

# NORTHERN BIRDING TRIP

17 DAYS / 16 NIGHTS



Beautiful 17 Days at the Northern Birding Trip with 35 Endemic Birds, One near Endemic & Many other. All these Northern hábitats plus the extra days at the famous Santa Eulalia Canyon and a bit of the Coast Line.

From 14<sup>th</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2019

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## SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, LIMA ARRIVAL

I went to pick up this nice couple at Lima Airport to then take them to our recommended Hotel in Lima and explained them the details for the following morning, this time we could not have dinner because of the late flight. Anyways, we had a nice talk since was more than two years that they were with me at Manu Road in the Southern Andes.

## SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, LIMA – CHICLAYO CITY – POMAC FOREST – CHAPARRI LODGE

We left Lima early in the morning to start with our Northern Bird Trip, a flight of almost 02 hours from Lima to Chiclayo to then take our birding car and head to our first bird spot at 40 minutes from Chiclayo Airport. Baldomero, our driver, set up a nice breakfast at Bosque de Pomac, while we enjoyed part of the Tumbesian Dry Forest and its specialties. Right after breakfast we continue birding the area and move to our final bird spot Chaparri Lodge, a beautiful place located at 03 hours from Bosque de Pomac. On the way to Chaparri Lodge, we found a very good spot where we could see more than 12 Peruvian Thick-knees and a nice family of Burrowing Owl.

### BIRDS OF THE DAY:

We had a nice day getting some endemic birds like *Coastal Miner*, *Cinereous Finch*, *White-Winged Guan*, and *Rufous Flycatcher*. Then some others bird specialties like *Tropical Gnatcatcher*, *Tropical Parula*, *Bairds Flycatcher*, *Amazilia Hummingbird*, *White Edge Oriole*, *Collared Antshrike*, *Stripe Headed Woodcreeper*, *Plumbeous Backed Thrush*, *Elegant Crescentchest*, *Tawny Crowned Pygmy-Tyrant*, *White-Tailed Jay*, *Superciliated Wren*, *Pacific Parrotlet*, *West Peruvian Dove*, *Gray and White Tyrannulet*, *Southern Beardless Tyrannulet*, *Groove Billed Ani*, *Pacific Hornero*, *Savana Hawk*, *Pacific Pygmy Owl*, *Croaking Ground-Dove*, *Vermilion Flycatcher*, *Scarlet Backed Woodpecker*, *Common Tody-Flycatcher*, *Black Vulture*, *Peruvian Thick-nee*, *Parrot Billed Seedeater*, *Shiny Cowbird*, *Burrowing Owl*, *Short-Tailed Field Tyrant*, and *Tumbes Swallow*.

## DRY ECUATORIAL FOREST AROUND CHAPARRI MOUNTAIN – CHAPARRI LODGE – CHICLAYO

A VERY SPECIAL BIRDING AREA WITH MANY BIRD SPECIES SHARED ONLY BY  
ECUADOR & PERU



### SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, CHAPARRI LODGE FULL DAY

Having this full day here helped us to move around the upper and lower part of Chaparri Lodge Territory. This way we could take different trails and get all the different birds that inhabit this beautiful protected area.

We started early in the morning with Hummingbirds visiting the little water pond found at a few meters from the main building. This is a spectacular natural show given by these little hummingbirds at just 02 meters away from you, a nice place to see and photograph cool little hummers while they are taking a bath. After this spot, we had breakfast and then move to the upper part of the area, where we could see the Spectacled Bear, which is a Project of this lodge and Chaparri People. Few rescued Andean Spectacled Bears that use the area given and patrol by the lodge people; after enjoying these animals, we then move around where we saw a nice female White-Tailed Deer and some Llamas along the trails. We had a nice lunch at the lodge to then have a little break and continue with our birding walk at the lower part ending up with a great number of very cool birds.

### BIRDS OF THE DAY:

This time we could get the endemic *Tumbes Tyrant* and some other bird species like *Black-Capped Sparrow*, *Tumbes Sparrow*, *Golden Olive Woodpecker*, *Tumbes Tyrannulet*, *Short-Tailed Woodstar*, *Tumbes Hummingbird*, *White-Headed Brush-Finch*, *Fasciated Wren*, *Harri's Hawk*, *Turkey Vulture*, *Peruvian Meadowlark*, *Necklaced Spinetail*, *Tumbes Pewee*, and *Hooded Siskin*.

## SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, CHAPARRI LODGE – TINAJONES - ABRA GAVILAN – CAJAMARCA CITY



We left Chaparri Lodge right after early breakfast to then drive for more than 5 hours with very nice birds stops on the way, plus nice meals along the road. Our first stop was in front of a big reservoir where we had our Picnic Lunch facing this particular area, having more than 20 Comb Ducks just in front of us. After having a nice lunch stop, we continued with our driving and getting some more stops where we could get our target birds. We arrived around 5:30 pm in the afternoon at Cajamarca City where spent a nice night right in front of Main Square.

### **BIRDS OF THE DAY:**

We got the endemics *Peruvian Plantcutter*, the high elevation *Hummingbird Black Metaltail* and the *Rufous Backed Inca Finch*. Along this very nice route we could also see some other birds like *Streaked Saltator*, *Black Crested Warbler*, *Yellow Breasted Brush-Finch*, *Comb Duck*, *Puna Ibis*, *Baird's Sandpiper*, *Gray Hooded Gull*, *Striated Heron*, *Ringed Kingfisher*, *Crested Caracara*, *Blackish Tapaculo*, *Pied Billed Grebe*, *Little Blue Heron*, *Osprey*, *Northern Cattle Egret*, *Chesnut Collared Swallow*, *Barn Swallow*, *Spotted Sandpiper*, *White-Throated Hawk*, *Cocoi Heron*, *Cinnamon Teal*, *Black-Necked Stilt*.

## SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, CAJAMARCA CITY – CRUZ CONGA - CELENDIN TOWN

We were expecting to bird beautiful places between Cajamarca City and Celendin Town, but since the couple could not recover well, we just decided to do a short visit to San Nicolas Lagoon where we could see some birds and then we just decided to drive straight to our Hotel at Celendin Town in order to give my people some rest.

### **BIRDS OF THE DAY:**

Since my guests were not feeling well, we managed to see the *Endemic Great Spinetail* and some birds just from the car like *Black Chested Buzzard Eagle*, *Great Thrush*, *Sharp-Shinned Hawk*, and *Tufted Tit Tyrant*.

## SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, CRUZ CONGA – ABRA GELIC – MARAÑON VALLEY

Early start to continue with our birding route and this time we drove back to Cruz Conga, where we had some nice stops around 3000 m., birding paramo and tree line forest for the morning getting some endemic and cool birds. Later on, we moved to the other side of the mountains heading to the Amazonas Region, getting some nice scenery from the amazing Marañon Valley.

## BIRDS OF THE DAY:

The endemics *Plain Tailed Warbling Finch*, *Gray Winged Inca Finch*, *Black Necked Woodpecker* and once again *Black Metaltail*. Some more birds like *Black-Throated Flowerpiercer*, *Tyrian Metaltail*, *Spectacled Whitestart*, *Line Cheeked Spinetail*, *Golden Billed Saltator*, *Plain Colored Seedeater*, *Great Thrush*, *Cinereous Conebill*, *Creamy Winged Cinclodes*, *Mountain Caracara*, *Plumbeous Sierra Finch*, *Peruvian Sierra Finch*, *Rainbow Startfronlet*, *Shining Sumbean*, *Jelki's Chat-Tyrant*, *Andean Flicker*, *Black Billed Shrike Tyrant*, *Rufous Webbed Bush Tyrant*, *Sedge Wren*, *White Winged Black Tyrant*, *White Browed Chat-Tyrant*, *Brown Bellied Swallow*, *Yellow Breasted Brush-Finch*, *Brown Bellied Swallow*.



## MARAÑON CRESCENTCHEST – SPECIALTY FROM NORTHERN BIRDING ROUTE



## SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, CELENDIN – MARAÑON VALLEY – ABRABARRO NEGRO – LEYMEBAMBA TOWN

Early departure from Celendin Town in order to get our Target Birds, we had a great day with very good birds and Endemics along this amazing road. We could also enjoy the special Marañon River and its Valley plus the high Andean mountains going across the north-central Andes. Our picnic lunch was facing the mountains and the elfin forest along this route, ending up in a beautiful little town called Leymebamba.

## BIRDS OF THE DAY:

Cool Endemic birds like *Buff Bridle Inca Finch*, *Yellow Faced Parrotlet*, *Coppery Metaltail*, and *Russet Mantled Softail*. Some more birds like *Marañon Pigeon*, *Marañon Thrush*, *Scarlet Fronted Parakeet*, *Masked Yellowthroat*, *Lesser Goldfinch*, *Purple Throated Euphonia*, *Bare-Faced Ground-Dove*, *White Tipped Swift*, *White Collared Swift*, *Bran Colored Flycatcher*, *Spot Throated Hummingbird*, *Andean Emerald*, *Chesnut Breasted Coronet*, *White-Sided Flowerpiercer*, *Blue and Black Tanager*, *Silver backed Tanager*, *Green Tailed Trainbearer*, *Shapphire Vented Puffleg*, *Shining Sunbeam*, *Streak Throated Bush Tyrant*, and *Speckle Hummingbird*.

## SEPTEMBER 21<sup>TH</sup>, LEYMEBAMBA – ATUEN RIVER – UTCUBAMBA RIVER – CHACHAPOYAS CITY



We birded along Atuen River for some bird specialties and try to see the Condors that inhabit the Auten Canyon. Nice morning with a little rain but we could see what we wanted to see, then we head to our next destination and on the way, we did many birds stop getting the last specialties before reach Chachapoyas City. Once at Chachapoyas we had time to visit El Mirador de Huanca, a nice place to see some extra birds and have a great view of the Utcubamba River and the Canyon.

### BIRDS OF THE DAY:

The endemic *Large Footed Tapaculo* and the special *Marañon Crescentchest*. Some others like *White Bellied Hummingbird*, *Torrent Tyrannulet*, *White Capped Dipper*, *Buff Bellied Tanager*, *Sierran Elaenia*, *Chesnut Crowned Antpitta*, *White Banded Tyrannulet*, *Capped Conebill*, *Montane Woodcreeper*, *Mitred Parakeet*, *Citrine Warbler*, *Slaty Backed Chat-Tyrant*, *Torrent Duck*, *Blue*, and *Yellow Tanager*, *fasciated Tiger-Heron*, *Andean Condor*.



## SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>, VISIT TO THE KUELAP AND CHACHAPOYAS CIVILIZATION

This was an easy day and relaxing time learning about this interesting Pre-Inca Civilization. We started at 8:00 am, after a nice breakfast in our Hotel to then go for 01 hour to the cable car station and have a nice cultural experience given by a local guide. We spent nice hours walking on the ruins and learning about this magical place and of course, we managed to see some birds as we move. We had some nice lunch facing the Valley and went back to our hotel late in the afternoon. Few birds but nice time, *Purple Throated Sunangel*, *Rainbow Startfronlet*, *Masked Flowerpiercer*.

## SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, SAN LORENZO TRAIL – HUEMBO LODGE



We left Chachapoyas City early in the morning in order to do a tiring but very nice bird spot, San Lorenzo Trail. 02 hours driving to then start a beautiful walk facing the Pomacochas Lake and nice valley around, our target was one more endemic and some good birds that move along this special area. The day was a little rainy but we could get the birds we were looking for, we have a nice morning walking the highest part of this route and had very good findings.

### BIRDS OF THE DAY:

The endemics *Pale Billed Antpitta* & *Marvelous Spatuletail*. Some others like *Gray Breasted Mountain-Toucan*, *Grass Green Tanager*, *White-Sided Flowerpiercer*, *Spectacled Whitestart*, *Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager*, *Blue Capped Tanager*, *Mountain Velvetbreast*, *Tyrian Metaltail*, *Collared Inca*, *Long-Tailed Sylph*, *Superciliated Hemispingus*, *Mountain Wren*, *Rufous Browed Peppershrike*, *Speckle Breasted Wren*, *Sickle Winged Guan*, *Bronzy Inca*, *Andean Emerald*, *Chesnut Breasted Coronet*, *Violet Fronted Brilliant*, *Tropical Parula*, *Scaly naped Parrot*, *Lesser Violetear*, *Rufous Breasted Chat-Tyrant*.

## SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, HUEMBO LODGE – ALTO NIEVA LODGE

We had a nice early breakfast to then continue with our bird trip, but before we went for a walk to one of the main trails around the lodge, getting some cool birds and nice little mix flock. On the way to the next place, we caught heavy rain that did not let us bird on the way, so we just drove straight to the next place arriving with some little rain. The rest of the afternoon, we spent it by the many feeders that are just around the property with many hummingbirds.

### BIRDS OF THE DAY:

*Greenish Puffleg*, *Fawn Breasted Brilliant*, *Andean Cock of the Rock*, *Little Woodstar*, *Lesser Elaenia*, *Buff Browed Foliage Gleaner*, *Golden Rumped Euphonia*, *Blue-Winged Mountain-Tanager*, *Azara's Spinetail*, *Black Faced Tanager*, *Peruvian Raquetail*, *Amethys Throated Sunangel*, *White-Bellied Woodstar*, *Cinnamon Screech Owl*, *Slaty Capped Flycatcher*, *Slate Throated Whitestart*, *Sharp-Shinned Hawk*, *Blue Capped Tanager*, *Pale Edge Flycatcher*, *Chesnut Capped Brush-Finch*, *Emerald Bellied Puffleg*, *Western Wood-Pewee*, *Mottle Checked Tyrannulet*, *Brown Capped Vireo*.

## SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, ALTO NIEVA FULL DAY – HUMMINGBIRDS & ANTPITTAS FEDEERS

Nice day spent around the property visiting the trails and feeders around and at the same time enjoying the feeders that are just by the lodge. We also had the chance to go and fed the Antpittas, getting them close enough to get some cool shots. Later at night, we tried the special Owlet and others.

## BIRDS OF THE DAY:

The endemics *Rusty Tinged Antpitta*, *Speckle-Chested Piculet*, *Rufous Vented Tapaculo*, *Ochre Fronted Antpitta*, *Lulu's Tody-Flycatcher* and the special *Long Whiskered Owlet*. Some others like *Cinnamon Breasted Tody-Tyrant*, *Bar Winged Wood Wren*, *Golden Headed Quetzal*, *Rufous Banded Owl*, *Ecuadorian Piedtail*, *Green Hermit*, *White Winged Tanager*, *Bay Headed Tanager*, *Three Striped Warbler*, *Oranged Bellied Euphonia*, *Blackish Antbird*, *Royal Sunangel*, *Versicolored Barbet*, *Yellow Throated Tanager*, *Smoke Colored Pewee*, *Barred Parakeet*, *Red-Billed Parrot*, *Spotted Tanager*, *Blue Necked Tanager*, *Saffron Tanager*, *Yellow Throated Chlorospingus*, *Collared Trogon*, *Fork Tailed Woodnymph*, *Yellow Breasted Antwren*, *Montane Foliage Gleaner*, *Streak Headed Antbird*, *Chesnut Breasted Wren*.



### OCHRE FRONTED ANTPITTA - ENDEMIC FROM SMALL SECTION ALONG THE NORTHERN ROUTE



### SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, ALTO NIEVA - ARENA BLANCA RESERVE - MORRO CALZADA (MOYOBAMBA CITY)

Early departure to another beautiful bird spot at only 02 hours from Alto Nieva Lodge, this place has a variety of Hummingbirds and other birds visiting the area. Here we also had the chance of getting some Tinamous and other special birds since the area has a Tinamou feeder and a nice habitat for other birds. Then, we continued with our driving until we reached Morro de Calzada, a very interesting place with a very challenging walk to the top of a singular rocky mountain standing in the plains of the Alto Mayo forest.

## **BIRDS OF THE DAY:**

The Endemics *Huallaga Tanager* and *Mishana Tyrannulet*. Some other good birds like *Lesser Elaenia*, *Rufous Tailed Tyrant*, *Gray Breasted Martin*, *Orange Billed Sparrow*, *Little Tinamou*, *White Crested Thorntail*, *Masked Tanager*, *Yellow-Bellied Tanager*, *Gilded Barbet*, *Lesser Kiskidae*, *Striated Heron*, *Black Caracara*, *Thick Billed Euphonia*, *Cobalt Winged Parakeet*, *White Lined Tanager*, *Guira Tanager*, *Piratic Flycatcher*, *Tropical Parula*, *Scaly Breasted Wren*, *Swallow Tanager*, *Tropical Screech-Owl*, *Yellow-Crowned Tyrannulet*, *Thrush Like Wren*, *Brown Violetear*, *Rufous Crested Coquette*, *Wire Crested Thorntail*, *Paradise Tanager*, *Maggie Tanager*, *Black Faced Dacnis*, *Blue Dacnis*, *Yellow Olive Flycatcher*, *Great Antshrike*, *Social Flycatcher*, *White Necked Jacobin*.



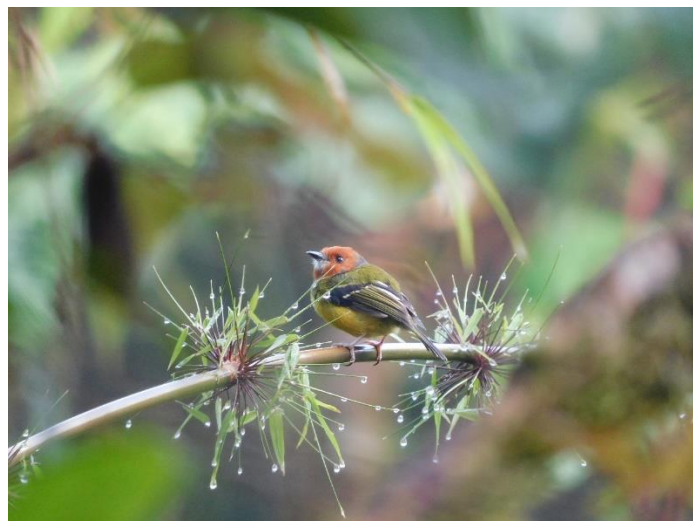
## **SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, MOYOBAMBA - PUENTE QUISCARRUMI - TARAPOTO CITY - ACONABICK CENTER**

Another early driving to then have a nice stop by the Quiscarrumi Bridge for the special Oilbirds, after this perfect stop we continued until we finally stop at Cordillera Escalera, a good place for some specialties in the northern hilly forest. Finally, we arrive at this new place called ACONABICK, the best place known for the endemic Hermit and others specialties. Once we got all the birds we wanted, we then moved to Tarapoto airport to take the plane back to Lima.

## **BIRDS OF THE DAY:**

The endemic *Koepke's Hermit* and some other cool birds like *Golden Headed Manakin*, *Oilbird*, *Dotted Tanager*, *Plumbeous Euphonia*, *Cliff Flycatcher*, *Ivory Aracari*, *Chesnut Eared Aracari*, *Curl Crested Aracari*, *Yellow Backed Tanager*, *Black Faced Antbird*, *Black-Throated Mango*, *Fiery Capped Manakin*, *Crested Owl*, *Goul'd Jewelfront*, *Swallow-Tailed Kite*, *Rufous Bellied Euphonia*, *Cinereous Tinamou*.

## **LULU'S TODY FLYCATCHER - ENDEMIC FROM SMALL SECTION ALONG THE NORTHERN ROUTE**





## SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, SANTA EULALIA CANYON FULL DAY



Beautiful sunny day with very nice birds and endemics along this famous birding site. We started early in the morning in order to cover this magical canyon at only 02 hours from Lima. Breakfast and lunch were taken along the road and once we could get the wanted birds we headed back to Lima. This canyon is the closest area to see the Central Andes in Peru, a good place for birds and landscapes.

### **BIRDS OF THE DAY:**

The endemics *White Bellied Cinclodes*, *Dark Winged Miner*, *Bronze Tailed Comet*, *Rusty Crowned Tit Spinetail*, *Great Inca Finch*, and *White Cheeked Cotinga*. Some more good birds like *Buff Breasted Earthcreeper*, *Black Siskin*, *Torrent Duck*, *Andean Swift*, *Giant Hummingbird*, *Peruvian Sierra Finch*, *Ash Breasted Sierra Finch*, *Black Winged Ground-Dove*, *Greenish Yellow Finch*, *Mourning Sierra Finch*, *Andean Gull*, *Gray Breasted Seedsnipe*, *White Winged Diuca Finch*, *Andean Goose*, *Scrub Blackbird*, *Crested Duck*, *Slender Billed Miner*.

## SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, ICA CITY – SEA BIRDS

We decided to end up this trip with a nice stay and relax at Viñas Queirolo Hotel, Nice winery place located at 03 hours away from Lima City. We started around 9:00 am to then move along the Panamerican Highway heading south, on the way, we did some quick stops to check some interesting beaches and increase our bird list. Being lucky that day we could see some really nice species as we move south ending up in Ica City for our lunch. After that, we finally arrive at our hotel where we had a very interesting wine tasting day and enjoy the afternoon around this beautiful place.

### **BIRDS OF THE DAY:**

The endemic *Peruvian Sea Sided Cinclodes* and the near-endemic *Coastal Miner*. Some others like *Gray Hooded Gull*, *Stilt Sandpiper*, *Western Sandpiper*, *Gray Gull*, *Wimbrel*, *American Oystercatcher*, *Inca Tern*, *Red-Legged Cormorant*, *Black-Necked Stilt*, *Short-Tailed Field Tyrant*, *Oasis Hummingbird*, *Harris Hawk*, *White Cheeked Pintail*, *Cinnamon Teal*, *Chilean Flamingo*, *Belcher's Gull*, *Peruvian Pelican*.

## SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, LIMA CITY TOUR

Our last day we just spent the day learning about Lima and its culture, this City Tour we spent it with a local guide and move to different places around Lima, archeological and the Old Lima or Colonial Lima.

**MIGUEL (DRIVER), ANNAE, MICHEL & ME - ON THE WAY TO  
KUELAP - CHACHAPOYAS CITY**

