

Manu Expeditions Wildlife and Birding Tours



A TRIP REPORT FOR A SHORT BIRDING TRIP TO NORTH & CENTRAL PERU

August 15th – August 24th 2014

Trip Leader: **Silverio Duri**

DAY BY DAY ACTIVITIES

August 15th: Fly from Puerto Maldonado to Lima to then take the flight to Tarapoto. Night in Tarapoto at the Posada Inn Hotel. **DEPARTMENT OF SAN MARTIN**

August 16th: Early departure south of Tarapoto to the now well-known Quebrada Upaquiuhua where we birded until mid-morning, and then onto Aconabikh (Koepcke's) Hummingbird feeders through Tarapoto (North of Tarapoto), and then back to Tarapoto to continue our way to Moyobamba with stop at Quebrada Quiscarumi to look at the roosting Oilbird there, near Moyobamba. Night at Waqanki Lodge. **DEPARTMENT OF SAN MARTIN**

August 17th: Waqanki to Abra Patricia with owling morning before breakfast and after breakfast we walked the Mishquiyaku trail (Fruiteater trail) at Waqanki and then visited the Hummingbird feeders until mid-day and after lunch we head to Abra Patricia with few birding stops along the way. Night at the Owllet Lodge. **DEPARTMENT OF SAN MARTIN.**

August 18th: Full day at Abra Patricia; birding morning along the monkey and grallaria trail and in the afternoon we drove down the road to Alto Nieva to look for the Cinnamon-breasted Tody-Tyrant where we

had great views, and early evening back to the Lodge to get ready for the hike to the Owlet trail to look one of the most amazing Peruvian birds where we had fantastic views with our local guide Roberto.

Night at Owlet Lodge. **DEPARTMENT OF SAN MARTIN.**

August 19th: Full day at Abra Patricia; all day birding down the road all the way down to Afluente and early afternoon back to the Lodge, and to end it up the afternoon we bird it a little bit the monkey trail. Night at Owlet Lodge. **DEPARTMENT OF SAN MARTIN.**

August 20th: Abra Patricia to Jaen; with owling morning and after breakfast we went to San Lorenzo to look for the Pale-billed Antpitta and after that we went to Huembo the (ECOAN protected area) for the Marvelous Spatuletail, and after mid-day we head out to Jaen with stop near Jaen to look for the Little Inca-Finch. Night at Jaen. **DEPARTMENT OF CAJAMARCA.**

August 21th: Jaen to Olmos; with birding morning at the Tamborapa track until morning and then we took long drive to Abra Porculla for a short afternoon birding at this special place for the Piura Chat-Tyrant among few others and then we continue to Olmos. **DEPARTMENTS OF CAJAMARCA - LAMBAYEQUE**

August 22th: Early departure from Olmos to Quebrada Limon and we spend the all morning birding the Quebrada Limon looking for the White-winged Guan which gave us a hard time to find them, but with the help of Lino (our local guide) that met us about mid-morning we finally found them, and then onto Chiclayo for our afternoon flight to Lima and right after arrival we went to San Mateo (along the Central High Way) for the overnight. Night at San Mateo. **DEPARTMENTS OF LAMBAYEQUE & LIMA.**

August 23th: Departure after breakfast from San Mateo to our birding locality at Marcapomacocha with a box-lunch where we spend almost the all-day looking for the specialties of this great birding localities such the Diademed Sandpiper-Plover; and in the late afternoon we head to La Oroya. Night at La Oroya. **DEPARTMENT OF JUNIN.**

August 24th: La Oroya to Junín (Chinchaycocha) (4100 mts) lake. Morning on the Lake for Junín flightless Grebe with breakfast at the small restaurant near the Hotel. Around mid-morning we took our very long drive back to Lima to catch the evening International flight for Kelvin. Silverio – Night in Lima

GPS coordinates of major sites

Tarapoto tunnel: 06°27'10" S – 76°17'21" W – 837 m

Quebrada Upaquiuhau: 06° 44' S – 76° 23" W

Quebrada Quiscarumi Oilbird Cave Moyobamba S 06 08 851 W 76 50 471

Wanquanki: 06°04'29" S – 76°58'32" W – 990 m

Aguas Verdes Bridge: 05°41'04" S – 77°39'14" W – 1037 m

Afluente: 05°40'27" S – 77°42'09" – 1418 m

Abra Patricia: 05°40'49" S – 77°46'41" W – 1970 m

Rio Chido trail San Lorenzo: 05°48.636" S 078°01.209" W – 2842 m

Puerto Pumas hotel 05° 49.285', 77° 57.821'

ECOAN Huembo feeders: 05°51'26" S – 77°59'03" W – 2053 m

Jaen S 05 42 869 W 078 48 253

Abra Porculla 05° 52.850', 79° 32.

Marcopomacocha S 11 34 917 W 076 15 711 397'

THE BIRDS

Species which were heard but not seen are indicated by the symbol *

RED – IUCN REDLIST CATEGORY

SACC = South American Checklist committee

E = Peruvian Endemic

RR = Range Restricted Species

TE = Tumbesian Endemic

TINAMOUS

Tataupa Tinamou – *Crypturellus tataupa*

Very nice views of two individuals at Upaquiuhua

Little Tinamou – *Crypturellus soui**

Heard around Waqank

TE Pale-browed Tinamou – *Crypturellus transfasciatus*

Amazing view of one bird very close at Quebrada Limon

DUCKS AND GEES

Andean Goose - *Oressochen melanoptera*

Very good views of good number at Marcapomacocha. Genetic data (mtDNA only; Bulgarella et al. 2014) suggest that *Neochen jubata* (Orinoco Goose) is the sister species to *Chloephaga melanoptera* (Andean Goose), and thus is likely embedded in *Chloephaga* as currently circumscribed. SACC proposal passed to treat *Chloephaga melanoptera* and *Neochen jubata* as congeners; *Oressochen* Bannister 1870 becomes the name for these two when treated in a separate genus

Crested Duck – *Lophoneta specularioides*

Also seen at Marcapomacocha

CHACHALACA AND GUANS

E White-winged Guan - *Penelope albipennis*

After having a hard time train to see the first one, on the way back we saw two of them with Lino's help around nearly mid-day at Quebrada Limon. **CRITICALLY ENDANGERED**

Speckled Chachalaca - *Ortalis guttata*

A few seen at Waqanki Lodge

GREBES

Silvery Grebe – *Podiceps occipitalis*

Good looks at this Grebe on Lake Junín, providing good comparison with the next species. The Sub-species here is the northern and high-elevation *juninensis*, which in plumage is closer to Junín Grebe than to the southern, nominate race. Two species are probably involved and the SACC says - Fjeldså & Krabbe (1990) and Jaramillo (2003) suggested that the northern Andean sub-species, *juninensis*, might merit recognition as a separate species from *Podiceps occipitalis*

E Junín (Flightless) Grebe – *Podiceps taczanowskii*

Excellent views of this endemic flightless Grebe – 2 in total. The species is named after Wladyslaw Taczanowski, a 19th century Polish Ornithologist who wrote *Ornithologie du Pérou* (he has several species and subspecies named after him). Junín Grebe is confined to Lake Junín in the highlands of Junín, west-central Peru. It was extremely abundant in 1938, and the population was probably well over 1,000 birds in 1961. In the early and mid-1980s there were c.250 birds, but only 100 were counted in 1992, falling to around 50 in 1993. New extrapolations in early 1995, using a different methodology, estimated 205 individuals. The 1995-1996 and 1996-1997 Breeding seasons were unsuccessful, but two broods apparently fledged in 1997-1998. In August 1998, over 250 *Podiceps* sp. were found in 4 km of the lake (suggesting a total of 350-400 birds) and all those identified (over 20) were *P. taczanowskii*. Counts in late 2001 suggested a total population of c.300 birds, though this extrapolation from line transects may be overly optimistic, especially as counts in 2001 suggested a population of less than 100. Even if correct, this estimate is of total individuals following a good breeding season, and the number of mature individuals is likely to be far smaller, perhaps half as many. At present, the current global population is best estimated at between 100 and 300 individuals. You need a boat to see this bird. **CRITICALLY ENDANGERED**



Junin Grebe – Fabrice Schmitt

HERONS AND BITTERNS

Fasciated Tiger-Heron – *Tigrisoma fasciatum*

One seen along the Utcubamba River on our way to Jaen from Abra Patricia

Cattle Egret - *Bubulcus ibis*

Common

Great Egret - *Ardea albus*

Common

Snowy Egret - *Egretta thula*

Common

AMERICAN VULTURES

Black Vulture - *Coragyps atratus*

Common

Turkey Vulture - *Cathartes aura*

Common; Jaramillo (2003) suggested that the resident tropical subspecies *ruficollis* and the southern subspecies group (*jota* and "*falklandica*") might merit recognition as separate species from the northern *Cathartes aura* group.

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture - *Cathartes burrovianus*

Two of them seen around Rioja

KITES, HAWKS AND EAGLES

Swallow-tailed Kite - *Elanoides forficatus*

Seen around Waqanki

Pearl Kite - *Gampsonyx swainsonii*

One individual seen around Jaen perch on the electricity cables

Variable Hawk - *Geranoaetus polyosoma*

Good views of one individual at San Lorenzo on our hike for the Pale-billed Antpitta. Seen in two separate days around Leymebamba. The taxonomy of this group is confusing, and some people try to split it as Puna Hawk *B. poecilochrous* and Red-backed Hawk *B. polyosoma*. SACC comment: Farquhar (1988) concluded that *Buteo poecilochrous* and *B. polyosoma* are conspecific, as they were formerly treated; he was unable to find any way to reliably diagnose the two forms using plumage characters or measurements. Ridgely & Greenfield (2001), Jaramillo (2003), and Schulenberg et al. (2007) followed this Treatment and suggested "Variable Hawk" be retained for the composite species. Genetic data (Riesing et al. 2003) are consistent with hypothesis that *B. polyosoma* and *B. poecilochrous* are conspecific

RAILS & CRAKES

Paint-billed Crake – *Neocrex erythrops*

Amazing view of one bird in the rice fields around Jaen on our way back from Tamborapa to Jaen

Giant Coot - *Fulica gigantea*

Very good views just from the roadside on one of the small ponds (lakes) at Ticlio pass on our way to La Oroya

PLOVER

Diademed Sandpiper-Plover – *Phegornis mitchellii*

Really wonderful views of 4 in total at Marcapomacocha, we even got pictures of them



Diademed Sandpiper Plover – Ian Merrill

JACANAS

Wattled Jacana - *Jacana jacana*

Seen around Tarapoto and Jaen

GULLS

Andean Gull - *Chroicocephalus serranus*

Few birds seen around La Oroya

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Band-tailed Pigeon - *Patagioenas fasciata*

Seen around Afluente

Eared Dove - *Zenaida auriculata*

Common, seen around Jaen

TE Ecuadorian Ground-Dove - *Columbina buckleyi dorsti*

Seen

Croaking Ground-Dove – *Columbina cruziana*

Seen around Jaen

Blue Ground-Dove – *Claravis pretiosa*

One seen at Waqanki

White-tipped Dove - *Leptotila verreauxi decipiens*

Named for the impressive sounding John Baptiste Edouard Verreaux (1810-1868) French Natural History dealer and collector

CUCKOOS

Smooth-billed Ani - *Crotophaga ani*

Seen around Tarapoto

Groove-billed Ani - *Crotophaga sulcirostris*

Seen around Jaen

TYPICAL OWLS

Tropical Screech-Owl – *Megascops choliba*

Seen at Waqanki

Vermiculated Screech-Owl – *Megascops guatemalae*

Very nice view of one individual at Waqanki

RR Cinnamon Screech-Owl – *Megascops petersoni*

Great views along the monkey trail at the Owllet Lodge. Named for Roger Tory Peterson American pioneer ornithologist

White-throated Screech-Owl – *Megascops albogularis*

A very nice view of one individual at the Owllet Lodge

Rufous-banded Owl – *Strix albitarsus**

Band-bellied Owl - *Pulsatrix melanota**

E Long-whiskered Owllet - *Xenoglaux loweryi*

Fantastic views of this impressive bird at Owllet Lodge; one of the best birds of the trip. Xenoglaux = Strange Owl. Named for George Hines Lowery US Zoologist **ENDANGERED**.



Long-whiskered Owllet –Ian Merrill

OILBIRD

Oilbird - *Steatornis caripensis*

Wonderful views of roosting birds at the Quiscarumi creek near Moyobamba. Steatornis = Fatbird. Baron von Humboldt recorded that young Oilbirds were culled each year and rendered into fat, melted down into oil, which was highly prized for cooking.

POTOOS

Common Potoo - *Nyctibius griseus*

Very good views at Tamborapa, near Jaen

NIGHTHAWKS & NIGHTJARS

Rufous-bellied Nighthawk – *Lurocalis rufiventris**

Lesser Nighthawk - *Chordeiles acutipennis*

A few seen around Jaen flying around in the evening

Rufous Nightjar - *Antrostomus rufus*

One seen at Waqanki in two consecutive days

Spot-tailed Nightjar - *Caprimulgus maculicaudus*

Very good views also at Waqanki

TE Scrub Nightjar – *Caprimulgus anthonyi**

SWIFTS

White-collared Swift - *Streptoprocne zonaris*

Common, seen around Tarapoto

Pale-rumped Swift - *Aeronautes montivagus*

Seen around Tarapoto

HUMMINGBIRDS

White-necked Jacobin - *Florisuga mellivora*

Common at Waqanki Hummingbird feeders

Great-billed Hermit – *Phaethornis malaris*

Seen at Waqanki Hummingbird feeders

Planalto Hermit - *Phaethornis pretrei*

Also seen at Waqanki Hummingbird feeders

E Koepcke's Hermit - *Phaethornis koepckeae*

2 seen at Escalera (Aconabikh) Hummingbird feeders



Koepcke's Hermit – John Hopkins

RR Black-throated Hermit - *Phaethornis atrimentalis*

At the Waqanki Hummingbird feeders

RR Gray-chinned Hermit - *Phaethornis griseogularis**

Gray-chinned Hermit - *Phaethornis griseogularis porcellae*

Very good views at Porculla pass. Of the porcellae subspecies. SACC says: The subspecies porcellae and zonura were formerly (e.g., Peters 1945) each considered separate species from *Phaethornis griseogularis*, but see Zimmer (1950a) for rationale for treatment of all as conspecific.

Blue-fronted Lancebill - *Doryfera johannae*

Great views at Aconabikh Hummingbird feeders

Green-fronted Lancebill - *Doryfera ludovicae*

One seen around Afluente

Gray-breasted Sabrewing - *Campylopterus largipennis*

Common at Waqanki Hummingbird feeders

Brown Violet-ear - *Colibri delphinae*

Good views at Waqanki Hummingbird feeders

Green Violet-ear - *Colibri thalassinus*

At Huembo Hummingbird feeders

Sparkling Violet-ear - *Colibri coruscans*

Fairly common and seen several places during the trip. The bully of the feeders.

Black-throated Mango - *Anthracothorax nigricollis*

A few at Waqanki Hummingbird feeders

Violet-headed Hummingbird - *Klais guimeti*

Also seen at Waqanki Hummingbird feeders

Rufous-crested Coquette - *Lophornis delattrei*

Common at the Waqanki Hummingbird feeders. Named for Adolphe de Lattre, French collector in Mexico and Colombia

Fork-tailed Woodnymph - *Thalurania furcata*

Common at Waqanki feeders

Golden-tailed Sapphire - *Chrysuronia oenone*

Another common one at the Waqanki Hummingbird feeders

E Spot-throated Hummingbird - *Leucippus taczanowskii*

Very nice views around Jaen

TE Tumbes Hummingbird – *Leucippus baeri*

Seen around Quebrada Limon

White-bellied Hummingbird - *Leucippus chionogaster*

At Huembo Hummingbird feeders

Sapphire-spangled Emerald - *Amazilia lactea*

Another one seen at Waqanki Hummingbird feeders

Andean Emerald – *Agyrtria franciae*

Very good views at Huembo Hummingbird feeders

Amazilia Hummingbird – *Amazilia*

Seen around Quebrada Limon

RR Ecuadorian Piedtail - *Phlogophilus hemileucurus*

A male one seen at Afluente on our way to Abra Patricia from Waqanki **VULNERABLE**

Gould's Jewelfront - *Heliodoxa aurescens*

Few seen at Waqanki Hummingbird feeders

Fawn-breasted Brilliant - *Heliodoxa rubinoides*

Seen at the Owllet Lodge Hummingbird feeders

Bronzy Inca - *Coeligena coeligena*

Common at Owllet Lodge and Huembo Hummingbird feeders

Collared Inca - *Coeligena torquata*

Very common at Owllet Lodge Hummingbird feeders

Chestnut-breasted Coronet - *Boissonneaua matthewsii*

Common at Owllet Lodge and Huembo Hummingbird feeders. Named for English botanist and collector in the neotropics Andrew Matthews

Purple-throated Sunangel - *Heliangelus viola*

Good views at Huembo Hummingbird feeders. From the Greek Helios =sun, Angelos = angel. From the habit of this genus of lifting their wings monetarily as in stylized angel paintings, on alighting on a twig

E Royal Sunangel - *Heliangelus regalis*

One male seen at Abra Patricia.

Emerald-bellied Puffleg - *Eriocnemis alinae*

Very common at Owllet Lodge hummingbird feeders



Emerald-bellied Puffleg – John Hopkins

Buff-thighed Puffleg - *Haplophaedia assimilis*

Seen around Afluente

Booted Racket-tail - *Ocreatus underwoodii annae*

Good views around Afluente

Black-tailed Trainbearer - *Lesbia victoriae*

One bird seen around the garden of Huembo Hummingbird feeders. From the Greek Lesbias – a woman of Lesbos.

Tyrian Metaltail - *Metallura tyrianthina*

Few seen along the trail at San Lorenzo. We saw the septentrionalis subspecies on the west slope of the Marañon River. Named after the color Tyrian purple; variously known as Royal purple, Tyrian purple, purple of the ancients, this ancient dyestuff, mentioned in texts dating about 1600 BC, was produced from the mucus of the hypobranchial gland of various species of marine mollusks, notably Murex. Although originating in old port of Tyre in modern day Syria (hence the name), man's first large scale chemical industry spread throughout the world. With the decline of the Roman Empire, the use of the dye also declined and large scale

production ceased with the fall of Constantinople in 1453. It was replaced by other cheaper dyes like lichen purple and madder

Rufous-capped Thornbill - *Chalcostigma ruficeps*

A male one seen along the Antpitta trail at San Lorenzo

RR Olivaceous Thornbill – *Chalcostigma olivaceum*

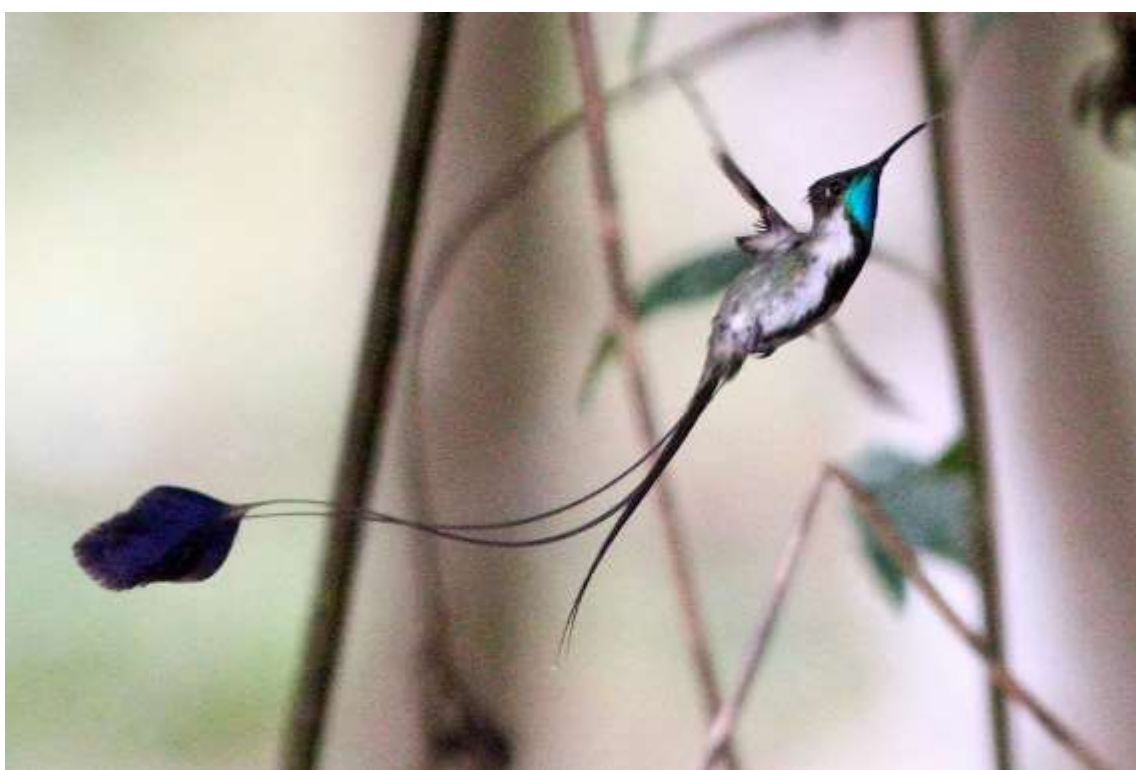
Very nice view of one individual at Marcapomacochoa

Long-tailed Sylph - *Agelaiocercus kingi*

Very common but beautiful bird at owl Lodge Hummingbird feeders. This long-tailed hummingbird was named for Admiral Philip Parker King, British marine surveyor, naturalist and traveler in tropical America 1825-1830

E Marvelous Spatuletail - *Loddigesia mirabilis*

Marvelous! A male one seen at Huembo. The genus is named after. British taxidermist and natural history dealer G. Loddiges (1784-1846), who specialized in hummingbirds! **ENDANGERED**



Marvelous Spatuletail – John Hopkins

Long-billed Starthroat - *Heliomaster longirostris*

Good views at Waqanki Hummingbird feeders

White-bellied Woodstar - *Acestrura mulsant*

Seen daily at Owllet Lodge Hummingbird feeders

RR Little Woodstar - *Acestrura bombus*

A female one seen at Huembo. A really rear Hummingbird. **VULNERABLE**

TROGONS & QUETZALS

Golden-headed Quetzal - *Pharomachrus auriceps*

Nice view of a male one along the monkey trail at Owllet Lodge

Masked Trogon - *Trogon personatus*

Very good views at Abra Patricia

Blue-crowned Trogon – *Trogon curucui*

One seen around Waqanki Lodge

PUFFBIRDS

Rufous-capped Nunlet - *Nonnula ruficapilla*

Very good views of one individual at Upaquihoa

White-faced Nunbird - *Hapaloptila castanea**

At Abra Patricia

Black-fronted Nunbird – *Monasa nigrifrons*

Seen around Upaquihoa

BARBETS

Versicolored Barbet – *Eubucco versicolor*

Good views at Afluente

TOUCANS

Golden-collared Toucanet - *Selenidera reinwardtii*

Seen along the Mishquiyaku (Fruiteater) trail at Waqanki

WOODPECKERS AND PICULETS

RR Lafresnaye's Piculet - *Picumnus lafresnayi*

One seen at Waqanki Lodge. Named for the impressive sounding Noel Frederic Armand Andre Baron de Lefresnay (1783-1861) French Ornithologist and collector

E Speckle-chested Piculet – *Picumnus steindachneri*

Wonderful views at Afluente. **ENDANGERED**

TE Ecuadorian Piculet - *Picumnus sclateri*

Nice views at Abra Porculla

Smoky-brown Woodpecker - *Veniliornis fumigatus*

One seen at Abra Patricia

Red-stained Woodpecker - *Veniliornis affinis*

Seen at Upaquihoa

Golden-olive Woodpecker - *Colaptes rubiginosus*

One seen around Abra Patricia

Andean Flicker - *Colaptes rupicola*

Fairly common at Marcapomacocha

FALCONS

Mountain Caracara - *Phalcoboenus megalopterus*

Quiet common in the Andes; seen at Marcapomacocha

Yellow-headed Caracara - *Milvago chimachima*

One seen in fly along the road on our way to Upaquihoa around Tarapoto

American Kestrel - *Falco sparverius*

Common

PARROTS

Scarlet-fronted Parakeet – *Psittacara wagleri*

Seen along the Utcubamba River

TE Red-masked Parakeet – *Psittacara erythrogenys*

Very good views at Quebrada Limon

White-eyed Parakeet - *Psittacara leucophthalmus*

Good views at the Oilbird cave near Moyobamba

Spot-winged Parrotlet - *Touit stictopectus**

Heard around Afluente

TE Pacific Parrotlet - *Forpus coelestis*

Good views around Jaen

Cobalt-winged Parakeet - *Brotogeris cyanopectera*

Seen around Waqanki here the subspecies *gustavi* with yellow on the wings. SACC comment: The subspecies *gustavi* was formerly (e.g., Cory 1918, Peters 1937) considered a separate species from *Brotogeris cyanopectera*, but Traylor (1958) indicated that they probably intergrade in the Huallaga valley

Blue-headed Parrot - *Pionus menstruus*

Also seen around Waqanki

Scaly-naped Parrot - *Amazona mercenaria*

Fly by at Owllet Lodge

ANTBIRDS

Collared Antshrike - *Sakesphorus bernardi*

Quite common at Quebrada Limon

RR Collared Antshrike sp Nov - *Sakesphorus bernardi shumbae*

One individual seen around Jaen

TE Chapman's Antshrike – *Thamnophilus zarumae*

A pair seen at Porculla pass

Lined Antshrike – *Thamnophilus tenuipunctatus*

Great views at Afluente.

RR Northern Slaty Antshrike - *Thamnophilus punctatus leucogaster*

Very good views of the nominate specie at Tamborapa

RR Northern Slaty Antshrike - *Thamnophilus punctatus huallagae*

Fairly common at Quebrada Upaquihoa. The SACC says “Ridgely & Greenfield (2001) further recognized *leucogaster* of the Marañon Valley (with *huallagae* of Huallaga Valley) as a separate species from *punctatus*; this taxon was tentatively retained as a subspecies of *T. punctatus* by Isler et al. (1997), with further evidence confirming subspecies status presented by Isler, Walker et al. (2001). The subspecies *huallagae* was formerly (e.g. Peters 1951) treated as a subspecies of *T. amazonicus*, but see Isler et al. (1997).

Variable Antshrike - *Thamnophilus caeruleascens*

Good views at Abra Patricia

Rufous-capped Antshrike – *Thamnophilus ruficapillus*

Two birds seen along the trail above San Lorenzo here the sub. Specie *jaczewskii* the northern population

Plain Antwren – *Dysithamnus mentalis*

One seen at Afluente

Ornate Antwren - *Epinecrophylla ornata*

Good views along the Mishquiyaku trail at Waqanki

Stripe-chested Antwren – *Myrmotherula longicauda**

Slaty Antwren – *Myrmotherula schisticolor*

One seen at Afluente

Streak-headed Antbird - *Drymophila striaticeps*

Seen around Abra Patricia. One bird seen along the monkey trail. The article in Condor “AN INTEGRATIVE APPROACH TO SPECIES-LEVEL SYSTEMATICS REVEALS THE DEPTH OF DIVERSIFICATION IN AN ANDEAN THAMNOPHILID, THE LONG-TAILED ANT BIRD” By Morton L. Isler, Andrés M. Cuervo, Gustavo A. Bravo, and Robb T. Brumfield In part says “we propose the following taxonomic positions and English names for members of the complex. Regarding the English names, we have rejected the inclusion of “long-tailed” in the names, as proposed by Cory and Hellmayr (1924), because the names would become too cumbersome. The sequence reflects the estimated phylogeny:

Drymophila klagesi Hellmayr and Seilern, 1912—Klages’s Antbird. Eastern and northern Venezuela, Serranía de Perijá, and northern Eastern Andes in Norte de Santander, Colombia (includes *klagesi*, *aristeguietana*, and Norte de Santander study groups; clade A).

Drymophila hellmayri Todd, 1915—Santa Marta Antbird. Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, Colombia (includes *hellmayri*; clade B).

Drymophila caudata (Sclater, 1854)—Long-tailed Antbird. Eastern Andes from Santander (west of the Chicamocha Canyon) to Caquetá and Huila, Colombia (includes Santander and Upper Magdalena study groups; clade C).

Drymophila striaticeps Chapman, 1912—Streak-headed Antbird. The Western and Central Andes of Colombia south through Ecuador (both slopes) and Peru (eastern slope) to northwestern Bolivia in La Paz (includes *striaticeps*, *occidentalis*, *peruviana*, and *boliviana*; clade D).

Rufous-rumped Antwren - *Terenura callinota*

One seen around Afluente

Blackish Antbird - *Cercomacroides nigrescens*

A male one seen along the Mishquiyaku trail at Waqanki. Ridgely & Greenfield (2001) and Zimmer & Isler (2003) suggested that *Cercomacroides* (then *Cercomacra*) *nigrescens* (Blackish Antbird) might consist of more than one species. Mayer et al. (2014) provided evidence that the subspecies *fuscicauda* (Riparian Antbird) of w. Amazonia should be treated as a separate species. SACC proposal passed to recognize *fuscicauda* as a separate species.

White-browed Antbird – *Myrmoborus leucophrys*

Good views at Upaquihua of the *koenigi* subspecies

Peruvian Warbling Antbird - *Hypocnemis peruviana*

Two birds seen along the Mishquiyaku trail at Waqanki

White-plumed Antbird - *Pithys albifrons*

A wonderful view of 4+ along the little trail at (Escalera) Aconabikh Hummingbird feeders

Spot-backed Antbird – *Hylophylax naevius*

Very nice view along the Mishquiyaku trail at Waqanki

CRESCENTCHESTS

TE Elegant Crescent-chest – *Melanopareia elegans*

Very nice views at Quebrada Limon

RR Marañon Crescent-chest - *Melanopareia maranonica*

Great views of two individual at Tamborapa



Marañon Crescentchest

ANTPITTAS

Chestnut-crowned Antpitta - *Grallaria ruficapilla**

E Pale-billed Antpitta - *Grallaria carrikeri*

Great looks at this impressive endemic Antpitta above San Lorenzo.



Pale-billed Antpitta

E Rusty-tinged Antpitta – *Grallaria przewalskii*

Good views of one bird also along the trail above San Lorenzo. **VULNERABLE**

E Chestnut Antpitta – *Grallaria blakei**

E Ochre-fronted Antpitta - *Grallaricula ochraceifrons*

Wonderful views of two individual at Abra Patricia, seen just from the road. **VULNERABLE**.

Stripe-headed Antpitta - *Grallaria andicolus andicolus*

Very good views at Marcapomacocha

TAPACULOS

Trilling Tapaculo - *Scytolopus parvirostris*

One seen at San Lorenzo. Scytalopus etymologically comes from the Greek language which literally means “stickfoot”, referred to their strong and thick feet

White-crowned Tapaculo - *Scytolopus atratus**

E Rufous-vented Tapaculo - *Scytalopus femoralis**

Heard at Abra Patricia

OVENBIRDS

Olivaceous Woodcreeper - *Sittasomus griseicapillus amazonus*

One seen at Upaquihoa. Note where you see these and what subspecies they are – they WILL be split as sure as death and taxes!

Olive-backed Woodcreeper - *Xiphorhynchus triangularis*

One individual seen at Abra Patricia

Streaked Xenops – *Xinops rutilans*

One seen around Afluente

Pacific Hornero - *Furnarius cinnamomeus*

Seen around Jaen and also at Quebrada Limon. These ones belong to the cinnamomeus subspecies and are often considered as a valid species. SACC comment: The subspecies cinnamomeus of W. Ecuador and NW. Peru may deserve recognition as a separate species from *F. leucopus* (Ridgely & Tudor 1994) and was treated as such by Parker & Carr (1992) and Ridgely & Greenfield (2001). The subspecies longirostris was also treated as a separate species by Ridgely & Greenfield (2001) and Hilty (2003). Although vocal and behavioral differences have been reported, no real analysis has been published to support these splits. SACC proposal to elevate cinnamomeus to species rank did not pass because of insufficient published data

Azara's Spinetail - *Synallaxis azarae*

Good views at San Lorenzo

RR Marañon Spinetail - *Synallaxis maranonica*

Very good views at Tamborapa

RR Chestnut-throated Spinetail – *Synallaxis cherriei*

Nice looks at Quebrada Upaquihoa. Named for George Kruck Cherrie US Ornithologist and collector (1865 - 1948)

Rufous Spinetail - *Synallaxis unirufa*

Seen at Abra Patricia and San Lorenzo

E Chinchipe Spinetail - *Synallaxis chinchipensis*

A few seen at Tamborapa. **ENDANGERED**

Rufous-fronted (Marañon) Thornbird - *Phacellodomus rufifrons peruvianus*

Great views around Quebrada Upaquihoa and Tamborapa, here the subspecies *peruvianus*, sometimes treated as a distinct species. SACC comment: Ridgely & Greenfield (2001) considered northern *inornatus* (with *castilloi*) a separate species from *Phacellodomus rufifrons*, and this was followed by and Hilty (2003); vocalizations are reported to differ, but no analysis or data have been published. SACC [proposal](#) to recognize *inornatus* as separate species did not pass because of insufficient published data. Ridgely & Greenfield (2001) also suggested that the subspecies *peruvianus* of the Marañon valley deserved recognition as a separate species.

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Streak-necked Flycatcher - *Mionectes striaticollis*

Seen around Abra Patricia

Slaty-capped Flycatcher - *Leptopogon superciliaris*

A few seen at Afluente

E Johnson's Tody-Flycatcher - *Poecilatriccus luluae*

One of the specialties of Abra Patricia. The scientific name is from the late Lulu May Von Hagen for her support of research in avian genetics. **ENDANGERED**

Pearly-vented Tody-Flycatcher - *Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer*

One seen just around Waqanki Lodge

Black-throated Tody-Tyrant - *Hemitriccus granadensis**

RR Cinnamon-breasted Tody-tyrant - *Hemitriccus cinnamomeipectus*

One of the difficult bird to see, but we manage to see one around Alto Nieva - missed by most tours – just sneaks in to an inaccessible part of Ecuador.

VULNERABLE

Plumbeous-crowned Tyrannulet - *Phyllomyias plumbeiceps*

One seen around Afluente

E Mishana Tyrannulet - *Zimmerius villarejoi*

Very nice look at one individual at Waqanki. The San Martin birds may prove to be distinct from the Iquitos birds. **VULNERABLE**

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet - *Camptostoma obsoletum*

Common around Jaen and Quebrada Limon

Mouse-colored Tyrannulet - *Phaeomyias murina wagleri*

Quiet common around Tarapoto and Waqanki

TE Gray-and-white Tyrannulet - *Pseudelaenia leucospodia*

A few seen at Quebrada Limon

Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet – *Tyrannulus elatus*

One seen around Quebrada Upaquihua

Small-billed Elaenia – *Elaenia parvirostris*

Fairly common austral migrant, seen at Waqanki

TE Pacific Elaenia – *Myiopagis subplacens*

Great views at Quebrada Limon

Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant - *Euscarthmus meloryphus*

Seen in three different days throughout the trip

Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant – *Phylloscartes ophthalmicus*

Good views around Afluente

RR Ecuadorian Tyrannulet - *Phylloscartes gualaquizae*

One seen at Afluente

RR White-bellied Pygmy-Tyrant – *Myiornis albiventris*

Wonderful views at Quebrada Upaquihua. Not an easy bird to see and has a disjunct range

Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant - *Lophotriccus pileatus*

One seen around Afluente

Cinnamon Flycatcher - *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomea*

Common at Abra Patricia

Cliff Flycatcher - *Hirundinea ferruginea*

Great looks at La Encanada (The Tunnels) near Tarapoto

TE Tumbes (Tropical) Pewee – *Contopus punensis*

Good studies at Quebrada Limon. All of them belonging to the punensis subspecies. Ridgely & Greenfield (2001) considered the subspecies punensis of southwestern Ecuador and northwestern Peru to represent a separate species from Contopus cinereus based on vocal differences

Vermilion Flycatcher - *Pyrocephalus rubinus*

Common

Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant - *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis*

One seen up along the trail above San Lorenzo

E Piura Chat-Tyrant - *Ochthoeca piurae*

Very nice bird, one seen at Porculla pass

Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant - *Myiotheretes striaticollis**

Pale-edged Flycatcher - *Myiarchus cephalotes*

Seen at Abra Patricia

TE Sooty-crowned Flycatcher - *Myiarchus phaeocephalus*

One seen at Tamborapa

Brown-crested Flycatcher - *Myiarchus tyrannulus*

Seen around Upaquiuhua

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*

Common

Boat-billed Flycatcher - *Megarynchus pitangua*

Seen around Moyobamba

TE Baird's Flycatcher - *Myiodynastes bairdii*

One seen around Tamborapa

Gray-capped Flycatcher - *Myiozetetes granadensis*

Seen around Waqanki

Great Kiskadee - *Pitangus sulphuratus*

Also seen around Waqanki

COTINGAS

Red-crested Cotinga - *Ampelion rubrocristata*

Seen in the Manu cloud forest below Wayqecha Biological Station

Green-and-black Fruiteater - *Pipreola riefferii*

Very good looks at Abra Patricia

Fiery-throated Fruiteater – *Pipreola Chlorolepidota*

Nice view of a pair along the Mishquiyaku trail at Waqanki

Andean Cock-of-the-Rock – *Rupicola peruviana*

Good views around Afluente

MANAKINS

Golden-headed Manakin – *Pipra erythrocephala*

Fantastic views few of them lecking along the little trail of Aconabikh (Hummingbird) feeders

Fiery-capped Manakin - *Machaeropterus pyrocephalus*

Also seen along the Aconabikh trail

Sulphury-bellied Tyrant-Manakin - *Neopelma sulphureiventer*

One seen really well at Quebrada Upaquihoa

TITYRAS AND BECARDS

Yellow-checked Becard - *Pachyramphus xanthogenys*

One seen at Tamborapa

Barred Becard – *Pachyramphus versicolor*

Very good views around Abra Patricia

Black-and-white Becard - *Pachyramphus albogriseus*

One seen around Upaquihoa

VIREOS & GREENLETS

Rufous-browed Peppershrike - *Cyclarhis gujanensis*

Commonly heard and one seen at Tamborapa

Chivi (Red-eyed) Vireo - *Vireo olivaceus (chivi)*

Several; Some classifications (e.g., Pinto 1944) have considered the South American *chivi* group as a separate species ("Chivi Vireo") from *V. olivaceus*, or as conspecific with *V. flavoviridis* (Hamilton 1962), but see Hellmayr (1935), Zimmer (1941d), Eisenmann 1962a, Johnson & Zink (1985), and Ridgely & Tudor (1989). Ridgely & Greenfield (2001) suggested, however, that more than one species may be involved within the South American *chivi* group.

Ashy-headed Greenlet - *Hylophilus pectoralis*

Very nice view of one individual seen along the Huallaga River on our way back from Quebrada Upaquihoa

Olivaceous Greenlet - *Hylophilus olivaceus*

Seen twice around Afluente

JAYS

TE White-tailed Jay – *Cyanocorax mystacalis*

Very good views at Quebrada Limon

Inca (Green) Jay - *Cyanocorax yncas*

Common, seen at Upaquihoa and around Afluente

SWALLOWS

Blue-and-white Swallow - *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*

Common

Andean Swallow – *Orochelidon andecola*

A lot of them seen at Marcapomacocho

WRENS

Fasciated Wren - *Campylorhynchus fasciatus*

Fairly common at Porculla pass

RR Sharpe's Wren - *Cinnycerthia olivascens*

Great views at Abra Patricia

RR Marañon (Speckled-breasted) Wren - *Pheugopedius sclateri maranonica*

Very good views at Tamborapa

TE Superciliated Wren - *Cantorchilus superciliaris*

A few seen at Quebrada Limon

House Wren - *Troglodytes aedon*

Common, seen at Abra Patricia

RR Bar-winged Wood-Wren – *Henicorhina leucoptera*

Two cooperative individuals around Alto Nieva. – just sneaks in to an inaccessible part of Ecuador.



Bar-winged Woodwren – Fabrice Schmitt

Chestnut-breasted Wren - *Cyphorhinus thoracicus*

Nice looks at Abra Patricia

GNATCATCHERS

RR Marañon Gnatcatcher - *Polioptila maior*

One seen around Jaen, near Bagua Grande. *Polioptila plumbea* likely includes several species (Atwood and Lerman 2006). The subspecies *maior* of the Marañon Valley (treated as a separate species by Hellmayr 1934) and the *bilineata* group of northern South American and Middle America may each warrant species recognition, but a published analysis is lacking (Ridgely & Tudor 1989). Even within populations east of the Andes, vocal differences suggest that more than one species is involved (Ridgely & Greenfield 2001, Hilty 2003).

THRUSHES

Andean Solitaire - *Myadestes ralloides*

Seen at Abra Patricia

Great Thrush – *Turdus fuscater*

Common at Abra Patricia

TE Plumbeous-backed Thrush - *Turdus reevei*

Very good views at Quebrada Limon

RR Marañon Thrush - *Turdus maranonicus*

One seen very well at Tamborapa

Pale-breasted Thrush - *Turdus leucomelas*

Good studies at Waqanki Lodge

Black-billed Thrush - *Turdus ignobilis*

Common at Waqanki

Varzea Thrush - *Turdus sanctorum*

Great views at Waqanki. Named for Manuel Sánchez S. and Marta Chávez de Sánchez. The Sánchezes worked with Dr John O'Neill and many other LSU (and non-LSU) researchers, in Peru, Bolivia, and Venezuela since the 1960s and were present for many of the bird discoveries that resulted from those field expeditions

White-necked Thrush - *Turdus albicollis*

One seen along the Mishquiyaku trail at Waqanki Lodge

MOCKINGBIRD

Long-tailed Mockingbird - *Mimus longicaudatus*

Common

TANAGERS & ALLIES

Black-faced Tanager - *Schistochlamys melanopis*

A couple seen around Waqanki

White-capped Tanager - *Sericossypha albocristata*

A small group seen at Abra Patricia. **VULNERABLE**

E White-browed (Black-capped) Hemispingus - *Hemispingus auricularis*

Seen at Abra Patricia

Black-eared Hemispingus – *Hemispingus melanotis berlepschi*

Fairly common around Afluente

RR Buff-bellied Tanager - *Thlypopsis inornata*

Very good views at Tamborapa

Guira Tanager - *Hemithraupis guira*

Also seen at Tamborapa

Rufous-crested Tanager - *Creurgops verticalis*

Very good looks at Abra Patricia

White-lined Tanager - *Tachyphonus rufus*

Great views around Upaquihua

Vermillion Tanager - *Calochaetes coccineus*

Very nice views bellow Alto Nieva

E Huallaga (Black-bellied) Tanager - *Ramphocelus melanogaster*

Great views at Waqanki

Silver-beaked Tanager – *Ramphocelus carbo*

Common lowland Tanager

Blue-gray Tanager - *Thraupis episcopus*

Common

Yellow-throated Tanager - *Iridosornis analis*

Good views at Abra Patricia

Yellow-scarfed Tanager - *Iridosornis reinhardti*

Wonderful views around Abra Patricia

Orange-eared Tanager – *Chlorochrysa calliparaea*

A few seen around Afluente

Paradise Tanager – *Tangara chilensis*

What can you say! A pleasure to have such a pretty species so common – seen around Afluente; not found in Chile!

Green-and-gold Tanager – *Tangara schrankii*

Also seen around Afluente

Saffron-crowned Tanager – *Tangara xanthocephala*

Seen in two consecutive days around Abra Patricia



Saffron-crowned Tanager

Flame-faced Tanager - *Tangara parzudakii*

Also seen in two consecutive days at Abra Patricia

Yellow-bellied Tanager - *Tangara xanthogastra*

Seen at Waqanki and Afluente

Spotted Tanager – *Tangara punctata*

Good looks at Afluente

Metallic-green Tanager - *Tangara labradorides*

A few seen around Abra Patricia

Blue-browed Tanager - *Tangara cyanotis*

One seen at Abra Patricia

Blue-necked Tanager – *Tangara cyanicollis*

Another Christmas tree bird – Common, seen at Afluente

Beryl-spangled Tanager - *Tangara nigroviridis*

Also seen at Afluente

Silver-backed Tanager – *Tangara viridicollis*

Nice looks at Abra Patricia

Blue Dacnis – *Dacnis cayana*

Seen around Afluente

Green Honeycreeper - *Chlorophanes spiza*

At Waqanki

Capped Conebill - *Conirostrum albifrons*

Great views at Abra Patricia

Rusty Flower-piercer - *Diglossa sittoides*

Also seen at Abra Patricia

White-sided Flower-piercer – *Diglossa albilatera*

A male one seen along the trail above San Lorenzo

Masked Flower-piercer - *Diglossopsis cyanea*

Quiet common at Abra Patricia

E Little Inca-Finch - *Incaspiza watkinsi*

Very good looks near Bagua Grande on our way to Jaen from Abra Patricia

Saffron Finch - *Sicalis flaveola*

A few seen around Jaen

Blue-black Grassquit - *Volatinia jacarina*

Good looks around Upaquihua

Chestnut-bellied Seedeater - *Sporophila castaneiventris*

One seen around Upaquihua

Chestnut-throated Seedeater - *Sporophila telasco*

Nice views at the Little Inca-Finch spot

Bananaquit - *Coereba flaveola*

A few seen around Jaen

INCERTAE SEDIS-2

Grayish Saltator - *Saltator coerulescens*

One seen around Tarapoto

Streaked Saltator - *Saltator albicollis*

Seen in two consecutive days around Jaen

NEW WORLD SPARROWS

Rufous-collared Sparrow - *Zonotrichia capensis*

Only in the Andes; Common but pretty Sparrow

TE Tumbes Sparrow – *Aimophila stolzmanni*

Great looks at Quebrada Limon

RR Black-capped (Marañon) Sparrow - *Arremon abeillei nigriceps*

Two individuals seen at Quebrada Limon

Yellow-breasted (Rufous-naped) Brush-Finch - *Atlapetes latinuchus*

Common at Abra Patricia



Tumbes Sparrow – John Hopkins

White-winged Brush-Finch - *Atlapetes leucopterus*

Very good views at Abra Porculla

Common Chlorospingus – *Chlorospingus ophthalmicus*

Common at Abra Patricia. Genetic data (REFS, Burns et al. 2002, 2003) indicate the genus *Chlorospingus* is not a member of the Thraupidae, but (Klicka et al. 2007) a member of the Emberizidae. SACC proposal passed to transfer to Emberizidae. Barker et al. (2013) further confirmed the placement of the genus with the New World sparrows. Frank Pitelka (in Tordoff 1954a) long ago noted the emberizine-like behavior of *Chlorospingus*. SACC proposal passed to change English names of the species in the genus from “Bush-Tanager” to “Chlorospingus”.

Ash-throated Chlorospingus - *Chlorospingus canigularis*

Very good views at Afluente

GROSBEAKS & TANAGERS

Tooth-billed (Highland Hepatic) Tanager - *Piranga lutea flava*

Seen in two consecutive days around Jaen. This is the split from Hepatic tanager

Golden Grosbeak - *Pheucticus chrysogaster*

One seen around Jaen. Used to be called Golden-bellied Grosbeak

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Tropical Parula – *Setophaga pitiayumi*

A few seen at Quebrada Limon

Slate-throated Whitestart – *Myioborus miniatus*

Common

Spectacled Whitestart - *Myioborus melanocephalus*
Quiet common

Black-crested Warbler - *Basileuterus nigrocristatus*
A few seen at Abra Porculla

Russet-crowned Warbler - *Myiothlypis coronatus*
Seen at Afluente

TE Three-banded Warbler - *Basileuterus trifasciatus*
Very good views at Abra Porculla

Three-striped Warbler - *Basileuterus tristriatus*
Great views at Afluente

OROPENDOLAS, ORIOLES AND BLACKBIRDS

Crested Oropendola – *Psarocolius decumanus maculosus*
Great views at Amazonia Lodge

Russet-backed Oropendola – *Psarocolius angustifrons alfredi*
The commonest Oropendola in the Lowlands

Yellow-rumped Cacique – *Cacicus cela*
Common, seen around Tarapoto

Sub-tropical Cacique - *Cacicus uropygialis*
Nice looks above Afluente

Northern Mountain Cacique - *Cacicus leucorhampus*
A few seen around Abra Patricia

White-edged Oriole – *Icterus graceannae*
Good views at Quebrada Limon

Giant Cowbird – *Molothrus oryzivorus*
Common in the lowlands, seen around Tarapoto

FINCHES

Bronze-green Euphonia – *Euphonia mesochrysa*
Good views around Afluente

Orange-bellied Euphonia – *Euphonia xanthogaster*
Also seen at Afluente

The Mammal List

MARMOSETS

E Andean Saddle-back Tamarin – *Saguinus leucogenys*
Restricted to Rio Mayo in San Martin, seen at Waqanki

NEW WORLD MONKEYS

E San Martin Titi-Monkey - *Callicebus oenanthe**

Heard at Quebrada Upaquihoa



Abra Patricia



Chinchaycocha – Lake Junin