecker, Orange-fronted Plushcrown, Grey-capped Flycatcher, Black-crowned Tityra, Red-capped Cardinal, Violaceous Jay, White-lined, Swallow and Turquoise Tanagers, Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet, Yellow-tufted and Little Woodpeckers and Swallowtailed and Plumbeous Kites. One of the stars of the afternoon was Cerulean Warbler, a lifer for several participants, even though this bird is widespread across the Americas. Another unusual species was Blackpoll Warbler.



Scaled Piculet in the Colombian foothills (photo Chuck Gates).

Day 8, 15th February 2024. Vereda Rumiyacu and Finca Discosura

This morning we explored Vereda Rumiyacu, where we had **Cobalt-winged Parakeet**, **Buff-throated Woodcreeper**, **Piratic Flycatcher**, **Yellow-browed Sparrow**, **Black-billed Thrush**, **Scarlet Tanager**, **Purple Honeycreeper**, **Masked Tanager**, **Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch**, **Thick-billed**, **Orange-bellied** and **Bronze-green Euphonias**. We also had views of **White-lored Euphonia**, sometimes also known as Golden-bellied Euphonia. The name of the genus, *Euphonia*, is of Greek origin and refers to the bird's "pleasing song". The genus was described in the 19th century by the French zoologist Anselme Gaetan Desmarest.

We repeated some of the birds we had seen the previous day, as well as **Chestnut Woodpecker** (seen in flight several times), **Lettered Aracari**, **Plumbeous Pigeon**, **Short-crested Flycatcher** and we enjoyed scope views of the striking **Plum-throated Cotinga**.

Later, we explored a section of the road between Mocoa and Huila called Finca, where a local family allows birders to visit their land and look for birds on their property. This is a good spot to see **Wire-crested Thorntail**, which we saw well, albeit briefly. We also saw **Paradise Tanager**, a target for several of the participants. We then had **Black-throated Mango**, **Long-billed Starthroat**, **Blue-headed Parrot**, **Ochre-lored Flatbill**, **Long-tailed Tyrant**, **Lemon-browed**

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Flycatcher, **Yellow-green Vireo**, **Yellow-bellied Tanager**, **Green-and-gold Tanager** (not seen by everybody), **Swallow** and **Silver-beaked Tanager** and heard **Thrush-like Antpitta** calling from deep within the forest. After spending time here in the company of a very enthusiastic and warm local family, we returned to Mocoa. Unfortunately, there was no time to explore the road up to the property where we had seen Golden-winged Tody-Flycatcher on last year's tour.

Back in Mocoa, we tried for Band-bellied Owl on the outskirts of town, but sadly, it was not calling, most likely due to the light drizzle. The owls did not cooperate much during this trip.



Plum-throated Cotinga was a pleasant surprise on the trip.

Day 9, 16th February 2024. El Escondite

We left Mocoa towards Puerto Asis in the Putumayo department and visited an area known as The Escondite (the hide), an excellent place to see certain lowland species and one of the best for Sapphire-rumped Parrotlet. This parrot species is restricted to northern South America and can sometimes be overlooked since they feed quietly in the forest canopy and sub-canopy; however, this place offers good chances for them. We arrived, and guess what? It was raining!

After breakfast we found Amazonian Trogon, Red-bellied Macaw, Cinnamon Attila, Thrushlike Wren, Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher, Boat-billed Flycatcher, Cinnamon-throated and Plain-brown Woodcreepers, White-chinned Jacamar, Scarlet-crowned Barbet and Lafresnaye's Piculet (named after the 19th century French ornithologist and collector <u>Frédéric de</u> Lafresnaye). We also saw Crimson-crested Woodpecker and heard Laughing Falcon. We reached an open grassy area where we had great views of Hoatzin and a glimpse of Rufous-sided Crake. Here, we also saw Pale-vented Pigeon, White-collared and Grey-rumped Swifts, Wattled Jacana, Rufescent Tiger Heron, Green and Bare-faced Ibises, Magpie Tanager and



Spot-breasted Woodpecker. We heard **Undulated Tinamou**, one of the classic sounds of the Amazon rainforest.

Near the ruins of an old school, we sheltered from the rain and managed to see **Sapphire-rumped Parrotlet**, which showed very well for us, feeding quietly in a tree and flying around and returning now and again.

After lunch, we went to our hotel near Puerto Asis and had great views of **Amazon Night Monkey** during the day. In the evening, we shared a delicious meal and drinks to say goodbye to our friends Steve and Laura, who were flying back to Bogotá the next day to connect with their international flights. We thoroughly enjoyed their company on the trip, including Steve's birthday, and hope to travel together again in the future.

Day 10, 17th February 2024. Playa Rica

Our schedule for the day was to sail in a boat across the <u>Putumayo River</u> to the local village of Playa Rica. As we drove to the port, the weather looked awful for birding. We birded as much as possible when we arrived at the village and waited for the weather to improve.

We found one of the birds we really wanted to see most, the impressive Long-billed Woodcreeper. The village area provided Greater Ani, Grey-fronted Dove and Sunbittern, which initially had Chuck in desperation boulevard until he managed to get great photographic shots. We further saw Ringed, Amazon and Green Kingfishers, Black-fronted Nunbird, Scarlet-crowned Barbet, White-eared Jacamar, Swallow-winged Puffbird, Black Caracara, Cream-colored Woodpecker, Dusky-headed Parakeet, Great Antshrike, Buff-throated Woodcreeper, Bare-necked Fruitcrow, White-winged Becard, Yellow-margined Flatbill, Lesser Kiskadee, White-winged and White-banded Swallows, Orange-backed Troupial and Opal-crowned Tanager. Here, we also saw Red-crowned Titi, endemic to the Putumayo River, and had a good look at it.

At Cuembi, right next to the Ecuadorian border, we had brief glimpses of **Pink River Dolphin**, seeing their backs when they came up to breathe. It was a worthwhile and enjoyable experience. We got the usual suspects and new ones, including **Black Skimmer**, **Cocoi Heron**, **Pied Water Tyrant** and **Ladder-tailed Nightjar**.

Day 11, 18th February 2024. Flight to Bogotá

Today we headed to Puerto Asis airport and said goodbye to our local ground crew, Jovanni and Brian. We then flew to Bogotá, arriving in the afternoon, and rested at the hotel before our upcoming days in the eastern Andes.

Day 12, 19th February 2024. Chingaza National Park and Observatorio de Colibries

It was another day in the field, and it was good to start with no rain and cool weather, instead of hot and humid weather. After a predawn breakfast on the way, we arrived at the <u>Chingaza National</u> <u>Park</u> where the birding was slow, except for **Andean Guan**, **Purple-backed Thornbill**, the endemic **Bronze-tailed Thornbill**, **Great Sapphirewing**, **Tyrian Metaltail**, **Brown-bellied Swallow**, **Blue-backed Conebill**, **Masked Flowerpiercer**, **Plumbeous Sierra Finch**, **Rufous-**



browed Conebill, Blue-and-black Tanager and **Glossy Flowerpiercer**. The endemic **Greenbearded Helmetcrest** was spotted by Dorothy and gave brief views for all except Jeff, and no matter how much we tried, we could not find it again. We also heard **Muisca Antpitta** in the vicinity, but there were no views this time.

A bonus was a huge male **Spectacled Bear** which crossed the road and disappeared into the paramo. Spectacled Bear is the only species of bear (*Ursidae*) in South America. The Colombian population lacks beige facial coloring, showing a darker face than the Peruvian and Ecuadorian populations.

In the afternoon, we visited <u>Observatorio de Colibries La Calera</u>, where the activity was slow, but we added the endemic **Blue-throated Starfrontlet** to our list.



Spectacled Bear in the Colombian paramo (photo Chuck Gates).

Day 13, 20th February 2024. Bosque Guaviare and Huasca

Today was to be our last day birding together as our trip was coming to an end, and it proved to be one of the best days of the whole trip, with high quality birds and almost no rain. We met our local guide, who was authorized to guide within the Reserva Bosque Guajira, a buffer zone of the Chingaza National Park. We met him at Guasca after a lovely breakfast. We headed into the field, where we hit our first feeding flock, with species such as **Rufous Wren**, **White-throated Tyrannulet**, **Pale-naped Brushfinch**, **Black-crested Warbler**, **Golden-crowned Warbler**, **Rufous-browed** and **Blue-backed Conebills**, **White-sided**, **Bluish**, **Masked** and **Glossy Flowerpiercers**, **Hooded** and **Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanagers**, **Mountain Elaenia** and **Pearled Treerunner**. Excitement soared with amazing views of **Black-headed Hemispingus**, a

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bird not widespread in the Andes, being found only in Colombia and Ecuador, with old records in Piura state in the Andes of northern Peru.



Black-headed Hemispingus, one of the highlights around Bogotá (photo Chuck Gates).

At an antpitta feeding station, we got superb views of the localized **Muisca Antpitta**, a recent split from Rufous Antpitta. The name is derived from the Muisca civilization of the eastern Andes of Colombia, which continues to this day in parallel with modern Colombian society. Other good birds of the day included **Black-billed Mountain Toucan** and incredible views of the seldomseen **Andean Potoo** roosting during the daytime. We had a moderately challenging walk to get this last one, but everybody tried hard, and the effort paid off in the end.

Next, we visited a hummingbird feeder station which provided great species like **Glowing Puffleg**, **Loguemare's Sunangel**, **Great Sapphirewing**, **Buff-tailed Coronet**, **White-bellied Woodstar** and **Lesser Violetear**.

We returned to Guasca to explore the wetlands of Siache. On the way, we found the endemic and endangered **Flame-winged Parakeet** (also known as Brown-breasted Parakeet). Although we only had scope views because of the distance, we saw them well.

Once in the wetlands, we looked for the endemic **Bogota Rail**, which we saw very well. Other species seen here were **Common Gallinule**, **Andean Teal** and we had flushed views of **Noble Snipe**. The endemic **Silvery-throated Spinetail** proved hard but eventually allowed for reasonably good views along with **Torrent Tyrannulet**, **Yellow-hooded Blackbird**, **Grey-browed Brushfinch** and **Band-tailed Seedeater**.

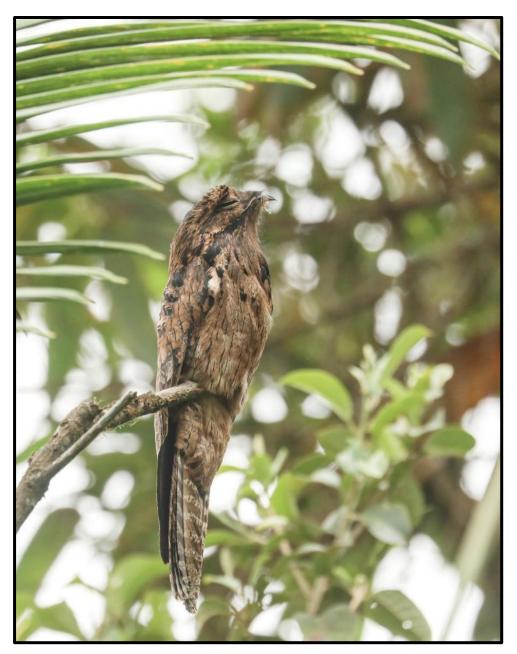
Then we transferred back to Bogotá and had a ludicrous traffic jam before we reached our hotel. That evening we enjoyed our last dinner together as a group in the hotel.



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Day 14, 21st February 2024. Transfer to the airport

After a decent wake-up time and a lovely breakfast, we transferred to the airport and said our goodbyes. This adventure was fantastic, with an incredible group of friends in a beautiful country. I hope to travel with them again soon.



Andean Potoo (photo Chuck Gates).



Bird List - Following IOC (December 2023)

Birds 'heard only' are marked with (H) after the common name, all other species were seen.

Common name	Scientific name
Tinamous (Tinamidae)	
Black Tinamou (H)	Tinamus osgoodi
Undulated Tinamou (H)	Crypturellus undulatus
Cinereous Tinamou (H)	Crypturellus cinereus
Ducks, Geese, Swans (Anatidae)	
Muscovy Duck	Cairina moschata
Blue-winged Teal	Spatula discors
Yellow-billed Pintail	Anas geórgica
Andean Teal	Anas andium
Andean Duck	Oxyura ferrugínea
Chachalacas, Curassow, Guans (Crac	idae)
Speckled Chachalaca	Ortalis guttata
Colombian Chachalaca (H)	Ortalis columbiana
Andean Guan	Penelope montagnii
Wattled Guan	Aburria aburri
Sickle-winged Guan	Chamaepetes goudotii
Odontophoridae (New Word Quail)	
Chestnut Wood Quail	Odontophorus hyperythrus
Nightjars (Caprimulgidae)	
Pauraque	Nyctidromus albicollis
Ladder-tailed Nightjar	Hydropsalis climacocerca
Potoos (Nyctibiidae)	
Common Potoo	Nyctibius griseus
Andean Potoo	Nyctibius maculosus
Swifts (Apodidae)	
White-collared Swift	Streptoprocne zonaris
Grey-rumped Swift	Chaetura cinereiventris
Short-tailed Swift	Chaetura brachyura



Common name	Scientific name
Fork-tailed Palm Swift	Tachornis squamata
Hummingbird (Trochilidae)	· · ·
White-necked Jacobin	Florisuga mellivora
Green Hermit	Phaethornis guy
Tawny-bellied Hermit	Phaethornis syrmatophorus
Brown Violetear	Colibri delphinae
Lesser Violetear	Colibri cyanotus
Sparkling Violetear	Colibri coruscans
Black-throated Mango	Anthracothorax nigricollis
Longuemare's Sunangel	Heliangelus clarisse
Tourmaline Sunangel	Heliangelus exortis
Wire-crested Thorntail	Discosura popelairii
Speckled Hummingbird	Adelomyia melanogenys
Long-tailed Sylph	Aglaiocercus kingii
Green-tailed Trainbearer	Lesbia nuna
Purple-backed Thornbill	Ramphomicron microrhynchum
Green-bearded Helmetcrest	Oxypogon guerinii
Bronze-tailed Thornbill	Chalcostigma heteropogon
Tyrian Metaltail	Metallura tyrianthina
Viridian Metaltail	Metallura williami
Greenish Puffleg	Haplophaedia aureliae
Glowing Puffleg	Eriocnemis vestita
Shining Sunbeam	Aglaeactis cupripennis
Bronzy Inca	Coeligena coeligena
Collared Inca	Coeligena torquata
Buff-winged Starfrontlet	Coeligena lutetiae
Blue-throated Starfrontlet	Coeligena helianthea
Great Sapphirewing	Pterophanes cyanopterus
Buff-tailed Coronet	Boissonneaua flavescens
White-booted Racket-tail	Ocreatus underwoodii
Fawn-breasted Brilliant	Heliodoxa rubinoides
Long-billed Starthroat	Heliomaster longirostris
Purple-throated Woodstar	Philodice mitchellii
Western Emerald	Chlorostilbon melanorhynchus
Steely-vented Hummingbird	Saucerottia saucerottei
Andean Emerald	Uranomitra franciae
Glittering-throated Emerald	Chionomesa fimbriata



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Greater Ani	Crotophaga major
Smooth-billed Ani	Crotophaga ani
Squirrel Cuckoo	Piaya cayana
Pigeons, Doves (Columbidae)	
Rock Dove	Columba livia
Pale-vented Pigeon	Patagioenas cayennensis
Band-tailed Pigeon	Patagioenas fasciata
Plumbeous Pigeon	Patagioenas plúmbea
Ruddy Pigeon	Patagioenas subvinacea
Plain-breasted Ground Dove	Columbina minuta
Ruddy Ground Dove	Columbina buckleyi
White-tipped Dove	Leptotila verreauxi
Eared Dove	Zenaida auriculata
Rails, Crakes & Coots (Rallidae)	
Bogota Rail	Rallus semiplumbeus
Ecuadorian Rail	Rallus aequatorialis
Sora	Porzana carolina
Common Gallinule	Gallinula galeata
Andean Coot	Fulica ardesiaca
Rufous-sided Crake	Laterallus melanophaius
Limpkin (Aramidae)	
Limpkin	Aramus guarauna
Podicipedidae	
Pied-billed Grebe	Podilymbus podiceps
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Plovers (Charadriidae)	
Southern Lapwing	Vanellus chilensis
Semipalmated Plover	Charadrius semipalmatus
Pied Plover	Hoploxypterus cayanus
Collared Plover	Anarhynchus collaris
Jacanas (Jacanidae)	



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Wattled Jacana	Jacana jacana
Sandpipers, Snipes (Scolopacidae	e)
Noble Snipe	Gallinago nobilis
Spotted Sandpiper	Actitis macularius
Solitary Sandpiper	Tringa solitaria
Lesser Yellowlegs	Tringa flavipes
Greater Yellowlegs	Tringa melanoleuca
Pectoral Sandpiper	Calidris melanotos
Gulls, Terns, Skimmers (Laridae))
Black Skimmer	Rynchops niger
Large-billed Tern	Phaetusa simplex
Andean Gull	Chroicocephalus serranus
Sunbittern (Eurypygidae)	
Sunbittern	Eurypyga helias
Anhinga, Darters (Anhingidae)	
Anhinga	Anhinga anhinga
Cormorant, Shags (Phalacrocora	cidae)
Neotropic Cormorant	Nannopterum brasilianum
Ibises, Spoonbills (Threskiornithi	
Bare-faced Ibis	Phimosus infuscatus
Green Ibis	Mesembrinibis cayennensis
Scarlet Ibis	Eudocimus ruber
Herons, Bitterns (Ardeidae)	
Rufescent Tiger Heron	Tigrisoma lineatum
Black-crowned Night Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax
Whistling Heron	Syrigma sibilatrix
Snowy Egret	Egretta thula
Western Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis
Striated Heron	Butorides striata
Great Egret	Ardea alba
Cocoi Heron	Ardea cocoi



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Hoatzin (Opisthocomidae)	
Hoatzin	Opisthocomus hoazin
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New World Vultures (Cathartidae))
Andean Condor	Vultur gryphus
Black Vulture	Coragyps atratus
Turkey Vulture	Cathartes aura
Greater Yellow-headed Vulture	Cathartes melambrotus
Osprey (Pandionidae)	
Osprey	Pandion haliaetus
Kites, Hawks, Eagles (Accipitridae	<i></i>
Hook-billed Kite	Chondrohierax uncinatus
Swallow-tailed Kite	<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>
Plumbeous Kite	Ictinia plúmbea
Roadside Hawk	Rupornis magnirostris
Broad-winged Hawk	Buteo platypterus
Orda (Strigidae)	
Owls (Strigidae)	Magazaons akaliha
Tropical Screech Owl (H) Rufous-banded Owl (H)	Megascops choliba Strix albitarsis
Band-bellied Owl (H)	Pulsatrix melanota
Ferruginous Pygmy Owl (H)	Glaucidium brasilianum
Terruginous I ygniy Owi (II)	
Trogons (Trogonidae)	
Golden-headed Quetzal (H)	Pharomachrus auriceps
Amazonian Trogon	Trogon ramonianus
Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)	
Amazon Kingfisher	Chloroceryle amazona
Green Kingfisher	Chloroceryle americana
Ringed Kingfisher	Megaceryle torquata
Motmots (Momotidae)	
Andean Motmot	Momotus aequatorialis



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Jacamars (Galbulidae)	
White-eared Jacamar	Galbalcyrhynchus leucotis
White-chinned Jacamar	Galbula tombacea
Puffbirds (Bucconidae)	k
Black-fronted Nunbird	Monasa nigrifrons
Swallow-winged Puffbird	Chelidoptera tenebrosa
Barbets (Capitonidae)	
Scarlet-crowned Barbet	Capito aurovirens
Gilded Barbet	Capito auratus
Red-headed Barbet	Eubucco bourcierii
Toucans (Ramphastidae)	
White-throated Toucanet	Aulacorhynchus albivitta
Crimson-rumped Toucanet	Aulacorhynchus haematopygus
Grey-breasted Mountain Toucan	Andigena hypoglauca
Black-billed Mountain Toucan	Andigena nigrirostris
Chestnut-eared Aracari	Pteroglossus castanotis
Lettered Aracari	Pteroglossus inscriptus
Woodpeckers (Picidae)	
Scaled Piculet	Picumnus squamulatus
Lafresnaye's Piculet	Picumnus lafresnayi
Acorn Woodpecker	Melanerpes formicivorus
Yellow-tufted Woodpecker	Melanerpes cruentatus
Red-crowned Woodpecker	Melanerpes rubricapillus
Little Woodpecker	Veniliornis passerinus
Crimson-mantled Woodpecker	Colaptes rivolii
Spot-breasted Woodpecker	Colaptes punctigula
Chestnut Woodpecker	Celeus elegans
Cream-colored Woodpecker	Celeus flavus
Crimson-crested Woodpecker	Campephilus melanoleucos
Lineated Woodpecker	Dryocopus lineatus
Caracaras, Falcons (Falconidae)	
Black Caracara	Daptrius ater
Carunculated Caracara	Phalcoboenus carunculatus



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Yellow-headed Caracara	Milvago chimachima
Crested Caracara	Caracara plancus
Laughing Falcon	Herpetotheres cachinnans
American Kestrel	Falco sparverius
African & New World Parrots (Psitta	acidae)
Barred Parakeet	Bolborhynchus lineola
Orange-chinned Parakeet	Brotogeris jugularis
Cobalt-winged Parakeet	Brotogeris cyanoptera
Sapphire-rumped Parrotlet	Touit purpuratus
Blue-headed Parrot	Pionus menstruus
White-capped Parrot	Pionus seniloides
Bronze-winged Parrot	Pionus chalcopterus
Spectacled Parrotlet	Forpus conspicillatus
Maroon-tailed Parakeet	Pyrrhura melanura
Flame-winged Parakeet	Pyrrhura calliptera
Red-bellied Macaw	Orthopsittaca manilatus
Dusky-headed Parakeet	Aratinga weddellii
White-eyed Parakeet	Psittacara leucophthalmus
Ovenbirds (Furnariidae)	
Plain-brown Woodcreeper	Dendrocincla fuliginosa
Cinnamon-throated Woodcreeper	Dendrexetastes rufigula
Buff-throated Woodcreeper	Xiphorhynchus guttatus
Montane Woodcreeper	Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger
Long-billed Woodcreeper	Nasica longirostris
Black-billed Treehunter (H)	Thripadectes melanorhynchus
Streak-capped Treehunter	Thripadectes virgaticeps
Streaked Xenops	Xenops rutilans
Pearled Treerunner	Margarornis squamiger
Spotted Barbtail	Premnoplex brunnescens
Orange-fronted Plushcrown	Metopothrix aurantiaca
White-chinned Thistletail	Asthenes fuliginosa
Red-faced Spinetail	Cranioleuca erythrops
Silvery-throated Spinetail	Synallaxis subpudica
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Antbirds (Thamnophilidae)	
Russet Antshrike	Thamnistes anabatinus



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Great Antshrike	Taraba major
White-shouldered Antshrike (H)	Thamnophilus aethiops
Western Fire-eye (H)	Pyriglena maura
Antpittas (Grallariidae)	
Tawny Antpitta	Grallaria quitensis
Muisca Antpitta	Grallaria rufula
White-bellied Antpitta (H)	Grallaria hypoleuca
Tapaculos (Rhinocryptidae)	
Narino Tapaculo (H)	Scytalopus vicinior
Paramo Tapaculo (H)	Scytalopus opacus
Pale-bellied Tapaculo (H)	Scytalopus griseicollis
New World Flycatchers (Tyrannida	e)
Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet	Tyrannulus elatus
Yellow-bellied Elaenia	Elaenia flavogaster
Sierran Elaenia	Elaenia pallatangae
Mountain Elaenia	Elaenia frantzii
White-throated Tyrannulet	Mecocerculus leucophrys
White-banded Tyrannulet	Mecocerculus stictopterus
Sulphur-bellied Tyrannulet	Mecocerculus minor
Golden-faced Tyrannulet	Zimmerius chrysops
Agile Tit-Tyrant	Uromyias agilis
Variegated Bristle Tyrant	Pogonotriccus poecilotis
Slaty-capped Flycatcher (H)	Leptopogon superciliaris
Streak-necked Flycatcher	Mionectes striaticollis
Rufous-breasted Flycatcher	Leptopogon rufipectus
Handsome Flycatcher	Nephelomyias pulcher
Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher	Poecilotriccus ruficeps
Common Tody-Flycatcher	Todirostrum cinereum
Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher	Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum
Yellow-margined Flatbill	Tolmomyias assimilis
Ochre-lored Flatbill	Tolmomyias flaviventris
Black Phoebe	Sayornis nigricans
Eastern Wood Pewee	Contopus virens
Northern Tropical Pewee	Contopus bogotensis
Vermilion Flycatcher	Pyrocephalus obscurus



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Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant	Ochthoeca fumicolor
Long-tailed Tyrant	Colonia colonus
Cattle Tyrant	Machetornis rixosa
Piratic Flycatcher	Legatus leucophaius
Rusty-margined Flycatcher	Myiozetetes cayanensis
Social Flycatcher	Myiozetetes similis
Grey-capped Flycatcher	Myiozetetes granadensis
Great Kiskadee	Pitangus sulphuratus
Lesser Kiskadee	Philohydor lictor
Lemon-browed Flycatcher	Conopias cinchoneti
Golden-bellied Flycatcher	Myiodynastes hemichrysus
Streaked Flycatcher	Myiodynastes maculatus
Boat-billed Flycatcher	Megarynchus pitangua
Tropical Kingbird	Tyrannus melancholicus
Short-crested Flycatcher	Myiarchus ferox
Apical Flycatcher	Myiarchus apicalis
Bright-rumped Attila	Attila spadiceus
Cinnamon Attila	Attila cinnamomeus
Cotingas (Cotingidae)	
Green-and-black Fruiteater	Pipreola riefferii
Andean Cock-of-the-rock	Rupicola peruvianus
Chestnut-bellied Cotinga	Doliornis remseni
Red-crested Cotinga	Ampelion rubrocristatus
Purple-throated Fruitcrow	Querula purpurata
Bare-necked Fruitcrow	Gymnoderus foetidus
Red-ruffed Fruitcrow	Pyroderus scutatus
Plum-throated Cotinga	Cotinga maynana
Tityra, Becards (Tityridae)	
Black-crowned Tityra	Tityra inquisitor
White-winged Becard	Pachyramphus polychopterus
Barred Becard	Pachyramphus versicolor
Crows, Jays (Corvidae)	
Violaceous Jay	Cyanocorax violaceus
Inca Jay	Cyanocorax yncas



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Swallows, Martins (Hirundinidae))
White-winged Swallow	Tachycineta albiventer
White-banded Swallow	Atticora fasciata
Southern Rough-winged Swallow	Stelgidopteryx ruficollis
Blue-and-white Swallow	Pygochelidon cyanoleuca
Brown-bellied Swallow	Orochelidon murina
Donacobious (Donacobiidae)	
Black-capped Donacobius	Donacobius atricapilla
Wrens (Troglodytidae)	
Thrush-like Wren	Campylorhynchus turdinus
Rufous Wren	Cinnycerthia unirufa
Sepia-brown Wren	Cinnycerthia olivascens
Grey-breasted Wood Wren	Henicorhina leucophrys
House Wren	Troglodytes aedon
Mountain Wren	Troglodytes solstitialis
Mockingbirds, Thrashers (Mimida	
Tropical Mockingbird	Mimus gilvus
Topton Troumgond	
Thrushes (Turdidae)	1
Andean Solitaire	Myadestes ralloides
Great Thrush	Turdus fuscater
Black-billed Thrush	Turdus ignobilis
Old World Sparrows (Passeridae)	
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus
Finches, Euphonias (Fringillidae)	
Andean Siskin	Spinus spinescens
Thick-billed Euphonia	Euphonia laniirostris
Orange-bellied Euphonia	Euphonia xanthogaster
White-lored Euphonia	Euphonia chrysopasta
Bronze-green Euphonia	Euphonia mesochrysa
Blue-naped Chlorophonia	Chlorophonia cyanea
New World Sparrows (Passerellid	ae)



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Yellow-throated Chlorospingus	Chlorospingus flavigularis
Common Chlorospingus	Chlorospingus flavopectus
Grey-browed Brushfinch	Arremon assimilis
Chestnut-capped Brushfinch	Arremon brunneinucha
Rufous-collared Sparrow	Zonotrichia capensis
White-naped Brushfinch	Atlapetes albinucha
White-rimmed Brushfinch	Atlapetes leucopis
Pale-naped Brushfinch	Atlapetes pallidinucha
American Blackbirds (Icteriidae)	
Eastern Meadowlark	Sturnella magna
Yellow-hooded Blackbird	Chrysomus icterocephalus
Russet-backed Oropendola	Psarocolius angustifrons
Crested Oropendola	Psarocolius decumanus
Yellow-rumped Cacique	Cacicus cela
Mountain Cacique	Cacicus chrysonotus
Scarlet-rumped Cacique	Cacicus microrhynchus
Orange-backed Troupial	Icterus croconotus
Giant Cowbird	Molothrus oryzivorus
Shiny Cowbird	Molothrus bonariensis
Carib Grackle	Quiscalus lugubris
Great-tailed Grackle	Quiscalus mexicanus
New World Warblers (Parulidae)	
Black-and-white Warbler	Mniotilta varia
Tennessee Warbler	Leiothlypis peregrina
Cerulean Warbler	Setophaga cerúlea
Blackburnian Warbler	Setophaga fusca
Blackpoll Warbler	Setophaga striata
Russet-crowned Warbler	Myiothlypis coronata
Black-crested Warbler	Myiothlypis nigrocristata
Three-striped Warbler	Basileuterus tristriatus
Canada Warbler	Cardellina canadensis
Golden-fronted Whitestart	Myioborus ornatus
Slate-throated Whitestart	Myioborus miniatus
Cardinals & Allies (Cardinalidae)	
Summer Tanager	Piranga rubra



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Scarlet Tanager	Piranga olivácea
Tanagers & Allies (Thraupidae)	
Green Honeycreeper	Chlorophanes spiza
Swallow Tanager	Tersina viridis
Purple Honeycreeper	Cyanerpes caeruleus
Blue Dacnis	Dacnis cayana
Yellow-bellied Dacnis	Dacnis flaviventer
Black-faced Dacnis	Dacnis lineata
Buff-throated Saltator	Saltator maximus
Bananaquit	Coereba flaveola
Yellow-faced Grassquit	Tiaris olivaceus
Blue-black Grassquit	Volatinia jacarina
White-lined Tanager	Tachyphonus Rufus
Flame-rumped Tanager	Ramphocelus flammigerus
Silver-beaked Tanager	Ramphocelus carbo
Yellow-bellied Seedeater	Sporophila nigricollis
Thick-billed Seed Finch	Sporophila funérea
Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch	Sporophila angolensis
Black-headed Hemispingus	Pseudospingus verticalis
Blue-backed Conebill	Conirostrum sitticolor
Rufous-browed Conebill	Conirostrum rufum
Saffron Finch	Sicalis flaveola
Plumbeous Sierra Finch	Geospizopsis unicolor
Band-tailed Seedeater	Catamenia analis
White-sided Flowerpiercer	Diglossa albilatera
Golden-eyed Flowerpiercer	Diglossa glauca
Masked Flowerpiercer	Diglossa cyanea
Glossy Flowerpiercer	Diglossa lafresnayii
Bluish Flowerpiercer	Diglossa caerulescens
Yellow-throated Tanager	Iridosornis analis
Golden-crowned Tanager	Iridosornis rufivertex
Hooded Mountain Tanager	Buthraupis montana
Blue-capped Tanager	Sporathraupis cyanocephala
Lacrimose Mountain Tanager	Anisognathus lacrymosus
Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager	Anisognathus igniventris
Grass-green Tanager	Chlorornis riefferii
Blue-winged Mountain Tanager	Anisognathus somptuosus



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Multicolored Tanager	Chlorochrysa nitidissima
Orange-eared Tanager	Chlorochrysa calliparaea
Magpie Tanager	Cissopis leverianus
Red-capped Cardinal	Paroaria gularis
Golden-naped Tanager	Chalcothraupis ruficervix
Blue-grey Tanager	Thraupis episcopus
Palm Tanager	Thraupis palmarum
Blue-necked Tanager	Stilpnia cyanicollis
Scrub Tanager	Stilpnia vitriolina
Masked Tanager	Stilpnia nigrocincta
Blue-and-black Tanager	Tangara vassorii
Metallic-green Tanager	Tangara labradorides
Beryl-spangled Tanager	Tangara nigroviridis
Golden-eared Tanager	Tangara chrysotis
Golden Tanager	Tangara arthus
Saffron-crowned Tanager	Tangara xanthocephala
Flame-faced Tanager	Tangara parzudakii
Paradise Tanager	Tangara chilensis
Green-and-gold Tanager	Tangara schrankii
Turquoise Tanager	Tangara mexicana
Opal-crowned Tanager	Tangara callophrys

Total Seen	343
Total Heard Only	17
Total Recorded	360



Marmosets & Tamarins (Callitrichidae)		
Red-crowned Titi	Callicebus discolor	
Yellow-handed Titi	Callicebus lucifer	
New World Night Monkeys (Aotidae)		
Spix's Night Monkey	Aotus vociferans	
Cavy, Guinea Pigs, Capybaras (Caviidae)		
Andean Mountain Cavy	Cavia anolaimae	
Squirrels (Sciuridae)		
Red-tailed Squirrel	Sciurus granatensis	
Agouti (Dasyproctidae)		
Central American Agouti	Dasyprocta punctata	
River Dolphins (Iniidae)		
Pink River Dolphin	Inia geoffrensis	
Bears (Ursidae)		
Spectacled Bear	Tremarctos ornatus	
Total seen	8	

Mammal List – Following mammalwatching.com (April 2024)

Reptile and Amphibian List – Following The Reptile Database (October 2024)

Alligators and Crocodiles (Alligatoridae)		
Spectacled Caiman	Caiman crocodilus	

Total seen	1
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