

# **Colombia    16/02 – 17/03/2018**

## **Introduction**

This report is based on a 4 weeks trip to Colombia which concentrated on a few sites between Cali and Bogota. The following places were visited: Cali km 18, San Cipriano, Yotoco, Laguna de Sonso, Otun-Quimbaya, Fuerte's Parrot site above Santa Rosa Cabral, Montezuma Road, Rio Blanco, Paramo del Ruiz and Humedal Jaboque. I traveled on my own by public transport and did all organization by myself.

## **Climate**

While visiting the country, the weather was generally fine, sunny and warm. Nights in the mountains were fresh but not extremely cold. Only little rain occurred, mainly at San Cipriano in the afternoons.

## **Visa**

As a German I could stay in the country for the period of 3 months without visa. Immigration was very friendly and easy.

## **How to get there**

I opted for a direct flight with Lufthansa from Frankfurt to Bogota. There were some cheaper options, but that would have included changing the aircraft at least once. From Bogota I continued to Cali with Latam, which was okay.

## **Getting around**

Getting around by public transport in Colombia is very easy. There is a good network of bus lines and bus stations are very modern and well organized. Usually you can choose from different kinds of transport, from huge buses to vans, which are a bit more costly, but faster. All left on time.

The currency in Colombia is the Peso – C\$. At the time of visit the exchange rate was about: 1 Euro = 3500 C\$    1US\$ = 3000 C\$

## **People and Safety**

Colombians must be among the friendliest people on our planet. All people I met were very relaxed, honest and helpful and I always felt totally safe. But it must be mentioned, that you have to be careful in cities, especially at night. Everybody had warned me to be cautious walking around in Bogota and not to carry more valuables and money than necessary.

## **Language**

As most Colombians hardly speak English, at least some basic knowledge of Spanish is very helpful.

## Food

Colombian food is - generally speaking - meat dominated, but during my visits I had lots of tasty dishes which were usually accompanied by soup and salad. Besides, a huge variety of tropical fruits and juices were found all over the country. At all lodges very good meals were served 3 times a day.

## Accommodation

About 2 months before I flew to Colombia I booked 3 lodges, Otun-Quimbaya, Leopoldina's Posada at Monteverde Road and Rio Blanco.

- Cali:** Hotel Innova Chirichape. 110.000 C\$ incl. breakfast. Very friendly and quiet.
- San Cipriano:** House of the Foundation: 45.000 C\$. Quiet and with spacious room. They offer meals.
- Yotoco:** dormitory at the entrance/visitor center of Reserva Bosque Yotoco. 15.000 C\$. They prepare meals. Lots of noise from the nearby road, but OK for a night or 2.
- Buga:** Hotel Ilima. 75.000 C\$. Very friendly, right in the historic centre.
- Otun-Quimbaya:** visitor centre. 80.000 C\$. Nice and quiet room at forest edge. You get meals at the canteen.
- Montezuma Road, Leo's Posada:** 170.000 C\$ including 3 meals. Nice and quiet laid back room. Excellent local food. The rooms next to the "restaurant" are bit noisier.
- Rio Blanco:** visitor centre. 123.00 C\$. Nice room, normal price 180.000 C\$. Cheaper room available. Garden setting with feeders. Very close to good birding spots. They prepare meals.
- Manizales:** Hotel Granada Plaza. 90.000 C\$. Central, OK.
- Bogota:** Hostal Cranky Croc. 110.000 C\$. In the historical centre, quiet. OK.

## Books/Reports

I had the old Hilty, Brown, Tudor as a Field Guide (1986) and Beckers, Florez – Birdwatching Colombia (2013, excellent. Describes 127 birding spots in Colombia) with me. Lots of newly described birds and split species are missing. I used the following reports: Hilty - central and

western Andes (2016). Ross Gallardy - Independent Budgeted Birding (2017, very good and helpful!).

### **Appreciation**

I would like to thank my friend Thomas Herzog for editing this report.

### **Cali and around      17 – 20/02/2018**

I did a well organized day trip with a small and nice group and guides Kelly and John from Manizales to km 18 during the feria des aves/Colombian bird fair. The price was 150.000 C\$ and included breakfast and a tasty dinner. Finca Conchita was less busy and the garden setting was nicer and we spent most of the time there and only about an hour at Finca Alejandria, which was rather crowded on this Sunday.

Birded a bit at a San Augustin park and around Cristo Rey on my first day in Colombia. Not a must for birdwatchers.

**1: km 18. Finca Conchita, Finca Alejandria, road to Finca Conchita**

**2: Cali park San Augustin and Cristo Rey**

f: few      fc: fairly common      c: common      **lifer**      **E: endemic**

f      Turkey Vulture    2

**fc      Colombian Chachalaca    1   2    E**

f      Ruddy Ground-Dove    2

1      Eared Dove    1

2      (Violet) Crowned Woodnymph    1

1      Rufous-tailed HB    1

f      Steely-vented HB    1

fc      Andean Emerald    1

fc      Fawn-breasted Brilliant    1

fc      Brown Violetear    1

fc      Purple-throated Woodstar    1

**f      Blue-headed Sapphire   1**  
 fc      Booted Racket-tail   1  
 fc      Long-tailed Sylph   1  
 f      Bronzy Inca   1  
 f      White-necked Jacobin   1  
 2      Andean Motmot   1  
 1      Red-crowned WP   2  
 1      Acorn WP   1  
 f      Red-headed Barbet   1  
 2      Montane Woodcreeper   1  
 f      Red-faced Spinetail  
 1      Plain Antvireo   1  
**2      Golden-winged Manakin   1      displaying**  
 f      Vermillion Flycatcher   1  
 f      Golden-crowned Flycatcher   1  
 1      Slaty Eleania   2  
 fc      Black-billed Thrush   1 2  
 1      Rufous-brown Solitaire   2  
 2      Andean Solitaire   1  
 2      Yellow Oriole   2  
 1      Shiny Cowbird   1  
 1      Black-billed Peppershrike   heard  
 c      Blackburnian Warbler   1  
 2      Canada Warbler   1  
 f      Slate-throated White/Redstart   1  
 fc      Green Honeycreeper   1  
 f      Bananaquit   1 2

f	Golden-naped Tanager	1	
<b>1</b>	<b>Metallic-green Tanager</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Scrub Tanager</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Multicolored Tanager</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>E</b>
fc	Golden Tanager	1	
<b>2</b>	<b>Black-capped Tanager</b>	<b>1</b>	
2	Beryl-spangled Tanager	1	
f	Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager	1	
f	Blue-gray Tanager		
f	Palm Tanager		
2	Summer Tanager	1	
<b>fc</b>	<b>Flame-rumped Tanager</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>E</b>
f	Orange-bellied Euphonia	1	
2	White-naped Brush-Finch	1	
1	Black-winged Saltator	1	
f	Yellow-faced Grasquit	2	
2	Yellow-bellied Seedeater	1	
f	Saffron Finch	2	
1	Squirrel	spec.	

## **San Cipriano      20 – 24/02/2018**

spent 4 nights as the only guest in the guesthouse of the foundation, which was more quiet and pleasant than staying in the noisy village. I stayed upstairs in a huge and airy room (45000 Peso Colombiano). Senora Bartola prepared 3 tasty meals (8000 – 12000 C\$) for me a day and made coffee whenever I wanted. For reservations you may call Bartola Moreno (3104910988) or Lorena Moreno (3226702458).

To get to San Cipriano you have to get off the bus from Buenaventura to Cali/Buga at Zaragoza (or at Cordoba), cross the river and take a brujita (12000 return - small platform on wheels driven by a motorbike on railway tracks, which is quite a tourist attraction) to San Cipriano. Try to avoid weekends as it gets crowded with local tourists.

I walked up and down the main road through mainly secondary lowland forest as far as you may get without permit or guide and checked some side trails as well. On two mornings I asked a motorbike driver to drop me few kilometers further.

One day I met Alejandro from birding and herping and his team. Their intention is to take pictures and make videos of all species of reptiles and amphibians in Colombia and they agreed that I could join them for a day, which was a very nice and exciting experience as they were catching all reptiles and snakes that they found on the way to the waterfall. The walk to la cascada was tiring and we had to cross a river and several creeks, but we were rewarded with beautiful scenery and a Baudo Guan.

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- 1 Rufescent Tiger-Heron
- 1 **Semiplumbeous Hawk**
- 1 **Baudo Guan**
- 2 Ruddy Pigeon
- 1 **Pallid Dove**
- f **Rose-faced Parrot**
- f White-collared Swift
- f **Black-chested Jay**
- 1 Rufous-tailed HB
- 1 Little/Stripe-throated Hermit
- f White-whiskered Hermit
- 3 Blue-tailed Trogon
- 1 White-tailed Trogon
- 2 Broad-billed Motmot
- 1 **Black-breasted Puffbird**

fc	Collared Aracari	
fc	Choco Toucan	
f	Chestnut-mandibled Toucan	
1	Striped Foliage-Gleaner/Woodhunter	
4	Slaty/Black-crowned Antshrike	
1	Chestnut-backed Antbird	
<b>f</b>	<b>Zeledon`s Antbird</b>	
2	Spot-crowned Antvireo	
<b>2</b>	<b>Golden-collared Manakin</b>	
f	Purple-throated Fruitcrow	
2	Cinnamon Becard	
2	Olive-striped Flycatcher/Fruit-Tyrant	
2	Long-tailed Tyrant	
2	Bay Wren	
<b>3</b>	<b>Half-collared Gnatwren</b>	<b>nice observation</b>
<b>f</b>	<b>Slate-throated Gnatcatcher</b>	
2	Buff-rumped Warbler	
1	Red-legged Honeycreeper	
2	Blue Dacnis	
<b>(1</b>	<b>Blue-whiskered Tanager</b>	<b>??? not 100% sure)</b>
4	Rufous-winged Tanager	
1	Hepatic Tanager	
c	Tawny-crested Tanager	
<b>f</b>	<b>Dusky-faced Tanager</b>	
2	Buff-throated Saltator	
1	Blue-black Grosbeak	
	Rufous-collared Sparrow	

- 1      **Parrot Snake (*Leptophis ahaetulla*)**
- 1      **Shropshire's Puffing Snake (*Phrynonax shropshirei*)**
- 1      **Western Basilisk (*Basiliscus galeritus*)**
- 1      **Bocourd`s Dwarf Iguana (*Enyalioides heterolepis*)**
- 1      **Scalyback Anole (*Anolis notopholis*)**
- 1      **Boulenger`s Green Anole (*Anolis chloris*)**
- 1      **Rain Frog (*Pristimantis* sp.)**
- 1      **Truando Toad (*Rhaebo/Bufo haematiticus*)**
- 1      **Vaillant's Frog, Common Marsh-Frog (*Lithobates vaillanti*)**

[Western Basilisk](#)





Bocour's Dwarf Iguana



Collared Aracari

birding road San Cipriano



## **Bosque Yotoco      24 – 25/02/2018**

I took the brujita and a bus (2hours, 15000) from San Cipriano towards Buga and got off at the entrance/visitor center of Reserva Bosque Yotoco where I slept in a dormitory (15000, no other guests) for one noisy (trucks from the nearby street) night. As I did not bring any food I asked if they could prepare meals (25.00 C\$ for 3 meals) for me. It is wise to give them a ring if you want to stay overnight (Valentin Idalgo +57 315 4714758).

I birded the lovely garden and trails around and above and part of the trail on the other side of the road which goes downhill.

### **1: Lodge Garden and upper trail    2: lower trail, other side of the road**

	Eared Dove			
c	Scarlet-fronted Parakeet			
<b>2</b>	<b>White-vented Plumeleteer</b>			
2	Collared Trogon	1		
1	Crimson-rumped Toucanet		1	
<b>1</b>	<b>Greyish Piculet</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>E</b>
1	Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper	2	??	not on checklist
<b>1</b>	<b>Scaled Antpitta</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>seen well hopping on the trail and sitting on a branch</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Chestnut-crowned Gnateater</b>	<b>1</b>		
f	Dusky-capped Flycatcher	1		
1	Red-eyed Vireo	1		
f	Slate-throated Redstart			
2	Black-and-white Warbler	1		
2	Buff-rumped Warbler	2		
c	Green Honeycreeper			
f	Bay-headed Tanager	1		
f	Blue-necked Tanager	1		
2	Thick-billed Euphonia	1		
1	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1		

f      **Venezuelan Red Howler Monkey/*Alouatta seniculus***      1

1      Red-tailed Squirrel/*Sciurus granatensis*      1

## **Laguna de Sonso      26/02/2018**

spent one morning birding the Laguna de Sonso. The very friendly staff at Hotel Illama in Buga organized a driver (Jairo Rodas, very nice and reliable fellow!) to bring me to the Laguna at 6:30am where I met bird guide Omaira (paid her 30 US\$ I think). With her I walked and birded the lagoon. Activity was rather low and I did not see all species I was hoping to spot. I was very impressed by many beautiful huge “bearded” trees around. Try to be there before 6am!

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Common Nighthawk

- f Black-crowned Night-Heron
- f Cattle Egret
- f Snowy Egret
- f Cooi Heron
- fc Great Heron
- 1 Tricolored Heron
- f Striated Heron
- f Bare-faced Ibis
- f Glossy Ibis
- f Olivaceous Cormorant
- 2 Pied-billed Grebe
- f Fulvous Whistling-Duck

fc	Black-bellied Whistling-Duck
f	Turkey Vulture
f	Yellow-headed Caracara
2	Snail Kite
f	Purple Gallinule
f	Common Gallinule
f	Southern Lapwing
fc	Black-necked Stilt
1	Lesser Yellowleg
f	Limpkin
f	Wattled Jacana
1	Pale-vented Pigeon
f	Ruddy Ground-Dove
<b>1</b>	<b>Grey-headed Dove</b>
c	Blue-headed Parrot
<b>c</b>	<b>Spectacled Parrotlet</b>
f	Smooth-billed Ani
f	Greater Ani
<b>2</b>	<b>Common Nighthawk</b>
f	Ringed Kingfisher
f	Amazon Kingfisher
1	Green Kingfisher
2	Lineated WP
4	Spot-breasted WP
f	Common Tody-Flycatcher
<b>3</b>	<b>Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Apical Flycatcher    E</b>

- f      Rusty-margined Flycatcher
- Tropical Kingbird
- 2      Yellow-bellied Eleania
- f      House Wren
- f      Yellow Oriole
- f      Baltimore Oriole
- 1      Red-breasted Blackbird
- Bananaquit
- 1      Scrub Tanager
- Blue-gray Tanager
- 1      Blue-black Grasquit
- f      Gray Seedeater
- f      Ruddy-breasted Seedeater
- fc     Saffron Finch

## **Otun-Quimbaya      27/02 – 03/03/2018**

took a bus from Buga to Pereira (2 hours) where Adalberto (+57 313 6954305) picked me up and drove me to Otun-Quimbaya via La Florida, where I stayed 4 nights in a quiet little room in a nice garden located next to the visitors centre and park headquarter. Food for the staff and for guests was available at a canteen. The price for accommodation was 80.000 C\$, food (3 meals a day, they also prepare lunch packets) was 40.000 C\$ and the price for the very good bird guide Diego was 150.000/day. Car half day to El Cedal with Adalberto was 80.000 C\$. We once took the chiva, which runs 3 or 4 times a day to El Cedal as well.

We mainly birded the road up to El Cedal and two of the trails near the visitor centre and also walked down the road for about 2km for different bird species. One night we were searching for Tapir without success.

I did the reservation of accommodation and bird guide through Adalberto by WhatsApp, whose number I found on the homepage of Otun-Quimbaya. He told me that he could also do the reservations for Montezuma and Rio Blanco.

1: around El Cedal    2: road to El Cedal    3: garden visitor centre    4: trails    5: road down towards La Florida



Cauca Guan

Accommodation at Otun-Quimbaya



	(Chestnut Wood-Quail	heard	3	4	5)
f	Bare-faced Ibis				
2	Torrent Duck	2			
1	Broad-winged Hawk	2			
f	Sickle-winged Guan	5			
<b>c</b>	<b>Cauca Guan</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>E</b>
f	Pale-vented Dove	5			
2	White-tipped Dove	4			
f	Eared Dove				
f	Speckle-faced Parrot	5			
c	Bronze-winged Parrot	2			
<b>f</b>	<b>Golden-plumed Parakeet</b>	<b>2</b>			
(1	Mottled Owl	3	heard)		
<b>1</b>	<b>Colombian Screech-Owl</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>E</b>
2	Rufous-bellied Nighthawk	3			
1	Parauque	5			
f	Green Jay	2	5		
2	Speckled HB	2			
1	Wedge-billed HB	5			
<b>f</b>	<b>Western Emerald</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Greenish Puffleg</b>	<b>2</b>			
1	Green Hermit	4			
1	Collared Trogon	2			
f	Andean Motmot	2			
1	(Moustached Puffbird	seen briefly)	5		
3	Emerald Toucanet	2			
f	Crimson-rumped Toucanet	5			

1	Golden-olive WP	5	
2	Montane Woodcreeper		
2	Strong-billed Woodcreeper	2	
f	Red-faced Spinetail	5	
1	Streaked Xenops	2	
2	Spotted Barbtail	2	
2	Streak-capped Treehunter		
1	Montane Foliage-gleaner	2	
1	Lineated Foliage-gleaner	2	
2	(Parker`s Antbird	5	E seen briefly)
1	Slaty Antwren	5	
1	Plain Antvireo	4	
<b>2</b>	<b>Moustached Antpitta</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>excellent observation!</b>
1	Andean Cock-of-the-Rock	2	
c	Red-ruffed Fruitcrow	2	
<b>1</b>	<b>Black-throated Tody-Tyrant</b>	<b>2</b>	
f	Plumbeous-crowned Tyrannulet	2	
<b>2</b>	<b>Ashy-headed Tyrannulet</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Personal Species Number 5000</b>
1	Sooty-headed Tyrannulet	2	
f	Torrent Tyrannulet		
<b>3</b>	<b>Variegated Bristle-Tyrant</b>	<b>2</b>	
f	Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant	5	
<b>f</b>	<b>Rufous-breasted Flycatcher</b>		
1	Cinnamon Flycatcher	2	
<b>1</b>	<b>Pale-edged Flycatcher</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Arcadian Flycatcher</b>	<b>5</b>	
f	Golden-crowned Flycatcher		

f	Dusky-capped Flycatcher	2	
f	Streak-necked Flycatcher/Fruit-Tyrant	2	
<b>1</b>	<b>Chestnut-breasted Wren</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Whiskered Wren</b>	<b>5</b>	
fc	Glossy-black Thrush		
fc	Swainson`s Thrush		
1	Andean Solitaire	1	
<b>1</b>	<b>Black-billed Peppershrike</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Rufous-naped Greenlet</b>	<b>5</b>	
c	Blackburnian Warbler		
f	Canada Warbler		
<b>2</b>	<b>Olive-crowned Yellowthroat</b>	<b>2</b>	
fc	Three-striped Warbler	2	
f	Slate-throated White/Redstart		
f	Green Honeycreeper	5	
2	Masked Flowerpiercer	2	
f	Metallic-green Tanager	1	5
2	Saffron-crowned Tanager	1	
f	Multicolored Tanager	1	E
f	Golden Tanager	2	5
2	Blue-necked Tanager	2	
f	Bay-headed Tanager	2	5
f	Summer Tanager		
2	White-winged Tanager	2	superb!
<b>3</b>	<b>Crested Ant-Tanager</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>E</b>
fc	Flame-rumped Tanager	E	
1	Common Bush-Tanager	5	

f	Ash-throated Bush-Tanager	2	5
2	Oleaginous Hemispingus	2	
f	Orange-bellied Euphonia	2	
f	Pale-naped Brush-Finch	2	
f	Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch	2	
1	Black-winged Saltator	4	
f	Venezuelan Red Howler Monkey/ <i>Alouatta seniculus</i>		
1	Crab-eating Fox/ <i>Cerdocyon thous</i>		

### **Santa Rosa Cabal/Fuerte`s Parrot Site                      01/03/2018**

did a day trip to the Fuerte`s Parrot site above Santa Rosa Cabal with Diego and Adalberto. Paid 180.000 C\$ for the transportation with Adalberto's 4x4. The journey up to the birding spots took about 2.5 hours and for that reason we left Otun already at 4am. Had excellent bird activity throughout the day and outstanding observations of 7 Fuerte`s Parrots in a fruiting tree, 3 different Antpittas and Plushcap.

1	Broad-winged Hawk	
<b>7</b>	<b>Fuerte`s/Indigo-winged Parrot</b>	<b>E</b>
f	Bronze-winged Parrot	
f	Scarlet-fronted Parakeet	
fc	White-collared Swift	
f	Chestnut-collared Swift	
1	Speckled HB	
<b>1</b>	<b>Purple-backed Thornbill</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Black-thighed Puffleg</b>	
f	Mountain Velvetbreast	
<b>2</b>	<b>Tourmaline Sunangel</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Buff-winged Starfrontlet</b>	

2	Collared Inca
2	Booted Racket-tail
	Andean Motmot
<b>5</b>	<b>Black-billed Mountain-Toucan</b>
f	Azara`s Spinetail
1	Pearled Treerunner
<b>1</b>	<b>Chestnut-naped Antpitta</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Bicolored Antpitta</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Slate-crowned Antpitta</b>
fc	Red-crested Cotinga
f	White-throated Tyrannulet
f	White-banded Tyrannulet
f	Cinnamon Flycatcher
<b>1</b>	<b>Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Smoky Bush-Tyrant</b>
2	Blackish Tapaculo
<b>2</b>	<b>Rufous Wren</b>
c	Great Thrush
<b>f</b>	<b>Golden-fronted White/Redstart</b>
fc	Blue-backed Conebill
<b>1</b>	<b>Glossy Flowerpiercer</b>
fc	Masked Flowerpiercer
f	Blue-black Tanager
<b>2</b>	<b>Black-chested Mountain-Tanager</b>
f	Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager
<b>1</b>	<b>Gray-hooded Bush-Tanager</b>
<b>f</b>	<b>Superciliaried Hemispingus</b>

**1 Plush-capped Finch/Plushcap**

**1 Paramo Seed eater**

**fc Slaty Brush-Finch**

**f Andean Siskin**



[drive up to the Fuerte's Parrot site](#)

## **Montezuma Road      03 – 07/03/2018**

stayed 4 nights at Leopoldina's Posada (full board 170,000 PC per day). To make a reservation call her or write a WhatsApp (+57 317 6841034). Came (180.000) and left by taxi (Adalberto +57 313 6954305). Car to km 13 was 200,000 PC full day (normally 300,000), motorbike taxi to Cojones on day 3 was 80,000 PC, guiding fee 150,000 PC per day.

A beautiful place with fantastic birding opportunities. Undisturbed rain/cloud forest, truly magical in the mornings at higher altitude. My favorite site on this trip!! Tasty and healthy local food served, too and a special lunch service is available, as it is transported by a motorbike to the hungry birders! Freshly cooked of course. Good birding throughout, but especially around Cojones and the way down from km 13.

day 1: end of road at km 13 (2600m) down to Cojones at km 7 with John Cahill and Joel Such

day 2: around Lodge (1300m) and first 3km up the road with Leo

day 3: Cojones (2000m) down to Lodge with Leo

**1      Blackish Rail      2**

f      Swallow-tailed Kite      3

1      Plumbeous Pigeon      3

(Barred Parakeet)    heard      1

f      Scarlet-fronted Parakeet      1

(Cloud-forest Pygmy-Owl)    3      heard

**f      Beautiful Jay      1    3**

f      Rufous-tailed HB      2

f      Steely-vented HB      2

f      Western Emerald      2

f      Empress Brilliant    1    3

f      Green-fronted Lancebill      1    2

2      Greenish Puffleg    1

3      Glowing Puffleg      1

f      Velvet-purple Coronet    1    3

f      Buff-tailed Coronet      1

f      Tourmaline Sunangel    1

f      Tawny-bellied Hermit      2

**2      Streak-throated Hermit      2**

f      Purple-throated Woodstar      2

3      White-tailed Hillstar    1    2

f      Booted Racket-tail      1    3

f      Violet-tailed Sylph      1    3

f      Collared Inca      1

2      Brown Inca      3

f	White-necked Jacobin	2	
	Golden-headed Quetzal	3	heard
2	Crimson-rumped Toucanet	2	
1	Black-billed Mountain-Toucan	1	
2	Smoky-brown WP	2	
3	Red-headed Barbet	2	
	Toucan Barbet	3	heard
1	Montane Woodcreeper	3	
1	Spotted Woodcreeper	3	
3	Rufous Spinetail	1	
2	Slaty Spinetail	2	
f	Azara`s Spinetail	1	
1	<b>Pale-breasted Spinetail</b>	2	
f	Red-faced Spinetail	2	
f	<b>Fulvous-dotted Treerunner</b>	1	
f	<b>Buffy Tuftedcheek</b>	1	3
2	<b>Uniform Treehunter</b>	2	
f	Lineated Foliage-gleaner	1	
1	Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner	3	
1	Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner	3	
1	<b>Bar-crested Antshrike</b>	2	
2	(Uniform Antshrike	3	briefly)
1	Zeledon`s Antbird	2	
1	<b>Parker`s Antbird</b>	3	E
2	<b>Streak-headed Antbird</b>	1	
1	Yellow-breasted Antwren	3	
1	<b>Bicolored Antvireo</b>	1	

1	Yellow-breasted Antpitta	3	
2	Golden-winged Manakin	2	
1	Club-winged Manakin	3	
<b>3</b>	<b>Striped Manakin</b>	<b>2</b>	
f	Green-and-black Fruiteater	1	
<b>3</b>	<b>Orange-breasted Fruiteater</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
2	Masked Tityra	2	
1	Bright-rumped Attila	2	
<b>2</b>	<b>Black-capped Pygmy-Tyrant</b>	<b>1</b>	
1	Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant	2	
1	Black-throated Tody-Tyrant	1	
<b>2</b>	<b>Black-capped Tyrannulet</b>	<b>3</b>	
fc	Golden-faced Tyrannulet		
f	Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant	2	
f	Cinnamon Flycatcher	1	
4	Ornate Flycatcher	1	2
<b>f</b>	<b>Handsome Flycatcher</b>	<b>1</b>	
	Rusty-margined Flycatcher		
f	Golden-crowned Flycatcher		
<b>1</b>	<b>Great-crested Flycatcher</b>	<b>2</b>	
f	Black Phoebe	1	
2	Smoky Bush-Tyrant	1	
f	Blue-and-white Swallow		
f	Southern Rough-winged Swallow	3	
f	Brown-bellied Swallow		
<b>1</b>	<b>Narino Tapaculo</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Tatama Tapaculo</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>E</b>

<b>1</b>	<b>Choco Tapaculo</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Sooty-headed Wren</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Munchique Wood-Wren</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>E</b>
f	Gray-breasted Wood-Wren		
<b>1</b>	<b>Sharpe`s Wren</b>	<b>3</b>	
c	Great Thrush		
f	Swainson`s Thrush		
f	Russet-backed Oropendola	<b>2</b>	
f	Rufous-naped Greenlet	<b>2</b>	
f	Tropical Parula		
c	Blackburnian Warbler		
f	Canada Warbler	<b>2</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Tennessee Warbler</b>	<b>2</b>	
fc	Black-crested Warbler		
	Citrine Warbler	<b>3</b>	
<b>fc</b>	<b>Golden-bellied/Choco Warbler</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Bay-breasted Warbler</b>	<b>2</b>	
f	Buff-rumped Warbler	<b>2</b>	
c	Golden-fronted White/Redstart	<b>1</b>	
fc	Slate-throated White/Redstart	<b>1</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Golden-collared Honeycreeper</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
fc	White-sided Flowerpiercer	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Chestnut-bellied Flowerpiercer</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>E</b>
f	Masked Flowerpiercer	<b>1</b>	
fc	Bluish Flowerpiercer	<b>1</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Indigo Flowerpiercer</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
f	Metallic-green Tanager	<b>2</b>	

<b>fc</b>	<b>Glistening-green Tanager</b>	<b>1 3</b>	<b>superb</b>
f	Golden Tanager	3	
fc	Beryl-spangled Tanager	1 2 3	
f	Silvery-throated Tanager	2	
2	Golden-hooded Tanager	2	
1	Rufous-throated Tanager	2	
2	Flame-faced Tanager	3	
2	Bay-headed Tanager	2	
<b>3</b>	<b>Grass-green Tanager</b>	<b>1</b>	
f	Black-chinned Mountain-Tanager	1 3	
f	Hooded Mountain-Tanager	1	
f	Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager	3	
<b>fc</b>	<b>Purplish-mantled Tanager</b>	<b>1 3</b>	<b>top</b>
<b>f</b>	<b>Black-and-gold Tanager</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>E superb</b>
<b>f</b>	<b>Gold-ringed Tanager</b>	<b>1 3</b>	<b>E</b>
f	Summer Tanager	1 3	
<b>f</b>	<b>Crimson-backed Tanager</b>	<b>2</b>	
f	Crested Ant-Tanager	2 3	E
c	Lemon-rumped Tanager		
f	Dusky-faced Tanager	2	
<b>f</b>	<b>Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia</b>	<b>1</b>	
f	Common Bush-Tanager	3	
f	Dusky-bellied Bush-Tanager	1	
1	Thick-billed Euphonia	1	
<b>f</b>	<b>Dusky/Choco Brush-Finch</b>	<b>1 3</b>	
f	Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch	3	
1	Olive Finch	3	

- f      Black-winged Saltator    2
  - f      Gray Seedeater            2
  - f      Variable Seedeater        3
  - f      Black-and-white Seedeater    2
  - f      Thick-billed Seed-Finch       2
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- 2      Central American Agouti (*Dasyprocta punctata*)    2   3





wonderful view from Cojones early morning

4x4 essential





Velvet-purple Coronet

Golden-fronted White/Redstart

Purplish-mantled Tanager





## **Rio Blanco      07 – 11/03/2018**

after a 7 hours' drive with Adalberto (220,000 C\$) I arrived at Rio Blanco late evening. Got a big room with attached bathroom in the new building (paid 123,000 C\$ instead of 180,000 because the cheaper room I had booked was occupied). The nice caretaker Maria and her family prepare 3 meals a day at fixed times for their guests.

Birded with the sympathetic and good guides Arthuro and Albeiro for 3 full days (70.000/day). Sometimes other bird watchers joined us. Rio Blanco is famous for the opportunity to see Antpittas from close range at feeders, but also holds many other very interesting species. Highlights were White-capped Tanager, 3 species of Tapaculo, 4 species of Antpitta, Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant, Rufous-crowned Tody-Tyrant and Dusky Piha.

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|----------|----------------------------|----------|
| <b>1</b> | <b>Chestnut Wood-Quail</b> | <b>E</b> |
| f        | Sickle-winged Guan         |          |
| fc       | Andean Guan                |          |
| f        | Band-tailed Pigeon         |          |

- f Eared Dove
- f Scaly-naped Parrot
- f Bronze-winged Parrot
- 1 White-throated Screech-Owl**  
(Andean Pygmy-Owl heard)
- f Speckled HB
- 2 Black-thighed Puffleg
- f Velvet-purple Coronet
- f Buff-tailed Coronet
- f Tourmaline Sunangel
- 2 White-bellied Woodstar
- f Long-tailed Sylph
- f Collared Inca
- 2 Golden-headed Quetzal
- 3 Masked Trogon
- f Andean Motmot
- f Emerald Toucanet
- f Black-billed Mountain-Toucan
- 2 Powerful Woodpecker
- 2 Yellow-vented WP**
- fc Montane Woodcreeper
- 1 Strong-billed Woodcreeper
- 1 Tyrannine Woodcreeper**
- f Azara`s Spinetail
- fc Streaked Xenops
- fc Pearled Treerunner
- 3 Streaked Tuftedcheek

- 2      Flammulated Treehunter**
- f      Montane Foliage-gleaner
- 1      Streak-headed Antbird
- 1      Bicolored Antpitta
- 2      Brown-banded Antpitta    E**
- 3      Slate-crowned Antpitta
- 1      Chestnut-crowned Antpitta
- 1      Dusky Piha**
- 2      Green-and-black Fruiteater
- f      Barred Becard
- 1      Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant    fantastic**
- 2      Rufous-crowned Tody-Tyrant    superb!**
- 2      Black-capped Tyrannulet
- fc      Golden-faced Tyrannulet
- 2      White-tailed Tyrannulet
- fc      Rufous-breasted Flycatcher
- c      Cinnamon Flycatcher
- f      Pale-edged Flycatcher
- Golden-crowned Flycatcher
- 1      Rufous-chested Chat-Tyrant
- 2      Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant
- 2      Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant**
- 2      Smoky Bush-Tyrant
- Blue-and-white Swallow
- f      Pale-footed Swallow
- 1      Blackish Tapaculo
- 2      Ash-colored Tapaculo**

- 2      Spillmann`s Tapaculo
- Stiles`s Tapaculo    heard
- Gray-breasted Wood-Wren
- fc     Sharpe`s Wren
- f      Rufous Wren
- f      Mountain Wren
- f      Glossy-black Thrush
- fc     Great Thrush
- 1      Yellow-billed Cacique**
- 2      Brown-capped Vireo
- f      Canada Warbler
- fc     Blackburnian Warbler
- f      Russet-crowned Warbler
- fc     Black-crested Warbler
- fc     Golden-fronted White/Redstart
- f      Slate-throated White/Redstart
- 5      Capped Conebill
- f      Masked Flowerpiercer
- f      Metallic-green Tanager
- c      Blue-black Tanager
- c      Beryl-spangled Tanager
- f      Blue-capped Tanager
- f      Grass-green Tanager      top observation
- 2      White-capped Tanager      beautiful**
- f      Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager
- f      Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager
- f      Gray-hooded Bush-Tanager

- f      Oleaginous Hemispingus
- f      Supercilliated Hemispingus
- f      Black-capped Hemispingus
- fc     Black-eared Hemispingus
- 4      Plush-capped Finch/Plushcap                      superb
- f      Slaty Brush-Finch
- f      Stripe-headed Brush-Finch**
- f      Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch
- 5      Masked Saltator**
- f      Yellow-bellied Siskin
  
- f      Andean Squirrel/Sciurus pucheranii**
- f      Red-tailed Squirrel/Sciurus granatensis
- f      Sulkowski's Morpho/Morpho sulkowskyi**





Chestnut-crowned and Brown-banded Antpitta

Green-and-black Fruiteater



hummers (Buff-tailed Coronet) around the feeders of the lodge





Red-tailed Squirrel

lodging at Rio Blanco



## Paramo/Nevado del Ruiz

12/03/2018

from Manizales I did a day visit to Paramo del Ruiz with the local birder John, whom I knew from km 18. John (asked for 80.000) also organized a 4x4 trip (250.000) and I was picked up at my hotel at 5am. We first drove up to a place called Brizas at 4200m (entrance to the NP) to see Buffy Helmetcrest which we easily found. Afterwards we went to the Hotel Termales del Ruiz and spent 2 hours observing various Hummingbirds at feeders (entrance fee 30.000?). After a late breakfast we drove slowly down on the old road to Manizales which leads to the Termales de Manizales and had several birding stops on the way. We usually walked for 30-60 minutes, got picked up by our taxi and continued to the next promising spot. Saw my first Ocellated Tapaculo that way, which is my bird of the trip. We heard it calling and waited patiently for about 15 minutes, using playback from time to time, until finally we had fairly good looks at the bird!! All in all this was a fantastic day trip and I can only highly recommend going there.

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1: way up                                      2: Brizas                                      3: Hotel Termales del Ruiz  
4: old road down from Hotel Termales del Ruiz

2	Andean Teal	1
1	Andean Duck	1
1	Andean Condor	1
fc	Band-tailed Pigeon	
2	<b>Black-collared Jay</b>	<b>4</b>
2	<b>Golden-breasted Puffleg</b>	<b>3</b>
2	Black-thighed Puffleg	
1	<b>Rainbow-bearded Thornbill</b>	<b>3</b>
3	<b>Viridian Metaltail</b>	<b>3</b>
1	<b>Buffy Helmetcrest</b>	<b>2</b>
2	Mountain Velvetbreast	
f	Buff-winged Starfrontlet	3
f	Shining Sunbeam	3
f	Great Sapphirewing	3

f	Crimson-mantled WP	4	
1	Strong-billed Woodcreeper	4	
f	Stout-billed Cinclodes	1	
2	Andean Tit-Spinetail	2	
1	Rufous Spinetail	1	
f	Pearled Treerunner	4	
f	Tawny Antpitta	1	
f	White-throated Tyrannulet	4	
f	White-banded Tyrannulet	4	
	Blackish Tapaculo	4	heard
	Paramo Tapaculo	1	heard
<b>1</b>	<b>Ocellated Tapaculo</b>	<b>4</b>	
fc	Mountain Wren	4	
2	Sedge Wren	1	
c	Great Thrush		
f	Black-crested Warbler		
c	Golden-fronted White/Redstart		
fc	Slate-throated White/Redstart		
2	Blue-backed Conebill	4	
1	Glossy Flowerpiercer		
fc	Masked Flowerpiercer		
2	Grass-green Tanager	4	
f	Hooded Mountain-Tanager	4	
f	Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager		
f	Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager		
f	Black-capped Hemispingus	4	
1	Black-headed Hemispingus	4	

f	<b>Slaty Brush-Finch</b>	<b>4</b>
2	Pale-naped Brush-Finch	4
f	Plain-colored Seedeater	1
f	Plumbeous Sierra-Finch	1



[view](#)

[Buffy Helmetcrest](#)

[Golden-breasted Puffleg](#)

[Great Sapphirewing](#)

[Shining Sunbeam](#)

[Rainbow-bearded Thornbill](#)

[Masked Flowerpiercer](#)







## Humedal Jaboque 15/03/2018

on my last full day in Colombia I took an early morning taxi (30.000) from my hotel in Bogota to meet local birder Juan Miguel near the entrance of Parque/Humedal La Florida, which is located near the airport. But unfortunately they sprayed against insects/mosquitoes that particular day, so that we were refused access. Alternatively we walked to the nearby Humedal Jaboque which at least holds some of the species that are to be found at La Florida. At least we had excellent views of Bogota Rail in perfect light and saw a Noble Snipe.

But walking around the place with bins and/or camera seems not to be totally safe as several people and even the police stopped to tell us that this was a dangerous thing to do. But Juan Miguel told me that he had been birding here many times without facing any problems. I paid Juan Miguel 20 US.

To get a guide you may contact Juan Miguel (+57 319 2252713) or Rene Jaguarundi (+57 312 5859630). He has an agency and can also help you to arrange bird watching at other places around Bogota. Juan Miguel works for him.

f Andean Duck

f Black-crowned Night-Heron

f Bare-faced Ibis

**2 Bogota Rail E**

4 Spot-flanked Gallinule

c Common Gallinule

f Purple Gallinule

f Southern Lapwing

**1 Noble Snipe**

f Shiny Cowbird

f Yellow-headed Blackbird

1 Northern Waterthrush

**1 Guinea Pig (Cavia (aperea/porcellus) anolaimae)**

**Birdlist 126 lifers**

## **Chestnut Wood-Quail    E**

one bird crossed the road at Rio Blanco. Heard at Otun

## **Black-crowned Night-Heron**

few at Laguna de Sonso and Humedal Jaboque

## **Rufescent Tiger-Heron**

1 San Cipriano at a little stream

## **Cattle Egret**

seen a couple of times

## **Snowy Egret**

few at Laguna de Sonso

## **Cocoi Heron**

singles at Laguna de Sonso

## **Great Heron**

seen at various sites

## **Tricolored Heron**

a singleton at Laguna de Sonso

## **Striated Heron**

few at at Laguna de Sonso

## **Bare-faced Ibis**

seen at Laguna de Sonso, Otun and Humedal Jaboque

## **Glossy Ibis**

few were found at Laguna de Sonso

## **Olivaceous Cormorant**

seen at Laguna de Sonso

## **Pied-billed Grebe**

2 at Laguna de Sonso

### Fulvous Whistling-Duck

some were found at Laguna de Sonso

### Black-bellied Whistling-Duck

fairly common at Laguna de Sonso

### Andean Teal

2 at Paramo del Ruiz

### Andean Duck

1 at Paramo del Ruiz

### Torrent Duck

2 seen at Otun

### Andean Condor

one seen soaring high at Nevado de Ruiz

### Turkey Vulture

common

### Yellow-headed Caracara

few at Laguna de Sonso

### Snail Kite

only seen at Laguna de Sonso

### Broad-winged Hawk

1 at Otun, 1 above Santa Rosa de Cabal

### Swallow-tailed Kite

several at Montezuma

### **Semiplumbeous Hawk**

one at San Cipriano

## Sickle-winged Guan

few seen at Otun and at Rio Blanco

## **Cauca Guan    E**

this endemic Guan was a common appearance at Otun

## **Baudo Guan**

1 seen briefly on the way to the waterfall at San Cipriano

## Andean Guan

a fairly common bird at Rio Blanco

## **Colombian Chachalaca    E**

seen at Cristo Rey and km 18, where fairly common

## **Blackish Rail**

one observation behind the ponds next to the restaurant at Montezuma Lodge

## **Bogota Rail    E**

2 individuals seen very well at Humedal Jaboque

## Purple Gallinule

few at Laguna de Sonso and Humedal Jaboque

## Spot-flanked Gallinule

4 at Humedal Jaboque

## Common Gallinule

few at Laguna de Sonso, common at Humedal Jaboque

## American Coot

common at Humedal Jaboque

## Southern Lapwing

seen at Laguna de Sonso and Humedal Jaboque

## Black-necked Stilt

found at Laguna de Sonso

### **Noble Snipe**

1 sighting at Humedal Jaboque

### **Lesser Yellowleg**

1 individual was found at Laguna de Sonso

### **Spotted Sandpiper**

few were seen

### **Limpkin**

few were observed at Laguna de Sonso

### **Wattled Jacana**

few seen at Laguna de Sonso

### **Band-tailed Pigeon**

few at Rio Blanco, fairly common at Paramo del Ruiz

### **Pale-vented Pigeon**

1 at Laguna de Sonso, few at Otun

### **White-tipped Dove**

2 were seen on a trail at Otun

### **Ruddy Ground-Dove**

seen at several sites

### **Eared Dove**

fairly common

### **Ruddy Pigeon**

2 at San Cipriano

### **Plumbeous Pigeon**

seen at Montezuma

### **Grey-headed Dove**

one bird was finally found at Laguna de Sonso

### **Pallid Dove**

1 seen on the road at San Cipriano

### **Rose-faced Parrot**

several seen flying over every day

### **Fuerte`s/Indigo-winged Parrot    E**

7 observed in a fruit tree above Santa Rosa de Cabal. This rare Parrot was thought to be extinct for about 90 years but was rediscovered 2002.

### **Blue-headed Parrot**

this Parrot was common and nicely observed at Laguna de Sonso

### **Scaly-naped Parrot**

few were found at Rio Blanco

### **Speckle-faced Parrot**

few seen at Otun

### **Bronze-winged Parrot**

common at Otun, few above Santa Rosa de Cabal and at Rio Blanco

### **(Barred Parakeet)**

heard flying high at Montezuma.

### **Golden-plumed Parakeet**

few observed in a fruiting tree at Otun

### **Scarlet-fronted Parakeet**

common at Yotoko, few above Santa Rosa de Cabal and at Montezuma

### **Spectacled Parrotlet**

a lifer for me and very common at Laguna de Sonso

### **Squirrel Cuckoo**

1 sighting

### Smooth-billed Ani

seen at Laguna de Sonso

### Greater Ani

seen at Laguna de Sonso

### (Mottled Owl)

heard at night in the garden of the visitor centre and lodge at Otun

### **White-throated Screech-Owl**

1 seen/torch lighted above the guest house at Rio Blanco

### **Colombian Screech-Owl**

torch lighted on the way to El Cedal at Otun

### (Andean Pygmy-Owl)

heard at Rio Blanco

### (Cloud-forest Pygmy-Owl)

heard at Montezuma

### Common Potoo

1 seen at Otun ????

### Parauque

1 at Otun

### Rufous-bellied Nighthawk

seen early morning in the garden of the visitor centre at Otun

### **Common Nighthawk**

excellent looks at 2 individuals sleeping in a tree during the day at Laguna de Sonso

### White-collared Swift

a fairly common sight at Colombia, in lowlands and mountains

## Chestnut-collared Swift

some found above Santa Rosa de Cabal

## Beautiful Jay

small groups seen on 2 occasions at Montezuma

## Green Jay

few at Otun

## Black-collared Jay

2 spotted on the way down from Paramo del Ruiz

## Black-chested Jay

few of those Jays where seen once at San Cipriano

## Crowned Woodnymph

2 observed at Finca Alejandria, km 18

## Rufous-tailed HB

1 was seen at km 18, 1 at San Cipriano, some at Montezuma

## Speckled HB

2 at Otun, 1 above Santa Rosa de Cabal and some at Rio Blanco

## Steely-vented HB

few at km 18 and at Montezuma

## Wedge-billed Hummingbird

1 at Otun

## Andean Emerald

fairly common at km 18,

## Western Emerald

few seen in the garden of the visitor center and down the main road at Otun. Some more found at Montezuma

## Black-throated Mango

1 sighting

### **Blue-headed Sapphire**

few observed at km 18

### **Green-fronted Lancebill**

few seen at Montezuma. Nice observation of a bird sitting next to a stream (first bridge).

### **Fawn-breasted Brilliant**

fairly common at km 18

### **Empress Brilliant**

some at Montezuma

### **Golden-breasted Puffleg**

2 found at the feeders of Hotel Termales del Ruiz

### **Black-thighed Puffleg**

1 above Santa Rosa, 2 at Rio Blanco and 2 at Paramo del Ruiz

### **Greenish Puffleg**

1 at Otun, 2 at Montezuma

### **Glowing Puffleg**

3 seen at Montezuma

### **Purple-backed Thornbill**

1 perching high in a tree above Santa Rosa de Cabal

### **Rainbow-bearded Thornbill**

1 female found above the feeders at Hotel Termales del Ruiz

### **Viridian Metaltail**

3 individuals were visiting the feeders at Hotel Termales del Ruiz

### **Buffy Helmetcrest**

1 bird was spotted and observed just before the entrance of NP Nevado del Ruiz at 4150m altitude. Seems to be the usual spot to see this species.

### Brown Violetear

fairly common at km 18

### Mountain Velvetbreast

seen at Yotoko, above Santa Rosa de Cabal and at Hotel Termales del Ruiz

### Velvet-purple Coronet

some of those beauties seen in good light at Montezuma (feeder at Cajones) and at Rio Blanco

### Buff-tailed Coronet

few at the feeders at Rio Blanco

### **Tourmaline Sunangel**

2 above Santa Rosa de Cabal, few at Montezuma and at Rio Blanco

### Green Hermit

1 at Otun

### Stripe-throated Hermit    **lifer if Boucard`s is split**

1 at San Cipriano

### White-whiskered Hermit

few were observed at San Cipriano

### Tawny-bellied Hermit

some found at Montezuma

### **Streak-throated Hermit**

2 sightings at Montezuma. Split from Dusky-throated Hermit.

### Purple-throated Woodstar

this tiny hummer was fairly common at km 18, Montezuma

### White-bellied Woodstar

2 at the feeder at Rio Blanco

### White-tailed Hillstar

3 seen at Montezuma

### **Buff-winged Starfrontlet**

2 above Santa Rosa de Cabal and some at Hotel Termales del Ruiz

### Booted Racket-tail

frequently seen at km 18, at Montezuma

### Long-tailed Sylph

fairly common at km 18 and at Rio Blanco

### Violet-tailed Sylph

some at Montezuma

### **White-vented Plumeleteer**

2 individuals seen at Yotoko

### Great Sapphirewing

few found at the feeders of Hotel Termales del Ruiz

### Shining Sunbeam

few nice observations at the feeders of Hotel Termales del Ruiz

### Collared Inca

some spotted above Santa Rosa de Cabal, at Montezuma and at Rio Blanco

### Brown Inca

2 at Montezuma

### Bronzy Inca

few at Finca Conchita, km 18

### White-necked Jacobin

seen at km 18, at Montezuma

## Golden-headed Quetzal

heard at Montezuma. 2 birds seen at Rio Blanco (road downwards).

## Blue-tailed Trogon

3 were seen on the main road at San Cipriano, only a few hundred meters away from the village

## White-tailed Trogon

1 at San Cipriano

## Masked Trogon

3 seen at Rio Blanco

## Collared Trogon

2 found at Yotoko, 1 at Otun

## Ringed Kingfisher

few at Laguna de Sonso

## Amazon Kingfisher

some at Laguna de Sonso

## Green Kingfisher

1 found at Laguna de Sonso

## Highland/Andean Motmot

small number seen at various sites like km 18, Otun, above Santa Rosa de Cabal and at Rio Blanco

## Broad-billed Motmot

seen twice at San Cipriano

## (Moustached Puffbird)

1 seen briefly at Otun

## **Black-breasted Puffbird**

seen well at San Cipriano once

## **Emerald Toucanet**

3 at Otun, some at Rio Blanco

## **Crimson-rumped Toucanet**

1 in the garden of the lodge at Yotoko, few at Otun, 2 at Montezuma

## **Collared Aracari**

had beautiful observations of this Aracari at San Cipriano every evening

## **Black-billed Mountain-Toucan**

5 of those beautiful Toucans spotted above Santa Rosa de Cabal. 1 more was found at Montezuma. Some seen at Rio Blanco too.

## **Choco Toucan**

fairly common at San Cipriano

## **Chestnut-mandibled/Yellow-throated Toucan**

this species was a bit less common than Choco Toucan at San Cipriano

## **Powerful Woodpecker**

2 individuals at Rio Blanco

## **Lineated WP**

2 seen at Laguna de Sonso

## **Red-crowned WP**

one seen in the city of Cali

## **Golden-olive Woodpecker**

1 at Otun

## **Spot-breasted Woodpecker**

4 birds were seen at Laguna de Sonso

## **Yellow-vented WP**

2 observations at Rio Blanco

## **Crimson-mantled WP**

few seen at Paramo/Nevado del Ruiz

### Smoky-brown WP

2 seen at Montezuma

### Acorn WP

one nice observation at a feeder at Finca Conchita, km 18

### **Grayish Piculet    E**

one observation at Yotoco

### Red-headed Barbet

few at km 18, 3 at Montezuma

### (Toucan Barbet)

heard at Montezuma

### Montane Woodcreeper

seen at km 18, Otun, Montezuma and at Rio Blanco

### Spotted Woodcreeper

only 1 seen at Montezuma

### Strong-billed Woodcreeper

2 at Otun, 1 at Rio Blanco and 1 at Paramo del Ruiz

### **Tyrannine Woodcreeper**

1 finally spotted on my last day at Rio Blanco

### Stout-billed Cinclodes

few at Paramo del Ruiz

### Andean Tit-Spinetail

2 were seen at Paramo del Ruiz

### Rufous Spinetail

3 seen at the end of Montezuma road, 13km away from Leopoldina's Posada and 1 at Paramo del Ruiz

### Azara`s Spinetail

few above Santa Rosa de Cabal, at Rio Blanco and at Montezuma Road

### Pale-breasted Spinetail

1 seen at Montezuma

### Red-faced Spinetail

seen at km 18, Otun, Montezuma Road

### Streaked Xenops

1 at Otun, fairly common at Rio Blanco

### Pearled Treerunner

1 above Santa Rosa de Cabal, several at Rio Blanco and some at Paramo del Ruiz

### Fulvous-dotted Treerunner

few observations at Montezuma Road

### Spotted Barbtail

2 observed at Otun

### Streaked Tuftedcheek

3 observations at Rio Blanco

### Buffy Tuftedcheek

several times good looks at Montezuma

### Streak-capped Treehunter

2 found at Otun

### Flammulated Treehunter

2 beautiful observations at Rio Blanco. Had one bird singing and sitting quietly for minutes in my bins.

### Uniform Treehunter

2 individuals seen at Montezuma

### Striped Foliage-Gleaner/Woodhunter

one sighting at San Cipriano

### Montane Foliage-gleaner

1 at Otun, some at Rio Blanco

### Lineated Foliage-gleaner

1 at Otun, some at Montezuma

### Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner

1 at Montezuma

### Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner

1 spotted at Montezuma

### (Sharp-tailed Streamcreeper) ??

one at the lower trail at Yotoco for a moment was possibly this species. Not on the checklist for this place.

### Slaty Antshrike

4 individuals were found at San Cipriano

### Bar-crested Antshrike

1 sighting at the lower part of Montezuma Road

### (Uniform Antshrike)

2 birds were seen briefly only

### Chestnut-backed Antbird

1 observation at San Cipriano

### Zeledon's Antbird

few were identified at San Cipriano and 1 at Montezuma

### Parker's Antbird E

first seen briefly at Otun. Had better looks later at Montezuma.

### Streak-headed Antbird

4 individuals observed at Montezuma, 1 at Rio Blanco. Very pretty creatures! A split from Long-tailed Antbird.

### **Slaty Antwren**

seen on a trail behind the visitor centre at Otun

### **Yellow-breasted Antwren**

1 at Montezuma

### **Spot-crowned Antvireo**

2 individuals were seen at San Cipriano

### **Plain Antvireo**

first seen at km 18, than 1 more at Otun-Quimbaya

### **Bicolored Antvireo**

had finally good looks at a single bird at Montezuma. Not easy to see well.

### **Chestnut-naped Antpitta**

good looks early morning at 1 individual above Santa Rosa de Cabal. Wow!

### **Bicolored Antpitta**

had a rather quick look at one bird above Santa Rosa de Cabal. One more seen better at the feeder at Rio Blanco

### **Brown-banded Antpitta E**

2 of those endemics were seen well at two different feeders at Rio Blanco

### **Scaled Antpitta**

one nice observation of a bird hopping on the lower trail at Yotoco NP

### **Moustached Antpitta**

wonderful observation early morning of 2 individuals hopping around on the road to El Cedal

### **Slate-crowned Antpitta**

1 observation of this tiny Antpitta above Santa Rosa de Cabal. 3 found visiting the feeder at Rio Blanco

### **Chestnut-crowned Antpitta**

what a beauty! And observed very well at the feeder at Rio Blanco

### **Yellow-breasted Antpitta**

1 nice observation at Cojones at Montezuma Road

### **Tawny Antpitta**

few seen at the upper part of Paramo del Ruiz

### **Chestnut-crowned Gnateater**

one splendid observation at Yotoco

### **Golden-winged Manakin**

a couple was observed displaying on the road to Finca Conchita. 2 more seen at Montezuma Road

### **Club-winged Manakin**

1 female seen at Montezuma

### **Golden-collared Manakin**

2 were seen nicely at San Cipriano

### **Striped Manakin**

3 seen at Montezuma. The male is really stunning!

### **Dusky Piha**

this species turned out to be difficult to find. Had a nice and long observation on my last evening at Rio Blanco

### **Red-crested Cotinga**

fairly common above Santa Rosa de Cabal

### **Andean Cock-of-the-Rock**

a female was discovered at Otun

### **Purple-throated Fruitcrow**

few were seen at San Cipriano

## Red-ruffed Fruitcrow

common at Otun

## Green-and-black Fruiteater

few at Montezuma and 2 at Rio Blanco

## Orange-breasted Fruiteater

2 sightings at Montezuma Road. What a beautiful bird!

## Cinnamon Becard

2 observations at San Cipriano

## Barred Becard

several of those small Becards were spotted at Rio Blanco

## Masked Tityra

2 seen below the Lodge at Montezuma

## Bright-rumped Attila

1 observation at the lower part of Montezuma Road

## Black-capped Pygmy-Tyrant

spotted twice at Montezuma

## Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant

1 individual at Montezuma

## Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant

1 splendid observation from very close range at Rio Blanco. A real stunner!!

## Common Tody-Flycatcher

few found at Laguna de Sonso

## Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher

3 were observed at Laguna de Sonso

## Black-throated Tody-Tyrant

1 observation at Otun and 1 at Montezuma

### **Rufous-crowned Tody-Tyrant**

this lovely Today-Tyrant was seen extremely well twice at Rio Blanco. Came too close to use the bins!

### **Black-capped Tyrannulet**

2 birds were seen at Montezuma, 2 at Rio Blanco

### **White-throated Tyrannulet**

few birds seen above Santa Rosa de Cabal and at Paramo del Ruiz

### **Plumbeous-crowned Tyrannulet**

few seen at Otun

### **Sooty-headed Tyrannulet**

one at Otun

### **Golden-faced Tyrannulet**

fairly common at Montezuma and at Rio Blanco

### **White-tailed Tyrannulet**

2 at Rio Blanco

### **White-banded Tyrannulet**

several of this pretty Tyrannulet seen in good light above Santa Rosa de Cabal and at Paramo del Ruiz

### **Ashy-headed Tyrannulet**

2 at Otun

### **Torrent Tyrannulet**

few found at Otun

### **Variegated Bristle-Tyrant**

3 seen at Otun

### **Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant**

few at Otun and at Montezuma

### **Rufous-breasted Flycatcher**

few seen at Otun, fairly common at Rio Blanco

### **Cinnamon Flycatcher**

1 at Otun, few above Santa Rosa de Cabal and at Montezuma, common at Rio Blanco

### **Ornate Flycatcher**

4 birds spotted at Montezuma

### **Handsome Flycatcher**

several seen at Montezuma

### **Vermillion Flycatcher**

seen at km 18,

### **Pale-edged Flycatcher**

1 at Otun, few at Rio Blanco

### **Apical Flycatcher    E**

3 of those endemic Flycatchers were seen well at Laguna de Sonso

### **Arcadian Flycatcher**

2 individuals of this winter resident seen at Otun

### **Rusty-margined Flycatcher**

seen at several sites

### **Golden-crowned Flycatcher**

seen at different places

### **Dusky-capped Flycatcher**

seen at Yotoco, Otun

### **Great-crested Flycatcher**

1 at Montezuma Road

## Tropical Kingbird

seen at various places

## Streak-necked Flycatcher/Fruit-Tyrant

few seen at Otun

## Olive-striped Flycatcher/Fruit-Tyrant

2 birds were found at San Cipriano

## Black Phoebe

several at Montezuma

## Yellow-bellied Eleania

2 at Laguna de Sonso

## Slaty Eleania

one found at Cristo Rey above Cali

## Long-tailed Tyrant

2 were seen sitting in tall trees at San Cipriano

## Rufous-chested Chat-Tyrant

1 observed at Rio Blanco

## **Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant**

1 observation above Santa Rosa de Cabal, 2 at Rio Blanco. A pretty bird!

## **Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant**

2 individuals seen at Rio Blanco. Not easy to see – keeps to low vegetation and is rather shy.

## **Smoky Bush-Tyrant**

2 individuals seen above Santa Rosa de Cabal, 2 at Montezuma and 2 at Rio Blanco

## Blue-and-white Swallow

seen at various sites

## Pale-footed Swallow

few seen at Rio Blanco

## Southern Rough-winged Swallow

few at Montezuma

## Brown-chested Martin

## Brown-bellied Swallow

seen at Montezuma

## Narino Tapaculo

1 seen at the upper part of Montezuma Road

## Tatama Tapaculo    E

1 seen with patience below Cojones at Montezuma Road

## Choco Tapaculo

1 bird glimpsed crossing the road at the lower part of Montezuma Road

## Blackish Tapaculo

2 individuals responded to playback and gave us several short looks above Santa Rosa de Cabal. 1 more sighting at Rio Blanco (without playback). Heard at Paramo del Ruiz

## Ash-colored Tapaculo

finally 2 observations after some unsuccessful attempts at Rio Blanco

## Spillmann`s Tapaculo

2 birds seen with patience at Rio Blanco

## (Stiles`s Tapaculo)

several heard at Rio Blanco

## (Paramo Tapaculo)

heard at Paramo del Ruiz

## Ocellated Tapaculo

1 individual finally gave us excellent looks (3 times) after 10 minutes of waiting patiently on the way down from Paramo del Ruiz. Stunning! Bird of the trip!! Thought I would never see this beautiful Tapaculo in my life.

### **Chestnut-breasted Wren**

1 found at Otun

### **Bay Wren**

seen twice at San Cipriano

### **Sooty-headed Wren**

2 spotted at Montezuma

### **Whiskered Wren**

good looks at 2 birds at Otun

### **Munchique Wood-Wren   E**

1 observation from 1 meter distance at the end of Montezuma Road

### **Gray-breasted Wood-Wren**

heard at many sites. Seen at Montezuma and at Rio Blanco

### **Sharpe`s Wren**

1 bird at Montezuma Road, fairly common at Rio Blanco

### **Rufous Wren**

2 spotted in a bush above Santa Rosa de Cabal, some more at Rio Blanco

### **Mountain Wren**

few birds spotted at Rio Blanco, fairly common at Paramo del Ruiz

### **Sedge Wren**

2 sightings at Paramo del Ruiz

### **House Wren**

found throughout Colombia

### **Half-collared Gnatwren**

3 birds were nicely and for a rather long time observed at San Cipriano

### **Slate-throated Gnatcatcher**

a small group was observed once at San Cipriano

### **Glossy-black Thrush**

fairly common at Otun, some at Rio Blanco

### **Great Thrush**

common above Santa Rosa de Cabal, at Montezuma, at Rio Blanco and at Paramo del Ruiz including Hotel Termales del Ruiz

### **Black-billed Thrush**

a common and widespread bird

### **Swainson`s Thrush**

fairly common at Otun and at Montezuma

### **Andean Solitaire**

2 seen at km 18, 1 at Otun

### **Rufous-brown Solitaire**

one seen at Cristo Rey above Cali

### **Yellow Oriole**

2 in Cali, few at Laguna de Sonso

### **Baltimore Oriole**

few were seen at Laguna de Sonso

### **Yellow-bellied Cacique**

1 observation (no good looks) at Rio Blanco while waiting for Antpittas at the feeder.

### **Carib Grackle**

few birds seen in Manizales

### **Shiny Cowbird**

seen at km 18 and at Humedal Jaboque

## Yellow-hooded Blackbird

few seen at Humedal Jaboque

## Red-breasted Blackbird

1 at Laguna de Sonso

## Russet-backed Oropendola

some at Montezuma

## **Black-billed Peppershrike**

heard at km 18. First seen at Otun near the visitor centre.

## **Rufous-naped Greenlet**

1 finally spotted at Otun. Then several at Montezuma

## Brown-capped Vireo

2 individuals seen at Rio Blanco

## Red-eyed Vireo

1 at Yotoco

## Tropical Parula

few at Montezuma

## Blackburnian Warbler

a very common bird throughout

## Canada Warbler

small numbers at km 18, Otun, Montezuma and at Rio Blanco

## Black-and-white Warbler

2 at Yotoco

## Tennessee Warbler

2 at Montezuma

## Russet-crowned Warbler

few found at Rio Blanco

### **Black-crested Warbler**

fairly common at Rio Blanco, few seen at Paramo del Ruiz

### **Citrine Warbler**

seen at Montezuma

### **Golden-bellied Warbler**

fairly common at Montezuma

### **Bay-breasted Warbler**

1 sighting at Montezuma

### **Buff-rumped Warbler**

2 at San Cipriano, 2 at Yotoko and some seen at Montezuma Road

### **Olive-crowned Yellowthroat**

2 seen at Otun

### **Three-striped Warbler**

fairly common at Otun

### **Northern Waterthrush**

1 sighting at Humedal Jaboque

### **Golden-fronted White/Redstart**

first few sightings above Santa Rosa de Cabal. Common at Montezuma, at Rio Blanco and at Paramo del Ruiz

### **Slate-throated White/Redstart**

a rather common bird at many sites

### **Green Honeycreeper**

a fairly common appearance at km 18, Yotoco, Otun

### **Red-legged Honeycreeper**

a singleton was found at San Cipriano

## **Golden-collared Honeycreeper**

4 individuals seen at Montezuma (around Cojones).

## **Blue Dacnis**

2 birds at San Cipriano

## **Bananaquit**

a fairly common bird

## **Capped Conebill**

5 seen at Rio Blanco

## **Blue-backed Conebill**

this Conebill was rather common above Santa Rosa de Cabal. 2 additional birds were seen at Paramo del Ruiz

## **White-sided Flowerpiercer**

a fairly common bird at Montezuma

## **Chestnut-bellied Flowerpiercer    E**

finally one observation at the end of Montezuma Road after some searching and waiting

## **Glossy Flowerpiercer**

1 individual seen well enough above Santa Rosa de Cabal and 1 at Paramo del Ruiz

## **Masked Flowerpiercer**

2 at Otun, fairly common above Santa Rosa de Cabal, few at Montezuma, at Rio Blanco and at Paramo del Ruiz

## **Bluish Flowerpiercer**

fairly common at Montezuma

## **Indigo Flowerpiercer**

3 spotted at Montezuma Road

## **Metallic-green Tanager**

1 was found at km 18, few at Otun, at Rio Blanco and at Montezuma

### Saffron-crowned Tanager

2 birds were seen at Otun

### Scrub Tanager

seen at Cristo Rey, km 18, at Laguna de Sonso

### Glistening-green Tanager

this beautiful bird was fairly common at Montezuma

### Multicolored Tanager E

this beautiful endemic Tanager was first seen at km 18. Later few more Multicolored Tanagers were observed at Otun, above El Cedal

### (Blue-whiskered Tanager ) ???

probably one observation at San Cipriano. Not seen very well

### Rufous-winged Tanager

4 individuals were seen at San Cipriano

### Golden Tanager

a rather common Tanager at most sites

### Blue-capped Tanager

several at Rio Blanco

### Blue-black Tanager

few above Santa Rosa de Cabal, common at Rio Blanco

### Black-capped Tanager

2 birds observed at km 18

### Beryl-spangled Tanager

one of the commonest Tanagers, often seen in feeding flocks

### Golden-naped Tanager

few at km 18

### Blue-necked Tanager

few at Yotoco and at Otun

### Bay-headed Tanager

seen at Yotoco, Otun, Montezuma

### Silvery-throated Tanager

few seen at Montezuma

### Golden-hooded Tanager

2 spotted at Montezuma

### Rufous-throated Tanager

1 seen at Montezuma

### Flame-faced Tanager

2 at Montezuma

### **Grass-green Tanager**

3 seen at Montezuma and several seen in perfect light at Rio Blanco. Stunning!! 2 more were spotted at Paramo del Ruiz

### **White-capped Tanager**

2 individuals on my last day at Rio Blanco. Spectacular birds, one of the most beautiful Tanagers.

### Hooded Mountain-Tanager

few were found at Montezuma and at Paramo del Ruiz

### **Black-chested Mountain-Tanager**

2 individuals spotted above Santa Rosa de Cabal. Nice bird!

### Black-chinned Mountain-Tanager

several spottings at Montezuma Road

### Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager

seen at km 18, Montezuma and at Rio Blanco

### Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager

few above Santa Rosa de Cabal, at Paramo del Ruiz and at Rio Blanco

### Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager

some were spotted at Paramo del Ruiz

### Purplish-mantled Tanager

a beautiful bird and not uncommon at Montezuma

### Black-and-gold Tanager    E

few of those pretty endemics seen at Montezuma

### Gold-ringed Tanager    E

some observed in the cloud forest at Montezuma Road

### Blue-gray Tanager

common

### Palm Tanager

fairly common

### Summer Tanager

2 at km 18, some at Otun and at Montezuma

### Hepatic Tanager

a single one at San Cipriano

### White-winged Tanager

2 of those beautiful Tanager were observed at Otun

### Crimson-backed Tanager

few at the feeder at Montezuma Lodge (Leo's Posada)

### Crested Ant-Tanager    E

good looks at this splendid Tanagers at Otun and at Montezuma

### Lemon-rumped Tanager

rather common at Montezuma

### **Flame-rumped Tanager    E**

a frequent sight at km 18, Otun

### **Tawny-crested Tanager**

this Tanager was abandoned at San Cipriano

### **Dusky-faced Tanager**

few at San Cipriano and at Montezuma

### **Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia**

several birds seen well at Montezuma

### **Common Bush-Tanager**

1 at Otun and few at Montezuma

### **Ash-throated Bush-Tanager**

few seen at Otun

### **Gray-hooded Bush-Tanager**

first 1 individual above Santa Rosa de Cabal, then several at Rio Blanco

### **Dusky-bellied Bush-Tanager**

some found at Montezuma

### **Oleaginous Hemispingus**

2 at Otun, few at Rio Blanco

### **Supercilliaried Hemispingus**

few seen above Santa Rosa de Cabal and at Rio Blanco

### **Black-capped Hemispingus**

some spotted at Rio Blanco and at Paramo del Ruiz

### **Black-eared Hemispingus**

this bird was fairly common at Rio Blanco

## Black-headed Hemispingus

1 at Paramo del Ruiz

## Thick-billed Euphonia

2 birds at Yotoco and 1 at Montezuma

## Orange-bellied Euphonia

small numbers at km 18, Otun

## Plush-capped Finch/Plushcap

1 individual finally seen with difficulties above Santa Rosa de Cabal. 4 individuals seen at Rio Blanco. Wonderful observation!

## Slaty Brush-Finch

fairly common above Santa Rosa de Cabal, few found at Rio Blanco and at Paramo del Ruiz

## Stripe-headed Brush-Finch

some seen at Rio Blanco

## Dusky/Choco Brush-Finch

few spotted at Montezuma

## Pale-naped Brush-Finch

few birds seen at Otun and at Paramo del Ruiz

## White-naped Brush-Finch

2 seen at km 18

## Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch

few seen at Otun, at Rio Blanco and at Montezuma

## Olive Finch

1 seen at Montezuma

## Black-winged Saltator

1 seen at km 18, 1 at Otun, some at Montezuma Road

Streaked Saltator

Buff-throated Saltator

2 at San Cipriano

**Masked Saltator**

5 observations at Rio Blanco. Difficult to get nice looks!

Blue-black Grosbeak

one at San Cipriano

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

1 bird at Yotoco

Rufous-collared Sparrow

widespread and common throughout

Blue-black Grasquit

seen at Laguna de Sonso

Yellow-faced Grasquit

few seen above Cali,

Yellow-bellied Seedeater

few at km 18 and at Rio Blanco

Black-breasted (Variable) Seedeater

few at the lower part of Montezuma Road

Black-and-white Seedeater

some seen at the lower part of Montezuma Road

Gray Seedeater

few seen at Laguna de Sonso and at Montezuma

Ruddy-breasted Seedeater

some were found at Laguna de Sonso

## **Paramo Seedeater**

only 1 observation above Santa Rosa de Cabal

## **Plain-colored Seedeater**

some at Paramo del Ruiz

## **Thick-billed Seed-Finch**

few seen at the lower part of Montezuma Road

## **Plumbeous Sierra-Finch**

some at Paramo del Ruiz

## **Saffron Finch**

small numbers at various sites

## **Yellow-bellied Siskin**

few individuals seen

## **Andean Siskin**

few spotted above Santa Rosa de Cabal



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