

**Giant Hummingbird** 

## Ecuador 2023

A Heatherlea birding trip to the Andes and Amazonian (Napo River) regions of Ecuador but I also spent a lot of time on butterflies, moths, Orthoptera and other insects. Most lodges had banana and hummingbird feeders which were will utilised by the birds. I was the only one to spend time on tower at the Napo Lodge so got a few species the other did not!

I was very happy to see so many hummingbirds (Sword-billed in particular) and the various Tanagers were splendid too. We saw Andean Condor several times but no good photos of them I am afraid.

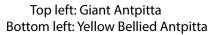
Torrent Duck was a target and we did find two pairs on the Cosanga River. Antpittas are also usually difficult to see but we had at least nine species (they are often baited with cut-up worms and so appear when their "feeder" calls them!). Overall a good trip and this book shows the range, but not all, of the birds seen.

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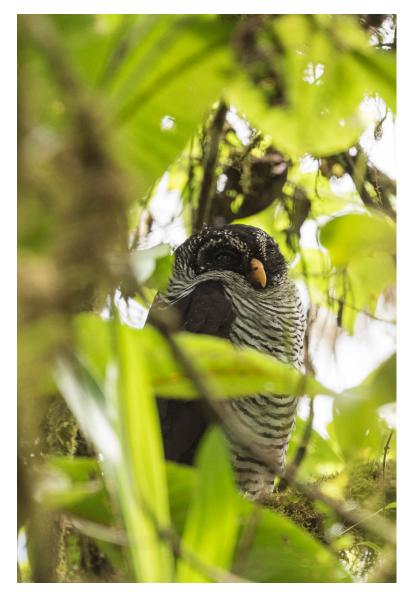






Top right: Tawny Antpitta Bottom right: Moustached Antpitta







Left: Black and White Owl

Right: Great Horned Owl







Top Left: Crested Caracara Top Right: San Isidros Owl Bottom: Strong-billed Woodcreeper





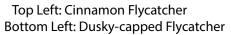


Top: Red-headed Barbet (Right: male, Left: female) Bottom: Toucan-Barbet









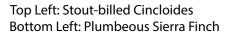


Top Right: Pale-edged Flycatcher Bottom Right: Masked Water Tyrant









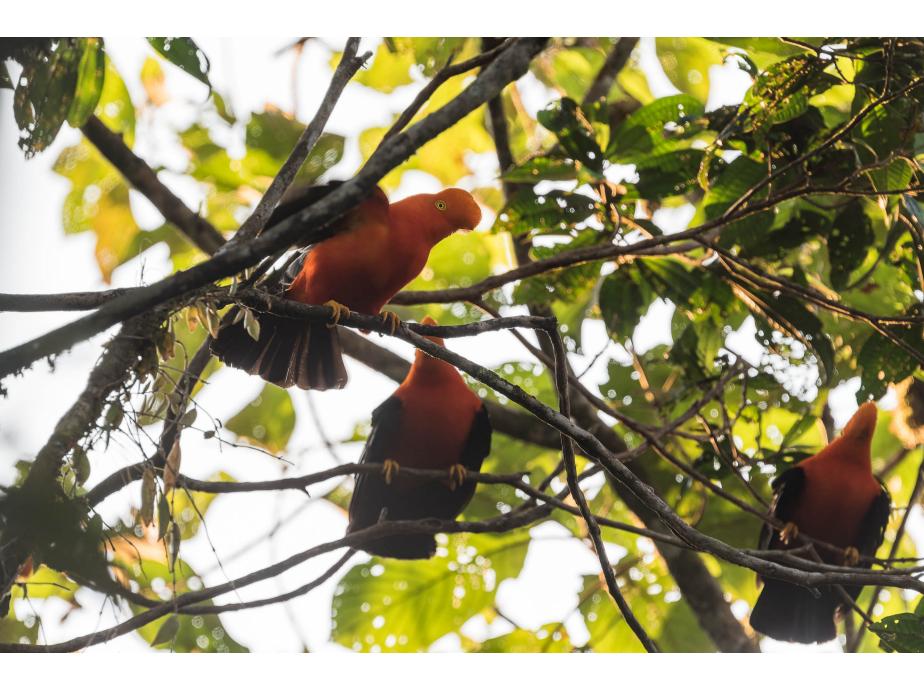


Top Right: Andean Tit-Spinetail Bottom Right: Andean Lapwing





Top: Military Macaw Bottom: Pink-cheeked Parrot



Cock of the Rock (Orange form of male)







Top: Cock of the Rock (Red form of male)

Bottom Left: Thick-billed Euphonia Bottom Right: Slatey-throated Redstart





Top: Turquiose Jay Bottom: Inca/Green Jay





Top: Many-banded Aracari Bottom: White-throated Toucan







Left and Top Right: Masked Trogon Bottom Right: Oilbird







Top: Rufous-bellied Oropendola Bottom Left: Swallow-winged Puffbird

Bottom Right: Hoatzin





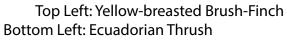


Top Left: Greater Ani Top Right: Sungrebe Bottom: Green and Rufous Kingfisher











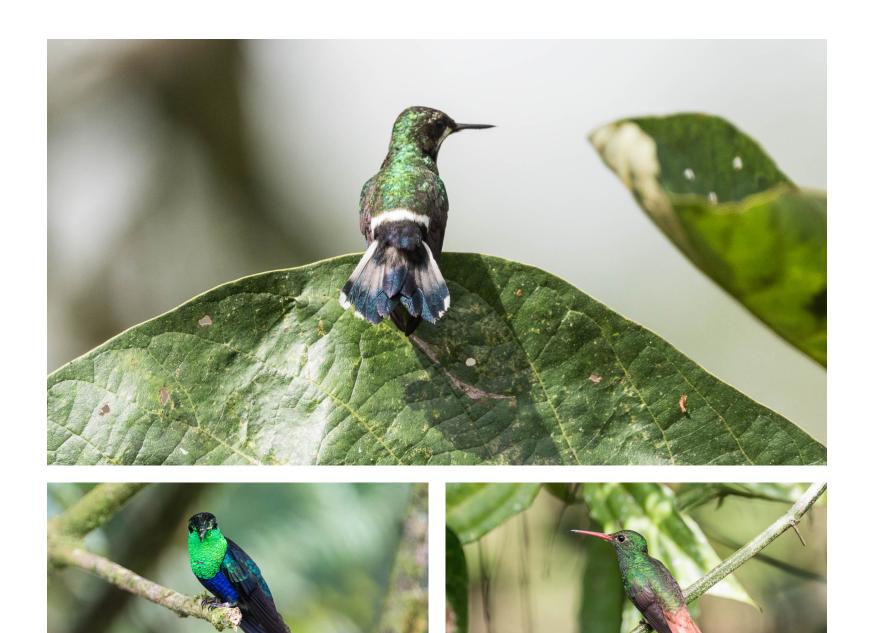
Top Right: Torrent Ducks Bottom Right: Rufous-Collared Sparrow







Top Left: Great Sapphirewing Top Right: Buff-winged Starfrontlet
Bottom: Sword-billed Hummingbird



Top: Green-Thorntail

Bottom Left: Fork-tailed Woodnymph

Bottom Right: Rufous-tailed Hummingbird





Left: Violet-tailed Slyph

Right: Long-tailed Slyph







Top: Collared Inca

Bottom Left: Purple-bibbed Whitetip

Bottom Right: Fawn Breasted Brilliant







Top Left: Purple-bibbed Whitetip Bottom Left: Purple-throated Woodstar

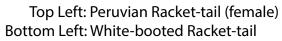


Top Right: Golden-tailed Sapphire Bottom Right: Gorgeted Woodstar











Top Right: Sparkling Violetear Bottom Right: Black-tailed Trainbearer







Top: Glossy Flowerpiercer

Bottom Right: Black Flowerpiercer

Bottom Left: Blue Dacnis







Top Left: Golden-naped Tanager

Top Right: Moss-backed Tanager

Bottom: Golden Tanager





Top: Blue-winged Mountain Tanager Bottom: Blue-Grey Tanager







Top Left: Opal Crowned Tanager Bottom Left: Rufous-throated Tanager



Top Right: Flame-faced Tanager Bottom Right: Glistening Green Tanager





Top: Scarlet-bellied Mountain Tanager Bottom: Flame-rumped Tanager