



**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 – Chillifruta 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 13.** 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 Owl, but she decided to reach 7500 before November 12, her 90<sup>th</sup> 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 Peruvian Tern, Peruvian Seaside Cinclodes, Raimondi's Yellow Finch, Rufous-breasted Warbling Finch, White-cheeked Cotinga, Fiery-throated Metaltail, Eye-ringed Thistletail, Masked Fruiteater, Bay Antpitta, Cloudforest Screech Owl, Creamy-bellied Antwren, 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, Peruvian 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 Earthcreeper**, **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, Cinereous**, 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 **Puna 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 **Junin 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,

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 nights. 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 7500<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **PERU CUSTOM TOUR SYSTEMATIC LIST, JULY/AUGUST 2015**

Taxonomy: IOC (International Ornithological Congress) 5.4

Abbreviations:

(H) Heard only

(E) Country endemic

#### **TINAMIFORMES**

##### **Tinamidae**

**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** *Phoenicopus 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 superciliaris*** Seen at Lomas de Lachay

##### Haematopodidae

**American Oystercatcher *Haematopus palliatus*** Seen at Paraiso

**Blackish Oystercatcher *Haematopus ater*** Seen at Pucusana



Blackish Oystercatcher (photo Alan van Norman)

##### Recurvirostridae

**Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*** Seen at Paraiso

##### Charadriidae

**Andean Lapwing *Vanellus resplendens*** Seen at Marcapomacocha



Andean Lapwing (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 mitchellii* Magnificent scope views at Marcapomacocha. The species is listed as near-threatened.



Diademed Plover (photo Niall Perrins)

### **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 orbignyianus* Seen in the Marcapomacocha area

**Least Seedsnipe** *Thinocorus rumicivorus* 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)

**COLUMBIFORMES**

Columbidae

**Rock Dove** *Columba livia* Common

**Band-tailed Pigeon** *Patagioenas fasciata* Seen in the cloudforest of Oxapampa 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 ceciliae* 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 cinereiventris*** Seen together with the previous species

**Neotropical Palm Swift *Tachornis squamata*** Seen on the way to Bellavista



**Andean Swift** *Aeronautes andecolus* 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 Oxapampa

**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 Ec lodge

**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 Ec lodge

**Chestnut-breasted Coronet** *Boissonneaua 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



Black-breasted Hillstar (photo Niall Perrins)

**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 Ec lodge

**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



Masked Trogon (photo Christopher Calonje)

## 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 atricollis* 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.



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 pudibunda* 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** *Thamnophilus palliatus* Seen above Villa Rica
- Lined Antshrike** *Thamnophilus tenuipunctatus* 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

**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 rufula*** 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

**Junin 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 stictoptyx* 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** *Poecilatriccus latirostris* Seen around Villa Rica

**Common Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum cinereum* Seen around Villa Rica

**Cinnamon Flycatcher** *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus* Seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge

**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

**Short-tailed Field Tyrant** *Muscigralla brevicauda* Seen at Lomas de Lachay

**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



Chestnut-crested Cotinga (photo Juan David Ramirez)

**White-cheeked Cotinga (E) *Zaratornis stresemanni*** Another tour target, and it was the 7500<sup>th</sup> 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



Green-and-black Fruiteater

**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** *Lepidothrix 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

#### Troglodytidae

**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 euophrys* Another tour target. This one took a lot of time, but we managed to have great views at Chillifruta.

**Coraya Wren (H)** *Pheugopedius coraya* Heard near the Colombia bridge



**House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon* Seen at Lomas de Lachay

**Mountain Wren** *Troglodytes solstitialis* Seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge

**Grey-breasted Wood Wren** *Henicorhina leucophrys* Seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge

#### **Poliophtidae**

**Long-billed Gnatwren** *Ramphocaenus 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

#### **Turdidae**

**Andean Solitaire** *Myadestes ralloides* Seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge

**White-eared Solitaire** *Entomodestes leucotis* Seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge

**Great Thrush** *Turdus fuscater*

**Chiguanco 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** *Myiothlypis coronata* Seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge

**Slate-throated Whitestart** *Myioborus miniatus* Seen at Villa Rica

**Spectacled Whitestart** *Myioborus melanocephalus* 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 waczewiczi* 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 melanopsis* 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-capped Tanager** *Thraupis cyanocephala* Seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge

**Blue-and-yellow Tanager** *Thraupis bonariensis* Seen along the Santa Eulalia Road

**Blue-winged Mountain Tanager** *Anisognathus somptuosus* Seen at Ulcumano Ecolodge



Blue-winged Mountain Tanager (photo Christopher Calonje)

**Grass-green Tanager** *Chlorornis riefferii* Seen along the Satipo Road

**Yellow-throated Tanager** *Iridosornis analis* Seen 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 Seed eater** *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