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### **A BIRDING TRIP REPORT FOR THE ABRA MALAGA AND CUSCO AREA**

**December 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> 2015**

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Where else can you get 13 Peruvian endemics in 2 days? A short but interesting extension where we recorded 13 Peruvian endemics and 18 range restricted species and flagship birds such as Inca Wren, Torrent Duck, Black-streaked Puffbird, Green and White Hummingbird, Bearded Mountaineer, Tawny-Tit-Spintail, White-browed Tit-Spintail, Unstrakedd Tit-tyrant, Junin Canastero, Marcapata and Creamy-crested Spinetails, Masked Fruiteater, White-tufted Sunveam, Parodi's Hemispingus and the rarely seen Tacznowski's Tinamou and Royal Cinclodes

### **DAY BY DAY ACTIVITIES**

**December 5<sup>th</sup>** Cusco to Piuray Lakes and Ollantaytambo. Hotel Pakaritampu

**December 6<sup>th</sup>** Ollantaytambo Hotel Pakaritampu to Abra Malaga full Day Birding roadside cloud forest stopping at Canchayoc Carrizales and San Luis. Afternoon return to our hotel in Ollantaytambo

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** Early Breakfast at Hotel Pakaritampu and after that up to the Abra Malaga Pass 4,316 mts and start our walk up the mountain and down through the Polylepis forest and down the valley find the road and back to Hotel Pakaritampu.

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** Early Breakfast and again up the road to Peñas and after that Ollantaytambo

for birding at the hotel garden back to Ollantytambo for birding at the hotel garden and then to Cusco airport for flights.

## The Key to the Bird list

**RED – IUCN RED LIST CATEGORY**

**SACC = South American Classification Committee**

**IOC = International Ornithological Congress**

**+ EBird taxonomy order**

**RR = Range restricted species**

**E = Peruvian Endemic**

**\*= Heard Only**

## THE BIRDLIST

### TINAMOUS

**RR** Taczanowski's Tinamou – *Nothoprocta taczanowskii*

We saw upper the las Peñas one individual potato farm - great views for long time walking in an open area. **VULNERABLE**



Taczanowski's Tinamou – Silverio Duri

## **DUCKS**

### **Torret Duck – *Merganetta armata***

We saw one Female around las Peñas on a small river feeding - nice view.

### **Cinnamon Teal - *Anas cyanoptera***

Seen at Piuray Lakes very common.

### **Yellow-billed Pintail - *Anas georgica***

Also seen at Piuray Lakes.

### **Puna Teal - *Anas puna***

Common at Piuray Lakes

### **Yellow-billed Teal - *Anas flavirostris***

Common at Piuray Lakes; The SACC says "Hellmayr & Conover (1948a) and many earlier classifications treated *andium* (Andean Teal) as a separate species from *A. flavirostris*. Many authors, from Meyer de Schauensee (1970) to Dickinson (2003), have treated *andium* as a subspecies of *A. flavirostris*. *Anas andium* was considered a separate species from *Anas flavirostris* by Ridgely et al. (2001), and this was followed by Hilty (2003). SACC proposal passed to recognize *andium* as separate species. Jaramillo (2003) further suggested that the subspecies *oxyptera* may also deserve recognition as a separate species from *A. flavirostris*.

### **Ruddy Duck (Andean) - *Oxyura ferruginea (jamaicensis)***

Seen at Huacarpay Lakes. Quiet common at Huacarpay Lakes; The SACC says "Andean populations of Ruddy Duck *O. jamaicensis* have often (e.g., Hellmayr & Conover 1948a, Siegfried 1976, Sibley & Ahlquist 1990, AOU 1998, Ridgely et al. 2001, Jaramillo 2003) been treated as a separate species, *O. ferruginea* ("Andean Duck" or "Andean Ruddy-Duck"). However, see Adams and Slavid (1984), Fjeldså (1986), and McCracken & Sorenson (2005) for rationale for treating them as conspecific, as done previously (e.g., Blake 1977, Johnsgard 1979), and then followed by Fjeldså & Krabbe (1990) and Carboneras (1992f). Siegfried (1976) and Livezey (1995) considered *ferruginea* to be more closely related to *O. vittata* than to *O. jamaicensis*, but McCracken & Sorenson (2005) showed that this is incorrect." However the IOC says "Oxyura ferruginea is split from *O. jamaicensis* (Ridgely & Greenfield 2001; Jaramillo 2003); H&M recognize; SACC does no

## **GREBES**

### **White-tufted Grebe - *Rollandia rolland***

Seen at Piuray Lakes. Named for Master Gunner Roland of the French Corvette *L'Uranie* which circumnavigated the globe in 1817-1820

### **Silvery Grebe – *Polioptila occipitalis juninensis***

Seen at Piuray Lake two individuals. Fjeldsa & Krabbe (1990) and Jaramillo (2003) suggested that the northern Andean subspecies, *juninensis*, might merit recognition as

a separate species from *Podiceps occipitalis*. Del Hoyo & Collar (2014) treated them as separate species. **Proposal needed.**

## **CORMORANTS**

**Neotropic Cormorant - *Phalacrocorax brasilianus***

Common at Piuray Lake

## **IBIS & SPOONBILLS**

**Puna Ibis – *plegadis ridgwayi***

Seen at Piuray Lakes several individuals on our way to Ollantaytambo.

**Andean Ibis – *Theristicus branickii*.**

Two individual at Abra Malaga pass nice views feeding in grassland.

## **RAILS & CRAKES**

**Common Gallinule - *Gallinula galeata***

Seen at Piuray Lakes very common. Note that the New World form has been split from the Common Moorhen of Eurasia. Common Gallinule of Western Hemisphere is split from Common Moorhen on the basis of morphological, genetic, and vocal differences (Groenenberg et al 2008)

**Slate-colored Coot - *Fulica ardesiaca***

Common at Piuray lakes; Called "Andean Coot" in Fjeldså & Krabbe (1990), Taylor (1996 and Ridgely et al. (2001) but other authors use Slate-colored Coot.

## **PLOVERS**

**Andean Lapwing. *Vanellus resplendens***

Very common Piuray Lake and Abra Malaga

## **SANDPIPERS AND SNIPES**

**Spotted Sandpiper – *Tringa macularia*.**

Seen three individual at Piuray Lake

## **GULLS & TERNS**

**Andean Gull - *Chroicocephalus serranus***

Very common at Piuray Lakes and throughout the Andes

## **PIGEONS AND DOVES**

**Rock Pigeon - *Columba livia***

Common near human habitacion

**Spot-winged Pigeon – *Patagioenas maculosa***

Seen at Piuray Lakes and commonly around Ollantaytambo

**Band-tailed Pigeon - *Patagioenas fasciata***

Common in the higher Cloud Forest, seen around Carrizales and San Luis

**Eared Dove – *Zenaida auriculata***

Common in the highlands. Numbers increasing rapidly.

**Bare-faced Ground-Dove - *Metriopelia ceciliae***

Seen one at Pakaritampu hotel in the garden.

## **HUMMINGBIRDS**

**Sparkling Violetear - *Colibri coruscans***

Seen at Pakaritampu Hotel and Abra Malaga - great views

**Amethyst-throated Sunangel *Heliangelus amethysticollis***

Common in the higher cloud forest round the Carrizales and Canchayoc

**Black-tailed Trainbearer – *Lesbia victoriae***

Seen at Hotel Pakaritampu feeding in flowers in the garden. Lesbia – A woman of Lesbos. Victoriae – named for Victoire Mulsant, mother of French ornithologist Martial Mulsant

**Green-tailed Trainbearer – *Lesbia nuna***

Seen around Piuray village feeding in an Eucalyptus tree.

**E Bearded Mountaineer – *Oreonympha nobilis***

Seen at Hotel Pakaritampu in Ollantaytambo feeding in flowers and common



**Bearded Mountaineer – Alex Durand**

**Tyrian Metaltail – *Metallura tyrianthina smaragdinicollis***

Seen many between Peñas, canchayuc, Carrizales and San Luis. 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 Tire 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

**Shining Sunbeam – *Aglaeactis cupripennis caumatonotus***

Seen two different days and Common around las peñas and Ecalyptus tree

**E White-tufted Sunbeam – *Aglaeactis castelnaudii***

Seen at las Peñas - great views. Named for the impressive sounding Francois Luis Nomparr Caumont Laporte Comte de Castelnau 1810-1880

**RR Olivaceous Thornbill – *Chalcostigma olivaceum*.**

Seen at Abra Malaga in the Pass feeding on the ground on little orange flowers – the most terrestrial of Hummingbirds - very nice view

**RR Blue-mantled Thornbill – *Chalcostigma stanleyi***

At Las Peñas perched for long time only one individual. Named for Edward Henry Stanley 15<sup>th</sup> Earl of Derby (1826-1893)

**Sapphire-vented Puffleg – *Eriocnemis luciani***

Seen near Carrizales one individual feeding in flowers and we got nice views

**Collared Inca – *Coelige torquata***

Seen one individual at San Luis great views. Feeding on red flower for long time –here the cinnamon breasted race “Gould’s Inca”

**Violet-throated Starfrontlet – *Coeligena violifer*.**

Several seen around Canchayoc and Carrizales good views

**Giant Hummingbird – *Patagona gigas***

Seen at Hotel Pakaritampu in the garden great views – the world’s largest Hummingbird

**Sword Billed Hummingbird – *Ensifera ensifera***

One individual seen around Canchayoc feeding in the flowers

**White-bellied Hummingbird – *Leucippus chionogaster***

Common at Hotel Pakaritampu in the Garden



**E Green and White Hummingbird – *Leucippus viridicauda***

Seen at Hotel Pakaritampu in the garden feeding in vervane flowers.



**Sword-billed Hummingbird – John Hopkins**

## **WOODPECKERS & PICULETS**

**Andean Flicker – *Colaptes rupicola***

Seen at Piuray Lake and Abra Malaga

**Bar-bellied Woodpecker – *Veniliornis nigriceps***

Two individuals seen around Canchayoc - great views in a mixed flock

## **CARACARAS & FALCONS**

**Mountain Caracara – *Phalcoboenus megalopterus***

Seen on our way from Ollantaytambo to Canchayuc. Common in the Andes and occupies the niche of true Crows in temperate zones

**American Kestrel – *Falco sparverius***

Common in of Andes

**Aplomado Falcon – *Falco femoralis***

Two individual around Abra Malaga in flight

## **ANTPITTAS**

**Undulated Antpitta – *Grallaria squamigera*\***

Heard around Canchayoc calling upper the road in Bamboo.

**RR Stripe-headed Antpitta – *Grallaria andicolus punensis***

Seen at Abra Malaga in Polylepis forest – satisfying prolonged views. Here the subspecies *punensis*, which may deserve full species rank from the northern nominate form

**Rufous Antpitta – *Grallaria rufula occobambae*\***

Heard many times around Canchayuc and Carrizales. Here the *occobambae* race which will be split into a separate species at some point – keep track of it

## TAPACULOS

**Trilling Tapaculo – *Scytalopus parvirostris*\***

Heard many times in Abra Malaga around Cloud Forest. *Scytalopus* – from the Greek literally meaning “stickfoot”!

**RR Diademed Tapaculo – *Scytalopus schulenbergi***

One seen near Polylepis forest nice views in at Abra Malaga. Named for US Ornithologist Thomas Schulenberg of Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology.

## OVENBIRDS

**Streaked Tuftedcheek - *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii***

Seen in the cloud forest, around Canchayuc – a bromeliad specialist.

**Cream-winged Cinclodes - *Cinclodes albiventris*.**

Great views at Abra Malaga and common

**RR Royal Cinclodes – *Cinclodes aricomae*.**

Seen three individuals in Polylepis forest Great Views feeding on the ground – one of the very rare birds of Peru. **CRITICALLY ENDANGERED**





## Royal Cinclodes – Alex Durand

### **RR** Puna Thistletail – *Asthenes helleri*

Seen one around the Canchayoc great Views in cloud forest Abra Malaga. Named for Edmund Heller (1875-1944) US naturalist and collector who worked at the Field Museum of Natural History.

### **E** Rusty-fronted Canastero – *Asthenes ottonis*

Seen down the Valley after the Polylepis. A Peruvian endemic!

### **Pearled Treerunner – *Margarornis squamiger*.**

Seen twice in mixed flock around Carrizales great Views.

### **E** Marcapata Spinetail – *Cranioleuca marcapatae marcapatae*

Seen around Canchayoc in bamboo forest at Abra Malaga. Named for the town of Marcapata not far from Cusco. **VULNERABLE**

### **E** Creamy-crested Spinetail – *Cranioleuca albicapilla albicapilla*

Seen at Las Peñas two individuals.

### **Azara's Spinetail – *Synallaxis azarae urubambae*\***

Heard around San Luis

### **E** White Browed Tit Spinetail – *Leptasthenura xenothorax*

Seen at Abra Malaga in polilepys Forest several times and nice views. **CRITICALLY ENDANGERED**

### **RR** Tawny Tit Spinetail – *Leptasthenura yanacensis*

Great Views in Polylepis Forest at Abra Malaga – barely enters Bolivia **NEAR THREATENED**



## Tawny Tit-Spinetail – Alex Durand

### **RR** Line-fronted Canastero - *Asthenes urubambesis*

Seen one in the Polylepis. Named for the river that runs past the Pakaritampu Hotel

### **E** Junin Canastero – *Asthenes virgata*

Seen several around peñas and pass the Abra Malaga and great views perched in the rocks

### **Streak-throated Canastero – *Asthenes humilis***

Seen at the Abra Malaga pass - two individuals near the road - great views.

## **TYRANT FLYCATCHERS.**

### **White-throated Tyrannulet – *Mecocerculus leucophrys***

Common in the cloud forest around Canchayoc until San Luis

### **RR** Ash-breasted Tit-Tyrant – *Anairetes alpinus*

Seen at Abra Malaga Polilepys forest great views. **ENDANGERED**



**Ash-breasted Tit-Tyrant – Alex Durand**

### **E** Unstreaked Tit Tyrant - *Anairetes agraphia*

Seen two times around Canchayuc and San Luis great views. In mixed flocks.

**ENDANGERED**

### **White-crested Elaenia – *Elaenia albiceps urubambaensis***

Seen at Hotel Pakaritampu in the Gardens.

**Sierran Elaenia – *Elaenia pallatangae***

Several times in the cloud forest at Abra Malaga.

**Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet – *Phyllomyias uropygialis*.**

Seen one around Canchayoc in a mixed flock - great views

**White-banded Tyrannulet – *Mecocerculus stictopectus*.**

Common around Canchayoc and Carrizales in mixed flock

**Cinnamon Flycatcher – *Pyrhosmyias cinnamomea***

Common in the Cloud Forest around Carrizales and San Luis

**RR Rufous-webbed -Tyrant – *Polioxolmis rufipennis***

Several individuals in the Polylepis forest at Abra Malaga very good views.

**Rufous- breasted Chat Tyrant – *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis***

Fairly Common on Abra Malaga

**Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant – *Ochthoeca fumicolor*.**

Seen in Polylepis forest and common

## **SWALLOWS**

**Blue-and-white Swallow - *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca***

Common.

**Brown-bellied Swallow - *Notiochelidon murina***

Seen at Abra Malaga in Canchayoc - common.

## **WRENS**

**House Wren – *Troglodytes aedon***

Common in the highlands, seen at Hotel Pacçkaritampu and Abra Malaga. Many authors (e.g., Hellmayr 1934, Pinto 1944, Phelps & Phelps 1950a) formerly treated Neotropical mainland populations as a separate species *T. musculus*; see also Brumfield and Capparella (1996); this treatment was followed by Brewer (2001) and Kroodsma & Brewer (2005). The Falklands population, *T. a. cobbi*, is treated as a species (Wood 1993), as was done by Brewer (2001), Mazar Barnett & Pearman (2001), Jaramillo (2003), and Kroodsma & Brewer (2005);

**Mountain Wren – *Troglodytes solstitialis***

Seen two individuals around Carrizales in the cloud forest at Abra Malaga

**E Inca Wren – *Pheugopedius eisenmanni***

Seen three individuals in cloudforest near the Canchayoc. **ENDANGERED**



## THRUSHES AND SOLITAIRES

### Great Thrush – *Turdus fuscater ockenderi*

The common Thrush of the higher Cloud Forest

### Chiguanco Thrush – *Turdus chiguanco chiguanco*

The common Andean Thrush seen at Piuray Lake and Abra Malaga.

## PIPITS

### Paramo Pipit – *Anthus bogotensis*.

Seen at Abra Malaga in the pass two individuals and very good views.

## TANAGERS AND ALLIES

### **E** White-browed (Black-capped) Hemispingus - *Hemispingus (aricularis) atropileus*

Seen at San Luis in bamboo forest in Abra Malaga. The subspecies *auricularis* is distinct genetically and morphologically, and should presumably given taxonomic rank (Garcia-Moreno et al. 2001, Garcia-Moreno & Fjeldsa 2003). Proposal needed

### Oleaginous Hemispingus – *Hemispingus frontalis*

Seen around Pacchayoc in a mixed flock

### Superciliaried Hemispingus - *Hemispingus superciliaris*

Several seen around the San Luis in mixed flocks

### **E** Parodi's Hemispingus – *Hemispingus parodii*

Seen around Carrizales Six Individuals and great views in to the mixed flock at Abra Malaga. Named for Jose Parodi Vargas, Peruvian politician and landowner



## Parodi's Hemispingus – Fabrice Schmitt

### **RR Drab Hemispingus – *Hemispingus xanthophthalmus*.**

Two Individuals in a mixed flock around the Canchayoc in Cloud forest at Abra Malaga.

### **Three-striped Hemispingus – *Hemispingus trifasciatus*.**

Several around the Canchayoc with mixed flocks at Abra Malaga.

### **RR Rust-and-yellow Tanager – *Thlypopsis ruficeps***

We seen near the Carrizales in cloud forest associated with mixed flocks

### **Rufous-chested Tanager – *Thlypopsis ornata***

Two individuals seen around Carrizales

### **Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager - *Anisognathus igniventris igniventris***

Fairly common around Carrizales – common but spectacular

### **RR Chestnut-bellied Mountain-Tanager – *Debusia castaneiventris***

Three individuals around the Canchayoc in the mixed flocks

### **Blue-capped Tanager – *Thraupis cyanocephala***

Fairly common in Cloud forest aroun Canchayoc and Carrizales in Abra Malaga.

### **Blue and Yellow Tanager – *Pipraeidea bonariensis*.**

Common in the Andes and the Cloud Forest

### **Cinereous Conebill – *Conirostrum cinereum cinereum*.**

Common in the highlands

### **RR White-browed Conebill – *Conirostrum ferrugineiventre***

Great views seen at Canchayuc and common in mixed flocks

### **Blue-backed Conebill – *Conirostrum sitticolor***

Three individuals for long time around San Luis in a mixed flock

### **RR Tit-like Dacnis – *Xenodacnis parina***

Seen around the Canchayoc two individuals

### **Sayaca Tanager – *Thraupis sayaca***

Seen at Hotel Pakaritampu in Ollantaytambo great views – 2 birds. Although common in much of South America, this is a surprise known from only a handful of records for Peru and this is the only second documented record. So rare that Barry came out the next day to twitch them!

### **Plushcap – *Catamblyrhynchus diadema***

Two individual seen in canchayuc in a mixed flock for long time and very good views in the cloud forest at Abra Malaga.





**Sayaca Tanager – Alex Durand**

**Black-throated Flowerpiercer - *Diglossa brunneiventris***

Common in the Andes

**Masked Flowerpiercer - *Diglossa cyanea***

Fairly common in the Cloud forest around Carrizales and San Luis

**Rusty Flowerpiercer – *Diglossa sittoides*.**

Seen at Hotel Pakaritampu in the garden

**RR Peruvian Sierra-Finch – *Phrygilus punensis***

Seen near the Polylepis at Abra Malaga. Named for the Southern Peruvian Department of Puno.

**Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch – *Phrygilus plebejus***

A common drab Finch of the Andes.

**Greenish Yellow-Finch – *Sicalis olivascens***

Seen well at the Hote Pakaritampu two individuals great views

**Band-tailed Seedeater – *Catamenia analis analis***

Common in the Andes where ther is some vegetation,

**Plumbeous Sierra Finch – *Phrygilus unicolor*.**

Very Common in Abra Malaga Pass

**Band-tailed Sierra Finch – *Phrygilus alaudinus*.**

Seen one at Hotel Pakaritampu on the old Inca wall

**RR White-winged Diuca Finch – *Diuca speculifera***

Seen at Abra Malaga Pass several and good looks.

**Plain-colored Seedeater – *Catamenia inornata*.**

Seen around Peñas and common in the Andes

## **INCERTAE SEDIS-2**

**Golden-billed Saltator – *Saltator aurantiirostris***

Seen several times at Hotel Pakaritampu and Abra Malaga.

## **NEW WORLD SPARROWS AND ALLIES**

**E Cusco Brushfinch – *Atlapetes canigenis*.**

Seen only one individual around Carrizales great view after looking for long time at Abra Malaga. **ENDANGERED**

**Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis***

Only in the Andes. A pretty Sparrow.

## **CARDINAL GROSBEAKS**

**Black Backed Grosbeak – *Pheucticus aureoventris***

Seen at Hotel Pakaritampu in the garden and common.

## **NEW WORLD WARBLERS**

**Citrine Warbler – *Myiothlypis luteoviridis striaticeps***

Common in the cloud forest and seen around Canchayoc and Carrizales

**Slate-throated Redstart (Whitestart) – *Myioborus miniatus***

Common around Carrizales and San Luis at Abra Malaga

**Spectacled Whitestart (Whitestart) – *Myioborus melanocephalus***

Seen one around Carrizales in Abra Malaga

## **FINCHES**

**Hooded Siskin – *Spinus magellanicus urubambensis***

Common of the Andes

**Black Siskin – *Spinus atrata***

Seen at Abra Malaga in near the Polylepis forest feeding in the grassland

**Thick billed Euphonia – *Euphonia laniirostris*.**



Seen around the San Luis one individual.



**The Polyepis Forest – Silverio Duri**

