

Trip Report: Ecuador – Andes East Slope

November 22nd – 30th 2013



During our first visit to Ecuador in 2006 we split our time equally between the Andean western and eastern slopes. My second trip to the country was focused exclusively on the eastern slope – initially retracing our steps from Quito (~2500m ASL) up to the Papallacta pass (topping out at ~4300m ASL) before spending a couple of days birding from the Guango and San Isidro Lodges (~2800m and ~2100 ASL, respectively). The second half of the week was spent further down slope, passing through new territory along the Loreto Road (as low as ~1150m ASL) on our way to the trails in the reserve around Wild Sumaco Lodge (~1500m ASL). My guide for the week was Marcelo Quipo (marcelguideofbirds@yahoo.com) and Manuel, from Wild Sumaco Tours (info@wildsumaco.com), was our driver.

Although I had birded the upper elevation areas before, the combination of Marcelo's outstanding knowledge of the bird calls and the opportunity to access some different sites in this general area helped me see a significant number of high and mid-elevation lifer species. Then, as we descended towards Wild Sumaco, an even higher proportion of the birds were new for me – not just the skulkers and rarities. The resulting trip list of 344 species (including 30 heard only) was one of the largest of any trip that I have done and included 85 lifers seen, plus 14 heard only. Despite the large number of species present in Ecuador, the habitat continuity with neighbouring countries means that very few of these are Ecuadorian political endemics – in fact none of the species I encountered on this trip are considered to be endemic to Ecuador.



Peruvian Antpitta [Jumandy Trail, Guacamayo Ridge]

During the trip I learned that the reason none of the lodges along the eastern slope in Ecuador have fruit feeders is because years of trying at various lodges has demonstrated that tanagers and other frugivorous species in this area simply didn't take to visiting feeders. This stands in marked contrast to experience on the western slope, where fruit feeders have become immensely productive for birds, birders and photographers alike. Therefore, with the notable exception of two antpitta feeding stations (for White-bellied Antpitta at San Isidro and Ochre-breasted Antpitta at Wild Sumaco) and the hummingbird feeders at each of the lodges, the onus was on us to spend time in the field finding birds to photograph. With Marcelo's help we enjoyed excellent looks at many species and a satisfying number of worthwhile photographic opportunities.

Early highlights around Papallacta included repeated views of a pair of Giant Conebills feeding in a patch of *Polylepis* (especially as this was a long time bogey-bird of mine), prolonged views of an adult and juvenile Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe walking together across the páramo, and a momentary close encounter with a Crescent-faced Antpitta perched along a trail in the Reserva Ecológica Cayambe-Coca.

I never tire of seeing the immaculately presented and amazingly skilled Torrent Ducks that inhabit the Río Papallacta behind Guango Lodge and I enjoyed photographing a pair as they moved from boulder to boulder in the surging water. The lodge's feeders also presented with me with my first opportunity to briefly experiment with utilizing the multi-flash technique to photograph flying hummingbirds.



Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe [Papallacta Pass]



Torrent Duck [Río Papallacta near to Guango Lodge]

San Isidro highlights included a Wattled Guan seen at dusk as it called from the top of a distant tree, a confiding pair of Bicolored Antvireos that appeared on cue alongside a creek, and a Barred Antthrush that simultaneously thrilled me as a birder (by providing stunning views as it approached through the cluttered undergrowth to within mere feet) and tortured me as a photographer (by never providing the opportunity for the aspired clear shot)!

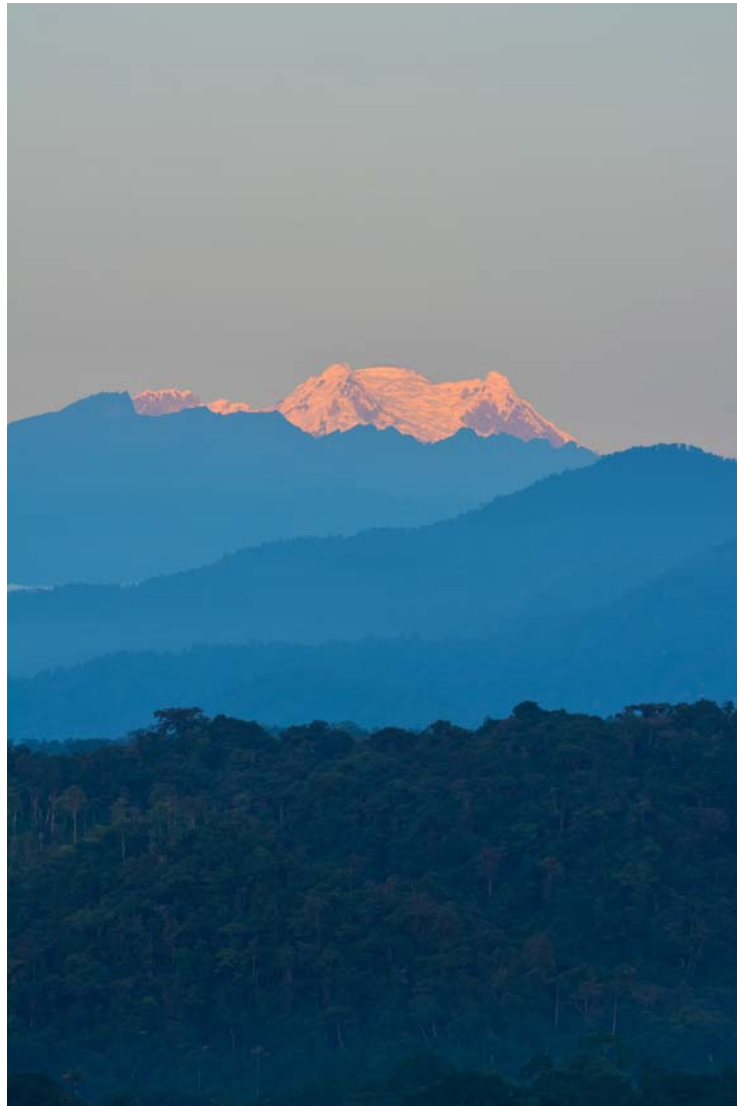


Bicolored Antvireo [San Isidro Lodge]

Antpittas were high on my agenda for the trip and a key target was the Peruvian Antpitta. Unfortunately it was elusive along the San Isidro trails, which made our protracted encounter with one of these little gems in the dark and mossy forest along the Jumandy trail on the Guacamayo ridge all the more rewarding. The heavy rain that started falling shortly afterwards eventually drove us from the ridge but could not take the smile off our faces with that highlight, plus sightings of several other specialities, already secured. Guacamayo Ridge also delivered a final highlight on our return towards Quito at the end of the trip, when a pair of Black-billed Mountain-Toucans responded to playback and appeared in trees at the edge of a roadside lookout.

The renowned Loreto Road between the Guacamayo Ridge and Wild Sumaco Lodge delivered a major highlight in the form of a pair of perched Orange-breasted Falcons (another bogey-bird off the list), plus a Green-fronted Lancebill busily hawking insects above the white waters of the Río Hollín. Forest clearing has, however, significantly impacted much of the forest along this road that was, until only recently, considered a birding destination in its own right.

Wild Sumaco lived up to its reputation as an excellent birding lodge. There are some special birds along its trails and we saw key targets such as Yellow-throated Spadebill (a territorial pair), Grey-tailed Piha (one individual on the eponymously named trail), Coppery-chested Jacamar (the lodge's logo, but only one of the several heard calling was actually seen), Black-and-white Tody-Flycatcher (a ventriloquist skulker resident deep in dense bamboo) amongst many other quality lifers such as Spotted Nightingale-Thrush (singing in the under-storey) and a pair of Band-bellied Owls (on their day roost in a large stand of bamboo). Hummingbird feeders are located at both the lodge and in the forest some 20 minute's walk away, however my visit coincided with a large influx of highly territorial Sparking Violetears having recently taken command. As a result, species diversity was lower than the lodge owners had observed in previous years. Much to my relief several regional specialities, including Napo Sabrewing, Black-throated Brilliant and, at the last minute, a spectacular male Wire-crested Thorntail still visited for quick feeds. The dawn view from the lodge balcony towards the snow-covered summit of Antisana volcano - glowing pink in the early-morning sunlight - was a scenic bonus.



Snow-covered summit of Antisana Volcano glowing pink in dawn light [from balcony at Wild Sumaco Lodge]



Summit of Sumaco Volcano as seen from access road to Wild Sumaco Lodge



Black-chested Mountain-Tanager [Reserva Ecológica Cayambe-Coca near Papallacta]



Red-crested Cotinga [Reserva Ecológica Cayambe-Coca near Papallacta]



White-chinned Thistletail; Crowned Chat-Tyrant [both Reserva Ecológica Cayambe-Coca near Papallacta]



White-bellied Antpitta [San Isidro Lodge]



Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher [San Isidro Lodge]; Ochre-breasted Antpitta [Antpitta Trail at Wild Sumaco Lodge]



Flame-faced Tanagers [Las Caucheros road above San Isidro Lodge]



Roadside Hawk [Loreto Road]



Sparking Violetear; Wire-crested Thorntail [Balcony at Wild Sumaco Lodge]



Band-bellied Owl [FACE Trail at Wild Sumaco Lodge]



Black-billed Mountain-Toucan [Guacamayo Ridge]



White-bellied Woodstar [Guango Lodge]



White-bellied Woodstar (f) [Guango Lodge]

1. Bird Trip List¹

Confirmed personal sightings only for DJS – excludes birds heard only unless otherwise indicated. As field guide I used [‘The Birds of Ecuador Field Guide, Volume II’ by Robert S. Ridgely and Paul J. Greenfield \(Cornell University Press, 2001\)](#). Some names have been updated since this guide was published, so birds in the trip list are identified as per ‘The Clements Checklist of Birds of the World’, Cornell, 2007 with updates through December 2010 (online version 6.5).

Locations where species seen in sequence of travel:

Q = Quito at ~2500m ASL. (Dawn of November 23rd).

ET = El Tablon, along a dirt road adjacent to the main highway on the climb from Quito up to Papallacta at ~3100m ASL. (Early-morning of November 23rd).

PP = Papallacta Pass, including along the dirt road from ~3700m ASL up to the páramo and highest point at the antennas at ~4300m ASL. (Morning of November 23rd).

GL = Guango Lodge grounds, feeders and trails at ~2800m ASL. (Lunchtime of November 23rd, late-morning of 24th and afternoon of 29th).

TP = Dirt road above Termes Papallacta into the Reserva Ecológica Cayambe-Coca at ~3400m to ~3700m ASL. (Afternoon of November 23rd and early-morning of 24th).

B = Sendero Granja Baeza in Baeza at ~1900m ASL. (Afternoon of November 24th).

SI = San Isidro Lodge grounds, feeders, trails and dirt road at ~2100m ASL. (Late-afternoon of November 24th, morning of 25th).

CR = Las Caucheros dirt road above San Isidro Lodge at ~2200 to 2300m ASL. (Afternoon of November 25th).

GR = Guacamayo Ridge, including the Sendero Jumandy from ~2250m down to ~1900m ASL. (Morning of November 26th and lunchtime on 29th).

LR = Loreto Road, entrance to Parque Nacional Sumaco Napo-Galeras and Río Hollín at ~1150m to ~1250m ASL. (Afternoon of November 26th and late-morning of 29th).

WS = Wild Sumaco Lodge, grounds, trails and access dirt road from ~1300m to ~1600m ASL. (Late-afternoon of November 26th [Lodge grounds and hummingbird feeders] all day 27th [lodge grounds, Antpitta and FACE trails, plus hummingbird feeders] and 28th (Piha and Antpitta trails, plus hummingbird feeders), and early-morning of 29th [lodge grounds, hummingbird feeders and access road]).

The weather was generally overcast, but dry with some sunny periods. We experienced very heavy rain that interrupted birding from mid-morning to early-afternoon when returning along the Sendero Jumandy on November 26th and for a few hours in the early-morning before departing from Wild Sumaco on the 29th.

TINAMOUS

Little Tinamou *Crypturellus soui* **heard only** [WS]:

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS

Torrent Duck *Merganetta armata* * [GL]:

Andean Teal *Anas andium* [PP; TP]:

GUANS, CHACHALACAS, CURASSOWS

Speckled Chachalaca *Ortalis guttata* [WS]:

Wattled Guan *Aburria aburri* [SI; WS]:

Sickle-winged Guan *Chamaepetes goudotii* [SI; WS]:

NEW WORLD QUAIL

Rufous-breasted Wood-Quail *Odontophorus speciosus* **heard only** [WS]:

HERONS, EGRETS, AND BITTERNES

Fasciated Tiger-Heron *Tigrisoma fasciatum* [B]:

¹ **F** First sighting ever for DJS; **E** = Ecuador endemic species; * = photo available

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Andean Condor *Vultur gryphus* * [PP]:

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* [LR; WS]:

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* [WS; GR]:

HAWKS, EAGLES, AND KITES

Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus* [WS; GR]:

Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle *Geranoaetus melanoleucus* [PP]:

Roadside Hawk *Buteo magnirostris* * [LR; WS]:

Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus* [CR; GR]:

Variable Hawk *Buteo polyosoma* [PP]:

FALCONS AND CARACARAS

Black Caracara *Daptrius ater* [WS]:

Collared Forest-Falcon *Micrastur semitorquatus* *beard only* [SI]:

Orange-breasted Falcon *Falco deiroleucus* * [LR]:

RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS

Chestnut-headed Crake *Anurolimnas castaneiceps* *beard only* [WS]:

Blackish Rail *Pardirallus nigricans* * [WS]:

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis* [CR]:

SEEDSNIPES

Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe *Attagis gayi* * [PP]:

GULLS

Andean Gull *Chroicocephalus serranus* [PP]:

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia* [B]:

Scaled Pigeon *Patagioenas speciosa* * [WS]:

Ruddy Pigeon *Patagioenas subvinacea* [WS]:

Plumbeous Pigeon *Patagioenas plumbea* [WS]:

Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata* [Q]:

White-throated Quail-Dove *Geotrygon frenata* * [GR]:

PARROTS

Military Macaw *Ara militaris* *beard only* [WS]:

Chestnut-fronted Macaw *Ara severus* [WS]:

White-eyed Parakeet *Aratinga leucophthalma* [WS]:

Maroon-tailed Parakeet *Pyrrhura melanura* [WS]:

Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus* [LR]:

Red-billed Parrot *Pionus sordidus* [CR]:

Speckle-faced Parrot *Pionus tumultuosus seniloides* [SI]:

CUCKOOS AND ANIS

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana* *beard only* [WS]:

Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani* [WS]:

OWLS

Vermiculated Screech-Owl *Megascops guatemalae napensis* *beard only* [WS]:

Band-bellied Owl *Pulsatrix melanota* * [WS]:

Black-banded ("San Isidro") Owl *Ciccaba huhula* * [SI]:

Rufous-banded Owl *Ciccaba albitarsis* *beard only* [SI]:

NIGHTJARS

Blackish Nightjar *Caprimulgus nigrescens* [LR]:

Swallow-tailed Nightjar *Uropsalis segmentata* [GR]:

POTOOS

Andean Potoo *Nyctibius maculosus* [SI]:

SWIFTS

White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris* [LR; GL]:

HUMMINGBIRDS

Green Hermit *Phaethornis guy* [WS]:

Gray-chinned Hermit *Phaethornis griseogularis* [WS]:

Green-fronted Lancebill *Doryfera ludovicae* [LR]:

Lazuline Sabrewing *Campylopterus falcatus* [WS]:

Napo Sabrewing *Campylopterus villaviscensio* [WS]:

Brown Violetear *Colibri delphinae* * [WS]:

Sparkling Violetear *Colibri coruscans* * [ET; B; SI; WS]:

Violet-headed Hummingbird *Klais guimeti* [WS]:

Wire-crested Thorntail *Discosura popelairii* * [WS]:

Fork-tailed Woodnymph *Thalurania furcata* * [WS]:

Golden-tailed Sapphire *Chrysuronia oenone* * [WS]:

Many-spotted Hummingbird *Taphrospilus hypostictus* * [WS]:

Speckled Hummingbird *Adelomyia melanogenys* [B; SI; GR; WS]:

Ecuadorian Piedtail *Phlogophilus hemileucurus* [WS]:

Violet-fronted Brilliant *Heliodoxa leadbeateri* * [WS]:

Black-throated Brilliant *Heliodoxa schreibersii* * [WS]:

Fawn-breasted Brilliant *Heliodoxa rubinoides* [SI]:

Gould's Jewelfront *Heliodoxa aurescens* [WS]:

Ecuadorian Hillstar *Oreotrochilus Chimborazo* [PP]:

White-tailed Hillstar *Urochroa bougueri* [LR; WS]:

Shining Sunbeam *Aglaeactis cupripennis* [PP; TP]:

Mountain Velvetbreast *Lafresnaya lafresnayi* [GL; TP]:

Great Sapphirewing *Pterophanes cyanopterus* [TP]:

Collared Inca *Coeligena torquate* [GL]:

Buff-winged Starfrontlet *Coeligena lutetiae* [GL]:

Sword-billed Hummingbird *Ensifera ensifera* [GL]:

Buff-tailed Coronet *Boissonneaua flavescens* * [GL]:

Chestnut-breasted Coronet *Boissonneaua matthewsii* * [GL; SI; GR]:

Tourmaline Sunangel *Heliangelus exortis* [GL]:

Glowing Puffleg *Eriocnemis vestita* [GL]:

Booted Racket-tail *Ocreatus underwoodii* [B]:

Black-tailed Trainbearer *Lesbia victoriae* [TP]:

Viridian Metaltail *Metallura williamsi* * [TP]:

Tyrian Metaltail *Metallura tyrianthina* [TP]:

Rainbow-bearded Thornbill *Chalcostigma herrani* [PP]:

Blue-mantled Thornbill *Chalcostigma stanleyi* * [PP]:

Long-tailed Sylph *Aglaiocercus kingi* [GL; B; SI; GR]:

Wedge-billed Hummingbird *Schistes geoffroyi* [SI]:

White-bellied Woodstar *Chaetocercus mulsant* * [GL]:

TROGONS

Crested Quetzal *Pharomachrus antisianus* [SI]:

Golden-headed Quetzal *Pharomachrus auriceps* [SI; GR]:

Green-backed Trogon *Trogon viridis viridis* [WS]:

Collared Trogon *Trogon collaris* [WS]:

Masked Trogon *Trogon personatus* [SI]:

MOTMOTS

Andean Motmot *Momotus aequatorialis* * [SI; WS]:

PUFFBIRDS

Black-streaked Puffbird *Malacoptila fulvogularis* * [WS]:

JACAMARS

Coppery-chested Jacamar *Galbula pastazae* * [WS]:

NEW WORLD BARBETS

Red-headed Barbet *Eubucco bourcierii* [WS]:

TOUCANS

Emerald Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus prasinus* [SI]:

Many-banded Aracari *Pteroglossus pluricinctus* [LR]:

Black-billed Mountain-Toucan *Andigena nigrirostris* * [GR]:

Channel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos vitellinus* [WS]:

Black-mandibled Toucan *Ramphastos ambiguus* [WS]:

WOODPECKERS AND PICULETS

Rufous-breasted Piculet *Picumnus rufiventris* *heard only* [WS]:

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker *Colaptes rivolii* [CR]:

Golden-olive Woodpecker *Colaptes rubiginosus* *heard only* [WS]:

Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus* *heard only* [WS]:

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker *Melanerpes cruentatus* [WS]:

Smoky-brown Woodpecker *Picoides fumigatus* [B; CR; WS]:

Crimson-crested Woodpecker *Campephilus melanoleucos* [WS]:

Powerful Woodpecker *Campephilus pollens* [GR]:

Crimson-bellied Woodpecker *Campephilus haematogaster* *heard only* [WS]:

OVENBIRDS

Chestnut-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes fuscus* [PP; TP]:

Stout-billed Cinclodes *Cinclodes excelsior* [PP]:

Andean Tit-Spinetail *Leptasthenura andicola* [PP; TP]:

Azara's Spinetail *Synallaxis azarae* [ET; CR]:

Dusky Spinetail *Synallaxis moesta* [WS]:

Dark-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis albigularis* [WS]:

Rufous Spinetail *Synallaxis unirufa* *heard only* [CR]:

Ash-browed Spinetail *Cranioleuca curtata* [B]:

White-chinned Thistletail *Asthenes fuliginosa* * [PP; TP]:

Many-striped Canastero *Asthenes flammulata* [PP]:

Streaked Tuftedcheek *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii* [CR]:

Pearled Treerunner *Margarornis squamiger* [TP; CR; GR]:

Spotted Barbtail *Premnoplex brunnescens* [GR; WS]:

Montane Foliage-gleaner *Anabacerthia striaticollis* * [B; SI; GR; WS]:

Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner *Philydor erythrocerum* [WS]:

Ruddy Foliage-gleaner *Automolus rubiginosus* [WS]:

Black-billed Treehunter *Thripadectes melanorhynchus* [WS]:

Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans* [WS]:

Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper *Lochmias nematura* *heard only* [WS]:

WOODCREEPERS

Plain-brown Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla fuliginosa* [WS]:

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper *Glyphorhynchus spirurus* [WS]:

Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus amazonus* [WS]:

Strong-billed Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus* [WS]:

Olive-backed Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus triangularis* [CR; GR; WS]:

Montane Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger* [GL; SI]:

Brown-billed Scythebill *Campylorhamphus pusillus* [GR]:

TYPICAL ANTBIRDS

Lined Antshrike *Thamnophilus tenuipunctatus* [WS]:

Plain-winged Antshrike *Thamnophilus schistaceus* [WS]:

Russet Antshrike *Thamnistes anabatinus* [WS]:

Plain Antvireo *Dysithamnus mentalis* [WS]:

White-streaked Antwreio *Dysithamnus leucostictus* * [WS]:
Bicolored Antwreio *Dysithamnus occidentalis* * [SI]:
Stripe-chested Antwren *Myrmotherula longicauda* **beard only** [WS]:
Foothill Antwren *Epinecrophylla spodionota* [WS]:
Ornate Antwren *Epinecrophylla ornate* [WS]:
White-flanked Antwren *Myrmotherula axillaris* [WS]:
Yellow-breasted Antwren *Herpsilochmus axillaris* [WS]:
Rufous-rumped Antwren *Terenura callinota* [WS]:
Long-tailed Antbird *Drymophila caudate* [SI]:
Blackish Antbird *Cercomacra nigrescens aequatorialis* [WS]:
Black Antbird *Cercomacra serva* [WS]:
Black-faced Antbird *Myrmoborus myotherinus* **beard only** [WS]:
Dot-backed Antbird *Hylophylax punctulatus* **beard only** [WS]:
White-backed Fire-eye *Pyriglena leuconota* [WS]:
Sooty Antbird *Myrmeciza fortis* [WS]:

ANTTHRUSHES

Short-tailed Antthrush *Chamaeza campanisona* **beard only** [WS]:
Barred Antthrush *Chamaeza mollissima* * [SI]:

ANTPITTAS

Plain-backed Antpitta *Grallaria haplonota* **beard only** [WS]:
Chestnut-crowned Antpitta *Grallaria ruficapilla* **beard only** [GL; SI; GR]:
White-bellied Antpitta *Grallaria hypoleuca* * [SI]:
Rufous Antpitta *Grallaria rufula* * [TP]:
Tawny Antpitta *Grallaria quitensis* [P; TP]:
Ochre-breasted Antpitta *Grallaricula flavirostris* * [WS]:
Peruvian Antpitta *Grallaricula peruviana* * [GR]:
Crescent-faced Antpitta *Grallaricula lineifrons* [TP]:

GNATEATERS

Chestnut-crowned Gnateater *Conopophaga castaneiceps* [WS]:

TAPACULOS

Unicolored Tapaculo *Scytalopus unicolour* [ET; B; SI]:
Long-tailed Tapaculo *Scytalopus micropterus* [B; SI; GR]:
Paramo Tapaculo *Scytalopus canus* **beard only** [PP; TP]:

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Plumbeous-crowned Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias plumbeiceps* [WS]:
Ashy-headed Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias cinereiceps* * [B; CR; GR]:
Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias uropygialis* * [ET]:
Golden-faced Tyrannulet *Zimmerius chrysops chrysops* [WS; LR]:
Red-billed Tyrannulet *Zimmerius cinereicapilla* * [LR]:
Foothill Elaenia *Myiopagis olallai* [WS]:
White-crested Elaenia *Elaenia albiceps* [PP; SI]:
White-throated Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus leucophrys* [PP; TP]:
White-banded Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus stictopectus* [GL]:
White-tailed Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus poecilocercus* [SI]:
Torrent Tyrannulet *Serpophaga cinerea* [CR]:
Tufted Tit-Tyrant *Anairetes parulus* * [TP]:
Agile Tit-Tyrant *Anairetes agilis* [TP]:
Streak-necked Flycatcher *Mionectes striaticollis* [B; CR; GR; WS]:
Slaty-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon superciliaris* [WS]:
Rufous-breasted Flycatcher *Leptopogon rufipectus* * [B]:
Ecuadorian Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes gualaquiza* [WS]:
Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant *Phylloscartes ophthalmicus* [WS]:
Variegated Bristle-Tyrant *Phylloscartes poecilotis* [GR; WS]:
Spectacled Bristle-Tyrant *Phylloscartes orbitalis* [WS]:
Bronze-olive Pygmy-Tyrant *Pseudotriccus pelzelni* * [SI; GR]:

Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant *Pseudotriccus ruficeps* [GR]:
Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant *Lophotriccus pileatus* [WS]:
Buff-throated Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus rufigularis* [WS]:
Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilotriccus ruficeps* * [SI]:
Black-and-white Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilotriccus capitalis* [WS]:
Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum* [WS]:
Large-headed Flatbill *Ramphotrigon megacephalum* * [WS]:
Fulvous-breasted Flatbill *Rhynchocyclus fulvipectus* [B; WS]:
Yellow-throated Spadebill *Platyrinchus flavigularis* * [WS]:
Ornate Flycatcher *Myiotriccus ornatus* [WS]:
Flavescent Flycatcher *Myiophobus flavicans* [GR]:
Orange-crested Flycatcher *Myiophobus phoenicomitra* [WS]:
Olive-chested Flycatcher *Myiophobus cryptoxanthus* [WS]:
Handsome Flycatcher *Nephelomyias pulcher* [CR; GR]:
Cinnamon Flycatcher *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus* [GL; SI; GR]:
Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans* [CR]:
Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca fumicolor* [PP; TP]:
Crowned Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca frontalis* * [TP]:
Red-rumped Bush-Tyrant *Cnemarchus erythropygius* [PP]:
Cliff Flycatcher *Hirundinea ferruginea* [LR]:
Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant *Agriornis montanus* [ET]:
Long-tailed Tyrant *Colonia colonus* [WS]:
Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer* * [WS]:
Pale-edged Flycatcher *Myiarchus cephalotes* [SI]:
Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis* [LR; WS]:
Lemon-browed Flycatcher *Conopias cinchoneti* [LR]:
Golden-crowned Flycatcher *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus* [SI; GR; WS]:
Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* [SI; LR; WS]:

COTINGAS

Red-crested Cotinga *Ampelion rubrocristatus* * [PP; TP]:
Barred Fruiteater *Pipreola arcuata* [GR]:
Green-and-black Fruiteater *Pipreola riefferii* [CR; GR]:
Black-chested Fruiteater *Pipreola lubomirskii* [B]:
Gray-tailed Piha *Snowornis subalaris* [WS]:
Dusky Piha *Lipaugus fuscocinereus* [GL]:
Andean Cock-of-the-Rock *Rupicola peruvianus aequatorialis* * [B; WS]:

MANAKINS

White-crowned Manakin *Pipra pipra* [WS]:
Blue-rumped Manakin *Lepidothrix isidorei* [WS]:
Golden-winged Manakin *Masius chrysopterus* [WS]:
Green Manakin *Xenopipo holochlora* [WS]:
Wing-barred Piprites *Piprites chloris* **beard only** [WS]:

TITYRAS AND ALLIES

Barred Becard *Pachyramphus versicolor* [B; CR; GR]:
White-winged Becard *Pachyramphus polychopterus nigriventris* **beard only** [WS]:
Black-and-white Becard *Pachyramphus albogriseus* [WS]:

VIREOS

Black-billed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis nigrirostris* [GR]:
Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo *Vireolanius leucotis* **beard only** [WS]:
Brown-capped Vireo *Vireo leucophrys* [B; CR]:
Rufous-naped Greenlet *Hylophilus semibrunneus* [WS]:
Olivaceous Greenlet *Hylophilus olivaceus* [WS]:

CROWS JAYS AND MAGPIES

Turquoise Jay *Cyanolyca turcosa* [GL; GR]:
Violaceous Jay *Cyanocorax violaceus* [LR]:

Green Jay *Cyanocorax yncas yncas* [SI; WS]:

SWALLOWS

Brown-bellied Swallow *Orochelidon murina* [PP; TP]:

Blue-and-white Swallow *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca* [B; SI; GR]:

White-thighed Swallow *Atticora tibialis* [WS]:

WRENS

Thrush-like Wren *Campylorhynchus turdinus* [WS]:

Gray-mantled Wren *Odontorchilus branickii* [WS]:

Sharpe's Wren *Cinnycerthia olivascens* [GR]:

Plain-tailed Wren *Pheugopedius euophrys longipes* **heard only** [SI; GR]:

Coraya Wren *Pheugopedius coraya* [WS]:

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon* [SI; WS]:

Mountain Wren *Troglodytes solstitialis* [GL; SI]:

White-breasted Wood-Wren *Henicorhina leucosticta* [WS]:

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys* [GL; SI; GR]:

Chestnut-breasted Wren *Cyphorhinus thoracicus* [GR]:

Wing-banded Wren *Microcerculus bambla* **heard only** [WS]:

DIPPERS

White-capped Dipper *Cinclus leucocephalus* * [GL]:

THRUSHES AND ALLIES

Andean Solitaire *Myadestes ralloides* * [SI]:

Spotted Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus dryas* [WS]:

Swainson's Thrush *Catharus ustulatus* [SI; WS]:

Pale-eyed Thrush *Turdus leucops* [SI]:

Great Thrush *Turdus fuscater* [PP; TP; GL]:

Glossy-black Thrush *Turdus serranus* [SI]:

Black-billed Thrush *Turdus ignobilis* [LR; WS]:

White-necked Thrush *Turdus albicollis* [WS]:

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Tropical Parula *Parula pitaiyumi* [WS]:

Cerulean Warbler *Dendroica cerulea* [WS]:

Blackburnian Warbler *Dendroica fusca* [B; SI; GR; WS]:

American Redstart *Setophaga ruticilla* [WS]:

Canada Warbler *Wilsonia Canadensis* [B; SI; GR; WS]:

Slate-throated Redstart *Myioborus miniatus* [B; GR; WS]:

Spectacled Redstart *Myioborus melanocephalus* [TP; SI; GL]:

Black-crested Warbler *Basileuterus nigrocristatus* [TP; GL]:

Three-striped Warbler *Basileuterus tristriatus* [B; GR]:

Russet-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus coronatus* **heard only** [GR]:

BANANAQUIT

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola* [LR]:

TANAGERS AND ALLIES

Golden-collared Honeycreeper *Iridophanes pulcherrimus* [B; SI]:

Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana* [LR]:

Yellow-bellied Dacnis *Dacnis flaviventer* [LR]:

Blue-backed Conebill *Conirostrum sitticolor* [TP; GL]:

Capped Conebill *Conirostrum albifrons* [CR]:

Giant Conebill *Oreomanes fraseri* * [PP]:

Fawn-breasted Tanager *Pipraeidea melanonota* [WS]:

Orange-eared Tanager *Chlorochrysa calliparaea* [WS]:

Golden Tanager *Tangara arthus* [WS]:

Saffron-crowned Tanager *Tangara xanthocephala* [B; SI; GR]:

Flame-faced Tanager *Tangara parzudakii* * [CR; GR]:

Blue-browed Tanager *Tangara cyanotis* [WS]:
Beryl-spangled Tanager *Tangara nigroviridis* [CR; GR]:
Blue-and-black Tanager *Tangara vassorii* [GL; CR]:
Black-capped Tanager *Tangara heinei* [B; SI; GR; WS]:
Blue-necked Tanager *Tangara cyanicollis* [B; WS]:
Paradise Tanager *Tangara chilensis* [WS]:
Green-and-gold Tanager *Tangara schrankii* [WS]:
Spotted Tanager *Tangara punctata* [WS]:
Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola* [WS; GR]:
Golden-crowned Tanager *Iridosornis rufivertex* * [TP]:
Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager *Anisognathus igniventris* [PP; GR]:
Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager *Anisognathus somptuosus* [B; CR; GR]:
Hooded Mountain-Tanager *Buthraupis Montana* [GL]:
Black-chested Mountain-Tanager *Buthraupis eximia* [TP]:
Grass-green Tanager *Chlorornis riefferii* [CR; GR]:
Rufous-crested Tanager *Creurgops verticalis* [GR]:
Swallow Tanager *Tersina viridis* * [WS]:
Blue-gray Tanager *Thraupis episcopus* [LR; WS]:
Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum* [LR; WS]:
Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo* [LR; WS]:
Vermilion Tanager *Calochaetes coccineus* [GR]:
White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus* [WS]:
Fulvous Shrike-Tanager *Lanio fulvus* [WS]:
Common Bush-Tanager *Chlorospingus ophthalmicus* [SI; GR]:
Ashy-throated Bush-Tanager *Chlorospingus canigularis* [B]:
Yellow-throated Bush-Tanager *Chlorospingus flavigularis* [LR; WS]:
Short-billed Bush-Tanager *Chlorospingus parvirostris* [GR]:
Black-backed Bush Tanager *Urothraupis stolzmanni* [TP]:
Black-capped Hemispingus *Hemispingus atropileus* [TP]:
Oleaginous Hemispingus *Hemispingus frontalis* [SI]:
Black-eared Hemispingus *Hemispingus melanotis melanotis* [SI]:
Magpie Tanager *Cissopis leverianus* [LR]:
White-capped Tanager *Sericossypha albocristata* *heard only* [GL]:
Plushcap *Catamblyrhynchus diadema* [TP]:

SPARROWS AND SEEDEATERS

Chestnut-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila castaneiventris* [LR; WS]:
Plain-colored Seedeater *Catamenia inornata minor* [PP]:
Plumbeous Sierra-Finch *Phrygilus unicolour* [PP; TP]:
Pale-naped Brush-Finch *Atlappetes pallidinucha* [TP]:
Yellow-breasted Brush-Finch *Atlappetes latinuchus* [ET]:
Olive Finch *Arremon castaneiceps* *heard only* [WS]:
Yellow-browed Sparrow *Ammodramus aurifrons* [WS]:
Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis* [Q; TP; SI]:
Bluish Flowerpiercer *Diglossa caerulescens* [CR]:
Masked Flowerpiercer *Diglossa cyanea* [PP; GL; CR]:
Deep-blue Flowerpiercer *Diglossa glauca* [GR; WS]:
Glossy Flowerpiercer *Diglossa lafresnayii* [PP; TP]:
White-sided Flowerpiercer *Diglossa albilatera* [SI]:

GROSBEAKS AND ALLIES

Slate-colored Grosbeak *Saltator grossus* *heard only* [WS]:
Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra* [B; CR; WS]:
Scarlet Tanager *Piranga olivacea* [WS]:

TROUPIALS AND ALLIES

Mountain Cacique *Cacicus chrysonotus leucoramphus* [GL]:
Scarlet-rumped Cacique *Cacicus uropygialis* [SI; GR]:
Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus* [WS]:
Russet-backed Oropendola *Psarocolius angustifrons* [SI; LR; WS]:

SISKINS AND ALLIES

Blue-naped Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia cyanea* [WS]:

Golden-rumped Euphonia *Euphonia cyanocephala* [SI]:

Orange-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia xanthogaster* [GR; WS]:

Bronze-green Euphonia *Euphonia mesochrysa* [GR; WS]:

Olivaceous Siskin *Spinus olivaceus* [LR]:

Total 344 confirmed species for the trip (including 30 heard only), of which 99 were ‘lifers’ for DJS (including 14 heard only). Despite the large number of species present in Ecuador, the geographical continuity with neighbouring countries means that very few of these are Ecuadorian political endemics. None of the species encountered on this trip are considered endemic to Ecuador...