

TROPICAL BIRDING

COSTA RICA: Birding with a Camera®

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Black-crested Coquette was one of the many highlights of this tour.

Costa Rica is the ever-popular birding destination for good reason. Excellent lodges are set in prime locations, with amazing birds right at your fingertips. Costa Rica has been doing this for so long, it now comes second nature to them, and they take catering to birders and photographers to the next level. Not only do they have abundant feeder set-ups to bring birds up close and personal, but they are often well thought out to provide excellent photo opportunities. As well as excellent birding throughout, we took advantage of many additional hummingbird feeders, fruit feeders, flowering gardens, staked out fruiting trees, nesting and roosting sites, plus additional night walks and even a dedicated Quetzal viewing tour to maximize our photo opportunities. In doing so we managed to photograph the majority of species seen on this tour and everyone obtained an excellent array of photos.

9th March – Alajuela to Rancho Naturalista



Montezuma Oropendola's liquid warble is one of the world's most distinctive bird sounds.

We began our tour with some pre-breakfast birding around the hotel garden. We knocked off quite a few common species straight away, with **Squirrel Cuckoo**, **Lesson's Motmot**, **Hoffmann's Woodpecker**, **Cinnamon-bellied Saltator**, **Cinnamon Hummingbird** and some rather vocal **Rufous-naped Wrens**. We tracked down the resident **Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** and pair of **Spot-breasted Orioles**, and had a fly-over of **Crimson-fronted Parakeets**. On our way to breakfast I heard a **Lineated Woodpecker** and called it into the tree next to us. Our very experienced driver had recommended an addition to our schedule which was a place called Donde Cope. An enterprising local had set up some great feeders in a lovely natural garden. We enjoyed a good hour and a half photographing a wide variety of species, including **Pale-vented Pigeon**, **White-necked Jacobin**, **Long-billed & Stripe-throated Hermits**, **Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer**, **Crowned Woodnymph**, **Black-cheeked Woodpecker**, **Orange-chinned Parakeet**, **Chestnut-headed & Montezuma Oropendolas**, **Red-winged Blackbird**, **Crimson-collared Tanager**, plus **Red-legged & Green Honeycreepers**. Feeders were not the only attraction at Donde Cope. They also had a few local stakeouts, the first of which was a pair of **Crested Owls**. After that we were taken to a day roost of a **Great Potoo**, then we were shown some miniscule **White Tent Bats** in some forest nearby where we also picked up **Yellow-throated & Keel-billed Toucans** and a **Three-toed Sloth**. From there we drove to Rancho Naturalista which would be our base for the next 3 nights.

10 March – Rancho Naturalista



A male Green Thorntail feeds on verbena flowers.

We gathered on the balcony of the lodge to watch the feeders before breakfast. We added **Green-breasted Mango** on the hummingbird feeder, **Black-striped & Orange-billed Sparrows** and **Yellow-faced Grassquits** down below feeding on seed and **Crimson-collared Tanager**, **Brown Jay**, many **Gray-headed Chachalacas** and **Silver-throated Tanagers** feeding on fruit. A **Bicolored Hawk** perched high up on a tree scanning for prey while in nearby trees we saw **Crested Guan**, **Black-crowned Tityras** and **Black-headed Saltator**. We took a walk after breakfast. Our main target was the unbelievably bright blue Lovely Cotinga. We headed to a clearing where it had appeared the day before, and on the way there we added a very vocal **Brown Violetear**, a skulking **Bay Wren**, some wing-snapping **White-collared Manakins** and a pair of **Gartered Trogons** high in the trees. We hung around the clearing for quite a while and pick up plenty of good birds including flyovers of **Brown-hooded & White-crowned Parrots**, **Golden-olive Woodpecker**, **Cinnamon Becard**, **Olive-backed Euphonia**, **Golden-hooded & Bay-headed Tanagers**, **Scarlet-thighed Dacnis**. We thought we heard the cotinga at a point, but it never showed and we had to give up. We headed down to the lower house where there was a wonderful hummingbird garden that held several important target hummers, including **Garden Emerald**, **Green Thorntail** & **Black-crested Coquette**.



Snowcap is one of the star birds at Rancho Naturalista.

Last but not least, **Snowcap**, which featured on the T-shirts of the lodge. After lunch we set off down the hill for an excursion. On the way down we spotted a **Russet-naped Wood-Rail** by the side of the road but it quickly disappeared into the creek. We drove to a local reservoir called Angostura Florencia. Along the road, we found a number of interesting birds like **Barred Antshrike**, **Cocoa Woodcreeper**, **Yellow Tyrannulet**, **Brown Jay**, **Black-cowled Oriole**, **White-browed Gnatcatcher**, **Yellow-crowned & Yellow-throated Euphonia** and **White-lined Tanager**. We also heard a **Thicket Antpitta**, but try as we may, we couldn't get the bird to come out of its thicket. Well named, I guess. We found a nice viewpoint of the lake where we added many water birds including **Black-bellied Whistling-Duck**, **Muscovy Duck**, **Lesser Scaup**, **Purple Gallinule**, **Limpkin**, **Northern Jacana**, **Great Blue**, **Little Blue & Green Herons**, **Osprey**, **Snail Kite**, plus **Ringed & Amazon Kingfishers**. We continued round the lake and reached a spot on the edge where we added **White-throated Flycatcher** and **Slaty Spinetail**. Our time was up and we drove back up to the lodge where we enjoyed another delicious meal.

11 March – Rancho Naturalista



Lovely Cotinga takes bright blue to another level.

We began the day at dawn by the UV light on a moth sheet that had drawn in **Red-throated Ant-Tanager** but we also had our first **White-ruffed Manakin**. After another delicious breakfast we took a walk down the entrance road in the hope of a **Lovely Cotinga**. Again, we had great activity and saw **Keel-billed Toucan**, **Cocoa Woodcreeper**, **White-collared Manakin**, **Cinnamon Becard**, **Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher**, **Stripe-breasted Wren**, **Golden-winged**, **Chestnut-capped & Golden-crowned Warblers**, **White-shouldered & Golden-hooded Tanagers**, but no cotinga. Some people were good to leave from here for our morning excursion, but others needed to head back to their rooms. I escorted those heading back up and told our driver to bring them back down once they were assembled. Ten minutes later, the bus came back down to the lookout point where the rest of the group were intently looking across at a fruiting tree. The others piled off the bus, just in time to see the **Lovely Cotinga** still there. It didn't hang around much longer but everybody got on it and we even got some nice photos of this stunning species. We drove down the hill to the forested Río Tuis valley that held a few species we were yet to see. Straight off we saw a soaring **Barred Hawk** and flock of noisy **Sulphur-winged Parakeets** flying by.



The distinctive Sunbittern on its nest.

We spent a couple of hours birding along the road which we found to be quite productive with plenty of nice birds, including **Collared Trogon**, **Olive-striped & Slaty-capped Flycatchers**, **Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant**, **Tawny-capped Euphonia**, **Black-and-white**, **Chestnut-capped & Golden-crowned Warblers**, **Bay-headed**, **Emerald & Black-and-yellow Tanagers** and a memorable **American Dipper**. Next, we drove to a **Sunbittern** nest which was viewable from a small bridge. We got great views of this unusual bird and it seemed totally unperturbed by our snapping shutters. We found our first **Torrent Tyrannulet** on the river and also **Common Tody-Flycatcher** and **Mistletoe Tyrannulet** in the riverside vegetation. We had a short break after lunch before heading out on one of the lodge trails. Our guide showed us our second **Crested Owl** day roost of the trip. Forest birding is never easy, but we did pretty well and found a number of interesting species. One client in particular was especially happy to see our first **Rufous Motmot** of the trip, plus **White-breasted Wood-Wren**, **Blue-winged Warbler**, **Red-throated Ant-Tanager** and **Carmioli's Tanager**. The highlight of the afternoon was a fantastic mixed flock, including **Golden-olive Woodpecker**, **Russet Antshrike**, **Checker-throated Stipplethroat**, **Wedge-billed & Spotted Woodcreepers**, the amazing **Brown-billed Scythebill**, plus **Sulphur-rumped & Ochre-bellied Flycatchers**. We ended the afternoon by heading down to Hummingbird Pools where we watched hummingbirds splash bathing.

12 March – Rancho Naturalista to Savegre Valley



Slaty Flowerpiercer sports a very specialized bill shape.

We said our goodbyes to the wonderful staff of Rancho and set off for our next destination. We had a brief stop at Lago de Cachi where we picked up **Muscovy Duck**, **Least Grebe**, **Green Heron** and nearby our first **Roadside Hawk**. We also swung by the town of Ujarras where one of Costa Rica's few endemic species is to be found. It took us about 10 minutes to find the **Cabanis's Ground-Sparrow** hopping around in someone's garden. From there we made our way up into the mountains for a whole different set of birds. We did some birding along a side road which turned out to be very productive with our first montane species. We had **Band-tailed Pigeon** and **White-collared Swifts** flying over. We also had **Mountain Elaenia**, **Black-capped Flycatcher**, **Mountain Thrush**, **Black-and-yellow Silky-flycatcher**, and **Yellow-thighed Brushfinch**. We drove up higher into the mountains and stopped in Los Quetzales NP and the top of the Providencia road where we spent some time. Here we saw **Yellow-winged Vireo**, **Black-billed Nightingale-Thrush**, **Sooty-capped Chlorospingus** and **Wilson's Warbler** but only heard our target **Timberline Wren**. We turned down into the Savegre Valley and our last birding spot for the day was at a wonderful place called Miriam's Restaurant. The hummingbird feeders here had **Lesser Violetear**, **Talamanca**, **Fiery-throated & Volcano Hummingbirds** and on the bananas, **Acorn Woodpecker**, **Sooty Thrush**, **Large-footed Finch**, **Flame-throated Warbler** and **Flame-colored Tanager**, plus **Slaty Flowerpiercer** visiting the many beautiful flowers. After we had taken a lot of great photos here, we continued down to Trogon Lodge.

13 March – Paraiso del Quetzal



Golden-browed Chlorophonia posed beautifully for photos.

We met early to bird the ground of the hotel. On my way down to meet the group, my path was blocked by a large group of people looking at **Resplendent Quetzal**. I squeezed by and ran down to bring up my group to see it. It was such narrow trail it was hard to find a good spot, but we finally all got a view. The garden was otherwise pretty quiet with just a few of the birds that we had seen yesterday like **Lesser Violetear**, **Volcano Hummingbird**, **Mountain Thrush**, **Sooty-capped Chlorospingus** and **Large-footed Finch**. We only heard the beautiful call of the **Black-faced Solitaire** but were unable to locate it, but we did add **Collared Redstart**. After breakfast we drove to Paraiso Quetzal Lodge. In the morning we had reserved a photographic blind with hummingbird feeders, just for ourselves. Here they put some flowers out for us and sprayed them with sugar water so we could get some nice shots of **Lesser Violetear**, **Talamanca**, **Fiery-throated & Volcano Hummingbirds** plus **White-throated Mountain-gem** at the flowers. On the fruit feeder we had **Mountain Thrush**, **Large-footed Finch**, **Yellow-thighed Brushfinch**, **Flame-colored Tanager** and **Black-thighed Grosbeak**. Just outside the blind, there was a fruiting tree which brought in **Long-tailed Silky-flycatcher**, **Golden-browed Chlorophonia**, **Yellow-bellied Siskin** and **Peg-billed Finch** which we kept having to run out for. We had hundreds of **Barred Parakeets** flying over, a cute little **Ochraceous Wren** in a tree and **Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush** hopping around on the ground.



A dedicated photographic set up helped us to get shots of hummers at flowers like this Talamanca.



Resplendent Quetzal was the undisputed bird of the trip.

After a full morning with lots of great photos, we set off with a guide from the lodge to a stake out for **Resplendent Quetzal** in the La Esperanza area. The lodge had partnered with a man who had them on his land. There was a tree where they like to hang out, and they had added a few extra, natural-looking branches for better photos. It was drizzling most of the afternoon, but there was a shelter there with a bathroom and even hot drinks to keep us warm. We had an amazing photo shoot with a pair of quetzals coming by every once in a while and perching out. While we waited, we saw plenty of other good birds, including **Ruddy Treerunner**, **Mountain Elaenia**, **Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush**, **Mountain Thrush**, **Sooty-capped Chlorospingus**, **Wilson's Warbler** and **Slaty Flowerpiercer**. After a great day, we drove back to our lodge for another delicious meal.

14 March – Savegre Valley to Talari Mountain Lodge



This high-altitude Black-cheeked Warbler was rather photogenic.

We were leaving the Savegre Valley and heading to lower elevations, but first we were going right to the top, to Cerro de la Muerte, the 'Mountain of Death', for some high altitude species. Our main target was the Volcano Junco which we found straight away. We also added **Black-cheeked Warbler**, **Red-tailed Hawk** and also had dozens of migrating **Broad-winged Hawks**. Halfway downslope, we stopped at another spot called Bosque Del Tolomuco. Here they had excellent hummingbird and fruit feeders and we spent a while in the extensive gardens where we added many species and got lots of great photos. On the sugar water feeders we added **Violet Sabrewing** and **Green-crowned Brilliant**, and on the verbena flowers **White-throated Mountain-gem**, **Scintillant Hummingbird** and **White-tailed Emerald**. On the fruit feeders we had **Red-headed Barbet**, **Red-crowned Woodpecker**, **Baltimore Oriole**, **Tennessee Warbler**, **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**, **Summer**, **Speckled**, **Golden-hooded & Silver-throated Tanagers**. We had a fly-over of **Brown-hooded Parrot** and in the nearby trees, **Brown-capped Vireo**, **Elegant Euphonia** and **Black-and-white Warbler**.



Golden-hooded Tanager is one of many colorful tanagers on this tour.

We stopped for lunch in a restaurant with a nice balcony where we saw **Broad-winged Hawk**, **Mistletoe Tyrannulet**, **Speckled Tanager** and **Scarlet-thighed Dacnis**. After lunch in the town of San Isidro we spent some time searching for **Turquoise Cotinga**. Despite the heat, we saw plenty of birds, with **Double-toothed Kite**, **Crested Caracara**, **Streak-headed Woodcreeper**, **Masked Tityra**, **Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet**, **Tropical Mockingbird**, **Blue Dacnis** and **Variable & Morelet's Seedeaters**. We had almost given up on the **Turquoise Cotinga** when the driver spotted it. Unfortunately, it flew before everybody got onto it, but we quickly managed to relocate it. It wasn't far to the Talari Mountain Lodge where we had a **Lesson's Motmot** to welcome us. After check in and a rest, we went out for some afternoon birding. Around the rooms was pretty active and we saw **Common Tody-Flycatcher**, **Dusky-capped**, **Streaked & Piratic Flycatchers**, **Orange-billed Sparrow**, **Golden-hooded Tanager**, **Blue Dacnis** and **Red-legged Honeycreeper**, many of which were photographed. We walked down to the river overlook where we had **Spotted Sandpiper**, **Black Phoebe**, **Yellow-headed Caracara**, **Red-crowned Woodpecker**, **Variable Seedeater** and our best views of **Yellow-throated Toucan**. We took another walk around after dinner and had **Common Pauraque** and even **Boat-billed Heron** the river.

15 March – Los Cusingos & Talari Mountain Lodge



Rufous Piha is one of the less colorful cotingas, but has a loud voice to make up for it.

We had a nice early morning walk concentrating mainly around the river viewpoint. Other than our first distant **White-tailed Kite**, we had good views of **Scaled Pigeon**, 2 new hummingbird species: **Long-billed Starthroat** and **Scaly-breasted Hummingbird**, **Red-crowned & Pale-billed Woodpeckers**, **Crested Caracara**, a pair of **White-crowned Parrots**, **Rufous-breasted & Riverside Wrens**, **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**, **Golden-hooded & Bay-headed Tanagers** and **Green Honeycreeper**. The highlight though was another, and much closer **Turquoise Cotinga** which was spectacular and perched nicely for a few seconds. From the balcony of the restaurant, we also added our first **Snowy-bellied Hummingbird**. This morning we were heading to Los Cusingos, the former home of the late Dr Alexander Skutch, one of the pioneers of modern Neotropical ornithology. We made a good start with another new hummingbird species, **Blue-throated Goldentail**. We had a successful walk along the shortest loop trail and saw **Slaty-tailed Trogon**, **Chestnut-backed Antbird**, **Brown-billed Scythebill**, **Red-capped Manakin**, **Rufous Piha**, **Masked Tityra**, **Golden-crowned Spadebill**, **Dusky-capped Flycatcher** and **Lesser Greenlet**.



Tropical Screech-Owl eyes us quizzically.

Birding wasn't particularly easy, but we were happy with our haul and got a few nice photos. Back in the garden, we added **Gray-headed Tanager**, **Speckled Tanager**, **Violet-headed Hummingbird**, a spectacular **Swallow-tailed Kite** and a **Short-tailed Hawk**. We went back to the lodge for lunch and in the afternoon, we took another walk around the lodge gardens. I had located a small ant swarm and took everybody up to see **Tawny-winged Woodcreeper** and another **Gray-headed Tanager**. Some of the other nice birds in the afternoon included **Orange-collared Manakin**, **Streaked Flycatcher**, **Rufous-breasted Wren**, **Ovenbird** and **Blue Dacnis**, but the birding highlight of the afternoon was the incredible spectacle of a couple of thousand **Swainson's Hawk** streaming by and circling. We finished the walk looking over the river again, where we saw **Black Phoebe**, **Amazon Kingfisher**, **Variable Seedeater** and **Peregrine Falcon** swooping by. To finish it off, we had great views of a **Neotropical River Otter**. If that wasn't enough, we also had a **Tropical Screech-Owl** on the way to dinner.

16 March – Talari Mountain Lodge to Esquinas Rainforest Lodge



The powerful Tayra is not to be trifled with.

It was our last birding around Talari Mountain Lodge and we went out with a blast. We had a bumper crop of birds including, **Scaled & Band-tailed Pigeons**, **Chestnut-collared & White-collared Swifts**, **Scaly-breasted & Snowy-bellied Hummingbirds**, **Amazon Kingfisher**, **Yellow-throated Toucan**, **Smoky-brown & Pale-billed Woodpeckers**, **White-crowned Parrot**, **Orange-collared Manakin**, **Southern Beardless & Mistletoe Tyrannulets**, **Yellow-throated**, **Philadelphia & Red-eyed Vireos** **Rufous-breasted Wren**, **Chestnut-capped Warblers**, **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**, **Speckled**, **Golden-hooded & Bay-headed Tanagers**, **Red-legged & Green Honeycreepers** and **Buff-throated Saltator**. We had a pretty long drive today but broke it up with a stop at the San Isidro sewage lagoons, where we saw **Black-bellied Whistling-Duck**, **Blue-winged Teal**, **Least & Pied-billed Grebes**, **Northern Jacana**, **Spotted & Solitary Sandpipers**, **Green Heron** and **Mangrove Swallow**. A bit later we also had a quick stop for much better views of **Swallow-tailed Kite**. After a nice lunch stop, we continued on to Esquinas Rainforest Lodge and enjoyed some fantastic birding along the entrance road. In a marshy area we saw **Purple Gallinule**, **Northern Jacana**, **Wood Stork**, **Little Blue & Green Herons** and **White Ibis**; and in the open areas, **Orange-chinned & Brown-throated Parakeets**, **Streaked & Fork-tailed Flycatchers**, **Eastern & Red-breasted Meadowlarks**, **Bronzed Cowbird**, **Ruddy-breasted**, **Variable & Yellow-bellied Seedeaters** and **Thick-billed Seed-Finch**. We even had 2 **Blue Ground Doves**, why are normally shy, chasing each other around in the middle of a field. We had a warm welcome to the lodge and during our orientation, we had great views of **Gray-cowled Wood-Rails** and even a **Tayra** coming into the banana feeder. What an amazing place!



After dinner, we went in search of the beautiful Red-eyed Tree-Frog.

17 March – Esquinas Rainforest Lodge



The female Great Curassow is more striking than the male.

We took a pre-breakfast walk along the entrance road and came across a pair of **Slaty-tailed Trogons**, a **Purple-crowned Fairy** and **Bronzy Hermit** by the Caiman pond, that had a 1ft high fence to keep the **Spectacled Caimans** in. We went along a short trail along to a small pond here we got close views of **Purple Gallinule** and **Northern Jacana**. During breakfast we watched the lawn across from the restaurant and admired the **Gray-cowled Wood-Rails** again but also a huge pair of **Great Curassows**. This was a big target for a couple of tour participants. We took a short walk around the gardens and admired **Crowned Woodnymph**, **Violet-headed & Charming Hummingbirds**, **Black-striped & Orange-billed Sparrows** and **Gray-chested Dove**. Many of the birds that we were missing from our list were forest interior birds. We decided to take a walk along a trail and with some effort we found **Band-tailed Barbthroat**, **Long-billed Hermit**, **Rufous-tailed Jacamar**, **Baird's Trogon**, **Chestnut-backed Antbird**, **Wedge-billed Woodcreeper** and the rare endemic **Black-cheeked Ant-Tanager**. We enjoyed a nice lunch during which we had a pair of **Baird's Trogon** inspecting a nest cavity right next to the restaurant. A bit annoying as it had taken us quite a bit of time to find these along the trail. We had a well-deserved break after lunch and in the afternoon took another walk along road and back to the pond. This turned out to be very productive and we picked up **Orange-collared Manakin**, **Black-tailed Flycatcher**, **Bright-rumped Attila**, **Spot-crowned Euphonia**, **Short-billed Pigeon**, **Dot-winged Antwren** and **Dusky Antbird**. Some people were keen on more frogs and joined a local guide for another night walk after dinner.

18 March – Esquinas Rainforest Lodge to Villa Lapas



Scarlet Macaws are still common in the Villa Lapas area.

It was our final morning here and we tried to make the most of it with some birding before and after breakfast. During the morning we racked up quite a list, with **Crested Guan**, **Great Curassow**, **Short-billed Pigeon**, **Gray-chested Dove**, our first **Costa Rican Swifts**, several hummingbirds at the garden's many flowers, including **Band-tailed Barbthroat**, **Long-billed & Stripe-throated Hermits**, and **Violet-headed & Charming Hummingbirds**, **Gray-cowled Wood-Rail**, **Baird's & Gartered Trogons**, **Lineated Woodpecker**, **Black-hooded Antshrike**, **Dot-winged Antwren**, **Wedge-billed Woodcreeper**, **Orange-collared Manakin**, **Great Crested**, **Sulphur-bellied & Piratic Flycatcher**, **Black-bellied & Riverside Wrens**, and **Black-striped & Orange-billed Sparrows**. After saying our farewells, we did a bit more birding on the way out, with a few other species like **White Ibis**, **Fork-tailed Flycatcher** and **Morelet's Seedeater**. It was a long drive to our next lodge, and we broke it up with a few birding stops. The first was when someone spotted a large white bird soaring, which turned out to be our only King Vulture of the trip. Another stop produced **Orange-chinned Parakeet**, **Boat-billed Flycatcher** and **Mangrove Swallow**. Finally, as we got closer to our destination, we stopped at an ocean viewpoint with **Magnificent Frigatebirds** flying by, but after waiting around for a while we also had a couple of pairs of **Scarlet Macaws** flying in. We arrived at our lodge and relaxed in our air-conditioned rooms during the heat of the day. When it had cooled down a bit, we took an afternoon walk around the gardens. Some people who came out early had just seen some **Fiery-billed Aracaris** flying by. The garden backed onto the river and along the banks we saw **Northern Waterthrush**, **Buff-rumped Warbler**, **Green Kingfisher** and an injured **White-whiskered Puffbird**. **Rufous-naped Wrens** were hopping round the garden and **Yellow-throated Toucans** calling up in the trees. We walked along the river trail and saw **Greenish Elaenia**, **Boat-billed & Streaked Flycatchers**, **Dot-winged Antwren** and a female **Blue-crowned Manakin** feeding on berries. The highlight though was coming across a **Scarlet Macaw** nesting tree.

19 March – Tarcoles River to Alajuela



Bare-throated tiger-Heron has a daggerlike bill.

Before breakfast we had some birding around the grounds of Villa Lapas and along the river trail that we had birded yesterday. On some of the gardens beautiful flowering bushes we saw **Stripe-throated Hermit** and **Rufous-tailed Hummingbird**, and on some fruiting trees, a female **Blue-crowned Manakin**, **Yellow-throated Euphonia**, **Baltimore Oriole** and **Red-legged & Green Honeycreepers**. Along the trail we also saw **Gray Hawk**, **Hoffmann's Woodpecker**, our first **Rose-throated Becards**, **Common Tody-Flycatcher**, **Bright-rumped Attila** and **Northern Waterthrush**. It's always hard to top the local Scarlet Macaw which we saw flying round to start their day, but we also had a couple of pairs of **Mealy Parrots** which showed rather well. We had been hoping for a new motmot this morning, but it was not until after breakfast on the way to the river that the driver spotted a **Turquoise-browed Motmot** on a roadside wire. Our last activity of the trip was a boat ride on the Tarcoles, which promised to finish off our tour with a bang. As you would expect on a boat ride, we had plenty of waterbirds, with **Southern Lapwing**, **Muscovy Duck**, **Black-necked Stilt**, **White Ibis**, **Roseate Spoonbill**, **Great Blue**, **Little Blue**, **Tricolored & Green Herons**, **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** and a wonderful **Bare-throated Tiger-Heron**. Not to mention **Osprey**, **Ringed**, **Belted**, **Amazon & Green Kingfishers**, flocks of **Orange-fronted Parakeets** flying over and a pair of **Mangrove Swallows** which were actually nesting on the moving boat. Near the mouth of the estuary we added several shorebirds, with **Semipalmated Plover**, **Whimbrel**, **Ruddy Turnstone**, **Sanderling**, **Willet** plus several **Magnificent Frigatebirds** and **Brown Pelicans**.



Boat-billed Heron looks more like a caricature than a real bird.

One of the highlights of the boat ride was cruising through the mangroves. Our hoped for Mangrove Hummingbird turned out to be a **Scaly-breasted Hummingbird**, but we did get the specialist **Mangrove Vireo**. Another big target was **Boat-billed Heron** and the boat man found a sleeping individual which we managed to get some pictures of. Some other great birds we saw here were **Anhinga**, **Common Black Hawk**, **Gartered Trogon**, **Lineated Woodpecker** plus the wonderful **American Pygmy Kingfisher**. It had been a real highlight of the trip, but our time was up, and all that remained was to return to Hotel Robledal where we had started the trip and enjoy a final meal while deciding our birds of the trip.

BIRDS OF THE TRIP

1 st place	RESPLENDENT QUETZAL
2 nd place	GOLDEN-BROWED CHLOROPHONIA
3 rd place	LOVELY COTINGA
4 th place	GREAT CURASSOW
5 th place	LESSON'S MOTMOT

BIRD LIST

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Tinamous (Tinamidae)

Great Tinamou *Tinamus major*

Heard at Los Cusingos & Esquinas.

Little Tinamou *Crypturellus soui*

Heard at Esquinas.

Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl (Anatidae)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis*

Seen at Angostura Florencia & San Isidro.

Muscovy Duck *Cairina moschata*

Seen at Angostura Florencia, Lago de Cachi & Tarcoles.

Blue-winged Teal *Spatula discors*

Seen at San Isidro.

Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis*

Seen at Angostura Florencia.

Guans, Chachalacas, and Curassows (Cracidae)

Gray-headed Chachalaca *Ortalis cinereiceps*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista & Angostura Florencia.

Crested Guan *Penelope purpurascens*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista & Esquinas.

Great Curassow *Crax rubra* Vulnerable

Seen at Esquinas.

New World Quail (Odontophoridae)

Spotted Wood-Quail *Odontophorus guttatus*

Heard at Savegre.

Grebes (Podicipedidae)

Least Grebe *Tachybaptus dominicus*

Seen at Lago de Cachi & San Isidro.

Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps*

Seen at Angostura Florencia & San Isidro.

Pigeons and Doves (Columbidae)

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia* Introduced

Seen at San Isidro.

Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis*

Seen at Donde Cope & Esquinas.

Scaled Pigeon *Patagioenas speciosa*

Seen at Talari.

Red-billed Pigeon *Patagioenas flavirostris*

Seen at Hotel Robledal & Rancho Naturalista.

Band-tailed Pigeon *Patagioenas fasciata*

Seen at Paraiso Quezal & Talari.

Ruddy Pigeon *Patagioenas subvinacea* Vulnerable

Heard at Tolomuco.

Short-billed Pigeon *Patagioenas nigrirostris*

Seen at Esquinas. Heard at Villa Lapas.

Inca Dove

Columbina inca

Seen at Hotel Robledal.

Ruddy Ground Dove

Columbina talpacoti

Seen at San Isidro, Los Cusingos & Esquinas.

Blue Ground Dove

Claravis pretiosa

Seen at Esquinas.

White-tipped Dove

Leptotila verreauxi

Seen at Rancho Naturalista, Talari & Esquinas.

Gray-chested Dove

Leptotila cassinii

Seen at Esquinas.

White-winged Dove

Zenaida asiatica

Seen at Hotel Robledal.

Cuckoos (Cuculidae)

Smooth-billed Ani

Crotophaga ani

Seen at Los Cusingos & Esquinas.

Groove-billed Ani

Crotophaga sulcirostris

Seen at Angostura Florencia & Tarcoles.

Striped Cuckoo

Tapera naevia

Heard at Tarcoles.

Squirrel Cuckoo

Piaya cayana

Seen at Hotel Robledal, Los Cusingos & Esquinas.

Nightjars and Allies (Caprimulgidae)

Common Pauraque

Nyctidromus albicollis

Seen at Talari.

Potoos (Nyctibiidae)

Great Potoo *Nyctibius grandis*

Seen at Donde Cope.

Swifts (Apodidae)

Chestnut-collared Swift *Streptoprocne rutila*

Seen at Talari.

White-collared Swift *Streptoprocne zonaris*

Seen near Paraiso Quetzal & Talari.

Costa Rican Swift *Chaetura fumosa*

Seen at Esquinas.

Hummingbirds (Trochilidae)

White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora*

Seen at Donde Cope & Rancho Naturalista.

Bronzy Hermit *Glaucis aeneus*

Seen at Esquinas.

Band-tailed Barbthroat *Threnetes ruckeri*

Seen at Esquinas.

Long-billed Hermit *Phaethornis longirostris*

Seen at Donde Cope & Esquinas.

Stripe-throated Hermit *Phaethornis striigularis*

Seen at Donde Cope, Esquinas & Villa Lapas.

Brown Violetear *Colibri delphinae*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Lesser Violetear	<i>Colibri cyanotus</i>
Seen at Paraiso Quezal & Savegre.	
Purple-crowned Fairy	<i>Heliothryx barroti</i>
Seen at Esquinas.	
Green-breasted Mango	<i>Anthracothorax prevostii</i>
Seen at Rancho Naturalista.	
Green Thorntail	<i>Discosura conversii</i>
Seen at Rancho Naturalista & Rio Tuis.	
Black-crested Coquette	<i>Lophornis helenae</i>
Seen at Rancho Naturalista.	
Green-crowned Brilliant	<i>Heliodoxa jacula</i>
Seen at Tolomuco.	
Talamanca Hummingbird	<i>Eugenes spectabilis</i>
Seen at Paraiso Quezal & Savegre.	
Long-billed Starthroat	<i>Heliomaster longirostris</i>
Seen at Talari & Los Cusingos.	
Fiery-throated Hummingbird	<i>Panterpe insignis</i>
Seen at Paraiso Quezal, Savegre & Los Quetzales NP.	
White-throated Mountain-gem	<i>Lampornis castaneiventris</i>
Seen at Paraiso Quezal, Tolomuco & Savegre.	
Volcano Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus flammula</i>
Seen at Paraiso Quezal & Savegre.	
Scintillant Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus scintilla</i>
Seen at Tolomuco.	
Garden Emerald	<i>Chlorostilbon assimilis</i>
Seen at Rancho Naturalista.	

Violet-headed Hummingbird

Klais guimeti

Seen at Los Cusingos & Esquinas.

Violet Sabrewing

Campylopterus hemileucurus

Seen at Tolomuco.

Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer

Chalybura urochrysis

Seen at Donde Cope.

Crowned Woodnymph

Thalurania colombica

Seen at Donde Cope, Rancho Naturalista & Esquinas.

Snowcap

Microchera albocoronata

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

White-tailed Emerald

Seen at Tolomuco.

Scaly-breasted Hummingbird

Phaeochroa cuvierii

Seen at Talari & Tarcoles.

Snowy-bellied Hummingbird

Saucerottia edward

Seen at Talari.

Cinnamon Hummingbird

Amazilia rutila

Seen at Hotel Robledal.

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird

Amazilia tzacatl

Seen at Donde Cope, Rancho Naturalista, Rio Tuis, Tolomuco, Talari, Los Cusingos, Esquinas & Villa Lapas.

Charming Hummingbird

Polyerata decora

Seen at Esquinas.

Blue-throated Goldentail

Chlorestes eliciae

Seen at Los Cusingos.

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots (Rallidae)

Russet-naped Wood-Rail *Aramides albiventris*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Gray-cowled Wood-Rail *Aramides cajaneus*

Seen at Talari & Esquinas.

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinica*

Seen at Angostura Florencia & Esquinas.

White-throated Crake *Laterallus albigularis*

Heard at Angostura Florencia.

Limpkin (Aramidae)

Limpkin *Aramus guarauna*

Seen at Angostura Florencia.

Stilts and Avocets (Recurvirostridae)

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*

Seen at Tarcoles.

Plovers and Lapwings (Charadriidae)

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis*

Seen at Esquinas & Tarcoles.

Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus*

Seen at Tarcoles.

Jacanas (Jacanidae)

Northern Jacana *Jacana spinosa*

Seen at Angostura Florencia, San Isidro & Esquinas.

Sandpipers and Allies (Scolopacidae)

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*

Seen at Tarcoles.

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

Seen at Tarcoles.

Sanderling *Calidris alba*

Seen at Tarcoles.

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*

Seen at Tarcoles.

Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla*

Seen at Tarcoles.

Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri*

Seen at Tarcoles.

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*

Seen at Angostura Florencia, San Isidro, Talari & Tarcoles.

Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria*

Seen at San Isidro.

Willet *Tringa semipalmata*

Seen at Tarcoles.

Sunbittern (Eurypygaidae)

Sunbittern *Eurypyga helias*

Seen near Rancho Naturalista.

Storks (Ciconiidae)

Wood Stork *Mycteria americana*

Seen at Esquinas.

Frigatebirds (Fregatidae)

Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens*

Seen at Tarcoles.

Anhingas (Anhingidae)

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga*

Seen at Tarcoles.

Cormorants and Shags (Phalacrocoracidae)

Neotropic Cormorant *Nannopterum brasilianum*

Seen at Angostura Florencia & Tarcoles.

Pelicans (Pelecanidae)

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis*

Seen near Jaco & Tarcoles.

Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns (Ardeidae)

Bare-throated Tiger-Heron *Tigrisoma mexicanum*

Seen at Tarcoles.

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*

Seen at Angostura Florencia & Tarcoles.

Great Egret *Ardea alba*

Seen at Angostura Florencia, Lago de Cachi, Esquinas & Tarcoles.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula*

Seen at Hotel Robledal, Angostura Florencia & Tarcoles.

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea*

Seen at Angostura Florencia, Esquinas & Tarcoles.

Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor*

Seen at Tarcoles.

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

Seen at Angostura Florencia, Talari & Esquinas.

Green Heron *Butorides virescens*

Seen at Angostura Florencia, San Isidro, Lago de Cachi, Esquinas & Tarcoles.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *Nyctanassa violacea*

Seen at Tarcoles.

Boat-billed Heron *Cochlearius cochlearius*

Seen at Talari & Tarcoles.

Ibises and Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)

White Ibis *Eudocimus albus*

Seen at Esquinas & Tarcoles.

Roseate Spoonbill

Platalea ajaja

Seen at Tarcoles.

New World Vultures (Cathartidae)

King Vulture

Sarcoramphus papa

Seen en route to Esquinas.

Black Vulture

Coragyps atratus

Seen throughout.

Turkey Vulture

Cathartes aura

Seen throughout.

Osprey (Pandionidae)

Osprey

Pandion haliaetus

Seen at Angostura Florencia & Tarcoles.

Hawks, Eagles, and Kites (Accipitridae)

White-tailed Kite

Elanus leucurus

Seen at Talari.

Swallow-tailed Kite

Elanoides forficatus

Seen near San Isidro, Los Cusingos & Esquinas.

Snail Kite

Rostrhamus sociabilis

Seen at Angostura Florencia.

Double-toothed Kite

Harpagus bidentatus

Seen at Rancho Naturalista & San Isidro.

Bicolored Hawk

Accipiter bicolor

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Common Black Hawk *Buteogallus anthracinus*

Seen at Tarcoles.

Barred Hawk *Morphnarchus princeps*

Seen at Rio Tuis.

Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris*

Seen at Angostura Florencia, Rancho Naturalista, Lago de Cachi & Esquinas.

Gray Hawk *Buteo plagiatus*

Seen at Villa Lapas.

Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista, Cerro de la Muerte, San Isidro & Talari.

Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyurus*

Seen at Los Cusingos.

Swainson's Hawk *Buteo swainsoni*

Seen at Talari.

Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*

Seen at Cerro de la Muerte.

Owls (Strigidae)

Tropical Screech-Owl *Megascops choliba*

Seen at Talari.

Crested Owl *Lophotrix cristata*

Seen at Donde Cope & Rancho Naturalista,

Spectacled Owl *Pulsatrix perspicillata*

Seen at Esquinas.

Costa Rican Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium costaricanum*

Heard at Paraiso Quezal.

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl

Glaucidium brasilianum

Seen at Hotel Robledal.

Trogons (Trogonidae)

Resplendent Quetzal

Pharomachrus mocinno

Seen at Savegre & Paraiso Quetzal.

Slaty-tailed Trogon

Trogon massena

Seen at Los Cusingos & Esquinas.

Baird's Trogon

Trogon bairdii

Seen at Esquinas.

Gartered Trogon

Trogon caligatus

Seen at Angostura Florencia, Rancho Naturalista, Esquinas & Tarcoles.

Black-throated Trogon

Trogon rufus

Heard at Esquinas.

Collared Trogon

Trogon collaris

Seen at Rio Tuis.

Motmots (Momotidae)

Lesson's Motmot

Momotus lessonii

Seen at Hotel Robledal, Rancho Naturalista, Talari & Esquinas.

Rufous Motmot

Baryphthengus martii

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Turquoise-browed Motmot

Eumomota superciliosa

Seen at Tarcoles.

Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)

Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata*

Seen at Angostura Florencia & Tarcoles.

Belted Kingfisher *Megaceryle alcyon*

Seen at Tarcoles.

Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona*

Seen at Angostura Florencia, Talari & Tarcoles.

American Pygmy Kingfisher *Chloroceryle aenea*

Seen at Tarcoles.

Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana*

Seen at Villa Lapas & Tarcoles.

Puffbirds (Bucconidae)

White-whiskered Puffbird *Malacoptila panamensis*

Seen at Villa Lapas.

Jacamars (Galbulidae)

Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda*

Seen at Esquinas.

New World Barbets (Capitonidae)

Red-headed Barbet *Eubucco bourcierii*

Seen at Tolomuco.

Toucans (Ramphastidae)

Collared Aracari *Pteroglossus torquatus*

Seen at Angostura Florencia & Rancho Naturalista.

Fiery-billed Aracari *Pteroglossus frantzii*

Seen at Villa Lapas & heard at Talari.

Yellow-throated Toucan *Ramphastos ambiguus*

Seen at Donde Cope, Talari, Esquinas & Villa Lapas.

Keel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos sulfuratus*

Seen at Donde Cope, Rancho Naturalista & Angostura Florencia.

Woodpeckers (Picidae)

Acorn Woodpecker *Melanerpes formicivorus*

Seen at Savegre.

Golden-naped Woodpecker *Melanerpes chrysauchen*

Heard at Esquinas.

Black-cheeked Woodpecker *Melanerpes pucherani*

Seen at Donde Cope, Angostura Florencia & Rancho Naturalista.

Red-crowned Woodpecker *Melanerpes rubricapillus*

Seen at Tolomuco, Talari & Esquinas.

Hoffmann's Woodpecker *Melanerpes hoffmannii*

Seen at Hotel Robledal, Donde Cope, Rancho Naturalista, Villa Lapas & Tarcoles.

Smoky-brown Woodpecker *Dryobates fumigatus*

Seen at Talari.

Pale-billed Woodpecker *Campephilus guatemalensis*

Seen at Talari.

Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus*

Seen at Hotel Robledal, Angostura Florencia, Esquinas & Tarcoles.

Golden-olive Woodpecker *Colaptes rubiginosus*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Falcons and Caracaras (Falconidae)

Crested Caracara *Caracara plancus*

Seen at San Isidro & Talari.

Yellow-headed Caracara *Milvago chimachima*

Seen at Angostura Florencia, Talari, Los Cusingos,, Esquinas & Tarcoles.

Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans*

Heard at Rancho Naturalista.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

Seen at Talari.

New World and African Parrots (Psittacidae)

Barred Parakeet *Bolborhynchus lineola*

Seen at Paraiso Quezal.

Orange-chinned Parakeet *Brotogeris jugularis*

Seen at Donde Cope, Los Cusingos, Esquinas & near Jaco.

Brown-hooded Parrot *Pyrilia haematotis*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista & Tolomuco.

Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus*

Seen at Esquinas.

White-crowned Parrot *Pionus senilis*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista & Talari.

Mealy Parrot *Amazona farinosa*

Seen at Villa Lapas.

Sulphur-winged Parakeet *Pyrrhura hoffmanni*

Seen at Rio Tuis.

Orange-fronted Parakeet

Eupsittula canicularis

Vulnerable

Seen at Tarcoles.

Brown-throated Parakeet

Eupsittula pertinax

Seen at Esquinas.

Scarlet Macaw

Ara macao

Seen at near Jaco, Villa Lapas & Tarcoles.

Crimson-fronted Parakeet

Psittacara finschi

Seen at Hotel Robledal, Angostura Florencia & Rancho Naturalista.

Typical Antbirds (Thamnophilidae)

Barred Antshrike

Thamnophilus doliatus

Seen at Angostura Florencia.

Black-hooded Antshrike

Thamnophilus bridgesi

Seen at Talari & Esquinas.

Russet Antshrike

Thamnistes anabatinus

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Checker-throated Stipplethroat

Epinecrophylla fulviventris

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Dot-winged Antwren

Microrhophias quixensis

Seen at Esquinas & Villa Lapas.

Dusky Antbird

Cercomacroides tyrannina

Seen at Esquinas.

Chestnut-backed Antbird

Poliocrania exsul

Seen at Los Cusingos & Esquinas.

Zeledon's Antbird

Hafferia zeledoni

Heard at Rancho Naturalista.

Antpittas (Grallariidae)

Thicket Antpitta *Myrmothera dives*

Heard at Angostura Florencia.

Tapaculos (Rhinocryptidae)

Silvery-fronted Tapaculo *Scytalopus argentifrons*

Heard at Los Quetzales NP.

Ovenbirds and Woodcreepers (Furnariidae)

Tawny-winged Woodcreeper *Dendrocincla anabatina*

Seen at Talari & Los Cusingos.

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper *Glyphorhynchus spirurus*

Seen at Rio Tuis, Rancho Naturalista, & Esquinas.

Cocoa Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus susurrans*

Seen at Angostura Florencia & Rancho Naturalista.

Spotted Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus erythropygius*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Brown-billed Scythebill *Campylorhamphus pusillus*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista & Los Cusingos.

Streak-headed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*

Seen at Angostura Florencia, Rancho Naturalista, San Isidro, Talari & Los Cusingos.

Plain Xenops *Xenops minutus*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista & Rio Tuis.

Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner *Automolus ochrolaemus*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Ruddy Treerunner *Margarornis rubiginosus*

Seen near Paraiso Quetzal.

Slaty Spinetail *Synallaxis brachyura*

Seen at Angostura Florencia.

Manakins (Pipridae)

Long-tailed Manakin *Chiroxiphia linearis*

Heard at Villa Lapas.

White-ruffed Manakin *Corapipo altera*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Blue-crowned Manakin *Lepidothrix coronata*

Seen at Villa Lapas.

White-collared Manakin *Manacus candei*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Orange-collared Manakin *Manacus aurantiacus*

Seen at Talari & Esquinas.

Red-capped Manakin *Ceratopipra mentalis*

Seen at Talari & Los Cusingos.

Cotingas (Cotingidae)

Lovely Cotinga *Cotinga amabilis*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Turquoise Cotinga *Cotinga ridgwayi* Vulnerable

Seen at San Isidro & Talari.

Rufous Piha *Lipaugus unirufus*

Seen at Los Cusingos.

Tityras and Allies (Tityridae)

Black-crowned Tityra *Tityra inquisitor*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata*

Seen at Angostura Florencia, Rancho Naturalista, San Isidro & Los Cusingos.

Cinnamon Becard *Pachyramphus cinnamomeus*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista & Rio Tuis.

Rose-throated Becard *Pachyramphus aglaiae*

Seen at Villa Lapas.

Sharpbill, Royal Flycatcher, and Allies (Oxyruncidae)

Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher *Terenotriccus erythrurus*

Seen at Los Cusingos.

Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher *Myiobius sulphureipygius*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista & Esquinas.

Black-tailed Flycatcher *Myiobius atricaudus*

Seen at Esquinas.

Tyrant Flycatchers (Tyrannidae)

Golden-crowned Spadebill *Platyrinchus coronatus*

Seen at Los Cusingos.

Olive-striped Flycatcher *Mionectes olivaceus*

Seen at Rio Tuis & Paraiso Quetzal.

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista & Esquinas.

Slaty-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon superciliaris*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista & Rio Tuis.

Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant *Lophotriccus pileatus*

Seen at Rio Tuis.

Northern Bentbill *Oncostoma cinereigulare*

Seen at Esquinas.

Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum*

Seen near Rancho Naturalista, Talari, Los Cusingos, Esquinas & Villa Lapas.

Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum nigriceps*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Eye-ringed Flatbill *Rhynchocyclus brevirostris*

Seen at Esquinas.

Yellow-olive Flycatcher *Tolmomyias sulphurescens*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet *Camptostoma obsoletum*

Seen at San Isidro & Talari.

Yellow Tyrannulet *Capsiempis flaveola*

Seen at Angostura Florencia.

Greenish Elaenia *Myiopagis viridicata*

Seen at Talari & Villa Lapas.

Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster*

Seen at Angostura Florencia, Rancho Naturalista, Rio Tuis, Talari & Esquinas.

Mountain Elaenia *Elaenia frantzii*

Seen at Paraiso Quezal, Rio Tuis, Rancho Naturalista, Paraiso Quetzal & Talari.

Torrent Tyrannulet *Serpophaga cinerea*

Seen at near Rancho Naturalista & Savegre.

Mistletoe Tyrannulet *Zimmerius parvus*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista, Rio Tuis, Paraiso Quezal & Talari.

Olive-sided Flycatcher *Contopus cooperi*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Tropical Pewee *Contopus cinereus*

Seen at Los Cusingos & Esquinas.

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher *Empidonax flaviventri*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista, Rio Tuis & Esquinas.

White-throated Flycatcher *Empidonax albigularis*

Seen at Angostura Florencia.

Yellowish Flycatcher *Empidonax flavescens*

Seen near Paraiso Quetzal.

Black-capped Flycatcher *Empidonax atriceps*

Seen at Paraiso Quezal & Los Quetzales NP.

Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans*

Seen at Rio Tuis & Talari.

Bright-rumped Attila *Attila spadiceus*

Heard at Rancho Naturalista, Tolomuco. Seen at Esquinas & Villa Lapas.

Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista, Talari & Los Cusingos.

Great Crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus crinitus*

Seen at Esquinas.

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus*

Seen at Hotel Robledal, Donde Cope, Angostura Florencia, Rancho Naturalista, Talari, San Isidro, Esquinas, near Jaco, Villa Lapas & Tarcoles.

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista, near Jaco & Villa Lapas.

Rusty-margined Flycatcher *Myiozetetes cayanensis*

Heard at Esquinas.

Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis*

Seen at Hotel Robledal, Rancho Naturalista, Rio Tuis, San Isidro, Tolomuco, Talari, Esquinas, near Jaco & Villa Lapas.

Gray-capped Flycatcher *Myiozetetes granadensis*

Seen at Angostura Florencia, Rancho Naturalista, Rio Tuis, Esquinas & Villa Lapas.

Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus*

Seen at Talari, Esquinas & Villa Lapas.

Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher *Myiodynastes luteiventris*

Seen at Esquinas.

Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista, Rio Tuis, Talari, Esquinas & Villa Lapas.

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus*

Seen at Hotel Robledal, Angostura Florencia, Rancho Naturalista, Talari, Esquinas & Tarcoles.

Fork-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus savana*

Seen at Esquinas.

Vireos, Shrike-Babblers, and Erpornis (Vireonidae)

Lesser Greenlet *Pachysylvia decurtata*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista, Rio Tuis & Los Cusingos.

Mangrove Vireo *Vireo pallens*

Seen at Tarcoles.

Yellow-throated Vireo

Vireo flavifrons

Seen at Rancho Naturalista & Talari.

Yellow-winged Vireo

Vireo carmioli

Seen at Los Quetzales NP.

Philadelphia Vireo

Vireo philadelphicus

Seen at Talari.

Brown-capped Vireo

Vireo leucophrys

Seen at Tolomuco.

Red-eyed Vireo

Vireo olivaceus

Seen at Talari.

Crows, Jays, and Magpies (Corvidae)

Brown Jay

Psilorhinus morio

Seen at Angostura Florencia, Rancho Naturalista, Talari & Los Cusingos.

Swallows (Hirundinidae)

Blue-and-white Swallow

Pygochelidon cyanoleuca

Seen at Hotel Robledal, Angostura Florencia, Rancho Naturalista, Paraiso Quezal, Savegre & Talari.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

Stelgidopteryx serripennis

Seen at Hotel Robledal, Lago de Cachi & Tarcoles.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow

Stelgidopteryx ruficollis

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Gray-breasted Martin

Progne chalybea

Seen at San Isidro & Tarcoles.

Mangrove Swallow

Tachycineta albilinea

Seen at San Isidro, near Jaco & Tarcoles.

Barn Swallow

Hirundo rustica

Seen at Talari & Tarcoles.

Gnatcatchers (Polioptilidae)

White-browed Gnatcatcher

Polioptila bilineata

Seen at Angostura Florencia, Rancho Naturalista, Talari & Los Cusingos.

Wrens (Troglodytidae)

Scaly-breasted Wren

Microcerculus marginatus

Heard at Rancho Naturalista.

House Wren

Troglodytes aedon

Seen at Rancho Naturalista, San Isidro, Talari & Esquinas.

Ochraceous Wren

Troglodytes ochraceus

Seen at Paraiso Quezal.

Timberline Wren

Thryorchilus browni

Heard at Los Quetzales NP.

Rufous-naped Wren

Campylorhynchus rufinucha

Seen at Hotel Robledal & Villa Lapas.

Black-bellied Wren

Pheugopedius fasciatoventris

Seen at Esquinas.

Rufous-breasted Wren

Pheugopedius rutilus

Seen at Talari & Los Cusingos.

Black-throated Wren

Pheugopedius atrogularis

Heard at Rancho Naturalista.

Stripe-breasted Wren

Cantorchilus thoracicus

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Riverside Wren *Cantorchilus semibadius*

Seen at Talari & Esquinas.

Bay Wren *Cantorchilus nigricapillus*

Seen at Angostura Florencia & Rancho Naturalista.

White-breasted Wood-Wren *Henicorhina leucosticta*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista & Talari.

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys*

Seen at Paraiso Quezal.

Dippers (Cinclidae)

American Dipper *Cinclus mexicanus*

Seen at Rio Tuis.

Mockingbirds and Thrashers (Mimidae)

Tropical Mockingbird *Mimus gilvus*

Seen at San Isidro.

Thrushes and Allies (Turdidae)

Black-faced Solitaire *Myadestes melanops*

Heard at Savegre.

Black-billed Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus gracilirostris*

Seen at Los Quetzales NP.

Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus aurantirostris*

Seen at Talari.

Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus frantzii*

Seen at Paraiso Quezal.

Mountain Thrush *Turdus plebejus*

Seen at Paraiso Quezal & Savegre.

Clay-colored Thrush *Turdus grayi*

Seen throughout.

Sooty Thrush *Turdus nigrescens*

Seen at Savegre.

Silky-flycatchers (Ptiliogonatidae)

Black-and-yellow Silky-flycatcher *Phainoptila melanoxantha*

Seen near Paraiso Quetzal.

Long-tailed Silky-flycatcher *Ptiliogonys caudatus*

Seen at Paraiso Quezal.

Old World Sparrows (Passeridae)

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* Introduced

Seen at Ujarras.

Finches, Euphonias, and Allies (Fringillidae)

Elegant Euphonia *Chlorophonia elegantissima*

Seen at Tolomuco.

Golden-browed Chlorophonia *Chlorophonia callophrys*

Seen at Paraiso Quezal.

Yellow-crowned Euphonia *Euphonia luteicapilla*

Seen at Angostura Florencia & Talari.

White-vented Euphonia *Euphonia minuta*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Yellow-throated Euphonia *Euphonia hirundinacea*

Seen at Angostura Florencia, Rancho Naturalista & Villa Lapas.

Thick-billed Euphonia *Euphonia lanirostris*

Seen at Esquinas.

Spot-crowned Euphonia *Euphonia imitans*

Seen at Esquinas.

Olive-backed Euphonia *Euphonia gouldi*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Tawny-capped Euphonia *Euphonia anneae*

Seen at Rio Tuis.

Yellow-bellied Siskin *Spinus xanthogastrus*

Seen at Paraiso Quezal & Savegre.

New World Sparrows (Passerellidae)

Sooty-capped Chlorospingus *Chlorospingus pileatus*

Seen at Paraiso Quetzal, Los Quetzales NP & Savegre.

Black-striped Sparrow *Arremonops conirostris*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista & Esquinas.

Orange-billed Sparrow *Arremon aurantirostris*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista, Talari & Esquinas.

Volcano Junco *Junco vulcani*

Seen at Cerro del la Muerte.

Rufous-collared Sparrow *Zonotrichia capensis*

Seen at Lago de Cachi, Paraiso Quezal, Los Quetzales NP, Savegre & Tolomuco.

Large-footed Finch *Pezopetes capitalis*

Seen at Savegre & Paraiso Quezal.

Cabanis's Ground-Sparrow *Melospiza cabanisi* Endemic

Seen at Ujarras.

Yellow-thighed Brushfinch *Atlapetes tibialis*

Seen at Paraiso Quezal.

Troupials and Allies (Icteridae)

Eastern Meadowlark *Sturnella magna*

Seen at Esquinas.

Red-breasted Meadowlark *Leistes militaris*

Seen at Esquinas.

Chestnut-headed Oropendola *Psarocolius wagleri*

Seen at Donde Cope, Rancho Naturalista, Rio Tuis & Ujarras.

Montezuma Oropendola *Psarocolius montezuma*

Seen at Donde Cope, Angostura Florencia, Rancho Naturalista, Rio Tuis & Ujarras.

Black-cowled Oriole *Icterus prothemelas*

Seen at Angostura Florencia.

Spot-breasted Oriole *Icterus pectoralis*

Seen at Hotel Robledal.

Baltimore Oriole *Icterus galbula*

Seen at Angostura Florencia, Rancho Naturalista, Tolomuco, Talari & Villa Lapas.

Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus*

Seen at Donde Cope.

Bronzed Cowbird *Molothrus aeneus*

Seen at Esquinas.

Melodious Blackbird *Dives dives*

Seen at Hotel Robledal, Donde Cope, Angostura Florencia & Savegre.

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus*

Seen at Hotel Robledal, Donde Cope, Angostura Florencia, Talari & San Isidro.

New World Warblers (Parulidae)

Ovenbird *Seiurus aurocapilla*

Seen at Talari.

Northern Waterthrush *Parkesia noveboracensis*

Seen at Esquinas, Villa Lapas & Tarcoles.

Golden-winged Warbler *Vermivora chrysoptera*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Blue-winged Warbler *Vermivora cyanoptera*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Black-and-white Warbler *Mniotilta varia*

Seen at Rio Tuis, Tolomuco, Talari & Los Cusingos.

Flame-throated Warbler *Oreothlypis gutturalis*

Seen at Savegre & Paraiso Quetzal.

Tennessee Warbler *Leiothlypis peregrina*

Seen at Donde Cope, Angostura Florencia, Rancho Naturalista, Rio Tuis, Tolomuco & Talari.

Mourning Warbler *Geothlypis philadelphia*

Seen at Talari.

Olive-crowned Yellowthroat *Geothlypis semiflava*

Heard at Angostura Florencia.

Common Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas*

Seen at Angostura Florencia.

Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitiayumi*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista & Rio Tuis.

Blackburnian Warbler

Setophaga fusca

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Yellow Warbler

Setophaga petechia

Seen at Hotel Robledal, Talari & Esquinas.

Chestnut-sided Warbler

Setophaga pensylvanica

Seen at Donde Cope, Angostura Florencia, Rancho Naturalista, Rio Tuis, Talari, Los Cusings & Esquinas.

Chestnut-capped Warbler

Basileuterus delatarii

Seen at Rancho Naturalista, Rio Tuis & Talari.

Black-cheeked Warbler

Basileuterus melanogenys

Seen at Cerro de la Muerte.

Golden-crowned Warbler

Basileuterus culicivorus

Seen at Rancho Naturalista, Rio Tuis & Talari.

Buff-rumped Warbler

Myiothlypis fulvicauda

Heard at Rio Tuis, Esquinas & Villa Lapas.

Wilson's Warbler

Cardellina pusilla

Seen at Savegre, Paraiso Quetzal & Los Quetzales NP.

Slate-throated Redstart

Myioborus miniatus

Seen at Rio Tuis.

Collared Redstart

Myioborus torquatus

Seen at Savegre.

Cardinals and Allies (Cardinalidae)

Summer Tanager

Piranga rubra

Seen at Rancho Naturalista, Tolomuco & Talari.

Flame-colored Tanager

Piranga bidentata

Seen at Savegre & Paraiso Quezal.

Red-throated Ant-Tanager *Habia fuscicauda*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Black-cheeked Ant-Tanager *Habia atrimaxillaris* Endemic Endangered

Seen at Esquinas.

Carmioli's Tanager *Chlorothraupis carmioli*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Black-thighed Grosbeak *Pheucticus tibialis*

Seen at Paraiso Quezal.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak *Pheucticus ludovicianus*

Seen at Tolomuco & Talari.

Tanagers and Allies (Thraupidae)

Gray-headed Tanager *Eucometis penicillata*

Seen at Talari & Los Cusingos.

White-shouldered Tanager *Loriotus luctuosus*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista & Rio Tuis.

White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus*

Seen at Angostura Florencia, Rancho Naturalista & Ujarras.

Crimson-collared Tanager *Ramphocelus sanguinolentus*

Seen at Donde Cope & Rancho Naturalista.

Scarlet-rumped Tanager *Ramphocelus passerinii*

Seen at Hotel Robledal, Donde Cope, Angostura Florencia, Rancho Naturalista, Tolomuco, Talari, Los Cusingos, Esquinas & Villa Lapas.

Blue-gray Tanager *Thraupis episcopus*

Seen at Hotel Robledal, Donde Cope, Rancho Naturalista, Savegre, Tolomuco & Talari.

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum*

Seen at Donde Cope, Talari & Villa Lapas.

Speckled Tanager *Ixothraupis guttata*

Seen at Tolomuco, Talari & Los Cusingos.

Golden-hooded Tanager *Stilpnia larvata*

Seen at Angostura Florencia, Rancho Naturalista, Rio Tuis, Tolomuco, Talari, Los Cusingos & Esquinas.

Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista, Rio Tuis & Talari.

Emerald Tanager *Tangara florida*

Seen at Rio Tuis.

Silver-throated Tanager *Tangara icterocephala*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista, Rio Tuis & Tolomuco.

Scarlet-thighed Dacnis *Dacnis venusta*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana*

Seen at San Isidro & Talari.

Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyaneus*

Seen at Donde Cope, Talari & Villa Lapas.

Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza*

Seen at Donde Cope, Rancho Naturalista, Talari & Villa Lapas.

Black-and-yellow Tanager *Chrysothlypis chrysomelas*

Seen at Rio Tuis.

Slaty Flowerpiercer *Diglossa plumbea*

Seen at Paraiso Quezal & Savegre.

Peg-billed Finch *Acanthidops bairdi*

Seen at Paraiso Quezal.

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina*

Seen at Angostura Florencia.

Ruddy-breasted Seedeater *Sporophila minuta*

Seen at Esquinas.

Thick-billed Seed-Finch *Sporophila funerea*

Seen at Esquinas.

Variable Seedeater *Sporophila corvina*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista, San Isidro, Talari, Esquinas & Villa Lapas.

Morelet's Seedeater *Sporophila moreletii*

Seen at San Isidro & Esquinas.

Yellow-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila nigricollis*

Seen at Esquinas.

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista, Tolomuco, Talari & Esquinas.

Yellow-faced Grassquit *Tiaris olivaceus*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus*

Seen at Angostura Florencia, Rancho Naturalista, Talari & Esquinas.

Black-headed Saltator *Saltator atriceps*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Cinnamon-bellied Saltator *Saltator grandis*

Seen at Hotel Robledal,

MAMMALS LIST**Opossums (Didelphidae)**

Common Opossum *Didelphis marsupialis*

Seen at San Isidro.

Three-toed sloths (Brachypodidae)

Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth *Bradypus variegatus*

Seen near Donde Cope.

Sac-winged bats (Emballonuridae)

Proboscis Bat *Rhynchonycteris naso*

Seen at Esquinas.

New World leaf-nosed bats (Phyllostomidae)

Tent-making Bat *Uroderma bilobatum*

Seen at Esquinas.

White Tent Bat *Ectophylla alba*

Seen near Donde Cope.

Cebid monkeys (Cebidae)

White-throated Capuchin Monkey *Cebus imitator*

Seen at Talari.

Squirrels (Sciuridae)

Red-tailed Squirrel *Sciurus granatensis*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista, Paraiso Quetzal & Savegre.

Variegated Squirrel *Sciurus variegatoides*

Seen at Robledal, San Isidro, Los Cusingos, Talari & Esquinas.

Agoutis (Dasyproctidae)

Central American Agouti *Dasyprocta punctata*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista & Esquinas.

Cricetid rodents (Cricetidae)

Dusky Rice Rat *Melanomys caliginosus*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Coatis & racoons (Procyonidae)

White-nosed Coati *Nasua narica*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista & Esquinas.

Mustelids (Mustelidae)

Tayra *Eira barbara*

Seen at Esquinas.

Neotropical River Otter *Lontra longicaudis*

Seen at Talari.

REPTILES**Terrapins (Emydidae)**

Meso-American Slider *Trachemys venusta*

Seen at Tarcoles.

Anoles (Dactyloidae)

Border Anole *Anolis limifrons*

Seen at Tolomuco.

Copper Anole *Anolis cupreus*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Many-scaled Anole *Anolis polylepsis*

Seen at Esquinas.

Helmeted lizards (Corytophanidae)

Common Basilisk *Basiliscus basiliscus*

Seen at Esquinas.

Iguanidae (Iguanas)

Black Spiny-tailed Iguana *Ctenosaura similis*

Seen at Villa Lapas.

Green Iguana *Iguana iguana*

Seen at Robledal & San Isidro.

Geckos (Gekkonidae)

Common House Gecko *Hemidactylus frenatus*

Seen at Esquinas & Villa Lapas.

Colubrid snakes (Colubidae)

Northern Cat-eyed Snake *Leptodeira septentrionalis*

Seen at Esquinas.

Alligators (Alligatoridae)

Spectacled Caiman *Caiman crocodilus*

Seen at Esquinas.

Crocodiles (Crocodylidae)

American Crocodile *Crocodylus acutus*

Seen at Tarcoles.

AMPHIBIANS**Toads (Bufonidae)**

Giant Toad *Rhinella horribilis*

Seen at Esquinas.

Leaf frogs (Phyllomedusidae)

Red-eyed Tree Frog *Agalychnis callidryas*

Seen at Esquinas.

Glass frogs (Centrolenidae)

Chiriquí Glass Frog *Teratohyla pulverata*

Seen at Esquinas.

Southern frogs (Leptodactylidae)

Túngara Frog *Engystomops pustulosus*

Seen at Esquinas.

Fleshbelly frogs (Craugastoridae)

Fitzinger's Robber Frog *Craugastor fitzingeri*

Seen at Talari.

Pygmy Rain Frog *Pristimantis ridens*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Rain frogs (Eleutherodactylidae)

Tink Frog *Diasporus diastema*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.

Tree frogs (Hylidae)

Masked Tree Frog *Smilisca phaeota*

Seen at Rancho Naturalista.