PERU: SCARLET-BANDED BARBET AND CENTRAL PERU CUSTOM TOUR
TRIP REPORT JULY/AUGUST 2015
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Scarlet-banded Barbet (photo Carlos Altamirano), one of the main targets of this tour
Detailed Itinerary

Day 1. Arrival in Lima and transfer to Pucusana. Overnight Hotel Meliá, Lima
Day 2. Flight to Tarapoto and transfer to Bellavista. Overnight Hotel Bellavista
Day 3. Jeep driving adventure to Plataforma. Overnight in a local house that provides accommodation
Day 4. Full day at Plataforma. Overnight in a local house that provides accommodation
Day 5. Transfer back to Bellavista. Overnight Hotel Bellavista
Day 6. Transfer to Tarapoto and flight back to Lima. Overnight Hotel Palmetto
Day 7. Explore Santa Eulalia Road. Overnight Chez Victor Hostel, San Mateo
Day 8. Explore Marcapomacocha and transfer to Concepción. Overnight Hotel Loma Verde
Day 9. Explore the Pariahuanca – Chillirfruta road. Overnight Hotel Loma Verde, Concepción
Day 10. Explore Satipo Road. Overnight Satipo
Day 11. Transfer to Villa Rica. Overnight Finca Santa Rosa
Day 12. Transfer to Oxapampa and birding Ulcumano Ecolodge. Overnight Ulcumano Ecolodge
Day 14. Drive back to San Mateo. Overnight Chez Victor Hostel
Day 15. Birding the Polylepis woodland above Santa Eulalia and transfer to Lima. Overnight Hotel Meliá
Day 16. Explore Lomas de Lachay reserve and Paraiso beach. Transfer to the airport

Overview

This trip report is an account of a customized, private tour for a client who requested to come to Peru and explore some remote areas in the search of some endemics, range-restricted, and hard-to-get birds that might normally be missed on many of the commercial tours. Our client needed 15 species to achieve the amazing number of 7500 life birds. We had the privilege to travel with her twice this year, once in Colombia and on a previous trip to Peru to look for the Long-whiskered Owlet, but she decided to reach 7500 before November 12, her 90th birthday. And she indeed accomplished that goal!

After studying her wish list we thought that an expedition through some areas on the east slopes of the central Andes, like the Satipo Road and the Mantaro Valley in the Junín Region and the cloudforest of Oxapampa in the Pasco Region, could provide a good chance for some endemics on her wish list, but we also decided to make a short trip to northern Peru to the San Martín Region in search of the Scarlet-banded Barbet, a bird that was described to science only in 2000 and has been seen by just a handful of birders. In addition to these areas our client also needed some relatively easy-to-get birds in some areas near Lima, a convenience that helped to design an affordable itinerary.

Our trip included a lot of driving through the Andes and was focused only on her targets, such as Peruviann Tern, Peruviann Seaside Cinclodes, Raimondi’s Yellow Finch, Rufous-breasted Warbling Finch, White-cheeked Cotinga, Fiery-throated Metaltail, Eye-ringed Thistletail, Masked Fruit eater, Bay An t pitta, Cloud forest Screech Owl, Creamy-bellied Ant wren, Black-spectacled Brush Finch, a few species yet undescribed like “Milpo” Tapaculo, “Mantaro” Thornbird, and “Mantaro” Wren, and a few others.

Day 1. Pucusana
We met in Lima, the capital of Peru, and after a brief meal for lunch in a gas station we headed to Pucusana, 60km south of the city, in search of our first target, Peruviann Seaside Cinclodes. I was surprised that our client hadn’t seen this one before, since it’s easy to find along the central coast of Peru. We went to our usual stakeout, and after watching Red-legged, Guanay, and Neotropic Cormorant, Belcher’s Gull, beautiful views of Inca Tern,
Blackish Oystercatcher, Peruvian Pelican, and Peruvian Booby, we moved to the “Boquerón del Diablo” (Devil’s mouth), which is a natural narrow, rocky gorge, where the waves explode and the water passes through to the other side. We waited a few minutes, and then we had Peruvian Seaside Cinclodes in our pocket – one target bird less! We came back to Lima along the Pan-American Highway, and then we connected with the Chorrillos road, passing the Pantanos de Villa Wildlife Refuge, where we made a brief stop at the lagoon. Here we saw Black-necked Stilt, Andean Coot, Common Gallinule, Black-crowned Night Heron, Little Blue Heron, White-tufted Grebe, and Andean Duck. After a tasty dinner in the Tanta restaurant we went to our hotel for overnight.

Day 2. Lima to Bellavista
The next day we had a midday flight to Tarapoto, the capital of the San Martín Region, and immediately after our arrival we headed to Bellavista. We made a brief stop at the Colombia bridge over the Huallaga River, where we got some typical lowland species, such as White-banded, White-winged, and Southern Rough-winged Swallows, Dusky-headed Parakeet, a pair of Hoatzin, and Purple-throated Euphonia. We arrived at the town of Bellavista after adding more non-lifers to the list. Although Bellavista is not a large place by any means, it is still a bustling town. We had a comfortable hotel, but finding a nice restaurant with more options than just one or two dishes was a challenge. However, we finally found a local restaurant near our hotel, where they cooked some chicken and chips for us, while all the clientele were enjoying a popular soap opera. But, sadly, a day without lifers!

Day 3. Bellavista to Plataforma
We got an early start to reach Plataforma, also known as Flor del Café. This place was discovered recently in 2011/2012 by a group of birders; it is an area adjacent to the most northwestern range of the Cordillera Azul National Park. This is the newest place to see the endemic Scarlet-banded Barbet, the bird which appears on the cover of the Princeton Field Guide Birds of Peru. Since this species had been discovered in the Cordillera Azul National Park, looking for it had been a real challenge, which involved an expedition using commercial flights from Lima, then small planes to somewhere in the middle of the jungle, a boat trip, and a few days on foot in remote and pristine rainforest. I have met only a few people who have visited that area. Visiting Plataforma is easier, but it still represents difficulties. We had to drive on a special 4x4 through 60km of mud; it’s impossible to do this drive in a regular 4x4. The local people who transport coffee and other goods to supply the villages use a jack up suspension to drive along this muddy road. The drive is rough and could be a torture if you don’t have a very strong purpose to get that bird. Fortunately we didn’t have rain on the way in to Plataforma, so the drive took “only” about 8-9 hours. Before we reached the village we stopped on the road, where we got a few birds, including Rose-fronted Parakeet, Blue-rumped Manakin (which was another target), and Slaty-capped Flycatcher. We also looked for Scarlet-breasted Fruiteater, but without success. The village of Plataforma is rather basic, with few houses and no services except a couple of basic shops and a private accommodation that we use. Even if there is no en suite bathroom and neither a hot shower, it is much better than camping. We had private wooden rooms with a decent bed, and the most important thing: not rats! The place is run by a local family, who did their best to attend to us and cooked for us as well. Well, forget any delicacies and be prepared for tons of rice with fried eggs and beans with little pieces of chicken!

Day 4. Plataforma
The following day we started a slightly steep horse path, where the steepness wasn’t a problem, but it was all muddy. And I’m talking about thick mud! I don’t know how we did it,
but we did. We were walking along the edges, using bushes for grasp and walking sticks, and after an hour we arrived in the barbet territory. We saw great birds, such as Grey-tailed Piha and Jet Manakin, both targets and lifers, and also brief views of Buff-tailed Sicklebill, Blue-browed Tanager, Roraiman Flycatcher, Gilded and Versicolored Barbets, the latter another lifer, but we couldn’t find either Scarlet-breasted or Scaled Fruiteaters. We tried for the Scarlet-banded Barbet at several sites for a long time, and just when we thought that everything was lost we spotted two Scarlet-banded Barbets, which allowed terrific views. Hurray!!!

Day 5. Plataforma to Bellavista
We had planned to leave Plataforma before dawn in order to arrive at Tarapoto with plenty of time to connect with our domestic flight back to Lima. Big mistake! We had several hours of rain during the night, and getting out along the mud track on the next day was a real odyssey, which took 22 hours to cover 60km. We barely moved 100 meters before getting stuck in the mud again, over and over. But we were not alone; fortunately we were in a convoy of other local jeeps carrying coffee and other goods, and all the drivers helped each other every time someone got stuck. It was something to be seen to be believed – a definite no for those who don’t have patience! Since we missed our 22:30 flight, we decided to spend the night in Bellavista instead of keeping on driving to Tarapoto. We were beyond exhaustion.

Day 6. Bellavista to Lima
The next day we transferred to Tarapoto and connected with a flight to Lima, thus having a free day before continuing on our Central Peru leg.

Day 7. Lima to San Mateo
We started this second leg with the Santa Eulalia – San Pedro de Casta road, which is a popular place to see several specialists of the west slope of the Andes, including our only target of the day, Rufous-breasted Warbling Finch. We enjoyed seeing other birds as well, such as Great Inca Finch, Black-necked Woodpecker, Pied-crested Tit-Tyrant, Pacific Pygmy Owl, Bronze-tailed Comet, Peruvian Sheartail, Rusty-crowned and Streak-backed Tit-Spinetails, Canyon Canastero, and Rusty-bellied Brush Finch; several of these had been seen by our client over 20 years ago. It took time, but we finally also managed to have good views of Rufous-breasted Warbling Finch. We returned to the main highway and continue the trip to San Mateo, where we spent the night at the classic Chez Victor restaurant and hostel by the road. We had a good hot meal and spent a night in a basic but adequately warm room at 3200 meters elevation.

Day 8. San Mateo to Concepción
The next day we went to explore Marcapomacocha, a famous site for the legendary Diademed Plover, among other high Andes specialists. We drove along the “Carrera Central” (Central Peru highway) almost all the way up to the Ticlio pass but then took the junction to the Milloc Bog. Near the entrance we had views of Buff-breasted Earthcreepers, Black Siskin, Bright-rumped Yellow Finch, Plumbeous Sierra Finch, and Cream-winged Cinclodes. Further up, at the base of the “La Viuda” (The Widow) snow-capped mountain, we had good views of Dark-winged Miner, Black-breasted Hillstar, Andean Goose, Andean Flicker, Andean Lapwing, and Ochre-naped, Taczanowski’s, Cinerous, and Puna Ground Tyrants. We explored the bog cushions at 4500 meters elevation and were rewarded with views of two Diademed Plovers, Olivaceous Thornbill, White-winged Diuca Finch, Puna Snipe, and Grey-breasted Seedsnipe. A great surprise was a pair of Andean Condors soaring low in the sky. I personally have been here many times in the last
14 years, and this is the first time I’ve seen condors in this particular place. With great sightings of sought-after species, but no lifers, we continued the trip, driving to Concepción and staying at the comfortable Loma Verde hotel.

**Day 9. Birding Pariahuanca - Chillifruta**
The Pariahuanca – Chillifruta road was our next port of call. This area is good for the recently described Black-spectacled Brush Finch, which is restricted to this portion of the Mantaro Valley. It didn’t take too long until we got two Black-spectacled Brush Finches and also the endemic Creamy-crested Spinetail. Further up around Chillifruta we saw the undescribed form of Streak-fronted Thornbird (“Mantaro Thornbird”, *Phacellodomus* sp. nov.), which most likely represents a different species, as well the Mantaro population of Plain-tailed Wren (sometimes treated as “Mantaro Wren”, *Pheucopedius* sp. nov.). After a full day in the mountains we returned to Concepción for another night.

**Day 10. Concepción to Satipo**
An early start took us along the Satipo Road, which links Concepción with the town of Satipo in the tropical lowlands of the Junín Region. The road passes through different kinds of habitats and different elevations, from bunch puna grassland to cloudforest mountains and upper tropical lowlands, and provides a high diversity of species. We started watching some waterfowl at Pomacochas Lagoon, including Puná Teal, Yellow-billed Teal, and Andean Duck. However, our main target here was the undescribed “Milpo Tapaculo” (*Scytalopus* sp. nov.), which was seen briefly, but allowing satisfactory views. After the tapaculo we continued to the Carrizales bridge, where we saw Fiery-throated Metaltail and Eye-ringed Thistletail, both range-restricted endemics and targets for the tour. By noon we had overcast weather and soon a short rainfall that kept birds moving through the forest, including Slaty Brush Finch, Peruvian Wren, Blue-winged Mountain Tanager, Pearled Treerunner, Streaked Tuftedcheek, Mountain Wren, Green-and-black Fruiteater, Flame-faced Tanager, and others. Our last target of the day was the recently described Junín Tapaculo, which we saw near the village of Apaya. We birded the road below Apaya, finding good flocks including the uncommon Blue-browed Tanager. We got Andean Cock-of-the-rock and Amazonian Umbrellabird as well. After a long but productive day we arrived at Satipo.

**Day 11. Satipo to Villa Rica**
With almost all our targets in the pocket we agreed to have a late start, enjoyed a leisurely breakfast at the hotel, and then headed to Villa Rica for an overnight. Villa Rica is one of the main producers of coffee in the country, and the forest above the plantation is the habitat of our next target, the endemic Creamy-bellied Antwren. It took a while in the heat of the afternoon, but we managed to have good views of this species. We also took a view of the birds at Lake Oconal near the town, but didn’t see many interesting birds except for a couple of Least Grebes and Blackish Rail. At night, however, we had Band-bellied Owl around the lodge grounds.

**Days 12 – 13. Ulcumano Ecolodge, Oxapampa**
We continued the trip towards Oxapampa, a town of Austro-German colonists surrounded by a few patches of cloudforest. Even though rarely visited by birders and skipped at most of the Central Peru tours, it provides good bird species and due to its relatively easy access is probably the closest place to Lima where you can see cloudforest specialists. We visited the Ulcumano Ecolodge for two nights and were delight with the attention and the quality of the service. The lodge is top notch, a basic complex of wooden cabins with beautiful spacious rooms, private bathrooms and hot showers, and great charm. The food is absolutely delicious,

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the best of any other birding lodge I have ever stayed at in Peru. Here we got numerous good birds, such as the endemic Bay Antpitta, Rufous-vented Tapaculo, and Masked Fruiteater. Other birds included Andean and White-eared Solitaires, Chestnut-crested Cotinga, Russet-crowned Warbler, Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner, Emerald-bellied Puffleg, and Masked Trogon. Unfortunately, we could not find Cloudforest Screech Owl on either of both times. This poorly-known species had been recorded here before, but it seems this was not the best time of the year.

Day 14. Oxapampa to San Mateo
After two nights we drove back to San Mateo for another overnight, without much birding.

Day 15. San Mateo to Lima
Another early start took us back to the Milloc Bog, but we drove straight to the Polylepis area. Even though it is referred to as the Polylepis Forest, the woodland here is very small, covering only a tiny area of the slopes with no more than a few trees visible from the road. However, this was the big day for us, because after several days’ birding and driving through the country we had almost reached the main purpose of the tour: get bird number 7500 for our client – and what better bird could there be than the endemic and range-restricted White-cheeked Cotinga, our main target here? We waited for a while by the road, without success, and by 9:00 a.m. we decided to climb up the slope. Even though this was a shorter distance to the bird’s preferred territory, due to the altitude and the steepness of the slope it could be very strenuous for many people. But we didn’t surrender and climbed about 100 meters, and after finding a number of other good birds, such as Striated Earthcreeper, Black Metaltail, and D’Orbigny’s Chat-Tyrant, we finally got two White-cheeked Cotingas, our client’s 7500th lifer. Hurray once more! We then drove back to Lima for the last night and enjoyed a lovely dinner to celebrate in the Tanta restaurant.

Day 16. Lomas de Lachay, Paraiso Beach, Departure
On the last morning of the tour we moved to the Lomas de Lachay reserve, located along the northern coast of Lima. This is a special ecosystem formed by the moisture and fog from the ocean rolling east towards the Andes and being captured at the base of hills, creating an explosion of blossoming vegetation during the months of winter. Here we looked for the endemic Raimondi’s Yellow Finch, which was the target of the day. We were lucky with this species, which is rather rare, on this tour; we had a large flock along the entrance road. Other species for the morning included Grey-breasted Seedsnipe, Thick-billed, Coastal, and Greyish Miners, and Cactus Canastero. By noon we headed north to Paraiso beach for the last target of the trip. As soon as we arrived we saw our target, Peruvian Tern, and other species such as Cabot’s Tern, Elegant Tern, Andean Coot, Little Blue Heron, Grey, Belcher’s, and Grey-headed Gulls, and Chilean Flamingo. Then we returned to Lima and had to say farewell after this epic but rewarded and very successful tour.

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Taxonomy: IOC (International Ornithological Congress) 5.4
Abbreviations:
(H) Heard only
(E) Country endemic

TINAMIFORMES
Tinamidae

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Andean Tinamou *Nothoprocta pentlandii* Seen along the upper parts of the Santa Eulalia Road and on the way to the Lomas de Lachay parking lot

Brown Tinamou (H) *Crypturellus obsoletus* This species was heard distantly at Ulcumano Ecolodge.

**ANSERIFORMES**

**Anatidae**

Torrent Duck *Merganetta armata* Seen along the Mantaro River on the way to Concepción

Comb Duck *Sarkidiornis sylvicola* Seen along the Huallaga River on the way to Bellavista

Andean Goose *Chloephaga melanoptera* Brilliant views at Marcapomacocha

Crested Duck *Lophonetta specularioides* Seen on a small pond at the Ticlio mountain pass

Cinnamon Teal *Anas cyanoptera* Seen at Paraiso

Puna Teal *Anas puna* Seen at the Pomacochas Lagoon in the upper parts of the Satipo Road

Yellow-billed Teal *Anas flavirostris* Seen on a small pond at the Ticlio mountain pass

White-cheeked Pintail *Anas bahamensis* Seen at Paraiso

Andean Duck *Oxyura ferruginea* Seen at Paraiso

**GALLIFORMES**

**Cracidae**

Speckled Chachalaca *Ortalis guttata* A few were seen on the way to Bellavista.

Andean Guan *Penelope montagnii* Two birds were seen well at the cloudforest of the Satipo Road.

**PODICIPEDIFORMES**

**Podicipedidae**

Least Grebe *Tachybaptus dominicus* Seen at the Oconal Lake

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps* Seen at Paraiso

White-tufted Grebe *Rollandia rolland* Seen at Paraiso

Great Grebe *Podiceps major* Seen at Paraiso

Silvery Grebe *Podiceps occipitalis* Seen at the Marcapomacocha lake

**PHOENICOPTERIFORMES**

**Phoenicopteridae**

Chilean Flamingo *Phoenicopterus chilensis* Scope views at Paraiso. The species is listed as near-threatened.

**PELECANIFORMES**

**Threskiornithidae**

Andean Ibis *Theristicus branickii* Seen at the Ticlio mountain pass The species is listed as near-threatened.

Puna Ibis *Plegadis ridgwayi* Seen at marshes by the roadside at Pantanos de Villa

**Ardeidae**

Fasciated Tiger Heron *Tigrisoma fasciatum*

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* Seem at Pantanos de Villa

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* Common at several locations

Great Egret *Ardea alba* Seen at Pantanos de Villa

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* Seen at Paraiso

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula* Several sightings

**Pelecanidae**

Peruvian Pelican *Pelecanus thagus* Seen at Pucusana. The species is listed as near-threatened.
Peruvian Pelican (photo Alan van Norman)

**SULIFORMES**
**Sulidae**
**Peruvian Booby** *Sula variegata* Seen at Pucusana

Peruvian Booby (photo Sue Oertli)

**Phalacrocoracidae**
*Neotropic Cormorant* *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*
*Red-legged Cormorant* *Phalacrocorax gaimardi* The species is listed as near-threatened.
*Guanay Cormorant* *Leucocarbo bougainvillii* The species is listed as near-threatened.

**ACCIPITRIFORMES**
**Cathartidae**
*Turkey Vulture* *Cathartes aura* Common at several locations
*Black Vulture* *Coragyps atratus* Common
Andean Condor *Vultur gryphus* Great views of a pair at Marcapomacocha. They are unusual at this location. The species is listed as near-threatened.

**Accipitridae**  
Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus* Nice views on the way from Satipo to La Merced  
Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis* Seen at the paddy fields on the way to Bellavista  
Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris* Seen along the lowest parts of the Satipo Road  
Harris’s Hawk *Parabuteo unicinctus* Seen on the way to Pantanos de Villa  
Variable Hawk *Geranoaetus polyosoma* We saw both the red-backed form on the way to Lomas de Lachay and had several sightings of the Puna form in the Andes.  
Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle *Geranoaetus melanoleucus* Seen at Lomas de Lachay and along the upper parts of the Santa Eulalia Road

**GRUIFORMES**

**Rallidae**  
Russet-crowned Crake (H) *Laterallus viridis* Heard on the way to Bellavista  
Blackish Rail *Pardirallus nigricans* Seen at the Oconal Lake  
Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinicus* Seen at the Oconal Lake  
Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata* Several sightings, including at Pantanos de Villa and Paraiso  
Andean Coot *Fulica ardesiaca* Seen at Pantanos de Villa  
Giant Coot *Fulica gigantea* Scope views at the Ticlio pond

**CHARADRIIFORMES**

**Burhinidae**  
Peruvian Thick-knee *Burhinus supercilialis* Seen at Lomas de Lachay  
Haematopodidae  
American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus* Seen at Paraiso  
Blackish Oystercatcher *Haematopus ater* Seen at Pucusana

**Recurvirostridae**  
Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus* Seen at Paraiso  
Charadriidae  
Andean Lapwing *Vanellus resplendens* Seen at Marcapomacocha

Blackish Oystercatcher (photo Alan van Norman)
Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus* Seen at Paraiso
Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus* Seen at Paraiso
Snowy Plover *Charadrius nivosus* Seen at Paraiso. The species is listed as near-threatened.
Diademed Plover *Phegornis mitchelli* Magnificent scope views at Marcapomacocha. The species is listed as near-threatened.

**Jacanidae**
**Wattled Jacana** *Jacana jacana* Seen in the paddy fields on the way to Bellavista

**Thinocoridae**
**Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe** *Attagis gayi* One individual seen really well at the Ticlio bog below the mountain pass
**Grey-breasted Seedsnipe** *Thinocorus orbignyanus* Seen in the Marcapomacocha area
Least Seedsnipe *Thinocorus ruminicivorus* Common along the Lomas de Lachay entrance

*Scolopacidae*

Puna Snipe *Gallinago andina* One flushed in the Marcapomacocha bog
Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus* Seen at Paraiso
Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* Seen at Paraiso
Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes* Seen at Paraiso
Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* Seen at Pucusana

* Laridae

Andean Gull *Chroicocephalus serranus* Common at higher elevations
Grey-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus* Seen at Paraiso
Grey Gull *Leucophaeus modestus* Seen at Paraiso
Belcher’s Gull *Larus belcheri* Seen along the Lima coast and at Pucusana
Kelp Gull *Larus dominicanus* Seen along the coast of Lima
Cabot’s Tern *Thalasseus acuflavidus* Seen at Lomas de Lachay
Elegant Tern *Thalasseus elegans* Seen at Paraiso. The species is listed as near-threatened.
Peruvian Tern *Sternula lorata* One of the targets of this tour. Three birds were seen at Paraiso. The species is listed as endangered.
Inca Tern *Larosterna inca* Great views from the Pucusana stakeout and also seen along the coast of Lima. The species is listed as near-threatened.

![Inca Tern (photo Niall Perrins)](image)

**COLUMBIFORMES**

*Columbidae*

Rock Dove *Columba livia* Common
Band-tailed Pigeon *Patagioenas fasciata* Seen in the cloudforest of Oxpampa and on the Satipo Road
Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis* One seen on the way to Bellavista
Plumbeous Pigeon *Patagioenas plumbea* Seen at Plataforma
Ruddy Ground Dove *Columbina talpacoti* Seen on the way to Bellavista
Croaking Ground Dove *Columbina cruziana* Seen at Lomas de Lachay
Bare-faced Ground Dove *Metriopelia cecilieae* Two spotted from the car along the Central Highway on the way to San Mateo
Black-winged Ground Dove *Metriopelia melanoptera* Seen in the upper parts of the Santa Eulalia Road

Blue Ground Dove *Claravis pretiosa* Seen on the way to Plataforma

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi* Seen around Villa Rica

Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata* Common at Lomas de Lachay, also seen around Tarapoto

West Peruvian Dove *Zenaida meloda* Common around Lima

**OPISTHOCOMIFORMES**

**Opisthocomidae**

Hoatzin *Opisthocomus hoazin* Seen from the Colombia bridge during our trip to Bellavista

**CUCULIFORMES**

**Cuculidae**

Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani* Common along the way to Bellavista

Groove-billed Ani *Crotophaga sulcirostris* Seen on the way to Lomas de Lachay

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana* Seen at Plataforma

**STRIGIFORMES**

**Strigidae**

Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl (H) *Megascops watsonii* Heard distantly between the main road and the lowest parts of the Plataforma road during our drive back to Bellavista

Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus* One seen roosting at day time at its usual place along the upper parts of the Santa Eulalia Road

Band-bellied Owl *Pulsatrix melanota* Great views of one individual around the Villa Rica lodge grounds

Pacific Pygmy Owl *Glaucidium peruanum* Seen well below San Pedro de Casta on the Santa Eulalia Road

Pacific Pygmy Owl (photo Alan van Norman)

Burrowing Owl *Athene cunicularia* Common along the main entrance at Lomas de Lachay

**APODIFORMES**

**Apodidae**

White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris* Seen on the way to Bellavista

Grey-rumped Swift *Chaetura cinereiventeris* Seen together with the previous species

Neotropical Palm Swift *Tachornis squamata* Seen on the way to Bellavista
Andean Swift *Aeronautes andeolus* Seen along the Santa Eulalia Road

**Trochilidae**

Buff-tailed Sicklebill *Eutoxeres condamini* Just a glimpse around heliconia flowers at Plataforma

Green Violetear *Colibri thalassinus* Seen in the cloudforest around Oxpampa

Sparkling Violetear *Colibri coruscans* Common along the Santa Eulalia Road

Blue-tailed Emerald *Chlorostilbon mellisugus* Seen on the way to Bellavista

White-bellied Hummingbird *Amazilia chionogaster* Seen around Ulcumano Ecolodge

Amazilia Hummingbird *Amazilia amazilia* Seen at Lomas de Lachay. The only resident hummingbird in Lima gardens and parks

Speckled Hummingbird *Adelomyia melanogenys* Seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge

Chestnut-breasted Coronet *Boissonneauxa matthewsii* Seen in the cloudforest along the Satipo Road

Shining Sunbeam *Aglaeactis cupripennis* Seen at the upper parts of the Satipo Road

Black-breasted Hillstar (E) *Oreotrochilus melanogaster* Seen at Marcapomacocha

Collared Inca *Coeligena torquata* Seen in the cloudforest along the Satipo Road

Giant Hummingbird *Patagona gigas* Seen from the Santa Eulalia bridge. This is the largest hummingbird in the world.

Amethyst-throated Sunangel *Heliangelus amethysticollis* Seen at the Satipo Road

Emerald-bellied Puffleg *Eriocnemis aline* Seen well at Ulcumano Ecolodge

Green-tailed Trainbearer *Lesbia nuna* Seen along the Chillifruta road

Tyrian Metaltail *Metallura tyrianthina* Seen along the Satipo Road

Fiery-throated Metaltail (E) *Metallura eupogon* Another target of the trip. We got excellent views at its usual spot at the Carrizales bridge along the Satipo Road.

Black Metaltail (E) *Metallura phoebe* Seen at the Polylepis forest patch slope at the upper Santa Eulalia road

Olivaceous Thornbill *Chalcostigma olivaceum* Great views of this high-altitude species at the bog cushion of Marcapomacocha. A true survivor, occurring at 4500 meters elevation

Bronze-tailed Comet (E) *Polyonymus caroli* Seen in the upper parts of the Santa Eulalia Road
Oasis Hummingbird *Rhodopis vesper* Seen at mid elevations at the Santa Eulalia Road in the Huanza area and at Lomas de Lachay

Peruvian Sheartail *Thaumastura cora* This near-endemic was seen well along the Santa Eulalia Road.

Purple-collared Woodstar *Myrtis fanny* Seen along the Santa Eulalia Road

**TROGONIFORMES**

**Trogonidae**

Golden-headed Quetzal *Pharomachrus auriceps* Seen in the cloudforest of the Satipo Road

Masked Trogon *Trogon personatus* Seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge

PICIFORMES

**Bucconidae**

Swallow-winged Puffbird *Chelidoptera tenebrosa* One individual was seen perched on a telephone wire during our drive to Bellavista.

**Capitonidae**

Scarlet-banded Barbet (E) *Capito wallacei* It was hard, but we were rewarded with amazing views of two individuals at Plataforma. The main target of this part of the tour and probably the bird of the trip. The species is listed as vulnerable.

Gilded Barbet *Capito auratus* Seen at Plataforma

Versicolored Barbet *Eubucco versicolor* Nice views at Plataforma

**Ramphastidae**

Black-throated Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus atrogularis* Good views at Ulcumano Ecolodge

Chestnut-eared Aracari *Pteroglossus castanotis* Seen at the lowest parts of the Satipo Road

Lettered Aracari *Pteroglossus inscriptus* Seen along the Plataforma road

**Picidae**

Ocellated Piculet *Picumnus dorbignyanus* Seen around Villa Rica

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker *Melanerpes cruentatus* Seen on the way to Bellavista

Black-necked Woodpecker (E) *Colaptes aricollis* Seen along the Santa Eulalia Road

Andean Flicker *Colaptes rupicola* Seen at Marcapomacocha and at the upper parts of the Satipo Road

Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus* Seen at Plataforma
**FALCONIFORMES**

**Falconidae**

Red-throated Caracara *Ibycter americanus* Seen around our lodge in Villa Rica

Mountain Caracara *Phalcoboenus megalopterus* Seen along the upper parts of the Satipo Road

Yellow-headed Caracara *Milvago chimachima*

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius* Relatively common in the country

Aplomado Falcon *Falco femoralis* Great views along the Santa Eulalia Road

**PSITTACIFORMES**

*Psittacidae*

Mountain Parakeet *Psilopsiagon aurifrons* Seen at Lomas de Lachay

Cobalt-winged Parakeet *Brotogeris cyanoptera* A small flock was seen flying by on the way to Bellavista.

Plum-crowned Parrot *Pionus tumultuosus* Seen in the cloudforest of the Satipo Road

Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus* Seen on the way to Bellavista

Blue-winged Parrotlet *Forpus xanthopterygius* Flying-by views on the way to Bellavista

Rose-fronted Parakeet *Pyrrhura roseifrons* Daily views at Plataforma

Dusky-headed Parakeet *Aratinga weddellii* Two nesting in a tree near the Colombia bridge

Scarlet-fronted Parakeet *Psittacara wagleri* Seen at mid elevations along the Santa Eulalia Road and at Chillifruta

White-eyed Parakeet *Psittacara leucophthalmus* Seen along the drive between Satipo and La Merced

**PASSERIFORMES**

*Furnariidae*

Cream-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes albiventris* Common at higher elevations

White-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes atacamensis* One seen well at the Santa Eulalia dam

White-bellied Cinclodes (E) *Cinclodes palliatus* Great views below the Ticlio mountain pass. The species is listed as critically endangered.

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White-bellied Cinclodes (photo Trevor Hardaker)

**Peruvian Seaside Cinclodes (E) *Cinclodes taczanowskii*** Another target of the tour. Splendid views at the famous gorge “the devil’s mouth” in Pucusana.
Slender-billed Miner *Geositta tenuirostris* Seen well in the Marcapomacocha bog
Costal Miner (E) *Geositta peruviana* Common at Lomas de Lachay
Greyish Miner *Geositta maritima* One bird was seen well in the rocky area at Lomas de Lachay.
Thick-billed Miner (E) *Geositta crassirostris* Seen at Lomas de Lachay
Dark-winged Miner (E) *Geositta saxicolina* Seen well at Marcapomacocha
Buff-breasted Earthcreeper *Upucerthia validirostris* Great views near the Marcapomacocha road entrance. This is a split from Plain-breasted Earthcreeper.
Striated Earthcreeper (E) *Geocerthia serrana* One seen well at the Polylepis patch forest slope of the upper Santa Eulalia Road
Rusty-crowned Tit-Spinetail (E) *Leptasthenura pileata* Seen at the upper parts of the Santa Eulalia Road
Streak-backed Tit-Spinetail *Leptasthenura striata* Seen at mid elevations along the Santa Eulalia Road. A near-endemic
Eye-ringed Thistletail (E) *Asthenes palpebralis* Another trip target. We had great views of one couple at its usual spot at Puente Carrizales along the Satipo Road.
Canyon Canastero *Asthenes pudiunda* Brief views of one individual at the upper parts of the Santa Eulalia Road. A near-endemic
Streak-backed Canastero *Asthenes wyatti* Two were seen at Marcapomacocha.
Cactus Canastero (E) *Pseudasthenes cactorum* We got one individual after some hard work at the canastero site at Lomas de Lachay.
Junin Canastero (E) *Asthenes virgata* Seen in the Andean bunch grass around the Marcapomacocha lake
Azara’s Spinetail *Synallaxis azarae* Seen at the cloudforest at the Satipo Road
Plain-crowned Spinetail *Synallaxis gujanensis* Two were seen around the coffee plantations near Villa Rica.
Creamy-crested Spinetail (E) *Cranioleuca albicapilla* Great views of this handsome spinetail along the Pariahuanca road
Marcapata Spinetail (E) *Cranioleuca marcapatae* Seen at Chillifruta. The species is listed as vulnerable.
Streak-fronted [Mantaro] Thornbird *Phacellodomus striaticeps* Very difficult this year. We managed to have brief but good views of one individual at the Chillifruta site. Another trip target
Pearled Treerunner *Margarornis squamiger* Seen in a mixed flock along mid elevations at the Satipo Road
Streaked Tuftedcheek *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii* Seen in the same mixed flock as the previous species
Buff-browed Foliage-gleaner *Syndactyla rufosuperciliata* Brief views at Ulcumano Ecolodge
Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans* Seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge
Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus* Seen at Villa Rica
Montane Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger* Seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge
Thamnophilidae
Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus* Seen on the way to Bellavista
Chestnut-backed Antshrike (E) *Thamnophilus palliatus* Seen above Villa Rica
Lined Antshrike *Thamnophilus tenuepunctatus* Seen at Plataforma. The species is listed as vulnerable.
Foothill Antwren *Epinecrophylla spodionota* Seen at Plataforma
White-flanked Antwren *Myrmotherula axillaris* Seen at Plataforma
Creamy-bellied Antwren (*E*) *Herpsilochmus motacilloides* Another trip target. It took a while, but finally we got one individual responding well to the tape above Villa Rica. The species is listed as near-threatened.

**Rusty-backed Antwren** *Formicivora rufa* Great views of one pair in the dry portion of the Huallaga Valley on the way to Bellavista.

![Rusty-backed Antwren female](image)

**Blackish Antbird** *Cercomacra nigrescens* Seen at Plataforma

**Grallariidae**

**Bay Antpitta (E)** *Grallaria capitalis* Another trip target seen very well at Ulcumano Ecolodge. This is one of the most difficult antpittas to get.

**Rufous Antpitta** *Grallaria rufuila* Brief but good views near Puente Carrizales on the Satipo Road

**Stripe-headed Antpitta** *Grallaria andicolus* Seen briefly at the Polylepis patch of forest along the upper parts of the Satipo Road

**Rhinocryptidae**

**Rufous-vented Tapaculo (E)** *Scytalopus femoralis* Seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge

**Tschudi’s Tapaculo (E)** *Scytalopus acutirostris* Seen along the Satipo Road

**Undescribed “Milpo” Tapaculo** *Scytalopus sp. nov.* Another tour target. It showed very well in the upper parts of the Satipo Road. This species has been known for over 20 years and no description has been made yet. It has been mentioned (photo included) in Vol. 8 of the “Handbook of the Birds of the World”. Named after the town of Milpo

**Junín Tapaculo (E)** *Scytalopus gettyae* Another tour target. Seen along the first stretch of the Apaya – Andamarca section of the Satipo Road. This is a species only recently described in 2013.

**Tyrannidae**

**Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet** *Tyrannulus elatus* Seen along the Bellavista – Plataforma road

**Sierran Elaenia** *Elaenia pallatangae* Seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge

**Southern Beardless Tyrannulet** *Camptostoma obsoletum* Seen at the lowest parts of the Santa Eulalia Road

**White-throated Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus leucophrys* Seen along the Satipo Road
White-banded Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus stictopterus* Seen along the Satipo Road and at Ulcumano Ecolodge  
**Pied-crested Tit-Tyrant** *Anairetes reguloides* Seen along the Santa Eulalia Road below San Pedro de Casta  
**Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrant** *Anairetes flavirostris* Seen along the Santa Eulalia Road by the tunnels  
**Red-billed Tyrannulet** *Zimmerius cinereicapilla* Seen near the botanical garden on the way to Villa Rica. The species is listed as vulnerable.  
**Peruvian Tyrannulet** *(E)* *Zimmerius viridiflavus* Seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge  
**Streak-necked Flycatcher** *Mionectes striaticollis* Seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge  
**Slaty-capped Flycatcher** *Leptopogon superciliaris* Seen on the way to Plataforma  
**Flavescent Flycatcher** *Myiophobus flavicans* Seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge  
**Roraiman Flycatcher** *Myiophobus roraimae* Another tour target. Seen well at Plataforma  
**Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant** *Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer* Seen along the Tarapoto – Bellavista road  
**Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher** *Poecilotriccus latirostris* Seen around Villa Rica  
**Cinereous Ground Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola cinereus* Seen at Marcapomacocha  
**Puna Ground Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola juninensis* Seen at Marcapomacocha  
**Black Phoebe** *Sayornis nigricans* Seen near Satipo  
**Vermilion Flycatcher** *Pyrocephalus rubinus* Seen in the Lima gardens, including individuals of the dark morph  
**White-winged Black Tyrant** *Knipolegus aterrimus* A male was seen along the Pariahuanca road.  
**Taczanowski’s Ground Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola griseus* Seen at Marcapomacocha  
**Cinereous Ground Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola cinereus* Seen at Marcapomacocha  
**Puna Ground Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola juninensis* Seen at Marcapomacocha  
**Ochre-naped Ground Tyrant** *Muscisaxicola flavinucha* Seen at Marcapomacocha  
**Streak-throated Bush Tyrant** *Myiotheretes striaticollis* Seen along the upper parts of the Santa Eulalia Road  
**Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant** *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis* Seen along the Satipo Road  
**Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant** *Ochthoeca fumicolor* Seen along the Satipo Road  
**D’Orbigny’s Chat-Tyrant** *Ochthoeca oenanthoides* One seen in the Polylepis forest patch of Santa Eulalia  
**White-browed Chat-Tyrant** *Ochthoeca leucophrys* Seen along the Santa Eulalia Road  
**Long-tailed Tyrant** *Colonia colonus* Seen on the lowest parts of the Satipo Road  
**Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis* Several sightings in the lowlands  
**Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus* Common throughout the trip except in the high Andes  

**Cotingidae**  
**Red-crested Cotinga** *Ampelion rubrocristatus* One seen along the upper parts of the Satipo Road  
**Chestnut-crested Cotinga** *Ampelion rufaxilla* Excellent views in the Ulcumano Ecolodge parking area. A most-wanted species
White-cheeked Cotinga (E) Zaratornis stresemanni Another tour target, and it was the 7500th bird species for our client’s life list. Three birds were seen in the Polylepis forest above Santa Eulalia. The species is listed as vulnerable.

Green-and-black Fruiteater Pipreola riefferii Seen along the cloudforest on the Satipo Road

Masked Fruiteater (E) Pipreola pulchra Another tour target. We got good views of one couple at Ulcumano Ecolodge.

Grey-tailed Piha Snowornis subalaris Good views of this foothill specialist at Plataforma. The species is listed as near-threatened.

Andean Cock-of-the-rock Rupicola peruvianus Seen along the lowest parts of the Satipo Road
Andean Cock-of-the-rock (photo Ian Merrill)

Amazonian Umbrellabird *Cephalopterus ornatus*  A female seen along the lowest parts of the Satipo Road

**Pipridae**

Blue-rumped Manakin *Lepidotrichis isidorei*  Another tour target. Seen well at Plataforma.
The species is listed as near-threatened.

Jet Manakin *Xenopipo unicolor*  Seen at Plataforma

**Tityridae**

Yellow-cheeked Becard *Pachyramphus xanthogenys*  Seen at Plataforma

Barred Becard *Pachyramphus versicolor*  One seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge

**Vireonidae**

Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis*  Seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge

Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo *Vireolanius leucotis*  Great views at Plataforma

**Corvidae**

Inca Jay *Cyanocorax yncas*  Seen along the dry section of the Huallaga Valley not far from the Colombia bridge

**Hirundinidae**

White-banded Swallow *Atticora fasciata*  Seen from the Colombia bridge during our trip to Bellavista

White-winged Swallow *Tachycineta albiventer*  Seen from the Colombia bridge during our trip to Bellavista

Blue-and-white Swallow *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*  Common

Brown-bellied Swallow *Notiochelidon murina*  Seen at higher elevations

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*  Seen both near Tarapoto and at Satipo

Andean Swallow *Haplochelidon andecola*  Seen at Marcapomacocha

**Trogloctydidae**

Thrush-like Wren *Campylorhynchus turdinus*  Seen on the way to Bellavista

Peruvian Wren (E) *Cinnycerthia peruana*  Seen along the Satipo Road

Plain-tailed [Mantaro] Wren *Pheugopedius eurynhrys*  Another tour target. This one took a lot of time, but we managed to have great views at Chilifruta.

Coraya Wren (H) *Pheugopedius coraya*  Heard near the Colombia bridge
House Wren *Troglobytes aedon* Seen at Lomas de Lachay
Mountain Wren *Troglobytes solstitialis* Seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge
Grey-breasted Wood Wren *Hencorhina leucophrys* Seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge
Ploioptilidae
Long-billed Gnatwren *Raphoecaenus melanurus* Seen on the way to Bellavista
Mimidae
Long-tailed Mockingbird *Mimus longicaudatus* A few sightings along the coast and in
drier valleys on the west slope
Turididae
Andean Solitaire *Myadestes ralloides* Seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge
White-eared Solitaire *Entomodestes leucotis* Seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge
Great Thrush *Turdus fuscater*
Chiguano Thrush *Turdus chiguanco* Common along the Santa Eulalia Road
Black-billed Thrush *Turdus ignobilis* Seen on the way to Bellavista
Cinclidae
White-capped Dipper *Cinclus leucocephalus* Seen along the Santa Eulalia River
Motacillidae
Yellowish Pipit *Anthus lutescens* Seen at the main entrance of Lomas de Lachay
Fringillidae
Hooded Siskin *Spinus magellanicus* a few sightings during the trip
Thick-billed Siskin *Spinus crassirostris* Another tour target. Seen at the Polylepis forest
patch in the upper parts of the Santa Eulalia road
Black Siskin *Spinus atratus* Seen at Marcapomacocha
Purple-throated Euphonia *Euphonia chlorotica* Seen at the Colombia bridge
Orange-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia xanthogaster*
Bronze-green Euphonia *Euphonia mesochrysa* Seen at Plataforma
Parulidae
Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitiayumi* A couple of sightings
Russet-crowned Warbler *Myiobius coronata* Seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge
Slate-throated Whitestart *Myiobius miniatus* Seen at Villa Rica
Spectacled Whitestart *Myiobius melanoccephalus* Seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge
Icteridae
Peruvian Meadowlark *Sturnella bellicosa* Seen at Lomas de Lachay
Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus* Seen near Satipo
Russet-backed Oropendola *Psarocolius angustifrons* Seen along the lowest parts of the
Satipo Road
Dusky-green Oropendola *Psarocolius atrovirens* Seen at mid elevations along the Satipo
Road
Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela* Several sightings in the eastern lowlands
Orange-backed Troupial *Icterus croconotus* Seen on the way to Bellavista
Scrub Blackbird *Dives warczewiczii* Seen along the Santa Eulalia Road
Coerebidae
Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola* A few sightings during the trip
Emberizidae
Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis* Common at several locations
Slaty Brush Finch *Atlapetes schistaceus* Seen along the Satipo Road
Rusty-bellied Brush Finch (E) *Atlapetes nationi* Relatively common along mid elevations
on the Santa Eulalia Road
Black-spectacled Brush Finch (E) *Atlapetes melanops* Another tour target. Beautiful
views at Chillifruta and along the Pariahuanca road. The species is listed as endangered.
**Common Bush Tanager** _Chlorospingus flavopectus_ Seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge

**Thraupidae**

- **Magpie Tanager** _Cissopis leverianus_ Seen at lower elevations
- **Three-striped Hemispingus** _Hemispingus trifasciatus_ Seen at Chillifruta
- **Silver-beaked Tanager** _Ramphocelus carbo_ Seen in the lowlands
- **Blue-grey Tanager** _Thraupis episcopus_ Several sightings
- **Palm Tanager** _Thraupis palmarum_ Common in the eastern lowlands
- **Blue-and-yellow Tanager** _Thraupis bonariensis_ Seen along the Santa Eulalia Road
- **Blue-winged Mountain Tanager** _Anisognathus somptuosus_ Seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge

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**Blue-winged Mountain Tanager (photo Christopher Calonje)**

**Grass-green Tanager** _Chlorornis riefferii_ Seen along the Satipo Road
- **Yellow-throated Tanager** _Iridosornis analis_ See along the Satipo Road
- **Purple Honeycreeper** _Cyanerpes caeruleus_ Seen along the Satipo Road
- **Cinereous Conebill** _Conirostrum cinereum_ Seen at Lomas de Lachay
- **Rusty Flowerpiercer** _Diglossa sittoides_ Seen on the way to Concepción
- **Masked Flowerpiercer** _Diglossa cyanea_ Seen along the Satipo Road
- **Peruvian Sierra Finch** _Phrygilus punensis_ Seen at Marcapomacocha
- **Ash-breasted Sierra Finch** _Phrygilus plebejus_ Seen at Marcapomacocha
- **Mourning Sierra Finch** _Phrygilus fruticeti_ Common at the higher parts of the Santa Eulalia Road
- **Plumbeous Sierra Finch** _Phrygilus unicolor_ Seen at Marcapomacocha
- **Band-tailed Sierra Finch** _Phrygilus alaudinus_ Seen at the Lomas de Lachay entrance
- **White-winged Diuca Finch** _Diuca speculifera_ Nice views at Marcapomacocha
- **Great Inca Finch (E)** _Incaspiza pulchra_ A family was seen at our usual spot along the Santa Eulalia Road.

**Rufous-breasted Warbling Finch (E)** _Poospiza rubecula_ Another trip target. After some search we managed to have brief but good-enough views of this rare species. The species is listed as endangered.

**Collared Warbling Finch** _Poospiza hispaniolensis_ Seen at Lomas de Lachay and on the Santa Eulalia Road. A near-endemic species
Turquoise Tanager *Tangara mexicana* Seen on the way to Satipo
Paradise Tanager *Tangara chilensis* Seen on the way to Satipo
Golden Tanager *Tangara arthus* Seen at mid elevations along the Satipo Road
Saffron-crowned Tanager *Tangara xanthocephala* Seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge
Flame-faced Tanager *Tangara parzudakii* Seen along the Satipo Road

Flame-faced Tanager (photo Charly Sax)

Blue-browed Tanager *Tangara cyanotis* Two great encounters with this uncommon and hard-to-get tanager. The first was at Plataforma, and then we had better views at mid elevations along the Satipo Road.
Blue-necked Tanager *Tangara cyanicollis* Seen on the way to Villa Rica
Beryl-spangled Tanager *Tangara nigroviridis* Seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge
Blue-and-black Tanager *Tangara vassorii* Seen along the Satipo Road
Bright-rumped Yellow Finch *Sicalis uropigyalis* Seen at Marcapomacocha
Greenish Yellow Finch *Sicalis olivascens* A flock was seen at the rocky slopes of the Santa Eulalia Road.
Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola* Seen in the park in front our hotel in Lima. A feral population
Raimondi’s Yellow Finch (E) *Sicalis raimondii* Another trip target. A huge flock was seen along the plains of the entrance to Lomas de Lachay. This was our second record on a birding trip this year of this nomadic species.
Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina* Seen on the way to Lomas de Lachay
Chestnut-bellied Seedeeater *Sporophila castaneiventris* Seen near Tarapoto
Cardinalidae
Golden Grosbeak *Pheucticus chrysogaster* Seen at the lowest parts of the Santa Eulalia Road
Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus* Seen at the lowest parts of the Satipo Road