

Northwest lowlands and subtropics 23 April -1 May 2006 by Roger Ahlman

Introduction

This trip report covers the west slope of Ecuador and a day-trip to Cotopaxi (6 days total). The main site for this trip was the Canandé reserve in the Chocó lowlands where we spent four nights and three full days. The subtropics were only visited during one and a half day. The trip ended with a day at Cotopaxi. We recorded altogether 381 species and drove 850 km (which gives 0.45 species per km!)

Leaders

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Participants

Jim and Bonnie Olsen, Macklin Smith

Birding Sites

Bellavista

This lodge at 2100 m in the upper Tandayapa valley is well-known and has good roadside birding as well as trails and feeders. 5\$ entrance fee.

Paz de las Aves

This new site at 1900 m has habituated Giant-, Moustached- and Yellow-breasted Antpittas as well as a covey of Dark-backed Wood-quails as their star attraction. They've also got some hummingbird feeders. Visits have to be arranged with the owner. 10\$ entrance fee.

Ñanca Jatunmi

This is a lodge near a dead-end road west of the Mindo highway at km 72 in the subtropics. Good roadside birding and along a logging trail at the end of the road.

Septimo Paraiso

This very nice lodge above Mindo has trails, feeders and makes for a good base to bird the nearby sites.

Milpe Road

Near los Bancos this dead end road offers good birding between 700-1000 m. A new reserve has been created here and has trails into the forest and feeders. 8\$ entrance fee to the reserve, valid also for Rio Silanche. 1 km further down the road is Milpe Garden, a new private reserve with trails that are easier to walk. 5\$ entrance fee.

Rio Blanco restaurant

This restaurant in San Miguel de los Bancos offers not only good food but they have feeders for both hummingbirds (including Green-crowned Thorntail) and tanagers (now up to 11 species!) Excellent viewing facilities while eating. We stayed here one night.

Km 106.5

This is a private 50 ha reserve in the foothills some 10 kms past los Bancos. Most of the birding is done in secondary habitat but further on is primary forest as well. 5\$ entrance fee.

Rio Silanche

At 400-500 m near Pedro Vicente Maldonado this site offers a different set of lowland Chocó birds. The habitat is heavily degraded but a patch has been protected and a canopy tower has recently been built here. 8\$ entrance fee, valid also for Milpe.

Canandé

This reserve owned by Fundacion Jocotoco offers access to lowland forest in the Chocó region. The foundation has got 1300 ha of forest here but you only bird in secondary forest albeit good secondary forest. The site holds a good number of Chocó lowland birds that are hard to find elsewhere e.g. at Rio Silanche. I have nowhere in the world seen as many moths as here, some very big and spectacular ones.

Diary

23 April

The clients were met at Hotel Sebastian at 5.30 am for the drive to our first destination. We arrived at Paz de las Aves around 7.30 and went straight into the forest with the "magic guy" Angel Paz. He started to call for the Antpittas by name and soon we found Maria which is a Giant Antpitta and she was fed with worms and we got gripping views. Some Yellow-breasted Antpittas were also fed and he told us to stay put while he went away. He soon came back - with a covey of four Dark-backed Wood-quails on his trail! The Moustached Antpitta took some time to call in but eventually we all had good looks at that one too. On the way back we found a female Orange-breasted Fruiteater before ending our birding session in the forest with some hummingbirds. A cup of coffee and 'bolones verdes' at the house was nice after the forest walk. Just when we were about to leave we found a stunning male Orange-breasted Fruiteater just by the house! Prolonged, gripping views and good pictures ended a very good morning. We continued down the mountain to los Bancos and the nice restaurant Rio Blanco. Good food and some birds in the garden. Afternoon along Milpe road in light drizzle. We did pick up Moss-backed Tanager and Yellow-collared Chlorophonia.

24 April

We started with a walk at km 106.5, which is a private reserve. Rather slow but the early morning rain may have held back the activity. We did find a pair of Black-and-white Owls on their daytime roost and after some playback everyone had got good looks at Black-headed Antthrush. We continued to Pedro Vicente Maldonado and spent a few afternoon hours at Rio

Silanche.

25 April

Again we went to Rio Silanche and spend most part of the morning at the new canopy tower but activity was rather slow. On the way back we heard a Brown Wood-rail calling but it never showed itself. After lunch we started the long drive to Canandé. North of Rio Canandé there is some habitat along the road and a stop here yielded the local Slate-coloured Seedeater. We arrived at the lodge around 5 pm and did some birding around the lodge while installing ourselves.

26 April

We started off at 6.30 for the ridge trail carrying a box lunch. All day walking up to the ridge and had a box lunch at the viewpoint. We came back to the lodge at 5.30 pm after 11 hours walk and some good birds in the bag like Lita-, Cinnamon- and Crimson-bellied Woodpeckers, Dagua Thrush, Rufous Piha, among others.

27 April

We woke up to the sound of rain and that was to be the weather until lunch. After lunch we walked down the road and onto a logging trail. I found a perched Black-and-white Hawk-eagle but birding was slow along the trail until we found a flock that had most of the lowland tanagers, Scarlet-breasted Dacnis and others. A perched Plumbeous Hawk was nice. The steep uphill back split up the group and I was ahead of the others and was rewarded with a Semi-plumbeous Hawk at the lodge. That one would have been new to Jonas but he will have to wait.

28 April

Again we tried the logging trail as it looked good yesterday. A short bit down the road and Jonas and the others got their Semi-plumbeous Hawk. Along the trail we again found goodies like Blue-whiskered Tanager, Scarlet-breasted Dacnis, Slate-throated Gnatcatcher, Tiny Hawk, White-ringed Flycatcher and others.

29 April

Rain in the morning. Those that went out early were rewarded with Spectacled Owl while Chocó Screech-owl and Poorwill were only heard. After breakfast we headed back to civilization making numerous stops along the way. Some of the goodies we found included Crane Hawk and Northern Tufted-Flycatcher, slight range-extensions to the north and south respectively. Most of the day was just driving to Septimo Paraiso above Mindo where we arrived in the late afternoon and did a short walk around the lodge.

30 April

Early start and some night-birding around the lodge. Wattled Guan was seen and Mottled Owl was heard. After some playback we eventually got to see a Scaled Antpitta. After breakfast we walked on the trails and had good looks at Ochre-breasted Antpittas among other birds. We took off for Bellavista making a few stops along the way. By midday it was rather quiet but we found Flammulated Treehunter and Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan before enjoying our box-lunch. A drizzly afternoon hour at Ñanca Jatunmi was surprisingly rewarding with Moss-backed- and Glistening-green Tanagers and Cloud-forest Pygmy-Owl.

1 May

Macklin and I went to Cotopaxi for some high-altitude birding. The plain around laguna Limpiopongo produced the usual birds like Stout-billed Cinclodes and Paramo Ground-Tyrant. Near the lake Streak-backed Canasteros showed well but the search for Noble Snipe ended in a less glorious way with Roger sinking up to the waist and Macklin got wet as well! And we didn't see the snipe. Ecuadorian rail was heard and 9 Blue-winged Teals lingered in the lake. Higher up the mountain we saw an Ecuadorian Hillstar before we decided to try another site. Lunch at Hacienda La Cienega nearby was good but a lot of people today. Nearby we soon found Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant and Chiguanco Thrush. After some playback we had great views of Ecuadorian Rail. A nice end to a very good trip.

Front cover photos: Plumbeous Hawk at Canandé.

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List of Species

TINAMOUS TINAMIDAE

Great Tinamou *Tinamus major*

1 heard at Canandé

Little Tinamou *Crypturellus soui*

Heard at Milpe, Rio Silanche and Canandé

CORMORANTS PHALACROCORACIDAE

Neotropic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*

Singles seen at Rio Blanco restaurant

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS ANATIDAE

Andean Teal *Anas andium*

10 at Cotopaxi

Yellow-billed Pintail *A. georgica*

10 at Cotopaxi

Blue-winged Teal *A. discors*

6 males and 3 females at Cotopaxi

HERONS, BITTERNs, AND EGRETS ARDEIDAE

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

10 seen near Pedro Vicente Maldonado

Striated Heron *Butorides striatus*

1 seen en route to Canandé

AMERICAN VULTURES CATHARTIDAE

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*

Common, with only singles at Canandé

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*

Common, with only singles at Canandé

KITES, EAGLES, AND HAWKS ACCIPITRIDAE

Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus*

1 seen at Milpe road and 2-3 at Septimo Paraiso

Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea*

1 seen at Canandé

Plain-breasted Hawk *Accipiter ventralis*

1 seen Paz de las Aves

Tiny Hawk *Accipiter superciliosus*

1 female seen at Canandé

Crane Hawk *Geranospiza caerulescens*

1 seen near Canandé

According to Ridgely & Greenfield 2001, this species is not known from Esmeraldas but Boris has seen it twice near Canandé.

Plumbeous Hawk *Leucopternis plumbea*

1 bird seen two days at Canandé

Semiplumbeous Hawk *Leucopternis semiplumbea*

2 birds seen at Canandé

Gray Hawk *Buteo nitidus*

1 seen near Rio Canandé

Roadside Hawk *Buteo magnirostris*

2 seen at Paz de las Aves, 1 seen near Pedro Vicente Maldonado and 1 heard at Canandé

White-rumped Hawk *Buteo leucorrhous*

1 seen between San Tadeo and Bellavista

Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyurus*

1 seen at Rio Blanco restaurant

Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle *Spizastur melanoleucus*

1 seen at Canandé

FALCONS AND CARACARAS

FALCONIDAE

Carunculated Caracara *Phalcoeboenus carunculatus*

2 adults seen at Cotopaxi

Barred Forest-Falcon *Micrastur ruficollis*

1 heard at Septimo Paraiso

Plumbeous Forest-Falcon *Micrastur plumbeus*

2 heard at Canandé

Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans*

2 heard at Rio Silanche and 1 seen at Canandé

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*

3 seen at Paz de las Aves

Bat Falcon *Falco ruficularis*

1 seen at Rio Silanche

CURASSOWS, GUANS, AND CHACHALACAS CRACIDAE

Andean Guan *Penelope montagnii*

1 seen along the road to Quito

Wattled Guan *Aburria aburri*

1 seen at Septimo Paraiso

NEW WORLD QUAILS ODONTOPHORIDAE

Rufous-fronted Wood-Quail *Odontophorus erythrops*

Heard daily at Canandé

Dark-backed Wood-Quail *Odontophorus melanonotus*

4 habituated birds seen at Paz de las Aves

RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS RALLIDAE

White-throated Crake *Laterallus albigularis*

1 seen at Rio Silanche and 1 heard en route to Canandé

Ecuadorian Rail *Rallus aequatorialis*

1 heard at Cotopaxi and 1 seen at Hacienda La Cienega

Brown Wood-Rail *Aramides wolfi*

1 heard near Rio Silanche

SANDPIPERS, SNIPES, PHALAROPES SCOLOPACIDAE

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*

1 seen at Cotopaxi

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS CHARADRIIDAE

Andean Lapwing *Vanellus resplendens*

30 seen at Cotopaxi

16/4 at least 200 were seen here suggesting local movements

GULLS AND TERNS LARIDAE

Andean Gull *Larus serranus*

50 at Cotopaxi

PIGEONS AND DOVES COLUMBIDAE

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia*

Seen in cities and villages

Band-tailed Pigeon *Columba fasciata*

2 seen at Paz de las Aves and 5 seen en route to Quito

Ruddy Pigeon *Columba subvinacea*

Singles heard and a few seen all days except at Cotopaxi

Plumbeous Pigeon *Columba plumbea*

2 seen at Paz de las Aves

Dusky Pigeon *Columba goodsoni*

Fairly common at Canandé

Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata*

Seen in the highlands

Ecuadorian Ground-Dove *Columbina buckleyi*

2 seen en route from Canandé

Blue Ground-Dove *Claravis pretiosa*

2 heard near Rio Canandé

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi*

1 heard at Paz de las Aves, 1 seen en route from Canandé and

1 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi

Pallid Dove *Leptotila pallida*

1 seen at km 106.5 and 1 at Rio Silanche, 1 seen at Canandé

Indigo-crowned Quail-Dove *Geotrygon purpurata*

1 heard at Canandé

Olive-backed Quail-Dove *Geotrygon veraguensis*

1 heard at Canandé

White-throated Quail-Dove *Geotrygon frenata*

1 seen at Septimo Paraiso

Ruddy Quail-Dove *Geotrygon montana*

2 ad and 1 pull seen at Canandé

PARROTS AND MACAWS PSITTACIDAE

Great Green Macaw *Ara ambigua*

1 seen from the lodge at Canandé

Maroon-tailed Parakeet *Pyrrhura melanura*

Singles or small groups seen or heard at most places.

Pacific Parrotlet *Forpés coelestis*

5 seen at Rio Silanche and 5 seen near Canandé

Rose-faced Parrot *Pionopsitta pulchra*

Heard 1 day at Canandé and 2 seen en route from Canandé

Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus*

5 seen at Rio Silanche, heard and/or seen most days at Canandé

Red-billed Parrot *Pionus sordidus*

2 seen at Septimo Paraiso

Bronze-winged Parrot *Pionus chalcopterus*

Common in the lowlands up to Milpe

Scaly-naped Amazon *Amazona mercenaria*

1 heard at Bellavista

Mealy Amazon *Amazona farinosa*

4 seen most days from the lodge at Canandé

CUCKOOS AND ANIS CUCULIDAE

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana*

Singles seen daily at most sites

Little Cuckoo *Piaya minuta*

1 seen at Rio Silanche

Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani*

Fairly common from Mindo and lower down. Absent from Canandé

Striped Cuckoo *Tapera naevia*

2 seen en route from Canandé

TYPICAL OWLS STRIGIDAE

Chocó Screech-Owl *Otus centralis*

1 heard at Canandé

Cloud-forest Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium nubicola*

1 heard and seen at Ñanca Jatunmi

Spectacled Owl *Pulsatrix perspicillata*

1 heard and seen at Canandé

Black-and-white Owl *Strix nigrolineata*

1 pair seen on day-time roost at km 106.5, 1 heard at Canandé

Mottled Owl *Strix virgata*

2 heard at Septimo Paraiso

POTOOS NYCTIBIIDAE

Common Potoo *Nyctibius griseus*

1 seen at Paz de las Aves on day-time roost

NIGHTJARS AND NIGHTHAWKS CAPRIMULGIDAE

Short-tailed Nighthawk *Lurocalis semitorquatus*

1 seen near Rio Silanche and 1 seen at Canandé

Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis*

1 heard near Septimo Paraiso

Chocó Poorwill *Nyctiphrynus rosenbergi*

1 heard and seen briefly at Canandé

Band-winged Nightjar *Caprimulgus longirostris*

1 heard in Quito at hotel Sebastian

SWIFTS APODIDAE

White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris*

Common

Chestnut-collared Swift *Cypseloides rutilus*

10 seen at Bellavista

Band-rumped Swift *Chaetura spinicauda*

Common at Canandé

Gray-rumped Swift *Chaetura cinereiventris*

Fairly common at Rio Silanche

Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift *Panyptila cayennensis*

2 seen at Milpe and 5 seen at Rio Silanche

HUMMINGBIRDS TROCHILIDAE

Bronzy Hermit *Glaucis aenea*

1 seen at Hostería Ayalir near PVM

White-whiskered Hermit *Phaethornis yaruqui*

Singles seen almost daily from Bellavista down to Canandé

Tawny-bellied Hermit *Phaethornis syrmatorphorus*

1 seen at Paz de las Aves

Stripe-throated Hermit *Phaethornis striigularis*

2+1 seen at Canandé

White-tipped Sicklebill *Eutoxeres aquila*

1 seen at km 106.5 and 1 seen at Canandé

Tooth-billed Hummingbird *Androdon aequatorialis*

1 seen at Canandé

White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora*

1 seen at Septimo Paraiso

Brown Violetear *Colibri delphinae*

2 seen at Septimo Paraiso

Green Violetear *Colibri thalassinus*

2 seen at Paz de las Aves

Sparkling Violetear *Colibri coruscans*

1 seen at Septimo Paraiso, common at Hacienda La Cienega

Green Thorntail *Popelairia conversii*

7 seen at restaurant Rio Blanco, los Bancos, 2 females at Canandé

Western Emerald *Chlorostilbon melanorhynchus*

1 seen at Paz de las Aves

Green-crowned Woodnymph *Thalurania fannyi*

Common around Mindo - Milpe

Violet-bellied Hummingbird *Damophila julie*

2 males seen at Canandé

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird *Amazilia tzacatl*

Seen all days except at Cotopaxi

Andean Emerald *Amazilia franciae*

2 seen at Milpe and 3 at Septimo Paraiso

Blue-chested Hummingbird *Amazilia amabilis*

2 seen at Canandé

Purple-chested Hummingbird *Amazilia rosenbergi*

Singles seen daily at Rio Silanche and Canandé

Speckled Hummingbird *Adelomyia melanogenys*

3 seen at Paz de las Aves and 2 at Bellavista

Purple-bibbed Whitetip *Urostroke benjamini*

1 seen at Septimo Paraiso

Empress Brilliant *Heliodoxa imperatrix*

2 seen at Paz de las Aves and 1 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi
 Green-crowned Brilliant *Heliodoxa jacula*
 Singles at Septimo Paraiso, Milpe and Rio Blanco
 Fawn-breasted Brilliant *Heliodoxa rubinoides*
 3 seen at Paz de las Aves
 Ecuadorian Hillstar *Oreotrochilus chimborazo*
 1 seen at Cotopaxi
 Brown Inca *Coeligena wilsoni*
 3 seen at Paz de las Aves and 2 at Ñanca Jatunmi
 Collared Inca *Coeligena torquata*
 2 seen at Bellavista
 Buff-tailed Coronet *Boissonneaua flavescens*
 1 seen at Paz de las Aves and 1 seen at Bellavista
 Velvet-purple Coronet *Boissonneaua jardini*
 2 seen at Paz de las Aves
 Gorgeted Sunangel *Heliangelus strophianus*
 1 seen at Bellavista
 Booted Racket-tail *Ocreatus underwoodii*
 3 seen at Paz de las Aves and 5 at Septimo Paraiso
 Black-tailed Trainbearer *Lesbia victoriae*
 1 male seen at Cotopaxi
 Violet-tailed Sylph *Aglaiocercus coelestis*
 Singles at Paz de las Aves, Septimo Paraiso and Ñanca Jatunmi
 Purple-crowned Fairy *Heliothryx barroti*
 Singles seen at Canandé most days
 Long-billed Starthroat *Heliomaster longirostris*
 1 seen at Hostería Ayalir near PVM, 1 seen at Canandé
 Purple-throated Woodstar *Calliphlox mitchellii*
 4 seen at Paz de las Aves and 1 at Septimo Paraiso

TROGONS AND QUETZALS TROGONIDAE

Golden-headed Quetzal *Pharomachrus auriceps*
 2 seen at Septimo Paraiso
 Chocó Trogon *Trogon comptus*
 1 seen at Rio Silanche, heard most days at Canandé
 Western White-tailed Trogon *Trogon chionurus*
 1 seen at Rio Silanche, singles seen or heard all days at Canandé
 Collared Trogon *Trogon collaris*
 1 heard at Canandé
 Masked Trogon *Trogon personatus*
 Heard at Paz de las Aves and Septimo Paraiso and 1 seen at
 Ñanca Jatunmi
 Black-throated Trogon *Trogon rufus*
 1 female seen at km 106.5

MOTMOTS MOMOTIDAE

Broad-billed Motmot *Electron platyrhynchum*

1 seen at Rio Silanche, Seen or heard most days at Canandé and
1 seen at Septimo Paraiso
Rufous Motmot *Baryphthengus martii*
Singles heard at Canandé

JACAMARS GALBULIDAE

Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda*
2 heard at Rio Silanche, Up to 5 seen at Canandé
Great Jacamar *Jacamerops aureus*
1 seen at Canandé

PUFFBIRDS BUCCONIDAE

Barred Puffbird *Nystalus radiatus*
2 seen at Canandé with 1 or 2 more heard
White-whiskered Puffbird *Malacoptila panamensis*
2-3 seen at Canandé

NEW WORLD BARBETS CAPITONIDAE

Orange-fronted Barbet *Capito squamatus*
2 seen at Rio Silanche. Up to 10 seen at Canandé
Red-headed Barbet *Eubucco bourcierii*
Heard at Rio Silanche and daily at Canandé. 2 seen at Septimo Paraiso
Toucan Barbet *Semnornis ramphastinus*
2 seen at Paz de las Aves, 1 seen at Septimo Paraiso and 2 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi

TOUCANS RAMPHASTIDAE

Crimson-rumped Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus haematopygus*
Heard at Paz de las Aves, Canandé and Ñanca Jatunmi
Pale-mandibled Araçari *Pteroglossus erythrogygius*
Small groups most days between Milpe and Canandé
Plate-billed Mountain-Toucan *Andigena laminirostris*
1 seen at Bellavista
Chocó Toucan *Ramphastos brevis*
Fairly common between Mindo and Canandé
Chestnut-mandibled Toucan *Ramphastos swainsonii*
Fairly common at Rio Silanche and Canandé

WOODPECKERS AND PICULETS PICIDAE

Olivaceous Piculet *Picumnus olivaceus*
1 seen at Canandé
Crimson-mantled Woodpecker *Piculus rivolii*
2 heard at Bellavista
Golden-olive Woodpecker *Piculus rubiginosus*
1 seen at km 106.5 and 1 seen at Rio Silanche
Lita Woodpecker *Piculus litae*
2+1 seen at Canandé
Cinnamon Woodpecker *Celeus loricatus*

2 seen and 1 heard at Canandé
 Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus*
 1 seen at Rio Silanche and 3 seen at Canandé
 Black-cheeked Woodpecker *Melanerpes pucherani*
 1 seen at Rio Silanche 31.12, 5 seen daily at Canandé
 Smoky-brown Woodpecker *Veniliornis fumigatus*
 1 heard at Paz de las Aves, 1 seen at Rio Silanche and 1 seen
 at Septimo Paraiso
 Red-rumped Woodpecker *Veniliornis kirkii*
 1 seen at Rio Silanche and 5 seen at Canandé
 Guayaquil Woodpecker *Campephilus guayaquilensis*
 1 seen at Rio Silanche
 Crimson-bellied Woodpecker *Campephilus haematogaster*
 1 heard at km 106.5 and 1 seen at Canandé

OVENBIRDSFURNARIIDAE

Bar-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes fuscus*
 5 seen at Cotopaxi
 Stout-billed Miner *Cinclodes excelsior*
 5 seen at Cotopaxi
 Pacific Hornero *Furnarius cinnamomeus*
 Fairly common from Mindo down to Rio Silanche, absent from Canandé
 Azara's Spinetail *Synallaxis azarae*
 Singles heard at Septimo Paraiso
 Slaty Spinetail *Synallaxis brachyura*
 Fairly common from Septimo Paraiso down to Canandé
 Rufous Spinetail *Synallaxis unirufa*
 1 heard at Bellavista
 Red-faced Spinetail *Cranioleuca erythrops*
 1 heard at Milpe road and 3 seen at Septimo Paraiso
 Streak-backed Canastero *Asthenes wyatti*
 2 seen at Cotopaxi
 Many-striped Canastero *Asthenes flammulata*
 2 heard at Cotopaxi
 Streaked Tuftedcheek *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii*
 3 seen at Bellavista
 Pearled Treerunner *Margarornis squamiger*
 1 seen at Bellavista
 Spotted Barbtail *Premnoplex brunnescens*
 Heard at Paz de las Aves and Bellavista, 1 seen at Septimo Paraiso
 Lineated Foliage-gleaner *Syndactyla subalaris*
 1 seen at Paz de las Aves, heard at Septimo Paraiso
 Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner *Anabacerthia variegaticeps*
 2 seen at Milpe road
 Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner *Philydor rufus*
 2 seen at Milpe road and 2 seen at km 106.5
 Flammulated Treehunter *Thripadectes flammulatus*

2 seen at Bellavista

Streak-capped Treehunter *Thripadectes virgaticeps*

1 seen at Paz de las Aves and 2 seen at Septimo Paraiso

Plain Xenops *Xenops minutus*

Singles seen at Milpe, Rio Silanche and Canandé

Tawny-throated Leaf-tosser *Sclerurus mexicanus*

1 heard at Septimo Paraiso

WOODCREEPERS DENDROCOLAPTIDAE

Tyrannine Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla tyrannina*

2 heard at Paz de las Aves and 1 heard below Bellavista

Plain-brown Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla fuliginosa*

2 seen at km 106.5 and 3 seen at Canandé

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper *Glyphorhynchus spirurus*

A few seen daily at Canandé

Strong-billed Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus*

1 heard near Bellavista

Northern Barred-Woodcreeper *Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae*

4 seen at Canandé

Black-striped Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus lachrymosus*

2 seen at Rio Silanche and 4 seen at Canandé

Spotted Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes erythropygius*

Singles most days

Streak-headed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*

2 seen at Rio Silanche and 1 heard at Canandé

Montane Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes lachrymiger*

3 seen at Septimo Paraiso

TYPICAL ANTBIRDS THAMNOPHILIDAE

Fasciated Antshrike *Cymbilaimus lineatus*

1 heard at Canandé

Western Slaty-Antshrike *Thamnophilus atrinucha*

1 heard at Rio Silanche 30.12 and about 5 seen and/or heard at Canandé

Russet Antshrike *Thamnistes anabatinus*

1 seen at km 106.5, 2 seen at Rio Silanche and 2 seen at Canandé

Plain Antvireo *Dysithamnus mentalis*

1 seen at Canandé

Spot-crowned Antvireo *Dysithamnus puncticeps*

2 seen at km 106.5, 2 heard at Canandé

Griscom's Antwren *Myrmotherula ignota*

2 seen and 1 heard at Canandé

Pacific Antwren *Myrmotherula pacifica*

2 seen at Rio Silanche, Up to seen and/or heard at Canandé daily

Checker-throated Antwren *Myrmotherula fulviventris*

2 seen at km 016.5, 2 heard at Rio Silanche and 6 seen at Canandé

White-flanked Antwren *Myrmotherula axillaris*

Singles seen or heard daily at Canandé

Dot-winged Antwren *Microrhophias quixensis*

2 seen at km 106.5, 2 seen at Rio Silanche and 5 seen at Canandé

Long-tailed Antbird *Drymophila caudata*

3 seen at Septimo Paraiso

Dusky Antbird *Cercomacra tyrannina*

2 heard at Canandé

Spotted Antbird *Hylophylax naevioides*

2 females seen at Canandé

Immaculate Antbird *Myrmeciza immaculata*

Singles heard at km 106.5, Rio Silanche, Canandé and Septimo Paraiso

Chestnut-backed Antbird *Myrmeciza exsul*

Commonly heard from km 106.5 to Canandé

Esmeraldas Antbird *Myrmeciza nigricauda*

2 seen at km 106.5

Bicolored Antbird *Gymnopithys leucaspis*

5 seen at Canandé

Ocellated Antbird *Phaenostictus mcleannani*

2 seen at Canandé

ANTPITTAS AND ANTTHRUSHES FORMICARIIDAE

Black-headed Antthrush *Formicarius nigricapillus*

1 seen at km 106.5, singles heard at Rio Silanche and Canandé

Rufous-breasted Antthrush *Formicarius rufipectus*

Singles heard at Septimo Paraiso

Giant Antpitta *Grallaria gigantea*

1 seen at Paz de las Aves

Scaled Antpitta *Grallaria guatemalensis*

1 seen and 1 heard at Septimo Paraiso

Moustached Antpitta *Grallaria alleni*

1 seen at Paz de las Aves

Chestnut-crowned Antpitta *Grallaria ruficapilla*

1 heard at Bellavista

Yellow-breasted Antpitta *Grallaria flavotincta*

3 seen at Paz de las Aves and 1 heard between Mindo and Bellavista

Tawny Antpitta *Grallaria quitensis*

5 heard at Cotopaxi

Ochre-breasted Antpitta *Grallaricula flavirostris*

2 seen at Septimo Paraiso

TAPACULOSRHINOCRYPTIDAE

Nariño Tapaculo *Scytalopus vicini*

Heard at Paz de las Aves and Septimo Paraiso

Chocó Tapaculo *Scytalopus chocoensis*

1 heard at Canandé

Spillmann's Tapaculo *Scytalopus spillmanni*

Heard at Bellavista

Ocellated Tapaculo *Acropternis orthonyx*
1 heard at Bellavista

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS TYRANNIDAE

Sooty-headed Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias griseiceps*

1 seen at Rio Silanche, singles seen daily at Canandé

Ashy-headed Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias cinereiceps*

1 heard at Paz de las Aves

Golden-faced Tyrannulet *Zimmerius chrysops*

Fairly common from Milpe to Canandé

Brown-capped Tyrannulet *Ornithion brunneicapillum*

Singles seen and/or heard daily at Canandé

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum*

Singles seen or heard most days from Mindo to Canandé

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet *Tyrannulus elatus*

2 seen at Canandé

Gray Elaenia *Myiopagis caniceps*

1 pair seen at Rio Silanche, heard at Canandé

Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster*

1 seen at Rio Silanche and 1 heard at Canandé

White-tailed Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus poecilocercus*

5 seen and/or heard at Paz de las Aves, 2 seen at Bellavista

Olive-striped Flycatcher *Mionectes olivaceus*

Up to 5 daily at Canandé

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus*

1 seen all days at the lodge at Canandé

Slaty-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon superciliaris*

Singles seen daily from Milpe to Canandé

Yellow Tyrannulet *Capsiempis flaveola*

1 seen at Rio Silanche

Black-capped Pygmy-Tyrant *Myiornis atricapillus*

2 seen at Rio Silanche and 2 heard at Canandé

Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant *Lophotriccus pileatus*

Common

Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum nigriceps*

Heard all days at Rio Silanche and Canandé

Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum*

2 seen at Rio Silanche and 1 seen at Canandé

Pacific Flatbill *Rhynchocyclus pacificus*

1 heard at Canandé

Yellow-margined Flatbill *Tolmomyias flavotectus*

3 seen at Canandé

White-throated Spadebill *Platyrrinchus mystaceus*

2 seen at km 106.5

Ornate Flycatcher *Myiotriccus ornatus*

Singles at all sites except Cotopaxi

Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher *Terenotriccus erythrurus*

3 seen at Canandé

Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher *Myiobius sulphureipygius*
1 seen at km 106.5 and 1 seen at Canandé

Cinnamon Flycatcher *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomea*
2 seen at Bellavista

Northern Tufted-Flycatcher *Mitrephanes phaeocercus*
1 seen at Canandé
Maybe a slight range-extension southwards.

Western Wood-Pewee *Contopus sordidulus*
1 seen at km 106.5

Smoke-colored Pewee *Contopus fumigatus*
4 seen at paz de las Aves and 2 seen at Bellavista

Olive-sided Flycatcher *Contopus cooperi*
1 seen at Paz de las Aves

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans*
Singles near rivers

Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca fumicolor*
2 seen at Cotopaxi

Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant *Myiotheretes striaticollis*
1 seen at Hacienda La Cienega

Paramo Ground-Tyrant *Muscisaxicola alpina*
5 seen at Cotopaxi

Long-tailed Tyrant *Colonia colonus*
A family seen daily at Canandé

Masked Water-Tyrant *Fluvicola nengeta*
Singles in Mindo village, more common at Milpe and lower down

Western Sirystes *Sirystes albogriseus*
2 seen at Canandé

Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer*
1 seen at Rio Silanche

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua*
1 seen at km 106.5, singles heard daily at Canandé

Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis*
1 seen at Pedro Vicente Maldonado, 5 seen at Canandé

Rusty-margined Flycatcher *Myiozetetes cayanensis*
Fairly common from Milpe and down

Gray-capped Flycatcher *Myiozetetes granadensis*
2 seen daily at Canandé

White-ringed Flycatcher *Conopias albobittata*
Up to 4 seen at Canandé

Golden-crowned Flycatcher *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus*
Singles from Bellavista down to Milpe

Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus*
1 heard at Rio Silanche, 5 daily at Canandé

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*
Common

Barred Becard *Pachyrhamphus versicolor*

1 heard at Ñanca Jatunmi
Cinnamon Becard *Pachyrhamphus cinnamomeus*
A few daily
Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata*
2 seen at Milpe, singles daily at Canandé
Black-crowned Tityra *Tityra inquisitor*
1 male seen at Canandé

COTINGAS COTINGIDAE

Green-and-black Fruiteater *Pipreola riefferii*
1 heard at Bellavista
Orange-breasted Fruiteater *Pipreola jucunda*
2 seen at Paz de las Aves
Rufous Piha *Lipaugus unirufus*
Singles seen and/or heard daily at Canandé
Purple-throated Fruitcrow *Querula purpurata*
1 seen at Rio Silanche, Up to 5 seen at Canandé

MANAKINS PIPRIDAE

Red-capped Manakin *Pipra mentalis*
Up to 10 seen at Canandé
Blue-crowned Manakin *Lepidothrix coronata*
1 male and 1 female seen at Canandé
Golden-winged Manakin *Masius chrysopterus*
1 female seen at km 106.5, 2 seen at Septimo Paraiso
White-bearded Manakin *Manacus manacus*
A few seen and/or heard daily at Rio Silanche and Canandé
Club-winged Manakin *Manacus deliciosus*
1 heard at Milpe

VIREOS, PEPPERSHRIKES, SHRIKE-VIREOS VIREONIDAE

Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo *Vireolanius leucotis*
A few heard almost daily
Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus*
1 heard at Rio Silanche
Brown-capped Vireo *Vireo leucophrys*
Heard at Paz de las Aves, 2 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi
Lesser Greenlet *Hylophilus decurtatus*
A few seen or heard daily

THRUSHES TURDIDAE

Andean Solitaire *Myadestes ralloides*
Heard at Paz de las Aves and Septimo Paraiso
Chiguanco Thrush *Turdus chiguanco*
2 seen at Hacienda La Cienega
Great Thrush *Turdus fuscater*
Common in the highlands and also in downtown Quito

Dagua (Chocó) Thrush *Turdus daguae*

1 seen and 3 heard at Canandé

Ecuadorian Thrush *Turdus maculirostris*

Fairly common at Milpe and los Bancos

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS

HIRUNDINIDAE

Gray-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea*

5-10 seen en route to Canandé

Brown-bellied Swallow *Notiochelidon murina*

Common at Cotopaxi

Blue-and-white Swallow *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*

Common

White-thighed Swallow *Neochelidon tibialis*

Fairly common from Milpe to Canandé

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*

Fairly common from Mindo down to Canandé

WRENS

TROGLODYTIDAE

Band-backed Wren *Campylorhynchus zonatus*

1 seen at Rio Silanche, 1 heard at Canandé, 2 seen en route from Canandé

Sepia-brown Wren *Cinnycerthia olivascens*

2 seen at Paz de las Aves and 2 seen at Septimo Paraiso

Bay Wren *Thryothorus nigricapillus*

Singles seen and heard

Stripe-throated Wren *Thryothorus leucopogon*

1 heard at Canandé

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*

Singles daily

Mountain Wren *Troglodytes solstitialis*

1 seen at Paz de las Aves

White-breasted Wood-Wren *Henicorhina leucosticta*

Singles heard in the lowlands

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys*

Heard at Bellavista, Septimo Paraiso and Paz de las Aves

Song Wren *Cyphorhinus phaeocephalus*

1 seen at Canandé

Southern Nightingale-Wren *Microcerculus marginatus*

Singles heard daily from Mindo down to Canandé with 1 seen down to 1 m!

GNATCATCHERS AND GNATWRENS POLIOPTILIDAE

Tawny-faced Gnatwren *Microbates cinereiventris*

5 seen and heard at km 106.5, heard daily at Canandé

Long-billed Gnatwren *Ramphocaenus melanurus*

1 seen at Canandé

Tropical Gnatcatcher *Polioptila plumbea*

2 seen at Canandé

Slate-throated Gnatcatcher *Polioptila schistaceigula*

1+2 seen at Canandé

PIPITS AND WAGTAILS MOTACILLIDAE

Paramo Pipit *Anthus bogotensis*

3 seen at Cotopaxi

NEW WORLD WARBLERS AND WRENTHRUSH PARULIDAE

Tropical Parula *Parula pitiayumi*

Common but not recorded at Canandé

Blackburnian Warbler *Dendroica fusca*

1 female seen at Paz de las Aves

Olive-crowned Yellowthroat *Geothlypis semiflava*

1 heard at Milpe and 1 seen at Canandé

Slate-throated Whitestart *Myioborus miniatus*

Fairly common from Bellavista down to Milpe

Chocó Warbler *Basileuterus chlorophrys*

3 seen at km 106.5, 3 seen at Rio Silanche and 2 seen at Canandé

Three-striped Warbler *Basileuterus tristriatus*

3 seen at Paz de las Aves, about 10 seen at Septimo Paraiso

Russet-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus coronatus*

Heard at Bellavista

Buff-rumped Warbler *Basileuterus fulvicauda*

2 seen at Rio Silanche, 2+3 seen at Canandé and 1 seen at Septimo Paraiso

TANAGERS, HONEYCREEPERS, BANANAQUIT THRAUPIDAE

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola*

Fairly common

Purple Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes caeruleus*

2 seen at Milpe, 5 seen at Rio Silanche, fairly common at Canandé

Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyaneus*

2 seen at Canandé

Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza*

5 seen at Rio Silanche and singles daily at Canandé

Yellow-tufted Dacnis *Dacnis egregia*

1 seen at Rio Silanche and singles daily at Canandé

Scarlet-thighed Dacnis *Dacnis venusta*

5 seen near Rio Canandé and 3 seen at Canandé

Scarlet-breasted Dacnis *Dacnis berlepschi*

5 seen at Canandé

Cinereous Conebill *Conirostrum cinereum*

2 seen at Cotopaxi

Black Flowerpiercer *Diglossa humeralis*

1 in Quito and 5 at Cotopaxi

White-sided Flowerpiercer *Diglossa albilatera*

Singles at Bellavista

Guira Tanager *Hemithraupis guira*

1 seen at Milpe, 2 seen at Rio Silanche and 2 at Canandé
Scarlet-and-white Tanager *Erythrothlypis salmoni*
3 seen at Canandé
Fawn-breasted Tanager *Pipraeidea melanonota*
3 seen at Milpe and Paz de las Aves
Yellow-collared Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia flavirostris*
2 seen on Milpe road
Thick-billed Euphonia *Euphonia laniirostris*
5 seen at Milpe and Rio Blanco, 2 at km 16.5 and 2 en route from Canandé
Orange-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia xanthogaster*
Common
White-vented Euphonia *Euphonia minuta*
1 heard at Canandé
Fulvous-vented Euphonia *Euphonia fulvicrissa*
About 10 seen at Canandé
Glistering-green Tanager *Chlorochrysa phoenicotis*
2 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi
Rufous-throated Tanager *Tangara rufigula*
4 seen at Milpe
Gray-and-gold Tanager *Tangara palmeri*
2 seen at km 106.5, 2 seen at Rio Silanche and 7 seen at Canandé
Golden Tanager *Tangara arthus*
Fairly common in the subtropics
Emerald Tanager *Tangara florida*
2 seen at Canandé
Silver-throated Tanager *Tangara icterocephala*
2 seen at Milpe and 3 seen at Rio Silanche
Flame-faced Tanager *Tangara parzudakii*
1 at Paz de las Aves and 4 at Ñanca Jatunmi
Golden-naped Tanager *Tangara ruficervix*
2 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi
Metallic-green Tanager *Tangara labradorides*
2 seen at Paz de las Aves
Beryl-spangled Tanager *Tangara nigroviridis*
2 seen at Paz de las Aves and 3 at Septimo Paraiso
Blue-necked Tanager *Tangara cyanicollis*
Fairly common
Golden-hooded Tanager *Tangara larvata*
1 seen at Rio Silanche and fairly common at Canandé
Blue-whiskered Tanager *Tangara johannae*
4 seen at Canandé
Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola*
2 seen at Milpe road, 5 at Rio Silanche and 1 at Canandé
Rufous-winged Tanager *Tangara lavinia*
1 seen at Rio Silanche, 6 seen at Canandé
Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager *Anisognathus somptuosus*
1 seen at Paz de las Aves

Hooded Mountain-Tanager *Buthraupis montana*
 2 seen between Septimo Paraiso and Bellavista

Golden-chested Tanager *Bangsia rothschildi*
 1 seen at Canandé

Moss-backed Tanager *Bangsia edwardsi*
 2 seen at Milpe road and 2 seen at Ñanca Jatunmi

Grass-green Tanager *Chlorornis riefferii*
 5 seen at Bellavista

Swallow Tanager *Tersina viridis*
 2 seen at Canandé

Blue-gray Tanager *Thraupis episcopus*
 Common

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum*
 Common

Lemon-rumped Tanager *Ramphocelus icteronotus*
 Common

Ochre-breasted Tanager *Chlorothraupis stolzmanni*
 Singles most days from Milpe to Canandé

Dusky-faced Tanager *Mitrospingus cassinii*
 Fairly common at Rio Silanche and Canandé

White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus*
 1 seen at km 106.5

White-shouldered Tanager *Tachyphonus luctuosus*
 10 seen at Rio Silanche and 1 at Canandé

Tawny-crested Tanager *Tachyphonus delatrii*
 5 seen at Rio Silanche and fairly common at Canandé

Scarlet-browed Tanager *Heterospingus xanthopygius*
 3 seen at Rio Silanche and 4 at Canandé

Dusky Bush-Tanager *Chlorospingus semifuscus*
 5 seen at Paz de las Aves and 5 at Bellavista

Yellow-throated Bush-Tanager *Chlorospingus flavigularis*
 5 seen at km 106.5

SALTATORS, GROSBEAKS, AND CARDINALS CARDINALIDAE

Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus*
 Singles daily

Black-winged Saltator *Saltator atripennis*
 1 seen at Paz de las Aves, 1 at Rio Silanche and 2 at
 Septimo Paraiso

Slate-colored Grosbeak *Saltator grossus*
 1 heard at km 106.5 and heard daily at Canandé

Black-backed Grosbeak *Pheucticus aureoventris*
 3 seen at Hacienda La Cienega

EMBERIZINE FINCHES EMBERIZIDAE

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina*
 Fairly common in open habitat

Yellow-faced Grassquit *Tiaris olivacea*

2 seen at Paz de las Aves

Lesser Seed-Finch *Oryzoborus angolensis*

2 seen at Canandé

Slate-colored Seedeater *Sporophila schistacea*

3 seen near Rio Canandé including a nest-building pair.

Variable Seedeater *Sporophila corvina*

Common

Yellow-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila nigricollis*

Singles at Milpe and to and from Canandé

Plumbeous Sierra-Finch *Phrygilus unicolor*

7 seen at Cotopaxi

Tricolored Brush-Finch *Atlapetes tricolor*

2 seen at Paz de las Aves and 5 seen at Septimo Paraiso

Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch *Buarremon brunneinucha*

1 heard at Paz de las Aves and 1 heard at Septimo Paraiso

Orange-billed Sparrow *Arremon aurantirostris*

Singles seen most days

Black-striped Sparrow *Arremonops conirostris*

1 heard at Hostería Ayalir

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis*

Common in the highlands and also 1 at Septimo Paraiso

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES ICTERIDAE

Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela*

1 seen near Pedro Vicente Maldonado

Scarlet-rumped Cacique *Cacicus microrhynchus*

10 seen at Rio Silanche and singles at Canandé

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis*

Fairly common around Pedro Vicente Maldonado

Scrub Blackbird *Dives warszewiczi*

5 seen at km 106.5 and singles near PVM

Yellow-tailed Oriole *Icterus mesomelas*

1 heard near Rio Silanche and 1 heard at Rio Canandé

CARDUELINE FINCHES FRINGILLIDAE

Hooded Siskin *Carduelis magellanica*

3 seen at Hacienda La Cienega

Yellow-bellied Siskin *Carduelis xanthogastra*

1 pair seen at Milpe

OLD WORLD SPARROWS PASSERIDAE

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

Seen in PVM

Some birds are better than others...