



# ROCKJUMPER

Worldwide Birding Adventures

## Colombia Santa Marta Extension I *8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> November 2016 (6 days)* Trip Report



Buffy Hummingbird by Clayton Burne

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## Tour Summary

The ancient Santa Marta Mountains are home to numerous endemic bird species due to their isolation from the main Andean Mountain Range, close proximity to the coast and great altitudinal range - from near sea level to over 5,000 metres. This endemic hotspot is thus of key interest to birdwatchers. Due to popular demand, we ran two full Santa Marta extensions in 2016.

We started off the Santa Marta Extension at Barranquilla. After meeting up, we enjoyed a welcome dinner and chatted about the exciting prospects of the following day, before retiring for a good night's rest.

An early departure the following morning saw us heading to the local Atlantico University. On arrival, we enjoyed our packed breakfast. The dawn chorus had started and one of the first birds we found was the sought after Chestnut-winged Chachalaca. We enjoyed good scope views of several, along with great views of the impressive Ringed Kingfisher. Three stunning Roseate Spoonbills flew over and then it was time to move on to the Isla Salamanca mangroves. Meandering along the boardwalk, through the mangroves, we notched up a nice selection of species. These included several Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture soaring overhead, a fabulous Black-collared Hawk, Sapphire-throated and rare Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird, a pair of Pied Puffbird, smart Chestnut Piculet, Black-crested Antshrike, Northern Scrub Flycatcher, Common Tody-Flycatcher building a nest, Panamanian Flycatcher, reclusive Louisiana Waterthrush, stunning Prothonotary Warbler, a vagrant Wilson's Warbler and another key target, Bicoloured Conebill, which eventually gave splendid views.



**Chestnut-winged Chachalaca by Clayton Burne**



**Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird by Clayton Burne**

Delighted with our early success, we headed over to some nearby wetlands where we notched up an unexpected Northern Screamer, White-faced Whistling Duck, Blue-winged Teal, superb Rufescent Tiger Heron, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Striated, Cocoi, Tricoloured and Little Blue Heron, Snowy Egret, Brown Pelican, Magnificent Frigatebird, Snail Kite, the strange Limpkin, dozens of Wattled Jacana, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Solitary, Spotted and Least Sandpiper, Large-billed Tern, elusive Dwarf Cuckoo, Green and Amazon Kingfisher, Yellow-chinned Spinetail,





Straight-billed Woodcreeper, Pied Water Tyrant, White-headed Marsh Tyrant, a pair of very vocal Stripe-backed Wren and Carib and Great-tailed Grackle. *Shew! What a morning!*

We then continued to Minca for lunch and en route noted Laughing and Franklin's Gull and Caspian and Cabot's Tern. Whilst enjoying a delicious lunch, we noted some great hummingbirds at the feeders. Here we saw White-necked Jacobin, Steely-vented Hummingbird, sought-after White-vented Plumeleteer and a single Long-billed Starthroat. In the gardens, we added Orange-chinned Parakeet, Thick-billed Euphonia and Rufous-breasted Hermit.



**Santa Marta Brush Finch by Tim Boucher**

After lunch, we continued up to El Dorado lodge with some birding along the way. Some of the species seen en route included a splendid Scaled Piculet, Cocoa Woodcreeper, male White-bearded Manakin, Masked Tityra, Rufous-breasted and Rufous-and-white Wren, Tennessee Warbler, American Redstart, Rose-breasted Grosbeak and Cinereous Becard.

Further up the hill, we found that a truck was stuck in the mud and this meant some delay, however, we still arrived in the early evening and enjoyed a superb dinner before settling down for a good night's rest.

The following day, we enjoyed time in the upper section above El Dorado. This meant a very early start in order to get to the key area by dawn. During our time here, in the beautiful cloud forest, we notched up a number of specials and endemics, which included Band-tailed and Sickie-winged Guan, Broad-winged Hawk, Tyrian Metaltail, superb White-tipped Quetzal, Santa Marta Toucanet, Scaly-naped Amazon, Scarlet-fronted Parakeet, Rusty-headed and



**Black-and-white Owl by Lisa Thurston**

Streak-capped Spinetail, Montane Foliage-gleaner, Montane Woodcreeper, Black-throated Tody-Tyrant, Golden-breasted Fruiteater, Brown-capped Vireo, Black-chested Jay, Santa Marta Wood Wren, Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush, Santa Marta and White-lored Warbler, Yellow-crowned Whitestart, Santa Marta Brush Finch, Santa Marta Mountain Tanager and Golden Grosbeak.

The next day we enjoyed our time birding our way down from El Dorado to Minca. Before leaving, we noted the superb Crowned Woodnymph and White-tailed Starfrontlet, along with splendid Blue-naped Chlorophonia at the feeders. Continuing down, we picked up a magnificent roosting Black-and-white Owl, Pale-bellied Hermit, rare Santa Marta Woodstar, Masked Trogon, Whooping Motmot, tricky Groove-billed Toucanet, Collared Aracari, Golden-olive Woodpecker, Bat Falcon, a lovely pair of Santa Marta



Foliage-gleaner, Grey-throated Leaf-tosser, Plain Xenops, Santa Marta Antbird, confiding Rusty-breasted Antpitta, Santa Marta Tapaculo, Cinnamon and Golden-crowned Flycatcher, Black-hooded and White-necked Thrush, Yellow-backed Oriole, Sierra Nevada Brushfinch and rare Black-headed Tanager.

After lunch, we birded below Minca and enjoyed more success with great views of Grey-lined Hawk, a splendid Scaled Pigeon - which allowed great scope views, Squirrel Cuckoo, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, fabulous Keel-billed Toucan, Crimson-crested Woodpecker, Black-backed Antshrike and right at the end of the day, Military Macaw. *What a great way to end yet another remarkable day in the Santa Marta Mountains!*



**Santa Marta Warbler by Adam Riley**

From Minca, we travelled to Rioacha, stopping for some great birding en route. Just before leaving the hotel, we notched up the beautiful Golden-winged Sparrow, which gave splendid views. Later, we enjoyed walking a trail for a while and found Rufous-vented Chachalaca, Groove-billed Ani, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Plain-brown Woodcreeper, White-bellied Antbird, Barred Antshrike, Forest Elaenia, great Southern Bentbill, scarce Brown-capped Tyrannulet, lovely male Lance-tailed Manakin, Scrub Greenlet, Buff-breasted Wren, Long-billed Gnatwren, Tropical Gnatcatcher, American Yellow Warbler, Orange-crowned Oriole and Grey Seedeater.



**Double-striped Thick-knee  
by Clayton Burne**

Further along, a roadside stop produced Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Common Black Hawk, Savanna Hawk, Short-tailed Hawk, a superb Double-striped Thick-knee, Southern Lapwing, Green-rumped Parrotlet, Aplomado Falcon, Eastern Meadowlark and Red-breasted Blackbird.

After lunch, we enjoyed birding the Guajira, which is normally very dry and arid. However, the area had enjoyed some recent rains and so it was alive with birdsong. We enjoyed some fabulous sightings in the afternoon, notching up Crested Bobwhite, a juvenile Plumbeous Kite, Bare-eyed Pigeon, Scaled Dove, Common Nighthawk flying around at dusk, a female Red-billed Emerald, Russet-throated Puffbird, White-whiskered Spinetail, Northern White-fringed Antwren, Slender-billed Inezia, Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant, Brown-crested Flycatcher, rare Tocuyo Sparrow and Grey Pileated Finch.

Our final day in the Guajira was fantastic! We spent most of our time in the area around Los Flamencos. Here we notched up the beautiful



Ruby-topaz Hummingbird, near-endemic Buffy Hummingbird, Caribbean Hornero - which gave good scope views, Tropical Mockingbird, Trinidad Euphonia, Northern Waterthrush, Yellow Oriole and stunning Vermilion Cardinal. Once it warmed up, we decided to scan the lagoon and here we found numerous American Flamingo, American White Ibis, Great Blue Heron, Reddish Egret, Brown Pelican, American Oystercatcher, Semipalmated, Wilson's and Collared Plover, Semipalmated, Western, Least and White-rumped Sandpiper and Black Skimmer. Our delayed flight meant that we had a little more time for some final birding and so we went in search of a few missing species. Both Glaucous Tanager and Orinoco Saltator had eluded us until this point, so we decided to try a few different sites and soon found the saltator and shortly afterwards, the tanager. Whilst searching for the tanager, we found Greater Ani and Harris's Hawk and on the walk back to our vehicle, a Pale-tipped Inezia made a very welcome appearance. *What a great way to end off the trip!*

And so ended another fantastic trip to this birding hotspot! Thanks must go to a wonderful group of enthusiastic and fun participants, as well as a superb ground operations team. I am very much looking forward to travelling with you all again!

## Annotated List of species recorded

### BIRDS

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows IOC (Version: 6.3): Gill, F. and Wright, M. Birds of the World: Recommended English Names. Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press. List powered through the report generator of our partner [iGoTerra](#).

**Status codes:** **E** = Endemic, **NE** = Near-endemic, **I** = Introduced

### SCREAMERS Anhimidae

**Northern Screamer** *Chauna chavaria*  
We had great views of one at km4 near Salamanca

### DUCKS, GEESE & SWANS Anatidae

**White-faced Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna viduata*  
We had good views of two at km 4 near Salamanca.

**Black-bellied Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna autumnalis*  
Six birds were seen during the drive from Minca to Rioacha

**Blue-winged Teal** *Anas discors*  
Five were seen at km 4 near Salamanca

### CHACHALACAS, CURASSOWS & GUANS Cracidae

**Chestnut-winged Chachalaca (E)** *Ortalis garrula*  
Five seen at roost site west of Santa Marta

**Rufous-vented Chachalaca** *Ortalis ruficauda*  
Four seen at Las Gaviotas

**Band-tailed Guan** *Penelope argyrotis*  
Eight seen around El Dorado Lodge, Santa Marta

**Sickle-winged Guan** *Chamaepetes goudotii*  
We had good views of two at El Dorado





**NEW WORLD QUAIL Odontophoridae****Crested Bobwhite***Colinus cristatus*

We had great views of a male perched up in a tree and several others at Rioacha

**FLAMINGOS Phoenicopteridae****American Flamingo***Phoenicopeterus ruber*

A flock of 60 was seen at Los Flamencos, Guajira

**STORKS Ciconiidae****Wood Stork***Mycteria americana*

One was seen flying over Salamanca

**IBISES, SPOONBILLS Threskiornithidae****American White Ibis***Eudocimus albus*

Ten adults were seen at Los Flamencos, Guajira

**Roseate Spoonbill***Platalea ajaja*

We had good views of three whilst en route to El Dorado and another at Los Flamencos

**HERONS, BITTERNS Ardeidae****Rufescent Tiger Heron***Tigrisoma lineatum*

We had great views of one at km 4 near Salamanca

**Black-crowned Night Heron***Nycticorax nycticorax*

One was seen en route to Salamanca

**Yellow-crowned Night Heron***Nyctanassa violacea*

Seen at Los Flamencos

**Striated Heron***Butorides striata*

Eight birds were seen at km 4 near Salamanca

**Western Cattle Egret***Bubulcus ibis*

Commonly seen around Salamanca and peak numbers of over 100 seen during the drive from Minca to Rioacha

**Great Blue Heron***Ardea herodias*

One seen at Los Flamencos, Guajira

**Cocoi Heron***Ardea cocoi*

Five were seen at km4 near Salamanca

**Great Egret***Ardea alba*

About 50 were seen at km4 near Salamanca and several more at Los Flamencos, Guajira

**Reddish Egret***Egretta rufescens*

We had great views of three at Los Flamencos, including one white morph individual.

**Tricolored Heron***Egretta tricolor*

Three seen at km4 near Salamanca and another at Los Flamencos, Guajira

**Little Blue Heron***Egretta caerulea*

One seen at Salamanca

**Snowy Egret***Egretta thula*

About 30 seen at km4 near Salamanca and a further 6 at Los Flamencos, Guajira

**PELICANS Pelecanidae****Brown Pelican***Pelecanus occidentalis*

Seen along the coast



**FRIGATEBIRDS Fregatidae****Magnificent Frigatebird***Fregata magnificens*

Seen along the coast in small numbers

**CORMORANTS, SHAGS Phalacrocoracidae****Neotropic Cormorant***Phalacrocorax brasilianus*

Commonly seen around Salamanca and Los Flamencos

**NEW WORLD VULTURES Cathartidae****Turkey Vulture***Cathartes aura*

Seen commonly throughout the extension

**Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture***Cathartes burrovianus*

We had good views of five around Salamanca

**Black Vulture***Coragyps atratus*

Seen almost daily

**OSPREYS Pandionidae****Western Osprey***Pandion haliaetus*

We had good views of several around Salamanca and again at Los Flamencos

**KITES, HAWKS & EAGLES Accipitridae****Pearl Kite***Gampsonyx swainsonii*

We had brief views of two whilst en route from Salamanca to El Dorado

**Plumbeous Kite***Ictinia plumbea*

A juvenile was seen at Rioacha

**Black-collared Hawk***Busarellus nigricollis*

One was seen at PNN Isla Salamanca

**Snail Kite***Rostrhamus sociabilis*

We had great views of three at km4 near Salamanca

**Common Black Hawk***Buteogallus anthracinus*

One was seen perched up alongside a wetland near Rioacha

**Savanna Hawk***Buteogallus meridionalis*

We had good views of one sub-adult near Rioacha

**Roadside Hawk***Rupornis magnirostris*

One was seen very well at Las Gaviotas

**Harris's Hawk***Parabuteo unicinctus*

One seen near Los Flamencos, Guajira

**White-rumped Hawk***Parabuteo leucorrhous*

We had good views of one whilst en route from Salamanca to El Dorado

**Grey-lined Hawk***Buteo nitidus*

We had splendid views of two at Las Gaviotas

**Broad-winged Hawk***Buteo platypterus*

One was seen at the upper section of El Dorado

**Short-tailed Hawk***Buteo brachyurus*

One was seen near Rioacha



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**RAILS, CRAKES & COOTS Rallidae****Purple Gallinule***Porphyrio martinica*

We had good views of two at km4 near Salamanca.

**LIMPkin Aramididae****Limpkin***Aramus guarauna*

We had great sightings of five at km4 near Salamanca

**STONE-CURLEWS, THICK-KNEES Burhinidae****Double-striped Thick-knee***Burhinus bistriatus*

We had good scope views of one near Rioacha and a further three at Los Flamencos, Guajira

**OYSTERCATCHERS Haematopididae****American Oystercatcher***Haematopus palliatus*

Two seen at Los Flamencos

**STILTS, AVOCETS Recurvirostridae****Black-necked Stilt***Himantopus mexicanus*

Seen at various locations including 15 at Los Flamencos

**PLOVERS Charadriidae****Southern Lapwing***Vanellus chilensis*

Four were seen at km4 near Salamanca and several more around Rioacha

**Grey Plover***Pluvialis squatarola*

One was seen well at Los Flamencos

**Semipalmated Plover***Charadrius semipalmatus*

We had good looks at 30 at Los Flamencos

**Wilson's Plover***Charadrius wilsonia*

One was seen very well at Los Flamencos

**Collared Plover***Charadrius collaris*

Several seen at Los Flamencos

**JACANAS Jacanidae****Wattled Jacana***Jacana jacana*

We had great views of twenty at km4 near Salamanca

**SANDPIPERS, SNIPES Scolopacidae****Whimbrel***Numenius phaeopus*

One was seen at Los Flamencos

**Greater Yellowlegs***Tringa melanoleuca*

We had good views of four during the drive from Salamanca to Minca

**Lesser Yellowlegs***Tringa flavipes*

Seen at a small wetland at km4 near Salamanca

**Solitary Sandpiper***Tringa solitaria*

Two were seen at a small wetland at km4 near Salamanca





**Willet***Tringa semipalmata*

Ten were seen at Los Flamencos and others along the coast

**Spotted Sandpiper***Actitis macularius*

We had great views of three at km4 near Salamanca

**Sanderling***Calidris alba*

Two seen near the mouth of the estuary at Los Flamencos

**Semipalmated Sandpiper***Calidris pusilla*

At least 30 seen at Los Flamencos

**Western Sandpiper***Calidris mauri*

At least 6 seen at Los Flamencos

**Least Sandpiper***Calidris minutilla*

Fifteen seen at wetlands at km4 near Salamanca and several more at Los Flamencos

**White-rumped Sandpiper***Calidris fuscicollis*

One seen at Los Flamencos

**GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS Laridae****Black Skimmer***Rynchops niger*

A flock of 40 was seen at Los Flamencos

**Laughing Gull***Leucophaeus atricilla*

Seen along the coast and 15 at Los Flamencos

**Franklin's Gull***Leucophaeus pipixcan*

We had fair views of one in a tern roost whilst en route from Salamanca to Minca

**Gull-billed Tern***Gelochelidon nilotica*

One was seen at a tern roost whilst en route from Salamanca to Minca

**Caspian Tern***Hydroprogne caspia*

At least 100 seen during the drive from Salamanca to Minca and a further twenty at Los Flamencos

**Royal Tern***Thalasseus maximus*

Eighty seen at Los Flamencos

**Cabot's (Sandwich) Tern***Thalasseus acuflavidus*

Two seen along the coast and a further fifteen at Los Flamencos

**Common Tern***Sterna hirundo*

One was seen well at Los Flamencos

**Large-billed Tern***Phaetusa simplex*

Twenty seen at km4 near Salamanca

**PIGEONS, DOVES Columbidae****Rock Dove***Columba livia*

Seen commonly in towns and cities

**Scaled Pigeon***Patagioenas speciosa*

We had good views of one at the Sendero Campano trail

**Bare-eyed Pigeon***Patagioenas corensis*

Seen on the Guajira

**Pale-vented Pigeon***Patagioenas cayennensis*

One flew over km4 near Salamanca

**Scaled Dove***Columbina squammata*

Seen on the Guajira



**Common Ground Dove***Columbina passerina*

A few seen at various locations around Rioacha

**Ruddy Ground Dove***Columbina talpacoti*

Up to ten seen daily around Rioacha

**White-tipped Dove***Leptotila verreauxi*

Seen almost daily in small numbers, we had great views of several at El Dorado

**Eared Dove***Zenaida auriculata*

Three birds were seen flying over at Rioacha

**CUCKOOS Cuculidae****Greater Ani***Crotophaga major*

One was seen briefly near Los Flamencos

**Smooth-billed Ani***Crotophaga ani*

We had good views of several around Salamanca and again at Los Flamencos

**Groove-billed Ani***Crotophaga sulcirostris*

Four birds were seen at Las Gaviotas

**Striped Cuckoo***Tapera naevia*

We heard one calling at Las Gaviotas

**Dwarf Cuckoo***Coccyua pumila*

We had great views of one at km4 near Salamanca

**Squirrel Cuckoo***Piaya cayana*

We had great views of several including one on the Sendero Campano trail.

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo***Coccyzus americanus*

We had good views of one at Las Gaviotas

**OWLS Strigidae****Santa Marta Screech Owl (E, Cr)***Megascops sp. nov.*

One was heard calling nearby at El Dorado

**Black-and-White Owl***Strix nigrolineata*

Seen on a day roost in the Santa Marta range

**Ferruginous Pygmy Owl***Glaucidium brasilianum*

A few heard

**NIGHTJARS Caprimulgidae****Common Nighthawk***Chordeiles minor*

We had good views of six flying over Rioacha

**HUMMINGBIRDS Trochilidae****Rufous-breasted Hermit***Glaucis hirsutus*

We had great looks at one at Minca Hotel

**Pale-bellied Hermit***Phaethornis anthophilus*

A few seen at various locations

**White-necked Jacobin***Florisuga mellivora*

Common at the feeders at Minca Hotel

**Green Violetear***Colibri thalassinus*

Seen around El Dorado and also at feeders at Minca

**Sparkling Violetear***Colibri coruscans*

A couple was seen at El Dorado



**Ruby-topaz Hummingbird**

A fabulous male was seen near Los Flamencos

*Chrysolampis mosquitus*

**Red-billed Emerald**

One female was seen near Rioacha

*Chlorostilbon gibsoni*

**Crowned Woodnymph**

Up to six seen daily at El Dorado

*Thalurania colombica*

**Sapphire-throated Hummingbird**

Two were seen at Salamanca

*Lepidopyga coeruleogularis*

**Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird (E, Cr)**

One male was seen briefly at PNN Isla Salamanca

*Lepidopyga lilliae*

**Buffy Hummingbird (NE)**

A few seen on the Guajira

*Leucippus fallax*

**Rufous-tailed Hummingbird**

Quite common at the feeders at Minca

*Amazilia tzacatl*

**Steely-vented Hummingbird**

Up to thirty seen around Minca

*Amazilia saucerottii*

**White-vented Plumeleteer**

We had good sightings of several at Minca

*Chalybura buffonii*

**White-tailed Starfrontlet (E)**

A male and female were seen coming to feeders at El Dorado

*Coeligena phalerata*

**Tyrian Metaltail**

We had good views of two in the upper section at El Dorado

*Metallura tyrianthina*

**Long-billed Starthroat**

We had good views of one at Minca

*Helimaster longirostris*

**Santa Marta Woodstar (E)**

We had great scope views of two males below El Dorado

*Chaetocercus astreans*

**TROGONS Trogonidae****White-tipped Quetzal**

One male was seen in the Santa Marta range

*Pharomachrus fulgidus*

**Masked Trogon**

A pair was seen very well near El Dorado

*Trogon personatus*

**KINGFISHERS Alcedinidae****Green Kingfisher**

We had good views of two at km4 near Salamanca

*Chloroceryle americana*

**Amazon Kingfisher**

We had good views of one at km4 near Salamanca and another at Los Flamencos

*Chloroceryle amazon*

**Ringed Kingfisher**

We had great views of four at University Atlantico.

*Megaceryle torquata*

**MOTMOTS Momotidae****Whooping Motmot**

We had great views of two at University Atlantico and a further two near El Dorado

*Momotus subrufescens*

**JACAMARS Galbulidae****Rufous-tailed Jacamar**

We had good sightings at a number of places with great views of one at Sendero Campano trail.

*Galbula ruficauda*





**PUFFBIRDS Bucconidae****Pied Puffbird***Notharchus tectus*

We had great scope views of one at Salamanca

**Russet-throated Puffbird***Hypnelus ruficollis*

First seen at Salamanca with further sightings at Rioacha and near Los Flamencos

**TOUCANS Ramphastidae****Santa Marta Toucanet (E)***Aulacorhynchus lautus*

Several seen in the higher elevations of the Santa Marta range

**Groove-billed Toucanet (NE)***Aulacorhynchus sulcatus*

One seen well in the middle elevations of the Santa Marta range

**Collared Aracari***Pteroglossus torquatus*

Several were seen well near El Dorado

**Keel-billed Toucan***Ramphastos sulfuratus*

Several of these gorgeous birds were seen point blank near Minca

**WOODPECKERS Picidae****Scaled Piculet***Picumnus squamulatus*

We had good views of one on the way up to El Dorado

**Chestnut Piculet (NE)***Picumnus cinnamomeus*

We had cracking views of this wonderful bird at Salamanca and again on the Guajira

**Red-crowned Woodpecker***Melanerpes rubricapillus*

We had good views of three en route to El Dorado and again on the Guajira

**Golden-olive Woodpecker***Colaptes rubiginosus*

We had good views of one near Minca

**Lineated Woodpecker***Dryocopus lineatus*

One was seen well during the drive up to El Dorado

**Crimson-crested Woodpecker***Campephilus melanoleucos*

One was seen on the Sendero Campano trail, near Minca

**FALCONS, CARACARAS Falconidae****Northern Crested Caracara***Caracara cheriway*

We enjoyed great sightings on several days. Up to 20 seen around Rioacha

**Yellow-headed Caracara***Milvago chimachima*

Fairly common with good sightings around Salamanca

**American Kestrel***Falco sparverius*

Two were seen en route from Salamanca to Minca

**Aplomado Falcon***Falco femoralis*

One was seen hunting over the wetlands en route from Salamanca to Minca

**Bat Falcon***Falco rufigularis*

One seen above Minca during the drive from El Dorado to Minca

**Peregrine Falcon***Falco peregrinus*

We had good views of one near Los Flamencos

**AFRICAN & NEW WORLD PARROTS Psittacidae****Orange-chinned Parakeet***Brotheria jugularis*

We had great views of several above Minca



**Red-billed Parrot**

We had good views of one above Minca

*Pionus sordidus*

**Scaly-naped Amazon**

We had good views of many at El Dorado

*Amazona mercenarius*

**Green-rumped Parrotlet**

One was scoped whilst en route to Rioacha and several more seen flying over at Los Flamencos

*Forpus passerinus*

**Brown-throated Parakeet**

Seen very well at km4 near Salamanca and again near Rioacha

*Eupsittula pertinax*

**Military Macaw**

We had fair views of ten, including two perched on the Sendero Campano trail.

*Ara militaris*

**Scarlet-fronted Parakeet**

We had good views at upper El Dorado

*Psittacara wagleri*

### **OVENBIRDS Furnariidae**

**Caribbean (Pale-legged) Hornero**

One seen well and scoped on the Guajira

*Furnarius longirostris*

**White-whiskered Spinetail (NE)**

This fantastic species showed well on several occasions on the Guajira

*Synallaxis candei*

**Rusty-headed Spinetail (E)**

One was seen well in the upper section at El Dorado

*Synallaxis fuscorufa*

**Streak-capped Spinetail (E)**

Good views of three in the upper elevations in the Santa Marta range

*Cranioleuca hellmayri*

**Yellow-chinned Spinetail**

We had great views of four at km4 near Salamanca

*Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*

**Montane Foliage-gleaner**

A couple was seen near El Dorado

*Anabacerthia striaticollis*

**Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner (E)**

We had splendid views of a pair in the Santa Marta range

*Automolus rufipectus*

**Grey-throated Leaf-tosser**

Wonderful views of this skulker in the Santa Marta range

*Sclerurus albigularis*

**Plain Xenops**

One seen below El Dorado

*Xenops minutus*

**Plain-brown Woodcreeper**

We had great views of one at Las Gaviotas

*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*

**Straight-billed Woodcreeper**

We had great views of one at km4 near Salamanca and again near Rioacha

*Dendroplex picus*

**Cocoa Woodcreeper**

We had good views of two whilst en route up to El Dorado

*Xiphorhynchus susurrans*

**Streak-headed Woodcreeper**

One was seen at Salamanca

*Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*

**Montane Woodcreeper**

Several of the rarer Santa Marta subspecies, proposed as a split

*Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger*

### **ANTBIRDS Thamnophilidae**

**Black-crested Antshrike**

Seen at PNN Isla Salamanca

*Sakesphorus canadensis*

**Black-backed Antshrike (NE)**

Great views of one on Sendero Campano trail

*Thamnophilus melanonotus*



**Barred Antshrike**

We had good views of one at Las Gaviotas

*Thamnophilus doliatus*

**Northern White-fringed Antwren**

We had great views at Rioacha

*Formicivora intermedia*

**Santa Marta Antbird**

We had great views of three below El Dorado

*Drymophila hellmayri*

**White-bellied Antbird**

We had good views of a pair at Las Gaviotas

*Myrmeciza longipes*

**ANTPITTAS Grallariidae****Santa Marta Antpitta (E)**

We heard several below El Dorado

*Grallaria bangsi*

**Rusty-breasted [Ferruginous] Antpitta (NE)**

We had simply splendid views of two below El Dorado

*Grallaricula ferrugineipectus*

**TAPACULOS Rhinocryptidae****Santa Marta Tapaculo (E)**

Seen very well at middle elevation in the Santa Marta Mountains

*Scytalopus sanctaemartae*

**Brown-rumped Tapaculo (E)**

We heard one calling close by above El Dorado

*Scytalopus latebricola*

**TYRANT FLYCATCHERS Tyrannidae****Forest Elaenia**

We had good views of two at Las Gaviotas

*Myiopagis gaimardii*

**Brown-capped Tyrannulet**

We had good views of one at Las Gaviotas

*Ornithion brunneicapillus*

**White-throated Tyrannulet**

We had good views of two above El Dorado

*Mecocerculus leucophrys*

**Olive-striped Flycatcher**

Several were seen at El Dorado

*Mionectes olivaceus*

**Northern Scrub Flycatcher**

Seen wonderfully close and oblivious to us on the Guajira

*Sublegatus arenarum*

**Slender-billed Inezia (NE)**

Had equally nice looks at this species, as the previous

*Inezia tenuirostris*

**Pale-tipped Inezia**

We had great views of one near Los Flamencos

*Inezia caudata*

**Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant**

Seen at Minca

*Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer*

**Black-throated Tody-Tyrant**

We had good views of one at El Dorado

*Hemitriccus granadensis*

**Southern Bentbill**

We had awesome views of one at Las Gaviotas

*Oncostoma olivaceum*

**Pale-eyed Pygmy Tyrant**

Several seen at the Guajira

**Common Tody-Flycatcher**

One was seen at its nest at Salamanca

*Todirostrum cinereum*





**Cinnamon Flycatcher**

We had good views of one at below El Dorado

*Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus*

**Pied Water Tyrant**

We had great views of three at km4 near Salamanca

*Fluvicola pica*

**White-headed Marsh Tyrant**

We had great views of two at km4 near Salamanca

*Arundinicola leucocephala*

**Cattle Tyrant**

We had good views of several

*Machetornis rixosa*

**Rusty-margined Flycatcher**

One was seen at Salamanca

*Myiozetetes cayanensis*

**Social Flycatcher**

We saw one during the drive from Minca to Rioacha

*Myiozetetes similis*

**Great Kiskadee**

We had good views of several

*Pitangus sulphuratus*

**Golden-crowned Flycatcher**

We had great views of several at El Dorado

*Myiodynastes chrysocephalus*

**Streaked Flycatcher**

We had good views of one at Las Gaviotas

*Myiodynastes maculatus*

**Boat-billed Flycatcher**

We saw two at Las Gaviotas

*Megarynchus pitangua*

**Tropical Kingbird**

We had several sightings

*Tyrannus melancholicus*

**Grey Kingbird**

Several seen on the Guajira

*Tyrannus dominicensis*

**Venezuelan Flycatcher**

One seen on the Guajira

*Myiarchus venezuelensis*

**Panamanian Flycatcher**

We had superb scope views of one at Salamanca

*Myiarchus panamensis*

**Great Crested Flycatcher**

Two were seen at Las Gaviotas

*Myiarchus crinitus*

**Brown-crested Flycatcher**

We had great views of several near Rioacha

*Myiarchus tyrannulus*

**COTINGAS Cotingidae****Golden-breasted Fruiteater**

A few seen very well below El Dorado

*Pipreola aureopectus*

**MANAKINS Pipridae****White-bearded Manakin**

A superb male was seen below El Dorado

*Manacus manacus*

**Lance-tailed Manakin**

We had fantastic views of a splendid male at Las Gaviotas

*Chiroxiphia lanceolata*

**TITYRAS, BECARDS Tityridae****Masked Tityra**

We had good views of two below El Dorado

*Tityra semifasciata*

**Cinereous Becard**

We had good views of two above Minca

*Pachyramphus rufus*



**VIREOS, GREENLETS Vireonidae****Brown-capped Vireo***Vireo leucophrys*

We had good views of one above El Dorado

**Red-eyed Vireo***Vireo olivaceus*

We had good views of several at El Dorado and Las Gaviotas

**Scrub Greenlet***Hylophilus flavipes*

We had good views of one at Las Gaviotas

**CROWS, JAYS Corvidae****Black-chested Jay***Cyanocorax affinis*

We had daily sightings during our stay at El Dorado

**SWALLOWS, MARTINS Hirundinidae****Grey-breasted Martin***Progne chalybea*

A flock of 30 was seen along the powerlines during the drive up to El Dorado

**Southern Rough-winged Swallow***Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*

We had good views of 20 at Rioacha

**Barn Swallow***Hirundo rustica*

Two were seen flying along the coast whilst we were en route from Salamanca to Minca

**WRENS Troglodytidae****Stripe-backed Wren***Campylorhynchus nuchalis*

We had great views of a pair at km4 near Salamanca

**Bicolored Wren***Campylorhynchus griseus*

We enjoyed great sightings at km4 near Salamanca and also at Las Gaviotas

**Rufous-breasted Wren***Pheugopedius rutilus*

We had great views of one above Salamanca

**Rufous-and-white Wren***Thryophilus rufalbus*

A single bird showed well during the drive up to El Dorado

**Buff-breasted Wren***Cantorchilus leucotis*

We had good views of one at Las Gaviotas

**House Wren***Troglodytes aedon*

We had good views of two near Los Flamencos

**Grey-breasted Wood Wren***Henicorhina leucophrys*

We had good views of several around El Dorado

**Santa Marta Wood Wren (E)***Henicorhina anachoreta*

We had great views of one above El Dorado

**GNATCATCHERS Polioptilidae****Long-billed Gnatwren***Ramphocaenus melanurus*

We had great views of one at Las Gaviotas

**Tropical Gnatcatcher***Polioptila plumbea*

Several seen on the Guajira

**MOCKINGBIRDS, THRASHERS Mimidae****Tropical Mockingbird***Mimus gilvus*

We enjoyed good views of several on the Guajira



**THRUSHES Turdidae**

**Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush** *Catharus fuscater*

We had good views of one hopping along the track above El Dorado

**Great Thrush** *Turdus fuscater*

We had good views of one at the upper section above El Dorado

**Black-hooded Thrush** *Turdus olivater*

One male was seen well at middle elevations of Santa Marta Mountains

**Pale-breasted Thrush** *Turdus leucomelas*

Small numbers were seen daily around El Dorado

**White-necked Thrush** *Turdus albicollis*

We had good views of two below El Dorado

**OLD WORLD SPARROWS Passeridae**

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*

We had good views of three near Los Flamencos

**FINCHES Fringillidae**

**Trinidad Euphonia** *Euphonia trinitatis*

Several seen very well on the Guajira

**Thick-billed Euphonia** *Euphonia lanirostris*

A male was seen at Hotel Minca

**Blue-naped Chlorophonia** *Chlorophonia cyanea*

We had amazing sightings of many at El Dorado and again above Minca

**NEW WORLD WARBLERS Parulidae**

**Louisiana Waterthrush** *Parkesia motacilla*

We had good views of one at PNN Isla Salamanca

**Northern Waterthrush** *Parkesia noveboracensis*

We had good views of one near Los Flamencos

**Black-and-white Warbler** *Mniotilta varia*

We had good views of several near El Dorado

**Prothonotary Warbler** *Protonotaria citrea*

We had superb looks at one at Salamanca and several more on the Guajira

**Tennessee Warbler** *Leiothlypis peregrina*

We had good views of several en route to El Dorado

**Masked Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis aequinoctialis*

One was seen near Los Flamencos

**American Redstart** *Setophaga ruticilla*

We had great views of several above Minca

**Blackburnian Warbler** *Setophaga fusca*

We had good views of several during our time at El Dorado

**American Yellow Warbler** *Setophaga aestiva*

We had great looks at three at Las Gaviotas

**Blackpoll Warbler** *Setophaga striata*

We had good views of several on the Guajira

**Santa Marta Warbler (E)** *Myiothlypis basilica*

Two seen well at high elevation in the Santa Marta Mountains





**White-lored Warbler (E)**

Several seen in the Santa Marta range

*Myiothlypis conspicillata***Rufous-capped Warbler**

We had good views of a few above Minca

*Basileuterus rufifrons***Wilson's Warbler**

We had splendid views of this rare migrant at Salamanca

*Cardellina pusilla***Slate-throated Whitestart**

We had good views of several during our time at El Dorado

*Myioborus miniatus***Yellow-crowned Whitestart (E)**

Several seen very well at high elevation in the Santa Marta Mountains

*Myioborus flavivertex***OROPENDOLAS, ORIOLES AND BLACKBIRDS Icteridae****Eastern Meadowlark**

We had good views of one whilst en route from Salamanca to Minca

*Sturnella magna***Red-breasted Blackbird**

We had good views of a male whilst en route from Salamanca to Minca

*Sturnella militaris***Crested Oropendola**

We had great views of one daily at El Dorado

*Psarocolius decumanus***Yellow-backed Oriole**

We had good views of several above Minca

*Icterus chrysater***Yellow Oriole**

We had good views of two near Los Flamencos

*Icterus nigrogularis***Baltimore Oriole**

We had superb views of several around Minca

*Icterus galbula***Orange-crowned Oriole**

We had good views of two at Las Gaviotas

*Icterus auricapillus***Carib Grackle**

Several were seen very well at km4 near Salamanca

*Quiscalus lugubris***Great-tailed Grackle**

Seen fairly commonly along the coast

*Quiscalus mexicanus***BANANAQUIT Coerebidae****Bananaquit**

We had good views of several around Minca and another on the Guajira

*Coereba flaveola***BUNTINGS, NEW WORLD SPARROWS AND ALLIES Emberizidae****Rufous-collared Sparrow**

One seen at El Dorado

*Zonotrichia capensis***Tocuyo Sparrow (NE)**

One seen very well by all participants on the Guajira, a very rare bird!

*Arremonops tocuyensis***Golden-winged Sparrow (NE)**

One superb male was seen at Minca

*Arremon schlegeli***Sierra Nevada Brushfinch (E)**

A few seen at El Dorado

*Arremon basilicus***Santa Marta Brushfinch (E)**

Numerous in the Santa Marta range

*Atlapetes melanocephalus*

**TANAGERS AND ALLIES Thraupidae**

<b>Crimson-backed Tanager</b>	<i>Ramphocelus dimidiatus</i>
We had great views of several around Minca	
<b>Blue-grey Tanager</b>	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>
Several were seen around Minca	
<b>Glaucous Tanager (NE)</b>	<i>Thraupis glaucocolpa</i>
One seen very well on the Guajira	
<b>Palm Tanager</b>	<i>Thraupis palmarum</i>
We had good views of one at Las Gaviotas	
<b>Blue-capped Tanager</b>	<i>Thraupis cyanocephala</i>
We had great views of several near El Dorado	
<b>Santa Marta Mountain Tanager (E)</b>	<i>Anisognathus melanogenys</i>
This species put on a great show for us at high elevation in the Santa Marta Mountains	
<b>Bay-headed Tanager</b>	<i>Tangara gyrola</i>
We had great views of many around El Dorado	
<b>Black-capped Tanager</b>	<i>Tangara heinei</i>
A few were seen at El Dorado and above Minca	
<b>Black-headed Tanager</b>	<i>Tangara cyanoptera</i>
A male of this rare bird was seen at middle elevation in the Santa Marta range	
<b>Bicoloured Conebill</b>	<i>Conirostrum bicolor</i>
We had great views of five at PNN Isla Salamanca	
<b>Rusty Flowerpiercer</b>	<i>Diglossa sittoides</i>
A sub-adult was seen in the gardens at El Dorado	
<b>White-sided Flowerpiercer</b>	<i>Diglossa albilatera</i>
We had good views of several at El Dorado	
<b>Grey Pileated Finch</b>	<i>Coryphospingus pileatus</i>
Seen very well on a few occasions on the Guajira	
<b>Grey Seedeater</b>	<i>Sporophila intermedia</i>
We had great views of one at Las Gaviotas	
<b>Black-faced Grassquit</b>	<i>Tiaris bicolor</i>
We had good views of a pair near Los Flamencos	

**CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS AND ALLIES Cardinalidae**

<b>Summer Tanager</b>	<i>Piranga rubra</i>
We had good views of several above Minca	
<b>Golden Grosbeak</b>	<i>Pheucticus chrysogaster</i>
We had great views of two in the upper section of El Dorado	
<b>Rose-breasted Grosbeak</b>	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>
We had great views of several above Minca and on the Guajira	
<b>Vermilion Cardinal (NE)</b>	<i>Cardinalis phoeniceus</i>
Several gorgeous males sat up, singing, giving splendid views on the Guajira!	
<b>Buff-throated Saltator</b>	<i>Saltator maximus</i>
We had good views of several at Minca	
<b>Greyish Saltator</b>	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>
We had great views of three on the Guajira	
<b>Orinoco Saltator</b>	<i>Saltator orinocensis</i>
After some effort seen very well on the Guajira	



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**Streaked Saltator**

*Saltator striatipectus*

We had good views of two above Minca

**MAMMALS**

**Central American Agouti**

*Dasyprocta punctate*

We had good views of two at El Dorado

**Red-tailed Squirrel**

*Sciurus granatensis*

We had good views of several at El Dorado

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