Colombia

El Dorado

A Greentours Trip Report

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Day 1 Saturday 11th January Arrival, Chingaza National Park

Camilo and I were driven to the airport in the early hours to meet the arriving group. The streets of Bogota were somewhat quieter than usual at this time of night, but the city was still bustling. At the airport all was straightforward at arrivals, and all were soon assembled. We arrived back at our very comfortable hotel still in the dark, with time for a few hours sleep, and breakfast at 8.30. We set out at 9.30, up the slopes of the Eastern Cordillera east of the city, towards the wilds of Chingaza National Park.

The Andean topography in Colombia is rather complex, the chain splitting here into three cordilleras, the east and west slopes of each supporting a different biodiversity, this further increased by the inter Andean valleys. The isolated Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta has the highest coastal peaks in the world, and the great diversity continues with the pacific coast Choco endemic bird area, the eastern lowland Llanos, and the southern expanses of Amazonia.

In Bogota our hotel was ideally located for easy access to Chingaza, being situated in an attractive leafy district in the east of the city, and after only a few blocks we started to climb above the sprawl of the capital. This road is always busy with cyclists, and today being Saturday there were very many. The roadside flora was varied, a mixture of natives such as one or more species of *Bomarea*, and aliens such as *Fuchsia petiolaris*.

Having left the paved road we were soon in interesting habitat, wooded patches among extensive grassland and pasture. Low on the road we drove through an extensive and impressive abandoned mine system, with imposing decaying buildings. At our first stop the pinnate-leaved small tree *Weimannia tomentosa* was much in evidence, a member of the Cunoniaceae, a family with a very interesting distribution (South Africa, New Caledonia). In fact ten species of the genus occur in the paramo here. *Viburnum triphyllum* was in bloom, and *Vallea stipularis*, a member of the Elaeocarpaceae, had beautiful pink/purple flowers. Melastomes included the attractive *Monochaetum myrtoideum*, *Bucquetia glutinosa*, red flowered *Tibouchina grossa*, and *Miconia elaeoides*. Pauline has just sent me a photo taken today of the purple flowered melastome *Brachyotum strigosum*, a beautiful plant. This she found somewhat higher up on this road. The lovely orchid *Telipogon berthae* was rather common, and there were a few of the red epiphyte *Fernandezia lanceolata*. A bonus was the dark flowered *Telipogon falcatus*, Camilo and I not having seen this species when we had explored this road a few days previously. *Lupinus bogotensis* and

Passiflora cuatrecasaii bloomed, Moninna aestuans represented this familiar milkwort genus, Cestrum buxifolium was in flower, and the araliad Oreopanax mutisianus was distinctive. Among a selection of composites was the shrub Ageratina tinifolia, and red tubular flowered Centropogon ferrugineus was a member of the Campanulaceae.

Birds began with the lovely Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager in the trackside vegetation. The endemic Silver-throated Spinetail skulked, as did Pale-naped Brush-Finch which did occasionally give good views. Blue-and-Black Tanager was admired, and hummingbirds began with Tyrian Metaltail and Glowing Puffleg. Brown-breasted Parakeets, one of the avian highlights here, flew close to us. This endemic has a restricted range in the Eastern Cordillera. In pasture was Eastern Meadowlark, where many of the clouded yellow *Colias dimera* were on the wing. A selection of satyrids was seen today, among them *Pedaliodes empusa* and *Pedaliodes ralphi*.

It was plants that took centre stage today though, probably the most productive day of the tour botanically. We were to see quite a number of *Bomarea* species on the tour and here they began with *Bomarea angustipetala*, *Bomarea hirsuta*, *Bomarea multiflora*, and *Bomarea setacea* all in the area. Impressive *Espeletia* species are a feature of the park. Somewhat related to the silverswords I'd recently seen in Hawaii, at least *Espeletia uribei* and *Espeletia argentea* were seen today. Orchids continued with *Oncidium ornithorhyncum*, *Epidendrum* sp.nov.1 (aff.*E.bogotense*), and a species of *Aa*, a terrestrial genus characteristic of the Andean paramo. Ericoids featured with *Cavendishia bracteata*, *Plutarchia guascensis*, and *Macleania rupestris*. The woody *Castilleja fissifolia* was identified, and the irid *Orthrosanthus chimboracensis* was in flower.

Driving slowly higher, we made several more stops. We reached the ridge, the divide between the Magdalena and Orinoco watersheds, and descended someway now on the eastern slope of the eastern Andes.

The grey lichen *Stereocaulon tomentosum*, and the moss *Sphagnum magellanicum*, were typical of the paramo. Plants continued with *Eryngium humboldtii*, attractive purple flowered *Senecio formosoides*, delicate *Lobelia tenera*, and *Hypericum lycopodioides*. *Lachemilla orbiculata* was basically an *Alchemilla*, *Hypochaeris sessiliflora* had stemless white or yellow flowers, the grass *Cortaderia nitida* was impressive, and *Epilobium denticulatum* was identified. *Puya goudotiana* became a feature, with old fruiting spikes common here in the paramo, growing with a second *Puya* species (seven occur here).

We reached the gate of Chingaza in time to eat our picnic lunch at the tables of the small cafe where hot drinks were available. Rosemary and I were very pleased to find the Chingaza paramo plant book on sale here. This photographic guide illustrates a good number of the species we'd seen this morning, and also has a comprehensive list of the flora of the paramo sectors of the park. A good colony of the distinctive satyrid *Idioneurula erebioides* thrived in the trackside grass. On a roof was Brown-backed Chat-tyrant, a perched female Purple-backed Thornbill was seen closely, and Blue-backed Conebill and Black-headed Hemispingus were in the bushes.

After lunch we headed back down the track, making a short stop along the way. We then drove purposefully to a garden known for its hummingbird feeders. Camilo and I had been here a couple of days previously, when, as today, there had been constant and very impressive hummingbird activity, a fine selection of species coming to the many feeders, but also to flowers, and perching in the great variety of vegetation.

In an hour or so here we had stunning views, and many fine photographic opportunities, of Green (Lesser) and Sparkling Violetears, Black-tailed and Green-tailed Trainbearers, Glowing and Copperybellied Pufflegs, Sword-billed Hummingbird, Great Sapphirewing, and White-bellied Woodstar. Black Flowerpiercer stole nectar from the garden flowers, and Pale-naped Brushfinches came right into the open. This was a fine conclusion to our first very productive day.

Dinner in the hotel that evening was a slow affair, not ideal for those ready for bed after their long flight. I said goodbye to Camilo who'd been with me for several days as we'd explored several sites together around Bogota, and had been with us today in the field. Rene, who would be with us for the rest of the tour, joined us for dinner.

Day 2 Sunday 12th January To Santa Marta, to Minca

We left the hotel at 5.45, the drive to the airport again rather straightforward at this time of day. Rene found a good place for everyone to enjoy breakfast. In the bookshop in the departure area the recently published photographic Colombian butterfly book was available, and those who wanted it later regretted not buying it here.

There were impressive views of the central plateau as we ascended, and the flight was continuously smooth. Arrival in Santa Marta's small airport, right on the Caribbean shore, saw us in completely different habitat. In the now empty baggage collection area there was time to repack for a morning in the field, take things from suitcases, change money, etc., before loading the vehicle. A short stop on the coast yielded Royal Terns, Magnificent Frigatebirds, Brown Pelicans, and Neotropic Cormorant. The only Great-tailed Grackles of the tour were here.

We drove through bustling Santa Marta, and dry coastal thicket, *Lemaireocereus* cacti a feature. We made a short supermarket stop for supplies then headed up onto the lower slopes of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta. We walked a dry forest track where butterflies began with Julia and the blue *Zizula cyna*. The swallowtail *Battus polydamus* flew past, and the pierids *Eurema proterpia*, *Phoebis sennae*, and Florida White were on the wing. Metalmarks included a *Calephelis* species and *Emesis ocypore*. The attractive hairstreaks *Arawacus lincoides* and *Arawacus leucogyna* were both here, *Adelpha iphiclus* was admired, and the cracker *Hamadryas feronia* landed on tree trunks. An impressive *Cnemidophorus* lizard with an orange head scuttled over the leaf litter. A bonus was the hawk-moth *Adhemarius gannascus*.

A male White-bearded Manakin called and was seen well, and a pair of Black-backed Antshrikes low in the vegetation was probably the bird highlight. Plain Xenops moved through the trees, and Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant was seen.

Having arrived in the small verdant settlement of Minca it was time for lunch and we made the first of several visits to a pizzeria where we sat on a terrace watching various birds and butterflies in the trees. The pizzas were rather good, but large! Excellent refreshing cold drinks were very welcome.

We then drove to our guest house, the rooms set amid lush forest. We settled in and enjoyed a break in the middle of the day.

It was still hot at 4pm when we met for a walk around the village and its environs. Near the lodge we watched Long-billed Gnatwren working the vegetation. We set out on foot along the verdant lanes, and walked through the characterful settlement of Minca. The lovely metalmark *Melanis electron*, black with orange bands and red spots, was a great find. Bicoloured Wrens were noisy and conspicuous, moving across rooftops.

In a hotel garden feeders were buzzing with hummingbirds, a small number of species but many individuals, and we had fine close views of White-necked Jacobin, Long-billed Hermit, White-vented Plumeleteer, Steely-vented Hummingbird, and Rufous-tailed Hummingbird. Red-crowned Woodpeckers were in the trees, and Blue-grey and Palm Tanagers were both here.

Perched Orange-chinned Parakeets were admired, a common species in the area, and Crested Oropendolas were much in evidence. Our walk took us through the bustling village, and along leafy lanes through pasture and woodland. Tropical Pewee sallied for insects, in the trees were the migrant warblers Yellow Warbler and Tennessee Warbler, and a male Rose-breasted Grosbeak was fine in the sunlight. Both Grayish Saltator and Buff-throated Saltator were here and Cinereous Becard was a good find. Flycatchers featured with Yellow-bellied Elaenia, Brown-crested Flycatcher, Great Kiskadee, Boat-billed Flycatcher, Rusty-margined Flycatcher, and Tropical Kingbird. A group of attractive Black-chested Jays moved through the trees, and Pale-breasted Thrush was seen. Keel-billed Toucan was as always spectacular and Crimson-backed Tanagers were beautiful.

Groove-billed Anis flew one by one across the pasture. Squirrel Cuckoo indeed moved squirrel-like through the trees. Military Macaws called as they flew overhead, a species I'd seen here last year. Butterflies seen today included the skippers *Heliopyrgus domicella* and *Mylon cajus*, the hairstreaks *Panthiades phaleros* and *Strephonota tephraeus*, the metalmark *Ariconius albinus*, and the daggerwing *Marpesia chiron*.

Day 3 Monday 13th January Minca, to El Dorado

At six am we drove a short way above the village. In fact we were a little early, and initially things were quiet, activity starting a little later! One of our hoped for species was Rosy Thrush Tanager, heard as soon as we stepped out of the vehicle. Today they were typically skulking and despite our best efforts remained in cover. This beautiful bird has an interesting distribution, limited and disjunct in Colombia and Venezuela. Costa Rica and Panama, and in western Mexico.

Attractive Golden-winged Sparrows moved through the vegetation and were seen well. In the trees were Baltimore Oriole, American Redstart, Rufous-capped Warbler, and Buff-throated Saltator. Noisy flocks of Scarlet-fronted Parakeets flew over, and Barred Antshrikes called from the scrub.

I was pleased to locate a perched Rufous-tailed Jacamar, and the impressive Crimson-crested Woodpecker was seen well. Near the village we searched for roosting Black and White Owl, of which we had had superb views last year, but no luck today. A small group of Swallow Tanagers was here.

Back at the lodge we ate breakfast. The views over the forest were great, and among things seen whilst we ate were Masked Tityra, and Central American Agoutis on the track below. At the hotel Bicoloured Wrens were noisy and conspicuous in the garden, and the only Golden-fronted Greenlets of the tour were

here.

There followed time to pack and load the vehicle. We left the hotel and drove to a track that led from the village to a series of waterfalls. Dragonflies and butterflies were numerous in the sunny clearings. Both *Anthanassa acesas* and *Anthanassa drusilla* were here, and the swallowtail *Parides iphidamus* was on the wing. *Janatella leucodesma* was attractive, and satyrids included *Cissia pompilia*, *Euptychia westwoodi*, and *Euptychioides saturnus*.

Red-legged and Purple Honeycreepers were in the trees and Panama Flycatcher sallied for insects. An impressive *Nephila* spider was in its web. Under the trees were a number of clearwing ithomiines among them *Oleria amalda*, *Greta andromica*, and *Hypoleria ocalea*. Here too were *Mechanitis polymnia* and *Eueides procula*. We walked a beautiful forest trail that led to a lovely clear stream. The attractive hairstreak *Arawacus lincoides* nectared and birds continued with Dusky-capped Flycatcher. Heliconiids were a feature, *Heliconius clysonymus*, *Heliconius eleuchia*, *Heliconius erato*, and *Heliconius melpomene* all drifting through the forest.

A highlight was a helicopter damselfly, always an impressive insect. Skippers were a feature, among them *Psoralis degener*, *Poanes inimica*, *Dalla mesoxantha*, *Ouleus fridericus*, and *Staphylus vulgatus*. The daggerwing *Marpesia corinna* was admired. We found an impressive large longhorn beetle on a tree trunk.

Lunch was a little earlier than usual, again at the pizzeria in town, as we had a longish journey ahead of us. Now early afternoon, it was time to drive up into the Sierra Nevada. The journey was rather complicated this year by extensive roadworks blocking one section of the road. A landslide had washed away part of the road and repair work was rapidly in progress to restore it. So at this point we had to leave our vehicles, walk through the roadworks, our luggage ferried by the drivers, to cars that were waiting for us on the road above. This all went as smoothly as could be hoped and soon we were aboard our two new vehicles. A large American group was doing the same, and they were friendly and helpful as we made the transfer.

A small house had a flower filled garden that attracted Pale-bellied Hermits, Red-billed Emerald, and Coppery Emerald. A female of the endemic Santa Marta Woodstar was a highlight. The endemic White-lored Warbler, an attractive bird, moved restlessly through the vegetation. Both Yellow-legged and Black-hooded Thrushes were seen, and the endemic Santa Marta Tapaculo called. The Red-tailed Squirrels here were strikingly orange. A sunny streamside clearing had *Heliconius melpomene*, *Castilia eranites*, and *Marpesia corinna* on the wing, and we found a casualty *Altinote trinacria*. Impressive Begonias were in flower, and we saw a good number on the tour. The satyrid *Pedaliodes manis* flew at the forest edge.

We arrived at the lodge, situated amid fine forest high on the road. The hummingbird feeders were alive with constant activity, but mostly with one dominant species, Crowned Woodnymph. Beautiful Bluenaped Chlorophonias were numerous at feeders. Here were our first Band-tailed Guans in the forest in front of the lodge. Near the lodge were three White-tipped Quetzals, a restricted range endemic that also occurs in extreme north-west Venezuela.

Back at the lodge, the next highlight was Night Monkeys, *Aotus lemurensis*, feeding on fruits in a tree near the restaurant, and Kinkajou in the same tree was a bonus. Both are regularly seen here, and indeed

were there again the following evening.

Dinner was very good, and lovingly prepared. Walking back to my room I found the endemic tarantula on a tree trunk.

Day 4 Tuesday 14th January San Lorenzo Ridge

A very early start today for the trip up to the San Lorenzo Ridge, in search of many of the endemics of the Sierra Nevada. We met at 5 am, bleary eyed, at the lodge, and set out in the vehicles.

An hours rough drive took us along the empty road which winds up to the San Lorenzo Ridge. Bandwinged Nightjar flew up from the track. As we neared our destination dawn came, revealing fine scenery and fascinating vegetation. The ridge afforded fine views of the snow capped Sierra Nevada peaks.

The flora was impressive, with notably a fine selection of bromeliads. There were many palms, various melastomes in flower, and epiphytes were numerous. There was a fine selection of ferns (as everywhere on the tour). Even up here though were eucalypts. Hummingbirds began with Tyrian Metaltail and Sparkling Violetear. Paramo Seedeaters were typical of the habitat.

Blackburnian Warbler was still with us. The endemic Santa Marta Warbler was much more exotic, a lovely little bird. Endemics continued with Santa Marta Mountain-Tanager and Rusty-headed Spinetail. Yellow-crowned Whitestart was another characterful endemic, and we saw a few today. Female Blackbacked Thornbill, another endemic, was seen. Brown-rumped Tapaculo called from the thicket, White-throated Tyrannulet was rather common, and Red-tailed Squirrels were active in the trees. An Aeschnid was on the wing. I was very interested to find a print of a small cat on the road. Oncilla, Jaguarundi? Or just the domestic cat from the ranger station?

Red-billed Parrot and Scaly-naped Parrot flew over, but sadly today we did not see the endemic Santa Marta Parakeet, the species now scarce. I had seen it well here on the recce. We just missed Groove-billed Toucanet, which the Americans had just seen, and kindly tried to point out to us, but they'd moved on.

A great bonus today was a Rufous Antpitta that just hopped onto the track in front of us. We had great close views of this special bird.

Back near the vehicles we enjoyed our welcome box breakfast in this fine habitat, enjoying the sublime views.

The next highlight was both sexes of the endemic White-tailed Starfrontlet, the male a striking bird with its pure white tail. The lovely Mountain Velvetbreast was here too. Santa Marta Brushfinch was yet another endemic, moving through the vegetation. I was especially pleased to locate Santa Marta Bush Tyrant, one of the most difficult endemics to see. Mountain Elaenia was here too.

Rather early in the day satyrids were taking to the wing and became numerous in individuals and species, quite a feature here, with most of them endemic. First was *Pedaliodes phazania*, with several at the top here. There followed the white *Lymanopoda nevada*. New species came thick and fast, and at one point

almost every individual we looked at was a new species. Corades chelonis, Lasiophila semipartia, Lasiophila zapatoza sombra, Manerebia nevadensis, Pronophila juliani, Pronophila unifasciata, Steroma polyxo, Pedaliodes cebolleta, Pedaliodes leucocheilus, Pedaliodes phazania, Pedaliodes symmacus and Pedaliodes tyrrheus continued the impressive variety.

Eurema phiale colombia flew at the trackside, there were two species of painted lady on the ridge, Vanessa brasiliensis and Vanessa virginiensis, and the skipper Dalla mesoxantha was on the road. The stunning emperor like Adelpha seriphia egregia was a highlight today, and indeed one of the tour. This most distinctive subspecies has no white band across the wings, unlike the several other subspecies of Adelpha sericea, a species widespread in the Neotropics. This subspecies is a Sierra Nevada endemic. We saw a few of this stunner, and although they remained mostly out of camera range (although Pauline has sent me a photo), they were a superb spectacle.

Butterfly variety continued with the hairstreak *Penaincisalia loxurina* (*Thecloxurina santamarta*?), the dartwhite *Catasticta flisa*, and the skippers *Vettius coryna* and *Theagenes albiplaga*. There was a good selection of impressive nymphalids with *Hypanartia dione*, *Hypanartia lethe*, lovely *Fountainea nessus*, *Adelpha corcyra salazari*, and *Siproeta epaphus*. *Telenassa delphia* was a distinctive melitaenid. The variety continued with *Hermeuptychia harmonia*, *Dismorphia medora*, *Eueides procula*, and *Tegosa claudina*. A species of *Erateina*, a distinctive genus of diurnal geometers, was here.

I was particularly hoping to find again the endemic *Lymanopoda caeruleata*, a beautiful shining blue satyrid, a species I'd seen several of here last year. A little lower we saw the first of these, followed by quite a number. Stunning. Also lovely was a male *Catonephele chromis*. Satyrids continued with *Euptychioides saturnus* and *Pedaliodes saturnus*. Interestingly, all the satyrids here were flying in full sunshine.

Bird wise White-tipped Quetzal was a highlight. White-rumped Hawk was in the air, a local species.

We enjoyed our box lunch with fine views down to the Caribbean coast.

We returned to the lodge for a well earned rest, most welcome after our long and productive morning and early afternoon, some nine hours in the field. The feeders at the lodge again attracted many hummingbirds, mainly Crowned Woodnymphs, but also Brown and Lesser Violetears. Again, Red-tailed Squirrels here were strikingly orange, very bushy tailed, and white bellied. Central American Agouti was attracted by the compost heap.

That evening there was a selection of moths at the restaurant lights, and Night Monkeys and Kinkajou again in the fruiting trees.

Day 5 Wednesday 15th January To Minca, Santa Marta, to Pereira, to Manizales

I saw the endemic Bang's Wood-Wren as I walked to the lodge.

Breakfast was enjoyed at the lodge and we had a leisurely start with plenty of time for a last appreciation of the feeders and flowers in the garden. The satyrid *Ypthimoides renata* was seen.

A short drive down the track took us to a path into the forest from which we had great views of Masked Trogon, glimpses of the skulking Santa Marta Tapaculo, and Yellow-legged Thrush. The house with its flower filled garden gave more great views of Blue-naped Chlorophonias, and the only Rusty Flowerpiercer of the trip.

Back at the roadworks we made the transfer between vehicles in reverse, the road workers expecially busy today. It was hot today, and at the lower end of the roadworks were some fine butterflies landing on the track, including *Diaethria clymena*, *Castilia ofella*, and a species of *Doxocopa*. The blue satyrid *Lymanopoda caeruleata* flying over a slope covered with *Dicranopteris* ferns, was, I thought, at a surprisingly low altitude.

A wooded track produced some fine things. Santa Marta Antbird was a great bonus, and we had superb views of this endemic, not an easy species to see. Black-chested Jays were noisy and conspicuous. Butterflies continued with *Eurema salome*, *Leptophobia aripa*, *Nymphidium onaeum*, *Strymon mulucha*, *Nica flavilla*, *Greta andromica*, *Heliconius clysonymus*, and *Heliconius eleuchia*. Notable was the impressive black, red, and white skipper *Pyrrhopyge phidias*.

We returned to Minca for a last lunch at the now familiar pizzeria! It was then a short drive down to the coast and back to Santa Marta's small airport where check in was quick. Sanderlings on the shore were seen from inside the airport.

The late afternoon flight to Pereira afforded fine views of the coastal wetlands as we ascended from Santa Marta. It was dark as we approached Pereira. The airport here was another small one, but rather busy. Here we met our driver Gioanni and the comfortable new Mercedes mini bus that would be with us for the rest of the tour. It was about an hour and a half drive now to Manizales, capital of the department of Caldas, and Gioanni drove purposefully along the good highway. Our hotel was well situated on the edge of the city, in extensive grounds. We settled in and soon met in the restaurant where they were expecting us with a very welcome late dinner. On the lawns were Southern Lapwings.

Day 6 Thursday 16th January Rio Blanco

We left promptly at 6am. Heading out of town we met Luce who would be with us for the next couple of days. Driving through forest we arrived at the reserve of Rio Blanco, and its small beautifully located lodge, today very busy with a large French birding group, who we would meet at several more sites!

Near the lodge is a 'feeding station' where Bicoloured Antpitta is regularly attracted with worms. We arrived just as the feeding was about to begin, so the group got in position, together with the French birders, and waited. This special bird often approaches very closely allowing great photo opportunities, and this was the case today, the group having fine prolonged views. This species is limited to the central Andes of Colombia, and the eastern slope in extreme north Ecuador.

Meanwhile, so as to reduce the numbers at the antpitta feeding, I kept my distance and watched the birds coming into the banana feeders. The feeders were busy this morning, and attracted Blue-winged Mountain Tanagers, Buff-breasted Mountain Tanager, Masked Flowerpiercer, White-sided Flowerpiercer, Bluish Flowerpiercer, and Southern House Wren. Dwarf Squirrel and Red-tailed Squirrels scampered around the fruit feeders too.

Many hummingbird feeders attracted many individuals, with constant activity. We admired Fawn-breasted Brilliants, Lesser Violetear, Long-tailed Sylph, Bronzy Inca, numerous Buff-tailed Coronets, and White-bellied Woodstar. It was time for breakfast, prepared by the ladies here, and this we enjoyed on the wooden verandah as we watched the birds at the feeders.

We set out on foot after breakfast, along the track which led up through fine montane forest, clearings periodically allowing great views down to the city of Manizales. Initially we headed purposefully to the next antpitta feeding site. Here were wooden benches, and we sat and waited. It was only a matter of minutes before both the endemic Brown-banded Antpitta, and the lovely Chestnut-crowned Antpitta arrived, with both seen superbly closely, giving excellent photo opportunities.

Back on the road there was much more bird activity, and our walk was punctuated by mixed flocks. Among the many species seen were Grey-hooded Bush Tanagers, Blue-and-Black Tanager, Capped Conebill, Golden-fronted Whitestart, Grey-browed Brushfinch, Black-billed Peppershrike, Streaked Xenops, Black-crested Warbler, Black-capped Hemispingus, Black-eared Hemispingus, and Superciliaried Hemispingus.

We reached the uppermost of the antpitta stations, here seeing Brown-banded Antpitta again, and the cute, small Slate-crowned Antpitta was seen superbly. These again came very close to us. Montane Woodcreeper worked trunks, Crimson-mantled Woodpecker was admired, and Mountain Wren and Azara's Spinetails moved through the tangles.

Tanagers featured today, among them Black-capped, Beryl-spangled, Metallic-green, Grass Green, and Blue-capped. Among the flycatchers were Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant, Black-capped Tyrannulet, and White-tailed Tyrannulet. The amazing variety continued with Yellow-bellied Siskins, Sharpe's Wren, Strong-billed Woodcreeper, and Streak-headed Antbird. Southern Emerald Toucanet and Andean Motmot were especially impressive. Viridian Metaltail and Collared Inca continued the hummingbird variety. Masked Trogon was seen closely.

There were further superb views of Manizales, the Western Cordillera in the distance. Sprays of an orchid, *Odontoglossum ?sceptrum*, were in flower. Another highlight was a roosting Stygian Owl, close to us, but it looked even better through the telescope. The attractive Pearled Treerunner worked trunks, and Black-capped Tyrannulet actively gleaned from foliage. Impressive Sickle-winged Guans moved clumsily through the trees. The calls of Blackish, Ash-coloured, and Spillmann's Tapaculos were all heard today.

Butterflies began predictably with satyrids, and there was a great variety here including the oddly shaped *Daedelma dinias*, and characteristic higher altitude species such as *Pedaliodes baccara*, *Paryapedaliodes drymaea atropulla*, *Lasiophila prosymna*, *Eretris apuleja*, *Pronophila epidipnis*, and *Corades chelonis*. Beautiful *Morpho sulkowskyi*, such a delicate pale blue, drifted through the forest. This cloud forest species occurs also in Ecuador and Peru.

An epiphytic orchid with yellow flowers and very long fine sepals was *Pleurothallis sclerophylla*, and it was rather common here. There were several of an impressive large pink flowered *Epidendrum*.

At the furthest point of our walk, in open pasture, we saw Crested Caracara, and a small attractive Viola

flowered on the banks.

Back at the lodge we ate lunch and enjoyed a short siesta. The attractive nymphalid *Perisama ilia* settled on the buildings.

The afternoon saw us walking back into the forest, where there was still much bird and butterfly activity, and we saw many of the species already listed above.

That evening we enjoyed dinner back at the hotel.

Day 7 Friday 17th January

Rio Blanco

Again we were served breakfast at the lodge. At the banana feeders were Scarlet Tanager, Masked Flowerpiercer, and Amazon Dwarf Squirrel, but there was much less activity than there had been yesterday. Blue and White Swallows were in the air, and Golden-headed Quetzal called. Tourmaline Sunangel was among the usual selection of hummingbirds at the feeders.

To save us the initial uphill walk today, Gioanni drove us up the road and we set out on foot. First we visited the main feeding station, where Chestnut-crowned and Brown-banded Antpittas were again seen very well. Montane Woodcreeper worked trunks, Golden-faced Tyrannulet was in the trees, and Greybrowed Brushfinch came into the open. Flammulated Treehunter flew quickly out of its nest hole in an earth bank. The only Rufous-breasted Flycatcher of the tour was seen.

Satyrids began with *Pedaliodes peucestas*, *Steroma bega*, and *Lasiophila prosymna*. Southern Emerald Toucanets were in the trees, and Golden-mantled Woodpecker was seen well. A male Purple-backed Thornbill was superb, what a colour! We had further close views of the roosting Stygian Owl. Sicklewinged Guans, Pale-edged, Cinnamon, and Streak-necked Flycatchers, Masked Trogon, and Slaty Brushfinch continued the variety.

Later in the morning we drove down to the reserve entrance and the small reservoir there. Here there was excellent mud-puddling. There were no fewer than five species of *Perisama*, namely *Perisama bomplandii*, *Perisama humboldtii*, *Perisama oppelii*, *Perisama ilia*, and *Perisama dorbignyi*. Among skippers were *Dalla frater*, *Dalla wardi*, *Mylon lassia*, and a *Saliana*, possibly *Saliana antoninus*. *Mimoniades nurschia* was a very impressive species, large, black, with red markings. *Hypanartia lethe*, *Hypanartia kefersteinei*, and *Hypanartia dione* were all here. The lovely metalmarks *Siseme*....and *Siseme aristoteles* both mud-puddled, and *Altinote ozomene* and *Altinote neleus* were typical of these mid altitudes. *Everes comyntas*, *Leptophobia aripa*, and *Adelpha alala* continued the variety.

White-capped Dipper was active around the dam. Above the reservoir we found a beautiful verdant path that followed the stream. Here in fine sunlight were many more butterflies. Beside a streamlet were *Catasticta ctemene rubricincta* and *Catasticta notha caucana*, and *Adelpha leucopthalma* perched on the foliage. Also here was *Heliconius clysonymus*. Female White-lined Tanager was in the trees. *Odontoglossum tigrinum* was in impressive flower and there was a purple flowered *Epidendrum*. Some of the group saw Golden-headed Quetzal. There were a number of stunning metallic green and red grasshoppers along this trail, and a hedgehog fly! Back near the vehicle, near the stream, was a perched Green-fronted Lancebill, a species often seen near water.

Lunch was again eaten back at the lodge, followed by a short siesta.

In the afternoon we walked down the entrance road from the lodge. Among several satyrids were attractive *Lymanopoda labda*, *Lymanopoda albocincta*, *Lymanopoda obsoleta*, *Corades chelonis*, *Eretris calisto*, *Eretris apuleja*, *Eretris ocellifera*, and *Pedaliodes baccara*. Andean Motmots were seen closely.

Back in town we said farewells to Luce, and made a supermarket stop for supplies.

Day 8 Saturday 18th January To Tatama National Park

We checked out of our comfortable hotel after breakfast and headed back along the highway to the sprawling city of Pereira, bypassing it as we headed down the Cauca Valley, crossing the impressive river. Roadsides were pink with the flowers of *Gliricidia sepium*, widely planted here. At a service station stop Saffron Finches and Cattle Tyrant fed on the lawns, and *Urbanus dorantes* nectared. Distinctive Fork-tailed Flycatchers were seen as we drove.

Road signs warned of various mammals which may have strayed onto the highway, *Dasypus novemcinctus* for example (Nine-banded Armadillo), then *Dasyprocta punctata* (Central American Agouti). Trees were festooned with epiphytes, many bromeliads, and the cactus *Rhipsalis baccifera*. *Thunburgia alata* was in flower, and the grass yellow *Eurema proterpia* flew over the verges. A yellow flowered *Tabebuia* was attractive.

Our journey took us up to and over the ridge of the Western Cordillera. Now on its western slope, we reached the bustling small town of Pueblo Rico by midday. This is the closest town to the Tatama National Park, and has a rather wild west frontier feel to it. Here we met the two four wheel drives that would be with us for our stay at Montezuma, and we transferred all our luggage into them. It was farewell to Gioanni and our bus for a few days. A few kilometres east of town we took the turn off to Montezuma and the Tatama National Park. Here Pacific slope Choco species mix with west Andean species giving an amazing diversity.

At a small streamlet were immediately impressive butterflies. The lovely *Eurytides colombus*, Colombian Kite Swallowtail, mud puddled, and another swallowtail, *Mimoides euryleon* was here too. *Altinote ozomene* was typical of these mid altitudes. The common Red Peacock flew over verges, which supported a variety of hesperiine skippers. *Adelpha cytherea*, a distinctive member of this complex genus, was on the track. The lovely *Siproeta epaphus* was a highlight, and the variety continued with *Marpesia zerynthia*, *Diaethria clymena*, *Diaethria euclides*, *Hypanartia lethe*, and Buckeyes. The distinctive skipper *Noctuana haematospila* was a pleasing find. Dusky-faced Tanagers were noisy in the dense vegetation.

It was now but a short drive to the lodge that would be our base for the next four nights. We arrived just in time for lunch. The feeders buzzed with the constant activity of hummingbirds. In just a few minutes we were admiring White-necked Jacobin, Purple-bibbed Whitetip, Empress Brilliant, Purple-throated Woodstar, Andean Emerald, Rufous-tailed Hummingbird, Steely-vented Hummingbird, and Black-throated Mango. Fantastic. If that wasn't enough, Flame-rumped Tanagers, Lemon-rumped Tanagers, Scrub Tanager, Silver-throated Tanager, Crimson-backed Tanager, Green Honeycreeper, and Bananaquit

fed at banana feeders, Black-billed Thrush and Buff-throated Saltator moved through the vegetation, and Azara's Spinetail sang from cover. All this as we ate lunch.

Our rooms were pleasant, in a fine setting, and we settled in with time for a short break before we headed out again in the afternoon. Our drivers took us up to the first bridge above the hotel, in fine forest. Leopoldina accompanied us, bringing with her the noxious but effective butterfly bait that is used here to attract them. With its wide altitudinal range and variety of habitat well over seven hundred species of butterfly have been recorded along this road. Any visit will of course yield only a small percentage of these, but even in a few days one can see a great variety.

Things began with the metalmark *Brachyglenis dinora* perched on leaves beside the clear stream. Several of the ithomiine *Scada zibia* flew at the forest edge, a black and yellow species that resembles a tiny Zebra Heliconian. A stick insect was a pleasing find and there was a selection of stunning grasshoppers. Attractive black and blue *Heliconius cydno* flew gracefully along the road.

Bird activity continued with Orange-bellied Euphonia, Ornate Flycatcher, Flavescent Flycatcher, and Golden-bellied Warblers. Green-fronted Lancebill was perched by the stream.

Leptophobia caesia was on the wing, and now and again Common Morpho flew past. The lovely transparent satyrid Pierella helvina flew daintily at the forest edge. Among the skippers were Carystina mielkei and Cobalus virbius, and there were the hairstreaks Johnsonita auda and Ocaria ocrisia. Adelpha cytherea, Pareuptychia metaleuca, and Pareuptychia ocirrhoe continued the variety.

We strolled back towards the lodge in the late afternoon, the walk punctuated by birds such as Dusky-faced Tanager, Ochre-breasted Tanager, and Broad-billed Motmot. Andean Cock-of-the-Rock called and Choco Toucan was perched in rather distant trees.

Dinner is served early here (6.30, although I managed to extend that to 7 for our group)! The lights attracted a selection of moths, an impressive rhinoceros beetle, and a bush cricket with extremely long antennae.

Day 9 Sunday 19th January Tatama National Park

We met at dawn for a pre-breakfast walk around the environs of the lodge. In fact we were again a little too early as it was still dark! As dawn came, from the bridge we watched Torrent Tyrannulet on the boulders. We walked the track that led to Rene's and my rooms, amid scrub at the forest edge. Mouse-coloured Tyrannulet was in the trees. Blackish Rail called from cover near the small ponds, and on the recce I'd been very lucky to see one of these skulkers out on the grassy banks. Black Phoebe and Northern Waterthrush were characteristically by the water. Swainson's Thrush and Yellow-bellied Seedeater were at the trackside, and Chestnut-collared and White-collared Swifts were in the air. The endemic Greyish Piculet was the highlight, and we had great views of this small woodpecker. Central American Agoutis had young and they now and again ventured onto the track in front of us. The satyrid *Taygetis thamyra* was on the wing.

Breakfast was enjoyed at the lodge, where we were constantly entertained by the hummingbirds, the same selection as yesterday plus Long-tailed Sylph and Tourmaline Sunangel, and Black-winged Saltator came

to the fruit feeders.

We were driven again to the first bridge where Yesennia, who would be with us for the rest of our visit, set to spraying the vegetation with butterfly bait which worked almost immediately. In fact we spent the rest of the morning here, slowly walking up and down the track as new species came in regularly. There were again several *Scada zibia*, and the satyrids *Pseudohaetera mimica* and *Oxeoschistus puerta* flew at the forest edge. A pair of Rufous-throated Tanagers was admired, and Streak-necked Flycatcher and Fulvous-breasted Flatbill were in the trees. Another stick insect was found. Two Cattleheart Whites were impressive, a pierid that mimics *Parides* swallowtails. There was a selection of diurnal moths and we saw many during our stay here.

Butterflies continued with the skippers *Falga jeconia* and *Potomanaxas andraemon*, the mimic-white *Dismorphia crisia foedora*, the lovely clearwing satyrid *Cithaerias pireta*, and attractive *Hypanartia cinderella*. Remarkable was a moth closely resembling the metalmark *Brachyglenis dinora* that we had seen yesterday, but its feathered antennae gave it away.

The lovely metalmarks *Rhetus dysoni*, *Necyria bellona*, and *Siseme neurodes* were all here. Rene found a small 'giraffe-necked weevil'. *Actinote ozomene* was attractive. A diminutive *Lepanthes* was in flower, but we would see many more orchids tomorrow along the higher reaches of the road. Among nymphalids were *Adelpha ethelda eponina*, *Adelpha levona*, *Marpesia merops*, and *Eresia sticta*. The metalmark variety continued with *Euselasia bettina*, *Emesis glaucescens*, *Charis anius* and *Leucochimona lagora*.

Colombian Kite Swallowtail sped along the track. New butterflies continued with the dartwhite *Catasticta ptemene*, the eighty-eight *Diaethria euclides gueneei*, the daggerwing *Marpesia merops*, the mapwing *Hypanartia trimaculata*, Tricoloured Leafwing, the phantom-satyr *Pierella helvina*, and the satyr *Magneuptychia tiessa*. Rufous-gaped Hillstar, now split from White-tailed Hillstar, was added to the growing hummingbird list.

It was the skippers that really impressed here today, in numbers and the number of really striking species. Every few minutes we would say 'here's a new skipper'. Pyrrhopyge phidias, the Red-headed Firetip, was as impressive as it sounds. Myscelus perissodora was a large orange species with hyaline patches on the forewings. Euriphellus euribates was similar. Phocides metrodorus nigrescens was beautiful black white and blue. So called 'flashers' were represented by at least Astraptes alardus, Astraptes weymeri, and Astraptes creteus crilla. The large Burning Zebratip had orange wing bases, and white forewing spots. Carystina aurifer was an impressive hesperiine, chestnut with white and golden markings and red eyes. The spreadwing Anastrus meliboea had frosty blue borders. The genus Potomanaxas continued with Potomanaxas zagadka, Potomanaxas melicertes, and Potomanaxas thoria. The Goldbars Skipper Aroma henricus was a hesperiine with distinctive gold marginal markings on the hindwing, and blue suffusion above. Eburuncus unifasciata was a distinctive spreadwing, brown with a white band across both wings. As I said new species of skipper just kept on coming, the following some of the others, but I think several more will continue to be added as I'm sent photos to identify! Among those identified for now were Thracides cilissa, Carrhenes meridensis, Spioniades abbreviata, Eprius veleda, Chalypyge zereda rufipectus, Cyclographa thrasibulus, Aguna...., Dalla frater, Dalla mesoxantha, Achylodes busirus, Epargyreus...., and the blue, black, and white Pythonides jovianus a casualty on the track.

Late morning saw us making the short drive up to the next bridge where we ate a good lunch that the driver had collected from the lodge. Olive Finch ventured out onto the trackside near the bridge, I think

they are used to sharing the lunches here! Yessenia put out more butterfly bait and *Adelpha leucopthalma* was soon to respond. *Heliconius clysonymus*, *Heliconius sapho chocoensis*, and *Heliconius doris* flew gracefully through the forest. There were more diurnal moths, and the satyrids *Forsterinaria neonympha* and *Oressinoma typhla*.

We turned our attention to birds for a while. Yellow-throated Chlorospingus worked through the trees and the endemic Crested Ant-Tanager was seen well. Impressive Buffy Tuftedcheek probed bromeliads and Collared Trogon was perched at the forest edge. Smoky-brown Woodpecker, Bronze-olive Pygmy-Tyrant, Three-striped Warbler, and Rufous-throated Tanager continued the variety. The endemic Black-and-Gold Tanager was a highlight. This is one of the best sites to see this very local species, now known to be not uncommon in its restricted range, but for many years a little known species.

A lichenose *Anolis*, one of many species of the genus, was admired. The next butterfly highlight was the stunning metalmark *Anteros kupris*, notable especially for its incredibly hairy legs. From the same family were the orange and blue marked *Mesosemia pacifica*, blue and black *Mesosemia mevania*, *Calephelis iris*, and *Ancyluris inca*. *Leptophobia caesia* and *Lieinix nemesis* flew at the forest edge and skippers continued with *Astraptes fulgerator*, and *Ridens philustus philea*. The impressive nymphalid *Catagramma tolima denina* was a highlight.

We walked a little higher where the large metalmark *Teratophthalma monocroma* was the last butterfly highlight of a very productive day.

Day 10 Monday 20th January Tatama National Park

At 5.30 we met at the vehicles, and drove purposefully up through the forest, from the lodge at 1300 m, to the top of the road at some 2300 metres. Most of the drive was in the dark, through fine habitat, but sadly, and surprisingly, no mammals, and no nightjars, were seen. As dawn came Great Thrushes flying up off the road punctuated the drive. The road was rather rough in places, but the drivers did a fine job in getting us to our destination.

We parked near the army camp and the communication masts at the top of the road, basically the reason for the road's existence. The views were sublime, misty clouds forming around the forested slopes of Tatama. Feeders placed here in the paramo attracted stunning Collared Incas, Tourmaline Sunangels, Buff-tailed Coronet, and Velvet-purple Coronet. Here the highlight was the endemic Chestnut-bellied Flowerpiercer, seen very closely, a species known from only a few sites, but rather easily seen here. Rufous-crowned Sparrows were common and rather distracting! Chestnut Wood-Quail and Andean Pygmy Owl called from the forest below us, and Band-tailed Pigeons were in flight. Brown-bellied Swallows were in the air, passing close to us, with Blue-and-white Swallow too.

The lodge had provided a tasty packed breakfast which was now very welcome, and this we enjoyed in this fine habitat. The only problem was that those who wanted coffee or hot chocolate were fine, but for those of us craving tea, the lodge had given us no hot water! During breakfast I turned my attention to the flora. A small whitish flowered terrestrial orchid, *Epidendrum fimbriatum*, was common, and the red flowered *Porroglossum eduardii* was in bloom. A species of *Alchemilla* was in the turf.

Rufous Spinetails moved through the vegetation, giving fine views as they came into the open. Bluish

Flowerpiercer worked flowers, and soon our third flowerpiercer species of the morning, White-sided Flowerpiercer, was seen. Golden-fronted Whitestart was characterful, moving jerkily from branch to branch. Munchique Wood Wren sang, but we would not see this recently described endemic until tomorrow. Blue-capped Tanager was seen well. The lovely Purplish-mantled Tanager was seen closely, a species endemic to Colombia and Ecuador, and we had fine views of Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager. The first of several millipedes was here.

It soon became apparent that there was a fine selection of orchids here, with many terrestrial species as well as epiphytes, many of which had tiny beautiful delicate flowers. *Oncidium serpens*, *Ornithydium montezuma*, and *Maxillaria speciosa* were all in fine flower, the latter especially impressive. We found a species of *Elleanthus*, reddish flowered terrestrial *Pterichis galeata*, and robust yellow flowered *Corymborchis flava*.

The rather dull weather and dampness meant very few butterflies were seen today. The satyrid *Mygona irmina* was an exception, a very attractive species. I will leave in brackets accounts of butterflies I'd seen on this walk on the recce, when the weather had been fine, to give a better idea of what can be seen here in future. At this altitude most species seen had been satyrids.

From the recce. ('Butterflies began with a selection of satyrids typical of these higher altitudes, among them *Pedaliodes obstructa*, *Pedaliodes peucestas*, *Pedaliodes canela*, *Corades chelonis*, *Oxeoschistus puerta simplex*, *Lymanopoda obsoleta*, and *Pronophila orcus*. A large aeschnid, *Rhionaeschna joannisi*, was on the wing.')

Back to 2020, truly beautiful birds continued with stunning Grass Green Tanager, beautiful Berylspangled Tanager, Glistening-green Tanager, Rufous-throated Tanager, and Golden Tanager. The more prosaic Blackburnian Warbler was generally common.

Orchids continued with a number of tiny flowered epiphytes, lovely, and we saw perhaps some fifty species of orchid in flower today. After the reconnaissance I had invested in the six volume 'Native Orchids of Colombia'. Far from comprehensive it is still the most extensive overview although it covers only some 1300 of Colombia's well over 4000 species. There are many more species to be identified from photographs, but that I cannot do until I can finally get back to my library in Italy (writing this in 'lockdown' in UK). Among the many small epiphytes seen today were *Lepanthes montezumae*, *Lepanthes carunculigera*, *Pleurothallis orecta*, *Frondaria caulescens*, and species of *Platystele*, *Dryadella*, and *Stelis*. There were *Elleanthus ?lancifolius*, impressive *Epidendrum macrostachyum*, and a lovely *Cyrtochilum*.

Hummingbird feeders are situated at various points along this road and they attracted Buff-tailed Coronet, Velvet-purple Coronet, Tourmaline Sunangel, Collared Inca, Violet-tailed Sylph, and Greenish Puffleg. Tawny-bellied Hermit attended flowers and Sharpe's Wren skulked in the dense vegetation.

Gunnera grew lushly at the forest edge, an impressive black spathed *Anthurium* was in flower, and there was quite a variety of impressively flowered Loranthaceae. Birds continued with Cinnamon Flycatcher, Ornate Flycatcher, Handsome Flycatcher, and Grey-breasted Wood-wren and Yellow-breasted Antpitta called.

This was a great day for fruiteaters. Superb were Green-and-black Fruiteater, and lovely Barred Fruiteater

and Orange-breasted Fruiteater were seen very well. Slate-throated Whitestart worked through the forest, and we had superb views. The endemic Gold-ringed Tanager, a rare species with a very restricted range, was a highlight. Another *Bangsia* that was until recently very little known, we again saw Black-and Gold Tanager too.

Last year Yessenia and I had been very fortunate to chance upon the wonderful Ocellated Tapaculo, and we had had superb views of this very special bird as it nosily worked leaf litter, tossing leaves as it went. Often skulking and hard to see, we were delighted to see this beautiful species so clearly. We did not see or hear it this year.

Birds continued with the fantastic regional speciality Toucan Barbet, beautiful Fulvous-dotted Treerunner, and distinctive Black Solitaire. Chestnut-breasted Wren was heard and Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia and Yellow-collared Chlorophonia, both beautiful, were seen well. Tricoloured Brush Finch and Chestnut-capped Brushfinch worked the vegetation, and small groups of Dusky Chlorospingus were in the trees.

A welcome lunch was brought to us by motorbike.

In such fine habitat was a great variety of invertebrates, and we saw many beetles, and Heteroptera, especially.

At the lower bridge was a Dwarf Squirrel. Black Phoebe frequented the stream, and Green-fronted Lancebill perched near the water.

We returned to the lodge after a very productive day for birds and orchids, but having seen very few butterflies due to the dull weather. We retired to bed under clear superb star filled skies.

Day 11 Tuesday 21st January

Tatama National Park

Again we left in the dark. Despite the clear skies last night the morning dawned damp and dull. Having driven above the intended mid altitudes in an attempt to find better weather, we again almost reached the top of the road, and just a couple of kilometres below it we started our walk in the rain.

Orchids began with *Pterichis galeata*, *Poroglossum eduardi*, and a species with small orange flowers that awaits identification.

The characterful Black-throated Tody-Tyrant was an early highlight. Tourmaline Sunangel nectared and Dusky Chlorospingus moved through the trees. Munchique Wood-Wren sang and we had superb views today, of a pair as they worked the trackside very close to us.

It was time for our box breakfast. There followed more orchids. A great find was a species of *Dracula*, always special orchids and so characteristic of the region. Identification to species will have to wait until I can finally get home. There was one or more species of *Bomarea*, a genus we saw a number of during the tour, in varied habitats. Empress Brilliant came very close and Broad-winged Hawk was in the air.

The dull weather meant that again few butterflies were seen today, on a stretch of the road that would

have been extremely productive had the sun shone. We did see the distinctive pierid *Lieinix nemesis*, and *Morpho helenor* occasionally drifted past. There were a number of satyrids including *Oxeoschistus puerta*, *Mygona irmina*, *Lymanopoda obsoleta*, *Pedaliodes canela*, *Pedaliodes peucestas*, *Pedaliodes phrasicla*, *Pedaliodes pollonia*, *Forsterinaria inornata*, *Parataygetis lineata*, and *Steroma bega*.

Andean Pygmy-Owl called. Birding was rather good despite the weather, and among the many species we saw today were Andean Motmot, Toucan Barbet, Streaked Tuftedcheek, Fulvous-dotted Treerunner, Rufous Spinetail, Green-and-Black Fruiteater, Barred Fruiteater, Barred Becard, Common Tody-Flycatcher, Cinnamon, Ornate, and Handsome Flycatchers, Chesnut-capped Brushfinch, Olive Finch, Gold-ringed Tanager, Purplish-mantled Tanager, Blue-capped Tanager, Blue-and-Black Tanager, Bluish and White-sided Flowerpiercers, and Silver-throated and Beryl-spangled Tanagers. Andean Solitaire, Tanager Finch, Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant, and Chestnut-breasted Wren were all heard. A small group of Beautiful Jays was a highlight.

Greenish Puffleg and Brown Inca were among the usual selection of hummingbirds. Butterfly bait sprayed near the hummingbird feeder attracted only *Corades pannonia*. More miniature orchids included *Lepanthes felix*. A very impressive large flowered orchid awaits identification.

The poor weather today meant we more or less lost a day of butterfly activity. The first day had shown the richness here, but today we saw only a handful of species.

From the reconnaissance. ('Butterflies began with the attractive *Perisama opellii*, then *Dismorphia crisia*, *Oxeoschistus puerta simplex*, and *Heliconius clysonymus*. We walked slowly down the track, and, having reached the first bridge, the butterflies really got going. The attractive metalmarks *Necyria bellona* and *Necyria duellona* were here, and there were *Fountainea nessus*, *Hypanartia trimaculata*, *Diaethria clymena*, and *Cissia labe*. The 'eyed skipper' *Cyclosemia anastomosis* was distinctive, and other skippers included *Pythonides jovianus*, *Astraptes alardus*, and *Dalla mesoxantha*.

'A selection of Odonata included the red based damsel *Haeterina* cf.capitalis, *Polythore gigantea*, *Heterina cf.capitalis*, and *Breichmorphaga rapax*. Some ten species of that most characteristic neotropical genus *Adelpha* were seen today. Among many pierids *Catasticta prioneris*, *Dismorphia hyposticta*, *Dismorphia lewyi*, *Dismorphia zaela*, *Leptophobia caesia* and *Leptophobia philoma*, were on the wing. An Anolis with an orange dewlap awaits identification. The attractive nymphalid *Perisama humboldtii* landed on me.

'Metalmarks continued with the lovely *Rhetus dysonii*, *Mesosemia pacifica*, and a species of *Euselasia*. (during our stay *Euselasia* included *Euselasia bettina*, *Euselasia corduena*, and *Euselasia tenebrosa*). *Leucochimona lagora*, several species of *Mesosemia*, and *Sarota myrtea* continued the variety.

'The hairsteak *Ocaria ocrisia* was a good find. Impressive nymphalids seen today included *Callicore atacama*, *Callicore lyca*, *Mesotaenia vaninka*, *Agrias amydon*, *Archaeoprepona licomedes pacifica*, *Consul panariste*, *Catonephele chromis* and *Catonephele numilia*. The genus *Eresia* was well represented with *Eresia carme*, *Eresia datis*, *Eresia ithomioides*, and *Eresia polina*. The black and yellow ithomiine *Scada zibia* flew in the shade, otherwise ithomiines were surprisingly few but I did see *Greta andromica*.)

Back to 2020 we moved again to the lower bridge where we ate lunch, again brought to us by motorbike. Initially it seemed we'd escaped the rain here, but unfortunately it soon caught up with us.

Here we did see *Adelpha leucopthalma*, a lovely turquoise weevil, the black-winged damsel *Polythore gigantea*, and Buff-rumped Warbler. Butterflies continued with *Magneuptychia tiessa*, *Heliconius clysonymus*, *Necyria bellona*, and the lovely *Anteros kupris* again.

(More from the recce. 'Here was a very large orange *Emesis* and the tailed riodinid *Ancyluris inca*. *Consul panariste* was a highlight.

'By the stream Yesennia put out some more of the unpleasant smelling bait and a fine variety of butterflies was attracted including Spotted Catonephele, *Marpesia merops*, and two species of blue, black, and white skippers *Phocides perillus* and *Jemadia ovid*. Skippers continued with *Autochton zarex* and *Epargyreus spina*. There was quite a selection of diurnal moths too.

'Very many skippers have been recorded along this road, and a selection of species I saw during my visit is listed here. With more time put in on the tour we will likely see even more. Among species seen were Astraptes fulgerator, Urbanus esmeraldus, Urbanus simplicius, Aides dysoni, Aroma henricus, Perichares adela, Perichares decepta, Thracides cilissa, Dalla mesoxantha, Aethilla eleusinia, Carrhenes meridensis, Helias cama, Mictris crispus, Noctuana noctua, Potamanaxas laoma, Potamanaxas zagadka, Pythonides jovianus, and Yanguna cosyra.)

Back to 2020, the rain was again persistent and there was nothing for it but to retire to the lodge. There we caught up on checklists and had a quiet afternoon, the rain continuing for the rest of the day. Chris and Pauline were able to photograph the impressive saturniid that had come to my room lights.

It was still raining heavily that evening.

Day 12 Wednesday 22nd January Tatama National Park, to Jardin

It was farewell to Yesennia and Leopoldina, and all the helpful staff at the lodge. We took some porceria (butterfly bait) with us, very carefully wrapped! It was still raining and the forecast was not good. We loaded the two vehicles and headed down the entrance road.

In Pueblo Rico we said goodbye to the two drivers who'd been very helpful, and were very pleased to be reunited with our bus and Gioanni. The rain continued as we headed east back over the crest of the Western Cordillera, but the weather became steadily brighter as we drove.

Once out of the rain, a fuel and rest stop proved excellent for birds. As always I looked for wildlife potential as soon as we stopped, and walking over to a scrubby wooded corner I saw one new bird after another, the group all soon joining me. Stunning Vermilion Flycatchers sallied for insects. Blue-headed Parrots flew over, we also saw perched birds, and Spectacled Parrotlets were much in evidence. Flycatchers were represented by Great Kiskadee, Boat-billed Flycatcher, and Rusty-margined Flycatcher. Yellow Oriole was admired and two Spot-breasted Woodpeckers were a highlight. Smooth-billed Anis were in the pasture. Many Barn Swallows gathered on the wires, with Southern Rough-winged Swallows too, and Pale-vented Pigeons.

We had a fair distance to drive today and we continued purposefully north. A very good lunch was

enjoyed at a popular roadside/riverside place, the service quick and the food good. Bare-faced Ibis was by the river here.

We finally rolled into the lovely town of Jardin after dark and decided it best to eat dinner before heading for our hotel, situated a few kilometres from town. Not ideal, as showers before dinner would have been welcome, but this was the best choice, and we loved the meal prepared for us, the cafe in fact run by Rene! Service and the welcome was great, and the wine pretty good. We enjoyed Renes' cafe so much that everyone opted to eat here again the following evening. Being close to the central plaza the group could also get a taste of colourful Colombian town life.

At the hotel, on a quiet lane, amid gardens near the river, we soon settled in to the basic but comfortable rooms.

Day 13 Thursday 23rd January Jardin

After yesterday's long journey, I thought it best not to opt for the pre-dawn drive up to Las Ventanas in jeeps, we needed a more leisurely start. The main reason for that early departure was to have the best chance of seeing the endangered Yellow-eared Parrot for which the area is so famous. I'd decided the best thing for pre-breakfast today was an optional walk from the hotel along the quiet leafy lanes, and this proved a great choice, with much bird activity. And even with a post breakfast departure in the jeeps, we still saw a good number of the special parrots!

In the hotel gardens Green Jay and Black-chested Jay were noisy and conspicuous. Along the lane, characterful Acorn Woodpeckers were seen closely and Bronze-winged Parrot were much in evidence, perched and in flight. Lesser Elaenia was here, and in the trees were Bright-rumped Attila, Yellow-backed Oriole, Tropical Parula, and Red-eyed Vireo. In pasture were Tropical Mockingbird, Ruddy Ground Doves, and Cattle Tyrant. Pale-breasted Spinetail was a pleasing find. The weather was perfect, and we met several locals out for a morning stroll, all very friendly.

Breakfast was enjoyed in the gardens of the hotel. Our two jeeps arrived, ready to take us to Las Ventanas, the pass above Jardin. In town we met Rene, and a friend of his, and then we made a short stop in a supermarket where I bought a lidded plastic container in which to safely keep the porceria. The streets of Jardin were bustling with activity in the fine weather.

The drive took us initially through pasture, and then into forest patches as we crossed a series of streams. Andean Cock-of-the-Rock was seen in flight. We stopped at a lower bridge where we found a selection of interesting invertebrates, and a few butterflies already on the wing. A beautiful damselfly, *Euthore fassli*, Orange-banded Bannerwing, had, as its name suggests, orange banded wings.

Deciding to walk ahead a little, the calls of Yellow-eared Parrots alerted us to a flock in the air, and we had great views in the perfect light. The bird highlight of the area, we saw some thirty-five in total. So an early start was certainly not essential to see this most special species. This near endemic occurs also very locally in Ecuador, and has recovered somewhat recently from once critically low numbers. Crimson-rumped Toucanet was another highlight, in trees close to the path.

As we watched birds in the garden of a small dwelling, we saw the 'worlds' largest chicken'. It was huge!

Nearby were lovely Black-billed Mountain Toucans, and striking black and yellow Mountain Caciques. Saffron-crowned Tanager and Streaked Saltator were in the trees.

Late morning saw us arriving at the pass, and the gate of the famous Yellow-eared Parrot reserve. We did not enter the reserve itself, in any case closed, but walked the track outside which continued to yield much of interest. A shrubby *Tibouchina* was in flower. Among hummingbirds were Viridian Metaltail, Collared Inca, and Buff-tailed Coronet. Band-tailed Pigeons flew over the forest, Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager was beautiful in the sunlight, and Masked Flowerpiercer worked the flowering shrubs.

Andean Guans were seen closely. There was a selection of orchids. A dead shrew was one of seven species in Colombia, all endemic, this one probably *Cryptotis medellinius*. Beautiful *Morpho sulkowskyi* flew along the track, and among the satyrids was *Pedaliodes peucestas*. Other butterflies seen today included the hairstreak *Penaincisalia loxurina*, *Actinote ozomene*, *Actinote stratonice*, *Dione glycera*, and the only Zebra Heliconians of the tour. The nymphalid *Orophila cardases* was a highlight. Yellow-vented Woodpecker and White-throated Tyrannulet continued the birds.

Yellow-eared Parrots are strictly associated with the *Ceroxylon* palms in which they nest. These distinctive palms punctuate the slopes here, and we saw a few nest holes in the palm trunks, but no more of the birds themselves.

Lunch today was substantial, a selection of typical Colombian dishes served in a wrapped banana leaf. Broad-winged Hawk was in the air, and Smoke-coloured Pewee and Black Flowerpiercer were seen.

On the recce a tour highlight, as Rene and I had driven back from the pass towards Jardin, had been a small group of White-capped Tanagers, an incredibly striking bird. and for me the bird of the tour. Sadly none were seen today.

I stood on the back of the jeep as we drove down, a great vantage point. A fine orchid I spotted prompted a stop (awaiting a photo). *Colias dimera* flew over pastures back near town. A surprise stop was made as we spotted a group of Red-bellied Grackles in a roadside tree, right out in the open. This is a lovely endemic, black with a red belly. We would see it again at La Romera, above Medellin, a species for which that reserve is well known, but these fine views were a real bonus.

Next we had a break in Jardin, at Rene's cafe, for drinks and toilets, and there was time for a short stroll in the characterful town centre.

Lastly today we visited the well known Andean Cock-of the Rock lek in Jardin. A short downhill walk took us to a small protected area. We heard the distinctive calls immediately, and soon saw the first of these beautiful birds. Activity was constant and we had repeated views of displaying males, very closely. One was swinging in a hanging basket suspended from the main building! This is the subspecies *sanguinolentus*, a particularly striking red. The polygamous males display over a long period, usually from January to September, making a variety of loud squawks and squeals. It was pleasing to see a number of other visitors here, this fantastic spectacle much appreciated by locals too. Speckled Hummingbird was in the garden here.

From the road bridge nearby we watched White-capped Dipper on rocks in the river.

That evening we enjoyed another lovely dinner Chez Rene. Last year on the recce I had been here during a major fiesta, when the throngs of people in the central plaza had been an amazing experience, with trotting horses, music, and generally much going on wherever one looked.

Day 14 Friday 24th January

To Medellin

We checked out of our hotel and said farewell to the helpful staff. In town we picked up Rene at his home.

Near the town of Andes a garden with fruit feeders was a fine place in which to start the day. The ladies here prepared us a substantial breakfast and we sat, ate, and watched as many birds came in to the fruit put out daily. Tanagers featured, with Flame-rumped, Palm, Blue-grey, Scrub, Crimson-backed, Black-capped, and Bay-headed all here. The highlight for me was the distinctive Guira Tanager, a beautiful olive, orange, yellow, and black bird. Great Kiskadee was noisy and we had great views of attractive Green Honeycreepers. A pair of Red-headed Barbets was another highlight, the female a lovely subtle combination of colours, the male with the eponymous striking red head. Colombian Chachalacas called, and put in an appearance, although they were less in evidence than they had been on my last visit here. Ruddy Ground-Dove, Rusty-margined Flycatcher, and Clay-coloured Thrush continued the variety.

The lady of the house made no secret of her disapproval of those of us who did not manage to eat all of the substantial breakfast. There were further black marks for those who did not drink the unasked for copious mugs of hot chocolate that kept being brought out!

The drive took us through open pasture, woodland, and small settlements. Gioanni stopped for a perched Laughing Falcon.

A few kilometres detour along an unpaved road took us to a forested streamside that proved an excellent butterfly site, and we spent the rest of the morning here. Rene donned his gloves and began spraying the porceria here, and very soon butterflies came to it, one stretch of track getting better and better as one after another special species came to the bait. Nearby, on grassy verges where cows fed in pasture, were Bordered Patch, *Zizula cyna*, *Eurema elathea*, *Eurema albula*, and *Pyrisitia venusta*. Northern Scrub-Flycatcher was an interesting find, and a female Blue Dacnis was seen.

Back in the forest were *Mechanitis menapis occasiva*, *Mechanitis polymnia caucaensis*, and *Eueides aliphera*. *Adelpha iphiclus* perched in the sunlight and sailors were well represented with *Dynamine agacles core*, *Dynamine colombiana*, *Dynamine tithia salpensa*, and *Dynamine postverta mexicana* all here. Nymphalids continued with *Nica flavilla*, *Callicore pitheas*, Malachite, and *Consul fabius*.

Skippers were as usual many and varied, among them Achylodes busiris, Pyrgus adepta, Mylon lassia, Mylon maimon, Carrhenes calidius, Trina geometrina, Chioides catillus, Nisoniades brunneata, Gorgythion begga, Urbanus dorantes, Urbanus procne, Urbanus simplicius, and Urbanus teleus.

Metalmarks featured, with *Calephelis iris*, the red-banded *Parcella amarynthina*, beautiful blue *Lasaia agesilas* and *Lasaia arcis*, tiny *Anteros carausius*, black and yellow *Baeotis zonaria*, striped *Hyphilaria thasus subrutila*, and Dark Tanmark *Emesis ocypore*.

Hairstreaks included *Arawacus lincoides*, *Ocaria ocrisia*, and I think three different green hairstreaks. Satyrids were many fewer at this lower altitude, but we did see *Cissia pompilia* and *Ypthimoides renata*.

Bird activity was rather limited here, but Golden-crowned Warbler moved through the trees, and I saw a female Black-crowned Antshrike. Two cowboys on horseback approached, keen to learn what we were up to, they were friendly and wished us well.

It was already lunchtime, and we had to tear ourselves away from this great spot. Rene decided that the best place for lunch was a little way back in the direction from which we'd come. That was ok, it just meant we had to pass through roadworks twice more. The food was indeed very good, and behind the restaurant was an impressive iguana. Spot-breasted Woodpecker was seen as we drove.

In the afternoon we headed purposefully north along the Cauca Valley. In due course the vast sprawling city of Medellin appeared before us. Colombia's second city, Medellin's population is some two and a half million, although to me the sheer size of the place makes it seem more. It's the capital of the large department of Antioquia, which stretches as far as the Caribbean coast, and in which we'd been since Jardin. We checked into a very pleasant hacienda, quietly situated in a suburb, with a church in the grounds. There followed time to catch up with notes, e-mails, etc.

Dinner in the hotel was a strange affair, although not quite as strange as it had been for me last year when the security guard, complete with holstered gun, had doubled as the waiter!

Day 15 Saturday 25th January La Romera, to Rio Claro

The morning dawned superb, with clear blue skies, and we enjoyed breakfast at the hotel, Saffron Finches much in evidence. Our morning destination was above the hotel, the forested reserve of La Romera, reached by a picturesque series of narrow lanes. Despite the proximity to the metropolis, the forest here is beautiful. Indeed above the hotel extensive forested slopes were visible from the rooms.

Passing through the reserve gate we were soon in fine habitat. We drove as far as we could, and then set out on foot to explore. Crimson-rumped Toucanets moved through the trees, Andean Motmots perched closely, Band-tailed Pigeons flew over the forest, and Green Jays were conspicuous. Butterflies began with *Adelpha alala negra*.

Red-bellied Grackles, an endemic for which the reserve is famous, were seen twice, in two noisy groups. Colombian Chachalacas called, Squirrel Cuckoo moved through the trees, and Blackburnian Warblers were common. Gray-breasted Wood-Wren sang, and Golden-faced Tyrannulet and Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager were here.

At the top of the road we reached a large clearing and a visitor centre. Yellow-faced Grassquit and Yellow-bellied Siskin were here. A great bonus last year had been several walls covered in moths, including some fifteen species of hawk-moth. The highlight had been a beautiful green species, *Xylophanes chiron*, with *Pseudosphinx tetrio*, *Erinnyis oenotrus*, and *Enyo lugubris* among the others. I was very keen to share this with the group and see what would surely be a different variety today. Unfortunately this morning there were only a few individual moths, I'm unsure why, possibly the lights had not been on last night.

As we walked back down the hill the beautiful *Epiphile chrysites* and *Epiphile epimenes* both looked fine in the sunlight. *Euptychoides griphe* and *Poanes inimica* were on the wing.

Gioanni negotiated the sprawling metropolis of Medellin, where many of the streets were surprisingly verdant. It was already time for lunch, and we found a busy restaurant near the airport which speedily served us a selection of interesting dishes. Then we were on the road for the drive east.

Once over the pass and heading down into the Magdalena valley, the vegetation became more verdant, with much sparser habitation.

Late afternoon saw us arriving at Rio Claro. Our comfortable hotel was just outside the park itself, with lush flowery gardens that supported many birds and butterflies. Indeed as we checked in Chestnut-fronted Macaws, perched closely in the trees, were a great welcome. The rooms were pleasant and the location ideal.

We met that evening for the short walk to the hotel restaurant, an open air place, the food good.

Day 16 Sunday 26th January

Rio Claro

We started the day with a birding walk around the lodge gardens, which were alive with activity. Parrots began calling at dawn, with Orange-cheeked Parakeets, Blue-headed Parrots, and Spectacled Parrotlet all here, we had more great views of Chestnut-fronted Macaws, and Military Macaws flew overhead. Red-crowned Woodpeckers were in trees near the rooms and Bicoloured Wrens were noisy and conspicuous. Cattle Tyrant was on the lawn, and we saw Golden-crowned Flycatcher and Streaked Flycatcher as well as the usual selection of common flycatchers. Yellow-bellied Elaenia was nesting and Greater Anis were distinctive.

Nesting Pale-legged Horneros was a bonus. The variety continued with Blue-black Grosbeak and Yellow-rumped Cacique. By the small lake were Wattled Jacana, Spotted Sandpiper, Neotropic Cormorant, Striated Heron, and a selection of common egrets. Yellow-chinned Spinetail, a rather atypical species found in such open habitat, worked the fringing vegetation. The impressive metalmark *Eurybia unxia* was an early butterfly highlight. As we headed towards breakfast both Amazon and Green Kingfishers were perched over the water.

Breakfast was welcome after our productive walk. At 9 am we drove the short distance to the Rio Claro reserve. There were immediately many uraniids, *Urania fulgens*, and we had seen a few of this swallowtail like moth already in the gardens. Along the road were many more, and at the reserve gate were very many mud-puddling. Quite a sight.

The entrance track followed the crystal clear river that gives the reserve its name. Things began very well with the endemic Antioquia Bristle Tyrant perched closely. Collared Aracaris were admired, and Cocoa Woodcreeper and Streak-headed Woodcreeper worked tree trunks. Both *Callicore lyca* and *Callicore pitheas* were attracted to the walls of an empty building.

Even this early in the day the road and HQ were already very busy, this being Sunday. The river and

pools here attract very many visitors. Last year it had still been the New Year holiday period when I was here, and the reserve was very busy indeed. Then I had stayed in accommodation inside the reserve, reached by a longish walk through the forest. The hotel we were now staying in was much more tranquil, and the ideal choice. Today we escaped the crowds by taking a side trail along which we saw not a single other person all morning, other than the owner of the only house here.

Band-backed Wrens were noisy, and Stripe-throated Hermit and Band-tailed Barbthroat were at the forest edge. Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet was seen closely. Butterflies began with several *Heliconius* species, namely *Heliconius doris*, *Heliconius hecale melicerta*, *Heliconius sapho*, *Heliconius sara*, and *Heliconius erato hydara*. Olivaceous Flatbill perched, and Smoky-brown, Red-rumped, and Crimson-crested Woodpeckers were all here. Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner was seen closely, Cinnamon Becard was in the trees, Dusky-faced Tanager in vegetation near the stream, and Tawny-crested Tanager and Yellow-backed Tanagers were pleasing finds, the latter related to the Guira Tanager that we'd seen yesterday. A lone female Golden-headed Manakin was perched, and last year I'd found a lek of this species.

Sunlit clearings were alive with butterfly activity when the sun shone. Here the swallowtails *Heraclides* androgeus epidaurus, *Heraclides thoas nealces*, and *Heraclides paeon* flew. Attractive *Pyrrhogyra crameri undine* was admired, and the skipper *Pythonides grandis assecla* was distinctive. A selection of ithomiines included *Mechanitis polymnia*, *Mechanitis lysimnia macrinus*, *Ithomia iphianassa panamensis*, *Oleria amalda*, *Melinaea idae*, and *Tithorea harmonia*. A species of *Haeterina*, a damselfly with red wing bases, was attractive, and a species of *Ameiva* moved in the leaf litter. Butterflies continued numerous, with a selection of nymphalids including *Adelpha cytherea*, *Adelpa iphiclus*, *Adelpha saundersii frontina*, *Noreppa chromus*, and *Nica flavilla*.

The furthest point of our walk was a beautiful forest streambed where some of us paddled and dipped our feet in the cool water, Common Morphos flying through the clearing.

The lovely metalmarks *Rhetus periander* and *Eurybia lycisca* were attracted to the bait, there was a species of *Strymon*, both *Dynamine postverta mexicana* and *Dynamine chryseis*, female *Catonephele numilia*, *Eresia emerantia*, *Janatella leucodesma*, *Pierella luna*, and *Eueides isabella*. The lovely Whitebanded Morpho was a highlight. Skippers continued with *Urbanus teleus*, *Callimormus radiola janna*, and *Ebrietas anacreon*.

Back near the main track the lovely *Panacea prola* was settling on the track. The car park where the bus awaited us was now very busy with visitors and we were pleased to be returning to the tranquility of our hotel for lunch.

Here were Grey-necked Wood-rail at the waterside, White-winged Swallows over the lawns, and Goldenhooded Tanagers in trees near the restaurant. There followed time for a siesta.

Late afternoon saw us driving back to the reserve, and walking upriver from the HQ buildings, the river still busy with paddlers and sunbathers! In quieter spots we saw Fasciated Tiger Heron on the rocky river gravels, Buff-rumped Warblers at the forest edge, and Black-bellied Wren low in vegetation.

The time was approaching for the spectacle of Oilbirds emerging from their cave. We reached the observation point, a river beach in the forest, in good time, and sat and waited, enjoying the tranquil forest as darkness came. The forest was peaceful and we were alone. Very soon the first Oilbirds were at the

cave mouth, squabbling noisily before taking to the air. More and more emerged and we enjoyed a magical half hour as they took to the air, a great spectacle. It was difficult to estimate the numbers but there were very many of them, and whenever we illuminated the cave mouth with a spotlight it revealed many birds in the air. Oilbirds are the only nocturnal fruit-eating birds in the world, and are the sole member of their family.

A bonus last year had been Sand-coloured Nighthawks flying low over the river, and I had had superb close views of them. Here we were somewhat out of their supposed range. None this evening however.

Day 17 Monday 27th January

Rio Claro

The hotel grounds were again alive with bird activity.

After breakfast we drove a few kilometres to another forested track, and we walked ahead. Birding was a little slow but we saw some great things.

Band-tailed Barbthroat and Long-billed Hermit began the hummingbirds. Exploring a side track down to the river Cinnamon Woodpecker was seen closely. Wedge-billed Woodcreeper and Cocoa Woodcreeper worked trunks, and Plain Xenops moved from branch to branch. The variety continued with Masked Tityra, Cinnamon Becard, Rough-legged Tyrannulet, Piratic Flycatcher, and Plain-coloured Tanager.

Further along was a beautiful riverside spot, the track leading down and across a lovely clear stream, and this looked a superb site for butterflies. Rene placed the last of the butterfly bait, but there were surprisingly few butterflies here. Although writing a list of what we saw seems quite impressive, it just was not as varied as other sites we'd visited. Strange in such prime habitat.

Metalmarks included Ancyluris jurgensenii, Calephelis iris, Caria ?castalia, a second Caria species, and Eurybia donna. Arawacus lincoides was seen again. Among ithomiines were Mechanitis polymnia and Thyridia psidii melanthus and heliconiids included Heliconius hecale melicerta and Heliconius sara. Dynamine postverta mexicana was admired, and Cissia pompilia and Pareuptychia ocirrhoe represented the satyrids. Among the skippers were two species of Autochton, a Saliana, Pyrgus orcus, and Nisoniades brunneata.

We returned to the hotel for lunch. *Archaeoprepona demophoon* sped around and periodically settled on trees near the restaurant, and Crested Caracara was in the air. As we waited for lunch I found a part of the gardens we hadn't walked before, and quite a number of basking Iguanas, some of them very large indeed, and of course whilst I was showing everyone these the food arrived!

We spent the afternoon around the gardens, which were again very productive. The nymphalid *Historis odius* was impressive. Again by the lake were Grey-necked Wood-Rail, Little Blue Heron, and Amazon Kingfisher among others.

Collared Aracaris and Channel-billed Toucan were both admired, there were Russet-backed and Chestnut-headed Oropendolas, and Yellow-rumped Cacique. Chestnut-sided Warbler was added to the list. We had great views of a group of Swallow Tanagers, approachable for photos. Saffron Finches were common on the lawns, and the variety continued with Buff-throated Saltator, Red-crowned Woodpecker,

and Red-lored Parrot. Black-striped Sparrow was new for the list.

A number of dragonflies frequented the pools and waterways, and lizards scuttled.

That evening we completed the checklists.

Day 18 Tuesday 28th January To Medellin, To Bogota, and Departure

Rene decided to say farewell to us here, aiming to travel east overland to Bogota.

We headed purposefully west with Gioanni towards Medellin. A rest stop at a restaurant had a good outlook over the forest. I bought a breakfast to take away.

We arrived at Medellin airport with time to spare. Check in was quiet, and in departures I bought something for lunch for the group.

In Bogota we said our fond farewells after what had been a remarkably productive, varied, and enjoyable tour. I would be seeing Chris and Pauline again in a few weeks time in Chiapas.

A taxi took me back to our Bogota hotel where I had a bag in storage, and that evening I repacked. The following day I flew to Los Angeles, and then to Honolulu where began a very interesting two weeks focused on the woody plants of Hawaii. I then spent two weeks exploring central east Mexico, with some time in Chiapas before that tour began.

Colombia 2020 Systematic Lists

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- Day 1 Saturday 11th January Arrival Bogota. Chingaza National Park.
- Day 2 Sunday 12th January To Santa Marta. Minca.
- Day 3 Monday 13th January Minca. To El Dorado.
- Day 4 Tuesday 14th January San Lorenzo Ridge.
- Day 5 Wednesday 15th January Minca. Santa Marta to Pereira. To Manizales.
- Day 6 Thursday 16th January Rio Blanco
- Day 7 Friday 17th January Rio Blanco
- Day 8 Saturday 18th January To Pueblo Rico. To Montezuma.
- Day 9 Sunday 19th January Tatama National Park
- Day 10 Monday 20th January Tatama National Park
- Day 11 Tuesday 21st January Tatama National Park
- Day 12 Wednesday 22nd January To Jardin via Supia
- Day 13 Thursday 23rd January Jardin, Las Ventanas, Cock of the Rock lek
- Day 14 Friday 24th January Andes feeders, Sinifana, Mayoria, Medellin, Sabaneta
- Day 15 Saturday 25th January La Romera, Medellin, Rio Claro
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- Day 17 Monday 27th January Rio Claro
- Day 18 Tuesday 28th January To Medellin. Flight to Bogota. Departure.
- Day 19 Wednesday 29th January Arrival UK

Systematic List Number 1

Butterflies

Papilionidae

Papilioninae

Eurytides colombus Colombian Kite Swallowtail Tatama National Park Mimoides euryleon pithonius Tatama National Park

Battus polydamus Polydamus Swallowtail Minca

Parides eurimedes Pink-checked Cattleheart Rio Claro 2019 Parides sesostris tarquinios Emerald-patched Cattleheart Rio Claro 2019

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Heraclides thoas nealces Thoas Swallowtail Rio Claro Rio Claro Heraclides paeon

Pieridae

Dismorphiinae

Dismorphia hyposticta Tatama National Park Hyposticta Mimic-white

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Dismorphia lewyi Tatama National Park 2019

Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta Dismorphia medora Medora Mimic-white Dismorphia zaela zaela Blue-vented Mimic-white Tatama National Park 2019 Dismorphia crisia foedora Cloud-forest Mimic-white Tatama National Park Dismorphia zathoe Colombian Mimic-white Tatama National Park 2019

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Coliadinae

Eurema elathea vitellina **Baton Yellow** Scattered records Ghost Yellow Scattered records Eurema albula

Eurema phiale columbia Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Eurema xanthochlora Scarce Yellow Scattered records

Eurema salome Salome Yellow Minca Eurema fabiola Minca Tailed Orange Eurema proterpia Minca

Dina Yellow Scattered records Pyrisitia dina gabriela

Pyrisitia venusta venusta Day 14

Mimosa Yellow Pyrisitia nise Scattered records Colias dimera Many in Chingaza

Phoebis sennae marcellina Cloudless Sulphur Widespread Phoebis philea philea Orange-barred Sulphur Scattered records

Phoebis neocypris rurina Tailed Sulphur Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Phoebis argante argante Apricot Sulphur Scattered records Rhabdodryas trite trite Straight-lined Sulphur Rio Claro 2019 Rio Claro Aphrissa statira statira Statira Sulphur

Pierinae

Ascia monuste Great Southern White Scattered records Leptophobia aripa aripa Common Green-eyed White Rio Blanco, Minca (ssp.?) Leptophobia caesia phanokia Tatama National Park

Leptophobia eleusis eleusis Jardin 2019 Leptophobia helena La Violetta 2019

Leptophobia philoma Tatama National Park 2019

Leptophobia tovaria Two-jutted Greeneyed White A few records 2019

Leptophobia eleone desdignata Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Archonias brassolis critias Cattleheart White Tatama National Park

Catasticta flisa postaurea Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Rio Blanco Catasticta notha caucana Catasticta philoscia incertina Rio Blanco Catasticta prioneris albescens Rio Blanco

Catatsticta ptemene Tatama National Park

Catasticta seitzi Jardin 2019 Catasticta sp. Jardin 2019 Rio Blanco Leodonta tellane intermedia

Glutophrissa drusilla Florida White Scattered records

Riodinidae

Euselasiinae

Euselasia bettina Black-topped Euselasia Tatama National Park

Euselasia candaria Rio Claro 2019

Euselasia corduena Acute Sombremark Tatama National Park 2019 Euselasia hieronymi Red-rayed Euselasia This species at Minca 2019 Euselasia tenebrosa Tatama National Park 2019

Riodininae

Tatama National Park Teratopthalma monocroma

Lasaia agesilas agesilas Sinifana Lasaia arsis Sinifana Hyphilaria thasus subrutila Sinifana Melanis electron Minca

Mesosemia zonalis Whitened Eyed-Metalmark Tatama National Park 2019

Mesosemia metuana vargasi Tatama National Park and Manizales 2019

Mesosemia mevania Tatama National Park Mesosemia pacifica Tatama National Park Mesosemia vemania Tatama National Park 2019 Leucochimona icare La Romera and Rio Claro 2019

Leucochimona lagora Cloudy-eyed Whitemark Tatama National Park Ithomiola cribralis Cloud-spotted Metalmark Tatama National Park 2019

Rio Claro Eurybia donna Eurybia lycisca Rio Claro Eurybia unxia Rio Claro Lyropteryx lyra cleadas Cherry-bordered Metalmark Rio Claro 2019

Necyria bellona zaneta Tatama National Park

Necyria bellona Jardin 2019

Necyria duellona diva Teal-bordered Metalmark Tatama National Park 2019

Rio Claro 2019 Cyrenia martia themis Red-spotted Metalmark Ancyluris jurgensenii Costa-spotted Beautymark Rio Claro

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Ancyluris inca huascar Tatama National Park Blue-and-yellow Beatymark Rhetus dysonii psecas Pink-C Beautymark Tatama National Park

Rhetus periander Variable Beautymark Rio Claro Chorinea bogota Northern Clearmark Minca 2019

Brachyglenis dinora Dinora Metalmark Tatama National Park

Calephelis iris Iris Calephelis Tatama National Park, Sinifana, Rio Claro

Calephelis sp. Minca

Charis anius Tatama National Park

Sinifana Parcella amarynthina Orange-banded Metalmark a greenmark Rio Claro Caria castalia Rio Claro Caria mantinea lampeto

Baeotis nesaea Red-spotted Yellowmark Tatama National Park 2019

Sinifana Baeotis zonata Siseme alectryo Rio Blanco Siseme aristoteles Rio Blanco

Tatama National Park Siseme neurodes neurodes

Sarota myrtea Godman's Sarota Tatama National Park 2019

Sinifana Anteros carausius

Anteros roratus Studded Jewelmark Tatama National Park 2019 Anteros cruentatus Tatama National Park 2019 Tatama National Park Anteros kupris kupris

Tatama National Park Emesis glaucescens Emesis mandana mandana Great Tanmark Tatama National Park 2019

Dark Tanmark Minca and Sinifana

Emesis ocypore aethalia

Emesis brimo Possibly this species La Violetta, 2019

Emesis cypria guppyi Orange-striped Tanmark Rio Blanco La Violetta Emesis sp. Calospila cilissa Cilissa Metalmark Rio Claro 2019

Nymphidium onaeum Hewitson's Metalmark Minca

Cariomothis poeciloptera White-lead Metalmark Rio Claro 2019

Ariconius albinus Minca

Lycaenidae

Theclinae

Penaincisalia loxorina Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta (Thecloxurina

santamarta?)

Johnsonita auda Auda Hairstreak Tatama National Park

Pseudolycaena marsyas

Micandra comae Comae Hairstreak Tatama National Park 2019 Tatama National Park 2019 Micandra platyptera Fractured Highstreak

Arawacus leucogyna Minca

Arawacus lincoides Lincoides Stripestreak Scattered records

Panthiades phaleros Minca

Ocaria ocrisia Black Hairstreak Tatama National Park and Sinifana Ocaria aholiba Blue-lined Blackstreak Tatama National Park 2019

Strephonota tephraeusPearly-grey HairstreakMincaStrymon muluchaMincaStrymon zibaRio Blanco

Strymon sp.stamartaMincaCyanophrys amyntorThis at Sinifana?Cyanophrys goodsoniThis at Sinifana?

Erora carla This at Sinifana?

Lycaenidae *Polyommatinae*

Zizula cyna Cyna Blue Scattered records
Leptotes cassius Cassius Blue Scattered records 2019

Leptotes marina

Cupido comuntas texana Eastern Tailed-Blue Rio Blanco

Hemiargus hanno hanno Hanno Blue Scattered records 2019

Nymphalidae

Danainae

Danaus plexippus megalippeMonarchA few recordsElznia humboldtHumboldt's ClearwingManizales 2019

Tithorea harmonia Harmonia Tigerwing Rio Claro

harmonia

Aeria eurimedia eurimedia Banded Tigerwing Rio Claro 2019

Melinaea idae Rio Claro

Scada zibia zibia Zibia Tigerwing Tatama National Park
Mechanitis lusimnia macrinus Rio Claro

Mechanitis lysimnia macrinusRio ClaroMechanitis menapis occasivaSinifanaMechanitis polymnia caucaensisSinifana

Mechanitis polymnia Polymnia Tigerwing Rio Claro and Minca

veritabilis

Ithomia celemia celemiaCell-spotted IthomiaRio Claro 2019Ithomia iphianassa panamensisRio Claro

Oleria amalda Minca and Rio Claro Hypoleria lavinia vanilia Fuzzy-spotted Ticlear Rio Claro 2019

Hypoleria ocalea ocalea Minca

Greta andromica andromica Andromica Clearwing Minca (ssp.?)

Napeogenes tolosa diaphanosa Tatama National Park 2019

Thyridia psidii melantho Rio Claro

Heliconiinae

Altinote neleus neleus Rio Blanco

Altinote ozomene ozomene Lamplight Actinote Tatama National Park and Jardin

Altinote stratonice Jard

Altinote trinacria trinacria Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta
Actinote anteas anteas Doubleday's Actinote Tatama National Park 2019

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Actinote pellenea equatoria Jardin 2019

Actinote flavibasis La Romera?

Dione glycera Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta and Jardin

Dione monetaMexican SilverspotLa Violetta 2019Dryas juliaJuliaScattered records

Eueides aliphera Least Heliconian Sinifana

Eueides isabella Isabella's Heliconian Scattered records 2019

Euides procula kuenowii Minca and above El Dorado

Heliconius charithonia Zebra Heliconian Jardin

bassleri

Heliconius clysonymus Stormy Heliconian Widespread, sspp.clysonymus and fischeri

Heliconius cydno weymeri Grinning Heliconian Tatama National Park

Heliconius doris doris Dot-bordered Heliconian Tatama National Park, Rio Claro Heliconius eleuchia White-bordered Heliconian Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

eleuchia

Heliconius eleuchia eleusinusTatama National Park 2019Heliconius erato hydaraErato HeliconianRio Claro, ssp.? Minca

Heliconius ethilla Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta 2019

Heliconius hecale melicerta Heart-spotted Heliconian Rio Claro Heliconius melpomene vulcanus Minca

Heliconius sapho chocoensis Tatama National Park

Heliconius sapho saphoBlue-and-white HeliconianRio ClaroHeliconius sara saraSara HeliconianRio ClaroPodotrichaLas Ventanas

Limenitidinae

The genus Adelpha: Its Systematics, Biology and Biogeography (Lepidoptera: Nymphalidae: Limenitidini)' by K.R.Wilmott is an excellent monograph.

Adelpha alala negra Rio Blanco and La Romera
Adelpha corcyra collina Rio Blanco and Jardin

Adelpha corcyra salazari Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta Adelpha boeotia boeotia Felder's Sister Tatama National Park 2019

Adelpha cytherea daguana Smooth-banded Sister Tatama National Park, ssp.Rio Claro

Adelpha ethelda eponinaSilver-banded SisterTatama National ParkAdelpha iphiclus iphiclusPointer SisterMinca, Sinifana, Rio ClaroAdelpha justinaTatama National Park 2019

Adelpha leucophthalma White-spotted Sister Tatama National Park and Rio Blanco

Adelpha levona Tatama National Park

Adelpha lycorias wallisii Rayed Sister Tatama National Park 2019

Adelpha malea fundaniaVenezuelan SisterRio Claro 2019Adelpha olynthiaRio Blanco

Adelpha rothschildi

Adelpha salmoneus emiliaGolden-banded SisterTatama National Park 2019Adelpha salus salusLost SisterTatama National Park 2019

Adelpha saundersii frontina Rio Claro

Adelpha seriphia egregia A few Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, where endemic

Adelpha zina zina Variable Sister Tatama National Park 2019

Apaturinae

Doxocopa laurentia Turquiose Emperor Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta 2019

cherubina

Biblidinae

Dynamine agacles coreSinifanaDynamine chryseisRio ClaroDynamine colombianaSinifana

Dynamine postverta mexicana Sinifana and Rio Claro

Dynamine tithia salpensaSinifanaOrophila cardasesJardinPanacea prolaRio Claro

Mestra hersilia Santa Marta 2019

Catonephele chromis chromis Cloud-forest Catone Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Catonephele numilia esiteStoplight CatoneRio ClaroEpiphile chrysites chrysitesLa RomeraEpiphile epimenesLa Romera

Nica flavilla Little Banner Minca, Rio Claro, and Sinifana

Hamadryas feroniaVariable CrackerMincaPyrrhogyra crameri undineRio Claro

Pyrrhogyra edocla edoclaComplete Red-ringTatama National Park 2019Temenis laothoeOrange BannerScattered records 2019

Temenis pulchra pulchraRed BannerRio Claro 2019Haematera pyrame thysbeBlind Eighty-eightMinca 2019

Mesotaenia vaninka doris Tatama National Park 2019
Callicore pitheas Two-eyed Eighty-eight Sinifana and Rio Claro

Callicore lyca Six-spotted Eighty-eight Rio Claro

Callicore atacama manova Striped Eighty-eight Tatama National Park 2019
Catagramma tolima denina Blue-and-orange Eighty-eight Tatama National Park

Diaethria clymena Common Eighty-eight Tatama National Park and Minca

marchalii

Diaethria euclides gueneei Tatama National Park
Diaethria nystographa charis Tatama National Park 2019

Perisama bomplandii parabomplandiiRio BlancoPerisama dorbignyiRio BlancoPerisama humboldtii humboldtiiRio BlancoPerisama oppelii oppeliiRio BlancoPerisama ilia iliaRio Blanco

Cyrestinae

Marpesia chiron Many-banded Daggerwing Minca

Marpesia beraniaSierra Nevada de Santa MartaMarpesia corinnaSierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Marpesia meropsSpot-banded DaggerwingTatama National ParkMarpesia zerynthiaTatama National Park

Nymphalinae

Historis odius The Orion Rio Claro

Colobura dirce dirce Dirce Beauty Rio Claro 2019

Hypanartia charonTatama National Park 2019Hypanartia cinderellaTatama National Park

Hypanartia dione Banded Mapwing Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta and Rio Blanco

Hypanartia lethe lethe Orange Mapwing Tatama National Park, Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Hypanartia trimaculata Reddish Mapwing Tatama National Park

trimaculata

Hypanartia kefersteiniTatama NP and Rio ClaroVanessa braziliensisSierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Vanessa virginiensis American Lady Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta and Jardin

Anartia amathea amathea Red Peacock Widespread in open habitat Anartia jatrophae jatrophae White Peacock Scattered in open habitat

Siproeta epaphus epaphus Rusty-tipped Page Scattered records

Siproeta stelenes Malachite Day 14

ssp.meridionalis

Junonia evarete Tropical Buckeye Scattered records

Junonia genoveva genoveva Mangrove Buckeye Day 8

Chlosyne narva narva Yellow Patch Rio Claro 2019

Chlosyne lacinia Bordered Patch Day 14
Anthanassa acesas Minca

Anthanassa drusilla Orange-banded Crescent Scattered records

drusilla

Castilia castilla Gastilla Jardin 2019

Castilia eranites Mimic Crescent Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Castilia ofella White-dotted Crescent Minca

Eresia carme laias Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Eresia datis manto Tatama National Park

Eresia emerantia emerantia Rio Claro

Eresia ithomioides anomala Tatama National Park 2019

Eresia polina Tatama National Park and La Violetta 2019

Eresia sticta Tatama National Park

Janatella fellula Tatama National Park and Las Tangaras

Janatella leucodesmaWhitened CrescentCommon at MincaTegosa anieta anietaBlack-bordered CrescentScattered recordsTegosa claudinaClaudina CrescentWidespread

Charaxinae

Agrias amydon frontina White-spotted Agrias Tatama National Park

Consul fabius Sinifana

Consul panariste ludmilla Tricoloured Leafwing Tatama National Park

Fountainea nessus

Tatama National Park and Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Fountainea nobilis pacifica Noble Leafwing Tatama National Park

Memphis pseudiphis Tatama National Park

Memphis pseudiphis Tatama National Park
Memphis xenocles fisilis Corner-spotted Leafwing Rio Claro

Archaeoprepona chromus Rio Claro Archaeoprepona demophoon demophoon Rio Claro

Archaeoprepona licomedes pacifica Tatama National Park

Archaeoprepona demophon One-spotted Prepona

demophon

Prepona werneri Tatama National Park

Satyrinae

Antirrhea undulata Tatama National Park 2019

Morpho amathonte Rio Claro 2019

Morpho cypris cypris White-banded Morpho Rio Claro

Morpho helenor Common Morpho Tatama National Park

macrophthalmus

Morpho helenor peleides Common Morpho Rio Claro, Day 14, ssp.? Sierra Nevada

Morpho sulkowskyi This fine species was seen at Rio Blanco, where

several, and at Jardin

Rio Claro

Caligo atreus agesilaus Gold-bordered Owl Butterfly Rio Claro 2019
Caligo telamonius Yellow-fronted Owl Butterfly La Romera 2019

Caligo sp. Manizales 2019

Cithaerias pireta Tatama National Park
Pierella helvina Red-patched Phantom-Satyr Tatama National Park

Pierella luna luna Moon Satyr Rio Claro

Rio Ciaro

Pseudohaetera mimica Tatama National Park

Pronophila epidipnis Rio Blanco

Pronophila unifasciata donachui Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, locally common

Pronophila juliani Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Pronophila orcus orcus Tatama National Park, Rio Blanco, Manizales.

Not seen 2019.

Corades chelonis chelonis Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta and Rio Blanco

Corades envo PGC before the groups arrived

Corades pannonia ploas Tatama National Park

Corades medeba columbina Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta 2019

Oxeoschistus puerta White-chain Oxeo Tatama National Park

pervius

Oxeoschistus simplexTatama National Park 2019Mygona irminaTatama National Park

Lasiophila semipartita Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Lasiophila prosymna Rio Blanco

Lasiophila zapatoza sombra Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Pseudomaniola sp.

Steroma bega Rio Blanco and Tatama National Park

Steroma polyxo Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Eretris calisto calisto
Eretris apuleja
Eretris lecromi
Eretris ocellifera
Rio Blanco
Tatama NP 2019
Eretris ocellifera
Rio Blanco
Manerebia indirena
Rio Blanco

Manerebia nevadensis Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Idioneurula erebioides erebioides A colony at Chingaza

Lymanopoda albocincta albocincta Rio Blanco

Lymanopoda caeruleata Several of this fine species, Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Lymanopoda labda Rio Blanco

Lymanopoda nevada nevada Locally common on ridge, Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Lymanopoda obsoleta Tatama National Park and Rio Blanco

Lymanopoda samius Chingaza

Lymanopoda spp.

Pedaliodes anchiphilonis Rio Blanco?
Pedaliodes baccara baccara Rio Blanco

Pedaliodes canela Tatama National Park

Pedaliodes cebolleta Several Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Pedaliodes empusa empusa Chingaza
Pedaliodes hebena Jardin

Pedaliodes leucocheilus Several, Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Pedaliodes manis Sunset Pedalio Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta and Rio Blanco

Pedaliodes obstructa Tatama National Park

Pedaliodes peucestas Tatama National Park (ssp.magnifica), Rio Blanco, Jardin

Pedaliodes phazania Several on the ridge, Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Pedaliodes pheresRio Blanco?Pedaliodes ralphiChingaza

Pedaliodes symmachus Several, Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Pedaliodes tyrrheus tyrrheus Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Pedaliodes baccara Rio Blanco

Pedaliodes phrasicla phrasiclaTatama National ParkPedaliodes polloniaTatama National ParkPedaliodes poemaTatama NP 2019

Pedaliodes zingara Tatama NP 2019

Paryapedaliodes drymaea Chingaza

Paryapedaliodes sp.Tatama National ParkCissia labeLabe SatyrTatama National Park 2019

Cissia pompilia Plain Satyr Minca, Sinifana, Rio Claro

Cissia penelope Day 14

Euptychia calixta La Romera 2019

Euptychia westwoodi Westwood's Satyr Minca

Euptychoides saturnus Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Euptychoides griphe La Romera

Euptychoides laccine

Hermeuptychia hermesHermes SatyrWidespreadHermeuptychia harmoniaHarmonia SatyrScattered recordsMagneuptychia tiessaTiessa SatyrTatama National ParkPareuptychia metaleucaWhite-banded SatyrTatama National Park

metaleuca

Pareuptychia ocirrhoe Double-white Satyr Tatama National Park and Rio Claro

Forsterinaria inornata Tatama National Park

Forsterinaria neonympha White-dotted Satyr Minca and Tatama National Park

Forsterinaria rustica villarresi Near Rio Blanco 2019

Forsterinaria sp. Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Pseudodebis puritana Rio Claro Taygetis kerea Minca

Parataygetis lineate Tatama National Park

Yphthimoides renata Renata Satyr Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta and Sinifana

Oressinoma typhla typhla Bandaged Satyr Tatama National Park

Daedelma dinias Rio Blanco

Hesperiidae

Eudaminae

Aguna claxon Emerald Aguna Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta 2019

Astraptes alardusFrosted FlasherTatama National ParkAstraptes anaphus annettaYellow-tipped FlasherTatama National Park 2019Astraptes chiriquensisChiriqui FlasherTatama National Park 2019

Astraptes creteus crilla Tatama National Park

Astraptes fulgerator Two-barred Flasher Tatama National Park

Astraptes galesus Brown Flasher

Astraptes weymeri Tatama National Park
Augiades epimethea Tatama National Park

Autochton bipunctatus Two-spotted Banded-Skipper Tatama National Park 2019 sp. Rio Claro

Autochton zarex Sharp-banded Skipper Tatama National Park, Minca, 2019 sp. Rio Claro

Chioides catillus Sinifana

Cogia calchas Mimosa Skipper
Epargyreus exadeus Broken Silverdrop La Violetta 2019

Epargyreus spina Spined Silverdrop Tatama National Park

Epargyreus sp. Minca

Euriphellus euribates Stoll's scarlet-eye Tatama National Park

euribates

Phocides johnsoniTatama National Park 2019Phocides metrodorus nigrescensTatama National ParkPhocides perillusTatama National Park 2019

Polythrix ceculus Rio Claro 2019 sp.

Porphyrogenes

Ridens philistus philea Tatama National Park
Urbanus dorantes Dorantes Longtail Scattered records

dorantes

Urbanus doryssus White-tailed Longtail Rio Claro 2019

doryssus

Urbanus dubiusTatama National Park 2019Urbanus evonaTurquiose LongtailTatama National Park 2019Urbanus esmeraldusEsmeralda LongtailTatama National Park 2019

Urbanus procneBrown LongtailSinifanaUrbanus simpliciusPlain LongtailSinifanaUrbanus tannaTanna LongtailRio Blanco

Urbanus teleus Teleus Longtail Sinifana and Rio Claro

Urbanus vitterboanaSierra Nevada de Santa MartaVenada cacaoTatama National Park 2019

Venada lamella

Hesperiinae

Aides dysoni Tatama National Park, Rio Claro, 2019 Dyson's Silverpatch

Anthoptus epictetus Trailside Underskipper Widespread

Apaustus gracilis gracilis Graceful Flarewing

Aroma henricus henricus Goldbars Skipper Tatama National Park

Callimormus radiola janna Tatama National Park and Rio Claro

Callimormus saturnus Common Brown-skipper

Carystina aurifer Tatama National Park Carystina mielkei Tatama National Park

Corticea corticea Redundant Skipper

Cobalus virbius Tatama National Park

Cymaenes trebius

Dion carmenta acraea Tatama National Park 2019 Eprius veleda Tatama National Park Falga jeconia Tatama National Park

Hylephila phylaeus Fiery Skipper Day 12

Manizales 2019 Lucida lucia ?scopas Variegated Brown-skipper

Neoxeniades anchicayensis

Rio Claro 2019 Neoxeniades braesia aqua Niconiades viridis vista Green Nicon Minca 2019 Jardin 2019

Nyctelius nyctelius Violet-banded Skipper

nyctelius

Parphorus sapala Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta? Perichares adela Tatama National Park 2019

Perichares deceptus drina Brilliant Ruby-eye Tatama National Park 2019 Poanes inimica Day 15

Pompeius pompeius Common Glassywing Jardin 2019

Psoralis degener Minca Racta apella apella

Saliana antoninus This species at Rio Blanco?

Saliana longirostris Shy Saliana Rio Claro 2019

Saliana salona Tatama National Park 2019

Saliana severus Dark Saliana Rio Claro 2019 Saliana sp.

Jardin 2019 Serdis statius

Thespeius othna tinka Blodly-marked Therra Minca Thespeius sp. Jardin 2019

Thracides cilissa Tatama National Park

Tigasis colomus

Rio Claro 2019 Vehilius stictomenes stictomenes

Vettius coryna coryna Silvery Fantastic-Skipper Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta Vettius diversa maeon Split-rayed Fantastic-Skipper

Wahydra kenava Tatama National Park 2019

Heteropterinae

Dalla eburones Jardin 2019

Dalla frater Tatama National Park, ?Rio Blanco

Dalla mesoxantha Tatama National Park, Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta Dalla calima Tatama National Park 2019

Dalla wardi Rio Blanco

Dalla sp. Rio Blanco, does not seem to fit any species on

list for there, a few seen, 2019 Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Tatama National Park 2019

Dalla spp.

Pyrginae

Achylodes busiris Tatama National Park and Sinifana

Achylodes pallida Pale Sicklewing Tatama National Park and Jardin 2019

Aethilla eleusinia Tatama National Park 2019

Anastrus sempiternus Common Bluevent Tatama National Park 2019
Anastrus meliboea Frost-bordered Bluevent Tatama National Park

Bolla gisellus Tatama National Park 2019

Carrhenes calidius Sinifana

Carrhenes meridensisTatama National ParkChalypyge zereda rufipectusTatama National ParkCycloglypha thrasibulusTatama National ParkCycloglypha tisiasRingless BentwingTatama National Park 2019

Cycloglypha tisias Ringless Bentwing Tatama National Park 2019
Cyclosemia anastomosis Northern Eyed-Skipper Tatama National Park 2019

Ebrietas anacreon anacreon Rio Claro

Eburuncus unifasciata Potam Skipper Tatama National Park

Gorgythion begga Sinifana

Helias cama Square Bentwing Tatama National Park 2019

Heliopetes alanaAlana White-SkipperRio Claro 2019Heliopetes laviana lavianaLaviana White-SkipperLa Violetta 2019

Heliopyrgus domicella Minca

Jemadia ovid Tatama National Park 2019

Mictris crispus caerula Crisp Skipper Tatama National Park 2019

Mimoniades nurschiaRio BlancoMylon cajusMinca

Mylon lassia Rio Blanco and Sinifana

Mylon maimon Sinifana

Mylon spp.Tatama National Park 2019Myscelus perissodoraTatama National ParkNisoniades brunneataSinifana and Rio ClaroNoctuana haematospilaTatama National Park

Ouleus fridericus Minca

Potomanaxas andraemon
Tatama National Park
Potomanaxas laoma fumida
Tatama National Park 2019
Potomanaxas melicertes
Tatama National Park
Potomanaxas paphos
Tatama National Park 2019
Potomanaxas thoria
Tatama National Park
Potomanaxas zagadka
Tatama National Park

Pyrgus adeptaGuatemalan Chequered-SkipperScattered recordsPyrgus orcusSharp Chequered-SkipperScattered records

Pyrrhopyge crida Minca?

Pyrrhopyge papius papius

Noctuana noctua

Pyrrhopyge phidias

Pythonides grandis assecla Many-spotted Blue-Skipper

Pythonides jovianus Powder Blue-Skipper
Pythonides proxenus Black-topped Blue-Skipper

Spioniades abbreviata Staphylus vulgata Theagenes albiplaga

Trina geometrina geometrina

Viola egra

Xenophanes tryxus Glassy-winged Skipper Yanguna cosyra Burning Zebratip Minca and Tatama National Park

Rio Claro

Tatama National Park

Rio Claro 2019

Tatama National Park

Minca

Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Sinifana

Rio Claro 2019

La Violetta, Minca, 2019 Tatama National Park

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Birds

The excellent 'Guia Illustrada de la Avifauna Colombiana' by Fernando Ayerbe Quinones is a fine field guide, with fine illustrations and very clear maps. Many species were added to the list this year, but species seen on the recce but not on this tour are annotated 2019.

Little Tinamou Crypturellus soui Heard at various sites

Torrent Duck Merganetta armata Chingaza before the group arrived (PGC)
Blue-winged Teal Anas discors Bogota, before the group arrived (PGC)
Andean Teal Anas andium Chingaza before the group arrived (PGC)
Andean Duck Oxyura ferruginea Chingaza before the group arrived (PGC)

Colombian Chachalaca Ortalis columbiana Endemic. Jardin and La Romera

Band-tailed Guan Penelope argyrotis Several, Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Andean Guan Penelope montagnii Jardin
Sickle-winged Guan Chamaepetes goudotii Rio Blanco

Black-fronted Wood-Quail Odontophorus atrifrons Heard at El Dorado

Chestnut Wood-Quail Odontophorus hyperythrus Endemic. Heard at Tatama

Pied-billed Grebe Podilymbus podiceps Chingaza before the group arrived (PGC)

Feral Pigeon Columba livia Numerous around habitation
Pale-vented Pigeon Patagioenas cayennensis Daily from Jardin onwards

Scaled Pigeon Patagioenas speciosa Minca

Band-tailed Pigeon Patagioenas fasciata Widespread at higher altitudes

Plumbeous PigeonPatagioenas plumbeaHeard at TatamaRuddy PigeonPatagioenas subvinaceaHeard at TatamaRuddy Ground-DoveColumbina talpacotiLocally commonScaled DoveColumbina squammataMinca 2019

White-tipped Dove Leptotila verreauxi Widespread, often heard

Lined Quail-Dove Zentrygon linearis Heard Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Eared Dove Zenaida auriculata Widespread Greater Ani Crotophaga major Rio Claro

Smooth-billed Ani Crotophaga ani Scattered records

Groove-billed Ani Crotophaga sulcirostris Minca

Striped CuckooTapera naeviaEn route to Rio Claro 2019Squirrel CuckooPiaya cayanaWidespread singletonsSand-coloured NighthawkChordeiles rupestris2 at Rio Claro 2019

Band-winged Nightjar Systellura longirostris On the pre dawn drive to San Lorenzo Ridge

Pauraque Nyctidromus albicollis Montezuma 2019

Lyre-tailed NightjarUropsalis lyraJardin 2019Common PotooNyctibius griseusHeard at Rio ClaroOilbirdSteatornis caripensisMany at Rio ClaroChestnut-collared SwiftStreptoprocne rutilaTatama National Park

White-collared Swift Streptoprocne zonaris Scattered records
Short-tailed Swift Chaetura brachyura Rio Claro

Band-rumped Swift Chaetura spinicaudus Rio Claro
Grey-rumped Swift Chaetura cinereiventris Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

White-necked Jacobin Florisuga mellivora Tatama National Park and Minca

Rufous-breasted Hermit Glaucis hirsutus Rio Claro 2019

Band-tailed Barbthroat Threnetes ruckeri Rio Claro

White-whiskered Hermit Phaethornis varugui Montezuma 2019 Tawny-bellied Hermit Phaethornis syrmatophorus Montezuma

Long-billed Hermit Phaethornis longirostris Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta and Rio Claro

Pale-billed HermitPhaethornis anthophilusMincaStripe-throated HermitPhaethornis strigularisRio Claro

Green-fronted Lancebill Doryfera ludovicae Rio Blanco and Montezuma
Brown Violetear Colibri delphinae Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Lesser VioletearColibri cyanotusWidespread and reasonably commonSparkling VioletearColibri coruscansWidespread and reasonably common

Purple-crowned Fairy *Heliothryx barroti* Rio Claro 2019 Black-throated Mango *Anthracothorax nigricollis* Montezuma

Amethyst-throated Sunangel Heliangelus amethysticollis

Tourmaline Sunangel Heliangelus exortis Montezuma
Green Thorntail Discosura conversii Montezuma 2019
Speckled Hummingbird Adelomyia melanogenys Montezuma and Jardin
Long-tailed Sylph Aglaiocercus kingii Rio Blanco and Montezuma

Violet-tailed SylphAglaiocercus coelestisMontezumaBlack-tailed TrainbearerLesbia victoriaeChingazaGreen-tailed TrainbearerLesbia nunaChingaza

Black-backed Thornbill Ramphomicron dorsale A female San Lorenzo Ridge

Purple-backed Thornbill Ramphomicron microrhynchum A female Chingaza, a male Rio Blanco
Tyrian Metaltail Metallura tyrianthina Chingaza, Sierra Nevada, and Montezuma

Viridian Metaltail Metallura williami Rio Blanco and Jardin

Greenish Puffleg Haplophaedia aureliae Montezuma Glowing Puffleg Eriocnemis vestita Chingaza Coppery-bellied Puffleg Eriocnemis cupreoventris Chingaza Bronzy Inca Coeligena coeligena Rio Blanco Brown Inca Coeligena wilsoni Montezuma Black Inca Coeligena prunellei Chicaque (PGC)

Collared Inca Coeligena torquata Widespread in small numbers

White-tailed Starfrontlet Coeligena phalerata A male and a female, Sierra Nevada de

Santa Marta Chicaque (PGC)

Golden-bellied Starfrontlet Coeligena bonapartei Chicaque (PGC)
Blue-throated Starfrontlet Coeligena helianthea Chicaque (PGC)

Mountain Velvetbreast Lafresnaya lafresnayi Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Sword-billed Hummingbird Ensifera ensifera Chingaza
Great Sapphirewing Pterophanes cyanopterus Chingaza

Buff-tailed Coronet Boissonneaua flavescens Tatama, Rio Blanco, Jardin, locally common

Velvet-purple Coronet Boissonneaua jardini Several at Tatama
Booted Racket-tail Ocreatus underwoodii Tatama National Park
Rufous-gaped Hillstar Urochroa bougueri Tatama National Park
Purple-bibbed Whitetip Urosticte benjamini Tatama National Park

Fawn-breasted Brilliant Heliodoxa rubinoides Rio Blanco
Green-crowned Brilliant Heliodoxa jacula Montezuma
Empress Brilliant Heliodoxa imperatrix Several at Tatama
Long-billed Starthroat Heliomaster longirostris Minca 2019

White-bellied Woodstar Chaetocercus mulsant Chingaza and Rio Blanco

Santa Marta Woodstar Endemic. A male and a female at Santa Marta Chaetocercus astrearis

Purple-throated Woodstar Montezuma and Jardin Calliphlox mitchellii

Western Emerald Chlorostilbon melanorhynchos Montezuma Red-billed Emerald Sierra Nevada Chlorostilbon gibsoni Coppery Emerald Chlorostilbon russatus Sierra Nevada

Short-tailed Emerald Chlorostilbon poortmani Bosque de Bavaria 2019 White-vented Plumeleteer Chalybura buffonii Minca and Rio Claro

Crowned Woodnymph Thalurania colombica colombica Many at El Dorado, and Minca

Andean Emerald Amazilia franciae Tatama and Jardin Scattered records Steely-vented Hummingbird Amazilia saucerottei Rufous-tailed Hummingbird Amazilia tzacatl Widespread

Blackish Rail Pardirallus nigricans Heard at Montezuma Aramides cajaneus Grev-necked Wood-Rail On two days at Rio Claro Two at La Florida 2019 Spot-flanked Gallinule Porphyriops melanops Common Gallinule Gallinula galeata One at La Florida 2019 **American Coot** Fulica americana Common at La Florida 2019 Southern Lapwing Vanellus chilensis Widespread in small numbers

Wattled Jacana Jacana jacana Rio Claro

Sanderling Calidris alba Santa Marta beach Noble Snipe Gallinago nobilis Chingaza (PGC) Spotted Sandpiper Actitis macularius Scattered records Greater Yellowlegs Tringa melanoleuca La Florida 2019 Royal Tern Thalasseus maximus Caribbean coast Magnificent Frigatebird Fregata magnificens Caribbean coast Neotropic Cormorant Phalacrocorax brasilianus Scattered records

Brown Pelican Pelecanus occidentalis Common on the Caribbean coast

Fasciated Tiger-Heron Tigrisoma fasciatum On two days at Rio Claro

Great Egret Ardea alba Scattered records Scattered records Snowy Egret Egretta thula

Little Blue Heron Egretta caerulea Rio Claro Cattle Egret Bubulcus ibis Widespread Striated Heron Butorides striata A few records

Bare-faced Ibis Phimosus infuscatus Scattered open country records King Vulture Sarcoramphus papa Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta Black Vulture Coragyps atratus Widespread and very common

Turkey Vulture Cathartes aura Widespread Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture Cathartes burrovianus Santa Marta

Tatama and Rio Claro 2019 Black Hawk-Eagle Spizaetus tyrannus This at Rio Claro?

Tiny Hawk Accipiter superciliosus

Sharp-shinned Hawk Accipiter striatus Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Roadside Hawk Widespread Rupornis magnirostris

White-rumped Hawk Parabuteo leucorrhous Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Broad-winged Hawk Buteo platypterus Tatama and Jardin

Short-tailed Hawk Buteo brachyurus Santa Marta Screech Owl Megascops gilesi

Endemic

Heard Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta Cloud-forest Pygmy Owl Glaucidium nubicola Heard at Tatama National Park Andean Pygmy Owl Glaucidium jardinii Heard at Tatama National Park

Mottled Owl Heard at Montezuma Ciccaba virgata

Black-and-White Owl Ciccaba nigrolineata Minca 2019

Asio stygius Seen closely at Rio Blanco Stygian Owl

Rio Blanco, and heard at Tatama Pharomachrus auriceps Golden-headed Quetzal White-tipped Quetzal Pharomachrus fulgidus On two days at Sierra Nevada de Santa

Marta, ssp.festatus

Rio Claro 2019 White-tailed Trogon Trogon chionurus Gartered Trogon Trogon caligatus Heard Sierra Nevada Tatama National Park Collared Trogon Trogon collaris

Sierra Nevada and Rio Blanco Trogon personatus Masked Trogon

Whooping Motmot Momotus subrufescens Minca 2019

Andean Motmot Momotus aequatorialis Rio Blanco, Tatama, Jardin, and La Romera

Rufous Motmot Baryphthengus martii Rio Claro 2019 **Broad-billed Motmot** Electron platyrhynchum Montezuma Amazon Kingfisher Rio Claro Chloroceryle amazona Rio Claro Green Kingfisher Chloroceryle americana

Moustached Puffbird Malacoptila mystacalis Montezuma entrance road 2019

Rufous-tailed Jacamar Galbula ruficauda Minca

Red-headed Barbet Eubucco bourcierii Montezuma and near Jardin Toucan Barbet Semnornis ramphastinus Tatama National Park, ssp.caucae

Lower Santa Marta 2019 Groove-billed Toucanet Aulacorhynchus (sulcatus)

calorhynchus

Southern Emerald Toucanet Aulacorhynchus albivitta Rio Blanco

White-throated (Santa Marta) Aulacorhynchus (albivitta) Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Toucanet lautus

Crimson-rumped Toucanet Aulacorhynchus haematopygus **Jardin and La Romera** Black-billed Mountain Toucan Andigena nigrirostris Jardin, and heard at Tatama

Collared Aracari

Pteroglossus torquatus Rio Claro, ssp.nuchalis Chestnut-mandibled Toucan Ramphastos (ambiguus) Rio Claro. Nomenclature confused and controversial.

swainsonii Citron-throated Toucan

Ramphastos citreolaemus Several at Rio Claro Keel-billed Toucan Ramphastos sulfuratus A few at Minca, ssp.brevicarinatus

Choco Toucan Ramphastos brevis Tatama National Park

Grayish Piculet Picumnus granadensis Montezuma

Iardin and La Romera Acorn Woodpecker Melanerpes formicivorus Red-crowned Woodpecker Melanerpes rubricapillus Minca and Rio Claro Tatama and Rio Claro Smoky-brown Woodpecker *Dryobates fumigatus*

Red-rumped Woodpecker Dryobates kirkii Rio Claro Yellow-vented Woodpecker Dryobates dignus **Iardin**

Crimson-bellied Woodpecker Campephilus haematogaster PGC before the group arrived

Campephilus melanoleucos Crimson-crested Woodpecker Minca and Rio Claro

Cinnamon Woodpecker Celeus loricatus Rio Claro Golden-olive Woodpecker Colaptes rubiginosus Heard at Tatama

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker Colaptes rivolii On two days at Rio Blanco

Spot-breasted Woodpecker Colaptes punctigula Margherita Valley

Crested Caracara Rio Claro Caracara cheriway

Yellow-headed Caracara Milvago chimachima Scattered records

Laughing Falcon Herpetotheres cachinnans Sinifana American Kestrel Falco sparverius Chingaza

Bat Falcon Falco rufigularis Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, ssp. petoensis

Orange-chinned Parakeet Brotogeris jugularis Minca and Rio Claro

Rusty-faced Parrot Hapalopsittaca amazonina Seen very well at Rio Blanco 2019

Red-billed Parrot Pionus sordidus Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, ssp. saturatus

Blue-headed Parrot Pionus menstruus Jardin and Rio Claro Bronze-winged Parrot Pionus chalcopterus Scattered records

Red-lored Parrot Amazona autumnalis Rio Claro

Scaly-naped Parrot Amazona mercenaries Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Spectacled Parrotlet Forcus conspicillatus Scattered records

Santa Marta Parakeet Pyrrhura viridicata Endemic. c.5, Sierra Nevada de Santa

Marta, 2019

Brown-breasted Parakeet Pyrrhura calliptera Chingaza

Military Macaw Ara militaris Minca and Rio Claro
Chestnut-fronted Macaw Ara severus Seen closely at Rio Claro

Golden-plumed Parakeet Leptosittaca branickii Noisy flocks of c.50 at Rio Blanco 2019

Yellow-eared Parrot Ognorhynchus icterotis Jardin area, c.35

Scarlet-fronted Parakeet Psittacara wagleri Minca

Rufous-rumped Antwren Euchrepomis callinota Montezuma 2019 Barred Antshrike Thamnophilus doliatus Heard at Minca Bar-crested Antshrike Thamnophilus multistriatus Heard at Tatama Black-crowned Antshrike Thamnophilus atrinucha A female at Sinifana Black-backed Antshrike Thamnophilus melanonotus A pair at Minca Epinecrophylla fulviventris Rio Claro 2019 Checker-throated Antwren Tatama NP 2019 Slaty Antwren Myrmotherula schisticolor

Santa Marta Antbird Drymophila hellmayri Endemic. Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Streak-headed Antbird Drymophila striaticeps Rio Blanco

Parker's Antbird Cercomacroides parkeri Endemic. Tatama NP 2019
Chestnut-backed Antbird Poliocrania exsul A pair at Rio Claro 2019

Magdalena Antbird Sipia palliate Rio Claro 2019

Chestnut-crowned Antpitta Grallaria ruficapilla Seen very well at Rio Blanco on two,days

Bicoloured Antpitta Grallaria rufocinerea Seen well at Rio Blanco

Chestnut-naped Antpitta Grallaria nuchalis Heard at Jardin
Yellow-breasted Antpitta Grallaria flavotincta Heard at Tatama NP
Rufous Antpitta Grallaria rufula San Lorenzo Ridge

Brown-banded Antpitta Grallaria milleri Endemic. Seen very well at Rio Blanco

on two days

Rusty-breasted Antpitta Grallaria ferrugineipectus Seen superbly well above Minca 2019
Slate-crowned Antpitta Grallaria nana Seen very well at Rio Blanco on two days

Ocellated Tapaculo Acropternis orthonyx Superb views at Tatama NP 2019

Ash-coloured Tapaculo

Myornis senilis

Heard at Rio Blanco

Blackish Tapaculo

Scytalopus latrans

Heard at Rio Blanco

Santa Marta Tapaculo Scytalopus sanctaemartae Endemic. Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Tatama Tapaculo Scytalopus alvarezlopezi Endemic. Heard at Tatama NP

Narino Tapaculo Scytalopus vicinior Heard at Tatama NP

Brown-rumped Tapaculo Scytalopus latebricola Endemic. Heard Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Spillmann's Tapaculo Scytalopus spillmanni Heard at Tatama NP and Rio Blanco

Pale-bellied Tapaculo Scytalopus griseicollis Heard at Chingaza

Tyrannine Woodcreeper Dendrocincla tyrannina Rio Blanco 2019

Plain-brown Woodcreeper Dendrocincla fuliginosa Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta 2019

Wedge-billed WoodcreeperGlyphorynchus spirurusRio ClaroStrong-billed WoodcreeperXiphocolaptes promeropirhynchusRio BlancoCocoa WoodcreeperXiphorhynchus susurransRio Claro

Red-billed Scythebill Campylorhamphus trochilirostris One at Rio Claro 2019

Streak-headed Woodcreeper Lepidocolaptes soulvetii Rio Claro Montane Woodcreeper Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger Rio Blanco

Plain Xenops Xenops minutus Minca and Rio Claro

Streaked Xenops Xenops rutilans Rio Blanco
Buffy Tuftedcheek Pseudocolaptes lawrencii Tatama NP
Streaked Tuftedcheek Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii Tatama NP
Pale-legged Hornero Furnarius leucopus Rio Claro
Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner Philydor rufum Rio Claro

Montane Foliage-gleaner Anabacerthia striaticollis Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta 2019.

2020 seen by PGC before group arrived.

Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner Clibanornis rufipectus Endemic. Minca 2019
Uniform Treehunter Thripadectes ignobilis Tatama NP 2019
Flammulated Treehunter Thripadectes flammulatus Rio Blanco
Fulvous-dotted Treerunner Margarornis stellatus Tatama NP
Pearled Treerunner Margarornis squamiger Rio Blanco

White-chinned Thistletail Asthenes fuliginosa Heard at Chingaza Red-faced Spinetail Cranioleuca erythrops Heard Tatama NP

Streak-capped Spinetail Cranioleuca hellmayri Endemic. Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta 2019

Yellow-chinned Spinetail Certhiaxis cinnamomeus Rio Claro

Slaty Spinetail Synallaxis brachyuran Tatama NP 2019

Silvery-throated Spinetail Synallaxis subpudica Endemic. Chingaza

Pale-breasted Spinetail Synallaxis albescens Jardin

Azara's Spinetail Synallaxis azarae Scattered records

Rusty-headed Spinetail Synallaxis fuscorufa Endemic. Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Rufous Spinetail Synallaxis unirufa Tatama NP
Brown-capped Tyrannulet Ornithion brunneicapillus Rio Claro 2019
Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet Camptostoma obsoletum Rio Claro
White-tailed Tyrannulet Mecocerculus poecilocercus Rio Blanco

White-banded Tyrannulet Mecocerculus stictopterus Seen by PGC before the group arrived Several Sierra Nevada, and Jardin

Mouse-coloured TyrannuletPhaeomyias murinaMontezumaYellow-crowned TyrannuletTyrannulus elatusRio ClaroForest ElaeniaMyiopagis gaimardiiRio Claro 2019Yellow-bellied ElaeniaElaenia flavogasterMinca and Rio Claro

Lesser Elaenia Elaenia chiriquensis Jardin

Mountain Elaenia Elaenia frantzii Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Torrent Tyrannulet Serpophaga cinerea Montezuma

Streak-necked Flycatcher Mionectes striaticollis Tatama NP and Rio Blanco

Olive-striped Flycatcher Mionectes olivaceus Minca 2019 Slaty-capped Flycatcher Leptopogon superciliaris Rio Claro Rufous-breasted Flycatcher Leptopogon rufipectus Rio Blanco

Variegated Bristle-Tyrant *Phylloscartes poecilotis* Chicaque before the group arrived

Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant Phylloscartes ophthalmicus Jardin 2019 Phylloscartes lanyoni Endemic. Rio Claro Antioquia Bristle-Tyrant Rough-legged Tyrannulet Phyllomyias burmeisteri Rio Claro Phyllomyias griseiceps Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta 2019 Sooty-headed Tyrannulet Black-capped Tyrannulet Phyllomyias nigrocapillus Rio Blanco Golden-faced Tyrannulet Zimmerius chrysops Widespread Ornate Flycatcher On four days at Tatama NP Myiotriccus ornatus Handsome Flycatcher Nephelomyias pulcher On two days at Tatama NP Tatama NP Bronze-olive Pygmy-Tyrant Pseudotriccus pelzelni Heard at Tatama NP Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant Pseudotriccus ruficeps Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant *Lophotriccus pileatus* Heard at Tatama NP Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant Atalotriccus pilaris Minca Southern Bentbill Oncostoma olivaceum Rio Claro En route to Rio Claro 2019 Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer Hemitriccus granadensis Black-throated Tody-Tyrant Tatama and Sierra Nevada Rio Blanco Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher Poecilotriccus ruficeps Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher Poecilotriccus Sylvia Tatama NP 2019 Common Tody-Flycatcher Todirostrum cinereum Scattered records Olivaceous Flatbill Rhynchocyclus olivaceus Rio Claro Fulvous-breasted Flatbill Rhynchocyclus fulvipectus Tatama NP Tatama NP Yellow-olive Flycatcher Tolmomyias sulphurescens Yellow-breasted Flycatcher Tolmomyias flaviventris Minca 2019 Cinnamon Flycatcher Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus Widespread in small numbers Handsome Flycatcher Nephelomyias pulcher Tatama NP Tatama NP Flavescent Flycatcher Myiophobus flavicans Black-tailed Flycatcher Myiobius atricaudus Smoke-coloured Pewee Contopus fumigatus Jardin **Tropical Pewee** Contopus cinereus Minca Acadian Flycatcher Empidonax virescens Probably this species at Rio Claro Black Phoebe Widespread in small numbers Sayornis nigricans Northern Scrub-Flycatcher Sublegatus arenarum Sinifana Scattered records Vermilion Flycatcher Pyrocephalus rubinus Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant Myiotheretes striaticollis Iardin 2019 Santa Marta Bush-Tyrant Myiotheretes pernix Endemic. Seen well, Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta Myiotheretes fumigatus Tatama NP 2019 Smoky Bush-Tyrant Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant Ochthoeca diadema Heard Rio Blanco Slaty-backed Chat-Tyrant Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris Rio Blanco Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant Ochthoeca rufipectoralis Jardin 2019 Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant Ochthoeca fumicolor Chingaza Colonia colonus Long-tailed Tyrant Rio Claro 2019 Cattle Tyrant Machetornis rixosa Scattered records, e.g. Rio Claro Dusky-capped Flycatcher Myiarchus tuberculifer Minca Panama Flycatcher Myiarchus panamensis Minca Pale-edged Flycatcher Myiarchus cephalotes Rio Blanco and Jardin Brown-crested Flycatcher Myiarchus tyrannulus Minca

Widespread

Scattered records

Pitangus sulphuratus

Megarynchus pitangua

Great Kiskadee

Boat-billed Flycatcher

Rusty-margined Flycatcher Myiozetetes cayanensis Widespread

Social Flycatcher Myiozetetes similis Scattered records, e.g. Minca and Rio Blanco

Gray-capped Flycatcher Myiozetetes granadensis Scattered records

Golden-crowned Flycatcher Myiodynastes chrysocephalus Tatama NP and Rio Claro

Streaked Flycatcher Myiodynastes maculatus Rio Claro Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher Myiodynastes luteiventris Rio Claro Piratic Flycatcher Legatus leucophaius Rio Claro Tropical Kingbird Tyrannus melancholicus Widespread Fork-tailed Flycatcher Tyrannus savana Day 8 Bright-rumped Attila Attila spadiceus **Iardin**

Green-and-black Fruiteater Pipreola riefferii Tatama NP and Rio Blanco

Barred Fruiteater Pipreola arcuata Tatama NP

Golden-breasted Fruiteater Pipreola aureopectus 2 pairs, Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, ssp.

decora, 2019

Orange-breasted Fruiteater Pipreola jucunda Tatama NP
Chestnut-crested Cotinga Ampelion rufaxilla Las Ventanas

Andean Cock-of-the-Rock Rupicola peruvianus An impressive lek at Jardin, also Tatama

NP (heard), ssp.sanguinolentus

Golden-winged Manakin Masius chrysopterus Heard at Tatama NP White-bearded Manakin Manacus manacus A male at Minca

Golden-headed Manakin Ceratopipra erythrocephala Rio Claro

Masked TityraTityra semifasciataScattered recordsRusset-winged SchiffornisSchiffornis stenorhynchaHeard at Minca

Barred Becard Pachyramphus versicolor Tatama NP and Rio Blanco

Cinereous Becard Pachyramphus rufus Minca
Cinnamon Becard Pachyramphus cinnamomeus Rio Claro

White-winged Becard Pachyramphus polychopterus Tatama NP 2019

Black-billed Peppershrike Cyclarhis nigrirostris Tatama NP and Rio Blanco

Golden-fronted Greenlet Pachysylvia aurantiifrons Minca

Rufous-naped Greenlet Pachysylvia semibrunnea Tatama NP 2019

Brown-capped Vireo *Vireo leucophrys* Chicaque, PGC before the group arrived

Red-eyed Vireo Vireo olivaceus Jardin and Day 14
Beautiful Jay Cyanolyca pulchra Tatama NP
Black-collared Jay Cyanolyca armillata Jardin 2019

Black-chested Jay Cyanocorax affinis Widespread in small numbers

Green Jay Cyanocorax yncas Jardin and La Romera
Blue-and-white Swallow Pygochelidon cyanoleuca Scattered records
Brown-bellied Swallow Orochelidon murina Tatama NP

Southern Rough-winged Swallow Stelgidopteryx serripennis Widespread and locally common

Purple MartinProgne subisRio ClaroWhite-winged SwallowTachycineta albiventerRio ClaroBarn SwallowHirundo rusticaDay 12Long-billed GnatwrenRamphocaenus melanurusMinca

Scaly-breasted Wren Microcerculus marginatus Heard at Tatama NP and Minca House Wren Troglodytes aedon Widespread in small numbers

Mountain Wren Troglodytes solstitialis Rio Blanco

Apolinar's Wren Cistothorus apolinari Endemic. Heard at La Florida 2019

Band-backed Wren Campylorhynchus zonatus Rio Claro

Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta and Rio Claro Bicolored Wren Campylorhynchus griseus Pheugopedius spadix Heard Tatama NP Sooty-headed Wren Black-bellied Wren Pheugopedias fasciatoventris Rio Claro Whiskered Wren Pheugopedias mystacalis Chicaque, PGC before the group arrived Rufous-breasted Wren Pheugopedias rutilus Tatama NP and Minca 2019 Bay Wren Cantorchilus nigricapillus Tatama NP Rufous Wren Cinnycerthia unirufa Chicaque, PGC before the group arrived Sharpe's Wren Cinnycerthia olivascens Tatama NP and Rio Blanco Gray-breasted Wood-Wren Henicorhina leucophrys Tatama NP and Rio Blanco Endemic. Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, heard Sierra Marta (Hermit) Wood-Wren Henichorina anachoreta Bang's Wood-Wren Henochorina bangsi Endemic. Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta Endemic. Tatama NP Munchique Wood-Wren Henichorina negreti Chestnut-breasted Wren Cyphorhinus thoracicus Heard at Tatama NP White-capped Dipper Cinclus leucocephalus Jardin and Rio Blanco Tropical Mockingbird Mimus gilvus Iardin and Rio Claro Andean Solitaire Myadestes ralloides Tatama NP, heard often Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush Catharus aurantiirostris 1, Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, ssp. sierra. Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush Catharus fuscater 1, Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, 2019 Swainson's Thrush Catharus ustulatus Only at Tatama NP this year Black Solitaire Entomodestes coracinus Tatama NP Pale-breasted Thrush Turdus leucomelas Minca Yellow-legged Thrush Turdus flavipes Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, ssp. venezuelensis Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta 2019 White-necked Thrush Turdus albicollis Clay-coloured Thrush Turdus grayi Andes feeders Pale-eyed Thrush Turdus leucops Heard at Tatama NP Black-billed Thrush Turdus ignobilis Widespread and reasonably common Black-hooded Thrush Turdus olivater Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, ssp. sanctaemartae Great Thrush Turdus fuscater Common at higher altitudes Glossy-black Thrush Turdus serranus Tatama NP, ssp.fuscobrunneus, 2019 Blue-naped Chlorophonia Chlorophonia cyanea Locally common Santa Marta Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys Tatama NP Yellow-collared Chlorophonia Chlorophonia flavirostris Tatama NP Thick-billed Euphonia Euphonia laniirostris Scattered records, ssp. crassirostris Fulvous-vented Euphonia Euphonia fulvicrissa Rio Claro 2019 Orange-bellied Euphonia Euphonia xanthogaster Jardin, ssp.oressinoma, and Tatama NP ssp.chocoensis Lesser Goldfinch Minca Spinus psaltria Andean Siskin Spinus spinescens Chingaza Yellow-bellied Siskin Spinus xanthogastrus Rio Blanco and Medellin Rosy Thrush-Tanager Rhodinocichla rosea Minca, heard only this year Heard Tatama NP Tanager Finch *Oreothraupis arremonops* Yellow-throated Chlorospingus Chlorospingus flavigularis Tatama NP Common Chlorospingus Chlorospingus flavopectus Chicaque, PGC before the group arrived Ashy-throated Chlorospingus Chlorospingus canigularis Chicaque, PGC before the group arrived

Tatama NP, ssp.livingstoni

Chlorospingus semifuscus

Dusky Chlorospingus

Yellow-green Chlorospingus Chlorospingus flavovirens Jardin 2019 Black-striped Sparrow Arremonops conirostris Rio Claro

Sierra Nevada Brushfinch Arremon basilicas Endemic. Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta 2019

Black-headed Brushfinch Arremon atricapillus Tatama NP 2019
Gray-browed Brushfinch Arremon assimilis Rio Blanco

Orange-billed Sparrow Arremon aurantiirostris Rio Claro 2019, ssp.erythrorhynchus

Golden-winged Sparrow Arremon schlegeli Minca
Chestnut-capped Brushfinch Arremon brunneinucha Tatama NP

Olive Finch Arremon castaneiceps Seen closely at Tatama NP Rufous-collared Sparrow Zonotrichia capensis Widespread and common

White-naped Brushfinch Atlapetes albinucha Rio Blanco, Las Tangaras, and La Romera.

Not seen 2020.

Moustached Brushfinch Atlapetes albofrenatus Chingaza

Santa Marta Brushfinch Atlapetes melanocephalus Endemic. Several in Sierra Nevada de

Santa Marta

Tricoloured Brushfinch Atlapetes tricolor Tatama NP. (Atlapetes crassipes, Choco

Brushfinch).

Slaty Brushfinch Atlapetes schistaceus Chingaza, Rio Blanco, and Jardin

Pale-naped BrushfinchAtlapetes pallidinuchaChingazaEastern MeadowlarkSturnella magnaChingaza

Yellow-billed Cacique Amblycercus holosericeus Heard at Rio Blanco

Russet-backed Oropendola Psarocolius angustifrons Scattered records, seen on 5 days

Crested Oropendola Psarocolius decumanus Minca

Chestnut-headed Oropendola Psarocolius wagleri Rio Claro, ssp.ridgwayi

Yellow-rumped CaciqueCacicus celaRio ClaroMountain CaciqueCacicus chrysonotusJardin

Yellow-backed Oriole Icterus chrysater Scattered records Yellow Oriole Icterus nigrogularis Widespread records

Baltimore Oriole Icterus galbula Minca

Yellow-hooded Blackbird

Northern Waterthrush

Shiny Cowbird Molothrus bonariensis Scattered records
Giant Cowbird Molothrus oryzivorus A few records 2019

Great-tailed Grackle Quiscalus mexicanus Santa Marta, ssp.peruvianus

Carib Grackle Quiscalis lugubris Widespread

Red-bellied Grackle *Hypopyrrhus pyrohypogaster* **Endemic.** Seen very well at Jardin, and

two groups at La Romera

Chrysomus icterocephalus

Parkesia noveboracensis

A few at La Florida 2019

Montezuma and Rio Claro

Black-and-White Warbler Mniotilta varia Chicaque, PGC before the group arrived

Prothonotary Warbler Protonotaria citrea Minca 2019

Tennessee Warbler Oreothlypis peregrina Minca and Day 14

Olive-crowned Yellowthroat Geothlypis semiflava Montezuma

Kentucky WarblerGeothlypis formosaMincaAmerican RedstartSetophaga ruticillaMincaTropical ParulaSetophaga pitiayumiJardinBay-breasted WarblerSetophaga castaneaRio Claro

Blackburnian Warbler Setophaga fusca Widespread and common. By far the most

numerous migrant warbler.

Yellow Warbler Setophaga petechia Minca

Chestnut-sided Warbler Rio Claro Setophaga pensylvanica Basileuterus rufifrons Minca Rufous-capped Warbler Golden-crowned Warbler Basileuterus culicivorus Sinifana Tatama NP Three-striped Warbler Basileuterus tristriatus Santa Marta Warbler Myiothlypis basilica Endemic. Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta Black-crested Warbler Myiothlypis nigrocristata Rio Blanco Buff-rumped Warbler Myiothlypis fulvicauda Tatama NP and Rio Claro, ssp.semivervina White-lored Warbler Myiothlypis conspicillata Endemic. Sierra Nevada de Santa Nevada Russet-crowned Warbler Myiothlypis coronata Chicaque, PGC before the group arrived, ssp.regulus Canada Warbler Cardellina canadensis Jardin Slate-throated Redstart Myioborus miniatus Widespread and rather common. ssp. ballax widespread. ssp.sanctaemartae, Santa Marta (2019). Yellow-crowned Redstart Endemic. Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta *Myioborus flavivertex* Golden-fronted Redstart Myioborus ornatus Tatama NP, Rio Blanco, and Jardin Dusky-faced Tanager Mitrospingus cassinii Tatama NP and Rio Claro Hepatic Tanager Piranga flava Tatama NP Summer Tanager Piranga rubra Widespread in small numbers Crested Ant-Tanager Habia cristata Tatama NP Chlorothraupis stolzmanni Tatama NP, ssp.dugandi Ochre-breasted Tanager Rose-breasted Grosbeak Pheucticus ludovicianus A male at Minca Blue-black Grosbeak Cyanoloxia cyanoides Rio Claro 3 above Jardin, a superb bird! 2019. White-capped Tanager Sericossypha albocristata Black-capped Hemispingus Kleinothraupis atropileus Rio Blanco Oleaginous Hemispingus *Sphenopsis frontalis* Chicaque, PGC before the group arrived Black-eared Hemispingus Sphenopsis melanotis Rio Blanco Superciliaried Hemispingus Thlypopsis superciliaris Rio Blanco Rio Claro White-shouldered Tanager Tachyphonus luctuosus Rio Claro Tawny-crested Tanager Tachyphonus delatrii White-lined Tanager Tachyphonus rufus Rio Blanco and Montezuma Tatama NP and Jardin Flame-rumped Tanager Ramphocelus flammigerus Lemon-rumped Tanager Ramphocelus icteronotus Tatama NP Widespread, seen on 11 days Crimson-backed Tanager Ramphocelus dimidiatus Endemic. On two days at Tatama NP Black-and-Gold Tanager Bangsia melanochlamys Gold-ringed Tanager Bangsia aureocincta Endemic. Seen very closely at Tatama NP, on two days Grass-green Tanager Chlorornis riefferii Tatama NP and Rio Blanco Endemic. Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta Black-cheeked Mountain-Tanager Anisognathus melanogenys Tatama NP and Jardin Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager Anisognathus lacrymosus Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager Anisognathus igniventris Chingaza Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager Anisognathus somptuosus Rio Blanco and La Romera Black-chinned Mountain-Tanager Anisognathus notabilis Tatama NP 2019 Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager Dubusia taeniata Rio Blanco Iridosornis porphyrocephalus Tatama NP Purplish-mantled Tanager Tatama NP Glistening-green Tanager Chlorochrysa phoenicotis Multicoloured Tanager Chlorochrysa nitidissima Endemic. Tatama NP 2019

Widespread and common

Thraupis episcopus

Blue-gray Tanager

Palm Tanager Thraupis palmarum Widespread and common

Blue-capped Tanager Thraupis cyanocephala Scattered records

Rufous-throated Tanager Ixothraupis rufigula On three days at Tatama NP

Black-capped Tanager Tangara heinei Scattered records

Scrub Tanager Tangara vitriolina Widespread in small numbers

Golden-hooded Tanager Tangara larvata Rio Claro
Blue-necked Tanager Tangara cyanicollis Jardin 2019
Blue-and-Black Tanager Tangara vassorii Scattered records

Beryl-spangled Tanager Tangara nigroviridis Tatama NP and Rio Blanco

Metallic-green TanagerTangara labradoridesRio BlancoPlain-coloured TanagerTangara inornataRio Claro

Bay-headed Tanager Tangara gyrola Widespread in small numbers

Saffron-crowned Tanager Tangara xanthocephala Jardin
Golden Tanager Tangara arthus Tatama NP
Silver-throated Tanager Tangara icterocephala Tatama NP

Swallow TanagerTersina viridisMinca and Rio ClaroBlue DacnisDacnis cayanaA female at SinifanaPurple HoneycreeperCyanerpes caeruleusMinca and Rio Claro

Red-legged Honeycreeper Cyanerpes cyaneus Minca

Green Honeycreeper Chlorophanes spiza Widespread, seen on 7 days Guira Tanager Hemithraupis guira A male at the Andes feeders

Yellow-backed Tanager Hemithraupis flavicollis Rio Claro

Golden-collared Honeycreeper Tridophanes pulcherrimus Tatama NP 2019, ssp.aureinucha

Blue-backed ConebillConirostrum sitticolorChingazaCapped ConebillConirostrum albifronsRio BlancoRufous-browed ConebillConirostrum rufumChingaza

Chestnut-bellied Flowerpiercer Diglossa gloriosissima Endemic. Upper Montezuma Road, ssp. boylei

Black Flowerpiercer Diglossa humeralis Chingaza and Jardin
White-sided Flowerpiercer Diglossa albilatera Tatama NP, Rio Blanco, and Chingaza

Rusty Flowerpiercer Diglossa sittoides A male Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Indigo Flowerpiercer Diglossa indigotica Tatama NP 2019
Bluish Flowerpiercer Diglossa caerulescens Tatama NP and Rio Blanco

Masked Flowerpiercer Diglossa cyanea Rio Blanco and Jardin

Plushcap Catamblyrhynchus diadema Two seen superbly above Jardin 2019. 2020 Chicaque, PGC before the group

arrived. Chingaza

Plumbeous Sierra-FinchGeospizopsis unicolorChingazaBlack-headed HemispingusPseudospingus verticalisChingazaGray-hooded Bush TanagerCnemoscopus rubrirostrisRio Blanco

Saffron Finch Sicalis flaveola Scattered records, seen on 6 days

Blue-black GrassquitVolatinia jacarinaMinca and Rio ClaroRuddy-breasted SeedeaterSporophila minutaRio Claro area 2019Black-and-white SeedeaterSporophila luctuosaTatama NP 2019Yellow-bellied SeedeaterSporophila nigricollisTatama NP

Paramo Seedeater Catamenia homochroa Upper Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Bananaquit Coereba flaveola Scattered records Yellow-faced Grassquit Tiaris olivaceus La Romera

Buff-throated Saltator Saltator maximus Widespread in small numbers

Black-winged Saltator Grayish Saltator Streaked Saltator Slate-coloured Grosbeak

Saltator atripennis Saltator coerulescens Saltator striatipectus Saltator grossus

Tatama NP Minca Jardin Rio Claro 2019, ssp.saturatus

Systematic List Number 3 Mammals

Shrew species A dead individual at Las Ventanas was one of

the seven species in Colombia, all endemic.

Probably Cryptotis medellinius.

Several seen

Bat spp. Lemurine Night Monkey Aotus lemurinus Seen very well at El Dorado

Venezuelan Red Howler Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta Alouatta seniculus

Rio Blanco Andean Fox Lycalopex culpaeus

Tayra Eira barbara Tatama National Park 2019

Amazon Dwarf Squirrel Microsciurus flaviventer

otinus

Mouse species

Western Dwarf Squirrel Microsciurus mimulus Montezuma Red-tailed Squirrel Sciurus granatensis Widespread, various colour forms Andean Squirrel Sciurus pucheranii Scattered records

Black Agouti Dasyprocta fuliginosa Central American Agouti Dasyprocta punctata El Dorado, Minca, Montezuma

Cavia anolaimae Guinea Pig species La Florida, Bogota, 2019

> One in my room at Montezuma, I think a forest species, not a common human

commensal