

Sunrise Birding LLC

# GUATEMALA

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# TRIP REPORT



Photo: Group at French restaurant garden.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

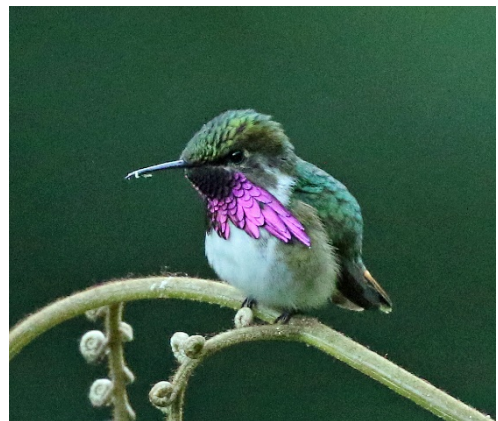
Either for rarity value, excellent views or simply a group favourite.

- Pink-headed Warbler
- Goldman's Warbler
- Cabanis's Tanager
- Blue-throated Motmot
- Lesser Ground Cuckoo
- Aplomado Falcon
- Agami Heron
- Sungrebe
- Yucatan Woodpecker
- Ocellated Turkey
- Orange-breasted Falcon
- Northern Potoo
- Bat Falcon
- Crested Guan
- Pale-billed Woodpecker
- Russet-naped Wood Rail
- Guatemalan Beaded Lizard
- Unspotted Saw-Whet Owl
- Singing Quail
- MacGillivray's Warbler
- Mountain Trogon
- Tody Motmot
- Grey Silky-Flycatcher
- Golden-cheeked Warbler
- Grey-throated Chat
- Mayan Antthrush
- Rose-throated Tanager
- Grey-collared Becard
- King Vulture
- White-bellied Chachalaca
- Northern Potoo
- Hooded Warbler
- Prevost's Ground Sparrow
- Highland Darner
- Horned Guan
- Rufous Sabrewing
- Fulvous Owl
- Olive Warbler
- White-lored Gnatcatcher
- Russet-crowned Motmot
- Elegant Trogon
- Ladder-backed Woodpecker
- Wedge-tailed Sabrewing
- American Pygmy Kingfisher
- Ruddy Crake
- Black-throated Shrike-Tanager
- Black Hawk-Eagle
- Ornate Hawk-Eagle
- Geoffroy's Spider Monkey
- Black Howler
- Morelet's Crocodile

## SUMMARY:

Back in one of our favourite countries where the people are wonderful, the food is great, the accommodations excellent and our local guides second to none. We started our fabulous tour in the extremely quaint town of Antigua. Cobblestone streets pave the way to beautiful restaurants and hotels and Mayan architecture makes this a very interesting and picturesque place to stay. Surrounded by several volcanoes and included the famous active volcano of Fuego we started our birding nearby in the hills overlooking Antigua. Hummingbirds, orioles, Singing Quail and a variety of North American warblers set our tour off to a good start. We then moved on the thermal area of Quetzaltenango stopping for Pink-headed Warbler along the way and where

[Wine-throated Hummingbird](#) and Fulvous Owl were a favourite. From here we went to the highlands of Huethuetenango where the mythical Unspotted Saw-whet Owl was seen and the endemic Goldman's Warbler performed well. Heading back to Los Tarrales we enjoyed many birds including Long-tailed Manakins, several species of parrot, Northern Potoo and roosting Mottled Owl. Next was Lake Atitlan where we found our target the very rare Cabanis's Tanager, and where we made our annual hike up Paquisis Volcano in search of the rare Horned Guan which we eventually saw at the very top. Belted Flycatcher was also added to our list before we set off to the dry zone and added Lesser Ground Cuckoo, Elegant Trogon and even saw the programme to protect the endangered Guatemalan Beaded Lizard. Continuing on we add



**Golden-cheeked Warbler and Ruddy Crake before our stay at the unforgettable Gucamayas Biological Station. Boat trips produced Agami Heron and Sungrebe, while around the lodge hummingbirds and Grey-throated Chat were found. From here we finished with a stay at the famous Tikal; where the ancient Mayan temples were a highlight for everyone and the Orange-breasted Falcon became one of the top birds see. We can't wait to return.**

### *Antigua - San Cristobal el Alto - El Pilar - 25<sup>th</sup> Nov +*

Two of our group had unfortunately missed their flight connection the previous day and were not going to arrive until midday today. Those of us that had arrived the previous day were up early and ready to



go birding. We first drove to the nearby hilltop of San Cristobal el Alto that overlooks the beautiful city of Antigua. At first it looked rather quiet and above us a swirling group of swifts included **White-throated** and **Vaux's** plus a few **Black-capped Swallows**. Nearby we watched a few trees that soon became very active with many **Tennessee Warblers** a few **Townsend's Warblers**, and then **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**, **Baltimore Orioles**, our first **Bushy-crested Jays** soon followed by lots of **Western Tanagers**, both **Warbling** and **Blue-headed Vireos**, and several **Acorn Woodpeckers** as we slowly made our way to our fabulous breakfast stop. Along the way we did find **Grey Silky-Flycatchers** a **Black-and-white Warbler** and a very smart looking **MacGillivray's Warbler**. As we enjoyed a

sumptuous breakfast a dark morph **Short-tailed Hawk** flew over and some people saw an **Azure-crowned Hummingbird** feeding on some flowers. With breakfast over we then drove a short while to El Pilar and the private reserve that holds a few hummingbird feeders. Here we watched **Rufous Sabrewing**, **Azure-crowned Hummingbirds** and several **Rivoli's Hummingbirds**. A little further on in the forest we found **Wilson's Warblers** and then Aron heard the noise of a party of **Singing Quail** scurrying through the leaf litter. Most of us got brief views, so with a bit more of an effort we kept track of the birds until later 4 came down the bank and flew across the path with most people having got more satisfactory looks.



A **Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch** showed briefly and a **Blue-throated Motmot** called from far away. Back at the hummingbird feeders we enjoyed super looks at the three species seen earlier and also added **Berylline**, **Violet Sabrewing** and **Green-throated Mountaingem**. There was a **Mayan Frog** in a pool and lots of butterflies to be seen. We then returned back to our hotel for lunch and to finally catch up with our two missing participants Ian and Geoff. After lunch we split into a cultural group that checked out the fascinating history of Antigua and a birding group that visited a different area of San Cristobal el Alto. The birding group soon found a group of birds that included close looks at **Townsend's** and **Tennessee Warblers**, lots of **Baltimore Orioles** a pair of **Black-vented Orioles**, **Blue-headed Vireo** a nice **White-eared Hummingbird** and both **Steller's** and **Bushy-crested Jays**. A **Summer Tanager** appeared with some **Western Tanagers**, A **Grey Silky-Flycatcher** posed on top of some Bamboo and a **Greater Pewee** was spotted. Further on we had poor views of a **Rufous-browed Wren** and while listening to the strange song of **Brown-backed Solitaire** we got to see a pair of **Blue-throated Motmots** perched in a tangle back in the forest. Finally as we left we could hear the distant barking call of a **Collared Forest Falcon**. A great first day in Guatemala. Oh yes during dinner we were entertained by some very fancy dressed local dance group.

## *Rincon Suiza - Quetzaltenango - 26<sup>th</sup> Nov*

After some early morning coffee we left Antigua and headed to our breakfast stop at Rincon Suiza. After a fabulous breakfast we were ready for birding the private nature reserve. The sun was starting to warm up the tree tops and several **Rufous-collared Thrushes** made the most of it. A group of **Band-tailed Pigeons** alighted in a tree top and then further along the track we came across an **Amethyst-throated Hummingbird** and a busy little **Tufted Flycatcher**. **Townsend's Warblers** and **Wilson's Warblers** were fairly common and then we found one of our main target birds the beautiful looking **Pink-headed Warbler**. High in trees we spotted both **Hermit** and **Olive Warblers** while lower down a



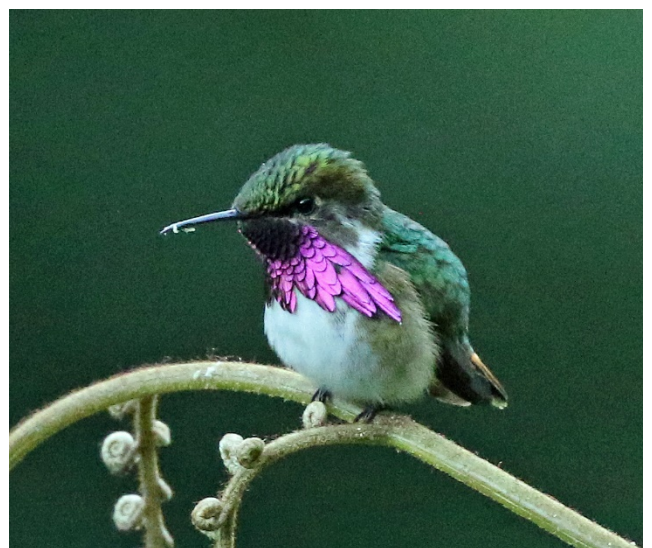
**Brown Creeper** was seen and a couple of **Rufous-browed Wrens** put in a brief appearance. **White-eared Hummingbirds** were showy and eventually some **White-naped Brush Finches** perched up for everyone to enjoy. **Mexican Violetears** were singing all around and eventually seen perched in the scope, while a **Mountain Trogon** played hard to get but eventually was seen well. **Steller's Jays** moved through the tree tops, a **Hammond's Flycatcher** was seen and then a couple of **Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercers** were watched feeding in the low undergrowth. **Slate-throated Whitestart** then appeared before we slowly made our way back to the waiting bus. After another fine lunch break we continued on to our hotel in Quetzaltenango. A little look around the nearby scrubby bushes produced **Wilson's**, **Tennessee** and **Townsend's Warblers**, a showy **Spotted Towhee**, **Rivoli's** and **Ruby-throated**

**Hummingbirds** plus an unbelievably showy **Brown-backed Solitaire**.

## *Fuentes Georgina's - Huehuetenango - 27<sup>th</sup> Nov*

This morning we set off early and drove the short distance to Fuentes Georgina's. Shortly before dawn we were treated to excellent views of a **Fulvous Owl** perched on an open branch. As the day dawned the first **Unicolored Jays** appeared and **Brown-backed Solitaires** were easily seen. An **Emerald Toucanet** flew into a tree and was seen well. A

**Deppe's Squirrel** showed well and then we got to see **Ruddy-capped Nightingale Thrush** and some **Chestnut-capped Brush Finches**. A group of **Common Chlorospingus** worked their way through the bushes and a tree held a nice **Crescent-chested Warbler**, **Black-and-white Warbler** and **Townsend's Warbler**. A pair of **Rufous-browed Wrens** put on a nice show. We then walked down towards the hot pools where a lone flowering tree produced a **Garnet-throated Hummingbird**, **Amethyst-throated Sunangel**, **Green-throated Mountaingem**, **Mexican Violetear** and a **White-eared Hummingbird**. A pair of **Blue-throated Motmots** called constantly and **Band-tailed Pigeons** flew over. We then worked our way back



along the road as the sun warmed up the flowery roadside bushes and soon we were enjoying fantastic close views of several male **Wine-throated Hummingbirds**. We enjoyed these birds for a long while before heading back to the hotel for breakfast. Then it was time to set off toward our next destination of

Huehuetenango. Arriving in the afternoon we met up at 4pm to go in search of Central Americas “Holy Grail” the rare and elusive Unspotted Saw-whet Owl. It took us 7 hours, fog, icy roads, constant rain and a lot of determination by all of our guides before we finally got views of this rarely seen little owl. High up in the canopy the bird called for over an hour before we could spot it and finally become the first ever birding group to see this bird in Guatemala. Tired we journeyed back at a snail pace in thick fog and straight to bed we will be ready to celebrate tomorrow.

### *Todos Santos - Los Tarrales - 28<sup>th</sup> Nov*

This morning we had an early breakfast and then headed up to Todos Santos Regional Park. We met our local guide Esteban and drove up into this unique cactus, páramo grassland. Several **Eastern Bluebirds** and **Eastern Meadowlarks** were seen along the way. At our first birding stop we walked a short distance into an area of short pine trees and it wasn't long before we were treated to excellent views of a pair of **Goldman's Warblers** a recent split from Yellow-rumped Warbler and an endemic to Guatemala, and only found in this park. A male **Olive Warbler** also showed well and we noted **Spotted Towhee** and **Yellow-eyed Junco**



nearby. We then moved on to another spot where we had even better views of several **Goldman's Warblers**. Moving again we tried an area where we could hear **Ocellated Quails** calling but we could not manage to see this incredibly skulking species. A couple of **Broad-tailed Hummingbirds** were spotted plus more **Yellow-eyed Juncos** and then further down we had a flock of **Pine Siskins** and some **American Bushtits**. It was then time to leave and make our longest journey of the trip to Los Tarrales where



we arrived in the early evening.

### *Los Tarrales - 29<sup>th</sup> Nov*

Today we had early morning coffee and then headed by 4x4 up to higher elevation within the property. Our first stop was very quiet so we moved a little higher. **Red-legged Honeycreepers** showed well alongside a **Yellow-throated Euphonia**, **Guatemalan Tyrannulet**, and some **Least Flycatchers**. In another spot we saw **Barred Antshrike**, **Masked Tityra**, **White-throated Thrush** and brief looks at **Long-tailed Manakins**. A **Long-billed Gnatwren** called but remained out of site and a **Yellow-throated Vireo** put in a brief appearance. Several **Indigo Buntings** fed in the long grasses and **Magnolia** and **Rufous-capped Warblers** were seen. Moving on up we had a very nice picnic breakfast and saw **Blue-throated Sapphire** singing on territory. A short walk then produced several **Black-throated Green Warblers**, more **Guatemalan Tyrannulets** and a skulking **Yellow-breasted Chat**. Dark and light morph **Short-tailed Hawks** flew over and we noted **White-bellied** and **Ruby-throated Hummingbirds**. **Rufous-naped Wrens** were found and then we got great looks at a **Prevost's Ground Sparrow**.



Working our way slowly down the hill we saw a **Black Hawk-Eagle** and then we found a pair of **Long-billed Starthroats** and a nest. A **Tropical Pewee** perched up and then **Gartered Trogon** posed on an open branch. Further down we left the 4x4's and walked a short trail seeing several **Yellow-bellied**



**Flycatchers**. Down near the lodge **Orange-chinned Parakeets** were flying over. In the flowering bushes we saw lots of **Ruby-throated Hummingbirds** including a couple of males, plus a **Beryline Hummingbird** and several **Cinnamon Hummingbirds**. We then had lunch and later met up for an afternoon walk. **White-bellied Chachalacas** were seen as well as **Lesson's Motmot** and our first **Yellow-winged Tanagers**. **Velasquez Woodpeckers** were common as were **Clay-colored Thrushes**. We found a **Turquoise-browed Motmot** and then another **Lesson's Motmot**. **Rose-throated Becard** and **Masked Tityras** were spotted as well as **Altamira Oriole**. A **Western Kingbird** was nearly overlooked from the commoner **Tropical Kingbirds** and a **Central American Agouti** was spotted on the track. It then began to rain so we headed back to the lodge for cover. The rain soon passed so we set out on another trail. A **Golden-olive Woodpecker** was seen and as we walked further

up the track we came across **White-bellied Chachalacas**, **Groove-billed Ani**, and then some **Grayish Saltators**. A **Spot-breasted Oriole** did not stay long on top of a tree, and then we spotted a group of **Collared Aracaris**. At our furthest point we found a **Striped Cuckoo** perched on a wire plus an **Orchard Oriole** and a fruiting tree that held some very smart **White-winged Tanagers**. It then began to rain again so we hastily made our way back to the lodge where we relaxed and waited for two target species to appear. There was soon a couple of **Lesser Swallow-tailed Swifts** flying over and then with patience we eventually had a pair of **Yellow-naped Amazons** fly into a tree where we could actually see the yellow nape.

### *Los Tarrales - Lake Atitlan- 30<sup>th</sup> Nov*

This morning we met for early coffee and banana cake and then set off for a short walk. There were a few **White-throated Magpie-Jays**, **Orange-chinned** and **Pacific Parakeets** and **Yellow-naped**



**Amazons** seen and then in a flowering tree we watched lots of **Orange-fronted Parakeets**. An **Olive-sided Flycatcher** was spotted on a dead tree top and we saw lots of **Baltimore Orioles** and a **Spot-breasted Oriole**. A **Collared Trogon** showed well and we then found both **Prevost's** and **White-eared Ground Sparrows**. A **Yellow-breasted Chat** stayed low in thick cover while a **Yellow-throated Vireo** was high in the tree tops, **Cabanis's Wren** was seen, a **Long-billed Gnatwren** proved difficult and good numbers of **White-bellied Chachalacas** showed well. In the bamboo we eventually got good scope views of a **Tody Motmot**. An **Ivory-billed Woodcreeper** was seen before we headed back for breakfast. Afterwards we set off on another walk, this time finding some nice butterflies and dragonflies near the pond, a couple of **Black-crowned Night Herons** and high above was a circling **King Vulture**. **Brown-crested Flycatcher** and **Tropical Pewee** put in an appearance, We then took many attempts to see the elusive **Rufous-breasted Spinetail** which eventually showed briefly to a few of the group. Moving on we

had a male **Painted Bunting**, a **Smoky-brown Woodpecker** and finally great looks at a **Northern Potoo** trying to look like a tree stump. We then returned for lunch after which we boarded our coach

and set off toward Lake Atitlan. On arrival we settled into our rooms and then while waiting in the car park we found **Yellow-bellied Elaenia**, **Blue-gray** and **Yellow-winged Tanagers**, and a couple of **Deppe's Squirrels**. We took the coach to the top of a nearby hill and once the rain stopped we got out and found **Slate-throated Whitestart**, and a fruiting tree came alive with **Emerald Toucanet**, **Flame-colored Tanagers**, **Common Chlorospingus**, **Brown-backed Solitaire**, **Band-backed Wrens**, a **Hairy Woodpecker** and several species of North American warbler. All in all a great day.

### *Paquisis Volcano - Horned Guan - 01<sup>st</sup> Dec*

This morning we had early breakfast and then set off on a boat across Lake Atitlan to the town of San Pedro. Here we took two open backed trucks all the way to the base of the volcano at 6,500ft. From here we took our picnic lunches in our back packs, plenty of water, a few telescopes and then set off on a steep upward hike. Our first short stop got very poor and brief views of a **Belted Flycatcher** as well as **Bushy-crested Jays**, **Summer Tanager** and some **Ruby-throated Hummingbirds**. We then started our 2hr climb. Several stops along the way produced **Ruddy-capped Nightingale Thrush**, **Elegant Euphonia**, and some nice **Hooded Grosbeaks** feeding above our heads. A **Wine-throated Hummingbird** sat on a small branch but as good as this was we needed to press on to reach the top and the home of the mythical **Horned Guan**. Eventually we all arrived in the hotspot for this bird and after seeing a few **Townsend's Warblers**, a **Yellowish Flycatcher** and some **Slate-throated Whitestarts**,



we bided our time while our super fit local guides set about searching for the guan. After about an hour they found a nice **Horned Guan** high in a tree. The first of our group got great views and as the rest arrived at the spot the guan started to move further back in the trees and eventually flew off. We tried in vain to relocate it and then later set about our return down the mountain. Just an hour or so to get down we were all tired but that never stopped us trying another spot for the elusive **Belted Flycatcher** which after a bit of work some of our group managed identifiable views of this very shy bird. It was time to leave so we took the trucks back to the dock and then the boat back to our hotel ending another great Sunrise Birding adventure.

### *Tepepul - El Rancho - 02<sup>nd</sup> Dec*

This morning we had early coffee then headed to the hillside forest of Tepepul. It started rather cool with very little moving but as the morning warmed up so did the bird activity. **Flame-colored Tanagers** appeared in a fruiting tree and lots of **Grey Silky-Flycatchers** posed nicely on the tree tops. A **Blue-throated Motmot** was found and was our best looks so far of this smart bird. An **Emerald-chinned Hummingbird** and a **Rivoli's Hummingbird** were seen. **Band-tailed** and **Red-billed Pigeons** were noted and a **Collared Trogon** put in a brief appearance. In another fruiting tree we watched **Hairy Woodpecker**, **Common Chlorospingus** a **Bar-winged Oriole**, several **Rose-breasted Grosbeaks** and then finally our target bird the endangered **Cabanis's Tanager**, also known as **Azure-rumped Tanager** was spotted in a distant tree by Aron. Not long after these distant views a small group appeared in the closer fruiting tree we had been looking at. After great looks at these, and then a **Blue-and-white**



**Mockingbird** we made our way back to the lodge for breakfast. Afterwards a quick look around the gardens followed by a walk down to the dock produced **Green Herons**, a **Tricolored Heron**, **Morelet's Seedeater** and a distant **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** before we set off to Guatemala City and our lunch stop. Eventually by early evening we arrived at the small town of El Rancho.

### *Hermadora Reserve - Ram Tzul - 03<sup>rd</sup> Dec*

This morning we had early breakfast and then while loading our luggage onto the bus a **Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** was spotted. We then set off to the Hermadora Reserve set in the dry cactus scrub about an hour from our hotel. Once here we walked the dusty track and soon spotted a couple of flighty **Painted Buntings**, followed by **Altamira** and **Streak-backed Orioles**. A **Nutting's Flycatcher** showed well and then a pair of **Yellow Grosbeaks** and a **Russet-crowned Motmot**. We then played a game of wits with a skulking **Lesser Ground Cuckoo** but eventually we all got fabulous looks at this hard to see bird. A **White-lored Gnatcatcher** put in an appearance and further on we saw a **Red-tailed Hawk**, plus some **Bushy-crested Jays**.



We then went into the research center and were introduced to several very endangered **Guatemalan Beaded Lizards**. This facility helps monitor and track this highly endangered lizard. We then walked a little more finding an **Elegant Trogon**, **Great Crested Flycatcher** and a perched **Hook-billed Kite**. We then returned to El Rancho for lunch before setting off on our next drive to Rio Escondido. Here we walked up a lightly forested hillside where we soon found **Black-throated Green** and a brief **Grace's Warbler** and not long after we found our main target species the superb **Golden-cheeked Warbler**. It performed very well for us and we also saw **Acorn Woodpeckers**, a **Crescent-chested Warbler** and some **Myrtle Warblers**. Moving on we arrived in Biotope Quetzal at a site near our hotel where we soon found **Yellow-backed Orioles**, plus **Eastern Bluebirds**, **Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers**, and **Band-backed Wrens** lined up on a wire.



### *Ram Tzul not - Isle de Flores - 04<sup>th</sup> Dec*

This morning we checked out the gardens of Posada del Quetzal and here we saw **Yellow-backed** and **Baltimore Orioles**, a showy **Yellowish Flycatcher** and a brief **Grace's Warbler**. **Eastern Bluebirds** perched up nicely alongside **Greater Pewee**, **Yellow-winged Tanagers** and a brief **Rufous-browed Peppershrike**. **Band-backed Wrens** were as noisy as ever and in the distance we heard **Buffy-crowned Wood Partridges** but they never came close enough to see. Moving on we had a long drive to get to Flores Island. A stop for lunch along the way had us look at the gardens and find **Morelet's Seedeaters**, **Blue-black Grassquits**, **Magnolia Warbler** and **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher**. A flowering tree was visited by **Green-breasted Mango** and **Rufous-tailed Hummingbirds** and some people got to see a **Montezuma's Oropendola**. After lunch we continued our drive with a short stop at the ferry that crossed the Sayaxche River. While we waited we saw **Spotted** and **Least Sandpipers**, **Belted**



**Kingfisher, Mangrove Swallows, Eurasian Collared Dove** and several **Neotropic Cormorants**. We then drove the last section of our journey and arrived at our hotel on the Isle de Flores.

### *Flores - Guacamayas Biological Station - 05<sup>th</sup> Dec*

This morning we had early breakfast and then brief look around our fabulous hotel before setting off on the long drive to Guacamayas Biological Station. At breakfast we saw **Laughing Gulls, Green Herons, a Royal Tern, Northern Jacanas** and a large **Green Iguana**. Soon after setting off our first stop was near a river bridge. Here we saw a **Limpkin, Purple Gallinules**, lots of **Neotropic Cormorants** and a posing **Ringed Kingfisher**. Further searching revealed **Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Snail Kite** with a large snail, **Fork-tailed Flycatchers**, several **Common Yellowthroats**, a **Willow Flycatcher** and some distant **Aningas**. Moving on we spotted **Vermilion Flycatchers, Roadside Hawk** and a nice **Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture**. A couple of **Scrub Euphonias** were seen alongside, a **Ladder-backed Woodpecker** and **Canivet's Emerald**. A male **Canivet's** was also spotted from the bus and then we watched a pair of **Aplomado Falcons** feeding on a bird in a large tree. **Morelet's Seedeaters**



were singing and a **Green-backed Sparrow** eventually gave poor views. Barb spotted the first of two **Laughing Falcons**. After a tortuous journey with our driver Kenny negotiating many muddy holes in the road we arrived at a small village and a dock where our boats were waiting. A 25 minute journey along the river soon had us arrive at the Biological Station where we were soon entertained by several species of hummingbirds while enjoying a cold welcome drink. **Wedge-tailed Sabrewings, White-necked Jacobin, White-bellied Emerald** and **Green-breasted Mangos** were enjoyed, and then we settled into our rooms and went for lunch. Afterwards we met up for a walk on one of the trails in the forest. We had reasonable looks at a **Northern Schiffornis**, and a **Sulphur-rumped Myiobius**, plus **Keel-billed Toucans** and **Montezuma's Oropendola**. Everyone had a nice surprise when they climbed the watch tower to find a cool box with chilled wine, beer and cheese waiting. From the tower we could see a couple of **Guatemalan**

**Black Howlers** and as dusk fell we heard **Barn Owl, Black-and-white Owl** and a **Mottled Owl**.

### *Guacamayas Biological Station - 06<sup>th</sup> Dec*

This morning we had early breakfast and then set off on a boat trip along the river. **Ringed and Green Kingfishers, Great Blue Heron** and **Mangrove Swallows** were easily seen. Then our first **Sungrebe** was spotted and as usual gave on and off good views as it snuck amongst the waterside vegetation. Further on we saw **Red-lored Amazon** and some **Olive-throated Parakeets**, and then a nice **American Pygmy Kingfisher** and a **Russet-naped Wood Rail**. Shortly after an **Agami Heron** was found and although



difficult as it remained in cover it eventually flew across the river giving us great flight views. Further on a **Yucatan Woodpecker** was spotted plus **Green Jays** a **Lesser Greenlet** and some **Tropical Gnatcatchers**. Then another **Sungrebe** appeared before we turned around and headed back toward the lodge for lunch. We had some time to look at the feeders where **Wedge-tailed Sabrewing**, **White-necked Jacobins**, **White-bellied Emerald**, and **Rufous-tailed Hummingbirds** showed well. A **Kentucky Warbler** had been in the garden earlier and **Morelet's Seedeaters** were around. Another great lunch was served and then we had a short time before taking an afternoon walk along another of the forest trails. As we started we had a nice **Golden-winged Warbler** and a male **American Redstart**.



Then as we entered the forest a **Northern Royal Flycatcher** put in an all too brief appearance and a small mixed flock contained **Grey Catbirds**, **Lesser Greenlet** and **White-eyed Vireo**. A **Worm-eating Warbler** was seen by some and then we had a game of spot the Anthrush as a **Mayan Anthrush** did its best to stay out of sight. Eventually everyone caught up with this little forest chicken! Further on we had reasonable views of a female **Grey-throated Chat** and then as we headed back a pair of **Tody Motmots** put on a show.

### *Guacamayas - Flores - Tikal - 07<sup>th</sup> Dec*

This morning we had another early breakfast before heading out on a final boat trip. The water was calm and like a mirror. A **Bare-throated Tiger Heron** was found and the usual array of kingfishers was seen. **Bat Falcons** were perched high on dead tree tops surveying the forest. A **White-crowned Amazon** was also seen on a tree top and then we got good views of **Lineated Woodpecker**. A **Black-headed Trogon** appeared and amazingly was followed by three others. We then returned to our lodge packed our bags and said goodbye to our wonderful hosts. Our bumpy drive back to Flores had a stop for some **Fork-tailed Flycatchers** perched in a grassy field and then by the gate to the reserve our bus driver had to change a tyre so this gave us an opportunity to find a few birds including a **Yellow-tailed Oriole** and fabulous looks at a male **Grey-throated Chat**. We arrived at Flores for lunch and afterwards we continued on to Tikal National Park. A stop beside a marsh produced great looks at our target with a pair of **Ruddy Crakes** showing well. We then continued on to our hotel within the park. After settling in we walk around the area just outside the hotel and saw a perched **White-fronted Parrot**, and a superb **Pale-billed Woodpecker**. Several **Ocellated Turkeys** came strolling past. They are now used to people and allow for great photos. Walking around we then found **Montezuma's Oropendolas**, a very close **Roadside Hawk** and a bunch of **Yellow-throated Euphonias**. Beside the ponds we saw **Limpkin**, **Northern Jacanas**, a **Purple Gallinule**, and 8 **Russet-naped Wood Rails** and many **Ridgeways Swallows** a subspecies of **Northern Rough-winged Swallow**.



## Tikal National Park - 08<sup>th</sup> Dec

This morning we had early coffee then set off on a short walk into the forest beside the lodge. We heard both **Yucatan Poorwill** and **Middle American Screech-Owl** but neither showed. A **Grey-headed**



**Dove** was seen to wake up from its roost and then we found one of our main targets the **Rose-throated Tanager** and everyone got great views. Then we found a **Mangrove Vireo** and a nice male **Grey-collared Becard**. A **Chestnut-colored Woodpecker** put in a brief appearance, then as we walked slowly back we found a mixed flock that had us looking in all directions at once. There was **Plain Xenops**, **Eye-ringed Flatbill**, **Sulphur-rumped Myiobius**, **Golden-winged Warbler**, **Lesser Greenlet**, **Northern Barred** and **Tawny-winged Woodcreeper**, a **Yellow-bellied Tyrannulet**, a female **Black-throated Shrike Tanager** and **Red-throated Ant Tanagers**. **White-fronted** and **Mealy Amazons** were seen and then we headed back for breakfast. Afterward we met up with our cultural guide Luis and set off walking towards the Mayan Ruins of Tikal. Aron soon heard and then

spotted an **Ornate Hawk-Eagle** circling overhead and we also saw a **King Vulture**. As we went into the park a small group of birds included more **Red-throated Ant Tanagers**, **Sepia-capped Flycatcher** and an **Ivory-billed Woodcreeper**. Moving on we found **Kentucky Warblers**, a very nice male **Hooded Warbler**, **Wood Thrush** and a female **White-collared Manakin**. With Luis giving wonderful details on the Mayan way of life and culture we continued on passing lots of ruins until we reached the main plaza which is a spectacular site. Of course we were soon distracted by a pair of superb **Orange-breasted Falcons** perched in a tree top. It was then time for lunch in the park.

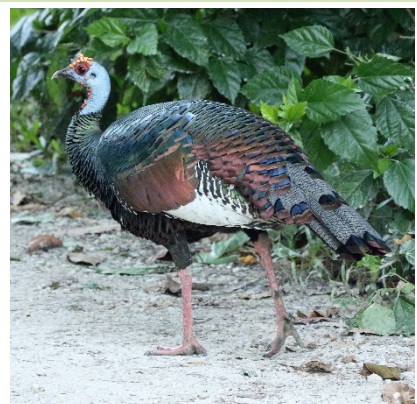
Afterwards some of the group returned to the lodge and the rest returned to the main plaza where we climbed one of the monuments to be eye level with a perched **Orange-breasted Falcon**. Later the bird flew and gave us a wonderful show. Three more **King Vultures** were seen, plus in the tree tops we could see **Blue-grey Gnatcatcher**, and **Brown Jays**. Working our way slowly back we found lots of **Wood Thrushes** and a few **Kentucky Warblers**. Then there were three **Crested Guans** feeding on the grass.



## Tikal - Guatemala City - End of Tour - 09<sup>th</sup> Dec

This morning we headed out early from the hotel to have breakfast at Flores overlooking the lake as the sun rose. We then made our way to the airport and said goodbye to our wonderful guides Maynor & Aron. Many thanks for their wonderful company, great humor and fabulous birding skills.

Ocellated Turkey



We would also like to extend our thanks to all the wonderful people we met in Guatemala with particular thanks to our many local guides Esteban, Casimiro, Freddy, Herman, Cruz, Little Cruz, Luis.

## BIRDLIST FOR GUATEMALA 2018

A = Number of species recorded on tour    B = Number of days out of 14 recorded    C = Highest daily count

H = Heard Only    N/C = No Count    C=Common

This list follows the IOC WORLD BIRD LIST v (8.2) and as such names may be different than some of the field guides and other taxonomy's – appendix \*

A	SPECIES	SCIENTIFIC NAME	B	C
1	Great Tinamou	<i>Tinamou major</i>	1	H
2	Thicket Tinamou	<i>Crypturellus cinnamomeus</i>	1	H
3	Black-bellied Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>	1	1
4	Blue-winged Teal	<i>Spatula discors</i>	2	1
5	Lesser Scaup	<i>Aythya affinis</i>	1	20+
6	Highland Guan	<i>Penelopina nigra</i>	1	1
7	Crested Guan	<i>Penelope purpurascens</i>	1	3
8	Plain Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis vetula</i>	3	6
9	White-bellied Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis leucogastra</i>	2	10
10	Horned Guan	<i>Oreophasis derbianus</i>	1	2
11	Buffy-crowned Wood Partridge	<i>Dendrortyx leucophrys</i>	1	H
12	Singing Quail	<i>Dactylortyx thoracicus</i>	1	4
13	Ocellated Quail	<i>Cyrtonyx ocellatus</i>	1	H
14	Ocellated Turkey	<i>Meleagris ocellata</i>	2	8
15	Least Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus dominicus</i>	1	1
16	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	12	C
17	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	2	2
18	Band-tailed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>	5	10+
19	Pale-vented Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas cayennensis</i>	1	3
20	Red-billed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas flavirostris</i>	2	2
21	Short-billed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas nigrirostris</i>	1	H
22	White-tipped Dove	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>	7	4
23	Grey-headed Dove	<i>Leptotila plumbeiceps</i>	1	1
24	White-winged Dove	<i>Zenaida asiatica</i>	7	10
25	Inca Dove	<i>Columbina inca</i>	6	4
26	Ruddy Ground Dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	4	4
27	Wood Stork	<i>Mycteria americana</i>	2	2
28	Bare-throated Tiger Heron	<i>Tigrisoma mexicanum</i>	2	2
29	Agami Heron	<i>Agamia agami</i>	1	1
30	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	1	2
31	Green Heron	<i>Butorides virescens</i>	5	20
32	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	7	50+
33	Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	6	3
34	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	8	6
35	Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	3	2
36	Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	5	6

37	Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	1	1
38	Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>	4	30
39	Anhinga	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	3	2
40	Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	14	40+
41	Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture	<i>Cathartes burrovianus</i>	1	2
42	Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	14	C
43	King Vulture	<i>Sarcoramphus papa</i>	2	4
44	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	2	1
45	White-tailed Kite	<i>Elanus leucurus</i>	3	1
46	Hook-billed Kite	<i>Chondrohierax uncinatus</i>	1	1
47	Black Hawk Eagle	<i>Spizaetus tyrannus</i>	1	1
48	Ornate Hawk Eagle	<i>Spizaetus ornatus</i>	1	1
49	Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	1	1
50	Snail Kite	<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i>	1	2
51	Roadside Hawk	<i>Rupornis magnirostris</i>	5	3
52	Gray Hawk	<i>Buteo plagiatus</i>	3	2
53	Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	2	1
54	Short-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo brachyurus</i>	3	2
55	Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	2	1
56	Sungrebe	<i>Heliornis fulica</i>	1	2
57	Ruddy Crake	<i>Laterallus ruber</i>	1	2
58	Rufous-naped Wood Rail *	<i>Aramides albiventris</i>	3	8
59	Purple Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio martinicus</i>	3	6
60	Common Gallinule	<i>Gallinula galeata</i>	2	1
61	American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>	3	2
62	Limpkin	<i>Aramus guarauna</i>	2	1
63	Northern Jacana	<i>Jacana spinosa</i>	4	10
64	Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>	2	6
65	Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	1	2
66	Laughing Gull	<i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i>	3	10+
67	Royal Tern	<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>	1	1
68	Groove-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga sulcirostris</i>	5	6+
69	Striped Cuckoo	<i>Tapera naevia</i>	2	1
70	Squirrel Cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana</i>	8	1
71	Lesser Ground Cuckoo	<i>Morococcyx erythropygus</i>	1	1
72	American Barn Owl	<i>Tyto furcata</i>	1	H
73	Middle American Screech-Owl *	<i>Megascops guatemalae</i>	1	H
74	Ferruginous Pygmy Owl	<i>Glaucidium brasilianum</i>	1	1
75	Fulvous Owl	<i>Strix fulvescens</i>	1	1
76	Mottled Owl	<i>Ciccaba virgata</i>	1	2
77	Black-and-white Owl	<i>Ciccaba nigrolineata</i>	1	H
78	Unspotted Saw-whet Owl	<i>Aegolius ridgwayi</i>	1	1
79	Common Pauraque	<i>Nyctidromus albicollis</i>	2	2
80	Yucatan Poorwill	<i>Nyctiphrynus yucatanicus</i>	1	H
81	Northern Potoo	<i>Nyctibius jamaicensis</i>	1	1
82	White-throated Swift	<i>Aeronautes saxatalis</i>	2	20
83	White-collared Swift	<i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>	3	10
84	Vaux's Swift	<i>Chaetura vauxi</i>	7	C
85	Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift	<i>Panyptila cayennensis</i>	2	3

86	White-necked Jacobin	<i>Florisuga mellivora</i>	3	8
87	Mexican Violetear *	<i>Colibri thalassinus</i>	2	6
88	Purple-crowned Fairy	<i>Heliostyris barroti</i>	1	2
89	Green-breasted Mango	<i>Anthracothorax prevostii</i>	4	3
90	Emerald-chinned Hummingbird	<i>Abeillia abeillei</i>	1	1
91	Canivet's Emerald	<i>Chlorostilbon canivetii</i>	2	2
92	Wedge-tailed Sabrewing	<i>Campylopterus pampa</i>	3	4
93	Rufous Sabrewing	<i>Campylopterus rufus</i>	1	2
94	Violet Sabrewing	<i>Campylopterus hemileucurus</i>	2	1
95	Rufous-tailed Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia tzacatl</i>	5	4
96	Cinnamon Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia rutila</i>	2	6
97	White-bellied Emerald	<i>Amazilia candida</i>	5	5
98	Azure-crowned Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia cyanocephala</i>	5	3
99	Berylline Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia beryllina</i>	5	2
100	Blue-tailed Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia cyanura</i>	1	4
101	Blue-throated Sapphire *	<i>Hylocharis eliciae</i>	1	1
102	White-eared Hummingbird	<i>Hylocharis leucotis</i>	4	4
103	Rivoli's Hummingbird *	<i>Eugenes fulgens</i>	3	4
104	Long-billed Starthroat	<i>Heliomaster longirostris</i>	2	2
105	Green-throated Mountaingem	<i>Lampornis viridipallens</i>	2	1
106	Amethyst-throated Mountaingem	<i>Lampornis amethystinus</i>	2	1
107	Garnet-throated Hummingbird	<i>Lamprolaima rhami</i>	2	1
108	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	5	12
109	Broad-tailed Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus platycercus</i>	1	2
110	Slaty-tailed Trogon	<i>Trogon massena</i>	1	1
111	Black-headed Trogon	<i>Trogon melanocephalus</i>	1	4
112	Gartered Trogon	<i>Trogon caligatus</i>	2	2
113	Mountain Trogon	<i>Trogon mexicanus</i>	3	2
114	Collared Trogon	<i>Trogon collaris</i>	4	1
115	Rufous-tailed Jacamar	<i>Galbula ruficauda</i>	1	1
116	White-whiskered Puffbird	<i>Malacoptila panamensis</i>	1	Caught
117	Lineated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>	2	2
118	Pale-billed Woodpecker	<i>Campephilus guatemalensis</i>	2	2
119	Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	4	3
120	Golden-olive Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes rubiginosus</i>	2	1
121	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	2	2
122	Acorn Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes formicivorus</i>	3	6
123	Black-cheeked Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes pucherani</i>	1	1
124	Yucatan Woodpecker *	<i>Melanerpes pygmaeus</i>	1	1
125	Velasquez's Woodpecker *	<i>Melanerpes santacruzi</i>	8	4
126	Ladder-backed Woodpecker	<i>Picoides scalaris</i>	1	1
127	Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>	2	2
128	Smoky-brown Woodpecker	<i>Picoides fumigatus</i>	1	1
129	Chestnut-colored Woodpecker	<i>Celeus castaneus</i>	1	1
130	Keel-billed Toucan	<i>Ramphastos sulfuratus</i>	3	2
131	Emerald Toucanet	<i>Aulacorhynchus prasinus</i>	3	1
132	Collared Aracari	<i>Pteroglossus torquatus</i>	4	6
133	Tody Motmot	<i>Hylomanes momotula</i>	2	2
134	Blue-throated Motmot	<i>Aspatha gularis</i>	4	2

135	Russet-crowned Motmot	<i>Momotus mexicanus</i>	1	1
136	Lesson's Motmot	<i>Momotus lessonii</i>	2	2
137	Turquoise-browed Motmot	<i>Eumomota superciliosa</i>	2	1
138	Ringed Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle torquata</i>	5	4
139	Belted Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>	4	2
140	American Pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle aenea</i>	1	2
141	Green Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle americana</i>	3	3
142	Laughing Falcon	<i>Herpetotheres cachinnans</i>	2	2
143	Collared Forest Falcon	<i>Micrastur semitorquatus</i>	1	H
144	Northern Crested Caracara	<i>Caracara cheriway</i>	1	1
145	American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	5	2
146	Bat Falcon	<i>Falco ruficularis</i>	4	2
147	Orange-breasted Falcon	<i>Falco deiroleucus</i>	1	2
148	Aplomado Falcon	<i>Falco femoralis</i>	1	2
149	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	3	1
150	Orange-chinned Parakeet	<i>Brotogeris jugularis</i>	2	30+
151	Brown-hooded Parrot	<i>Pyrilia haematosis</i>	1	?
152	White-crowned Parrot	<i>Pionus senilis</i>	1	1
153	White-fronted Amazon	<i>Amazona albifrons</i>	2	10
154	Red-lore Amazon	<i>Amazona autumnalis</i>	2	8
155	Yellow-naped Amazon	<i>Amazona auropalliata</i>	2	6
156	Northern Mealy Parrot	<i>Amazona guatemalae</i>	1	2
157	Olive-throated Parakeet	<i>Eupsittula nana</i>	3	8
158	Orange-fronted Parakeet	<i>Eupsittula canicularis</i>	2	30
159	Pacific Parakeet	<i>Psittacara strenuus</i>	6	10
160	White-collared Manakin	<i>Manacus candei</i>	1	1
161	Long-tailed Manakin	<i>Chiroxiphia linearis</i>	1	4
162	Black-crowned Tityra	<i>Tityra inquisitor</i>	1	1
163	Masked Tityra	<i>Tityra semifasciata</i>	1	4
164	Rose-throated Becard	<i>Pachyramphus aglaiae</i>	5	2
165	Grey-collared Becard	<i>Pachyramphus major</i>	1	1
166	Northern Schiffornis	<i>Schiffornis veraepacis</i>	2	1
167	Stub-tailed Spadebill	<i>Platyrinchus cancrominus</i>	1	H
168	Sulphur-rumped Myiobius *	<i>Myiobius sulphureipygius</i>	2	2
169	Ochre-bellied Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes oleagineus</i>	2	2
170	Sepia-capped Flycatcher	<i>Leptopogon amaurocephalus</i>	1	1
171	Eye-ringed Flatbill	<i>Rhynchocyclus brevirostris</i>	1	2
172	Yellow-olive Flatbill *	<i>Tolmomyias sulphurescens</i>	4	1
173	Northern Bentbill	<i>Oncostoma cinereigulare</i>	4	H
174	Common Tody Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>	4	3
175	Guatemalan Tyrannulet *	<i>Zimmerius vilissimus</i>	2	2
176	Yellow-bellied Elaenia	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>	2	1
177	Mountain Elaenia	<i>Elaenia frantzii</i>	1	1
178	Bright-rumped Attila	<i>Attila spadiceus</i>	1	1
179	Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	3	1
180	Boat-billed Flycatcher	<i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>	4	2
181	Social Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>	10	8
182	Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	11	C
183	Couch's Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus couchii</i>	1	H

184	Western Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus verticalis</i>	1	1
185	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannus forficatus</i>	2	5
186	Fork-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannus savana</i>	2	5
187	Dusky-capped Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>	6	1
188	Great Crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>	3	2
189	Nutting's Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus nuttingi</i>	1	3
190	Brown-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i>	4	1
191	Vermilion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>	2	6
192	Northern Tufted Flycatcher	<i>Mitrephanes phaeocercus</i>	1	2
193	Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>	1	1
194	Least Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax minimus</i>	3	5
195	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax flaviventris</i>	4	2
196	Hammond's Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax hammondii</i>	5	2
197	Yellowish Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax flavescens</i>	2	1
198	Willow Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>	1	1
199	Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Contopus cooperi</i>	1	1
200	Greater Pewee	<i>Contopus pertinax</i>	5	2
201	Eastern Wood Pewee	<i>Contopus virens</i>	1	1
202	Tropical Pewee	<i>Contopus cinereus</i>	4	2
203	Belted Flycatcher	<i>Xenotriccus callizonus</i>	1	1
204	Barred Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus doliatus</i>	4	1
205	Mayan Antthrush *	<i>Formicarius moniliger</i>	1	2
206	Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner	<i>Anabacerthia variegaticeps</i>	1	1
207	Ruddy Foliage-gleaner	<i>Automolus rubiginosus</i>	1	H
208	Olivaceous Woodcreeper	<i>Sittasomus griseicapillus</i>	2	1
209	Tawny-winged Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocincla anabatina</i>	1	1
210	Strong-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus</i>	1	1
211	Northern Barred Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae</i>	1	1
212	Ivory-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus flavigaster</i>	3	2
213	Spotted Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus erythropygius</i>	1	H
214	Spot-crowned Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes affinis</i>	4	1
215	Plain Xenops	<i>Xenops minutus</i>	1	1
216	Rufous-breasted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis erythrothorax</i>	1	2
217	Rufous-browed Peppershrike	<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>	4	1
218	Chestnut-sided Shrike Vireo	<i>Vireolanius melitophrys</i>	1	H
219	White-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo griseus</i>	4	3
220	Mangrove Vireo	<i>Vireo pallens</i>	1	1
221	Yellow-throated Vireo	<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	6	4
222	Plumbeous Vireo	<i>Vireo plumbeus</i>	1	1
223	Blue-headed Vireo	<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	3	2
224	Warbling Vireo	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	3	2
225	Lesser Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus decurtatus</i>	2	2
226	Unicolored Jay	<i>Aphelocoma unicolor</i>	1	6
227	Steller's Jay	<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>	4	4
228	Green Jay *	<i>Cyanocorax luxuosus</i>	1	2
229	Brown Jay	<i>Cyanocorax morio</i>	4	20
230	White-throated Magpie Jay	<i>Cyanocorax formosus</i>	2	3
231	Bushy-crested Jay	<i>Cyanocorax melanocyaneus</i>	3	10
232	Yucatan Jay	<i>Cyanocorax yucatanicus</i>	1	H



233	Olive Warbler	<i>Peucedramus taeniatus</i>	2	1
234	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	10	20+
235	Blue-crowned Chlorophonia	<i>Chlorophonia occipitalis</i>	1	H
236	Scrub Euphonia	<i>Euphonia affinis</i>	3	5
237	Yellow-throated Euphonia	<i>Euphonia hirundinacea</i>	4	5
238	Elegant Euphonia	<i>Euphonia elegantissima</i>	3	2
239	Olive-backed Euphonia	<i>Euphonia gouldi</i>	1	2
240	Hooded Grosbeak	<i>Hesperiphona abeillei</i>	1	4
241	Lesser Goldfinch	<i>Spinus psaltria</i>	2	2
242	Pine Siskin	<i>Spinus pinus</i>	1	20
243	Black-headed Siskin	<i>Spinus notatus</i>	6	5
244	Green-backed Sparrow	<i>Arremonops chloronotus</i>	2	1
245	Chestnut-capped Brush Finch	<i>Arremon brunneinucha</i>	3	6
246	White-naped Brush Finch	<i>Atlapetes albinucha</i>	1	4
247	Common Bush Tanager *	<i>Chlorospingus flavopectus</i>	6	8
248	Prevost's Ground Sparrow *	<i>Melozone biarcuata</i>	2	2
249	White-eared Ground Sparrow	<i>Melozone leucotis</i>	1	4
250	Rufous-collared Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>	6	6
251	Yellow-eyed Junco *	<i>Junco phaeonotus</i>	1	4
252	Spotted Towhee	<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>	2	2
253	Yellow-breasted Chat	<i>Icteria virens</i>	2	1
254	Worm-eating Warbler	<i>Helmitheros vermivorum</i>	2	2
255	Louisiana Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>	2	1
256	Golden-winged Warbler	<i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>	2	1
257	Black-and-white Warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	10	3
258	Crescent-chested Warbler	<i>Oreothlypis superciliosa</i>	4	2
259	Tennessee Warbler	<i>Leiothlypis peregrina</i>	9	20
260	Nashville Warbler	<i>Leiothlypis ruficapilla</i>	1	1
261	MacGillivray's Warbler	<i>Geothlypis tolmiei</i>	1	1
262	Kentucky Warbler	<i>Geothlypis formosa</i>	3	4
263	Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	1	6
264	Hooded Warbler	<i>Setophaga citrina</i>	1	1
265	American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	3	2
266	Magnolia Warbler	<i>Setophaga magnolia</i>	8	3
267	American Yellow Warbler	<i>Setophaga petechia</i>	5	2
268	Myrtle Warbler	<i>Setophaga coronata</i>	1	2
269	Grace's Warbler	<i>Setophaga graciae</i>	2	1
270	Townsend's Warbler	<i>Setophaga townsendi</i>	9	10
271	Hermit Warbler	<i>Setophaga occidentalis</i>	2	1
272	Golden-cheeked Warbler	<i>Setophaga chrysoparia</i>	1	1
273	Black-throated Green Warbler	<i>Setophaga virens</i>	6	4
274	Rufous-capped Warbler	<i>Basileuterus rufifrons</i>	3	2
275	Golden-browed Warbler	<i>Basileuterus belli</i>	3	1
276	Golden-crowned Warbler	<i>Basileuterus culicivorus</i>	2	2
277	Wilson's Warbler	<i>Cardellina pusilla</i>	10	2
278	Pink-headed Warbler	<i>Cardellina versicolor</i>	1	4
279	Slaty-throated Whitestart	<i>Myioborus miniatus</i>	5	3
280	Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>	2	8
281	Yellow-billed Cacique	<i>Amblycercus holosericeus</i>	1	1

282	Montezuma Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius montezuma</i>	4	30
283	Yellow-backed Oriole	<i>Icterus chrysater</i>	2	2
284	Altamira Oriole	<i>Icterus gularis</i>	3	2
285	Streak-backed Oriole	<i>Icterus pustulatus</i>	1	2
286	Baltimore Oriole	<i>Icterus galbula</i>	11	12
287	Spot-breasted Oriole	<i>Icterus pectoralis</i>	2	1
288	Yellow-tailed Oriole	<i>Icterus mesomelas</i>	2	2
289	Orchard Oriole	<i>Icterus spurius</i>	6	3
290	Bar-winged Oriole	<i>Icterus maculialatus</i>	2	1
291	Black-vented Oriole	<i>Icterus prothemelas</i>	2	2
292	Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	1	H
293	Bronzed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus aeneus</i>	1	N/C
294	Melodious Blackbird	<i>Dives dives</i>	7	10
295	Great-tailed Grackle	<i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>	13	C
296	Yellow Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus chrysopheplus</i>	1	4
297	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	5	2
298	Gray-throated Chat	<i>Granatellus sallaei</i>	2	1
299	Indigo Bunting	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>	2	5
300	Painted Bunting	<i>Passerina ciris</i>	2	2
301	Red-throated Ant Tanager	<i>Habia fuscicauda</i>	2	4
302	Flame-colored Tanager	<i>Piranga bidentata</i>	3	4
303	White-winged Tanager	<i>Piranga leucoptera</i>	1	5
304	Summer Tanager	<i>Piranga rubra</i>	8	2
305	Rose-throated Tanager	<i>Piranga roseogularis</i>	1	2
306	Western Tanager	<i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>	4	20
307	Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa baritula</i>	3	4
308	Blue-black Grassquit	<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>	1	2
309	Gray-headed Tanager	<i>Eucometis penicillata</i>	2	4
310	Black-throated Shrike-Tanager	<i>Lanio aurantius</i>	1	2
311	Green Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes lucidus</i>	1	1
312	Red-legged Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes cyaneus</i>	5	6
313	Morelet's Seedeater *	<i>Sporophila morelleti</i>	7	12
314	Black-headed Saltator	<i>Saltator atriceps</i>	4	2
315	Grayish Saltator	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>	1	2
316	Blue-gray Tanager	<i>Tangara episcopus</i>	4	2
317	Yellow-winged Tanager	<i>Tangara abbas</i>	5	8
318	Palm Tanager	<i>Tangara palmarum</i>	2	1
319	Cabanis's Tanager *	<i>Tangara cabanisi</i>	1	10
320	Golden-hooded Tanager	<i>Tangara larvata</i>	1	1
321	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	4	6
322	Violet-green Swallow	<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>	1	N/C
323	Mangrove Swallow	<i>Tachycineta albilinea</i>	4	20+
324	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	5	30+
	Ridgway's Rough-winged Swallow *	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis ridgwayi</i>	2	20
325	Black-capped Swallow	<i>Atticora pileata</i>	4	10+
326	American Bushtit	<i>Psaltiriparus minimus</i>	1	4
327	Gray Silky-flycatcher	<i>Ptiliogonys cinereus</i>	3	20
328	House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	2	2
329	Rufous-browed Wren	<i>Troglodytes rufociliatus</i>	4	2

330	Band-backed Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus zonatus</i>	5	3
331	Rufous-backed Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus capistratus</i>	3	6
332	Spot-breasted Wren	<i>Pheugopedius maculipectus</i>	4	1
333	Cabanis's Wren *	<i>Cantorchilus modestus</i>	3	2
334	White-breasted Wood Wren	<i>Henicorhina leucosticta</i>	1	H
335	Long-billed Gnatwren	<i>Ramphocaenus melanurus</i>	2	1
336	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila caerulea</i>	2	2
337	White-lored Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila albiloris</i>	1	3
338	Tropical Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila plumbea</i>	2	2
339	Blue-and-white Mockingbird	<i>Melanotis hypoleucus</i>	3	1
340	Gray Catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	3	4
341	Tropical Mockingbird	<i>Mimus gilvus</i>	2	2
342	Eastern Bluebird	<i>Sialia sialis</i>	3	3
343	Brown-backed Solitaire	<i>Myadestes occidentalis</i>	8	4
344	Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	1	1
345	Wood Thrush	<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	2	6
346	Ruddy-capped Nightingale Thrush	<i>Catharus frantzii</i>	2	2
347	White-throated Thrush	<i>Turdus assimilis</i>	1	1
348	Clay-colored Thrush	<i>Turdus grayi</i>	11	C
349	Rufous-collared Thrush	<i>Turdus rufitorques</i>	4	5



Geoffroy's Spider Monkey  
Highland Darter  
Guatemalan Beaded Lizard /

<b>Other sightings</b>				
1	Deppe's Squirrel	<i>Sciurus deppei</i>	4	2
2	Mexican Gray Squirrel	<i>Sciurus aureogaster</i>	4	1
3	Variiegated Squirrel	<i>Sciurus variegatoides</i>	1	1
4	Central American Agouti	<i>Dasyprocta punctata</i>	3	2
5	White-nosed Coati	<i>Naua narica</i>	1	1
6	Gray Fox	<i>Urocyon cinereoagenteus</i>	1	2
7	White-tailed Deer	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	1	1
8	Geoffroy's Spider Monkey	<i>Ateles geoffroyi</i>	3	4
9	Guatemalan Black Howler	<i>Alouatta pigra</i>	3	2
10	Proboscis Bat (most likely)?	<i>Rhynchonycteris naso</i>	1	12
11	Green Iguana	<i>Iguana iguana</i>	1	1
12	Brown/Striped Basilisk	<i>Basiliscus vittatus</i>	3	2
13	Green/Plumed Basilisk	<i>Basiliscus plumifrons</i>	1	1

14	Guatemalan Beaded Lizard	<i>Heloderma charlesbogerti</i>	1	captive
15	Rainbow Ameiva	<i>Ameiva undulata</i>	2	2
16	Rose-bellied Lizard	<i>Sceloporus variabilis</i>	1	1
17	Tropical House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus mabouia</i>	2	3
18	Morelet's Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus moreletii</i>	3	4

<b>BUTTERFLIES</b>		Scientific Name	
1	Mexican Silverspot	<i>Dione moneta</i>	Seen
2	Narrow-banded Dartwhite	<i>Catantix flisa</i>	Seen
3	Golden-banded Dartwhite	<i>Catantix teutila</i>	Seen
4	Mexican Heliconian	<i>Heliconius hortense</i>	Seen
5	Zebra Heliconian	<i>Heliconius charithonia</i>	Seen
6	Orange Mapwing	<i>Hypanartia lethe</i>	Seen
7	Guatemalan Copper	<i>lophanus pyrrhias</i>	Seen
8	Two-barred Flasher	<i>Astraptes fulgerator</i>	Seen
9	Carolina Satyr	<i>Hermeuptychia sosybius</i>	Seen
10	Blue-spotted Satyr	<i>Drucina championi</i>	Seen
11	Banded Peacock	<i>Anartia fatima</i>	Seen
12	White Peacock	<i>Anartia jatrophae</i>	Seen
13	Eastern Tailed Blue	<i>Cupido comyntas</i>	Seen
14	Crimson Patch	<i>Chlosyne janais</i>	Seen
15	Gray Cracker	<i>Hamadryas februa</i>	Seen
16	Yellow-banded Owl Butterfly	<i>Caligo atreus</i>	Seen
17	Cloud-forest Poan	<i>Poanes niveolimbus</i>	Seen
18	Cloud-forest Monarch	<i>Anetia thirza</i>	Seen
19	Broken Silverdrop	<i>Epargyreus exadeus</i>	Seen
20	Black Crescent	<i>Phyciodes (Anthanassa) ptolyca</i>	Seen
21	Five-spotted Heliconian	<i>Heliconius hecalesia</i>	Seen
	More species as yet unidentified		

<b>DRAGONFLIES</b>		Scientific Name	
1	Smoky Rubyspot	<i>Hetaerina titia</i>	Seen near Gucamayas
2	Highland Rubyspot	<i>Hetaerina cruentata</i>	Several at Los Tarrales
3	Dusky Dancer	<i>Argia translata</i>	Seen near Gucamayas
4	Caribbean Yellowface	<i>Neocytheromma cultellatum</i>	Seen at Guacamayas B Station
5	Amelia's Threadtail	<i>Neoneura amelia</i>	Seen at Guacamayas B Station
6	Highland Darner	<i>Rhionaeschna cornigera</i>	Seen at El Pilar
7	Brown Setwing	<i>Dythemis sterilis</i>	Gucamayas Biological Station
8	Flame-tailed Pondhawk	<i>Erythemis peruviana</i>	Seen at Los Tarrales
9	Red-faced Dragonlet	<i>Erythrodiplax fusca</i>	Gucamayas Biological Station
10	Hercules Skimmer	<i>Libellula herculean</i>	Seen at Los Tarrales
11	Spot-tailed Dasher	<i>Micrathyria aequalis</i>	Don't remember where?
12	Wandering Glider	<i>Pantala flavescens</i>	Several places in flight
13	Plain Amberwing	<i>Perithemis mooma</i>	Seen at Los Tarrales
14	Cardinal Meadowhawk	<i>Sympetrum illotum</i>	Seen at El Pilar
	More species as yet unidentified		

**Appendix \* The above list and info below mostly follow IOC WORLD BIRD LIST v (8.2)**

**Rufous-naped Wood Rail (*Aramides albiventris*)** is split from Grey-necked Wood Rail (*Aramides cajaneus*) and is found from south Mexico through Central America to northern Costa Rica.

**Middle American Screech-Owl (*Megascops guatemalae*).** The Vermiculated Screech-Owl occurs in several disjunct populations, which are often divided into 5 separate species. The *M. g.* "guatemalae" group occurs from Mexico south to Nicaragua and may be referred to as Middle American or Guatemalan Screech Owl.

**Mexican Violetear (*Colibri thalassinus*)** has had its name changed from Green Violetear and occurs from central Mexico to northern Nicaragua. **Lesser Violetear (*Colibri cyanotus*)** has been split from this and occurs from Costa Rica to northern South America.

**Blue-throated Sapphire (*Hylocharis eliciae*)** is also known as Blue-throated Goldentail and can be found throughout Central America.

**Rivoli's Hummingbird (*Eugenes fulgens*)** has had its classic name resurrected from Magnificent Hummingbird with a split that includes (*Eugenes spectabilis*) which will be known as either Talamanca or Admirable Hummingbird. Rivoli's ranges from SW USA to Nicaragua and Talamanca from Costa Rica to Panama.

**Yucatan Woodpecker (*Melanerpes pygmaeus*)** is like a small version of Golden-fronted Woodpecker and until Aron our guide found it near Guacamayas 2 years ago it was doubtful if it occurred in Guatemala. With a smaller bill, yellow around the base of the bill and a different vocalization we have regularly found this species since Aron's initial discovery. It occurs throughout the Yucatan peninsula.

**Velasquez's Woodpecker (*Melanerpes santacruzi*)** has been split from the Golden-fronted Woodpecker and includes all 11 sub species except (*M. a. aurifrons*) which stays as Golden-fronted Woodpecker and only occurs from southern USA central Mexico.

**Sulphur-rumped Myiobius (*Myiobius sulphureipygius*)** is split from Whiskered Myiobius (*Myiobius barbatus*) and is found from se Mexico down to Ecuador. Formerly Myiobius was known as Flycatcher.

**Yellow-olive Flatbill (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens*)** previously known as Yellow-olive Flycatcher has 16 subspecies that occur from southern Mexico down to Brazil and Argentina. The subspecies *cinereiceps* is found in Guatemala.

**Guatemalan Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius vilissimus*)** – Paltry Tyrannulet has been split into 4 species two of which occur in Central America. **Guatemalan Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius vilissimus*)** occurs in the highlands of Chiapas (Mexico), Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador. **Mistletoe Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius parvus*)** occurs in the lowlands of southern Belize, the Petén (Guatemala) south along the Caribbean slope of Honduras to the Chocó region in NW Colombia. The two new South American tyrannulets are Spectacled Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius improbus*) in the Santa Marta, Sierra de Perijá, and northern Andes of Colombia and Venezuela; and Venezuelan Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius petersi*) of the coastal cordillera of n Venezuela (s Lara east to Miranda).

**Mayan Antthrush (*Formicarius moniliger*)** has been split from Black-faced Antthrush (*Formicarius analis*) and occurs from southern Mexico through to NW Honduras.

**Green Jay (*Cyanocorax luxuosus*)** of Central America was split from Inca Jay (*Cyanocorax yncas*) which occurs only in South America. Green Jay is found from southern Texas down to Honduras.

**Ridgway's Rough-wing Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis ridgwayi*)** – Currently considered a subspecies of Northern Rough-wing Swallow (*ridgwayi*) occupies the Yucatán Peninsula and differs in its whitish frontal lores, broad black tips on undertail-coverts, darker upperparts, pale collar-line behind ear-coverts, darker, more extensive grey-brown on flanks and deeper forked tail. It also nests on cliffs. The proposed split is still awaiting documentation.

**Cabanis's Wren (*Cantorchilus modestus*)** – Cabanis's Wren formerly was known as "Plain Wren", and included two taxa that now are recognized as separate species, Canebrake Wren (*Cantorchilus zeledoni*) and Isthmian Wren (*Cantorchilus elutus*).

**Prevost's Ground Sparrow (*Melospiza biarcuata*)** – also called White-faced Ground Sparrow is found from southern Mexico south through Guatemala to western Honduras. The similar looking Cabanis's Ground Sparrow (*Melospiza cabanisi*) is only found in central Costa Rica.

**The Common Bush Tanager (*Chlorospingus flavopectus*)** is also referred to as Common Chlorospingus.

**Cabanis's Tanager (*Tangara cabanisi*)** also called Azure-rumped Tanager is a localised resident of the Pacific slope of western Guatemala and southern Chiapas, Mexico. It is endangered with its last stronghold in a few highland areas of Guatemala.

**Goldman's Warbler (*Setophaga goldmani*)** the evolutionary history of the Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Setophaga coronata*) involves a complex composed of a white-throated form, Myrtle Warbler in eastern North America, and three yellow-throated forms: Audubon's, Black-fronted and Goldman's Warblers in western North America, Northern Mexico, and Guatemala, respectively. The distinct looking Goldman's Warbler is a resident of a small high elevation area of Guatemala and as such is the only Endemic species so far in Guatemala.

**Morelet's Seedeater (*Sporophila moreletii*)** is the eastern split from what used to be White-collared Seedeater and ranges from south Texas down to Panama. The western split now known as Cinnamon-rumped Seedeater (*torqueola*) ranges from New Mexico, Baja to south west Mexico.



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