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Peru's World Birding Rally 2014 ends with 777 species spotted

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Birders from all over the world flocked to Peru in hopes of meeting some feathered friends.



A marvellous spatuletail. (Photo: David Cook/Flickr)

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Peru's World Birding Rally Noramazonico 2014 has just finished, and the impressive results. The four teams, from the United Kingdom, the United States, and South Africa, spotted a collective total of 777 birds. Andina news agency reports that this figure represents almost 10% of all bird species in the world.

According to Andina, the winning team was a US-UK group called Sunbird Wings, the members of which spotted 588 different species. The second-place team, a US group called Field Guides, came close to the top with 575 different species. Third and fourth place were taken by US team Surbound and South African team Birding Eco Tours.

With the establishment of the various editions of the World Birding Rally, Peruvian tourism officials have tried to establish the country as the ideal destination for avid birders as well as travelers who are interested in seeing the wildlife of the Amazon.

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“Keep in mind, our country is has the third-highest concentration of bird species in the world, with 1,816 species, 120 of which are endemic,” the event’s organizers told Andina.

The winners from Sunbird Wings were presented with a trophy bearing the likeness of a marvellous spatuletail hummingbird (an example of which is pictured above).

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