

Colombia - Santa Marta Endemics

Naturetrek Tour Report

27 November - 6 December 2018



Masked Trogon



Bicolored Wren



Santa Marta Warbler



Santa Marta Brush-finch

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Day 1

Tuesday 27th November

The group were on an overnight flight to Bogota.

Day 2

Wednesday 28th November

After breakfast we left the Hotel AZ in Bogota. We drove to La Florida marsh, where we saw great birds like Bare-faced Ibis, Apolinar's Wren and Lesser Scaup. We spent the whole morning birding, and after this we went to the airport where we had lunch while we were waiting for our flight to Santa Marta. This was a good and smooth flight. We drove to Riohacha city, where we were hosted in the Oceano Hotel.

Day 3

Thursday 29th November

We left the Hotel at 5.30am with a packed breakfast. Toño was our driver in a very colourful van. We followed the road through a semi-deciduous forest. We stopped at Santuario de Fauna y Flora Los Flamencos. Inside this reserve is the village Los Camarones where we had lunch, then we went to Tocaromana, a traditional village of the Wayuu people. We also visited Laguna Navio Quebrado, another nice place for birding. We arrived at Minca, our base for two nights, at 6.30pm, where we had dinner.

Day 4

Friday 30th November

After breakfast, we went to a road 15 minutes from Minca. Here we had good birds like the Keel-billed Toucan and the Black-chested Jay. We found a few good flocks, but the activity decreased around 11 am, so we went back to Posada de Minca to have lunch. We spent the afternoon watching the feeders and some of the visitors were White-necked Jacobin, Rufous-tailed Hummingbird and the Steely-vented Hummingbird. Then we went for a walk; birding was good. We had dinner in Minca - good pizza - and stayed overnight in the Posada de Minca.

Day 5

Saturday 1st December

After breakfast, we left Minca and drove for about 22 kilometres on a very bad road, but in a very nice 4x4; these services are provided by a local operator, encouraging in this way the local economy.

We drove and birded for a few hours, very enjoyably. We arrived at El Dorado Lodge, our next base.

Day 6

Sunday 2nd December

Today we had a full day round El Dorado. We drove from El Dorado up the road to Betoma, with a boxed breakfast. We had incredible views of the endemics like the Santa Marta Antpitta, which was being fed by the park ranger in the reserve. We went back to El Dorado Lodge to have lunch. In the afternoon we walked down the road and went to the house of Mary, the mother of our driver, Angel. Here we saw the Santa Marta Woodstar. We had dinner and spent the night in El Dorado Lodge. In the evening we were looking for owls.

Day 7

Monday 3rd December

At 4 am, we left with boxed breakfast, to look for owls. We heard three species: Santa Marta Screech Owl, Spectacled Owl and Mottled Owl, which was the only one we saw. Afterwards, we made it to San Lorenzo, and we spent the morning birding. Also, we had the chance to see the observation tower, and had the chance to learn about the breeding programme for the Santa Marta Parakeet. Later we went back to El Dorado Lodge, after spending the whole day birding. We had dinner and spent our final night here.

Day 8

Tuesday 4th December

We left after breakfast and drove back to Minca. We did a lot of birding and we saw some interesting other wildlife like Red Howler Monkey. We arrived about lunchtime and we went to have pizza. In the afternoon we went birding behind our hotel.

Day 9

Wednesday 5th December

We spent the morning birding around Minca, and then drove towards the airport, with a nice stop in a type of dry forest. Then we end up in the airport to take our flight back to Bogotá, and onwards.

Day 10

Thursday 6th December

The flight from Bogota landed in the UK.

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Species Lists

Birds

- 1.- Lesser Scaup (*Aythya affinis*)
- 3.- Sickle-winged Guan (*Chamaepetes gouditi*)
- 5.- Bare-faced Ibis (*Phimosus infuscatus*)
- 7.- Scarlet Ibis (*Eudocimus ruber*)
- 9.- Fasciated Tiger Heron (*Tigrisoma fasciatum*)
- 11.- Reddish Egret (*Egretta rufescens*)
- 13.- Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*)
- 15.- Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)
- 17.- Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture (*Cathartes burrovianus*)
- 19.- King Vulture (*Sarcoramphus papa*)
- 21.- Crane Hawk (*Geranospiza caerulescens*)
- 23.- Double-striped Thick-knee (*Burhinus bistriatus*)
- 25.- Southern Lapwing (*Vanellus chilensis*)
- 27.- Wattled Jacana (*Jacana jacana*)
- 29.- Willet (*Tringa semipalmata*)
- 31.- Laughing Gull (*Leucophaeus atricilla*)
- 33.- Least Tern (*Sternula antillarum*)
- 35.- Rock Dove (*Columba livia*)
- 37.- Bare-eyed Pigeon (*Patagioenas corensis*)
- 39.- Scaled Dove (*Columbina squammata*)
- 41.- Ruddy Ground Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*)
- 43.- Lined Quail Dove (*Zenrygon linearis*)
- 45.- Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*)
- 47.- Black-and-white Owl (*Strix nigrolineata*)
- 49.- Pauraque (*Nyctidromus albicollis*)
- 51.- White-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)
- 53.- Lazuline Sabrewing (*Campylopterus falcatus*)
- 55.- Brown Violetear (*Colibri delphinae*)
- 57.- Sparkling Violetear (*Colibri coruscans*)
- 59.- Red-billed Emerald (*Chlorostilbon gibsoni*)
- 61.- Crowned Woodnymph (*Thalurania colombica*)
- 63.- Buffy Hummingbird (*Leucippus fallax*)
- 65.- Steely-vented Hummingbird (*Amazilia saucerrottei*)
- 67.- Mountain Velvetbreast (*Lafresnaya lafresnayi*)
- 69.- Tyrian Metaltail (*Metallura tyrianthina*)
- 71.- White-tipped Quetzal (*Pharomachrus fulgidus*)
- 73.- Whooping Motmot (*Momotus subrufescens*)
- 75.- Russet-throated Puffbird (*Hypnelus ruficollis*)
- 77.- Collared Aracari (*Pteroglossus torquatus*)
- 79.- Scaled Piculet (*Picumnus squamulatus*)
- 81.- Golden-olive Woodpecker (*Colaptes rubiginosus*)
- 2.- Band-tailed Guan (*Penelope argyrostis*)
- 4.- Black-fronted Wood Quail (*Odontophorus atrifrons*)
- 6.- American White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*)
- 8.- Roseate Spoonbill (*Platelea ajaja*)
- 10.- Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)
- 12.- Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*)
- 14.- Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*)
- 16.- Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*)
- 18.- Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*)
- 20.- Black Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus tyrannus*)
- 22.- Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*)
- 24.- Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*)
- 26.- American Golden Plover (*Pluvialis dominica*)
- 28.- Least Sandpiper (*Calidris minutilla*)
- 30.- Black Skimmer (*Rynchops niger*)
- 32.- Royal Tern (*Thalasseus maximus*)
- 34.- Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*)
- 36.- Scaled Pigeon (*Patagioenas speciosa*)
- 38.- Band-tailed Pigeon (*Patagioenas fasciata*)
- 40.- Common Ground Dove (*Columbina passerina*)
- 42.- White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*)
- 44.- Groove-billed Ani (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*)
- 46.- Mottled Owl (*Strix virgata*)
- 48.- Ferruginous Pymy Owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum*)
- 50.- Chesnut-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne rutila*)
- 52.- Grey-rumped Swift (*Chaetura cinereiventris*)
- 54.- White-necked Jacobin (*Florisuga mellivora*)
- 56.- Lesser Violetear (*Colibri cyanotus*)
- 58.- Ruby-topaz Hummingbird (*Chrysolampis mosquitos*)
- 60.- Coppery Emerald (*Chlorostilbon russatus*)
- 62.- Shining-green Hummingbird (*Lepidopterygus goudoti*)
- 64.- Rufous-tailed Hummingbird (*Amazilia tzacatl*)
- 66.- Santa Marta Blossomcrown (*Anthocephala floriceps*)
- 68.- White-tailed Starfrontlet (*Coeligena phalerata*)
- 70.- Santa Marta Woodstar (*Chaetocercus astreans*)
- 72.- Masked Trogon (*Trogon personatus*)
- 74.- Rufous-tailed Jacamar (*Galbula ruficauda*)
- 76.- Santa Marta Toucanet (*Alaucorhynchus albibitta lautus*)
- 78.- Keel-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos sulfuratus*)
- 80.- Red-crowned Woodpecker (*Melanerpes rubricapillus*)
- 82.- Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*)

- 83.- Crimson-crested Woodpecker (*Campephilus melanoleucos*)
- 85.- Laughing Falcon (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*)
- 87.- Merlin (*Falco columbarius*)
- 89.- Red-billed Parrot (*Pionus sordidus*)
- 91.- Scaly-naped Amazon (*Amazona mercenarius*)
- 93.- Brown-throated Parakeet (*Eupsittula pertinax*)
- 95.- Scarlet-fronted Parakeet (*Psittacara wagleri*)
- 97.- White-whiskered Spinetail (*Synallaxis candei*)
- 99.- Pale-breasted Spinetail (*Synallaxis albescens*)
- 101.- Spotted Barbtail (*Premnoplex brunnescens*)
- 103.- Santa Marta Foliage-gleaner (*Clibanornis rufipectus*)
- 105.- Plain Xenops (*Xenops minutus*)
- 107.- Cocoa Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus susurrans*)
- 109.- Black-crested Antshrike (*Sakesphorus canadensis*)
- 111.- Barred Antshrike (*Thamnophilus doliatus*)
- 113.- Northern White-fringed Antwren (*Formicivora intermedia*)
- 115.- Santa Marta Antpitta (*Grallaria bangsi*)
- 117.- Southern Beardless Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)
- 119.- Sepia-capped Flycatcher (*Leptopogon amaurocephalus*)
- 121.- Slender-billed Inezia (*Inezia tenuirostris*)
- 123.- Black-throated Tody-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus granadensis*)
- 125.- Cinnamon Flycatcher (*Pyrrhomyias cinnamomeus*)
- 127.- Olive-sided Flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*)
- 129.- Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus obscurus*)
- 131.- Rusty-margined Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes cayanensis*)
- 133.- Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)
- 135.- Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*)
- 137.- Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*)
- 139.- Golden-breasted Fruiteater (*Pipreola aureopectus*)
- 141.- Masked Tityra (*Tityra semifasciata*)
- 143.- Brown-capped Vireo (*Vireo leucophrys*)
- 145.- Black-chested Jay (*Cyanocorax affinis*)
- 147.- Apolinar's Wren (*Cistothorus apolinari*)
- 149.- Rufous-breasted Wren (*Pheugopedius rutilus*)
- 151.- House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*)
- 153.- Tropical Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila plumbea*)
- 155.- Yellow-legged Thrush (*Turdus flavipes*)
- 157.- Black-hooded Thrush (*Turdus olivater*)
- 159.- White-necked Thrush (*Turdus albicollis*)
- 161.- Thick-billed Euphonia (*Euphonia laniirostris*)
- 163.- Black-and-white Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*)
- 165.- American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*)
- 167.- Blackburnian Warbler (*Setophaga fusca*)
- 169.- Santa Marta Warbler (*Myiothlypis basilica*)
- 84.- Northern Crested Caracara (*Caracara cheryway*)
- 86.- Collared Forest Falcon (*Micrastur semitorquatus*)
- 88.- Orange-chinned Parakeet (*Brotogeris jugularis*)
- 90.- Blue-headed Parrot (*Pionus menstruus*)
- 92.- Green-rumped Parrolet (*Forpus passerinus*)
- 94.- Military Macaw (*Ara militaris*)
- 96.- Caribbean Hornero (*Furnarius longirostris*)
- 98.- Rusty-headed Spinetail (*Synallaxis fusciorufa*)
- 100.- Streak-capped Spinetail (*Cranioleuca hellmayri*)
- 102.- Montane Foliage-gleaner (*Anabacerthia striaticollis*)
- 104.- Grey-throated Leaf-tosser (*Sclerurus albicularis*)
- 106.- Strong-billed Woodcreeper (*Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus*)
- 108.- Montane Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger*)
- 110.- Black-backed Antshrike (*Thamnophilus melanonotus*)
- 112.- Slaty Antwren (*Myrmotherula schisticolor*)
- 114.- Santa Marta Antbird (*Drymophila hellmayri*)
- 116.- Lesser Elaenia (*Elaenia chiriquensis*)
- 118.- White-throated Tyrannulet (*Mecocerculus leucophrys*)
- 120.- Northern Scrub Flycatcher (*Sublegatus arenarum*)
- 122.- Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant (*Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer*)
- 124.- Pale-eyed Pygmy Tyrant (*Atalotriccus pilaris*)
- 126.- Black Phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*)
- 128.- Tropical Pewee (*Contopus cinereus*)
- 130.- Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant (*Silvicultrix diadema*)
- 132.- Social Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes similis*)
- 134.- Golden-crowned Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes chrysocephalus*)
- 136.- Grey Kingbird (*Tyrannus dominicensis*)
- 138.- Panamanian Flycatcher (*Myiarchus panamensis*)
- 140.- White-bearded Manakin (*Manacus manacus*)
- 142.- Cinereous Becard (*Pachyramphus rufus*)
- 144.- Golden-fronted Greenlet (*Hylophilus aurantiifrons*)
- 146.- Southern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)
- 148.- Bicolored Wren (*Campylorhynchus griseus*)
- 150.- Rufous-and-white Wren (*Thryophilus rufalbus*)
- 152.- Santa Marta Wood Wren (*Henicorhina leucophrys bangsi*)
- 154.- Tropical Mockingbird (*Mimus gilvus*)
- 156.- Great Thrush (*Turdus fuscater*)
- 158.- Pale-breasted Thrush (*Turdus leucomelas*)
- 160.- Lesser Goldfinch (*Spinus psaltria*)
- 162.- Blue-naped Chlorophonia (*Chlorophonia cyanea*)
- 164.- Tennessee Warbler (*Leiothlypis peregrina*)
- 166.- Tropical Parula (*Setophaga pitiayumi*)
- 168.- Blackpoll Warbler (*Setophaga striata*)
- 170.- White-lored Warbler (*Myiothlypis conspicillata*)

- 171.- Rufous-capped Warbler (*Basileuterus rufifrons*)
 173.- Yellow-crowned Whitestart (*Myioborus flavivertex*)
 175.- Yellow Oriole (*Icterus nigrogularis*)
 177.- Orange-crowned Oriole (*Icterus auricapillus*)
 179.- Great-Tail Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*)
 181.- Rufous-collared Sparrow (*Zonotrichia capensis*)
 183.- Sierra Nevada Brushfinch (*Arremon basilicus*)
 185.- Grey-headed Tanager (*Eucometis penicillata*)
 187.- Crimson-backed Tanager (*Ramphocelus dimidiatus*)
 189.- Glaucous Tanager (*Thraupis glaucocolpa*)
 191.- Santa Marta Mountain Tanager (*Anisognathus melanogenys*)
 193.- Black-capped Tanager (*Tangara heinei*)
 195.- Swallow Tanager (*Tersina viridis*)
 197.- Rusty Flowerpiercer (*Diglossa sittoides*)
 199.- Grey Pileated Finch (*Coryphospingus pileatus*)
 201.- Buff-throated Saltator (*Saltator maximus*)
 203.- Orinoco Saltator (*Saltator orenocensis orenocensis*)
 205.- Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina*)
 207.- Dull-colored Grassquit (*Tiaris obscurus*)
 209.- Plushcap (*Catamblyrhynchus diadema*)
 211.- Vermilion Cardinal (*Cardinalis phoeniceus*)
- 172.- Slate-throated Whitestart (*Myioborus miniatus*)
 174.- Crested Oropendola (*Psarocolius decumanus*)
 176.- Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*)
 178.- Carib Grackle (*Quiscalus lugubris*)
 180.- Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*)
 182.- Golden-winged Sparrow (*Arremon schlegelii*)
 184.- Santa Marta Brushfinch (*Atlapetes melanocephalus*)
 186.- White-lined Tanager (*Tachyphonus rufus*)
 188.- Blue-grey Tanager (*Thraupis episcopus*)
 190.- Palm Tanager (*Thraupis palmarum*)
 192.- Bay-headed Tanager (*Tangara gyrola*)
 194.- Black-headed Tanager (*Tangara cyanoptera*)
 196.- Blue Dacnis (*Dacnis cayana*)
 198.- White-sided Flowerpiercer (*Diglossa albilatera*)
 200.- Slaty Finch (*Haplospiza rustica*)
 202.- Greyish Saltator (*Saltator coerulescens*)
 204.- Streaked Saltator (*Saltator striatipectus*)
 206.- Yellow-bellied Seedeater (*Sporophila nigricollis*)
 208.- Black-faced Grassquit (*Tiaris bicolor*)
 210.- Scarlet Tanager (*Piranga olivacea*)



Black-throated Tody-Tyrant



Santa Marta Woodstar



Santa Marta Antpitta



Santa Marta Wood Wren