

# **BIRDING IN ACTION PROGRAM**

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**A FIELD REPORT TO THE VIII BIRDING INTERPRETATIVE  
CLASSES IN THE PARROTS AND PARAKEETS CLAY LICK  
AND CARACHAMAYO CENTER, TAMBOPATA  
MADRE DE DIOS - PERU**

**October 21<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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The interpretative class were managed and design to introduce participants to the common birds of Puerto Maldonado and visit the efforts of local initiative for conservation



Tayta Juan Mayta, the pioneer guardian in protecting Collpa Cachuela– Photographer: David Méndez

### **COLLPA (CLAYLICK) CACHUELA**

Collpa Cachuela is located at the right margin of Madre de Dios river, inside of Las Cachuelas community. To get there by road is easy with a distance of only 9k from Puerto Maldonado city. Here the pioneer and local habitant Mr. Juan Mayta has been protecting the special clay at the river bank for three decades. His house and property has been the barrier against threats of parrot smugglers and hunters. At Collpa Cachuela hundreds of Parrots, Parakeets, and small Macaws meet for the main reason to ingest the mineral found in the clay, which is fundamental for diet and survival. The main species to see are the Blue-headed and Chestnut-fronted Macaw, more parrots such as White-bellied Parrot, Yellow-headed Amazon, Orange-cheeked Parrot, White-eyed, Dusky-headed, Cobalt-winged and Tui Parakeets are also found here. Lucky visitors can also see Dusky-billed Parrotlet. Many other parrots and large Macaws frequently fly over. Local researcher and biologist Donald Brightsmith has been studying this geophagia phenomena since 1996 in the area of Tambopata.

## EL CARACHAMAYO TRAIL

Also known as the Prado community forest trail for sustainability, this 400 hectares of swamp and floodplain forest has been under the protection by law for local government. It's main purpose is to preserve the wetland and water resources, as well as the *Mauritia flexuosa* palms as a flagship species. Here the key species are Point-tailed Palmcreeper, Sulphury Flycatcher, Long-billed Woodcreeper White-bearded Manakin, Purus and White-throated Jacamar. Local initiative for friendly and responsible tourism has started and we hope it will continue.

## BIRDING LOCALITIES

Puerto Maldonado/La-PRE 12° 34'60.0"S 69° 11'30.2"W

Collpa La Cachuela 12° 31'06.2"S 69° 10'14.5"W

Cachuela Road/Escuela 12° 32'10.8"S 69° 10'11.4"W

Cachuela Road/FONDEPEZ 12° 33'38.3"S 69° 11'16.5"W

El Carachamayo 12° 32'32.8"S 69° 11'33.6"W

## DAY BY DAY ACTIVITIES

**October 21<sup>th</sup>.** - We did start meeting with all participants at La-PRE Academy, in Puerto Maldonado city. From the 14:30 to 18:30 hours, we perform the introductory Program-talks in the following subjects; Generalities of the Birds, Common Birds of Puerto Maldonado, Birding Ethics and Techniques, The Mix Species Flocks, The Bamboo Specialists, The Professional Army-Ants Followers, and La Collpa Cachuela and El Carachamayo as Local Initiative for Conservation. Ending with guidelines for next programed day and enjoying with delicious local Cocona drink.

**October 22<sup>th</sup>.** - Early start, we meet all at 5:00 hours in La-PRE Academy. Driving by bus in direction to Collpa Cachuela where Mr. Juan Mayta expected us. We walk down to the river shore to a designated spot to observe and count species of Parrots and other birds, Key specie here the Blue-headed Macaw since is considerate by IUCN as Vulnerable. After enjoying the Collpa activity we gather with Mr. Mayta and with his homemade hot chocolate drink, we did talk and discuss the benefits, problematics and ways to help the conservation of Collpa Cachuela. After that Juan Mayta leaded his well manage fish farming pools and with some wetland around, great for birds.

Leaving Tayta Juan Mayta. We head to El Carachamayo and on the way, we stopped in couple location, at La Escuela Cachuela and at FONDEPEZ, to point classic habitats such as Secondary forest, Potreros and ponds.

At El Carachamayo the *Mauritia flexuosa* palms dominate for most part of this swampy and floodplain forest, key species here are Sulphury Flycatcher and Point-tailed Palm-creeper, Witch did not see at this time. After birding and having fun We returned to Puerto Maldonado city for a delicious lunch and finally ending making our fantastic checklist of the birds seemed. Certificates were provided to all participants.

# THE KEY TO THE BIRD LIST

**\* = Species heard only**

**Red – IUCN Red List Category**

**SACC = South American Classification Committee**

**IOC = International Ornithological Congress**

**RR – Near Endemic or Range Restricted Species**

**E = Peruvian Endemic**

## THE LIST

### **TINAMOUS (Tinamidae)**

**Undulated Tinamou – *Crypturellus undulatus*\***

Heard at most sites we bird

### **SCREAMERS (Anhimidae)**

**Horned Screamer – *Anhina cornuta*\***

Heard at Juan Mayta property, near Collpa Cachuela

### **CHACHALACAS, GUANS & CURASSOWS (Cracidae)**

**Speckled Chachalaca – *Ortalis guttata***

Two seen near Collpa La Cachuela, also very common in most sites

### **STORKS (Ciconiidae)**

**Wood Stork - *Mycteria americana***

Two seen flying over, very high at Collpa Cachuela

### **HERONS (Ardeidae)**

**Cocoi Heron - *Ardea coccyz***

Seen two in the Madre de Dios river

**Great Egret - *Casmerodius albus***

About five seen in the Madre de Dios river

**Snowy Egret - *Egretta thula***

One seen in the Madre de Dios river

### **IBISES AND SPOONBILLS (Threskiornithidae)**

**Green Ibis - *Mesembrinibis cayennensis*\***

Only heard at Juan Mayta wetland property

**Roseate Spoonbill - *Platalea ajaja***

One seen flying over the wetland of Juan Mayta

**NEW WORLD VULTURES (Cathartidae)****Black Vulture - *Coragyps atratus***

Common and widespread

**Turkey Vulture - *Cathartes aura***

One seen at FONDEPEZ

**Greater Yellow-headed Vulture - *Cathartes melambrotus***

One seen at Collpa Cachuela

**HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES (Accipitridae)****Plumbeous Kite - *Ictinia plumbea***

One seen at Collpa Cachuela and near FONDEPEZ

**Roadside Hawk - *Rupornis magnirostris***

About three seen, very common bird of prey

**Gray-lined Hawk - *Buteo nitidus***

One seen at El Carachamayo

**Zone-tailed Hawk - *Buteo albonotatus***

One seen flying over at El Carachamayo

**PLOVER AND LAPWINGS (Charadriidae)****Southern Lapwing - *Vanellus chilensis***

One seen along Cachuela road, near la Escuela

**JACANAS (Jacanidae)****Wattled Jacana - *Jacana jacana***

One seen at the wetland of Juan Mayta

**SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES (Scolopacidae)****Solitary Sandpiper - *Tringa solitaria***

One seen at Collpa Cachuela, along Madre de Dios river

**GULLS, TERNS AND SKIMMERS (Laridae)****Large-billed Tern - *Phaetusa simplex***

One seen at Collpa Cachuela, along Madre de Dios river

**PIGEONS AND DOVES (Columbidae)****Rock Pigeon - *Columba livia***

Several seen on the way to Puerto Maldonado, very Common

**Pale-vented Pigeon - *Patagioenas cayennensis***

One seen at Collpa Cachuela

**Scaled Pigeon - *Patagioenas speciose***

About five seen at Collpa Cachuela



Scaled Pigeon – Photo by Richard Amable

**Ruddy Ground-Dove - *Columbina talpacoti***

Three seen along Cachuela road, common

**HOTAZIN (Opisthocomidae)**

**Hoatzin - *Opisthocomus hoazin***

Six seen at the wetland of Juan Mayta

**CUCKOOS (Cuculidae)**

**Greater Ani - *Crotophaga major***

Four seen at the wetland of Juan Mayta

**Smooth-billed Ani - *Crotophaga ani***

Common in most location

**SWIFTS (Apodidae)**

**White-collared Swift - *Streptoprocne zonaris***

Five seen flying over Collpa Cachuela

**Fork-tailed Palm-Swift - *Tachornis squamata***

About six seen flying over Collpa Cachuela and few more at El Carachamayo



## HUMMINGBIRDS (Trochilidae)

**Black-throated Mango** - *Anthracothorax nigricollis*

A female seen at Collpa Cachuela

**Sapphire-spangled Emerald** - *Amazilia lactea*

One seen at Collpa Cachuela, near the house of Juan Mayta

**Rufous-breasted Hermit** - *Glaucis hirsutus*

One seen at el Carachamayo forest

## PUFFBIRDS (Bucconidae)

**Black-fronted Nunbird** - *Monasa nigrifrons*

One seen near FONDEPEZ

## JACAMARS (Galbulidae)

**RRPurus Jacamar** - *Galbalcyrrhynchus purusianus*

Three seen at the wetland of Juan Mayta

**RRWhite-throated Jacamar** - *Brachygalba albogularis*

Two seen at Carachamayo, near trail entrance



White-throated Jacamar – Photo by Richard Amable

## TOUCANS (Ramphastidae)

**Chestnut-eared Aracari** - *Pteroglossus castanotis*\*

Heard only at El Carachamayo

## **WOODPECKERS (Picidae)**

**Yellow-tufted Woodpecker - *Melanerpes cruentatus***

One seen at the wetland of Juan Mayta

**Little Woodpecker - *Veniliornis passerinus***

One seen near Collpa Cachuela

**Crimson-crested Woodpecker - *Campephilus melanoleucos***

One female seen at Collpa Cachuela

## **FALCONS AND CARACARAS (Falconidae)**

**Black Caracara - *Daptrius ater***

One seen flying over the Madre de Dios river at Collpa Cachuela

## **NEW WORLD PARROTS (Psittacidae)**

**Tui Parakeet - *Brotogeris sanctithomae***

About five seen at Collpa Cachuela

**Cobalt-winged Parakeet - *Brotogeris cyanoptera***

Dozens seen at Collpa Cachuela, seems to be common in most sites

**Dusky-billed Parrotlet - *Forpus modestus***

Two seen at Collpa Cachuela

**Blue-headed Parrot - *Pionus menstruus***

Large flocks seen at Collpa Cachuela and couple more seen flying over FONDEPEZ

**Yellow-headed Amazon - *Amazona ochrocephalus*\***

Only heard at Collpa Cachuela

**Orange-cheeked Parrot - *Pyrilia barrabandi***

One seen and heard at far distance at Collpa Cachuela

**Dusky-headed Parakeet - *Aratinga weddellii***

Large flocks at Collpa Cachuela, seems common in most sites





Dusky-headed Parakeet – Photo by Richard Amable

**Red-bellied Macaw - *Orthopsittaca manilatus***

Several groups flying and passing over the Collpa Cachuela

**Blue-headed Macaw - *Primolius couloni***

About three seen at Collpa Cachuela **VULNERABLE**



Blue-headed Macaw – Photo by Richard Amable

**Chestnut-fronted Macaw - *Ara severus***

Fifteen seen at Collpa Cachuela

**White-eyed Parakeet - *Psittacara leucophthalmus***

Seen several flying over at Collpa Cachuela

**TYPICAL ANT BIRDS (Thamnophilidae)****Bamboo Antshrike - *Cymbilaimus sanctaemariae*\***

Only heard at wetland of Juan Mayta

**Great Antshrike - *Taraba major*\***

Only heard at wetland of Juan Mayta

**Barred Antshrike - *Thamnophilus doliatus*\***

Only heard near FONDEPEZ

**ANTTHRUSHES (Formicariidae)****Black-faced Antthrush - *Formicarius analis*\***

Only heard at wetland of Juan Mayta and another at El Carachamayo

**OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS (Furnariidae)****Straight-billed Woodcreeper - *Dendroplex picus***

Seen one near La Escuela at Cachuela road

**Pale-legged Hornero - *Furnarius leucopus*\***

Only heard at wetland of Juan Mayta

**Plain-crowned Spinetail - *Synallaxis gujanensis*\***

Only heard at wetland of Juan Mayta and at El Carachamayo

**TYRANT FLYCATCHERS (Tyrannidae)****Large Elaenia - *Elaenia spectabilis***

One seen at El Carachamayo

**Gray-crowned Flycatcher - *Tolmomyias poliocephalus***

One seen at El Carachamayo

**Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet - *Tyrannulus elatus*\***

Only heard at wetland of Juan Mayta

**Rusty-fronted Tody-Flycatcher - *Poecilatriccus latirostris***

Seen two at Collpa Cachuela, near the house of Jose Mayta

**Drab Water Tyrant - *Ochthornis littoralis***

About three seen at Collpa Cachuela, along the Madre de Dios river

**Dull-capped Attila - *Attila bolivianus***

Seen one at wetland of Juan Mayta and heard also at El Carachamayo

**Short-crested Flycatcher - *Myiarchus ferox***

One seen at Collpa Cachuela

**Lesser Kiskadee - *Pitangus lictor***

Two seen at wetland of Juan Mayta

**Great Kiskadee - *Pitangus sulphuratus***

One seen at wetland of Juan Mayta

**Boat-billed Flycatcher - *Megarynchus pitangua***

One seen at wetland of Juan Mayta

**Rusty-margined Flycatcher - *Myiozetetes cayanensis***

One seen at wetland of Juan Mayta

**Social Flycatcher - *Myiozetetes similis***

Two seen at wetland of Juan Mayta and seems common in most sites

**Streaked Flycatcher - *Myiodynastes maculatus***

One seen at Juan Mayta house, near Collpa Cachuela

**Tropical Kingbird - *Tyrannus melancholicus***

Several, seems common in most sites

**Eastern Kingbird - *Tyrannus tyrannus***

About twenty seen Juan Mayta house, near Collpa Cachuela

**COTINGAS (Cotingidae)**

**Bare-necked Fruitcrow - *Gymnoderus foetidus***

One seen at wetland of Juan Mayta

**MANAKINS (Pipridae)**

**Band-tailed Manakin - *Pipra fasciicauda***

One seen at El Carachamayo

**Fiery-capped Manakin - *Machaeropterus pyrocephalus*\***

Heard only at El Carachamayo

**TITYRAS AND ALLIES (Tityridae)**

**Black-tailed Tityra - *Tityra cayana***

Seen two at wetland of Juan Mayta, near Collpa Cachuela

**Black-crowned Tityra - *Tityra inquisitor***

Seen one at wetland of Juan Mayta, near Collpa Cachuela

## JAYS (Corvidae)

**Violaceous Jay - *Cyanocorax violaceus***

About two seen at wetland of Juan Mayta, near Collpa Cachuela

## SWALLOWS (Hirundinidae)

**White-banded Swallow - *Atticora fasciata***

Six seen near Collpa Cachuela, along the Madre de Dios river

**Southern Rough-winged Swallow - *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis***

Three seen near Collpa Cachuela, along the Madre de Dios river

**White-winged Swallow - *Tachycineta albiventer***

Two seen near Collpa Cachuela, along the Madre de Dios river

## WRENS (Troglodytidae)

**House Wren - *Troglodytes aedon***

One seen at Juan Mayta house, near Collpa Cachuela

**RRMoustached Wren - *Pheugopedius genibarbis*\***

Hear only at Collpa Cachuela

## DONACOBIOUS (Donacobiidae)

**Black-capped Donacobius - *Donacobius atricapilla*\***

Heard only at wetland of Juan Mayta, near Collpa Cachuela

## THRUSHES AND ALLIES (Turdidae)

**Hauxwell's Thrush - *Turdus hauxwelli*\***

Heard only at El Carachamayo

**Black-billed Thrush - *Turdus ignobilis***

Seen one near La Escuela and another at FONDEPEZ, along Cachuela road

## TANAGERS AND ALLIES (Thraupidae)

**Red-capped Cardinal - *Paroaria gularis***

Two seen at wetland of Juan Mayta, near Collpa Cachuela

**Magpie Tanager - *Cissopis leverianus***

Two seen at wetland of Juan Mayta, near Collpa Cachuela

**Silver-beaked Tanager - *Ramphocelus carbo***

Seen several in most sites, seems common

**Palm Tanager - *Thraupis palmarum***

One seen at El Caracchamayo

**Paradise Tanager - *Tangara chilensis***

Two seen at wetland of Juan Mayta, near Collpa Cachuela

**Swallow Tanager - *Tersina viridis***

Two seen at Collpa Cachuela



Swallow Tanager – Photo by Richard Amable

**Saffron Finch - *Sicalis flaveola***

About three seen at FONDEPEZ

**Blue-black Grassquit - *Volatinia jacarina***

Several seen along the Cachuela road, seems common

**Chestnut-bellied Seedeater - *Sporophila castaneiventris***

One seen at La Escuela along cachuela road

**Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch - *Sporophila angolensis***

One seen at La Escuela along cachuela road

**Grayish Saltator - *Saltator coerulescen***

Two seen at Collpa Cachuela

**NEW WORLD SPARROWS (Passerellidae)**

**Yellow-browed Sparrow - *Ammodramus aurifrons***

One seen at Collpa Cachuela, along the Madre de Dios River

**TROUPIALS AND ALLIES (Icteridae)****Russet-backed Oropendola - *Psarocolius angustifrons***

Seen several at the wetland of Juan Mayta, seems common

**Yellow-rumped Cacique - *Cacicus cela***

Seen several at the wetland of Juan Mayta, seems common

**Orange-backed Troupial - *Icterus croconotus***

Two seen at the wetland of Juan Mayta

**FINCHES (Fringillidae)****Golden-bellied Euphonia - *Euphonia chrysopasta***

Two seen at Collpa Cachuela

**White-vented Euphonia - *Euphonia minuta***

Two males seen at Juan Mayta house, near Collpa Cachuela

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Instructor and Vortex Optics ambassador Gustavo Bautista explaining about the dynamic of Mix-species Flock - Photographer: David Méndez



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Instructor Richard Amable explaining about Ethics for Birding  
Photographer: Ana Amable



Instructor Richard Amable explaining about bird Topography  
Photographer: David Méndez



The author and artist Eduardo Santos explaining about his recently creation of "La Mini Guía de Tambopata" a bird guide to initiate in birding  
Photographer: David Méndez



Paradise Tanager

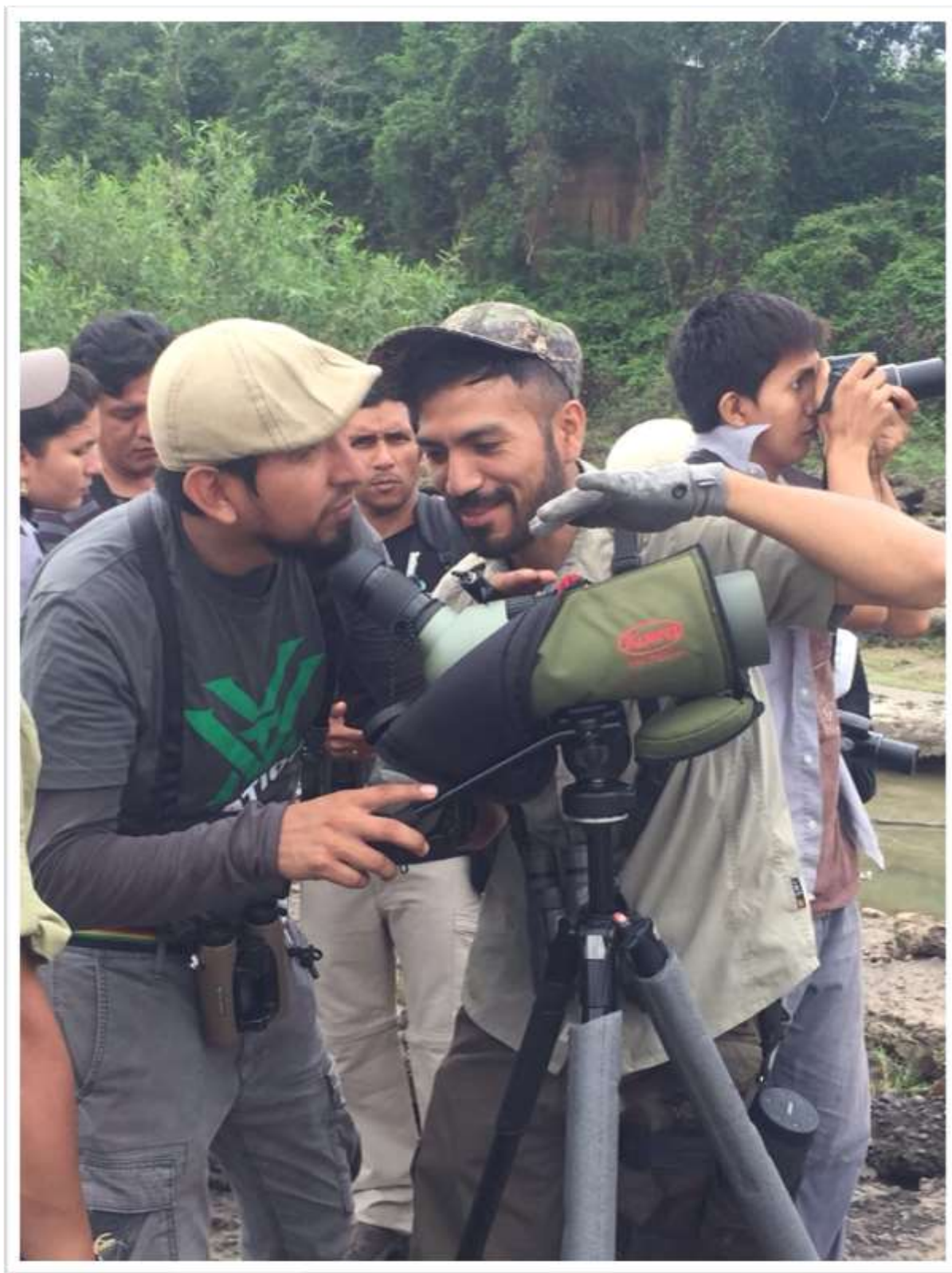




Instructor and Vortex Optics ambassador Gustavo Bautista explaining about the differences of large Flycatchers - Photographer: David Méndez



VORTEX OPTICS, the main optics company supporting birding class and education in south eastern  
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Instructors: Richard Amable and Gustavo Bautista on a friendly discussion about difference of Sulphur-bellied against Streaked Flycatcher - Photographer: Ana Amable





Instructors: Richard Amable and Gustavo Bautista sharing sights of Orange-backed Troupial with Tayta Juan Mayta - Photographer: Ana Amable





Instructor: Richard Amable at the Collpa Cachuela  
Photographer: David Méndez



Instructors: Richard Amable and Gustavo Bautista at the Collpa Cachuela  
Photographer: David Méndez



Tayta Juan Mayta giving firsthand information and telling the experience as the pionier protecting Collpa Cachuela - Photographer: David Méndez



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Participant Thenary Gonzales enjoying quality bird sights of a Blue-headed Macaw at the Collpa Cachuela

Photographer: Ana Amable



Participants taking eight seconds turns to enjoy view of the sexy Scaled Pigeon at Collpa Cachuela  
Photographer: David Méndez



Participant Silma Malaga corroborating cool sight of Scaled Pigeon at Collpa Cachuela  
Photographer: David Méndez





Participants at El Carachamayo learning of grown vegetation of Potrereros habitats  
Photographer: David Méndez



Participants at El Carachamayo learning about *Mauritia flexuosa* palm, as principal in dominating swamp forest habitat - Photographer: David Méndez



All participants at El Carachamayo in the Prado Community  
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All participants at Collpa Cachuela in the rio Madre de Dios  
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## SUPPORTING LEADERS FOR THE FUTURE

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*Ferruginous Pygmy- Owls painted by Eduardo Santos*