

COSTA RICA: Snowcaps to Sea Turtles

“Beginning the tour with Resplendent Quetzal, one of the fanciest, most beautiful birds in the New World, may not seem like the best idea for a birding tour. But it meant only that the birding started fabulous and stayed that way – this was Costa Rica, after all. Especially memorable highlights mentioned by the observers this year included Green Violetears flaring their ear coverts at the Savegre feeders; a gorgeous Sunbittern which showed its wing pattern near Rancho Naturalista; and Nightingale Wren, which at first taunted us with only distant but amazing songs, but would eventually show itself unusually well in the dark forest understory. At Tortuguero National Park, the highlights were an American Pygmy Kingfisher, a very close Boat-billed Heron that barely opened its eyes to acknowledge our presence and a Crested Owl that scared off a Spectacled Owl and then looked down upon us. Maquenque Ecolodge's undoubted highlight was a heard-only Tawny-faced Quail, but an ornate Ocellated Antbird away from army ants and a displaying Red-capped Manakin (doing the moon walk, among other actions) were hard to beat. Finally, at Celeste Mountain Lodge, a Tiny Hawk chasing two Yellow-eared Toucanets was a once-in-a-lifetime observation, while other especially memorable birds from there were an incredibly confiding Thrushlike Schiffornis and White-throated Crake and a surprise pair of Jabirus spotted by Ricardo, the best bus driver and co-leader ever.

We began our birding in the cool cloud forests of the Talamanca Mountains not far from Costa Rica's capital. They are frequently foggy, drizzly or rainy, but we arrived on a gorgeous sunny morning and within moments were taking in the brilliant hues of a Fiery-throated Hummingbird feeding from roadside flowers. The entire body was glittering green with golden highlights throughout, contrasting with the rich purple tail, always visible as it darted between flowers in the *Erica* and *Lobelia* families. Then every few moments, taking our breath away, was the brilliant starburst that lit up its throat, centered with cherry red, blending outwardly with orange then yellow, continuous with the glittering green of the breast. It was a great bird to start the tour with. After great views of the enigmatic Wrenthrush, Black-capped Flycatcher and Timberline Wren, we tried to make our way to our hotel for lunch only to be sidelined by a female Resplendent Quetzal perched over the road. This is the spot we would return the next morning only to find five or six quetzals feeding in the same trees. The rest of our birding in the Talamanca Highlands was terrific, from the hummers at the feeders to perched Sulphur-winged Parakeets, a Silvery-fronted Tapaculo crawling around in the open and Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrushes so common and confiding we had to almost kick them out of the way.

We were then off to Rancho Naturalista, first stopping to see Volcano Junco at Cerro de la Muerte and doing a bit of roadside birding where Crimson-fronted Parakeets and an Eastern Meadowlark added themselves to our lists. At Rancho Naturalista we were dazzled by the birding from the balcony – the hummers at the feeders really stole the show, but Orange-billed Sparrow, Montezuma Oropendola and female and immature male Snowcaps at the flowers were outdone by the immature Bicolored Hawk one morning. It took a bit of patience to find male Snowcap, but we were rewarded with two – one at flowers, and one showing its blindingly white crown as it bathed in the ponds below us. Not to be forgotten here was the amazing show of moths at the nightlight and white sheet on our last morning.

On to famous Tortuguero, we did see Green Sea Turtles on the regimented visit to the beach one night; alas we were only able to see females returning to the ocean, as is sometimes the case. But the birding was worth the trip, especially our late afternoon boat ride where we saw American Pygmy and Green-and-rufous kingfishers, three Gray-headed Kites, Semiplumbeous Hawk, a Crested Guan and a super-close Boat-billed Heron. Our morning boat ride also had some memorable birds, such as Olive-crowned Yellowthroat, a Snowy Cotinga and a singing Bare-throated Tiger-Heron up in a tree. By the lodge, we were treated to the Crested Owl and a Plain-brown Woodcreeper going to roost, as well as a group of Red-ruffed Fruitcrows and a very confiding Short-billed Pigeon. Among the other critters we enjoyed the amazing chorus of frogs,

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and frequent sightings of Strawberry Poison Frogs were complete with one male carrying a tadpole on his back.

Returning to the centre of the country with a short flight, we added a bit of birding and a lunch stop in the central highlands, which was extremely productive, again with the hummingbird feeders dominating the show. New for us were the Coppery-headed Emerald, Black-bellied Hummingbirds, Violet Sabrewings, and Purple-throated Mountain-gems, but walking the trails through the mossy and ferny cloud forest was also good, with mixed flocks containing birds such as Spotted Barbtail, Spangle-cheeked Tanager, and an albino Gray-breasted Wood-Wren.

The birding continued to be more than excellent near the Nicaraguan border at our next lodging of Maquenque Ecodge. It was only a little frustrating not to see the rarest bird of the trip, a very close Tawny-faced Quail, but the dense understory, steep slopes above us, and beckoning breakfast drew the line for us. The habitat behind our rooms was amazingly birdy (we even heard the quail from here), with Cinnamon Becard, Lineated Woodpecker, glowing Blue-necked Tanagers and Mottled Owl just a few examples. The gardens planted with a mind-boggling diversity of heliconias always had hummers such as Green-breasted Mango, Rufous-tailed Hummingbird, Scaly-breasted Hummingbird (doing its amazing song of mimicry) and Bronzy Hermit, but our best birding was on the trails. The uncommon Ocellated Antbird rivals many of the South American members of the family for its gaudy plumage, so we were very lucky to find one away from an ant swarm. We finally managed to pull in a Pied Puffbird onto a visible perch, heard a Rufous Piha from the same high branches, had very close Chestnut-backed Antbird, and spent a good amount of time enjoying the different display elements of the Red-capped Manakins there. One day we had many close views of Scarlet Macaws, and in a nearby marsh some Nicaraguan Seed-Finches with the huge pink bills on the males were a good find. Finding two small Hognosed Vipers by the trail was a treat (and happily for us, they were small and not aggressive), as were a Pug-nosed Anole and the almost plastic-looking Green-and-black Poison Frogs.

Our final lodging near Tenorio National Park was perfectly situated adjacent to extensive protected habitat in the form of private easements and the national park itself, as well as being at a comfortable middle elevation and offering the best food of our entire stay in a very nice hotel. The birding to come was hinted on a short stroll on our first afternoon by the immature Tiny Hawk we watched in the scope at length. We then had two full days of one highlight after the next, such as the same Tiny Hawk dreaming it might be able to catch the larger Yellow-eared Toucanets just a few yards from us; a pair of Dull-mantled Antbirds just a few feet below the trail; multiple Tody Motmots (whose dawn duets were audible from our rooms!); rarely seen Keel-billed Motmots; Lattice-tailed and Orange-bellied Trogons; White Hawk; and some great critters such as a shield mantis, bizarre giant katydids that looked like clumps of lichen, gorgeous Red-eyed Tree-Frogs, and several moths. It seemed like a tie though between a stunning Eyelash Viper that one of the trail maintenance guys found in the vegetation over the trail and the Olingo (a procyonid, a distant Raccoon relative) walking around in the forest canopy on our last night walk, scenting the branches.

This new itinerary was a terrific mix of high, middle and low elevations at a time of year that turns out to be superb for birding and a variety of tropical wildlife, and we look forward to another return to some of the finest lodges in Central America. - *Rich Hoyer*

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BIRD LIST

Column A: Number of days this species was recorded

Column B: Maximum daily count for this species

Column C: H = Heard only; N = Nesting activity observed

Note: Any non-avian species listed below were observed at least once during the tour

| | A | B | C | |
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| Great Tinamou | 10 | 5 | H | <i>Tinamus major</i> |
| Little Tinamou | 1 | 1 | H | <i>Crypturellus soui</i> |
| Slaty-breasted Tinamou | 4 | 3 | H | <i>Crypturellus boucardi</i> |
| Black-bellied Whistling-Duck | 6 | 35 | | <i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i> |
| Gray-headed Chachalaca | 2 | 4 | | <i>Ortalis cinereiceps</i> |
| Crested Guan | 2 | 3 | | <i>Penelope purpurascens</i> |
| Black-eared Wood-Quail | 2 | 2 | H | <i>Odontophorus melanotis</i> |
| Spotted Wood-Quail | 2 | 7 | | <i>Odontophorus guttatus</i> |
| Tawny-faced Quail | 2 | 1 | H | <i>Rhynchortyx cinctus</i> |
| Jabiru | 1 | 2 | | <i>Jabiru mycteria</i> |
| Neotropic Cormorant | 1 | 1 | | <i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i> |
| Anhinga | 4 | 5 | | <i>Anhinga anhinga</i> |
| Brown Pelican | 1 | 1 | | <i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i> |
| Bare-throated Tiger-Heron | 3 | 2 | | <i>Tigrisoma mexicanum</i> |
| Great Egret | 6 | 30 | | <i>Ardea alba</i> |
| Little Blue Heron | 2 | 28 | | <i>Egretta caerulea</i> |
| Cattle Egret | 4 | 25 | | <i>Bubulcus ibis</i> |
| Green Heron | 9 | 4 | | <i>Butorides virescens</i> |
| Boat-billed Heron | 1 | 1 | | <i>Cochlearius cochlearius</i> |
| Green Ibis | 3 | 1 | | <i>Mesembrinibis cayennensis</i> |
| Black Vulture | 12 | 175 | | <i>Coragyps atratus</i> |
| Turkey Vulture | 12 | 30 | | <i>Cathartes aura</i> |
| King Vulture | 3 | 5 | | <i>Sarcoramphus papa</i> |
| Osprey | 1 | 1 | | <i>Pandion haliaetus</i> |
| Gray-headed Kite | 2 | 2 | | <i>Leptodon cayanensis</i> |
| Swallow-tailed Kite | 3 | 3 | | <i>Elanoides forficatus</i> |
| White-tailed Kite | 3 | 3 | | <i>Elanus leucurus</i> |
| Plumbeous Kite | 1 | 2 | | <i>Ictinia plumbea</i> |
| Tiny Hawk | 2 | 1 | | <i>Accipiter superciliosus</i> |
| Bicolored Hawk | 1 | 1 | | <i>Accipiter bicolor</i> |
| Semiplumbeous Hawk | 1 | 1 | | <i>Leucopternis semiplumbeus</i> |
| White Hawk | 3 | 2 | | <i>Leucopternis albicollis</i> |
| Common Black-Hawk | 1 | 2 | | <i>Buteogallus anthracinus</i> |
| Roadside Hawk | 2 | 2 | | <i>Buteo magnirostris</i> |
| Gray Hawk | 5 | 3 | | <i>Buteo nitidus</i> |
| Short-tailed Hawk | 2 | 1 | | <i>Buteo brachyurus</i> |
| Red-tailed Hawk | 2 | 2 | | <i>Buteo jamaicensis</i> |
| Black Hawk-Eagle | 1 | 1 | | <i>Spizaetus tyrannus</i> |
| Crested Caracara | 2 | 6 | | <i>Caracara cheriway</i> |
| Laughing Falcon | 3 | 2 | | <i>Herpetotheres cachinnans</i> |
| Bat Falcon | 5 | 2 | | <i>Falco ruficularis</i> |
| White-throated Crake | 7 | 4 | | <i>Laterallus albigularis</i> |
| Uniform Crake | 1 | 1 | H | <i>Amaurolimnas concolor</i> |
| Purple Gallinule | 5 | 7 | N | <i>Porphyrio martinica</i> |
| Sunbittern | 1 | 1 | | <i>Eurypyga helias</i> |
| Double-striped Thick-knee | 1 | 2 | | <i>Burhinus bistriatus</i> |

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| Southern Lapwing | 2 | 2 | | <i>Vanellus chilensis</i> |
| Northern Jacana | 9 | 6 | | <i>Jacana spinosa</i> |
| Spotted Sandpiper | 1 | 10 | | <i>Actitis macularius</i> |
| Willet | 1 | 1 | | <i>Tringa semipalmata</i> |
| Rock Pigeon | 2 | 25 | | <i>Columba livia</i> |
| Pale-vented Pigeon | 7 | 30 | | <i>Patagioenas cayennensis</i> |
| Red-billed Pigeon | 7 | 15 | | <i>Patagioenas flavirostris</i> |
| Band-tailed Pigeon | 4 | 55 | | <i>Patagioenas fasciata</i> |
| Short-billed Pigeon | 9 | 5 | | <i>Patagioenas nigrirostris</i> |
| White-winged Dove | 3 | 35 | | <i>Zenaida asiatica</i> |
| Inca Dove | 3 | 2 | | <i>Columbina inca</i> |
| Common Ground-Dove | 1 | 1 | | <i>Columbina passerina</i> |
| Ruddy Ground-Dove | 6 | 20 | | <i>Columbina talpacoti</i> |
| Blue Ground-Dove | 3 | 5 | | <i>Claravis pretiosa</i> |
| White-tipped Dove | 4 | 3 | | <i>Leptotila verreauxi</i> |
| Gray-chested Dove | 5 | 3 | | <i>Leptotila cassini</i> |
| Olive-backed Quail-Dove | 1 | 1 | | <i>Geotrygon veraguensis</i> |
| Sulphur-winged Parakeet | 2 | 35 | | <i>Pyrrhura hoffmanni</i> |
| Crimson-fronted Parakeet | 5 | 6 | | <i>Aratinga finschi</i> |
| Olive-throated Parakeet | 3 | 40 | | <i>Aratinga nana</i> |
| Scarlet Macaw | 3 | 8 | | <i>Ara macao</i> |
| Barred Parakeet | 1 | 14 | | <i>Bolborhynchus lineola</i> |
| Orange-chinned Parakeet | 6 | 25 | | <i>Brotogeris jugularis</i> |
| Brown-hooded Parrot | 8 | 17 | N | <i>Pionopsitta haematotis</i> |
| White-crowned Parrot | 7 | 30 | | <i>Pionus senilis</i> |
| White-fronted Parrot | 1 | 3 | | <i>Amazona albifrons</i> |
| Red-ored Parrot | 6 | 26 | | <i>Amazona autumnalis</i> |
| Mealy Parrot | 1 | 2 | H | <i>Amazona farinosa</i> |
| Squirrel Cuckoo | 9 | 3 | | <i>Piaya cayana</i> |
| Groove-billed Ani | 10 | 15 | | <i>Crotophaga sulcirostris</i> |
| Crested Owl | 2 | 2 | | <i>Lophotrix cristata</i> |
| Spectacled Owl | 5 | 3 | | <i>Pulsatrix perspicillata</i> |
| Mottled Owl | 2 | 2 | | <i>Ciccaba virgata</i> |
| Short-tailed Nighthawk | 3 | 1 | | <i>Lurocalis semitorquatus</i> |
| Common Pauraque | 6 | 4 | | <i>Nyctidromus albicollis</i> |
| Dusky Nightjar | 1 | 2 | N | <i>Caprimulgus saturatus</i> |
| Great Potoo | 2 | 1 | H | <i>Nyctibius grandis</i> |
| White-collared Swift | 3 | 40 | | <i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i> |
| Vaux's Swift | 4 | 20 | | <i>Chaetura vauxi</i> |
| Gray-rumped Swift | 6 | 10 | | <i>Chaetura cinereiventris</i> |
| Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift | 1 | 1 | | <i>Panyptila cayennensis</i> |
| Bronzy Hermit | 1 | 2 | | <i>Glaucis aeneus</i> |
| Band-tailed Barbthroat | 1 | 1 | | <i>Threnetes ruckeri</i> |
| Green Hermit | 3 | 2 | | <i>Phaethornis guy</i> |
| Long-billed Hermit | 4 | 3 | | <i>Phaethornis longirostris</i> |
| Stripe-throated Hermit | 6 | 4 | | <i>Phaethornis striigularis</i> |
| Scaly-breasted Hummingbird | 2 | 5 | | <i>Phaeochroa cuvierii</i> |
| Violet Sabrewing | 3 | 8 | | <i>Campylopterus hemileucurus</i> |
| White-necked Jacobin | 4 | 25 | | <i>Florisuga mellivora</i> |
| Brown Violetear | 4 | 5 | | <i>Colibri delphinae</i> |
| Green Violetear | 3 | 10 | | <i>Colibri thalassinus</i> |
| Green-breasted Mango | 7 | 50 | | <i>Anthracothorax prevostii</i> |
| Violet-headed Hummingbird | 4 | 2 | | <i>Klais guimeti</i> |
| Black-crested Coquette | 3 | 1 | | <i>Lophornis helenae</i> |
| Green Thorntail | 1 | 5 | | <i>Discosura conversii</i> |

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| Garden Emerald | 1 | 1 | | <i>Chlorostilbon assimilis</i> |
| Violet-crowned Woodnymph | 8 | 6 | | <i>Thalurania colombica</i> |
| Fiery-throated Hummingbird | 2 | 2 | | <i>Panterpe insignis</i> |
| Blue-throated Goldentail | 1 | 1 | | <i>Hylocharis eliciae</i> |
| Blue-chested Hummingbird | 1 | 1 | | <i>Amazilia amabilis</i> |
| Rufous-tailed Hummingbird | 12 | 10 | | <i>Amazilia tzacatl</i> |
| Cinnamon Hummingbird | 1 | 1 | | <i>Amazilia rutila</i> |
| Stripe-tailed Hummingbird | 2 | 1 | | <i>Eupherusa eximia</i> |
| Black-bellied Hummingbird | 1 | 14 | | <i>Eupherusa nigriventris</i> |
| Coppery-headed Emerald | 1 | 20 | | <i>Elvira cupreiceps</i> |
| Snowcap | 5 | 5 | | <i>Microchera albocoronata</i> |
| Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer | 5 | 2 | | <i>Chalybura urochrysis</i> |
| Purple-throated Mountain-gem | 1 | 8 | | <i>Lampornis calolaemus</i> |
| White-throated Mountain-Gem | 2 | 8 | | <i>Lampornis castaneoventris</i> |
| Green-crowned Brilliant | 3 | 2 | | <i>Heliodoxa jacula</i> |
| Magnificent Hummingbird | 2 | 40 | | <i>Eugenes fulgens</i> |
| Purple-crowned Fairy | 3 | 2 | | <i>Heliostyris barroti</i> |
| Long-billed Starthroat | 2 | 2 | | <i>Heliomaster longirostris</i> |
| Volcano Hummingbird | 2 | 3 | | <i>Selasphorus flammula</i> |
| Scintillant Hummingbird | 1 | 2 | | <i>Selasphorus scintilla</i> |
| Resplendent Quetzal | 2 | 5 | | <i>Pharomachrus mocinno</i> |
| Lattice-tailed Trogon | 2 | 2 | | <i>Trogon clathratus</i> |
| Slaty-tailed Trogon | 8 | 4 | | <i>Trogon massena</i> |
| Gartered Trogon | 1 | 2 | | <i>Trogon caligatus</i> |
| Black-throated Trogon | 6 | 2 | | <i>Trogon rufus</i> |
| Collared Trogon | 1 | 1 | | <i>Trogon collaris</i> |
| Orange-bellied Trogon | 1 | 2 | | <i>Trogon aurantiiventris</i> |
| Tody Motmot | 4 | 8 | | <i>Hylomanes momotula</i> |
| Blue-crowned Motmot | 5 | 4 | | <i>Momotus momota</i> |
| Keel-billed Motmot | 2 | 2 | | <i>Electron carinatum</i> |
| Broad-billed Motmot | 5 | 1 | | <i>Electron platyrhynchum</i> |
| Ringed Kingfisher | 5 | 3 | | <i>Ceryle torquatus</i> |
| Amazon Kingfisher | 5 | 4 | | <i>Chloroceryle amazona</i> |
| Green Kingfisher | 4 | 5 | | <i>Chloroceryle americana</i> |
| Green-and-rufous Kingfisher | 1 | 1 | | <i>Chloroceryle inda</i> |
| American Pygmy Kingfisher | 2 | 1 | | <i>Chloroceryle aenea</i> |
| Pied Puffbird | 2 | 2 | | <i>Notharchus tectus</i> |
| White-fronted Nunbird | 2 | 2 | H | <i>Monasa morphoeus</i> |
| Collared Aracari | 8 | 10 | | <i>Pteroglossus torquatus</i> |
| Yellow-eared Toucanet | 1 | 2 | | <i>Selenidera spectabilis</i> |
| Keel-billed Toucan | 11 | 10 | | <i>Ramphastos sulfuratus</i> |
| Black-mandibled Toucan | 10 | 10 | | <i>Ramphastos ambiguus</i> |
| Acorn Woodpecker | 2 | 15 | | <i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i> |
| Black-cheeked Woodpecker | 7 | 8 | N | <i>Melanerpes pucherani</i> |
| Hoffmann's Woodpecker | 2 | 1 | | <i>Melanerpes hoffmannii</i> |
| Hairy Woodpecker | 1 | 2 | | <i>Picoides villosus sanctorum</i> |
| Smoky-brown Woodpecker | 2 | 2 | | <i>Veniliornis fumigatus</i> |
| Rufous-winged Woodpecker | 3 | 4 | | <i>Piculus simplex</i> |
| Golden-olive Woodpecker | 2 | 1 | | <i>Piculus rubiginosus</i> |
| Cinnamon Woodpecker | 3 | 2 | | <i>Celeus loricatus</i> |
| Chestnut-colored Woodpecker | 1 | 1 | | <i>Celeus castaneus</i> |
| Lineated Woodpecker | 3 | 2 | | <i>Dryocopus lineatus</i> |
| Pale-billed Woodpecker | 1 | 2 | | <i>Campephilus guatemalensis</i> |
| Fasciated Antshrike | 1 | 1 | H | <i>Cymbilaimus lineatus</i> |
| Barred Antshrike | 2 | 2 | | <i>Thamnophilus doliatus</i> |

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| Western Slaty-Antshrike | 3 | 2 | | <i>Thamnophilus atrinucha</i> |
| Plain Antvireo | 1 | 2 | H | <i>Dysithamnus mentalis</i> |
| Streak-crowned Antvireo | 2 | 2 | | <i>Dysithamnus striaticeps</i> |
| Slaty Antwren | 1 | 3 | | <i>Myrmotherula schisticolor</i> |
| Checker-throated Antwren | 1 | 2 | | <i>Epinecrophylla fulviventris</i> |
| Dot-winged Antwren | 2 | 1 | | <i>Microrhopias quixensis</i> |
| Chestnut-backed Antbird | 4 | 3 | | <i>Myrmeciza exsul</i> |
| Dull-mantled Antbird | 3 | 2 | | <i>Myrmeciza laemosticta</i> |
| Immaculate Antbird | 3 | 2 | | <i>Myrmeciza immaculata</i> |
| Spotted Antbird | 2 | 2 | | <i>Hylophylax naevioides</i> |
| Ocellated Antbird | 1 | 1 | | <i>Phaenostictus mcleannani</i> |
| Thicket Antpitta | 2 | 1 | H | <i>Hylopezus dives</i> |
| Silvery-fronted Tapaculo | 2 | 2 | | <i>Scytalopus argentifrons</i> |
| Black-faced Antthrush | 1 | 1 | H | <i>Formicarius analis</i> |
| Plain-brown Woodcreeper | 1 | 1 | | <i>Dendrocincla fuliginosa</i> |
| Wedge-billed Woodcreeper | 6 | 6 | | <i>Glyphorhynchus spirurus</i> |
| Northern Barred-Woodcreeper | 1 | 4 | | <i>Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae</i> |
| Cocoa Woodcreeper | 6 | 2 | | <i>Xiphorhynchus susurrans</i> |
| Black-striped Woodcreeper | 1 | 1 | | <i>Xiphorhynchus lachrymosus</i> |
| Spotted Woodcreeper | 3 | 2 | | <i>Xiphorhynchus erythropygius</i> |
| Streak-headed Woodcreeper | 7 | 2 | | <i>Lepidocolaptes souleyetii</i> |
| Spot-crowned Woodcreeper | 2 | 4 | | <i>Lepidocolaptes affinis</i> |
| Slaty Spinetail | 1 | 2 | | <i>Synallaxis brachyura</i> |
| Red-faced Spinetail | 1 | 1 | | <i>Cranioleuca erythrops</i> |
| Spotted Barbtail | 1 | 2 | | <i>Premnoplex brunnescens</i> |
| Ruddy Treerunner | 2 | 8 | | <i>Margarornis rubiginosus</i> |
| Buffy Tuftedcheek | 2 | 2 | | <i>Pseudocolaptes lawrencii</i> |
| Buff-throated Foliage-gleaner | 6 | 2 | | <i>Automolus ochrolaemus</i> |
| Streak-breasted Treehunter | 1 | 2 | | <i>Thripadectes rufobrunneus</i> |
| Plain Xenops | 3 | 2 | | <i>Xenops minutus</i> |
| Brown-capped Tyrannulet | 1 | 2 | | <i>Ornithion brunneicapillus</i> |
| Yellow Tyrannulet | 4 | 4 | | <i>Capsiempis flaveola</i> |
| Greenish Elaenia | 1 | 1 | | <i>Myiopagis viridicata</i> |
| Yellow-bellied Elaenia | 5 | 3 | N | <i>Elaenia flavogaster</i> |
| Mountain Elaenia | 2 | 8 | | <i>Elaenia frantzii</i> |
| Torrent Tyrannulet | 1 | 3 | | <i>Serpophaga cinerea</i> |
| Ochre-bellied Flycatcher | 3 | 1 | | <i>Mionectes oleagineus</i> |
| Slaty-capped Flycatcher | 2 | 4 | H | <i>Leptopogon superciliaris</i> |
| Paltry Tyrannulet | 13 | 8 | | <i>Zimmerius vilissimus</i> |
| Black-capped Pygmy-Tyrant | 1 | 1 | H | <i>Myiornis atricapillus</i> |
| Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant | 4 | 2 | | <i>Lophotriccus pileatus</i> |
| Northern Bentbill | 1 | 1 | | <i>Oncostoma cinereigulare</i> |
| Common Tody-Flycatcher | 10 | 6 | | <i>Todirostrum cinereum</i> |
| Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher | 2 | 1 | | <i>Todirostrum nigriceps</i> |
| Eye-ringed Flatbill | 1 | 1 | H | <i>Rhynchocyclus brevirostris</i> |
| Yellow-olive Flycatcher | 2 | 1 | | <i>Tolmomyias sulphurescens</i> |
| Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher | 1 | 1 | | <i>Terenotriccus erythrurus</i> |
| Tawny-chested Flycatcher | 1 | 5 | | <i>Aphanotriccus capitalis</i> |
| Tufted Flycatcher | 2 | 5 | | <i>Mitrephanes phaeocercus</i> |
| Dark Pewee | 2 | 1 | | <i>Contopus lugubris</i> |
| Tropical Pewee | 6 | 8 | | <i>Contopus cinereus</i> |
| Yellowish Flycatcher | 1 | 1 | | <i>Empidonax flavescens</i> |
| Black-capped Flycatcher | 1 | 8 | | <i>Empidonax atriceps</i> |
| Black Phoebe | 1 | 2 | | <i>Sayornis nigricans</i> |
| Long-tailed Tyrant | 2 | 5 | | <i>Colonia colonus</i> |

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| Bright-rumped Attila | 3 | 2 | | <i>Attila spadiceus</i> |
| Rufous Mourner | 1 | 1 | H | <i>Rhytipterna holerythra</i> |
| Dusky-capped Flycatcher | 6 | 2 | | <i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i> |
| Great Kiskadee | 12 | 15 | N | <i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i> |
| Boat-billed Flycatcher | 5 | 2 | N | <i>Megarynchus pitangua</i> |
| Social Flycatcher | 11 | 20 | N | <i>Myiozetetes similis</i> |
| Gray-capped Flycatcher | 4 | 4 | | <i>Myiozetetes granadensis</i> |
| Tropical Kingbird | 13 | 30 | | <i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i> |
| Thrush-like Schiffornis | 1 | 1 | | <i>Schiffornis turdina</i> |
| Barred Becard | 1 | 3 | N | <i>Pachyramphus versicolor</i> |
| Cinnamon Becard | 6 | 6 | | <i>Pachyramphus cinnamomeus</i> |
| White-winged Becard | 1 | 1 | | <i>Pachyramphus polychopterus</i> |
| Masked Tityra | 6 | 2 | | <i>Tityra semifasciata</i> |
| Black-crowned Tityra | 2 | 3 | | <i>Tityra inquisitor</i> |
| Rufous Piha | 3 | 1 | | <i>Lipaugus unirufus</i> |
| Snowy Cotinga | 1 | 1 | | <i>Carpodectes nitidus</i> |
| Purple-throated Fruitcrow | 3 | 3 | | <i>Querula purpurata</i> |
| Three-wattled Bellbird | 1 | 1 | H | <i>Procnias tricarunculatus</i> |
| White-collared Manakin | 7 | 5 | | <i>Manacus candei</i> |
| White-ruffed Manakin | 5 | 5 | | <i>Corapipo altera</i> |
| White-crowned Manakin | 1 | 2 | | <i>Pipra pipra</i> |
| Red-capped Manakin | 2 | 7 | | <i>Pipra mentalis</i> |
| Yellow-winged Vireo | 2 | 4 | | <i>Vireo carmioli</i> |
| Yellow-green Vireo | 1 | 1 | | <i>Vireo flavoviridis</i> |
| Tawny-crowned Greenlet | 3 | 2 | | <i>Hylophilus ochraceiceps</i> |
| Lesser Greenlet | 9 | 10 | | <i>Hylophilus decurtatus</i> |
| Rufous-browed Peppershrike | 2 | 2 | | <i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i> |
| Brown Jay | 4 | 10 | | <i>Cyanocorax morio</i> |
| Gray-breasted Martin | 9 | 16 | | <i>Progne chalybea</i> |
| Mangrove Swallow | 6 | 30 | | <i>Tachycineta albilinea</i> |
| Blue-and-white Swallow | 8 | 25 | | <i>Pygochelidon cyanoleuca</i> |
| Southern Rough-winged Swallow | 6 | 50 | | <i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i> |
| Barn Swallow | 1 | 5 | | <i>Hirundo rustica</i> |
| Band-backed Wren | 2 | 5 | | <i>Campylorhynchus zonatus</i> |
| Rufous-naped Wren | 1 | 2 | | <i>Campylorhynchus rufinucha</i> |
| Black-throated Wren | 4 | 2 | | <i>Thryothorus atrogularis</i> |
| Bay Wren | 9 | 2 | | <i>Thryothorus nigricapillus</i> |
| Stripe-breasted Wren | 7 | 4 | | <i>Thryothorus thoracicus</i> |
| Plain Wren | 2 | 4 | | <i>Thryothorus modestus</i> |
| "Canebrake" Plain Wren | 2 | 4 | | <i>Thryothorus modestus zeledoni</i> |
| House Wren | 13 | 4 | | <i>Troglodytes aedon</i> |
| Ochraceous Wren | 2 | 3 | | <i>Troglodytes ochraceus</i> |
| Timberline Wren | 2 | 4 | | <i>Thryorchilus browni</i> |
| White-breasted Wood-Wren | 10 | 6 | | <i>Henicorhina leucosticta</i> |
| Gray-breasted Wood-Wren | 3 | 8 | | <i>Henicorhina leucophrys</i> |
| Nightingale Wren | 3 | 3 | | <i>Microcerculus philomela</i> |
| Scaly-breasted Wren | 1 | 2 | H | <i>Microcerculus marginatus</i> |
| Long-billed Gnatwren | 1 | 1 | | <i>Ramphocaenus melanurus</i> |
| Tropical Gnatcatcher | 3 | 4 | | <i>Polioptila plumbea</i> |
| Black-faced Solitaire | 2 | 2 | | <i>Myadestes melanops</i> |
| Black-billed Nightingale-Thrush | 2 | 3 | | <i>Catharus gracilirostris</i> |
| Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush | 1 | 1 | | <i>Catharus aurantiirostris</i> |
| Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush | 1 | 1 | | <i>Catharus fuscater</i> |
| Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush | 2 | 8 | | <i>Catharus frantzii</i> |
| Black-headed Nightingale-Thrush | 4 | 2 | | <i>Catharus mexicanus</i> |

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| Sooty Thrush | 2 | 3 | | <i>Turdus nigrescens</i> |
| Mountain Thrush | 1 | 2 | | <i>Turdus plebejus</i> |
| Clay-colored Thrush | 13 | 10 | | <i>Turdus grayi</i> |
| White-throated Thrush | 3 | 2 | | <i>Turdus assimilis</i> |
| Black-and-yellow Silky-flycatcher | 1 | 2 | | <i>Phainoptila melanoxantha</i> |
| Long-tailed Silky-flycatcher | 2 | 5 | | <i>Ptilogonys caudatus</i> |
| Flame-throated Warbler | 2 | 10 | | <i>Oreothlypis gutturalis</i> |
| Tropical Parula | 5 | 3 | | <i>Parula pitiayumi</i> |
| Gray-crowned Yellowthroat | 3 | 4 | | <i>Geothlypis poliocephala</i> |
| Olive-crowned Yellowthroat | 2 | 3 | N | <i>Geothlypis semiflava</i> |
| Black-cheeked Warbler | 2 | 8 | | <i>Basileuterus melanogenys</i> |
| Golden-crowned Warbler | 3 | 6 | | <i>Basileuterus culicivorus</i> |
| Three-striped Warbler | 1 | 4 | | <i>Basileuterus tristriatus</i> |
| Buff-rumped Warbler | 4 | 2 | | <i>Myiothlypis fulvicauda</i> |
| Slate-throated Redstart | 1 | 3 | | <i>Myioborus miniatus</i> |
| Collared Redstart | 3 | 12 | | <i>Myioborus torquatus</i> |
| Wrenthrush | 2 | 5 | | <i>Zeledonia coronata</i> |
| Bananaquit | 7 | 4 | | <i>Coereba flaveola</i> |
| Common Bush-Tanager | 2 | 8 | | <i>Chlorospingus ophthalmicus</i> |
| Sooty-capped Bush-Tanager | 2 | 30 | | <i>Chlorospingus pileatus</i> |
| White-throated Shrike-Tanager | 1 | 1 | | <i>Lanio leucothorax</i> |
| White-shouldered Tanager | 1 | 1 | | <i>Tachyphonus luctuosus</i> |
| Tawny-crested Tanager | 2 | 12 | | <i>Tachyphonus delatrii</i> |
| Crimson-collared Tanager | 3 | 1 | | <i>Ramphocelus sanguinolentus</i> |
| Passerini's Tanager | 10 | 25 | N | <i>Ramphocelus passerinii</i> |
| Blue-gray Tanager | 12 | 10 | | <i>Thraupis episcopus</i> |
| Palm Tanager | 4 | 10 | | <i>Thraupis palmarum</i> |
| Silver-throated Tanager | 2 | 8 | | <i>Tangara icterocephala</i> |
| Bay-headed Tanager | 2 | 2 | | <i>Tangara gyrola</i> |
| Rufous-winged Tanager | 2 | 4 | | <i>Tangara lavinia</i> |
| Golden-hooded Tanager | 6 | 6 | | <i>Tangara larvata</i> |
| Spangle-cheeked Tanager | 2 | 4 | | <i>Tangara dowii</i> |
| Scarlet-thighed Dacnis | 2 | 1 | | <i>Dacnis venusta</i> |
| Blue Dacnis | 2 | 4 | | <i>Dacnis cayana</i> |
| Green Honeycreeper | 7 | 10 | | <i>Chlorophanes spiza</i> |
| Shining Honeycreeper | 6 | 10 | | <i>Cyanerpes lucidus</i> |
| Grayish Saltator | 5 | 2 | | <i>Saltator coerulescens</i> |
| Buff-throated Saltator | 9 | 2 | | <i>Saltator maximus</i> |
| Black-headed Saltator | 1 | 2 | | <i>Saltator atriceps</i> |
| Blue-black Grassquit | 2 | 3 | | <i>Volatinia jacarina</i> |
| Variable Seedeater | 10 | 50 | N | <i>Sporophila americana</i> |
| White-collared Seedeater | 7 | 8 | | <i>Sporophila torqueola</i> |
| Nicaraguan Seed-Finch | 1 | 4 | | <i>Oryzoborus nuttingi</i> |
| Thick-billed Seed-Finch | 5 | 5 | | <i>Oryzoborus funereus</i> |
| Yellow-faced Grassquit | 6 | 6 | | <i>Tiaris olivaceus</i> |
| Slaty Flowerpiercer | 2 | 6 | | <i>Diglossa plumbea</i> |
| Yellow-thighed Finch | 3 | 12 | | <i>Pselliophorus tibialis</i> |
| Large-footed Finch | 1 | 2 | | <i>Pezopetes capitalis</i> |
| Orange-billed Sparrow | 6 | 2 | N | <i>Arremon aurantiirostris</i> |
| Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch | 2 | 2 | | <i>Arremon brunneinucha</i> |
| Black-striped Sparrow | 7 | 3 | | <i>Arremonops conirostris</i> |
| White-eared Ground-Sparrow | 1 | 2 | | <i>Melospiza leucotis</i> |
| Rufous-collared Sparrow | 3 | 30 | | <i>Zonotrichia capensis</i> |
| Volcano Junco | 1 | 4 | | <i>Junco vulcani</i> |
| Hepatic Tanager | 4 | 5 | | <i>Piranga flava</i> |

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| Flame-colored Tanager | 2 | 8 | | <i>Piranga bidentata</i> |
| White-winged Tanager | 1 | 3 | | <i>Piranga leucoptera</i> |
| Red-throated Ant-Tanager | 1 | 2 | H | <i>Habia fuscicauda</i> |
| Carmioli's Tanager | 4 | 25 | | <i>Chlorothraupis carmioli</i> |
| Black-faced Grosbeak | 4 | 60 | | <i>Caryothraustes poliogaster</i> |
| Blue-black Grosbeak | 5 | 2 | N | <i>Cyanocompsa cyanooides</i> |
| Red-winged Blackbird | 6 | 25 | | <i>Agelaius phoeniceus brevirostris</i> |
| Eastern Meadowlark | 5 | 3 | | <i>Sturnella magna</i> |
| Melodious Blackbird | 5 | 4 | | <i>Dives dives</i> |
| Great-tailed Grackle | 10 | 65 | | <i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i> |
| Bronzed Cowbird | 4 | 2 | | <i>Molothrus aeneus</i> |
| Giant Cowbird | 1 | 14 | | <i>Molothrus oryzivorus</i> |
| Black-cowled Oriole | 6 | 2 | | <i>Icterus prosthemelas</i> |
| Scarlet-rumped Cacique | 2 | 10 | | <i>Cacicus uropygialis</i> |
| Chestnut-headed Oropendola | 1 | 4 | | <i>Psarocolius wagleri</i> |
| Montezuma Oropendola | 12 | 75 | | <i>Psarocolius montezuma</i> |
| Yellow-crowned Euphonia | 7 | 3 | | <i>Euphonia luteicapilla</i> |
| Yellow-throated Euphonia | 2 | 2 | | <i>Euphonia hirundinacea</i> |
| Olive-backed Euphonia | 8 | 10 | | <i>Euphonia gouldi</i> |
| Golden-browed Chlorophonia | 1 | 2 | | <i>Chlorophonia callophrys</i> |
| House Sparrow | 3 | 8 | | <i>Passer domesticus</i> |

Other creatures seen on the tour where:

Mammals:

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| Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth | <i>Bradypus variegatus</i> |
| White-faced Capuchin | <i>Cebus capucinus</i> |
| Geoffroy's Spider Monkey | <i>Ateles geoffroyi</i> |
| Mantled Howler | <i>Alouatta palliata</i> |
| Deppe's Squirrel | <i>Sciurus deppei</i> |
| Red-tailed Squirrel | <i>Sciurus granatensis</i> |
| Variiegated Squirrel | <i>Sciurus variegatoides</i> |
| fishing bat species | <i>Noctilio</i> sp. |
| Olingo | <i>Bassaricyon gabbii</i> |

Amphibians and Reptiles:

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| Giant Toad | <i>Rhinella marinus</i> |
| Common Tink Frog | <i>Diasporus diastema</i> |
| rain frog species | <i>Leptodactylus</i> sp. |
| Red-eyed Treefrog | <i>Agalychnis callidryas</i> |
| Harlequin Treefrog | <i>Dendropsophus ebraccatus</i> |
| Strawberry Poison-dart Frog | <i>Oophaga pumilio</i> |
| Green-and-black Poison-dart Frog | <i>Dendrobates auratus</i> |
| Forrer's Leopard Frog | <i>Lithobates forreri</i> |
| Striped Basilisk | <i>Basiliscus vittatus</i> |
| Green Basilisk | <i>Basiliscus plumifrons</i> |
| Black Spiny-tailed Iguana | <i>Ctenosaura similis</i> |
| Central American Whiptail | <i>Ameiva festiva</i> |
| House Gecko | <i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i> |
| Ground Anole | <i>Norops humilis</i> |
| Stream Anole | <i>Norops oxylophus</i> |
| Pug-nosed Anole | <i>Norops capito</i> |
| Green Spiny Lizard | <i>Sceloporus malachiticus</i> |

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Highland Alligator Lizard
Hog-nosed Viper
Eyelash Viper
American Crocodile
Spectacled Caiman
Black River Turtle

Mesapis monticola
Bothrops nasuta
Bothriechis schlegelii
Crocodylus acutus
Caiman crocodilus
Rhinoclemmys funerea

Butterflies:

Green-celled Cattleheart
Iphidamas Cattleheart
Giant/Thoas Swallowtail
White Yellow
White Angled-Sulphur
Cloudless Sulphur
Orange-barred Sulphur
Florida White
Narrow-banded Dartwhite
Bluish White
White-tipped Cycadian
Dusky-blue Groundstreak
Cerata Groundstreak
Ceraunus Blue
Giant Eyed-Metalmark
Lagora Metalmark
Monarch
Cloud Forest King
Vicina Clearwing
clearwing species
Zina Sister
Mexican Silverspot
Julia
Zebra Longwing
Cydno Longwing
Crimson-patched Longwing
Hecale Longwing
Sara Longwing
Sapho Longwing
Banded Mapwing
White Peacock
Banded Peacock
prepona species
Common Morpho
Menelaus Morpho
Pale Owl-Butterfly
Banded Owl-Butterfly
Rusted Clearwing-Satyr
Uncolored Clearwing-Satyr
Red-washed Satyr
Plain Satyr
Two-barred Flasher
banded-skipper species
Glassy-winged Skipper
Veined White-Skipper
Yellow-edged Ruby-eye

Parides childrenae
Parides iphidamas
Papilio crespontes/thoas
Eurema albula
Anteos clorinde
Phoebus sennae
Phoebus philea
Glutophrissa drusilla
Catasticta flisa
Leptophobia caesia
Eumaeus godartii
Calycopis isobea
Calycopis cerata
Hemiargus ceraunus
Mesosemia grandis
Leucochimona lagora
Danaus plexippus
Anieta thirza
Oleria vicina
Ithomiinae spp.
Adelpha zina
Dione moneta
Dryas iulia
Heliconius charithonia
Heliconius cydno
Heliconius erato
Heliconius hecale
Heliconius sara
Heliconius sapho hewitsoni
Hypanartia dione arcae
Anartia jatrophae
Anartia fatima
Archaeoprepona sp.
Morpho helenor
Morpho menelaus amathonte
Caligo telamonius
Caligo atreus
Cithaerias pireta
Dulcedo polita
Pierella helvina
Cissia pompilia
Astrartes fulgerator complex
Autochton sp.
Xenophanes tryxus
Heliopetes arsalte
Orses cynisca