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Colombia

Santa Marta Extension II

8th to 13th November 2016 (6 days)

Trip Report



Santa Marta Blossomcrown by Clayton Burne

Trip report compiled by tour leader: Rob Williams



The Santa Marta mountains are an isolated massif north of the Andes overlooking the emerald waters of the Caribbean and are probably the most recognised area of endemism in the Western Hemisphere. This volcanic range, that dates from the Cretaceous period, stands apart from any Andean chain. Its highest peaks jut some 5700m above sea level, despite the turquoise waters of the Caribbean being a mere 29.6 miles away. The geographic and temporal isolation and its location in the tropics has resulted in the Santa Marta mountains developing the highest level of endemism anywhere on a continent. In a very real sense, the Santa Marta range is an island of evolution that has fascinated biologists for decades and new taxa are still being discovered in this “Lost World”. Our extension to the Santa Marta range focussed on the only road access to higher levels and was combined with time spent birding the more widespread habitats of coastal mangrove and scrub.

The top ten birds seen on the trip were voted as:

1. Rusty-breasted Antpitta
2. Santa Marta Blossomcrown
3. Chestnut Piculet
4. Santa Marta Woodstar
5. Black-and-white Owl
6. Santa Marta Mountain Tanager
7. American Flamingo
8. Scaled Piculet
9. Mottled Owl
10. Buffy Hummingbird

Tuesday 8 November



American Flamingo by Adam Riley

After a delayed flight from Bogota most of the participants arrived in Rioacha at 6 pm and travelled to the hotel to meet David and Jane who had flown in earlier. The only birds seen were 2 Double-striped Thick-knees seen wandering around the runway by Dave, Carol and Rob.

Wednesday 9 November

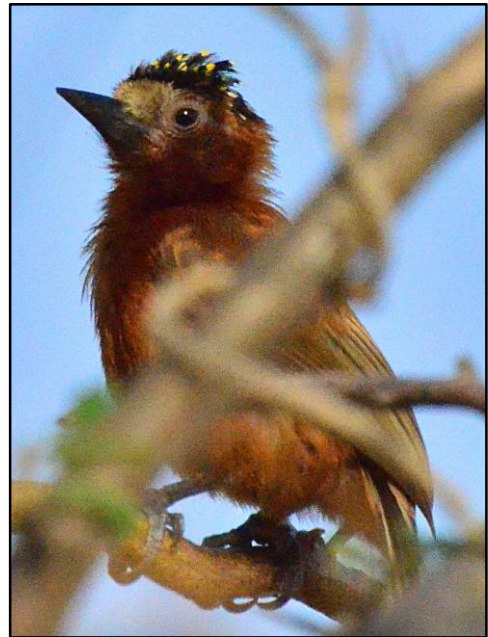
Awaking to the surprising US election result and after a night of torrential rain we headed towards the village of Camarones and started the day in still spitting rain under darkened skies beside

the lagoon. We found a good variety of waterbirds including Reddish Egret, Tricoloured Heron, American Flamingo and American White Ibis. A bedraggled Double-striped Thick-knee was scoped, allowing the rest of the group to catch up on the previous night’s sighting, and the first of several Crested Bobwhites was seen. The normally dry xerophytic scrub had running water under it and was greener than I had ever seen it. We met up with a local guide, José Luis, and quickly changing plans, we headed to an abandoned road that gave us dry passage through the habitat and we were soon enjoying views of Chestnut Piculet, White-whiskered Spinetail, Slender-billed Inezia, Northern Scrub



Flycatcher, Glaucous Tanager, Black-faced Grassquit, Grey Pileated Finch and Bare-eyed Pigeon. We called in an obliging pair of the stunning Vermillion Cardinal. Heading on to another area we found Orinoco Saltator, Buffy Hummingbird and 3 Grey-capped Cuckoos, including one singing. Two Green-rumped Parrotlets were seen well near the village.

An additional stop to try for Tocuyo Sparrow (the usual sites were flooded making access all but impossible!) failed, but provided a compensation of a Dickcissel and a perched Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl. A couple of brief stops en route to lunch were thwarted by heat and the onset of another storm. During our lunch stop we enjoyed good looks at a Pearl Kite devouring a large lizard, Common Black Hawk, Amazon Kingfisher and Pale-breasted Thrush. Below Minca we walked a few hundred meters of a trail finding a Keel-billed Toucan and Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant. Arriving at the hotel a brief look at the hummingbird feeders gave us good looks at White-vented Plumeleater, White-necked Jacobin, Rufous-tailed and Steely-vented Hummingbirds.



Chestnut Piculet by Clayton Burne

Thursday 10 November

From Minca we headed up the northwest slope of the Santa Marta mountains through coffee plantations and eventually montane forest to the El Dorado Lodge. We birded our way up the very rough road, the previous month's hurricane having made it even worse than normal. En route we enjoyed a series of flocks and picked up a series of good birds that included Whooping Motmot, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Keel-billed Toucan, Golden-winged Sparrow, and Coppery Emerald. As we ascended we came into the altitudinal range of some of the Santa Marta endemics and by the time we reached the lodge for lunch we had seen: Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner, White-lored Warbler, Santa Marta Tapaculo, Santa Marta Antbird, Santa Marta Brush-Finch and a nice male White-tailed Starfrontlet.

In the afternoon we birded around the lodge area picking up the endemic Sierra Nevada Brush-Finch and seeing the Band-tailed Guans that abound. A quick walk up the road added the Santa Marta Toucanet. After dinner owling was very tricky with a very bright moon - we heard and had flight views of 2 Santa Marta Screech-Owls but they were always perching far into dense foliage and could not be seen perched.



Santa Marta Mountain Tanager by Clayton Burne

Friday 11 November

An early owling attempt (the moon having set at this time) worked well with us getting brief but close looks at the endemic Santa Marta Screech-Owl. We then drove up to the San Lorenzo ridge and arrive to find it was a very windy morning. Whilst we enjoyed the views to the snowcapped summits on one side and the



Caribbean sea on the other, conditions made birding very challenging and we had to work hard to get the endemics we were after. Unfortunately we only heard the Santa Marta Bush Tyrant and did not even hear the Santa Marta Parakeet (these have not been seen on the ridge since the hurricane went through and took down many trees). We did catch up with the following endemics: Santa Marta Mountain Tanager, Santa Marta Warbler, Rusty-headed Spinetail, Streak-capped Spinetail and Brown-rumped Tapaculo. Heading slightly lower in altitude we found White-tipped Quetzal and several Golden-breasted Fruiteaters and came very close to seeing a Santa Marta Antpitta that was calling downslope. Checking out some flowering trees Dave found a couple of the tiny endemic Santa Marta Woodstars.

After lunch and a brief rest, we headed down the road and searched out a lekking Santa Marta Blossomcrown - we could hear the bird calling but it was down a steep densely vegetated slope and we could not see it. So we changed plans and headed back to the shop at Palo Alto - after a delicious coffee or chocolate we were rewarded with prolonged looks at a foraging male Santa Marta Blossomcrown.

Saturday 12 November

Some of the group started the day a few km up the road above the lodge. As it got light we heard a calling Mottled Owl and managed to get good looks. A Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush and Sierra Nevada Brush-Finch were seen on the road. Our main target was the endemic Santa Marta Antpitta; we heard a couple calling and managed to lure one to dash across the road, but shortly after we saw one close in the undergrowth that climbed the roadside bank allowing reasonable views. Two White-tailed Quetzals called and fed in roadside trees. After breakfast we started back down the road towards Minca. We made a stop to try and see Rusty-breasted Antpitta and the whole group enjoyed fabulous prolonged views at this wonderful little antpitta. Further down we enjoyed some flocks and caught up with the delightful diminutive Scaled Piculet. Two roosting Black-and-white Owls were watched in the scope before we stopped at the Hotel Minca for lunch.



Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird by Clayton Burne



Buffy Hummingbird by Adam Riley

After lunch we worked hard but eventually teased out the local Black-backed Antshrike. Heading down to the coast we stopped and enjoyed great looks at about 10 of the endemic Chestnut-winged Chachalacas. As we headed west an impressive thunderstorm developed and we made a few stops to view waders and waterbirds from the bus en route to Barranquilla.

Sunday 13 November

We started the morning with a minor shunt at the toll booth which delayed our arrival at PN Salamanca slightly. We started birding the



Mangrove trail and were rewarded with Bicoloured Conebill, an immature Bare-throated Tiger-Heron, Pied Puffbird and many Prothonotary Warblers. Back around the visitor centre we enjoyed great looks at Panama Flycatcher before we finally pinned down the Critically Endangered Endemic Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird. We headed on to the track at km 4. This area was hit hard by the rainfall during the recent hurricane and we had time to walk in and out along the somewhat muddy track. The birding was great though and in addition to good numbers of many waterbirds we caught up with a good variety of landbirds including the endemic Bronze-brown Cowbird and the delightful Stripe-backed Wrens. It was getting hot so we headed back to the hotel to freshen up and then on for a delicious lunch before going to the airport for our flights to Bogota.



Chestnut-winged Chachalaca by Clayton Burne

We had enjoyed a wonderful extension, recording some 287 bird species including 25 Colombian endemics, despite the sometimes challenging weather and road conditions. It was a great finale to the 6 who had been on the endemics tour and a taster of what was to come for the two who were going on to the highlights tour.

ANNOTATED LIST OF BIRDS RECORDED (287 species)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows the IOC List 6.4. Gill, F. and M. Wright. 2016. Birds of the World: Recommended English Names. Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press. Names in round brackets represent alternative names for the species.

	TINAMOUS - Tinamidae
Red-legged Tinamou Heard below Minca	<i>Crypturellus erythropus</i>
Little Tinamou Heard below Minca	<i>Crypturellus soui</i>

	DUCKS, GEESE, AND WATERFOWL - Anatidae
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck Several seen.	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>
Blue-winged Teal Several seen.	<i>Anas discors</i>
White-cheeked Pintail 2 seen on a coastal lagoon.	<i>Anas bahamensis</i>

	GUANS, CHACHALACAS, AND CURASSOWS - Cracidae
Chestnut-winged Chachalaca - E About 10 seen near Santa Marta.	<i>Ortalis garrula</i>
Rufous-vented Chachalaca 2 seen near Camarones.	<i>Ortalis ruficauda</i>
Band-tailed Guan Common at El Dorado with up to 20 around the lodge.	<i>Penelope argyrotis</i>



Sickle-winged Guan *Chamaepetes goudotii*
A couple seen near El Dorado.

NEW WORLD QUAIL - Odontophoridae

Crested Bobwhite *Colinus cristatus*

Several seen near Camarones.

Black-fronted Wood Quail - VU *Odontophorus atrifrons*

Heard twice near El Dorado.

FLAMINGOS - Phoenicopteridae

American Flamingo *Phoenicopterus ruber*

About 50 at PN Los Flamencos and 1 near Barranquilla.

STORKS - Ciconiidae

Wood Stork *Mycteria americana*

Several en route to Barranquilla.

IBISES AND SPOONBILLS - Threskiornithidae

Bare-faced Ibis *Phimosus infuscatus*

A few seen.

American White Ibis *Eudocimus albus*

About 10 at PN Los Flamencos.

Roseate Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja*

A few seen.

HERONS, EGRETS, AND BITTERNs - Ardeidae

Rufescent Tiger Heron *Tigrisoma lineatum*

1 at km 4 near Barranquilla.

Bare-throated Tiger Heron *Tigrisoma mexicanum*

1 immature seen well at PN Isla Salamanca.

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Common.

Yellow-crowned Night Heron *Nyctanassa violacea*

1 seen by Dave at km 4 and 1 en route to Barranquilla.

Green Heron *Butorides virescens*

A few seen.

Striated Heron *Butorides striata*

A few seen.

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

Common.

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*

A few seen.

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi*

Fairly common at km 4.

Great Egret *Ardea alba*

Common.

Reddish Egret - NT *Egretta rufescens*

Several in coastal localities.

Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor*

A few seen.

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*

A few seen.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*

Common.



Brown Pelican
Common along coast.

PELICANS - Pelecanidae
Pelecanus occidentalis

Magnificent Frigatebird
A couple seen at PN Los Flamencos.

FRIGATEBIRDS - Fregatidae
Fregata magnificens

Neotropic Cormorant
Common.

CORMORANTS AND SHAGS - Phalacrocoracidae
Phalacrocorax brasilianus

Turkey Vulture
Common. A large movement eastwards noted on the 9th involving thousands of birds.

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture
Several at km 4.

Black Vulture
Common.

NEW WORLD VULTURES - Cathartidae
Cathartes aura
Cathartes burrovianus
Coragyps atratus

Western Osprey
2 at km 4.

OSPREY - Pandionidae
Pandion haliaetus

Pearl Kite
1 at the lunch stop en route to Minca eating a large lizard. Another at km 4.

White-tailed Kite
1 near Camarones.

Black-collared Hawk
1 seen at km 4.

Snail Kite
Common at km 4.

Common Black Hawk
A couple seen in coastal lowlands.

White-rumped Hawk
1 below El Dorado seen briefly by Rob from the vehicle.

Grey-lined Hawk
3 seen near Minca.

Broad-winged Hawk
Common on Santa Marta mountains.

Zone-tailed Hawk
1 near Camarones.

HAWKS, EAGLES, AND KITES - Accipitridae
Gampsonyx swainsonii
Elanus leucurus
Busarellus nigricollis
Rostrhamus sociabilis
Buteogallus anthracinus
Parabuteo leucorrhous
Buteo nitidus
Buteo platypterus
Buteo albonotatus

Purple Gallinule
A few at km 4.

Common Gallinule
1 at km 4.

RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS - Rallidae
Porphyrio martinicus
Gallinula galeata

Limpkin
Fairly common at km 4.

LIMPKIN - Aramididae
Aramus guarauna



THICK-KNEES - Burhinidae

Double-striped Thick-knee *Burhinus bistriatus*
Two on Rioacha runway and 1 scoped at PN Los Flamencos.

STILTS AND AVOCETS - Recurvirostridae

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*
Common.

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS - Charadriidae

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis*
Fairly common.

American Golden Plover *Pluvialis dominica*
4 seen at Camarones.

JACANAS - Jacanidae

Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana*
Common at km 4.

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES - Scolopacidae

Wilson's Snipe *Gallinago delicata*
1 seen near Santa Marta.

Short-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus griseus*
A flock of about 8 birds on a coastal lagoon.

Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus*
1 with the Short-billed Dowitchers.

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*
Several seen and heard.

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*
Several on coast.

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*
Several on coast.

Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria*
Several on coast.

Willet *Tringa semipalmata*
Several on coast.

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*
Several on coast.

Semipalmated Sandpiper - NT *Calidris pusilla*
Several on coast.

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*
Several on coast.

GULLS, TERNS, AND SKIMMERS - Laridae

Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger*
Several hundred en route to Barranquilla.

Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla*
Common on coastal lagoons.

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*
About 30 at km 4.

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*
Common on coastal lagoons.

Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus*
Common on coastal lagoons.



Cabot's Tern Common on coastal lagoons.	<i>Thalasseus acuflavidus</i>
Least Tern 100+ at km 4.	<i>Sternula antillarum</i>
Large-billed Tern 30+ at km 4.	<i>Phaetusa simplex</i>

PIGEONS AND DOVES - Columbidae

Rock Dove - I Common around human habitation.	<i>Columba livia</i>
Bare-eyed Pigeon About 50 near Camarones.	<i>Patagioenas corensis</i>
Band-tailed Pigeon 20 on the San Lorenzo ridge.	<i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>
Pale-vented Pigeon 6 in coastal lowlands.	<i>Patagioenas cayennensis</i>
Scaled Dove Fairly common.	<i>Columbina squammata</i>
Common Ground Dove Fairly common.	<i>Columbina passerina</i>
Ruddy Ground Dove Common.	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>
White-tipped Dove Fairly common.	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>
Lined Quail-Dove - NE 2 seen near El Dorado.	<i>Zentrygon linearis</i>
Eared Dove A few seen.	<i>Zenaida auriculata</i>

CUCKOOS - Cuculidae

Smooth-billed Ani A couple seen at km 4.	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>
Groove-billed Ani Several seen.	<i>Crotophaga sulcirostris</i>
Striped Cuckoo Heard at Gaviotas.	<i>Tapera naevia</i>
Squirrel Cuckoo Several above Minca.	<i>Piaya cayana</i>
Yellow-billed Cuckoo 2 seen near Camarones.	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>
Grey-capped Cuckoo - NE 3 seen near Camarones, including one singing.	<i>Coccyzus lansbergi</i>

OWLS - Strigidae

Santa Marta Screech-Owl - E 2 seen briefly the first evening at El Dorado and 1 seen quite well twice the next morning.	<i>Megascops sp. nov.</i>
Black-and-white Owl 2 seen very well at their day roost near Minca.	<i>Strix nigrolineata</i>
Mottled Owl 1 seen before dawn above El Dorado.	<i>Strix virgata</i>
Stygian Owl 1 seen on San Lorenzo	<i>Asio stygius</i>
Ferruginous Pygmy Owl 2 seen near Camarones.	<i>Glaucidium brasilianum</i>



White-collared Swift
A few seen above Minca.

SWIFTS - Apodidae
Streptoprocne zonaris

Long-billed Hermit
1 flashed past near Minca.

HUMMINGBIRDS - Trochilidae
Phaethornis longirostris

White-necked Jacobin
Common at Minca.

Florisuga mellivora

Green Violetear
Common at El Dorado.

Colibri thalassinus

Sparkling Violetear
Common at El Dorado.

Colibri coruscans

Coppery Emerald - NE
A male and a female seen

Chlorostilbon russatus

Crowned Woodnymph
Common at Minca and El Dorado.

Thalurania colombica

Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird - E – CR *Lepidopyga lilliae*
1 male at PN Isla Salamanca.

Buffy Hummingbird - NE
3 near Camarones.

Leucippus fallax

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird
Common at Minca.

Amazilia tzacatl

Steely-vented Hummingbird
Common at Minca.

Amazilia saucerrottei

Santa Marta Blossomcrown - E – VU *Anthocephala floriceps*
1 at Palo Alto and another heard calling below El Dorado.

White-vented Plumeleteer
Common at Minca.

Chalybura buffonii

White-tailed Starfrontlet - E
1 male at Palo Alto.

Coeligena phalerata

Tyrian Metaltail
Several on the San Lorenzo ridge.

Metallura tyrianthina

Santa Marta Woodstar - E
2 seen just above El Dorado and a male scoped near Palo Alto.

Chaetocercus astreans

White-tipped Quetzal - NE
3 seen well above El Dorado.

TROGONS - Trogonidae
Pharomachrus fulgidus

Green Kingfisher
Several on coast.
Amazon Kingfisher
1 seen near Camarones.

KINGFISHERS - Alcedinidae
Chloroceryle americana

Chloroceryle amazona

Ringed Kingfisher
Several on coast.

Megaceryle torquata

Whooping Motmot
1 seen in a coffee plantation above Minca.

MOTMOTS - Momotidae
Momotus subrufescens



Rufous-tailed Jacamar
A couple seen.

JACAMARS - Galbulidae
Galbula ruficauda

Pied Puffbird
1 at PN Isla Salamanca.

Russet-throated Puffbird - NE
Common.

PUFFBIRDS - Bucconidae
Notharchus tectus
Hypnelus ruficollis

Santa Marta Toucanet - E
2 above El Dorado.

Collared Aracari
Heard near Minca,

Keel-billed Toucan
Several near Minca.

TOUCANS - Ramphastidae
Aulacorhynchus lautus
Pteroglossus torquatus
Ramphastos sulfuratus

Scaled Piculet - NE
2 seen well above Minca.

Chestnut Piculet - NE
2 seen well near Camarones.

Red-crowned Woodpecker
Common.

Spot-breasted Woodpecker
1 seen at km 4.

Lineated Woodpecker
Heard above Minca.

Crimson-crested Woodpecker
1 seen above Minca.

WOODPECKERS - Picidae
Picumnus squamulatus
Picumnus cinnamomeus
Melanerpes rubricapillus
Colaptes punctigula
Dryocopus lineatus
Campephilus melanoleucos

FALCONS AND CARACARAS - Falconidae

Northern Crested Caracara
Fairly common.

Yellow-headed Caracara
Fairly common.

Merlin
1 near Guajira.

Bat Falcon
1 above El Dorado.

Peregrine Falcon
1 at km 4.

Caracara cheriway
Milvago chimachima
Falco columbarius
Falco rufigularis
Falco peregrinus

AFRICAN & NEW WORLD PARROTS - Psittacidae

Orange-chinned Parakeet
Fairly common.

Red-billed Parrot
Several near El Dorado lodge.

Blue-headed Parrot
Common in lowlands and foothills.

Scaly-naped Amazon
2 seen on the San Lorenzo ridge.

Brotogeris jugularis
Pionus sordidus
Pionus menstruus
Amazona mercenarius



Green-rumped Parrotlet 2 seen well at Camarones.	<i>Forpus passerinus</i>
Brown-throated Parakeet Common in lowlands.	<i>Eupsittula pertinax</i>
Scarlet-fronted Parakeet Many heard at higher elevations.	<i>Psittacara wagleri</i>

OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS - Furnariidae

Caribbean Hornero - NE Heard near Camarones.	<i>Furnarius longirostris</i>
White-whiskered Spinetail - NE 4 seen well near Camarones.	<i>Synallaxis candei</i>
Rusty-headed Spinetail - E - VU 2 seen on the San Lorenzo ridge.	<i>Synallaxis fusciorufa</i>
Streak-capped Spinetail - E 3 seen on the San Lorenzo ridge, including 1 visiting a nest.	<i>Cranioleuca hellmayri</i>
Yellow-chinned Spinetail Good views at km 4.	<i>Certhiaxis cinnamomeus</i>
Spotted Barbtail Heard near El Dorado Lodge.	<i>Premnoplex brunnescens</i>
Montane Foliage-gleaner 2 above El Dorado.	<i>Anabacerthia striaticollis</i>
Flammulated Treehunter 1 heard on the San Lorenzo ridge.	<i>Thripadectes flammulatus</i>
Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner - E – NT 2 seen and another heard above Minca.	<i>Automolus rufipectus</i>
Grey-throated Leaf-tosser - NT 1 heard near El Dorado lodge.	<i>Sclerurus albigularis</i>
Black-banded Woodcreeper 1 seen above Minca.	<i>Dendrocolaptes picumnus</i>
Straight-billed Woodcreeper 5 near Camarones.	<i>Dendroplex picus</i>
Cocoa Woodcreeper 2 seen above Minca.	<i>Xiphorhynchus susurrans</i>
Streak-headed Woodcreeper Several in coastal lowlands.	<i>Lepidocolaptes souleyetii</i>

ANTBIRDS - Thamnophilidae

Black-crested Antshrike Several at Camarones, Isla Salamanca and km 4.	<i>Sakesphorus canadensis</i>
Black-backed Antshrike - NE 1 male seen below Minca and others heard.	<i>Thamnophilus melanonotus</i>
Barred Antshrike Heard above Minca.	<i>Thamnophilus doliatus</i>
Slaty Antwren 1 of the endemic <i>sanctamartae</i> subspecies seen below El Dorado.	<i>Myrmotherula schisticolor</i>
Northern White-fringed Antwren – NE Several seen near Camarones.	<i>Formicivora intermedia</i>
Santa Marta Antbird - E 2 sightings on the road above Minca.	<i>Drymophila hellmayri</i>

ANTPITTAS - Grallariidae

Santa Marta Antpitta - E - VU 2 seen above El Dorado.	<i>Grallaria bangsi</i>
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Rufous Antpitta - E	<i>Grallaria rufula spatiator</i>
1 heard on the San Lorenzo ridge.	
Rusty-breasted Antpitta	<i>Grallaricula ferrugineipectus</i>
Great looks at 1 above Palo Alto on the way down to Minca.	

TAPACULOS - Rhinocryptidae

Santa Marta Tapaculo - E	<i>Scytalopus sanctaemartae</i>
A couple seen, including 1 very well.	
Brown-rumped Tapaculo - E	<i>Scytalopus latebricola</i>
Several heard and 1 seen.	

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS - Tyrannidae

Black-capped Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias nigrocapillus</i>
1 above El Dorado.	
Forest Elaenia	<i>Myiopagis gaimardii</i>
1 heard near Minca.	
White-throated Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus leucophrys</i>
4 on the San Lorenzo ridge.	
Mouse-colored Tyrannulet	<i>Phaeomyias murina</i>
1 near Camarones.	
Coopmans's Tyrannulet - NE	<i>Zimmerius minimus</i>
1 above Minca.	
Olive-striped Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes olivaceus</i>
Several above Minca.	
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes oleagineus</i>
2 near Minca.	
Sepia-capped Flycatcher	<i>Leptopogon amaurocephalus</i>
2 above Minca.	
Northern Scrub Flycatcher	<i>Sublegatus arenarum</i>
Common along coast.	
Slender-billed Inezia - NE	<i>Inezia tenuirostris</i>
Several near Camarones.	
Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant	<i>Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer</i>
1 near Camarones.	
Black-throated Tody-Tyrant	<i>Hemitriccus granadensis</i>
1 above El Dorado.	
Pale-eyed Pygmy Tyrant	<i>Atalotriccus pilaris</i>
2 seen and several heard near Minca.	
Common Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>
Common.	
Yellow-olive Flatbill	<i>Tolmomyias sulphurescens</i>
1 seen near Minca.	
Acadian Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax virescens</i>
1 above Minca.	
Vermilion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>
2 at km 4.	
Santa Marta Bush Tyrant - E - EN	<i>Myiotheretes pernix</i>
1 heard on the San Lorenzo ridge.	
Pied Water Tyrant	<i>Fluvicola pica</i>
Several at km 4.	
Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant	<i>Silvicultrix diadema</i>
1 heard on the San Lorenzo ridge.	
Cattle Tyrant	<i>Machetornis rixosa</i>
1 at km 4.	



Rusty-margined Flycatcher 3 seen.	<i>Myiozetetes cayanensis</i>
Social Flycatcher 3 seen.	<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>
Great Kiskadee Common.	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>
Golden-crowned Flycatcher 3 seen at El Dorado lodge.	<i>Myiodynastes chrysocephalus</i>
Boat-billed Flycatcher Several seen near Minca.	<i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>
Tropical Kingbird Common.	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>
Grey Kingbird Common on the Guajira peninsula.	<i>Tyrannus dominicensis</i>
Dusky-capped Flycatcher 1 above Minca.	<i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>
Panamanian Flycatcher 2 at PN Isla Salamanca.	<i>Myiarchus panamensis</i>
Great Crested Flycatcher 1 below Minca.	<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>
Venezuelan Flycatcher 1 above Minca.	<i>Myiarchus venezuelensis</i>
Bright-rumped Attila Heard above Minca.	<i>Attila spadiceus</i>

COTINGAS - Cotingidae

Golden-breasted Fruiteater - NE Several seen above El Dorado.	<i>Pipreola aureopectus</i>
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MANAKINS - Pipridae

White-bearded Manakin 3 seen near Minca.	<i>Manacus manacus</i>
Lance-tailed Manakin Heard below Minca.	<i>Chiroxiphia lanceolata</i>

VIREOS - Vireonidae

Brown-capped Vireo 1 near El Dorado.	<i>Vireo leucophrys</i>
Red-eyed Vireo 2 above Minca.	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>
Yellow-green Vireo 2 above Minca.	<i>Vireo flavoviridis</i>
Scrub Greenlet 1 near Camarones.	<i>Hylophilus flavipes</i>

CROWS, JAYS, AND MAGPIES - Corvidae

Black-chested Jay Several groups seen.	<i>Cyanocorax affinis</i>
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SWALLOWS - Hirundinidae

Grey-breasted Martin 2 at km 4.	<i>Progne chalybea</i>
Southern Rough-winged Swallow Several below Minca.	<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>



Barn Swallow 10 at PN Los Flamencos.	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
American Cliff Swallow 5 at PN los Flamencos.	<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>

WRENS - Troglodytidae

Stripe-backed Wren - NE 4 at km 4.	<i>Campylorhynchus nuchalis</i>
Bicolored Wren Fairly common.	<i>Campylorhynchus griseus</i>
Rufous-breasted Wren 2 seen and several heard near Minca.	<i>Pheugopedius rutilus</i>
Rufous-and-white Wren 2 seen and several heard near Minca.	<i>Thryophilus rufalbus</i>
Buff-breasted Wren 1 seen near Camarones and 1 above Minca,	<i>Cantorchilus leucotis</i>
House Wren Common.	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>
Henicorhina leucophrys anachoreta - E Heard at higher elevations.	
Henicorhina leucophrys bangsi - E Heard and seen near El Dorado.	

GNATCATCHERS - Polioptilidae

Tropical Gnatcatcher Fairly common.	<i>Polioptila plumbea</i>
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MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS - Mimidae

Tropical Mockingbird Fairly common.	<i>Mimus gilvus</i>
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THRUSHES AND ALLIES - Turdidae

Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush 1 seen above Minca.	<i>Catharus aurantiirostris</i>
Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush 1 on the road at dawn above El Dorado.	<i>Catharus fuscater</i>
Swainson's Thrush 2 above Minca.	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>
Great Thrush 3 at higher elevations.	<i>Turdus fuscater</i>
Black-hooded Thrush 1 above El Dorado.	<i>Turdus olivater</i>
Pale-breasted Thrush Common.	<i>Turdus leucomelas</i>
White-necked Thrush 2 adults and a recently fledged juvenile at El Dorado.	<i>Turdus albicollis</i>

FINCHES, EUPHONIAS - Fringillidae

Trinidad Euphonia Heard and 2 females seen.	<i>Euphonia trinitatis</i>
Thick-billed Euphonia Fairly common.	<i>Euphonia laniirostris</i>
Blue-naped Chlorophonia Common at El Dorado.	<i>Chlorophonia cyanea</i>



NEW WORLD WARBLERS - Parulidae	
Louisiana Waterthrush Heard below El Dorado.	<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>
Black-and-white Warbler A few seen above Minca.	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>
Prothonotary Warbler Common along coast.	<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>
Tennessee Warbler Fairly common.	<i>Leiothlypis peregrina</i>
American Redstart Fairly common.	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>
Bay-breasted Warbler 1 above Minca.	<i>Setophaga castanea</i>
Blackburnian Warbler Common at higher elevations.	<i>Setophaga fusca</i>
American Yellow Warbler Fairly common.	<i>Setophaga aestiva</i>
Blackpoll Warbler Several in coastal localities.	<i>Setophaga striata</i>
Santa Marta Warbler - E 2 on the San Lorenzo ridge.	<i>Myiothlypis basilica</i>
White-lored Warbler - E Fairly common.	<i>Myiothlypis conspicillata</i>
Rufous-capped Warbler Fairly common.	<i>Basileuterus rufifrons</i>
Slate-throated Whitestart 4 above Minca.	<i>Myioborus miniatus</i>
Yellow-crowned Whitestart - E 10 on the San Lorenzo ridge.	<i>Myioborus flavivertex</i>

TROUPIALS AND ALLIES - Icteridae	
Yellow-billed Caciue 1 on the San Lorenzo ridge.	<i>Amblycercus holosericeus</i>
Crested Oropendola Several near Minca.	<i>Psarocolius decumanus</i>
Yellow-rumped Caciue 1 at Las Gaviotas.	<i>Cacicus cela</i>
Yellow Oriole 5 at PN los Flamencos.	<i>Icterus nigrogularis</i>
Baltimore Oriole Several seen.	<i>Icterus galbula</i>
Orange-crowned Oriole Several seen.	<i>Icterus auricapillus</i>
Bronze-brown Cowbird - E 2 seen at km 4 including good scope views of a male.	<i>Molothrus armenti</i>
Carib Grackle Several near Camarones.	<i>Quiscalus lugubris</i>
Great-tailed Grackle Common along coast.	<i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>
Yellow-hooded Blackbird 1 at km 4.	<i>Chrysomus icterocephalus</i>



Bananaquit **BANANAQUIT - Coerebidae**
Coereba flaveola
Common.

BUNTINGS, SPARROWS AND ALLIES - Emberizidae

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis*
Fairly common at higher elevations.

Golden-winged Sparrow - NE *Arremon schlegeli*
Several near Minca.

Sierra Nevada Brush Finch - E *Arremon basilicus*
2 at El Dorado Lodge and 1 on the road above El Dorado.

Santa Marta Brush Finch - E *Atlapetes melanocephalus*
Common.

TANAGERS AND ALLIES - Thraupidae

White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus*
4 above Minca.

Crimson-backed Tanager *Ramphocelus dimidiatus*
Fairly common.

Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus*
Common.

Glaucous Tanager - NE *Thraupis glaucocolpa*
About 10 at PN Los Flamencos.

Blue-capped Tanager *Thraupis cyanocephala*
2 at El Dorado.

Santa Marta Mountain Tanager - E *Anisognathus melanogenys*
10 on the San Lorenzo ridge.

Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola*
Fairly common.

Black-capped Tanager *Tangara heinei*
A few at El Dorado Lodge.

Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza*
2 above Minca.

Bicolored Conebill - NT *Conirostrum bicolor*
About 4 seen at PN Isla Salamanca.

Rusty Flowerpiercer *Diglossa sittoides*
Several seen.

White-sided Flowerpiercer *Diglossa albilatera*
A couple seen.

Grey Pileated Finch *Coryphospingus pileatus*
4 seen near Camarones.

Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola*
Several seen.

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina*
Several seen.

Yellow-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila nigricollis*
Several seen.

Dull-colored Grassquit *Tiaris obscurus*
A couple seen near Camarones.

Black-faced Grassquit *Tiaris bicolor*
Several seen near Camarones.

Sooty Grassquit *Tiaris fuliginosus*
2 seen above Minca.



Rosy Thrush-Tanager *Rhodinocichla rosea*
 Heard above Minca.

CARDINALS AND ALLIES - Cardinalidae

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra*
 Fairly common.

Scarlet Tanager *Piranga olivacea*
 1 seen above Minca.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak *Pheucticus ludovicianus*
 Several seen.

Vermilion Cardinal - NE *Cardinalis phoeniceus*
 2 seen well and several heard at Camarones.

Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus*
 Fairly common.

Greyish Saltator *Saltator coerulescens*
 2 near Camarones.

Orinoco Saltator - NE *Saltator orenocensis*
 2 near Camarones.

Streaked Saltator *Saltator striatipectus*
 Fairly common.

Dickcissel *Spiza americana*
 1 near Camarones.

ANNOTATED LIST OF MAMMALS RECORDED (5 species)

Crab-eating Fox *Cerdocyon thous*
 1 seen by Rob at El Dorado lodge.

Colombian Red Howler Monkey *Alouatta seniculus*
 Heard near El Dorado Lodge.

Central American Agouti *Dasyprocta punctata*
 1 seen on the compost heap at El Dorado Lodge.

Red-tailed Squirrel *Sciurus granatensis*
 Fairly common.

Eastern Cottontail *Sylvilagus floridianus*
 1 near Camarones.

ANNOTATED LIST OF REPTILES RECORDED (2 species)

Green Iguana *Iguana iguana*
 Several seen in Caribbean lowlands.

Golden Spectacled Tegu *Gymnophthalmus speciosus*
 Several seen in Caribbean lowlands.

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