

# Peru – Surf & Turf

Naturetrek Tour Report

29 November - 8 December 2017

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Diademed Sandpiper-Plover



Great Inca Finch



Humboldt Penguins



Black-necked-Woodpecker

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## Summary

This is a trip report for the tour called Surf & Turf made in Peru for Naturetrek this last November 2017. I would like to thank to all members of the group, who taught me once again the old British school for birdwatching. Special thanks to you for your birding skills, and for being such excellent company. I really hope to see you back in South America sometime soon

### Day 1

Wednesday 29th November

After a very long flight, most of the group arrived on time at Lima Airport on the KLM flight. The other two group members arrived in at almost the same time, having travelled via Madrid. The transfer to Ferre Hotel in Miraflores was fine, despite the crazy traffic in Lima city.

### Day 2

Thursday 30th November

We gathered at the restaurant of the hotel for breakfast at 6.45am, which had a beautiful view of the Pacific Ocean, and from the window, we saw our first birds of the trip: Black Vultures, dozens of Franklin's Gulls, Long-tailed Mockingbird, Scrub Blackbird, Amazilia Hummingbird, Bananaquit, Southern House Wren, West Peruvian & Eared Doves. We boarded the nice Renault minibus and met our driver: Gilmar who did a great job as cook as well, and were off to Villa Marshes also known as Pantanos de Villa. On the way, we made a stop along the beach and some marine birds were found: Kelp and Belcher's Gull, Peruvian Pelican, Neotropic & Guanay Cormorants, Grey Gull flying over the ocean, Peruvian Boobies, hundreds of Franklin's gulls, and the beautiful Inca Tern. At the marshes, the birding was really good: Groove-billed Ani, Hudsonian Whimbrel, Great and Pied-billed Grebes, Yellow-crowned and Black-crowned Night Herons, American Oystercatchers, Spotted Sandpiper, Little Blue Herons, a beautiful male Vermilion Flycatcher, Tropical Kingbird, Yellow-hooded Blackbird (a feral population in Lima found at Villa Marshes), Killdeer, thousands of Franklin's Gulls, many Black Skimmers, and the fantastic Peruvian Thick-knees. At another spot on the marshes, we got: Snowy and Great Egrets, Striated Heron, Many-colored Rush Tyrant, (considered as the most beautiful flycatcher in the world), Wren-like Rushbird, Least Bittern, Cinnamon Teal, Common Gallinule (a split from Common Moorhen), Andean (Slate-colored) Coot, Black Vultures, Chestnut-throated Seedeater, Southern Beardless Tyrannulet, Blue-black Grassquit and a small flock of Grassland Yellow Finches.

After an excellent birding on the marshes, we continued south on the Pan-American Highway towards Pucusana town, a fishing bay located approximately 60 kilometres south of Lima. Upon arrival, we boarded one of the artisanal fishing boats and went offshore for an hour's boat ride. Many birds were found here: Ruddy Turnstones, Surfbirds, Peruvian Seaside Cinclodes (our first Peruvian endemic), Blackish Oystercatchers, Red-legged Cormorants, and one of the targets of the trip: Humboldt Penguins. We also saw big colonies of Peruvian Boobies, Inca Terns and more Neotropic Cormorants. Amazing Southern Sea Lions were also seen on the ride. After the ride, we were very delighted by a beautiful Peruvian seafood dish: ceviche, and marine jalea, another excellent marine dish only prepared here in Peru.

After lunch we headed off to Peter's House, located 45 kilometres east of Lima, at the base of the Santa Eulalia Valley, a nice, friendly and very strategic accommodation for the next day of the tour - the ascension to this dramatic valley of Santa Eulalia.

Before we got there, we stopped at Chosica town main plaza and were able to get some few new birds for the trip just by looking on the ground: birds such as: Chiguanco Thrush, Croaking Ground Dove, Saffron Finches, Band-tailed Seedeaters, Vermilion Flycatcher (the red one), Blue-and-yellow Tanagers and Cinereous Conebill, and the very common Rufous-collared Sparrow. We were also very lucky when, just before we checked in Peter's house, we got our second Peruvian endemic: Black-necked Woodpecker. After dinner at the hotel and during dinner, we heard Peruvian Pygmy Owl calling in the garden but, unfortunately, we couldn't find it. We finally went to sleep already thinking in the next birding day and the fantastic western side of the central Andes of Peru.

### Day 3

### Friday 1st December

After a very early start with breakfast included, we started our way up to Huachupampa, only 33 kilometres up the Santa Eulalia road but with high expectations of finding a lot of excellent birds. On the way to our first birding stop, located only 20 minutes from the hotel, we found a nice Peruvian Pygmy Owl perched on a wire next to the road, an excellent start to the day! Once we arrived at the first spot, we did a lot of birding and got some good and new birds for the trip: Pied-crested and Yellow-billed Tit-Tyrants, Peruvian Pygmy Owl (again), Oasis Hummingbird, Purple-collared Woodstar, Eared Dove, Bare-faced Ground Dove, Andean Swift, Hooded Siskins, an unexpected Great Inca Finch - another Peruvian endemic - and Golden-bellied Saltator. What an amazing start of the day, surrounded by the beautiful mountains and all these fantastic birds. We also saw the Peruvian endemic Black-necked Woodpecker (again) and Collared Warbling Finch.

After two hours or so, we continued the ride for another 45 minutes, to our next birding spot. The Central Andes of Peru, on the western slopes are very dry area, with only a few fertile valleys formed by the rivers running from the top of the Andes down to the coast. This means that, as you get higher in elevation, the scenery changes quite a lot in a short space as do the birds that live in such restricted areas.

Our next stop, after a small tunnel, delivered some more great species: The Great Inca Finch (again), Andean Tit-Spintail, and two more Peruvian endemics: Thick-billed Miner and Rusty-bellied Brush Finch ... just fantastic!

After this stop, we jumped back in the vehicle, and set off to another nice place for birds; the road also became very narrow, and some people were rather impressed with the road and the big drops, and grateful for Gilmar's excellent driving. The view was just fantastic: the Andes are outstanding here.

After another 20 minutes up the road, we got out of the cars again, to follow a small river and got White-tipped Doves and a Variable Hawk (juvenile). We returned to the vehicle, and went up for another 45 minutes, to find a place for lunch and more birds of course. While waiting for lunch to be made, we did some walking along the road, and the birding was great: Torrent Ducks, and Rusty-bellied Brush Finch again, a beautiful Peruvian endemic which gets very common here in the Valley. We also got the fantastic Andean Condor, at least two, and the outstanding Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle which flew so low that we could see them eye level; the

photographers and non-photographers were very happy too, as the views of this amazing bird was magnificent. We also saw Spot-winged Pigeons, Black-necked Woodpecker again and White-browed Chat-Tyrant. Lunch was ready and Gilmar's cooking skills were shown.

We were running a little bit late, and still had some good targets ahead of us. We boarded the vehicle again, and headed up the road for our last birding spot before getting to Huachupampa. After another 25 minutes of riding we were at the place; here we got: Streak-throated Bush Tyrant, Black-winged Ground Doves, Andean Tinamou, more Rusty-bellied Brush Finches, and again, Rufous-collared Sparrows. Many other birds were also seen here. We arrived finally at Huachupampa before it got dark. We were at almost 3000 metres high in this small and quiet Andean town. The place we stay was very basic (bring your own towel!), but at least a nice place to spend the night. We were lucky to see from the roof here Giant Hummingbird coming to feed on the flowers of the Agave plant and, again, the beautiful Peruvian Pygmy Owl perched on the branch of a nice Alder-berry Tree.

## Day 4

## Saturday 2nd December

After a very early breakfast we were off to try to find another Peruvian endemic: the Rufous-bellied Warbling Finch, a very rare bird in the genus *Poospiza*, that is poorly known, but we know that lives here. Unfortunately, we couldn't find it but the place delivered a bunch of new birds: Black-throated Flowerpiercer, Peruvian Sierra Finches, Rufous-capped Tit-Spintail (another Peruvian endemic), Andean Tinamou (a much better view than the day before), Canyon Canastero, Golden-billed Saltator, Mourning Sierra Finches and another two beautiful Peruvian endemics: Black Metaltail and Bronze-tailed Comet ... again, just great!

We continued our way up by road, and at our next stop, which wasn't far, we got: Greenish Yellow Finches, Plain-colored Seedeater, and Peruvian Sierra Finches again.

This day is a long day, so birding is mainly focused along the road, with some good target species. As we were going up the road, we were delighted with the amazing scenery changes, and amongst the birds we found Peruvian Sierra Finches, Cream-winged Cinclodes, Andean Goose, and Puna Ibis. We stopped about two hours from Huachupampa, in an area with a lot of *Polylepis* trees: these are native trees that grow in high areas in the Andes. Here we were ready for a little bit of a climbing, as we were trying for more specialties, so in these *Polylepis* and the surrounding area we got: Buff-breasted Earthcreeper (sometimes known as Plain-breasted Earthcreeper), Ash-breasted Sierra Finches, White-winged Cinclodes, more Condors, Brown-bellied and Andean Swallows, Rufous-naped Ground Tyrant, Cordilleran Canastero, and inside the *Polylepis*, the *Polylepis* speciality: Giant Conebill. When we returned to the main road, lunch was ready: another great lunch prepared by the driver. After lunch and while waiting for Gilmar to pack everything back into car, we found more condors flying overhead.

We were soon off again, heading up to the top of the mountain. The weather started changing, so clouds and mist were all over, covering the view of the valley; however, we found some new birds for the trip: Andean Geese, Silvered Grebes, Speckled Teal, Andean Ducks, Andean Flicker and White-winged Diuca Finch. We also found Northern Viscacha (a rabbit-like mammal that inhabit the Peruvian Andes and is able to survive in very cold and extreme weather conditions) and a nice Andean Fox crossing the road. It started to rain at 3700 metres in elevation, and was very cold and wet, but we still managed to find great birds for the trip.

Our next stop was even higher in elevation; here we made our first attempt for the Diademed Sandpiper-Plover, one of the main targets species of trip. Unfortunately, due to the bad weather conditions, we couldn't find it, so we went straight to the Hotel Chez Victor, located on the main central Highway in San Mateo town, at 3100 metres in elevation.

## Day 5

## Sunday 3rd December

Today's birding was going to be probably the most waited day for the trip as we would be trying for some of the most outstanding and iconic birds of South America: Diademed Sandpiper-Plover, and the extremely localized, super-mega Peruvian endemic, White-bellied Cinclodes.

Leaving the hotel very early in the morning, we were off again to the upper part of the Santa Eulalia Road, also known as Marcapomacocha Road to find the Sandpiper-Plover. Only 1.5 kilometres away from the main highway, we stopped, and guess what, there it was, one Sandpiper-Plover, spotted first by Davy. It was so close to the road, that we couldn't believe it; the bird was so tame that the views were just amazing. We spent about 45 minutes with this bird - unbelievable!

At the same spot other great birds showed up: Puna Snipe, Striped-headed Antpitta, Grey-breasted Seedsnipe, Bright-rumped Yellow Finches, Streak-throated Canastero, Black Siskins .... and many more. Breakfast was again in the field, and afterwards we returned to the road to continue with more birding. We had amazing views of Andean Flicker and two more Peruvian endemics were added on the list: Junin Canastero and Black-breasted Hillstar.

After the plover and all these fantastic birds, we went up the road only eight kilometres to where we planned to have lunch, and more birds, of course. At this spot, we found the amazing White-bellied Cinclodes, Thick-billed and Dark-winged Miners, three Peruvian endemics. We also got White-fronted, Taczanowski's and Puna Ground Tyrants, Bright-rumped Yellow Finches again, and more condors flying around. The birding was extremely good, and having seen almost all the targets, we decided to go back to San Mateo for our lunch.

After lunch, we went to a nice valley lower in elevation called Rio Branco. We got here: Torrent Ducks, Black-throated Flowerpiercers, Peruvian Sierra Finches, Rusty-bellied Brush Finch again, Andean Condor, Black Metaltail and much more. After another two hours of good birding, we decided to get back to the hotel: enough for today with all the great birds that we had seen.

## Day 6

## Monday 4th December

Today was our last day in the Central Andes and this morning we went up on the way to the high pass of Ticlio, (4800 metres). After about an hour we arrived there, and the birding started with Andean Gull and Puna Snipe flying over; White-bellied Cinclodes, Grey-breasted Seedsnipe and Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe were also seen here, plus Streak-throated Canastero, Plumbeous Sierra Finches, Andean Geese, Aplomado Falcon, Common Miner and Giant Coot were also found around this place, just fantastic.

We went back to the hotel for lunch, and then back to Lima for dinner. On the way back there were Cattle Egrets, Long-tailed Mockingbirds, Scrub Blackbirds, Tropical Kingbirds, Blue-and-white Swallows and Rufous-collared Sparrows.

## Day 7

## Tuesday 5th December

Today we started the Surf part of the trip. After breakfast at the hotel, we boarded the minibus and began our journey south of Lima to the city of Paracas, located in the Department of Ica at approx. 290 kilometres south of Lima.

Our first stop was in a place called Puerto Viejo, at about 75 kilometres: an area with some marshes and access to the Pacific Ocean. This place has a viewing platform where we found Peruvian (also sometimes known as Red-breasted) Meadowlark, White-cheeked Pintail, Osprey, and another Peruvian endemic: Coastal Miner. Other species included Semipalmated and Least Sandpiper, Cinereous Conebill (the coastal form), House Sparrow (the first time for the trip!) and Shiny Cowbirds. By the ocean we encountered Peruvian Thick-knees, Guanay and Neotropic Cormorants, Inca Terns, Peruvian Boobies, Kelp, Grey-hooded and Belcher's Gulls and the beautiful Black Skimmers. In the distance we looked at least 20 Chilean Flamingos, but unfortunately, we couldn't get any closer, despite trying. We left Puerto Viejo and continued heading south to another excellent bird spot before lunch in a place with some citrus plantation called: "Azpitia-Mala". Here we got some great coastal birds: Croaking Ground Doves (excellent views), Streaked Saltator, Blue-black Grassquit, Shiny Cowbird, Chestnut-throated Seedeater, Amazilia Hummingbird, Oasis Hummingbird, Purple-collared Woodstar and Peruvian Sheartail, Short-tailed Field Tyrant, Pacific Parrotlets and the beautiful Parrot-billed Seedeater.

Lunch was at the Paulina Restaurant, 15 minutes after Azpitia. After lunch, we went straight to Paracas in order to get there before dark, and find more birds on the shore of the Hotel.

Aranwa Hotel is a 5-star hotel, a beautiful place to rest and watch some shore birds as the hotel is very close to the boundary of Paracas National Reserve.

Before dinner, we saw Grey-bellied Plover, many Sandwich Terns, Common Tern, only seen by Davy, Royal and Elegant Terns, Semipalmated Plover, Semipalmated and Western Sandpipers, West Peruvian Doves, and many more.

The Pacific Ocean with the Humboldt Current provides with a lot of food to many coastal birds, so birding here is also great. We enjoyed a beautiful dinner at Chaco town restaurant: the end of another great day.

## Day 8

## Wednesday 6th December

Today's breakfast was ready at 7am, but before it, we went for a walk down to the pier, where we found very much the same that we found a day before. We saw, however, Sanderlings walking by the beach and the Common Bottlenose Dolphin swimming in the water, a new mammal for the trip. We returned for breakfast before heading off to the Ballestas Islands.

This tour to the Ballestas Islands took about 2.5 hours. Here we saw big colonies of cormorants, boobies, Inca and Common Terns, and the fantastic Humboldt Penguins - this time, we saw many. The islands are just spectacular, with great photo opportunities, and the chance of big families of Sea Lions.

Before lunch, we went to search for the Slender-billed Finch, a bird whose population is decreasing due to the logging of trees that grow naturally along the coastal line of Peru. We were not lucky enough to find it at this spot; however, we had great views of Barn Swallows and Burrowing Owls. Finally, we did another small hike along the coastal beach where we saw big colonies of Skimmers and Hudsonian Godwits.

After lunch, this time, we headed 7 kilometres north of Paracas towards Pisco town, to an area with marshes; on the way, we saw more Flamingos, Sanderlings, Semipalmated Sandpipers and Least Sandpipers. Once at the Marshes, we found Wilson's Phalaropes, Stilt Sandpipers, Short-billed Dowitcher, Hudsonian Godwit and many more of the same birds we had seen before. It was also a great place. Eventually we went back to the hotel for our last dinner together.

## Day 9

Thursday 7th December

Sadly, this was our last day in the field of the tour. We met again before breakfast to go for another look out by the hotel, finding the same birds as before.

After breakfast, we visited Paracas National Reserve, an area protected in Peru since 1975; the main reason for this national reserve is to protect mainly the marine ecosystem (60%) but also part of the desert (40%) in this part of the country. Paracas means "sand storm", as sometimes the wind blows so fast that creates big and very strong sand storms.

In the reserve we visited Salinas de Otuma, a salty lake with some good numbers of Snowy Plovers -new for the trip- and Chilean Flamingos. Then we moved on to the cathedral, a nice rock formation that used to have the shape of a big church, hence the name, and then to Lagunillas beach where we had the Wandering Tattler -also new for the trip- more of the Least Sandpipers, Osprey, Vultures and more. I have to say that scenery inside the reserve was just amazing.

Finally, we went back to Paracas town for our last lunch together. It was then time to drive back to Lima Airport in time for the international flight back to the UK.

## Day 10

Friday 8th December

The flight home landed at Gatwick, as another amazing Naturetrek adventure came to an end.

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## Species Lists

Birds (✓=recorded but not counted; H = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	November / December							
			30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Andean Tinamou	<i>Nothoprocta pentlandii</i>		✓	✓					
2	Torrent Duck	<i>Merganetta armata</i>		✓		✓	✓			
3	Crested Duck	<i>Lophonetta specularioides</i>					✓			
4	Speckled Teal	<i>Anas flavirostris oxyptera</i>			✓		✓			
5	Blue-winged Teal	<i>Spatula discors</i>	✓							
6	Cinnamon Teal	<i>Spatula cyanoptera</i>	✓					✓	✓	
7	White-cheeked Pintail	<i>Anas bahamensis</i>	✓					✓	✓	✓
8	Southern Pochard	<i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>								
9	Andean Duck	<i>Oxyura ferruginea</i>			✓			✓		
10	Humboldt Penguin	<i>Spheniscus humboldti</i>	✓						✓	
11	Silvery Grebe	<i>Podiceps occipitalis</i>			✓				✓	
12	Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	✓					✓		
13	Great Grebe	<i>Podiceps major</i>	✓					✓	✓	
14	Chilean Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus chilensis</i>						✓	✓	✓
15	Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
16	Guanay Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax bougainvillii</i>	✓						✓	
17	Red-legged Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax gaimardi</i>	✓					✓	✓	
18	Peruvian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus thagus</i>	✓					✓	✓	
19	Blue-footed Booby	<i>Sula nebouxii</i>							✓	
20	Peruvian Booby	<i>Sula variegata</i>	✓					✓	✓	✓
21	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>						✓		✓
22	Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	✓					✓	✓	✓
23	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
24	Yellow-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>	✓							
25	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓
26	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	✓					✓		
27	Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
28	Puna Ibis	<i>Plegadis ridgwayi</i>	✓						✓	
29	Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	✓					✓	✓	✓
30	Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	
31	Andean Condor	<i>Vultur gryphus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
32	Mountain Caracara	<i>Phalcoboenus megalopterus</i>			✓					
33	American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
34	Aplomado Falcon	<i>Falco femoralis</i>					✓			
35	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>						✓		
36	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>						✓	✓	
37	Harris's Hawk	<i>Parabuteo unicinctus</i>	✓	✓			✓			
38	Variable Hawk	<i>Geranoaetus polysona</i>			✓	✓				
39	Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle	<i>Geranoaetus melanoleucus</i>		✓	✓					
40	Plumbeous Rail	<i>Pardirallus sanguinolentus</i>	✓						✓	
41	Common Gallinule (Moorhen split)	<i>Gallinula galeata</i>	✓					✓	✓	✓
42	Andean Coot	<i>Fulica ardesiaca</i>	✓		✓			✓	✓	
43	Giant Coot	<i>Fulica gigantea</i>			✓		✓			
44	Blackish Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ater</i>	✓					✓	✓	✓
45	American Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus palliatus</i>	✓					✓	✓	✓
46	Andean Lapwing	<i>Vanellus resplendens</i>			✓	✓	✓			
47	Diademed Sandpiper-Plover	<i>Phegornis mitchellii</i>				✓	✓			



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48	Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓
49	Peruvian Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus superciliaris</i>	✓					✓		✓
50	Grey (Black-bellied) Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>							✓	✓
51	Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>							✓	✓
52	Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	✓					✓	✓	
53	Snowy Plover	<i>Charadrius nivosus</i>								✓
54	Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>							✓	
55	Hudsonian Godwit	<i>Limosa haemastica</i>							✓	
56	Hudsonian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus hudsonicus</i>	✓					✓	✓	✓
57	Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularia</i>	✓					✓	✓	✓
58	Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>						✓	✓	✓
59	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana</i>						□	□	✓
60	Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>						✓	✓	✓
61	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	✓					✓	✓	✓
62	Surfbird	<i>Calidris virgata</i>	✓							
63	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>							✓	✓
64	Semipalmated Sandpiper	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>						✓	✓	✓
65	Western Sandpiper	<i>Calidris mauri</i>							✓	
66	Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>							✓	✓
67	Baird's Sandpiper	<i>Calidris bairdii</i>							✓	✓
68	Stilt Sandpiper	<i>Calidris himantopus</i>							✓	
69	Wilson's Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>							✓	✓
70	Puna Snipe	<i>Gallinago andina</i>				✓				
71	Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe	<i>Attagis gayi</i>				□	✓			
72	Grey-breasted Seedsnipe	<i>Thinocorus orbignyianus</i>				✓	✓			
73	Belcher's (Band-tailed) Gull	<i>Larus belcheri</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
74	Grey Gull	<i>Leucophaeus modestus</i>	✓					✓	✓	✓
75	Grey-hooded Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i>	✓					✓	✓	✓
76	Laughing Gull	<i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i>						✓	✓	✓
77	Kelp Gull	<i>Larus dominicanus</i>	✓						✓	✓
78	Andean Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus serranus</i>			✓		✓			
79	Franklin's Gull	<i>Leucophaeus pipixcan</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
80	Elegant Tern	<i>Thalasseus elegans</i>	✓					✓	✓	✓
81	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>						✓	✓	✓
82	Royal Tern	<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>						✓	✓	✓
83	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>							✓	
84	Inca Tern	<i>Larosterna inca</i>	✓					✓	✓	✓
85	Black Skimmer	<i>Rynchops niger</i>	✓					✓	✓	✓
86	Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
87	Spot-winged Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas maculosa</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			
88	Eared Dove	<i>Zenaida auriculata</i>		✓				✓		
89	West Peruvian Dove	<i>Zenaida meloda</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
90	Plain-breasted Ground Dove	<i>Columbina minuta</i>								
91	Croaking Ground Dove	<i>Columbina cruziana</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
92	Bare-faced Ground Dove	<i>Metriopelia ceciliae</i>		✓	✓					
93	Black-winged Ground Dove	<i>Metriopelia melanoptera</i>		✓	✓	✓				
94	White-tipped Dove	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>		✓						
95	Scarlet-fronted Parakeet	<i>Psittacara wagleri</i>						H		
96	Mountain Parakeet	<i>Psilopsiagon aurifrons</i>		✓						
97	Pacific Parrotlet	<i>Forpus coelestis</i>		□				✓		
98	Groove-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga sulcirostris</i>	✓	✓						

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99	Burrowing Owl	<i>Athene cunicularia</i>								✓	
100	Pacific (Peruvian) Pygmy Owl	<i>Glaucidium peruanum</i>		✓							
101	Band-winged Nightjar	<i>Systellura longirostris</i>								✓	
102	White-collared Swift	<i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>						✓			
103	Andean Swift	<i>Aeronautes andecolus</i>			✓						
104	Amazilia Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia amazilia</i>	✓	✓					✓		
105	Black-breasted Hillstar	<i>Oreotrochilus melanogaster</i>			✓	✓					
106	Great Sapphirewing	<i>Pterophanes cyanopterus</i>			✓						
107	Giant Hummingbird	<i>Patagona gigas</i>		✓	✓	✓					
108	Bronze-tailed Comet	<i>Polyonymus caroli</i>			✓						
109	Black Metaltail	<i>Metallura phoebe</i>			✓	✓					
110	Olivaceous Thornbill	<i>Chalcostigma olivaceum</i>				✓					
111	Oasis Hummingbird	<i>Rhodopis vesper</i>		✓					✓		
112	Peruvian Sheartail	<i>Thaumastura cora</i>							✓	✓	
113	Purple-collared Woodstar	<i>Myrtis fanny</i>		✓					✓		
114	Black-necked Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes atricollis</i>	✓	✓							
115	Andean Flicker	<i>Colaptes rupicola</i>			✓	✓					
116	Dark-winged Miner	<i>Geositta saxicolina</i>				✓					
117	Thick-billed Miner	<i>Geositta crassirostris</i>		✓	✓						
118	Slender-billed Miner	<i>Geositta tenuirostris</i>				✓					
119	Common Miner	<i>Geositta cunicularia</i>				✓					
120	Coastal Miner	<i>Geositta peruviana</i>							✓		✓
121	Buff (Plain)-breasted Earthcreeper	<i>Upucerthia validirostris (jelskii)</i>			✓	✓					
122	Peruvian Seaside Cinclodes	<i>Cinclodes taczanowskii</i>	✓						✓	✓	
123	Cream-winged Cinclodes	<i>Cinclodes albiventris</i>			✓	✓	✓				
124	White-winged Cinclodes	<i>Cinclodes atacamensis</i>			✓						
125	White-bellied Cinclodes	<i>Cinclodes palliatus</i>				✓	✓				
126	Wren-like Rushbird	<i>Phleocryptes melanops</i>	✓						✓		
127	Streaked Tit-Spinetail	<i>Leptasthenura striata</i>		✓							
128	Rusty-crowned Tit-Spinetail	<i>Leptasthenura pileata</i>			✓	✓					
129	Canyon Canastero	<i>Asthenes pudibunda</i>			✓						
130	Cordilleran Canastero	<i>Asthenes modesta</i>			✓						
131	Streak-throated Canastero	<i>Asthenes humilis</i>			✓	✓	✓				
132	Junín Canastero	<i>Asthenes virgata</i>			✓	✓					
133	Stripe-headed Antpitta	<i>Grallaria andicola</i>			✓	✓					
134	Southern Beardless Tyrannulet	<i>Camptostoma obsoletum sclateri</i>	✓	✓							
135	Many-colored Rush Tyrant	<i>Tachuris rubrigastra</i>	✓						✓		
136	Pied-crested Tit-Tyrant	<i>Anairetes reguloides</i>		✓	✓				✓		
137	Vermilion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
138	D'Orbigny's Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca oenanthoides</i>			✓	✓					
139	White-browed Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca leucophrys</i>			✓	✓					
140	Streak-throated Bush Tyrant	<i>Myiotheretes striaticollis</i>		✓							
141	Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant	<i>Agriornis montana</i>			✓						
142	Rufous-naped Ground Tyrant	<i>Muscisaxicola rufivertex occipitalis</i>			✓						
143	Puna Ground Tyrant	<i>Muscisaxicola juninensis</i>				✓	✓				
144	Taczanowski's Ground Tyrant	<i>Muscisaxicola griseus</i>			✓	✓	✓				
145	Cinereous Ground Tyrant	<i>Muscisaxicola cinereus</i>			✓	✓	✓				
146	White-fronted Ground Tyrant	<i>Muscisaxicola albifrons</i>				✓	✓				
147	Short-tailed Field Tyrant	<i>Muscigralla brevicauda</i>							✓		
148	Dusky-capped Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>		✓							
149	Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	✓	✓				✓		✓	

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150	Eastern Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	✓	☐			☐		☐	
151	Blue-and-white Swallow	<i>Notiochelidon cyanoleuca</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
152	Brown-bellied Swallow	<i>Notiochelidon murina</i>			✓	✓				
153	Andean Swallow	<i>Haplochelidon andecola</i>				✓	✓			
154	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>						✓	✓	
155	Sand Martin (Bank Swallow)	<i>Riparia riparia</i>						✓		
156	Southern House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon musculus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
157	Grass (Sedge) Wren	<i>Cistothorus platensis</i>								
158	Long-tailed Mockingbird	<i>Mimus longicaudatus</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
159	Chiguanco Thrush	<i>Turdus chiguanco</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
160	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>						✓	✓	✓
161	Hooded Siskin	<i>Spinus magellanica</i>		✓	✓			✓		
162	Black Siskin	<i>Spinus atrata</i>			✓	✓	✓			
163	Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaveola</i>	✓					✓		
164	Cinereous Conebill	<i>Conirostrum cinereum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
165	Giant Conebill	<i>Oreomanes fraseri</i>			✓					
166	Blue-grey Tanager	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>	✓				✓	✓		
167	Blue-and-yellow Tanager	<i>Thraupis bonariensis</i>		✓	✓					
168	Peruvian Sierra Finch	<i>Phrygilus punensis</i>			✓	✓				
169	Mourning Sierra Finch	<i>Phrygilus fruticeti</i>		✓	✓	✓				
170	Plumbeous Sierra Finch	<i>Phrygilus unicolor</i>			✓	✓	✓			
171	Ash-breasted Sierra Finch	<i>Phrygilus plebejus</i>			✓	✓				
172	White-winged Diuca Finch	<i>Diuca speculifera</i>			✓	✓	✓			
173	Great Inca Finch	<i>Incaezpiza pulchra</i>		✓						
174	Collared Warbling Finch	<i>Poospiza hispaniolensis</i>		✓				✓		
175	Blue-black Grassquit	<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>		✓				✓		
176	Drab Seedeater	<i>Sporophila simplex</i>						✓		
177	Chestnut-throated Seedeater	<i>Sporophila telasco</i>	✓					✓		
178	Parrot-billed Seedeater	<i>Sporophila peruviana</i>						✓		
179	Band-tailed Seedeater	<i>Catamenia analis</i>	✓	✓				✓		
180	Plain-colored Seedeater	<i>Catamenia inornata</i>			✓	✓				
181	Black-throated Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa brunneiventris</i>			✓	✓				
182	Saffron Finch	<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>	✓							
183	Grassland Yellow Finch	<i>Sicalis luteola</i>	✓					✓		
184	Bright-rumped Yellow Finch	<i>Sicalis uropygialis</i>				✓	✓			
185	Greenish Yellow Finch	<i>Sicalis olivascens</i>		✓	✓					
186	Rusty-bellied Brush Finch	<i>Atlapetes nationi</i>		✓	✓	✓				
187	Golden-billed Saltator	<i>Saltator aurantirostris</i>			✓					
188	Streaked Saltator	<i>Saltator striatipectus</i>						✓		
189	Golden(-bellied) Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus chrysogaster</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
190	Rufous-collared Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
191	Peruvian (Red-breasted) Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella bellicosa</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓	
192	Scrub Blackbird	<i>Dives warszewiczi</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
193	Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>	✓					✓		
194	Yellow-hooded Blackbird	<i>Chrysomus icterocephalus</i>	✓							

## Mammals

1	South American Sea-lion	<i>Otaria flavescens</i>	✓						✓	
2	Common Bottlenose Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>							✓	✓
5	Andean Fox	<i>Lycalopex culpaeus</i>			✓					
6	Northern Viscacha	<i>Lagidium peruanum</i>			✓					

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8	White-naped squirrel	<i>Sciurus stramineus</i>	✓							

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