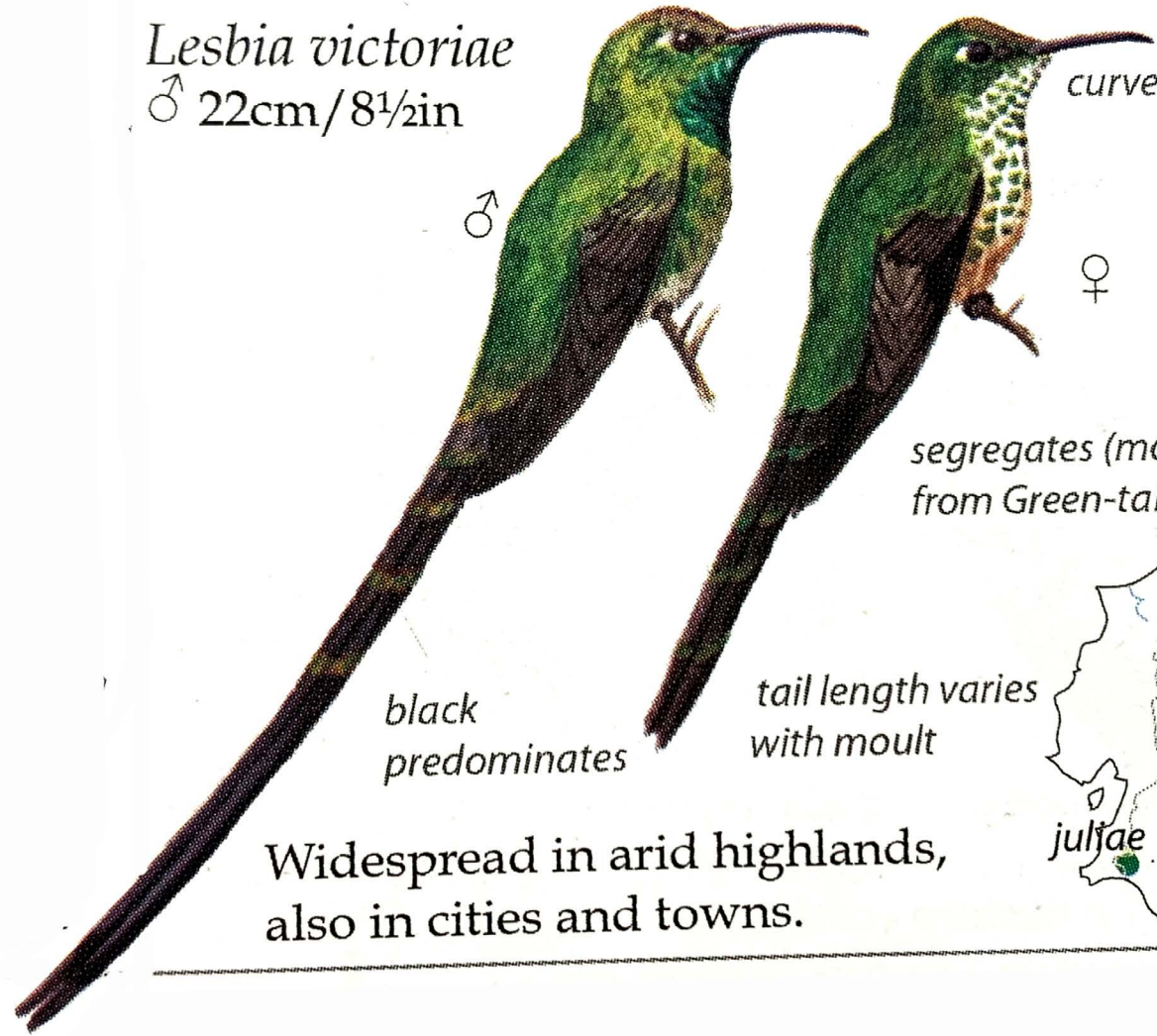
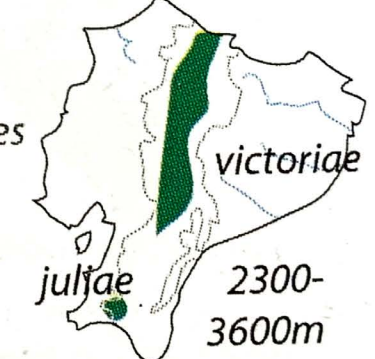


BLACK-TAILED TRAINBEARER
Lesbia victoriae
♂ 22cm/8½in



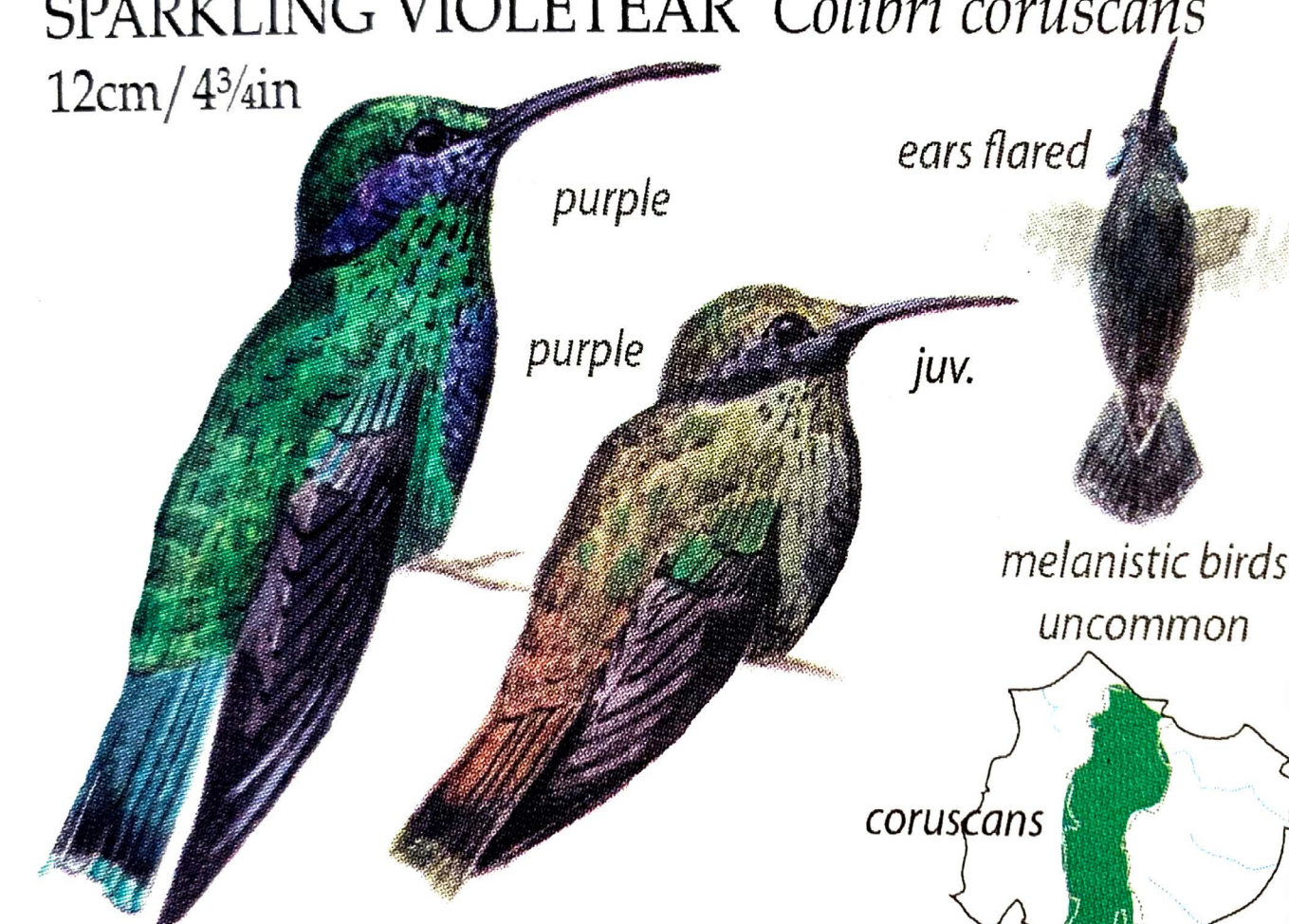
♂
♀
curved bill
black predominates
tail length varies with moult
segregates (most of year) from Green-tailed by habitat



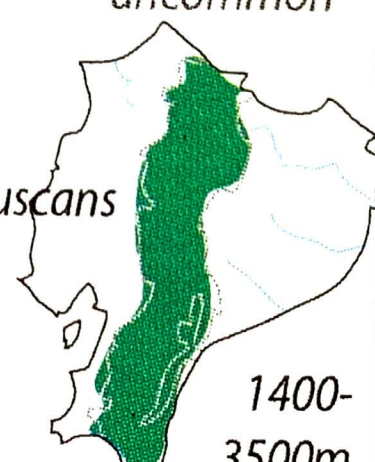
victoriae
juliae
2300-3600m

Widespread in arid highlands, also in cities and towns.

SPARKLING VIOLETEAR *Colibri coruscans*
12cm/4¾in




purple
purple
juv.
ears flared
melanistic birds uncommon



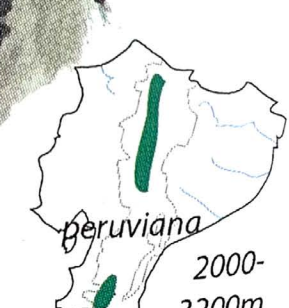
coruscans
1400-3500m

Really common in forest edge, open areas and towns in mountains.

GIANT HUMMINGBIRD
Patagona gigas
16cm/6¼in



♂
♀
whitish rump
slow swift-like flight



peruviana
2000-3200m

Local in dry highlands; visits flowering agave; occurs in Quito.

GREAT THRUSH

Turdus fuscater
30cm/12in



*bold and familiar
around habitations*



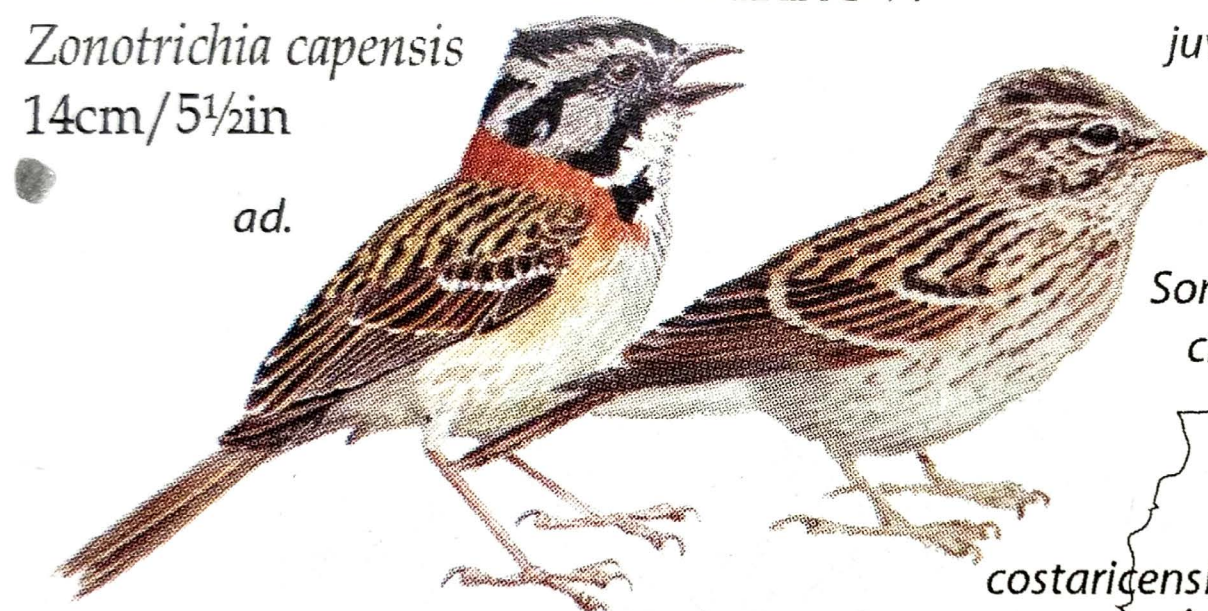
Song: weak whistled song heard pre-dawn



Abundant and conspicuous in open areas in highlands, town, e.g. Quito; often terrestrial when feeding.

RUFOUS-COLLARED SPARROW

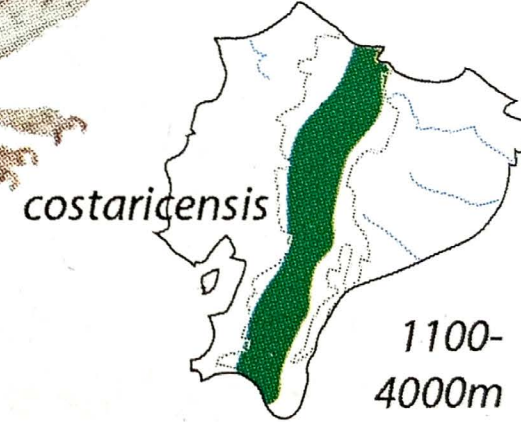
Zonotrichia capensis
14cm/5½in



ad.

juv.

Song: familiar chi-chi-chiUU



Common and familiar in towns, and open areas in highlands. A few isolated records from lowlands, too.

BLACK VULTURE *Coragyps atratus*

65cm/25in



seen frequently everyday, to the point it becomes frustrating




more social than other vultures

Ubiquitous and conspicuous everywhere but highlands; very gregarious, huge numbers gathering in updraughts; found in towns at tips, dumps etc.



EARED DOVE
Zenaida auriculata
25cm/10in

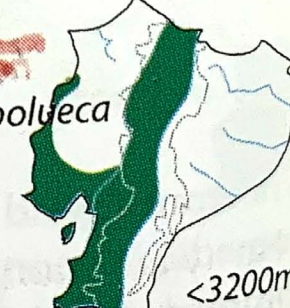


♂
dark spots on wings, face

♀
often in towns

Song: very soft 3-note coo

Abundant in highlands and open, arid southwest; terrestrial and gregarious.



hypoleuca
<3200m

ROCK DOVE Introduced
Columba livia
33cm/13in



usually in towns

familiar wide range of plumage variation occurs in Ecuador

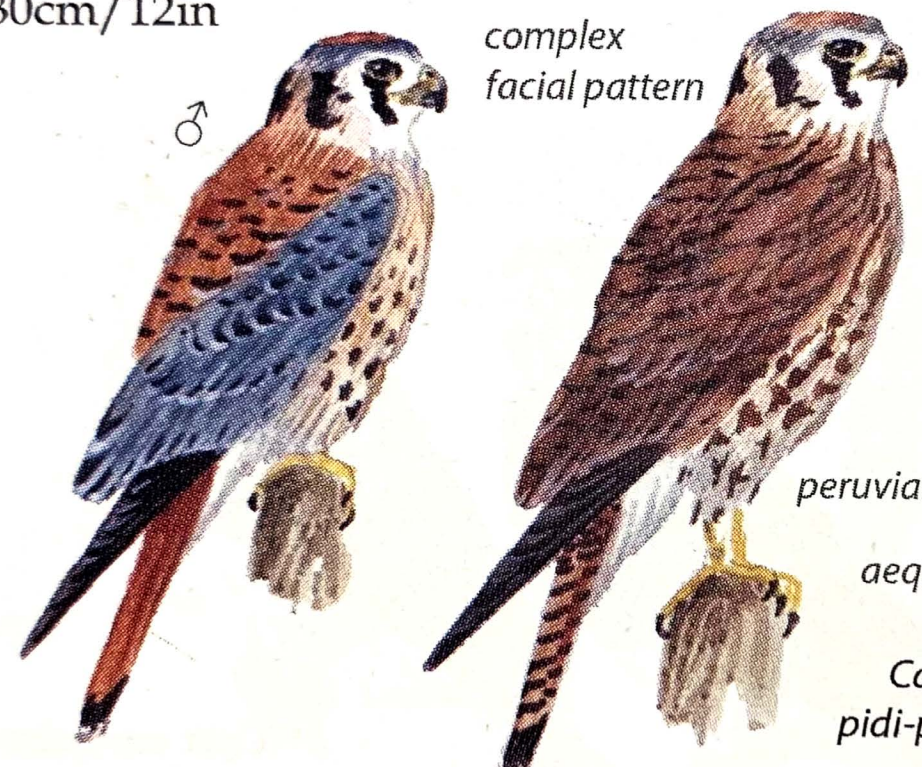
Song: soft rumbling coos

Familiar, highly variable street pigeon. Mostly urban.



<3000m

AMERICAN KESTREL *Falco sparverius*
30cm/12in



♂ complex facial pattern

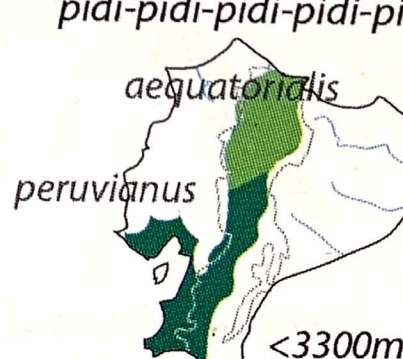
♀

peruvianus

aequatorialis

Call, sandpiper-like pidi-pidi-pidi-pidi-pidi

Common in open areas of highlands, even in towns, also southwest lowlands; never forest; groups; stoops on terrestrial prey from conspicuous perch.



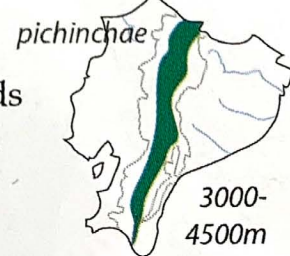
aequatorialis
peruvianus
<3300m

APLOMADO FALCON

Falco femoralis
42cm/17in

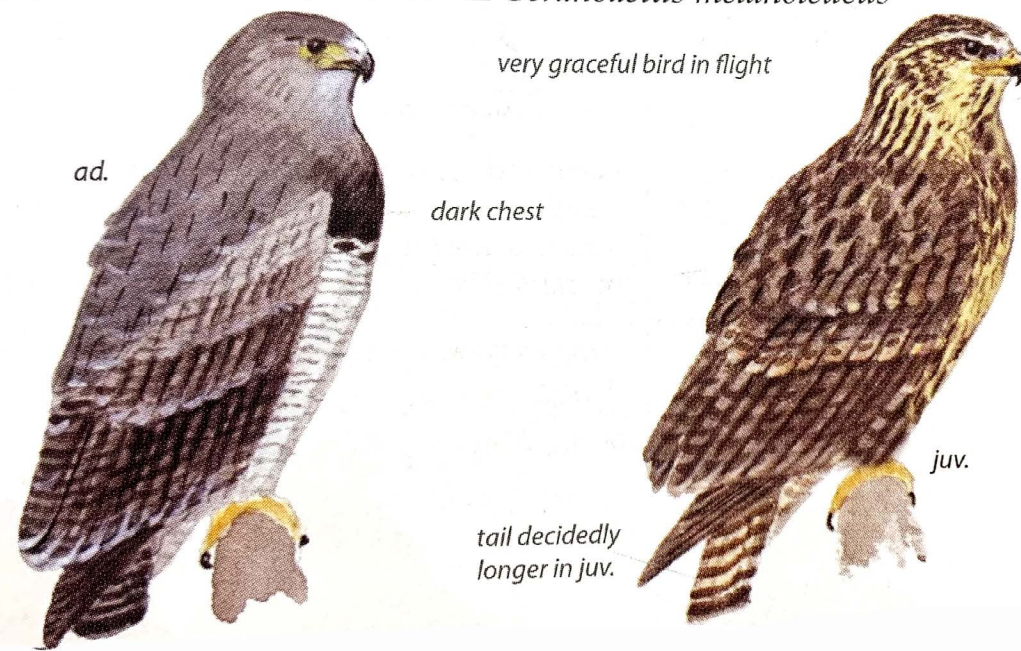


Uncommon in open highlands and paramo; most often seen perched on boulders; chases birds in flat flight.

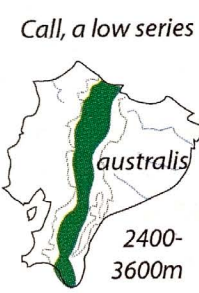


BLACK-CHESTED BUZZARD-EAGLE *Geranoaetus melanoleucus*

65cm/26in



Fairly common in temperate forest, semi-open areas and páramo; soars frequently, singly and in pairs; hunts mostly terrestrial mammals.



VARIABLE HAWK *Geranoaetus polyosoma* 60cm/24in



Common and conspicuous in dry semi-open areas of southwest and also in high Andes; soars frequently; hovers by flying into wind in search of mostly terrestrial prey, principally small mammals. Variable Hawk was formerly split as **Red-Backed Hawk**, *B. polyosoma*, the lowland population, and **Puna Hawk**, *B. poecilochrous*, the highland population.



POLITICAL MAP WITH MAJOR STATE-PROTECTED AREAS



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