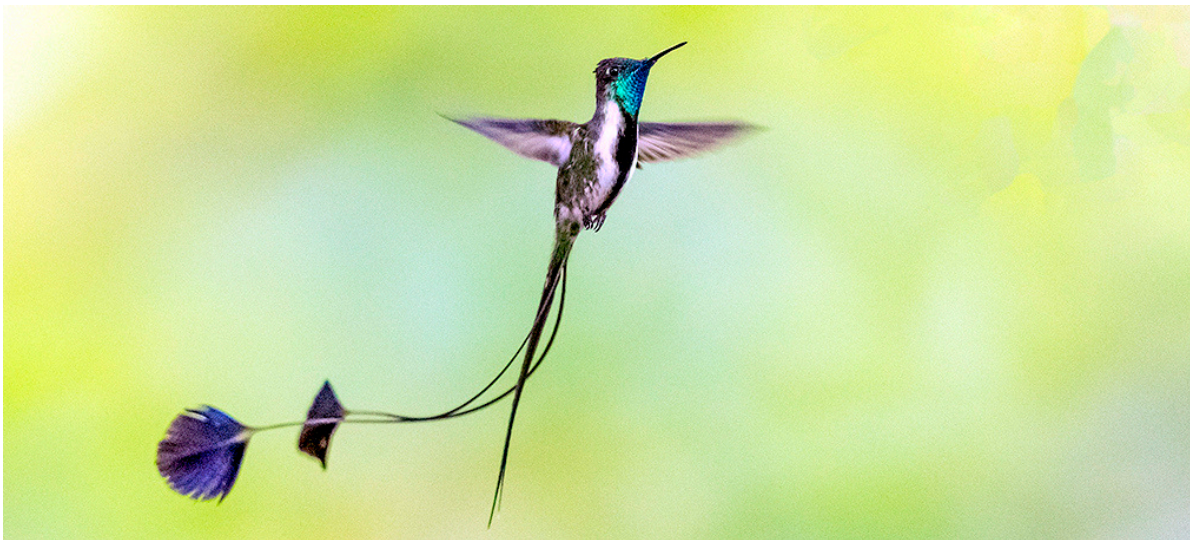


LifeBird Tour of Northern Peru and Lima October 19-November 5, 2024 (17 Days of Birding)

Detailed Itinerary



Marvelous Spatuletail, photo by Dustin Chen

Brief Itinerary (some target species)

Day 0: Airport Arrivals into Lima

Day 1: Birding Lima (Humboldt Penguin, Guanay and Red-legged Cormorant, Inca Tern)

Day 2: Casupe Road, Chaparri, Bosque Pomac-Chaparri (Great Grebe, White-winged Guan)

Day 3: Chaparri, Bosque Pomac, and Puerto Eten (Peruvian Plantcutter, Rufous Flycatcher)

Day 4: Rafan and drive to Cajamarca (Unicolored Tapaculo, Gray-bellied Comet)

Day 5: San Marcos and drive to Celendin (Great Spinetail, Rufous-eared Brush-Finch)

Day 6: Celendin to Leymebamba (Chestnut-backed Thornbird, Yellow-faced Parrotlet)

Day 7: Birding Leymebamba (Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucan, Purple-throated Sunangel)

Day 8: Drive to Jaen (Koepcke's Screech-Owl, Marañon Crescentchest)

Day 9: Jaen to Pomaocochas (Little Inca-Finch, Marvelous Spatuletail)

Day 10: Huembo Lodge (Pale-billed Antpitta, Marvelous Spatuletail lek)

Day 11: Owlet Lodge/Abra Patricia (Lulu's Pygmy-Tyrant, Royal Sunangel)

Day 12: Owlet Lodge/Abra Patricia (Bar-winged Wood-Wren, Ochre-fronted Antpitta)

Day 13: Arena Blanca Reserve (Rufous-crested Hummingbird, Blue-fronted Lancebill)

Day 14: Aguas Verdes to Moyobamba (Zimmer's Antbird, Point-tailed Palmcreeper)

Day 15: Wakanqi Lodge (Rufous-crested Coquette, Mishana Tyrannulet)

Day 16: Moyobamba to Tarapoto (Oilbird, Hoatzin)

Day 17: Yurimaguas Road and Aconcbikh (Koepcke's Hermit, Gould's Jewelfront) Overnight departures from Lima

Day 0 Today is dedicated to arrivals to Lima, Peru. We will fly into Jorge Chavez International Airport (airport code LIM) and transfer to a nearby airport hotel, Costa Del Sol Aeropuerto.

Day 1: We start our first birding adventure exploring Lima. The morning will begin with an early breakfast, then we will navigate the Lima traffic to get to the Azapita turn-off south of Puerto Viejo some 44 miles south of Lima.

Here we begin birding an agricultural area for birds like the Rufescent Flycatcher, Drab, Parrot-billed and Chestnut-throated Seedeaters, the immaculatus ssp of Streaked Saltator, Vermilion Flycatcher, Peruvian Sheartail and Amazilia Hummingbird.

We continue to the small wetland at Chilca which is good for Chilean Flamingo, ducks, and shorebirds, as well as Gray-hooded Gull and Black Skimmer, and sometimes rare birds such as Peruvian Martin and Peruvian Tern. At Chilca we will also get to try local ice-cream with exotic flavors such as Lucuma and Guanabana.

The trip continues to Pucusana, where we can try the national dish of Peru - Ceviche as a starter and a main course of either Pescado (fish) a La Chorillana, or Lomo Saltado (beef). Peruvian cuisine at its best.

Vegetarian options are available.

After lunch, we will take a boat trip around Pucusana Island. Birds that we should see include Humboldt Penguin, Guanay and Red-legged Cormorant, Inca Tern, Peruvian Seaside Cinclodes, Blackish Oystercatcher, Peruvian Pelican and Peruvian Booby. There is also a good number of South American Sea Lions



Humboldt Penguins, photo by Gunnar Engblom

We end the afternoon with birding at Pantanos de Villa for Great Grebe, Many-colored Rush-Tyrant, and many more, and then proceed to the airport for an evening flight to Chiclayo. Night in Hotel Costa del Sol, Chiclayo.

Day 2: We'll make an early start to Casupe Road for Guayaquil Woodpecker, Henna-hooded Foliage-gleaner, Rufous-necked Foliage-gleaner, Piura Chat-Tyrant, Chapman's Antshrike and Black-cowled Saltator. In the mid-morning, we bird Tinajones dam for Great Grebe and Comb Duck.

We have lunch at Chaparri Lodge and in the afternoon bird the dry scrub for White-winged Guan, White-tailed Jay, Tumbes Tyrant, Collared Antshrike, and West Peruvian Screech-Owl in Chaparri. Night at Chaparri Lodge.



White-tailed Jay, photo by Sherry Lane

Day 3: We continue to bird Chaparri first thing in the morning and then leave for the Prosopis forest of Bosque Pomac where we principally will be looking for specialties such as Tumbes Swallow, Peruvian Plantcutter, and Rufous Flycatcher.

In the afternoon we return to the coast and bird the Puerto Eten area for Peruvian Tern, Least Seedsnipe, and Tawny-throated Dotterel. Night at Costa del Sol Hotel in Chiclayo.

Day 4: We have a second chance if necessary at Rafan for Peruvian Plantcutter. We make an early start for Cajamarca, looking for Unicolored Tapaculo en route. The afternoon will be spent looking for Gray-bellied Comet. Night at Costa del Sol Hotel in Cajamarca.

Day 5: This morning we will be searching for Great Spinetail at San Marcos. The species has become difficult to find in recent years, but there are new sites for it. Afternoon drive and birding to Celendin. White-tailed Shrike-Tyrant, Plain-tailed Warbling-Finch, Rufous-eared Brush-Finch, Black-crested Tit-Tyrant, and the newly described Cajamarca Antpitta are possible. If time permits we shall look for Jelski's Chat-Tyrant in the afternoon near Celendin. Night at Hotel Madrid in Celendin.

Day 6: We start at El Limon on the way to Balsas, where we have the chance for four endemics of the region, such as Buff-bellied Tanager, Grey-winged Inca-Finch, Chestnut-backed Thornbird and Marañon Thrush. Lower down we shall look out for flocks of Yellow-faced Parrotlet and scattered Buff-bridled Inca-Finch and Peruvian Pigeon.

On the other side of the Marañon valley close to the high pass of Abra Barro Negro we shall look for Russet-mantled Softtail, Peruvian Thistletail (likely split from White-chinned Thistletail), Coppery Metalltail, newly described Utcubamba Tapaculo is possible. Night in Leymebamba at KentiTambo (or Casa Mallqui).

Day 7: We shall explore the temperate forests of Atuen Valley for Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucan, Northern Mountain Cacique, Red-hooded Tanager, and Peruvian Treehunter (also known as Buff-throated or Rufous-backed Treehunter). There are good tanager flocks that are easy to see. Andean Condor is often seen in the area. The afternoon will be spent in the lovely gardens of Kenticafe looking for hummingbirds such as Purple-throated Sunangel, Rainbow Starfrontlet, and Sword-billed Hummingbird. Night in Leymebamba.



Gray-breasted Mountain-Toucan, photo by Sherry Lane

Day 8: We get an early start to Chillo for Koepcke's Screech-Owl and selected stops along the Utucubamba River for Speckle-chested Piculet, Buff-bellied Tanager, Marañon Spinetail, Marañon form of Black-capped Sparrow, Marañon form of Speckle-chested Wren until we get to Jaen.

Birding near Jaen in the afternoon for Marañon Crescentchest, Marañon Slaty-Antshrike, and Chinchipe Spinetail, Also perhaps the Marañon subspecies of the Peruvian Screech-Owl. All these ssp are potential and even likely future splits. Night at Hotel Bosque in Jaen.

Day 9: Additional birding in the morning in Jaen looking for Little Inca-Finch and Shumba Antshrike -distinct subspecies of Collared Antshrike. The drive back to Pedro Ruiz with additional stops for Marañon Spinetail. Turning north to Pomacochas. We'll stop at Huembo to look for Marvelous Spatuletail and Little Woodstar, and a host of other hummingbird species. At night we shall look for Owls in the vicinity. Cinnamon Screech Owl, White-throated Screech-Owl, and Stygian Owl have been recorded here. Night at Huembo Lodge near Pomacochas.



Marvelous Spatuletail, photo by Dustin Chen

Day 10. In the morning we shall hike above San Lorenzo for Pale-billed Antpitta, Chestnut-crested Cotinga, Russet-mantled Softtail, and schulenbergi ssp of Plain-tailed Wren. There is also a lek of Marvelous Spatuletail that may be active in October-November, where males Marvelous Spatuletails put on an amazing show trying to impress the females. See the BBC clip with the unmistakable voice of David Attenborough. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0050gj5>

If it is a clear night we may also do an excursion to try for Long-whiskered Owlet this night to save ourselves from a longer walk at Owlet Lodge. Night at Huembo Lodge.



Long-whiskered Owlet, photo by Alex Durand

Day 11-12: In the morning we will transfer to Owlet Lodge a mere hour away. Three full days will be used to work the trails at Fundo Alto Nieva, the Owlet Lodge, The LSU trail, and the flocks around Afluentes. There are many endemics in this area such as Royal Sunangel, Bar-winged Wood-Wren, Ochre-fronted Antpitta, and Lulu's Pygmy-Tyrant, and several places for hummingbird feeders.

Day 13: We will transfer to the new basic lodge at Arena Blanca at Aguas Verdes. At Aguas Verdes in the afternoon, we will visit a hide and may see Cinereous and Little Tinamou, Rufous-breasted Wood-Quail, and Orange-billed Sparrow. Also, there are active feeders with hummingbirds such as Green-fronted and Blue-fronted Lancebill, Wire-crested Thorntail, and Black-throated Brilliant.

Day 14: We continue birding Aguas Verdes in the morning for the Wood-Quail which is often hard to find and to bird the trails. This is a also good place for Zimmer's Antbird.

We continue birding the savanna for Point-tailed Palmcreeper and Russet-crowned Crake. Often we have seen and heard Buckley's Forest-Falcon here. We shall visit a lagoon that has Black-capped Donacobius, Masked Duck, Pale-eyed Blackbird, and Black-billed Seed-Finch. We spend the night at Wakanqi Fruiteater Lodge outside of Moyobamba.

Day 15: We will spend the day at Wakanqi Lodge. The hummingbirds are fantastic at Waqanki. One often gets 18 species in a morning. One of the best is Rufous-crested Coquette. Later we shall be working the ridge trail for Mishana Tyrannulet, Roraiman Flycatcher, Short-tailed Antthrush, Black-and-White Tody-Flycatcher, Chestnut-throated Spinetail, Red-shouldered Tanager, Cinereous-breasted Spinetail, Milky-rumped Manakin, and possibly Black Manakin, newly described Painted Manakin, Fiery-throated and Scarlet-breasted Fruiteaters.

The area is good for Owls and Nightjars. Vermiculated Screech-Owl, Stygian Owl, Band-bellied Owl, Spectacled Owl, Subtropical Pygmy-Owl, Blackish Nightjar, Spot-tailed Nightjar, Rufous Nightjar and Little Nightjar.



Rufous-crested Coquette, photo by Dustin Chen

Day 16: We will do some additional birding in the area and then travel to Tarapoto. We will stop at an Oilbird stackout en route. We will be visiting Juan Guerra for Marañon Slaty-Antbird, Chestnut-throated Spinetail, Rufous Casiornis, Ashy-headed Greenlet, and Hoatzin in the afternoon. Night at Hotel Cumaceba, Tarapoto

Day 17: Yurimaguas Road with a morning at tunnel area for Dotted Tanager, Purplish Euphonia, Cock-of-the-Rock and Blackish Pewee, and hummingbird feeders at Aconabikh with Kopecke's Hermit and Gould's Jewelfront plus many more. There is also a lek of Golden-headed Manakin, and sometimes a staked-out Long-tailed Potoo. After birding we will transfer to the airport for an early afternoon flight to Lima to connect with your overnight international flights.

PRICE

\$6000 PRICE PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY (ADD \$600 FOR SINGLE SUPPLEMENT)

PRICE INCLUDES

17 days of birding in Peru – 17 nights of superior lodging.

Professional excellent local bilingual bird guide with spotting scope. Bird species checklist, which will be reviewed each evening.

Transportation in a spacious van with a dedicated driver.

Domestic flights to Chiclayo and from Tarapoto.

Accommodations in all hotels/lodges.

All meals from breakfast on 10/20/24 until breakfast on 11/5/24.

Fresh water in the van to refill bottles.

All park entrance fees.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

International airfare to and from Lima, Peru (LIM airport) and airport taxes.

Tips to guide, drivers, and porters.

Travel insurance (We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance. If you need to cancel your trip due to medical or other reasons, this insurance will protect you.)

Additional extras offered in hotels (Laundry, spa, phone calls, etc.)

Alcoholic beverages. Sodas if not listed on the meal plan. Any other expense or extras not listed as included above.

POLICIES AND ADDITIONAL NOTES

- *A first payment of \$2000 will be required for holding your space on this tour.*
- *Ninety (90) days before arrival (7/1/24) the balance due payment is required.*
- *If you have a cancellation of the trip before 90 days an administrative fee of \$50 is required and attempts to recover deposits will be made by LifeBird Tours. But please consider these refunds will depend on individual hotel policies.*
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Hoatzin with chicks, photo by Gunnar Engblom

