

PACIFIC COAST – NORTHWEST & SOUTHERN ANDES – MACHUPICCHU & MANU



14 Days Birding Trip

From March 31st to April 13th, 2019

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PARTICIPANTS: Northwood Family

MARCH 31ST, LIMA ARRIVAL – PUCUSANA

I personally went to the airport to wait for my guest, this time a friendly family from England. We then drove to our Hotel in Miraflores, a nice place in Lima Downtown. We also went for a nice lunch and talked a bit of the detail for the following days to then go and visit the first birding place called Pucusana Fishing Port. This first place is located at 01 hour south of Lima where we had a nice boat ride to move around some rocky islands and enjoy the first sea birds and animals.

BIRDS OF THE DAY:

- 🌿 The endemic *Sea Sided Cinclodes* and some others like *Humbolt Penguin*, *Guanay Cormorant*, *Red Legged Cormorant*, *Blackish Oystercatcher*, *Blue Footed Booby*, *Gray Gull*, *Royal Tern*, *Peruvian Pelican*, *Inca Tern*, *Peruvian Booby*, *Belchers Gull*, *Kelp Gull*, *Turkey Vulture*, *Ruddy Turnstone*.

Boat trip in Pucusana Fishing Port – looking for Seaside Cinclodes



APRIL 01ST, LIMA - SANTA EULALIA CANYON



A very nice full day to the closest Andean Bird diversity from Lima City. At only 03 hours from Lima, you can have a great endemic bird list with extra species from the west slope, this place also gives you very nice scenery and good chances for animals as you drive down the canyon. We were lucky to find a very cool family of Andean Condor, 06 of them flying together, giving us very good views and the chance to photograph them. We started early that day in order to get the target birds and being able to make the loop that is required to see the birds you want.

BIRDS OF THE DAY:

- Endemic birds like *White bellied Cinclodes*, *Dark Winged Miner*, *Great Inca Finch*, *Rusty Bellied Brush Finch*, *Black Metaltail*, *Black Necked Woodpecker*, *Rusty Crowned Tit Spinetail* & *Thick Billed Miner*. Some others like *Black Siskin*, *Hooded Siskin*, *Ash breasted Sierra Finch*, *Plumbeous Sierra Finch*, *Giant Coot*, *Andean Condor*, *White Winged Diuca Finch*, *White Browed Ground Tyrant*, *Slender Billed Miner*, *Andean Goose*, *Mountain Caracara*, *Peruvian Pygmy Owl*, *Collared Warbling Finch*, *Yellow Billed Tit Tyrant*, *White Winged Cinclodes*, *Creamy Winged Cinclodes*, *Andean Flicker*, *Yellow Billed Teal*, *Crested Duck*, *Black Winged Ground Dove*, *Purple Collared Woodstart*, *Peruvian Sheartail*, *Scrub Blackbird*, *Oasis Hummingbird*, *Golden Grosbeak*, *Bare Faced Ground Dove*, *Streak Throated Canastero*, *Chiguanco Thrush*, *Spot Winged Pigeon*, *White Tipped Dove*, *Andean Swift*, *Rufous Webbed Bush Tyrant*, *Black Billed Shrike Tyrant*, *Andean Hillstart*.

Early breakfast at 4600m – Santa Eulalia Canyon



APRIL 02ND, LIMA – CUSCO CITY

We left the Hotel early today to start with the Southern Andes and Machupicchu. After almost 02-hour flight from Lima to Cusco, we then went for a nice Lunch and special City Tour around the main archeological sites. We had a great local guide who was able to give us a very good Incas culture lecture. During the Cultural tour, we also had the chance to do some shopping while visiting the local markets. And right after that, we went to a lovely restaurant to try the Alpaca and other local Andean food.



Our local Guide at Saccsaywaman, Cusco - 3700m



Dinner time at Cusco City



APRIL 3RD, HUACARPAY – COTINGA CAMP – URUBAMBA CITY

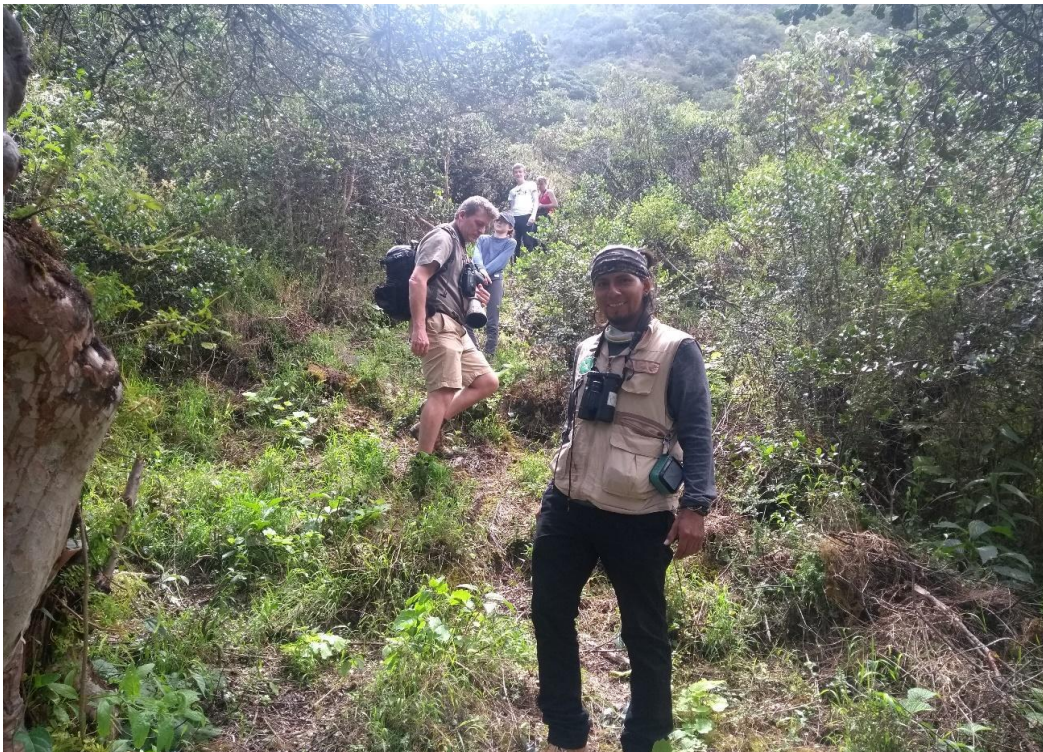
We started with a nice Marsh and lake area for two specific birds, we first visited Huacarpay Lake, where we could see some birds we were missing in previous bird habitat. We also visited a new nice bird place known as Cotinga Camp, where we could get some more extra bird species and the uncommon Sword-Billed Hummingbird.



BIRDS OF THE DAY:

- The endemics *Bearded Mountaineer*, *Rusty Fronted Canastero* & *Creamy Crested Spinetail*. Some others like *Tyrian Metaltail*, *Rust and Yellow Tanager*, *Puna Teal*, *Yellow Billed Pintail*, *Plumbeous Rail*, *Greater Yellowleg*, *Andean Gull*, *Cinereous Harrier*, *Many Colored Rush Tyrant*, *Wren Like Rushbird*, *Band Tailed Seedeater*, *Black Thorated Flowerpiercer*, *White Crested Elaenia*, *White Browed Chat Tyrant*.

Chasing Sword Billed Hummingbird at Cotinga Camp – Urubamba Cusco



APRIL 04TH, URUBAMBA – AGUAS CALIENTES

Relaxing day since I let the family rest more than usual and starting our way to Machupicchu at midday. Nice train for 02 hours along the Urubamba River and get to a very nice hotel at Aguas Calientes where we had a nice view of female Andean Cock of the Rock, right by the garden. Then the rest of our afternoon, we walk along the railroad to see some more birds and get ready for the following day.

BIRDS OF THE DAY:

Highland Motmot, Speckle Faced Parrot, Chesnut Breasted Coronet, Peruvian Racketail, White Bellied Hummingbird, Andean Cock of the Rock, Ashy Headed Tyrannulet, Thick Billed Euphonia, Blue Gray Tanager, Palm Tanager, Torrent Duck, Golden Crowned Flycatcher, Dull Colored Grassquit, Black Phoebe, Bronzy Inca, Collared Inca, Slate Throated Redstart, Dusky Green Oropendola, Spot Winged Pigeon, Torrent Tuirannulet, Andean Tinamou, Black Backed Grosbeak, Black and White Seedeater, White Bellied Woodstart.



The Northwood Family on the way to Aguas Calientes – MACHUPICCHU



APRIL 05TH, MACHUPICCHU – URUBAMBA

We had a nice breakfast to then take the bus for 15 minutes and see one of the World Seven Wonders, Machupicchu. Our local guide gave a very nice combination of Culture and local Incas life, after enjoying this beautiful place we slowly walk down to continue our birding day. On the way down, we could see some cool birds as we enjoyed the scenery, finally back at the hotel for a great lunch and then take the train back to Urubamba where we spent the night.

BIRDS OF THE DAY:

- The endemics *Green and White Hummingbird & Inca Wren*. Some others like *Tricolored Brush Finch, Violet Throated Startfronlet, Azaras Spinetail, White Winged Black Tyrant, White Capped Dipper, Sclater's Tyrannulet, Mottled Cheeched Tyrannulet, Variable Antshrike, Tropical Parula, Streaked Xenop, Blue Naped Chlorophonia, Saffron Crowned Tanager, Silver Backed Tanager, Golden Olive Woodpecker, Ocellated Piculet.*

Northwood Family & Machupicchu



APRIL 06TH, URUBAMBA – COCK OF THE ROCK LODGE – MANU ROAD

We left the Hotel at Urubamba (Cusco), early in the morning to continue with Cloud Forest along the famous Birding Road, Manu. A little cloudy day in the beginning but then little by little we got a better light, on the way we had some main stops like Nimamarka Area, a place with an interesting building like Tomb structures, nice place to stretch the legs out and learn about Inkas Culture. Right after that, we had another stop along the road and this time was at Paucartambo Town, nice Colonial Town with cool building around and people and this time the reason for our stop was Lunch. Finally, we reach the main road with all the bird variety we were looking for to then reach the Lodge.

BIRDS OF THE DAY:

- 🌿 *Gray Breasted Mountain Toucan, Blue Banded Toucannet, Hooded Mountain Tanager, White Collared Jay, Superciliated Hemispingus, White Banded Tyrannulet, Spectacled Redstart, Grass Green Tanager, Amethys Throated Sunangel, Golden Collared Tanager, Pearled Treerunner, Ash Browed Spinetail, Mountain Wren, Barred Becard, Plushcap, Masked Flowerpiercer, Barred Fruiteater, Olive Striped Flycatcher, Tackzanowsky Tinamou, Citrine Warbler, Brown Backed Chat Tyrant.*

Bird Shooting along Manu Road



APRIL 07TH, FULL DAY COCK OF THE ROCK LODGE

Another great day since we could see more than 06 Andean Cock of the Rocks displaying and letting us get some nice shots. We also got to see a nice troop of monkeys by the Kitchen and along the road, nice sunny day with many butterflies along the road. Right after good birding day, we were lucky enough to see a Screech Owl right by the lodge.

BIRDS OF THE DAY:

- ✪ The endemics *Peruvian Piedtail* and *Inca Flycatcher*. Some other birds like *Cinnamon Faced Tyrannulet*, *Purple Honeycreeper*, *Yellow Throated Chlorospingus*, *Smoke Colored Pewee*, *Black Eared Hemispingus*, *Unadorned Flycather*, *Slaty Tanager*, *Spotted Tanager*, *Gray Breasted Wood Wren*, *Fulvous Breasted Flatbill*, *Slaty Capped Flycatcher*, *White Crowned Tapaculo*, *Montane Foliage Gleaner*, *Buff Browed Foliage Gleaner*, *Paradise Tanager*, *Purple Honeycreeper*, *Blue Dacnis*, *Speckle Hummingbird*, *Lemon Browed Flycatcher*, *Scaled Crested Pygmy Tyrant*, *Spotted Barbtail*, *Three Stripe Warbler*, *Russet Crowned Warbler*, *Two Banded Warbler*, *Orange Eared Tanager*, *Orange Bellied Euphonia*, *Bronze Green Euphonia*, *Purple Throated Euphonia*, *Red Eyed Vireo*, *Cinnamon Flycatcher*, *Stripe Chested Antwren*, *Rufescent Screech Owl*, *Green Hermit*, *Violet Fronted Brilliant*, *Bananaquit*, *Andean Solitaire*, *Blue Necked Tanager*, *Black and Chesnut Eagle*, *Plumbeous Pigeon*.

Birding at Manu Road



APRIL 08TH, COCK OF THE ROCK LODGE – ATALAYA – MANU BIRDING LODGE

Another great day since we found some very uncommon bird species around the lodge before leaving. We went for a short walk by the property and took the car to go for our boat ride along the majestic Madre De Dios River, some cool bird along the river plus a nice family of Capibaras known to be the largest rodent on earth. Finally, after 05 hours traveling this magical river, we arrive at Manu Lodge where we spent our first proper jungle night.

BIRDS OF THE DAY:

- The endemic *Cerulean Capped Manakin* and some others targets like *Festive Coquette*, *Lanceolated Monklet*, *Slaty Gnateater*, *Yungas Manakin*, *Chesnut Breasted Wren*, *Ornate Flycatcher*, *Solitary Eagle*, *Common Pauraque*, *Pied Ladwing*, *Horned Screamer*, *Black Caracara*, *Reddish Hermit*, *White Chinned Sapphire*, *Speckled Hummingbird*, *Lineated Woodpecker*, *Tawny Bellied Screech Owl*, *Buff Throated Woodcreeper*, *Cinnamon Throated Woodcreeper*, *Yellow Tufted Woodpecker*, *Dusky Headed Parakeet*, *White Eyed Parakeet*, *White Backed Fire Eye*, *Russet Backed Oropendola*, *Versicolored Barbet*, *Rufous Rumped Foliage Gleaner*.

Boat Trip along Madre de Dios River- Tributary of Amazon River



APRIL 09TH, MANU BIRDING LODGE TRAILS & MACAWS CLAY LICK

We had a very nice day visiting a cool place with many Macaws, Parrots, and Parakeets flying around. We could also see some extra birds while waiting for the Macaws activity, 40 minutes boat from the lodge to this special area and some time spent at the blind while enjoying a nice breakfast. Later in the afternoon, we went for a bird walk to get some more birds from Terra Firme and Varzea forest, cool walk to add new birds to our list.

BIRDS OF THE DAY:

- *Stipple Throated Antwren, Long Winged Antwren, Gray Antwren, White Flanked Antwren, Crimson Crested Woodpecker, Short Crested Flycatcher, Crowned Slaty Flycatcher, Black Tailed Trogon, Tui Parakeet, Spotted Tody Flycatcher, Red Capped Cardinal, Cream Colored Woodpecker, Black Fronted Nunbird, White Fronted Nunbird, Rufous Breasted Hermit, Crested Owl, Amazon Kingfisher, Cocoli Heron, Road Side Hawk, Lesser Kiskidae, Blue Headed Parrot, Yellow Crowned Parrot, Mealy Parrot, Olive Backed Foliage Gleaner, Amazonian Barred Woodcreeper, White Fronted Nunbird, Plain Winged Antshrike, Ochre Bellied Flycatcher, Amazonian Pygmy Owl, Scarlet Macaw, Blue and Yellow Macaw, Mealy Parrot, Yellow Crowned Parrot, Muscovy Duck, Trumpeter, Southern Rough Winged Swallow, Long Billed Startfrontlet, Curl Crested Aracari, Giant Cowbird, Olive Oropendola, Sand Colored Nighthawk, Swallow Winged Puffbird, Amazonian Pygmy Owl, Buff Throated Foliage Gleaner.*

Waiting for the Macaws activity – Collpa Blanquillo



APRIL 10TH, MANU BIRDING LODGE & BLANCO LAKE

Another early start to visit a beautiful lake at only 20 minutes from our lodge, this magical place has a very good bird variety and nice chances for photography. This is also home for a very cool family of Giant River Otters and the scenery is just incredible. We were lucky to have a nice sunny day and see the birds we wanted, after visiting this place we went for a bird walk along the many trails by the lodge.

BIRDS OF THE DAY:

- ✪ *Yellow Margined Flycatcher, White Bellied Tody Tyrant, Blue Dacnis, Collared Trogon, Blue Crowned Trogon, Black Collared Hawk, Dusky Capped Greenlet, Pale Eyed Blackbird, Black Capped Donacobius, Wattled Jacana, Greater Ani, Green and Rufous Kingfisher, Red Capped Cardinal, Collared Plover, Great Black Hawk, Large Billed Tern, Smooth Billed Ani, Rose Fronted Parakeet, Elegant Woodcreeper, Greater Yellow Headed Vulture, Green and Gold Tanager, Wedge Billed Woodcreeper, Olivaceous Woodcreeper, Amazonian Motmot, Red Crowned Ant Tanager, Sand Colored Nighthawk, Striped Woodhaunter*

Red Crowned Ant Tanager, photographed at Manu Birding Lodge Trails



APRIL 11TH, MANU BIRDING LODGE - PUERTO MALDONADO

We had to leave the lodge right after breakfast to then take the boat for 03 hours and see some river birds as we move downstream. After the riverboat, we then arrive at Colorado Village to take a local taxi for 01 hour to finally arrive at the main Highway and find a place for our lunch. After spending much of the day traveling, we finally arrive in Puerto Maldonado and get a nice hotel facing the majestic Madre de Dios River.

APRIL 12TH, PUERTO MALDONADO - LIMA

A very relaxing day spent at the swimming pool and visiting part of the town to see some local areas, a nice lunch and then flight to Lima.

APRIL 13TH, LIMA - VILLA MARSHES - AIRPORT

We visited a nice area by the Pacific coast and get some interesting and colorful birds; this at only 40 minutes away from the lodge is a good place for some sea birds and marshes specialties. After getting nice birdshots, we then came to the hotel and we found a nice lunch place and head to the airport.

BIRDS OF THE DAY:

- ✪ *Grassland Yellow Finch, Chesnut Throated Seedeater, Least Sandpiper, Peruvian Thicknee, Peruvian Meadowlark, Yellow Hooded Blackbird, Vermilion Flycatcher, Amazilia Hummingbird, Black Crowned Night Heron, Willet, Wimbrel, Kildeer, Southern Beardless Tyrannulet, Goove Billed Ani, Harris Hawk.*

Northwood Family at the Airport



ANIMALS SPOTTED DURING THE TRIP

GRAY DEER – Santa Eulalia Canyon

NORTHERN VIZCACHA – Santa Eulalia Canyon

SOUTH AMERICAN SEA LION – Pucusana Fishing Port

SPECTACLED BEAR – Machupicchu Citadel

ANDEAN FER DE LANCE, SNAKE – Manu Road

COMMON GRAY WOOLY MONKEY – Manu Road

LARGE HEADED BROWN CAPUCIN MONKEY – Manu Road

COLOMBIAN RED HOWLER MONKEY – Madre De Dios River Edge

BLACK-CAPPED BOLIVIAN SQUIRREL MONKEY – Madre De Dios River Edge

GIANT RIVER OTTERS – Blanco Lake, Madre de Dios River

MARINE OTTER - Pucusana Fishing Port