

A black and white striped bird, possibly a species of woodpecker or similar, is perched on a thin brown branch. The bird has a prominent black crest on its head and a yellow ring around its eye. Its body is covered in black and white horizontal stripes. The background is a dense, out-of-focus green foliage with some yellow flowers.

NORTH PERU TOUR ITINERARY

2 to 25 SEPTEMBER 2028
**TOUR STARTS AT TARAPOTO
AND ENDS AT CHICLAYO**

PRE-TOUR to PLATAFORMA (Optional)

SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER - ARRIVE IN TARAPOTO

There are several flights a day from Lima, note that internal flights are not included in the price, but this is the only air route needed. Some birding or culture can be arranged for those arriving early. o/n Tucan Suites Hotel. Baggage can be left here.

SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER - TARAPOTO TO PLATAFORMA VIA BELLAVISTA

Travel up to Plataforma, southwards from Tarapoto to Bellavista, then a rough road south- eastwards. This road, though unsealed, has greatly improved over the last few years. O/n at a basic hotel for 2 nights.

MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER- PLATAFORMA

All day birding in the surrounds of the village, part of the Cordillera Azul National Park, a high ridge of forest habitat. Target species are (1) the Scarlet-banded Barbet, discovered in 1996 and endemic to humid highland forest on a ridgetop known as Peak 1538, and (2) Cerro Azul Antbird discovered in 2016 in the vicinity of Flor de Café. Other high quality species< should be expected. 2nd night at the hotel.

Tuesday 5 September – Return to Tarapoto, retrieve any baggage & transfer to Pumarinri.



Scarlet-breasted Fruiteater
Pipreola frontalis

MAIN TOUR
TARAPOTO TO CHICLAYO

D1 TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER - PUMARINRI

Guest arrival at Tarapoto Airport (several flights a day from Lima), transfer to Pumarinri Lodge for 3 nights. Early arrivers can start birding in the vicinity of the Lodge. Common tanagers, euphonias, parrots & parakeets, tyrant flycatchers, Yellow-tufted Woodpecker, swallows & swifts, Grey-breasted Sabrewing, herons & egrets by the river, perhaps Fasciated Tiger- Heron. Spotlighting in evening. 7 species of owls possible here. o/n Pumarinri.

D2 WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER - PUMARINRI TO CHAZUTA

Pumarinri eastwards to Chazuta and Curiyacu, a new road which offers good possibilities to see other species. spotlighting in evening (& each night on demand). Possible birds include Olive oropendola, Hook-billed Kite, Western-Streolated Puffbird, Cream-colored Woodpecker, White-browed Purpletuft, Purple-throated & Spangled Cotingas. o/n Pumarinri.

D3 THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER - RIVER BOAT FROM PUMARINRI TO SHAPAJA'S DRY FOREST AND RICURICOCHA

Covered boat from Pumarinri west to Shapaja & back. May land on southern bank. Bus takes us to other spots in Shapaja for late afternoon. Riverside birds – herons, egrets, swallows, kingfishers, Hoatzin, Pied Lapwing, Collared Plover; dry forest birds include Channel-billed Toucan, Lettered Aracari, Bluish-fronted Jacamar, Great Antshrike, Band-tailed Manakin, Chattering Gnatwren, Tody-flycatchers, antwrens, Rufous-sided Crake, Tataupa Tinamou, Grey-necked Wood Rail, Comb Duck, Ashy-headed Greenlet, Plumbeous Kite, Snail Kite. At Juan Guerra – perhaps Plain-crowned Spinetail, Chestnut-capped Puffbird, Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher, Grey-headed Kite. o/n Pumarinri.

D4 FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER - TUNNEL AT CORDILLERA ESCALERA AND ACONABIKH

Leave Pumarinri and drive north-eastwards into the forested ridge near the Tunnel at 900m (the highest point). Birding in the cloud forest both sides of the Tunnel. Aconabikh for hummers at feeders: Gould's Jewelfront & Koepcke's Hermit, perhaps Golden-headed & Blue-backed Manakins. Birds at Tunnel may include Andean Cock-of-the-Rock, Green-backed Trogon, Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo, Cliff Flycatcher, Curl-crested Aracari, Plumbeous Euphonia & Black Antbird. o/n Tucan Suites.

D5 SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER - PONGO DE CAYNARACHI AND PELEJO

Up to the Tunnel as yesterday, concentrate on sites at lower altitudes. Lowlands, as far as Pongo de Caynarachi and Pelejo area, for Long-billed Woodcreeper, White-eared Jacamar, White-shouldered and Lunulated Antbird, Scarlet-crowned & Lemon-throated Barbets, Orange-fronted Plushcrown, Wire-tailed Manakin, Horned Screamer and many others. o/n Tucan Suites.

D6 SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER - QUISCARRUMI BRIDGE, WAQANKI

Leave Tarapoto c.6 am for Moyobamba. Stop at Quiscarrumi Bridge for the Oilbird roost in the ravine below. Morning at Waqanki, just south of Moyobamba. Early walk up Mishquiyacu trail, then look at hummingbird feeders before lunch. Forest birds may include Chestnut-throated Spinetail, Wing-barred Piprites, Blue-crowned Trogon, Fiery-throated Fruit-eater, White-plumed Antbird. Expect 12+ species of hummers at the feeders including Rufous-Crested Coquette. Overnight at Hotel Puerto Mirador / Kantu Garden Lodge.

D7 MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER - MOYOBAMBA, MORRO DE CALZADA, RIOJA RICEFIELDS

Birding at Morro de Calzada (very varied selection of birds) for Painted Manakin, Rufous-sided Crake, Red-Shouldered tanager, Stripe-necked Tody-Tyrant and Rioja ricefields (west of Moyobamba). Roadside sites for open country birds (e.g km 476) Look for crakes & rails, Donacobius, Pale-eyed Blackbird. Spotlighting for Band-bellied & Stygian Owls. Two nights at Arena Blanca Reserve.

D8 TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER - AGUAS VERDES, LLANTERIA

Wake up early for Aguas Verdes for birding from hides; hope for Little & Cinereous Tinamous & Rufous-breasted Wood-Quail. On the hummingbird garden we hope to see Wire-crested Thorntail. Various stops on the steady climb into the cloud forest including Llanteria. Roadside forest birds – Andean Cock-of-the-Rock, Scaled Fruiteater, Ecuadorial Graytail, Ecuadorian Piedtail, Orange-eared, Golden-eared, Saffron-crowned and other tanagers. Overnight at Arena Blanca Reserve.

D9 WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER - FUNDO ALTO NIEVA AND ABRA PATRICIA

Early morning on route to Fundo Alto Nieva to spend some time at hummingbird feeders for the Royal Sunangel, Peruvian Racket-tail, Rufous-vented Whitetip and others. Also antpitta feeders for the Rusty-thighed and Ochre-fronted Antpittas. On the trail Bar-winged Wood-wren and perhaps the rare Cinnamon-breasted Tody-Tyrant. Arrive Owlet Lodge (c.2300m) for late lunch. Birding around Lodge in the afternoon. Walk down from c.5 pm for some evening day-birds, then for Long-whiskered Owlet. Nightjars & Potoos possible. Swallow-tailed Nightjar often around the Lodge at dawn. Two nights at Owlet Lodge.



Marvelous Spatuletail
Loddigesia mirabilis

D10 THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER - ABRA PATRICIA

further afield, roadside stops to east & back. Trails & roadside stops, Look for high altitude tanagers like **Yellow-scarfed & Grass-green**; mountain tanagers, brush- finches, flowerpiercers, tapaculos, perhaps the rare **White-faced Nunbird**; Spotlighting for **Cinnamon Screech Owl**, perhaps **Rufous-banded Owl**.
o/n Owlet Lodge.

D11 FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER - ABRA PATRICIA TO GOCTA

Birding Abra Patricia in morning, then travel to Gocta for 4 nights. Go as far as the Trout Farm (for lunch) & check for **Maroon-belted Chat-Tyrant** (now split from **Slaty-backed**); also **Torrent Duck**. Spend the afternoon at Refugio del Colibrí Espátula for the **Marvelous Saptualetail**, **Little and Purple-collared Woodstar**, **Gray-chinned Hermit**.
Overnight Gocta Lodge (4 nights).

D12 SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER - HUAYLLA BELEN

All day up Huaylla Belen for cloud forest birds, especially bamboo specialists like **Plushcap**, **Hemispingus** (including **Rufous-browed**), **Russet-mantled Soft- tail**, **Plain-tailed Wren** and others – **Unstreaked Tit-Tyrant**, **Red-crested Cotinga**. Also good for **Antpittas** (**Pale-billed**, **Chachapoyas**, **Chestnut-crowned**).
o/n Gocta Lodge

D13 SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER - HUAYLLA BELEN

That place offer lower altitudes, it can be a day for clean up and explore other places at lower altitudes in the area. At the afternoon return to Cochachimba and listen in the evenings for the elusive **Buff-fronted Owl**, try waterfall trail near the Lodge.
o/n Gocta Lodge.

D14 MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER - GOCTA AND PEDRO RUIZ AREA

Lower trail to the Falls & trails leading from it; depending on what we still want to see, e.g **White-capped Dipper**, **Black-streaked Puffbird**, **Golden- collared Honeycreeper**, **Speckle-chested Piculet**, **Maranon Thrush**, **Andean Cock-of-the-Rock**, **Buff- bellied & Blue-browed Tanagers**, it can be a Clean up day.
o/n Gocta Lodge



Little Woodstar
Chaetocercus bombus

D15 TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER - KUELAP FORTRESS AND UTCUBAMBA VALLEY

Visit the ruins where is possible to have some species. After the ruins birdwatching at Utcubamba Valley.

At the ruins possible **Line-cheeked Spinetail**, **Rufous-capped Antshrike**, **Swordbill Hummingbird** and some flocks of tanagers, hemispingus, etc. Later at Utcubamba Valley **Marañon Thrush**, **Peruvian Pigeon**, **Bull-bellied Tanager**, **Spot-throated Hummingbird**, **Torrent Duck**, **Peruvian Meadowlark**, **Cordilleran Parakeet**, **Tumbes Pewee** and others. o/n Gocta Lodge

D16 WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER - GOCTA WESTWARDS TO JAEN VIA PEDRO RUÍZ

Birding sites at Bagua Grande, Corral Quemado and near the Marañon River on route. Roadside quarry for dry scrub birds such as **Little Inca Finch**, **Marañon Crescentchest**, **Short-tailed Field Tyrant**. Later around the town of Jaen. If time in the evening, a short drive to the river valley not far east of Jaen for open country & marshland birds. **Spotted Rail** & **Paint-billed Crake** possible.

o/n Hotel El Bosque, Jaen.

D17 THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER - JAEN TO TAMBORAPA

Day trip to Tamborapa on the road north from Jaen & along La Coipa Road, dry forest & roadside birding. Look for **Marañon & Chinchipe Spinetails**, **Northern Slaty Antshrike** among others. Tuk-tuks into the city square in the evening for a meal at Lactobac restaurant.

o/n Hotel El Bosque.

D18 FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER - JAEN TO OLMOS, SPENDING THE DAY AT ABRA PORCUYA

Today we cross the Andes at one of its lower passes. Birding at Limon de Porcuya in the Andes (where we cross at relatively low altitude) and drive up to Abra de Porcuya (2137m) for morning birding. **Andean Condor** & other raptors likely on route. Possible birds at Abra de Porcuya – **Piura Chat-Tyrant**, **Chapman's Antshrike**, **Grey-breasted Flycatcher**, **Three-banded Warbler**, **White-winged** & **White-headed Brushfinches**, **Black-cowled Saltator**. Descend the west side of the Andes, much drier habitat generally, some stops for birding. Arrive in Olmos in the afternoon.

o/n Hotel Maracuya (2 nights).



Coppery Metaltail
Metallura theresiae

D19 SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER - OLMOS SURROUNDINGS - QUEBRADA EL LIMON

Birding all day in at the trails around Quebrada el Limon. Possible birds – White-winged Guan, Tumbes Hummingbird, Short-tailed Woodstar, Elegant Crescentchest, Tumbes Chat-Tyrant, Ecuadorian Trogon, Guayaquil Woodpecker, Gray-and-gold Warbler, Whooping Motmot, Short-tailed Field-Tyrant, Scarlet-backed Woodpecker, Plumbeous-backed Thrush.
Second night at Hotel Maracuya.

D20 SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER - BOSQUE DE POMAC AND COASTAL DRY FORESTS

Leave Olmos very early & head down the Pan American highway towards Chiclayo. Birding on route at Bosque de Pomac for Peruvian Plantcutter, Rufous Flycatcher, Necklaced Spinetail, Collared Antshrike, Cinereous Finch and more.
o/n Chiclayo

D21 MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER - COAST AT PUERTO ETEN & MORRO ROCK

Birding the coast west of Chiclayo for a variety of gulls, terns, waders, wildfowl, grebes, coastal specialities like Many-colored Rush-Tyrant, Tawny-throated Dotterel, Peruvian Thick-knee & perhaps Least Seedsnipe. Morro Rock for Inca Terns, colonies of cormorants, Blue-footed & Peruvian Boobies, even Waved Albatross is possible from here.

End of main tour. To Chiclayo airport for flight back to Lima, and home.