

TRIP SUMMARY

To, **Jan & Steph**, Our first birding morning was in Lima. We have been to. Pantanos de Villa Marshes, for some hours we enjoy the view and feel the salty breeze, and the birds were everywhere but the goal was to find the famous **Peruvian Thick-Knee** after that we headed more south into a local fishing port Pucusana for our boat birding trip. to look specially **Humboldt Penguin** and the endemic **Surf Cinclodes** And many other species after very successfully morning we took a break for some sea food for lunch.. Then we drove back to Lima to catch on time our fly to Cusco. We been that day in walk motion for 5.5 Miles. Excellent birding time!

Great Grebe, Pied-billed Grebe, Osprey, Killdeer, Whimbrel, Surfbird, Ruddy Turnstone, Gray Gull, Gray-Hooded Gull, Belcher's Gull, Peruvian Pelican, Black Skimmer, Oasis Hummingbird, Wren-Like Rushbird, Yellow-Hooded Blackbird, Peruvian Thick-Knee, Blackish Oystercatcher, Red-Legged Cormorant, Guanay Cormorant, Humboldt Penguin, Inca Tern, Peruvian Booby, among others..

On the second day we left very early Cusco. To aguas caliente, we arrived at noon. Then we went to lunch, and in the afternoon we did some birding in the area, but not very lucky for the weather. It rained a lot, but nature is always generous and saw some birds. Like **Green-And-white Hummingbird**, and a while later, **Inca Wren**, both endemic species. it was a good ending.

Next day we get ready to go to, Machupicchu the archaeological site very early again, On we stayed almost for three hours we all enjoyed it and it was interesting seeing, whit phenomenal panoramas also. The rest of the time we walked to find more birds until a little over noon. That day we walk 9.5 Miles

Torren Duck, Andean Guan, White-Tipped Swift, Green-And-White Hummingbird, Collared Inca, Ocellated Piculet, Azara's Spinetail, Variable Antshrike, Mottle-Cheeked Tyrannulet, Torren Tyrannulet, Golden-Crowned Flycatcher, Brown-Capped Vireo, Inca Wren, Andean Solitaire, White-Capped Dipper, Blue-Capped Tanager, Summer Tanager, Blue Dacnis, Capped Conebill, Slate-Throated Redstart, Dusky-Green Oropendola.

On the day fourth we returned from Aguas caliente to Ollantaytambo. We spend the night, and next day very early started birding up to the popular Abra Malaga, (a very high pass) the eastern part of the mountain. Halfway the weather change, and we continue with rain have no much lucky but we saw something, at least some of the endemic species for the area. Which is one of the hot spots in Peru too for birding. We saw birds like **Creamy-Crested Spinetail**, and a while ago **Chestnut-Breasted Mountain-Finch**, among many other ones.

Chilean Flamingo, Andean Goose, White-Tufted Grebe, Puna Ibis, Sharp-Shinned Hawk, Mountain Caracara, Andean Lapwing, Spot-Winged Pigeon, Great Sapphirewing, Tyrian Metaltail, Purple-Backed Thornbill, Andean Flicker, Bar-Winged Cinclodes, Creamy-Crested Spinetail, Yellow-Billed Tit-Tyrant, Red-Crested Cotinga, Great Thrush, Rust-And-Yellow Tanager, Chestnut-Breasted Mountain-Finch, Plumbeous Sierra-Finch, Golden-Billed Saltator, Yellow-Winged Blackbird.

The next morning, on day sixth (back already to Cusco all the way down from Abra Malaga to spend the night). We said good bye to Cusco and we headed for the famed Manu Road.

And what was next the Amazon. Our first morning stop was Huacarpay Lake. To look for some targets species: we worked hard to find the Endemic. **Bearded Mountaineer** and **Rusty-Fronted Canastero**, and many other ones.

Most of the inner Andean valleys on the way are dry and there we found some birds. The habitat started to get wetter. As we approached the pass at Acjanaco (The Entry to Manu National Park) the habitat started taking on a distinctly elfin montane forest whit a tropical feel. After that we drove down to arrived late in the evening (close to 6:00 pm) to our lodging at Cock Of The Rock in the cloud Were we spend two nights.

Andean Tinamou, Bearde Mountaineer, Rusty-Fronted Canastero, Variable Hawk, Black-And-Chestnut Eagle, Plumbeous Rail, Bere-Faced Ground-Dove, Lyre-Tailed Nightjar, Giant Hummingbird, Many-Spotted Hummingbird, Speckled Hummingbird, Green-Tailed Trainbearer, Buff-Tailed Sicklebill, Violet-Fronted Brilliant, Wire-Crested Thorntail, Green-Fronted Lancebill, Booted-Racked Tail, Crested Quetzal, Blue-Banded Toucanet, Montane Foliage-Gleaner, White-Backed Fire-Eye, Lemon-Browed Flycatcher, Andean-Cock-Of-The-Rock, Silver-Backed Tanager, Yellow-Throated Bush-Tanager, Yellow-Throated Tanager, Golden Tanager, Berly-Spangle Tanager, Golden-Naped Tanager, Paradise Tanager.

After our successful birding time at the CLOUD FOREST location we headed into the amazon. We drove down road and birding for some hours to reach Pilcopata Village. Our Lunch Destination with cold drinks, we needed because the hot wheatear was starting. Then we arrived into Atalaya Village Dock. To get our boat to go to our first lodge in the Amazon, Amazonia Lodge. To look for **Military Macaw** and the almost endemic one **Fine-Barred Piculet** This nicely appointed former coffee plantation, with feeders and landscaping was quite comfortable and very birdy too. We spent almost three full days wandering the trails around, river edge and the small streams.

We walked the trails along Amazonian lodge property; every day was completely different with new species every time. We worked a bit hard for some lowland species, doing some play back to get a good view for some seconds, otherwise birds can be only heard mainly. We moved to visit a lagoon close to the area, on the other side of the river called (Machuwasi). It was an excellent spot we did saw **Horned Screamer** and interesting interior mixed flocks for the end of the morning.

Our bird list was increasing.very quick, MORE BIRDS, MORE FUN! And on day 9,10 we walk abut 7 and 6 Miles.

Razor-Billed Curassow, Sungrebe, Cocoli Heron, Horned Screamer, Bat Falcon, Gray-Necked Wood-Rail, Yellow-Billed Tern, Pale-Vented Pigeon, Scarlet Macaw, Red-And-Green Macaw, Blue-And-Yellow Macaw, Chestnut-Fronted Macaw, Blue-Headed Parrot, Squirrel Cuckoo, Hoatzin, Common Pauraque, Olive-Spotted Hummingbird(*), Koepcke's Hermit, Blue-Tailed Emerald, Rufous-Crested Coquette, Fork-Tailed Woodnymph, Blue-Crowned Trogon, Black-Tailed Trogon, Ringed Kingfisher, Bluish-Fronted Jacamar, Chestnut-Capped Puffbird, Black-Fronted Nunbird, Black-Banded Woodcreeper, Buff-Throated Woodcreeper, Elegant Woodcreeper, Plain-Crowned Spinetail, Cabanis's Spinetail, Dark-Breasted Spinetail, Plain Softtail, Buff-Throated Foliage-gleaner, Great Antshrike, Bamboo Antshrike, Plain-Winged Antshrike, Gray Antwren, White-Flanked Antwren, Dot-Winged Antwren, White-Browed Atnbird, Yellow-Breasted Warbling-Antbird, Black-Throated Antbird, Rusty-Belted T apaculo. And many more...

After our successful birding time at the Low Land, Rainforest location we headed back to the hill forest To WAYQUECHA BIOLOGICAL STATION. We drove up road and birding along the way till we reach the station. Our Destination for the last night on the trip. We left Amazonia Lodge on the 18th midmorning and we leave Wayquecha the 19th noon to Cusco after enjoying the land scape, and veiw and some bird watching then we back to the high Andes, visiting a lagoon in San Salvador area as the last one. It was very successful day, and the day 11 & 12 we walk 8,6 Miles.

Blue-Throated Piping-Guan, King Vulture, Plumbeous Kite, Broad-Winged Hawk, Black Hawk-Eagle, Common Potoo, Great Potoo, Black-Eared Fairy, Striolated Puffbird, Swallow Wing, Gray-Breasted Mountain-Toucan, Chestnut-Eared Aracari, Ivory-Billed Aracari, Rusty-Fronted Tody-Flycatcher, Plum-Throated Cotinga, Band-Tailed Manakin, Round-Tailed Manakin. and many more...

Crested Duck, Black-Faced Ibis, Giant Coot, Masked Trogon, pearled Treerunner, Streaked Tuftedcheek, Rufous-Webbed Bush-Tyrant, Barred Becard, Barred Fruiteater, Hooded Mountain-Tanager, Grass-Green Tanager, Scarlet-Bellied Mountain-Tanager, Golden-Collared Tanager, Black-Capped Hemispingus.....

And the End, Birding Guide: Cesar Bollatty.....birding friends **Steph & Jan** ..Approved.....