

BIG MANU ROAD
13 Days Birding Trip
(Private Tour)



From April 07th to April 19th, 2016

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BIRDING LOCATIONS:

Villa Marshes – Pucusana Fishing Port – Manu Road - Cusco & Machu Picchu.

Abra Malaga: 4316 m.a.s.l.

Machu Picchu: 2430 m.a.s.l.

Huacarpay Lake: 3100 m.a.s.l.

Acjanaco Pass: Guard Station 3360 m.a.s.l.

Wayqecha Biological Station: 2910 m.a.s.l.

Rocotal: 2010 m.a.s.l.

Cock Of The Rock Lodge: 1300 m.a.s.l.

Guadalupe Lodge (Pillcopata): 600 m.a.s.l.

APRIL 7TH

Lima arrival to then go to our Hotel Casa Andina Miraflores Centro at Lima's Downtown. Nice dinner before getting the South Birding Peru's present and the details for the following day.

APRIL 08TH

We took our Birding Car to go to Pantanos de Villa or Villa Marshes for our first Birding Adventure getting nice birds and cool pictures. Here the highlights were *Peruvian Thicknee*, *Peruvian Meadowlark*, many coloured *Rush Tyrant*, *Yellowish Pipit*, *Wren Like Rushbird*, *Blak Skimmer*, *Gray Hooded Gull*, *Chesnut Throated Seedeater* and *Yellow Hooded Blackbird*.

Later on we headed to Pucusana fishing port for another experience on the Ocean getting cool birds like *Humbolt Penguin*, *Peruvian Boobies*, *Blackish Oystercatcher*, *Peruvian Pelicans*, *the Beautiful Inca Tern*, we got to see the thre *Peruvian Cormorants* and the

Endemic Surf Cinclodes. After this we had a nice lunch by this beautiful area to then go straight to the airport and flight to Cusco.



Photography at Villa Marshes & Guanay Cormorant



APRIL 9TH

We drove to Ollantaytambo town where we took the train to Aguas Calientes and on the way we could have the chance to see few Torrent Ducks as we travel to Aguas Calientes. Once we arrived to the place we dropped off our staff at the Hotel there and went for lunch.

That afternoon we spent the rest of the day birding by Urubamba River getting some cool birds like *Mitred Parakeet*, *Highland Motmot*, *Thick Billed Euphonia*, *Blue Gray Tanager*, *Oleaginous Hemispingus*, *Russet Crowned Warbler*, *Cock of the Rock*, *Dusky Green Oropendola*, *Torrent Tyrannulet* and *White Bellied Hummingbird*.

Highland Motmot & White Bellied Hummingbird



APRIL 10TH

We started early in the morning taking the Bus to go to Machupicchu Citadel in order to have better chances for the Endemic Inca Wren and we got it. Cool view of this striped Little Wren that Inhabit Chusquea Bamboo. Denis our Trip Photographer, got some cool pictures from this bird. So we continued moving around the amazing Machupicchu for more Birds getting *Tricolor Brush Finch*, *White Winged Black Tyrant*, the beautiful *Collared Inca*, some *White Tipped Swift*, *Highland Elaenia* and the other *Endemic Green and White Hummingbird*. Of course, hundreds of pictures from Machupicchu.



After getting the two target birds we started walking down to Aguas Calientes town, this nice walking down the hill gave us very nice birds like *Yellow bellied Seedeater*, *Small Billed Elaenia*, *Chesnut Breasted Coronet*, cool view of *Chesnut Capped Brush Finch*, *Rust and Yellow Tanager*, *Brown Capped Vireo*, *Hepatic Tanager*, *Versicolored Barbet*, *Mottled Cheek Tyrannulet* and *Ashy Headed Tyrannulet*. Very good day with many birds and Machupicchu of course. That afternoon we took the traing to Ollantaytambo Town for our next Tour.

Machu Picchu & the Tabernet Team



APRIL 11TH

Early Breakfast to take the our Birding car and head to the Abra Malaga Pass but before we had some stops at Peñas where we got some nice birds like *Great Sapphirewing*, *Great Thrush*, the Three Endemic Birds *Creamy Crested Spinetail*, *Chesnut Breasted Mountain finch* and *White Tufted Sumbean*. Some other cool birds like *White Winged Cinclodes*, *Mountain Caracara* and *Spot Winged Pigeon*. Then we continued to Polylepis Forest for some target birds getting *Plumbeous Sierra Finch*, *Tawny Tit Spinetail*, *Brown Bellied Swallow* and the very *Localized Ash Breasted Tit Tyrant*. More birds like *Andean Hillstart* and *Olivaceous Thornbil*.

Then we went to the other side of the Pass for more Bird variety getting *Andean Lapwing*, *Yellow Billed Teal*, the uncommon *Sword Billed Hummingbird*, *Plushcap*, *Rufous Breasted Chat Tyrant* and *Stripe Headed Brush Finch*. After this we headed back for lunch at Urubamba Town to then continued to Cusco.

Endemic Chesnut Breasted Mountain Finch – Peñas – Abra Malaga Route

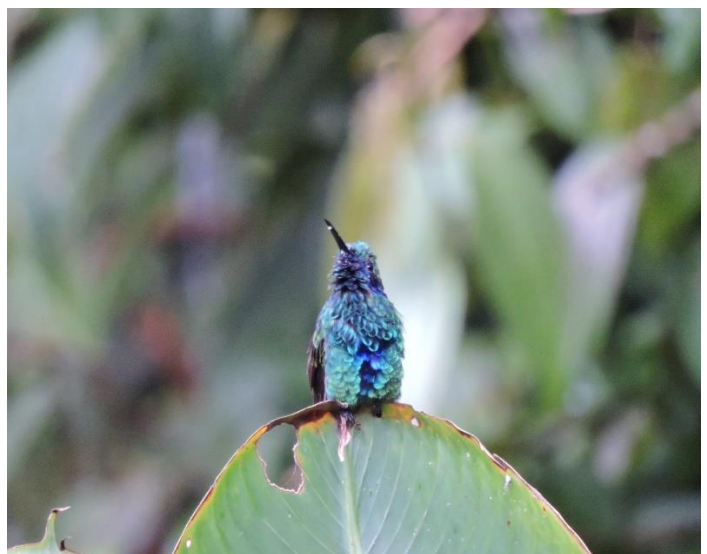
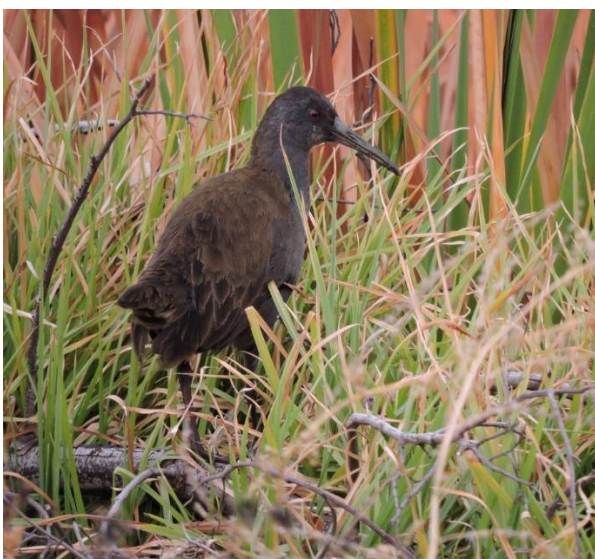


APRIL 12TH

Another early departure to bird Huacarpay Lake where we got some beautiful and uncommon birds like *Lesser Elaenia*, the endemic *Rusty Fronted Canastero*, the *Giant Hummingbird*, *Bare Faced Ground Dove*, *White Crested Elaenia*, *Sparkling Violetear*, *Greenish Yellow Finch*, *Andean Flicker*, *Band Tailed Seedeater* and *Blue Winged Teal*.

After this wonderful Birding Spot we continued with our trip to Manu Road, doing some more stops along the Road and getting *Black Faced Ibis*, *Peruvian Sierra Finch*, *Ash Breasted Sierra Finch*, *Bar Winged Cinclodes* and *Rufous Collared Sparrow*. Good lunch at Paucartambo Town and kept birding getting *Variable Hawk*, *Hooded Mountain Tanager*, *Andean Guan* and just before we arrive to the Cock of the Rock Lodge we got to see *Rufescent Screech Owl*. Once at the Lodge we had dinner and got our room for the following days.

Plumbeous Rail (juvenile) & Sparkling Violetear



APRIL 13TH

Very good day of good Birds along the Manu Road getting nice birds and good mix species Flocks, where we could get *Deep Blue Flowerpiercer*, *Common Bush Tanager*, *Ochre Faced Tody Flycatcher*, *Blue Banded Toucanet*, *Ash Breasted Spinetail*, *Black and Chesnut Eagle*, *Solitary Eagle*, *Bolivian Tyrannulet*, the *Beautiful Paradise Tanager* and *Bronze Green Euphonia*. Nice lunch at the lodge to then continue with our birding day around the trail by the lodge trying to get the special and beautiful *Yungas Manakin*. Very active little manakin that gave us big time to see it. Around the lodge we could also see some others birds like *White Winged Tanager*, *Fulvous Breasted Flatbill*, *Olive Backed Woodcreeper* and *Spotted Barbtail*.



Later that day we went for owling and got to see again the *Rufescent Screech Owl*, closer and with good chance to photograph it.

Large Headed Brown Capuccin Monkey & Lunch at Cock of the Rock Lodge



APRIL 14TH

Early breakfast to move around the lodge for some missing species getting *Blue Naped Chlorophonia*, *Black Eared Hemispingus*, *Silver Beaked Tanager*, *Two Banded Warbler*, *Yellow Breasted Antwren*, *Scale Crested Pygmy Tyrant*, *Eastern Pewee* and *Chesnut Collared Swift*. Then we put our luggages in the car and we continue our way down to the lower part of the andes. More stops on the way for some birds like *Southern Lapwing*, *Southern Rough Winged Swallow*, *Blue Black Grassquit* and before we arrive to the next lodge we got beautiful *Macaws* like *Blue and Yellow Macaw*, *Blue Headed Parrot*, *Crowned Slaty Flycatcher*, the Uncommon *Blue Headed Macaw*, *Olive Oropendola* and many *Crested Oropendolas* to finally arrive to Guadalupe Lodge our lodge in the Hilly Forest.

Picture taken right by Cock of the Rock Lodge

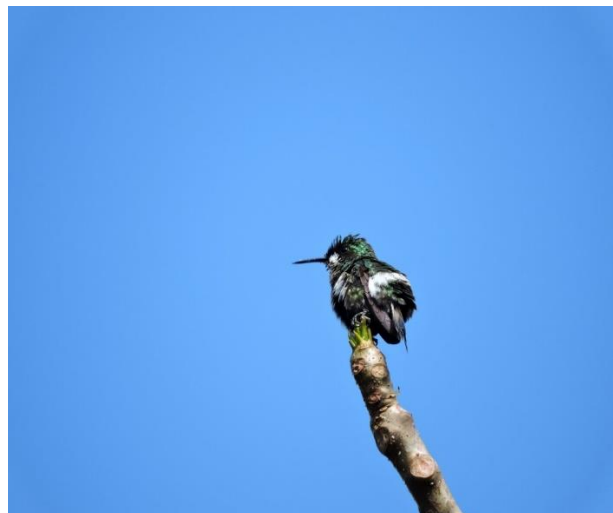


APRIL 15TH

Early breakfast to go around the many trail by the Lodge and get very cool birds like *Masked Tityra*, the new *Endemic Golden Bellied Warbler*, the *Emerald Toucannet*, *White Throated Toucan*, *Rufous Motmot*, *Yellow Billed Nunbird* and *Cinereous Tinamou*. Right by the garden at the lodge we got very unusual hummingbirds like *Rufous Crested Coquette*, *Wire Crested Thorntail*, *Long Tailed Hermit*, *Long Billed Startthroat*, *Blue Tailed Emerald* and *Sapphire Spangled Emerald*. This lodge is located in a nice combination of Hilly and Jungle Forest.

After a little break because the temperature here is very hot and humid. We continued with more birds visiting *Gadua Bamboo* and getting *Bamboo Specialist* like *Yellow Breasted Warbling Antbird*, *White Lined Antbird*, *Manu Antbird*, *Slate Coloured Seedeater*, *Rufous Breasted Piculet*, the *Uncommon Red Billed Scythebill*, *Dot Winged Antwren*, *Flammulated Pygmy Tyrant*, *Bamboo Antshrike* and *Ornate Antwren*. Then some more birds like *Green Honeycreeper*, *Yellow Bellied Dacnis*, *Yellow Olive Flycatcher*, *Yellow Margined Flycatcher*, *Blue Crowned Trogon* and the other *Endemic Black Back Tody Flycatcher*.

Females *Rufous Crested Coquette* & *Wire Crested Thorntail* by *Guadalupe Lodge*



APRIL 16TH

Another full day birding at Guadalupe Lodge area with more birds like *Short Crested Flycatcher*, *Pale Legged Hornero*, *Fine Breasted Piculet*, *Swallow Tanager*, *Amazon Kingfisher*, *Ringed Kingfisher*, *Bluish Slate Jacamar*, the restricted *Purplish Jay*, *Rusty Fronted Tody Flycatcher*, *Black Throated Antbird* and *Gray Necked Wood Rail*.



In the afternoon we went for more birds getting *White Banded Swallow*, *Violaceous Jay*, *Purple Throated Euphonia*, *White Vented Euphonia*, *Striped Chested Antwren*, *Goeldis Antbird*, *Long Tailed Tyrant*, *Sepia Capped Flycatcher*, *Band Tailed Manakin*, *Bluish Slate Antshrike*, *Wedge Billed Woodcreeper*, *Crimson Crested Woodpecker* and *Black Capped Becard*.

Pale Legged Hornero & Band Tailed Manakin



APRIL 17TH

Early breakfast to start moving *back to the Mountains* and on the way we did some stops to get nice birds like the amazing *Golden Headed Quetzal*, *Slaty Backed Chat Tyrant*, *Mountain Cacique*, *Violet Throated Startfronlet*, *Yellow Throated Bush Tanager*, *Greenish Puffleg*, *Streaked Tuftedcheek*, *Capped Conebill*, *Yellow Throated Tanager*, *Blue Backed Conebill* and *Mountain Woodcreeper*.

We got a little rain on the way but we could manage to see some more birds like *Amathys Throated Sunangel*, *Tyrian Metaltail*, the noisy *White Collared Jays*, *Silver Backed Tanager*, *White Banded Tyrannulet*, *White Throated Tyrannulet*, *Blue Capped Tanager*, *Cinnamon Flycatcher* and *Fawn Breasted Tanager*. Finally we arrive to the Wayqecha Sation with rain and clouds around.

Female Tyrian Metaltial & Masked Trogon



APRIL 18TH

Full day birding around Cloud Forest getting Scarlet Bellied Mountain Tanager one of the team's favorite Bird. More birds like *Brown Backed Chat Tyrant*, *White Browed Conebill*, *Rufous Capped Thornbill*, *Puna Thistletail*, *Apomado Falcon* and *Citrine Warbler*. That day we also visit the Canopy Bridge and on the way we got some more cool birds like *Striped Faced Wood Quail*, *Black Throated Tody Tyrant*, *Barred Fruiteater*, *Crimson Mantled Woodpecker*, *White Bellied Woodstart*, *Drab Hemispingus*, *Grass Green Tanager* and the *Uncommon Rufous Antpitta*.

That night we tried some owling and we got *Band Winged Nightjar* and *Rufous Banded Owl*.

White Browed Conebill & White Throated Tyrannulet



APRIL 19TH

Our last day we grabbed our Lunch Box and we drove back to Cusco in order to get some birding time before the plane to Lima. On the way we got some more birds like *Moustached Flowerpiercer*, *Black Throated Flowrepiercer* and another really good view of the *Endemic Creamy Crested Spinetail*.



We did another stop at Huacarpay Lake, where we had our lunch in front of the beautiful view. Then we walked to get more birds, getting *Cinereous Harrier*, *American Kestrel*, *Puna Ibis*, *Chiguanco Thrush*, *Hooded Siskin*, *Cinereous Conebill*, *Blue and Yellow Tanager*, *Puna Teal* and *Plumbeous Rail*. Right after this we moved to the airport to catch our plane to Lima.

THE ANIMAL LIST

- 📍 Brown Agouti
- 📍 Bolivian squirrel
- 📍 Large Headed Brown Capuccin Monkey
- 📍 Gray Woolly Monkey
- 📍 Amazon Race Runner - Lizard

South American Sea Lions at Pucusana – Lima

