Colombia
Santa Marta Extension I
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Trip Report

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Tour Summary

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

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

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

Delighted with our early success, we headed over to some nearby wetlands where we notched up an unexpected Northern Screamer, White-faced Whistling Duck, Blue-winged Teal, superb Rufescent Tiger Heron, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Striated, Cocoi, Tricoloured and Little Blue Heron, Snowy Egret, Brown Pelican, Magnificent Frigatebird, Snail Kite, the strange Limpkin, dozens of Wattled Jacana, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Solitary, Spotted and Least Sandpiper, Large-billed Tern, elusive Dwarf Cuckoo, Green and Amazon Kingfisher, Yellow-chinned Spintail,
Straight-billed Woodcreeper, Pied Water Tyrant, White-headed Marsh Tyrant, a pair of very vocal Stripe-backed Wren and Carib and Great-tailed Grackle. Shew! What a morning!

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

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

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

The following day, we enjoyed time in the upper section above El Dorado. This meant a very early start in order to get to the key area by dawn. During our time here, in the beautiful cloud forest, we notched up a number of specials and endemics, which included Band-tailed and Sickle-winged Guan, Broad-winged Hawk, Tyrian Metaltail, superb White-tipped Quetzal, Santa Marta Toucanet, Scaly-naped Amazon, Scarlet-fronted Parakeet, Rusty-headed and Streak-capped Spinetail, Montane Foliage-gleaner, Montane Woodcreeper, Black-throated Tody-Tyrant, Golden-breasted Fruiteater, Brown-capped Vireo, Black-chested Jay, Santa Marta Wood Wren, Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush, Santa Marta and White-lored Warbler, Yellow-crowned Whitestart, Santa Marta Brush Finch, Santa Marta Mountain Tanager and Golden Grosbeak.

The next day we enjoyed our time birding our way down from El Dorado to Minca. Before leaving, we noted the superb Crowned Woodnymph and White-tailed Starfrontlet, along with splendid Blue-naped Chlororhina at the feeders. Continuing down, we picked up a magnificent roosting Black-and-white Owl, Pale-bellied Hermit, rare Santa Marta Woodstar, Masked Trogon, Whooping Motmot, tricky Groove-billed Toucanet, Collared Aracari, Golden-olive Woodpecker, Bat Falcon, a lovely pair of Santa Marta...
Foliage-gleaner, Grey-throated Leafflower, Plain Xenops, Santa Marta Antbird, confiding Rusty-breasted Antpitta, Santa Marta Tapaculo, Cinnamon and Golden-crowned Flycatcher, Black-hooded and White-necked Thrush, Yellow-backed Oriole, Sierra Nevada Brushfinch and rare Black-headed Tanager.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Annotated List of species recorded

#### BIRDS

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

#### SCREAMERS  *Anhimidae*

**Northern Screamer**

*Chauna chavaria*

We had great views of one at km4 near Salamanca

#### DUCKS, GEESE & SWANS  *Anatidae*

**White-faced Whistling Duck**

*Dendrocygna viduata*

We had good views of two at km 4 near Salamanca.

**Black-bellied Whistling Duck**

*Dendrocygna autumnalis*

Six birds were seen during the drive from Minca to Rioacha

**Blue-winged Teal**

*Anas discors*

Five were seen at km 4 near Salamanca

#### CHACHALACAS, CURASSOWS & GUANS  *Cracidae*

**Chestnut-winged Chachalaca (E)**

*Ortalis garrula*

Five seen at roost site west of Santa Marta

**Rufous-vented Chachalaca**

*Ortalis ruficauda*

Four seen at Las Gaviotas

**Band-tailed Guan**

*Penelope argyrotis*

Eight seen around El Dorado Lodge, Santa Marta

**Sickle-winged Guan**

*Chamaepetes goudotii*

We had good views of two at El Dorado
NEW WORLD QUAIL  Odontophoridae
Crested Bobwhite  Colinus cristatus
We had great views of a male perched up in a tree and several others at Rioacha

FLAMINGOS  Phoenicopteridae
American Flamingo  Phoenicopterus ruber
A flock of 60 was seen at Los Flamencos, Guajira

STORKS  Ciconiidae
Wood Stork  Mycteria americana
One was seen flying over Salamanca

IBISES, SPOONBILLS  Threskiornithidae
American White Ibis  Eudocimus albus
Ten adults were seen at Los Flamencos, Guajira
Roseate Spoonbill  Platalea ajaja
We had good views of three whilst en route to El Dorado and another at Los Flamencos

HERONS, BITTERNS  Ardeidae
Rufescent Tiger Heron  Tigrisoma lineatum
We had great views of one at km 4 near Salamanca
Black-crowned Night Heron  Nycticorax nycticorax
One was seen en route to Salamanca
Yellow-crowned Night Heron  Nyctanassa violacea
Seen at Los Flamencos
Striated Heron  Butorides striata
Eight birds were seen at km 4 near Salamanca
Western Cattle Egret  Bubulcus ibis
Commonly seen around Salamanca and peak numbers of over 100 seen during the drive from Minca to Rioacha
Great Blue Heron  Ardea herodias
One seen at Los Flamencos, Guajira
Cocoi Heron  Ardea cocoi
Five were seen at km4 near Salamanca
Great Egret  Ardea alba
About 50 were seen at km4 near Salamanca and several more at Los Flamencos, Guajira
Reddish Egret  Egretta rufescens
We had great views of three at Los Flamencos, including one white morph individual.
Tricolored Heron  Egretta tricolor
Three seen at km4 near Salamanca and another at Los Flamencos, Guajira
Little Blue Heron  Egretta caerulescens
One seen at Salamanca
Snowy Egret  Egretta thula
About 30 seen at km4 near Salamanca and a further 6 at Los Flamencos, Guajira

PELICANS  Pelecanidae
Brown Pelican  Pelecanus occidentalis
Seen along the coast
FRIGATEBIRDS  Fregatidae

Magnificent Frigatebird  
*Fregata magnificens*

Seen along the coast in small numbers

CORMORANTS, SHAGS  Phalacrocoracidae

Neotropic Cormorant  
*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*

Commonly seen around Salamanca and Los Flamencos

NEW WORLD VULTURES  Cathartidae

Turkey Vulture  
*Cathartes aura*

Seen commonly throughout the extension

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture  
*Cathartes burrovianus*

We had good views of five around Salamanca

Black Vulture  
*Coragyps atratus*

We had good views of five around Salamanca

OSPREYS  Pandionidae

Western Osprey  
*Pandion haliaetus*

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

KITES, HAWKS & EAGLES  Accipitridae

Pearl Kite  
*Gampsonyx swainsonii*

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

Plumbeous Kite  
*Ictinia plumbea*

A juvenile was seen at Rioacha

Black-collared Hawk  
*Busarellus nigricollis*

One was seen at PNN Isla Salamanca

Snail Kite  
*Rostrhamus sociabilis*

We had great views of three at km4 near Salamanca

Common Black Hawk  
*Buteogallus anthracinus*

One was seen perched up alongside a wetland near Rioacha

Savanna Hawk  
*Buteogallus meridionalis*

We had good views of one sub-adult near Rioacha

Roadside Hawk  
*Rupornis magnirostris*

One was seen very well at Las Gaviotas

Harris’s Hawk  
*Parabuteo unicinctus*

One seen near Los Flamencos, Guajira

White-rumped Hawk  
*Parabuteo leucorrhous*

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

Grey-lined Hawk  
*Buteo nitidus*

We had splendid views of two at Las Gaviotas

Broad-winged Hawk  
*Buteo platypterus*

One was seen at the upper section of El Dorado

Short-tailed Hawk  
*Buteo brachyurus*

One was seen near Rioacha
**RAILS, CRAKES & COOTS  Rallidae**

Purple Gallinule  *Porphyrio martina*  
We had good views of two at km4 near Salamanca.

**LIMPKIN  Aramidae**

Limpkin  *Aramus guarauna*  
We had great sightings of five at km4 near Salamanca.

**STONE-CURLEWS, THICK-KNEES  Burhinidae**

Double-striped Thick-knee  *Burhinus bistriatus*  
We had good scope views of one near Rioacha and a further three at Los Flamencos, Guajira.

**OYSTERCATCHERS  Haematopididae**

American Oystercatcher  *Haematopus palliatus*  
Two seen at Los Flamencos.

**STILTS, AVOCETS  Recurvuistrostidae**

Black-necked Stilt  *Himantopus mexicanus*  
Seen at various locations including 15 at Los Flamencos.

**PLOVERS  Charadriidae**

Southern Lapwing  *Vanellus chilensis*  
Four were seen at km4 near Salamanca and several more around Rioacha.

Grey Plover  *Pluvialis squatarola*  
One was seen well at Los Flamencos.

Semipalmated Plover  *Charadrius semipalmatus*  
We had good looks at 30 at Los Flamencos.

Wilson’s Plover  *Charadrius wilsonia*  
One was seen very well at Los Flamencos.

Collared Plover  *Charadrius collaris*  
Several seen at Los Flamencos.

**JACANAS  Jacanidae**

Wattled Jacana  *Jacana jacana*  
We had great views of twenty at km4 near Salamanca.

**SANDPIPERS, SNIPES  Scolopacidae**

Whimbrel  *Numenius phaeopus*  
One was seen at Los Flamencos.

Greater Yellowlegs  *Tringa melanoleuca*  
We had good views of four during the drive from Salamanca to Minca.

Lesser Yellowlegs  *Tringa flavipes*  
Seen at a small wetland at km4 near Salamanca.

Solitary Sandpiper  *Tringa solitaria*  
Two were seen at a small wetland at km4 near Salamanca.
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Willet
Ten were seen at Los Flamencos and others along the coast

**Tringa semipalmata**

Spotted Sandpiper
We had great views of three at km4 near Salamanca

**Actitis macularius**

Sanderling
Two seen near the mouth of the estuary at Los Flamencos

**Calidris alba**

Semipalmated Sandpiper
At least 30 seen at Los Flamencos

**Calidris pusilla**

Western Sandpiper
At least 6 seen at Los Flamencos

**Calidris mauri**

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

**Calidris minutilla**

White-rumped Sandpiper
One seen at Los Flamencos

**Calidris fuscicollis**

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GULLS, TERNS & SKIMMERS  *Laridae*

Black Skimmer
A flock of 40 was seen at Los Flamencos

**Rynchops niger**

Laughing Gull
Seen along the coast and 15 at Los Flamencos

**Leucophaeus atricilla**

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

**Leucophaeus pipixcan**

Gull-billed Tern
One was seen at a tern roost whilst en route from Salamanca to Minca

**Gelochelidon nilotica**

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

**Hydroprogne caspia**

Royal Tern
Eighty seen at Los Flamencos

**Thalasseus maximus**

Cabot’s (Sandwich) Tern
Two seen along the coast and a further fifteen at Los Flamencos

**Thalasseus acuflavidus**

Common Tern
One was seen well at Los Flamencos

**Sterna hirundo**

Large-billed Tern
Twenty seen at km4 near Salamanca

**Phaetusa simplex**

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PIGEONS, DOVES  *Columbidae*

Rock Dove
Seen commonly in towns and cities

**Columba livia**

Scaled Pigeon
We had good views of one at the Sendero Campano trail

**Patagioenas speciosa**

Bare-eyed Pigeon
Seen on the Guajira

**Patagioenas corensis**

Pale-vented Pigeon
One flew over km4 near Salamanca

**Patagioenas cayennensis**

Scaled Dove
Seen on the Guajira

**Columbina squammata**

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Rockjumper Birding Tours
**Common Ground Dove**  
*Columbina passerina*  
A few seen at various locations around Rioacha

**Ruddy Ground Dove**  
*Columbina talpaci*  
Up to ten seen daily around Rioacha

**White-tipped Dove**  
*Leptotila verreauxi*  
Seen almost daily in small numbers, we had great views of several at El Dorado

**Eared Dove**  
*Zenaida auriculata*  
Three birds were seen flying over at Rioacha

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**CUCKOOS  Cuculidae**

**Greater Ani**  
*Crottophaga major*  
One was seen briefly near Los Flamencos

**Smooth-billed Ani**  
*Crottophaga ani*  
We had good views of several around Salamanca and again at Los Flamencos

**Groove-billed Ani**  
*Crottophaga sulcirostris*  
Four birds were seen at Las Gaviotas

**Striped Cuckoo**  
*Tapera naevia*  
We heard one calling at Las Gaviotas

**Dwarf Cuckoo**  
*Coccycua pumila*  
We had great views of one at km4 near Salamanca

**Squirrel Cuckoo**  
*Piaya cayana*  
We had great views of several including one on the Sendero Campano trail.

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo**  
*Coccyzus americanus*  
We had good views of one at Las Gaviotas

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**OWLS  Strigidae**

**Santa Marta Screech Owl (E, Cr)**  
*Megascops sp. nov.*  
One was heard calling nearby at El Dorado

**Black-and-White Owl**  
*Strix nigrolineata*  
Seen on a day roost in the Santa Marta range

**Ferruginous Pygmy Owl**  
*Glaucidium brasilianum*  
A few heard

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**NIGHTJARS  Caprimulgidae**

**Common Nighthawk**  
*Chordeiles minor*  
We had good views of six flying over Rioacha

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**HUMMINGBIRDS  Trochilidae**

**Rufous-breasted Hermit**  
*Glaucis hirsutus*  
We had great looks at one at Minca Hotel

**Pale-bellied Hermit**  
*Phaethornis anthophilus*  
A few seen at various locations

**White-necked Jacobin**  
*Florisuga mellivora*  
Common at the feeders at Minca Hotel

**Green Violetear**  
*Colibri thalassinus*  
Seen around El Dorado and also at feeders at Minca

**Sparkling Violetear**  
*Colibri coruscans*  
A couple was seen at El Dorado
Ruby-topaz Hummingbird
A fabulous male was seen near Los Flamencos

Red-billed Emerald
One female was seen near Rioacha

Crowned Woodnymph
Up to six seen daily at El Dorado

Sapphire-throated Hummingbird
Two were seen at Salamanca

Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird (E, Cr)
One male was seen briefly at PNN Isla Salamanca

Buffy Hummingbird (NE)
A few seen on the Guajira

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird
Quite common at the feeders at Minca

Steely-vented Hummingbird
Up to thirty seen around Minca

White-vented Plumeleteer
We had good sightings of several at Minca

White-tailed Starfrontlet (E)
A male and female were seen coming to feeders at El Dorado

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

Long-billed Starthroat
We had good views of one at Minca

Santa Marta Woodstar (E)
We had great scope views of two males below El Dorado

TROGONS Trogonidae

White-tipped Quetzal
One male was seen in the Santa Marta range

Masked Trogon
A pair was seen very well near El Dorado

KINGFISHERS Alcedinidae

Green Kingfisher
We had good views of two at km4 near Salamanca

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

Ringed Kingfisher
We had great views of four at University Atlantico.

MOTMOTS Momotidae

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

JACAMARS Galbulidae

Rufous-tailed Jacamar
We had good sightings at a number of places with great views of one at Sendero Campano trail.
**PUFFBIRDS  *Buccoidea***

**Pied Puffbird**  *Notharchus tectus*
We had great scope views of one at Salamanca

**Russet-throated Puffbird**  *Hypnelus ruficollis*
First seen at Salamanca with further sightings at Rioacha and near Los Flamencos

**TOUCANS  *Ramphastidae***

**Santa Marta Toucanet (E)**  *Aulacorhynchus lautus*
Several seen in the higher elevations of the Santa Marta range

**Groove-billed Toucanet (NE)**  *Aulacorhynchus sulcatus*
One seen well in the middle elevations of the Santa Marta range

**Collared Aracari**  *Pteroglossus torquatus*
Several were seen well near El Dorado

**Keel-billed Toucan**  *Ramphastos sulfuratus*
Several of these gorgeous birds were seen point blank near Minca

**WOODPECKERS  *Picidae***

**Scaled Piculet**  *Picumnus squamulatus*
We had good views of one on the way up to El Dorado

**Chestnut Piculet (NE)**  *Picumnus cinnamomeus*
We had cracking views of this wonderful bird at Salamanca and again on the Guajira

**Red-crowned Woodpecker**  *Melanerpes rubricapillus*
We had good views of three en route to El Dorado and again on the Guajira

**Golden-olive Woodpecker**  *Colaptes rubiginosus*
We had good views of one near Minca

**Lineated Woodpecker**  *Dryocopus lineatus*
One was seen well during the drive up to El Dorado

**Crimson-crested Woodpecker**  *Campephilus melanoleucos*
One was seen on the Sendero Campano trail, near Minca

**FALCONS, CARACARAS  *Falconidae***

**Northern Crested Caracara**  *Caracara cheriway*
We enjoyed great sightings on several days. Up to 20 seen around Rioacha

**Yellow-headed Caracara**  *Milvago chimachima*
Fairly common with good sightings around Salamanca

**American Kestrel**  *Falco sparverius*
Two were seen en route from Salamanca to Minca

**Aplomado Falcon**  *Falco femoralis*
One was seen hunting over the wetlands en route from Salamanca to Minca

**Bat Falcon**  *Falco rufigularis*
One seen above Minca during the drive from El Dorado to Minca

**Peregrine Falcon**  *Falco peregrinus*
We had good views of one near Los Flamencos

**AFRICAN & NEW WORLD PARROTS  *Psittacidae***

**Orange-chinned Parakeet**  *Brotogeris jugularis*
We had great views of several above Minca
Red-billed Parrot  
*Pionus sordidus*
We had good views of one above Minca

Scaly-naped Amazon  
*Amazona mercenarius*
We had good views of many at El Dorado

Green-rumped Parrotlet  
*Forpus passerinus*
One was scoped whilst en route to Rioacha and several more seen flying over at Los Flamencos

Brown-throated Parakeet  
*Eupsittula pertinax*
Seen very well at km4 near Salamanca and again near Rioacha

Military Macaw  
*Ara militaris*
We had fair views of ten, including two perched on the Sendero Campano trail.

Scarlet-fronted Parakeet  
*Psittacara wagleri*
We had good views at upper El Dorado

### OVENBIRDS  *Furnariidae*

Caribbean (Pale-legged) Hornero  
*Furnarius longirostris*
One seen well and scoped on the Guajira

White-whiskered Spinetail (NE)  
*Synallaxis candei*
This fantastic species showed well on several occasions on the Guajira

Rusty-headed Spinetail (E)  
*Synallaxis fuscorufa*
One was seen well in the upper section at El Dorado

Streak-capped Spinetail (E)  
*Cranioleuca hellmayri*
Good views of three in the upper elevations in the Santa Marta range

Yellow-chinned Spinetail  
*Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*
We had great views of four at km4 near Salamanca

Montane Foliage-gleaner  
*Anabacerthia striaticollis*
A couple was seen near El Dorado

Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner (E)  
*Automolus rufipectus*
We had splendid views of a pair in the Santa Marta range

Grey-throated Leaffosser  
*Sclerurus albicularis*
Wonderful views of this skulker in the Santa Marta range

Plain Xenops  
*Xenops minutus*
One seen below El Dorado

Plain-brown Woodcreeper  
*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*
We had great views of one at Las Gaviotas

Straight-billed Woodcreeper  
*Dendroplex picus*
We had great views of one at km4 near Salamanca and again near Rioacha

Cocoa Woodcreeper  
*Xiphorhynchus susurrans*
We had good views of two whilst en route up to El Dorado

Streak-headed Woodcreeper  
*Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*
One was seen at Salamanca

Montane Woodcreeper  
*Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger*
Several of the rarer Santa Marta subspecies, proposed as a split

### ANTBIRDS  *Thamnophilidae*

Black-crested Antshrike  
*Sakesphorus canadensis*
Seen at PNN Isla Salamanca

Black-backed Antshrike (NE)  
*Thamnophilus melanotus*
Great views of one on Sendero Campano trail
Barred Antshrike  
*Thamnophilus doliatus*  
We had good views of one at Las Gaviotas

Northern White-fringed Antwren  
*Formicivora intermedia*  
We had great views at Rioacha

Santa Marta Antbird  
*Drymophila hellmayri*  
We had great views of three below El Dorado

White-bellied Antbird  
*Myrmeciza longipes*  
We had good views of a pair at Las Gaviotas

**ANTPITTA* Grallariidae**

Santa Marta Antpitta (E)  
*Grallaria bangsi*  
We heard several below El Dorado

Rusty-breasted [Ferruginous] Antpitta (NE)  
*Grallaricula ferrugineipectus*  
We had simply splendid views of two below El Dorado

**TAPACULOS Rhinocryptidae**

Santa Marta Tapaculo (E)  
*Scytalopus sanctaemartae*  
Seen very well at middle elevation in the Santa Marta Mountains

Brown-rumped Tapaculo (E)  
*Scytalopus latebricola*  
We heard one calling close by above El Dorado

**TYRANT FLYCATCHERS Tyrannidae**

Forest Elaenia  
*Myiopagis gaimardii*  
We had good views of two at Las Gaviotas

Brown-capped Tyrannulet  
*Ornithion brunneicapillus*  
We had good views of one at Las Gaviotas

White-throated Tyrannulet  
*Mecocerculus leucophrys*  
We had good views of two above El Dorado

Olive-striped Flycatcher  
*Mionectes olivaceus*  
Several were seen at El Dorado

Northern Scrub Flycatcher  
*Sublegatus arenarum*  
Seen wonderfully close and oblivious to us on the Guajira

Slender-billed Inezia (NE)  
*Inezia tenuirostris*  
Had equally nice looks at this species, as the previous

Pale-tipped Inezia  
*Inezia caudata*  
We had great views of one near Los Flamencos

Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant  
*Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer*  
See at Minca

Black-throated Tody-Tyrant  
*Hemitriccus granadensis*  
We had good views of one at El Dorado

Southern Bentbill  
*Oncostoma olivaceum*  
We had awesome views of one at Las Gaviotas

Pale-eyed Pygmy Tyrant  
Several seen at the Guajira

Common Tody-Flycatcher  
*Todirostrum cinereum*  
One was seen at its nest at Salamanca
Cinnamon Flycatcher
We had good views of one at below El Dorado

Pied Water Tyrant
We had great views of three at km4 near Salamanca

White-headed Marsh Tyrant
We had great views of two at km4 near Salamanca

Cattle Tyrant
We had good views of several

Rusty-margined Flycatcher
One was seen at Salamanca

Social Flycatcher
We had great views of two at km4 near Salamanca

Great Kiskadee
We had good views of several

Golden-crowned Flycatcher
We had great views of several at El Dorado

Streaked Flycatcher
We had good views of one at Las Gaviotas

Boat-billed Flycatcher
We saw two at Las Gaviotas

Tropical Kingbird
We had several sightings

Grey Kingbird
Several seen on the Guajira

Venezuelan Flycatcher
One seen on the Guajira

Panamanian Flycatcher
We had superb scope views of one at Salamanca

Great Crested Flycatcher
Two were seen at Las Gaviotas

Brown-crested Flycatcher
We had great views of several near Rioacha

COTINGAS Cotingidae

Golden-breasted Fruiteater
A few seen very well below El Dorado

MANAKINS Pipridae

White-bearded Manakin
A superb male was seen below El Dorado

Lance-tailed Manakin
We had fantastic views of a splendid male at Las Gaviotas

TITYRAS, BECARDS Tityridae

Masked Tityra
We had good views of two below El Dorado

Cinereous Becard
We had good views of two above Minca
**VIREOS, GREENLETS Vireonidae**

**Brown-capped Vireo**
We had good views of one above El Dorado

**Red-eyed Vireo**
We had good views of several at El Dorado and Las Gaviotas

**Scrub Greenlet**
We had good views of one at Las Gaviotas

**CROWS, JAYS Corvidae**

**Black-chested Jay**
We had daily sightings during our stay at El Dorado

**SWALLOWS, MARTINS Hirundinidae**

**Grey-breasted Martin**
A flock of 30 was seen along the powerlines during the drive up to El Dorado

**Southern Rough-winged Swallow**
We had good views of 20 at Rioacha

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

**WRENS Troglodytidae**

**Stripe-backed Wren**
We had great views of a pair at km4 near Salamanca

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

**Rufous-breasted Wren**
We had great views of one above Salamanca

**Rufous-and-white Wren**
A single bird showed well during the drive up to El Dorado

**Buff-breasted Wren**
We had good views of one at Las Gaviotas

**House Wren**
We had good views of two near Los Flamencos

**Grey-breasted Wood Wren**
We had good views of several around El Dorado

**Santa Marta Wood Wren (E)**
We had great views of one above El Dorado

**GNATCATCHERS Polioptilidae**

**Long-billed Gnawtren**
We had great views of one at Las Gaviotas

**Tropical Gnatcatcher**
Several seen on the Guajira

**MOCKINGBIRDS, THRASHERS Mimidae**

**Tropical Mockingbird**
We enjoyed good views of several on the Guajira
THRUSHES Turdidae

Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush \textit{Catharus fuscater}
We had good views of one hopping along the track above El Dorado

Great Thrush \textit{Turdus fuscater}
We had good views of one at the upper section above El Dorado

Black-hooded Thrush \textit{Turdus olivater}
One male was seen well at middle elevations of Santa Marta Mountains

Pale-breasted Thrush \textit{Turdus leucomelas}
Small numbers were seen daily around El Dorado

White-necked Thrush \textit{Turdus albicollis}
We had good views of two below El Dorado

OLD WORLD SPARROWS Passeridae

House Sparrow \textit{Passer domesticus}
We had good views of three near Los Flamencos

FINCHES Fringillidae

Trinidad Euphonia \textit{Euphonia trinitatis}
Several seen very well on the Guajira

Thick-billed Euphonia \textit{Euphonia laniirostris}
A male was seen at Hotel Minca

Blue-naped Chlorophonia \textit{Chlorophonia cyanea}
We had amazing sightings of many at El Dorado and again above Minca

NEW WORLD WARBLERS Parulidae

Louisiana Waterthrush \textit{Parkesia motacilla}
We had good views of one at PNN Isla Salamanca

Northern Waterthrush \textit{Parkesia noveboracensis}
We had good views of one near Los Flamencos

Black-and-white Warbler \textit{Mniotilta varia}
We had good views of several near El Dorado

Prothonotary Warbler \textit{Protonotaria citrea}
We had superb looks at one at Salamanca and several more on the Guajira

Tennessee Warbler \textit{Leiothlypis peregrina}
We had good views of several en route to El Dorado

Masked Yellowthroat \textit{Geothlypis aequinoctialis}
One was seen near Los Flamencos

American Redstart \textit{Setophaga ruticilla}
We had great views of several above Minca

Blackburnian Warbler \textit{Setophaga fusca}
We had good views of several during our time at El Dorado

American Yellow Warbler \textit{Setophaga aestiva}
We had great looks at three at Las Gaviotas

Blackpoll Warbler \textit{Setophaga striata}
We had good views of several on the Guajira

Santa Marta Warbler (E) \textit{Myiothlypis basilica}
Two seen well at high elevation in the Santa Marta Mountains
White-lored Warbler (E)  
Several seen in the Santa Marta range

Rufous-capped Warbler  
We had good views of a few above Minca

Wilson’s Warbler  
We had splendid views of this rare migrant at Salamanca

Slate-throated Whitestart  
We had good views of several during our time at El Dorado

Yellow-crowned Whitestart (E)  
Several seen very well at high elevation in the Santa Marta Mountains

OROPENDOLAS, ORIOLES AND BLACKBIRDS  Icteridae

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

Red-breasted Blackbird  
We had good views of a male whilst en route from Salamanca to Minca

Crested Oropendola  
We had great views of one daily at El Dorado

Yellow-backed Oriole  
We had good views of several above Minca

Yellow Oriole  
We had good views of two near Los Flamencos

Baltimore Oriole  
We had superb views of several around Minca

Orange-crowned Oriole  
We had good views of two at Las Gaviotas

Carib Grackle  
Several were seen very well at km4 near Salamanca

Great-tailed Grackle  
Seen fairly commonly along the coast

BANANAQUIT  Coerebidae

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

BUNTINGS, NEW WORLD SPARROWS AND ALLIES  Emberizidae

Rufous-collared Sparrow  
One seen at El Dorado

Tocuyo Sparrow (NE)  
One seen very well by all participants on the Guajira, a very rare bird!

Golden-winged Sparrow (NE)  
One superb male was seen at Minca

Sierra Nevada Brushfinch (E)  
A few seen at El Dorado

Santa Marta Brushfinch (E)  
Numerous in the Santa Marta range
TANAGERS AND ALLIES  Thraupidae

Crimson-backed Tanager  
We had great views of several around Minca

Blue-grey Tanager  
Several were seen around Minca

Glaucous Tanager (NE)  
One seen very well on the Guajira

Palm Tanager  
We had good views of one at Las Gaviotas

Blue-capped Tanager  
We had great views of several near El Dorado

Santa Marta Mountain Tanager (E)  
This species put on a great show for us at high elevation in the Santa Marta Mountains

Bay-headed Tanager  
We had great views of many around El Dorado

Black-capped Tanager  
A few were seen at El Dorado and above Minca

Black-headed Tanager  
A male of this rare bird was seen at middle elevation in the Santa Marta range

Bicoloured Conebill  
We had great views of five at PNN Isla Salamanca

Rusty Flowerpiercer  
A sub-adult was seen in the gardens at El Dorado

White-sided Flowerpiercer  
We had good views of several at El Dorado

Grey Pileated Finch  
Seen very well on a few occasions on the Guajira

Grey Seedeater  
We had great views of one at Las Gaviotas

Black-faced Grassquit  
We had good views of a pair near Los Flamencos

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS AND ALLIES  Cardinalidae

Summer Tanager  
We had good views of several above Minca

Golden Grosbeak  
We had great views of two in the upper section of El Dorado

Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
We had great views of several above Minca and on the Guajira

Vermilion Cardinal (NE)  
Several gorgeous males sat up, singing, giving splendid views on the Guajira!

Buff-throated Saltator  
We had good views of several at Minca

Greyish Saltator  
We had great views of three on the Guajira

Orinoco Saltator  
After some effort seen very well on the Guajira
Streaked Saltator  
We had good views of two above Minca

Saltator striatipectus

MAMMALS

Central American Agouti  
We had good views of two at El Dorado

Dasyprocta punctate

Red-tailed Squirrel  
We had good views of several at El Dorado

Sciurus granatensis

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