

06 DAYS BIRDING MANU ROAD

JULY 2023

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Bird Lodges: Wayqecha Lodge (2900m), Cock of the rock Lodge (1100m), Guadalupe Lodge (500m), Eco Manu Lodge (400m)

DAY BY DAY TOUR

DAY 01, JULY 05TH.- We left Cusco at 6:00am heading to Manu Road and had very short stops on the way since many of the birds at that elevation were already spotted by the group so we decided to go straight to Manu Park main gate, locally known as Acjanaco. Where we had a little walk and could get the endemic Creamy Crested Spinetail plus some more birds like Brown Backed Chat Tyrant, Masked Flowerpiercer. Right after that we continued driving down the road and having some more stops but since the temperature was little hot, bird activity was poor. So we decided to keep moving further down where we also stop for lunch, right there we had a nice mix bird flock while lunching and after this we could not go any further since the road was under maintenance and had to drive back to our lodge located at 2900msnm to get the rooms and check the feeders they have for hummingbird and other birds. Right after dinner that day we went out for owls but we only could hear at distance the Swallow Tailed Nightjar calling.

BIRDS OF THE DAY: *Marcapata Spinetail, Creamy Crested Spinetail, Gould's Inca, Band Tailed fruiteater, Spot winged Pigeon, Black Faced Brush Finch, Andean Ibis, Black Throated Flowerpiercer, Brown Backed Chat Tyrant, Rufous Breasted Chat Tyrant, Dusky Capped Flycatcher, Maroon Belted Chat Tyrant, Pearled Treerunner, Long Tailed Sylph, Rust and Yellow Tanager, Golden Collared Tanager, White Banded Tyrannulet, Mountain Caracara, Band Tailed Pigeon, Superciliated Hemispingus, Black Capped Hemispingus, Tyrian Metaltail, Rufous Capped Thornbill, White Crested Elaenia, Greenish Yellowfinch, Andean Gull, Yellow Billed Teal, Moustached Flowerpiercer, Yungas Pygmy Owl, Blue and Black Tanager, White Throated Tyrannulet, Rufous Bellied Bush Tyrant, Gray Breasted Mountain Toucan, Grass Green Tanager, Andean Solitaire, Montane Woodcreeper, Smoke Colored Pewee, Blue and White Swallow,*

Rufous Collared Sparrow, Chiguanco Thrush, Great Thrush, Amethyst Throated Sunangel, White Bellied Woodstar, Lesser Violetear, Violet Throated Starfrontlet, Puna Ibis, Three Striped Hemispingus, Hooded Mountain Tanager, Scarlet Bellied Mountain Tanager, Chesnut Bellied Mountain Tanager, Cinnamon Flycatcher, Spectacled Redstart, Red Crested Cotinga, Blue Capped Tanager, Bolivian Tyrannulet, American Kestrel.

BIRDS HEARD: *Barred Becard, Red and White Antpitta, Swallow Tailed Nightjar, Golden Plummed Parakeet, Speckled Faced Parrot, Sierran Elaenia, White Eared Solitaire.*

Our first lunch taken in day 01 – Manu Road



DAY 02, JULY 06TH.- In Our second day we visited the Canopy Walkway after birding the main road early in the morning and could get a nice flock of Barred Parakeet right by the hanging bridge, then we headed back to the lodge for early lunch because we had to be at the proper time where the road was block for road improvement, so we went across the working area and continued with the lower part of manu road looking for more mix species flocks.

We had another good bird day with cool new species for the list and arrived to the lodge in the late afternoon to spend the night at 1100msnm. Where jungle bird species mix with the andean ones.

BIRDS OF THE DAY: *Inca Flycatcher, Urubamba Antpitta, Slaty Tanager, Blue Backed Conebill, Drab Hemispingus, Black Throated Tody Tyrant, Streak Tuftedcheeck, White Lined Tanager, Olive Flycatcher, Masked Trogon, Barred Parakeet, Capped Conebill, Streak Necked Flycatcher, Common Chlorospingus, Yungas Warbler, Plushcap, Yellow Billed Cacique, Buff Thighed Puffleg, Blue Banded Toucannet, Yellow Throated Tanager, Olivaceous Siskin, Beryl Spangled Tanager, Saffron Crowned Tanager, Short Billed Chlorospingus, Orange Bellied Euphonia, Gray Hooded Chlorospingus, Scaly Naped Parrot, House Wren, Black Eared Hemispingus, Speckled Hummingbird, Mountain Wren, White Throated Hawk, Andean Motmot.*

BIRDS HEARD: *White Throated Antpitta, Trilling Tapaculo, White Throated Quail Dove, Golden Headed Quetzal, Crowned Chat Tyrant, Barred Fruiteater, White Collared Jay.*

Andean Ibis – Taken at the Paramos of Huancarani Town



DAYS 03, JULY 07TH.- Nice early walk along the main manu road were we could get nice birds in a great flock, then a little further up we found a nice fruiting tree where Gunnar could catch his bird number 4000 with a colorful Spotted Tanager. After great birds at the main road then we went for a forest walk to try birds that inhabit the dense ground vegetation covered by the special Gadua bamboo and at the same time enjoy the nice garden this lodge has with feeders and verbena flowers. While watching birds from the garden we could also see a nice group of monkeys, this time Large Headed Brown Capucin jumping around the garden, then early lunch to continue with the lower manu road and catch more birds on our way down to Guadalupe lodge located at 500msnm.

BIRDS OF THE DAY: *Peruvian Piedtail, Green Hermit, Two Banded Warbler, Violet Fronted Brilliant, Rufous Breasted Wood Quail, Golden Tanager, Wire Crested Thorntail, Rufous Booted Racket-Tail, Golden Eared Tanager, Golden Crowned Flycatcher, Slaty Capped Flycatcher, Ash Browed Spinetail, Rusty Winged Barbtail, Bronze Green Euphonia, Black Goggled Tanager, Blue Headed Macaw, White Eyed Parakeet, Mottle Backed Elaenia, Speckled Chachalaca, Orange Eared Tanager, Spotted Tanager, Deep Blue Flowerpiercer, Paradise Tanager, Southern Rough Winged Swallow, Chesnut Collared Swift, White Colared Swift, Road Sided Hawk, Chesnut Bellied Seedfinch, Pale Vented Pigeon, Blue and Yellow Macaw, Magpie Tanager, Peruvian Warbling Antbird, Chesnut backed Antshrike, Bamboo Antshrike, Chesnut Tailed Antbird, Epaulet Oriole, Crested Oropendola, Russet Backed Oropendola, Montane Foliage Gleaner, Olive Backed Woodcreeper, Dusky Green Oropendola, Yellow Rumped Cacique, Black Faced Dacnis, Plumbeous Pigeon, Streak Xenops, Black Throated Antbird, Chesnut bellied Seedeater, Black Billed Thruth, Chesnut Fronted Macaw, Blue Headed Parrot, Giant Cowbird, Fasciated Tiger Heron, Amazon Kingfisher, White Banded Swallow, Bare Necked Fruitcrow, Violaceous Jay, White Browed Hermit, Bluish Fronted Jacamar, Squirrel Cuckoo, Swallow Tailed Kite, Versicolored Barbet, Buff Throated Saltator, Many Spotted Hummingbird, Fork Tailed Woodnymph, Gray Capped Flycatcher, Yellow Throated Tanager, Swallow Winged Puffbird, Blue Gray Tanager, Palm Tanager, White Browed Hermit, Smooth Billed Ani.*

BIRDS HEARD: *Variable Antshrike, Black Antbird, Little Tinamou, Red Billed Scythebill, Gray Mantled Wren, White Throated Toucan, Yungas Manakin, Plain Winged Antshrike, Scale Crested Pygmy Tyrant, Rufous Breasted Piculet, Spotted Barbtail, Western Fire-Eye, Fiery Capped Manakin, Lineated Woodpecker, Solitary Black Cacique.*

Versicolored Barbet on the feeders at Cock of the rock Lodge



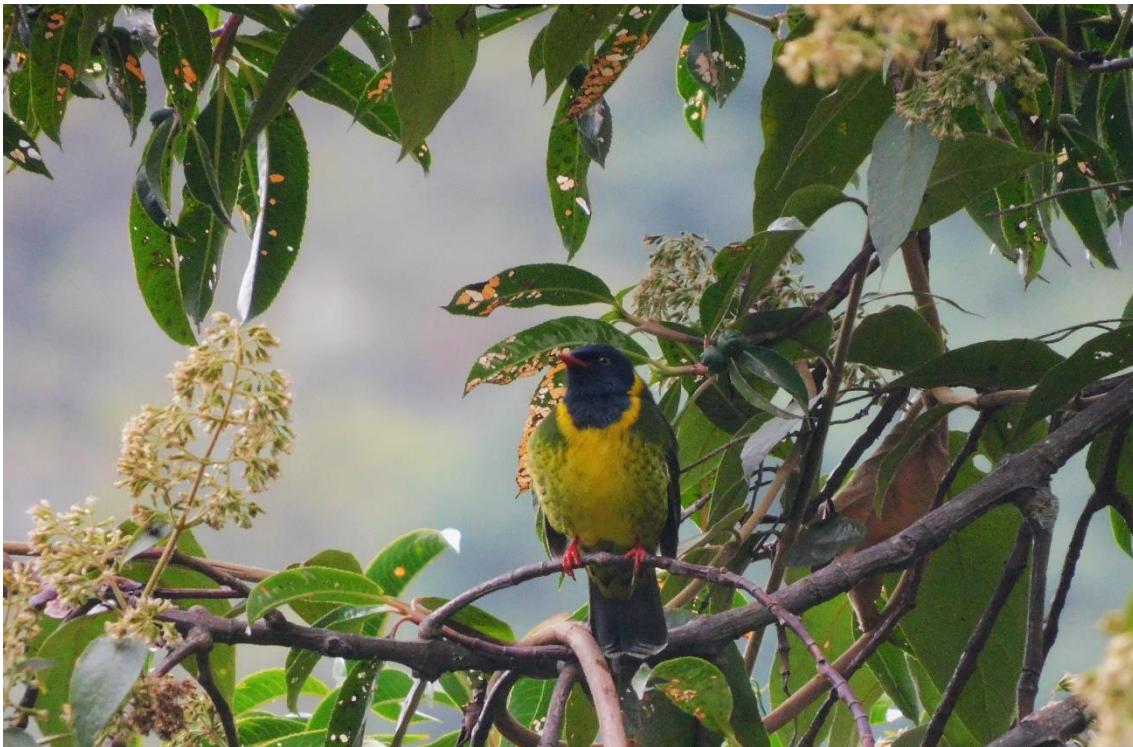
DAY 04, JULY 08TH.- Our second day at Guadalupe lodge was good birding shared between the nice Bamboo forest and the second growth by the main road around this property. Later that day and after having good birds and nice dinner we decided to go out for a night walk suggested by Maria “the spotter” and right at the main entrance to our night walk Maria spotted a cool Spectacled Caiman lying down next to the path and after getting good caiman shots then we continued along this night experience and got a couple of Tailless Whip Scorpion plus a fruit bat hanging down on the branches, all these creatures just waking less than an hour.

BIRDS OF THE DAY: *Black Backed Tody Flycatcher, Black and White Hawk Eagle, Greater Yellow Headed Vulture, Yellow Crowned Parrot, Yellow Breasted Warbling Finch, White Browed Antbird, Stripe Chested Antwren, Red Billed Scythebill, Moustached Wren, Mealy Parrot, Blue Black Grassquit, Swallow Tanager, McConnell's Flycatcher, Yellow Crowned Tyrannulet, Buff Rumped Warbler, Long Tailed Tyrant, Grey Breasted Sabrewing, Boat Billed Flycatcher, Cuzco Warbler, Little Woodpecker, Rusty Fronted tody Flycatcher, Western Striolated Puffbird, Plain Winged Antshrike, Yellow Tufted Woodpecker, Crimson Crested Woodpecker, Lineated Woodpecker, Yellow Margined Flycatcher, Short Crested Flycatcher, Wedge Billed Woodcreeper, Ocellated Woodcreeper,*

Hairy Crested Antbird, Bluish Slate Antshrike, Black Spotted Bare Eye, Dusky Cheeked Foliage Gleaner, White Lined Antbird, Brown Tinamou, Ornate Stipplethroat, Buff Throated Foliage Gleaner, Dusky Headed Parakeet, Laughing Falcon, Orange Breasted Falcon, Plum Throated Cotinga, Blue Dacnis, Great Potoo, Yellow Browed Sparrow, Dark Breasted Spinetail, Plain Crowned Spinetail, Rufous Motmot, Golden Bellie Euphonia, Olive Orpendola, Bran Colored Flycatcher, Blue Tailed Emerald, Dot Winged Antwren, Chivi Vireo, White Bearded Hermit, Sapphire Spangled Emerald.

BIRDS HEARD: *Johannes's Tody Tyrant, Broad Billed Motmot, Barred Forest Falcon, Scaly Breasted Wren, Black Capped Tinamou, Sepia Capped Flycatcher, Amazonian Grosbeak, Chesnut Crowned Foliage Gleaner, Ringed Kingfisher.*

Band Tailed Fruiteater caught over 2000m



DAY 05, JULY 09TH.- We went back to the bamboo Trail to get more bamboo specialist early in the morning and the bird activity was not as good as the day before, so after that we just continued with our second bird spot and this time we headed to the beginning of Madre de Dios River, one of the biggest tributaries of the famous Amazon River. On the way we had a quick bird stop at a local bird feeder station where we could add some new hummers and got to see the playful Black Capped Bolivian Squirrel Monkeys, After this short visit we took our first motor boat to navigate the river and visit a little lagoon at 30 minutes walk

from the river bank, there we took a local transportation known as Balsa to spot some swampy birds like the Water turkey or Hoatzin. Nice balsa ride at this cool little lagoon to then take the boat back to our last lodge located by the river, but before that we had such a great view of a River Otter hunting by the shallow water along the river, cool moment watching this guy fishing in front of us.

BIRDS OF THE DAY: *Flammulated pygmy Tyrant, Yellow Billed Nunbird, Black Antbird, Little Ground Tyrant, Chesnut Crowned Foliage Gleaner, Striated Antbird, Red Throated Caracara, Green Kingfisher, Pale Eyed Blackbird, Purple Gallinule, Black Capped Donacobius, Limpkin, Orange Backed Troupial, Buff Throated Woodcreeper, White Necked Jacobin, Rufous Crested Coquette, Golden Tailed Sapphire, Great billed Hermit, Pied Lapwing, Rufescent Tiger Heron, Horned Screamer, Neotropic Cormorant, Brazilian Teal, White Winged Swallow, Tawny Bellied Screech Owl, Little Blue Heron, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Gould's Jewelfront, Striated Heron.*

BIRDS HEARD: *Dwarf Tyrant Manakin, Sulphury Flycatcher, Rufous Sided Crake, Cinereous Tinamou, Goeldi's Antbird.*

Beer Time after a night walk – Guadalupe Lodge



DAY 06, JULY 10TH.- Our last early breakfast to visit a local bird spot where many singular species like Parrots, medium sized macaws, Parakeets congregate for licking clay. This area known as Parrots Clay Lick has good numbers of birds and others that fly by, to get here we took 40 minutes boat ride and the morning view is just great from the boat since you can also enjoy a nice sunrise on the way and once you are there. We could get some new birds at the spot and both way there and back, water birds and some river side species as well, right after that unfortunately we had to drive back to Cusco with some bird stops on the way to increase our bird list. This time we could add some missing bird species as we went up from 400msnm towards Cusco.

Lunch was taken along the road as usual and right by our lunch stop, few meters away we could get our first and last Quetzal with Good view plus some Oropendolas Flock and a couple of Blue banded Toucannets. We finally arrived to Cusco around 07pm and drop the Swedish bird team off at their hotel.

BIRDS OF THE DAY: *Chesnut Crested Cotinga, Handsome Flycatcher, Red and Green Macaw, Ornate Flycatcher, Muscovy Duck, Ringed Kingfisher, Great Egret, Black Caracara, Collared Plover, Drab Water Tyrant, Gray Fronted Dove, Yellow Bellied Tanager, Green and Gold Tanager, Purplish Jay, Black Hawk Eagle, Rose Fronted Parakeet, White Winged Shrike Tanager.*

Chesnut Crested Cotinga on the way back to Cusco



NOTE: Much of the main Manu road's best bird section was blocked by road improvement otherwise the number of birds seen it would have been higher.