



A Flock of InkaBirds

Celebrating bird month at Inkaterra has flown by and, as August comes to an end, we look back over what has been a bird-packed few weeks. Last week saw our virtual bird tour of the Inkaterra properties reach its final destination, Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba, as we uncovered the **30** different species of birds that call the Sacred Valley their home.



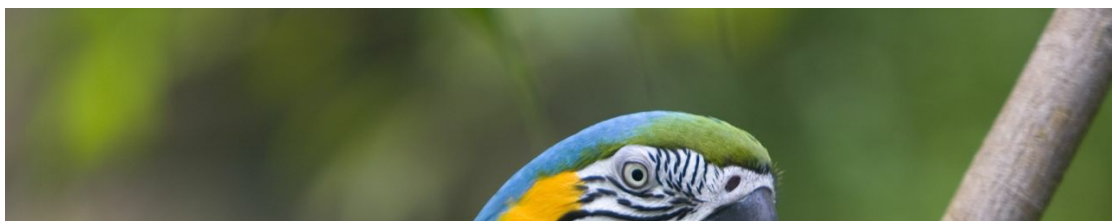
Not only have we spotted the famous Andean Condor and the adorable hatchlings of Rufous Collared Sparrows upon our adventure at **Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba**, we have also discovered the magnificent flock of birds that nest at our two Rainforest lodges.





Photo courtesy of José Lis Lavilla

An astounding **540** different species of bird reside at our two properties, **Inkaterra Reserva Amazónica** and **Inkaterra Concepción**, situated in the heart of the Amazon. Toucans, Tanagers and coloured Macaws are just a few of the birds that serenely play amidst the amazon treetops.





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But our bird watching adventure took flight and began at **Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel**. The Cloud Forest is famous not only for being home to a plethora of flora and fauna but also to magnificently coloured Highland Motmots, green and white Hummingbirds and Peru's native bird, the majestic Andean Cock of the Rock. One of the **214** types of bird that spread their wings in the Cloud Forest's ecosystem, the Andean Cock of the Rock radiates with its fluorescent orange colour.



Excitingly, catching the spectacular birds across our Inkaterra properties frolick amidst their environments continued as we spot a Penelope jacquacu, Pilherodius pileatus and the adorable Piaya cayana amongst others. For more information, please take a look at our **field reports**.

From the Amazon, Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu, in total, Inkaterra conserves a phenomenal **784** bird species across 4 of our properties, which is one of the reasons why we wanted to celebrate and dedicate an entire month to our feathered friends. August has been a very successful month for bird watching at Inkaterra.

Inkaterra is not alone in their love of birds. **The Rutland Bird Fair**, held on 21st-23rd August in Britain annually, is a favourite amongst bird watchers and well-known nature and wildlife broadcasters such as Bill Oddie and Chris Packham. The Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust say, “The Bird fair encompasses the whole spectrum of the bird watching industry whilst at the same time supporting global bird conservation”. According to The Rutland Times, this year’s convention was the “best ever”, with more than 10,000 bird enthusiasts attending the first day alone. Inkaterra consistently supports and partakes in the convention and, this year, has donated an array of fabulous donations including trips to our Inkaterra hotels.