

# THE SANTA MARTA ENDEMIC SPECIAL TRIP REPORT

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Blue-naped Chlorophonia by Lelis Navarrete

A birding and nature trip to Colombia is a dream come true for many people. Most of the participants on this trip had already visited many other countries in South America. And only now times is Colombia's safety has improved to the point where traveling in Colombia is as safe as traveling through any other Latin-American country; many of our friends and customers are joining us in the wonderful experience of seeing the culture and birds in the country with the biggest number of bird species in the world.

It was a successful and uneventful trip where we manage to find 21 of the Colombian endemic bird species occurring in the Santa Marta Mountains. The following lines summarize our unforgettable experiences, read on and enjoy....

**Mar 3th.** The "three musketeers" arrived during the late afternoon and dedicated some time to explore some areas and find a fine restaurant for the first night in Cartagena. My flight from Quito was delayed due as usual unknown reason causing me to miss my connection in Bogotá. Avianca proved to be efficient to get me in Cartagena no later than 10:00 PM but my bag did not have the same luck. I went to rest and hope for the best and get my bag first time in the morning. I was told my bag will arrive midnight and that will be delivered to the hotel.

**Mar 4th.** Before the trip started I and the "musketeers" agreed that we will meet at the reception to start our trip at 6:30 AM. Since my bag didn't show up we changed our plans and had a regular seating breakfast and then went to the airport to look for my bag. When we arrived at the airport we found the good news that my bag DID arrived but it was been delivered to our hotel while we were speaking to the airline representatives. We went to chase my bag which was waiting for me at the hotel. Funny enough this was my first time and I



Russet-throated Puffbird

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hope the last time that my bag did not arrived in my 18 years of traveling throughout South America.

We left Cartagena with direction to Barranquilla making a couple stops along the way. One of the important ones was that while we were driving along the highway, Virgilio our driver and trip facilitator spotted a pair of **Chestnut-winged Chachalacas (E)** flying in front of the vehicle. He stopped on the spot allowing us to have some obscured views of our first Colombian endemic. We stopped in the outskirts of Barranquilla to have lunch along the shores of the Magdalena River. During the early afternoon we stopped near Barranquilla to find a pair of Stripe-backed Wren building a nest. We also stopped along the highway inside Parque Via Isla Salamanca to look for some water and sea birds. We drove towards Minca during the late afternoon arriving close to it on time to find a male Coppery Emerald at a close range and also Tropical Pewee, Long-billed

Gnatwren and Golden-winged Sparrow.

**Mar 5th.** We started the morning birding before breakfast near Minca finding Gray-headed and Hook-billed Kites then a group of at least 8 Military Macaws flew over Minca, we also found Scaled Piculet, White-bearded Manakin and Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant. After breakfast we started our drive ascending along the San Lorenzo ridge road. The various stops produced Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift, Black-throated Mango, White-vented Plumbeater, Cocoa Woodcreeper, Slaty Antwren, Rusty-breasted Antpitta, **Santa Marta Tapaculo (E)**, Rufous-breasted Wren, Rufous-and-white Wren, Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush, Black-chested Jay, **White-lored Warbler (E)**, and **Santa Marta Brush-Finch (E)** before arriving to the lodge. During the last hours of light we spend some time watching at the hummingbird feeders and birds near the lodge where we also went to look for the Antpitta feeding station finding Brown Violet-ear, Violet-crowned Woodnymph, Steely-vented Hummingbird, a female **White-tailed Starfrontlet (E)**. The **Santa Marta Antpitta (E)** was particularly shy but showed up before getting dark, while waiting for it we also had close up views of Black-throated Tody-Tyrant.

**Mar 6th.** The morning had us driving the San Lorenzo Ridge road in the dark. A stop before dawn failed on producing the Santa Marta Screech-Owl. Once we arrived at our birding destination and even before having our box breakfast we found **Santa Marta Parakeet (E)**. During the morning we were able to find **Rusty-headed Spinetail (E)**, **Brown-rumped Tapaculo (E)**, Black-capped Tyrannulet, Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush, Gray-breasted Wood-Wren, **Yellow-crowned Whitestart (E)** and **Santa Marta Warbler (E)**. Some of the birds for the rest of the morning were Scaly-naped Amazon, Mountain Velvetbreast, a male **White-tailed Starfrontlet (E)**, Tyrian Metaltail, White-tipped Quetzal, **Santa Marta Toucanet (E)**, Cinnamon



Flycatcher, Golden-breasted Fruiteater, **Santa Marta Mountain-Tanager (E) (Here in the left. Photo by L. Navarrete)**. After lunch we started our way birding down to the lodge where our goal was to see the Black-fronted Wood-Quails attending the compost. We didn't have to wait for long since almost immediately a pair was seen at a close range accompanied by a pair of **Colombian Brush-Finch (E)**. During the late afternoon as we walked along the road we were also able to find Masked Trogon, Yellow-billed Toucanet, Gray-throated Leaf-tosser, Montane Woodcreeper, Golden-breasted Fruiteater, Mountain Elaenia, Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant, Black-hooded Thrush, Blue-naped Chlorophonia.

**Mar 7th.** During the early morning we descended to one of the favored sites by **Blossomcrown (E)** and Santa Marta Woodstar, we had wonderful close up views of a male Blossomcrown. A couple of us had descent views of a female too. The woodstar proved not to be in the area for despite all our attempts we were not able to locate it. We remained birding in the lower section of the San Lorenzo ridge road just below El Dorado Reserve for the morning. Some of the other birds from the morning were Long-billed Hermit (AKA Western Long-tailed H.), a pair of Coppery Emeralds, Keel-billed Toucan, Golden-breasted Fruiteater and Black-headed Tanager.

During the afternoon we drove above the lodge to near the San Lorenzo Field Station with the goal of seeing the numerous Band-tailed Guans we heard singing before dawn. The Guans were performing allowing several and close up views. Right before dusk we managed to attract a singing **Santa Marta Bush-Tyrant (E)** and after dusk we heard the **Santa Marta Screech-Owl (E)** but the bird never approached our attempts to see it.

**Mar 8th.** We decided to visit the higher elevation area one more time, starting quite early before day light this time we did not only had longer views of the Santa Marta Parakeet (E) but also for some close up views of the Santa Marta race of Rufous Antpitta (this might deserve the rank of a full species) and Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager.

During the afternoon we tried various sites below the lodge looking for the woodstar but failed in finding it but found Plain-breasted Hawk and Sickle-winged Guan.

**Mar 9th.** We decided to start in the early morning birding our way towards Minca, we set our mind on the Santa Marta Sabrewing, and luckily Jim found a female feeding in the upper canopy. The bird came back several times to the same flowers allowing prolonged views for all of us. Some other highlights in the way down to Minca included Long-tailed Antbird and Venezuelan Tyrannulet. While waiting for lunch in Minca we studied the hummingbird feeders at La Casona Hotel where we had close up views of Rufous-breasted Hermit, Pale-bellied Hermit and White-vented Plumeteer. We waited until the heat of the afternoon faded away and birded some inside forest trail near Minca finding Black-backed Antshrike, Venezuelan Flycatcher and Golden-fronted Greenlet before heading to Santa Marta. We also had brief views of the Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner which proved to be none responsive to play back for

the bird flew away and did not even vocalized. It was unusual to have this behavior for the foliage-gleaner is fairly common and at times boldly seen.

**Mar 10th.** During the early morning we visited some dry habitat in the way to Tayrona NP finding Laughing Falcon, Scaled Dove and Caribbean Hornero. After registering in our hotel for the night we and during the cool part of the afternoon we visited the Saino entrance of Tayrona NO finding White-chinned Sapphire, Lance-tailed Manakin and Pale-tipped Tyrannulet.

**Mar 11th.** We spent the entire morning inside the Tyarona NP in various habitats finding Thrush-like Schiffornis, Sepia-capped Flycatcher, Southern Bentbill and Orange-crowned Oriole. After lunch we headed to Rioacha stopping during the late afternoon in the very productive caricari side road were we found Rufous-vented Chachalaca, Bare-eyed Pigeon, Blue-crowned Parakeet, Green-rumped Parrotlet, Chestnut Piculet, White-whiskered Spinetail, Northern Scrub-Flycatcher, Pale-tipped Inezia, Glaucous Tanager and Gray-Pileated Finch.

**Mar 12th.** During the morning a very short drive took us to some dry scrub near Camarones and Flamencos, some of the morning highlights were Crane Hawk, Marbled Godwit which is fairly rare record for Colombia as was also the case for a pair of Lesser Black-backed Gull, also found Red-billed Emerald, Buffy Hummingbird, Pied Water-Tyrant, Black-faced Grassquit, Orinocan Saltator, Vermilion Cardinal and a female Yellow-hooded Blackbird. After lunch we headed back to Santa Marta planning to stop along the Tinajas Road but the weather was still windy and we called a day in order to get ready for our next morning start

**Mar 13th.** A very early morning start to visit some scrub close to Santa Marta allowed several close up views to the endemic and local **Chestnut-winged Chachalaca (E)** and a female Blue Grosbeak which apparently is a rare record for the area. During the afternoon we decided to return one more time and bird the road close to Minca finding Red-legged Honeycreeper.

**Mar 14th.** Our last day had us driving to Parque Via Isla Salamanca at first light. We visited a variety of habitats but the most rewarding one was the Mangrove Forest for when walking in it we found Common Black-Hawk, Sapphire-throated Hummingbird, the rare and local **Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird (E)**, American Pygmy Kingfisher, Panama Flycatcher and Bicolored Conebill (Picture on the right. Photo by L. Navarrete).

During the afternoon we decided to start our return to Cartagena right after lunch to allow some time to explore the city during the cool afternoon. During this ride we made a sudden stop to watch a Pearl Kite hinting some lizard just along the highway.



Species Account

**Colombian Endemics are noted as such with (E).**

- **Little Tinamou** *Crypturellus soui* – heard near Barranquilla, Tayrona and Santa Marta, one single bird was briefly seen near Minca.
- **Great Tinamou** *Tinamus major* – One was only heard in the distance along the Minca Road.
- **Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna autumnalis* – One single bird was seen in a shallow pond near Rioacha in our way back to Santa Marta.
- **White-cheeked Pintail** *Anas bahamensis* – At least some 30 birds were seen in only in Parque Via Isla Salamanca in two separated days.
- **Blue-winged Teal** *Anas discors* – Over 80+ birds were seen in Parque Via Isla Salamanca in two separated days.
- **Muscovy Duck** *Cairina moschata* – One single bird was seen near Rioacha in our way to Santa Marta.
- **Chestnut-winged Chachalaca** *Ortalis garrula* – **(E)** A pair was seen in the way from Cartagena to Barranquilla and at least some 30 birds were seen near Santa Marta.
- **Rufous-vented Chachalaca** *Ortalis ruficauda* – A group of 3 was seen flying away along the Caricari Road and two more were seen only at dusk close to Caricari.
- **Band-tailed Guan** *Penelope argyrotis* – A group of six were seen near the San Lorenzo field Station. This is the subspecies *colombiana* which is endemic to the Santa Marta mountains.
- **Sickle-winged Guan** *Chamaepetes goudotii* – One was seen inside forest near the Jeniam Lodge. This is the subspecies *sanctaemartae* endemic to the Santa Marta mountains.
- **Crested Bobwhite** *Colinus cristatus* – I was the only one that saw a group of four near Los Flamencos, it was also hear near Santa Marta.
- **Black-fronted Wood-Quail** *Odontophorus atrifrons* – A family of 3 birds were attending the compost site near the El Dorado Lodge almost every day. The nominative subspecies *atrifrons* is endemic to the Santa Marta Mountains. It appears to be declining, with total numbers likely to be below 10,000 individuals. Listed as Vulnerable by IUCN Red List status.
- **Pied-billed Grebe** *Podilymbus podiceps* – One was only seen in Los Flamencos pools.
- **Wood Stork** *Mycteria americana*- Three birds were seen flying away along the way from Rioacha to Santa Marta.
- **Magnificent Frigatebird** *Fregata magnificens* – At least some 30 + were seen in Parque Via Isla Salamanca and small numbers in the way from Tayrona to Rioacha and near Santa marta (2-8).
- **Neotropic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* – Common in Parque Via Isla Salamanca (30) and at least 20 more in Los Flamencos, very numerous in the way from Tayrona to Rioacha.
- **Brown Pelican** *Pelecanus occidentalis* – Common in Parque Via Isla Salamanca (50) and at least 50 more in Los Flamencos, very numerous in the way from Tayrona to Rioacha.
- **Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax* –At least 3 were seen in Los Flamencos and 1 more in Parque Via Isla Salamanca.
- **Striated Heron** *Butorides striatus* – A pair was seen along the way from Rioacha to Santa Marta and one more in Parque Via Isla Salamanca
- **Green Heron** *Butorides virescens* – One was seen along the highway from Cartagena to Barranquilla and one more along the way from Rioacha to Santa Marta.
- **Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis* – A few in our first day (20), also in the way from Tayrona to Rioacha (20) near Los Flamencos (20).
- **Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias* – One single bird was seen in Parque Via Isla Salamanca every visit.

- **Cocoi Heron** *Ardea cocoi* – A pair was seen in Parque Isla Salamanca.
- **Great Egret** *Ardea alba* – Common in Parque Via Isla Salamanca (200), several in the way to Rio Acha (10), Los Flamencos (20).
- **Tricolored Heron** *Egretta tricolor* – A few in Parque Via Isla Salamanca (10).
- **Reddish Egret** *Egretta rufescens* - A few in Parque Via Isla Salamanca (10) and also at Los Flamencos (3).
- **Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula* – Several in Parque Via Isla Salamanca (70) and Los Flamencos (20) a few more in “Las Playitas”.
- **Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea* - Four were seen in Parque Via Isla Salamanca, 20 in Los Flamencos and at least 10 more in “Las Playitas”.
- **White Ibis** *Eudocimus albus* – At least some 20 birds were seen near Camarones.
- **Roseate Spoonbill** *Platalea ajaja* – At least 5 were seen Los Flamencos and Camarones.
- **Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus* –Common throughout the trip. Only absent from the forest in the highlands of the Santa Marta Mountains.
- **Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura* –It was seen every single day on the trip with numbers ranging from 2 to 10 per day. Only absent from the forest in the highlands of the Santa Marta Mountains.
- **Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture** *Cathartes burrovianus* – At least some 40 birds were seen in the way from Cartagena to Santa Marta and at least 2 to 5 near Camarones, Santa Marta and also in Parque Via Isla Salamanca.
- **King Vulture** *Sarcoramphus papa* – A pair was seen feeding in some carrion near Tayrona National Park.
- **Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus* – Single birds were seen in Parque Via Isla Salamanca and one more near Minca.
- **White-tailed Kite** *Elanus leucurus* – One single bird was seen flying over some open fields near Cartagena.
- **Pearl Kite** *Gampsonyx swainsonii* – One was seen along the highway Cartagena in our last day.
- **Gray-headed Kite** *Leptodon cayanensis* –One single bird was seen only close to Minca the day we were heading to El Dorado Reserve, another was heard in the way out.
- **Hook-billed Kite** *Chondrohierax uncinatus* - One single bird was seen only close to Minca the day we were heading to El Dorado Reserve.
- **Snail Kite** *Rostrhamus sociabilis* – Two were only seen near Cartagena in our way to Santa Marta.
- **Double-toothed Kite** *Harpagus bidentatus* - One was seen only inside Tayrona NP.
- **Plumbeous Kite** *Ictinia plumbea* - A pair was seen near Minca and one more was seen inside Tayrona NP.
- **Plain-breasted Hawk** *Accipiter ventralis* – A pair was seen in flying over El Dorado viewing platform in the Santa Marta Mountains. A pair was also seen flying over Rogitama. *Accipiter striatus* was treated as four species in Sibley & Monroe (1990), Thiollay (1994), and Ridgely & Greenfield (2001): *velox* of N. America (**Sharp-shinned Hawk**), *chionogaster* of Middle America (**White-breasted Hawk**), *ventralis* of the Andes (**Plain-breasted Hawk**), *erythronemius* of lowland southern South America (**Rufous-thighed Hawk**); Pinto (1938) and Hellmayr & Conover (1949) considered *erythronemius* (including *ventralis*) to be a separate species from *A. striatus*, and Friedmann (1950)

and Stiles & Skutch (1989) considered *chionogaster* and *erythronemius* as separate species from *A. striatus*. Despite there are some authors retaining them as one single species we are treating them as four separated species.

- **Crane Hawk** *Geranospiza caerulescens* – One was seen inside the Tayrona NP, one more was also seen near but outside Tayrona NP.
- **Common Black-Hawk** *Buteogallus anthracinus* - One was seen only inside mangrove forest in Parque Via Isla Salamanca.
- **Great Black-Hawk** *Buteogallus urubitinga* – One single bird was seen near Camarones.
- **Savanna Hawk** *Buteogallus meridionalis* – A pair was seen along the way from Cartagena to Barranquilla.
- **Black-collared Hawk** *Busarellus nigricollis* – One single bird was seen near flooded habitat close to Parque Via Isla Salamanca.
- **Roadside Hawk** *Buteo magnirostris* – Single birds were seen near Minca and also in the way back to Cartagena.
- **Broad-winged Hawk** *Buteo platypterus* – Six were seen along the San Lorenzo Road and one single bird in Tayrona NP.
- **Gray Hawk** *Buteo nitidus* – One single bird was seen in the way up to El Dorado Reserve and one more was only heard along the Tinajas Road.
- **Short-tailed Hawk**—*Buteo brachyurus* – At least four birds were seen flying over Minca and one more in the way from Barranquilla to Cartagena.
- **Laughing Falcon** *Herpetotheres cachinnans* – It was only seen near the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP.
- **Barred Forest-Falcon** *Micrastur ruficollis* - It was heard at El Dorado Reserve forest, almost in a daily basis.
- **Collared Forest-Falcon** *Micrastur semitorquatus* - One was heard in Tayrona National Park and another one in El Dorado Reserve.
- **Northern Crested Caracara** *Caracara cheriway* – At least four birds were seen along the way from Cartagena to Santa Marta, a pair in Tayrona NP, 10 near Camarones and at least 6 more in Parque Via Isla Salamanca.
- **Yellow-headed Caracara** *Milvago chimachima* – At least 20 birds were seen along the way from Cartagena to Santa Marta, also numerous in Camarones (10), Los Flamencos (10) and Parque Via Isla Salamanca (20).
- **American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius* – Three were seen along the way from Cartagena to Barranquilla, one near Caricari, one more at “Las Playitas”.
- **Limpkin** *Aramus guarauna* – Two were seen only along the way from Cartagena to Barranquilla.
- **White-throated Crane** *Laterallus albigularis* – It was only heard in some grassland in the lower part of the San Lorenzo road.
- **Purple Gallinule** *Porphyrio martinica*– A pair was seen in Parque Via Isla Salamanca and at least 8 more were seen on a pond close to Rioacha in the way back to Santa Marta.
- **Southern Lapwing** *Vanellus chilensis* – Six were seen in the way from Cartagena to Santa Marta and at least six more near the Neguanje entrance of tayrona NP.
- **Semipalmated Plover** *Charadrius semipalmatus* – At least some 20 birds were seen only in Los Flamencos.

- **Black-necked Stilt** *Himantopus mexicanus* – At least some 30 birds were seen in the way from Cartagena to Santa Marta and at least 3 more in Parque Via Isla Salamanca.
- **Marbled Godwit** *Limosa fedoa* – A rare bird for Colombia, we are not sure if there is any confirmed record for the country. A pair was seen in the shores of Los Flamencos.
- **Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus* – Four were seen in Parque Via Isla Salamanca and at least 30 birds in Los Flamencos.
- **Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularia* – At least six were seen in Parque Via Isla Salamanca and one in Tayrona NP.
- **Greater Yellowlegs** *Tringa melanoleuca* – Four birds were seen in Parque Via Isla Salamanca and at least six more in Los Flamencos.
- **Lesser Yellowlegs** *Tringa flavipes* – A pair was only seen in Los Flamencos and one more in Parque Via Isla Salamanca.
- **Solitary Sandpiper** *Tringa solitaria* – One was seen near the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP, one in Los Flamencos and one more in Parque Via Isla Salamanca.
- **Willet** *Catoptrophorus semipalmatus* – Four were seen in Parque Via Isla Salamanca and at least 30 were seen in Los Flamencos and one more at “Las Playitas”.
- **Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres* – One single bird was seen only in Los Flamencos and at least six more in Parque Via Isla Salamanca.
- **Sanderling** *Calidris alba* – At least 20 birds were seen in Los Flamencos.
- **Semipalmated Sandpiper** *Calidris pusilla* – At least some 10 birds were seen only in Los Flamencos.
- **Western Sandpiper** *Calidris mauri* – One single was positively identified only in Los Flamencos.
- **Least Sandpiper** *Calidris minutilla* – At least some 100 birds were seen only in Los Flamencos.
- **Wattled Jacana** *Jacana jacana* – At least some 20 birds were seen along the way from Cartagena to Santa Marta, 20 at Los Flamencos and at least 10 more along the highway from Rioacha to Santa Marta. near Camarones and Los Flamencos and at least 20 in the way from Cartagena to Santa Marta.
- **Laughing Gull** *Leucophaeus atricilla* – At least some 30 birds were seen at the coastal line of Cartagena and at least some 100 birds in Los Flamencos and ten more at “Las Playitas”.
- **Lesser Black-backed Gull** *Larus fuscus* – A pair of this rare bird for Colombia was seen only at Los Flamencos.
- **Gull-billed Tern** *Sterna nilotica* – Three were seen in Parque Via Isla Salamanca and two more in Los Flamencos.
- **Caspian Tern** *Sterna caspia* – 12 were seen in Parque Via Isla Salamanca and a couple more in Los Flamencos.
- **Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo* – One single bird was seen in Los Flamencos.
- **Sandwich Tern** *Sterna sandvicensis* – At least 200 were seen in Parque Via Isla Salamanca and at least 100 more in Los Flamencos.
- **Royal Tern** *Sterna maxima* – At least some 300 birds were seen in Parque Via Isla Salamanca and at least fifty more in Los Flamencos.
- **Black Skimmer** *Rynchops niger* – A pair was seen in Los Flamencos.
- **Common Ground-Dove** *Columbina passerina* – A pair was seen near Parque Via Isla Salamanca.

- **Plain-breasted Ground-Dove** *Columbina minuta* – One single bird was seen near Parque Via Isla Salamanca.
- **Ruddy Ground-Dove** *Columbina talpacoti* – At least 10 were seen along the Vale road and one more near Parque Via Isla Salamanca.
- **Scaled Dove** *Columbina squammata* – Small numbers were seen near the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP (8) and Camarones (4).
- **Blue Ground-Dove** *Claravis pretiosa* – Three were only seen near Minca .
- **Rock Pigeon** *Columba livia* – Common around cities and villages.
- **Scaled Pigeon** *Patagioenas speciosa* – Four were only seen just above Minca.
- **Bare-eyed Pigeon** *Patagioenas corensis* –At least some 20 were seen near Caricari and at least 30 more near camarones and Los Flamencos.
- **Band-tailed Pigeon** *Patagioenas fasciata* – It was seen only in the Santa Marta mountains, two groups: one of four and the second a flock of twenty.
- **Pale-vented Pigeon** *Patagioenas cayennensis* – Six were seen in Parque Via Isla Salamanca and small numbers Vale (1), Minca (1) and Tayrona (1).
- **Eared Dove** *Zenaida auriculata* – At least 20 birds were seen in the way from Cartagena to Santa Marta.
- **White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi* – A common bird throughout the trip. Small numbers along the Minca Road (3), Neguanje (6), Tayrona NP (4), Camarones (6) and Parque Via Isla Salamanca (2).
- **Lined Quail-Dove** *Geotrygon linearis* – One single bird was seen flying away inside forest close to Jeniam Lodge, it was heard daily in the Santa Marta mountains.
- **Military Macaw** *Ara militaris* – A group of 8 were seen flying over Minca and a group of 5 were seen over head along the San Lorenzo ridge road.
- **Blue-crowned Parakeet** *Aratinga acuticaudata* – A group of 30 were seen at close range along the caricari Road.
- **Scarlet-fronted Parakeet** *Aratinga wagleri* – It was seen daily in El Dorado reserve with groups ranging from 6 to 50.
- **Brown-throated Parakeet** *Aratinga pertinax* – Six were seen along the way from Cartagena to Santa Marta, 30 near Neguanje, 20 along the Caricari road, 8 Camarones, 10 Vale and 10 more in Parque Via Isla Salamanca.
- **Santa Marta Parakeet** *Pyrhura viridicata* – **(E)** At least 20 were seen above El Dorado Reserve along the San Lorenzo road in the Santa Marta Mountains. The four birds seen in the second day probably were part of the same group seen the first day. **Endemic Species.** The total population is estimated to no more than 4,000-4,500 individuals. Listed as Endangered by IUCN Red List status.
- **Green-rumped Parrotlet** *Forpus passerinus* – At least eight birds were seen only along the Caricari road.
- **Orange-chinned Parakeet** *Brotogeris jugularis* – Numerous near Minca where seen in group ranging from 6 to 20.
- **Blue-headed Parrot** *Pionus menstruus* – At least 10 were seen near Minca and six more in the Tayrona NP.
- **Red-billed Parrot** *Pionus sordidus* – At least some 10 birds were seen daily only in the middle elevation forest on the Santa Marta Mountains. The *saturatus* is endemic to Santa Marta Mountains.

- **Scaly-naped Amazon** *Amazona mercenaria* – Groups ranging from 8 to 20 birds were seen flying over and landing in some tall trees only in the El Dorado reserve upper forest.
  - **Squirrel Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana* – Small numbers in Tayrona (1), near Los Flamencos (2), in the way up to El Dorado Reserve (6), Parque Via Isla Salamanca (2).
  - **Greater Ani** *Crotophaga major* – Single birds were seen near the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP, Tayrona NP and also in Parque Via Isla Salamanca.
  - **Smooth-billed Ani** *Crotophaga ani* – Several seen in the way from Cartagena to Santa Marta (20), Vale (6) and Parque Via Isla Salamanca (20).
  - **Groove-billed Ani** *Crotophaga sulcirostris* – Three were seen near Tayrona NP and a small number at the Tinajas road (8) and near Camarones (10).
  - **Striped Cuckoo** *Tapera naevia* – It was heard along the Caricari road and also near Camarones.
  - **Santa Marta Screech-Owl** *Megascops gilesii* –(E) Despite all our attempts we only heard it.
- Endemic Species.**

- **Spectacled Owl** *Pulsatrix perspicillata* – It was only heard in the distance one of the nights at the El Dorado reserve.
- **Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** *Glaucidium brasilianum* – At least three were seen near the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP, one also in the way to El Dorado reserve and also heard in Tayrona NP, Camarones and Vale.
- **Band-winged Nightjar** *Caprimulgus longirostris* – Pairs were seen before dawn the two days we went to the higher forest above El Dorado reserve.
- **Pauraque** *Nyctidromus albicollis* – It was only heard along the Vale road.
- **Chestnut-collared Swift** *Cypseloides rutilus* – A least 10 were seen close to Minca.
- **White-collared Swift** *Streptoprocne zonaris* – Groups of 30 and 20 birds were seen only at El Dorado reserve in two separated days.
- **Short-tailed Swift** *Chaetura brachyura* – A group of ten was flying over the Vale road.
- **Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift** *Panyptila cayennensis* – Small numbers were seen flying over at Minca (3-4) and also a pair over Tayrona NP.
- **White-necked Jacobin** *Florisuga mellivora* – Three were seen attending the feeders at Sierra Sound Hotel and at least 20 more attending the feeders at La Casona in Minca.
- **Rufous-breasted Hermit** *Glaucis hirsute* – Single birds were seen attending the feeders at La Casona in Minca and also along the road close to the Neguanje entrance to Tayrona NP.
- **Pale-bellied Hermit** *Phaethornis anthophilus* – One was seen attending the hummingbird feeders at La Casona in Minca and at least two more inside forest at the Tayrona NP.
- **Long-tailed Hermit** *longirostris*– One was in the lower part of the San Lorenzo road.
- **Stripe-throated Hermit** *Phaethornis striigularis*– One single bird was seen by Denis only near Minca.
- **Brown Violet-ear** *Colibri delphinae* – One single bird was seen attending the feeders at El Dorado Reserve.
- **Green Violet-ear** *Colibri thalassinus* – Numerous in El Dorado hummingbird feeders where at least 20 to 50 were seen in a daily basis.
- **Sparkling Violet-ear** *Colibri coruscans* – Three were only seen along the Minca road.
- **Black-throated Mango** *Anthracothorax nigricollis* - Eight were attending the feeders at La Casona in Minca, a female was seen inside the Tayrona NP and at least 3 more were seen in the way up to El Dorado reserve.

- **Blossomcrown** *Anthocephala floriceps* – (E) At least a female and a male were seen below El Dorado Reserve.

The population estimated is 2500 to 10000 mature individuals. Listed as Vulnerable by IUCN Red List status.

- **Tyrian Metaltail** *Metallura tyrianthina* – At least some 20 were seen above El Dorado reserve, considered to be a St Marta endemic species by some. This is the *districta* race.

- **White-tailed Starfrontlet** *Coeligena phalerata* – (E) A female was visiting the feeders at the Jeniam Lodge at El Dorado Reserve. A pair was also seen along the upper forest of El Dorado reserve. **Endemic Species.**

- **Mountain Velvetbreast** *Lafresnaya lafresnayi* – One male and three females were seen along the upper forest of El Dorado reserve. This is the *liriopae* race which is a endemic subspecies to the Santa Marta Mountains.

- **Coppery Emerald** *Chlorostilbon russatus* – A pair was seen bellow the small town of La Minca and also near El Dorado.

- **Red-billed Emerald** *Chlorostilbon gibsoni* - Small numbers were seen in the Caricaro Road (3), and at least 10 more near Los Flamencos.

- **Santa Marta Sabrewing** *Campylopterus phainopeplus* – (E) It is a rare bird but fortunately we were able to find a female the very last day of our visit when descending from El Dorado to Santa Marta. It was feeding at the Canopy. Jim found it for us. **Endemic Species.** The population estimated is 2500 to 10000 mature individuals. Listed as Endangered by IUCN Red List status.

- **White-vented Plumeleteer** *Chalybura buffonii* – Three were seen near Minca and a pair was seen attending the feeders at La Casona in Minca..

- **Violet-crowned Woodnymph** *Thalurania colombica* – Common at the El Dorado feeders where at least 20-30 birds were seen per day.

- **Buffy Hummingbird** *Leucippus fallax* – At least some 4 birds were seen only some dry scrub near Los Flamencos/Camarones.

- **Rufous-tailed Hummingbird**—*Amazilia tzacatl* – Several were seen in various places, near Minca (4), Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP (2), Saino entrance of Tayrona NP(2), and Vale road (4).

- **Steely-vented Hummingbird** *Saucerottia saucerottei* – A pair seen attending the El Dorado reserve feeder's every day, numerous at La Casona hummingbird feeders where the most common hummingbird (20-30) and some also near the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP (6).

- **Sapphire-throated Hummingbird** *Lepidopyga coeruleogularis* – One was seen near the Parque Via Isla Salamanca and one more male also inside mangrove forest in Parque Via Isla Salamanca .

- **Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird** *Lepidopyga lilliae* – (E) A wonderful male was seen inside mangrove forest in Parque Via Isla Salamanca .

- **White-chinned Sapphire** *Hylocharis cyanus* – At least half a dozen were only seen inside the Saino entrance of Tayrona NP.

- **White-tipped Quetzal** *Pharomachrus fulgidus* – A wonderful male was seen in the forest above El Dorado Reserve. Many others were also heard This is the Santa Marta Mountain endemic's subspecies *festatus*.

- **Masked Trogon** *Trogon personatus* – At least a pair was seen in the forest above El Dorado Reserve. This is the Santa Marta Mountain endemic's subspecies *sanctaemartae*.

- **Black-tailed Trogon** *Trogon melanurus* – It was only heard inside forest in the Tayrona NP.
- **Ringed Kingfisher** *Megaceryle torquata* – One single bird was seen in the way from Cartagena to Santa Marta, two along the Vale road and two more in Parque Via Isla Salamanca .
- **Amazon Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle amazona* – Single birds were seen in Parque Via Isla Salamanca, Tayrona and Camarones.
- **Green Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle americana* - A male was seen along Vale road and one more was seen in Parque Via Isla Salamanca.
- **American Pygmy Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle aenea* – One single male was seen inside mangrove forest in Parque Via Isla Salamanca.
- **Whooping Motmot** *Momotus subrufescens* – Six individuals were seen in two different days in the lower part of La Minca Road and one was seen near the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP also a pair along the Vale road.
- **Rufous-tailed Jacamar** *Galbula ruficauda* –Small numbers in the lower part of La Minca road (6), a pair inside Tayrona NP and at least two more near the Neguanje entrance to Tayrona NP.
- **Pied Puffbird** *Notharchus tectus* – It was only heard inside mangrove forest in Parque Via Isla Salamanca.
- **Russet-throated Puffbird** *Hypnelus ruficollis* – A small group was seen on at the Caricari Road (8), 1 in the way from Cartagena to Santa Marta, six were seen along the Vale road and two more near Los Flamencos.
- **Keel-billed Toucan** *Ramphastos sulfuratus* – Six birds were seen inside Tayrona NP and at least 8 more also in the way down from the Santa Marta Mountains.
- **Santa Marta Toucanet** *Aulacorhynchus lautus* – **(E)** At least 7 birds were seen in three separated days only in the El Dorado Reserve. **Endemic Species.**
- **Yellow-billed Toucanet** *Aulacorhynchus calorhynchus* - A pair was seen near Jeniam Lodge in El Dorado Reserve.
- **Collared Aracari** *Pteroglossus torquatus* – At least half a dozen were seen only inside Tayrona NP and one single close to Minca.
- **Scaled Piculet** *Picumnus squamulatus* - Two pairs were seen in the lower part of La Minca road.
- **Chestnut Picumnus cinnamomeus**– A wonderful male was seen at close range along the Caricari road.
- **Red-crowned Woodpecker** *Melanerpes rubricapillus* – Small numbers were seen in Parque Via Isla Salamanca (2), Neguanle entrance of Tayrona NP, (3), Saino entrance of Tayrona NP (4), and the lower part of Minca Road (6).
- **Smoky-brown Woodpecker** *Picoides fumigates* – One single bird was seen in the lower part of the San Lorenzo ridge road.
- **Red-rumped Woodpecker** *Veniliornis kirkii* – A group of three was seen twice inside Mangrove Forest in Parque Via Isla Salamanca.
- **Golden-olive Woodpecker** *Piculus rubiginosus* – A pair was only seen in the lower part of El Dorado Reserve in Santa Marta. It was also heard almost every day in El Dorado. This is the Santa Marta Mountain endemic's subspecies *alleni*.
- **Spot-breasted Woodpecker** *Colaptes punctigula* – One single bird was seen along the Vale road.
- **Lineated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus lineatus* – At least four birds were seen above Minca.

- **Crimson-crested Woodpecker** *Campephilus melanoleucos* – One or two were seen in El Dorado Reserve in a daily basis and one more was seen in Tayrona NP.
- **Gray-throated Leaf-tosser** *Sclerurus albigularis* – A pair was seen along the road below the El Dorado Lodge in the Santa Marta Mountains, where others were heard. This is the Santa Marta Mountain endemic's subspecies *propinquus*.
- **Caribbean Hornero** *Furnarius longirostris* – Small numbers were seen along the Caricari road (4) and one more near the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP. Here treated as a separated species from *F. leucopus* (**Pale-legged Hornero**).
- **Pale-breasted Spinetail** *Synallaxis albescens* – A pair was seen above Minca the day we were descending from El Dorado Reserve.
- **Rusty-headed Spinetail** *Synallaxis fusciorufa* – (E) Small numbers (2-10) were seen daily above El Dorado reserve. **Endemic Species.**
- **White-whiskered Spinetail** *Synallaxis candei* – Half a dozen were seen along the Caricari Road and at least eight more were seen in some dry scrub near Los Flamencos.
- **Streak-capped Spinetail** *Cranioleuca hellmayri* – (E) Small numbers (1-4) every day above El Dorado reserve. **Endemic Species**
- **Yellow-chinned Spinetail** *Certhiopsis cinnamomea* – At least 3 birds were seen only in the mangrove forest of Parque Via Isla Salamanca, it was also heard near Camarones.
- **Spotted Barbtail** *Premnoplex brunnescens* – One single birds was seen along the San Lorenzo del Palmar road in the Santa Marta Mountains.
- **Montane Foliage-gleaner** *Anabacerthia striaticollis* – A few were seen (4-6) in a daily basis along the San Lorenzo Road. This is the Santa Marta Mountain endemic's subspecies *anxia*.
- **Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner** *Hylocryptus rufipectus* – (E) We heard one below El Dorado reserve and briefly saw one near Minca.  
This species has clearly been misplaced in the *Autumolus* genus and based on acoustic evidence it should be placed in the *Hylocryptus* genus representing an isolated and endemic taxon, most of the authors still retain it in the *Autumolus* genus. **Endemic Species.**
- **Plain Xenops** *Xenops minutes* – One was seen inside Tayrona NP and another one near Minca.
- **Streaked Xenops** *Xenops rutilans* – It was only heard just below El Dorado reserve.
- **Plain-brown Woodcreeper** *Dendrocincla fuliginosa* – A pair was seen inside forest in Tayrona NP and one more was seen in the way up to El Dorado Reserve along the San Lorenzo ridge road.
- **Olivaceous Woodcreeper** *Sittasomus griseicapillus* – It was only heard in Tayrona NP.
- **Strong-billed Woodcreeper** *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus* – It was heard several times at El Dorado reserve. Small number were seen almost in daily basis (1-3). This is the Santa Marta Mountain endemic's subspecies *sanctaemartae*.
- **Straight-billed Woodcreeper** *Dendroplex picus* – A dozen was seen along the Vale road, a pair inside mangrove forest in Parque Via Isla Salamanca, a pair more near Camarones and at least eight more along the side road close to the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP.
- **Black-banded Woodcreeper** *Dendrocolaptes picummus* – A pair was seen inside forest close to the Jeniam Lodge.
- **Cocoa Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus susurrans* – Single birds were seen along the San Lorenzo ridge road when ascending to and descending from El Dorado Reserve, also heard in Tayrona and the Vale road.

- **Streak-headed Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii* - One was seen in the lower part of the Santa Marta Mountains along the Minca Road, hear also near Neguanje.
- **Montane Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger* – Small numbers (2-4) were seen in a daily basis in the El Dorado Reserve. This is the Santa Marta Mountain endemic’s subspecies *sanctaemartae*.
- **Red-billed Scythebill** *Campylorhamphus trochilirostris* – It was only heard in the distance near the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP.
- **Black-crested Antshrike** *Sakesphorus canadensis* – A female was seen along the drive from Cartagena to Barranquilla, four were seen along the Caricari Road, at least 30 between Camarones and Los Flamencos, ten along the Vale road and three more in Parque Via Isla Salamanca.
- **Barred Antshrike** *Thamnophilus doliatus* – A male and later on a female were seen in the dry forest at the lower part of the Santa Marta Mountains, It was also hear in Camarones, Vale and Caricari.
- **Western Slaty-Antshrike** *Thamnophilus atrinucha* – A female was seen inside forest in Tayrona NP and also heard in the Rio Piedras resort forest.
- **Black-backed Antshrike** *Thamnophilus melanonotus* – Three birds were seen close to Minca.
- **Slaty Antwren** *Myrmotherula schisticolor* – A pair was seen in lower part of El Dorado Reserve. This is the *sanctaemartae* subspecies endemic to the mountains.
- **Northern White-fringed** Antwren *Formicivora intermedia* – A male was seen near Barranquilla, at least 4 birds were seen along the Caricari Road and fifteen more in the scrub forest near Los Flamencos. Hear also along the Vale road.
- **Long-tailed Antbird** *Drymophila caudate* – A male was seen just below El Dorado Reserve.
- **White-bellied Antbird** *Myrmeciza longipes* –Despite all our attempts it was only heard inside forest in Tayrona NP.
- **Santa Marta Antpitta** *Grallaria bangsi* – **(E)**“Monica”is the nickname of the bird attending the antpitta feeding station at Jeniam lodge- El Dorado Reserve, the bird showed up right at dusk the day we went to look for it. It was also heard on a daily basis in El Dorado Reserve. **Endemic Species.**
- **Rufous Antpitta** *Grallaria rufula* – One was seen inside forest along the San Lorenzo road, this taxon *G. r. spatiator* (in Santa Marta) might also represent a separated species endemic to Santa Marta Mountains, more study is needed but they sure sound very different from the rest of subspecies (SPECIES!).
- **Rusty-breasted Antpitta** *Grallaricula ferrugineipectus* – We saw a single bird the day we were ascending to El Dorado reserve where we heard it several other times.
- **Santa Marta Tapaculo** *Scytalopus sanctaemartae* – **(E)** One was seen at close range and at least heard in a daily basis from the road along El Dorado Reserve. **Endemic Species.**
- **Brown-rumped Tapaculo** *Scytalopus latebricola* – **(E)** One very responsive bird was seen in Bamboo/*Chusquea* forest in the upper San Lorenzo ridge road where many other were also heard. **Endemic Species.**
- **Sooty-headed Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias griseiceps* – A pair was seen in the lower part of Minca Road where others were heard.
- **Black-capped Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias nigrocapillus* – A pair was seen along the upper part of the San Lorenzo ridge road. This is the Santa Marta Mountain endemic’s subspecies *flavimentum*.

- **Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet** *Tyrannulus elatus* – A pair was seen only inside Tayrona NP.
- **Forest Elaenia** *Myiopagis gaimardii* – A pair was seen near Barranquilla, single birds also in Vale road and Minca road, also heard in Tayrona NP.
- **Greenish Elaenia** *Myiopagis viridicata* – It was only heard near the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP.
- **Yellow-bellied Elaenia** *Elaenia flavogaster* – Small numbers throughout the trip, near Neguanje (4), near Barranquilla (2), along the Vale road (2) and along the lower Minca Road (2).
- **Lesser Elaenia** *Elaenia chiriquensis* – At least three birds were seen at the forest edge in mangrove only in Parque Via Isla Salamanca.
- **Mountain Elaenia** *Elaenia frantzii* – Small numbers (2-6) were seen in a daily basis in El Dorado reserve.
- **Brown-capped Tyrannulet** *Ornithion brunneicapillus* – One was seen only inside Tayrona NP, where others were heard.
- **Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet** *Camptostoma obsoletum* – Small numbers were seen near Barranquilla (2), Minca (6), Caricari Road (2), near los Flamencos (2) and Vale road (2).
- **White-throated Tyrannulet** *Mecocerculus leucophrys* – At least 10 to 20 were seen daily in the upper forest in the San Lorenzo ridge road. This is the Santa Marta Mountain endemic's subspecies *montensis*. And at least 10 more were seen in Rogitama.
- **Mouse-colored Tyrannulet** *Phaeomyias murina* – At least four were seen near Barranquilla and also heard in the lower Minca Road.
- **Venezuelan Tyrannulet** *Zimmerius improbus* – It was heard a couple of times in the lower part of El Dorado reserve and one was nicely seen above Minca. This is the *tamae* subspecies endemic to the mountains.
- **Golden-faced Tyrannulet** *Zimmerius chrysops* – One single was seen along the San Lorenzo ridge road. This is the Santa Marta Mountain endemic's subspecies *minimus*.
- **Olive-striped Flycatcher** *Mionectes olivaceus* – Small numbers (1-3) were seen almost in a daily basis along the San José del Palmar Road. This is the Santa Marta Mountain endemic's subspecies *galbinus*.
- **Ochre-bellied Flycatcher** *Mionectes oleagineus* – Small numbers near the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP (2), at the Saino entrance to Tayrona NP (2), along the lower part of the Santa Marta Mountains (6).
- **Sepia-capped Flycatcher** *Leptopogon amaurocephalus* – One was only seen at the Saino entrance to Tayrona NP.
- **Northern Scrub-Flycatcher** *Sublegatus arenarum* – A pair was seen along the Caricari Road, at least eight more were seen in the dry scrub near Los Flamencos and at least one more was seen inside mangrove forest in parquet Via Isla Salamanca.
- **Slender-billed Inezia** *Inezia tenuirostris* – At least 10 were seen along the Caricari Road and some 20 more near Los Flamencos.
- **Pale-tipped Inezia** *Inezia caudate* – A pair bird was seen near the beach inside the Saino entrance of Tayrona NP and one more was only heard near Camarones.
- **Southern Bentbill** *Oncostoma olivaceum* – A pair was only seen inside forest in Tayrona NP.
- **Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant** *Atalotriccus pilaris* – Small number (2-4) were seen every time we visited the lower part of La Minca and above Minca.

- **Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant** *Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer* – One was seen near the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP and at least 8 more were seen in the scrub close to Los Flamencos.
- **Black-throated Tody-Tyrant** *Hemitriccus granadensis* – Four were seen in two separated days only at the San Lorenzo ridge road upper forest and near the lodge. This is the Santa Marta Mountain endemic's subspecies *lehmanni*.
- **Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher** *Poecilatriccus Sylvia* – It was only heard along the Vale road.
- **Common Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum cinereum* – One was seen near Barranquilla and a pair more was seen inside mangrove forest in Parque Via Isla Salamanca.
- **Yellow-olive Flycatcher** *Tolmomyias sulphureus* – A pair was seen in the lower part of the Santa Marta Mountains near Minca.
- **Yellow-breasted Flycatcher** *Tolmomyias flaviventris* – One was seen near Barranquilla, one was seen near the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP and at least four more were seen along the Vale road.
- **Bran-colored Flycatcher** *Myiophobus fasciatus* – A pair was seen building a nest in the lower part of the Santa Marta Road just above Minca.
- **Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher** *Terentriccus erythrurus* – A pair was only seen in the Saino entrance of Tayrona NP.
- **Cinnamon Flycatcher** *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomea* – Small numbers (3-6) were seen almost on a daily basis in and above El Dorado Reserve. This is the Santa Marta Mountain endemic's subspecies *assimilis*.
- **Acadian Flycatcher** *Empidonax virens* – One was only heard near Minca where a few others were heard.
- **Olive-sided Flycatcher** *Contopus cooperi* – One was seen just below El Dorado Reserve.
- **Tropical Pewee** *Contopus cinereus* – Small numbers (2-3) were seen near Minca each day we visited the area, it was also heard in Tayrona NP.
- **Black Phoebe** *Sayornis nigricans* – A pair was only seen at the bridge in Minca.
- **Vermilion Flycatcher** *Pyrocephalus rubinus* – A male was seen near Barranquilla, a pair near Los Flamencos and one more pair along the Caricari road.
- **Santa Marta Bush-Tyrant** *Myiotheretes pernix* – **(E)** One single bird was seen after much searching along the upper San Lorenzo ridge road where at least two more were heard. **Endemic Species.** The population estimated is 1,000-2,499 mature individuals. Listed as Endangered by IUCN Red List status.
- **Pied Water-Tyrant** *Fluvicola pica* – Three were seen near Camarones and three more in Parque Via Isla Salamanca.
- **Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant** *Ochthoeca diadema* – Two pairs were seen in the upper part of the San Lorenzo Road above El Dorado. This is the Santa Marta Mountain endemic's subspecies *jesupi*.
- **Cattle Tyrant** *Machetornis rixosus* – A pair was seen along the highway near the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP and a couple more in the way from Cartagena to Santa Marta.
- **Piratic Flycatcher** *Legatus leucophaeus* – A pair was seen above Minca where a few others were also heard.
- **Rusty-margined Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes cayanensis* – At least 4 were seen in the lower part of La Minca Road and heard along the Vale road.

- **Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis* – A pair was seen near the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP, at least 4 inside the Saino entrance of Tayrona NP, a pair near Caricari and one more near Minca.
- **Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus* – Fairly common throughout the trip in the lowlands and especially more open country habitats, from 1 to 10 daily.
- **Golden-crowned Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes chrysocephalus* – One was only seen in EL Dorado Reserve where a few others were also heard.
- **Streaked Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes maculates* – At least 10 were seen in three separated days in Minca, two in Parque Via Isla Salamanca, four near the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP, and at least four more in the Saino entrance of Tayrona NP.
- **Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua* – Four were seen in the lower part of the Santa Marta Mountains near Minca , one was seen in the Saino entrance in Tayrona NP, and three more the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP.
- **Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus* – A common bird in small numbers throughout the trip, only absent from high elevation forest and mature cloud forests.
- **Fork-tailed Flycatcher** *Tyrannus savanna* – One was seen along the Tinajas road and two more near Barranquilla..
- **Gray Kingbird** *Tyrannus dominicensis* – Six birds were seen along the Caricari Road and one more in the way from Cartagena to Santa Marta.
- **Dusky-capped Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tuberculifer* – A pair seen in near Minca, it was also heard daily at El Dorado Reserve.
- **Venezuelan Flycatcher** *Myiarchus venezuelensis* – One single bird was seen in a very dry habitat close to Minca
- **Panama Flycatcher** *Myiarchus panamensis* – One single Bird was seen inside mangrove forest in Parque Via Isla Salamanca
- **Great Crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus crinitus* – Four birds were seen close to the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP, ten were also seen near Los Flamencos, two in the Saino entrance to Tayrona NP, four along the Caricari road and at least two more near Barranquilla.
- **Brown-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tyrannulus* – Single birds were seen near Minca, near the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP and Caricari Road.
- **Bright-rumped Attila** *Attila spadiceus* – It was only heard in the lower part of the Santa Marta Mountains near Minca and along the Tinajas road.
- **Golden-breasted Fruiteater** *Pipreola aureopectus* – A fairly common bird along San Lorenzo ridge at El Dorado Reserve; where 1-5 were seen in a daily basis. This is the Santa Marta Mountain endemic's subspecies *decora*.
- **White-bearded Manakin** *Manacus manacus* - At least some 20 birds were seen near Minca in two separated days, at least six more were also seen near the Neguanje entrance to Tayrona NP.
- **Lance-tailed Manakin** *Chiroxiphia lanceolata* - At least 6 males and a couple of females were seen inside forest in the Tayrona NP, the birds were displaying on a lek.
- **Thrush-like Schiffornis** *Schiffornis turdina*– One single bird was seen inside forest in Tayrona NP. The future taxonomy of this species should be followed for this one might be split into several, at least 5 species!
- **Masked Tityra** *Tityra semifasciata* – A pair was only seen just below the El Dorado Reserve.
- **Cinereous Becard** *Pachyramphus rufus* – Only denis got to see a male close to Minca.

- **Cinnamon Becard** *Pachyramphus cinnamomeus* – Small numbers (2-3) were seen every visit to the dry habitat close to Minca.
- **One-colored Becard** *Pachyramphus homochrous* – Three were only seen inside forest in Tayrona NP.
- **Rufous-browed Peppershrike** *Cyclarhis gujanensis* – A pair was seen near the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP, two more along the Caricari Road, two more were seen along the Vale road. It was also heard near Los Flamencos and Minca.
- **Yellow-throated Vireo** *Vireo flavifrons* – Single birds were seen in two separated days just above Minca.
- **Brown-capped Vireo** *Vireo leucophrys* – Only one was seen in El Dorado reserve Forest where a common voice.
- **Red-eyed Vireo** *Vireo olivaceus* – Unusually, one single bird was seen close to Minca.
- **Yellow-green Vireo** *Vireo flavoviridis* – One single bird was seen in the lower part of the Santa Marta Mountains close to Minca.
- **Scrub Greenlet** *Hylophilus flavipes* – Ten were seen along the Caricari Road (10), one near Minca and a pair more along the Vale road.
- **Golden-fronted Greenlet** *Hylophilus aurantiifrons* – A pair was seen near the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP and one more near Minca.
- **Black-chested Jay** *Cyanocorax affinis* – It was a fairly common bird along the lower part of La Minca road where we saw some 20+, a few (6-10) also near El Dorado reserve.
- **Blue-and-white Swallow** *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca* – Only three birds were seen at the upper part of El Dorado Reserve.
- **Southern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* – Small numbers (1-10) were seen almost in a daily basis in the lowland parts of the trip. It is possible that the huge concentrations near Minca might have been this species, although I have never seen something like that before.
- **Gray-breasted Martin** *Progne chalybea* – A pair was seen in Parque Via Isla Salamanca, two along the Vale road and three more near the neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP.
- **Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica* – At least 20 birds were seen in the way from Cartagena to Santa Marta, one was seen near Caricari, four along the Vale road and at least 10 more near Camarones and Los Flamencos.
- **Scaly-breasted (Southern Nightingale) Wren** *Microcerculus marginatus* – Heard only in Tayrona NP.
- **House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon* – Small numbers (2 -10) daily throughout the trip but absent from forested areas.
- **Stripe-backed Wren** *Campylorhynchus nuchalis* – A pair was seen near Barranquilla.
- **Bicolored Wren** *Campylorhynchus griseus* – A fairly common bird throughout the trip. Near Neguanje entrance to Tayrona NP (6), Tayrona (2), Camarones (2) and also in the lower part of La Minca near Santa Marta city (10).
- **Rufous-breasted Wren** *Pheugopedius rutilus* – Ten were seen in the lower part of La Minca road in three separated days where a common voice.
- **Rufous-and-white Wren** *Thryothorus rufalbus* – Two were seen in lower part of La Minca Road and also heard in Tayrona.
- **Buff-breasted Wren** *Thryothorus leucotis* – Common voice in Tayrona NP where we saw at least some 14+ birds and at least four more near Los Flamencos.

- **Gray-breasted Wood-Wren** *Henicorhina leucophrys* – A common voice from El Dorado Both races (lower lands *H. l bangsi* and highlands *H. l anachoreta* forms) were seen in El Dorado Reserve. These two races are endemic to the Santa Marta Mountains. We saw 1 or 2 of each race.
- **Long-billed Gnatwren** *Ramphocaenus melanurus* – Small numbers (1-3) were seen in the lower part of the Santa Marta Mountains near Minca each visit.
- **Tropical Gnatcatcher** *Polioptila plumbea* – At least some 20 birds were seen along the Caricari Road and 20 more near Los Flamencos.
- **Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush** *Catharus aurantiirostris* – Three were seen above Minca the day we were climbing the Santa Marta Mountains towards El Dorado, several others were also heard. This is the Santa Marta Mountain endemic's subspecies *sierrae*.
- **Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush** *Catharus fuscater* – Single birds were seen in El Dorado Reserve in two separate days, many others were heard. This is the Santa Marta Mountain endemic's subspecies *sanctaemartae*.
- **Gray-cheeked Thrush** *Catharus minimus* – One was seen near minca where at least one more was also heard.
- **Yellow-legged Thrush** *Platycichla flavipes* – Small numbers (2-10) were seen almost every day along the San Lorenzo del Palmar road, particularly common in the lower part.
- **Pale-breasted Thrush** *Turdus leucomelas* – Several seen near the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP (3), Los Flamencos (2), Saino entrance to Tayrona NP (6), along the Vale road (4) and near Minca (30).
- **Clay-colored Robin** *Turdus grayi* – One single bird was only seen in the lower part of El Dorado Reserve, where at least one more heard.
- **Black-hooded Thrush** *Turdus olivater* – One was seen only at El Dorado Reserve where many others were also heard. This is the Santa Marta Mountain endemic's subspecies *sanctaemartae*.
- **Great Thrush** *Turdus fuscater* – At least half a dozen were seen every day we visited the upper forest of El Dorado Reserve. This is the Santa Marta Mountain endemic's subspecies *cacozelus*.
- **White-necked Thrush** *Turdus albicollis* – Single birds were seen in two separated days near El Dorado Reserve.
- **Tropical Mockingbird** *Mimus gilvus* – At least some 6 birds were seen in Los Flamencos, six more near the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP.
- **Gray-headed Tanager** *Eucometis penicillata* – Three birds were seen above Minca and at least half a dozen were seen attending an ant-swarm inside forest in Tayrona NP.
- **White-shouldered Tanager** *Tachyphonus luctuosus* – One male and 2 females were seen in Bellavista Reserve near Victoria.
- **White-lined Tanager** *Tachyphonus rufus* – A pair was seen in the lower part of El Dorado reserve and one more the lower part of the Santa Marta Mountains near Minca.
- **Crimson-backed Tanager** *Ramphocelus dimidiatus* – A common bird around Minca where we saw at least some 30+ birds, also in Tayrona NP (30) and the lower part of El Dorado Reserve (10).
- **Blue-gray Tanager** *Thraupis episcopus* – A fairly common bird in small numbers throughout the trip only the upper part of El Dorado Reserve.

- **Glaucous Tanager** *Thraupis glaucocolpa* – Two pairs were seen near Los Flamencos, four more along the Caricari road and one juvenile near Barranquilla.
- **Palm Tanager** *Thraupis palmarum* – Small number near the Neguaje entrance to tayrona NP (4), the Saino entrance of Tayrona NP (6), the lower part of the Santa Marta Mountains (8), El Dorado Reserve (2), and near Minca (4).
- **Blue-capped Tanager** *Thraupis cyanocephala* – At least three birds were seen just above El Dorado Reserve. This is the Santa Marta Mountain endemic's subspecies *margaritae*.
- **Santa Marta Mountain-Tanager** *Anisognathus melanogenys* – **(E)** Only from the upper part of the San Lorenzo ridge road where 10-5 were seen every day. **Endemic Species.**
- **Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager** *Dubusia taeniata* – A pair was seen in the upper part of the San Lorenzo ridge road.
- **Black-headed Tanager** *Tangara cyanoptera* – A pair was seen almost every day only along the middle area of La Minca Road and El Dorado reserve, not present at the upper forest.
- **Black-capped Tanager** *Tangara heinei* – Three and four were seen in two separated days in El Dorado reserve. This is the *margaritae* endemic to Santa Marta mountains.
- **Bay-headed Tanager** *Tangara gyrola* – Small numbers were seen in the lower part of the Santa Marta Mountains, daily at El Dorado Reserve and near Minca (3-4).
- **Swallow Tanager** *Tersina viridis* – Small numbers were seen daily (2-10) every day in the lower part of El Dorado Reserve and around Minca.
- **Blue Dacnis** *Dacnis cayana* – A pair was seen near Minca and one male more in the Saino entrance of Tayrona NP..
- **Red-legged Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes cyaneus* – Single birds were seen just below Minca in two separated days.
- **Bicolored Conebill** *Conirostrum bicolor* – At least 10 birds were seen inside mangrove Forest in Parque Via Isla Salamanca.
- **White-sided Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa albilatera* – A pair was seen below Minca and at least four birds were seen at the gardens of Jeniam Lodge.
- **Rusty Flowerpiercer** *Diglossa sittoides* – A pair was seen only below Minca and a pair was seen in the lower part of El Dorado Reserve.
- **Plushcap** *Catamblyrhynchus diadema* – It was only heard in the upper forest of El Dorado Reserve.
- **Rosy Thrush-Tanager** *Rhodinocichla rosea* – It was heard in the way up to El Dorado Reserve.
- **Bananaquit** *Coereba flaveola* – Half a dozen seen in the lower part of Minca road and 3 in caricari, 10 in Camarones/Flamencos, Vale road (20) and at least 10 more in Parque Via Isla Salamanca.
- **Dull-colored Grassquit** *Tiaris obscura* – At least six birds were seen below Minca. Also heard near El Dorado Reserve.
- **Sooty Grassquit** *Tiaris fuliginosus* – Three were seen slightly above Minca and also heard below Minca.
- **Black-faced Grassquit** *Tiaris bicolor* – At least 4 birds were seen near camarones.
- **Buff-throated Saltator** *Saltator maximus* – Small numbers (2-3) were seen near Minca each time we went by it.
- **Grayish Saltator** *Saltator coerulescens* – Four were seen near the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP, ten more near Los Flamencos, ten along the Caricari road, ten along the Vale road, and at least 4 more in the lower part of the Minca Road.

- **Orinocan Saltator** *Saltator orinocensis* – At least eight were seen near Camarones.
- **Streaked Saltator** *Saltator striatipectus* – A total of 20 birds were seen in three separated days near Minca, one was seen along the Caricari road.
- **Rufous-collared Sparrow** *Zonotrichia capensis* – A common bird in El Dorado reserve where seen daily, numbers ranging from 4-10.
- **Blue-black Grassquit** *Volatinia jacarina* – Ten were seen along the Caricari Road, a pair along the Vale road and at least eight near Minca.
- **Gray Seedeater** *Sporophila intermedia* – One single male was seen at the restaurant site at Rio Piedras close to Tayrona.
- Thick-billed Seed-Finch *Oryzoborus funereus* – It was heard and a male seen just above Minca.
- **Paramo Seedeater** *Catamenia homochroa* – It was only heard in the upper part of the San Lorenzo Road. This is the Santa Marta Mountain endemic's subspecies *oreophila*.
- **Golden-winged Sparrow** *Arremon schlegeli* – At least some 8 birds were seen in the lower part of the La Minca road.
- **Colombian Brush-Finch** *Arremon basilicus* – **(E)** Recent genetic data suggest that the population of the Santa Marta Mountains is indeed a separated species. The study was based on the filo-genetics of all the taxons involved in the species. Accordingly with the published paper the *A. t. basilicus* deserves the rank of full species. As a way of solving the problems that will arise with the English names, I suggest using the genus name in the English name. Therefore this Santa Marta endemic should be known as “**Santa Marta Arremon**”. **Colombian Brush Finch** has been also suggested by the authors of the scientific paper describing the splits. A family group of four was seen attending the compost at Jeniam Lodge, in El Dorado Reserve. This is a **NEW SANTA MARTA ENDEMIC**.
- **Santa Marta Brush-Finch** *Atlapetes melanocephalus* – **(E)** A very common bird from the upper part of La Minca road and the forest around El Dorado lodge, 6-20 daily. **Endemic Species**.
- **Gray-Pileated Finch** *Coryphospingus pileatus* – At least 8 birds were seen only along the Caricari Road and 6 more near Los Flamencos.
- **Summer Tanager** *Piranga rubra* – Single birds were seen close to minca in three separated days.
- **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** *Pheucticus ludovicianus* – Small numbers were seen in the lower part of the Santa Marta Mountains (3) and El Dorado reserve (2).
- **Vermilion Cardinal** *Cardinalis phoeniceus* – A female was seen along the Caricari Road and at least 3 pairs were seen near Camarones.
- **Blue Grosbeak** *Passerina caerulea* – Apparently a rare record for continental Colombia, a female was seen in some low scrub along the Vale road.
- **Tennessee Warbler** *Vermivora chrysoptera* – It was a common bird near Minca and also in El Dorado Reserve. There were 10 to 30 daily. This was the commonest of all the migrants.
- **Tropical Parula** *Parula pitaiayumi* – It was only heard near Minca and inside Tayrona NP.
- **Yellow Warbler** *Dendroica petechia* – Small numbers were seen (2-4) close to the Neguanje entrance to Tayrona NP, Caricari Road, Los Flamencos, Vale road, Saino entrance of Tayrona NP and Minca.
- **Black-throated Green Warbler** *Dendroica virens* – Single birds were seen near Minca and above Jeniam Lodge.

- **Blackburnian Warbler** *Dendroica fusca* – Small numbers (1-10) were seen above Minca and El Dorado Reserve in a daily basis.
  - **American Redstart** *Setophaga ruticilla* – Small numbers above Minca (2-4) on each visit and at least three more just below El Dorado Reserve.
  - **Black-and-white Warbler** *Mniotilta varia* – A pair was seen just above Minca and three more just below El Dorado Reserve.
  - **Prothonotary Warbler** *Protonotaria citrea* – Ten birds were seen in the mangrove forest at Parque Via Isla Salamanca, 2 near Minca and 2 more in the dry scrub near Los Flamencos.
  - **Northern Waterthrush** *Seiurus noveboracensis* – Two were seen inside mangrove forest in Parque Via Isla Salamanca, one more inside forest in the Saino entrance of Tayrona NP and one more near Camarones.
  - **Common Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis trichas*– One single bird was seen only in some second growth habitat above Minca.
  - **Slate-throated Whitestart** *Myioborus miniatus* – Small numbers daily (1-10) were seen in the lower part of the Santa Marta Mountains and El Dorado Reserve. This is the Santa Marta Mountain endemic's subspecies *sanctaemartae*. And also in Rogitama.
  - **Yellow-crowned (St Marta) Whitestart** *Myioborus flavivertex* – **(E)** Only from the upper part of the San Lorenzo ridge road where we saw 4 to 10 individuals daily, it was a common voice.
- Endemic Species.**
- **White-lored Warbler** *Basileuterus conspicillatus* – **(E)** Small numbers (3-6) were seen daily around and below El Dorado lodge and reserve. **Endemic Species.**
  - **Rufous-capped Warbler** *Basileuterus rufifrons* – Good numbers were seen in the lower part of Minca Road where we saw at least 10 each time we visited it.
  - **Santa Marta Warbler** *Basileuterus basilicus* – **(E)** Four were seen in the upper part of El Dorado Reserve during each visit. **Endemic Species.**
  - **Crested Oropendola** *Psarocolius decumanus* – A nesting colony was seen from the cabins and the dining room in El Dorado lodge (6-8 birds). Two were seen at the Saino entrance of Tayrona NP and three more near Minca.
  - **Orange-crowned Oriole** *Icterus auricapillus* –A pair was only seen at the Saino entrance of Tayrona NP.
  - **Yellow-backed Oriole** *Icterus chrysater* – One single bird was seen in the lower part of the Minca Road.
  - **Baltimore Oriole** *Icterus galbula* – A pair in the lower part of the Minca Road, at least eight near the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP, one along the Caricari Road and one more along the Vale Road.
  - **Yellow Oriole** *Icterus nigrogularis* –Three were seen near the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP, five along the Caricari Road, eight near Los Flamencos and ten more along the Vale Road.
  - **Yellow-hooded Blackbird** *Chrysomus icterocephalus* – A female was seen near Camarones.
  - **Giant Cowbird** *Molothrus oryzivorus* – Three females were seen below Minca, a group of eight was seen near Camarones and one more was seen along the Vale Road.
  - **Shiny Cowbird** *Molothrus bonariensis* – Three birds were seen near the Neguanje entrance to Tayrona NP and three more in the Saino entrance of Tayrona.
  - **Carib Grackle** *Quiscalus lugubris* – Two birds were seen along the highway near the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP, ten near Los Flamencos, one inside the Saino entrance of Tayrona NP and at least five more in Mica.

- **Great-tailed Grackle** *Quiscalus mexicanus* – A common bird along the way from Cartagena to Santa Marta (50), common also in Parque Via Isla Salamanca (50), near the Saino entrance of Tayrona NP (8), Los Flamencos (10), Vale Road and three more near the Neguanje entrance of tayrona NP.
- **Andean Siskin** *Carduelis spinescens* – Two were seen in the upper forest of El Dorado Reserve.
- **Lesser Goldfinch** *Carduelis psaltria* – Two were seen in the lower part of the Santa Marta Mountains and two more along the Caricari Road..
- **Trinidad Euphonia** *Euphonia trinitatis* – Ten were seen along the Caricari Road, two near Los Flamencos, three near the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP, a female near Barranquilla and heard in Tayrona and the vale road.
- **Thick-billed Euphonia** *Euphonia laniirostris* - Small numbers were seen near the Neguanje entrance of Tayrona NP (2), and at least 10 more along La Minca road.
- **Blue-naped Chlorophonia** *Chlorophonia cyanea* – Small groups were seen attending the fruit feeders at El Dorado Reserve. At least some 10+ were seen in a single day. This is the Santa Marta Mountain endemic's subspecies *psittacina*.

Total species recorded	372
Only heard	21
Seen by group	351
(Only seen by guide)	(4)

**21 endemic species.**

- Chestnut-winged Chachalaca**
- Santa Marta Parakeet**
- Santa Marta Screech-Owl**
- Santa Marta Sabrewing**
- Blossomcrown**
- White-tailed Starfrontlet**
- Sapphire-bellied Hummingbird**
- Santa Marta Toucanet**
- Rusty-headed Spinetail**
- Streak-capped Spinetail**
- Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner**
- Santa Marta Antpitta**
- Santa Marta Tapaculo**
- Brown-rumped Tapaculo**
- Santa Marta Bush-Tyrant**
- Santa Marta Mountain-Tanager**
- Santa Marta Brush-Finch**
- Colombian Brush-Finch**
- Yellow-crowned (St Marta) Whitestart**
- Santa Marta Warbler**
- White-lored Warbler**

