

# **BIRDING IN ACTION PROGRAM**

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## **A FIELD REPORT TO THE IX INTERPRETATIVE BIRDING AND BIRDWATCHING CLASS FOR ECOTOURISM AND CONSERVATION IN PILCOPATA (KOSÑIPATA VALLEY) CUSCO – PERU**

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The interpretative classes were managed and designed to introduce the young participants to the common birds of Pilcopata and visit the efforts of local initiative for ecotourism and conservation.

Binding in Action (BIA) program perform a series of activities focused on education and birding, as a preliminary step to environmental education, ecotourism, and conservation of habitats ecosystems.

## **Instructors:** **Richard Amable and Leonardo Gonzales**



Instructor Leonardo Gonzales introducing the fun use of Digiscoping to the young participants of Pilcopata – Photo by Richard Amable

## BIRDING LOCALITIES OF INTEREST



### PILCOPATA AND THE KOSÑIPATA VALLEY

Pilcopata is small town found the valley of Kosñipata, is the entry point to the Manu National Park. Located in the southeast of the city of Cusco, at the distance of 220 km, and is accessed via dirt road. (Resource CuscoPeru.com). The bamboo (*Guadua sps*) forest is great here as well as the unique set of specialist species.

### GUADALUPE LODGE AND NATURE PRESERVE

Located on the lush foothill forest over 580 m / 1,902 ft on elevation, Guadalupe its ecologically-based lodge located in the Manu Biosphere Reserve (southern Peru rainforest) with great view of the crystalline Guadalupe river is an one-of-a-kind nature experience, right in the vicinity of Manu National Park the adventure already starts with your trip to this property when leaving the Andes and passing throughout the misty cloud forest somehow 208 km from Cusco City its reachable by overland transport, this journey mostly takes from 7 to 9 hours and considering some stops along the spectacular views and interesting villages. (Resource WildWatchPeru.com). Here the key species are Buff-tailed Sicklebill, Yellow-billed Nunbird, Blue-headed Macaw. Also, Bamboo Antshrike, Striated Antbird, Goeldi's Antbird, Black-backed Tody-Flycatcher, Long-tailed Tyrant, Golden-bellied Warbler and others.

### BIRDING LOCALITIES AND GPS COORDINATES

**Pilcopata / Valley of Kosñipata / 12° 54'34.7"S - 71° 24'15.1"W (750 m)**

**Guadalupe Lodge 12° 54'53.7"S - 71° 28'06.2"W (790m)**

### ONE DAY ACTIVITIES

**July 06<sup>th</sup>.** - We did start meeting and greeting with all participants Guadalupe Lodge, at forty minutes from Pilcopata town. Greets from Luis Hebert Zuñiga; Owner of Guadalupe lodge and key collaborator for the event. We perform the introductory talks in the following subjects; The Bird of Peru field guide, birding ethics and techniques, how to use Ebird APP.

Also introducing the Vortex Gear and the use of binoculars and scopes, the benefits of digiscoping for birding photograph. With delicious lunch included. Also, we did perform a birding excursion in the key habitats such bamboo forest to search for birds. Ending the programed day with thanks and appreciation to all participants.

## THE KEY TO THE BIRD LIST

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

**Red = IUCN Red List Category**

**E = Peruvian Endemic**

**\* = Subspecies**

## THE LIST

### **CORMORANTS (Phalacrocoracidae)**

**Neotropic Cormorant - *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*\***

One flying over the Guadalupe Creek

### **HERONS (Ardeidae)**

**Cocoi Heron - *Ardea cocoi***

One flying over the Guadalupe Creek

### **NEW WORLD VULTURES (Cathartidae)**

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

Several flying over the area

### **HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES (Accipitridae)**

**Swallow-tailed Kite - *Elanoides forficatus*\***

About six flying over the area

**Plumbeous Kite - *Ictinia plumbea***

One seen nesting near Guadalupe lodge

**Roadside Hawk - *Rupornis magnirostris*\***

Common

### **CUCKOOS (Cuculidae)**

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

Common in most location

**Squirrel Cuckoo - *Piaya cayana*\***

One seen at the lodge garden



## **SWIFTS (Apodidae)**

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

Several flying over the Mauritia palms

## **HUMMINGBIRDS (Trochilidae)**

**Buff-tailed Sicklebill - *Eutoxeres condamini*\***

Seems frequently visitor to the lodge garden



Buff-tailed Sicklebill - Photo by Luis Hebert Zuñiga

**Gray-breasted Sabrewing - *Campylopterus largipennis*\***

At list four seen and frequently visitor to the lodge garden

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

One seen at the lodge garden



Sapphire-spangled Emerald – Photo by Emerson Javier Medina

## **TROGONS AND QUETZALS (Trogonidae)**

**Black-tailed Trogon - *Trogon melanurus*\***

Heard only

## **MOTMOTS (Momotidae)**

**Rufous Motmot - *Baryphthengus martii*\***

Heard only

## **KINGFISHERS (Alcedinidae)**

**Ringed Kingfisher - *Megaceryle torquata*\***

One flying over Guadalupe creek

## **PUFFBIRDS (Bucconidae)**

**RR Yellow-billed Nunbird - *Monasa flavirostris***

Two seen coming in the garden and using groups holds. Probable building nests

## **WOODPECKERS (Picidae)**

**Little Woodpecker - *Veniliornis passerines*\***

One seen along the road near the lodge

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

**Bat Falcon - *Falco rufigularis*\***

One seen along the road near the lodge

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

### **Blue-headed Parrot - *Pionus menstruus*\***

Common

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

Two seen along the road near the lodge

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

Four seen perched along the road, near the lodge. **VULNERABLE**

### **Chestnut-fronted Macaw - *Ara severus*\***

Two seen near the lodge, common bird

### **White-eyed Parakeet - *Psittacara leucophthalmus*\***

Common in numbers at afternoon time, seen from the lodge



Blue-headed Macaw – Photo by Richard Amable



Chestnut-fronted Macaw – Photo by Leo Gonzales

### **TYPICAL ANTBIRDS (Thamnophilidae)**

**RR**Bamboo Antshrike - *Cymbilaimus sanctaemariae*

Heard Only

**Bluish-slate Antshrike - *Thamnomanes schistogynus***

One seen fast near Bamboo trail, near the lodge

**Stripe-chested Antwren - *Myrmotherula longicauda*\***

Heard only

**Dot-winged Antwren - *Microrhophias quixensis*\***

Heard only

**RR**Striated Antbird - *Drymophila devillei*\*

Heard only

**RR**White-lined Antbird - *Pernostola lophotes*

Heard only

**RR**Goeldi's Antbird - *Akletos goeldii*

Heard only



**Black-throated Antbird - *Myrmophylax atrothorax*\***

Hear only

## **OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS (Furnariidae)**

**Rufous-rumped Foliage-gleaner - *Philydor erythrocercum*\***

Heard only

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

Heard only

## **TYRANT FLYCATCHERS (Tyrannidae)**

**RRBlack-backed Tody-Flycatcher - *Poecilatriccus pulchellus***

Heard only. **ENDEMIC.**

**Long-tailed Tyrant - *Colonia colonus*\***

Two using same perched, seem near the lodge



Long-tailed Tyrant – Photo by Leo Gonzales

**Great Kiskadee – *Pitangus sulphuratus*\***

Two seen near Guadalupe creek

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

One seems near the lodge

**Tropical Kingbird - *Tyrannus melancholicus*\***

Common

## **JAYS (Corvidae)**

**Violaceous Jay - *Cyanocorax violaceus*\***

Two visiting the lodge garden

## **SWALLOWS AND MARTINS (Hirundinidae)**

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

Four flying over the Guadalupe creek

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

Four flying over the Guadalupe creek

## **WRENS (Troglodytidae)**

**Scaly-breasted Wren - *Microcerculus marginatus*\***

Heard only

## **NEW WORLD WARBLERS (Parulidae)**

**Golden-bellied Warbler - *Myiothlypis chrysogaster*\***

Two seen at bamboo trail, near the lodge

## **THRUSHES (Turdidae)**

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

One seen at the lodge garden

## **TANAGERS AND ALLIES (Thraupidae)**

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

Common

**Blue-necked Tanager - *Tangara cyanicollis*\***

Two nesting at the lodge garden

**Swallow Tanager - *Tersina viridis*\***

Two seen at the lodge garden

**Grayish Saltator - *Saltator coerulescens*\***

One Two seen at the lodge garden



Grayish Saltator – Photo by Leo Gonzales

### **NEW WORLD SPARROWS (Passerellidae)**

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

One seen along the road, near the lodge garden

### **TROUPIALS AND ALLIES (Icteridae)**

**Russet-backed Oropendola - *Psarocolius angustifrons*\***

Common

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

Common

**Giant Cowbird - *Molothrus oryzivorus*\***

Dozens flying over Guadalupe creek

### **FINCHES, EUPHONIAS AND ALLIES (Fringillidae)**

**Thick-billed Euphonia - *Euphonia lanirostris*\***

Two seen at the lodge garden



Thick-billed Euphonia – Photo by Richard Amable

**Hooded Siskin - *Spinus magellanicus*\***

About eight seen near the lodge garden

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## PHOTOS AND PICTURES



Wonderful view of the Andean mountains at Guadalupe Lodge – Photo by Emerson Javier Medina



Welcome to Guadalupe Lodge – Photo by Ursula März



Instructor Richard Amable (Left) and Leonardo Gonzales (Right) welcoming to the young participants –  
Photo by Ursula März



Instructor Leonardo Gonzales explaining the different types and sizes of Vortex Binoculars – Photo by  
Richard Amable





Young participant from Pilcopata town, training leader for the future - Photo by Richard Amable



Gear and books to perform birding in action program – Photo by Richard Amable



Lunch with all the participants at Guadalupe Lodge – Photo by Ursula März



Delicious Lomo Saltado dish for lunch – Photo by Ursula März





Crystalline water of the Guadalupe Creek – Photo by Ursula März



The crew of participant at Guadalupe Creek – Photo by Luis Hebert Zuñiga





Key flower for the key species such as the **Buff-tailed Sicklebill** – Photo by Richard Amable



Instructor Leonardo Gonzales introducing the fun use of digiscoping – Photo by Richard Amable



Instructor Leonardo Gonzales introducing the fun use of digiscoping – Photo by Richard Amable



Participant enjoying first-hand experience of quality birding in the field – Photo by Emerson Javier Medina





The crew of participant at the trail of bamboo forest – Photo by Richard Amable



The crew of participant at Guadalupe Lodge – Photo by Richard Amable



The Instructor Leonardo Gonzales (Left) and Richard Amable (Right) Photo by Ursula März

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