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## KEYS FOR THIS LIST

\* = heard only, I = introduced, E = endemic, C = Colombia endemic

## BIRDS

### Tinamidae (Tinamous)

**LITTLE TINAMOU** (*Crypturellus soui*) A single bird, seen only by Janie, crossing El Dorado Road. Heard by all at other times.

### Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

**BLUE-WINGED TEAL** (*Anas discors*) – Large numbers of birds (hundreds) in the marshes at Isla Salamanca and then in the seaside lagoons between Santa Marta and Barraquilla.

**WHITE-CHEEKED PINTAIL** (*Anas bahamensis*) – Six individuals in the open lagoons as we returned to Barranquilla.

### Cracidae (Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows)

**CHESTNUT-WINGED CHACHALACA** (*Ortalis garrula*) – Good looks at an active group in the trees at Vale near Santa Marta. [E]

**RUFOUS-VENTED CHACHALACA** (*Ortalis ruficauda*) A band along a rural road near Riohacha, active in the trees and soaring across the road.

**BAND-TAILED GUAN** (*Penelope argyrotis*) – Heard frequently at El Dorado Lodge, and seen in the surrounding forest. Big excitement when a wild guan challenged the tamed young male who makes himself at home in the lodge dining hall and kitchen.

**SICKLE-WINGED GUAN** (*Chamaepetes goudotii*) – Seen often on El Dorado Road and on the trails near the lodge. One, very close to us on the trail, scurried madly up a steeply-angled fallen tree and then launched itself into a glide from the top. We could not help thinking of speculation that early feathered “birds” used this method to begin what became true powered flight later.

### Odontophoridae (New World Quail)

**BLACK-FRONTED WOOD-QUAIL** (*Odontophorus atrifrons*) – We were very lucky to have excellent views of and to photograph three quail as they briefly fed at compost pile at the lodge, and then wandered back into the forest. Heard but not seen on subsequent days in the same area. {Vulnerable} [C]

### Phoenicopteridae (Flamingos)

**AMERICAN FLAMINGO** (*Phoenicopus ruber*) – One distant, very brightly colored feeding bird, well seen in the scope.

### Fregatidae (Frigatebirds)

**MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD** (*Fregata magnificens*) – Several birds, mostly immatures, at Pueblo Viejo where we had lunch.

### Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)

**NEOTROPIC CORMORANT** (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) Seen at Pueblo Viejo and Barraquilla.

### Pelecanidae (Pelicans)

**BROWN PELICAN** (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) – Seen along the coast and at Camarones.

### Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

**COCOI HERON** (*Ardea cocoi*) – A few seen in the lagoons between Barraquilla and Santa Marta..

**GREAT EGRET** (*Ardea alba*) – Seen in huge numbers in the lagoons along the coast. In some place, hundreds of Great Egrets congregated in the shallow waters and in marshes.

**SNOWY EGRET** (*Egretta thula*) – Seen at Isla Salamanca, Camarones and the coastal lagoons.

**LITTLE BLUE HERON** (*Egretta caerulea*) – Scattering at Isla Salamanca and the coastal lagoons, and a few at Camarones.

**TRICOLORED HERON** (*Egretta tricolor*) – Present in small numbers at all coastal spots.

**REDDISH EGRET** (*Egretta rufescens*) – A single bird at Camarones.

**CATTLE EGRET** (*Bubulcus ibis*) – On several days in small numbers.

**STRIATED HERON** (*Butorides striata*) – Seen at Isla Salamanca, Camarones and scattered in other places along the coast, often with cattle of course.

**BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON** (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) – A single individual in the coastal lagoons.

*Threskiornithidae (Ibises and Spoonbills)*

**WHITE IBIS** (*Eudocimus albus*) – At Camarones only.

**SCARLET IBIS** (*Eudocimus ruber*) – A single distant but brilliant bird at Camarones.

**GLOSSY IBIS** (*Plegadis falcinellus*) – A few at Isla Salamanca.

**BARE-FACED IBIS** (*Phimosus infuscatus*) – Common in the seasonal wetlands of Isla Salamanca.

**ROSEATE SPOONBILL** (*Platalea ajaja*) – A couple at Camarones.

*Cathartidae (New World Vultures)*

**BLACK VULTURE** (*Coragyps atratus*) – Seen everywhere in the lowlands and in smaller numbers in the higher elevations. Seen every day of trip.

**TURKEY VULTURE** (*Cathartes aura*) – Also seen every day.

**LESSER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE** (*Cathartes burrovianus*) – A single bird in flight in the coastal marshes.

*Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)*

**SWALLOW-TAILED KITE** (*Elanoides forficatus*) – Seen in a lovely wet pasture area near Riohacha, late in the day.

**WHITE-TAILED KITE** (*Elanus leucurus*) – Seen at Isla Salamanca and Camarones.

**SNAIL KITE** (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*) – Large numbers, mostly females, in the seasonal wetlands on Isla Salamanca.

**BLACK-COLLARED HAWK** (*Busarellus nigricollis*) A single handsome adult perched eating a snail at Isla Salamanca, very well seen.

**HARRIS' HAWK** (*Parabuteo unicinctus*) – One briefly seen at Isla Salamanca.

**ROADSIDE HAWK** (*Buteo magnirostris*) – One perched bird near Minca.

**SHARP-SHINNED HAWK** (*Accipiter striatus ventralis*) – A single bird perched along El Dorado Road.

**GREY HAWK** (*Buteo nitidus*) – One in flight over the lower slopes near Minca.

*Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)*

**CRESTED CARACARA** (*Caracara cheriway*) – Common in coastal arid areas, especially near Riohacha.

**YELLOW-HEADED CARACARA** (*Milvago chimachima chimachima*) – Seen daily in the lowlands.

**AMERICAN KESTREL** (*Falco sparverius*) – One seen at Barranquilla Airport from the departure lounge.

*Limpkins (Aramidae)*

**LIMPKIN** (*Aramus guarauna*) – Several in a wet pastureland near Riohacha.

*Rallidae (Rails, Gallinules, and Coots)*

**PURPLE GALLINULE** (*Porphyrio martinica*) – A few seen at Isla Salamanca and then later at the Barranquilla marshes.

**COMMON MOORHEN** (*Gallinula chloropus*) – Ditto.

*Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)*

**SOUTHERN LAPWING** (*Vanellus chilensis*) – A few at Isla Salamanca.

**BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER** (*Pluvialis squatarola*) – A few seen at Camarones among other shorebirds.

*Recurvirostridae (Stilts and Avocets)*

**BLACK-NECKED STILT** (*Himantopus mexicanus*) – A few seen at Isla Salamanca, Camarones and in the coastal lagoons.

*Jacaniidae (Jacanas)*

**WATTLED JACANA** (*Jacana jacana*) – Common at Isla Salamanca and Camarones.

*Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)*

**SPOTTED SANDPIPER** (*Actitis macularius*) – Several. [b]

**SOLITARY SANDPIPER** (*Tringa solitaria*) – On pond edges at Isla Salamanca and Camarones.

**GREATER YELLOWLEGS** (*Tringa melanoleuca*) – In coastal marshes. [b]

**WILLET** (*Tringa semipalmata*) – Ditto. [b]

**LESSER YELLOWLEGS** (*Tringa flavipes*) – Ditto.

**WHIMBREL** (*Numenius phaeopus*) – A close group of twelve along the lagoon shore at Camarones. [b]

**SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER** (*Limnodromus griseus*) – A small flock feeding at Camarones.

**WESTERN SANDPIPER** (*Calidris mauri*) – Camrones, small numbers.

**LEAST SANDPIPER** (*Calidris mauri*) – Camrones, small numbers.

*Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)*

**LAUGHING GULL** (*Leucophaeus atricilla*) – The most common coastal gull.

**GULL-BILLED TERN** (*Gelochelidon nilotica*) – Singles on both visits to Camarones.

**CASPIAN TERN** (*Hydroprogne caspia*) – At Pueblo Viejo.

**COMMON TERN** (*Sterna hirundo*) – Single at Camarones.

**ROYAL TERN** (*Thalasseus maximus*) – At Pueblo Viejo and Camarones.

*Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)*

**ROCK PIGEON** (*Columba livia*) [I] – Camarones, near houses.

**SCALED PIGEON** (*Patagioenas speciosa*) – Single birds at Minca and later along the El Dorado Road.

**BARE-EYED PIGEON** (*Patagioenas corensis*) – This specialty of the arid Caribbean coast was fairly common and seen well near Riohacha.

**BAND-TAILED PIGEON (WHITE-NECKED)** (*Patagioenas fasciata albilinea*) – Seen once or twice on the San Lorenzo Ridge at higher elevations, in flight.

**COMMON GROUND-DOVE** (*Columbina passerina*) – At Isla Salamanca near houses, and at Camarones.

**RUDDY GROUND-DOVE** (*Columbina talpacoti*) – Near Riohacha, a few birds.

**SCALED DOVE** (*Columbina squammata*) – Several birds close by on the ground and then in trees in dry scrub near a village. Well seen and photographed.

**WHITE-TIPPED DOVE** (*Leptotila verreauxi*) – In flight views.

**LINED QUAIL-DOVE** (*Geotrygon linearis*) – [\*] Heard often along El Dorado Road.

*Psittacidae (Parrots)*

**BLUE-CROWNED PARAKEET** (*Aratinga acuticaudata*) A single bird along the El Dorado Road.

**SANTA MARTA PARAKEET** (*Pyrrhura viridicata*) – We waited patiently for these endangered endemics in the early morning chill on San Lorenzo Ridge. Heard, then saw a small band in flight, then had scope views of perched group. One fly over by about ten birds showed them in perfect light. [E]

**SCARLET-FRONTED PARAKEET** (*Aratinga wagleri wagleri*) – Seen and heard well at San Lorenzo Ridge.

**BROWN-THROATED PARAKEET** (*Aratinga pertinax*) – Our first view was a perched bird at the ranger station at Isla Salamanca, then these were seen again several times in the lowlands. Also seen from our hotel in urban Barranquilla.

**GREEN-RUMPED PARROTLET** (*Forpus passerinus*) – Great views of this neon green stunner in dry lowlands.

**ORANGE-CHINNED PARAKEET** (*Brotogeris jugularis*) – In flight in Minca.

**BLUE-HEADED PARROT** (*Pionus menstruus*) – Quick view near Riohacha.

**RED-BILLED PARROT** (*Pionus sordidus saturatus*) – This endemic subspecies was seen almost daily.

**SCALY-NAPED PARROT** (*Amazona mercenaria*) – In flight at San Lorenzo Ridge.

*Cuculidae (Cuckoos)*

**SQUIRREL CUCKOO** (*Piaya cayana*) – One in the dry brush at Tayrona.

**SMOOTH-BILLED ANI** (*Crotophaga ani*) – A small band in shrubbery near coastal lagoons outside of Barranquilla.

**GROOVE-BILLED ANI** (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*) – Seen often in coastal dry areas.

*Strigidae (Owls)*

{SANTA MARTA} **SCREECH-OWL SP. NOV.** (*Megascops* sp. nov.) – Quite a little expedition to see this probable but still un-named species. We had heard it during the early morning hours on our way to the ridge, but failed to call it in, possibly because a very vocal Mottled Owl was also in the area. Later in the day, in mid-afternoon, we heard it calling loudly and repeatedly from its day roost high above the road in very dense foliage. It took nearly an hour (and some acrobatic tree climbing by our driver) to locate the bird, and a rough scramble up the slope to get into position, but we all had great views of the roosting bird, and Edison photographed it. Also heard nightly near the lodge. [E].

**MOTTLED OWL** (*Ciccaba virgata*) – Only a few minutes of taping near the lodge brought close responses from two birds, one of which we drew in and got crippling eye-level views in the spotlight.

Apodidae (Swifts)

**WHITE-COLLARED SWIFT** (*Streptoprocne zonaris*) – Small flocks at Minca and at higher elevations.

**BAND-RUMPED SWIFT** (*Chaetura spinicaudus*) – Along El Dorado Road.

Trochilidae (Hummingbirds)

**WHITE-NECKED JACOBIN** (*Florisuga mellivora*) – Common at the feeders at Hotel Minca.

**RUFOUS-BREASTED HERMIT** (*Glaucis hirsutus*) – A single at Hotel Minca feeders.

**PALE-BELLIED HERMIT** (*Phaethornis anthophilus*) – Another singleton at Hotel Minca feeders.

**SOOTY-CAPPED HERMIT** (*Phaethornis augusti*) – Very well seen – a very close perched bird along the trail at Tayrona National Park.

**LONG-BILLED HERMIT (WESTERN)** (*Phaethornis longirostris*) – Along El Dorado Road.

**BROWN VIOLETEAR** (*Colibri delphinae*) – One visited the El Dorado feeders on two days; great views.

**GREEN VIOLETEAR** (*Colibri thalassinus*) – Abundant at the lodge feeders. Great opportunities to really get to know this bird; very aggressive little thug!

**BLACK-THROATED MANGO** (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*) – Good views at the Hotel Minca feeders.

**BLOSSOMCROWN** (*Anthocephala floriceps*) – Patient waiting at La Tienda – the local market and disco along El Dorado Road – gave us great views of this little gem feeding in the masses of flowers. He didn't seem to mind the ear-blasting music or the soap operas blaring from Senora's television at all! "Vulnerable." (Endemic to Colombia, it is not endemic to Santa Marta). [E]

**BLACK-BACKED THORNBILL** (*Ramphomicron dorsale*) – A single, apparently not quite mature male was a daily visitor to the El Dorado feeders. Its gorget showed more yellow than green, and it was still quite scruffy and grayish in the head.

**TYRIAN METALTAIL** (*Metallura tyrianthina districta*) – Seen only a few times at the El Dorado feeders.

**WHITE-TAILED STARFRONTLET** (*Coeligena phalerata*) – This incredible creature was the favorite stakeout target of several photographers at El Dorado Lodge. It has a regular resting perch in the forest edge, and made frantic forays to the feeders. [E]

**SANTA MARTA WOODSTAR** (*Chaetocercus astreans*) – We tried at flowers and feeders with no luck, but finally had great views along the El Dorado Road at perched and foraging individuals. A real cutie well worth the hunt. The male seems more to float than fly among the blossoms.

**RED-BILLED EMERALD** (*Chlorostilbon gibsoni nitens*) – Male and female emeralds around Camarones near Riohacha

**COPPERY EMERALD** (*Chlorostilbon russatus*) – A singleton seen at two different visits to the flowers at La Tienda along the El Dorado Road.

**WHITE-VENTED PLUMELETEER** (*Chalybura buffonii*) – Easy to see at Hotel Minca feeders.

**VIOLET-CROWNED WOODNYMPH** (*Thalurania colombica*) – Lots of time to study this gorgeous stunner at the El Dorado feeders. Even the females, with their misty turquoise, are gems.

**BUFFY HUMMINGBIRD** (*Leucippus fallax*) – Good views of this dry scrub specialist near Riohacha.

**SAPPHIRE-BELLIED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Lepidopyga lilliae*) – Great but quick view of one bird at the ranger headquarters at Isla Salamanca.

**WHITE-CHINNED SAPPHIRE** (*Hylocharis syanus*) – Another quick look!

**STEELY-VENTED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Amazilia saucerrottei*) – Common at Hotel Minca feeders.

**RUFOUS-TAILED HUMMINGBIRD** (*Amazilia tzacatl*) — Seen at several places in the lowlands, including Camarones, then at Minca and Tayrona.

**SHINING-GREEN HUMMINGBIRD** (*Lepidopyga goudoti*) – At Tayrona.

Trogonidae (Trogons)

**WHITE-TIPPED QUETZAL** (*Pharomachrus fulgidus*) – We saw this bird every day that we were at El Dorado, either near the lodge, along the road or along the lodge trails. One of the highlights of the trip was watching in awe from a lodge trail as a pair mated numerous times, calling and perching, slamming into each other in the air with a clattering clash of feathers.

**MASKED TROGON** (*Trogon personatus sanctaemartae*) – Great views several times.

Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)

**RINGED KINGFISHER** (*Megaceryle torquata*) – Close encounters at the ponds at Isla Salamanca.

**GREEN KINGFISHER** (*Chloroceryle americana*) – Ditto.

Bucconidae (Puffbirds)

**RUSSET-THROATED PUFFBIRD** (*Hypnelus ruficollis*) – Several seen at Isla Salamanca, including one only a few feet above our heads who sat patiently as we admired and photographed it.

**PIED PUFFBIRD** (*Notharchus tectus*) – A pair, close to the wooded trail at Isla Salamanca.

Galbulidae (Jacamars)

**RUFOUS-TAILED JACAMAR** (*Galbula ruficauda*) – Seen along El Dorado Road and then at Tayrona.

Ramphastidae (Toucans)

**EMERALD TOUCANET (SANTA MARTA)** (*Aulacorhynchus prasinus lautus*) – Seen well along El Dorado Road and at the lodge; good to see, as this is a candidate to split into a distinct Santa Marta species.

**GROOVE-BILLED TOUCANET** (*Aulacorhynchus sulcatus calorhynchus*) – Good but distant views once or twice in the highlands.

**KEEL-BILLED TOUCAN** (*Ramphastos sulfuratus*) – As usual with toucans, frequent views in flight or distantly perched in the highlands.

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

**CHESTNUT PICULET** (*Picumnus cinnamomeus*) – Well seen at close range in low trees at Isla Salamanca and then later in dry scrub near Camarones.

**RED-CROWNED WOODPECKER** (*Melanerpes rubricapillus*) – Seen very well at Isla Salamanca.

**RED-RUMPED WOODPECKER** (*Veniliornis kirkii*) – [\*]

**GOLDEN-GREEN WOODPECKER** (*Piculus chrysochloros xanthochlorus*) – We saw a pair working a nest and apparently feeding young at Isla Salamanca. Also seen later in the highlands. Brilliant coloring.

**GOLDEN-OLIVE WOODPECKER** (*Colaptes rubiginosus*) – Seen along the El Dorado Road.

**SPOT-BREASTED WOODPECKER** (*Colaptes punctigula*) – At Isla Salamanca.

**LINEATED WOODPECKER** (*Dryocopus lineatus*) – A pair very well seen on open snags in middle elevations.

Furnariidae (Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers)

**GRAY-THROATED LEAFTOSSER** (*Sclerurus albigularis*) – Two very good chances to study this eponymous character tossing his leaves with great intent in the forest. Once down a slope from the road, once on a lodge trail. It called constantly as it tossed.

**PALE-LEGGED HORNERO (CARIBBEAN)** (*Furnarius leucopus longirostris*) – What is a South American trip without its hornero? Seen near Riohacha.

**PALE-BREASTED SPINETAIL** (*Synallaxis albescens*) – In dry scrub near Riohacha.

**RUSTY-HEADED SPINETAIL** (*Synallaxis fuscorufa*) – Surprisingly good and frequent looks at San Lorenzo Ridge.

**WHITE-WHISKERED SPINETAIL** (*Synallaxis candei*) – Working on a tangled nest off a rural rd in the coastal scrublands.

**STREAK-CAPPED SPINETAIL** (*Cranioleuca hellmayri*) – Heard and then seen at San Lorenzo Ridge and along the road, where a pair was feeding young.

**YELLOW-CHINNED SPINETAIL** (*Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*) – A few accommodating individuals near the ponds at Isla Salamanca.

**SPOTTED BARBTAIL** (*Premnoplex brunnescens*) Study-worthy views of a very showy fellow in a mixed flock along the El Dorado Road. He carefully gleaned along the mossy roots and twigs.

**MONTANE FOLIAGE-GLEANER** (*Anabacerthia striaticollis*) – Seen frequently along El Dorado Road in all mixed flocks.

**SANTA MARTA FOLIAGE-GLEANER** (*Automolus rufipectus*) – Worked hard for this skulking endemic along a forest trail at middle elevation. We had to be satisfied with several partial views cobbled together to make a whole bird, and with several trail fly-overs as the bird teased and tormented us to find it.

**PLAIN XENOPS** (*Xenops minutus*) – One or two seen, at El Dorado and Tayrona.

**STREAKED XENOPS** (*Xenops rutilans*) – One along El Dorado Road.

**PLAIN-BROWN WOODCREEPER** (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*) – Seen once along the El Dorado Road.

**STRONG-BILLED WOODCREEPER** (*Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus*) – [\*]

**BLACK-BANDED WOODCREEPER** (*Dendrocolaptes picumnus*) – [\*] We like to think we would have seen it had we not been distracted by an antpitta!

**STRAIGHT-BILLED WOODCREEPER** (*Dendroplex picus*) – Just one at Isla Salamanca.

**MONTANE WOODCREEPER** (*Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger*) – Seen most days along El Dorado Road.

Thamnophilidae (Typical Antbirds)

**BLACK-CRESTED ANTSHRIKE** (*Sakesphorus canadensis*) – Well seen at Isla Salamanca (all males) and then both sexes near Camarones.

**BLACK-BACKED ANTSHRIKE** (*Thamnophilus melanonotus*) – Sometimes you just have to be patient. A skulker who did not want to come out of the thicket at middle elevations.

**WHITE-FRINGED ANTWREN** (*Formicivora grisea*) – A smart little bird in dry forest near Camarones.

**WHITE-BELLIED ANTBIRD** (*Myrmeciza longipes*) – A very vocal bird at Tayrona, obviously interested when we called but playing coy until we finally got decent looks.

*Grallariidae (Antpittas)*

**SANTA MARTA ANTPITTA** (*Grallaria bangsi*) – Heard every day at El Dorado, and seen nicely at the compost pile. Her name is Monica, by the way!

**RUFOUS ANTPITTA** (*Grallaria rufula spatiator*) – [\*]

**RUSTY-BREASTED ANTPITTA** (*Grallaricula ferrugineipectus ferrugineipectus*) – I don't think I've seen a bird with a more startled look on its face than this individual who was minding his own business just below the edge of the El Dorado Road when we, looking for a calling Black-banded Woodcreeper, happened to peer right down on him only a foot away. Of course, he dashed away but continued to call and was then seen by the rest of our group.

*Rhinocryptidae (Tapaculos)*

**SANTA MARTA TAPACULO** (*Scytalopus sanctaemartae*) – Excellent views – if speedy – along El Dorado Road. It paused briefly in a shaft of sunlight for us to admire. [E]

**BROWN-RUMPED TAPACULO** (*Scytalopus latebricola*) – Again, well but briefly seen by all, along San Lorenzo Ridge. [E]

*Tyrannidae (Tyrant Flycatchers)*

**SOUTHERN BEARDLESS-TYRANNULET** (*Camptostoma obsoletum*) – A singleton near Camarones.

**WHITE-THROATED TYRANNULET** (*Mecocerculus leucophrys*) – Well seen and photographed on San Lorenzo ridge.

**YELLOW-CROWNED TYRANNULET** (*Tyrannulus elatus*) – In the trees at the overlook in Minca, seen and heard well.

**GREENISH ELAENIA** (*Myiopagis viridicata*) – In a mixed flock at Tayrona NP.

**YELLOW-BELLIED ELAENIA** (*Elaenia flavogaster*) – In Minca.

**MOUNTAIN ELAENIA** (*Elaenia frantzii*) – Seen at several location along the El Dorado Road at middle and higher elevations, including the ridge.

**SIERRAN ELAENIA** (*Elaenia pallatangae*) – Seen at middle elevations on El Dorado Road.

**OLIVE-STRIPED FLYCATCHER** (*Mionectes olivaceus*) – Seen each day at middle and higher elevations,

**SOOTY-HEADED TYRANNULET** (*Phyllomyias griseiceps*) – One at Minca,

**NORTHERN SCRUB-FLYCATCHER** (*Sublegatus arenarum*) – Briefly but well seen flycatching above the path at Isla Salamanca.

**SLENDER-BILLED TYRANNULET** (*Inezia tenuirostris*) – Well seen in the dry woodlands near Riohacha.

**PALE-EYED PYGMY-TYRANT** (*Atalotriccus pilaris*) – Seen in Minca and again at Tayrona.

**PEARLY-VENTED TODY-TYRANT** (*Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer*) – Nondescript but well seen in dry woodland scrub near Camarones.

**BLACK-THROATED TODY-TYRANT** (*Hemitriccus granadensis*) – At San Lorenzo Subspecies: lehmani.

**YELLOW-OLIVE FLYCATCHER (SANTA MARTA)** (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens exortivus*) – Formerly Yellow-Olive Flatbill, seen well enough at Tayrona to study the flat bill.

**CINNAMON FLYCATCHER** (*Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus assimilis*) – Seen every day on El Dorado Road; it seemed to be waiting to greet us whenever we returned to the lodge. In fact, it was nesting under the eaves of the front door!

**TROPICAL PEWEE** (*Contopus cinereus*) – A couple near Minca,

**VERMILION FLYCATCHER** (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*) – A few at Isla Salamanca and in the arid Guajira region, and a pair in the lovely wet pastures near Riohacha.

**SANTA MARTA BUSH-TYRANT** (*Myiotheretes pernix*) – Well seen singing from a tall pine along San Lorenzo Ridge. [E]

**PIED WATER-TYRANT** (*Fluvicola pica*) – A few very active birds at Isla Salamanca.

**WHITE-HEADED MARSH TYRANT** (*Arundinicola leucocephala*) – Working the cattle enclosure by the marshes at Isla Salamanca..

**YELLOW-BELLIED CHAT-TYRANT** (*Ochthoeca diadema*) – San Lorenzo Ridge.

**CATTLE TYRANT** (*Machetornis rixosa*) – At Isla Salamanca and Camarones (where the bird hunted on the ground below the palms close to where we were having lunch).

**DUSKY-CAPPED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*) – Along El Dorado Road at middle elevation.

**PANAMA FLYCATCHER** (*Myiarchus panamensis*) – Heard and seen well at Camarones and Minca, and then again at Tayrona.

**BROWN-CRESTED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*) – At Minca.

**GREAT KISKADEE** (*Pitangus sulphuratus*) – Common and noisy in lowlands.

**BOAT-BILLED FLYCATCHER** (*Megarynchus pitangua*) – One at the overlook at Minca.

**SOCIAL FLYCATCHER** (*Myiozetetes similis*) – At Camarones and at the Minca overlook.

**GOLDEN-CROWNED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiodynastes chrysocephalus*) – Seen often around the lodge, including a noisy pair outside one of the cabins,

**STREAKED FLYCATCHER** (*Myiodynastes maculatus*) – Several around Minca.

**TROPICAL KINGBIRD** (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) – Widespread and seen every day in low elevations and at Tayrona.

**FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER** (*Tyrannus savanna*). A fairly distant bird, but well seen in the scope as it posed atop a shrub. A trip favorite for some!

**EASTERN KINGBIRD** (*Tyrannus tyrannus*) – A single bird seen by Peggy, at Minca overlook. It briefly perched and continued on its way.

**GRAY KINGBIRD** (*Tyrannus dominicensis*) – Seen at Isla Salamanca and Camarones.

#### *Cotingidae (Cotingas)*

**GOLDEN-BREASTED FRUITEATER** (*Pipreola aureopectus*) – A pair seen quietly working a tree at higher elevations; then others seen on the following two days.

#### *Pipridae (Manakins)*

**LANCE-TAILED MANAKIN** (*Chiroxiphia lanceolata*) – Several females well seen close to the trail at Tayrona.

#### *Tityridae (Tityras and Allies)*

**CINEREOUS BECARD** (*Pachyramphus rufus*) – A pair, seen in the tall trees at the overlook in Minca.

**CINNAMON BECARD** (*Pachyramphus cinnamomeus*) – A single male, seen in the same location as above.

#### *Vireonidae (Vireos)*

**RUFOUS-BROWED PEPPERSHRIKE** (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*) – Brief glimpse near Camarones.

**BROWN-CAPPED VIREO** (*Vireo leucophrys*) – Seen and heard every day along El Dorado Road.

**RED-EYED VIREO** (*Vireo olivaceus*) – A single bird at Minca. [b]

**SCRUB GREENLET** (*Hylophilus flavipes*) – Near Camarones.

**GOLDEN-FRONTED GREENLET** (*Hylophilus aurantiifrons*) – Seen at Minca and at Tayrona.

#### *Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)*

**BLACK-CHESTED JAY** (*Cyanocorax affinis*) – Seen at Minca from the hotel porch and then a few times a day at various locations throughout middle elevations. What an elegant-looking jay!

#### *Hirundinidae (Swallows)*

**SOUTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW** (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*) – A few at lower elevations.

**GRAY-BREASTED MARTIN** (*Progne chalybea*) Seen frequently in the lowlands and in urban Barranquilla.

**BARN SWALLOW** (*Hirundo rustica*) – A couple of individuals at Camarones. [b]

**WHITE-WINGED SWALLOW** (*Tachycineta albiventer*) – Isla Salamanca.

#### *Troglodytidae (Wrens)*

**STRIPE-BACKED WREN** (*Campylorhynchus nuchalis*) – We encountered several groups (families?) of these colonial nesters among the farm dwellings at the marshes at Isla Salamanca. A striking bird!

**BICOLORED WREN** (*Campylorhynchus griseus*) – Easily seen in lowlands and Minca, especially near houses. A pair was nesting in the faux-belfry of our hotel near Riohacha.

**RUFOUS-BREASTED WREN** (*Pheugopedius rutilus*) – Not the best look at this secretive bird when we first encountered it singing along the road just above Minca, but we had better views at Tayrona.

**RUFOUS-AND-WHITE WREN** (*Thryophilus rufalbus*) – This bird responded readily but would not come into the open for a good view. We had to be satisfied with piecemeal views assembled into a whole bird!

**BUFF-BREASTED WREN** (*Cantorchilus leucotis*) – Patience rewarded – after getting responses, we finally saw the bird well at Tayrona.

**HOUSE WREN (SOUTHERN)** (*Troglodytes aedon musculus*) – At Isla Salamanca and Minca. [N]

**GRAY-BREASTED WOOD-WREN** (*Henicorhina leucophrys*) – Not sure which subspecies – probably bangsi because of elevation?? Heard more often than seen.

#### *Poliophtilidae (Gnatcatchers)*

**LONG-BILLED GNATWREN** (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*) – Middle elevations.

**TROPICAL GNATCATCHER (TROPICAL)** (*Poliophtila plumbea plumbeiceps*) – Common and inquisitive in dry scrubland, always the first birds to respond to pygmy owl tapes.

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

**ORANGE-BILLED NIGHTINGALE-THRUSH** (*Catharus aurantiirostris*) – We spent some time trying to get a good view of one calling from deep in the roadside thicket.

**SLATY-BACKED NIGHTINGALE-THRUSH** (*Catharus fuscater*) – Well seen at the lodge compost pile.

**YELLOW-LEGGED THRUSH** (*Turdus flavipes*) – Brief encounters several days at mid elevations.

**PALE-BREASTED THRUSH** (*Turdus leucomelas*) – At Minca.

**CLAY-COLORED THRUSH** (*Turdus grayi*) – One, at Minca.

**BLACK-HOODED THRUSH** (*Turdus olivater*) – Seen on a couple of days in middle elevations.

**GREAT THRUSH** (*Turdus fuscater*) – Easy to see at San Lorenzo Ridge.

Mimidae (Mockingbirds and Thrashers)

**TROPICAL MOCKINGBIRD** (*Mimus gilvus*) – One seen in a settlement near Camarones.

Parulidae (New World Warblers)

**GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER** (*Vermivora chrysoptera*) Seen “by accident” when it popped into scope view as we were trying to get on another bird in broadleaf trees at middle elevation.

**TENNESSEE WARBLER** (*Oreothlypis peregrina*) – Perhaps the most frequently seen of “our” warblers. Quite common.

**TROPICAL PARULA** (*Parula pitiayumi*) – Seen at mid-elevations and Tayrona.

**YELLOW WARBLER (NORTHERN)** (*Dendroica petechia aestiva*) – Seen often in lowlands and Tayrona. [b]

**BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER** (*Dendroica fusca*) – Seen almost every day in mixed flocks, and at very close range outside lodge cabins. Brilliant plumage!

**BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER** (*Mniotilta varia*) – At Isla Salamanca.

**AMERICAN REDSTART** (*Setophaga ruticilla*) – Several seen, with only one male among sightings of several females.

**PROTHONOTARY WARBLER** (*Protonotaria citrea*) – Small number well seen among the ponds at Isla Salamanca

**NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH** (*Parkesia noveboracensis*) – Ditto – several well seen working the wet woods and water edges at Isla Salamanca.

**SLATE-THROATED REDSTART (WHITESTART)** (*Myioborus miniatus*) – Common in forest at middle elevations.

**YELLOW-FRONTED REDSTART (WHITESTART)** (*Myioborus flavivertex*) – Well seen several times along San Lorenzo Ridge, with small mixed flock. [E]

**WHITE-LORED WARBLER** (*Basileuterus conspicillatus*) – Well seen several times, from the ridge on down to middle elevations. It is considered "Near Threatened." [E]

**GOLDEN-CROWNED WARBLER** (*Basileuterus culicivorus*) – Seen by some of the group along the El Dorado Road.

**RUFOUS-CAPPED WARBLER** (*Basileuterus rufifrons*) – Seen just once along the road near Minca.

**SANTA MARTA WARBLER** (*Basileuterus basilicus*) – Well seen, quite close, on the San Lorenzo ridge. "Vulnerable." [E]

Coerebidae (Bananaquit)

**BANANAQUIT** (*Coereba flaveola*) – Small numbers in arid, coastal scrub.

Thraupidae (Tanagers and Allies)

**BICOLORED CONEBILL** (*Conirostrum bicolor*) – Isla Salamanca.

**WHITE-LINED TANAGER** (*Tachyphonus rufus*) – A male at Minca.

**CRIMSON-BACKED TANAGER** (*Ramphocelus dimidiatus*) – Seen several times near Minca and again at Tayrona.

**BLUE-GRAY TANAGER** (*Thraupis episcopus*) – Seen at lower and mid elevations and then at Tayrona.

**GLAUCOUS TANAGER** (*Thraupis glaucocolpa*) – A single bird in tall pines next to our hotel outside Riohacha. Luckily, good view of white belly as the bird foraged above us.

**PALM TANAGER** (*Thraupis palmarum*) – Seen several times at Minca and Tayrona.

**SANTA MARTA MOUNTAIN-TANAGER** (*Anisognathus melanogenys*) – Excellent views of this endemic on the ridge. Also called Black-cheeked Mountain-Tanager. [E]

**BAY-HEADED TANAGER** (*Tangara gyrola*) – This lovely bird was seen regularly in forests.

**BLACK-CAPPED TANAGER** (*Tangara heinei*) – A pair fed every day on the banana feeders at El Dorado Lodge.

**SWALLOW TANAGER** (*Tersina viridis*) – Often in pairs, seen frequently, admired and photographed.

**STREAKED SALTATOR** (*Saltator striatipectus*) – A single individual in roadside forest mid-elevation.

**GRAYISH SALTATOR** (*Saltator coerulescens*) – Seen at Isla Salamanca, Camarones and low elevations of El Dorado rd

**ORINOCAN SALTATOR** (*Saltator orenocensis*) – A group of three birds eating flowers from trees in dry scrub very close to us at Camarones.

**ROSY THRUSH-TANAGER** (*Rodinocichla rosea*) – A brief cameo of a skulking female along the road just above Minca.

**BUFF-THROATED SALTATOR** (*Saltator maximus*) – Seen near Minca and at Tayrona.

Emberizidae (Buntings, Sparrows and Allies)

**BLUE-BLACK GRASSQUIT** (*Volatinia jacarina*) – Seen in lowlands in grassy edges and fields.

**RUDDY-BREASTED SEEDEATER** (*Sporophila minuta*) – An actively feeding flock in wet pastures near Riohacha.

**BLACK-FACED GRASSQUIT** (*Tiaris bicolor*) – Near Minca.

**WHITE-SIDED FLOWERPIERCER** (*Diglossa albilatera*) – Seen daily in the orange flowers at the lodge; great opportunity to watch it do its flower-piercing thing.

**GOLDEN-WINGED SPARROW** (*Arremon schlegeli*) – Patience paid off in only brief views of this shy skulker, roadside above Minca.

**COLOMBIAN BRUSH-FINCH** (*Arremon torquatus basilicus*) – Well seen at the lodge as it patrolled near the compost pile. A split from Stripe-headed. [E]

**SANTA MARTA BRUSH-FINCH** (*Atlapetes melanocephalus*) – Common around the lodge and up on the ridge. These guys were busy eating moths attracted to the light at the lodge windows, and kept right at it as we walked past. [E]

**RUFOUS-COLLARED SPARROW** (*Zonotrichia capensis*) – A vigorous and melodic singer at the lodge.

Cardinalidae (Cardinals and Allies)

**SUMMER TANAGER** (*Piranga rubra*) – At Minca and Tayrona. [b]

**VERMILION CARDINAL** (*Cardinalis phoeniceus*) – A stunner, on the occasions the male gave us clear views. Pairs seen at several locations near Camarones.

**ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK** (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*) – Males and females seen at Minca from the overlook. [b]

Icteridae (Troupials and Allies)

**GREAT-TAILED GRACKLE** (*Quiscalus mexicanus*) – Common along the coast and in Barranquilla.

**CARIB GRACKLE** (*Quiscalus lugubris*) – First seen along the road at Camarones as we were teaching the local kids to bird, then a few at our beach-side restaurant.

**YELLOW-HOODED BLACKBIRD** (*Chrysomus icterocephalus*) – A small flock in the wet pastureland near Riohacha.

**RED-BREASTED BLACKBIRD** (*Sturnella militaris*) – A single bird well seen in the same area as Yellow-hooded, but on the other side of the road.

**SHINY COWBIRD** (*Molothrus bonariensis*) – At Isla Salamanca and Minca.

**GIANT COWBIRD** (*Molothrus oryzivorus*) – A single bird seen by some at Minca.

**YELLOW-BACKED ORIOLE** (*Icterus chrysater*) – One seen along El Dorado Road.

**ORANGE-CROWNED ORIOLE** (*Icterus auricapillus*) – At Minca and Tayrona.

**YELLOW ORIOLE** (*Icterus nigrogularis*) – In the trees near farm dwellings at the seasonal marshes at Isla Salamanca.

**CRESTED OROPENDOLA** (*Psarocolius decumanus*) – The colony at El Dorado Lodge provides hours of fun and entertainment. Seen frequently in the mountains.

Fringillidae (Siskins, Crossbills, and Allies)

**TRINIDAD EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia trinitatis*) – One near Camarones.

**THICK-BILLED EUPHONIA** (*Euphonia laniirostris*) – A few seen at Minca and then at Tayrona.

**BLUE-NAPED CHLOROPHONIA** (*Chlorophonia cyanea*) – Seen every day at the lodge as it came to the banana feeder. Neon colors – brilliant!

Totals for the tour: 265 bird taxa and 3 mammal taxa

## MAMMALS

**COTTON-TOP TAMARIN** (*Saguinus oedipus*) – Well seen and videoed at Tayrona.

**RED HOWLER MONKEY** (*Alouatta seniculus*) – Very distant, but such a welcome and evocative sound!

**RED-TAILED SQUIRREL** (*Sciurus granatensis*) – All over the place in the mountains.