

## FBOTW

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Names: Blue-winged Mountain Tanager, *Anisognathus somptuosus*, Tangara Montana Aliazul

#### About the picture:

The photo was taken at Mindo Loma Lodge in Ecuador. It's a great country full of exciting birds. This excellent, small lodge is a great place to take photos of tanagers and other birds that come to their feeders. They have an elevated gallery with bananas on a pulley system that bring the tanagers in close. A very cool place.

#### About the Blue-winged Mountain Tanager

The *Anisognathus somptuosus* is a species of bird in the Thraupidae family. It is found in Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela. It commonly resides within 1400-2400 meters above sea level. It inhabits subtropical and tropical montane forest, second-growth forest, and forest edges.

The Blue-winged Mountain Tanager is about 16 to 17 cm in length and weighs approximately 42 gm. It is brightly colored with its center crown, nape and underparts golden yellow. The rest of the head, upperparts, wings, and tail are mostly black. Wings and tail are edged in turquoise blue and the lesser median coverts are violet-blue. There is some slight regional variations in color. Also the males are brighter in color than females.

It is commonly seen in pairs or small family groups of 3-6 individuals, but has been seen in large mixed groups as well. Cup nests are built in up in trees, constructed of coarse grasses and lined with fine grasses. The clutch size is 3-5 eggs. The female incubates the eggs and builds the nest, but the male may feed the female while she incubates. Both sexes feed the young.

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