

## Bird list for the trip

The following list is not exhaustive as it doesn't include every sighting of commoner species. It is pretty comprehensive as a species list, however. The use of 'Bellavista', 'Septimo Paraiso', 'Guango' and 'San Isidro' refers to the lodges bearing those names.

Pied-billed Grebe	one at Laguna San Pablo
Silvery Grebe	six close in a sheltered bay on Laguna Micacocha near Volcan Antisana
Neotropic Cormorant	two at Laguna Papallacta; rare at this altitude
Torrent Duck	three, male, female and a fully-grown duckling on the river near Guango Lodge; a rare sighting
Andean Teal	one at Laguna Papallacta
Yellow-billed Pintail	several at Laguna Papallacta and Laguna San Pablo
Blue-winged Teal	four males at Laguna Micacocha, near Volcan Antisana
Andean Ruddy Duck	one at Laguna San Pablo
Great Egret	one at Laguna San Pablo
Snowy Egret	one at Laguna San Pablo
Cattle Egret	several at Laguna San Pablo and the Zuleta Valley
Andean Condor	three perched in the Zuleta valley, four near Volcan Antisana
Black Vulture	one near Mindo Loma, one at Milpe
Turkey vulture	one near Mindo, one near Mindo Loma, one at Quito
Swallow-tailed Kite	three near Mindo Loma, three near Septimo Paraiso
Cinereous Harrier	one female near Volcan Antisana
Roadside Hawk	seen several times in suitable habitat on both slopes
Broad-winged Hawk	one perched and in flight at Pas de les Aves
Variable [Puna] Hawk	several at the Papallacta Pass on different days
Carunculated Caracara	20+ on paramo near Volcan Antisana
American Kestrel	seen at several locations
Andean Guan	one on the Cordillera de Huacamayos, two near Laguna Mojanda
Sickle-winged Guan	several around Bellavista
Andean Coot	one at Laguna San Pablo
Greater Yellowlegs	one on a pool near the Papallacta Pass
Lesser Yellowlegs	one at Laguna Micacocha
Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe	one at close range near the radio aerials near the Papallacta Pass
Southern Lapwing	two in fields near San Isidro
Andean Lapwing	one on the paramo near Antisana
Andean Gull	several at Laguna San Pablo, 20+ in the paramo near Antisana
Rock Pigeon	seen at various locations
Band-tailed Pigeon	one near Bellavista, one near Mindo
Eared Dove	seen at various locations
Common Ground Dove	10+ in a horse paddock near Calcali, one seen in the Zuleta Valley
Black-winged Ground Dove	10+ on the paramo near Antisana
White-tipped Dove	one near the Mitad Del Mundo monument
Red-billed Parrot	one seen in flight near Bellavista, five seen perched near Mindo
Bronzed-winged Parrot	10+ seen on the outskirts of Mindo, 1 at Milpe
Scaly-naped Amazon	one in flight at San Isidro
Squirrel Cuckoo	one at San Jorge de Milpe
Little Cuckoo	one at close range in scrub near Mindo
Smooth-billed Ani	seen at several locations on the West Slope
'San Isidro' Owl	one on a bare stump close to San Isidro

Common Potoo the resident individual perched in the open very close to Bellavista

Rufous-bellied Nighthawk one hawking for insects round Bellavista, three perched on a branch near the Giant Antpitta site at Pas de Les Aves

Lyre-tailed Nightjar use of spotlight revealed glowing eyes at the roadside site north of Cosanga

White Collared Swift small flocks at Mindo and at the Cordillera de Huacamayos

Hummingbirds most species were seen at feeders making estimates of totals impossible

White-whiskered Hermit Milpe

Tawny-bellied Hermit Tony Nunnery's garden near Bellavista

Green Violetear Tony Nunnery's garden near Bellavista

Sparkling Violetear on farmland near Quito and in the Zuleta Valley

Green Thorntail Los Bancos and Milpe

Western Emerald Tony Nunnery's garden

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird Tony Nunnery's garden, Mindo Loma, Milpe

Andean Emerald Tony Nunnery's garden

Speckled Hummingbird Bellavista and Guango

Purple-bibbed Whitetip Tony Nunnery's garden, Mindo Loma and Milpe

Empress Brilliant Tony Nunnery's garden and Mindo Loma

Green-crowned Brilliant Mindo and Milpe

Fawn-breasted Brilliant Bellavista and Mindo Loma

Ecuadorian Hillstar male and female seen separately near Volcan Antisana, the male at Hacienda on one of the world's highest feeders

Shining Sunbeam one in scrub on the East Slope below the Papallacta Pass

Great Sapphirewing one in scrub near Laguna de Mojanda

Bronzy Inca Septimo Paraiso

Brown Inca Tony Nunnery's garden and Mindo Loma

Collared Inca Bellavista and Guango

Buff-winged Starfrontlet one at Yanacoccha

Sword-billed Hummingbird Guango

Buff-tailed Coronet Bellavista and Mindo Loma

Chestnut-breasted Coronet Guango and San Isidro

Velvet-purple Coronet Mindo Loma and Milpe

Gorgeted Sunangel Bellavista

Tourmaline Sunangel Guango

Glowing Puffleg Guango

Booted Racket-tail Bellavista, Septimo Paraiso and Guango

Black-tailed Trainbearer Yanacoccha and near Hacienda Zuleta

Tyrian Metaltail Guango

Long-tailed Sylph Guango

Violet-tailed Sylph Tony Nunnery's garden, Mindo Loma and Milpe

Purple Crowned Fairy one in a garden at Mindo

Purple Throated Woodstar Bellavista, Mindo Loma and in an arid valley North of Quito

White-bellied Woodstar in scrub near Calcali, and at Guango

Golden Headed Quetzal one seen well in primary forest close to San Isidro

Collared Trogon one seen during heavy rain close to San Jorge de Milpe

Masked Trogon male and female seen very close to Bellavista, one female at Guango

Broad-billed Motmot one seen in heavy rain near San Jorge de Milpe

Highland Motmot two seen very well close to cabins at San Isidro

Toucan Barbet one seen at close range though briefly close to Bellavista

Pale-mandibled Aracari one on banana feeders at the restaurant at Los

Bancos, less than five yards away

Plate-billed Mountain Toucan at Bellavista, Tony Nunnery's garden and Pas de Les Aves

Chestnut –mandibled Toucan two in flight at Milpe; they landed in trees close by and melted into the forest

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker one close to the buildings at Bellavista

Golden-olive Woodpecker one<sup>1</sup> in scattered trees near Mindo Loma

Powerful Woodpecker a pair in primary forest at San Isidro gave excellent prolonged views

Bar-winged Cinclodes several near Volcan Antisana

Stout-billed Cinclodes several in the area of the Papallacta Pass

Pacific Hornero one on a farm track near Mindo, one at a petrol station near Milpe

Azara's Spinetail one seen well in scrubby roadside bank near Bellavista

Slaty Spinetail one in roadside trees near Mindo

Ash-browed Spinetail one in a tree on open farmland near Baeza

Red-faced Spinetail one in roadside trees near Mindo

Many-striped Canastero several around the Papallacta Pass

Streaked Tuftedcheek one in forest near Bellavista

Pearled Treerunner one in open forest near San Isidro

Lineated Foliage-gleaner one in forest near San Jorge de Milpe

Scaly Throated Foliage-gleaner one seen very well in forest near San Jorge de Milpe; the postocular stripe showed very well

Flammulated Treehunter one near Bellavista

Spotted Woodcreeper one seen in forest at Milpe

Montane Woodcreeper in several locations including Bellavista, Mindo Loma and San Isidro

Long Tailed Antbird one seen well at close range in the forest above Bellavista

Rufous-rumped Antwren one seen briefly high in trees at San Jorge de Milpe

Giant Antpitta 'Maria' reinforced her superstar status by coming for worms and calling her young at Pas de Les Aves. She fed greedily then filled her bill with at least 10 worms before flying quietly into the forest

Chestnut-crowned Antpitta one very briefly but clearly close to the buildings at Bellavista

Tawny Antpitta many were calling but invisible near the Papallacta Pass, then 1 bolder individual appeared out of the scrub and perched on a rock, calling for several minutes. 1 briefly at the side of the track there.

Equatorial Rufous-vented Tapaculo one briefly in flight on the Cordillera de Huacamayos

Spillman's Tapaculo one briefly in flight close to Bellavista

Sooty-headed Tyrannulet one in forest near San Jorge de Milpe

White -crested Elaenia one distantly on a hedge on farmland downslope from Volcan Antisana

White -throated Tyrannulet one above the Papallacta Pass

White-banded Tyrannulet one in trees close to Guango

White-tailed Tyrannulet one near Bellavista buildings

Torrent Tyrannulet one on rocks in the river at the end of the vehicle track south of San Isidro

Tufted Tit-tyrant a pair seen well in scrub near Laguna Mojanda

Yellow Tyrannulet one in bamboo near Septimo Paraiso

Rufous-headed Pygmy-tyrant one in primary forest on the Cordillera de Huacamayos

Scale-crested Pygmytyrant one in bamboo near Septimo Paraiso  
Rufous-crowned Tody-Flycatcher one seen very well at close range near  
the San Isidro buildings  
Common Tody- Flycatcher one near Mindo  
Ornate Flycatcher one seen well near a bamboo thicket close to  
Septimo Paraiso  
Flavescent Flycatcher one in the forest above Bellavista  
Handsome Flycatcher a family group on the Cordillera de Huacamayos  
Cinnamon Flycatcher one in open farmland with scattered trees near  
Baesa  
Smoke-coloured Pewee one near the buildings at San Isidro  
Acadian Flycatcher one in bamboo near Septimo Paraiso  
Black Phoebe seen in several locations in the slopes and central  
Valley  
Vermilion Flycatcher one in a garden at Otavalo, one in reeds on the  
Shore of Laguna San Pablo  
Rufous-Headed Chat-Tyrant one in trees close to Guango  
Slaty-Backed Chat-Tyrant one seen well, typically close to a stream, on  
the Cordillera de Huacamayos; noticeably  
dark  
Red-Rumped Bush-Tyrant several seen very well in paramo above the  
Papallacta Pass; a pleasing record of this  
scarce species  
Streak-Throated Bush-Tyrant one seen well near the Condor Project in  
the Zuleta Valley  
Black-Billed Shrike-Tyrant one seen distantly in scrub from the road up  
to Volcan Antisana  
Paramo Ground-Tyrant one at the Papallacta Pass, one near Volcan  
Antisana  
Masked Water Tyrant one on the roadside from the vehicle near Milpe  
Dusky-Capped Flycatcher one seen in Tony Nunnery's garden, one at Milpe  
Social Flycatcher one in open farmland near Baesa  
Rusty-Margined Flycatcher one at Mindo, one at Milpe  
Golden-Crowned Flycatcher one seen from the trails near Bellavista  
Piratic Flycatcher one near Mindo  
Tropical Kingbird one of the most common species on farmland  
at the lower levels we descended to, seen  
frequently round San Isidro  
Barred Becard one high in a tree seen from a track near San Isidro  
Red-Crested Cotinga three together in a tree on farmland in the upper  
levels at Pas de Les Aves  
Green and Black Fruiteater one on the Bellavista trails, one near San  
Isidro  
Orange-Breasted Fruiteater one high up in a tree on farmland in the  
upper levels at Paz de Les Aves  
Olivaceous Piha one briefly high in the forest at Paz de Les Aves  
Dusky Piha one high above the trail on the Cordillera de  
Huacamayos  
Andean Cock-of-the-Rock three lekking at Paz de Les Aves  
Turquoise Jay individuals round the buildings at Bellavista were  
very confiding  
Inca Jay this highly distinctive species was equally  
approachable at Guango and San Isidro  
Brown-Capped Vireo seen near buildings at both Bellavista and Septimo  
Paraiso  
Andean Solitaire one distantly but well in a tree on farmland near  
San Isidro  
Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush one very well near the buildings at  
Bellavista; subtly handsome  
Swainson's Thrush several on the trails and roads near Bellavista and

Mindo  
 Pale-eyed Thrush one in farmland near Baeza  
 Great Thrush seen daily in a variety of habitats; numerous  
 Glossy-black Thrush one near the buildings at San Isidro  
 Pale-vented Thrush one on farmland on the Milpe Road  
 White -capped Dipper two from the footbridge over the river just  
 downslope from Guango  
 Brown-bellied Swallow at several locations including close views of  
 perched individuals on the Milpe Road  
 Blue and White Swallow at several locations including an apparently  
 nesting pair at Hacienda Mojanda near Otavalo  
 White -thighed Swallow a small flock seen well on wires on the Milpe  
 Road  
 Southern Rough -winged Swallow at Mindo and Milpe  
 Plain-tailed Wren one on the trails above Bellavista  
 House Wren at several locations on the West Slope  
 Mountain Wren one very well on the trails at Bellavista  
 Grey-breasted Wood-Wren briefly at locations on both slopes, including  
 the buildings at San Isidro. Small, skulking and mobile.  
 Paramo Pipit one on the high paramo near Antisana  
 Tropical Parula one seen very well, close to Mindo, and one at Milpe  
 Blackburnian Warbler common in forest locations on both slopes  
 American Redstart good views of this scarce boreal migrant in scrub  
 near Mindo  
 Olive-crowned Yellowthroat this grassland specialist seen well near  
 Mindo Loma  
 Canada Warbler one at close range near the San Isidro feeders  
 Slate-throated Whitestart one at Bellavista, and one at Mindo , among  
 others  
 Spectacled Whitestart one at San Isidro  
 Black-crested Warbler one near the buildings at Bellavista and one  
 from close range near San Isidro feeders  
 Choco Warbler one in forest at San Jorge de Milpe  
 Three-striped Warbler one near a bamboo thicket close to San Isidro  
 Russet Crowned Warbler seen on successive days on the Bellavista trails  
 Bananaquit one in scrub near Mindo  
 Cinereous Conebill one on the approach to Yanacocha, one on  
 farmland below Volcan Antisana  
 Capped Conebill an active individual on the Bellavista trails  
 Bluish Flowerpiercer one near the San Isidro buildings  
 Masked Flowerpiercer seen at several locations on the West Slope and  
 downslope from Volcan Antisana  
 Glossy Flowerpiercer at the Yanacocha feeders  
 Black Flowerpiercer at the Yanacocha feeders  
 White -sided Flowerpiercer one at Mindo Loma  
 Fawn-breasted Tanager one on farmland on the Milpe Road  
 Thick-billed Euphonia one at Mindo and one on the restaurant feeders  
 at Los Bancos  
 Golden-rumped Euphonia one in the Guango grounds  
 Orange-bellied Euphonia at several locations on the West Slope including  
 the forest at San Jorge de Milpe  
 Golden Tanager one on the outskirts of Mindo  
 Silver-throated Tanager one on the restaurant feeders at Los Bancos  
 and one in the forest at San Jorge de Milpe  
 Flame-faced Tanager one from the San Isidro trails  
 Golden-naped Tanager one at Mindo Loma  
 Beryl -spangled Tanager one on the Bellavista trails and one near San  
 Isidro  
 Blue and black Tanager one in scrub close to Laguna Mojanda  
 Blue-necked Tanager one on the restaurant feeders at Los Bancos

and one on the Milpe Road

Scarletbellied Mountain Tanager one in scrub near Laguna Mojanda

Lacrimose Mountain Tanager one in the grounds of Guango

Blue-winged Mountain Tanager common around Bellavista and in the higher locations on the West Slope; also seen at San Isidro. Handsome and bold

Hooded Mountain Tanager one on the Bellavista trails and one in the grounds of Guango

Moss-backed Tanager one clearly at the top of a tree on the Milpe Road though the dull conditions made it hard to discern much detail on this restricted-range species

Grass-green Tanager one seen well on the Bellavista trails

Swallow Tanager one on the outskirts of Mindo

Blue-gray Tanager at several locations on the West Slope including Mindo and Milpe

Palm Tanager one at Mindo and one at Los Bancos

Blue-and-Yellow Tanager one on a palm tree in central Quito

Lemon-rumped Tanager several individuals at Mindo, Los Bancos and Milpe

Summer Tanager one at Mindo and one at Milpe

White-winged Tanager one in the grounds of Septimo Paraiso

White-lined Tanager a pair on the restaurant feeders at Los Bancos

Common Bush-Tanager several on the Cordillera de Huacamayos; a nondescript species

Dusky Bush-Tanager seen at Bellavista and Milpe; as nondescript as the above species

Yellow-throated Bush-Tanager one in the forest at San Jorge de Milpe

Oleaginous Hemispengus one near the feeders at San Isidro

Black-Eared Hemispengus one near the feeders at San Isidro, in the same flock as the above; noteworthy sightings of scarce species

Western Hemispengus one on the trails at Bellavista, in a mixed flock; apparently another tricky species to see

Buff-throated Saltator one at Mindo and one on the Milpe road

Southern Yellow Grosbeak In several locations in the Central Valley and at Bellavista

Yellow-faced Grassquit one in crops at Paz de les Aves and one on a grassy roadside near Mindo Loma

Variable Seedeater one in gardens near Mindo and one on farmland on the Milpe Road

Yellow-billed Seedeater one in scrub near Mindo

Plain-coloured Seedeater a small flock seen with other dry-country species on arid farmland near Calcali

Band-tailed Seedeater some with the same flock as the above species the male's yellow bill making identification easy

Plumbeous Sierra-Finch pairs seen twice at the Papallacta Pass

Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch a small flock with the seedeaters near Calcali

Band-tailed Sierra-Finch at several arid locations in the Central Valley

Grassland Yellow-finch one near Calcali when searching unsuccessfully for the White-tailed Shrike-Tyrant

Tricoloured Brush-Finch one seen well near the Bellavista buildings

Slaty Brush-Finch three at close range in farmland near Guango

White-winged Brush-Finch at close range on two separate days close to the Bellavista buildings

Yellow-browed Sparrow one in farmland near Baesa

Rufous-collared sparrow seen more or less daily on farmland

Northern Mountain Cacique one in the grounds of Guango Lodge

Subtropical Cacique one close to San Isidro buildings

Russet-backed Oropendola several near San Isidro; bold and easy to see  
Scrub Blackbird seen several times on different days near Mindo  
and Milpe  
Red-breasted Blackbird one in farmland near Baesa; a species spreading  
upslope as forest is cleared, and our guide  
Charlie Vogt had recently made the first  
sighting of this species in the Baeza area  
Hooded Siskin a small flock near Calcali, along with other  
Central Valley specialists