

Ecuador

A report on the birds seen during a trip to southern Ecuador from 14 december till 2 January 2007 by David Van den Schoor



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INTRODUCTION

This trip covers a 17 days trip to southern Ecuador taken by Mark Van Beirs and David Van den Schoor. It was my second visit to the country, so the focus was only on lifers and a few possible future-splits still in this area. Otherwise, we hoped to see a good number of Antpittas and a good variety of Andean species.

We managed to see (or hear) 518 species, following strictly taxonomy, names and sequence of James F. Clements 5th edition. A few additional species were seen if following the taxonomy using by Robert S. Ridgely & Paul Greensfield (Field Guide – The Birds of Ecuador).

The total number of species on this trip could easily have been higher if this had been a priority. I'm not going to write a true 'trip report', as good descriptions have been made in several reports. Only for visiting the Shaime area to see Orange-throated Tanager you need some extra information (see below).

GEOGRAPHY

Ecuador is located on the North-Western coast of South America, between Peru to the South and East and Colombia to the north. Ecuador also owns the famous Galapagos Islands, located approximately 1000 kilometres off the coast. Ecuador covers 256370 square kilometres of land and is the smallest country in South America after Uruguay and the Guiana's. Despite Ecuador's diminutive size - about equal to the North American state of Colorado - it is one of the most geographically diverse countries in the world. Ecuador is comprised of four distinct geographical regions: El Oriente (Amazon jungle) in the east, La Sierra (Andes mountains) in the centre, La Costa (the Pacific coastal lowlands) in the west, and the majestic Galapagos Islands off the coast.

FLIGHT AND VISA

We flew from Brussels to Guayaquil via Atlanta with Delta Airlines for 860,75 EUR return, taxes included. US\$ 25 departure tax is charged upon leaving Ecuador via an international flight. Tourists from most countries may get monthly extensions up to 180 days. Tourist visas are extended on the last valid day. Immigration officials will stamp either 60 or 90 days in your passport when you enter. If you know you need more than 60 days, be sure to tell them before they stamp your passport. Also, if you want to stay longer than 90 days you will have to get an extension or obtain a visa. To learn more about visas, check with your local Ecuadorian consulate or your embassy in Ecuador for details pertaining to your citizenship. In Guayaquil go to the immigration office on Avenida Pichincha and Aguirre. Ecuador requires a valid passport from all travellers, as well as proof of return to your home country or onward journey, though this is rarely checked. At this time no yellow fever vaccination is required.

MONEY

In March 2000, Ecuador's official currency changed from the Sucre to the U.S. Dollar. All bills are true US currency. There are some coins that the Ecuadorian Government has minted themselves that are not US coins. One dollar coins, which are actually US coins but are not generally known in the US are quite common. It is wise to check bills you receive, especially larger denomination ones to assure they are not counter fit before accepting them from anyone (banks included). Credit cards and travellers cheques are generally accepted in the cities. You should ensure you bring enough money, in the form of US dollars or travellers' cheques.

CAR RENTAL

I arranged a A-class car (Chevrolet Corsa 5-doors) by AVIS at the International Airport and paid US\$ 931,84 for 16 days including all taxes, assurances (Collision Damage Waiver) and unlimited mileage. It is advisable to book in advance. Drivers must be fully licensed and 21 or older. Cars drive on the right. Petrol fluctuated around US\$ 2,30 per gallon.

Most of the roads we travelled on were in good condition, even some unpaved roads are good passable. Only the short track (4 km or so) to Acanama Forest is in very bad condition but accessible if you be carefull! To reach Cabanas Yankuam however, you need a 4WD, see under Orange-throated Tanager info.

ELECTRICITY

Electric appliances operate on an alternating current, the same as the United States - 110 volts, 60 cycles (Hertz) AC. So, American-styled two-pin plugs are most common. This means that European travellers need to bring an adapter for laptops, cameras, etc.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Travellers need to be particularly cautious with respect to what they eat and drink and to insect bites. Hepatitis A and Typhoid Fever are the two most common diseases transmitted through food and water. Yellow Fever and Malaria are the most common diseases transmitted by insects. www.1cover.co.uk/countries.html health section provides an overview of these and other medical considerations for those travelling in Ecuador. Health is always an issue of concern for people travelling abroad. Most travellers stay healthy throughout their journeys and return home as fit as ever. You have little to worry about if you educate yourself and take sensible precautions. Ecuador is considered one of the safer countries in the Andean Region, though its recent economic woes have caused crime to increase significantly. Ecuador's urban centres, especially Quito and Guayaquil are large cities and like most any large city in the world, are generally more dangerous than the countryside.

FOOD AND DRINK

Ecuador is known for its fabulous exotic fruits, high quality fish and seafood, and the countless varieties of Andean potatoes. Across the country you'll find a broad spectrum of national and regional dishes, including lemon-marinated shrimp, toasted corn, and pastries stuffed with spiced meats. If you're feeling courageous, you can put your culinary bravery to the test with roasted cuy (guinea pig) or tronquito (bull penis soup).

For those on a budget, the best way to stretch your money is to take advantage of set plate meals, an Ecuadorian institution in many restaurants. Lunches (almuerzos) and dinners (meriendas) usually give you a soup, main course (including meat), and dessert for around US\$ 2,00. Vegetarian versions are often available upon request.

At only pennies per bite, bakeries offer a delicious range of breads, sweet pastries, and savory snacks, such as empanadas (hot, crispy meat or cheese-filled pastries) and llapingachos (potato and cheese pancakes). Dishes sold in the street are also quite cheap, but hygiene is often questionable, and you may quickly surpass your intestinal limits. A good rule to follow is the "locals rule" -- if the place is frequented by many locals, the food probably merits joining the crowd.

For the sake of your intestinal happiness, drink only bottled or boiled water, not water from the tap. Distilled and sparkling waters from Ecuadorian springs are available throughout the country and are of good quality. Remember that tap water is frequently used in ice, so request your beverages "sin hielo" (without ice) in restaurants.

LANGUAGE

Ecuador is a country where English is not spoken widely, so at least a rudimentary command of Spanish will be helpful. Some of the younger generation in the bigger cities speak a little English and genuinely tried to help when we had language difficulties.

WEATHER

On account of Ecuador's varied regions and because of its location directly atop the equator, it is an excellent travel destination year-round. Rather than rotating through four seasons, most of Ecuador experiences oscillating wet and dry periods. The general weather trends for each region are as follows:

El Oriente (Amazon region) normally has a warm, humid and rainy climate. The average temperature varies from 23° to 26° C (72 to 80 F). The drier season is generally November to February but varies by region.

La Sierra (Andean Highlands), though on the equator, is generally cooler than most people would expect. The climate in the Andes varies according to the altitude and the time of the year. In Quito the temperature ranges from 7° C (55 F) at night, to 26° C (78 F) at noon, averaging 15° C (64 F).

La Costa's (Coastal lowlands) climate is usually very warm with temperatures averaging 25° C (76 F) to 31° C (90 F) during the year. The rainy season (December to May) is warm and very humid. The dry season is less humid but still a little muggy.

We were in the dry season but had regular raindrops in the lowlands and mist in the mountains. In Bombuscaro, Tapichalaca and Acanama Forest we had really bad weather above an altitude of 1500 meters most of our time!

TIME ZONE

CET Time minus 6 hours during our winter time and minus 7 hours during our summer time.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation in Ecuador is numerous at most visited sites and rather cheap.

Listed below are all visited hotels (and their prices, incl. taxes per night) we stayed in during the trip.

Guayaquil:	Hotel Orilla del Rio	US\$ 36,75 incl. transfer from airport.
Santa Isabel:	Hotel Sol y Agua	US\$ 23,00 per person.
Tandayapa:	Umbrellabird Lodge	US\$ 97,50 incl. 3 meals and drinks.
Macara:	Hotel Conquistador	US\$ 12,00 per person.
Loja :	Hotel Prado	US\$ 15,75 per person.
Zamora:	Copalinga Lodge	US\$ 40,00 per person, incl. 3 meals.
Yankuam:	Cabanas Yankuam	US\$ 74,00 per person for a 2d/1n package, including 3 meals, transport with 4WD from Zamora, transport by boat to Shaime and bird guide.
Vilcabamba:	Hosteria Vilcabamba	US\$ 12,00 per person.
Valladolid:	Tapichalaca Lodge	US\$ 88,50 incl. 3 meals and drinks.
Cuenca:	Hotel Conquistador	US\$ 30,00 per person.

For some Lodges, it's recommended to book in advance, especially during February – March.

Umbrellabird Lodge and Tapichalaca Lodge; www.fjocotoco.org/reserves/visit.htm

Copalinga Lodge; www.copalinga.com or www.ecuador-tierra-viva.com/copalinga_ecolodge.htm

Cabanas Yankuam; www.ecuador-tierra-viva.com/yankuam_lodge.htm or see below.

ORANGE-THROATED TANAGER INFO

Since recently, sites for the monotypic Orange-throated Tanager were only known from northern Peru where they are uncommon and difficult to find. Many birders failed to see this species the last few years here. Besides is the political situation unstable there the last few years.

Well, in spring 2006, Fredrik Ahlman discovered a population at Shaime, a Shuar village along the Nangaritza and Numpatkaima River. Shaime is only accessible by boat from Las Orquideas and Yankuam Lodge. Behind the village starts two trails, both leading to an Oilbird cave. One mostly in primary forest (takes 3hrs) and another through degraded forest (+2hrs). Along the latter, we found the Tanager quite common. We saw a least 15 different birds and heard a few more at different locations. They moved mostly in small parties of 2-4 birds and were very vocal during our visit. So, we made some tape-records of their song and call. Till then, Fredrik visited the place irregular and it was his highest count so far.

For birders who will visit this place and limited in time, you can make the total journey in less than 2 full days! Far the best way and the only option I guess is to contact Fredrik or his wife France (a Swedish-Ecuadorian couple who owns and manages Yankuam Lodge) and let them arrange the whole trip; transport, accommodation, boat and permit to enter the village.

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Av. Del Ejercito, Zamora, Ecuador

Reservations can be made also via the owners of Copalinga Lodge who works extensive together.

The trip start from Zamora, the capital of Zamora-Chinchipe province where they lives. It takes more than 3 hours to drive to Yankuam Lodge on a very bad unpaved road. However, Frederik has a van available to pick up guests and take them to Yankuam Lodge. From here it's another hour by boat to Shaime.

Yankuam in Shuar language means lonely star and Yankuam Lodge truly deserves this name having in mind that it is the only quality lodge located in the area. Yankuam is found at the end of the road that leads from the town of Guayzimi to the small town of Las Orquideas.

Although its rustic design this lodge is basic but comfortable and its food is great. The Nangaritza River, which is located only steps away from the lodge, also adds to the lodge's charm.

We paid in total US\$ 24,00 for lodging, US\$ 30,00 for 3 meals, US\$ 70,00 for the boat, US\$ 4,00 for the Shuar entrance and US\$ 20,00 for the van Zamora – Yankuam retour. In my opinion this was a good deal!

ITINERARY

- 14/12: Flight Brussels to Atlanta and onwards to Guayaquil.
- 15/12: Arrival Guayaquil at 01.00. Transfer to Hotel Orilla del Rio, Guayaquil. Whole day at Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills).
- 16/12: Drive to lower Molleturo road – birding (8.00 -9.30). Drive to Santa Isabel – birding the Yunquilla Reserve (15.30 -19.00). Overnight at Hotel Sol y Agua, Santa Isabel
- 17/12: Drive to Buenaventura (05.30 – 08.30) – Buenaventura Reserve near the Umbrellabird Lodge. Overnight at the Umbrellabird Lodge.
- 18/12: Buenaventura Reserve: Capilla track & Tapaculo trail (am), Main track & Orcesi trail (pm). Overnight at the Umbrellabird Lodge.
- 19/12: Buenaventura Reserve: Umbrellabird trail & Tapaculo trail. Drive to Macara (10.00 – 15.30). Jorupe Reserve, better know as Tanbo Negro (16.00 -18.00). Overnight at Hotel Conquistador, Macara.
- 20/12: Jorupe Reserve (06.00 – 11.30). Zapotillo area (14.30 -21.00). Overnight at Hotel Conquistador, Macara.
- 21/12: Utuana Reserve. Along main road (am). Trails inside the reserve (pm). Overnight at Hotel Conquistador, Macara.
- 22/12: Utuana Reserve - main road & trails (05.15 – 12.00). Drive to Cajanuma section of Podocarpus National Park. (12.00 – 15.30). Cajanuma (15.30 – 20.30). Overnight at Hotel Prado, Loja.
- 23/12: Acanama Forest near Saraguro (07.00 -11.00). Drive to Copalinga (11.00 – 15.00). Copalinga trails (15.00 – 18.00). Overnight at Copalinga Lodge.
- 24/12: Bombuscaro section of Podocarpus National Park (06.00 – 14.00). Copalinga trails & lodge area (14.30 – 18.30). Overnight at Copalinga Lodge.
- 25/12: Bombuscaro (06.30 – 09.00) & Copalinga (09.00 – 12.00). Drive to Cabanas Yankuam (Las Orchideas, Nangaritza Valley) (12.30 – 15.45). Birding in Yankuam area (16.00 – 18.30). Overnight at Cabanas Yankuam.
- 26/12: Boat trip to Shaime (06.30 – 07.30). Walk to Oilbird cave (07.30 – 14.00). Return boat trip (14.00 – 14.30). Drive to Copalinga (16.00 – 19.00). Overnight at Copalinga Lodge.
- 27/12: Bombuscaro & Copalinga (06.00 – 14.00). Drive to Vilcabamba (15.00 – 17.30). Overnight at Hosteria Vilcabamba, Vilcabamba.
- 28/12: Drive Vilcabamba – Tapichalaca (04.50 – 06.05). Tapichalaca Reserve (06.05 – 20.00). Overnight at Tapichalaca Lodge.
- 29/12: Tapichalaca Reserve (05.30 – 19.00). Overnight at Tapichalaca Lodge.
- 30/12: Tapichalaca Reserve (06.00 – 08.30). Drive to Saraguro (09.00 – 11.30). Acanama antenna area (11.30 – 15.30). Drive to Cuenca (15.30 – 19.00). Overnight at Hotel Conquistador, Cuenca.
- 31/12: Drive to El Cajas NP. (06.30 – 07.30). El Cajas NP. (07.30 – 16.00). Drive to Guayaquil (16.00 – 19.00).
- 01/01: Flight Guayaquil to Atlanta and onwards to Brussels.
- 02/01: Arrival at Brussels.

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SYSTEMATIC LIST OF BIRDS

Taxonomy strictly follows names and sequence of James F. Clements (Birds of the World, A Checklist, Fifth Edition 2000) with a few exceptions of recent taxonomic decisions and names changes (see also www.ibispub.com/updates.html), updated till 15 December 2005. Some interesting subspecies (or potential taxonomic splits) are also mentioned. Notes of threatened species on the IUCN Red List were taken of "Threatened Birds of the World" – BirdLife International (2000), see also <http://www.birdlife.org/datazone/species/index.html> . The list contains species *positively* identified by at least one of us.

Gray Tinamou *Tinamus tao*

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single seen on the trail

Little Tinamou *Crypturellus soui*

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - only heard

Pale-browed Tinamou *Crypturellus transfasciatus*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - 1 heard

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - seen well twice, a few more heard

Note: This near-endemic is near threatened qualified by BirdLife International

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - en route Guayaquil - Machala - a single

Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - 1 flew over

Cocoi Heron *Ardea cocoi*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - c10 birds

Great Egret *Ardea alba*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - 2 en route to Guayaquil

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - en route Guayaquil - Machala - commonly seen

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - fairly common

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a single near Macará

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a single en route

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - en route El Cajas NP - Guayaquil - fairly common

Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - 5+ birds

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - a single

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - en route Guayaquil - Machala - fairly common

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - fairly common

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - en route El Cajas NP - Guayaquil - a few

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - c50 en route to Guayaquil

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - en route Guayaquil - Machala - very common

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - very common

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a few near Macará

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - en route Las Orchideas (Nangaritza Valley) - Zamora - 7 seen

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - en route El Cajas NP - Guayaquil - very common

Striated Heron *Butorides striata*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a single

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - a single

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - c8 birds

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - 2 seen

Wood Stork *Mycteria americana*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - a single

White Ibis *Eudocimus albus*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - 2 birds were seen

Roseate Spoonbill *Platalea ajaja*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - c60 birds were counted

Speckled Teal *Anas flavirostris*

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - 6 birds

Andean Duck *Oxyura ferruginea*

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - c30 birds in total

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a few

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - fairly common

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - en route Guayaquil - Machala - fairly common

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - fairly common

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - en route Piñas - Macará - fairly common

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - fairly common

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a few

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - en route Macará - Loja - fairly common

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a few

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - en route Zamora - Las Orchideas (Nangaritza Valley) - fairly common

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a few

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - en route El Cajas NP - Guayaquil - common

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - fairly common

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - fairly common

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - en route Guayaquil - Machala - fairly common

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - small numbers

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - en route Piñas - Macará - regular seen

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - a few

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a few seen

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - en route Macará - Loja - fairly common

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - en route Saraguro - Zamora - a single

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - 4 seen

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - en route Zamora - Las Orchideas (Nangaritza Valley) - a few

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a few

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - en route Vilcabamba - Cuenca - a single

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a single

Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - en route Guayaquil - Machala - 4 seen

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 2 birds seen

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - 2 seen

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 3 seen

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single

Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a few

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - en route Guayaquil - Machala - c20 birds

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - a few

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - en route El Cajas NP - Guayaquil - a few
Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a few

Double-toothed Kite *Harpagus bidentatus*

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - an immature
Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a single
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - an adult and immature near the lodges

Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 3 seen
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a pair
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - 2 seen

Plain-breasted Hawk *Accipiter ventralis*

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a single
Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a single

Crane Hawk *Geranospiza caerulescens*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - seen twice

Gray-backed Hawk *Leucopternis occidentalis*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - 2 birds were seen
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single

Note: This near-endemic is qualified as endangered by BirdLife International

Roadside Hawk *Buteo magnirostris*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - seen twice
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single
Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a single
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 1 heard
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single

Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus*

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single

Puna Hawk *Buteo poecilochrous*

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - a single

Black Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus tyrannus*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 1 pair

Black Caracara *Daptrius ater*

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - 2 seen

Carunculated Caracara *Phalcoboenus carunculatus*

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - 4 adults and 2 immatures were seen

Note: Near-endemic

Crested Caracara *Caracara cheriway*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a single
Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - en route Guayaquil - Machala - a single
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single

Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a single
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a single

Collared Forest-Falcon *Micrastur semitorquatus*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - we saw a single very well

American Kestrel *Falco sparverius*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - en route Guayaquil - Machala - a single
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - 2 seen

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - en route Zamora - Vilcabamba - a single
Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - en route Vilcabamba - Cuenca - a single

Bat Falcon *Falco ruficularis*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - only heard

Rufous-headed Chachalaca *Ortalis erythroptera*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - 2 birds

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - 2 heard

Note: This near-endemic is qualified as vulnerable by BirdLife International

Speckled Chachalaca *Ortalis guttata*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - only heard

Bearded Guan *Penelope barbata*

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 1 pair

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - 1 pair

Note: This near-endemic is qualified as vulnerable by BirdLife International

Rufous-fronted Wood-Quail *Odontophorus erythrops*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 1 seen, a few more heard

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few heard

Note: Near-endemic

Chestnut-headed Crake *Anurolimnas castaneiceps*

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - 1 heard

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - again, only heard

Rufous-sided Crake *Laterallus melanophaius*

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a few heard

White-throated Crake *Laterallus albigularis*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - only heard

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 1 heard

Virginia Rail *Rallus limicola*

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - 1 pair seen, a third bird was heard

Note: of the race *aequatorialis*, sometimes treated as a separate species "Ecuadorian Rail"

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinica*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - en route Guayaquil - Machala - 3 birds

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a single

Slate-colored Coot *Fulica ardesiaca*

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - c15 seen

Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a single

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - en route Guayaquil - Machala - 2 seen

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a few

Andean Lapwing *Vanellus resplendens*

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - 3 seen

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - 3 seen

Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - a single

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularia*

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - boat trip to Shaima - a single

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaima area - a single

Gray-headed Gull *Larus cirrocephalus*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a few en route to Guayaquil

Andean Gull *Larus serranus*

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - 4 seen

Laughing Gull *Larus atricilla*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - en route Guayaquil - Machala - c20 birds

Band-tailed Pigeon *Patagioenas fasciata*

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - c20 seen
Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - c20 birds seen
Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - c15 seen
Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - c10 seen
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a few
Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a few
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - en route Zamora - Vilcabamba - a few
Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a few
Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 3 seen

Note: the southern races *crissalis*, *roraimae* and *albilinea* (the latter being the one occur here) are sometimes regarded as a separate species "white-necked Pigeon"

Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - 20+ birds
Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a few
Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - en route Guayaquil - Machala - a few
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a few
Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a few

Plumbeous Pigeon *Patagioenas plumbea*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - heard only
Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - only heard
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a few heard
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a few
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a few

Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata*

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - c30 seen
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - c20 birds
Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - en route Vilcabamba - Cuenca - a few
Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - en route El Cajas NP - Guayaquil - a single

Ecuadorian Ground-Dove *Columbina buckleyi*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a few
Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a few
Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - a few
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - en route Piñas - Macará - regular seen
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a few
Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - 2 seen

Note: Near-endemic

Croaking Ground-Dove *Columbina cruziana*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a few
Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - en route Guayaquil - Machala - a few
Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - a few
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - fairly common

Note: Near-endemic

Blue Ground-Dove *Claravis pretiosa*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a male

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - c10 birds

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a few
Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single
Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - a few
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - 4 seen
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - seen twice

Gray-fronted Dove *Leptotila rufaxilla*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - heard only
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 3 seen, more heard
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a few

Pallid Dove *Leptotila pallida*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single
Note: Near-endemic

Ochre-bellied Dove *Leptotila ochraceiventris*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a single observation
Note: This near-endemic is qualified as vulnerable by BirdLife International

White-throated Quail-Dove *Geotrygon frenata*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 3 heard
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - heard twice
Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - 3 birds were seen together, more birds were heard
Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - only heard
Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a single seen, more birds were heard
Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - heard only
Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single seen

Ruddy Quail-Dove *Geotrygon montana*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single

Red-masked Parakeet *Aratinga erythrogenys*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - c10 seen
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a few heard
Note: This near-endemic is qualified as near-threatened by BirdLife International

White-eyed Parakeet *Aratinga leucophthalmus*

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - c15 seen
Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - boat trip to Shaime - a few

Golden-plumed Parakeet *Leptosittaca branickii*

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - great views on a group of 8 birds
Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a group of 12 birds
Note: This near-endemic is qualified as vulnerable by BirdLife International

El Oro Parakeet *Pyrrhura orcesi*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a group of c15 birds
Note: Endemic to Ecuador and qualified as endangered by BirdLife International

White-necked Parakeet *Pyrrhura albipectus*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - unfortunately, only heard
Note: Endemic to Ecuador and qualified as vulnerable by BirdLife International

Pacific Parrotlet *Forpus coelestis*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - 5 seen, more heard
Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - c15 birds
Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - a few
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - c10 seen
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - c20 birds
Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - 2 seen
Note: Near-endemic

Gray-cheeked Parakeet *Brotogeris pyrrhopterus*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - 60+ birds were counted
Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - en route Guayaquil - Machala - 3 seen

Note: Near-endemic

Cobalt-winged Parakeet *Brotogeris cyanoptera*

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - 2 seen

Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus*

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a few

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - en route Las Orchideas (Nangaritza Valley) - Zamora - small numbers

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - boat trip to Shaime - a few

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - regular seen

Red-billed Parrot *Pionus sordidus*

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a group of 7 birds

Speckle-faced Parrot *Pionus tumultuosus*

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - c15 birds in total

Note: of the race *seniloides*, sometimes treated as a separate species "White-capped Parrot"

Bronze-winged Parrot *Pionus chalcopterus*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - c25 birds

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - c20 birds

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Red-lored Parrot *Amazona autumnalis*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - c20 birds

Scaly-naped Parrot *Amazona mercenaria*

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 2 seen

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 4 in total

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - 3 seen

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single heard

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a single

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a single

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - seen twice

Little Cuckoo *Piaya minuta*

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a single

Greater Ani *Crotophaga major*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - en route Saraguro - Zamora - a single bird in the Zamora river bed (near Zabanilla) at an altitude of 1700m was a big surprise

Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - fairly common

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - en route Guayaquil - Machala - fairly common

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - fairly common

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - en route Macará - Loja - a few

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - en route Las Orchideas (Nangaritza Valley) - Zamora - a few

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - en route Vilcabamba - Cuenca - a single

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - en route El Cajas NP - Guayaquil - a few

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a few

Groove-billed Ani *Crotophaga sulcirostris*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - en route Piñas - Macará - a few

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - a few

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a few

Striped Cuckoo *Tapera naevia*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - Yunguilla Reserve (near Santa Isabel) - a single heard

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a single heard

West Peruvian Screech-Owl *Megascops roboratus*

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - a single was seen between Saucillo and Potrerillos

Note: Near-endemic

White-throated Screech-Owl *Megascops albogularis*

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - briefly seen, 4 more heard

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a single heard at dawn

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 1 seen, 2 more heard

Mottled Owl *Ciccaba virgata*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - Yunguilla Reserve (near Santa Isabel) - a single

Rufous-banded Owl *Ciccaba albitarsus*

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - 1 heard

Spectacled Owl *Pulsatrix perspicillata*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - great views of a pair at their day-time roost

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - en route Macará - Loja - a single seen very well just outside Macará

Band-bellied Owl *Pulsatrix melanota*

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a female with juvenile at their day-time roost

Andean Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium jardinii*

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - a single was seen

Peruvian Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium peruanum*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - 2 seen, 3 more were heard

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - Yunguilla Reserve (near Santa Isabel) - 2 heard

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - en route Piñas - Macará - 1 seen and heard

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - 2 seen, more heard

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a few heard

Note: Near-endemic

Oilbird *Steatornis caripensis*

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - c20 birds were seen in the cave

Andean Potoo *Nyctibius maculosus*

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - superb views along the main road for 20+ minutes

Rufous-bellied Nighthawk *Lurocalis rufiventris*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - Yunguilla Reserve (near Santa Isabel) - only heard

Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - c8 birds seen

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 5 seen

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a single

Band-winged Nightjar *Caprimulgus longirostris*

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a single

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single

Chestnut-collared Swift *Streptoprocne rutila*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - Yunguilla Reserve (near Santa Isabel) - a few

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a few

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single

White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonoris*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - Yunguilla Reserve (near Santa Isabel) - a few

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - en route Saraguro - Zamora - c10 seen

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - en route Zamora - Vilcabamba - a single

Gray-rumped Swift *Chaetura cinereiventris*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - fairly common
Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - fairly common
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - fairly common
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a few
Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - fairly common
Note: western birds are of the endemic race *occidentalis*

Tumbes Swift *Chaetura ocybetes*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a few birds
Note: Near-endemic

Fork-tailed Palm-Swift *Tachornis squamata*

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - 3 seen

Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift *Panyptila cayennensis*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single

White-whiskered Hermit *Phaethornis yaruqui*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 4 birds
Note: Near-endemic

Western Long-tailed Hermit *Phaethornis longirostris*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 2+
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single
Note: of the race *baroni*, sometimes treated as a distinct species "Baron's Hermit"

Tawny-bellied Hermit *Phaethornis syrmatorphorus*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single
Note: Near-endemic

Stripe-throated Hermit *Phaethornis striigularis*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - Yunguilla Reserve (near Santa Isabel) - a single

Napo Sabrewing *Campylopterus villaviscensio*

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a female at the feeders
Note: This near-endemic is qualified as near-threatened by BirdLife International

White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Brown Violet-ear *Colibri delphinae*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Sparkling Violet-ear *Colibri coruscans*

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few
Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a single
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few

Wire-crested Thorntail *Popelairia popelairii*

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a male
Note: Near-endemic

Green Thorntail *Discosura conversii*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 20+ birds
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - c40 birds at the feeders
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Green-crowned Woodnymph *Thalurania fannyi*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - c5 birds

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 10+ birds were counted

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 2+ seen

Note: of the race hypochlora, sometimes treated as a distinct species "Emerald-bellied Woodnymph"

Violet-bellied Hummingbird *Damophila julie*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - c100 around the feeders

Golden-tailed Sapphire *Chrysuronia oenone*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 50+ birds

Tumbes Hummingbird *Leucippus baeri*

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - 1 or 2 different birds were seen

Note: Near-endemic

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird *Amazilia tzacatl*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - 2 birds

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - c15 birds

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Amazilia Hummingbird *Amazilia amazilia*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - 2 seen

Note: Near-endemic

Loja Hummingbird *Amazilia alticola*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - Yunguilla Reserve (near Santa Isabel) - 2 birds

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - c5 birds

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a single

Note: Endemic to Ecuador

Andean Emerald *Agyrtria franciae*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 20+ birds

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - c40 birds seen

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 10+ birds

Note: Near-endemic

Glittering-throated Emerald *Polyerata fimbriata*

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single

Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer *Chalybura urochrysis*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single at the feeders

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a female

Note: of the form intermedia, sometimes regarded as a race of White-vented Plumeleteer, but more likely a species in its own right "Ecuadorean Plumeleteer"

Speckled Hummingbird *Adelomyia melanogenys*

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - 4 seen

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a single

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single

Fawn-breasted Brilliant *Heliodoxa rubinoides*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 2 birds

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 2 seen

Note: Near-endemic

Violet-fronted Brilliant *Heliodoxa leadbeateri*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a female

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 2 seen

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 2 seen

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few

Black-throated Brilliant *Heliodoxa schreibersii*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 2 males

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a male

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a male

Green-crowned Brilliant *Heliodoxa jacula*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 25+ birds

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - c35 birds seen

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Chestnut-breasted Coronet *Boissonneaua matthewsii*

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - 2 seen

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a male

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - c15 seen

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a few

Note: Near-endemic

Velvet-purple Coronet *Boissonneaua jardini*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single

Note: Near-endemic

Chimborazo Hillstar *Oreotrochilus chimborazo*

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - a male and 2 females were seen

Note: Near-endemic

Mountain Velvetbreast *Lafresnaya lafresnayi*

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a female

Brown Inca *Coeligena wilsoni*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single observation

Note: Near-endemic

Collared Inca *Coeligena torquata*

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - a single

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a few

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - c10 birds

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - a few

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a few

Buff-winged Starfrontlet *Coeligena lutetiae*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - a single

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single

Note: Near-endemic

Rainbow Starfrontlet *Coeligena iris*

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - 4 seen

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - c6 seen

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - a male

Note: Near-endemic

Great Sapphirewing *Pterophanes cyanopterus*

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single

Giant Hummingbird *Patagona gigas*

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - en route Vilcabamba - Cuenca - a single near Cumbe

Amethyst-throated Sunangel *Heliangelus amethysticollis*

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 2 seen

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - c6 seen

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a few

Note: Near-endemic

Little Sunangel *Heliangelus micraster*

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - 5+ seen

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 2 seen

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - c8 birds
Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a few
Note: Near-endemic

Purple-throated Sunangel *Heliangelus viola*

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - 10+ birds
Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - c8 birds
Note: Near-endemic

Glowing Puffleg *Eriocnemis vestitus*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - c5 seen

Booted Racket-tail *Ocreatus underwoodii*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a male
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 2 females
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a female

Tyrian Metaltail *Metallura tyrianthina*

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - a single

Violet-throated Metaltail *Metallura baroni*

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - 2 seen well
Note: Endemic to Ecuador and qualified as endangered by BirdLife International

Rufous-capped Thornbill *Chalcostigma ruficeps*

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single
Note: Near-endemic

Blue-mantled Thornbill *Chalcostigma stanleyi*

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - 3 seen near the pass
Note: Near-endemic

Long-tailed Sylph *Agelaiocercus kingi*

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 2 males

Violet-tailed Sylph *Agelaiocercus coelestis*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - c5 birds
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a female
Note: Near-endemic

Wedge-billed Hummingbird *Augastes geoffroyi*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a male

Long-billed Starthroat *Heliomaster longirostris*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a single
Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - c4 seen
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - a single
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a single

Purple-collared Woodstar *Myrtis fanny*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - Yunguilla Reserve (near Santa Isabel) - a female
Note: Near-endemic

Short-tailed Woodstar *Myrmia micrura*

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - 2+ seen
Note: Near-endemic

White-bellied Woodstar *Chaetocercus mulsant*

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a female
Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 2 females

Collared Trogon *Trogon collaris*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a male

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - only heard
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a male

Black-tailed Trogon *Trogon melanurus*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a male
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a male seen, another bird was heard
Note: of the race *mesurus*, sometimes treated as a distinct species "Ecuadorian Trogon"

Ringed Kingfisher *Ceryle torquatus*

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - en route Piñas - Macará - a single
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - 2 seen

Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona*

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - boat trip to Shaime - seen twice

Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana*

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a single
Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a single

Blue-crowned Motmot *Momotus momota*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - 4 seen, more heard
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single heard
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - c5 birds

Highland Motmot *Momotus aequatorialis*

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - only heard
Note: Near-endemic

Rufous Motmot *Baryphthengus martii*

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 1 heard

Coppery-chested Jacamar *Galbula pastazae*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 1 pair
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - 5 seen
Note: Qualified as vulnerable by BirdLife International

Black-streaked Puffbird *Malacoptila fulvogularis*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a single

White-whiskered Puffbird *Malacoptila panamensis*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a female

Lanceolated Monklet *Micromonacha lanceolata*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - only heard
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - we heard the same at the entrance of the NP

Gilded Barbet *Capito auratus*

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - en route Zamora - Las Orchideas (Nangaritza Valley) - a single

Lemon-throated Barbet *Eubucco richardsoni*

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - only heard

Red-headed Barbet *Eubucco bourcierii*

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a male

Crimson-rumped Toucanet *Aulacorhynchus haematopygus*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 2 birds seen
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - seen twice
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - en route Piñas - Macará - a single
Note: Near-endemic

Collared Aracari *Pteroglossus torquatus*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single
Note: of the race *erythropygus*, sometimes split off as a separate species "Pale-billed Toucanet"

Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucan *Andigena hypoglauca*

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - only heard

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - 2 heard

Note: This near-endemic is qualified as near-threatened by BirdLife International

Choco Toucan *Ramphastos brevis*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single heard

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - only heard

Note: Near-endemic

Channel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos vitellinus*

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 1 heard

Black-mandibled Toucan *Ramphastos ambiguus*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - c8 birds

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Note: of the race *swainsonii*, sometimes treated as a separate species "Chestnut-mandibled Toucan"

Red-billed Toucan *Ramphastos tucanus*

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - we heard a single bird

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - only heard

Lafresnaye's Piculet *Picumnus lafresnayi*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a single

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single

Ecuadorian Piculet *Picumnus sclateri*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a single

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a single

Note: Near-endemic

Black-cheeked Woodpecker *Melanerpes pucherani*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a single

Yellow-tufted Woodpecker *Melanerpes cruentatus*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 1 pair

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 1 pair

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 2 seen

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a single

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single

Scarlet-backed Woodpecker *Veniliornis callonotus*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - seen twice, more heard

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - c5 birds

Note: Near-endemic

Bar-bellied Woodpecker *Veniliornis nigriceps*

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - a single

Smoky-brown Woodpecker *Veniliornis fumigatus*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 2 seen, more heard

Little Woodpecker *Veniliornis passerinus*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a single

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a single

Golden-olive Woodpecker *Piculus rubiginosus*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a single

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - en route Piñas - Macará - a single

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - seen twice

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - 2 seen

Crimson-mantled Woodpecker *Piculus rivolii*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - a single

Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus*

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single heard

Guayaquil Woodpecker *Campephilus guayaquilensis*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 1 pair

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a single

Note: This near-endemic is qualified as near-threatened by BirdLife International

Bar-winged Cinclodes *Cinclodes fuscus*

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - c15 seen

Note: it has recently been suggested that the southern albiventris subspecies group may warrant recognition as a separate species

Stout-billed Cinclodes *Cinclodes excelsior*

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - seen twice

Note: Near-endemic

Pale-legged Hornero *Furnarius leucopus*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - 4 seen

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - Yunguilla Reserve (near Santa Isabel) - a few

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a few

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - en route Guayaquil - Machala - a few

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - a few

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 2 seen

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - en route Piñas - Macará - a few

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - a few

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a few

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Sozoranga - a few

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - en route Saraguro - Zamora - a single

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - en route Zamora - Vilcabamba - a single

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - en route Vilcabamba - Cuenca - 1 seen

Note: sometimes split off as Pacific Hornero *F. cinnamomeus*

Andean Tit-Spinetail *Leptasthenura andicola*

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - c10 birds in total

Rufous Spinetail *Synallaxis unirufa*

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single

Azara's Spinetail *Synallaxis azarae*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - Yunguilla Reserve (near Santa Isabel) - a few

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few heard

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a few

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a few

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - en route Zamora - Vilcabamba - a single

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a few

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - heard only

Dark-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis albigularis*

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - only heard

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - 1 seen and heard

Black-faced Spinetail *Synallaxis tithys*

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - 4 seen

Note: This near-endemic is qualified as endangered by BirdLife International

Line-cheeked Spinetail *Cranioleuca antsisiensis*

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a single

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - 3+ seen

Note: Near-endemic

Ash-browed Spinetail *Cranioleuca curtata*

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 4 seen

Mouse-colored Thistletail *Schizoeaca griseomurina*

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - en route Zamora - Vilcabamba - 1 seen and another heard at the pass of the Loja - Zamora road

Note: Near-endemic

Pearled Treerunner *Margarornis squamiger*

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - a few

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - seen twice

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - a single

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - 2 seen

Plain Xenops *Xenops minutus*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a single

Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - seen twice

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a few

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a single

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a single

Montane Foliage-gleaner *Anabacerthia striaticollis*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 3 seen

Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner *Anabacerthia variegaticeps*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - seen twice

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a few

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a single

Streaked Tuftedcheek *Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 1 seen

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - seen twice

Black-billed Treehunter *Thripadectes melanorhynchus*

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a single observation

Note: Near-endemic

Rufous-necked Foliage-gleaner *Syndactyla ruficollis*

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a single

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a single

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - the same bird as yesterday

Note: This near-endemic is qualified as vulnerable by BirdLife International

Henna-hooded Foliage-gleaner *Hylocryptus erythrocephalus*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - heard twice

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - 3 seen

Note: This near-endemic is qualified as vulnerable by BirdLife International

Plain-brown Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla fuliginosa*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 1 heard

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single

Olivaceous Woodcreeper *Sittasomus griseicapillus*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - seen twice

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - seen twice

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a single

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper *Glyphorhynchus spirurus*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - seen twice
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a single
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - en route Zamora - Las Orchideas (Nangaritza Valley) - a single

Strong-billed Woodcreeper *Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus*

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single

Note: the race orenocensis, sometimes treated as a separate species "Rusty-breasted Woodcreeper"

Spotted Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus erythropygius*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a single seen and heard

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - only heard

Olive-backed Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus triangularis*

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single

Streak-headed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a single

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - seen twice

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - 2+ seen

Red-billed Scythebill *Campylorhamphus trochilirostris*

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a single

Note: of the isolated and near-endemic race thoracicus

Great Antshrike *Taraba major*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a female

Collared Antshrike *Sakesphorus bernardi*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a single male and female

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - c8 birds

Note: Near-endemic

Chapman's Antshrike *Thamnophilus zarumae*

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - 1 pair

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a single male and female

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - 2 males

Note: Near-endemic

Lined Antshrike *Thamnophilus tenuepunctatus*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a female

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - seen twice

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - seen twice

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a male

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 1 heard

Note: Near-endemic

White-shouldered Antshrike *Thamnophilus aethiops*

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - 1 heard

Uniform Antshrike *Thamnophilus unicolor*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 2 pairs

Note: Near-endemic

Plain-winged Antshrike *Thamnophilus schistaceus*

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - 1 pair

Western Slaty-Antshrike *Thamnophilus atrinucha*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a male seen, one more heard

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 1 heard

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a female seen, more heard

Plain Antvireo *Dysithamnus mentalis*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a male

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a male
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - seen twice
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - 3 seen
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a female

Stripe-chested Antwren *Myrmotherula longicauda*

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - 1 seen and heard

Checker-throated Antwren *Myrmotherula fulviventris*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 3 birds

Foothill Antwren *Myrmotherula spodionota*

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - 3 heard

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single heard

Note: Near-endemic

White-flanked Antwren *Myrmotherula axillaris*

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a male seen, more birds heard too

Slaty Antwren *Myrmotherula schisticolor*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 4 seen

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 3 seen

Yellow-breasted Antwren *Herpsilochmus axillaris*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - 2 seen, more heard

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - 2 seen

Note: Near-endemic

Rufous-winged Antwren *Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus*

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - 3 heard

Blackish Antbird *Cercomacra nigrescens*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a single

Black Antbird *Cercomacra serva*

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - heard twice

White-browed Antbird *Myrmoborus leucophrys*

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - 2 birds were heard

Chestnut-backed Antbird *Myrmeciza exsul*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 3 birds

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 2 heard

Immaculate Antbird *Myrmeciza immaculata*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Gray-headed Antbird *Myrmeciza griseiceps*

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a female seen well

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a single heard

Note: This near-endemic is qualified as vulnerable by BirdLife International

Black-faced Antthrush *Formicarius analis*

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a few heard

Barred Antthrush *Chamaeza mollissima*

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - good views of a single at dawn on the trail

Undulated Antpitta *Grallaria squamigera*

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - briefly seen

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - the same bird as yesterday, this time seen extremely well for several minutes skipping on the trail. A second bird was calling at dusk.

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - a single heard

Scaled Antpitta *Grallaria guatimalensis*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single heard

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - It took about 40 minutes but finally we had great views of a calling bird c5 meter high-up in the bamboo
Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - heard twice

Plain-backed Antpitta *Grallaria haplonota*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 1 heard from a distance
Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single seen
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - heard twice
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single heard
Note: Near-endemic

Chestnut-crowned Antpitta *Grallaria ruficapilla*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - Yunguilla Reserve (near Santa Isabel) - a few heard
Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a few heard
Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - heard only
Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - 2 seen, more heard

Watkins' Antpitta *Grallaria watkinsi*

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macarã) - seen well, c6 more heard too
Note: Near-endemic

Chestnut-naped Antpitta *Grallaria nuchalis*

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - 3 heard
Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 1 seen, 3 more heard
Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - seen twice, 4 others were heard too
Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single seen, 3 more heard
Note: Near-endemic

Jocotoco Antpitta *Grallaria ridgelyi*

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single seen for a little while beside the trail, too bad!
A second bird was calling at dusk 6:45 pm.
Note: Endemic to Ecuador and qualified as endangered by BirdLife International

Rufous Antpitta *Grallaria rufula*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - a single heard
Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - 1 heard
Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 3 birds seen in total

Tawny Antpitta *Grallaria quitensis*

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - en route Zamora - Vilcabamba - 1 heard
Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - 3 seen and 8 more heard
Note: Near-endemic

Ochre-breasted Antpitta *Grallaricula flavirostris*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 1 seen well

Slate-crowned Antpitta *Grallaricula nana*

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - seen very well on the trail for several minutes

Elegant Crescent-chest *Melanopareia elegans*

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macarã) - seen very well, a second bird was heard
Note: Near-endemic

Blackish Tapaculo *Scytalopus latrans*

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a single seen, heard twice
Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a single heard

White-crowned Tapaculo *Scytalopus atratus*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - heard twice
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - heard twice
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 3 heard
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - heard twice

Paramo Tapaculo *Scytalopus canus*

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - a single heard
Note: Near-endemic

Chusquea Tapaculo *Scytalopus parkeri*

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - c6 heard
Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - a single seen, more heard
Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - regularly heard
Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 1 seen, a few heard
Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - heard twice
Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a few heard
Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - 1 heard

Note: Near-endemic

Ocellated Tapaculo *Acropternis orthonyx*

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single seen very well, a second bird was heard

Red-crested Cotinga *Ampelion rubrocristata*

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - 1 pair
Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - 2 pairs

Green-and-black Fruiteater *Pipreola riefferii*

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single

Barred Fruiteater *Pipreola arcuata*

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - 4+ seen
Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single
Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - seen twice, more heard
Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - a single heard
Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 1 seen and heard

Fiery-throated Fruiteater *Pipreola chlorolepidota*

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - unfortunately, only heard

Note: This near-endemic is qualified as near-threatened by BirdLife International

Scarlet-breasted Fruiteater *Pipreola frontalis*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - nice views of a single bird in a flock

Note: Near-endemic

Long-wattled Umbrellabird *Cephalopterus penduliger*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a male seen extremely well at close range

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a male seen, 1 or 2 more birds were heard too

Note: This near-endemic is qualified as vulnerable by BirdLife International

Amazonian Umbrellabird *Cephalopterus ornatus*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - 2 seen

Andean Cock-of-the-rock *Rupicola peruviana*

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a female

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a male seen, another heard

White-bearded Manakin *Manacus manacus*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - c6 seen, more heard

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few seen, more heard

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - heard twice

White-crowned Manakin *Dixiphia pipra*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a female

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 2 females

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a female seen, a second bird was heard

Blue-rumped Manakin *Lepidothrix isidorei*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a nice male

Note: Near-endemic

Golden-winged Manakin *Masius chrysopterus*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a female

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single female

Western Striped Manakin *Machaeropterus striolatus*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a female

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - an adult and a immature male

Club-winged Manakin *Machaeropterus deliciosus*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - c8 birds seen, more heard

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few seen and heard

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few seen, more heard

Note: Near-endemic

Dwarf Tyrant-Manakin *Tyranneutes stolzmanni*

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - heard twice

Wing-barred Piprites *Piprites chloris*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a single

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a single

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single

Thrush-like Schiffornis *Schiffornis turdinus*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single seen and heard

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 1 heard

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a few

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a few

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - a few

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macarã) - c10 birds

Mouse-colored Tyrannulet *Phaeomyias murina*

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macarã) - a single

Note: of the race tumbezana, sometimes treated as a distinct species "Tumbesian Tyrannulet"

Yellow Tyrannulet *Capsiempis flaveola*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single

Pacific Elaenia *Myiopagis subplacens*

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macarã) - a single

Note: Near-endemic

Greenish Elaenia *Myiopagis viridicata*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a single

Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a few

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a few

White-crested Elaenia *Elaenia albiceps*

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - fairly common

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a few

Sierran Elaenia *Elaenia pallatangae*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - a single

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - 2 seen

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - a single

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a single

Streak-necked Flycatcher *Mionectes striaticollis*

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a single

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a single

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single

Olive-striped Flycatcher *Mionectes olivaceus*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - seen twice
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single

Slaty-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon superciliaris*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a few seen
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 2+ seen

Bronze-olive Pygmy-Tyrant *Pseudotriccus pelzelni*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single

Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant *Pseudotriccus ruficeps*

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single
Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - another single

Ecuadorian Tyrannulet *Phylloscartes gualaquizae*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a few
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - 2 seen, more heard
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a single

Note: Near-endemic

Sooty-headed Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias griseiceps*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a single
Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - 2 seen

Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet *Phyllomyias uropygialis*

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - 2 seen

White-throated Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus leucophrys*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - 5+ seen
Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single
Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - 2 seen
Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - c5 seen

White-tailed Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus poecilocercus*

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a few
Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a few

Note: Near-endemic

White-banded Tyrannulet *Mecocerculus stictopterus*

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - a few
Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 2 birds
Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 3 birds

Agile Tit-Tyrant *Anairetes agilis*

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - 5+ seen

Note: Near-endemic

Black-crested Tit-Tyrant *Anairetes nigrocristatus*

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - 1 heard
Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a single

Note: Near-endemic

Tufted Tit-Tyrant *Anairetes parulus*

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - a single

Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant *Euscarthmus meloryphus*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a few
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - en route Piñas - Macará - 2 seen
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - c10 seen

Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant *Lophotriccus pileatus*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - seen twice

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single

Golden-winged Tody-Flycatcher *Poecilatriccus calopterus*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single heard
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - only heard again
Note: Near-endemic

Black-throated Tody-Tyrant *Hemitriccus granadensis*

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - en route Zamora - Vilcabamba - a single
Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single

Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a few
Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a few
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a single
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - 2 seen
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - heard only
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single
Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 1 at Valladolid

Yellow-olive Flycatcher *Tolmomyias sulphurescens*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a few
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a single
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a single

Yellow-breasted Flycatcher *Tolmomyias flaviventris*

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - en route Zamora - Las Orchideas (Nangaritza Valley) - a single

White-throated Spadebill *Platyrinchus mystaceus*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 2 seen

Ornate Flycatcher *Myiopiccus ornatus*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 4 birds
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - c6 birds
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - seen twice
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a few
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a few
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a single
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 2 seen

Note: Near-endemic

Orange-banded Flycatcher *Myiophobus lintoni*

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 2 seen
Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 4 birds in total

Note: This near-endemic is qualified as near-threatened by BirdLife International

Bran-colored Flycatcher *Myiophobus fasciatus*

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - en route Piñas - Macará - 2 seen
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a single

Olive-chested Flycatcher *Myiophobus cryptoxanthus*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single

Note: Near-endemic

Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher *Terentotriccus erythrurus*

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a single
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single

Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher *Myiobius sulphureipygius*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 3 seen
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 4 seen

Black-tailed Flycatcher *Myiobius atricaudus*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a single

Cinnamon Flycatcher *Pyrrhomyias cinnamomea*

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - en route Zamora - Vilcabamba - 2 seen

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single

Gray-breasted Flycatcher *Lathrotriccus griseipectus*

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a single

Note: This near-endemic is qualified as vulnerable by BirdLife International

Olive-sided Flycatcher *Contopus cooperi*

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - en route Zamora - Las Orchideas (Nangaritza Valley) - a single

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single

Note: Qualified as near-threatened by BirdLife International

Smoke-colored Pewee *Contopus fumigatus*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 2 birds seen

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a single

Western Wood-Pewee *Contopus sordidulus*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 2 seen

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 2 birds seen

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a single

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a single

Tropical Pewee *Contopus cinereus*

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - 3 birds were seen

Note: of the race *punensis*, sometimes treated as a separate species "Tumbes Pewee"

Willow Flycatcher *Empidonax traillii*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single seen (or Alder Flycatcher)

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a single

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a single

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - 2 seen

Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - 2 birds

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - a few

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - a few

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a few

Jelski's Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca jelskii*

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a single

Note: Near-endemic

Crowned Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca frontalis*

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - another single

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - the same bird as yesterday

Note: Near-endemic

Rufous-breasted Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca rufipectoralis*

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - seen twice

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single

Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant *Ochthoeca fumicolor*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - 4 seen

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - seen twice

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - c7 seen

Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant *Myiotheretes striaticollis*
Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - a single
Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - a single

Black-billed Shrike-Tyrant *Agriornis montana*
Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - en route Saraguro - Zamora - a single
Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - seen twice

White-tailed Shrike-Tyrant *Agriornis andicola*
Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - seen well at close range
Note: Qualified as vulnerable by BirdLife International

Plain-capped Ground-Tyrant *Muscisaxicola alpinus*
Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - c5 birds
Note: This near-endemic birds are of the nominate race alpinus, sometimes treated as a separate species "Paramo Ground-Tyrant"

Masked Water-Tyrant *Fluvicola nengeta*
Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a single
Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - en route Guayaquil - Machala - a single
Note: Near-endemic

Long-tailed Tyrant *Colonia colonus*
Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a single

Ochraceous Attila *Attila torridus*
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 1 seen, 2 more were heard
Note: This near-endemic is qualified as vulnerable by BirdLife International

Grayish Mourner *Rhytipterna simplex*
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a single heard

Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer*
Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - only heard
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single heard

Short-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus ferox*
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 2 seen

Pale-edged Flycatcher *Myiarchus cephalotes*
Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - heard only
Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single seen
Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - another single

Sooty-crowned Flycatcher *Myiarchus phaeocephalus*
Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - 3+ birds
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - 2 birds
Note: Near-endemic

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus*
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a single

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua*
Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - 2 seen
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a single
Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - only heard

Rusty-margined Flycatcher *Myiozetetes cayanensis*
Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a single

Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis*
Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a few
Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - fairly common
Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - en route Guayaquil - Machala - a few
Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - a few
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 2 seen
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - en route Piñas - Macará - a few
Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single
Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - en route Saraguro - Zamora - a single
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a few
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a few
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - en route Zamora - Las Orchideas (Nangaritza Valley) - a few
Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a few
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - en route Zamora - Vilcabamba - a few
Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - en route El Cajas NP - Guayaquil - a few

Baird's Flycatcher *Myiodynastes bairdii*

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - en route Piñas - Macará - a single
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - 15+ birds were seen
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - c5 birds

Note: Near-endemic

Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - 2+ birds
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - a single
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a single
Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single heard

Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a single heard
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a single heard
Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a single
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a few
Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - en route Guayaquil - Machala - fairly common
Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single
Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - a few
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - en route Piñas - Macará - a few
Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - 2 seen
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a few
Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - en route Las Orchideas (Nangaritza Valley) - Zamora - a few
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few
Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a few at Valladolid
Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - en route El Cajas NP - Guayaquil - a few
Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a few

Yellow-cheeked Becard *Pachyramphus xanthogenys*

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a nice male
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - again a single male

Note: Near-endemic

Black-and-white Becard *Pachyramphus albogriseus*

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a female

One-colored Becard *Pachyramphus homochrous*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a female
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 3 seen
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a single

Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single
Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a single

Gray-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - 20+ birds
Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - fairly common
Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - en route Guayaquil - Machala - fairly common
Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single
Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - fairly common
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - en route Piñas - Macará - a few
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - en route Zamora - Las Orchideas (Nangaritza Valley) - a few
Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - boat trip to Shaime - 2 seen

Blue-and-white Swallow *Notiochelidon cyanoleuca*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - Yunguilla Reserve (near Santa Isabel) - fairly common
Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - a few
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - en route Piñas - Macará - fairly common
Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Sozoranga - c30 birds
Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - a few
Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a few
Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - en route Saraguro - Zamora - regular seen
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - en route Zamora - Vilcabamba - a few
Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - en route Vilcabamba - Cuenca - a few
Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - a few
Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a few

Brown-bellied Swallow *Notiochelidon murina*

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - a few seen
Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - a few
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - en route Zamora - Vilcabamba - a few

Pale-footed Swallow *Notiochelidon flavipes*

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - en route Vilcabamba - Cuenca - a few birds near Vilcabamba were probably this species

White-banded Swallow *Atticora fasciata*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a few
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few seen
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a few
Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - boat trip to Shaime - a few seen
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a few
Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - en route Guayaquil - Machala - a few
Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - a few
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - en route Piñas - Macará - a few
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a few
Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - boat trip to Shaime - a few
Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - en route El Cajas NP - Guayaquil - a few

Chestnut-collared Swallow *Petrochelidon rufocollaris*

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Sozoranga - c100 birds were seen

Note: Near-endemic

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - en route Guayaquil - Machala - 2 birds seen

White-capped Dipper *Cinclus leucocephalus*

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - en route Zamora - Vilcabamba - a single

Black-capped Donacobius *Donacobius atricapilla*

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a single

Fasciated Wren *Campylorhynchus fasciatus*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - c10 birds

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - 4 seen

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - c8 birds

Note: Near-endemic

Rufous Wren *Cinnycerthia unirufa*

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a few

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a few

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 2 seen

Whiskered Wren *Thryothorus mystacalis*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single

Note: Near-endemic

Plain-tailed Wren *Thryothorus euophrys*

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - heard only

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a few

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - seen twice

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single heard

Note: Near-endemic

Coraya Wren *Thryothorus coraya*

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a single heard

Speckle-breasted Wren *Thryothorus sclateri*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - 1 seen, more heard

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - 4 seen, more heard

Note: Near-endemic

Bay Wren *Thryothorus nigricapillus*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 2 seen

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a few

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a single

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - a single

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - seen twice

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - seen twice

Mountain Wren *Troglodytes solstitialis*

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 1 seen, more heard

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - heard twice

Sedge Wren *Cistothorus platensis*

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - a single

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - c6 seen

White-breasted Wood-Wren *Henicorhina leucosticta*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few heard

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - 1 seen, more heard

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 1 seen, more heard

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few heard

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - c10 birds in total

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few seen, more heard

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - a few heard

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single

Note: birds in Buenaventura are of the distinctive race *hilaris* which is markedly paler grayish than birds on the e-slope and further north on the w-slope. More field work is needed but some split off this form and renamed it as Ecuadorian Wood-Wren.

Song Wren *Cyphorhinus phaeocephalus*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 3 seen, more heard
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 1 seen, more heard
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 1 seen, more heard

Long-tailed Mockingbird *Mimus longicaudatus*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - a few
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - en route Piñas - Macará - a few
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - fairly common
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a few
Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - en route Macará - Loja - a few

Note: Near-endemic

Andean Solitaire *Myadestes ralloides*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - seen twice, more heard
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 2 seen, more heard too

Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus fuscater*

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - seen twice, more heard
Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a single seen, more heard

Spotted Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus dryas*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single heard
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 1 seen

Swainson's Thrush *Catharus ustulatus*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single
Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - c10 seen
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - good numbers
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - small numbers
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a few
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a few
Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a few
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few
Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a few
Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - a single

Chiguanco Thrush *Turdus chiguanco*

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - en route Vilcabamba - Cuenca - a few near Cuenca

Great Thrush *Turdus fuscater*

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - fairly common
Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - a few
Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - fairly common
Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - a few
Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - en route Saraguro - Zamora - a few
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - en route Zamora - Vilcabamba - a few
Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a few
Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 2 seen
Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - a few
Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a few
Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - a few

Glossy-black Thrush *Turdus serranus*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - Yunguilla Reserve (near Santa Isabel) - c10 birds
Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a few
Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a few

Plumbeous-backed Thrush *Turdus reevei*

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - c10 birds

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a single seen, quite unexpected at this altitude

Note: Near-endemic

Maranon Thrush *Turdus maranonicus*

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 2 birds seen in Valladolid village

Note: Near-endemic

Black-billed Thrush *Turdus ignobilis*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - c8 seen

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a few

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a few

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a single

Ecuadorian Thrush *Turdus maculirostris*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - 10+ birds

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - Yunguilla Reserve (near Santa Isabel) - a few

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a few

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 2 seen

Note: Near-endemic

White-necked Thrush *Turdus albicollis*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - 2 seen, more heard

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - heard twice

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few heard

Tropical Gnatcatcher *Polioptila plumbea*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - 10+ birds

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a few

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - c10 seen

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - c10 seen

Violaceous Jay *Cyanocorax violaceus*

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a single heard

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - heard twice

White-tailed Jay *Cyanocorax mystacalis*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - a single

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - en route Piñas - Macará - a single

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a few

Note: Near-endemic

Turquoise Jay *Cyanolyca turcosa*

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - only heard

Note: Near-endemic

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - en route Guayaquil - Machala - a few seen

Brown-capped Vireo *Vireo leucophrys*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - seen twice

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - seen twice

Red-eyed Vireo *Vireo olivaceus*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a few

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single

Olivaceous Greenlet *Hylophilus olivaceus*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 2 seen

Note: Near-endemic

Lesser Greenlet *Hylophilus decurtatus*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a few
Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - 2 birds
Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a few

Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo *Vireolanius leucotis*

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single

Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - seen twice
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - 3 birds
Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a single
Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - 4 seen

Orange-crowned Euphonia *Euphonia saturata*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a few
Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Note: Near-endemic

Thick-billed Euphonia *Euphonia laniirostris*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a few
Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - a few
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a few
Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a few
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few

Bronze-green Euphonia *Euphonia mesochrysa*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - 2 seen
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 2 seen

Orange-bellied Euphonia *Euphonia xanthogaster*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a female
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a few
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 2 seen
Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a few
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few

Hooded Siskin *Carduelis magellanica*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 4 seen
Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - 4 seen

Yellow-bellied Siskin *Carduelis xanthogastra*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - c10 birds

Olivaceous Siskin *Carduelis olivacea*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 2 seen
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - seen twice
Note: Near-endemic

Tropical Parula *Parula pitiayumi*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 10+ seen
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - seen twice
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - 10+ birds
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a single
Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a single
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 2 seen

Blackburnian Warbler *Dendroica fusca*

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a single

Olive-crowned Yellowthroat *Geothlypis semiflava*

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - 2 seen

Masked Yellowthroat *Geothlypis aequinoctialis*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - 2 birds

Note: of the race auricularis, sometimes split off as a distinct species "Black-lored Yellowthroat"

Canada Warbler *Wilsonia canadensis*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a single

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - seen twice

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single

Slate-throated Redstart *Myioborus miniatus*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - Yunguilla Reserve (near Santa Isabel) - 3 birds

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a few

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - a few

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a few

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a few

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a few

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - 3 seen

Spectacled Redstart *Myioborus melanocephalus*

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - c10 seen

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a few

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - a few

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a few

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - a few

Gray-and-gold Warbler *Basileuterus fraseri*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - 3 seen

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - c8 birds

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - c15 birds were seen

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a few

Note: Near-endemic

Citrine Warbler *Basileuterus luteoviridis*

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a few

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a few

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - a single

Black-crested Warbler *Basileuterus nigrocristatus*

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a few

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - a few

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a few

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - another single

Russet-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus coronatus*

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 3 seen

Three-banded Warbler *Basileuterus trifasciatus*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - c8 birds seen

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 2 seen

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - 3+ seen

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a few

Note: Near-endemic

Buff-rumped Warbler *Basileuterus fulvicauda*

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - 2 seen

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - 1 seen and heard

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - 2 birds
Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a single
Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - seen twice
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 3 seen
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a few
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a few
Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a few
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a few
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few

Chestnut-vented Conebill *Conirostrum speciosum*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 1 pair in the garden, one of the only places in Ecuador for this species

Cinereous Conebill *Conirostrum cinereum*

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - 2 seen

Blue-backed Conebill *Conirostrum sitticolor*

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - 3 seen
Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - a single
Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - another single

Magpie Tanager *Cissopis leveriana*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single

Grass-green Tanager *Chlorornis riefferii*

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - a few
Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - c6 seen
Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 2 seen

Common Bush-Tanager *Chlorospingus ophthalmicus*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - a single
Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - seen twice
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - 2 seen
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few

Yellow-throated Bush-Tanager *Chlorospingus flavigularis*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 2 seen
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 3 seen
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - 20+ seen
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a few
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few

Gray-hooded Bush-Tanager *Cnemoscopus rubrirostris*

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single
Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 1 seen
Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - another single

Superciliaried Hemispingus *Hemispingus superciliaris*

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - 4 seen
Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - a group of 5 birds

Black-headed Hemispingus *Hemispingus verticalis*

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 2 seen
Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - also c5 seen
Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - c5 seen

Rufous-chested Tanager *Thlypopsis ornata*

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - a single

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - seen twice

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - seen twice

Note: Near-endemic

Guira Tanager *Hemithraupis guira*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a few

White-shouldered Tanager *Tachyphonus luctuosus*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - c10 seen

White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a male

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a few

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few

Hepatic Tanager *Piranga flava*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - Yunguilla Reserve (near Santa Isabel) - a male

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a female

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a male

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a female

Note: of the race lutea, often treated as a distinct species "Highland Hepatic- Tanager"

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a single

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 2 males

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a male

Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - c8 seen

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - fairly common

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - fairly common

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a few

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - fairly common

Flame-rumped Tanager *Ramphocelus flammigerus*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - 2 birds

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 10+ seen

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - c15 seen

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - en route Piñas - Macará - a few

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a single

Note: Near-endemic

Blue-gray Tanager *Thraupis episcopus*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a few

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - Yunguilla Reserve (near Santa Isabel) - a few

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a few

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - a few

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - 2 seen

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a few

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a few

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a few

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a few

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a few

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 3 near Valladolid

Blue-capped Tanager *Thraupis cyanocephala*

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a few

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a few

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - 2 seen

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a few

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a few

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few

Hooded Mountain-Tanager *Buthraupis montana*

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 2 seen

Masked Mountain-Tanager *Buthraupis wetmorei*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - superb views of a single bird in a small flock near the antennas

Note: This near-endemic is qualified as vulnerable by BirdLife International

Orange-throated Tanager *Wetmorethraupis sterrhopteron*

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - no less than 15 birds were seen, a few more were heard.

Certainly the best place on earth to see this superb Tanager!

Note: This near-endemic is qualified as vulnerable by BirdLife International

Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager *Anisognathus lacrymosus*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - en route Saraguro - Zamora - 2 seen

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 5+ birds

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - again 5+ birds

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - 2 birds

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 3 seen

Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager *Anisognathus igniventris*

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - c10 seen

Golden-crowned Tanager *Iridosornis rufivertex*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - a single

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 4 seen

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 2 birds

Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager *Dubusia taeniata*

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single bird in a flock

Fawn-breasted Tanager *Pipraeidea melanonota*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single observation

Orange-eared Tanager *Chlorochrysa calliparaea*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - seen twice

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a single

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single

Paradise Tanager *Tangara chilensis*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - 5+ seen

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 2 seen

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a single

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a few

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few

Green-and-gold Tanager *Tangara schrankii*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - c7 seen

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 3 seen
Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a few seen
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a few
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single

Golden Tanager *Tangara arthus*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - 10+ seen
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - 2 seen

Silver-throated Tanager *Tangara icterocephala*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Spotted Tanager *Tangara punctata*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - 2 seen

Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a few
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few
Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a single
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - 2 seen
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single

Blue-necked Tanager *Tangara cyanicollis*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single
Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 10+ seen
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - fairly common
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 2+ seen
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few seen
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a single
Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a single
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a few
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few

Masked Tanager *Tangara nigrocincta*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 2 birds
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 2 seen

Beryl-spangled Tanager *Tangara nigroviridis*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single

Blue-and-black Tanager *Tangara vassorii*

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a single
Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a single

Silver-backed Tanager *Tangara viridicollis*

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a male
Note: Near-endemic

Black-faced Dacnis *Dacnis lineata*

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single

Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a male

Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza*

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 2 birds
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a male
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a female
Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 2+ seen
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a female

Purple Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes caeruleus*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a female

Tit-like Dacnis *Xenodacnis parina*

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - a single male and female were seen

Note: Near-endemic

Swallow-Tanager *Tersina viridis*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 2 males

Crimson-breasted Finch *Rhodospingus cruentus*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - 2 birds
Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - c5 birds
Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - 3 birds

Note: Near-endemic

Plumbeous Sierra-Finch *Phrygilus unicolor*

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - c10 seen

Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch *Phrygilus plebejus*

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - en route Piñas - Macará - a female
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a male
Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - c10 seen

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - fairly common
Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - a few
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - en route Piñas - Macará - a few
Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a female
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a few
Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a few
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a few
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few
Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - c10 seen

Variable Seedeater *Sporophila corvina*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a single
Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - c10 birds
Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - a few
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a single
Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - 10+ seen
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few
Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a few

Black-and-white Seedeater *Sporophila luctuosa*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 2 males

Yellow-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila nigricollis*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a few
Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Chestnut-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila castaneiventris*

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - en route Zamora - Las Orchideas (Nangaritza Valley) - a male

Chestnut-throated Seedeater *Sporophila telasco*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - c6 birds

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - 3 seen

Large-billed Seed-Finch *Oryzoborus crassirostris*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - 4 males and a female were counted

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - 2 males

Note: the form *occidentalis*, sometimes regarded as a race of Great-billed Seed Finch, but possibly a species in its own right.

Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch *Oryzoborus angolensis*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a male

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a male

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a female

Thick-billed Seed-Finch *Oryzoborus funereus*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - c10 birds

Paramo Seedeater *Catamenia homochroa*

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - a male seen well

White-sided Flowerpiercer *Diglossa albilatera*

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - seen twice

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - 2 seen

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a female

Glossy Flowerpiercer *Diglossa lafresnayii*

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - 3 birds

Masked Flowerpiercer *Diglossopsis cyanea*

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - a few

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a few

Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - a single

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a single

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - another single

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - 4 in total

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - seen twice

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - a single

Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a single

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - en route Guayaquil - Machala - c30 birds

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 2 seen

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - a few

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - c20 birds seen

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - en route Piñas - Macará - a few

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Sozoranga - a few

Olive Finch *Lysurus castaneiceps*

Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - 1 pair seen very well

Note: Near-endemic

Pale-naped Brush-Finch *Atlapetes pallidinucha*

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - 3 seen

Yellow-breasted Brush-Finch *Atlapetes latinuchus*

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - c8 birds

Ecuador - 29/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - c5 seen

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 4 birds

Tricolored Brush-Finch *Atlapetes tricolor*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 2 seen

Note: Near endemic, birds are of the race *crassus*, sometimes treated as a distinct species "Dusky Brush-Finch"

White-winged Brush-Finch *Atlapetes leucopterus*
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - 1 pair
Note: Near-endemic

White-headed Brush-Finch *Atlapetes albiceps*
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - en route Piñas - Macará - a pair near El Empalme
Note: Near-endemic

Pale-headed Brush-Finch *Atlapetes pallidiceps*
Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - Yunguilla Reserve (near Santa Isabel) - it took a while but finally we saw 2 birds quite well
Note: Endemic to Ecuador and qualified as critically endangered by BirdLife International

Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch *Buarremon brunneinucha*
Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Cajanuma (Podocarpus NP) - a single

Stripe-headed Brush-Finch *Buarremon torquatus*
Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - a single

Orange-billed Sparrow *Arremon aurantirostris*
Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - seen twice
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 3 seen
Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a single
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a single
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 2 seen, more heard

Black-capped Sparrow *Arremon abeillei*
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - 20+ birds
Note: Near-endemic

Tumbes Sparrow *Aimophila stolzmanni*
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - 3 and 2 birds were counted
Note: Near-endemic

Yellow-browed Sparrow *Ammodramus aurifrons*
Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 2 seen
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis*
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - fairly common
Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - fairly common
Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - en route Saraguro - Zamora - a few
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - en route Zamora - Vilcabamba - a few
Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - a few at Valladolid
Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - Acanama Forest (near Saraguro) - a few
Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - El Cajas NP - a few

Streaked Saltator *Saltator striatipectus*
Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - 2 birds
Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a few

Grayish Saltator *Saltator coerulescens*
Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single
Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a single heard
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single heard

Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus*
Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - seen twice
Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a single
Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few
Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - 2 birds
Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 2 seen

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single
Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - 2 seen
Ecuador - 23/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 2+ seen
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Río Bombuscaro area (Podocarpus NP) - a few
Ecuador - 24/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few
Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 2 seen
Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a single
Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - seen twice

Slate-colored Grosbeak *Saltator grossus*

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - only heard

Black-winged Saltator *Saltator atripennis*

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a single

Note: Near-endemic

Black-cowled Saltator *Saltator nigriceps*

Ecuador - 21/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - seen twice

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - Utuana Reserve - 3+ seen

Note: Near-endemic

Golden-bellied Grosbeak *Pheucticus chrysogaster*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - 3+ seen

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - Yunguilla Reserve (near Santa Isabel) - a single

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a single

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - en route Macará - Loja - a single

Ecuador - 30/12/2006 - en route Vilcabamba - Cuenca - a single

Peruvian Meadowlark *Sturnella bellicosa*

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a single

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - a few

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - 3 seen

Note: Near-endemic

Scrub Blackbird *Dives warszewiczi*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - c20 birds

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - a few

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - 2 seen

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - a few

Ecuador - 18/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - Buenaventura Reserve (near Piñas) - a few

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a few

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - 20+ birds

Note: Near-endemic

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a few

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - en route Guayaquil - Machala - a few

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a few en route to Guayaquil

Ecuador - 16/12/2006 - lower Molleturo road - fairly common

Ecuador - 17/12/2006 - en route Santa Isabel - Piñas - a few

Ecuador - 19/12/2006 - en route Piñas - Macará - a few

Ecuador - 22/12/2006 - en route Macará - Loja - a few

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Cabanas Yankuam area - a few

Ecuador - 31/12/2006 - en route El Cajas NP - Guayaquil - a few

Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus*

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - en route Las Orchideas (Nangaritza Valley) - Zamora - a group of 6 birds

Yellow-tailed Oriole *Icterus mesomelas*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - a single

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - 3 seen

White-edged Oriole *Icterus graceannae*

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Zapotillo area - 2 birds

Ecuador - 20/12/2006 - Jorupe Reserve (near Macará) - a single observation

Note: Near-endemic

Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela*

Ecuador - 15/12/2006 - Cerro Blanco Reserve (Chongon Hills) - fairly common

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a few seen

Ecuador - 25/12/2006 - en route Zamora - Las Orchideas (Nangaritza Valley) - a few

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - Shaime area - a few

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - 2 seen

Note: in the west, birds are of the isolated race *flavicrissus*, which is possibly a distinct species

Mountain Cacique *Cacicus chrysonotus*

Ecuador - 28/12/2006 - Tapichalaca Reserve - 4 seen

Note: of the race *leucoramphus*, sometimes treated as a distinct species "Northern Mountain-Cacique"

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus*

Ecuador - 26/12/2006 - en route Las Orchideas (Nangaritza Valley) - Zamora - 2 seen

Ecuador - 27/12/2006 - Copalinga Lodge - a single