

Colombia

Highlights II
13th to 24th November 2017 (12 Days)

Trip Report



Andean Cock-of-the-Rock by Adam Riley

Trip Report compiled by Tour Leader, Rob Williams

Tour Summary

The three ranges of the Andes of Colombia and the adjacent lowlands are home to the most diverse avifauna on earth, and the Colombia Highlights tour targets these areas in search of the endemic and spectacular species that can be found here. Staying in a diverse range of hotels – from downtown in cities to rural lodges or small typical Andean towns – we explored some of the most beautiful landscapes and habitats found in the Andes and the Magdalena and Cauca valleys that separate them.

Top 10 Birds:

- 1. Black-bellied Mountain Toucan
- 2. Buffy Helmetcrest
- 3. Yellow-eared Parrot
- 4. Long-tailed Sylph
- 5. Golden-bellied Starfrontlet
- 6. Golden-plumed Parakeet
- 7. Crested Ant Tanager
- 8. Blue-winged Mountain Tanager
- 9. Andean Cock-of-the-Rock
- 10. Rainbow-bearded Thornbill White-bellied Woodstar

14 November: Laguna Pedro Palo and Chicaque. We started the day at Laguna Pedropalo, where we birded the forest near the lake. A series if mixed flocks gave us a good variety of birds, including the threatened endemic Turquoise Dacnis with several seen well. A female Cerulean Warbler was a lifer for several. Other species included Red-headed Barbet, Ash-browed and Stripe-breasted Spinetail, Plain Antvireo, Smoky-brown Woodpecker, Montane Foliage-gleaner and Montane Woodcreeper. In the afternoon, the hummingbird feeders at Chicaque were busy with great views and photos of 6 species, including the fantastic Golden-bellied Starfrontlet, Collared Inca, Tourmaline Sunangel and Glowing Puffleg. The forest here was very quiet and we had to work hard for our birds, but with persistence found Smoky Bush Tyrant, Black-crested Warbler, Superciliaried Hemispingus and 3 species of flowerpiercer.



Blue-winged Mountain Tanager by Jonathan Russouw

15 November: Chingaza National Park and the Hummingbird Observatory. We started the day getting to grips with the endemic Silvery-throated Spinetail and Golden-fronted Whitestart (here delightful white-faced *ornatus* subspecies) as we headed up to the fantastic paramos and forests of Chingaza National Park. After a swift field breakfast, we walked through this delightful habitat, picking up a good variety of montane species including the endemic Rufous-browed Hemispingus, Black-billed Mountain Tanager, Glowing and Coppery-bellied Pufflegs, White-browed Spinetail, Scarletbellied Mountain Tanagers, Blue-backed Conebill, Black-capped Tyrannulet and Bluish Flowerpiercer. Heading to higher habitats, we managed to find Sedge Wren, White-chinned Thistletail and the local Bronze-tailed Thornbill between rain showers. Unfortunately, just as we located a close Alto de Pisones Tapaculo, it started to rain hard and we had to settle with hearing it.

An afternoon visit to the Hummingbird Observatory near La Calera resulted in good looks at 9 species of hummingbird, including the fantastic Sword-billed Hummingbird (male and female), nearendemic Blue-throated Starfrontlet (male and female), Great Sapphirewing, Glowing Puffleg, Black-tailed Trainbearer White-bellied Woodstar. As we left. Crimson-mantled Woodpecker, Streakthroated Bush Tyrant and Red-crested Cotinga were added to the list.

16 November: Parque La Florida, Laguna Tabacal, Jardin Encantado and



White-bellied Woodstar by Adam Riley

drive to Rio Claro. We arrived at Parque La Florida early to be met by a humourless security guard who informed us it was closed for pest control! A bit of discussion and flattery to the supervisor gained us a 30-minute allowance to bird the area. We had to be swift and efficient and so headed straight for the best area, quickly getting our target birds of Bogota Rail and Apolinar's Wren. The lake also held 7 Lesser Scaup, Ruddy Ducks, American Coot, Bare-faced Ibis, Striated Heron and, eventually, we located 2 Spot-flanked Gallinules. The local subspecies of Yellow-hooded Blackbird was seen in the reeds.

After a swift field breakfast, we headed out of Bogota to Laguna Tabacal, where we hit on more ecological control in a protected area in the form of a man trimming the understorey. The noise made birding difficult and a small beer contribution was needed to get him to head in the other direction,



Golden-plumed Parakeet by Dušan Brinkhuizen

allowing us to bird in relative peace. As usual, birding is challenging in this thick forest in the late morning, but we persevered and were rewarded with Bar-crested Antshrike and "Colombian" Speckle-breasted Wren.

Moving to the amazing Jardin Encantado (Enchanted Garden), we marvelled at the numbers and diversity of hummingbirds that can inhabit a small suburban garden. We saw 14 species, including the endemic Indigo-capped Hummingbird, Ruby Topaz, White-necked Jacobin, White-vented Plumeleteer, Red-billed Emerald and Gorgeted Woodstar, but the

spectacle was greater than the sum of its parts, and we left dazed by the constant frenzy of dashing jewels. After lunch, we headed to Rio Claro, making one stop where we picked up a couple of species but nothing of real significance.

17 November: Rio Claro area. We started the morning birding the Rio Claro valley, quickly getting to grips with Chestnut-backed Antbird and Barred Puffbird. The endemic Magdalena Antbird took more work, but we were rewarded with reasonable looks at a male before breakfast. A Yellow-throated

Toucan was seen well near the dining room before we headed to the mine road which passes through nice forest. We enjoyed a steady morning of birding, finding a range of good species and also seeing the fantastic endemic Silvery-brown Tamarin. After lunch, we headed out into the farmland of the mid-Magdalena valley, where a very different avifauna is found. Our main target was the quite local Northern Screamer, which we found at a traditional site, obtaining very good views of this strange waterbird. The open habitats, fragments of woodland and wetlands here gave us many new species for the list, with great looks at most of them.



Barred Puffbird by Adam Riley

18 November: Rio Claro, Gruta del Condor and to Medellin. After a dawn coffee, we birded the mine road, soon picking up the endemic White-mantled Barbet and Antioquia Bristle-Tyrant. We also added some other good species, including Black-bellied Wren and White-tailed Trogon. Returning to Rio Claro, we enjoyed an adult Fasciated Tiger Heron fishing from a rock in the river. After breakfast, the Rio Claro entrance road entertained with a Golden-hooded Tanager, Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher,



Red-crowned Woodpecker by Adam Riley

Barred Puffbird, Gartered Trogon, and Long-tailed Tyrant. We then headed to the Gruta del Condor for a delightful experience of walking down a creek to the cave, where we saw about 10 Oilbirds well and could hear more further in. The walk also gave us good views of Chestnut-headed Oropendola, Pacific Antwren, Fulvous-vented Euphonia and an amazingly confiding endemic, a male Velvet-fronted Euphonia.

We then headed towards Medellin, stopping for lunch at the Palacio de los Frejoles. From the restaurant, we saw a good variety of birds, including 3 more White-mantled Barbets. After lunch, we birded the nearby side road, picking up quite a few new birds with the highlight being extended views of 4 Beautiful Woodpeckers, with the adults feeding young and then some fascinating interspecific aggression as they saw off some Redcrowned Woodpeckers. A nearby tree also held Spot-breasted Woodpecker and a male Long-billed Starthroat perched out for all to admire. We then headed to our hotel in Medellin, arriving just before a heavy rainstorm.

19 November: La Romera, Bolombolo and to Jardin. Being a

Sunday, we made an early start to beat the majority of the walkers, cyclists and other non-birders who visit La Romera Park on weekends. We were rewarded in having the park nearly to ourselves for a couple of hours, with the only real disturbance being when an out of control motorcyclist fell off near

us and then nearly ran over Rob. Birding was good, and we very quickly obtained fantastic views of the endemic Red-bellied Grackle with a family group seeming to follow us wherever we went. Sicklewinged Guans put in a brief appearance before we caught up with a group of the endemic Colombian Chachalacas. The rare Yellow-headed Manakin called a couple of times, but refused to show itself;

whilst the endemic Stile's Tapaculo remained largely silent; only a couple being heard briefly and 1 being glimpsed by a few as it secreted itself through the understorey. We also enjoyed several species of tanager, Black-winged Saltator and Short-tailed Emerald.

Descending into the Cauca Valley, we stopped at a roadside restaurant with banana feeders, seeing Flame-rumped Tanagers and Acorn Woodpeckers. Further down a side road into the rainshadow forests of the Cauca Valley gave us nice looks at a pair of the endemic Greyish Piculet and eventually the



Yellow-headed Manakin by Dubi Shapiro

endemic and only recently described Antioquia Wren. We heard, and a few people saw, the endemic Apical Flycatcher. Other highlights included Greenish Elaenia, Black-crowned Antshrike, Black-striped Sparrow, Yellow-faced Grassquit and Slate-headed Flycatcher. After lunch near the town of Bolombolo, we headed to the delightful town of Jardin. It was raining on arrival, so we checked into the hotel and took an hour of well-deserved rest.

20 November: Jardin area. Heavy overnight rain thwarted our early morning plan in the form of a double landslide that prevented us reaching the Ventanas area above Jardin. We therefore birded the lower road back towards town, picking up a series of mixed flocks dominated by tanagers that included Golden-naped, Saffron-crowned, Metallic-green, Blue-and-black and Beryl-spangled. In the afternoon, we visited the Andean Cock-of-the-Rock lek outside of town, seeing at least 15 males at very close



Golden-naped Tanager by Clayton Burne

range. We then birded around the area, picking up Grey Seedeater, Yellow-backed Oriole, Mourning Warbler amongst others.

21 November: Jardin to Manizales. The landslide had been cleared, so we made an early start up to the Ventanas area. After a field breakfast, we enjoyed watching flocks of the endangered and endemic Yellow-eared Parrot flying over, and had wonderful scope views of several pairs that were prospecting nest sites and feeding nearby. The hummingbird feeders nearby held Buff-tailed Coronet, Mountain Velvetbreast, Collared Inca, Tourmalines Sunangel, Sword-billed

Hummingbird, White-bellied Woodstar and both Sparkling and Green Violetears. Birding down the road from Ventanas, we enjoyed some flocks, picking up Lacrimose Mountain Tanager, Pale-edged Flycatcher, Rufous-headed Pygmy Tyrant, Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant, Plushcap, Grey-hooded Bush

Tanager, Black-collared Jay and the nominate subspecies of the endemic Golden-fronted Whitestart. A Tanager-Finch calling along the roadside was only glimpsed, and several Spillman's Tapaculos were heard. In the afternoon, we drove to Manizales along the beautiful Cauca valley.

22 November: Rio Blanco. We spent the day in the forests of the Rio Blanco Reserve above the town of Manizales. Soon after arrival, we found Buff-breasted Mountain Tanager and a Masked Saltator, an inexplicably rare bird for which Rio Blanco is probably the best site. It was then Antpitta time, and the 3 feeding stations we visited gave us 4 species: the first was brief views of the shy Bicolored Antpitta, at the second station, both Chestnut-crowned Antpitta and the endemic Brown-banded Antpitta cooperated very well, and at the third a Slaty-crowned Antpitta popped into view for a few seconds. The forest was quite quiet, but after a coffee and a quick game of tejo, we birded the trail finding Ash-colored Tapaculo, Masked Trogon, Blackbilled Mountain Tanager and others. The hummingbird feeders entertained during lunch, with Long-tailed Sylph, Fawn-breasted Brilliant, Bronzy Inca, Collared Inca and Buff-tailed Coronet amongst the species seen. In the afternoon, we walked the entrance road down to the gate, where we found a cooperative pair of White-capped Dippers and a White-throated Wedgebill.



Long-tailed Sylph by Adam Riley

23 November: Los Nevados National Park. The higher altitude

at Los Nevados National Park meant we started the day with ice on the ground as we made our first stop near the beautiful Nevado del Ruiz volcano that has been in constant activity for many years – its plume of smoke rising into the fantastic blue sky of an Andean morning. We quickly added Andean Teal and three furnarids: Stout-billed Cinclodes, Many-striped Canastero and Andean Tit-Spinetail. One of the main targets for the morning was the very local Buffy Helmetcrest, and we saw a couple with a male performing very well for us repeatedly as we enjoyed a field breakfast. The same area gave everyone good looks at Tawny Antpitta. Dropping in elevation, we enjoyed great looks at our next target, the endemic Rufous-fronted Parakeet. We then visited the fantastic hummingbird feeders



Buffy Helmetcrest by Clayton Burne

nearby, where we had great looks and were even landed on by several species, including Shining Sunbeam, Great Sapphirewing, Rainbow-bearded Thornbill, Golden-breasted and Black-thighed Pufflegs, Mountain Velvetbreast and Viridian Metaltail. After lunch, we birded down through the cloud forest, picking up some good species including the highly sought-after Mountain Avocetbill and also getting good looks at Blackish Tapaculo.

24 November: Otun Quimbaya and depart. We started the day with good looks at a pair of Torrent Ducks in the Otun River, where we also found White-capped Dipper and Torrent Tyrannulet during the day. We encountered

several flocks, which included a male of the endemic Multicolored Tanager, as well as Greyish Piculet and Red-faced Spinetail. The planted Chinese Ash trees held good numbers of larger frugivores, including the spectacular Red-ruffed Fruitcrow, the endemic and threatened Cauca Guan, Collared Trogon and Andean Cock-of-the-Rock. We also found a group of the endemic Crested Ant Tanager. After lunch, we made a last attempt to find the endemic Parker's Antbird that we had only heard distantly in the morning. Eventually, we found a pair and had reasonable looks at this secretive endemic before we headed to the airport.

We had enjoyed a great tour, finding 448 species, including 23 Colombian endemics. The birds seen were a fantastic complement to those of the Santa Marta Extension, which most of the group had taken.

Annotated List of species recorded

Note: Number in brackets () indicate number of days on the tour the species was recorded. List powered through the report generator of our partner iGoTerra.

Birds (448 in total: 420 seen, 28 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2017. IOC World Bird List (v 7.2).

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

IUCN codes: CR = Critically endangered, **EN** = Endangered, **VU** = Vulnerable, **EW** = Extinct in the

Wild, NT = Near Threatened, DD = Data Deficient

Tinamous Tinamidae

Little Tinamou

Crypturellus soui

(2) 1 heard Rio Claro 17.11 and 1 heard Rio Claro 18.11.

Heard at Rio Claro.

Screamers Anhimidae

Northern Screamer (NT)

Chauna chavaria

(1) 4 en route 17.11.

4 in the Magdalena valley grasslands.

Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl Anatidae

Black-bellied Whistling Duck

Dendrocygna autumnalis autumnalis

(1) 30 en route 17.11.

About 30 in the mid-Magdalena valley.

Torrent Duck Merganetta armata colombiana

(1) 2 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

A pair seen well at Otun Quimbaya.

Blue-winged TealAnas discors

(1) 40 La Florida, Bogota 16.11. About 40 at Parque La Florida.

Andean Teal Anas andium

(1) 1 Los Nevados NP 23.11. 1 seen at Los Nevados NP. **Lesser Scaup**

Aythya affinis

(1) 7 La Florida, Bogota 16.11.

7 at Parque La Florida.

Ruddy Duck

Oxyura jamaicensis jamaicensis

(2) 60 La Florida, Bogota 16.11 and 2 Los Nevados NP 23.11.

About 60 at Parque La Florida and 2 at Los Nevados NP.

Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows Cracidae

Colombian Chachalaca

Ortalis columbiana

(2) 1 El Palacio De Los Frijoles 18.11 and 5 La Romera 19.11.

1 at Alto de los Frejoles and 5 at Parque La Romera.

Andean Guan

Penelope montagnii

(2) 1 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11 and 2 Jardin 21.11.

1 at Laguna Pedropalo, 2 at Jardin.

Cauca Guan (EN)

Penelope perspicax

(1) 20 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

About 20 seen at Otun Quimbaya.

Sickle-winged Guan

Chamaepetes goudotii

(3) 2 en route 19.11, 1 Jardin 20.11 and 1 Rio Blanco 22.11.

2 at Parque La Romera, singles at Jardin and Rio Blanco.

New World Quail Odontophoridae

Chestnut Wood Quail (NT)

Odontophorus hyperythrus

(3) 1 heard Jardin 20.11, 1 heard Jardin 21.11 and 1 heard Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Heard and glimpsed by Rob at Jardin and heard at Rio Blanco.

Grebes Podicipedidae

Least Grebe

Tachybaptus dominicus brachyrhynchus

(1) 2 Laguna Tabacal 16.11.

2 at Laguna Tabacal.

Pied-billed Grebe

Podilymbus podiceps antarcticus

(1) 3 La Florida, Bogota 16.11.

3 at Parque La Florida.

Storks Ciconiidae

Wood Stork

Mycteria americana

(1) 1 Magdalena River 17.11.

1 flew over at the Rio Magdalena bridge.

Ibises and Spoonbills Threskiornithidae

Bare-faced Ibis

Phimosus infuscatus berlepschi

(6) 2 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

Fairly common.

Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns Ardeidae

Fasciated Tiger Heron

Tigrisoma fasciatum

(1) 1 Rio Claro 18.11.

1 adult seen well at Rio Claro.

Striated Heron *Butorides striata striata*

(2) 1 La Florida, Bogota 16.11 and 4 en route 17.11. 1 at Parque La Florida, 4 in the mid Magdalena valley.

Western Cattle Egret Bubulcus ibis

(8) 20 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

Common.

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*

(1) 1 Magdalena River 17.11.

1 in the Magdalena river.

Cocoi Heron Ardea cocoi

(1) 4 en route 17.11.

4 in the mid Magdalena valley.

Great Egret Ardea alba egretta

(2) 1 en route 16.11 and 5 en route 17.11. Fairly common in the mid-Magdalena valley.

Snowy Egret Egretta thula

(2) 5 en route 17.11 and 8 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Fairly common in the mid-Magdalena valley and near Pereira.

Cormorants and Shags Phalacrocoracidae

Neotropic Cormorant

Phalacrocorax brasilianus brasilianus

(4) 1 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 8 Laguna Tabacal 16.11, 4 en route 17.11 and 2 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Fairly common.

New World Vultures Cathartidae

Turkey Vulture Cathartes aura

Observed 1 day in total.

Common.

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture Cathartes burrovianus burrovianus

(1) 20 en route 17.11.

Fairly common in the mid-Magdalena valley.

Black Vulture Coragyps atratus

(11) 20 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

Common.

King Vulture Sarcoramphus papa

(1) 2 Rio Claro 17.11.

2 at Rio Claro.

Osprey Pandionidae

Western Osprey

Pandion haliaetus carolinensis

(2) 1 Laguna Tabacal 16.11, 1 La Florida, Bogota 16.11 and 1 Jardin 21.11. Singles at Parque La Florida and Laguna Tabacal.

Hawks, Eagles, and Kites Accipitridae

Grey-headed Kite

Leptodon cayanensis cayanensis

(1) 1 Rio Blanco 22.11.

1 at Rio Blanco.

Swallow-tailed Kite

Elanoides forficatus yetapa

(1) 2 Rio Claro 18.11.

2 at Rio Claro.

Black Hawk-Eagle

Spizaetus tyrannus serus

(1) 1 Laguna Tabacal 16.11.

1 soaring over Laguna Tabacal.

Double-toothed Kite

Harpagus bidentatus

(1) 1 Rio Claro 17.11.

1 at Rio Claro accompanying a group of Silvery-brown Tamarins.

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Accipiter striatus

(1) 1 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

1 at Laguna Pedropalo.

Long-winged Harrier

Circus buffoni

(1) 2 en route 17.11.

Good looks at a pair that seemed to be nesting in the mid-Magdalena valley.

Savanna Hawk

Buteogallus meridionalis

(1) 3 en route 17.11.

3 in the mid Magdalena valley.

Roadside Hawk

Rupornis magnirostris magnirostris

(10) 1 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

Fairly common.

Variable Hawk

Geranoaetus polyosoma polyosoma

(1) 1 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11.

1 at Thermales del Ruiz.

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle

Geranoaetus melanoleucus australis

(1) 2 Los Nevados NP 23.11.

2 at Los Nevados NP.

Broad-winged Hawk

Buteo platypterus platypterus

(4) 2 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 1 en route 16.11, 1 en route 18.11 and 1 en route 19.11.

Fairly common.

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots Rallidae

Bogota Rail (EN)

Rallus semiplumbeus semiplumbeus

(1) 2 La Florida, Bogota 16.11.

Good looks at 2 and more heard at Parque La Florida.

Grey-necked Wood Rail

Aramides cajaneus cajaneus

(1) 2 Rio Claro 17.11.

2 at Rio Claro.

Common Gallinule Gallinula galeata pauxilla

(2) 1 en route 16.11 and 1 en route 17.11.

A couple seen.

Spot-flanked Gallinule

Porphyriops melanops bogotensis

(1) 2 La Florida, Bogota 16.11.

2 seen at Parque La Florida, with good looks at one close by.

American Coot

Fulica americana columbiana

(3) 1 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 10 La Florida, Bogota 16.11 and 1 Los Nevados NP 23.11.

10+ at Parque La Florida, singles at Pedropalo and Los Nevados.

Limpkin Aramidae

Limpkin

Aramus guarauna guarauna

(1) 3 en route 17.11.

A few seen in the mid Magdalena valley.

Plovers and Lapwings Charadriidae

Southern Lapwing

Vanellus chilensis cayennensis

(8) 12 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

Common.

Jacanas Jacanidae

Wattled Jacana

Jacana jacana

(1) 10 en route 17.11.

Fairly common in the mid-Magdalena valley.

Sandpipers and Allies Scolopacidae

Solitary Sandpiper

Tringa solitaria solitaria

(1) 4 La Florida, Bogota 16.11.

4 at Parque La Florida.

Spotted Sandpiper

Actitis macularius

(1) 2 La Florida, Bogota 16.11.

2 at Parque La Florida.

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers Laridae

Black Skimmer

Rynchops niger cinerascens

(1) 1 Magdalena River 17.11.

1 flew over the Magdalena river bridge.

Large-billed Tern

Phaetusa simplex

(1) 1 Magdalena River 17.11.

1 flew upstream on the Magdalen river.

Pigeons and Doves Columbidae

Rock Dove *Columba livia var. domestica*

Observed 7 days in total.

Common around human habitation. Introduced.

Band-tailed Pigeon

(6) 8 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 6 Chingaza NP 15.11, 5 Jardin 20.11, 5 en route 21.11, 10 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 10 en route 23.11.

Patagioenas fasciata albilinea

Bianco 22.11 and 10 en foute

Fairly common.

Pale-vented Pigeon Patagioenas cayennensis

(1) 1 en route 17.11.

1 in the mid Magdalena valley.

Ruddy Ground Dove Columbina talpacoti

Observed 1 day in total.

Common.

White-tipped Dove Leptotila verreauxi

(5) 1 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11 and up to 2 en route 16-19.11.

Fairly common.

Lined Quail-DoveZentrygon linearis linearis

(1) 1 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Eared Dove Zenaida auriculata

(6) 20 El Jardin Encantado 16.11.

Common.

Cuckoos Cuculidae

Smooth-billed Ani Crotophaga ani

(1) 4 Laguna Tabacal 16.11.

4 at Laguna Tabacal.

Groove-billed Ani Crotophaga sulcirostris

(1) 20 en route 17.11.

Fairly common in the mid-Magdalena valley.

Striped Cuckoo Tapera naevia

(1) 1 heard Rio Claro 17.11.

Squirrel Cuckoo Piaya cayana

(5) 4 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 3 en route 18.11, 2 en route 19.11 and 1 heard Rio Blanco 22.11.

Owls Strigidae

Tropical Screech Owl Megascops choliba

(1) 1 Jardin 21.11.

Linda saw one as we left Jardin.

Oilbird Steatornithidae

Oilbird Steatornis caripensis

(1) 10 Rio Claro 18.11.

About 10 seen well in the Gruta del Condor cave near Rio Claro.

Nightjars and Allies Caprimulgidae

Pauraque

Nyctidromus albicollis

(1) 1 Bolombolo 19.11.

1 seen in daylight in the Cauca valley near Bolombolo.

Band-winged Nightjar

Systellura longirostris ruficervix

(2) 3 Jardin 20.11 and 1 Jardin 21.11.

Several seen as we drove the road above Jardin.

Swifts *Apodidae*

Chestnut-collared Swift

Streptoprocne rutila brunnitorques

(2) 20 en route 19.11 and 200 Jardin 20.11.

Reasonable numbers in the Cauca valley and near Jardin.

White-collared Swift

Streptoprocne zonaris

(4) 30 en route 17.11, 20 en route 18.11, 20 en route 21.11 and 20 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Fairly common.

Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift

Panyptila cayennensis

(1) 2 Rio Claro 18.11.

2 at Rio Claro.

Hummingbirds *Trochilidae*

Rufous-breasted Hermit

Glaucis hirsutus hirsutus

(2) 4 Rio Claro 17.11 and 1 Rio Claro 18.11.

Several at Rio Claro.

Green Hermit

Phaethornis guy

(3) 1 Laguna Tabacal 16.11, 1 Jardin 20.11 and 1 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Singles of the emiliae subspecies at Laguna Tabacal, Jardin and Otun Quimbaya.

Tawny-bellied Hermit

Phaethornis syrmatophorus

(2) 1 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 2 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

1 at Rio Blanco, 2 at Otun Quimbaya.

Pale-bellied Hermit

Phaethornis anthophilus anthophilus

(1) 3 Rio Claro 17.11.

3 at Rio Claro.

Stripe-throated Hermit

Phaethornis striigularis

(1) 1 Rio Claro 17.11.

1 at Rio Claro.

Green-fronted Lancebill

Doryfera ludovicae ludovicae

(2) 1 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 3 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

1 at Rio Blanco and 3 at Otun Quimbaya.

White-necked Jacobin

Florisuga mellivora mellivora

(1) 1 El Jardin Encantado 16.11.

1 at Jardin Encantado.

Brown Violetear

Colibri delphinae

(1) 1 El Jardin Encantado 16.11.

1 at Jardin Encantado.

Lesser Violetear

Colibri cyanotus cyanotus

(6) 10 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 5 Chingaza NP 15.11, 5 en route 16.11, 4 en route 21.11, 10 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 1 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Common.

Sparkling Violetear

Colibri coruscans coruscans

(5) 10 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 30 Chingaza NP 15.11, 5 en route 16.11, 2 en route 21.11 and 10 Rio Blanco 22.11.

Common.

Black-throated Mango

Anthracothorax nigricollis

(3) 30 El Jardin Encantado 16.11, 1 Rio Claro 17.11 and 1 Rio Claro 18.11.

Common at Jardin encantado and 2 at Rio Claro.

Ruby-topaz Hummingbird

Chrysolampis mosquitus

(1) 1 El Jardin Encantado 16.11.

1 male at Jardin Encantado.

Western Emerald

Chlorostilbon melanorhynchus

(2) 5 La Romera 19.11 and 1 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

About 5 at La Romera and 1 at Otun Quimbaya.

Red-billed Emerald

Chlorostilbon gibsoni

(1) 2 El Jardin Encantado 16.11.

2 at Jardin Encantado.

Crowned Woodnymph

Thalurania colombica

(2) 5 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11 and 1 El Jardin Encantado 16.11.

Several at Laguna Pedropalo, 1 at jardin Encantado.

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird

Amazilia tzacatl

(4) 20 El Jardin Encantado 16.11, 2 en route 17.11, 3 en route 18.11 and 1 Jardin 20.11.

Common

Andean Emerald

Amazilia franciae

(3) 1 El Jardin Encantado 16.11, 1 Jardin 20.11 and 5 Rio Blanco 22.11.

Singles at Jardin Encantado and Jardin, and 5+ at Rio Blanco.

Blue-chested Hummingbird

Amazilia amabilis

(2) 2 Rio Claro 17.11 and 2 Rio Claro 18.11.

4 seen at Rio Claro

Steely-vented Hummingbird

Amazilia saucerottei

(5) 5 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 30 El Jardin Encantado 16.11, 2 en route 19.11, 5 Jardin 20.11 and 3 Rio Blanco 22.11.

Common.

Indigo-capped Hummingbird

Amazilia cyanifrons

(1) 50 El Jardin Encantado 16.11.

Fairly common, Many at Jardin Encantado.

White-vented Plumeleteer

Chalybura buffonii

(1) 8 El Jardin Encantado 16.11.

Several at Jardin Encantado.

Speckled Hummingbird

Adelomyia melanogenys

(4) 1 Observatorio de Colibries, La Calera 15.11, 10 Jardin 20.11, 20 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 1 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

1 at Observatorio de Colibries.

Fawn-breasted Brilliant

Heliodoxa rubinoides

(1) 10 Rio Blanco 22.11.

About 10 at Rio Blanco.

Buff-tailed Coronet

Boissonneaua flavescens

(4) 10 Loro Orejiamarillo 21.11, 40 Rio Blanco 22.11, 1 Rio Blanco 23.11 and 2 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Common at Ventanas and Rio Blanco, a few elsewhere.

Shining Sunbeam

Aglaeactis cupripennis cupripennis

(1) 20 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11.

20+ at Thermales de Ruiz.

Mountain Velvetbreast

Lafresnaya lafresnayi

(3) 2 Loro Orejiamarillo 21.11, 1 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 1 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11.

2 at Ventanas and singles at Rio Blanco and Thermales del Ruiz.

Bronzy Inca

Coeligena coeligena

(3) 1 Jardin 20.11, 1 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 5 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11. Fairly common at Rio Blanco, singles at Jardin and below Thermales del Ruiz.

Black Inca (VU)

Coeligena prunellei

(1) 1 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

1 (leader only) flashed across the road at Laguna Pedropalo.

Collared Inca

Coeligena torquata

(5) 4 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 10 en route 21.11, 10 Rio Blanco 22.11, 2 en route 23.11 and 2 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Fairly common.

Golden-bellied Starfrontlet

Coeligena bonapartei

(1) 6 PN Chicaque 14.11.

Several at Chicaque.

Blue-throated Starfrontlet

Coeligena helianthea helianthea

(1) 2 Observatorio de Colibries, La Calera 15.11.

2 (male and female) at Observatorio de Colibries.

Buff-winged Starfrontlet

Coeligena lutetiae lutetiae

(1) 5 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11.

5+ at Thermales del Ruiz

Sword-billed Hummingbird

Ensifera ensifera

(2) 2 Observatorio de Colibries, La Calera 15.11 and 2 Loro Orejiamarillo 21.11.

2 at Observatorio de Colibries and 2 at Ventanas.

Great Sapphirewing

Pterophanes cyanopterus

(2) 3 Observatorio de Colibries, La Calera 15.11 and 10 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11.

Several at Observatorio de Colibries and about 10 at Thermales del Ruiz.

Longuemare's Sunangel

Heliangelus clarisse

(1) 1 Chingaza NP 15.11.

1 at Chingaza NP.

Tourmaline Sunangel

Heliangelus exortis

(5) 4 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 5 en route 21.11, 4 Rio Blanco 22.11, 5 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz

23.11 and 4 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Fairly common. A strange possible hybrid hummer below Thermales del Ruiz certainly carried DNA of this species.

Glowing Puffleg

Eriocnemis vestita

(2) 2 PN Chicaque 14.11 and 6 Observatorio de Colibries, La Calera 15.11.

Several at Chicaque and Observatorio de Colibries.

Black-thighed Puffleg (NT)

Eriocnemis derbyi

(1) 4 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11.

4+ at and near Thermales del Ruiz.

Coppery-bellied Puffleg (NT)

Eriocnemis cupreoventris

(1) 2 Chingaza NP 15.11. 2 briefly in Chingaza NP.

Golden-breasted Puffleg

Eriocnemis mosquera

(1) 8 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11.

About 8 at Thermales del Ruiz.

Greenish Puffleg

Haplophaedia aureliae

(1) 1 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

1 of the subspecies caucensis seen at Otun Quimbaya.

White-booted Racket-tail

Ocreatus underwoodii

(2) 1 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11 and 1 en route 19.11.

1 female at laguna Pedropalo.

Black-tailed Trainbearer

Lesbia victoriae victoriae

(1) 5 Observatorio de Colibries, La Calera 15.11.

Several at Observatorio de Colibries.

Green-tailed Trainbearer

Lesbia nuna gouldii

(1) 1 Observatorio de Colibries, La Calera 15.11.

1 at Observatorio de Colibries.

Buffy Helmetcrest (VU)

Oxypogon stuebelii

(1) 2 Los Nevados NP 23.11.

2 seen at Los Nevados NP, with great views of a very confiding male.

Tyrian Metaltail

Metallura tyrianthina

(2) 2 Observatorio de Colibries, La Calera 15.11 and 1 heard en route 23.11.

Several in Chingaza and 1 male at Observatorio de Colibries.

Viridian Metaltail

Metallura williami

(1) 3 Los Nevados NP 23.11.

3+ at Los Nevados NP and Thermales del Ruiz.

Bronze-tailed Thornbill

Chalcostigma heteropogon

(1) 1 Chingaza NP 15.11.

1 seen well in Chingaza NP.

Rainbow-bearded Thornbill

Chalcostigma herrani

(1) 1 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11.

1 incredibly confiding individual at Thermales del Ruiz which repeatedly landed on us!

Mountain Avocetbill

Opisthoprora euryptera

(1) 1 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11.

1 seen well below Thermales del Ruiz.

Long-tailed Sylph

Aglaiocercus kingii

(1) 20 Rio Blanco 22.11.

20+ at Rio Blanco.

White-throated Wedgebill

Schistes albogularis

(2) 1 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 1 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Singles at Rio Blanco and Otun Quimbaya.

Long-billed Starthroat

Heliomaster longirostris longirostris

(1) 1 El Palacio De Los Frijoles 18.11.

1 male seen at Alto Los Frejoles - sitting just above the right fork!

White-bellied Woodstar

Chaetocercus mulsant

(6) 1 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 2 Chingaza NP 15.11, 6 El Jardin Encantado 16.11, 8 en route 21.11, 5 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 1 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Fairly common.

Gorgeted Woodstar

Chaetocercus heliodor heliodor

(1) 3 El Jardin Encantado 16.11.

3 at Jardin Encantado.

Trogons *Trogonidae*

White-tailed Trogon

Trogon chionurus

(1) 2 Rio Claro 18.11.

2 at Rio Claro.

Gartered Trogon

Trogon caligatus

(2) 1 Rio Claro 17.11 and 1 Rio Claro 18.11.

2 at Rio Claro.

Collared Trogon

Trogon collaris

(1) 3 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

3 at Otun Quimbaya.

Masked Trogon

Trogon personatus

(1) 2 Rio Blanco 22.11.

2 at Rio Blanco.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae

Amazon Kingfisher

Chloroceryle amazona

(1) 1 Hacienda Napoles 17.11.

1 opposite Pablo Escobar's ranch at Napoles.

Motmots Momotidae

Andean Motmot

Momotus aequatorialis aequatorialis

(3) 3 Rio Blanco 22.11, 1 Rio Blanco 23.11 and 5 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Fairly common, especially at Otun Quimbaya.

Puffbirds Bucconidae

Barred Puffbird

Nystalus radiatus

(2) 2 Rio Claro 17.11 and 1 Rio Claro 18.11.

Several at Rio Claro, including great looks.

New World Barbets Capitonidae

White-mantled Barbet (EN)

Capito hypoleucus

(2) 1 heard Rio Claro 17.11, 2 Rio Claro 18.11 and 3 El Palacio De Los Frijoles 18.11. Put up a struggle but eventually, we saw 2 at Rio Claro and 3 at Alto los Frejoles.

Red-headed Barbet

Eubucco bourcierii

(1) 6 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11. About 6 seen at Laguna Pedropalo.

Toucans Ramphastidae

White-throated Toucanet

Aulacorhynchus albivitta

(1) 1 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

1 seen at Laguna Pedropalo.

Crimson-rumped Toucanet

Aulacorhynchus haematopygus

(1) 1 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

1 at Otun Quimbaya.

Black-billed Mountain Toucan

Andigena nigrirostris

(4) 2 Chingaza NP 15.11, 4 Jardin 20.11, 2 en route 21.11 and 6 Rio Blanco 22.11.

Good looks at several sites: Chingaza, Jardin and Rio Blanco.

Yellow-throated Toucan (VU)

Ramphastos ambiguus

(1) 1 Rio Claro 17.11.

1 at Rio Claro.

Woodpeckers Picidae

Grevish Piculet

Picumnus granadensis

(2) 2 en route 19.11 and 3 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

2 seen well in the Cauca valley and 3 at Otun Quimbaya.

Acorn Woodpecker

Melanerpes formicivorus flavigula

(1) 4 en route 19.11.

4 near Medellin.

Beautiful Woodpecker

Melanerpes pulcher

(1) 4 El Palacio De Los Frijoles 18.11.

A family of 4 seen very well, adults feeding young and cooperatively driving off a pair of Redcrowned Woodpeckers, at Alto los Frejoles.

Red-crowned Woodpecker

Melanerpes rubricapillus rubricapillus

(7) 1 heard Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, up to 5 en route 16-19.11, 1 Jardin 20.11 and 2 Jardin 21.11. Fairly common.

Red-rumped Woodpecker

Veniliornis kirkii cecilii

(2) 2 Rio Claro 17.11 and 1 Rio Claro 18.11.

3 at Rio Claro.

Smoky-brown Woodpecker

Leuconotopicus fumigatus

(2) 4 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11 and 1 Laguna Tabacal 16.11.

About 4 at Laguna Pedropalo and 1 at Laguna Tabacal.

Golden-olive Woodpecker

Colaptes rubiginosus

(1) 2 en route 19.11. 2 in the Cauca valley,

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker

Colaptes rivolii

(3) 1 Observatorio de Colibries, La Calera 15.11, 1 heard Rio Blanco 22.11 and 2 en route 23.11.

1 at Observatorio de Colibries

Spot-breasted Woodpecker

Colaptes punctigula

(1) 1 en route 18.11.

1 in the mid Magdalena valley.

Cinnamon Woodpecker

Celeus loricatus

(1) 1 Rio Claro 17.11.

1 at rio Claro.

Powerful Woodpecker

Campephilus pollens pollens

(1) 1 heard Rio Blanco 22.11.

Heard at Rio Blanco.

Falcons and Caracaras Falconidae

Northern Crested Caracara

Caracara cheriway

(2) 10 en route 17.11 and 1 Rio Blanco 22.11.

Common in the mid-Magdalena valley and a single at Rio Blanco.

Yellow-headed Caracara

Milvago chimachima cordata

(6) Up to 20 en route 16-18.11, 1 Jardin 20.11, 2 Jardin 21.11 and 1 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Fairly common.

Laughing Falcon

Herpetotheres cachinnans

(1) 1 El Palacio De Los Frijoles 18.11.

1 seen well near Alto los Frejoles.

Collared Forest Falcon

Micrastur semitorquatus

(1) 1 heard Rio Claro 18.11.

Heard at Rio Claro.

Peregrine Falcon

Falco peregrinus cassini

(1) 1 en route 17.11.

1 in the mid-Magdalena valley.

African & New World Parrots Psittacidae

Rufous-fronted Parakeet (VU)

Bolborhynchus ferrugineifrons

(1) 10 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11.

10+ in the mid-valley above Thermales del Ruiz, seen very well.

Orange-chinned Parakeet

Brotogeris jugularis

(3) Up to 20 en route 16-18.11.

Fairly common in Magdalena valley.

White-capped Parrot Pionus seniloides

(1) 12 Jardin 20.11.

12 seen well above Jardin.

Blue-headed Parrot

Pionus menstruus

(3) Up to 20 en route 17-19.11.

Fairly common.

Bronze-winged Parrot

Pionus chalcopterus

(2) 2 en route 21.11 and 5 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

2 near Manizales and about 5 at Otun Quimbaya.

Yellow-crowned Amazon Amazona ochrocephala

(1) 2 en route 17.11.

2 in the mid-Magdalena valley.

Scaly-naped Amazon Amazona mercenarius canipalliata

(2) 1 heard Jardin 21.11 and 1 Rio Blanco 22.11. Heard at Jardin and a single seen at Rio Blanco.

Southern Mealy Amazon (NT)

Amazona farinosa

(1) 1 en route 17.11.

1 in the mid-Magdalena valley.

Orange-winged Amazon Amazona amazonica

(1) 20 en route 17.11.

20+ seen well in the mid-Magdalena valley.

Spectacled ParrotletForpus conspicillatus

(4) 10 Laguna Tabacal 16.11, 30 Rio Claro 17.11, 10 Rio Claro 18.11 and 5 en route 19.11.

Fairly common at Tabacal, Magdalena valley and Rio Claro.

Chestnut-fronted Macaw Ara severus

(1) 4 en route 17.11.

4 in the mid-Magdalena valley.

Golden-plumed Parakeet (VU)

Leptosittaca branickii

(1) 20 Rio Blanco 22.11.

Great looks at a flock of about 10 and another flock flying at Rio Blanco.

Yellow-eared Parrot (EN) Ognorhynchus icterotis

(2) 1 Jardin 20.11 and 300 Loro Orejiamarillo 21.11.

300+ above Jardin with impressive flocks and nice scope views of pairs prospecting nest sites and feeding.

Scarlet-fronted Parakeet (NT)

Psittacara wagleri

(3) 1 heard Jardin 19.11, 2 Jardin 20.11 and 2 en route 21.11.

Heard at Jardin and a couple of pairs seen in the Cauca valley.

Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers Furnariidae

Stout-billed CinclodesCinclodes excelsion

(1) 2 Los Nevados NP 23.11.

2 seen well at Los Nevados NP.

Andean Tit-Spinetail Leptasthenura andicola

(1) 2 Los Nevados NP 23.11. 2 seen well at Los Nevados NP.

White-chinned ThistletailAsthenes fuliginosa

(1) 2 Chingaza NP 15.11.

2 seen well at Chingaza NP.

Many-striped Canastero

Asthenes flammulata

(2) 1 heard Chingaza NP 15.11 and 1 Los Nevados NP 23.11.

Heard distantly at Chingaza NP.

Rufous Spinetail

Synallaxis unirufa

(1) 1 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11. 1 seen below Thermales del Ruiz

Stripe-breasted Spinetail

Synallaxis cinnamomea

(2) 1 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11 and 2 Laguna Tabacal 16.11.

Heard and seen by some at Laguna Pedropalo, another heard and glimpsed in dense cover at Laguna Tabacal.

Silvery-throated Spinetail

Synallaxis subpudica

(1) 2 Chingaza NP 15.11.

2 heard and one seen well below Chingaza NP.

Azara's Spinetail

Synallaxis azarae

(6) 1 en route 19.11, 4 Jardin 20.11, 1 heard Jardin 21.11, 1 heard Rio Blanco 22.11, 1 heard Rio Blanco 23.11 and 2 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Common by voice, a few seen.

White-browed Spinetail

Hellmayrea gularis

(1) 2 Chingaza NP 15.11.

2 seen at Chingaza NP.

Red-faced Spinetail

Cranioleuca erythrops griseigularis

(2) 2 Jardin 20.11 and 6 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

2 at Jardin and about 6 at Otun Quimbaya.

Ash-browed Spinetail (VU)

Cranioleuca curtata

(1) 4 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

4 at Laguna Pedropalo.

Yellow-chinned Spinetail

Certhiaxis cinnamomeus

(1) 4 en route 17.11.

About 5 seen in the mid-Magdalena valley.

Pearled Treerunner

Margarornis squamiger perlatus

(2) 8 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 2 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11.

Common at Rio Blanco and near Thermales del Ruiz.

Montane Foliage-gleaner

Anabacerthia striaticollis

(2) 2 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11 and 1 Jardin 20.11.

2 at Laguna Pedropalo and 1 near Jardin.

Striped Treehunter

Thripadectes holostictus

(1) 1 Jardin 20.11.

1 heard and seen briefly near Jardin.

Flammulated Treehunter

Thripadectes flammulatus flammulatus

(1) 1 heard Rio Blanco 22.11.

Heard at Rio Blanco.

Plain Xenops

Xenops minutus

(3) 1 Laguna Tabacal 16.11, 2 en route 17.11 and 2 en route 18.11.

1 at Laguna Tabacal.

Streaked Xenops

Xenops rutilans

(2) 1 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 3 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11.

Several seen at Rio Blanco and below Thermales del Ruiz.

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper

Glyphorynchus spirurus

(1) 1 Rio Claro 18.11.

1 at Rio Claro.

Strong-billed Woodcreeper

Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus

(2) 1 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11 and 5 Otun Quimbaya 24.11. 1 below Thermales del Ruiz and 5 interacting at Otun Quimbaya.

Straight-billed Woodcreeper

Dendroplex picus

(1) 1 en route 17.11.

1 in the mid-Magdalena valley.

Streak-headed Woodcreeper

Lepidocolaptes souleyetii

(3) 1 Laguna Tabacal 16.11, 2 Rio Claro 18.11 and 3 en route 19.11.

1 at Laguna Tabacal, several at Rio Claro.

Montane Woodcreeper

Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger

(4) 2 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 2 Jardin 20.11, 4 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 2 en route 23.11. Fairly common.

Antbirds Thamnophilidae

Bar-crested Antshrike

Thamnophilus multistriatus

(1) 5 Laguna Tabacal 16.11.

Several seen at Laguna Tabacal.

Black-crowned Antshrike

Thamnophilus atrinucha

(1) 2 Bolombolo 19.11.

2 in the Cauca valley near Bolombolo.

Plain Antvireo

Dysithamnus mentalis

(2) 4 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11 and 4 Laguna Tabacal 16.11. Fairly common seen at: Laguna Pedropalo, Laguna Tabacal.

Pacific Antwren

Myrmotherula pacifica

(1) 2 Rio Claro 18.11.

2 at Rio Claro.

Streak-headed Antbird

Drymophila striaticeps

(2) 1+1 heard Jardin 20.11 and 1 heard Rio Blanco 22.11.

1 seen and others heard at Jardin and Rio Blanco.

Parker's Antbird

Cercomacra parkeri

(1) 2 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Heard and eventually seen at Otun Quimbaya.

Chestnut-backed Antbird

Myrmeciza exsul

(1) 8 Rio Claro 17.11.

(1) 1 Rio Claro 17.11.

Common by voice at Rio Claro with a few seen well.

Magdalena Antbird (NT)

Myrmeciza palliata

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1 male seen at Rio Claro.

Blue-lored Antbird

Myrmeciza immaculata

(1) 1 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11. 1 seen briefly at Laguna Pedropalo.

Antthrushes *Formicariidae*

Black-faced Antthrush

Formicarius analis

(1) 1 heard Rio Claro 17.11.

Heard at Rio Claro.

Antpittas Grallariidae

Moustached Antpitta (VU)

Grallaria alleni

(1) 1 heard Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Heard at Otun Quimbaya.

Chestnut-crowned Antpitta

Grallaria ruficapilla

(5) 1 heard Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 1 heard Chingaza NP 15.11, 1 heard Jardin 21.11, 2 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 1 heard Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Common by voice.

Bicolored Antpitta (VU)

Grallaria rufocinerea

(1) 1 Rio Blanco 22.11.

1 seen briefly and others heard at Rio Blanco.

Chestnut-naped Antpitta

Grallaria nuchalis ruficeps

(1) 1 heard Rio Blanco 22.11.

Heard at Rio Blanco.

Rufous Antpitta

Grallaria rufula

(2) 1 heard Chingaza NP 15.11 and 1 heard Jardin 21.11.

Heard at Chingaza.

Tawny Antpitta

Grallaria quitensis

(1) 2 Los Nevados NP 23.11.

2+ seen well and others heard at Los Nevados NP.

Brown-banded Antpitta (EN)

Grallaria milleri

(1) 1 Rio Blanco 22.11.

1 seen well and others heard at Rio Blanco.

Rusty-breasted Antpitta

Grallaricula ferrugineipectus

(1) 1 heard Laguna Tabacal 16.11.

Heard at Laguna Tabacal.

Slaty-crowned Antpitta

Grallaricula nana

(1) 1 Rio Blanco 22.11.

1 seen well at Rio Blanco.

Tapaculos Rhinocryptidae

Ocellated Tapaculo

Acropternis orthonyx orthonyx

(2) 1 heard Rio Blanco 22.11 and 1 heard Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11.

Heard at Rio Blanco and below Thermales del Ruiz

Ash-colored Tapaculo

Myornis senilis

(1) 1 Rio Blanco 22.11.

A female seen well at Rio Blanco, others heard.

Northern White-crowned Tapaculo

Scytalopus atratus

(1) 1 heard Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

Heard at Laguna Pedropalo.

Stiles's Tapaculo Scytalopus stilesi

(1) 2 La Romera 19.11.

Heard and glimpsed at La Romera.

Spillmann's Tapaculo Scytalopus spillmanni

(4) 1 Jardin 20.11, 1 heard Jardin 21.11, 1 heard Rio Blanco 22.11 and 1 heard Rio Blanco 23.11.

1 seen above Jardin and others heard there and at Rio Blanco.

Pale-bellied Tapaculo Scytalopus griseicollis

(1) 1 heard Chingaza NP 15.11.

Heard at Chingaza NP.

Paramo Tapaculo Scytalopus opacus opacus

(1) 1 heard Los Nevados NP 23.11.

Heard at Los Nevados NP.

Blackish Tapaculo Scytalopus latrans latrans

(4) 1 heard Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 1 heard Jardin 20.11, 1 heard Rio Blanco 22.11 and 1 heard Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11.

Heard at several localities, seen well below Thermales del Ruiz.

Tyrant Flycatchers Tyrannidae

Sooty-headed Tyrannulet

Phyllomyias griseiceps

(2) 2 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11 and 2 Laguna Tabacal 16.11.

2 at Laguna Pedropalo and 2 at Laguna Tabacal.

Black-capped Tyrannulet

Phyllomyias nigrocapillus

(5) 2 Chingaza NP 15.11, 1 Jardin 20.11, 2 Jardin 21.11, 5 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 2 en route 23.11. Fairly common.

Forest Elaenia Myiopagis gaimardii

(2) 2 Rio Claro 17.11 and 2 Rio Claro 18.11.

4 seen at Rio Claro.

Greenish Elaenia Myiopagis viridicata

(1) 10 Bolombolo 19.11.

Common in the Cauca valley near Bolombolo.

Yellow-bellied Elaenia Elaenia flavogaster

(2) 2 Rio Claro 17.11 and 10 Rio Claro 18.11.

Fairly common at Rio Claro and in mid Magdalena valley.

Mountain Elaenia Elaenia frantzii

(2) 2 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11 and 2 Jardin 20.11.

2 at Pedropalo and 2 near Jardin.

Brown-capped Tyrannulet Ornithion brunneicapillus

(2) 1 Laguna Tabacal 16.11 and 1 Rio Claro 17.11.

1 at Laguna Tabacal and 1 at Rio Claro.

Southern Beardless Tyrannulet

Camptostoma obsoletum

(1) 1 Bolombolo 19.11.

1 in the Cauca valley near Bolombolo.

White-throated Tyrannulet

Mecocerculus leucophrys

(3) 10 Chingaza NP 15.11, 4 Loro Orejiamarillo 21.11 and 8 en route 23.11.

Fairly common at higher altitudes.

White-tailed Tyrannulet

Mecocerculus poecilocercus

(2) 1 Jardin 20.11 and 1 Rio Blanco 22.11.

Singles at Jardin and Rio Blanco.

White-banded Tyrannulet

Mecocerculus stictopterus stictopterus

(1) 4 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11.

4 below Thermales del Ruiz.

Torrent Tyrannulet

Serpophaga cinerea cinerea

(1) 1 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

1 at Otun Quimbaya.

Rufous-headed Pygmy Tyrant

Pseudotriccus ruficeps

(1) 2 Loro Orejiamarillo 21.11.

2 above Jardin.

Golden-faced Tyrannulet

Zimmerius chrysops

(7) 1 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 1 Rio Claro 17.11, 1 en route 19.11, 1 Jardin 20.11, 1 Jardin 21.11, 8 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 2 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Fairly common.

Antioquia Bristle Tyrant

Pogonotriccus lanyoni

(1) 1 Rio Claro 18.11.

1 seen briefly and heard at Rio Claro.

Streak-necked Flycatcher

Mionectes striaticollis

(2) 1 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 1 Rio Blanco 23.11.

Singles near Jardin and at Rio Blanco.

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher

Mionectes oleagineus

(3) 2 Laguna Tabacal 16.11, 3 Rio Claro 17.11 and 2 Rio Claro 18.11.

Fairly common at Tabacal and Rio Claro.

Sepia-capped Flycatcher

Leptopogon amaurocephalus

(2) 1 Rio Claro 17.11 and 4 Rio Claro 18.11.

Several seen at Rio Claro.

Slaty-capped Flycatcher

Leptopogon superciliaris

(2) 1 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11 and 2 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

1 at Laguna Pedropalo and 2 at Otun Quimbaya.

Rufous-breasted Flycatcher

Leptopogon rufipectus

(2) 1 heard Rio Blanco 22.11 and 2 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11.

Heard at Rio Blanco and 2 seen below Thermales del Ruiz.

Black-capped Pygmy Tyrant

Myiornis atricapillus

(2) 2 Rio Claro 17.11 and 2 Rio Claro 18.11.

4 seen at Rio Claro.

Southern Bentbill

Oncostoma olivaceum

(2) 1 Rio Claro 17.11 and 2 Rio Claro 18.11.

3 seen at rio Claro.

Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher

Poecilotriccus ruficeps

(3) 1 Jardin 20.11, 2 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 1 heard Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11.

Seen very well at Jardin, others at Rio Blanco and below Thermales del Ruiz.

Slaty-headed Tody-Flycatcher

Poecilotriccus sylvia

(1) 2 Bolombolo 19.11.

2 seen well in Cauca valley near Bolombolo.

Common Tody-Flycatcher

Todirostrum cinereum

(2) 3 Rio Claro 18.11 and 2 en route 21.11.

Only 5 seen

Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher

Todirostrum nigriceps

(2) 1 Rio Claro 17.11 and 1 Rio Claro 18.11.

2 seen at Rio Claro.

Yellow-olive Flatbill

Tolmomyias sulphurescens

(3) 1 Rio Claro 17.11, 1 Rio Claro 18.11 and 1 en route 19.11.

Several at Rio Claro.

Cinnamon Flycatcher

Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus

(3) 1 heard Jardin 20.11, 2 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 5 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11.

A few seen at Jardin, Rio Blanco and below Thermales del Ruiz.

Black Phoebe

Sayornis nigricans angustirostris

(7) 2 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

Common.

Olive-sided Flycatcher (NT)

Contopus cooperi

(1) 1 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

1 at Otun Quimbaya.

Smoke-colored Pewee

Contopus fumigatus

(2) 1 heard Jardin 21.11 and 1 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11.

Heard at Jardin and 1 seen below Thermales del Ruiz.

Western Wood Pewee

Contopus sordidulus

(2) 1 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11 and 1 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

1 at Otun Quimbaya. Many Wood-Pewees not identified to species.

Eastern Wood Pewee

Contopus virens

(3) 1 heard Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 1 Laguna Tabacal 16.11 and 1 Rio Claro 17.11.

Heard at Pedropalo and singles seen at Tabacal and Rio Claro. Many Wood-Pewees not identified to species.

Acadian Flycatcher

Empidonax virescens

(3) 1 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 1 en route 16.11 and 1 en route 19.11.

3 seen.

Willow Flycatcher

Empidonax traillii

(1) 1 Rio Claro 17.11.

1 at Rio Claro.

Vermilion Flycatcher

Pyrocephalus obscurus

(2) 2 Laguna Tabacal 16.11 and 1 Rio Claro 18.11.

2 at Laguna Tabacal, 1 near Rio Claro.

Streak-throated Bush Tyrant

Myiotheretes striaticollis striaticollis

(2) 2 Chingaza NP 15.11 and 1 Loro Orejiamarillo 21.11.

2 at Chingaza and 1 seen very well at Ventanas.

Smoky Bush Tyrant

Myiotheretes fumigatus

(2) 2 PN Chicaque 14.11 and 1 Rio Blanco 22.11.

2 at Chicaque and 1 at Rio Blanco.

Pied Water Tyrant

Fluvicola pica

(1) 1 en route 17.11.

A single in the mid-Magdalena valley.

White-headed Marsh Tyrant

Arundinicola leucocephala

(1) 10 en route 17.11.

Common in the mid-Magdalena valley.

Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant

Silvicultrix diadema

(2) 2 Jardin 21.11 and 1 heard Rio Blanco 22.11.

2 seen at Jardin, heard at Rio Blanco.

Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant

Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris

(3) 4 Jardin 20.11, 6 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 2 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11.

Several seen well at Jardin, Rio Blanco and below Thermales del Ruiz.

Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant

Ochthoeca fumicolor

(2) 4 Chingaza NP 15.11 and 8 Los Nevados NP 23.11.

4 at Chingaza and about 8 at Los Nevados NP.

Long-tailed Tyrant

Colonia colonus

(1) 2 Rio Claro 18.11.

2 at Rio Claro.

Cattle Tyrant

Machetornis rixosa

(1) 1 Rio Claro 18.11.

1 near Rio Claro.

Piratic Flycatcher

Legatus leucophaius leucophaius

(3) 4 Rio Claro 17.11, 2 Rio Claro 18.11 and 2 en route 19.11.

Several in mid-Magdalena valley and at Rio Claro.

Rusty-margined Flycatcher

Myiozetetes cayanensis

(4) 5 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11 and up to 5 en route 16-18.11.

Fairly common.

Social Flycatcher

Myiozetetes similis

(2) 1 en route 17.11 and 1 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Singles on two occasions.

Great Kiskadee

Pitangus sulphuratus

(7) 2 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

Common.

Lesser Kiskadee

Philohydor lictor

(1) 2 en route 17.11.

2 in the mid-Magdalena valley.

Golden-crowned Flycatcher

Myiodynastes chrysocephalus

(3) 1 heard PN Chicaque 14.11, 2 Jardin 20.11 and 1 Jardin 21.11.

Heard at Chicaque and several seen at Jardin.

Streaked Flycatcher

Myiodynastes maculatus

(2) 1 Rio Claro 17.11 and 3 Rio Claro 18.11.

Several at Rio Claro.

Boat-billed Flycatcher

Megarynchus pitangua

(1) 1 Rio Claro 18.11.

1 at Rio Claro.

Tropical Kingbird

Tyrannus melancholicus

(9) 4 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

Common.

Fork-tailed Flycatcher

Tyrannus savana

(1) 10 en route 17.11.

About 10 in the mid-Magdalena valley.

Rufous Mourner

Rhytipterna holerythra

(1) 1 heard Rio Claro 18.11.

Heard at Rio Claro.

Dusky-capped Flycatcher

Myiarchus tuberculifer

(1) 1 heard Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

Heard at laguna Pedropalo.

Apical Flycatcher

Myiarchus apicalis

(1) 2 Bolombolo 19.11.

2 in the Cauca valley near Bolombolo.

Pale-edged Flycatcher

Myiarchus cephalotes cephalotes

(3) 1 heard Jardin 20.11, 3 Jardin 21.11 and 3 Rio Blanco 22.11.

Fairly common near Jardin and at Rio Blanco.

Great Crested Flycatcher

Myiarchus crinitus

(2) 2 Rio Claro 17.11 and 2 Rio Claro 18.11.

4 at Rio Claro.

Cotingas Cotingidae

Red-crested Cotinga

Ampelion rubrocristatus

(1) 3 Observatorio de Colibries, La Calera 15.11.

3 seen at Observatorio de Colibries.

Green-and-black Fruiteater

Pipreola riefferii

(3) 3 Jardin 21.11, 2 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 1 heard Rio Blanco 23.11.

Several seen at Jardin and Rio Blanco.

Barred Fruiteater

Pipreola arcuata arcuata

(1) 2 Rio Blanco 22.11.

A pair seen at Rio Blanco.

Andean Cock-of-the-Rock

Rupicola peruvianus

(2) 15 Jardin 20.11 and 2 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Great looks at about 15 males at a lek at Jardin and 2 seen at Otun Quimbaya.

Red-ruffed Fruitcrow

Pyroderus scutatus

(1) 10 Otun Ouimbaya 24.11.

About 10 seen at Otun Quimbaya.

Manakins *Pipridae*

Yellow-headed Manakin

Chloropipo flavicapilla

(1) 1 heard La Romera 19.11.

Heard at La Romera but could not be located in the dense gulley vegetation.

White-bearded Manakin

Manacus manacus

(4) 2 Laguna Tabacal 16.11 and up to 5 en route 17-19.11.

A few at Laguna Tabacal.

Tityras, Becards *Tityridae*

Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher

Terenotriccus erythrurus

(1) 1 Rio Claro 18.11.

1 at Rio Claro

Barred Becard

Pachyramphus versicolor versicolor

(1) 1 Rio Blanco 22.11. 1 male at Rio Blanco.

Cinnamon Becard Pachyramphus cinnamomeus

(1) 4 Rio Claro 18.11.

4 at Rio Claro.

Black-and-white Becard

Pachyramphus albogriseus

(1) 1 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

1 with a mixed flock at Laguna Pedropalo.

Vireos Vireonidae

Rufous-browed Peppershrike

Cyclarhis gujanensis

(3) 2 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 2 en route 17.11 and 1 heard en route 18.11.

Several seen and others heard.

Black-billed Peppershrike

Cyclarhis nigrirostris

(2) 1 heard Rio Blanco 22.11 and 1 heard Otun Quimbaya 24.11. Several heard but all distantly at Rio Blanco and Otun Quimbaya.

Yellow-browed Shrike-Vireo

Vireolanius eximius

(1) 1 en route 17.11.

Yellow-throated Vireo

Vireo flavifrons

(1) 1 Bolombolo 19.11.

1 in the Cauca valley near Bolombolo. A scare migrant to Colombia.

Brown-capped Vireo

Vireo leucophrys

(1) 1 heard Rio Blanco 22.11.

Heard at Rio Blanco.

Red-eyed Vireo

Vireo olivaceus

(2) 1 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11 and 3 en route 19.11.

A few seen

Rufous-naped Greenlet

Hylophilus semibrunneus

(2) 3 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11 and 2 Laguna Tabacal 16.11.

Several at Laguna Pedropalo and Laguna Tabacal.

Crows, Jays, and Magpies Corvidae

Black-collared Jay

Cyanolyca armillata

(3) 5 en route 21.11, 1 heard Rio Blanco 22.11 and 4 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11.

Seen at Jardin and below Thermales del Ruiz, heard at Rio Blanco.

Inca Jay

Cyanocorax yncas

(1) 5 Otun Quimbaya 24.11. 5 seen well at Otun Quimbaya.

Swallows *Hirundinidae*

White-winged Swallow

Tachycineta albiventer

(1) 5 Magdalena River 17.11.

5 on the Magdalena river.

Grey-breasted Martin

Progne chalybea chalybea

(4) Up to 20 en route 17-19.11 and 2 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Fairly common.

Brown-chested Martin

Progne tapera

(1) 1 en route 17.11.

1 in the mid-Magdalena valley.

Blue-and-white Swallow

Notiochelidon cyanoleuca cyanoleuca

(6) 2 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

Common.

Brown-bellied Swallow

Notiochelidon murina murina

(4) 2 Chingaza NP 15.11, 5 en route 16.11, 30 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 10 en route 23.11.

Fairly common.

Pale-footed Swallow

Notiochelidon flavipes

(2) 3 Jardin 21.11 and 10 Rio Blanco 22.11.

3 at Jardin and about 10 at Rio Blanco.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow

Stelgidopteryx ruficollis

(5) Up to 5 en route 16-19.11 and 4 Jardin 20.11.

Fairly common.

Barn Swallow

Hirundo rustica erythrogaster

(2) 10 Jardin 20.11 and 5 Jardin 21.11.

Several near Jardin.

Wrens Troglodytidae

Band-backed Wren

Campylorhynchus zonatus

(2) 1 heard Rio Claro 17.11 and 2 Rio Claro 18.11.

Heard and 2 seen at Rio Claro.

Rufous Wren

Cinnycerthia unirufa

(1) 8 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11.

Several below Thermales del Ruiz.

Sepia-brown Wren Cinnycerthia olivascens

(1) 5 Rio Blanco 22.11. Several at Rio Blanco.

Apolinar's Wren (EN)Cistothorus apolinari

(1) 1 La Florida, Bogota 16.11. 1 seen well at Parque La Florida.

Grass Wren Cistothorus platensis

(2) 1 Chingaza NP 15.11 and 2 en route 23.11. 1 seen well at Chingaza NP and others heard.

Black-bellied Wren Pheugopedius fasciatoventris

(3) Up to 1 Rio Claro 16-18.11. Heard and 1 seen well at Rio Claro.

Speckle-breasted Wren Pheugopedius sclateri columbianus

(1) 2 Laguna Tabacal 16.11.

2 of the colombianus subspecies at Laguna Tabacal. Sometimes split as Colombian Wren.

Antioquia Wren Thryophilus sernai

(1) 1 Bolombolo 19.11.

1 seen in the Cauca valley near Bolombolo.

Bay Wren Cantorchilus nigricapillus

(2) 1 heard Rio Claro 17.11 and 1 heard Rio Claro 18.11.

Heard at Rio Claro.

House Wren Troglodytes aedon

(6) 1 en route 16.11, 1 en route 18.11, 4 Jardin 20.11, 1 Jardin 21.11, 2 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 2 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Fairly common.

Mountain Wren Troglodytes solstitialis

(2) 2 Loro Orejiamarillo 21.11 and 2 Rio Blanco 22.11.

Seen above Jardin and at Rio Blanco.

White-breasted Wood Wren Henicorhina leucosticta

(1) 1 heard Rio Claro 17.11.

Heard at Rio Claro.

Grey-breasted Wood Wren

Henicorhina leucophrys

(8) 5 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11. Common by voice, several seen.

Southern Nightingale-Wren Microcerculus marginatus

(1) 1 heard Rio Claro 17.11.

Heard at Rio Claro.

Gnatcatchers Polioptilidae

Tropical Gnatcatcher Polioptila plumbea

(1) 5 en route 19.11.

Several in the mid Magdalena valley.

Mockingbirds and Thrashers Mimidae

Tropical Mockingbird

Mimus gilvus

(2) 2 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11 and 4 en route 16.11.

Common.

Thrushes and Allies Turdidae

Andean Solitaire

Myadestes ralloides

(2) 1 Jardin 20.11 and 1 heard Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

1 heard and seen at Jardin and others heard at Otun Quimbaya.

Swainson's Thrush

Catharus ustulatus

(7) 2 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

Common.

Great Thrush

Turdus fuscater

(8) 10 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

Common in highlands.

Pale-breasted Thrush

Turdus leucomelas

(3) 1 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 1 Rio Claro 17.11 and 1 en route 19.11.

Fairly common.

Black-billed Thrush

Turdus ignobilis

(8) 20 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

Common.

Dippers Cinclidae

White-capped Dipper

Cinclus leucocephalus

(3) 2 Rio Blanco 22.11, 2 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11 and 2 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

2 seen very well at Rio Blanco, 1 at Thermales del Ruiz and a pair at Otun Quimbaya.

Waxbills and Allies Estrildidae

Tricolored Munia

Lonchura malacca

(1) 1 Jardin 20.11.

1 seen by some at Jardin. Introduced species.

Finches, Euphonias Fringillidae

Lesser Goldfinch

Spinus psaltria colombianus

(3) 6 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 2 en route 16.11 and 4 Jardin 20.11.

Fairly common.

Andean Siskin

Spinus spinescens

(4) 1 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 3 Chingaza NP 15.11, 1 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 4 en route 23.11.

A few seen.

Velvet-fronted Euphonia

Euphonia concinna

(2) 1 Rio Claro 17.11 and 1 Rio Claro 18.11.

2 seen at rio Claro.

Thick-billed Euphonia

Euphonia laniirostris

(5) 2 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, up to 10 en route 16-18.11 and 2 Jardin 20.11.

Common.

Fulvous-vented Euphonia

Euphonia fulvicrissa

(1) 1 Rio Claro 18.11. 1 seen at Rio Claro.

Orange-bellied Euphonia

Euphonia xanthogaster

(2) 3 Jardin 20.11 and 4 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Seen at Jardin and Otun Quimbaya.

Blue-naped Chlorophonia

Chlorophonia cyanea

(1) 1 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

1 seen at Laguna Pedropalo.

Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia

Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys

(1) 2 Jardin 20.11. 2 seen at Jardin.

New World Warblers Parulidae

Northern Waterthrush Parkesia noveboracensis

(1) 1 Rio Claro 17.11.

1 at Rio Claro.

Black-and-white Warbler *Mniotilta varia*

(3) 1 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 1 en route 19.11 and 1 Rio Blanco 22.11.

3 seen.

Tennessee Warbler Leiothlypis peregrina

(2) 1 Rio Claro 18.11 and 1 en route 19.11.

2 seen.

Mourning Warbler Geothlypis philadelphia

(1) 1 Jardin 20.11. 1 seen at Jardin.

Cerulean Warbler Setophaga cerulea

(2) 2 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11 and 1 Laguna Tabacal 16.11.

2 at Laguna Pedropalo, 1 at Laguna Tabacal.

Tropical Parula Setophaga pitiayumi

(1) 1 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

1 seen at Laguna Pedropalo.

Bay-breasted Warbler Setophaga castanea

(3) Up to 20 en route 17-19.11.

Common in Magdalena valley and a few in the Cauca valley.

Blackburnian Warbler Setophaga fusca

(9) 20 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

The most common warbler in the Andes.

American Yellow Warbler Setophaga aestiva

(2) 2 en route 16.11 and 1 Rio Claro 17.11.

3 seen.

Chestnut-sided Warbler Setophaga pensylvanica

(1) 1 Rio Claro 18.11.

1 seen near Rio Claro. A rare bird in Colombia.

Citrine Warbler

Myiothlypis luteoviridis

(2) 6 Jardin 21.11 and 8 Rio Blanco 23.11.

The richardsoni subspecies (probably deserving of full species status) was seen at Jardin and the quindianus subspecies at Rio Blanco.

Black-crested Warbler

Myiothlypis nigrocristata

(1) 2 PN Chicaque 14.11.

2 seen at Chicaque.

Buff-rumped Warbler

Myiothlypis fulvicauda

(2) 10 Rio Claro 17.11 and 10 Rio Claro 18.11.

Common at Rio Claro.

Russet-crowned Warbler

Myiothlypis coronata

(4) 4 Jardin 20.11, 3 en route 21.11, 4 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 2 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Fairly common in montane forests.

Rufous-capped Warbler

Basileuterus rufifrons mesochrysus

(1) 1 Laguna Tabacal 16.11. 1 seen at Laguna Tabacal.

Three-striped Warbler

Basileuterus tristriatus

(2) 5 Jardin 20.11 and 20 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Common near Jardin and at Otun Quimbaya.

Canada Warbler

Cardellina canadensis

(5) 4 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 4 en route 16.11, 1 en route 19.11, 1 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 1 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Fairly common.

Wilson's Warbler

Cardellina pusilla

(1) 1 Loro Orejiamarillo 21.11.

1 male seen well above Jardin. A very rare bird in Colombia.

Slate-throated Whitestart

Myioborus miniatus

(5) 5 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 2 en route 19.11, 8 Jardin 20.11, 8 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 5 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Common

Golden-fronted Whitestart

Myioborus ornatus

(4) 6 Chingaza NP 15.11, 8 Jardin 21.11, 10 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 10 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11. About 10 of the white-faced ornatus subspecies seen at Chingaza NP. The nominate was common at Jardin, Rio Blanco and below Thermales del Ruiz.

Troupials and Allies Icteridae

Eastern Meadowlark

Sturnella magna

(2) 3 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11 and 2 La Florida, Bogota 16.11.

5 in eastern Andes around Bogota. The resident meridionalis subspecies.

Red-breasted Blackbird

Sturnella militaris

(1) 20 en route 17.11.

About 20 seen in the mid-Magdalena valley.

Yellow-billed Cacique

Amblycercus holosericeus

(1) 1 heard Rio Blanco 22.11.

Heard at Rio Blanco.

Chestnut-headed Oropendola Psarocolius wagleri ridgwayi

(1) 20 Rio Claro 18.11.

Approximately 20 at a colony near Rio Claro.

Yellow-rumped Cacique Cacicus cela

(1) 10 Rio Claro 18.11.

About 10 at a colony near Rio Claro.

Northern Mountain Cacique Cacicus leucoramphus leucoramphus

(2) 5 en route 21.11 and 5 Rio Blanco 23.11.

A few seen at Jardin and Rio Blanco.

(3) 1 heard Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 1 heard Laguna Tabacal 16.11 and 5 Jardin 20.11.

Heard in eastern Andes, a few seen at Jardin.

Yellow Oriole Icterus nigrogularis nigrogularis

(1) 1 en route 17.11.

1 in the mid-Magdalena valley.

Baltimore Oriole Icterus galbula

(1) 1 Bolombolo 19.11.

1 in the Cauca valley near Bolombolo.

Orange-crowned Oriole Icterus auricapillus

(1) 1 El Palacio De Los Frijoles 18.11.

1 at Alto de Frejoles.

Giant Cowbird Molothrus oryzivorus oryzivorus

(1) 20 Rio Claro 18.11.

Several at Alto de Frejoles and a single at the Chestnut-headed Oropendola colony near Rio Claro.

Shiny Cowbird Molothrus bonariensis

(4) 4 en route 16.11, 2 en route 17.11, 40 en route 19.11 and 5 en route 21.11.

Common in lowlands.

Carib Grackle Quiscalus lugubris lugubris

(4) Up to 50 en route 17-19.11 and 5 en route 21.11.

Common in lowlands.

Red-bellied Grackle (EN) Hypopyrrhus pyrohypogaster

(1) 10 La Romera 19.11.

About 10 seen very well at La Romera.

Yellow-hooded Blackbird Chrysomus icterocephalus

(2) 10 La Florida, Bogota 16.11 and 2 en route 17.11.

About 10 of the endemic bogotensis subspecies at Parque La Florida. A couple of the widespread nominate in the mid-Magdalena valley.

Bananaquit Coerebidae

Bananaquit Coereba flaveola

(5) 2 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 25 El Jardin Encantado 16.11, 10 en route 17.11, 5 en route 18.11 and 5 Jardin 20.11.

Common.

Buntings, Sparrows and Allies Emberizidae

Rufous-collared Sparrow

Zonotrichia capensis

(9) 20 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

Common.

Black-striped Sparrow

Arremonops conirostris

(1) 2 Bolombolo 19.11.

2 seen well in the Cauca valley near Bolombolo.

Chestnut-capped Brushfinch

Arremon brunneinucha frontalis

(1) 2 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

2 seen briefly at Otun Quimbaya.

Grey-browed Brushfinch

Arremon assimilis assimilis

(1) 2 Rio Blanco 22.11.

2 seen well at Rio Blanco.

White-naped Brushfinch

Atlapetes albinucha gutturalis

(1) 5 Rio Blanco 22.11.

About 5 seen at Rio Blanco.

Slaty Brushfinch

Atlapetes schistaceus

(3) 2 Chingaza NP 15.11, 3 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 6 en route 23.11.

Fairly common.

Tanagers and Allies Thraupidae

Black-capped Hemispingus

Hemispingus atropileus

(3) 6 en route 21.11, 4 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 5 en route 23.11.

Fairly common.

Superciliaried Hemispingus

Hemispingus superciliaris

(4) 6 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 1 Jardin 21.11, 2 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 5 en route 23.11. Fairly common.

Oleaginous Hemispingus

Hemispingus frontalis frontalis

(2) 1 Jardin 20.11 and 1 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11.

Singles at Jardin and below Thermales del Ruiz.

Black-eared Hemispingus

Hemispingus melanotis melanotis

(2) 4 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 4 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11.

Several at Rio Blanco and below Thermales del Ruiz.

Grey-hooded Bush Tanager

Cnemoscopus rubrirostris rubrirostris

(3) 3 en route 21.11, 5 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 4 en route 23.11.

Fairly common.

White-shouldered Tanager

Tachyphonus luctuosus

(1) 6 Rio Claro 17.11. Several at Rio Claro.

Crimson-backed Tanager

Ramphocelus dimidiatus

(6) 4 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 20 El Jardin Encantado 16.11, up to 20 en route 17-19.11 and 2 Jardin 20.11.

Common.

Flame-rumped Tanager

Ramphocelus flammigerus

(3) 6 en route 19.11, 10 Jardin 20.11 and 3 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Fairly common.

Lemon-rumped Tanager

Ramphocelus icteronotus

(1) 1 El Palacio De Los Frijoles 18.11.

1 males at Alto Lod Frejoles.

Blue-grey Tanager

Thraupis episcopus

(8) 10 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

Common.

Palm Tanager

Thraupis palmarum

(7) 2 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

Common.

Blue-capped Tanager

Thraupis cyanocephala

(6) 1 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 2 Chingaza NP 15.11, 2 Jardin 20.11, 3 en route 21.11, 5 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 4 en route 23.11.

Fairly common.

Hooded Mountain Tanager

Buthraupis montana

(1) 15 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11.

Fairly common below Thermales del ruiz.

Lacrimose Mountain Tanager

Anisognathus lacrymosus

(3) 4 en route 21.11, 5 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 8 en route 23.11.

Fairly common.

Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager

Anisognathus igniventris

(2) 10 Chingaza NP 15.11 and 2 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11.

Fairly common at Chingaza and a couple at Thermales del ruiz.

Blue-winged Mountain Tanager

Anisognathus somptuosus

(2) 4 Jardin 20.11 and 10 Rio Blanco 22.11.

Seen at Jardin and Rio Blanco.

Grass-green Tanager

Chlorornis riefferii riefferii

(1) 1 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11.

1 seen briefly by some below Thermales del Ruiz.

Buff-breasted Mountain Tanager

Dubusia taeniata

(2) 1 heard Chingaza NP 15.11 and 1 Rio Blanco 22.11.

Heard at Chingaza and 1 seen well at Rio Blanco.

Fawn-breasted Tanager

Pipraeidea melanonota venezuelensis

(1) 1 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

1 seen at Otun Quimbaya.

Multicolored Tanager (VU)

Chlorochrysa nitidissima

(1) 1 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

1 male seen well at Otun Quimbaya.

Plain-colored Tanager

Tangara inornata

(2) 4 Laguna Tabacal 16.11 and 4 en route 18.11.

4 at Laguna Tabacal.

Golden Tanager

Tangara arthus

(4) 5 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 4 en route 19.11, 4 Jardin 20.11 and 6 Otun Quimbaya 24.11. Fairly common.

Saffron-crowned Tanager

Tangara xanthocephala venusta

(2) 2 Jardin 20.11 and 2 Jardin 21.11.

Several at Jardin

Bay-headed Tanager

Tangara gyrola

(3) 5 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 2 Jardin 20.11 and 4 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Fairly common.

Scrub Tanager

Tangara vitriolina

(2) 5 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11 and 4 en route 19.11.

Fairly common.

Golden-naped Tanager

Tangara ruficervix

(2) 1 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11 and 4 Jardin 20.11.

4 at Jardin.

Metallic-green Tanager

Tangara labradorides labradorides

(3) 2 Jardin 20.11, 3 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 8 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Fairly common.

Blue-necked Tanager

Tangara cyanicollis

(3) 10 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 5 en route 16.11 and 5 Jardin 20.11.

Fairly common.

Golden-hooded Tanager

Tangara larvata fanny

(1) 6 Rio Claro 18.11.

6 at Rio Claro.

Beryl-spangled Tanager

Tangara nigroviridis

(3) 2 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 3 Jardin 20.11 and 10 Rio Blanco 22.11.

Fairly common.

Blue-and-black Tanager

Tangara vassorii vassorii

(3) 5 Jardin 20.11, 20 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 10 en route 23.11.

Common at higher altitudes.

Black-capped Tanager

Tangara heinei

(2) 5 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11 and 1 Jardin 20.11.

Fairly common at Laguna Pedroplao, a few others seen.

Swallow Tanager

Tersina viridis

(1) 8 El Palacio De Los Frijoles 18.11.

About 8 at Alto los Frejoles.

Yellow-tufted Dacnis

Dacnis egregia egregia

(1) 4 Rio Claro 17.11.

4 at Rio Claro.

Turquoise Dacnis (VU)

Dacnis hartlaubi

(1) 6 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

About 6 seen at Laguna Pedropalo.

White-eared Conebill (1) 2 en route 17.11.

Conirostrum leucogenys

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2 in the mid Magdalena valley.

Rufous-browed Conebill

Conirostrum rufum

(1) 8 Chingaza NP 15.11.

Good looks at about 8 at Chingaza NP.

Blue-backed Conebill

Conirostrum sitticolor

(3) 1 Chingaza NP 15.11, 1 Jardin 21.11 and 5 en route 23.11.

Several seen in higher altitudes.

Capped Conebill

Conirostrum albifrons

(2) 5 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 8 Rio Blanco 23.11.

Several at Jardin and Rio Blanco.

Glossy Flowerpiercer

Diglossa lafresnayii

(4) 4 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 10 Chingaza NP 15.11, 2 en route 21.11 and 4 en route 23.11.

Fairly common.

Black Flowerpiercer

Diglossa humeralis

(2) 1 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11 and 2 Chingaza NP 15.11.

A few in the east Andes.

White-sided Flowerpiercer

Diglossa albilatera albilatera

(5) 4 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 1 Chingaza NP 15.11, 2 en route 21.11, 3 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 2 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

Common.

Bluish Flowerpiercer

Diglossa caerulescens saturata

(2) 1 Chingaza NP 15.11 and 2 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

1 at Chingaza and 2 at Otun Quimbaya.

Masked Flowerpiercer

Diglossa cyanea cyanea

(5) 1 PN Chicaque 14.11, 2 Chingaza NP 15.11, 5 Jardin 20.11, 10 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 1 Rio Blanco 23.11.

Common.

Tanager Finch (VU)

Oreothraupis arremonops

(1) 1 heard Jardin 21.11.

Heard and glimpsed above Jardin.

Plumbeous Sierra Finch

Phrygilus unicolor

(2) 1 Chingaza NP 15.11 and 10 Los Nevados NP 23.11.

1 at Chingaza and several at Los Nevados NP.

Saffron Finch

Sicalis flaveola flaveola

(8) 2 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

Common.

Buff-throated Saltator

Saltator maximus

(2) 1 en route 17.11 and 2 en route 18.11.

Several seen.

Black-winged Saltator

Saltator atripennis

(1) 1 La Romera 19.11.

1 seen well at La Romera.

Greyish Saltator

Saltator coerulescens

(1) 1 heard en route 17.11.

Masked Saltator (NT)

Saltator cinctus

(1) 1 Rio Blanco 22.11.

Good looks at 1 at Rio Blanco; an inexplicably rare and local bird.

Streaked Saltator

Saltator striatipectus

(3) 5 en route 16.11, 2 en route 18.11 and 2 en route 19.11.

Fairly common.

Blue-black Grassquit

Volatinia jacarina splendens

(1) 1 en route 18.11.

1 in the mid Magdalena valley.

Grey Seedeater

Sporophila intermedia

(1) 2 Jardin 20.11.

2 on the outskirts of Jardin.

Yellow-bellied Seedeater

Sporophila nigricollis

(3) 1 Laguna Tabacal 16.11, 2 Jardin 20.11 and 4 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

1 male seen well at Laguna Tabacal.

Ruddy-breasted Seedeater

Sporophila minuta minuta

(2) 1 en route 16.11 and 5 en route 17.11.

About 5 in the mid Magdalena valley.

Thick-billed Seed Finch

Oryzoborus funereus

(1) 1 El Palacio De Los Frijoles 18.11.

A female at Alto de los Frejoles is part of a population that is considered to be an intergrade between this species and the Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch O. angolensis.

Plain-colored Seedeater

Catamenia inornata minor

(1) 8 Los Nevados NP 23.11.

Fairly common at Los Nevados NP.

Yellow-faced Grassquit

Tiaris olivaceus pusillus

(1) 4 Bolombolo 19.11.

4+ in the Cauca valley near Bolombolo.

Dull-colored Grassquit

Tiaris obscurus

(1) 1 Laguna Tabacal 16.11.

1 at Laguna Tabacal.

Rosy Thrush-Tanager

Rhodinocichla rosea

(1) 1 heard Laguna Tabacal 16.11.

Heard at Laguna Tabacal.

Plushcap

Catamblyrhynchus diadema diadema

(2) 2 Loro Orejiamarillo 21.11 and 2 Rio Blanco 22.11.

2 seen above Jardin and 2 at Rio Blanco.

Cardinals and Allies Cardinalidae

Tooth-billed Tanager

Piranga lutea

(2) 10 Bolombolo 19.11 and 1 Jardin 20.11.

About 10 in the Cauca valley near Bolombolo.

Summer Tanager

Piranga rubra rubra

(8) 5 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

Common.

Scarlet Tanager

Piranga olivacea

(1) 3 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11.

Fairly common.

Crested Ant Tanager

Habia cristata

(1) 4 Otun Quimbaya 24.11. 4 seen well at Otun Quimbaya.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Pheucticus ludovicianus

(3) 1 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 1 en route 18.11 and 2 en route 19.11.

A few seen.

Dickcissel

Spiza americana

(1) 7 en route 18.11.

A flock of 7 flew over in the mid-Magdalena valley.

Mammals (9 in total: 9 seen)

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Wild, NT = Near Threatened, DD = Data Deficient

Callitrichidae

Silvery-brown Tamarin

Saguinus leucopus

(2) 6 Rio Claro 17.11 and 4 en route 18.11.

Several great views of this delightful little endemic.

Howler, Spider, and Woolly Monkeys Atelidae

Colombian Red Howler Monkey

Alouatta seniculus

(2) 2 Rio Claro 18.11 and 8 Otun Quimbaya 24.11.

2 seen snoozing in a tree near Rio Claro.

Rabbits, Hares *Leporidae*

Tapeti (1) 1 Los Nevados NP 23.11.

1 seen at Los Nevados NP.

Sylvilagus brasiliensis

Cavies, including Guinea Pigs Caviidae

Brazilian Guinea Pig

Cavia aperea

(1) 6 La Florida, Bogota 16.11.

About 6 seen in Parque La Florida.

Squirrels Sciuridae

Central American Dwarf Squirrel

Microsciurus alfari

(1) 2 Rio Claro 18.11.

2 seen near Rio Claro.

Western Dwarf Squirrel

Microsciurus mimulus

(1) 2 Rio Blanco 22.11. 2 seen at Rio Blanco.

Red-tailed Squirrel

Sciurus granatensis

(3) 1 Laguna de Pedro Palo 14.11, 1 en route 17.11 and 1 en route 18.11. Several seen in eastern Andes.

Andean Squirrel

Sciurus pucheranii

(3) 1 La Romera 19.11, 1 Rio Blanco 22.11 and 3 Hotel Termales Del Ruiz 23.11. 1 at Parque La Romera, several at Rio Blanco and 1 below Thermales del Ruiz.

Weasels, Skunks, Otters Mustelidae

Long-tailed Weasel

Mustela frenata

(1) 1 Jardin 20.11.

Linda saw 1 briefly at Jardin.

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