

TRIP SUMMARY

To my friends Robert & Victoria, I met them in Cusco (Hotel). Next day early in the morning. We star birding at lake Huacarpay. This place provided our first Andean species, on the very beginning part, of the trip to Manu. Most of the inner Andean valleys are dry, as we saw passing through. them once near the Acjanaco pass the climate change. Is wet and it means that we are at the beginning of the famous Manu National Park. (And the famed Manu road and its descent) Our birding hot spot.

(It was the way from Cusco to Wayquecha Biological Station) On we spent the two first Night.

Spot-winged Pigeon, Puna Teal, Cinnamon Teal, Yellow-Billed teal, White-tufted Grebe, Plumbeous Rail, Andean Gull, Giant Hummingbird, Green-Tailed Trainbearer, **Bearded Mountaineer**, Black-Crowned Heron, Variable Hawk, Black-Chested Buzzard-Eagle, Common Gallinule, Many-Colored Rush-Tyrant, **Rusty-Fronted Canastero**, Golden-Billed Saltator, Yellow-Winged Blackbird, Puna Ibis. [The way to Wayquecha Station](#). American Kestrel, Cinereous Harrier, Mountain Caracara, Andean Pygmy-Owl, Tyrian Metaltail, **Creamy-Crested Spinetail**, Yellow-Billed Tit-Tayrant, Blue-And-Yellow Tanager, Black-Throated Flowerpiercer.

[Wayquecha Biological Station \(Lodge\)](#). Andean Guan, White-Rumped Hawk, Aplomado Falcon, Gray-Breasted Mountain-Toucan, Azara's Spinetail, Pearled Treerunner, Black-Throated Tody-Tyrant, Red-Crested Cotinga, White-Collared Jay, Glossy-Black Thrush, Hooded Mountain-Tanager, Buff-Breasted Mountain-Tanager, Grass-Green Tanager, Golden-Collared Tanager, **Red-And-White Antpitta** ed, Superciliaried Hemispingus, Drab Hemispingus, Capped Conebill, Mountain Cacique, among others...

After two nights we continue our journey to the cloud forest. To the Manu Paradise Lodge, At a lower elevation. (1.500 m s n m) but not before worked, On the species we found way down road. At the lodge we spent three Nights where every morning we enjoyed the wonderful hummingbirds at the feeders. The mountain has a tropical feeling already and is the perfect habitat for, Colorful Tanagers Barbets, Quetzals, and Peru's Nacional bird Andean Cock of the Rock The cloud forest in each outing surprised as every day whit countless birds species and some mammals like monkeys as we were headed for the famed Manu Road. It is good to remind them to everybody. There are good land scape and views. Along the way.

Speckle Chachalaca, Lyre-Tailed Nightjar, Green Hermit, Wire-Crested Thorntail, Booted Racked-Tail, Masked Trogon, Highland Motmot, Versicolored Barbet, Blue-Banded Toucanet, Golden-Olive Woodpecker, Cabanis's Spinetail, Ash-Browed Spinetail, Spotted Barbtail, Mountane Foliage-Gleaner, Chesnut-Backed Antshrike, White-Backed Fire-Eye, Stripe-Chested Antwren, White-Crowned Tapaculo, Bolivian Tyrannulet, Marble-Faced Bristle-Tyrant, Scale-Crested Pygmy-Tyrant, Streak-Necked Flycatcher, Golden-Crowned Flycatcher, Slaty-Backed Chat-Tyrant, Andean Cock-Of-The-Rock, Yungas Manakin, Andean Potoo, Green Jay, Andean Solitaire, Slaty Tanager, White-Lined Tanager, Yellow-Throated Tanager, Berly-Spangled Tanager, Safron-Crowned Tanager, Bay-Headed Tanager, Spotted Tanager, Orange-Eared Tanager, Black-Eared Hemispingus, Slate-Throated Redstart, Pale-Legged Warbler, Dusky-Green Oropendola, Bronze-Green Euphonia.

After our successful birding time at Cloud Forest we headed into the amazon. We drove and birding for some hours till we got surprised by a tiny flycatcher (Black-Backed Tody-Flycatcher) We enjoyed watching It. And saw many other countless species for the area Then reach Pilcopata Town for having lunch with nice cold drinks, we needed because the hot wheatear was starting. Then we arrived into Atalaya village dock. To get our boat to our first lodge in the low land (Amazon), Amazonia Lodge.

We spent. Two Nights and work around the trails, we also have a good time watching hummingbirds at the feeders, And try the best to photographing

Fasciated Tiger-Heron, Plumbeous Kite, Barred Forest-Falcon, **Black-Backed Tody-Flycatcher**, Gray-Necked Wood-Rail, Military Macaw, Chestnut-Fronted Macaw, Great Potoo, Common Potoo, Violet-Headed Hummingbird, Reddish Hermit, Golden-Tailed Sapphire, Blue-Tailed Emerald, Rufous-Crested Coquette, Blue-Crowned Trogon, Black-Tailed Trogon, Bluish-Fronted Jacamar, Scarlet-Hooded Barbet, Elegant Woodcreeper, Cinnamon-Throated Woodcreeper, Plain-Crowned Spinetail, Plain Softail, Streaked Xenops, Pale-Legged Hornero, Pygmy Antwren, Dot-Winged Antwren, Yellow-Breasted Warbling-Antbird, Johannes's Tody-Tyrant, Long-Tailed Tyrant, Pink-Throated Becard, Thrush-Like Wren, Masked-Crimson Tanager, Magpie Tanager, Chestnut-Bellied Seed-Finch, Red-Capped Cardinal, Bananaquit, Crested Oropendola, Orange-Backed Troupial, Russet-Backed Oropendola, Yellow-Browed Sparrow, Palm Tanager, Black-Billed Thrush, Red-Eyed Vireo, Violaceous Jay, And many others.

After Great time at Amazonia Lodge we moved down river, To Pantiacolla Lodge. On we spent One Night, this place served as to found the tiny birds like, Antwrens, Atnbirds. Among many other, we have spent full afternoon birding along the bamboo forest, Riverine area. Also a great morning time explored the terra firme. At this point the birding was becoming much more difficult in the dense Amazon forest. As birds never perch for longer time!

We look for bamboo specialist species and other targets species along this interesting habitat. on we got the first big low land mix flocks species, And small ant swarms. Saw unexpected birds sighting with a lot ID details. We got so excite for next place. The climate here was perfect to spend longer time in the field to increase our bird list.

Capped Heron, Horned Screamer, Osprey, Black Caracara, Red-Throated Caracara, Southern Caracara, Gray-Necked Wood-Rail, Rufous-Sided Crake, Southern Lapwing, Collared Plover, Yellow-Billed Tern, Large-Billed Tern, Blue-Headed Macaw, White-Eyed Parakeet, Cobalt-Winged Parakeet, Hoatzin, Fork-Tailed Palm-Swift, White-Bearded Hermit, Broad-Billed Motmot, Amazon Kingfisher, Dusky-Throated Antshrike, Pigmy Antwren, Gray Antwren, White-Lined Antbird, Spot-Winged Antshrike, Long-Winged Antwren, Ihering's Antwren, White-Flanked Antwren, Rusty-Belted Tapaculo, Plain Tyrannulet, Sulphury Flycatcher, Rusty-Margineg Flycatcher, Lesser Kiskadee, Great Kiskadee, Little Ground-Tyrant, Purplish Jay, Dusky-Capped Greenlet, Brown-Chested Martin, White-Banded Swallow, White-Shouldered Tanager, White-Winged Shrike-Tanager, Green-And-Gold Tanager, Blue Dacnis, Pectoral Sparrow, Grayish Saltator.

We started our Noon long boat ride for 5+ hours down river to Manu Wildlife Center Lodge. It was amazing boat ride, it was sunny and great birds spotted along the river bank. We arrive close to 6: P M, the lodge location provides Canopy Tower and great wildlife activity. Mammals, Amphibians, Reptiles, And a countless avian species. We started our first excursion with Canopy Tower just behind the lodge. To look for the canopy mix flocks (Tanagers) We Spend a longer time but we have not much lucky. Although the view was amazing (good pictures). We carry on, the trails continue to explore place by place to fine the most species in the area. After Three Nights

King Vulture, Slate-Colored Hawk, Pale-Winged Trumpeter, Ruddy-Ground Dove, Ruddy Quail-Dove, Fork-Tailed Woodnymph, Blue-Crowned Motmot, White-Fronted Nunbird, Gilded Barbet, Limpkin, Roseate Spoonbill, Green Ibis, Black-Hawk Eagle, Wattled Jacana, Pied Lapwing, Tui Parakeet, Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl, Rufous-Breasted Hermit, Green-And-Rufous Kingfisher, White-Fronted Nunbird, Gilded Barbet, Channel-Billed Toucan, Lineated Woodpecker, Dark-Breasted Spinetail, Striped Woodhaunter, Olive-Back Foliage-Gleaner, Buff-Throated Foliage-Gleaner, Chestnut-Crowned Foliage-Gleaner, Barred Antshrike, Bluish-Slate Antshrike, Peruvian Warbling Antbird, Striated Antbird, Rufous-Capped Antthrush, Sirystes, Dull-Capped Attila, Screaming Piha, Round-Tailed Manakin, Dwarf-Tyrant Manakin, Musician Wren, Red-Crowned Ant-Tanager, Green Honeycreeper, Pale-Eyed Blackbird, Thick-Billed Euphonia. Among others

We started our first Afternoon walk, At Tambo Blanquillo Lodge. (The Last Two Nights We Spent Here) To Cocha Blanquillo just behind the lodge. This Oxbow Lake It is fascinating. We were on a platform where we put the telescope to search some bird's species.

Next day we spent full morning at the Macaw Clay Lick where hundreds of parrots and macaws gather to eat clay from an old river bank. we have seen only parrots and few Macaws flying by, When we arrived but after 3 hours colorful and spectacular macaws arrived and everyone was excited. Was a great nature show. We birded Cocha Blanco on their nice catamaran all afternoon with some adapted chairs for a pleasant and productive way to end the day. Next day before to live our adventure in the jungle we went to another place. To Cocha Camungo and its tree canopy tower. At the lake we saw several **Purus Jacamars**, **Rufous-side Crake**, **Giant River Otter** family and the rare **Pale-Eyed Blackbird!**

Then we said good bye to the all Blanquillo area. For our next adventure to Puerto Maldonado. It was half hour on the river and then we started to spots riverbanks species. We arrived to Colorado Village dock for a transfer to the interoceanic highway.

Great-Black Hawk, Rufous-Side Crake, Pectoral Sandpiper, Black Skimmer, Red-Bellied Macaw, Dusky-Headed Parakeet, Little Cuckoo, Pale-Rumped Swift, Rufous-Capped Nunlet, Channel-Billed Toucan, Little Woodpecker, Spot-Breasted Woodpecker, Amazonian-Streaked Antwren, Black-Throated Antbird, Black-Face Antthrush, Ash-Throated Gnatcatcher, Gray Elaenia, Ringed Antpiper, Swallow Tanager, Purple Honeycreeper, Blue-Black Gnatcatcher, Pale-Eyed Blackbird, Purus Jacamar

We had four full days birding near Puerto Maldonado for targets species. There is excellent bamboo forest, second growth forest, cattle ranches, swamps and terra firme. We started as usually early morning after breakfast and in the afternoon around 3:30 pm to late in afternoon.

After full days birding we flew to Lima for a night, by the way our flight was delayed in Puerto Maldonado so we spent time birding around the forest surrounding the airport and we found **Great Poto!**

White-throated Jacamar, Scaled Pigeon, Rusty-Backed Antwren, Grassland Sparrow, Black-Face Tanager. Some more but always the rarest. Among others End of the trip.

Good Luck. Robert & Victoria