Introduction

As the name implies, this tour was designed to visit some of the areas not on typical Costa Rica birding itineraries. Planned for the “Green Season”, we were privileged to see the Pacific slope rainforests at their lushest; these forests are dry and crispy during the first part of the year! In the first few days as we explored mossy, bromeliad-laden cloudforests and passed through picturesque mountain towns like San Gerardo de Dota and San Vito, the hustle, bustle, and traffic of the capital city San José quickly became a distant memory.

The second part of the trip featured a four-night stay at the elegantly rustic Bosque del Río Tigre Lodge on the Osa Peninsula. This little gem is perched beside a rushing foothill river just outside the border of the legendary Corcovado National Park, one of the wildest remaining places in Central America. Río Tigre is home to a few very special birds like the Costa Rican endemic Black-cheeked Ant-Tanager, some spectacular hill forest, and probably the best chef on the Osa Peninsula!

The pace of the tour was relaxed, and we spent at least two nights at each location, taking our time to “stop and smell the orchids” as the saying should probably go in Costa Rica.
**Itinerary**

**June 20** – Arrival in San José / Night Hotel Bougainvillea

**June 21** – Birding Bougainvillea hotel grounds and highlands en route to Savegre Valley / Night Savegre Hotel

**June 22** – Birding Savegre River Valley / Night Savegre Hotel

**June 23** – Birding Cerro de la Muerte and travel to San Vito / Night Las Cruces Biological Station

**June 24** – Birding Las Cruces and adjacent areas / Night Las Cruces Biological Station

**June 25** – Birding Las Cruces & La Gamba marshes en route to Osa Peninsula / Night Bosque del Rio Tigre Lodge

**June 27-29** – Birding Osa Peninsula / Night Bosque del Rio Tigre Lodge

**June 30** – Birding Rincón and travel to San José / Night Hotel Bougainvillea

**July 1** – International Departure

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**Daily Birding Log**

**22 June:** We awoke to the typical morning bird sounds of the San José suburbs (Grayish Saltator, Rufous-collared Sparrow, Great Kiskadee, Melodious Blackbird) and started the tour with a walk around the gorgeous grounds of the Hotel Bougainvillea. Bird highlights included Blue-crowned Motmot and a busy pair of Yellow-green Vireos feeding their young, which we watched for quite a while. After breakfast, we set out along the Panamerican Highway for Savegre. A late morning stop on the road to Providencia was a bit quiet, although the lush cloudforest with dense bamboo understory is a highlight itself. Here we found our only Black-and-yellow Silky-Flycatcher of the trip, and our first of many Fiery-throated Hummingbirds. (When you see it just right you will know that it is appropriately named.) From here we continued on to Savegre, pausing for Long-tailed Silky-Flycatcher and Sooty Thrush on the way down the valley.

Our greeting at the lodge was a flyover of colorful (and noisy) Sulphur-winged Parakeets and a delicious hot lunch. Just as we finished lunch, we were treated to a true *aguacero* (downpour), a blunt reminder of just why the terrain in this region is so verdant! Some of us spent the rainshower taking a siesta, while others watched the Magnificent Hummingbirds and Green Violetears battle with each other for control of the feeders, Striped-tailed Hummingbirds and White-throated Mountain-Gems trying to sneak in unnoticed while the more aggressive hummers were occupied. When the rain had passed, we set out for a short walk and had our first encounter with the very obliging Resplendent Quetzals nesting behind the cabins. *(See photo below.)* Other highlights included Dark Pewee, Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush, Orange-bellied Trogon, and blah blah blah did I mention the QUETZAL??!
23 June: This was our morning on the trails at Savegre, and we spent it walking the La Quebrada loop. The cloudforest here, unlike the forests on the mountains in the northern part of Costa Rica, is dominated by tall oaks, which give it a distinctive look. Some of the mixed flocks we bumped into held Sooty-capped Bush-Tanagers, Ruddy Treerunners, Spangle-cheeked Tanagers, and Yellow-winged Vireos. But it seemed the favorite bird of the morning was Collared Redstart (or “whitestart” if you so please) – we took our time watching this little beauty flitting around a treefall clearing in the forest at eye level.

The afternoon took us up the valley for great views and more good birds. Yellow-thighed and Large-footed Finches were feeding fledglings, and consequently it was relatively easy to observe these usually skulky Costa Rica-Panama endemics, the former as they clambered around in vine tangles, and the latter as they practiced the two-footed towhee shuffle-hop with comical gusto. Dusky Nightjar was a no-show at dusk but we were consoled by another delicious dinner. I know, life is tough.

24 June: We bid farewell to the Long-tailed Silky-Flycatchers, Sulphur-winged Parakeets, Slaty Flowerpiercers, Flame-colored Tanagers, and the rest of the cast of characters hanging around the lodge (did I mention the quetzals?), and birded our way up the valley. Best bird for me by far was my lifer Ochraceous Pewee. It might not be a rock star in looks, but it’s rare and was a thrill for me to find a pair of these Tufted Flycatcher-lookalikes. Flame-throated Warblers were foraging fairly low nearby, which provided an upgrade from yesterday afternoon’s canopy views.

Our next stop was the alpine páramo-like habitat atop Cerro de la Muerte. We got a couple of our target birds, Timberline Wren and Volcano Junco (photo at left), right away and continued up to the radio towers to enjoy the view from this high point on the continental divide. (Couldn’t quite see all the way down to the coast due to the clouds.) Up near the summit, a Green Spiny Lizard was basking in the shifting sunlight at 3,450m above sea level!!!

From Cerro de la Muerte, we descended, following the Pan American Highway down into the Pacific foothills. At a very productive lunch stop we got some great arroz con pollo and picked up our first few of the South Pacific specialties, such as Streaked Saltator, Scrub Greenlet, and the knock-your-socks off Cherrie’s Tanager. We arrived at our destination Las Cruces Biological Station south of San Vito in late afternoon. Dinner included free, fascinating conversation with some of the researchers working in the area, who were happy to tell us about their ongoing work. We fell asleep to the soft hoots of Mottled Owl outside the cabins. Not bad for a travel day!
25 June: A stay at Las Cruces includes a short guided walk, and so this morning we birded around the Wilson Botanical Gardens (part of the station) with our local guide Pepe, who was quite knowledgeable about the plants and pretty good with the birds too. Bird activity was almost constant throughout the morning and we found many new species, including the sprightly White-tailed Emerald, a local specialty. Mixed foraging flocks included goodies like Red-crowned Ant-Tanager, Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner, Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher, and the outrageous Brown-billed Scythebill. (Nice spotting, Carol!!) We finished the morning birding from the terrace near the dining hall, entertained by Silver-throated (photo below) and Speckled Tanagers, Red-faced Spinetail, and Green Honeycreeper, among others.

For the afternoon we took a field trip, first stopping at the marsh outside San Vito, where we found a pair of elegant White-tailed Kites. We continued on to Rio Negro, where there is a good patch of dense, viney forest beside a coffee plantation. Our target here was Lance-tailed Manakin, and we found it before too long, although we never were able to spot a male in full adult plumage. Here we also got our first encounter with the devilishly handsome Fiery-billed Araçari, and watched stealthy Plain Antvireos and Golden-crowned Warblers as they worked through the understory. Back at Las Cruces we were greeted by a pair of Crested Guans sitting in the treetops near the cabin, probably enjoying the sunset from the lofty vantage point.

26 June: We started our morning with a climb up the canopy observation tower at Las Cruces, where we spotted a couple of Collared Trogons and more of the gorgeous tanagers we were seeing yesterday. After breakfast we went for another short spin around the botanical gardens, touring the orchid collection and then birding the hill behind. A family group of Eye-ringed Flatbills was a nice treat, but for me the highlight was finding the nest of the tiny Paltry Tyrannulet, high up in a clump of moss in the canopy! My mid-morning we hit the road, driving down through the foothills to the coastal plain en route to the Osa Peninsula. We made a birding and lunch stop near the marshes and rice fields around the La Gamba, and found many new species for the trip. Northern Jacana, Crested Caracara, and Red-breasted Blackbird were among the birds out in the fields, while Olivaceous Piculet and Yellow-crowned Euphonia were seen in the secondary forest by the road. We tried to take a break from the action to have our pack lunches in the shade, but a Baird’s Trogon flew in and started singing directly over the car, which got us on our feet again!
After lunch we continued the drive out onto the Osa Peninsula, one of the wildest remaining parts of Costa Rica, although now serviced by a very civilized road complete with asphalt! Arriving at Bosque del Rio Tigre, we were met by the owners Liz and Abraham, and before we could even be shown to our rooms practically the first bird we saw was the Costa Rica-Panama endemic Charming Hummingbird, which Abraham set in the scope. While waiting out a short afternoon rainshower we enjoyed the Orange-billed Sparrows (photo at left) coming to the feeders and the Rufous-tailed Hummingbird chasing everything that moved away from the flowers out front! We drifted off to sleep enjoying the wet-season chorus of frogs around the lodge…

27 June: This morning we started with early coffee and banana cake at 5:30 and went out to bird the secondary forest on the opposite side of the river for a couple hours. We spotted our first Scarlet Macaws of the trip, perched high up one of the hillsides, and scoped a distant Bat Falcons. Lesser Swallow-tailed Swifts circled over the river while Buff-rumped Warblers danced on the rocks. We found an excellent fruiting tree with great activity and watched it for at least 20 minutes as at least a dozen species swung by to serve themselves from the “buffet”! A brilliant Red-capped Manakin headlined the show, with the more subtle Rufous Mourner also winning admiration. A pair of Speckled Tanagers made for a great find, considering this species is not mapped from the Osa Peninsula in either of the Costa Rica field guides. Nearby we had our first encounter with a small party of the endemic Black-cheeked Ant-Tanagers (photo at right), and on the way back for breakfast we scoped a Gartered Trogon sitting up across the river. It was a suberb start to the day!

After breakfast we birded around the lodge a bit and did a short loop on the Boat-billed Heron and Ocelot trails, getting a glimpse of what the magnificent old-growth forest is like here. The forest of course had less activity compared to the edge habitat around the lodge, but we were able to turn up some different species, such as a confiding pair of Rufous-tailed Jacamars hunting near the trail. One of the highlights of our walk was actually not a bird, but a bizarre Helmeted Lizard (photo below)! This reptile can be quite difficult to spot. Near the lodge we enjoyed scope views of a couple Golden-naped Woodpeckers prospecting a nest hole and got onto our first Turquoise Cotinga, a female perched in a treetop.

In the afternoon we birded the roadsides in town, finding the open garden-like habitats a nice change of pace. Here we had our best looks yet at the endemic Fiery-billed Araçari and Golden-naped Woodpecker (photo below) and picked up a few new species such as the cute little Yellow Tyrannulet. By
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28 June: This morning we awoke to more rain and a very different river running in front of the lodge! The clear, tumbling mountain stream of yesterday was replaced by a seething torrent of chocolate milk, up at least a meter from yesterday! As the rain continued, we spent the day at the lodge taking it easy. In between foraging tanager flocks that came through the clearing, we caught up on reading, studied the white-lined bats roosting under the eves, and just marveled at the transformation of the river. The birding was actually excellent all day, and we enjoyed repeated views of Gray-headed, White-shouldered, Cherrie’s and Golden-hooded Tanagers, as well as Green and Red-legged Honeycreepers, Blue Dacnis, and Orange-billed Sparrow. And let’s not forget the Blue Ground-Doves (photo below) and Gray-necked Wood-Rails feeding on the rice sprinkled on the ground just behind the kitchen! At the end of the day the rain finally ceased after about 20 hours, and a winged termite swarm commenced right beside the lodge. Everyone dropped everything to watch the antics of the birds taking advantage of this insect bonanza. There were at least six species, including the endemic Black-cheeked Ant-Tanager, making use of this temporary food source. The Orange-billed Sparrows even brought their juveniles to the buffet.

29 June: 5:30 came without rain and we gathered for banana cake and coffee, before setting out on a delightful and bird-packed morning walk, accompanied by Abraham Gallo one of the owners of Bosque del Río Tigre and a local bird expert. The highlights were too numerous to mention all of them, but seeing more Scarlet Macaws up close and personal was certainly one of them. By the swollen Río Tigre we got a nice study of Amazon and Ringed Kingfishers (photo below), and at the laguna nearby we found a few Boat-billed Herons. Tawny-winged Wodocreeper provided good views inside the forest, as it hung out near a small army ant swarm. And in a clearing we found Rufous Piha, Cinnamon Becard, Yellow-billed Cacique, and managed to get the scope on an electric blue
male Turquoise Cotinga perched in a distant treetop. Black-bellied Wren, Black-hooded Antshrike, and Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher gave us fleeting glimpses, while the Uniform Crake stayed hidden and provided only audio evidence of its presence. By mid-morning the light cloud cover had begun to burn off and we were treated to our best raptor activity of the tour, with Double-toothed Kite, Short-tailed Hawk, and King Vulture all being new additions to the trip list. The elegant and ubiquitous Swallow-tailed Kites were at their most plentiful this morning as well; we counted 14 in one group gliding overhead. Steamy, hungry, and happy, we returned to the lodge with somewhere around 90 species before breakfast! For the rest of the day we again took it easy and birded around the lodge, finding a few new species such as Shining Honecreeper and Rufous-winged Woodpecker.

30 June: Our departure from Rio Tigre was made unconventional due to the abundant rain and high water levels in the river, which was still too high and too fast to cross by car. Fortunately we had left our vehicle on the opposite site of the river, so the only task was to get ourselves across! Except for the time of year these circumstances were not all that unusual, and Liz and Abraham were easily able to provide an alternative method of crossing. I waded the river (water level was mid-thigh) while the clients crossed on horseback. It was a fittingly adventurous end to our visit to Bosque del Rio Tigre, a decidedly off-the-beaten-track destination in one of the more remote portions of Costa Rica. But even though this was technically a travel day, we had birding to do!

As we loaded the luggage, Abraham detected a Collared Forest-Falcon on an exposed perch on a hillside above us, and we feasted on a somewhat distant but quite clear scope view of this rarely seen raptor. We spent the next few hours making several birding stops along our way, picking up a few gems like Pearl Kite, Bare-throated Tiger-Heron, and Ruddy-breasted Seedeater in open pasture habitats. At a patch of mangroves on the gulf, we found the red-headed mangrove version of Yellow Warbler and a troop of White-headed Capuchins in the forest behind the beach. On the whole, the tour was surprisingly short of monkeys but we were able to watch these capuchins for some time as they foraged and moved through the canopy. Later on, we spent around an hour birding at Rincón, famous as one of the best places to see the endangered Yellow-billed Cotinga, which presents a unique conservation challenge since it depends on both intact mangroves and old-growth rainforest for different parts of its natural history. We were not disappointed, and were treated to views of both the male and female of this declining species. The Costa Rican endemic Mangrove Hummingbird was seen nearby, and we picked up a few more new species here such as Mangrove Swallow, Roseate Spoonbill, and Slaty-tailed Trogon.
We capped off the trip with a stop at Ballena Marine National Park, where we took our picnic lunch beside a gorgeous Pacific beach. Brown Boobies and Magnificent Frigatebirds could be seen nesting on the offshore islands. After lunch, we finished our long drive back to San José, enjoying the scenery and playing “Bird of the Trip” to pass the time when we were trapped in the typical slow-moving traffic jams. In a real yawner, Resplendent Quetzal took top honors (doesn’t it always?). Collared Forest-Falcon, Crested Guan, and Rufous-tailed Jacamar, and were also mentioned. See you next time!

**Photo Gallery**

White-throated Mountain-Gem at Savegre
Slate-throated Redstart (Whitestart!) at Savegre

Acorn Woodpeckers at Savegre
Rufous-collared Sparrow at Savegre

Flame-colored Tanager at Savegre

Magnificent Hummingbird at Savegre

Resplendent Quetzal with food for the nestlings (Savegre)
Social Flycatcher at Las Cruces

Red-faced Spiniteail at Las Cruces

Bosque del Río Tigre, Osa Peninsula
White-lined Bats on their day roost (Bosque del Río Tigre)

Dot-winged Antwren at Bosque del Río Tigre

Double-toothed Kite at Bosque del Río Tigre
Departure from Bosque del Río Tigre – crossing the swollen river!

Gray-capped Flycatcher on the Osa Peninsula

Ruddy-breasted Seedeater on the Osa Peninsula
Parque Nacional Marino Ballena – nice spot for a picnic!

**Bird List**

The taxonomy and nomenclature of this list follow (including updates by Cornell through September 2012): Clements, James F. The Clements Checklist of Birds of the World. 6th ed., 2007, Cornell University Press. Alternate English names are given in parentheses. Potential splits are given in quotation marks.

Species endemic to Costa Rica and Panama are marked with an "E". Species endemic to just Costa Rica are marked "*E". Species heard but not seen are marked “H” at the end of the line.

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HERONS, EGRETS, & BITTERNs
Bare-throated Tiger-Heron
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Snowy Egret
Little Blue Heron
Cattle Egret
Green Heron
Boat-billed Heron
IBISES AND SPOONBILLS
White Ibis
Roseate Spoonbill
NEW WORLD VULTURES
Black Vulture
Turkey Vulture
King Vulture
HAWKS, EAGLES, & KITES
Pearl Kite
White-tailed Kite
Swallow-tailed Kite
Ornate Hawk-Eagle
Double-toothed Kite
Common (Mangrove) Black-Hawk
Roadside Hawk
Short-tailed Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
RAILS, GALLINULES, & COOTS
Gray-necked Wood-Rail
Uniform Crane
Purple Gallinule
Common Gallinule
PLOVERS & LAPWINGS
Southern Lapwing
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PIGEONS & DOVES
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JACANIDAE
Jacana spinosa
COLUMBIDAE
Columbia livia
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Patagioenas speciosa
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Patagioenas subvinacea
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Ruddy Ground-Dove  
Blue Ground-Dove  
White-tipped Dove  
"Rufous-naped" Gray-chested Dove  
Ruddy Quail-Dove  

**CUCOOKS**  
Squirrel Cuckoo  
Striped Cuckoo  
Smooth-billed Ani  

**OWLS**  
Mottled Owl  

**SWIFTS**  
Chestnut-collared Swift  
Costa Rican Swift  
Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift  

**HUMMINGBIRDS**  
White-necked Jacobin  
Band-tailed Barthroth  
Long-billed Hermit  
Stripe-throated Hermit  
Green Violetear  
Magnificent Hummingbird  
Fiery-throated Hummingbird (E)  
White-throated Mountain-gem  
Volcano Hummingbird (E)  
Scintillant Hummingbird (E)  
Scaly-breasted Hummingbird  
Stripe-tailed Hummingbird  
White-tailed Emerald  
Charming Hummingbird (E)  
Mangrove Hummingbird (E)  
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird  
Blue-throated Goldentail  

**TROGONS**  
Resplendent Quetzal  
Slaty-tailed Trogon  
Baird’s Trogon (E)  
Gartered (formerly Violaceous) Trogon  
Black-throated Trogon  
Orange-bellied Trogon (E)  
Collared Trogon  

**MOTMOTS**  
Blue-crowned Motmot  

**KINGFISHERS**  
Ringed Kingfisher  
Amazon Kingfisher  

**JACAMARS**  
Rufous-tailed Jacamar  

**TOUCANS**  
"Blue-throated" Emerald Toucanet  
Fiery-billed Aracari (E)  
Black-mandibled (Chestnut-mandibled) Toucan  

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WOODPECKERS
Pyciniidae
Olivaceous Piculet
Acorn Woodpecker
Golden-naped Woodpecker (E)
Red-crowned Woodpecker
Smoky-brown Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Rufous-winged Woodpecker
Lineated Woodpecker
Pale-billed Woodpecker

FALCONS & CARACARAS
Falconidae
Collared Forest-Falcon
Crested Caracara
Yellow-headed Caracara
Laughing Falcon
Bat Falcon

PARROTS
Psittacidae
Sulphur-winged Parakeet (E)
Crimson-fronted Parakeet
Scarlet Macaw
Orange-chinned Parakeet
Blue-headed Parrot
White-crowned Parrot
Red-lobed Parrot (Red-lobed Amazon)
Mealy Parrot (Mealy Amazon)

TYPICAL ANTBIRDS
Thamnophilidae
Great Antshrike
Black-hooded Antshrike (E)
Plain Antvireo
Slaty Antwren
Dot-winged Antwren
Dusky Antbird
Chestnut-backed Antbird

TAPACULOS
Rhinocryptidae
Silvery-fronted Tapaculo (E)

ANTTHRUSHES
"Panamanian" Black-faced Anthrash

OVENBIRDS & WOODCREEPERS
Furnariidae
Olive Woodcreeper
Long-tailed Woodcreeper
Tawny-winged Woodcreeper
Cocoa Woodcreeper
Black-striped Woodcreeper
Spotted Woodcreeper
Brown-billed Scythebill
Spot-crowned Woodcreeper
Plain Xenops
Buffy Tuftedcheek
Lineated Foliage-gleaner
Spotted Barbtail
Ruddy Treerunner (E)
Red-faced Spinetail

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TYRANT FLYCATCHERS
Yellow Tyrannulet
Yellow-bellied Elaenia
Mountain Elaenia
Torrent Tyrannulet
Olive-striped Flycatcher
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher
Paltry Tyrannulet
Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant
Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher
Common Tody-Flycatcher
Eye-ringed Flatbill
Yellow-olive Flycatcher
Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher
Tufted Flycatcher
Dark Pewee (E)
Ochraceous Pewee (E)
Yellowish Flycatcher
Black-capped Flycatcher (E)
Rufous Mourner
Dusky-capped Flycatcher
Great Kiskadee
Boat-billed Flycatcher
Social Flycatcher
Gray-capped Flycatcher
Golden-bellied Flycatcher (E)
Piratic Flycatcher
Tropical Kingbird

TYRANNIDAE
Capsiempis flaveola
Elaenia flavogaster
Elaenia frantzii
Serpophaga cinerea
Mionectes olivaceus
Mionectes oleagineus
Zimmerius vilissimus parvus
Lophotriccus pileatus
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Todirostrum cinereum
Rhynchocyclus brevirostris
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Myiobius sulphureipygius
Mitrephanes phaeocercus
Contopus lugubris
Contopus ochraceus
Empidonax flavescens
Empidonax atriceps
Rhytipterna holerythra
Myiarchus tuberculifer
Pitangus sulphuratus
Myiobius similis
Myiobius granadens
Myiobius hemichrus
Legatus leucophaius
Tyrannus melancholicus

COTINGAS
Turquoise Cotinga (E)
Rufous Piha
Yellow-billed Cotinga (E)

COTINGIDAE
Cotinga ridgwayi
Lipaugus unirufus
Carpodectes antoniae

MANAKINS
White-ruffed Manakin
Orange-collared Manakin (E)
Red-capped Manakin

PIPIDAE
Corapipo altera
Manacus aurantiacus
Pipra mentalis

TITYRAS & ALLIES
Black-crowned Tityra
Masked Tityra
Barred Becard
Cinnamon Becard
White-winged Becard

TITYRIDAE
Tityra inquisitor
Tityra semifasciata
Pachyramphus versicolor
Pachyramphus cinnamomeus
Pachyramphus polychropterus

VIREOS
Yellow-winged Vireo (E)
Yellow-green Vireo
Scrub Greenlet
Tawny-crowned Greenlet
Lesser Greenlet
Rufous-browed Peppershrike

VIREONIDAE
Vireo carmioli
Vireo flavoviridis
Hylophilus flavipes
Hylophilus ochraceiceps
Hylophilus decurtatus
Cyclarhis gujanensis

CROWS, JAYS, & MAGPIES
Brown Jay

CORVIDAE
Psilorhinus morio
SWALLOWS
Blue-and-white Swallow
Southern Rough-winged Swallow
Gray-breasted Martin
Mangrove Swallow

HIRUNDINIDAE
Pygochelidon cyanoleuca
Stelgidopteryx ruficollis
Progne chalybea
Tachycineta albilinea

Wrens
Scaly-breasted Wren
House Wren
Ochraceous Wren (E)
Timberline Wren (E)
Rufous-naped Wren
Black-bellied Wren
Rufous-breasted Wren
Plain Wren
Riverside Wren (E)
Gray-breasted Wood-Wren

TROGLODYTIDAE
Microcerculus marginatus
Troglydytes aedon
Troglydytes ochraceus
Thryorchilus browni
Campylorhynchus rufinucha
Pheugopedius fasciatoventris
Pheugopedius rutilus
Cantorchilus modestus
Cantorchilus semibadius
Henicorhina leucophrys

GNATCATCHERS
Tropical Gnatcatcher

POLIOPTILIDAE
Polioptila plumbea

THRUSHES
Black-faced Solitaire (E)
Black-billed Nightingale-Thrush (E)
Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush
Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush
Sooty Thrush (Sooty Robin) (E)
Mountain Thrush (Mountain Robin)
Clay-colored Thrush (Clay-colored Robin)

PTILOGONATIDAE
Phainoptila melanoxantha
Ptilogonys caudatus

NEW WORLD WARBLERS
Flame-throated Warbler (E)
Tropical Parula
Yellow (Mangrove) Warbler
Rufous-capped Warbler
Black-cheeked Warbler
Golden-crowned Warbler
Buff-rumped Warbler
Slate-throated Redstart (Slate-throated Whitestart)
Collared Redstart (Collared Whitestart) (E)
Wrenthrush (Zeledonia) (E)

PARULIDAE
Oreothlypis gutturalis
Setophaga pitiayumi
Setophaga petechia bryanti
Basileuterus rubrifrons
Basileuterus melanogenys
Basileuterus culicivorus
Myioborus miniatus
Myioborus torquatus
Zeledonia coronata

TANAGERS & ALLIES
Gray-headed Tanager
White-shouldered Tanager
White-throated Shrike-Tanager
Cherrie's (formerly Scarlet-rumped) Tanager (E)
Blue-gray Tanager
Palm Tanager
Golden- hooded Tanager
Speckled Tanager
Spangle-cheeked Tanager (E)

THRAUPIDAE
Eucometis penicillata
Tachyphonus luctuosus
Lanio leucothorax
Ramphocelus costaricensis
Thraupis episcopus
Thraupis palmarum
Tangara larvala
Tangara guttata
Tangara dowii
Bay-headed Tanager
Silver-throated Tanager
Scarlet-thighed Dacnis
Blue Dacnis
Shining Honeycreeper
Red-legged Honeycreeper
Green Honeycreeper
Slaty Flowerpiercer (E)
Blue-black Grassquit
Slate-colored Seedeater
Variable Seedeater (Pacific race)
White-collared Seedeater
Yellow-bellied Seedeater
Ruddy-breasted Seedeater
Thick-billed Seed-Finch
Bananaquit
Yellow-faced Grassquit
Streaked Saltator
Grayish Saltator
Buff-throated Saltator
SPARROWS & BUNTINGS
Yellow-thighed Finch (E)
Large-footed Finch (E)
Orange-billed Sparrow
Black-striped Sparrow
Rufous-collared Sparrow
Volcano Junco (E)
Common Bush-Tanager
Sooty-capped Bush-Tanager (E)
CARDINALS & ALLIES
Flame-colored Tanager
White-winged Tanager
Red-crowned Ant-Tanager
Black-cheeked Ant-Tanager (*E)
Blue-black Grosbeak
TROUPIALS & ALLIES
Red-breasted Blackbird
Eastern Meadowlark
Melodious Blackbird
Great-tailed Grackle
Bronzed Cowbird
Yellow-billed Cacique
Scarlet-rumped Cacique
SISKINS, CROSSBILLS, & ALLIES
Yellow-crowned Euphonia
Thick-billed Euphonia
Elegant Euphonia
Spot-crowned Euphonia (E)
White-vented Euphonia
Lesser Goldfinch
Yellow-bellied Siskin

Tangara gyrola
Tangara icterocephala
Dacnis venusta
Dacnis cayana
Cyanerpes lucidus
Cyanerpes cyaneus
Chlorophases spiza
Diglossa plumbea
Volatinia jacarina
Sporophila schistacea
Sporophila corvina hoffmanni
Sporophila torqueola
Sporophila nigricollis
Sporophila minuta
Oryzoborus funereus
Coereba flaveola
Tiaris olivaceus
Saltator striatipectus
Saltator coerulescens
Saltator maximus
Pselliophorus tibialis
Pezopetes capitalis
Arremon aurantirostris
Arremonops conirostris
Zonotrichia capensis
Junco vulcani
Chlorospingus ophthalmicus
Chlorospingus pileatus
Piranga bidentata
Piranga leucoptera
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Habia rubica
Habia atrimaxillaris
Cyanocompsa cyanoides
Sturnella militaris
Sturnella magna
Dives dives
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Quiscalus mexicanus
Molothrus aeneus
Amblycercus holosericeus
Cacicus uropygialis
Euphonia luteicapilla
Euphonia laniirostris
Euphonia elegantissima
Euphonia imitans
Euphonia minuta
Spinus psaltria
Spinus xanthogastrus