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Colombia

Santa Marta Extension II

7th to 12th November 2017 (6 Days)

Trip Report



Crowned Woodnymph by Adam Riley

Trip Report Compiled by Tour Leader, Rob Williams

The Santa Marta Mountains are an isolated massif north of the Andes overlooking the emerald waters of the Caribbean, and are probably the most recognised area of endemism in the Western Hemisphere. This volcanic range, that dates from the Cretaceous period, stands apart from any Andean chain. Its highest peaks jut some 5,700m above sea level, despite the turquoise waters of the Caribbean being a mere 29.6 miles away. The geographic and temporal isolation and its location in the tropics have resulted in the Santa Marta Mountains developing the highest level of endemism anywhere on a continent. In a very real sense, the Santa Marta range is an island of evolution that has fascinated biologists for decades, and new taxa are still being discovered in this “Lost World”. Our extension to the Santa Marta range focused on the only road access to higher levels, and was combined with time spent birding the more widespread habitats of coastal mangrove and scrub.

Top 10 birds:

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| 1. White-tipped Quetzal | 6. Santa Marta Antpitta |
| 2. Crowned Woodnymph | 7. Blue-naped Chlorophonia |
| 3. Trinidad Euphonia | 8. Chestnut Piculet |
| 4. Groove-billed Toucanet | 9. Santa Marta Mountain Tanager |
| 5. Golden-winged Sparrow | 10. White-tailed Starfrontlet |

Tour Summary

7 November: Arrival in Barranquilla. We met for a welcome dinner and discussed the plan for the days ahead.

8 November: Barranquilla to Santa Marta. A quick dawn visit to the northern suburbs of Barranquilla resulted in good looks at several of the endemic Chestnut-winged Chachalacas. We then crossed the Magdalena River to Isla Salamanca National Park for a field breakfast, and soon caught up with both Sapphire-throated Hummingbird and its much rarer and very localised relative: the Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird (though whether the latter is deserving of species status is a matter of some doubt). The mangrove forest was teeming with Prothonotary Warblers and also gave us good looks at Chestnut Piculet, Bicolored Conebill, Black-crested Antshrike, Panama Flycatcher and Lesser Nighthawk. We then headed to the open marsh and agricultural habitats of km 4; here we added a good variety of waterbirds and landbirds.

A stop along the road east towards Santa Marta gave us great looks at a variety of gulls, terns and waders, including a Cayenne-type Cabot's Tern. After lunch overlooking the Cienega Grande, we headed to Santa Marta and changed into the 4WD vehicles for the drive up to El Dorado Lodge. It rained hard all afternoon, and we prioritised getting to the lodge.



**Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird by
Dušan Brinkhuizen**

9 November: San Lorenzo Ridge and El Dorado. An early start up the hill took us to the San Lorenzo ridge, where we enjoyed perfect birding conditions and quickly saw all the endemic target

species at this elevation, with multiple great looks at most species, including Santa Marta Parakeet, Santa Marta Warbler, Santa Marta Mountain Tanager, Santa Marta Bush Tyrant, Santa Marta Toucanet, Santa-Marta Brush Finch, Black-backed Thornbill, Rusty-headed Spinetail, Streak-capped Spinetail and Brown-rumped Tapaculo. We then headed down to the San Lorenzo research station,



White-tailed Starfrontlet by Dubi Shapiro

where we had very good looks at a Santa Marta Antpitta that is now coming to worms. The forest between the research station and the lodge is taller, and we enjoyed walking down the road, seeing White-tipped Quetzal, Golden-breasted Fruiteater and White-lored Warbler en route.

In the afternoon it rained quite hard, so we stayed at the lodge, watching hummingbirds and others whenever it eased. Highlights included great views of the fantastic endemic White-tailed Starfrontlet and both male and female Lazuline Sabrewing. The compost pit was visited by Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush, Lined Quail-Dove,

Black-hooded Thrush, *bangsi* subspecies of Grey-breasted Wood Wren (a probable future split) and the endemic Sierra Nevada Brush Finch, amongst others. After dinner, a first attempt at owling was cut short by continuing rain, but did result in good looks at the Colombian endemic Grey-handed Night Monkey.

10 November: mid-elevations of Santa Marta. Pre-dawn owling under a bright moon gave us a couple of flight glimpses of the endemic and still officially undescribed and therefore un-named “Santa Marta” Screech Owl. As dawn came, we enjoyed great looks at a Barred Forest Falcon calling near the lodge. After breakfast, we headed down in elevation, picking up a good variety of birds and most of the remaining Santa Marta endemic species that we were searching for on the way. A male Santa Marta Woodstar performed brilliantly, giving great looks. A Rusty-breasted Antpitta showed well. The endemic Santa Marta Tapaculo was typically skulking but seen by all. A series of flocks entertained us in the area of coffee plantations and included the dapper endemic subspecies of cinnamon Flycatcher. Santa Marta Antbirds showed well. A spectacular movement of migrant Turkey Vultures over the mist-clad slopes was a great sight.



Blue-naped Chlorophonia by Clayton Burne

In the afternoon it rained again, so we repeated yesterday’s plan, and most people spent some time photographing hummingbirds in some great late afternoon light.

11 November: El Dorado to Riohacha. Our first stop targeting the Santa Marta Blossomcrown failed; but did give us looks at various new birds, including Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner, Keel-billed Toucan, Groove-billed Toucanet and we heard Black-fronted Wood Quail. We spent the rest of the morning working our way down towards the coastal lowlands, picking up a good variety of birds en route,

including Coppery Emerald, Scaled Piculet, Rosy Thrush-Tanager, Golden-winged Sparrow, Rufous-breasted Wren, Rufous-and-white Wren, and even a Common Potoo on its day roost.



Green-rumped Parrotlet by Adam Riley

Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks – but we also saw good numbers of White and Scarlet Ibises, and a variety of others. 4 Double-striped Thick-knees were seen. We ended the day at the Los Flamencos lagoon, where we saw approximately 800 American Flamingoes, as well as a variety of other waterbirds, including Reddish Egret and Yellow-crowned Night Heron. Hundreds of Cliff Swallows hawked overhead, being replaced by 30+ Common Nighthawks as dusk fell. We then headed to our hotel in Riohacha.

12 November: Guajira peninsula and to Santa Marta Airport. Recent rain had meant many areas of what is normally arid scrub were inundated, so we took advantage of the raised old road to Camerones. The bushes along the road held most of the specialities we were searching for, including Vermillion Cardinal, White-whiskered Spinetail, Slender-billed Inezia, Pale-tipped Inezia, Trinidad Euphonia, Orinocco Saltator, Black-faced Grassquit and Northern White-fringed Antwren. After a second portion of breakfast of the local speciality “Arepa e Huevo”, we headed to another area and soon caught up with Ruby Topaz and Buffy Hummingbird. During the morning, we picked up a variety of northern migrants, including Peregrine, Merlin, Swainson’s Hawk, Eastern Kingbird, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Blackpoll Warbler, Bay-breasted Warbler and Dickcissel. The beach gave us nice looks at some final waterbirds before we headed back towards Santa Marta. A stop en route gave us Barred Antshrike, Rufous-tailed Hummingbird and Caribbean Hornero, and we heard but could not see a Tocuyo Sparrow.

After flying back from Santa Marta to Bogota, we headed to our hotel ahead of the Andean Highlights Tour for the final checklist and dinner.

We had enjoyed a great tour, seeing the majority of our target species and a very nice total of 335 species, despite inclement weather most afternoons. It was a great start to our Colombia experience ahead of the Colombia highlights tour.

Below Minca, we caught up with the fantastic Black-backed Antshrike; and rustled up quite a flock of birds, including Golden-fronted Greenlet, the local *wetmorei* subspecies of Rough-legged Tyrannulet, Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet, Venezuelan Flycatcher, Black-crowned Antshrike, and Buff-breasted Wren. We then headed towards the Guajira, stopping beside the Rio Piedra for lunch en route. Arriving in the Guajira, we soon caught up with our first specialities, seeing Green-rumped Parrotlets and Bare-eyed Pigeons. It had obviously rained a lot recently, and fields along the road were now flooded and teeming with waterfowl – mostly



Barred Antshrike by Adam Riley

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 (334 in total: 317 seen, 17 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

Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl Anatidae

Black-bellied Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis autumnalis*

(3) 5 en route 8.11, 100 en route 11.11 and 400 en route 12.11.

Common in the Guajira.

Fulvous Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna bicolor*

(1) 1 Isla De Salamanca NP 8.11.

A single seen well in-flight at km 4.

Blue-winged Teal *Anas discors*

(2) 250 en route 8.11 and 50 en route 11.11.

Common along the coast.

Cinnamon Teal *Anas cyanoptera*

(1) 1 Isla De Salamanca NP 8.11.

1 male seen with Blue-winged Teals near La Cienega Grande.

Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*

(1) 3 en route 8.11.

4 at km 4.

Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows Cracidae

Chestnut-winged Chachalaca *Ortalis garrula*

(1) 20 Barranquilla 8.11.

About 20 north of Barranquilla.

Rufous-vented Chachalaca *Ortalis ruficauda*

(1) 1 heard en route 12.11.

Heard in the Guajira.

Band-tailed Guan *Penelope argyrotis*

(4) Up to 30 Reserva Natural El Dorado 8-11.11.

Common in Santa Marta highlands, especially around the lodge.

Sickle-winged Guan *Chamaepetes goudotii*

(2) 2 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9.11 and 3 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11.

Several seen well around El Dorado Lodge.

New World Quail Odontophoridae

Crested Bobwhite *Colinus cristatus*

(1) 1 heard en route 12.11.

Heard in the Guajira but could not be seen as open areas were all flooded.

Black-fronted Wood Quail (VU) *Odontophorus atrifrons*

(1) 1 heard Reserva Natural El Dorado 11.11.

Heard below El Dorado Lodge.

Grebes Podicipedidae

Least Grebe *Tachybaptus dominicus brachyrhynchus*

(1) 10 en route 8.11.

About 10 at km 4.

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps antarcticus*

(1) 1 Isla De Salamanca NP 8.11.

1 at km 4.

Flamingos Phoenicopteridae

American Flamingo *Phoenicopterus ruber*

(2) 800 Los Flamencos NP 11.11 and 400 Los Flamencos NP 12.11.

Hundreds at Los Flamencos National Park.

Storks Ciconiidae

Wood Stork *Mycteria americana*

(2) 5 en route 8.11 and 2 en route 12.11.

Several at km 4 and in the Guajira.

Ibises and Spoonbills Threskiornithidae

Bare-faced Ibis *Phimosus infuscatus berlepschi*

(1) 5 en route 8.11.

5 seen well at km 4.

American White Ibis *Eudocimus albus ramobustorum*

(2) 50 en route 11.11 and 30 en route 12.11.

50+ in the Guajira.

Scarlet Ibis *Eudocimus ruber*

(2) 8 Los Flamencos NP 11.11 and 5 en route 12.11.

At least 10 in the Guajira.

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*

(3) 1 Isla De Salamanca NP 8.11, 1 Los Flamencos NP 11.11 and 1 en route 12.11.

2 singles seen.

Roseate Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja*

(3) 1 Isla De Salamanca NP 8.11, 1 Los Flamencos NP 11.11 and 8 en route 12.11.

Several in the Guajira and singles elsewhere.

Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns Ardeidae

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax hoactli*

(3) 1 Isla De Salamanca NP 8.11, 1 Los Flamencos NP 11.11 and 5 en route 12.11.

1 at km 4 and several in the Guajira.

Yellow-crowned Night Heron *Nyctanassa violacea cayennensis*

(2) 2 Los Flamencos NP 11.11 and 1 en route 12.11.

2 at dusk in Los Flamencos NP.

Green Heron *Butorides virescens virescens*

(3) 5 en route 8.11, 1 Los Flamencos NP 11.11 and 2 en route 12.11.

Fairly common in coastal freshwater habitats.

Striated Heron *Butorides striata striata*

(1) 2 en route 8.11.

2 at km 4.

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

(2) 100 Reserva Natural El Dorado 8.11.

Fairly common near Barranquilla and Santa Marta.

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*

(3) 10 en route 8.11, 4 en route 11.11 and 2 en route 12.11.

Several along the coast.

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi*

(2) 3 en route 8.11 and 1 Los Flamencos NP 11.11.

5 seen along the coast.

Great Egret *Ardea alba egretta*

(3) 100 en route 8.11, 20 en route 11.11 and 20 en route 12.11.

Common in lowlands.

Reddish Egret (NT) *Egretta rufescens rufescens*

(3) 5 en route 8.11, 4 en route 11.11 and 5 en route 12.11.

Several in saline habitats along the coast.

Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor ruficollis*

(1) 3 en route 8.11.

4 at km 4.

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*

(3) 10 en route 8.11, 4 en route 11.11 and 5 en route 12.11.

Fairly common in lowlands.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*

(3) 20 en route 8.11, 10 en route 11.11 and 10 en route 12.11.

Fairly common in lowlands.

Pelicans Pelecanidae**Brown Pelican** *Pelecanus occidentalis*

(4) 50 en route 8.11, 5 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11, 2 en route 11.11 and 20 en route 12.11.

Common on the coast.

Frigatebirds Fregatidae**Magnificent Frigatebird** *Fregata magnificens*

(2) 20 en route 8.11 and 30 en route 12.11.

Common on the coast.

Cormorants and Shags *Phalacrocoracidae*

Neotropic Cormorant*Phalacrocorax brasilianus brasilianus*

(3) 20 en route 8.11, 2 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 5 en route 12.11.

Common on the coast.

New World Vultures *Cathartidae*

Turkey Vulture*Cathartes aura*

(4) 1 Barranquilla 8.11, 300 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11, 100 en route 11.11 and 20 en route 12.11.

Common.

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture*Cathartes burrovianus burrovianus*

(2) 2 en route 8.11 and 2 Camarones 12.11.

Several at km 4 and Boca Camarones.

Black Vulture*Coragyps atratus*

(5) 1 Barranquilla 8.11, 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9.11, 5 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11, 300 en route 11.11 and 50 en route 12.11.

Common.

King Vulture*Sarcoramphus papa*

(1) 1 Minca 11.11.

1 seen distantly and briefly by Rob above Minca.

Osprey *Pandionidae*

Western Osprey*Pandion haliaetus carolinensis*

(1) 2 Isla De Salamanca NP 8.11.

2 at Isla Salamanca area.

Hawks, Eagles, and Kites *Accipitridae*

Pearl Kite*Gampsonyx swainsonii*

(1) 3 Los Flamencos NP 12.11.

3 at Los Flamencos National Park.

Snail Kite*Rostrhamus sociabilis sociabilis*

(1) 20 Isla De Salamanca NP 8.11.

Common near Isla Salamanca and at km 4.

Common Black Hawk*Buteogallus anthracinus*

(1) 1 Isla De Salamanca NP 8.11.

1 along coast in mangroves.

Savanna Hawk*Buteogallus meridionalis*

(2) 1 Isla De Salamanca NP 8.11 and 1 en route 12.11.

2 on coast.

White Hawk*Pseudastur albicollis*

(1) 1 Minca 11.11.

1 seen soaring above Minca. The local subspecies *williaminae*.**Grey-lined Hawk***Buteo nitidus*

(1) 1 Minca 11.11.

1 above Minca.

Broad-winged Hawk

Buteo platypterus platypterus

(4) 1 Isla De Salamanca NP 8.11, 3 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9.11, 4 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 2 Minca 11.11.

Fairly common in Santa Marta.

Short-tailed Hawk

Buteo brachyurus brachyurus

(1) 1 Minca 11.11.

1 above Minca.

Swainson's Hawk

Buteo swainsoni

(1) 1 Camarones 12.11.

1 pale phase bird seen near Camarones.

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots *Rallidae*

White-throated Crake

Laterallus albigularis

(1) 1 heard en route 8.11.

Heard at km 4.

Purple Gallinule

Porphyrio martinica

(1) 2 en route 8.11.

At least 2 birds seen at km 4.

Common Gallinule

Gallinula galeata pauxilla

(3) 50 en route 8.11, 10 en route 11.11 and 2 en route 12.11.

Several seen in coastal wetlands.

Limpkin *Aramidae*

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Aramus guarauna guarauna

(3) 10 en route 8.11, 1 en route 11.11 and 2 en route 12.11.

Several in coastal wetlands.

Thick-knees *Burhinidae*

Double-striped Thick-knee

Burhinus bistriatus pediacus

(1) 4 en route 11.11.

4 in the Guajira.

Stilts and Avocets *Recurvirostridae*

Black-necked Stilt

Himantopus mexicanus mexicanus

(3) 100 en route 8.11, 50 en route 11.11 and 30 en route 12.11.

Fairly common.

Plovers and Lapwings *Charadriidae*

Southern Lapwing

Vanellus chilensis cayennensis

(3) 10 en route 8.11, 4 en route 11.11 and 2 en route 12.11.

Several in coastal wetlands.

Grey Plover

Pluvialis squatarola cynosurae

(1) 1 Los Flamencos NP 11.11.

1 at Los Flamencos.

Semipalmated Plover*Charadrius semipalmatus*

(2) 1 Isla De Salamanca NP 8.11 and 5 en route 12.11.

A few on coast.

Collared Plover*Charadrius collaris*

(1) 3 en route 8.11.

4 near La Ciénega.

Jacanas Jacanidae**Wattled Jacana***Jacana jacana*

(3) 40 en route 8.11, 10 en route 11.11 and 10 en route 12.11.

Fairly common in coastal lowlands.

Sandpipers and Allies Scolopacidae**Short-billed Dowitcher***Limnodromus griseus griseus*

(1) 1 Isla De Salamanca NP 8.11.

1 near La Ciénega.

Whimbrel*Numenius phaeopus hudsonicus*

(2) 3 en route 8.11 and 1 en route 12.11.

3 on coast.

Greater Yellowlegs*Tringa melanoleuca*

(3) 20 en route 8.11, 10 en route 11.11 and 10 en route 12.11.

Common.

Lesser Yellowlegs*Tringa flavipes*

(2) 20 en route 8.11 and 1 en route 11.11.

Fairly common.

Solitary Sandpiper*Tringa solitaria solitaria*

(3) 3 en route 8.11, 2 en route 11.11 and 2 en route 12.11.

A few seen in coastal wetlands.

Willet*Tringa semipalmata semipalmata*

(2) 3 en route 8.11 and 1 en route 12.11.

4 on coast.

Spotted Sandpiper*Actitis macularius*

(3) 2 en route 8.11, 1 Los Flamencos NP 11.11 and 1 en route 12.11.

A few seen in coastal wetlands.

Stilt Sandpiper*Calidris himantopus*

(1) 2 en route 8.11.

2 near La Ciénega Grande.

Sanderling*Calidris alba rubida*

(2) 5 en route 8.11 and 30 en route 12.11.

Several on coast.

Least Sandpiper*Calidris minutilla*

(2) 20 en route 8.11 and 5 en route 12.11.

A few seen in coastal wetlands.

Semipalmated Sandpiper (NT) *Calidris pusilla*
 (2) 10 en route 8.11 and 1 en route 12.11.
 A few seen in coastal wetlands.

Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri*
 (1) 20 en route 8.11.
 A few seen in coastal wetlands.

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers Laridae

Black Skimmer *Rynchops niger cinerascens*
 (2) 1 Isla De Salamanca NP 8.11 and 30 Camarones 12.11.
 30 at Boca Camarones.

Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla*
 (2) 50 en route 8.11 and 20 en route 12.11.
 Common on coast.

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*
 (2) 2 en route 8.11 and 1 en route 12.11.
 A few seen in coastal wetlands.

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*
 (2) 100 en route 8.11 and 2 en route 12.11.
 Common at La Cienega Grande and Los Flamencos.

Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus maximus*
 (3) 200 en route 8.11, 1 Los Flamencos NP 11.11 and 20 Los Flamencos NP 12.11.
 Common at La Cienega Grande and Los Flamencos.

Cabot's Tern *Thalasseus acuflavidus*
 (2) 100 en route 8.11 and 50 Los Flamencos NP 12.11.
 Common at La Cienega Grande and Los Flamencos.

Yellow-billed Tern *Sternula superciliaris*
 (1) 100 en route 8.11.
 Common at km 4 and La Cienega Grande.

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo hirundo*
 (2) 5 en route 8.11 and 1 Camarones 12.11.
 Several at La Cienega Grande and 1 at Boca Camarones.

Black Tern *Chlidonias niger surinamensis*
 (1) 200 en route 8.11.
 About 200 at km 4 and La Cienega Grande.

Large-billed Tern *Phaetusa simplex*
 (1) 100 en route 8.11.
 Common at km 4 and La Cienega Grande.

Pigeons and Doves Columbidae

Rock Dove *Columba livia var. domestica*
 (3) 1 Barranquilla 8.11.
 Common in towns and villages.

Bare-eyed Pigeon *Patagioenas corensis*

(2) 10 en route 11.11 and 30 en route 12.11.
Common on the Guajira.

Band-tailed Pigeon*Patagioenas fasciata albilinea*

(1) 2 San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11.
2 on the San Lorenzo ridge.

Pale-vented Pigeon*Patagioenas cayennensis*

(2) 10 en route 11.11 and 1 en route 12.11.
Fairly common in lowlands.

Scaled Dove*Columbina squammata ridgwayi*

(3) 5 en route 8.11, 1 Los Flamencos NP 11.11 and 10 en route 12.11.
Fairly common in lowlands.

Common Ground Dove*Columbina passerina*

(3) 5 en route 8.11, 2 en route 11.11 and 5 en route 12.11.
Fairly common in lowlands.

Plain-breasted Ground Dove*Columbina minuta*

(1) 1 en route 8.11.
1 at km 4.

Ruddy Ground Dove*Columbina talpacoti*

(3) 4 en route 8.11, 5 en route 11.11 and 5 en route 12.11.
A few at scattered localities in the lowlands.

White-tipped Dove*Leptotila verreauxi*

(5) 4 en route 8.11, 2 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9.11, 6 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11, 2 en route 11.11 and 5 en route 12.11.
Common.

Lined Quail-Dove*Zentrygon linearis linearis*

(1) 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9.11.
1 seen by Connie at the compost heap at El Dorado Lodge.

Eared Dove*Zenaida auriculata*

(2) 1 en route 8.11 and 2 en route 12.11.
3 seen.

Cuckoos Cuculidae**Smooth-billed Ani***Crotophaga ani*

(2) 5 en route 8.11 and 5 en route 11.11.
A few seen.

Groove-billed Ani*Crotophaga sulcirostris*

(2) 20 en route 8.11 and 10 en route 12.11.
Fairly common.

Striped Cuckoo*Tapera naevia*

(1) 1 heard Camarones 12.11.
Several heard near Camarones.

Squirrel Cuckoo*Piaya cayana*

(1) 2 Los Flamencos NP 11.11.
2 at Los Flamencos.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo*Coccyzus americanus*

(1) 1 Camarones 12.11.

1 seen at Camarones.

Grey-capped Cuckoo*Coccyzus lansbergi*

(2) 1 en route 8.11 and 1 en route 12.11.

1 seen well at km 4. 1 glimpsed and another heard near Camarones.

Owls Strigidae**Santa Marta Screech-Owl***Megascops sp. nov.*

(2) 2 heard Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 1 heard Reserva Natural El Dorado 11.11.

Several heard and a few glimpses. The rain, generator noise and moonlight making looking for this species tricky.

Mottled Owl*Strix virgata virgata*

(1) 1 heard Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11.

1 heard at El Dorado Lodge.

Black-and-white Owl*Strix nigrolineata*

(1) 2 Minca 11.11.

2 seen at day roost near Minca.

Ferruginous Pygmy Owl*Glaucidium brasilianum*

(2) 2 heard en route 11.11 and 1 heard en route 12.11.

2 heard on the Guajira.

Stygian Owl*Asio stygius stygius*

(1) 1 San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11.

1 flyover in the predawn on the San Lorenzo ridge seen by the first car.

Potoos Nyctibiidae**Common Potoo***Nyctibius griseus*

(1) 1 Minca 11.11.

1 seen at a day roost above Minca.

Nightjars and Allies Caprimulgidae**Lesser Nighthawk***Chordeiles acutipennis*

(1) 1 Isla De Salamanca NP 8.11.

1 at roost at Isla Salamanca NP.

Common Nighthawk*Chordeiles minor henryi*

(1) 30 Los Flamencos NP 11.11.

30+ feeding over Los Flamencos NP.

Band-winged Nightjar*Systellura longirostris ruficervix*

(1) 1 San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11.

1 flushed off the road driving up to the San Lorenzo ridge.

Hummingbirds Trochilidae**Long-billed Hermit***Phaethornis longirostris*

(1) 2 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11.

2 at Palo Alto.

Sooty-capped Hermit

Phaethornis augusti

(1) 1 Minca 11.11.

1 above Minca.

Lazuline Sabrewing

Campylopterus falcatus

(3) 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 8.11, 2 San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11 and 3 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11.

2 (male and female) at El Dorado Lodge.

Brown Violetear

Colibri delphinae

(2) 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9.11 and 2 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11.

2 at El Dorado Lodge.

Lesser Violetear

Colibri cyanotus cyanotus

(4) Up to 30 Reserva Natural El Dorado 8-11.11.

Common on Santa Marta.

Sparkling Violetear

Colibri coruscans coruscans

(4) 2 en route 8.11, 10 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9.11, 20 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 2 Minca 11.11.

Common on Santa Marta.

Ruby-topaz Hummingbird

Chrysolampis mosquitus

(1) 3 Los Flamencos NP 12.11.

3 at Los Flamencos NP.

Red-billed Emerald

Chlorostilbon gibsoni

(2) 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9.11 and 2 Minca 11.11.

2 near Minca and 1 by Jean-Marc at El Dorado.

Coppery Emerald

Chlorostilbon russatus

(2) 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 1 Minca 11.11.

2 on Santa Marta.

Crowned Woodnymph

Thalurania colombica

(4) Up to 60 Reserva Natural El Dorado 8-11.11.

Common on Santa Marta.

Sapphire-throated Hummingbird

Lepidopyga coeruleogularis

(1) 1 Isla De Salamanca NP 8.11.

1 at Isla Salamanca NP.

Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird (CR)

Lepidopyga lilliae

(1) 2 Isla De Salamanca NP 8.11.

1 at Isla Salamanca NP. It seems improbable that this and the preceding species occur in the same place and there is some doubt about its validity as a species.

Shining-green Hummingbird

Lepidopyga goudoti

(1) 1 Isla De Salamanca NP 8.11.

1 briefly at Isla Salamanca NP.

Buffy Hummingbird

Leucippus fallax

(1) 2 en route 12.11.

2 at Los Flamencos NP.

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird

Amazilia tzacatl

(1) 1 en route 12.11.
1 at the Guajira toll.

Steely-vented Hummingbird*Amazilia saucerrottei*

(3) 2 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9.11, 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 1 Minca 11.11.
Several at El Dorado and around Minca.

White-vented Plumeleteer*Chalybura buffonii*

(1) 1 Minca 11.11.
1 near Minca.

Mountain Velvetbreast*Lafresnaya lafresnayi*

(1) 1 San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11.
1 at San Lorenzo Research Station.

White-tailed Starfrontlet*Coeligena phalerata*

(2) 2 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9.11 and 2 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11.
2 (male and female) at El Dorado Lodge.

Black-backed Thornbill (EN)*Ramphomicron dorsale*

(1) 1 San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11.
1 male on the San Lorenzo ridge.

Tyrian Metaltail*Metallura tyrianthina*

(1) 10 San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11.
About 10 on the San Lorenzo ridge.

Santa Marta Woodstar*Chaetocercus astreans*

(2) 3 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 2 en route 11.11.
Good looks of 2 males and a female at Palo Alto.

Trogon Trogonidae**White-tipped Quetzal***Pharomachrus fulgidus festatus*

(1) 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9.11.
1 seen above El Dorado.

Masked Trogon*Trogon personatus*

(1) 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11.
1 near El Dorado Lodge.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae**Green Kingfisher***Chloroceryle americana*

(3) 2 Isla De Salamanca NP 8.11, 1 Los Flamencos NP 11.11 and 1 en route 12.11.
4 seen.

Amazon Kingfisher*Chloroceryle amazona*

(1) 2 en route 11.11.
2 seen.

Ringed Kingfisher*Megaceryle torquata torquata*

(2) 4 en route 8.11 and 2 en route 12.11.
6 seen.

Jacamars Galbulidae

Rufous-tailed Jacamar*Galbula ruficauda*

(2) 2 en route 11.11 and 1 heard Camarones 12.11.
2 at Las Gaviotas and heard near Camarones.

Puffbirds *Bucconidae***White-necked Puffbird***Notharchus hyperrhynchus hyperrhynchus*

(1) 1 en route 11.11.
1 at Los Gaviotas.

Pied Puffbird*Notharchus tectus subtectus*

(1) 1 heard Los Flamencos NP 11.11.
Heard at Los Flamencos NP.

Russet-throated Puffbird*Hypnelus ruficollis*

(2) 5 en route 8.11 and 4 en route 12.11.
Several in lowlands.

Toucans *Ramphastidae***White-throated Toucanet***Aulacorhynchus albivitta*

(2) 2 San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11 and 1 heard Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11.
Singles at San Lorenzo ridge and El Dorado Lodge. The endemic Santa Marta subspecies *latus* that is sometimes elevated to species rank.

Groove-billed Toucanet*Aulacorhynchus sulcatus calorhynchus*

(1) 2 en route 11.11.
2 at Palo Alto.

Keel-billed Toucan*Ramphastos sulfuratus brevicarinatus*

(1) 2 en route 11.11.
2 at Palo Alto.

Woodpeckers *Picidae***Scaled Piculet***Picumnus squamulatus*

(1) 1 Minca 11.11.
1 seen well above Minca.

Chestnut Piculet*Picumnus cinnamomeus*

(2) 1 Isla De Salamanca NP 8.11 and 4 en route 12.11.
Good looks at 1 at Isla Salamanca NP and others near Camarones.

Red-crowned Woodpecker*Melanerpes rubricapillus rubricapillus*

(1) 5 Barranquilla 8.11.
Several near Barranquilla.

Golden-olive Woodpecker*Colaptes rubiginosus*

(2) 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 1 Minca 11.11.
2 on Santa Marta.

Lineated Woodpecker*Dryocopus lineatus lineatus*

(3) 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11, 1 Minca 11.11 and 1 en route 12.11.
2 seen.

Crimson-crested Woodpecker*Campephilus melanoleucos*

(1) 1 en route 8.11.

1 seen on Santa Marta by Jean-Marc.

Falcons and Caracaras *Falconidae*

Northern Crested Caracara

Caracara cheriway

(3) 3 en route 8.11, 5 Los Flamencos NP 11.11 and 30 en route 12.11.

Common on Guajira and a few others elsewhere.

Yellow-headed Caracara

Milvago chimachima cordata

(3) 10 en route 8.11, 2 en route 11.11 and 2 en route 12.11.

Fairly common in lowlands.

Barred Forest Falcon

Micrastur ruficollis

(1) 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11.

1 seen very well at El Dorado Lodge.

Merlin

Falco columbarius columbarius

(1) 1 Camarones 12.11.

1 seen near Camarones.

Bat Falcon

Falco ruficularis

(1) 2 San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11.

2 seen on the San Lorenzo ridge.

Peregrine Falcon

Falco peregrinus cassini

(3) 2 en route 8.11, 1 Los Flamencos NP 11.11 and 2 Camarones 12.11.

2 at km 4 and 3 near Camarones.

African & New World Parrots *Psittacidae*

Orange-chinned Parakeet

Brotogeris jugularis

(3) 10 en route 8.11, 50 en route 11.11 and 10 en route 12.11.

Common in lowlands.

Red-billed Parrot

Pionus sordidus

(3) 4 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9.11, 6 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 2 Minca 11.11.

Fairly common on Santa Marta.

Blue-headed Parrot

Pionus menstruus

(2) 4 en route 8.11 and 4 Minca 11.11.

Several at base of Santa Marta mountains.

Scaly-naped Amazon

Amazona mercenarius canipalliata

(1) 2 San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11.

2 on San Lorenzo ridge.

Green-rumped Parrotlet

Forpus passerinus

(2) 20 en route 11.11 and 2 en route 12.11.

Several on Guajira.

Turquoise-winged Parrotlet

Forpus spengeli

(1) 20 en route 11.11.

Several at the Guaira toll.

Santa Marta Parakeet (EN)

Pyrrhura viridicata

(1) 20 San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11.

Several sightings of up to 20 birds on the San Lorenzo ridge.

Brown-throated Parakeet*Eupsittula pertinax*

(2) 20 Isla De Salamanca NP 8.11 and 300 en route 12.11.

Common on Guajira and a few at Isla Salamanca.

Scarlet-fronted Parakeet (NT)*Psittacara wagleri*

(2) 6 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 20 Reserva Natural El Dorado 11.11.

A few at mid-elevations on Santa Marta.

Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers *Furnariidae***Caribbean Hornero***Furnarius longirostris*

(1) 4 Camarones 12.11.

Several heard at Camarones and 2 seen at Guajira toll.

White-whiskered Spinetail*Synallaxis candei*

(1) 4 Camarones 12.11.

Several seen near Camarones.

Rusty-headed Spinetail (VU)*Synallaxis fuscorufa*

(1) 5 San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11.

A few seen on the San Lorenzo ridge.

Pale-breasted Spinetail*Synallaxis albescens*

(1) 1 heard Camarones 12.11.

Heard near Camarones.

Streak-capped Spinetail*Cranioleuca hellmayri*

(3) 4 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9.11, 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 1 heard en route 11.11.

Several seen and heard, including 1 nest building on upper Santa Marta.

Yellow-chinned Spinetail*Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*

(1) 4 en route 8.11.

Several heard and good looks at 2 at km 4.

Montane Foliage-gleaner*Anabacerthia striaticollis*

(1) 3 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11.

3 seen near Palo Alto.

Flammulated Treehunter*Thripadectes flammulatus flammulatus*

(1) 1 San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11.

1 heard and seen flying across the track on San Lorenzo ridge.

Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner (NT)*Automolus rufipectus*

(2) 1 heard Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 2 en route 11.11.

Several heard and 1 seen near Palo Alto.

Plain Xenops*Xenops minutus*

(1) 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11.

1 below Palo Alto.

Straight-billed Woodcreeper*Dendroplex picus*

(2) 2 en route 8.11 and 4 en route 12.11.

Common in lowlands.

Montane Woodcreeper*Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger*

(3) 2 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9.11, 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 2 Minca 11.11.

Several on Santa Marta.

Antbirds *Thamnophilidae*

- Black-crested Antshrike** *Sakesphorus canadensis*
 (2) 2 Isla De Salamanca NP 8.11 and 10 Camarones 12.11.
 Common at Isla Salamanca NP and near Camarones.
- Black-backed Antshrike** *Thamnophilus melanonotus*
 (1) 1 Minca 11.11.
 1 male below Minca.
- Barred Antshrike** *Thamnophilus doliatus*
 (1) 2 en route 12.11.
 1 near the Guajira toll.
- Black-crowned Antshrike** *Thamnophilus atrinucha*
 (1) 1 Minca 11.11.
 1 below Minca.
- Northern White-fringed Antwren** *Formicivora intermedia*
 (1) 5 Camarones 12.11.
 Several near Camarones.
- Santa Marta Antbird** *Drymophila hellmayri*
 (1) 3 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11.
 3 at mid-elevation on Santa Marta.
- White-bellied Antbird** *Myrmeciza longipes*
 (1) 1 en route 11.11.
 1 male seen at Las Gaviotas.

Antpittas *Grallariidae*

- Santa Marta Antpitta (VU)** *Grallaria bangsi*
 (1) 1 San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11.
 Great views of a female coming to worms at San Lorenzo research station. Others heard.
- Rufous Antpitta** *Grallaria rufula*
 (1) 1 heard San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11.
 Heard on San Lorenzo ridge.
- Rusty-breasted Antpitta** *Grallaricula ferrugineipectus*
 (2) 2 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 1 heard en route 11.11.
 Good looks at 1 near Palo Alto.

Tapaculos *Rhinocryptidae*

- Santa Marta Tapaculo** *Scytalopus sanctaemartae*
 (2) 1 heard Reserva Natural El Dorado 9.11 and 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11.
 1 seen others heard on Santa Marta.
- Brown-rumped Tapaculo** *Scytalopus latebricola*
 (1) 1 San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11.
 1 seen others heard on San Lorenzo ridge.

Tyrant Flycatchers *Tyrannidae*

- White-fronted Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias zeledoni*

(1) 2 Minca 11.11.

2 of the local *wetmorei* subspecies seen near Minca.

Sooty-headed Tyrannulet

Phyllomyias griseiceps

(1) 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11.

1 bird seen at mid-elevations on Santa Marta.

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet

Tyrannulus elatus

(1) 2 Minca 11.11.

2 birds below Minca.

Forest Elaenia

Myiopagis gaimardii

(1) 3 en route 11.11.

3 seen at Las Gaviotas.

Yellow-bellied Elaenia

Elaenia flavogaster

(1) 1 heard Minca 11.11.

Heard near Minca.

Southern Beardless Tyrannulet

Camptostoma obsoletum

(1) 1 Minca 11.11.

1 seen below Minca.

White-throated Tyrannulet

Mecocerculus leucophrys

(1) 4 San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11.

Several on the San Lorenzo ridge.

Mouse-colored Tyrannulet

Phaeomyias murina incomta

(1) 5 Minca 11.11.

Several below Minca.

Specious Tyrannulet

Zimmerius improbus

(1) 4 Minca 11.11.

Several above Minca.

Coopmans's Tyrannulet

Zimmerius minimus minimus

(1) 2 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11.

2 seen at mid-elevation on Santa Marta. Sometimes called Wee Tyrannulet.

Olive-striped Flycatcher

Mionectes olivaceus

(2) 3 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 1 Minca 11.11.

Several seen at mid-elevations.

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher

Mionectes oleagineus

(1) 1 Minca 11.11.

1 below Minca.

Northern Scrub Flycatcher

Sublegatus arenarum

(2) 1 heard Barranquilla 8.11 and 5 Camarones 12.11.

Several seen near Camarones.

Slender-billed Inezia

Inezia tenuirostris

(1) 6 Camarones 12.11.

Common near Camarones.

Pale-tipped Inezia

Inezia caudata intermedia

(1) 2 Camarones 12.11.

2 seen near Camarones.

Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant (1) 2 Minca 11.11. 2 seen above Minca.	<i>Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer</i>
Black-throated Tody-Tyrant (1) 2 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9.11. 2 seen well at El Dorado Lodge.	<i>Hemitriccus granadensis</i>
Pale-eyed Pygmy Tyrant (1) 1 Camarones 12.11. 1 seen near Camarones.	<i>Atalotriccus pilaris</i>
Yellow-olive Flatbill (1) 1 Minca 11.11. 1 seen above Minca.	<i>Tolmomyias sulphurescens</i>
Ochre-lore'd Flatbill (1) 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11. 1 at mid-elevation on Santa Marta.	<i>Tolmomyias flaviventris</i>
Cinnamon Flycatcher (1) 3 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11. Several of the very smart Santa Marta subspecies <i>assimilis</i> seen. A possible future split.	<i>Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus</i>
Vermilion Flycatcher (2) 2 en route 11.11 and 2 en route 12.11. A few on the Guajira.	<i>Pyrocephalus obscurus</i>
Santa Marta Bush Tyrant (EN) (1) 1 San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11. Great looks on the San Lorenzo ridge.	<i>Myiotheretes pernix</i>
Pied Water Tyrant (3) 5 en route 8.11, 2 en route 11.11 and 5 en route 12.11. Fairly common around lowland pools and marshes.	<i>Fluvicola pica</i>
White-headed Marsh Tyrant (1) 2 en route 8.11. 2 at km 4.	<i>Arundinicola leucocephala</i>
Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant (1) 2 San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11. 2 seen on the San Lorenzo ridge.	<i>Silvicoltrix diadema</i>
Cattle Tyrant (3) 2 en route 8.11, 4 en route 11.11 and 2 en route 12.11. A few in the lowlands.	<i>Machetornis rixosa</i>
Rusty-margined Flycatcher (1) 1 Minca 11.11. 1 near Minca.	<i>Myiozetetes cayanensis</i>
Social Flycatcher (1) 2 en route 8.11. 2 at km 4.	<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>
Great Kiskadee (3) 20 en route 8.11, 5 en route 11.11 and 20 en route 12.11.	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>

Common in lowlands.

Golden-crowned Flycatcher *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus*

(2) 2 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 1 Minca 11.11.

Seen well at El Dorado Lodge and others seen and heard.

Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher *Myiodynastes luteiventris*

(1) 1 Minca 11.11.

1 seen above Minca.

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua*

(1) 1 heard Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11.

Heard on Santa Marta.

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*

(3) 5 en route 8.11, 10 en route 11.11 and 10 en route 12.11.

Common in lowlands and foothilllls.

Fork-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus savana*

(1) 1 Camarones 12.11.

1 seen near Camarones.

Eastern Kingbird *Tyrannus tyrannus*

(1) 1 Camarones 12.11.

1 flew over at Boca Camarones.

Grey Kingbird *Tyrannus dominicensis dominicensis*

(3) 20 en route 8.11, 50 en route 11.11 and 50 en route 12.11.

Common in arid lowlands.

Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer*

(1) 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11.

1 seen and others heard on Santa Marta.

Venezuelan Flycatcher *Myiarchus venezuelensis*

(1) 1 Minca 11.11.

1 below Minca.

Panamanian Flycatcher *Myiarchus panamensis panamensis*

(1) 2 Isla De Salamanca NP 8.11.

2 at Isla Salamanca NP.

Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus tyrannulus*

(1) 2 Camarones 12.11.

2 near Camarones.

Bright-rumped Attila *Attila spadiceus*

(1) 1 heard Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11.

Heard on Santa Marta.

Cotingas Cotingidae

Golden-breasted Fruiteater *Pipreola aureopectus*

(2) 4 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9.11 and 2 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11.

Several around El Dorado.

Manakins Pipridae

Lance-tailed Manakin*Chiroxiphia lanceolata*

(1) 1 Minca 11.11.
1 female

Tityras, Becards Tityridae**Masked Tityra***Tityra semifasciata*

(2) 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 3 Reserva Natural El Dorado 11.11.
4 on Santa Marta.

Vireos Vireonidae**Rufous-browed Peppershrike***Cyclarhis gujanensis*

(1) 1 en route 12.11.
Heard on the Guajira.

Brown-capped Vireo*Vireo leucophrys*

(2) 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9.11 and 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11.
2 seen on Santa Marta.

Yellow-green Vireo*Vireo flavoviridis flavoviridis*

(2) 1 en route 8.11 and 1 Los Flamencos NP 11.11.
2 seen in coastal lowlands.

Golden-fronted Greenlet*Hylophilus aurantiifrons*

(1) 2 Minca 11.11.
2 below Minca.

Crows, Jays, and Magpies Corvidae**Black-chested Jay***Cyanocorax affinis affinis*

(2) 20 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 10 Reserva Natural El Dorado 11.11.
Fairly common on Santa Marta.

Swallows Hirundinidae**Sand Martin***Riparia riparia riparia*

(1) 1 Camarones 12.11.
1 at Camarones.

White-winged Swallow*Tachycineta albiventer*

(1) 1 en route 8.11.
1 at km 4.

Purple Martin*Progne subis*

(1) 3 Minca 11.11.
3 below Minca.

Grey-breasted Martin*Progne chalybea chalybea*

(3) 10 en route 8.11, 10 en route 11.11 and 5 en route 12.11.
Fairly common.

Brown-chested Martin*Progne tapera*

(1) 8 Minca 11.11.
8 below Minca.

Blue-and-white Swallow*Notiochelidon cyanoleuca cyanoleuca*

(1) 1 Minca 11.11.
1 above Minca.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow

Stelgidopteryx ruficollis

(2) 10 en route 11.11 and 5 en route 12.11.
Several at scattered localities.

Barn Swallow

Hirundo rustica erythrogaster

(1) 10 Los Flamencos NP 12.11.
About 10 at Los Flamencos NP.

American Cliff Swallow

Petrochelidon pyrrhonota

(1) 500 Los Flamencos NP 11.11.
Hundreds over Los Flamencos NP.

Wrens Troglodytidae

Band-backed Wren

Campylorhynchus zonatus

(1) 2 en route 8.11.
2 at km 4.

Stripe-backed Wren

Campylorhynchus nuchalis pardus

(1) 2 en route 8.11.
2 at km 4.

Bicolored Wren

Campylorhynchus griseus

(2) 5 en route 8.11 and 2 heard en route 11.11.
Several in coastal lowlands.

Rufous-breasted Wren

Pheugopedius rutilus

(1) 3 Minca 11.11.
3 heard and seen above Minca.

Rufous-and-white Wren

Thryophilus rufalbus

(1) 2 Minca 11.11.
Heard and seen above Minca.

Buff-breasted Wren

Cantorchilus leucotis

(2) 1 Minca 11.11 and 1 heard en route 12.11.
1 seen above Minca, others heard on Guajira.

House Wren

Troglodytes aedon

(3) 1 heard Barranquilla 8.11, 1 en route 11.11 and 2 en route 12.11.
Fairly common.

Grey-breasted Wood Wren

Henicorhina leucophrys

(3) Up to 5 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9-11.11.
The *bangsi* subspecies that may well deserve to be considered another endemic species. Common on Santa Marta.

Hermit Wood Wren

Henicorhina anachoreta

(1) 3 San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11.
Several on the San Lorenzo ridge. Recently recognised as a distinct species from Grey-breasted Wood-wren.

Gnatcatchers Polioptilidae

Long-billed Gnatwren*Ramphocaenus melanurus*

(1) 1 Minca 11.11.

1 above Minca.

Tropical Gnatcatcher*Polioptila plumbea*

(1) 20 en route 12.11.

Common on the Guajira.

Mockingbirds and Thrashers Mimidae**Tropical Mockingbird***Mimus gilvus*

(3) 1 Isla De Salamanca NP 8.11, 10 en route 11.11 and 20 en route 12.11.

Common on the coast.

Thrushes and Allies Turdidae**Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush***Catharus aurantiirostris*

(2) 5 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 1 heard Minca 11.11.

1 seen and several heard at mid altitudes on Santa Marta.

Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush*Catharus fuscater*

(1) 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9.11.

1 seen well on the compost pit at El Dorado Lodge.

Swainson's Thrush*Catharus ustulatus*

(1) 2 Reserva Natural El Dorado 11.11.

2 on the road below El Dorado Lodge.

Yellow-legged Thrush*Turdus flavipes venezuelensis*

(1) 1 Minca 11.11.

1 male above Minca.

Pale-eyed Thrush*Turdus leucops*

(1) 1 Minca 11.11.

1 female above Minca.

Great Thrush*Turdus fuscater*

(1) 20 San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11.

Fairly common on San Lorenzo ridge.

Black-hooded Thrush*Turdus olivater*

(1) 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9.11.

1 on the compost pit at El Dorado Lodge.

Pale-breasted Thrush*Turdus leucomelas*

(3) 2 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9.11, 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 5 Minca 11.11.

Fairly common on Santa Marta.

Clay-colored Thrush*Turdus grayi*

(1) 1 en route 11.11.

1 at Palo Alto - a very unusual place to see this normally lowland species.

White-necked Thrush*Turdus albicollis*

(1) 2 en route 11.11.

2 at Palo Alto.

Old World Sparrows *Passeridae***House Sparrow***Passer domesticus*

(1) 15 Camarones 12.11.
About 15 at Camarones.

Finches, Euphonias *Fringillidae***Lesser Goldfinch***Spinus psaltria colombianus*

(1) 2 Minca 11.11.
2 above Minca.

Trinidad Euphonia*Euphonia trinitatis*

(1) 6 Camarones 12.11.
Several near Camarones.

Thick-billed Euphonia*Euphonia laniirostris*

(1) 1 heard Los Flamencos NP 11.11.
Heard at Los Flamencos NP.

Blue-naped Chlorophonia*Chlorophonia cyanea*

(3) Up to 20 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9-11.11.
Common around El Dorado.

New World Warblers *Parulidae***Northern Waterthrush***Parkesia noveboracensis*

(3) 1 Isla De Salamanca NP 8.11, 3 en route 11.11 and 4 en route 12.11.
Fairly common on coastal lowlands.

Black-and-white Warbler*Mniotilta varia*

(2) 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 1 Minca 11.11.
2 on Santa Marta.

Prothonotary Warbler*Protonotaria citrea*

(3) 30 Isla De Salamanca NP 8.11, 5 en route 11.11 and 20 en route 12.11.
Common around water in lowlands on the coast.

Tennessee Warbler*Leiothlypis peregrina*

(4) 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9.11, 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11, 1 Minca 11.11 and 1 en route 12.11.
Fairly common.

Mourning Warbler*Geothlypis philadelphia*

(1) 1 San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11.
1 on the San Lorenzo ridge.

American Redstart*Setophaga ruticilla*

(2) 2 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 4 Reserva Natural El Dorado 11.11.
6 on Santa Marta.

Bay-breasted Warbler*Setophaga castanea*

(1) 1 Camarones 12.11.
1 near Camarones.

Blackburnian Warbler*Setophaga fusca*

(3) 6 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9.11, 5 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 1 Minca 11.11.

Common on Santa Marta highlands.

American Yellow Warbler *Setophaga aestiva*

(3) 3 en route 8.11, 2 en route 11.11 and 10 en route 12.11.

Common on coastal lowlands.

Blackpoll Warbler *Setophaga striata*

(1) 6 Camarones 12.11.

Several near Camarones.

Santa Marta Warbler *Myiothlypis basilica*

(1) 5 San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11.

5 seen very well on the San Lorenzo ridge.

White-lored Warbler *Myiothlypis conspicillata*

(3) Up to 4 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9-11.11.

Fairly common below El Dorado.

Rufous-capped Warbler *Basileuterus rufifrons mesochrysus*

(1) 2 Reserva Natural El Dorado 11.11.

2 on Santa Marta.

Slate-throated Whitestart *Myioborus miniatus*

(3) Up to 4 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9-11.11.

Common on Santa Marta.

Yellow-crowned Whitestart *Myioborus flavivertex*

(1) 5 San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11.

Several seen well on San Lorenzo ridge.

Troupials and Allies Icteridae

Red-breasted Blackbird *Sturnella militaris*

(1) 2 Los Flamencos NP 11.11.

2 near Camarones in a flooded field.

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus*

(2) 5 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 5 Minca 11.11.

Several on Santa Marta.

Yellow-backed Oriole *Icterus chrysater*

(1) 3 Reserva Natural El Dorado 11.11.

3 on Santa Marta at mid-elevations.

Yellow Oriole *Icterus nigrogularis nigrogularis*

(3) 5 en route 8.11, 5 en route 11.11 and 10 en route 12.11.

A few at km 4, common on the Guajira.

Orange-crowned Oriole *Icterus auricapillus*

(1) 1 en route 11.11.

1 at Las Gaviotas.

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis*

(1) 2 Barranquilla 8.11.

2 near Barranquilla.

Carib Grackle *Quiscalus lugubris lugubris*

(2) 20 en route 11.11 and 5 en route 12.11.

Fairly common.

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus peruvianus*

(3) 100 en route 8.11, 10 en route 11.11 and 10 en route 12.11.

Common along coast.

Yellow-hooded Blackbird *Chrysomus icterocephalus*

(2) 5 en route 8.11 and 20 en route 11.11.

Fairly common in coastal wetlands.

Bananaquit *Coerebidae*

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola*

(2) 4 en route 8.11 and 2 en route 12.11.

A few seen.

Buntings, Sparrows and Allies *Emberizidae*

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis*

(3) Up to 5 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9-11.11.

Fairly common near El Dorado.

Tocuyo Sparrow *Arremonops tocuyensis*

(1) 1 heard en route 12.11.

Heard in the Guajira.

Golden-winged Sparrow *Arremon schlegeli*

(1) 4 Minca 11.11.

4 seen above Minca.

Sierra Nevada Brushfinch *Arremon basilicus*

(2) 3 San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11 and 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11.

Several around El Dorado Lodge and at San Lorenzo.

Santa Marta Brushfinch *Atlapetes melanocephalus*

(3) 10 San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11, 10 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 10 Reserva Natural El Dorado 11.11.

Common at higher elevations on Santa Marta.

Tanagers and Allies *Thraupidae*

White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus*

(2) 3 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 1 Minca 11.11.

Several on Santa Marta.

Crimson-backed Tanager *Ramphocelus dimidiatus*

(1) 2 Minca 11.11.

2 seen near Minca.

Blue-grey Tanager *Thraupis episcopus*

(1) 1 Minca 11.11.

1 seen near Minca.

Glaucous Tanager *Thraupis glaucocolpa*

(1) 5 Camarones 12.11.

5 near Camarones.

Blue-capped Tanager (2) 2 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9.11 and 2 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11. 4 at El Dorado ridge.	<i>Thraupis cyanocephala</i>
Santa Marta Mountain Tanager (1) 15 San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11. Common on San Lorenzo ridge.	<i>Anisognathus melanogenys</i>
Bay-headed Tanager (3) Up to 30 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9-11.11. Common on Santa Marta.	<i>Tangara gyrola</i>
Black-capped Tanager (3) Up to 40 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9-11.11. Common on Santa Marta.	<i>Tangara heinei</i>
Black-headed Tanager (1) 1 Minca 11.11. 1 female on Santa Marta.	<i>Tangara cyanoptera cyanoptera</i>
Blue Dacnis (1) 4 Minca 11.11. 4 below Minca.	<i>Dacnis cayana</i>
Red-legged Honeycreeper (1) 2 Minca 11.11. 2 below Minca.	<i>Cyanerpes cyaneus</i>
Bicolored Conebill (NT) (1) 5 Isla De Salamanca NP 8.11. About 5 seen well at Isla Salamanca NP.	<i>Conirostrum bicolor bicolor</i>
Rusty Flowerpiercer (1) 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 11.11. 1 male below El Dorado.	<i>Diglossa sittoides</i>
Black Flowerpiercer (1) 4 San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11. Several on the San Lorenzo ridge.	<i>Diglossa humeralis</i>
White-sided Flowerpiercer (2) 4 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9.11 and 2 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11. Fairly common at El Dorado and below.	<i>Diglossa albilatera albilatera</i>
Saffron Finch (1) 5 en route 8.11. 4 at km 4.	<i>Sicalis flaveola flaveola</i>
Buff-throated Saltator (2) 4 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 3 en route 11.11. Fairly common.	<i>Saltator maximus</i>
Greyish Saltator (3) 3 en route 8.11, 2 en route 11.11 and 4 en route 12.11. Fairly common.	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>
Orinoco Saltator (1) 1 Camarones 12.11.	<i>Saltator orenocensis</i>

1 near Camarones.

Streaked Saltator*Saltator striatipectus*

(1) 5 Minca 11.11.

Several on Santa Marta.

Blue-black Grassquit*Volatinia jacarina splendens*

(1) 3 en route 12.11.

3 in scrub near Santa Marta airport.

Yellow-bellied Seedeater*Sporophila nigricollis*

(1) 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11.

1 male on Santa Marta.

Dull-colored Grassquit*Tiaris obscurus*

(2) 2 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 1 Minca 11.11.

Several on Santa Marta.

Black-faced Grassquit*Tiaris bicolor*

(1) 4 Camarones 12.11.

4 near Camarones.

Sooty Grassquit*Tiaris fuliginosus*

(3) Up to 5 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9-11.11.

Several on Santa Marta.

Rosy Thrush-Tanager*Rhodinocichla rosea*

(1) 1 Minca 11.11.

1 seen above Minca.

Plushcap*Catamblyrhynchus diadema diadema*

(1) 1 heard San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11.

Heard on the San Lorenzo ridge.

Cardinals and Allies Cardinalidae**Golden Grosbeak***Pheucticus chrysogaster*

(1) 1 San Lorenzo Ridge 9.11.

1 seen by Bob on the San Lorenzo Ridge

Rose-breasted Grosbeak*Pheucticus ludovicianus*

(2) 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11 and 5 Minca 11.11.

Several at mid-elevations in the Santa Marta mountains.

Vermilion Cardinal*Cardinalis phoeniceus*

(1) 3 Camarones 12.11.

3 near Camarones.

Dickcissel*Spiza americana*

(2) 1 en route 8.11 and 7 Camarones 12.11.

1 at km 4 and 7 flying over near Camarones.

Mammals (5 in total: 5 seen)

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Wild, **NT** = Near Threatened, **DD** = Data Deficient

Night Monkeys *Aotidae*

Grey-handed Night Monkey

Aotus griseimembra

(2) 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 8.11 and 1 Reserva Natural El Dorado 9.11.

Up to 3 seen at night at El Dorado Lodge.

Howler, Spider, and Woolly Monkeys *Atelidae*

Colombian Red Howler Monkey

Alouatta seniculus

(4) 1 heard Reserva Natural El Dorado 9.11, 1 heard Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11, 8 en route 11.11 and 1 heard en route 12.11.

Heard most days and seen at Las Gaviotas.

Agoutis *Dasyproctidae*

Central American Agouti

Dasyprocta punctata

(3) Up to 2 Reserva Natural El Dorado 8-10.11.

2 regularly visiting the compost pit at El Dorado Lodge.

Squirrels *Sciuridae*

Red-tailed Squirrel

Sciurus granatensis

(1) 3 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11.

Several seen.

Wolves, Coyote, Foxes, Jackals *Canidae*

Crab-eating Fox

Cerdocyon thous

(1) 3 Reserva Natural El Dorado 10.11.

3 at the compost pit at El Dorado Lodge.

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