COSTA RICA - 2012

5th March – 16th March 2012

HIGHLIGHTS

Either for rarity value, excellent views or simply a group favorite.

- Snowcap
- Magenta-throated Woodstar
- Elegant Euphonia
- King Vulture
- American Pygmy Kingfisher
- Costa Rican Pygmy-Owl
- Silvery-throated Jay
- King Vulture
- Fasciated Tiger-Heron
- Green Shrike-Vireo
- Mangrove Hummingbird

- Spectacled Owl
- Resplendent Quetzal
- Scarlet Macaw
- Snowy Cotinga
- Timberline Wren
- Sungrebe
- Swallow-tailed Kite
- White Hawk
- Nicaraguan Seed-Finch
- Ochraceous Pewee
- Dark Pewee

- Olive-backed Quail-Dove
- Red-capped Manakin
- Blue-crowned Manakin
- Orange-collared Manakin
- Long-tailed Manakin
- Fiery-throated Hummingbird
- Bare-throated Tiger-Heron
- Great Curassow
- Black-crested Coquette
- Spotted Wood-Quail
- Green-fronted Lancebill

Leaders: Steve Bird and Gina Nichol

SUMMARY:

Our 24th tour to Costa Rica was as ever a resounding success with many of our target species found and a lot of surprises along the way. The weather was perfect throughout the trip and we had just one day with a few showers that were not enough to prevent us from birding. With so many people now travelling to Costa Rica, we have designed this new itinerary to get us away from the tourists! We stayed in some new and very well received lodges which we had almost exclusively to ourselves. And the accommodation and food was of an exceptionally high standard, making it a pleasure to be well looked after and surrounded by wildlife. The birds never fail to impress and our years of knowledge of this tropical paradise came through as we produced many sought after, rare and exciting species. From fantastic boat trips where herons, kingfishers and countless water birds entertained us at close quarters, to gorgeous rainforests with bromeliads and mosses and the most beautiful of all birds the Resplendent Quetzal, to tumbling streams with tiny **Torrent Tyrannulets and American Dippers, high Paramo** with tame Volcano Juncos and gardens full of hummingbirds, our tried and tested itinerary simply could not be bettered. Next year we have added a fabulous extension to Arenal and Cano Negro for and even better experience and some more special birds. And as for our prices we urge you to compare.

Zoothera - without doubt No1 in Costa Rica.



One of the most beautiful birds in the World the Resplendent Quetzal. This male was watched at its nest hole where we enjoyed unprecedented views.

(Photo Gina Nichol)

5th March 2012

Most of our group arrived with just short delays at San Jose airport where they were soon transported to our pleasant hotel. Unfortunately the six persons travelling from the UK missed their connecting flight in Madrid and were delayed by 24 hours! No worries, though. With our local connections in Costa Rica, we were able to arrange for the six to catch up with us the next day.

6th March 2012

This morning we had a short walk around the hotel gardens before breakfast to introduce ourselves to some of Costa Rica's wonderful birdlife. A Green-breasted Mango was soon located and started off our hummingbird list, while Social Flycatcher, Montezuma's Oropendola and Variegated Squirrel were found in the area. Without moving from the parking lot, we spotted Clay-coloured Thrushes, Blue-gray Tanager, Palm Tanager, Hoffman's Woodpecker, Yellow-throated Vireo, Baltimore Oriole, and then a showy pair of Rufous-naped Wrens. We then heard a Lineated Woodpecker and soon found a fabulous pair of these large attractive birds which put on a great show for us. In the nearby bamboo was a pair of Blue-crowned Motmots, while a large tree in the garden held lots of Tennessee Warblers, Summer Tanager, Social Flycatcher and Great Kiskadee. A few Blue-and-white Swallows were flying around and in the distance we saw a flock of about forty Crimson-fronted Parakeets. A Broad-winged Hawk was found perched in a dead tree and then we headed off for breakfast

Afterward breakfast, we packed our luggage onto the bus and set off toward Sarapiqui. Our first stop was made when Steve spotted a **Bat Falcon** sat on a dead tree. We moved on to a disused butterfly garden and, while dodging in and out of the rain showers, we watched a superb male **Black-crested Coquette**, several **Violet-headed Hummingbirds** and some **Rufous-tailed Hummingbirds**. A few other birds were moving high up in the trees and we scoped some of these and a nearby flock which including **Black-mandibled Toucan**, **Thick-billed Seed-finch**, **Emerald**, **Black-and-yellow**, **Golden-hooded**, **Silver-throated**, **White-shouldered** and **Tawny-crested Tanagers**. We also spotted **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** and **Golden-winged Warbler**.

We then moved on to an area of forest near a small stream. It was rather quiet at first and then we found a very confiding **Bright-rumped Attila** right down by the river, and then a **Long-billed Hermit** that was singing from a small branch. As we tried to get better views of a **Chestnut-backed Antbird** we found a group of **Black-faced Grosbeaks**, followed by female **Black-throated Trogon**, and a crazy flock that held **Wedge-billed** and **Streak-headed**



This fabulous little male Black-crested Coquette was a highlight of the old disused butterfly garden.



It's always good to know where the elusive Fasciated Tiger-Heron can regularly be seen, such as this one!



Another speciality this Nicaraguan Seed-Finch gave superb views.

Woodcreeper, Green Honeycreeper, Ochre-bellied Flycatcher, and another Golden-winged Warbler. Several Red-throated Ant-Tanagers put on a good show, while a male Black-throated Trogon, a female White-necked Jacobin, Lesser Greenlet and Dusky-faced Tanagers all put in an appearance.

We had our lunch in a nearby restaurant and then drove to another small river where we saw a couple of Whitecrowned Parrots, an Amazon Kingfisher and fantastic views of a Fasciated Tiger-Heron. At one point a pair of **Buff-rumped Warblers** bounced across the rocks behind the heron and a Neotropic Otter came darting through the water so fast it was missed by most people. In the same area, we noted a couple of Band-backed Wrens before moving on our next stop which overlooked a huge expanse of wet grassy meadows. A lot of Blue-black Grassquits were jumping around the grasses here and there were Variable Seedeater and Thick-billed Seed-Finch. We scanned the grasses and soon found our target Nicaraguan Seed-Finch sat on top of the tall sprigs showing off its huge pink beak. A pair of Green Ibis gave the briefest of appearances, and then a couple of Common Yellowthroats were seen as well as distant Red-winged Blackbird, Pale-vented Pigeons and a flock of about 200 White-collared Swifts.

From here we drove to another area beside the river and straight away found a Little Blue Heron in the river. In the trees above we had Violet-crowned Woodnymph, several Black-faced Grosbeaks, both Black-capped and Masked Tityras, Black-cheeked Woodpecker, Olive-backed Euphonia, a pair of very nice Shining Honeycreepers, Streak-headed Woodcreeper, Tropical Gnatcatcher and, by the water, a **Black Phoebe**. From the bridge we scoped a couple of Olive-throated Parakeets and a Gartered Trogon, and a little further on, we found a Gray-capped and a **Boat-billed Flycatcher** with a stonking great beak! There was also a **Buff-throated Saltator** and a couple of **Golden**hooded Tanagers plus good views of a Purple-crowned Fairy. We also found a Rufous-tailed Hummingbird's nest with a couple of large chicks at home. Finally we finished the day with some ridiculously bright Passerini's Tanagers. We then drove to our lovely lodge and settled into our rooms. Steve and Lisa then gathered us together as they had found a perched Spectacled Owl from their back window. It stayed a short while and then flew off. At dinner, our 6 missing persons arrived from their delayed flights. Afterwards we tried to call in the Spectacled Owl but with no success so we retired to bed

7th March 2012

After an early breakfast, a quick look on the lodge feeders found us **Red-throated Ant-Tanagers**, **Blue-gray**, **Golden-hooded** and **Passerini's Tanagers**. Then we set off for our



We saw Bright-rumped Attila's nearly every day including this showy one!



One of the best looking Motmots the Turquoise-browed Motmot was seen very well on many occasions.



Nearly always easy to photograph the Broad-billed Motmot

day at La Selva OTS and our exploration of the forests of the Caribbean lowlands. At the reserve we started off by walking the approach road and immediately started seeing birds. Several White-crowned Parrots were seen sat in a tree top, Passerini's dashed around and there was Dusky-capped Flycatcher, Black-cheeked Woodpecker, Fasciated Antshrike, Variable Seedeater, Paltry Tyrannulet, Common Tody-Flycatcher, Yellow-olive Flycatcher, Olive-backed Euphonia and a Squirrel Cuckoo. Moving along the road we came across a **Great Tinamou** actually stood on the road. A nearby tree held Yellow-throated Vireo and Yellow-olive Flycatcher together and we saw Black-mandibled Toucan. A couple of Black-cowled Orioles appeared as well as Tropical Gnatcatcher, Redlegged Honevcreepers, Gartered Trogon, and then a superb close Fasciated Antshrike, while above us flew Gray-rumped Swifts and several Lesser Swallow-tailed Swifts. As we watched Grav-capped Flycatchers, a confiding **Rufous Mourner** appeared right beside us. A White-tipped Dove was seen walking around next to the restaurant.

We then walked over the Stone bridge and were soon enjoying the comings and goings of a colony of Chestnutheaded Oropendolas. A Green Basilisk ran across the path and then we got excellent close views of the Oropendolas feeding in a fruiting tree. Next up was a Double-toothed **Kite** that flew overhead. As we entered the forest, a superb Pale-billed Woodpecker showed well but an Eve-ringed Flatbill flew off before anyone could really get on it. The birding simply didn't stop as we found White-collared Manakins, a pair of Rufous Motmots and then an amazing show as three Olive-backed Quail-Doves gave unbelievable views right out in the open on the track. In addition to the birds there was a **Brown Wood Turtle** in a small stream, several Collared Peccary's and a Two-toed Sloth. Another Great Tinamou showed briefly in forest, and we got to see a female Snowy Cotinga. A White-whiskered Puffbird showed very well, shortly followed by Western Slaty-Antshrike and a Chestnut-coloured Woodpecker.

We returned across the bridge to our picnic lunch which was all set up by Alex our driver. A siesta ensued but we really couldn't rest when the Gina announced that three **King Vultures** were offering close overhead views. After that, "Flat Stanley" had us all running for a superb **Sungrebe** swimming along the river and easily viewable from the bridge. If that was not enough for our "rest", the sight of a male **Great Curassow** walking right past us and running off into the bushes was totally unexpected. As we gathered together near the restaurant for our afternoon birding session, we found a couple of **Plain-coloured Tanagers**, **Shining Honeycreeper**, and **Dusky-capped Flycatcher**. Up higher in some trees were a pair of **Scarlet-thighed Dacnis**, and



A great find at breakfast were this pair of Spectacled Owls sat right out in the open for all of us to see!



The Chestnut-coloured Woodpecker gave wonderful scope views



The trails at La Selva can often produce a few surprises including this year three Olive-backed Quail-Doves feeding on the track in front of us!

then we came across Blue-black Grosbeak and Keel-billed Toucan and in same tree Black-mandibled Toucan and Collared Aracari. A Gray-chested Dove showed well along the track, and a Snowy Cotinga posed on the top of a dead tree which also held Green Honeycreeper and Cinnamon Becard. Nearby we got great views of perched Blue-chested Hummingbird, followed by Plain-brown Woodcreepers, Black-cowled Oriole and Golden-hooded Tanagers. It was a real delight to watch a group White-collared Manakins displaying, and a short distance on we found Short-billed Pigeon then Broad-billed Motmot, an excellent Bandtailed Barbthroat as well as Rufous-winged Woodpecker, Piratic Flycatcher, Red-throated Ant-Tanager, Red-lored Parrots and a Strawberry Poison-Dart Frog.

8th March 2012

This morning we got ready for a walk around the gardens of our lodge before breakfast. As we were having a cup of coffee, an Orange-billed Sparrow was seen hoping around the restaurant floor, shortly followed by a Wood Thrush. We then set off on our walk. A Chestnut-backed Antbird was heard calling and with patience and persistence we all got excellent views. Nearby a Gray-necked Woodrail showed well near the pond while in the grasses were Variable Seedeater and Blue-black Grassquit. On a fence beside another pond was a Green Kingfisher and then a Bananaquit was seen in a close Heliconia flower. High in the trees was a **Green-breasted Mango** as well as a noisy Piratic Flycatcher and on the edge of the pond we found a Northern Waterthrush. Above us, a lone Chestnutcollared Swift flew over shortly followed by Gray-rumped Swift and a Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift. Amazingly we found yet another Rufous-winged Woodpecker, a Brightrumped Attila and beside our rooms was a Bronzy Hermit hawking insects.

It was then time for breakfast so while everyone headed off, Steve did a last chance search for the **Spectacled Owls** that we had heard the night before. It wasn't long before he found the pair of owls sat out in the open and a quick call on the radio had everyone return and enjoy fabulous views of these star birds. Just after breakfast we watched the feeders and saw **Red-legged Honeycreeper**, **Red-throated Ant-Tanager**, and **Passerini's Tanager**.

We then packed our luggage and moved on. Passing a few Gray-breasted Martins sat on wires, we arrived at an area near a farm and river. The area was buzzing with birds including Northern Jacana, Golden-hooded Tanager and Tropical Pewee. In the grasses we found Yellow Tyrannulet and Groove-billed Ani. From the bridge we saw Spotted Sandpiper, Black Phoebe, Gray-capped Flycatcher and some Black-faced Grosbeaks. As we slowly walked back along the road we came across some Orange-



Our lodge grounds are a great place to search for Strawberry Poison-Dart Frogs



We had some nice close encounters with Lesser Swallow-tailed Swifts at La Selva



The smallest of the trogons this male Black-throated Trogon gave excellent close views

chinned Parakeets, then a Melodious Blackbird, Paltry Tyrannulet and Yellow-bellied Elaenia. A Purple Gallinule was seen and down by the main road we found Orchard Oriole and Red-winged Blackbird. Returning to the bus we had super looks at several Montezuma's Oropendolas feeding in a tree. Moving on we drove to the old butterfly garden and, although it started quietly, we were soon treated to good views of Rufous-tailed Hummingbird, several Violet-headed Hummers a brief Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer, Violet-crowned Woodnymph, and in the 11th hour a wonderful little male Snowcap appeared offering stunning views! As we were about to leave a female/immature Snowcap also appeared.

Back in the bus we drove on a short distance to Braulio Carrillo National Park. While lunch was being prepared we took a walk into the forest which was quiet as is usually the case. We did find a **Buff-rumped Warbler**, a group of Carmiol's Tanagers, and great looks at a Black-headed Nightingale-Thrush. We returned for our lunch and then set off on the drive towards the Pacific coast and our very pleasant lodge. We settled into the rooms and then went out to check the garden. At the feeders were Hoffman's Woodpeckers, Red-legged Honeycreeper and in the flowering tree above was **Cinnamon Hummingbird**. From the balcony we also saw a couple of Scarlet Macaws flying across the valley – a wonderful sight. Close to the restaurant were Masked and Black-crowned Tityras, Rufous-naped Wrens, and a superb Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl. An American Kestrel flew past before we ended the day with hundreds of Lesser Nighthawks filling the evening sky.

9th March 2012

This morning we had an early breakfast and checked the feeders in the garden. Red-legged Honeycreeper and Hoffman's Woodpeckers showed up while a very nice Cinnamon Hummingbird fed on flowers right in front of us. A Muscovy Duck flew around the valley a few times and Yellow-naped Parrots and Yellow-headed Caracara were seen. After breakfast we set off for nearby Carara National Park. Our morning walk was to be along the river trail, an area that needs to be walked very slowly in order to connect with some of the key species. It's a great place to bird if you do it right. So, we started along the trail and, as ever, it appeared a little quiet. A Northern Waterthrush showed well beside a puddle and then we found a Rufous-and-white Wren. Nearby a Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher gave itself up and we found Lesser Greenlet, Bright-rumped Attila, Chestnut-sided Warbler and a Northern Bentbill. Then high above us was a calling **Green-shrike Vireo** that Lisa spotted and most of us got to see. A Band-tailed Barbthroat put in an appearance and then a Double-toothed Kite was spotted perched in a tree above us. Moving along a little we



Noisy and fairly easy to see, we encountered many Chestnut-mandibled Toucans (this subspecies is now lumped with Black-mandibled Toucan)



This White-whiskered Puffbird posed nicely for all to see



What a delight it was to find the nest of a pair of Northern Royal Flycatchers. If you ever see one with its orange and blue tipped crest raised, you will know why this is such a special bird

found a Northern Royal Flycatcher which gave fantastic views and then later was seen to go into a nest hanging down from a nearby tree. A White-nosed Coati crept through the undergrowth and a Central American Agouti proved a little more showy. We then came across an Orange-collared Manakin lekking area and here we were treated to amazing views of these gorgeous tiny birds. A little further on by some Heliconias was a Scaly-breasted Hummingbird and then a small mixed flock contained White-shouldered Tanager. Lower down we found a pair of Black-hooded Antshrikes together with a pair of Barred Antshrikes, a Dot-winged Antwren and a Rufous-breasted Wren. Moving a short distance along were Golden-winged Warbler, another Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher and then another flock that contained Plain Xenops, Spot-crowned Euphonia, Wedge-billed and Cocoa Woodcreeper, Yellow-olive Flycatcher, Streaked Flycatcher and a male White-winged Becard. A Prothonotary Warbler put in an appearance before we made our way back to the bus as it was now very hot and most of the wildlife had gone quiet.

We returned to our lodge for a good lunch, and then after a short rest we headed out to another area of Carara called the Figure of 8 trail. A troupe of White-faced Capuchins was seen and we found a group of **Dot-winged Antwrens** and a Great Tinamou. We then moved on to a small stream where we settled ourselves in and waited. It wasn't long before our first male **Red-capped Manakins** appeared and began to bathe. Shortly after a male Blue-crowed Manakin was seen, followed by an Ochre-bellied Flycatcher, and all the while Scarlet Macaws flew overhead. It was a truly amazing experience to witness this combination of events. It was starting to get dark and as we reluctantly left this magical scene we came across a mass of gorgeous butterflies, plus Yellow-bellied Flycatcher and nearby a couple of showy Riverside Wrens. We could hear both Black-faced Antthrush and Streak-chested Antpitta but neither wanted to show themselves. A Gray-headed Tanager performed much better and out beside our coach we enjoyed superb views of a pair of Turquoise-browed Motmots.

10th March 2012

This morning we saw a few things in the garden including Yellow-green Vireo, Western Tanager, Baltimore Orioles and a Rose-throated Becard. We also had nice views of a perched White-fronted Parrot and several Scarlet Macaws flew over. After breakfast we drove to the mangroves getting good views of Stripe-headed Sparrows along the way. As we were about to start our walk a Lineated Woodpecker was seen having a dust bath right in front of us and totally unconcerned at our close presence. Overhead several Magnificent Frigatebirds soared, while the large trees held Orange-chinned Parakeets, Northern Scrub Flycatcher,



Down by our favourite stream, one of the tour highlights was watching these Red-capped Manakins and Blue-crowned Manakins coming to bathe



The superb King Vulture always gives us a fine show at one of our raptor watch points





Simply fantastic - Scarlet Macaws

Flycatcher and Rose-throated Becard. A couple of showy Turquoise-browed Motmots posed for us beside the track and then we had to bushwhack our way into the mangroves as our old pathway had disappeared. We soon found Browncrested Flycatcher and then, after a few anxious moments, our target bird the endemic Mangrove Hummingbird was found perched for a while before being knocked off its perch by a Scaly-breasted Hummingbird. The trees above held Yellow Warblers, Tropical Gnatcatcher, a brief Painted Bunting, Northern Scrub Flycatcher and Southern Beardless Tyrannulet. As we made our way out of the mangroves there was a nice Black-headed Trogon.

We then left and drove up into the hills. It was now very hot, but we did manage to find a couple of **Black-mandibled Toucans** and some **Variable Seedeaters** of the Pacific form. Moving on to one of our raptor stops, we found a stunning **White Hawk** as well as the ever popular **Swallow-tailed Kite**. Our next stop yielded a few **Plumbeous Kites** plus some gorgeous **Western Tanagers**. It was time for a cool drink and as we enjoyed one we got great views of a perched **Laughing Falcon**. If that wasn't enough, a group of noisy **Scarlet Macaws** flew in and fed in a nearby tree. To round it off we also saw **Yellow-bellied Elaenia** and the great views of a **Zone-tailed Hawk**.

We then took a short walk down the road and came across a pair of Yellow-crowned Euphonias, plus Cherrie's Tanagers and a Black-striped Sparrow. A female Ruby-throated Hummingbird was spotted and then Gina found a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker which disappeared until Keith refound it. A Bright-rumped Attila appeared and then at an overlook we enjoyed superb views across endless forest right down to the Pacific coast. We checked the skies and found both Wood Stork and King Vulture. Back at the hotel we had lunch and a short siesta. A couple of Steely-vented Hummingbirds were seen feeding on yellow flowers.

In the afternoon it was time for our boat trip on the Rio Tarcoles. While waiting to board we saw Roseate Spoonbills sat in a dead tree and Mangrove Swallows perched on the boats. We set off and edged our way towards the overhanging bushes where we soon came across Yellow-crowned Night Herons, a couple of Black-crowned Night Herons, superb looking Boat-billed Herons and an American Pygmy Kingfisher, plus a very concealed Limpkin. Moving on, there were Wood Storks, Ringed Kingfisher, White Ibis, Great and Snowy Egrets, Magnificent Frigatebirds overhead, Barn Swallows and fabulous views of Costa Rican Swifts. In a lovely weedy area of the river we watched a flock of Blue-winged Teals, Southern Lapwings, and Northern Jacanas. We had great views of Turquoise-browed Motmot, Green Kingfisher,



Boat-billed Herons can be found from our boat trip on the Tarcoles river



Talk about close! This bare-throated Tiger-Heron was almost too close!



The same with this Crested Caracara it was almost too close to photograph.

Many birds from our boat trip aloud very close approach without concern!

Little Blue and Tri-coloured Herons and Purple Gallinule. On a very grassy island there were Inca Doves, Anhinga, plus White-collared Seedeaters the at least 6 fantastic looking Painted Buntings. Moving further up the river, we came alongside an area of sand and weeds where we pulled right up to the shore and enjoyed the most fantastic close views of a couple of Collared Plovers, two Double-striped Thick-knees, a Bare-throated Tiger Heron that we could almost touch. Both Yellow-headed and Crested Caracara were just a few feet away and further scanning produced a Least and much more unusual was a **Baird's Sandpiper**. After overdosing with these superb close views of birds we looked a little further away and found a couple of White-tailed Kites, Lesser Yellowlegs, Tricoloured Herons, Black-necked Stilts and some **Willets**. We then moved into the mangroves where countless Spotted Sandpipers bobbed around the shorelines or flew past in small groups. A Scaly-breasted Hummingbird was seen alongside Mangrove Yellow Warbler, as well as perched Mangrove Black-Hawk. Finally, as the day drifted into dusk, we saw several Lesser Nighthawks coming out of their resting places in the mangrove to fill evening sky. Back at the lodge and after dinner we heard both Common Pauraque and Pacific Screech-Owl although neither was seen.

11th March 2012

During breakfast we were entertained by a couple of White-throated Magpie-Jays and flyby Muscovy Ducks, but best of all was a pair of Scarlet Macaws eating fruit in a tree just twenty feet way, a great distraction from breakfast. Afterwards we drove to an area of the dry zone where we soon found Stripe-headed Sparrows, Scissortailed Flycatcher, Orange-fronted Parakeets, and a pair of **Double-striped Thick-knees.** Amazingly, three **Crested Bobwhites** crossed the road in front of us. Further on we got out and straight away found a female Painted Bunting; several localized White-lored Gnatcatchers, Yellow-bellied and Brown-crested Flycatchers, plus a Cannivet's Emerald. Near to a bridge over a nice stream we had Steely-vented Hummingbird, Yellow-green Vireo, Streaked Flycatchers, Tennessee Warblers, Yellow-throated Vireo, Inca Dove and Ruby-throated **Hummingbird**. The action never stopped and we soon got Yellow-olive Flycatcher, a couple of Greenish Elaenias, Rose-throated Becard, Lesser Greenlet, Northern Waterthrush on the road, Gartered Trogon, Streakheaded and Northern Barred Woodcreepers, Barred **Antshrike** and two **Olive Sparrows**. We then walked into the forest a short distance where we had superb views of a male Long-tailed Manakin. Out on the road a Lesser Ground Cuckoo called but would not show while a **Nutting's Flycatcher** did show albeit briefly.



A pair of Collared Plovers were feeding alongside the shoreline and allowed a close approached as they were used to boats



This pair of Double-striped Thick-Knees seemed to be nesting close to the shoreline and also showed no concern as we drifted up close



Southern Lapwings used to be difficult to find in Costa Rica but nowadays there are always a few around the River Tarcoles and easily seen from our fabulous boat trip

It was time to leave and head to our next destination, so we set off along the pacific coast. Lots of Magnificent
Frigatebirds were seen, and we passed a small pond with many Wood Storks a Roseate Spoonbill, Black-necked
Stilt and Great Egrets. We passed by some really good looking Swallow-tailed Kites as we entered the highlands. At our lunch stop with its huge vista we saw Golden-hooded Tanagers, Yellow-bellied Elaenia while enjoying a variety of milkshakes.

Continuing on, we drove to Chirripo seeing Tropical Mockingbird along the way. After arriving at our special lodge we settled in and then met up for a walk. In the beautiful grounds beside a tumbling stream we didn't have to go far to find Emerald Toucanets, lots of Whitecrowned Parrots, Philadelphia Vireo, Wilson's and Prothonotary Warbler, and then several Snowy-bellied **Hummingbirds**. We were amazed by the amount of birds in the area and added Bav-headed and Silver-throated Tanager as well as Gray headed Chachalaca, Bluecrowned Motmot, a couple of Thick-billed Euphonias, Brown Javs, Broad-winged Hawk and Acorn Woodpecker. In some roadside grasses and bushes we had Indigo Buntings, plus Yellow-bellied Seedeaters, Yellowfaced Grassquit, Slate-throated Redstart, Summer Tanager, Golden-winged and Rufous-capped Warbler, a Garden Emerald feeding on red flowers, a Bright-rumped Attila, lots of Cherries Tanagers and Red-legged Honevcreepers, but our finale came in the form of two fantastic Speckled Tanagers what a great place!

12th March 2012

This morning we set off to the nearby Cloudbridge Reserve, an area not visited by most other birding groups. We arrived and then off walking along the track towards the entrance. The ever present Rufous-collared Sparrows were evident, and we soon found Paltry Tyrannulet and Red-crowned **Woodpecker.** To our surprise and delight, a pair of Magenta-throated Woodstars was found around a flowering bush. As we slowly walked along we found **Emerald Toucanets, Slate-throated Redstarts, a Wilson's** Warbler, and then yet another surprise - a beautiful pair of Elegant Euphonias. We also found Scarlet-thighed Dacnis, Snowy-bellied Hummingbird, Lesser Goldfinch, and had good looks at Plain Wren. A Philadelphia Vireo showed well and Slate-throated Redstarts were common. More Emerald Toucanets appeared plus Acorn Woodpecker, Silvery-throated Tanagers, and five Masked Tityras. In one small dead tree on a hillside we found Golden-olive Woodpecker and a Smoky-brown Woodpecker together! A Tropical Parula then showed well followed by a stunning male Red-headed Barbet. We kept moving slowly along and found a couple of Rufousbreasted Wrens, several Common Bush-Tanagers, a few



Just outside our wonderful lodge near Chirripo National Park we found a couple of striking Speckled Tanagers



On our way to Savegre Lodge we stopped at a house where Flamecoloured Tanagers such as this male came to feed alongside several other good species



There were plenty of Flame-throated Warblers around and we enjoyed great views and even photo opportunities

Brown-capped Vireos, and a superb **Flame-coloured Tanager**. There was some really nice forest and a lovely river all worth much more investigation. As we returned back toward the bus a pair of **Red-faced Spinetails** and an **Olivaceous Piculet** were seen well. Returning to the lodge we packed our bags. Leaving the wonderful Chirripo area we made a quick stop to look at a **Fork-tailed Flycatcher**. Tim then earned full credit for finding the **House Sparrow** at the fuel station. So there you go Tim, you've got it!

Moving on our next stop was for lunch stop at a small café with panoramic views of the valley below. Here, we found **Violet Sabrewing**, a pair of **Elegant Euphonias**, **Black-striped Sparrow**, and a **Gray-necked Wood-Rail** that jumped up on the bird table. Jim was the only one to get the **White-tailed Emerald** which sporadically turns up here.

From here, we continued on toward our lodge at Savegre stopping occasionally along the road. A group of **Common** Bush-Tanagers were easily found plus Yellow-winged Vireo, Yellow-bellied Elaenia, and a super Rufous-browed Peppershrike. Further roadside stops produced Blackthighed Finch, a pair of Sooty Thrushes, Ruddy Treerunner, a perched White-throated Mountain-Gem, Tropical Parula, and a few Flame-throated Warblers. Eventually we arrived at the wonderful Savegre Lodge set in a gorgeous valley beside a beautiful mountain stream. A quick look at the hummingbird feeders produced point blank views of Magnificent Hummingbird, Volcano Hummingbird, Green Violetear, and several Whitethroated Mountain-Gems. A short walk through the gardens toward the stream yielded Wilson's Warbler, American Dipper, and Louisiana Waterthrush.

13th March 2012

This morning we had breakfast and then took two jeeps up into the mountain forest were we were then dropped off. A **Ruddy Pigeon** was seen high up in a tree and later it dropped down and walked on the ground right in front of us. Gina then found a couple of **Spotted Wood-Quail** in the leaf-litter near where we had been dropped off. They were really difficult to see but most people had some sort of view. Steve missed it so both Steves went off and re-found the birds and enjoyed fantastic views. Next up was an **Ochraceous Wren** that gave pretty good views. A highlight of the tour followed with the discovery of not just one, but a pair of **Costa Rican Pygmy-Owls**. A typical dark bird and a very orangey-rufous bird were seen together and we got wonderful views as they were seen mating, and then taking food into their nest hole in a big old tree!

After this spectacle, we then walked up further into the forest and found several confiding **Collared Redstarts** and another **Ochraceous Wren.** Even further up, Melvin, the guide at



The Collared Redstarts around Savegre are always inquisitive and show no fear, often coming to within a few feet



The endemic Dark Pewee put on a good performance in the grounds of our Lodge



After a lot of searching for singing Blackfaced Solitaires within the forest, it was typical that we would then have them at our feet in the lush gardens

Savegre showed us a nest of a **Silvery-throated Jay** with the bird sat there showing us its head. As we worked our way down the mountainside, we found a flock which held several **Flame-throated Warblers**, **Sooty-capped Bush-Tanagers** and **Wilson's Warblers**. Moving on we located a **Tufted Flycatcher**, and then we took a side trail that produced a group of **Black-cheeked Warblers**, a few **Ruddy Treerunners**, a super **Buffy Tuftedcheek**, and a **Spangle-cheeked Tanager**. We arrived back at the lodge in time for a sumptuous lunch.

Afterwards we had a short break and then went down the road to the new trout farm where a pair of **Resplendent Quetzals** was nesting. We found the hole on a tall dead tree and waited. After a while the female poked her head out of the hole and later she flew out and away. We waited for another 45 minutes before she retuned giving good views on a nearby perch. We were then about to leave when the male Quetzal flew in and gave us twenty minutes of pure delight as it perched out in the open flew around and eventually landed on the edge of the nest hole. Another incredible spectacle!

As we made our way slowly back, a Spot-crowned Woodcreeper showed well and a small flock held Spangle-cheeked Tanager, Collared Redstarts, Ruddy Treerunners, Golden-winged Warbler, and a Chestnut-headed Brush-Finch that came out into the open as well as Gray-breasted Wood-Wren and several Black-cheeked Warblers. Near the stream a Yellowish Flycatcher appeared, plus a couple of Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrushes showed well, but try as we did we could only hear Black-faced Solitaire. On the rocky stream an American Dipper showed well, while a Mountain Elaenia gave us unbelievably close views beside the bridge. We made our way back to the lodge and enjoyed another nice dinner and review of today's incredible sightings.

14th March 2012

A pre breakfast walk through the gardens soon got us great views of the endemic **Dark Pewee** and then a **Scintillant Hummingbird.** We watched as a **Slaty Flowerpiercer** drilled holes in the base of some red flowers, a practice that this little bird is famous for. A small mixed flock held **Ruddy Treerunners, Flame-throated Warbler, Collared Redstart, Black-cheeked Warbler, Black-capped Flycatcher, Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush**, and then Gina found a **Collared Trogon**. Lots of **Band-tailed Pigeons** flew over and we had one perched in a tree top in the early morning sunlight. A couple **Gray-breasted Wood-Wrens** gave tantalizing views, followed by **Yellowish Flycatcher**. After a lot of hard work and persistence, Gina spotted a **Black-faced Solitaire** which gave super views. A couple of **Brown-capped** and **Yellow-winged Vireos**



This female Resplendent Quetzal spent ages just look out of her nest hole



What fantastic views we got of a pair of Costa Rican Pygmy-Owls high above our lodge. Both birds gave prolonged and much appreciated views near their nest hole



Black-billed Nightingale-Thrushes gave us many good shows high in the mountain habitats near to our lodge and also the trails near to a hummingbird café

showed up, plus another **Mountain Elaenia**. On the stream an **American Dipper** was seen well, and as we made our way back, we met several very confiding **Collared Redstarts** and had great views of **Dark Pewee**, plus a female **Resplendent Quetzal** followed by unbelievable close views of **Black-faced Solitaire**. We also found **Swainson's Thrush** before heading back for breakfast.

After breakfast, we packed our bags and slowly set of for our first stop beside a stream which soon produced the hoped for **Torrent Tyrannulet**. This well timed stop also found us several **Mountain Thrushes** feeding on berries, a **Yellow-bellied Siskin**, and another **American Dipper**. Moving on we stopped at a private house where our target species, the **Large-footed Finch**, soon appeared alongside **Flame-coloured Tanagers**, and **Sooty Robin**. Moving on again we ascended the mountain ridge until we got to Paramo and an area of stunted growth trees. Our search revealed **Black-billed Nightingale-Thrush**, **Volcano Hummingbirds** and then an amazing eight **Volcano Juncos**, our biggest count ever! Another area down further allowed us very nice views of **Timberline Wren**. This visit had been very good for us!

It was time to move on so we headed to Paraiso Ouetzal café where we were greeted by a host of Fiery-throated **Hummingbirds**. We spent ages here enjoying and trying to photograph these gorgeous hummers alongside Magnificent, Green Violetear, and Volcano Hummingbirds. A real treat was when two Black-andyellow Silky-Flycatchers fed in a tree next to the hummingbird feeders. Our excellent lunch arrived and was enjoyed by all before we went out on a walk with our good friend and local guide, Jorge. It wasn't too long before he located a Golden-browed Chlorophonia in a tree top, followed by Ochraceous Wren, a Large-footed Finch and a young male **Resplendent Quetzal**. Later we tried another trail where Steve found a rare and showy Ochraceous **Pewee**. We then left in time to drive to our next destination near Tapanti National Park.

15th March 2012

This morning at breakfast it transpired that several people had watched a Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl outside of their room window. Marvelous! As we had breakfast, a Blackheaded Saltator was seen, as well as Blue-crowned Motmot, some Great Kiskadees, and four Gray-headed Chachalacas perched in a tree. After breakfast, we drove to the entrance to Tapanti National Park. First we checked a small waterfall where the resident Green-fronted Lancebill was seen all too briefly. We then set off on a small trail which offered several groups of Common Bush-Tanagers. A Black Guan was seen very well and then a Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant put on a good show. As we kept watching



Up in the Paramo we encountered more Volcano Juncos than we have ever seen before. Ouite remarkable!



At our lunch stop we not only enjoyed a superb meal but were also treated to many fabulous Fiery-throated Hummingbirds on the feeders



Quite a surprise was how close a pair of Black-and-yellow Silky-Flycatchers came while we were being entertained by the hummingbirds

this area, Jim spotted an Eye-ringed Flatbill that we all got on to. Our next small flock contained Streak-breasted Treehunter, Spotted Barbtail and Tawny-capped Euphonia, while a group of thrushes feeding in the fruiting trees held Clay-coloured, Pale-vented and White-throated Thrushes. Other birds in this productive little area included Spangle-cheeked Tanagers and a Collared Trogon and very brief views of Black-bellied Hummingbird. We then went out and tried the Green-fronted Lancebill again without success.

Moving on we parked up and set up our picnic. A short steep walk while lunch was being prepared revealed **Buff-fronted Foliage-Gleaner** and the sound of several **Black-faced Solitaires**. Back beside our picnic in a flowering tree was a **Green-crowned Brilliant** and a **Purple-throated Mountain-Gem**.

After the picnic we worked our way downhill. A Graybreasted Wood-Wren showed well, above us Swallowtailed Kites circled and several Red-faced Spinetails, Ochraceous Wren, Three-striped Warbler, Tufted Flycatcher and a few Dark Pewees were seen. Next up we had great views of a Spotted Woodcreeper, and then back at our original waterfall we all managed to saw the Greenfronted Lancebill. This fantastic trip was coming to a close so we drove back to San Jose for our final night.

16th March 2012

This morning we had breakfast, reflected on many of our wonderful sightings, said our goodbyes, and then made our way to the airport for our international flights home. We would like to thank everyone for making this a fantastic trip and to Alex our excellent driver. Steve & Gina



This Sungrebe gave superb views from the footbridge at La Selva OTS. For many years we have heard that occasionally this bird gets seen from the bridge. This year was our year to see it!



We had a very close encounter with this Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant on one of the trails at Tapanti National Park



Our intrepid group in Tapanti National Park (photo by Gina)

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A = Number of species recorded on tour B = Number of days out of 10 recorded C = Highest daily count E=Endemic

A	C = Highest SPECIES	daily count E=Endemic SCIENTIFIC NAME	В	С
A	Great Tinamou	Tinamus major	2	2
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2	Little Tinamou	Crypturellus soui Phalacrocorax brasilianus		Heard only
3	Neotropic Cormorant		1	1
4	Anhinga	Anhinga anhinga	1	3
5	Magnificent Frigatebird	Fregata magnificens	3	30+
6	Tri-coloured Heron	Egretta tricolor	1	12
7	Little Blue Heron	Egretta caerulea	2	6
8	Snowy Egret	Egretta thula	2	20+
9	Great Blue Heron	Ardea herodias	2	2
10	American Great Egret	Ardea alba egretta	5	10+
11	Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis	8	Common
12	Green Heron	Butorides virescens	1	3
13	Yellow-crowned Night-heron	Nyctanassa violacea	1	10
14	Black-crowned Night-heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	1	2
15	Boat-billed Heron	Cochlearius cochlearia	1	6
16	Bare-throated Tiger-heron	Tigrisoma mexicanum	2	1
17	Fasciated Tiger-heron	Tigrisoma fasciatum	1	1
18	Wood Stork	Mycteria americana	3	50
19	White Ibis	Eudocimus albus	2	20
20	Green Ibis	Mesembrinibis cayennensis	1	2
21	Roseate Spoonbill	Ajaia ajaja	2	6
22	Muscovy Duck	Cairina moschata	3	4
23	Blue-winged Teal	Anas discors	2	60
24	Black Vulture	Coragyps atratus	10	Common
25	Turkey Vulture	Cathartes aura	10	Common
26	King Vulture	Sarcoramphus papa	3	3
27	Swallow-tailed Kite	Elanoides forficatus	5	6
28	White-tailed Kite	Elanus leucurus	2	2
29	Double-toothed Kite	Harpagus bidentatus	2	1
30	Plumbeous Kite	Ictinia plumbea	1	8
31	White Hawk	Leucopternis albicollis	1	1
32	Mangrove Black-hawk	Buteogallus subtilis	1	2
33	Roadside Hawk	Buteo magnirostris	2	1
34	Broad-winged Hawk	Buteo platypterus	5	3
35	Short-tailed Hawk	Buteo brachyurus	2	1
36	Zone-tailed Hawk	Buteo albonotatus	1	1
37	Red-tailed Hawk	Buteo jamaicensis	3	2
38	Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	3	4
39	Crested Caracara	Polyborus plancus	3	2
	Yellow-headed Caracara	Milvago chimachima	3	4
40		Herpetotheres cachinnans	3	1
41	Laughing Falcon	Falco sparverius	1	1
42	American Kestrel	Falco sparverius Falco rufigularis	1	1
43	Bat Falcon		2	4
44	Gray-headed Chachalaca	Ortalis cinereiceps		6
45	Crested Guan	Penelope purpurascens	1	
46	Black Guan	Chamaepetes unicolor	1	4
47	Great Curassow	Crax rubra	1	1

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let	Catoptrophorus semipalmatus	1	3
st Sandpiper	Calidris minutilla	1	1
d's Sandpiper	Calidris bairdii	1	1
ıl Pigeon	Columba livia 'feral'	5	No count
d-tailed Pigeon	Columba fasciata	3	6
e-vented Pigeon	Columba cayennensis	2	10
-billed Pigeon	Columba flavirostris	4	8
dy Pigeon	Patagioenas subvinacea	1	1
rt-billed Pigeon	Columba nigrirostris	1	1
te-winged Dove	Zenaida asiatica	5	10+
Dove	Columbina inca	2	4
nmon Ground-dove	Columbina passerina	5	12
	Columbina talpacoti	7	20
dy Ground-dove	Leptotila verreauxi	6	10+
te-tipped Dove	Leptotila cassini	1	2
y-chested Dove	Geotrygon veraguensis	1	3
ve-backed Quail-dove			30
rlet Macaw	Ara macao Aratinga finschi	3	40+
nson-fronted Parakeet		3	2
ve-throated Parakeet	Aratinga nana Aratinga canicularis	4	12
nge-fronted Parakeet	Brotogeris jugularis	4	40
nge-chinned Parakeet	Pionus senilis	4	12
te-crowned Parrot		1	2
te-fronted Parrot	Amazona albifrons		
-lored Parrot	Amazona autumnalis	1	2 2
ow-naped Parrot	Amazona auropalliata	1	
aly Parrot	Amazona farinosa	3	2
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99	White-collared Swift	Streptoprocne zonaris	7	200
100	Costa Rican Swift	Chaetura spinicauda	2	50
101	Gray-rumped Swift	Chaetura cinereiventris	1	20
102	Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift	Panyptila cayennensis	2	2
103	Bronzy Hermit	Glaucis aenea	1	1
104	Band-tailed Barbthroat	Threnetes ruckeri	2	1
105	Long-billed Hermit	Phaethornis strigularis	3	3
106	Green-fronted Lancebill	Doryfera ludovicae	1	1
107	Scaly-breasted Hummingbird	Phaeochroa cuvierii	2	4
108	Violet Sabrewing	Campylopterus hemileucurus	1	1
109	White-necked Jacobin	Florisuga mellivora	1	1
110	Green Violet-ear	Colibri thalassinus	2	20
111	Green-breasted Mango	Anthracothorax prevostii	2	2
112	Violet-headed Hummingbird	Klais guimeti	2	4
113	Black-crested Coquette	Lophornis helenae	1	1
114	Cannivet's Emerald	Chlorostilbon canivettii	1	1
114	Garden Emerald	Chlorostilbon assimilis	1	1
116	Violet-crowned Woodnymph	Thalurania colombica	3	3
117	Fiery-throated Hummingbird	Panterpe insignis	1	20
	Blue-chested Hummingbird	Amazilia amabilis	1	1
118		Amazilia boucardi	1	1
119		Amazilia edward	2	2
120	Snowy-bellied Hummingbird	Amazilia rutila	4	3
121	Cinnamon Hummingbird	Amazilia saucerrottei	2	3
122	Steely-vented Hummingbird	Amazilia tzacatl	7	Common
123	Rufous-tailed Hummingbird	Eupherusa eximia	2	1
124	Stripe-tailed Hummingbird	Eupherusa nigriventris	1	1
125	Black-bellied Hummingbird	Elvira chionura	1	1
126	White-tailed Emerald	Microchera albocoronata	2	2
127	Snowcap	Chalybura urochrysia	1	1
128	Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer	Lampornis calolaemus		
129	Purple-throated Mountain-gem		3	4
130	White-throated Mountain-gem	Lampornis cinereicauda	3	
131	Green-crowned Brilliant	Heliodoxa jacula	3	1
132	Magnificent Hummingbird	Eugenes fulgens Heliothryx barroti	3	10
133	Purple-crowned Fairy	Archilochus colubris		
134	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Calliphlox bryantae	3	2
135	Magenta-throated Woodstar	. ,		
136	Scintillant Hummingbird	Selasphorus scintilla	3	8
137	Volcano Hummingbird	Selasphorus flammula	3	
138	Resplendent Quetzal	Pharomachrus mocinno	2	2
139	Slaty-tailed Trogon	Trogon massena	1	2
140	Black-headed Trogon	Trogon melanocephalus	2	1
141	Collared Trogon	Trogon collaris	3	1
142	Black-throated Trogon	Trogon rufus	2	2
143	Gartered Trogon	Trogon caligatus	4	1
144	Ringed Kingfisher	Ceryle torquata	2	3
145	Amazon Kingfisher	Chloroceryle amazona	1	2
146	Green Kingfisher	Chloroceryle americana	2	2
147	American Pygmy Kingfisher	Chloroceryle aenea	1	1
148	Broad-billed Motmot	Electron platyrhynchum	1	1
149	Turquoise-browed Motmot	Eumomota superciliosa	3	5

150	Rufous Motmot	Baryphthengus martii	1	2
151	Blue-crowned Motmot	Momotus momota	4	3
152	Rufous-tailed Jacamar	Galbula ruficauda	1	Heard only
153	White-whiskered Puffbird	Malacoptila panamensis	2	1
154	Red-headed Barbet	Eubucco bourcierii	1	1
155	Prong-billed Barbet	Semnornis frantzii	1	Heard only
156	Emerald Toucanet	Aulacorhynchus prasinus	3	6
157	Collared Aracari	Pteroglossus torquatus	2	3
158	Keel-billed Toucan	Ramphastos sulfuratus	2	10
159	Black-mandibled Toucan	Ramphastos ambiguous swainsonii	4	6
160	Olivaceous Piculet	Picumnus olivaceus	1	1
161	Acorn Woodpecker	Melanerpes formicivorus	4	4
162	Black-cheeked Woodpecker	Melanerpes pucherani	3	2
	Red-crowned Woodpecker	Melanerpes rubricapillus	1	1
163	•	Melanerpes hoffmannii	7	5
164	Hoffmanns' Woodpecker	Picoides villosus	1	1
165	Hairy Woodpecker	Veniliornis fumigatus	1	1
166	Smoky-brown Woodpecker Pufous winged Woodpecker	Piculus simplex	2	2
167	Rufous-winged Woodpecker	Piculus simplex Piculus rubigininosus	1	1
168	Golden-olive Woodpecker	Celeus castaneus	1	1
169	Chestnut-coloured Woodpecker			
170	Lineated Woodpecker	Dryocopus lineatus	2	2 2
171	Pale-billed Woodpecker	Campephilus guatemalensis		
172	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Sphyrapicus varius	1	1
173	Plain-brown Woodcreeper	Dendrocincla fuliginosa	3	4
174	Wedge-billed Woodcreeper	Glyphorynchus spirurus		2
175	Northern Barred Woodcreeper	Dendrocolaptes certhia	2	2
176	Cocoa Woodcreeper	Xiphorhynchus guttatus	2	
177	Spotted Woodcreeper	Xiphorhynchus erythropygius	1	1
178	Streak-headed Woodcreeper	Lepidocolaptes souleyetii	4	2
179	Spot-crowned Woodcreeper	Lepidocolaptes affinis	1	2
180	Red-faced Spinetail	Cranioleuca erythrops	2	6
181	Spotted Barbtail	Premnoplex brunnescens	1	1
182	Ruddy Treerunner	Margarornis rubiginosus	3	8
183	Buffy Tuftedcheek	Pseudocolaptes lawrencii	1	1
184	Lineated Foliage-gleaner	Syndactyla subalaris	1	Heard
185	Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner	Philydor rufum	1	1
186	Streak-breasted Treehunter	Thripadectes rufobrunneus	1	2
187	Plain Xenops	Xenops minutus	1	2
188	Fasciated Antshrike	Cymbilaimus lineatus	1	3
189	Barred Antshrike	Thamnophilus doliatus	3	2
190	Black-hooded Antshrike	Thamnophilus bridgesi	1	2
191	Western Slaty Antshrike	Thamnophilus atrinucha	1	1
192	Dot-winged Antwren	Microrhopias quixensis	1	6
193	Dusky Antbird	Cercomacra tyrannina	2	2
194	Chestnut-backed Antbird	Myrmeciza exsul	3	2
195	Black-faced Antthrush	Formicarius analis	1	1
196	Streak-chested Antpitta	Hylopezius perspicillatus	1	1
197	Silvery-fronted Tapaculo	Scytalopus argentifrons	1	Heard only
198	Snowy Cotinga	Carpodectes nitidus	1	3
199	Red-capped Manakin	Pipra pipra	1	6
200	Blue-crowned Manakin	Pipra coronate	1	2

201	Long-tailed Manakin	Chiroxiphia linearis	1	2
201	White-collared Manakin	Manacus candei	1	2
		Manacus aurantiacus	1	4
203	Orange-collared Manakin Ochre-bellied Flycatcher	Mionectes oleagineus	4	1
204		Todirostrum sylvia	2	3
205	Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher	Todirostrum cinereum	4	4
206	Common Tody-Flycatcher	Zimmerius vilissimus	6	3
207	Paltry Tyrannulet	Casiempis flaveola	1	1
208	Yellow Tyrannulet	Sublegatus arenarum	1	2
209	Northern Scrub-Flycatcher	Elaenia flavogaster	4	2
210	Yellow-bellied Elaenia	• •		1
211	Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet	Camptostona obsoletum	3	2
212	Mountain Elaenia	Elaenia frantzii		
213	Torrent Tyrannulet	Serpophaga cinerea	1	5
214	Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant	Lophotriccus pileatus	1	
215	Northern Bentbill	Oncostoma cinereigulare	2	2
216	Eye-ringed Flatbill	Rhynchocyclus brevirostris	1	1
217	Yellow-olive Flycatcher	Tolmomyias sulphurescens	3	1
218	Northern Royal-Flycatcher	Onychorhynchus coronatus	1	1
219	Tufted Flycatcher	Mitrephanes phaeocercus	2	2
220	Dark Pewee E	Contopus lugubris	2	4
221	Ochraceous Pewee	Contopus ochraceus	1	1
222	Tropical Pewee	Contopus cinereus	5	2
223	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	Empidonax flaviventris	2	2
224	Yellowish Flycatcher	Empidonax flavescens	3	3
225	Black-capped Flycatcher	Empidonax atriceps	2	2
226	Black Phoebe	Sayornis nigricans	4	3
227	Bright-rumped Attila	Attila spadiceus	7	1
228	Rufous Mourner	Rhytipterna holerythra	1	3
229	Dusky-capped Flycatcher	Myiarchus tuberculifer	1	2
230	Nutting's Flycatcher	Myiarchus nuttingi	1	1
231	Great Crested Flycatcher	Myiarchus crinitus	1	1
232	Brown-crested Flycatcher	Myiarchus tyrannulus	2	5
233	Tropical Kingbird	Tyrannus melancholicus	10	Common
234	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Tyrannus forficatus	1	3
235	Fork-tailed Flycatcher	Tyrannus savana	1	1
236	Boat-billed Flycatcher	Megarynchus pitangua	4	1
237	White-ringed Flycatcher	Conopias albovittata	1	1
238	Golden-bellied Flycatcher	Myiodynastes hemichrysus	3	2
239	Streaked Flycatcher	Myiodynastes maculatus	3	2
240	Social Flycatcher	Myiozetetes similis	7	10+4
241	Gray-capped Flycatcher	Myiozetetes granadensis	4	2
242	Piratic Flycatcher	Legatus leucophaius	3	1
243	Great Kiskadee	Pitangus sulphuratus	8	Common
244	Barred Becard	Pachyramphus versicolor	1	Heard
245	Cinnamon Becard	Pachyramphus cinnamomeus	1	1
246	White-winged Becard	Pachyramphus polychopterus	1	1
247	Rose-throated Becard	Pachyramphus aglaiae	2	4
248	Masked Tityra	Tityra semifasciata	6	7
249	Black-crowned Tityra	Tityra inquisitor	3	2
250	Mangrove Swallow	Tachycineta albilinea	1	30
251	Gray-breasted Martin	Progne chalybea	3	6
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252	Blue-and-white Swallow	Notiochelidon cyanoleuca	6	30+
253	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Stelgidopteryx serripennis	1	1
254	Southern Rough-winged Swallow	Stelgidopteryx ruficollis	2	6
255	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	3	20+
256	Long-tailed Silky-Flycatcher	Ptilogonys caudatus	1	6
257	Black-and-yellow Silky-Flycatcher	Phainoptila melanoxantha	1	8
258	American Dipper	Cinclus mexicanus	3	2
259	Rufous-naped Wren	Campylorhynchus rufinucha	5	4
	Band-backed Wren	Campylorhynchus zonatus	2	2
260	Black-throated Wren	Thryothorus atrogularis	2	Heard only
261	Black-bellied Wren	Thryothorus fasciatoventris	1	Heard only
262	Rufous-breasted Wren	Thryothorus rutilus	2	4
263		Thryothorus semibadius	1	2
264	Riverside Wren	Thryothorus thoracicus	1	2
265	Stripe-breasted Wren			2
266	Rufous-and-white Wren	Thryothorus rufalbus	1	
267	Plain Wren	Thryothorus modestus	1	1
268	Southern House Wren	Troglodytes aedon musculus	4	2
269	Ochraceous Wren	Troglodytes ochraceus	3	4
270	Timberline Wren	Thryorchilus browni	1	2
271	Gray-breasted Wood-Wren	Henicorhina leucophrys	3	2
272	Scaly-breasted Wren	Microcerculus marginatus luscinia	1	Heard only
273	Tropical Mockingbird	Mimus gilvus	1	1
274	Black-faced Solitaire	Myadestes melanops	5	4
275	Black-billed Nightingale-Thrush	Catharus gracilirostris	1	8
276	Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush	Catharus aurantiirostris	1	Heard only
277	Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush	Catharus frantzii	3	6
278	Black-headed Nightingale-Thrush	Catharus mexicanus	1	1
279	Swainson's Thrush	Catharus ustalatus	1	2
280	Wood Thrush	Catharus mustelinus	1	1
281	Sooty Robin	Turdus nigrescens	2	8
282	Mountain Thrush	Turdus plebejus	1	6
283	Pale-vented Thrush	Turdus obsoletus	1	2
284	Clay-coloured Thrush	Turdus grayi	10	Common
285	White-throated Thrush	Turdus assimilis	1	1
286	Tropical Gnatcatcher	Polioptila plumbea	4	1
287	White-lored Gnatcatcher	Polioptila albiloris	1	4
288	Silvery-throated Jay	Cyanolyca argentigula	1	1
289	Brown Jay	Psilorhinus morio	4	4
290	White-throated Magpie-Jay	Calocitta formosa	1	2
291	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	1	4
292	Rufous-browed Peppershrike	Cyclarhis gujanensis	1	1
293	Green Shrike-Vireo	Vireolanius pulchellus	1	1
294	Yellow-winged Vireo	Vireo carmioli	2	1
295	Yellow-throated Vireo	Vireo flavifrons	4	2
296	Philadelphia Vireo	Vireo philadelphicus	3	1
297	Yellow-green Vireo	Vireo flavoviridis	2	2
298	Brown-capped Vireo	Vireo leucophrys	2	5
298	Lesser Greenlet	Hylophilus decurtatus	6	2
		Carduelis xanthogastra	1	1
300	Yellow-bellied Siskin Lesser Goldfinch	Carduelis psaltria	1	2
301		Vermivora chrysoptera	6	2
302	Golden-winged Warbler		6	4
303	Tennessee Warbler	Vermivora peregrina	U	<u> </u>

304	Tropical Parula	Setophaga pitiayumi	1	3
305	Flame-throated Warbler	Parula gutturalis	4	8
306	Yellow Warbler	Setophaga petechia	7	10+
307	Mangrove Warbler	Setophaga petechia bryanti	1	3
308	Chestnut-sided Warbler	Setophaga pensylvanica	7	6
309	Black-throated Green Warbler	Setophaga virens	3	3
310	Black-and-white Warbler	Mniotilta varia	3	1
311	Prothonotary Warbler	Protonotaria citrea	2	1
312	Northern Waterthrush	Parkesia noveboracensis	4	1
313	Louisiana Warterthrush	Parkesia motacilla	1	1
	Common Yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas	1	2
314	Wilson's Warbler	Wilsonia pusilla	5	10
315	Slate-throated Redstart	Myioborus miniatus	3	3
316		Myioborus torquatus	2	8
317	Collared Redstart			2
318	Rufous-capped Warbler	Basileuterus rufifrons	1	
319	Black-cheeked Warbler	Basileuterus melanogenys	2	6
320	Three-striped Warbler	Basileuterus tristriatus	2	2
321	Buff-rumped Warbler	Basileuterus fulvicauda	3	2
322	Wrenthrush	Zeledonia coronata	1	Heard only
323	Bananaquit	Coereba flaveola	4	2
324	Common Bush-tanager	Chlorospingus ophthalmicus	4	6
325	Sooty-capped Bush-tanager	Chlorospingus pileatus	3	6
326	Dusky-faced Tanager	Mitrospingus cassinii	1	2
327	Carmiol's Tanager	Chlorothraupis carmioli	2	4
328	Gray-headed Tanager	Eucometis penicillata	1	1
329	White-shouldered Tanager	Tachyphonus luctuosus	2	2
330	Tawny-crested Tanager	Tachyphonus delatrii	1	3
331	Red-throated Ant-tanager	Habia fuscicauda	3	4
332	Flame-coloured Tanager	Piranga bidentata	3	3
333	Summer Tanager	Piranga rubra	4	4
334	Western Tanager	Piranga ludoviciana	1	4
335	Cherries Tanager	Ramphocelus costaricensis	4	8
336	Passerini's Tanager	Ramphocelus passerinii	4	10
337	Blue-gray Tanager	Thraupis episcopus	10	Common
338	Palm Tanager	Thraupis palmarum	8	6
339	Yellow-crowned Euphonia	Euphonia luteicapilla	1	2
340	Thick-billed Euphonia	Euphonia laniirostris	1	2
341	Elegant Euphonia	Euphonia elegantissima	2	4
342	Spot-crowned Euphonia	Euphonia imitans	3	2
343	Olive-backed Euphonia	Euphonia gouldi	2	4
344	Tawny-capped Euphonia	Euphonia anneae	1	6
345	Golden-browed Chlorophonia	Chlorophonia callophyrs	1	1
346	Plain-coloured Tanager	Tangara inornata	1	2
347	Emerald Tanager	Tangara florida	1	1
348	Silver-throated Tanager	Tangara icterocephala	5	6
349	Speckled Tanager	Tangara guttata	1	2
350	Bay-headed Tanager	Tangara gyrola	2	1
351	Golden-hooded Tanager	Tangara larvata	5	6
352	Spangle-cheeked Tanager	Tangara dowii	3	6
353	Scarlet-thighed Dacnis	Dacnis venusta	3	2
354	Green Honeycreeper	Chlorophanes spiza	3	3
334	Orcen noneycreeper	Chiorophunes spi2u		5

355	Shining Honeycreeper	Cyanerpes lucidus	2	2
356	Red-legged Honeycreeper	Cyanerpes cyaneus	4	6
357	Rufous-collared Sparrow	Zonotrichia capensis	4	10+
358	Volcano Junco	Junco vulcani	1	8
359	Stripe-headed Sparrow	Aimophila ruficauda	3	6
360	Orange-billed Sparrow	Arremon aurantiirostris	1	1
361	Olive Sparrow	Arremonops rufivirgatus	1	2
362	Black-striped Sparrow	Arremonops conirostris	2	2
363	Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch	Atlapetes brunneinuncha	1	1
364	Large-footed Finch	Pezopetes capitalis	1	4
365	Yellow-thighed Finch	Pselliophorus tibialis	3	4
366	Blue-black Grassquit	Volatinia jacarina	6	20+
367	Variable Seedeater	Sporophila americana	5	6
368	White-collared Seedeater	Sporophila torqueola	2	4
369	Nicaraguan Seed-finch	Oryzoborus nuttingi	1	3
370	Thick-billed Seed-finch	Oryzoborus angolensis	2	2
371	Yellow-faced Grassquit	Tiaris olivacea	4	8
372	Slaty Flower-piercer	Diglossa plumbea	2	2
373	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	Pheucticus ludovicianus	1	3
374	Black-faced Grosbeak	Caryothraustes poliogaster	3	8
375	Black-headed Saltator	Saltator atriceps	1	1
376	Buff-throated Saltator	Saltator maximus	7	4
377	Blue-black Grosbeak	Cyanocompsa cyanoides	2	1
378	Indigo Bunting	Passerina cyanea	1	4
379	Painted Bunting	Passerina ciris	2	6
380	Chestnut-headed Oropendola	Psarocolius wagleri	3	10
381	Montezuma Oropendola	Gymnostinops montezuma	6	12+
382	Baltimore Oriole	Icterus galbula	6	2
383	Orchard Oriole	Icterus spurius	1	1
384	Black-cowled Oriole	Icterus dominicensis	1	4
385	Red-winged Blackbird	Agelaius phoeniceus	4	10
386	Eastern Meadowlark	Sturnella magna	1	1
387	Melodious Blackbird	Dives dives	4	2
388	Great-tailed Grackle	Quiscalus mexicanus	9	Common
389	Bronzed Cowbird	Molothrus aeneus	3	4

MAMMALS & Others

1.	Neotropic Otter	Lutra longicaudis	1	1
2.	White-nosed Coati	Nasua narica	1	1
3.	Variegated Squirrel	Sciurus variegatoides	6	4
4.	Red-tailed Squirrel	Sciurus granatensis	1	1
5.	Mountain Squirrel	Syntheoscivrus brochus	2	2
6.	Central American Agouti	Dasyprocta punctata	2	4
7.	Collared Peccary	Tayassu tajacu	2	7
8.	Hoffman's Two-toed Sloth	Choloepus hoffmanni	1	1
9.	Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth	Bradypus variegates	1	3
10.	Lesser Sac-winged Bat	Saccopteryx leptura	1	?
11.	Mantled Howler Monkey	Alouatta palliata	3	Heard only
12.	White-faced Capuchin	Cebus capucinus	3	10
13.	Ctenosaur	Ctenosaura similis	5	8

14.	Green Iguana	Iguana iguana	2	6
15.	Green Basilisk	Basiliscus plumifrons	1	1
16.	Pacific Basilisk	Basiliscus basiliscus	3	4
17.	Tropical House Gecko	Hemidactylus frenatus	2	4
18.	Brown Wood Turtle	Rhinoclemmys annulata	1	1
19.	Strawberry Poison-dart Frog	Dendrobates pumilio	2	3
20.	Central American Crocodile	Crocodylus acutus	2	10
21.	Spectacled Caimen	Caimen crocadilus	1	1
22.	Blue Morpho	Morpho peleides	5	3
23.	Army Ant	Eciton burchelli	1	Swarm
24.	Bullet Ant	Paraponera clavata	2	2
25.	Leaf-cutter Ant	Atta cephalotes	3	?
26.	Giant Red-winged Grasshopper	Tropidacris cristata	1	1
27.	Common Woodskimmer	Uracis imbuta	2	?

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