



BIRDWATCHING & PHOTOGRAPHY TOURS IN SOUTH AMERICA

Ventanilla Marshes

A quick, bird-packed half-day wetland just minutes from Lima airport — ideal before a flight.

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DURATION

Half day

LOCATION

Minutes from Lima airport

GROUP SIZE

1–5+

FROM

\$245

per person

1 pax \$495 · 2 pax \$275 · 3+ pax \$245

Our Ventanilla Marshes birding tour is the fastest, most rewarding wetland birding day trip near Lima — a compact reed-and-lagoon reserve barely twenty minutes north of the airport. Officially the Área de Conservación Regional Humedales de Ventanilla, it packs coastal marsh, open lagoons, a beach-backed albufera and dry grassland into a small, easily walked area where the birds are dense, tame and wonderfully photogenic. For anyone searching for Ventanilla Wetlands bird watching, a Lima layover birding stop, or a half-day birdwatching tour near Lima, this is the site we send you to first.

Ventanilla is the northern link in Lima's chain of coastal wetlands — Pantanos de Villa lies to the south — and that concentration of habitat is what makes it so productive. Reed-lined channels and freshwater lagoons hold rails, gallinules, coots and marsh specialists; the albufera and adjacent shoreline draw flamingos, shorebirds, gulls and terns; and the surrounding scrub and grassland add open-country birds. It is flat, sheltered and quick to bird, so a couple of focused hours here can turn up a remarkable variety.

TARGET SPECIES

- Black Rail
- Surf Cinclodes
 - Plumbeous Rail
 - Wren-like Rushbird
 - Puna Teal
 - Andean Duck
 - Peruvian Thick-knee
 - Gray-hooded Gull
 - Burrowing Owl
- Coastal Miner
 - Least Bittern
 - Many-colored Rush Tyrant
 - Yellow-hooded Blackbird
 - White-cheeked Pintail
 - Chilean Flamingo
 - Hudsonian Godwit
 - Black Skimmer

• endemic to Peru

DAY BY DAY

Transfer from Lima

We collect you from your hotel or the airport and drive about twenty minutes north to the reserve — the quickest wetland birding you can do near Lima. On the way in we scan the surrounding scrub and grassland for open-country birds like Peruvian Thick-knee, Burrowing Owl and American Kestrel.

The marsh & reedbeds

We work the reed-lined channels and freshwater marsh at the heart of the reserve, the richest habitat of the visit. This is where we look for the coastal Black Rail, Plumbeous Rail, Common and Purple Gallinules, Many-colored Rush Tyrant, Wren-like Rushbird and Least Bittern, often at point-blank range.

The lagoons

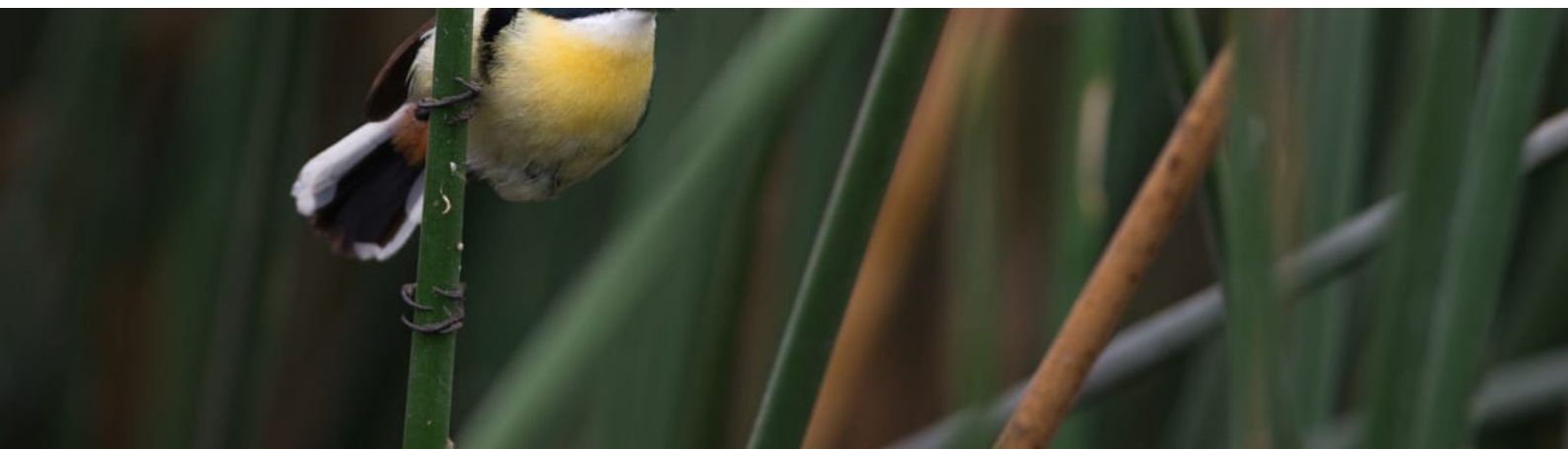
The open lagoons — the Laguna and the Albufera de Ventanilla — hold waterfowl and long-legged waders. We scan for Puna Teal, White-cheeked Pintail and Andean Duck among rafts of Chilean Flamingo, with herons, egrets and Puna Ibis feeding along the margins.

The shoreline & beach

Where the wetland meets the sea we bird the beach and rocks for migratory shorebirds — Hudsonian Godwit, phalaropes and sandpipers — plus Gray-hooded and Belcher's Gulls and Black Skimmer. This is also the spot for two coastal Peruvian endemics, Coastal Miner and Surf Cinclodes.

Back to Lima or the airport

We finish in good time for your onward plans and drop you back in the city or at the terminal. Have longer? We can extend to the nearby La Punta and Callao seafront for Inca Tern, Peruvian Pelican, Peruvian Booby and a chance at a Humboldt Penguin.



Many-colored Rush-Tyrant

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