

Differences in taxonomy and nomenclature between Ecuador's field guides and the eBird/Clements taxonomy

Birders unfamiliar with recent taxonomical revisions can end up confused and frustrated at all the differences between the English names used in various references. This list provides the names used in the two most commonly use field guides to Ecuador's birds along with the different names used in the current version of eBird. **If you are trying to enter a species into eBird in Ecuador and your species does not appear as an option, chances are this is due to a name change or split and you should be able to find it on this list. In the case of splits, you will have to know where you saw the bird and refer to the geographical notes in order to determine which eBird species (or group) you saw.**

Major birding resources for Ecuador:

The Birds of Ecuador: Field Guide (Ridgely and Greenfield 2001)

Fieldbook of the Birds of Ecuador: Including the Galápagos Islands (McMullan and Navarrete 2013, 2nd edition 2017)

*Note that Ridgely and Greenfield's "Birds of Ecuador" was based on the 1998 AOU Checklist taxonomy, while McMullan and Navarrete's "Fieldbook" largely follows the IOC taxonomy. eBird's bird list is based on the Clements taxonomy.

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RIDGELY & GREENFIELD	MCMULLAN & NAVARRETE	EBIRD/CLEMENTS	GEOGRAPHICAL NOTES FOR SPLITS
1 Pintado Petrel	Cape Petrel	Cape Petrel	
2 Dark-rumped Petrel	Galapagos Petrel	Galapagos Petrel	
3 White-vented Storm-Petrel	Elliott's Storm-Petrel	Elliott's Storm-Petrel	
4 Hornby's Storm-Petrel	Hornby's Storm-Petrel	Ringed Storm-Petrel	
5 Guanay Shag	Guanay Shag	Guanay Cormorant	
6 Black-faced Ibis	Andean Ibis	Black-faced Ibis (branicikii)	
7 Andean Ruddy-Duck	Andean Ruddy Duck	Ruddy Duck (Andean)	
8 Osprey	Western Osprey	Osprey	
9 Plain-breasted Hawk	Pale-breasted	Sharp-shinned Hawk (Plain-breasted)	
10 Gray Hawk	Grey-lined Hawk	Gray-lined Hawk	
11 Northern Crested-Caracara	Northern Crested Caracara	Crested Caracara	
12 Common Piping-Guan	Blue-throated Piping-Guan	Blue-throated Piping-Guan (Blue-throated)	
13 Clapper Rail	Mangrove Rail	Mangrove Rail (Ecuadorian)	
14 Ecuadorian Rail	Ecuadorian Rail	Virginia Rail (Ecuadorian)	
15 Gray-necked Wood-Rail	Grey-necked Wood-Rail	Gray-cowled Wood-Rail (Gray-cowled)	
16 Andean Coot	Andean Coot	Slate-colored Coot	
17 Common Snipe	Wilson's Snipe	Wilson's Snipe	
18 Gray Plover	Grey Plover	Black-bellied Plover	
19 Pied Plover	Pied Plover/Lapwing	Pied Lapwing	
20 Band-tailed Gull	Belcher's Gull	Belcher's Gull	
21 Marañón Pigeon	Peruvian/Marañón Pigeon	Peruvian Pigeon	
22 Indigo-crowned Quail-Dove	Indigo-crowned Quail-Dove	Purple Quail-Dove	
23 White-breasted Parakeet	White-breasted Parakeet	White-necked Parakeet	
24 Painted Parakeet	Wavy-breasted Parakeet	Rose-fronted Parakeet	
25 Blue-winged Parrotlet	Large-billed Parrotlet	Blue-winged Parrotlet (crassirostris)	
26 White-capped Parrot	Speckle-faced/White-capped Parrotlet	Speckle-faced Parrot (White-capped)	
27 Red-lored Amazon	Red-lored Amazon	Red-lored Parrot	
28 Festive Amazon	Festive Amazon	Festive Parrot	
29 Yellow-crowned Amazon	Yellow-crowned Amazon	Yellow-crowned Parrot	
30 Orange-winged Amazon	Orange-winged Amazon	Orange-winged Parrot	
31 Scaly-naped Amazon	Scaly-naped Amazon	Scaly-naped Parrot	
32 Mealy Amazon	Southern Mealy Amazon	Mealy Parrot	
33 Foothill Screech-Owl	Napo/Foothill Screech-Owl	Vermiculated Screech-Owl (Foothill)	
34 Chocó Screech-Owl	Chocó Screech-Owl	Vermiculated Screech-Owl (Choco)	
35 West Peruvian Screech-Owl	West Peruvian Screech-Owl	Peruvian Screech-Owl	
36 Rufescent Screech-Owl	Rufescent Screech-Owl	Rufescent Screech-Owl	east slope of the Andes (no change)
37 Rufescent Screech-Owl	Colombian Screech-Owl	Colombian Screech-Owl	west slope of the Andes
38 Pacific Pygmy-Owl	Pacific Pygmy-Owl	Peruvian Pygmy-Owl	
39 Pauraque	Common Pauraque	Common Pauraque	
40 Anthony's Nightjar	Scrub Nightjar	Scrub Nightjar	
41 Tumbes Swift	Short-tailed Swift	Short-tailed Swift (Tumbes)	
43 Neotropical Palm-Swift	Fork-tailed Palm Swift	Fork-tailed Palm-Swift	
44 Baron's Hermit	Long-billed Hermit	Long-billed Hermit (Baron's)	
45 Wedge-billed Hummingbird	White-throated Wedgebill	Wedge-billed Hummingbird (Western)	west slope of the Andes
46 Wedge-billed Hummingbird	Geoffroy's Wedgebill	Wedge-billed Hummingbird (Eastern)	east slope of the Andes
47 Green Violetear	Lesser Violetear	Lesser Violetear (Andean)	
48 Black-throated Mango	Green-throated Mango	Green-breasted Mango (Ecuadorian)	west of the Andes
49 Black-throated Mango	Black-throated Mango	Black-throated Mango	east of the Andes (no change)
50 Green-crowned Woodnymph	Green-crowned Woodnymph	Crowned Woodnymph (Northern Green-crowned)	
51 Emerald-bellied Woodnymph	Green-crowned Woodnymph	Crowned Woodnymph (Emerald-bellied)	

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	RIDGELY & GREENFIELD	MCMULLAN & NAVARRETE	EBIRD/CLEMENTS	GEOGRAPHICAL NOTES FOR SPLITS
52	Flame-throated Sunangel	Flame-throated Sunangel	Little Sunangel	
53	Chocó Trogon	Choco Trogon	Blue-tailed Trogon	
54	Amazonian White-tailed Trogon	Green-backed Trogon	Green-backed Trogon	
55	Western White-tailed Trogon	White-tailed Trogon	White-tailed Trogon	
56	Amazonian Violaceous Trogon	Amazonian Trogon	Amazonian Trogon	
57	Northern Violaceous Trogon	Gartered Trogon	Gartered Trogon	
58	Blue-crowned Motmot	Whooping Motmot	Whooping Motmot (argenticinctus)	western Ecuador
59	Blue-crowned Motmot	Amazonian Motmot	Amazonian Motmot	Amazonian lowlands (mostly below 1000 m)
60	Highland Motmot	Andean Motmot	Andean Motmot	
61	Striolated Puffbird	Striolated Puffbird	Western Striolated-Puffbird	
62	Pale-mandibled Araçari	Pale-mandibled Aracari	Collared Aracari (Pale-mandibled)	
63	Stripe-billed Araçari	Stripe-billed Aracari	Collared Aracari (Stripe-billed)	
64	Emerald Toucanet	White-thoated Toucanet	Southern Emerald-Toucanet (Andean)	southern Andes from Napo province northward
65	Emerald Toucanet	Black-throated Toucanet	Southern Emerald-Toucanet (Black-throated)	southern Andes from Tungurahua province southward
66	Black-mandibled Toucan	Yellow-throated Toucan (ambiguus)	Yellow-throated Toucan (Black-mandibled)	east slope of the Andes
67	Chestnut-mandibled Toucan	Yellow-throated Toucan (swainsonii)	Yellow-throated Toucan (Chestnut-mandibled)	western Ecuador
68	Bar-winged Cinclodes	Chestnut-winged Cinclodes	Chestnut-winged Cinclodes	
69	Pacific Hornero	Pacific Hornero	Pale-legged Hornero (Pacific)	
70	Bay Hornero	Bay Hornero	Pale-billed Hornero	
71	Pacific Tuftedcheek	Pacific Tuftedcheek	Buffy Tuftedcheek (Pacific)	
72	Tawny-throated Leaf-tosser	Dusky Leaf-tosser	Tawny-throated Leaf-tosser (Dusky)	
73	Star-chested Treerunner	Fulvous-dotted Treerunner	Fulvous-dotted Treerunner	
74	Eastern Woodhaunter	Eastern Woodhaunter	Striped Woodhaunter (eastern South America)	
75	Western Woodhaunter	Western Woodhaunter	Striped Woodhaunter (Central American)	
76	Bamboo Foliage-gleaner	Dusky-cheeked/Bamboo Foliage-gleaner	Dusky-cheeked Foliage-gleaner	
77	Lineated Woodcreeper	Duida Woodcreeper	Duida Woodcreeper	
78	Spix's Woodcreeper	Elegant Woodcreeper	Elegant Woodcreeper	
79	Undulated Antshrike	Fulvous Antshrike	Fulvous Antshrike	
80	Western Slaty-Antshrike	Black-crowned Antshrike	Black-crowned Antshrike	
81	Marañón Slaty-Antshrike	Northern Slaty-Antshrike	Northern Slaty-Antshrike (Marañón)	
82	Griscom's Antwren	Moustached Antwren	Moustached Antwren (Moustached)	western lowlands
83	Short-billed Antwren	Moustached Antwren	Moustached Antwren (Short-billed)	Amazonian lowlands
84	Stipple-throated Antwren	Negro Stipple-throated Antwren	Fulvous-throated Antwren	
85	Yasuni Antwren	Yasuni Antwren	Brown-backed Antwren	
86	Long-tailed Antbird	Streak-headed Antbird	Streak-headed Antbird	
87	Warbling Antbird	Peruvian Warbling-Antbird	Peruvian Warbling-Antbird	
88	Blackish Antbird	Blackish Antbird	Blackish Antbird	east slope foothills and subtropics (no change)
89	Blackish Antbird	Riparian Antbird	Riparian Antbird	Amazonian lowlands
90	Scale-backed Antbird	Common Scale-backed Antbird	Common Scale-backed Antbird	
91	Northern Chestnut-tailed Antbird	Northern Chestnut-tailed Antbird	Zimmer's Antbird	
92	Immaculate Antbird	Zeledon's Antbird	Zeledon's Antbird (Choco)	
93	Bicolored Antbird	Bicoloured Antbird	Bicolored Antbird	west of the Andes (no change)
94	Bicolored Antbird	White-cheeked Antbird	White-cheeked Antbird	east of the Andes
95	Rufous-crowned Antpitta	Rufous-crowned Gnatpitta	Rufous-crowned Antpitta	
96	Unicolored Tapaculo	Blackish Tapaculo	Blackish Tapaculo (Blackish)	east slope and northwestern Andes
97	Unicolored Tapaculo	Blackish Tapaculo	Blackish Tapaculo (Pacific)	far southwestern Andes
98	Equatorial Rufous-vented Tapaculo	Long-tailed Tapaculo	Long-tailed Tapaculo	
99	Northern White-crowned Tapaculo	Northern White-crowned Tapaculo	White-crowned Tapaculo	
100	El Oro Tapaculo	El Oro / Ecuadorian Tapaculo	Ecuadorian Tapaculo	
101	White-fronted Tyrannulet	White-fronted Tyrannulet	Rough-legged Tyrannulet (White-fronted)	
102	Golden-faced Tyrannulet	Choco Tyrannulet	Choco Tyrannulet	west slope of the Andes in NW Ecuador
103	Golden-faced Tyrannulet	Golden-faced Tyrannulet	Golden-faced Tyrannulet (Golden-faced)	east slope of the Andes and Amazon
104	Loja Tyrannulet	Loja Tyrannulet	Golden-faced Tyrannulet (Loja)	southwestern Ecuador and Marañón drainage (SE Ecuador)
105	Lesser Elaenia	Coopman's Elaenia	Coopman's Elaenia	northern slopes of Andes
106	Lesser Elaenia	Lesser Elaenia	Lesser Elaenia	Marañón drainage (SE Ecuador)
107	Tumbesian Tyrannulet	Tumbes Tyrannulet	Mouse-colored Tyrannulet (Tumbes)	
108	Yellow-olive Flatbill	Yellow-olive Flycatcher	Yellow-olive Flycatcher	
109	Orange-eyed Flatbill	Orange-eyed Flycatcher	Orange-eyed Flycatcher	
110	Zimmer's Flatbill	Zimmer's Flycatcher	Yellow-margined Flycatcher (Zimmer's)	Amazonian lowlands
111	Yellow-margined Flatbill	Yellow-margined Flycatcher	Yellow-margined Flycatcher (Yellow-margined)	western lowlands
112	Gray-crowned Flatbill	Gray-crowned Flycatcher	Gray-crowned Flycatcher	
113	Olive-faced Flatbill	Olive-faced Flycatcher	Yellow-breasted Flycatcher (Olive-faced)	
114	Amazonian Royal-Flycatcher	Amazonian Royal Flycatcher	Royal Flycatcher (Amazonian)	Amazonian lowlands

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115	Pacific Royal-Flycatcher	Pacific Royal Flycatcher	Royal Flycatcher (Pacific)	western Ecuador
116	Cinnamon Neopipo	Cinnamon Neopipo / Manakin-Tyrant	Cinnamon Manakin-Tyrant	
117	Black-tailed Flycatcher	Black-tailed Myiobius	Black-tailed Flycatcher	
118	Whiskered Flycatcher	Whiskered Myiobius	Whiskered Flycatcher	
119	Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher	Sulphur-rumped Myiobius	Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher	
120	Tawny-breasted Flycatcher	Tawny-breasted Myiobius	Tawny-breasted Flycatcher	
121	Northern Tufted-Flycatcher	Northern Tufted Flycatcher	Tufted Flycatcher (South American)	
122	Tumbes Pewee	Tumbes Pewee	Tropical Pewee (Tumbes)	
123	Páramo Ground-Tyrant	Páramo Ground-Tyrant	Plain-capped Ground-Tyrant	
124	White-eyed Attila		Dull-capped Attila	
125	Eastern Sirystes	White-rumped Sirystes	White-rumped Sirystes	Amazonian lowlands
126	Western Sirystes	Choco Sirystes	Choco Sirystes	northwestern lowlands
127	Yellow-cheeked Becard	Yellow-cheeked Becard	Green-backed Becard (Yellow-cheeked)	
128	Andean Laniisoma	Shrike-like Cotinga / Andean Laniisoma	Shrike-like Cotinga (Andean)	
129	Striped Manakin	Western Striped Manakin	Striped Manakin	
130	Orange-crested Manakin	Orange-crowned Manakin	Orange-crowned Manakin	
131	Thrush-like Schiffornis	Northern Schiffornis	Northern Schiffornis (Ecuadorian)	west slope of the Andes
132	Thrush-like Schiffornis	Foothill Schiffornis	Foothill Schiffornis	east slope of the Andes
133	Thrush-like Schiffornis	Brown-winged Schiffornis	Brown-winged Schiffornis (Amazonian)	Amazonian lowlands
134	Broad-billed Sapayoa	Sapayoa	Sapayoa	
135	Inca Jay	Inca / Green Jay	Green Jay (Inca)	
136	Dagua Thrush	Dagua Thrush	White-throated Thrush (Dagua)	
137	Andean Slaty-Thrush	Andean Slaty Thrush	Slaty Thrush (Andean)	
138	Sand Martin	Sand Martin / Bank Swallow	Bank Swallow	
139	Cliff Swallow	American Cliff Swallow	Cliff Swallow	
140	Sepia-brown Wren	Sharpe's / Sepia-brown Wren	Sharpe's Wren	
141	Grass Wren	Grass Wren	Sedge Wren (polyglottus Group)	
142	Southern Nightingale-Wren	Southern Nightingale Wren / Scaly-breasted Wren	Scaly-breasted Wren	
143	Yellow Warbler	American Yellow Warbler	Yellow Warbler (Northern)	
144	Mangrove Warbler	Mangrove Warbler	Yellow Warbler (Mangrove)	
145	Black-lored Yellowthroat	Black-lored Yellowthroat	Masked Yellowthroat (Black-lored)	
146	Slate-throated Whitestart	Slate-throated Whitestart	Slate-throated Redstart	
147	Spectacled Whitestart	Spectacled Whitestart	Spectacled Redstart	
148	Chocó Warbler	Choco Warbler	Golden-bellied Warbler (Choco)	
149	Yellow-tufted Dacnis	Yellow-tufted Dacnis	Black-faced Dacnis (Yellow-tufted)	
150	Golden-eyed Flowerpiercer	Deep-blue Flowerpiercer	Deep-blue Flowerpiercer	
151	White-lored Euphonia	White-lored Euphonia	Golden-bellied Euphonia	
152	Silver-backed Tanager	Silver-backed / Silvery Tanager	Silvery Tanager	
153	Straw-backed Tanager	Green-throated / Straw-backed Tanager	Green-throated Tanager	
154	Lemon-rumped Tanager	Flame-rumped Tanager	Flame-rumped Tanager (Lemon-rumped)	
155	Highland Hepatic-Tanager	Tooth-billed Tanager	Hepatic Tanager (Highland)	
156	Olive Tanager	Olive Tanager	Carmioli's Tanager (Yellow-lored)	
157	Common Bush-Tanager	Common Bush-Tanager	Common Chlorospingus	
158	Ashy-throated Bush-Tanager	Ashy-throated Bush-Tanager	Ashy-throated Chlorospingus	
159	Dusky Bush-Tanager	Dusky Bush-Tanager	Dusky Chlorospingus	
160	Yellow-green Bush-Tanager	Yellow-green Bush-Tanager	Yellow-green Chlorospingus	
161	Yellow-throated Bush-Tanager	Yellow-throated Bush-Tanager	Yellow-throated Chlorospingus	
162	Yellow-whiskered Bush-Tanager	Yellow-whiskered Bush-Tanager	Short-billed Chlorospingus	
163	Western Hemispingus	Western Hemispingus	Black-eared Hemispingus (Western)	
164	Piura Hemispingus	Piura Hemispingus	Black-eared Hemispingus (Piura)	
165	Southern Yellow-Grosbeak	Golden Grosbeak	Golden Grosbeak	
166	Blue-black Grosbeak	Rothschild's Grosbeak	Blue-black Grosbeak (Amazonian)	
167	Blue-black Grosbeak	Blue-black Grosbeak	Blue-black Grosbeak (Blue-black)	
168	Lesser Seed-Finch	Thick-billed Seed-Finch	Thick-billed Seed-Finch	western Ecuador
169	Lesser Seed-Finch	Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch	Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch	eastern Ecuador
170	Blue Seedeater	Ecuadorian Seedeater	Blue Seedeater (Equatorial)	
171	Red Pileated-Finch	Red-pileated / Red-crested Finch	Red-crested Finch	
172	Rufous-naped Brush-Finch	Yellow-breasted Brush-Finch	Yellow-breasted Brushfinch	
173	Stripe-headed Brush-Finch	Grey-browed Brush-Finch	Gray-browed Brushfinch	
174	Northern Mountain-Cacique	Northern Mountain Cacique	Mountain Cacique (Golden-shouldered)	
175	Subtropical Cacique	Subtropical Cacique	Scarlet-rumped Cacique (Subtropical)	
176	Solitary Cacique	Solitary Black Cacique	Solitary Black Cacique	
177	Moriche Oriole	Epaulet Oriole	Epaulet Oriole (Moriche)	