

VENEZUELA TOUR REPORT

Andes, Llanos & Coastal Mountains

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Introduction:

The Andes (by David)

We left the hotel at 05.45 to check-in for our flight early to have enough time for breakfast at the airport. An hour flight took us to El Vigia located near the southern rim of Lake Maracaibo. As soon as we started our drive we had to stop suddenly: a group of about 12 Pygmy (Palm) Swift was soaring over the water tank of a building in El Vigia. Also, we had our first (of many) Broad-winged Hawk, this one soaring over the transit police station. In continuing to our destination we drove a short portion of the Pan-American highway and only then we realized that La Nina, a weather pattern following El Nino year, has brought heavy rain in northern Venezuela. We drove across muddy pavement and encountered heavy machinery removing debris from the rivers. At Santa Maria de Arenales we turned south, climbing the wet slope of La Culata mountain range, part of the Venezuelan Andes. Along the road we stopped for Black-mandibled Toucan and enjoy a cocktail of Apodidae: Chestnut-collared Swift, Pygmy Swift, Short-tailed Swift and Vaux's Swift. After a delicious lunch in La Bravera we enjoyed the spectacular hummingbird feeders where Orange-throated Sunangel and Buff-fronted Coronet monopolized the sweet water at the feeders. The afternoon was spent in the vicinity of La Bravera where a cloudy and rainy evening forced us to return to the lodge for an early dinner.

The next day started with incredible views of Crested Quetzal, Azara's Spinetail and an amazing array of tanagers including Bay-headed, Saffron-crowned, Beryl-spangled, Black-capped and Speckled. A farewell lunch at La Bravera allowed more views of about six species of hummingbirds and then we drove along the transAndean highway en route to Merida, the capital city of the state of Merida. A stop along the road gave us our first scope view of Band-tailed Guan while in the city Rufous-tailed Hummingbird and Black-headed Tanager were added to our list.

Next we visited the second oldest national park in Venezuela: Sierra Nevada. Here we walked the so-called Pico Humboldt trail (locally named La Mucuy trail) trying to reach the highest possible elevation. There we were rewarded with Merida Tapaculo, Grey-capped Hemispingus, Slate-crowned Antpitta (likely to be split in three separate species) and Andean Guan. Unfortunately, we only saw Rose-crowned Parakeet in flight. In the afternoon we walked along the access road having views of Blue-naped Chlorophonia and more species of tanagers.

On the first sunny day in our trip, we started with a drive up into the High Andes where we found the normally rare Streak-backed Canastero to be fairly common and vocal. This might have been a consequence of the unexpected heavy rains. Also, we enjoyed great views of Ochre-browed Thistletail and after a bit of an effort we had very close views of Merida Wren. Other high-altitude species included Paramo Pipit and Plain-coloured Seedeater. Despite the heavy rains the Paramo looked dry and somehow crunchy. A visit to the highest point of the road system in Venezuela allowed everyone to enjoy the tower of Espeletia which is more than 80 years old! There we enjoyed views of Bar-winged Cinclodes and Andean Tit-Spinetail.

San Isidro is well known as the Andean Cock-of-the-Rock site in Venezuela. Upon our arrival at the steep trail accessing the lek we experience the saying: "being in the right place at the right time" since only seconds after arriving at the junction leading to the lek trail a pair of males approached us, calling and displaying, perching in a fairly open area and giving amazing views. For the next 20 minutes we all enjoyed these males displaying, calling, making short sallies and foraging in a fruiting tree. This avoided us to have to tackle the steep trail! The day continued with views of Booted Racquet-tail, flowerpiercers, Cliff Flycatcher, thrushes and swallows. In the afternoon we inspected flowering Immortelle trees where a good array of tanagers, woodpeckers, honeycreepers and more hummingbirds enriched the day. In the night we negotiate with the soft rain and in a short break we found a single Tropical Screech Owl.

Our final day in the Andes found us back at the Paramo of Santo Domingo where during a rainy morning we found Merida Wren very close to us and enjoyed views of Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle. After checking out of the hotel we continued towards the lowlands but decide to make a short stop in Altamira, and what a stop! There we found pigeons, hummingbirds, tyrannulets, manikins, antbirds, wrens, oropendolas, caciques, saltators... you name it! In the two hours we had to explore this superb location we found ourselves calling one bird after another and yet had to leave with a sense that with more time we could have got more out of it. As we descended towards the Llanos the skies opened above us and the rains we experienced in the Andes shifted to blue skies and warm weather. We were in the Llanos!

The Llanos and the Coastal Mountains (by Cecilia)

After spending the previous week in the Andes, we now switched environments to the lowlands of the Llanos. One third of Venezuela is Llanos. It is a vast area that occupies seven states. We started north in Barinas state and drove south to Apure state. Along this journey we could see the difference between the high Llanos in Barinas, and the low Llanos in Apure. Although the difference in elevation between them is only some 150 m, there is a big contrast. The high Llanos doesn't flood during the rainy season but the low does. The high Llanos has more forest and less grassland compare to the low Llanos, amongst other features. So en route one can appreciate these changes, but it is quite dramatic when one crosses the Apure River, the border in between the two states.

Before crossing the Apure, a main tributary of the Orinoco River, we stop to look for a near endemic species, the Pale-headed Jacamar and to check for Pink River Dolphins. We check both sides of the bank from the bridge. With the assistance of playback, we got a response - and the Pale-headed Jacamar showed up beautifully in the open, perched on a small Cecropia sp. Tree - but we had no luck with the dolphin this time.

From here onwards we were in the low Llanos. All around were wetlands, vast savannas and gallery forest. And one of the magnificent features of this scenery is the number of egrets, herons, ibis, ducks, spoonbill, and storks, amongst many others that one can see. And Hato Cedral is the best place to enjoy all of these.

On the following two days we saw lots of great birds at Cedral. On the boat trips we saw 11 Agami Herons(!), Pinnated Bittern, lots of Orinoco Geese, Sunbittern, two Yellow-breasted Crakes, Azure Gallinule, lots of Hoatzins, Yellow-knobbed Curassow, all five South American kingfishers, Amazonian Black-Tyrant, River and Riverside Tyrannulets (both lifers for me!), Yellow-browed Tyrant, Black-capped Donacobius, all the different ibises and herons, and hundred of Black-bellied and White-faced Whistling Ducks! Along the dirt road were hundred of Capybaras. In the savanna we saw lots of White-tailed Deer. In the forest sleeping up in a tree we saw three Brazilian Porcupines. On another tree in the savanna a Lesser Anteater was dozing off, and also a Greater Anteater was sleeping under a bush! Reptiles included two Orinocan Crocodiles, one Anaconda, and lots of Spectacle Caiman. Cedral is a fabulous place!

The remaining days we spent in the Coastal Mountain Range, mostly in the Henri Pittier National Park, the first park decreed in Venezuela (1937), and the last morning on a higher section of the mountain range near Colonia Tovar, which is not part of the park. It is worth mentioning that en route to the mountains, where we had our picnic breakfast we added two Horned Screamer to our Llanos list!

The next three days were spent strolling along the two roads that cross the park from Maracay city at 450 m to the coast. The northwest road to Ocumare town reaches 1,100 m at Portacheulo Pass, a migratory gateway. The northeast road goes to Choroni town, which reaches 1,600 m. We enjoyed the lovely temperatures and the exuberant forest, which has lots of different species of trees and palms, tree ferns and innumerable epiphytes, bromeliads and orchids that convey a unique architecture to the landscape. In this mesmerizing ambience we manage to see several endemics and near endemic species including Groove-billed Toucanet, Blood-eared Parakeet, Guttulated Foliage-gleaner, Crested Spinetail, Handsome Fruiteater, Venezuelan Bristle-Tyrant, Rufous-cheeked Tanager, and Ochre-breasted Brush-Finch. We heard on several occasions the endemic and endangered Northern Helmeted Curassow, but it proved difficult to see. In feeding flocks we saw many of the beautiful tanagers that inhabit this forest such as Beryl-spangled, Black-capped, Bay-headed, Speckled, Blue-capped, and Golden, and well as Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager. Other highlights included Golden-breasted Fruiteater, Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant, Montane and Buff-fronted Foliage-Gleaners, Smoky-brown Woodpecker, Collared Trogon, and Chestnut-crown Becard. But the top bird, in my opinion, was the Scallop-breasted Antpitta. Well, I must confess, was a lifer for me! And we had the best view ever!

In the lower area near the coast we looked for another target bird, the Fasciated Tiger-Heron, an uncommon and local resident which can be found in the stream that flows next to the road. The first one we saw at our picnic lunch stop at La Trilla, and then a second one lower along the road that goes to Ocumare. In the dry woodlands we saw Crimson-crested Woodpecker, Blue-tailed Emerald, Black-throated Mango, Rufus-tailed Jacamar, Barred Antshrike, heard but couldn't see the near endemic Black-backed Antshrike, Lance-tailed Manakin, White-eared Conebill, Venezuelan Flycatcher, Orange-crowned Oriole, and Guira Tanager.

We also enjoyed the birds at the feeding table at the Biological Station. The first one to show up shortly after we put the fruit out was Bay-headed Tanager, followed by Pale-breasted Thrush, Orange-bellied Euphonia, Speckled, Blue-gray and Silver-beaked Tanagers, and Russet-backed Oropendola - always taking away chunks of fruit.

On our way down the mountain we stopped to check the leguminous Erythrina trees commonly called Mountain Immortelle that blooms at this time of the year and is good for hummers and honeycreepers. At one bloom we saw Green Honeycreeper, Brown Violetear, Golden-tailed Sapphire, Copper-rumped Hummingbird, White-vented Plumeleteer, Black-throated Mango, Green Violetear, Lazuline Sabrewing, and Violet-headed Hummingbird - though not always easy to see well, as they zoomed from one flower to another, as hummers do.

The last morning we went to the higher mountains near Colonia Tovar and birded Codazzi Monument Road, which is around 2,100m. Here the common tanagers were Blue-capped and Black-capped. The Black-crested Warbler made us work as it tended to stay inside the dense Chusquea sp. bamboo. We had great views of a Streak-capped Treehunter and of Green-and-Black Fruiteater, which meant we had seen all the fruiteaters of the Costal Range. Also we finally had a good view of the endemic White-tipped Quetzal, as in Henri Pittier we hadn't managed good looks at it. We saw five Black-throated Spinetails, another endemic, but the Caracas Tapaculo gave us a hard time. We tried to see it in five different spots, but with no luck. We heard it all five times, but that was it.

By now the trip had come to an end so we headed to the Hotel Playa Grande at the coast near the airport and enjoyed our farewell dinner and last log of the trip. We certainly did see lots of good

birds! Thank you all for being such good companions. I surely enjoyed it and also had three new birds! That is difficult for me to accomplish having birded Venezuela for 22 years!

Key to the columns of numbers and letters between the English and the scientific names:

Left-hand column = number of days recorded

Right-hand column = maximum daily count

H = only heard

(H) = at least one bird seen, but most birds only heard

N = nesting evident

Birds:

The order, English and Scientific names used in this list follow Birds of Venezuela by Steven L. Hilty (2003).

Red-legged Tinamou	1	1	H	<i>Crypturellus erythropus</i>
Pied-billed Grebe	1	1		<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>
Brown Pelican	1	4		<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>
Neotropic Cormorant	8	'00s		<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>
Anhinga	3	16		<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>
Magnificent Frigatebird	2	50		<i>Fregata magnificens</i>
Horned Screamer	1	2		<i>Anhima cornuta</i>
White-faced Whistling-Duck	3	'000s		<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	3	'000s		<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>
Orinoco Goose	3	20	N	<i>Neochen jubata</i>
Torrent Duck	1	1		<i>Merganetta armata</i>
Andean Teal	4	15		<i>Anas andium</i>
Blue-winged Teal	4	30		<i>Anas discors</i>
Pinnated Bittern	3	5		<i>Botaurus pinnatus</i>
Rufescent Tiger-Heron	4	50		<i>Tigrisoma lineatum</i>
Fasciated Tiger-Heron	1	2		<i>Tigrisoma fasciatum</i>
Cocoi Heron	4	30		<i>Ardea cocoi</i>
Great Blue Heron	1	1		<i>Ardea herodias</i>
Great Egret	8	50		<i>Ardea alba</i>
Snowy Egret	4	10		<i>Egretta thula</i>
Little Blue Heron	4	20		<i>Egretta caerulea</i>
Cattle Egret	12	'00s		<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
Striated Heron	3	20		<i>Butorides striatus</i>
Green Heron	2	2		<i>Butorides virescens</i>
Agami Heron	2	11		<i>Agamia agami</i>
Whistling Heron	2	2		<i>Syrigma sibilatrix</i>
Capped Heron	3	2		<i>Pilherodius pileatus</i>
Black-crowned Night-Heron	3	20	N	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	1	1		<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>
Boat-billed Heron	3	20		<i>Cochlearius cochlearius</i>
Buff-necked Ibis	3	20		<i>Theristicus caudatus</i>
Sharp-tailed Ibis	3	2		<i>Cercibis oxycerca</i>
Green Ibis	3	10		<i>Mesembrinibis cayennensis</i>
Bare-faced Ibis	9	'00s		<i>Phimosus infuscatus</i>
White Ibis	2	3		<i>Eudocimus albus</i>
Scarlet Ibis	4	'00s		<i>Eudocimus ruber</i>
Glossy Ibis	3	100		<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
Roseate Spoonbill	3	40		<i>Ajaia ajaja</i>
Wood Stork	4	50		<i>Mycteria americana</i>
Maguari Stork	3	2		<i>Euxenura maguari</i>

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Jabirú	3	6		<i>Jabiru mycteria</i>
King Vulture	1	4		<i>Sarcoramphus papa</i>
Black Vulture	14	'00s		<i>Coragyps atratus</i>
Turkey Vulture	12	'00s		<i>Cathartes aura</i>
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture	1	2		<i>Cathartes burrovianus</i>
Osprey	3	12		<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
Hook-billed Kite	2	2		<i>Chondrohierax uncinatus</i>
Swallow-tailed Kite	2	6		<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>
Pearl Kite	1	1		<i>Gampsonyx swainsonii</i>
White-tailed Kite	2	2		<i>Elanus leucurus</i>
Snail Kite	1	3		<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i>
Crane Hawk	1	2		<i>Geranospiza caerulescens</i>
Savanna Hawk	4	6		<i>Buteogallus meridionalis</i>
Great Black-Hawk	2	2		<i>Buteogallus urubitinga</i>
Harris's Hawk	1	1		<i>Parabuteo unicinctus</i>
Black-collared Hawk	3	8		<i>Busarellus nigricollis</i>
Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle	1	3		<i>Geranoaetus melanoleucus</i>
Gray Hawk	1	1		<i>Buteo nitidus</i>
Roadside Hawk	4	3		<i>Buteo magnirostris</i>
White-rumped Hawk	1	1		<i>Buteo leucorrhous</i>
Broad-winged Hawk	3	3		<i>Buteo platypterus</i>
White-tailed Hawk	3	2		<i>Buteo albicaudatus</i>
Black Hawk-Eagle	2	2		<i>Spizaetus tyrannus</i>
Northern Crested-Caracara	4	100		<i>Caracara cheriway</i>
Yellow-headed Caracara	11	100		<i>Milvago chimachima</i>
Barred Forest-Falcon	2	1	H	<i>Micrastur ruficollis</i>
American Kestrel	6	4		<i>Falco sparverius</i>
Aplomado Falcon	2	1		<i>Falco femoralis</i>
Peregrine Falcon	1	1		<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
Rufous-vented Chachalaca	4	3		<i>Ortalis ruficauda</i>
Band-tailed Guan	2	4		<i>Penelope argyrotis</i>
Andean Guan	1	6		<i>Penelope montagnii</i>
Yellow-knobbed Curassow	2	10		<i>Crax daubentoni</i>
Northern Helmeted-Curassow	3	4	H	<i>Pauxi pauxi</i>
Crested Bobwhite	1	18		<i>Colinus cristatus</i>
Venezuelan Wood-Quail	1	1	H	<i>Odontophorus columbianus</i>
Yellow-breasted Crake	1	2		<i>Porzana flaviventer</i>
Gray-necked Wood-Rail	3	10		<i>Aramides cajanea</i>
Purple Gallinule	1	1		<i>Porphyryla martinica</i>
Azure Gallinule	1	1		<i>Porphyryla flavirostris</i>
Sunbittern	2	10		<i>Eurypyga helias</i>
Limpkin	2	4		<i>Aramus guarauna</i>
Double-striped Thick-knee	3	6		<i>Burhinus bistriatus</i>
Southern Lapwing	5	100		<i>Vanellus chilensis</i>
Pied Plover	2	12		<i>Hoploxypterus cayanus</i>
Collared Plover	1	1		<i>Charadrius collaris</i>
Black-necked Stilt	3	'00s		<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>
Wattled Jacana	3	'00s		<i>Jacana jacana</i>
Greater Yellowlegs	3	10		<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>
Lesser Yellowlegs	3	2		<i>Tringa flavipes</i>
Solitary Sandpiper	3	10		<i>Tringa solitaria</i>
Spotted Sandpiper	3	3		<i>Actitis macularia</i>
Upland Sandpiper	1	1		<i>Bartramia longicauda</i>
Semipalmated Sandpiper	1	1		<i>Calidris pusilla</i>
Western Sandpiper	2	1		<i>Calidris mauri</i>
Least Sandpiper	3	5		<i>Calidris minutilla</i>

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South American Snipe	2	3		<i>Gallinago paraguaiae</i>
Laughing Gull	1	25		<i>Larus atricilla</i>
Gull-billed Tern	2	4		<i>Sterna nilotica</i>
Yellow-billed Tern	3	8		<i>Sterna superciliaris</i>
Large-billed Tern	4	60		<i>Phaetusa simplex</i>
Black Skimmer	3	100		<i>Rynchops niger</i>
Band-tailed Pigeon	4	30		<i>Columba fasciata</i>
Pale-vented Pigeon	5	40		<i>Columba cayennensis</i>
Ruddy Pigeon	3	1	(H)	<i>Columba subvinacea</i>
Eared Dove	10	20		<i>Zenaida auriculata</i>
Scaled Dove	5	30		<i>Scardafella squammata</i>
Common Ground-Dove	3	6		<i>Columbina passerina</i>
Plain-breasted Ground-Dove	1	2		<i>Columbina minuta</i>
Ruddy Ground-Dove	9	20		<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>
Blue Ground-Dove	3	6		<i>Claravis pretiosa</i>
White-tipped Dove	6	3		<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>
Gray-fronted Dove	1	3		<i>Leptotila rufaxilla</i>
Lined Quail-Dove	2	1		<i>Geotrygon linearis</i>
Scarlet Macaw	2	6		<i>Ara macao</i>
Chestnut-fronted Macaw	8	30		<i>Ara severa</i>
Scarlet-fronted Parakeet	5	40		<i>Aratinga wagleri</i>
Brown-throated Parakeet	6	20		<i>Aratinga pertinax</i>
Blood-eared Parakeet	3	30		<i>Pyrrhura hoematotis</i>
Green-rumped Parrotlet	6	10		<i>Forpus passerinus</i>
Orange-chinned Parakeet	2	10		<i>Brotogeris jugularis</i>
Saffron-headed Parrot	1	17		<i>Pionopsitta pyriia</i>
Blue-headed Parrot	1	4		<i>Pionus menstruus</i>
Red-billed Parrot	1	20		<i>Pionus sordidus</i>
White-capped Parrot	1	6		<i>Pionus seniloides</i>
Yellow-crowned Parrot	8	10		<i>Amazona ochrocephala</i>
Orange-winged Parrot	1	6		<i>Amazona amazonica</i>
Squirrel Cuckoo	4	1		<i>Piaya cayana</i>
Little Cuckoo	1	1		<i>Piaya minuta</i>
Greater Ani	1	2		<i>Crotophaga major</i>
Smooth-billed Ani	5	50		<i>Crotophaga ani</i>
Groove-billed Ani	3	30		<i>Crotophaga sulcirostris</i>
Striped Cuckoo	2	1	H	<i>Tapera naevia</i>
Pavonine Cuckoo	1	1	H	<i>Dromococcyx pavoninus</i>
Hoatzin	3	30		<i>Opisthocomus hoazin</i>
Barn Owl	2	2		<i>Tyto alba</i>
Tropical Screech-Owl	3	1	(H)	<i>Otus choliba</i>
Great Horned Owl	1	1		<i>Bubo virginianus</i>
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl	1	1	H	<i>Glaucidium brasilianum</i>
Andean Pygmy-Owl	1	1	H	<i>Glaucidium jardiinii</i>
Burrowing Owl	2	1		<i>Athene cunicularia</i>
Rufous-banded Owl	4	1	H	<i>Strix albitarsis</i>
Great Potoo	1	1		<i>Nyctibius grandis</i>
Common Potoo	1	1	H	<i>Nyctibius griseus</i>
Short-tailed Nighthawk	1	1		<i>Lurocalis semitorquatus</i>
Band-tailed Nighthawk	2	20		<i>Nyctiprogne leucopyga</i>
Pauraque	2	8		<i>Nyctidromus albicollis</i>
White-tailed Nightjar	2	2		<i>Caprimulgus cayennensis</i>
White-collared Swift	2	10		<i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>
Chestnut-collared Swift	1	1		<i>Cypseloides rutilus</i>
Short-tailed Swift	1	5		<i>Chaetura brachyura</i>
Band-rumped Swift	1	20		<i>Chaetura spinicauda</i>

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Gray-rumped Swift	1	10		<i>Chaetura cinereiventris</i>
Vaux's Swift	1	30		<i>Chaetura vauxi</i>
White-tipped Swift	2	20		<i>Aeronautes montivagus</i>
Pygmy Swift	1	8		<i>Tachornis furcata</i>
Pale-bellied Hermit	1	1		<i>Phaethornis anthophilus</i>
White-bearded Hermit	1	1		<i>Phaethornis hispidus</i>
Lazuline Sabrewing	3	2		<i>Campylopterus falcatus</i>
Brown Violetear	2	2		<i>Colibri delphinae</i>
Green Violetear	4	10		<i>Colibri thalassinus</i>
Sparkling Violetear	1	1		<i>Colibri coruscans</i>
Black-throated Mango	1	1		<i>Anthracothorax nigricollis</i>
Violet-headed Hummingbird	1	1		<i>Klais guimeti</i>
Blue-tailed Emerald	3	3		<i>Chlorostilbon mellisugus</i>
Violet-crowned Woodnymph	1	4		<i>Thalurania colombica</i>
White-chinned Sapphire	1	2		<i>Hylocharis cyanus</i>
Golden-tailed Sapphire	2	20		<i>Chrysuronia oenone</i>
Glittering-throated Emerald	3	2		<i>Amazilia fimbriata</i>
Steely-vented Hummingbird	2	20		<i>Amazilia saucerrottei</i>
Copper-rumped Hummingbird	1	6		<i>Amazilia tobaci</i>
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird	1	1		<i>Amazilia tzacatl</i>
White-vented Plumeleteer	3	2		<i>Chalybura buffonii</i>
Speckled Hummingbird	4	2		<i>Adelomyia melanogenys</i>
Mountain Velvetbreast	2	1		<i>Lafresnaya lafresnayi</i>
Collared Inca	3	6		<i>Coeligena torquata</i>
Golden-tailed Starfrontlet	1	1		<i>Coeligena eos</i>
Buff-tailed Coronet	2	15		<i>Boissonneaua flavescens</i>
Orange-throated Sunangel	5	20		<i>Heliangelus mavors</i>
Longuemare's Sunangel	1	7		<i>Heliangelus clarisse</i>
Booted Racket-tail	1	1		<i>Ocreatus underwoodii</i>
Tyrian Metaltail	3	4		<i>Metallura tyrianthina</i>
Long-tailed Sylph	5	4		<i>Aglaiocercus kingi</i>
Wedge-billed Hummingbird	2	1		<i>Schistes geoffroyi</i>
Amethyst Woodstar	1	1		<i>Calliphlox amethystina</i>
Crested Quetzal	1	7	(H)	<i>Pharomachrus antisianus</i>
White-tipped Quetzal	4	4	(H)	<i>Pharomachrus fulgidus</i>
Golden-headed Quetzal	1	1		<i>Pharomachrus auriceps</i>
Masked Trogon	5	4		<i>Trogon personatus</i>
Ringed Kingfisher	6	6		<i>Megaceryle torquata</i>
Amazon Kingfisher	4	16		<i>Chloroceryle amazona</i>
Green Kingfisher	2	6		<i>Chloroceryle americana</i>
Green-and-rufous Kingfisher	2	2		<i>Chloroceryle inda</i>
American Pygmy Kingfisher	2	6		<i>Chloroceryle aenea</i>
Pale-headed Jacamar	1	2		<i>Brachygalba goeringi</i>
Rufous-tailed Jacamar	6	2		<i>Galbula ruficauda</i>
Russet-throated Puffbird	2	2		<i>Hypnelus ruficollis</i>
Moustached Puffbird	1	2		<i>Malacoptila mystacalis</i>
Emerald Toucanet	2	2		<i>Aulacorhynchus prasinus</i>
Groove-billed Toucanet	3	12		<i>Aulacorhynchus sulcatus</i>
Yellow-billed Toucanet	1	1		<i>Aulacorhynchus calorhynchus</i>
Black-mandibled Toucan	1	2		<i>Ramphastos ambiguus</i>
Scaled Piculet	2	2		<i>Picumnus squamulatus</i>
Spot-breasted Woodpecker	1	1		<i>Chrysoptilus punctigula</i>
Golden-olive Woodpecker	2	2		<i>Piculus rubiginosus</i>
Yellow-tufted Woodpecker	1	1		<i>Melanerpes cruentatus</i>
Red-crowned Woodpecker	11	6		<i>Melanerpes rubricapillus</i>
Smoky-brown Woodpecker	4	2		<i>Veniliornis fumigatus</i>

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Red-rumped Woodpecker	1	1		<i>Veniliornis kirkii</i>
Crimson-crested Woodpecker	1	1		<i>Campephilus melanoleucos</i>
Bar-winged Cinclodes	1	2		<i>Cinclodes fuscus</i>
Andean Tit-Spinetail	1	1		<i>Leptasthenura andicola</i>
Azara's Spinetail	1	3	(H)	<i>Synallaxis azarae</i>
Pale-breasted Spinetail	1	1	H	<i>Synallaxis albescens</i>
Stripe-breasted Spinetail	1	1		<i>Synallaxis cinnamomea</i>
Rufous Spinetail	1	1		<i>Synallaxis unirufa</i>
Black-throated Spinetail	1	5		<i>Synallaxis castanea</i>
Yellow-chinned Spinetail	4	50		<i>Certhiaxis cinnamomea</i>
Crested Spinetail	3	2		<i>Cranioleuca subcristata</i>
Rusty-backed Spinetail	1	1		<i>Cranioleuca vulpina</i>
Ochre-browed Thistletail	2	6	(H)	<i>Schizoeaca coryi</i>
Streak-backed Canastero	2	3		<i>Asthenes wyatti</i>
Plain Thornbird	3	16		<i>Phacellodomus inornatus</i>
Streaked Tuftedcheek	1	1		<i>Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii</i>
Guttulated Foliage-gleaner	2	1		<i>Syndactyla guttulata</i>
Montane Foliage-gleaner	1	1		<i>Anabacerthia striaticollis</i>
Streak-capped Treehunter	1	1		<i>Thripadectes virgaticeps</i>
Plain Xenops	1	1		<i>Xenops minutus</i>
Gray-throated Leaf-tosser	1	1		<i>Sclerurus albigularis</i>
Plain-brown Woodcreeper	1	1	H	<i>Dendrocincla fuliginosa</i>
Olivaceous Woodcreeper	3	2		<i>Sittasomus griseicapillus</i>
Strong-billed Woodcreeper	2	1		<i>Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus</i>
Straight-billed Woodcreeper	3	2		<i>Xiphorhynchus picus</i>
Striped Woodcreeper	1	1		<i>Xiphorhynchus obsoletus</i>
Cocoa Woodcreeper	3	2	(H)	<i>Xiphorhynchus susurrans</i>
Streak-headed Woodcreeper	2	2		<i>Lepidocolaptes souleyetii</i>
Montane Woodcreeper	4	4		<i>Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger</i>
Red-billed Scythebill	2	1		<i>Campylorhamphus trochilirostris</i>
Great Antshrike	1	2	H	<i>Taraba major</i>
Black-crested Antshrike	3	3		<i>Sakesphorus canadensis</i>
Black-backed Antshrike	1	1	H	<i>Sakesphorus melanonotus</i>
Barred Antshrike	1	1		<i>Thamnophilus doliatus</i>
Slaty Antwren	2	2		<i>Myrmotherula schisticolor</i>
Northern White-fringed Antwren	2	2		<i>Formicivora intermedia</i>
White-browed Antbird	1	1	H	<i>Myrmoborus leucophrys</i>
Long-tailed Antbird	1	2	H	<i>Drymophila caudata</i>
Black-faced Antthrush	1	1		<i>Formicarius analis</i>
Schwartz's Antthrush	1	5	(H)	<i>Chamaeza turdina</i>
Short-tailed Antthrush	3	1	H	<i>Chamaeza campanisona</i>
Scaled Antpitta	1	1	H	<i>Grallaria guatimalensis</i>
Plain-backed Antpitta	2	1	H	<i>Grallaria haplonota</i>
Chestnut-crowned Antpitta	5	1	(H)	<i>Grallaria ruficapilla</i>
Gray-naped Antpitta	1	3	H	<i>Grallaria griseonucha</i>
Rusty-breasted Antpitta	1	1	H	<i>Grallaricula ferrugineipectus</i>
Slate-crowned Antpitta	2	3		<i>Grallaricula nana</i>
Scallop-breasted Antpitta	1	1		<i>Grallaricula loricata</i>
Mérida Tapaculo	2	5	(H)	<i>Scytalopus meridanus</i>
Caracas Tapaculo	1	5	H	<i>Scytalopus caracae</i>
Sooty-headed Tyrannulet	1	2		<i>Phyllomyias griseiceps</i>
Tawny-rumped Tyrannulet	1	1		<i>Phyllomyias uropygialis</i>
Golden-faced Tyrannulet	1	1		<i>Zimmerius chrysops</i>
Venezuelan Tyrannulet	3	3		<i>Zimmerius improbus</i>
Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet	1	1		<i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i>
Mouse-colored Tyrannulet	2	1	H	<i>Phaeomyias murina</i>

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Forest Elaenia	5	1		<i>Myiopagis gaimardii</i>
Greenish Elaenia	1	1		<i>Myiopagis viridicata</i>
Yellow-bellied Elaenia	3	2		<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>
Mountain Elaenia	2	6		<i>Elaenia frantzii</i>
Northern Scrub-Flycatcher	1	1		<i>Sublegatus arenarum</i>
White-throated Tyrannulet	8	10		<i>Mecocerculus leucophrys</i>
River Tyrannulet	1	1		<i>Serpophaga hypoleuca</i>
Pale-tipped Inezia	2	1		<i>Inezia caudata</i>
Olive-striped Flycatcher	3	2	(H)	<i>Mionectes olivaceus</i>
Slaty-capped Flycatcher	4	1		<i>Leptopogon superciliaris</i>
Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant	2	1		<i>Pogonotriccus ophthalmicus</i>
Venezuelan Bristle-Tyrant	2	2		<i>Pogonotriccus venezuelanus</i>
Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant	1	1		<i>Lophotriccus pileatus</i>
Pearly-vented Tody-Tyrant	1	1	H	<i>Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer</i>
Common Tody-Flycatcher	6	8		<i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>
Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher	1	1		<i>Todirostrum nigriceps</i>
Yellow-olive Flatbill	2	1		<i>Tolmomyias sulphureus</i>
Ochre-ored Flatbill	2	1		<i>Tolmomyias flaviventris</i>
Flavescent Flycatcher	1	2		<i>Myiophobus flavicans</i>
Cinnamon Flycatcher	3	2		<i>Pyrrhomyias cinnamomea</i>
Tropical Pewee	1	1		<i>Contopus cinereus</i>
Smoke-colored Pewee	3	2		<i>Contopus fumigatus</i>
Olive-sided Flycatcher	3	4		<i>Contopus cooperi</i>
Black Phoebe	6	2		<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>
Vermilion Flycatcher	3	5		<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>
Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant	2	2		<i>Ochthoeca fumicolor</i>
Yellow-bellied Chat-Tyrant	1	1		<i>Ochthoeca diadema</i>
Streak-throated Bush-Tyrant	2	2		<i>Myiotheretes striaticollis</i>
Cliff Flycatcher	1	2		<i>Hirundinea ferruginea</i>
Amazonian Black-tyrant	2	1		<i>Knipolegus poecilocercus</i>
Riverside Tyrant	1	1		<i>Knipolegus orenocensis</i>
Yellow-browed Tyrant	1	1		<i>Satrapa icterophrys</i>
Cattle Tyrant	7	10		<i>Machetornis rixosus</i>
Pied Water-Tyrant	4	60		<i>Fluvicola pica</i>
White-headed Marsh-Tyrant	2	4		<i>Arundinicola leucocephala</i>
Bright-rumped Attila	1	1		<i>Attila spadiceus</i>
Venezuelan Flycatcher	1	2		<i>Myiarchus venezuelensis</i>
Brown-crested Flycatcher	3	2		<i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i>
Great Kiskadee	10	20		<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>
Lesser Kiskadee	2	6		<i>Philohydor lictor</i>
Boat-billed Flycatcher	2	2		<i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>
White-bearded Flycatcher	2	2		<i>Phelpsia inornata</i>
Social Flycatcher	9	3		<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>
Rusty-margined Flycatcher	4	6		<i>Myiozetetes cayanensis</i>
Streaked Flycatcher	1	3		<i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>
Golden-crowned Flycatcher	4	2		<i>Myiodynastes chrysocephalus</i>
Piratic Flycatcher	2	1	H	<i>Legatus leucophaeus</i>
Tropical Kingbird	14	35		<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>
Gray Kingbird	4	20		<i>Tyrannus dominicensis</i>
Fork-tailed Flycatcher	3	50		<i>Tyrannus savana</i>
Chestnut-crowned Becard	1	1		<i>Pachyramphus castaneus</i>
Black-crowned Tityra	1	1		<i>Tityra inquisitor</i>
Masked Tityra	2	3		<i>Tityra semifasciata</i>
Green-and-black Fruiteater	1	2		<i>Pipreola riefferii</i>
Golden-breasted Fruiteater	2	1		<i>Pipreola aureopectus</i>
Handsome Fruiteater	1	1		<i>Pipreola formosa</i>

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Andean Cock-of-the-rock	1	5		<i>Rupicola peruviana</i>
White-bearded Manakin	1	4		<i>Manacus manacus</i>
Striped Manakin	1	1		<i>Machaeropterus regulus</i>
Lance-tailed Manakin	2	2		<i>Chiroxiphia lanceolata</i>
Golden-headed Manakin	1	3		<i>Pipra erythrocephala</i>
Rufous-browed Peppershrike	3	1		<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>
Brown-capped Vireo	5	2		<i>Vireo leucophrys</i>
Golden-fronted Greenlet	3	1		<i>Hylophilus aurantiifrons</i>
Black-collared Jay	1	2		<i>Cyanolyca armillata</i>
Inca Jay	5	4		<i>Cyanocorax yncas</i>
Gray-breasted Martin	5	20		<i>Progne chalybea</i>
White-winged Swallow	4	40		<i>Tachycineta albiventer</i>
Brown-bellied Swallow	3	9		<i>Notiochelidon murina</i>
Blue-and-white Swallow	5	6		<i>Notiochelidon cyanoleuca</i>
Southern Rough-winged Swallow	6	10		<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>
Barn Swallow	3	100		<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
Black-capped Donacobius	3	1		<i>Donacobius atricapillus</i>
Bicolored Wren	3	1		<i>Campylorhynchus griseus</i>
Stripe-backed Wren	3	6		<i>Campylorhynchus nuchalis</i>
Mérida (Paramo) Wren	2	6	(H)	<i>Cistothorus meridae</i>
Whiskered Wren	3	1	H	<i>Thryothorus mystacalis</i>
Rufous-breasted Wren	3	1	(H)	<i>Thryothorus rutilus</i>
Buff-breasted Wren	2	1		<i>Thryothorus leucotis</i>
Rufous-and-white Wren	1	2		<i>Thryothorus rufalbus</i>
House Wren	9	2		<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>
Mountain Wren	3	2		<i>Troglodytes solstitialis</i>
Gray-breasted Wood-Wren	6	1		<i>Henicorhina leucophrys</i>
Southern Nightingale-Wren	3	1	(H)	<i>Microcerculus marginatus</i>
White-capped Dipper	3	4		<i>Cinclus leucocephalus</i>
Long-billed Gnatwren	2	1		<i>Ramphocaenus melanurus</i>
Tropical Gnatcatcher	3	1		<i>Polioptila plumbea</i>
Andean Solitaire	3	2		<i>Myadestes ralloides</i>
Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush	2	1		<i>Catharus fuscater</i>
Yellow-legged Thrush	2	1		<i>Platycichla flavipes</i>
Great Thrush	6	20		<i>Turdus fuscater</i>
Glossy-black Thrush	3	10		<i>Turdus serranus</i>
Black-hooded Thrush	2	3		<i>Turdus olivater</i>
Bare-eyed Thrush	4	6		<i>Turdus nudigenis</i>
Black-billed Thrush	1	1		<i>Turdus ignobilis</i>
Pale-breasted Thrush	3	6		<i>Turdus leucomelas</i>
Cocoa Thrush	2	1		<i>Turdus fumigatus</i>
White-necked Thrush	3	1		<i>Turdus albicollis</i>
Tropical Mockingbird	11	30		<i>Mimus gilvus</i>
Paramo Pipit	1	4		<i>Anthus bogotensis</i>
Tennessee Warbler	2	2		<i>Vermivora peregrina</i>
Tropical Parula	3	5		<i>Parula pitaiayumi</i>
Yellow Warbler	1	1		<i>Dendroica aestiva</i>
Blackpoll Warbler	1	1		<i>Dendroica striata</i>
Blackburnian Warbler	5	3		<i>Dendroica fusca</i>
Black-and-white Warbler	2	1		<i>Mniotilta varia</i>
American Redstart	6	6		<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>
Northern Waterthrush	4	2		<i>Seiurus noveboracensis</i>
Masked Yellowthroat	1	1		<i>Geothlypis aequinoctialis</i>
Slate-throated Whitestart	6	10		<i>Myioborus miniatus</i>
White-fronted Whitestart	1	1		<i>Myioborus albifrons</i>
Black-crested Warbler	3	2		<i>Basileuterus nigrocristatus</i>

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Three-striped Warbler	3	10	<i>Basileuterus tristriatus</i>
Golden-crowned Warbler	2	2	<i>Basileuterus culicivorus</i>
Russet-crowned Warbler	2	2	<i>Basileuterus coronatus</i>
Bananaquit	10	3	<i>Coereba flaveola</i>
White-eared Conebill	1	2	<i>Conirostrum leucogenys</i>
Blue-backed Conebill	1	2	<i>Conirostrum sitticolor</i>
Common Bush-Tanager	5	15	<i>Chlorospingus ophthalmicus</i>
Superciliaried Hemispingus	1	2	<i>Hemispingus superciliaris</i>
Oleaginous Hemispingus	3	4	<i>Hemispingus frontalis</i>
Gray-capped Hemispingus	1	2	<i>Hemispingus reyi</i>
Fulvous-headed Tanager	1	1	<i>Thlypopsis fulviceps</i>
Guira Tanager	3	7	<i>Hemithraupis guira</i>
Gray-headed Tanager	1	1	<i>Eucometis penicillata</i>
White-lined Tanager	5	2	<i>Tachyphonus rufus</i>
White-shouldered Tanager	1	2	<i>Tachyphonus luctuosus</i>
Highland Hepatic-Tanager	1	1	<i>Piranga lutea</i>
Summer Tanager	2	1	<i>Piranga rubra</i>
Silver-beaked Tanager	8	10	<i>Ramphocelus carbo</i>
Blue-gray Tanager	13	12	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>
Palm Tanager	3	4	<i>Thraupis palmarum</i>
Blue-capped Tanager	3	3	<i>Thraupis cyanocephala</i>
Lacrimose Mountain-Tanager	1	1	<i>Anisognathus lacrymosus</i>
Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager	2	20	<i>Anisognathus somptuosus</i>
Golden-rumped Euphonia	1	1	<i>Euphonia cyanocephala</i>
Thick-billed Euphonia	5	4	<i>Euphonia laniirostris</i>
Orange-bellied Euphonia	3	2	<i>Euphonia xanthogaster</i>
Trinidad Euphonia	1	2	<i>Euphonia trinitatis</i>
Blue-naped Chlorophonia	1	2	<i>Chlorophonia cyanea</i>
Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia	1	1	<i>Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys</i>
Golden Tanager	2	6	<i>Tangara arthus</i>
Saffron-crowned Tanager	2	4	<i>Tangara xanthocephala</i>
Rufous-cheeked Tanager	1	2	<i>Tangara rufigenis</i>
Beryl-spangled Tanager	3	10	<i>Tangara nigroviridis</i>
Blue-and-black Tanager	2	2	<i>Tangara vassorii</i>
Black-capped Tanager	3	10	<i>Tangara heinei</i>
Black-headed Tanager	3	2	<i>Tangara cyanoptera</i>
Burnished-buff Tanager	1	2	<i>Tangara cayana</i>
Blue-necked Tanager	1	2	<i>Tangara cyanicollis</i>
Speckled Tanager	5	6	<i>Tangara guttata</i>
Bay-headed Tanager	4	8	<i>Tangara gyrola</i>
Blue Dacnis	1	1	<i>Dacnis cayana</i>
Green Honeycreeper	1	1	<i>Chlorophanes spiza</i>
Purple Honeycreeper	1	1	<i>Cyanerpes caeruleus</i>
Bluish Flowerpiercer	1	2	<i>Diglossopsis caerulescens</i>
Masked Flowerpiercer	3	2	<i>Diglossopsis cyanea</i>
Mérida Flowerpiercer	1	2	<i>Diglossa gloriosa</i>
White-sided Flowerpiercer	1	1	<i>Diglossa albilatera</i>
Rusty Flowerpiercer	1	1	<i>Diglossa sittoides</i>
Swallow Tanager	5	20	<i>Tersina viridis</i>
Grayish Saltator	3	2	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>
Buff-throated Saltator	2	2	<i>Saltator maximus</i>
Streaked Saltator	2	2	<i>Saltator striatipectus</i>
Orinocan Saltator	2	2	<i>Saltator orenocensis</i>
Blue-black Grosbeak	1	1	<i>Cyanocompsa cyanoides</i>
Red-capped Cardinal	4	50	<i>Paroaria gularis</i>
Blue-black Grassquit	3	6	<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>

Gray Seedeater	2	3		<i>Sporophila intermedia</i>
Yellow-bellied Seedeater	1	8		<i>Sporophila nigricollis</i>
Ruddy-breasted Seedeater	2	2		<i>Sporophila minuta</i>
Plain-colored Seedeater	2	3		<i>Catamenia inornata</i>
Plumbeous Sierra-Finch	2	12		<i>Phrygilus unicolor</i>
Saffron Finch	6	50		<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>
Orange-fronted Yellow-Finch	4	50		<i>Sicalis columbiana</i>
Moustached Brush-Finch	1	2		<i>Atlapetes albofrenatus</i>
Ochre-breasted Brush-Finch	1	6		<i>Atlapetes semirufus</i>
Slaty Brush-Finch	1	2		<i>Atlapetes schistaceus</i>
Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch	2	4	(H)	<i>Buarremon brunneinuchus</i>
Grassland Sparrow	1	1		<i>Ammodramus humeralis</i>
Yellow-browed Sparrow	3	40		<i>Ammodramus aurifrons</i>
Rufous-collared Sparrow	6	20		<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>
Yellow-hooded Blackbird	2	20		<i>Agelaius icterocephalus</i>
Eastern Meadowlark	5	10		<i>Sturnella magna</i>
Red-breasted Blackbird	3	20		<i>Sturnella militaris</i>
Carib Grackle	13	50		<i>Quiscalus lugubris</i>
Shiny Cowbird	4	50		<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>
Venezuelan Troupial	4	3		<i>Icterus icterus</i>
Yellow-backed Oriole	3	2		<i>Icterus chrysater</i>
Yellow Oriole	6	2		<i>Icterus nigrogularis</i>
Orange-crowned Oriole	2	2		<i>Icterus auricapillus</i>
Oriole Blackbird	4	16		<i>Gymnomystax mexicanus</i>
Yellow-rumped Cacique	5	20		<i>Cacicus cela</i>
Crested Oropendola	6	20		<i>Psarocolius decumanus</i>
Russet-backed Oropendola	5	20		<i>Psarocolius angustifrons</i>
Andean Siskin	1	1		<i>Carduelis spinescens</i>

Mammals:

Giant Anteater	1	1		<i>Myrmecophaga tridactyla</i>
Lesser Anteater or Tamandua	1	1		<i>Tamandua tetradactyla</i>
Brazilian Porcupine	1	3		<i>Coendou prehensilis</i>
Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth	1	1		<i>Bradypus variegatus</i>
Red Howler Monkey	3	3		<i>Alouatta seniculus</i>
Weeper Capuchin Monkey	1	12		<i>Cebus olivaceus</i>
Savanna Fox	2	6		<i>Cerdocyon thous</i>
White-tailed Deer	2	25		<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>
Red-tailed Squirrel	6	2		<i>Sciurus granatensis</i>
Capybara	3	'00s		<i>Hydrocharaeis hydrocharaeis</i>

Reptiles:

Iguana	3	15		<i>Iguana iguana</i>
Common Tegu	1	1		<i>Tupinambis teguixin</i>
Spectacled Caiman	3	100		<i>Caiman crocodilus</i>
Orinocan Crocodile	1	2		<i>Crocodylus intermedius</i>
Green Anaconda	1	1		<i>Eunectes murinus</i>

Itinerary:

12 March: Breakfast at Caracas airport. Flight to El Vigia. La Bravera. Habitats: Farmland, edge of montane wet forest.

13 March: La Bravera. Drive to Chorotal (San Eusebio) montane wet forest. Road from San Eusebio to the city of Merida. Farmland. Hotel Belensate.

14 March: Sierra Nevada national park. Trail to Pico Humbolt (La Mucuy) 2,100-2,700m. Montane wet forest. Farmland edge of the national park and surroundings of Hotel Belensate.

15 March: Sierra Nevada national park. La Culata national park. Laguna Mucubaji. Drove to Santo Domingo. Transandean highway. Habitats: Paramo (Espeletia sp.), farmland, montane wet forest.

16 March: San Isidro 1500m. La Soledad (direction towards Barinas). Back to the Hotel Moruco and drove to Hotel Los Frailes 2,900m. Hotel Moruco. Habitats: Ecotone Premontane humid forest to montane wet forest. Shade coffee plantation with Immortelle (*Erythryna poeppigiana*). Dwarf forest - ecotone montane wet forest to paramo. Farmland.

17 March: Paramo de Santo Domingo. Road to Pinango. Hotel Los Frailes. Las Tapias road. Hotel Moruco (lunch). Drive to Barinas with a stop in Altamira road. 4300m-200m. Habitats: Paramo, dwarf forest, farmland, tropical humid forest, tropical moist forest.

18 March: Drove through Llanos via Rio Apure bridge to Hato Cedral. Lunch at ranch. Afternoon drive to river at north end of ranch. Spotlighting on drive back.

19 March: Boat trip in morning. Afternoon driving to south end of ranch. Spotlighting on drive back.

20 March: Boat trip in morning. Afternoon driving to San Fernando de Apure.

21 March: Breakfast on Guayabal Road. Rest of day driving north to Maracay with stops on El Frio Road and for lunch in Calabozo.

22 March: Henri Pittier National Park.

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24 March: Henri Pittier National Park.

25 March: Morning at Colonia Tovar. Afternoon driving to Caracas for either: flights home over night or night at Playa Grande.

26 March: Flights home.