



Colombia: Santa Marta Mountains, Guajira Peninsula, and Perijá Mountains

March 8th - 17th, 2019

Trip Report and Photos: Stephan Lorenz



This Santa Marta Screech-Owl showed very well one evening near the El Dorado Lodge Photo Stephan Lorenz

March 8th, 2019

Most of the group had arrived late the night before and transferred to a comfortable hotel in Barranquilla. We enjoyed a relatively restful morning, before meeting up for breakfast. The small hotel yard was surprisingly birdy and we ended up spending three hours just sitting back, drinking coffee, and watching the birds that dropped in. Some of the best and unexpected finds included Red-crowned Woodpeckers in the palm trees, Yellow-headed Caracaras perched on nearby buildings, and flocks of Brown-throated Parakeets in flight. The flycatchers, a very diverse group in South America, were represented by Yellow-bellied Elaenia, Great Kiskadee, and Tropical and Gray Kingbirds. The bold Bicolored Wrens moved around a nest in the palm tree, Pale-breasted Thrushes came to the breakfast table, resident Yellow and migrant Baltimore Orioles visited the flowering trees, while Carib Grackles mixed in with the Great-tailed Grackles, and noisy Grayish Saltators rounded out the list. The best bird of the morning was definitely the localized and sometimes tricky Glaucous Tanager that visited one of the planted trees twice, so we all could get a good view. After our relaxed breakfast birding, we headed out in the afternoon to the Universidad del Norte on the edge of the city where dry, tropical scrub forest offered great birding. Some of the best finds here included excellent views of several endemic Chestnut-winged Chachalacas that perched in flowering trees. We also recorded the first hummingbirds of the tour with Red-billed Emerald and Shining-green Hummingbird studied at length. Even a rare Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird made an appearance, perching long enough for scope studies of this little known species. Additional finds included Savannah Hawk, Merlin, scoped Russet-throated Puffbird, Straight-billed Woodcreeper, the tiny Scrub Greenlet, and another Glaucous Tanager — wow, we were busy. As we wandered along the roads past scrubby forest, we found two more uncommon species. First, a male Trinidad Euphonia perched up for great views and then a pair of often overlooked Mouse-colored Tyrannulets. With several excellent birds under our belt, we returned to the hotel for dinner and then got some rest before one of the biggest days on the tour.



This Pied Puffbird showed well in the mangroves at Isla Salamanca Photo Stephan Lorenz

March 9th, 2019

We started very early to drive to an area known as Kilometer 4 along the Palermo Road. The morning turned out to be very productive with around 75 species seen in less than four hours of birding. We walked along the dirt road, checking various wetlands and grasslands, and then walked down a side road to explore a large expanse of reed beds and open water. The action was constant and new additions to our list kept popping up all morning. Some of the top finds included Northern Screamer, a responsive Dwarf Cuckoo that perched in the open, several Snail Kites above the marsh, showy Spot-breasted Woodpeckers, and sharp Pied Water and White-headed Marsh Tyrants. The rarest species was a Bronzed Cowbird, here represented by the range restricted "Bronze-brown" subspecies that can be very difficult to find. A pair of Northern Scrub-Flycatchers was also a welcome addition, while Stripe-backed Wrens chattered from the nearby trees. In terms of sheer color, Yellow-hooded Blackbirds took the crown, while the Grayish Saltator was more subdued. The area was also full of herons and egrets, shorebirds, and waterfowl. As the morning warmed up we continued to the Parque Isla de Salamanca. A pleasant hour along the boardwalk here that winds its way through mature mangroves netted us several specialities. We had excellent views of Squirrel Cuckoo, Pied Puffbirds, the localized Chestnut Piculet, Red-rumped Woodpecker, Black-crested Antshrike, Bicolored Conebill, Bananaquit, and several Prothonotary Warblers that spend the winter in these rich mangrove forests.



This female Coppery Emerald showed well on the way up El Dorado Photo Stephan Lorenz

From here, we traveled up the coast and eventually left the Caribbean behind to start the steep ascent towards the El Dorado Lodge. We transferred from the bus into three jeeps that could tackle the rough track up the mountain. At the start, the road was in good shape, but

deteriorated quickly and we bounced up the slope for about three hours. We made several strategic stops along the route and ended up with some fantastic birds. Some of the most exciting species included a Black-and-white Owl on a day roost, the uncommon Groove-billed Toucanet in a stretch of impressive cloud forest, the stunning Golden-winged Sparrow, and Golden-faced Tyrannulet of the little known “Coopmans’s” subspecies. Before we reached the lodge, we stopped at a small coffee farm where a flower garden attracted several species of hummingbirds, most notably a female Coppery Emerald. Other additions to our long list for the day included massive King Vultures, flocks of Red-billed Parrots, bold Black-chested Jays, good views of sneaky Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush, and the scarce Yellow-legged Thrush. Another target that came relatively easily was the distinct Black-headed Tanager that showed well. After another stretch of rough road, we eventually arrived at the El Dorado Lodge, beautifully situated as it overlooks a vast swath of intact cloud forest all the way down to the Caribbean. We settled into our comfortable bungalows and then enjoyed the first of many delicious meals at the lodge.



White-tipped Quetzals showed very well around the El Dorado Lodge several times Photo Stephan Lorenz

March 10th, 2019

We began the day with a predawn start to drive up from the lodge to the top of the San Lorenzo Ridge. The majority of the Santa Marta endemics can be found in the stunted elfin forest and nearby cloud forest here. It is important to arrive on the site early to increase the chances of catching up with some of the more uncommon endemics. We did very well during our vigil and short walk at the top, seeing close Santa Marta Parakeets perched, skulky Brown-rumped Tapaculo, Rusty-headed Spinetail, Hermit Wood-Wren, Sierra Nevada and Santa Marta Brushfinches, Santa Marta and White-lored Warblers, Yellow-crowned Redstart, and Black-cheeked Mountain-Tanager. Non-endemic highlights included Southern Emerald-Toucanet of the “Santa Marta” subspecies, Flammulated Treehunter, Streak-capped Spinetail, Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush, the rare and local subspecies of Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager, and brief Plushcaps. We spent the afternoon birding near and on the lodge

grounds, adding several excellent birds, including some shy species visiting the extensive feeders. Some of the highlights included Band-tailed and Sickle-winged Guans, Black-fronted Wood-Quail, Line Quail-Dove, and colorful Blue-naped Chlorophonia. The hummingbird feeders were buzzing with activity and we could study many species at leisure with Brown and Lesser Violetears, Lazuline Sabrewing, Tyrian Metaltail, and Crowned Woodnymph all making regular visits. In the nearby forest, we found Masked Trogon, White-tipped Quetzal, Golden-olive Woodpecker, uncommon Black-banded and Strong-billed Woodcreepers, and Golden-breasted Fruiteaters in the tall canopy. We spent another tranquil night at the lodge underneath a cornucopia of stars.



Brown Violetears were common around the feeders at the El Dorado Lodge Photo Stephan Lorenz

March 11th, 2019

For the morning, we actually headed down the mountain for a few miles along the road to check lower elevations for some endemics that prefer subtropical forest. We first staked out an area of flowering bushes near a small shop and were rewarded with multiple good views of the rare Santa Marta Blossomcrown, Long-billed Hermit, and tiny Santa Marta Woodstar. After a dedicated search, we found the endemic Santa Marta Antbird and, occasionally shy, Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner showed quite quickly. After finding the right angle, we called in a Santa Marta Tapaculo that showed very well in light of its skulky habits. The forest along the way held Gartered Trogon, the impressive Crimson-crested Woodpecker, Black-hooded Thrush, several migrant warblers, and many tanagers, including White-lined, Crimson-backed, Black-capped, Bay-headed and Swallow Tanagers. During the afternoon, we headed uphill a bit to check a productive stretch of cloud forest where we added White-tailed Starfrontlet and Gray-breasted Wood-Wren of the endemic “Bang’s” subspecies. It was also an excellent day for flycatchers with Mountain Elaenia, Olive-striped and Ochre-bellied Flycatchers, Black-throated Tody-Tyrant,

and Dusky-capped and Golden-crowned Flycatchers. The skies were also busy with raptors and we tallied Plumbeous Kite, Solitary Eagle, and Broad-winged and Short-tailed Hawks. A short outing at night finally got us great visuals of the endemic Santa Marta Screech-Owl and, incredibly, a Stygian Owl showed equally well in the same area.



A Stygian Owl was a welcomed addition during one of our night outings Photo Stephan Lorenz

March 12th, 2019

For the morning, we took the bumpy road one more time up the mountain, but not all the way to the ridge. We stopped near the research station and birded a stretch of forest here. We planned to visit a spot where the shy Santa Marta Antpitta had been coming to worms. While we had heard this endemic several times, it had so far eluded us. Fortunately, a bird came in right on schedule, allowing everyone to have great views. In the meantime, we added Mountain Velvetbreast and a soaring White-rumped Hawk. Back at the lodge, a Black-fronted Wood-Quail finally showed well at the feeder. We packed up, loaded the vehicles, and said goodbye to the El Dorado Lodge that had hosted us for an incredible three days. A few strategic stops during the journey down the mountain in some of the tropical dry forest yielded good views of Scaled Piculet, Cocoa Woodcreeper, Lesser Elaenia, Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant, Thick-billed Euphonia, Rosy Thrush-Tanager, Blue-black Grassquit, Yellow-bellied Seedeater, and Streaked Saltator. We continued down the mountain and a small forest fire along the lower slopes prevented us from making another stop, so we carried on. Our hotel was situated right on the beach with a lagoon nearby and we spent the remainder of the late afternoon relaxing in this beautiful setting.



The often elusive Santa Marta Antpitta visited a feeding station during our stay at El Dorado Photo Stephan Lorenz

March 13th, 2019

We spent a full morning exploring the entrance road and some trails in the Tayrona National Park. The lowland rainforest and small wetlands here offered a multitude of new species. We started the morning by walking down a side road and found nonstop bird activity for several hours. We had excellent views of White-necked Puffbird, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Black-crowned Antshrike, White-bellied Antbird, and Blue Dacnis. Of course, we also noted several species of flycatchers with Southern Beardless and Yellow-crowned Tyrannulets, Forest Elaenia, Ochre-bellied, Common Tody and Yellow-breasted Flycatchers, Cattle Tyrant, Great Kiskadee, Social and Streaked Flycatchers all present. After we maneuvered off trail a bit, we saw lekking Lance-tailed and White-bearded Manakins. Exploring the forest edge near the beach netted us Greater Ani and a flock of feeding Orange-chinned Parakeets, while One-colored Becard and Golden-fronted Greenlet remained in the canopy. New hummingbirds included White-necked Jacobin, Pale-bellied Hermit, Rufous-tailed Hummingbird, and White-chinned Sapphire. We then spent some time walking along the entrance road which was quieter than some of the busy trails and found a surprise Capped Heron, a Scaly-breasted Wren that came into the open briefly, and beautiful Gray-headed Tanager. We returned to the lovely hotel after lunch and some decided to relax while others set out to explore the lodge grounds. We ended up seeing a surprising variety of species, including several additions to the already lengthy trip list. A particularly active flock that came in to owl calls included White-chinned Sapphire, Whooping Motmot, Blue-headed Parrot, Streak-headed Woodcreeper, Forest Elaenia, Buff-breasted Wren, Clay-colored Thrush, Tropical Mockingbird, Thick-billed Euphonia, Red-legged Honeycreeper, and a locally rare Chestnut-sided Warbler. A flyover Crane Hawk was also a good sighting. Along the nearby beach and lagoon, we found

Black-bellied Plover, Wattled Jacana, Spotted Sandpiper, Willet, Royal Tern, Magnificent Frigatebird, Great and Snowy Egrets, Little Blue Heron, Cattle Egret, Green Heron, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, and Ringed and Amazon Kingfishers. After such a successful outing, we happily settled in for a delicious dinner back at our bungalows with the Caribbean just a stone's throw away.



This stunning Whooping Motmot was resident right next to our lodge in Tayrona Photo Stephan Lorenz

March 14th, 2019

This morning, we had to leave very early in order to reach the birding destination at dawn. We had some coffee and then loaded into the three vehicles. We drove west towards the village of Camarones and the Guajira Peninsula. This area harbors unique desert scrub and lagoons, protected within the Los Flamencos Nature Sanctuary. Several specialty species occur only in this part of Colombia and small areas of adjacent Venezuela. After we arrived right at sunrise, we aimed to see as many specialties as possible before carrying on towards Perija. We walked into a tract of dry forest and then continued to an area on the other side of the highway that held more ponds. Before we paused for breakfast at a local restaurant, we had already seen Crested Bobwhite, Bare-eyed Pigeon, Chestnut Piculet, Tropical Gnatcatcher, and

Green-rumped Parrotlet. Two main target species were soon scoped with excellent views of Vermilion Cardinal and Orinoco Saltator, the former particularly stunning with its vivid reds among the parched bushes. After breakfast, we explored a bit further afield, walking a network of trails with our knowledgeable local guide, finding White-fringed Antwren, Pale-legged Hornero, White-whiskered Spinetail, Slender-billed and Pale-tipped Tyrannulets, Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant, Gray Kingbird, Black-faced Grassquit, and Pileated Finch. The shoreline, small ponds, and edge of the lagoon held American Oystercatcher, Whimbrel, Western, Spotted and Solitary Sandpipers, Greater Yellowlegs, Willet, Laughing Gull, Royal Tern, Magnificent Frigatebird, Neotropic Cormorant, Great and Snowy Egrets, Tricolored Heron, Reddish Egret, and White and Scarlet Ibis. Among the raptors, three Harris's Hawks were unexpected. Before we left the area, we backtracked a bit, which got us scope views of Double-striped Thick-knees. Then we started the long transfer to the remote Perija Mountains and the incredible Perija ProAves Lodge, which offers access to one of the least explored parts of Colombia. The journey took several hours and after driving up another bumpy dirt road, we arrived at the lodge in the evening.



This Vermilion Cardinal lit up the parched landscape of the Guajira Peninsula Photo Stephan Lorenz

March 15th, 2019

We started our birding in the beautiful and dramatic Perija Mountains at the highest elevations we could reach by road where the majority of the endemics occur. Upon reaching the paramo, a unique South American grassland above treeline, we set out quickly to search for some of the scarcer endemics. Hearing its unique song, we soon had a Perija Thistletail in view. In a grassy spot, we found the uncommon Streak-backed Canastero, which is a unique subspecies here and may be elevated to full species status. An area of scrubs offered a glimpse of a promising looking hummingbird and after patient waiting we had excellent views of the endemic Perija

Metaltail. The open habitats here were also great for Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant, Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant, and Red-crested Cotinga. We walked down the road into the cloud forest that held plenty of bamboo, a habitat preferred by Highland Tinamou (heard only despite a lot of effort), Band-tailed Pigeon, Streaked Tuftedcheek, and Rufous Spinetail. Other excellent species here included no less than three of the uncommon Andean Pygmy-Owl. Closer to the lodge, it took a few tries, but eventually we had great views of the skulky and endemic Perija Tapaculo. Before and after lunch, we kept an eye on the hummingbird feeders at the lodge, which held Amethyst-throated Sunangel, Tyrian Metaltail, and Mountain Velvetbreast. Around the lodge itself, Slaty and Yellow-breasted Brushfinches made regular appearances, the latter also represented by a unique subspecies here. We traveled down the road to bird below the lodge and this was a great decision since we added Andean Guan, Golden-headed and Crested Quetzals, Mountain Wren, Great and Glossy-black Thrushes, Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia, Common Chlorospingus, and Lacrimose and Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanagers. We gathered for a delicious home cooked meal in the cozy dining room and then did a bit of owling near the lodge. We heard White-throated Screech-Owl, but the bird refused to show.



The localized Perija Thistletail showed well for us high in the Perija Mountains Photo Stephan Lorenz

March 16th, 2019

During our second full day in the Perija Mountains, we did a little bit of everything, going up and down the road. During the morning, we started in the bamboo filled cloud forest above the lodge and found several good additions for the list. One of the highlights was a Rufous Antpitta of the distinct Perija subspecies that hopped into the trail twice.

Other species we saw well included Spectacled Tyrannulet, Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher, Andean Siskin, Golden Grosbeak, Fulvous-headed Tanager, Hooded, Lacrimose and Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanagers, Blue-capped Tanager, Black and Bluish Flowerpiercers, and Paramo Seed eater. For the afternoon, we headed further

down the mountain to bird near a ranch house that had many flowering bushes. A mixed flock of swifts kept us busy here and we picked out Chestnut-collared, White-collared, Gray-rumped, and White-tipped Swifts. A colony of Russet-backed Oropendolas nearby was interesting to watch. In some dense second growth we caught a glimpse of a Chestnut-crowned Antpitta. The absolute highlight of the day came during the late afternoon when an adult Andean Condor soared past us at eye level. As this massive and locally rare bird circled a few times, we enjoyed great views and photo opportunities. What a fitting finish to an incredible day. We celebrated over dinner back at the lodge.



This adult Andean Condor was one of many highlights during our visit to the remote Perija Mountains Photo Stephan Lorenz

March 17th, 2019

This was our final morning in the Perija Mountains and the last day of our northern Colombia adventure. We packed up and loaded the vehicles early in order to make the most of the journey down the mountain. We had several planned birding stops along the way in order to track down several more target species, including some endemics and range restricted species. The best finds of the morning were Long-tailed Sylph, Masked Trogon, Yellow-throated Toucan, a responsive Klages's Antbird, and showy Chestnut-bellied Thrush. The tanagers showed again well and we enjoyed further views of White-lined, Blue-gray, Blue-capped, Black-headed, and Bay-headed Tanagers. Along a stand of dense brush we found the final Perija endemic with good views of a pair of Perija Brushfinches. By midmorning, we caught a very low Zone-tailed Hawk flying right over our heads. We then traveled towards the airport with a lunch stop along a lovely riverside restaurant. The flight from Valledapur to Bogota was right on time and we arrived back in Bogota in the late evening where we said goodbye. It was a grand Colombia adventure for all with more than 360 species recorded in nine days of birding!

Bird List:

ENGLISH NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Tinamous													
Highland Tinamou	<i>Nothocercus bonapartei</i>										H	H	
Screamers													
Northern Screamer	<i>Chauna chavaria</i>		1										
Ducks													
Blue-winged Teal	<i>Anas discors</i>		60										
Guans & chachalacas													
Chestnut-winged Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis garrula</i>	25											
Rufous-vented Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis ruficauda</i>										h		
Band-tailed Guan	<i>Penelope argyrotis</i>		1	6		H			1				
Andean Guan	<i>Penelope montagnii</i>							1	1		1		
Sickle-winged Guan	<i>Chamaepetes goudotii</i>			LO	3	H							
Quails													
Crested Bobwhite	<i>Colinus cristatus</i>							12					
Black-fronted Wood-Quail	<i>Odontophorus atrifrons</i>			LO	h	1							
Frigatebirds													
Magnificent Frigatebird	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>							3					
Cormorants													
Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>		40					10					
Pelicans													
Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>		2										
Hérons & egrets													
Cocoi Heron	<i>Ardea cocoi</i>		6										
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		4				4	4					
Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>		10				2	30					
Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>		5				2	4					
Tricolored Heron	<i>Egretta tricolor</i>		4					4					
Reddish Egret	<i>Egretta rufescens</i>							17					
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>		20				2	10					
Green Heron	<i>Butorides virescens</i>		2				1						
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>		6				1						
Capped Heron	<i>Pilherodius pileatus</i>						1						
Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>		2										
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>						3						
Ibises													
White Ibis	<i>Eudocimus albus</i>							30					
Scarlet Ibis	<i>Eudocimus ruber</i>							10					
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>		40										
Bare-faced Ibis	<i>Phimosus infuscatus</i>	8	4										
Vultures & Condor													
Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	10	10		1	2	10	20			10		

Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	12	15	1	2	2	4	10			5		
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture	<i>Cathartes burrovianus</i>		1										
Andean Condor	<i>Vultur gryphus</i>									1			
King Vulture	<i>Sarcoramphus papa</i>		4				1						
Eagles, kites & hawks													
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	1	1				1	1					
White-tailed Kite	<i>Elanus leucurus</i>								1				
Hook-billed Kite	<i>Chondrohierax uncinatus</i>			1									
Black-and-chestnut Eagle	<i>Spizaetus isidori</i>									1			
Snail Kite	<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i>		8										
Plumbeous Kite	<i>Ictinia plumbea</i>			2	2								
Crane Hawk	<i>Geranospiza caerulescens</i>						1						
Common Black-Hawk	<i>Buteogallus anthracinus</i>						1						
Savanna Hawk	<i>Buteogallus meridionalis</i>	1											
Solitary Eagle	<i>Buteogallus solitarius</i>				1								
Harris's Hawk	<i>Parabuteo unicinctus</i>							3					
White-rumped Hawk	<i>Parabuteo leucorrhous</i>					1							
Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>		1		1	1		1					
Short-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo brachyurus</i>				2								
Zone-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo albonotatus</i>					1					1		
Rails, crakes, cooks & gallinules													
Gray-necked Wood-Rail	<i>Aramides cajaneus</i>						1						
Sora	<i>Porzana carolina</i>		4										
Purple Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio martinicus</i>		4										
Common Gallinule	<i>Gallinula galeata</i>		10										
Limpkin													
Limpkin	<i>Aramus guarauna</i>		2										
Double-striped Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus bistriatus</i>							2					
Lapwings, plovers & killdeer													
Southern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus chilensis</i>		3				1						
Black-bellied Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>						2						
American Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus palliatus</i>							1					
Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>		4										
Wattled Jacana	<i>Jacana jacana</i>		10				3						
Sandpipers, yellowlegs, dowitchers, snipes & phalaropes													
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>		2				1	2					
Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>		5										
Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>							2					
Willet	<i>Tringa semipalmata</i>		1				1	4					
Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>		1										
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>							1					
Western Sandpiper	<i>Calidris mauri</i>							2					
Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>		2										
Gulls, noddies, terns & skimmer													

Laughing Gull	<i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i>							5						
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>		5											
Royal Tern	<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>						5	2						
Pigeons & doves														
Pale-vented Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas cayennensis</i>	1	2				1				1			
Bare-eyed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas corensis</i>							3						
Band-tailed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>			15		5			20	10	8			
Eared Dove	<i>Zenaida auriculata</i>		2											
Common Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina passerina</i>	3	10					1						
Ruddy Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	5	10				1	1			1			
Scaled Dove	<i>Columbina squammata</i>		8					4						
White-tipped Dove	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>	2	1	8	5	6	4	1			1			
Lined Quail-Dove	<i>Geotrygon linearis</i>			1	4	4					2			
Cuckoos & anis														
Dwarf Cuckoo	<i>Coccyua pumila</i>		1											
Squirrel Cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana</i>	1	2			1	H	1			1			
Striped Cuckoo	<i>Tapera naevia</i>					2								
Greater Ani	<i>Crotophaga major</i>						2							
Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>	2	1				1				4			
Groove-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga sulcirostris</i>		10			2								
Owls														
White-throated Screech-Owl	<i>Megascops albogularis</i>									h	h			
Andean Pygmy-Owl	<i>Glaucidium jardinii</i>								3	1				
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl	<i>Glaucidium brasilianum</i>							H						
Black-and-white Owl	<i>Ciccaba nigrolineata</i>		1											
Stygian Owl	<i>Asio stygius</i>				1									
Santa Marta Screech-Owl	<i>Megascops sp. nov.</i>			H	1									
Nighthawks, Poorwills & Nightjars														
Lesser Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles acutipennis</i>		1											
Band-winged Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus longirostris</i>			LO					1	h	2			
Swifts														
Chestnut-collared Swift	<i>Streptoprocne rutila</i>									30				
White-collared Swift	<i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>		3	60	20	20			10	5				
Band-rumped Swift	<i>Chaetura spinicaudus</i>		LO											
Gray-rumped Swift	<i>Chaetura cinereiventris</i>									2				
White-tipped Swift	<i>Aeronautes montivagus</i>									5	1			
Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift	<i>Panyptila cayennensis</i>						1							
Hummingbirds														
White-necked Jacobin	<i>Florisuga mellivora</i>						10							
Rufous-breasted Hermit	<i>Glaucis hirsutus</i>						1							
Long-billed Hermit	<i>Phaethornis longirostris</i>				2									
Pale-bellied Hermit	<i>Phaethornis anthophilus</i>						3							
Brown Violetear	<i>Colibri delphinae</i>			6	10	10								
Lesser Violetear	<i>Colibri cyanotus</i>		1	10	20	20								

Amethyst-throated Sunangel	<i>Helianthus amethysticollis</i>									20	30	5		
Santa Marta Blossomcrown	<i>Anthocephala floriceps</i>				1									
Long-tailed Sylph	<i>Agelaiocercus kingi</i>											1		
Perija Metaltail	<i>Metallura iracunda</i>									4				
Tyrian Metaltail	<i>Metallura tyrianthina</i>			20	10	5				2	10	2		
White-tailed Starfrontlet	<i>Coeligena phalerata</i>				1									
Mountain Velvetbreast	<i>Lafresnaya lafresnayi</i>					4				2	5	4		
Santa Marta Woodstar	<i>Chaetocercus astreans</i>				1									
Red-billed Emerald	<i>Chlorostilbon gibsoni</i>	1												
Coppery Emerald	<i>Chlorostilbon russatus</i>		1		2									
Lazuline Sabrewing	<i>Campylopterus falcatus</i>			1		1						1		
Crowned Woodnymph	<i>Thalurania colombica</i>		1	30	20	10								
Steely-vented Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia saucerrottei</i>						1							
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia tzacatl</i>						8							
Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird	<i>Lepidopygia lilliae</i>	1												
Shining-green Hummingbird	<i>Lepidopygia goudoti</i>	3												
White-chinned Sapphire	<i>Hylocharis cyanus</i>						1							
Quetzals & trogons														
Golden-headed Quetzal	<i>Pharomachrus auriceps</i>									4	2			
White-tipped Quetzal	<i>Pharomachrus fulgidus</i>			3	2	H								
Crested Quetzal	<i>Pharomachrus antisianus</i>									1				
Gartered Trogon	<i>Trogon caligatus</i>				2									
Masked Trogon	<i>Trogon personatus</i>			2								2		
Motmots														
Whooping Motmot	<i>Momotus subrufescens</i>						1							
Kingfishers														
Ringed Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle torquata</i>		2				2							
Amazon Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle amazona</i>		2				1							
Green Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle americana</i>		1											
Puffbirds, monklet, nunlets & nunbirds														
White-necked Puffbird	<i>Notharchus hyperrhynchus</i>						3							
Pied Puffbird	<i>Notharchus tectus</i>		2											
Russet-throated Puffbird	<i>Hypnelus ruficollis</i>	1	2						2					
Rufous-tailed Jacamar	<i>Galbula ruficauda</i>						1							
Toucanets, aracarís, mountain-toucans & Toucans														
Southern Emerald Toucanet	<i>Aulacorhynchus albivitta</i>			2	2					2	4	1		
Groove-billed Toucanet	<i>Aulacorhynchus sulcatus</i>		1		1							1		
Yellow-throated Toucan	<i>Ramphastos ambiguus</i>							H				2		
Keel-billed Toucan	<i>Ramphastos sulfuratus</i>		1		1									
Woodpeckers & piculets														
Scaled Piculet	<i>Picumnus squamulatus</i>					1								
Chestnut Piculet	<i>Picumnus cinnamomeus</i>		1					4						
Red-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes rubricapillus</i>	3	2				2	1				1		
Smoky-brown Woodpecker	<i>Picoides fumigatus</i>										1			

Red-rumped Woodpecker	<i>Veniliornis kirkii</i>		3																
Golden-olive Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes rubiginosus</i>			1	3														
Crimson-mantled Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes rivolii</i>										1	1							
Spot-breasted Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes punctigula</i>		2																
Lineated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>		2																
Crimson-crested Woodpecker	<i>Campephilus melanoleucos</i>				2														
Falcons & caracaras																			
Barred Forest-Falcon	<i>Micrastur ruficollis</i>				hlo														
Crested Caracara	<i>Caracara cheriway</i>		6		1		2	6											
Yellow-headed Caracara	<i>Milvago chimachima</i>	2	2				2	2											
Laughing Falcon	<i>Herpetotheres cachinnans</i>		H				1												
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>							1											
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	1														1			
Bat Falcon	<i>Falco rufigularis</i>			1															
Parrots, parakeets & macaws																			
Santa Marta Parakeet	<i>Pyrrhura viridicata</i>			8															
Scarlet-fronted Parakeet	<i>Psittacara wagleri</i>		15	10	H	30										10			
Brown-throated Parakeet	<i>Eusiptula pertinax</i>	40	20					20											
Military Macaw	<i>Ara militaris</i>						2												
Green-rumped Parrotlet	<i>Forpus passerinus</i>							8											
Orange-chinned Parakeet	<i>Brotogeris jugularis</i>						20												
Blue-headed Parrot	<i>Pionus menstruus</i>						3	10											
Red-billed Parrot	<i>Pionus sordidus</i>		80	2		1													
Scaly-naped Parrot	<i>Amazona mercenarius</i>			50		10				h		10							
Antshrikes, antbirds, antwrens & antvireos																			
Black-crested Antshrike	<i>Sakesphorus canadensis</i>		1																
Barred Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus doliatus</i>					H													
Western Slaty-Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus atrinucha</i>						2												
White-fringed Antwren	<i>Formicivora grisea</i>							2											
White-bellied Antbird	<i>Myrmeciza longipes</i>						1												
Klages's Antbird	<i>Drymophila klagesi</i>															1			
Santa Marta Antbird	<i>Drymophila hellmayri</i>				1														
Antpittas																			
Chestnut-crowned Antpitta	<i>Grallaria ruficapilla</i>									h		2	h						
Santa Marta Antpitta	<i>Grallaria bangsi</i>			H	H	1													
Rufous Antpitta	<i>Grallaria rufula</i>			H							1	1							
Rusty-breasted Antpitta	<i>Grallaricula ferruginepectus</i>				H														
Tapaculos																			
Santa Marta Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus sanctaemartae</i>		H		1														
Brown-rumped Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus latebricola</i>			1		H													
Perija Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus nigricans (sp.)</i>										2	5	h						
Leaftossers, Woodcreepers, xenops, foliage-gleaners & others																			
Gray-throated Leaf Tosser	<i>Sclerurus albigularis</i>				1														

Black-banded Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocolaptes picumnus</i>			2									
Strong-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus</i>			1	1					h	h		
Cocoa Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus susurrans</i>					1							
Straight-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Dendroplex picus</i>	1	2										
Streak-headed Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes souleyetii</i>						2						
Montane Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger</i>			2	1	1			1				
Streaked Tuftedcheek	<i>Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii</i>								1				
Pale-legged Hornero	<i>Furnarius leucopus</i>		1					1					
Montane Foliage-gleaner	<i>Anabacerthia striaticollis</i>			4	2								
Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner	<i>Automolus rufipectus</i>					1							
Flammulated Treehunter	<i>Thripadectes flammulatus</i>			1									
Streak-backed Canastero	<i>Asthenes wyatti</i>								2				
Perija Thistletail	<i>Asthenes perijana</i>								2				
Spinetails													
Streak-capped Spinetail	<i>Cranioleuca hellmayri</i>			4	2	2							
Yellow-chinned Spinetail	<i>Certhiaxis cinnamomeus</i>		6										
Pale-breasted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis albescens</i>				H								
Rufous Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis unirufa</i>								3	4	h		
Rusty-headed Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis fuscorufa</i>			10									
White-whiskered Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis candei</i>							2					
Tyrannulets, Flycatchers, elaenias & others													
Southern Beardless Tyrannulet						2							
White-throated Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus leucophrys</i>			4		1			4	2			
Mouse-colored Tyrannulet	<i>Phaeomyias murina</i>	2											
Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet	<i>Tyrannulus elatus</i>						2						
Forest Elaenia	<i>Myiopagis gaimardii</i>						2						
Yellow-bellied Elaenia	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>	3					h				1		
Lesser Elaenia	<i>Elaenia chiriquensis</i>		?			1							
Mountain Elaenia	<i>Elaenia frantzii</i>			2	1	2			4	6	2		
Olive-striped Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes olivaceus</i>				1								
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes oleagineus</i>				LO		1						
Slaty-capped Flycatcher	<i>Leptopogon superciliaris</i>										1		
Spectacled Tyrannulet	<i>Zimmerius improbus</i>												
Golden-faced Tyrannulet	<i>Zimmerius chrysops</i>		1										
Northern Scrub-Flycatcher	<i>Sublegatus arenarum</i>		2				1	2					
Slender-billed Tyrannulet	<i>Inezia tenuirostris</i>							2					
Pale-tipped Tyrannulet	<i>Inezia caudata</i>							1					
Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Atalotriccus pilaris</i>					2							
Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant	<i>Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer</i>							2					
Black-throated Tody-Tyrant	<i>Hemitriccus granadensis</i>				2	1							
Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Poecilotriccus ruficeps</i>									1			
Common Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>		1				1						
Yellow-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Tolmomyias flaviventris</i>						2						
Cinnamon Flycatcher	<i>Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus</i>			2						2			

Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Contopus cooperi</i>		1		1									
Vermilion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>							2						
Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant	<i>Myiotheretes striaticollis</i>								1	1				
Santa Marta Bush-Tyrant	<i>Myiotheretes pernix</i>			1										
Pied Water-Tyrant	<i>Fluvicola pica</i>		6											
White-headed Marsh Tyrant	<i>Arundinicola leucocephala</i>		4											
Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca diadema</i>			2										
Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca rufipectoralis</i>								4	2				
Cattle Tyrant	<i>Machetornis rixosa</i>		4				2							
Brown-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i>	1												
Lesser Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus lictor</i>	1												
Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	2	4				1	4						
Social Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>	1	2				4					1		
Golden-crowned Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes chrysocephalus</i>				1	1								
Streaked Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>						2	1						
Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	2	4	1		2	4	6				2		
Gray Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus dominicensis</i>	4					1	1						
Fork-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannus savanna</i>		1									1		
Cotingas, fruiteaters, fruitcrows, cocks of-the-rock & others														
Golden-breasted Fruiteater	<i>Pipreola aureopectus</i>			4		1								
Red-crested Cotinga	<i>Ampelion rubrocristatus</i>								2	1				
Manakins														
White-bearded Manakin	<i>Manacus manacus</i>						2							
Lance-tailed Manakin	<i>Chiroxiphia lanceolata</i>						10							
Tityras, becards & others														
One-colored Becard	<i>Pachyramphus homochrous</i>						1							
Vireos, greenlets & peppershrikes														
Brown-capped Vireo	<i>Vireo leucophrys</i>			1	2									
Scrub Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus flavipes</i>	1												
Golden-fronted Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus aurantiifrons</i>						1							
Jays														
Black-chested Jay	<i>Cyanocorax affinis</i>		4	6	4	4								
Green Jay	<i>Cyanocorax yncas</i>								4			1		
Swallows														
Blue-and-white Swallow	<i>Pygochelidon cyanoleuca</i>		2	10										
Brown-bellied Swallow	<i>Orochelidon murina</i>								10	10				
Southern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>					1	4							
Gray-breasted Martin	<i>Progne chalybea</i>	20						1						
White-winged Swallow	<i>Tachycineta albiventer</i>		1											
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		15			1	2	20	1	10				
Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>							5						
Wrens														
Scaly-breasted Wren	<i>Microcerculus marginatus</i>						1							
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>				H	1	2	1						

Mountain Wren	<i>Troglodytes solstitialis</i>								1	1	2		
Stripe-backed Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus nuchalis</i>		4										
Bicolored Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus griseus</i>	3	2		2		4						
Whiskered Wren	<i>Pheugopedius mystacalis</i>										h		
Rufous-breasted Wren	<i>Pheugopedius rutilus</i>		1										
Rufous-and-white Wren	<i>Thryophilus rufalbus</i>					H							
Buff-breasted Wren	<i>Cantorchilus leucotis</i>						4						
Gray-breasted Wood-Wren	<i>Henicorhina leucophrys</i>									2	h		
Santa Marta Wood-Wren	<i>Henicorhina anachoreta</i>			2									
"Bangs" Wood-Wren"	<i>Henicorhina bangsi</i>		H	2	2	1							
Gnatwrens & gnatcatchers													
Tropical Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila plumbea</i>							5					
Thrushes & solitaires													
Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush	<i>Catharus aurantirostris</i>		2										
Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush	<i>Catharus fuscater</i>			2	1	1							
Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>					H					1		
Yellow-legged Thrush	<i>Turdus flavipes</i>		1		1								
Pale-breasted Thrush	<i>Turdus leucomelas</i>	1		1	2	1	2				2		
Clay-colored Thrush	<i>Turdus grayi</i>						2	1			2		
Chestnut-bellied Thrush	<i>Turdus fulviventris</i>										2		
Black-hooded Thrush	<i>Turdus olivater</i>			2	2						1		
Great Thrush	<i>Turdus fuscater</i>			6		1			6	10	2		
Glossy-black Thrush	<i>Turdus serranus</i>								2	6			
Catbird & mockingbird													
Tropical Mockingbird	<i>Mimus gilvus</i>					1	1	2			1		
Ovenbird, warblers, parulas & redstarts													
Northern Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>						1	1					
Black-and-white Warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>		1		1	1							
Prothonotary Warbler	<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>		3				1						
Tennessee Warbler	<i>Oreothlypis peregrina</i>			1	1	2	1			1			
American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>				1	1							
Blackburnian Warbler	<i>Setophaga fusca</i>			3	2	2				1	1		
Yellow Warbler	<i>Setophaga petechia</i>		1				1						
Chestnut-sided Warbler	<i>Setophaga pensylvanica</i>						1						
Rufous-capped Warbler	<i>Basileuterus rufifrons</i>		2										
Three-striped Warbler	<i>Basileuterus tristriatus</i>									4			
Santa Marta Warbler	<i>Basileuterus basilicus</i>			6									
Black-crested Warbler	<i>Myiothlypis nigrocristata</i>								2	2	2		
White-lored Warbler	<i>Myiothlypis conspicillata</i>			4	4	4							
Slate-throated Redstart	<i>Myioborus miniatus</i>		2	2	4	2			1	2	2		
Yellow-crowned Redstart	<i>Myioborus flavivertex</i>			2	1	3							
Tanagers, flowerpiercers, seedeaters, & Saltators													
Fulvous-headed Tanager	<i>Thlypopsis fulviceps</i>									1			
Gray-headed Tanager	<i>Eucometis penicillata</i>						2						

White-lined Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus rufus</i>				2						2		
Crimson-backed Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus dimidiatus</i>		4		2	4	5						
Blue-gray Tanager	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>		?				10	6			4		
Glaucous Tanager	<i>Thraupis glaucocolpa</i>	2											
Palm Tanager	<i>Thraupis palmarum</i>					1	4						
Blue-capped Tanager	<i>Thraupis cyanocephala</i>			1		1			6	4	2		
Black-cheeked Mountain-Tanager	<i>Anisognathus melanogenys</i>			6	1	2							
Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager	<i>Anisognathus lacrymosus</i>								4	6			
Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager	<i>Dubusia taeniata</i>			1					2	1			
Black-headed Tanager	<i>Tangara cyanoptera</i>		2								5		
Black-capped Tanager	<i>Tangara heinei</i>			4	2	4							
Bay-headed Tanager	<i>Tangara gyrola</i>		1	2	4	2					1		
Swallow Tanager	<i>Tersina viridis</i>		1		2	1							
Blue Dacnis	<i>Dacnis cayana</i>						4						
Red-legged Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes cyaneus</i>						2						
Bicolored Conebill	<i>Conirostrum bicolor</i>		3										
Black Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa humeralis</i>			*		3			6	4	1		
White-sided Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa albilatera</i>			3	1	1					1		
Rusty Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa sittoides</i>		1	1	1								
Bluish Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa caerulea</i>								2	2			
Plushcap	<i>Catamblyrhynchus diadema</i>			2									
Saffron Finch	<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>						1						
Blue-black Grassquit	<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>					2					2		
Yellow-bellied Seedeater	<i>Sporophila nigricollis</i>					5							
Paramo Seedeater	<i>Catamenia homochroa</i>			1						1			
Pileated Finch	<i>Coryphospingus pileatus</i>							1					
Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaveola</i>	1	1				2	2					
Dull-colored Grassquit	<i>Tiaris obscurus</i>				3								
Black-faced Grassquit	<i>Tiaris bicolor</i>							6					
Rosy Thrush-Tanager	<i>Rhodinocichla rosea</i>					1							
Streaked Saltator	<i>Saltator striatipectus</i>					2	1				1		
Grayish Saltator	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>	4	2				2	2					
Orinoco Saltator	<i>Saltator orinocensis</i>							3					
Buff-throated Saltator	<i>Saltator maximus</i>				2	1	2						
Brush-finches, Bush-tanagers, finches & sparrows													
Golden-winged Sparrow	<i>Arremon schlegeli</i>		2			2							
Sierra Nevada Brush-Finch	<i>Arremon basilicus</i>			2	2	2							
Perija Brush-Finch	<i>Arremon perijanus</i>										4		
Tocuyo Sparrow	<i>Arremonops tocuyensis</i>							H					
Santa Marta Brush-Finch	<i>Atlapetes melanocephalus</i>			10	20	10							
Yellow-breasted Brush-Finch	<i>Atlapetes latinuchus</i>								2	2	4		
Slaty Brush-Finch	<i>Atlapetes schistaceus</i>								4	6			
Rufous-collared Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>			1		4			2	2	2		
Common Chlorospingus	<i>Chlorospingus flavopectus</i>								2	2	1		

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