

TROPICAL BIRDING

Mexico: Oaxaca & Isthmus Extension

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TOUR LEADER: Nick Athanas

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Orange-breasted Bunting (Nick Athanas)

Our Oaxaca trip this year enjoyed some spectacular weather, great birding, and a very friendly group. It had been a number of years since I last visited Mexico, and I had forgotten just how great the birds are – we had a long list of true stunners. It's hard to pick favorites but I'll try: **Orange-breasted** and **Rose-bellied Buntings**, amazing **wrens** like **Boucard's** and **Giant**, record numbers of **Dwarf Jays**, a fearsome **Fulvous Owl** that first seemed like it wasn't going to come in and then suddenly did, numerous eye-popping orioles, superb **sparrows** including **Bridled** and **Cinnamon-tailed**, a completely unexpected **Ocellated Quail**, and the **warblers**, oh yes, the warblers... Not just the incredible residents like **Red Warbler** and **Pink-headed Warbler**, but good numbers of migrant species pretty much every day. Along with the birds, we enjoyed some authentic Mexican food, a dash of culture with some interesting cities and archaeological sites, and a nice variety of habitats and scenery to make for a very memorable tour.



We started our birding on a cool, clear morning in oak scrub above the village of Teotitlán del Valle. A singing **Thick-billed Kingbird** distracted us as we had the first of our many field breakfasts, and enjoyed watching it in the scope. As the sun came up and illuminated the slopes we found our first Mexican endemic in the form of a stunning **Bridled Sparrow**, soon followed by two more, **Gray-breasted Woodpecker** and **Boucard's Wren**, as well as a couple of possible future endemics depending on splits, **Rufous-capped Warbler** and "**Sumichrast's**" **Scrub-Jay** (currently lumped with Woodhouse's). Other more widespread birds here included **Ash-throated** and **Nutting's Flycatchers**, **Cassin's Kingbird**, **Bewick's Wren**, **Bridled Titmouse**, **Painted Redstart**, **Black-vented Oriole**, and **Elegant Euphonia**. Later on, we drove up the road a little, trying several more spots for **Oaxaca Sparrow** before finally nailing down a responsive bird for great views (*photo left; Nic Allen*). Nearby our luck continued

with several more endemics: **West Mexican Chachalaca**, **White-striped Woodcreeper**, and **White-throated Towhee**, along with **Acorn Woodpecker** and our first of many superb **Gray Silky-flycatchers**. North American migrants were all over, and we saw our first **Townsend's Warblers** and **Western Tanagers**, along with an uncommon **Gray Flycatcher**, and a neat mixed species flock with **Cassin's**, **Blue-headed Vireo**, and **Plumbeous Vireos** in the same tree. On our way back to down, a flowering tree attracted a **Dusky Hummingbird**, and we stopped at a pond for waterbirds like **Ruddy Duck**, **Least Grebe**, **Killdeer**, various **herons** and **egrets**, and several other species including **American Pipit** and **Black Phoebe**. We had a long lunch in Teotitlán, browsing some of the weavings for which it is famous, and then headed out again to the nearby archaeological site of Yagul. Our target was the cactus-loving **Beautiful Hummingbird**, but we had to settle for views of a few drab females. While walking around the ruins, we also had a couple of **Rock Wrens** and some striking **Vermilion Flycatchers** before calling it a day and heading back to the hotel in Oaxaca.



Boucard's Wren (Nick Athanas)



Bridled Sparrow (Nick Athanas)

The mountains around La Cumbre, just north of Oaxaca City, have beautiful pine-oak forest accessible by lightly travelled dirt roads. We spent a couple of mornings birding here, and lucked out with great weather both times (it's often foggy and rainy). The endemic **Dwarf Jay** was one of the main targets up here, and often can be tricky to find, but this time they were noisy, conspicuous and easy to see – they even outnumbered the usually more common **Steller's Jay**! Other endemics we saw include **Gray-barred Wren**, **Russet Nightingale-Thrush**, and **Collared Towhee**, though it was the stunning **Red Warblers** (*photo right; Nic Allen*) that really stole the show. We enjoyed great sightings of numerous other birds while birding the easy dirt roads and tracks, such as **Chestnut-capped Brushfinch**, **Mountain Trogon**, **Northern Pygmy-Owl**, **Northern Flicker**, **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker**, **Strong-billed** and **Spot-crowned Woodcreepers**, **Tufted Flycatcher**, **Rose-throated Becard**, **Chestnut-sided Shrike-Vireo**, **Hutton's Vireo**, **Mexican Chickadee**, **Bushtit**, **Brown Creeper**, **Black and Hermit Thrushes**, **Gray-breasted Wood-Wren**, **Brown-backed Solitaire**, **Olive**, **Black-and-white**, **Nashville**, **Crescent-chested**, **Orange-crowned**, **Hermit**, **Golden-browed**, and **Wilson's Warblers**, **Slate-throated Redstart**, **Yellow-eyed Junco**, **Bullock's Oriole**, **"Brown-throated" House Wren**, and **Black-headed Siskin**. An extra-early start on one of our mornings paid off with a superb view of an impressive **Fulvous Owl**. Lunch was at a restaurant with hummingbird feeders (a rarity in Mexico), and while activity wasn't great we did get our best views of **Magnificent** and **Blue-throated Hummingbirds** there. On one afternoon, we made some stops in arid scrub on the way back down the mountain, and managed to find our only **Dwarf Vireo** of the trip along with the first of several **Dusky Flycatchers** and **Orchard Orioles**.





Dwarf Jay at la Cumbre (Nick Athanas)



The Fulvous Owl we called in at La Cumbre (Nic Allen)

We left Oaxaca City behind for the time being, and it was a long and twisty drive north to Tuxtpepex. We broke up the journey with a number of stops, starting with a dry valley between higher mountain ridges. Here we scored our only sighting of **Rusty-crowned Ground-Sparrow** as well as **MacGillivray's Warbler**, **Lincoln's Sparrow**, **Happy Wren**, and more **Black-vented Orioles**. After an unsuccessful search for Hooded Yellowthroat, we had lunch and then started descending into the more humid Gulf slope forest. One stop at a little roadside shrine got us a **Slate-colored Solitaire**, and some flowers at another roadside stop were attracting a **Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer**. While chasing him down, we heard the weird siren song of a **Bumblebee Hummingbird**, but it was staying frustratingly out of sight. Not to be deterred, I made a path through some bushes and got the scope on this miniscule but beautiful hummer. It took a few minutes to remove seeds from our clothes but it was worth it! Another stop had some **Unicolored Jays**, our first **Yellow-**

winged Tanager, and a very cooperative **Black-headed Nightingale-Thrush**. As the highway snaked its way down into the lowlands, we finally reached humid rainforest with very different birds. We spent a little while along a side road, seeing **Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl**, **Rufous-tailed Hummingbird**, **Golden-fronted Woodpecker**, **Gray-breasted Martin**, **Mangrove Swallow**, **Band-backed Wren**, **Northern Parula**, **Black-headed Saltator**, **Melodious Blackbird**, and **Altamira Oriole** before heading to the hotel in Tuxtepec, where we spent three nights.



It was worth getting covered with seeds to see this Bumblebee Hummingbird... (Nic Allen)



One of the Rusty-crowned Ground-Sparrows that came in right next to the road (Nick Athanas)

Our number-one target around Tuxtepec was the endemic Sumichrast's Wren, restricted to humid forest in areas with limestone outcrops. We spent our first morning birding a dirt road near the town of Santa Maria Jacatepec that skirts the base of a hill studded with limestone. Birds were everywhere as we had our field breakfast. **Olive-throated Parakeets** and **Red-lored Parrots** were flying around and then eventually perched for scope views. Both **Masked** and **Black-crowned Tityras** also perched nearby, and a flashy **Keel-billed Toucan** generated a lot of excitement. As we started birding our way along the road, we soon heard the sweet song of a **Sumichrast's Wren**. It seemed like it was just off the road and a little trail went in the right direction, so we chased after it. The wren led us farther up the slope and the trail abruptly ended... it was a bit tricky, but we persisted and fortunately everyone managed to see it in the end.

Back down to the easy road, we spent the rest of the morning enjoying a wide variety of birds including **Gray Hawk**, **White-bellied Emerald**, **Lineated Woodpecker**, **Laughing Falcon**, **Ivory-billed Woodcreeper**, **Yellow-olive**, **Least**, and **Dusky-capped Flycatchers**, **Lesser Greenlet**, **White-eyed** and **Yellow-throated Vireos**, **Brown Jay**, **Spot-breasted Wren**, **American Redstart**, **Hooded** and **Magnolia Warblers**, **Yellow-breasted Chat**, **Blue-gray Tanager**, **White-collared Seedeater**, **Olive Sparrow**, **Red-throated Ant-Tanager**, **Scrub** and **Yellow-throated Euphonias**, and **Montezuma Oropendola**. After a siesta, we headed back out in the cooler afternoon. A stop at a river produced a few birds like **Black-bellied Whistling-Duck**, **White-faced Ibis**, and **Wood Stork**, before heading to a side road going through farms and forest patches. It was quite “birdy” and we added **Short-tailed Hawk**, **Black-headed** and **Gartered Trogons**, **Great Crested Flycatcher**, **Grayish Saltator**, **Blue-black Grosbeak**, **Indigo Bunting**, **Black-cowled** and **Yellow-tailed Orioles**, and **Yellow-winged Tanager**. A **Thicket Tinamou** was singing persistently nearby, but refused to come into view despite a decent effort to call it in.



Gartered Trogon (Nic Allen)

We birded a different trail the next morning. Unfortunately, the area has been farmed recently and the trail was full of mules carrying out rubber from a rubber plantation. This was likely the last time we'll visit this site, but we did at least see a few birds not encountered elsewhere on the tour: **Short-billed Pigeon**, **Blue Ground-Dove**, **White-crowned Parrot**, “Mayan” **Black-faced Antthrush**, **Bright-rumped Attila**, **Rufous Piha**, **Tawny-crowned Greenlet**, and **Blue-winged Warbler**, along with first sightings of **Pale-billed Woodpecker**, **Olivaceous Woodcreeper**, **Black-faced Grosbeak**, and **Yellow** and **Black-throated Green Warblers**. We did some easy birding closes to Tuxtepec in the afternoon. It was hotter

and quieter than yesterday, though we did add a few “new ones” like **Rufous-breasted Spinetail**, **Blue** and **Painted Buntings**, **American White Pelican**, and **Ladder-backed Woodpecker**.

It was time to head back to Oaxaca along the same serpentine road we had come in on. Leaving early, we started in the lower foothills. A **Lesson’s Motmot** teased us while having breakfast, and eventually decided to show itself, and we also tracked down a **Collared Trogon** and **Golden-olive Woodpecker**. Some of the nearby trees were flowering, and hummers zipped back and forth between the blooms. With so few feeders around, flowering trees give the best chance to see hummingbirds in this area, so we spent time watching them. **Azure-crowned Hummingbird** was a nice find, and **Lucifer Hummingbird** was unexpected this far south. We also had **Canivet’s Emerald** (*photo right; Nic Allen*),



Berylline Hummingbird, and **Green-breasted Mango** before turning our attention to other birds. After hanging around a bit longer to see **Barred Antshrike**, **Streak-headed Woodcreeper**, **Yellow-bellied Elaenia**, **Tennessee Warbler**, **Crimson-collared Tanager**, **Red-legged Honeycreeper**, and **Yellow-faced Grassquit** we decided it was best to head up into the cloudforest before it got too hot and bird activity died down. This turned out to be a good plan – several stops along the road produced a stream of terrific birds, several of which we didn’t see anywhere else, among them: **Emerald Toucanet**, **Tawny-throated Leaf Tosser**, **Spotted Woodcreeper**, **Scaly-throated** and **Ruddy Foliage-gleaners**, **Eye-ringed Flatbill**, **Azure-hooded Jay**, **Golden-crowned Warbler**, **Common Chlorospingus**, **White-naped Brushfinch**, and **Elegant Euphonia**. Once the morning heated up, activity came to a halt. We spent the rest of the day working our way back to Oaxaca, arriving early enough to have an hour or two to relax after the long drive.



Mountain scenery on the way back to Oaxaca (Nic Allen)

With one last morning to bird the Oaxaca Valley, he headed up to its most famous tourist attraction, the ruins of the Zapotec city of Monte Albán. The surrounding arid scrub is great for some of the harder endemics, and we quickly tracked down a stunning **Slaty Vireo** (some of the group had seen one earlier in the trip, but this time it was seen by all), and then a nice-looking **Golden Vireo**. Ocellated Thrasher remained elusive, though we did locate a singing near-endemic **Pileated Flycatcher**. Once the ruins opened, we got in first and enjoyed seeing them free of other tourists for a few minutes, before continuing our quest for the thrasher. We got close to a singing bird but it sadly slipped away unseen. We did find **Canyon Wren**, **Blue Mockingbird**, **Rufous-crowned Sparrow**, **Boucard's Wren**, and **Cedar Waxwing** as we walked around the ruins. We then left the city of Oaxaca behind for good and started driving south to the Sierra Madre del Sur. After checking into our lodge in the mountains, we headed out for some afternoon birding. It was super-quiet, and we didn't see much other than **Red Warbler**, **Hairy Woodpecker**, and **Zone-tailed Hawk** before returning to the lodge. The birding was much better there. **Gray Silky-flycatchers** and "**Audubon's**" **Warblers** were everywhere, **White-eared Hummingbirds** fed in a flowering tree, **American Robins** and **Spotted Towhees** hopped on the ground, and we had our only **Scott's Oriole** of the trip.



Monte Albán (Nic Allen)

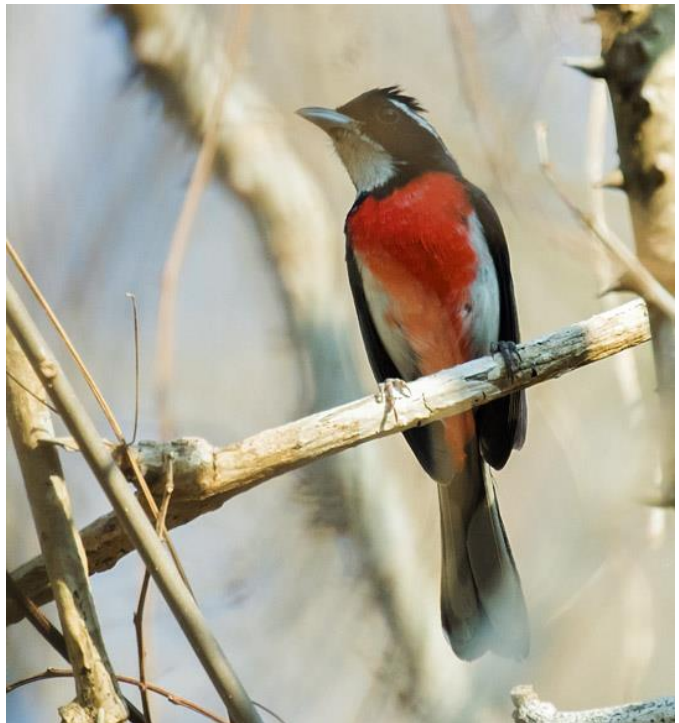


White-eared Hummingbird at our lodge in the mountains (Nick Athanas)

Next day we had a lot of ground to cover. Starting in the highland pine-oak forest, we finally saw a **Rufous-capped Brushfinch**, which had been eluding us, as well as another **Golden-browed Warbler**. Farther down the mountain, we staked out a flowering tree and saw a female **Blue-capped Hummingbird** and a **Mexican Violetear**, and also tracked down a singing **Gray-collared Becard** (*photo right; Nick Athanas*). Continuing lower, the forest became more humid and the pines disappeared. The birds were different, and one great roadside stop had **Gray-crowned Woodpecker**, “**Wagler’s**” **Emerald Toucanet**, **Common Chlorospingus**, **Olivaceous Woodcreeper**, **Greenish Elaenia**, and **White-throated Thrush** while a **Black Hawk-Eagle** soared overhead. Lunch was at a simple roadside restaurant that also had a **Fan-tailed Warbler**. In the afternoon, we drove down to the coast where the habitat changed dramatically to arid thorn forest. After taking a break at the hotel, we spent late afternoon at Huatucllo National Park. Nothing was around as we got out of the van, but some pygmy-owl imitations quickly changed that as **White-lored Gnatcatcher**, **Rufous-naped Wren**, and “**Long-crested**” **Northern Cardinal** came in to check us out, followed soon by a couple of angry **hummers**, **Cinnamon** and **Broad-billed**. **White-throated Magpie Jays** started turning up everywhere, and some **Yellow-winged Caciques** flew to their hanging nests. We called in a pair of **Golden-cheeked Woodpeckers**, and then things got really crazy as a **Red-breasted Chat** responded to playback and flew up into view, soon after joined by an **Orange-breasted Bunting**, both perching side by side at one point, almost like they were competing for our admiration. We spent a few minutes trying to photograph them when suddenly a **Colima Pygmy-Owl** was singing very close to the road, tearing our attention away from the colorful rivals. After a few minutes we tracked it down for a satisfying finish to a memorable afternoon.



Colima Pygmy-Owl (Nic Allen)



Red-breasted Chat (Nick Athanas)

Dawn saw us once again saw us in thorn forest. We had already seen most targets the previous afternoon, but there were some still some great birds to track down like **Citreoline Trogon**, **Russet-crowned Motmot**, and the distinctive West Mexican form of **Blue Bunting**. None were too hard to find, and we also enjoyed repeat views of **Happy Wren** and **West Mexican Chachalaca** as well as other more widespread species like **Pale-billed Woodpecker**, **Olive Sparrow**, **White-fronted Parrot**, **Orange-fronted Parakeet**, and **Streak-backed Oriole**. We then headed into Puerto Angel and boarded a small motorboat to take us offshore to look for some pelagic species. **Wedge-tailed Shearwaters** and **Brown Boobies** were regularly spotted, but other than that it was rather quiet out there without a lot of feeding activity. We had a couple of encounters with **Black-vented Shearwaters**, a lone **Black Storm-Petrel**, a distant **Red-billed Tropicbird**, a few **Masked Boobies**, and some **Pomarine Jaegers** that followed us for hours, but overall it was slow and somewhat disappointing. After a much-needed break, we again headed out into the dry forest for the afternoon, scoring a rare **Flammulated Flycatcher**, another **Colima Pygmy Owl**, and many of the other birds we had seen on our previous visit.



Russet-crowned Motmots (Nick Athanas)



Wedge-tailed Shearwater (Nic Allen)

We had a relatively late start on the first day of the Isthmus Extension, leaving Huatulco at dawn. We had hardly left the hotel before having to stop for a pair of **Spot-breasted Orioles** right along a busy street, as well as a **Rufous-backed Robin**, which some of the group has missed in Oaxaca. We settled in for a couple of hours of driving, though made a random roadside stop at a salt lagoon for a big congregation of waterbirds that included **American Avocet**, **Black-necked Stilt**, **Northern Shoveler**, and **Elegant Tern**. We reached the Isthmus before its notorious winds kicked up, easily finding our first prime target, **Cinnamon-tailed (Sumichrast's) Sparrow**, along with a **Varied Bunting**. Continuing our journey, we reached the endless wind farms that cover much of the southern part of the Isthmus, and spent some time looking for **Double-striped Thick-knees**. There didn't seem to be any around, but we did luck into a **Lesser Ground-Cuckoo** that perched up next to the van, and there were lots of **Scissor-tailed Flycatchers** around. Back on the main highway, we finally found a thick-knee lounging in the shade of a lone tree. We soon crossed over into the state of Chiapas, arrived at

Arriaga, and checked into our hotel. After a short siesta, we headed up into the foothills later in the afternoon. A **Rose-bellied Bunting** was singing as soon as we got there, and soon we were having full-on views of this stunning endemic. It's often called "Rosita's Bunting" (its scientific name is *Passerina rositae*), named after the wife of the Swiss collector François Sumichrast, whose own name appears on several Mexican birds. With our main target in the bag, we enjoyed whatever else we could find in the area, including **Plain-capped Starthroat** and **Banded Wren**.



Rose-bellied (Rosita's) Bunting (Nick Athanas)

We had our next field breakfast north of Puerto Arista in some farmland bordered by mangroves and mudflats, where we spotted our first **Stripe-headed Sparrow** of the tour. It wasn't long before a pair of bold **Giant Wrens** paid us a visit – these big, handsome birds are very nearly endemic to Chiapas, though there is a recent record for Guatemala. We birded our way along the road, seeing **Roseate Spoonbill**, a few **shorebirds** and **herons**, and **Red-billed Pigeon**, when we finally heard the grating calls of some **White-bellied Chachalacas**. They were too far to see from the road, but a friendly cow farmer let us walk in and track down the noisy birds as his placid herd looked on. We also had better views of **Citreoline Trogon**, along with more **Painted Buntings** and **Orchard Orioles** before heading back to the dirt road. We spent some time looking for cuckoos in the mangroves, finally having success calling a **Mangrove Cuckoo** out into full view. Many ponds had dried up, so there weren't as many waterbirds as there sometimes are, but we did find a few such as **Anhinga**, **White Ibis**, and **Belted Kingfisher**, before heading southeast to Mapastepec. Afternoon birding near town got us a few new species such as a noisy **Cabanis's Wren**, a kettle of migrating **Swainson's Hawks**, and an exquisite **Turquoise-browed Motmot**.

Next day we headed up to some humid forest patches above Mapastepec. **Yellow-green Vireos** were singing their heads off everywhere we went, and a **Crested Guan** perched up in a distant tree for scope views. A male **Long-tailed Manakin** in a fruiting tree was a definitely highlight, and a normally shy **Yellow-billed Cacique** sat out in the open for a change. We made an effort to see **Rufous-naped Wren** and **Rufous-capped Warbler**; the subspecies here look quite different from the ones on the main tour, and future splits are possible. Other birds we saw in the morning included **Common Black Hawk**, **Squirrel Cuckoo**, **Collared Aracari**, **Ochre-bellied Flycatcher**, **Tropical Pewee**, **Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher**, **Piratic Flycatcher**, **Rufous-browed Peppershrike**, and **White-breasted Wood-Wren**. After lunch, we started driving to Tuxtla Gutiérrez, stopping again in the foothills above Arriaga for some more birding. This time a landowner allowed us on to his property and we had even closer views of **Rose-bellied Bunting** as well as **Orange-breasted Bunting**, though didn't see anything we hadn't seen before. We carried on another couple of hours to Tuxtla, where we spend the night.



Turquoise-browed Motmot near Mapastepec (Nick Athanas)

White-throated Magpie-Jays eyed our food hungrily as we had our breakfast at a picnic area near the Sumidero Canyon next morning. After seeing another **Russet-crowned Motmot**, we worked our way up the road. **Rusty Sparrow** showed nicely near a powerline, and a **Couch's Kingbird** perched on a wire, calling, before some **Plain Chachalacas** flew clumsily across the road. While tracking them down, we got onto some **Green Jays**, and then a loud rustling noise on the ground caught our attention. Not convinced that it was a chachalaca, I tried some playback of **Singing Quail**, and we were thrilled when one scurried into a gap in the forest and started to sing, giving terrific views. Next on the agenda was **Belted Flycatcher** – a very local species found only in Chiapas and in parts of Guatemala. It took some effort, but finally we found a cooperative bird that perched up for all to see. Activity died down later in the morning, but we enjoyed the impressive scenery at several viewpoints overlooking the canyon. We were hoping for some of the rarer hummers, but had settle for repeat views of **Plain-capped Starthroat**, **Canivet's Emerald**, and **Berylline Hummingbird** instead. After lunch, we drove east to the city of San Cristóbal, and with a bit of time to spare in the afternoon, birded a small reserve on the edge of town. Despite really quiet bird activity, we did easily find our primary target, the smart-looking **Blue-throated Motmot**, as well as a few **Black-capped Swallows**, before heading to the hotel and taking it easy in preparation for the early start tomorrow.



White-throated Magpie-Jay and Blue-throated Motmot (Nick Athanas)

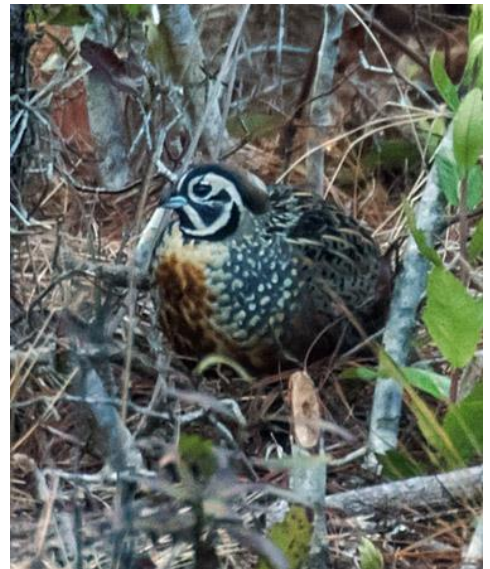
Alberto Martínez, our local guide, met us promptly at 3:45am to take us high into the mountains above the city, where he had some stakeouts for some cool owls. We first tried for **Bearded Screech-Owl**, and quickly heard it trilling nearby. It didn't take long before it was perched in the open in a little tree (*photo below*; Nick Athanas). Next up was Unspotted Saw-whet Owl – this species is notoriously difficult to see and known from rather few easily accessible locations. We called it for a while at one of Alberto's stakeouts but no response. Just as we were about to get in the van to look for it



somewhere else, one called back right next to the road! Unfortunately it was buried in dense foliage and could not be located despite urgent spotlighting. Suddenly it called again from the other side of the road. Had it flown across and no one saw it? Shining the lights proved fruitless as the vegetation was even thicker on that side. The owl went silent and remained unseen. Still, it was nice to start the morning with one great owl sighting, and we had our field breakfast while waiting for sunrise. We spent the rest of the morning birding along a dirt road through patches of forest, finding **Rufous-browed Wren**, **Black-throated Jay**, **Rufous-collared Robin**, **Amethyst-throated** and **Garnet-throated Hummingbirds**, **Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer**, **Mountain Elaenia**, **Yellowish Flycatcher**, **Common Chlorospingus**, and various other montane species. During our afternoon session at a small park outside of the city,

Blue-and-white Mockingbird managed to mostly elude us (there may have been some glimpses). We did find our only **Buff-breasted Flycatcher** and have nice views of a distinctive subspecies of Northern Flicker, as well as many other more common species like **Spot-crowned Woodcreeper**, **Hutton's Vireo**, **Steller's Jay**, and **Greater Pewee**.

Our main goal for the second morning around San Cristóbal was to find **Pink-headed Warbler**, one of the region's most sought-after species. It did not take long – we had in-your-face views of a pair before we could even start our field breakfast... a nice start to the day! At this stage in the trip there was not much else “new” we could hope for, but then a small quail flew across the road in front of the van and disappeared. Alberto suggested playing Ocellated Quail. There was no response, and after a while and we got distracted by a singing (and once again uncooperative) Blue-and-white Mockingbird. Suddenly we realized that an **Ocellated Quail** had started calling back, and before long someone spotted it running out of the forest to the edge of a field! It stayed for extended scope views... a lifer for me as well and perhaps our most unexpected sighting of the trip. Other birds we saw that morning included **White-naped Brushfinch**, **Eastern Bluebird**, **Gray Catbird**, “Chiapas” **Yellow-eyed Junco**, and **Yellow-backed Oriole**. In the afternoon, we said goodbye to Alberto and headed back to Tuxtla. We spend a couple of hours in the afternoon back in Sumidero. Activity was decent, though we one added one new bird, **Buff-bellied Hummingbird**, and had some improved views of **Banded Wren**.



Pink-headed Warbler and Ocellated Quail (Nick Athanas)

Our last morning of birding on the tour took us into some humid Gulf slope rainforest near the El Ocote reserve, a habitat we had not been to since leaving Tuxtepec over a week ago. It was nice seeing some of those birds again like **Black-faced Grosbeak**, **White-bellied Emerald**, and **Olive-throated Parakeet**, but we also added quite a few new species to our list. **Nava's Wren** showed well near some limestone ledge, and we could see it from the road (unlike our very different experience with Sumichrast's), and later on we had a very close **White-bellied Wren** for our final wren of the tour – 19 species in total as well as a couple of distinctive subspecies. The endemic **Long-tailed Sabrewing** put in a brief appearance, though we wished it had stuck around a little longer. Other birds we saw include **Green-breasted Mango**, **Stripe-throated Hermit**, **Smoky-brown Woodpecker**, **Green Parakeet**, **Long-billed Gnatwren**, **Tropical Parula**, **Gray-headed Tanager**, **Buff-throated Saltator**, **White-winged Tanager**, **Red-crowned Ant-Tanager**, and **Olive-backed Euphonia** before the morning activity died down. With very hot and windy conditions, and few targets we could still

hope for, we decided to have a relaxing afternoon and a nice final dinner to celebrate a successful tour. Thanks again to everyone for joining and I hope to see again on another trip in the future!



White-bellied Wren at El Ocote (Nick Athanas)

BIRD LIST

The list includes everything that was seen by at least one of the group, including the guide/tour leader. Taxonomy follows: Clements, J. F., T. S. Schulenberg, M. J. Iliff, D. Roberson, T. A. Fredericks, B. L. Sullivan, and C. L. Wood. 2016. The eBird/Clements checklist of birds of the world: v2016. Downloaded from <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/clementschecklist/download/>

Main tour: 332 species seen + 22 heard only

Extension: 238 species seen + 20 heard only

Combined: 409 species seen + 21 heard only

M=main tour

X=extension

h=heard only

go=guide only

(E)=Endemic to Mexico

(I)=Introduced species

TINAMOUS

MT-h X-h

Thicket Tinamou

DUCKS, GEESE, & WATERFOWL

MT

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck

MT

X

Blue-winged Teal

X

Northern Shoveler

TINAMIDAE

Crypturellus cinnamomeus

ANATIDAE

Dendrocygna autumnalis

Anas discors

Anas clypeata

MT		Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>
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		CRACIDS	CRACIDAE
MT-h	X	Plain Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis vetula</i>
MT	X	West Mexican Chachalaca (E)	<i>Ortalis poliocephala</i>
	X	White-bellied Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis leucogastra</i>
MT-h	X	Crested Guan	<i>Penelope purpurascens</i>
	X-h	Highland Guan	<i>Penelopina nigra</i>
		NEW WORLD QUAIL	ODONTOPHORIDAE
MT-h		Long-tailed Wood-Partridge (E)	<i>Dendrortyx macroura</i>
MT-h		Spotted Wood-Quail	<i>Odontophorus guttatus</i>
	X	Singing Quail	<i>Dactylortyx thoracicus</i>
	X	Ocellated Quail	<i>Cyrtonyx ocellatus</i>
		GREBES	PODICIPEDIDAE
MT		Least Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus dominicus</i>
		SHEARWATERS AND PETRELS	PROCELLARIIDAE
MT		Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna pacifica</i>
MT		Black-vented Shearwater	<i>Puffinus opisthomelas</i>
MT		Black Storm-Petrel	<i>Oceanodroma melania</i>
		TROPICBIRDS	PHAETHONTIDAE
MT		Red-billed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon aethereus</i>
		STORKS	CICONIIDAE
MT		Wood Stork	<i>Mycteria americana</i>
		FRIGATEBIRDS	FREGATIDAE
MT	X	Magnificent Frigatebird	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>
		BOOBIES AND GANNETS	SULIDAE
MT		Masked Booby	<i>Sula dactylatra</i>
MT		Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster brewsteri</i>
		CORMORANTS AND SHAGS	PHALACROCORACIDAE
MT	X	Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>
		ANHINGAS	ANHINGIDAE
	X	Anhinga	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>
		PELICANS	PELECANIDAE
MT		American White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>
MT		Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>
		HERONS, EGRETS, & BITTERNS	ARDEIDAE
MT	X	Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>
MT	X	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
MT	X	Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>
MT	X	Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>
	X	Tricolored Heron	<i>Egretta tricolor</i>
MT	X	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
MT	X	Green Heron	<i>Butorides virescens</i>
		IBISES AND SPOONBILLS	THRESKIORNITHIDAE
	X	White Ibis	<i>Eudocimus albus</i>
MT		White-faced Ibis	<i>Plegadis chihi</i>
	X	Roseate Spoonbill	<i>Platalea ajaja</i>

NEW WORLD VULTURES

MT X Black Vulture
 MT X Turkey Vulture

OSPREY

MT X Osprey

HAWKS, EAGLES, AND KITES

MT White-tailed Kite
 X Hook-billed Kite
 MT Black Hawk-Eagle
 MT X Sharp-shinned Hawk
 MT Cooper's Hawk
 X Common Black Hawk (Common)
 MT X Roadside Hawk
 X White-tailed Hawk
 MT X Gray Hawk
 MT X Broad-winged Hawk
 MT Short-tailed Hawk
 X Swainson's Hawk
 MT Zone-tailed Hawk
 MT Red-tailed Hawk

RAILS, GALLINULES, & COOTS

MT American Coot

THICK-KNEES

X Double-striped Thick-knee

STILTS AND AVOCETS

MT X Black-necked Stilt
 X American Avocet

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS

X Black-bellied Plover
 MT Killdeer

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES

X Whimbrel
 MT X Least Sandpiper
 X Short-billed Dowitcher
 MT X Spotted Sandpiper
 X Willet
 X Lesser Yellowlegs

SKUAS AND JAEGER

MT Pomarine Jaeger

GULLS, TERNS, AND SKIMMERS

MT X Laughing Gull
 MT Royal Tern
 MT X Elegant Tern

PIGEONS AND DOVES

MT X Rock Pigeon (I)
 MT X Red-billed Pigeon
 MT Band-tailed Pigeon

CATHARTIDAE

Coragyps atratus
Cathartes aura

PANDIONIDAE

Pandion haliaetus

ACCIPITRIDAE

Elanus leucurus
Chondrohierax uncinatus
Spizaetus tyrannus
Accipiter striatus
Accipiter cooperii
Buteogallus anthracinus anthracinus
Rupornis magnirostris
Geranoaetus albicaudatus
Buteo plagiatus
Buteo platypterus
Buteo brachyurus
Buteo swainsoni
Buteo albonotatus
Buteo jamaicensis

RALLIDAE

Fulica americana

BURHINIDAE

Burhinus bistriatus

RECURVIROSTRIDAE

Himantopus mexicanus
Recurvirostra americana

CHARADRIIDAE

Pluvialis squatarola
Charadrius vociferus

SCOLOPACIDAE

Numenius phaeopus
Calidris minutilla
Limnodromus griseus
Actitis macularius
Tringa semipalmata
Tringa flavipes

STERCORARIIDAE

Stercorarius pomarinus

LARIDAE

Leucophaeus atricilla
Thalasseus maximus
Thalasseus elegans

COLUMBIDAE

Columba livia
Patagioenas flavirostris
Patagioenas fasciata

MT		Short-billed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas nigrirostris</i>
MT	X	Eurasian Collared-Dove (I)	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
MT	X	Inca Dove	<i>Columbina inca</i>
	X	Common Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina passerina</i>
MT	X	Ruddy Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>
MT		Blue Ground-Dove	<i>Claravis pretiosa</i>
MT	X	White-tipped Dove	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>
MT-h		Gray-headed Dove	<i>Leptotila plumbeiceps</i>
MT-h		White-faced Quail-Dove	<i>Zentrygon albifacies</i>
MT	X	White-winged Dove	<i>Zenaida asiatica</i>
MT	X	Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>
CUCKOOS			CUCULIDAE
MT	X	Groove-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga sulcirostris</i>
MT-h	X-h	Striped Cuckoo	<i>Tapera naevia</i>
	X	Lesser Ground-Cuckoo	<i>Morococcyx erythropygus</i>
MT	X	Squirrel Cuckoo (Middle America)	<i>Piaya cayana thermophila</i>
	X	Mangrove Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus minor</i>
OWLS			STRIGIDAE
	X	Bearded Screech-Owl	<i>Megascops barbarus</i>
MT		Northern Pygmy-Owl (Mountain)	<i>Glaucidium gnoma gnoma</i>
MT		Colima Pygmy-Owl	<i>Glaucidium palmarum</i>
MT	X	Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl	<i>Glaucidium brasilianum</i>
MT		Fulvous Owl	<i>Strix fulvescens</i>
	X-h	Unspotted Saw-whet Owl	<i>Aegolius ridgwayi</i>
NIGHTJARS AND ALLIES			CAPRIMULGIDAE
MT-go		Common Pauraque	<i>Nyctidromus albicollis</i>
MT-h	X-h	Mexican Whip-poor-will	<i>Antrostomus arizonae</i>
SWIFTS			APODIDAE
MT		White-collared Swift	<i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>
MT	X	Vaux's Swift	<i>Chaetura vauxi</i>
HUMMINGBIRDS			TROCHILIDAE
	X	Stripe-throated (Little) Hermit	<i>Phaethornis striigularis</i>
MT		Mexican (Green) Violetear	<i>Colibri thalassinus</i>
MT	X	Green-breasted Mango	<i>Anthracothonax prevostii</i>
MT	X	Magnificent Hummingbird	<i>Eugenes fulgens</i>
	X	Plain-capped Starthroat	<i>Heliomaster constantii</i>
	X	Amethyst-throated Hummingbird	<i>Lampornis amethystinus</i>
MT		Blue-throated Hummingbird	<i>Lampornis clemenciae</i>
	X	Garnet-throated Hummingbird	<i>Lamprolaima rhami</i>
MT		Lucifer Hummingbird	<i>Calothorax lucifer</i>
MT		Beautiful Hummingbird (Sheartail) (E)	<i>Calothorax pulcher</i>
MT		Ruby-throated Hummingbird	<i>Archilochus colubris</i>
MT		Bumblebee Hummingbird (E)	<i>Atthis heloisa</i>
MT	X	Canivet's Emerald	<i>Chlorostilbon canivetii</i>
MT		Dusky Hummingbird (E)	<i>Cynanthus sordidus</i>
MT	X	Broad-billed Hummingbird (Doubleday's)	<i>Cynanthus latirostris doubledayi</i>
	X	Long-tailed Sabrewing (E)	<i>Campylopterus excellens</i>

MT		Blue-capped (Oaxaca) Hummingbird (E)	<i>Eupherusa cyanophrys</i>
MT	X	White-bellied Emerald	<i>Amazilia candida</i>
MT		Azure-crowned Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia cyanocephala</i>
MT	X	Berylline Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia beryllina</i>
MT		Rufous-tailed Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia tzacatl</i>
	X	Buff-bellied Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia yucatanensis</i>
MT	X	Cinnamon Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia rutila</i>
MT	X	White-eared Hummingbird	<i>Hylocharis leucotis</i>
TROGONS			TROGONIDAE
MT		Black-headed Trogon	<i>Trogon melanocephalus</i>
MT	X	Citreoline Trogon (E)	<i>Trogon citreolus</i>
MT	X	Gartered (Violaceous) Trogon	<i>Trogon caligatus</i>
MT-go		Elegant Trogon (Coppery-tailed)	<i>Trogon elegans ambiguus</i>
MT		Mountain Trogon	<i>Trogon mexicanus</i>
MT	X	Collared Trogon	<i>Trogon collaris</i>
MOTMOTS			MOMOTIDAE
	X	Blue-throated Motmot	<i>Aspatha gularis</i>
MT	X	Russet-crowned Motmot	<i>Momotus mexicanus</i>
MT	X	Lesson's (Blue-crowned) Motmot	<i>Momotus lessonii</i>
	X	Turquoise-browed Motmot	<i>Eumomota superciliosa</i>
KINGFISHERS			ALCEDINIDAE
MT	X	Ringed Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle torquata</i>
	X	Belted Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>
MT-go	X	Amazon Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle amazona</i>
	X	Green Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle americana</i>
TOUCANS			RAMPHASTIDAE
MT		Emerald Toucanet (Wagler's) (E)	<i>Aulacorhynchus prasinus wagleri</i>
MT	X-h	Emerald Toucanet (Emerald)	<i>Aulacorhynchus prasinus [prasinus Grp.]</i>
MT	X	Collared Aracari	<i>Pteroglossus torquatus</i>
MT	X-h	Keel-billed Toucan	<i>Ramphastos sulfuratus</i>
WOODPECKERS			PICIDAE
MT	X	Acorn Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i>
MT		Golden-cheeked Woodpecker (E)	<i>Melanerpes chrysogenys</i>
MT		Gray-breasted Woodpecker (E)	<i>Melanerpes hypopolius</i>
MT	X	Golden-fronted Woodpecker (Velasquez's)	<i>Melanerpes aurifrons [santacruz Group]</i>
	X	Golden-fronted Woodpecker (West Mexico) (E)	<i>Melanerpes aurifrons polygrammus</i>
MT		Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>
MT		Ladder-backed Woodpecker	<i>Picoides scalaris</i>
	X	Smoky-brown Woodpecker	<i>Picoides fumigatus</i>
MT		Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>
MT	X	Golden-olive Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes rubiginosus</i>
MT		Gray-crowned Woodpecker (E)	<i>Colaptes auricularis</i>
MT		Northern Flicker (Red-shafted)	<i>Colaptes auratus mexicanus</i>
	X	Northern Flicker (Guatemalan)	<i>Colaptes auratus mexicanoides</i>
MT	X	Lineated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>
MT		Pale-billed Woodpecker	<i>Campephilus guatemalensis</i>

FALCONS AND CARACARAS

	X-h	Barred Forest-Falcon
MT	X	Crested Caracara
MT		Laughing Falcon
MT	X	American Kestrel
MT		Merlin

PARROTS

MT-go		Barred Parakeet
	X	Orange-chinned Parakeet
MT-go		Brown-hooded Parrot
MT		White-crowned Parrot
MT		Red-lored Parrot
MT	X	White-fronted Parrot
MT		Mealy Parrot
MT	X	Olive-throated Parakeet (Aztec)
MT	X	Orange-fronted Parakeet
	X	Green Parakeet

TYPICAL ANTIBIRDS

MT	X-h	Barred Antshrike
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ANTHRUSHES

MT		Black-faced Antthrush (Mayan)
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OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS

MT		Tawny-throated Leaf-tosser
MT	X-h	Olivaceous Woodcreeper
MT		Strong-billed Woodcreeper
MT	X	Ivory-billed Woodcreeper
MT		Spotted Woodcreeper
MT	X	Streak-headed Woodcreeper
MT		White-striped Woodcreeper (E)
MT	X	Spot-crowned Woodcreeper
MT-h		Plain Xenops
MT		Scaly-throated (Spectacled) Foliage-gleaner
MT		Ruddy Foliage-gleaner
MT		Rufous-breasted Spinetail

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

MT	X	Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet
MT	X	Greenish Elaenia
MT		Yellow-bellied Elaenia
	X	Mountain Elaenia
	X	Ochre-bellied Flycatcher
MT-h		Northern Bentbill
MT		Eye-ringed Flatbill
MT	X	Yellow-olive Flycatcher
	X	Belted Flycatcher
MT		Pileated Flycatcher
MT	X	Tufted Flycatcher
MT	X	Greater Pewee

FALCONIDAE

<i>Micrastur ruficollis</i>
<i>Caracara cheriway</i>
<i>Herpetotheres cachinnans</i>
<i>Falco sparverius</i>
<i>Falco columbarius</i>

PSITTACIDAE

<i>Bolborhynchus lineola</i>
<i>Brotogeris jugularis</i>
<i>Pyrilia haematotis</i>
<i>Pionus senilis</i>
<i>Amazona autumnalis</i>
<i>Amazona albifrons</i>
<i>Amazona farinosa</i>
<i>Eupsittula nana astec/vicinalis</i>
<i>Eupsittula canicularis</i>
<i>Psittacara holochlorus</i>

THAMNOPHILIDAE

<i>Thamnophilus dolius</i>

FORMICARIIDAE

<i>Formicarius analis moniliger</i>

FURNARIIDAE

<i>Sclerurus mexicanus</i>
<i>Sittasomus griseicapillus</i>
<i>Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus</i>
<i>Xiphorhynchus flavigaster</i>
<i>Xiphorhynchus erythropygius</i>
<i>Lepidocolaptes souleyetii</i>
<i>Lepidocolaptes leucogaster</i>
<i>Lepidocolaptes affinis</i>
<i>Xenops minutus</i>
<i>Anabacerthia variegaticeps</i>
<i>Clibanornis rubiginosus</i>
<i>Synallaxis erythrothorax</i>

TYRANNIDAE

<i>Camptostoma imberbe</i>
<i>Myiopagis viridicata</i>
<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>
<i>Elaenia frantzii</i>
<i>Mionectes oleagineus</i>
<i>Oncostoma cinereigulare</i>
<i>Rhynchocyclus brevirostris</i>
<i>Tolmomyias sulphureus</i>
<i>Xenotriccus callizonus</i>
<i>Xenotriccus mexicanus</i>
<i>Mitrephanes phaeocercus</i>
<i>Contopus pertinax</i>

MT-h	X	Tropical Pewee	<i>Contopus cinereus</i>
MT	X	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax flaviventris</i>
MT	X	Least Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax minimus</i>
MT		Gray Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax wrightii</i>
MT		Dusky Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax oberholseri</i>
MT		Cordilleran Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax occidentalis</i>
	X	Yellowish Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax flavescens</i>
	X	Buff-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax fulvifrons</i>
MT		Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>
MT		Vermilion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>
MT	X	Bright-rumped Attila	<i>Attila spadiceus</i>
MT	X	Dusky-capped Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>
MT		Ash-throated Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus cinerascens</i>
MT		Nutting's Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus nuttingi</i>
MT		Great Crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>
MT	X	Brown-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i>
MT		Flammulated Flycatcher (E)	<i>Deltarhynchus flammulatus</i>
MT	X	Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>
MT	X	Boat-billed Flycatcher	<i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>
MT	X	Social Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>
MT-h	X	Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes luteiventris</i>
MT-h	X	Piratic Flycatcher	<i>Legatus leucophaeus</i>
MT	X	Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>
	X	Couch's Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus couchii</i>
MT		Cassin's Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus vociferans</i>
MT		Thick-billed Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus crassirostris</i>
	X	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannus forficatus</i>
		COTINGAS	COTINGIDAE
MT		Rufous Piha	<i>Lipaugus unirufus</i>
		MANAKINS	PIPRIDAE
	X	Long-tailed Manakin	<i>Chiroxiphia linearis</i>
		TITYRAS AND ALLIES	TITYRIDAE
MT		Black-crowned Tityra	<i>Tityra inquisitor</i>
MT	X	Masked Tityra	<i>Tityra semifasciata</i>
MT		Gray-collared Becard	<i>Pachyramphus major</i>
MT	X	Rose-throated Becard	<i>Pachyramphus aglaiae</i>
		SHRIKES	LANIIDAE
MT		Loggerhead Shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>
		VIREOS AND ALLIES	VIREONIDAE
MT	X-h	Rufous-browed Peppershrike	<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>
MT		Chestnut-sided Shrike-Vireo	<i>Vireolanius melitophrys</i>
MT-h	X-h	Green Shrike-Vireo	<i>Vireolanius pulchellus</i>
MT		Tawny-crowned Greenlet	<i>Tunchiornis ochraceiceps</i>
MT	X	Lesser Greenlet	<i>Pachysylvia decurtata</i>
MT		Golden Vireo (E)	<i>Vireo hypochryseus</i>
MT		Slaty Vireo (E)	<i>Vireo brevipennis</i>
MT		Dwarf Vireo (E)	<i>Vireo nelsoni</i>

MT		White-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo griseus</i>
MT	X	Hutton's Vireo	<i>Vireo huttoni</i>
MT		Yellow-throated Vireo	<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>
MT		Cassin's Vireo	<i>Vireo cassinii</i>
MT	X	Blue-headed Vireo	<i>Vireo solitarius</i>
MT		Plumbeous Vireo (Plumbeous)	<i>Vireo plumbeus repetens</i>
MT	X	Warbling Vireo	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>
MT		Brown-capped Vireo	<i>Vireo leucophrys</i>
MT	X	Yellow-green Vireo	<i>Vireo flavoviridis</i>
		CROWS, JAYS, AND MAGPIES	CORVIDAE
MT		Dwarf Jay (E)	<i>Cyanolyca nanus</i>
	X	Black-throated Jay	<i>Cyanolyca pumilo</i>
MT		Azure-hooded Jay	<i>Cyanolyca cucullata</i>
MT	X	White-throated Magpie-Jay	<i>Calocitta formosa</i>
MT	X-h	Brown Jay	<i>Psilorhinus morio</i>
MT	X	Green Jay	<i>Cyanocorax yncas</i>
MT	X	Steller's Jay (Central American)	<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i> [coronata Group]
MT		Woodhouse's Scrub-Jay (Sumichrast's)	<i>Aphelocoma woodhouseii sumichrasti</i>
MT		Unicolored Jay	<i>Aphelocoma unicolor</i>
MT		Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>
		SWALLOWS	HIRUNDINIDAE
	X	Black-capped Swallow	<i>Atticora pileata</i>
MT		Northern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>
MT	X	Gray-breasted Martin	<i>Progne chalybea</i>
MT		Mangrove Swallow	<i>Tachycineta albilinea</i>
MT	X	Violet-green Swallow	<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>
	X	Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>
		TITS, CHICKADEES, AND TITMICE	PARIDAE
MT		Mexican Chickadee	<i>Poecile sclateri</i>
MT		Bridled Titmouse	<i>Baeolophus wollweberi</i>
		LONG-TAILED TITS	AEGITHALIDAE
MT	X	Bushtit	<i>Psaltiriparus minimus</i>
		TREECREEPERS	CERTHIIDAE
MT		Brown Creeper	<i>Certhia americana</i>
		WRENS	TROGLODYTIDAE
MT		Rock Wren	<i>Salpinctes obsoletus</i>
MT		Canyon Wren	<i>Catherpes mexicanus</i>
MT		Sumichrast's Wren (E)	<i>Hylorchilus sumichrasti</i>
	X	Nava's Wren (E)	<i>Hylorchilus navai</i>
MT		House Wren (Brown-throated)	<i>Troglodytes aedon brunneicollis</i>
MT	X	House Wren (Southern)	<i>Troglodytes aedon intermedius</i>
MT		House Wren (Northern)	<i>Troglodytes aedon parkmanii</i>
	X	Rufous-browed Wren	<i>Troglodytes rufociliatus</i>
MT		Bewick's Wren	<i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>
MT	X	Band-backed Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus zonatus</i>
MT		Gray-barred Wren (E)	<i>Campylorhynchus megalopterus</i>
	X	Giant Wren (E)	<i>Campylorhynchus chiapensis</i>

MT Rufous-naped Wren (Sclater's) (E)
 X Rufous-naped Wren (Rufous-backed)

MT Boucard's Wren (E)
 MT X-h Spot-breasted Wren

MT Happy Wren (E)
 X Banded Wren
 X-h Rufous-and-white Wren
 X Cabanis's (Plain) Wren

MT-h X White-bellied Wren
 MT-h X White-breasted Wood-Wren
 MT X-h Gray-breasted Wood-Wren

GNATCATCHERS

MT X Long-billed Gnatwren
 MT X Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
 MT X White-lored Gnatcatcher

KINGLETS

MT Ruby-crowned Kinglet

THRUSHES AND ALLIES

X Eastern Bluebird
 MT X Brown-backed Solitaire
 MT X-h Slate-colored Solitaire
 MT-h Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush
 MT Russet Nightingale-Thrush (E)
 X-h Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush
 MT Black-headed Nightingale-Thrush
 MT-h Swainson's Thrush
 MT Hermit Thrush
 MT-h Wood Thrush
 MT Black Thrush

X Mountain Thrush
 MT X Clay-colored Thrush
 MT White-throated Thrush
 MT X Rufous-backed Robin (E)
 X Rufous-collared Robin

MT American Robin

MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS

MT Blue Mockingbird (E)
 X Blue-and-white Mockingbird
 X Gray Catbird
 MT-h Curve-billed Thrasher
 MT Ocellated Thrasher (E)
 X Tropical Mockingbird

MT Northern Mockingbird

WAGTAILS AND PIPITS

MT American Pipit

WAXWINGS

MT Cedar Waxwing

Campylorhynchus rufinucha humilis
Campylorhynchus rufinucha nigricaudatus

Campylorhynchus jocosus
Pheugopedius maculipectus

Pheugopedius felix
Thryophilus pleurostictus
Thryophilus rufalbus
Cantorchilus modestus

Uropsila leucogastra
Henicorhina leucosticta
Henicorhina leucophrys

POLIOPTILIDAE

Ramphocaenus melanurus
Poliophtila caerulea
Poliophtila albiloris

REGULIDAE

Regulus calendula

TURDIDAE

Sialia sialis
Myadestes occidentalis
Myadestes unicolor
Catharus aurantiirostris
Catharus occidentalis
Catharus frantzii
Catharus mexicanus
Catharus ustulatus
Catharus guttatus
Hylocichla mustelina
Turdus infuscatus
Turdus plebejus
Turdus grayi
Turdus assimilis
Turdus rufopalliat
Turdus rufitorques
Turdus migratorius

MIMIDAE

Melanotis caerulescens
Melanotis hypoleucus
Dumetella carolinensis
Toxostoma curvirostre
Toxostoma ocellatum
Mimus gilvus
Mimus polyglottos

MOTACILLIDAE

Anthus rubescens

BOMBYCILLIDAE

Bombycilla cedrorum

SILKY-FLYCATCHERS

MT X

Gray Silky-flycatcher

OLIVE WARBLER

MT X

Olive Warbler

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

MT

Ovenbird

X

Louisiana Waterthrush

MT

Blue-winged Warbler

MT X

Black-and-white Warbler

Swainson's Warbler

MT X

Crescent-chested Warbler

MT X

Tennessee Warbler

MT

Orange-crowned Warbler

MT X

Nashville Warbler

MT

Virginia's Warbler

X-h

Gray-crowned Yellowthroat

MT X

MacGillivray's Warbler

MT

Hooded Warbler

MT X

American Redstart

MT X

Northern Parula

X

Tropical Parula

MT X

Magnolia Warbler

MT X

Yellow Warbler

MT X

Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)

MT X

Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's)

MT X

Townsend's Warbler

MT X

Hermit Warbler

MT X

Black-throated Green Warbler

MT X

Fan-tailed Warbler

MT

Rufous-capped Warbler

X

Rufous-capped Warbler (Chestnut-capped)

MT

Golden-browed Warbler

MT X

Golden-crowned Warbler

MT X

Wilson's Warbler

MT

Red Warbler (White-cheeked)

X

Pink-headed Warbler

MT

Painted Redstart

MT X

Slate-throated Redstart

MT

Yellow-breasted Chat

TANAGERS AND ALLIES

X

Gray-headed Tanager

MT

Crimson-collared Tanager

MT

Blue-gray Tanager

MT X

Yellow-winged Tanager

MT X

Red-legged Honeycreeper

MT X

Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer

MT

Blue-black Grassquit

PTILIOGONATIDAE*Ptiliogonys cinereus***PEUCEDRAMIDAE***Peucedramus taeniatus***PARULIDAE***Seiurus aurocapilla**Parkesia motacilla**Vermivora cyanoptera**Mniotilta varia**Limnothlypis swainsonii**Oreothlypis superciliosa**Oreothlypis peregrina**Oreothlypis celata**Oreothlypis ruficapilla**Oreothlypis virginiae**Geothlypis poliocephala**Geothlypis tolmiei**Setophaga citrina**Setophaga ruticilla**Setophaga americana**Setophaga pitaiayumi**Setophaga magnolia**Setophaga petechia**Setophaga coronata coronata**Setophaga coronata auduboni**Setophaga townsendi**Setophaga occidentalis**Setophaga virens**Basileuterus lachrymosus**Basileuterus rufifrons salvini/rufifrons**Basileuterus rufifrons delatirii**Basileuterus belli**Basileuterus culicivorus**Cardellina pusilla**Cardellina rubra rubra/rowleyi**Cardellina versicolor**Myioborus pictus**Myioborus miniatus**Icteria virens***THRAUPIDAE***Eucometis penicillata**Ramphocelus sanguinolentus**Thraupis episcopus**Thraupis abbas**Cyanerpes cyaneus**Diglossa baritula**Volatinia jacarina*

MT-go		Thick-billed Seed-Finch	<i>Sporophila funerea</i>
MT	X	White-collared Seedeater (White-collared)	<i>Sporophila torqueola</i> [moreletii Group]
MT-go		White-collared Seed. (Cinnamon-rumped) (E)	<i>Sporophila torqueola torqueola</i>
MT	X-h	Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaveola</i>
MT		Yellow-faced Grassquit	<i>Tiaris olivaceus</i>
MT-h	X	Buff-throated Saltator	<i>Saltator maximus</i>
MT	X	Black-headed Saltator	<i>Saltator atriceps</i>
MT	X	Grayish Saltator (Middle American)	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i> [grandis Group]
SPARROWS AND ALLIES			
MT		Common Chlorospingus (Northeast Mexico)	<i>Chlorospingus flavopectus ophthalmicus</i>
MT		Common Chlorospingus (Southwest Mexico)	<i>Chlorospingus flavopectus albifrons</i>
	X	Common Chlorospingus (Middle America)	<i>Chlorospingus flavopectus</i> [postocularis Grp.]
	X	Cinnamon-tailed (Sumichrast's) Sparrow (E)	<i>Peucaea sumichrasti</i>
	X	Stripe-headed Sparrow	<i>Peucaea ruficauda</i>
MT		Bridled Sparrow (E)	<i>Peucaea mystacalis</i>
MT	X	Olive Sparrow	<i>Arremonops rufivirgatus</i>
MT		Chestnut-capped Brushfinch	<i>Arremon brunneinucha</i>
MT		Yellow-eyed Junco (Mexican)	<i>Junco phaeonotus phaeonotus</i>
	X	Yellow-eyed Junco (Chiapas)	<i>Junco phaeonotus fulvescens</i>
	X	Rufous-collared Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>
MT	X	Lincoln's Sparrow	<i>Melospiza lincolni</i>
MT		Rusty-crowned Ground-Sparrow (E)	<i>Melospiza kieneri</i>
MT		White-throated Towhee (E)	<i>Melospiza albicollis</i>
	X	Rusty Sparrow	<i>Aimophila rufescens</i>
MT		Rufous-crowned Sparrow	<i>Aimophila ruficeps</i>
MT		Oaxaca Sparrow (E)	<i>Aimophila notosticta</i>
MT		Spotted Towhee	<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>
MT		Collared Towhee (E)	<i>Pipilo ocai</i>
MT		Rufous-capped Brushfinch (E)	<i>Atlapetes pileatus</i>
MT	X	White-naped Brushfinch	<i>Atlapetes albinucha</i>
CARDINALS AND ALLIES			
MT		Hepatic Tanager	<i>Piranga flava</i>
MT	X	Summer Tanager	<i>Piranga rubra</i>
MT	X	Western Tanager	<i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>
	X	White-winged Tanager	<i>Piranga leucoptera</i>
MT-go	X	Red-crowned Ant-Tanager	<i>Habia rubica</i>
MT	X	Red-throated Ant-Tanager	<i>Habia fuscicauda</i>
MT	X	Black-faced Grosbeak	<i>Caryothraustes poliogaster</i>
MT		Northern Cardinal (Long-crested) (E)	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis carneus</i>
MT	X	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>
MT		Black-headed Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus melanocephalus</i>
MT	X	Red-breasted Chat (E)	<i>Granatellus venustus</i>
MT		Blue-black Grosbeak	<i>Cyanocompsa cyanoides</i>
MT	X	Blue Bunting (Middle America)	<i>Cyanocompsa parellina parellina</i>
MT		Blue Bunting (West Mexico) (E)	<i>Cyanocompsa parellina indigotica</i>
MT	X	Indigo Bunting	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>
	X	Rose-bellied (Rosita's) Bunting (E)	<i>Passerina rositae</i>

MT	X	Orange-breasted Bunting (E)	<i>Passerina leclancherii</i>
	X	Varied Bunting	<i>Passerina versicolor</i>
MT	X	Painted Bunting	<i>Passerina ciris</i>
		TROUPIALS AND ALLIES	ICTERIDAE
MT		Melodious Blackbird	<i>Dives dives</i>
MT	X	Great-tailed Grackle	<i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>
MT	X	Bronzed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus aeneus</i>
MT		Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>
	X	Giant Cowbird	<i>Molothrus oryzivorus</i>
MT		Black-vented Oriole	<i>Icterus wagleri</i>
MT	X	Black-cowled Oriole	<i>Icterus prosthemelas</i>
MT	X	Orchard Oriole	<i>Icterus spurius</i>
	X	Yellow-backed Oriole	<i>Icterus chrysater</i>
MT		Yellow-tailed Oriole	<i>Icterus mesomelas</i>
MT	X	Streak-backed Oriole	<i>Icterus pustulatus</i>
MT	X	Bullock's Oriole	<i>Icterus bullockii</i>
	X	Spot-breasted Oriole	<i>Icterus pectoralis</i>
MT	X	Altamira Oriole	<i>Icterus gularis</i>
MT		Audubon's Oriole (Dickey's)	<i>Icterus graduacauda dickeyae</i>
MT	X	Baltimore Oriole	<i>Icterus galbula</i>
MT		Scott's Oriole	<i>Icterus parisorum</i>
	X	Yellow-billed Cacique	<i>Amblycercus holosericeus</i>
MT	X	Yellow-winged Cacique	<i>Cassiculus melanicterus</i>
MT	X	Montezuma Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius montezuma</i>
		FINCHES, EUPHONIAS, & ALLIES	FRINGILLIDAE
MT	X	Scrub Euphonia	<i>Euphonia affinis</i>
MT	X	Yellow-throated Euphonia	<i>Euphonia hirundinacea</i>
MT		Elegant (Blue-hooded) Euphonia	<i>Euphonia elegantissima</i>
MT-h	X	Olive-backed Euphonia	<i>Euphonia gouldi</i>
MT		House Finch	<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>
MT		Black-headed Siskin	<i>Spinus notatus</i>
MT		Lesser Goldfinch	<i>Spinus psaltria</i>
		OLD WORLD SPARROWS	PASSERIDAE
MT	X	House Sparrow (I)	<i>Passer domesticus</i>