

Cuba - A Birdwatching Tour

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Blue-headed Quail-dove



Cuban Tody



Mangrove Warbler



Key West Quail-dove

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Day 1

Saturday 3rd March

Outbound from UK via Paris, en route to Pino del Rio

Weather: warm in Havana, a few spots of rain at Pino del Rio

Our outward journey began with a short flight from Heathrow to Paris where an Air France flight to Havana left about 40 minutes late at 14.30. After a 10 hour flight we touched down in the Cuban capital at 18.30. After negotiating some lengthy immigration queues and collecting our bags we met Jorge from Havanatours in the arrivals area. Picking up local guide Arturo en route, we began the journey westwards towards Pino del Rio at 20.30, stopping for 30 minutes or so at a roadside eatery for refreshments. On arrival at the Hotel Vueltabajo in Pino del Rio at 23.30 everyone retired to bed after a long day.

Day 2

Sunday 4th March

Vinales, La Guira Park

Weather: fine initially, though rather humid; thundery rain from 13.00-15.30 then dry but a little breezy, quite chilly after dark

After breakfast at 07.15 we loaded up the bus and set off north towards Vinales at 07.45, arriving there 45 minutes later. A short walk into an area of trees and scrub soon produced the hoped-for Cuban Grassquits which showed to perfection hopping about in the open at close range. Western Spindalis, Red-legged Honeycreeper and others appeared in nearby trees but most admiration was reserved for a pair of Cuban Trogons that posed for the scope.

Moving on we were soon watching our first exquisite Cuban Tody as a small selection of wintering warblers flitted about along with further endemics in the shape of Cuban Orioles and Cuban Bullfinches.

A Broad-winged Hawk posed well and both Cuban and Black-whiskered Vireos were also seen. A short stop to fill the bus at a gas station provided views of a group of Cuban Martins overhead. A few minutes later we arrived at an area of small pines where a handful of attractive Olive-capped Warblers showed very well and our first Palm Warblers were seen.

The journey to San Diegi del los Banos was most notable for a collision with a road sign which resulted in a lengthy delay as we waited for a police inspector to come and compile a report, and for a replacement bus to arrive from Havana before we could proceed. Some birding at the roadside produced a variety of herons, several Killdeers and a Solitary Sandpiper and, surprisingly given that we were 40km inland, a Magnificent Frigatebird appeared overhead with the Turkey Vultures; however this was the harbinger of a heavy rainstorm that saw us taking shelter in the bus. We finally arrived at the Hotel Mirador after a three hour delay, a brief stop en route producing a group of Snail Kites at some roadside fish ponds plus our first Brown Pelicans and others.

After a late lunch we regrouped at 17.00 and drove for 10 minutes to La Guira Park where an hour of gentle birding produced our first West Indian Woodpeckers, Purple Gallinules, a fleeting Louisiana Waterthrush, Tawny-shouldered and Cuban Blackbirds and a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. Back at the hotel we completed the day's checklist after dinner.

Day 3

Monday 5th March

En route to Cayo Coco via Santa Clara

Weather: fine early morning, increasingly cloudy and breezy as the day progressed with steady, mostly light rain from 14.00 until mid-evening.

Having been thwarted in our attempt to see Cuban Soitaire yesterday, we set off on a 40 minute drive to La Guira National Park at 05.45. On arrival Solitaires were singing their evocative song and within half-an-hour we managed some decent views. Before leaving we also saw some fleeting views of Scaly-naped Pigeons, a couple of White-crowned Pigeons, Louisiana Waterthrush and a few other bits and pieces.

Back at the hotel we checked-out straight after breakfast and began the journey to Cayo Coco at 09.00. About 90 minutes later a short stop to change to a larger bus gave us a chance to scan a large reservoir where a large raft of mixed ducks contained Ruddy and Ring-necked Ducks, Lesser Scaups and Northern Shovelers while a few Forster's Terns patrolled up and down.

By 14.30 we were at our lunch stop at Los Canayes, Santa Clara where our first Black-throated Blue Warbler and Gray Catbird were seen near the restaurant. We arrived at the Sol Hotel on Cayo Coco at 19.15, checked-in quickly and were soon sitting down to a buffet dinner. Some took full advantage of their all-inclusive status!

Day 4

Tuesday 6th March

Cayo Coco area

Weather: breezy, mostly overcast with some sunny spells, a couple of short, sharp showers in the morning

Those who ventured out before breakfast saw a selection of wintering warblers in and around the hotel including Yellow-throated, Cape May, Northern Parula and Magnolia Warbler. Plans to visit Cayo Paredon Grande in search of Thick-billed Vireo were put on hold due to the windy conditions so after breakfast we visited an area in the southeast of Cayo Coco with local guide Paulino. We were soon watching a rather obscured Gundlach's Hawk on its nest though some saw it lift its head briefly. Nearby a pair of Zapata Sparrows put on an excellent show and on the opposite side of the road a lovely Cuban Gnatcatcher showed to perfection too, as did a briefer Cuban Vireo, though a couple of Oriente Warblers here were less obliging. A nearby woodland pool held several Blue-winged Teal and a couple of American Wigeons while Cuban Pewee and Black-and-white and other warblers were in the trees.

We then drove for 30 minutes to the cave nightclub area with a stop along the way to watch a large flock of Red-breasted Mergansers. Near the nightclub, several Oriente Warblers showed very well and also seen before we left an hour later were a Hooded Warbler (a Cuban rarity), Ovenbird and a pair of Cuban Green Woodpeckers that came and went from a nest hole next to the car park.

Our final stop before lunch was at the coast 15 minutes from the hotel. A very obliging male Mangrove Warbler popped out to give very close views while the nearby shoreline held a Willet and several commoner waders. After a bit of search we succeeded in seeing a couple of smart Piping Plovers that eventually showed very well while offshore an immature Brown Booby was a surprise find and some compensation for having had to endure such blustery weather.

After lunch we set westward at 15.00. First stop this afternoon was at a large secluded lagoon area where the hoped-for West Indian Whistling Ducks were not on show but a small flock of locally rare Northern Pintails, a Pied-billed Grebe and a few other bits and pieces were found. Pressing on we arrived at the west end of Cayo Guillermo 30 minutes later. Given the very breezy conditions the chances of finding a Bahama Mockingbird seemed slim but after five minutes one responded to the tape and a few minutes later we had it perched up and giving prolonged scope views. Heading back towards Cayo Coco we stopped for an hour or so at some roadside lagoons that contained lots of birds; highlights here included a colourful flock of American Flamingos, several White Ibises and a Roseate Spoonbills, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Short-billed Dowitchers, Stilt Sandpiper, Least Sandpipers and three very obliging Clapper Rails. We returned to the hotel at dusk having seen the overwhelming majority of our targets on the northern cays.

Day 5

Wednesday 7th March

Cayo Coco; en route to Camaguey

Early risers saw a few warblers in and around the hotel with more Cape Mays and our first Prairie Warblers being the pick of the bunch.

After breakfast we drove for 45 minutes to the far end of Cayo Paredon Grande, stopping briefly en route to view a Lesser Black-backed Gull which is quite a rarity in Cuba. Near the lighthouse at Cayo Paredon Grande the wind had finally begun to ease and we quite soon found our target in the shape of

the very localised Thick-billed Vireo which showed well after some initial fleeting views. Also seen here were Western Osprey of the very pale-headed Caribbean race *ridgwayi*, Oriente Warbler and Western Spindalis.

Returning towards the hotel we stopped to check a couple of lagoons and saw a small selection of ducks plus some nice warblers and our first La Sagra's Flycatcher. A final stop was made to watch a large flock of Reddish Egrets at the roadside and scattered amongst them were various commoner herons and waders and two more Lesser Back-backs. As we gathered in the hotel lobby before lunch Paulino rushed in to report that a Swallow-tailed Kite was soaring above the lagoon opposite the car park and after dashing over there we enjoyed some fine views of this Cuban rarity.

At 13.30 we commenced the journey towards Camaguey but first paid a final visit to the cave nightclub where the undoubted highlight was a superb Key West Quail-dove though Cuban Tody's and Zapata Sparrows were a good supporting cast. A couple of brief stops as we crossed the causeway to the mainland gave us views of Double-crested Cormorants. A large lake near the town of Moron held several Snail Kites, A Pied-billed Grebe and an 'American' Osprey. We arrived at the Hotel Plaza in Camaguey at 18.15 and by 19.00 were sitting down for a buffet dinner before completing the day's checklist and retiring to the bar.

Day 6

Thursday 8th March

Najasa/ La Belen NP; Camaguey

Weather: mostly sunny, breezy later, warm

Breakfast at 05.30 preceded a 06.00 departure south-eastwards towards Najassa as we went in search of the key specialties of the area. First stop came at 06.30 when we disembarked to watch, and more importantly hear, a group of Cuban Palm Crows at the roadside. Pressing on, 20 minutes later we reached a large stand of palms and after a 15 minute search had good scope views of the first of a handful of Plain Pigeons plus Great Lizard Cuckoo and a couple of Cuban Crows. After another 20 minutes in the bus we reached another, smaller, palm stand where we quickly found a pair of Fernandina's Flickers and a few minutes later our final target appeared in the shape of a Giant Kingbird that posed nicely for the scope.

The rest of the morning was spent in La Belen Reserve where we watched several Cuban Parakeets and Cuban Parrots, several more Giant Kingbirds (with Loggerheads for direct comparison), Cuban Trogons and several Shiny Cowbirds amongst a large gathering of Tawny-shouldered Blackbirds. After a refreshing drink at the La Belen Ranch we set off back towards Camaguey at 11.00 and reached there at 12.20.

A restful afternoon was in store for those who chose to take it easy though most opted to accompany Jorge on a two hour walking tour of the historic city.

Day 7

Friday 9th March

En route to Zapata via Santa Clara; Bermejas; Playa Giron

Weather: mostly fine and with little wind, a heavy but brief thunderstorm late afternoon

Breakfast at a very civilised 07.00 was followed by departure from Camaguey a little before 07.45. The journey to Santa Clara was broken by a 40 minute coffee-cum-birding stop near Manajua where we saw a nice selection of warblers including both Waterthrush species, plus our only Blue-grey Gnatcatcher. We arrived at the Los Canayes Hotel for lunch at 12.20 and later on had an hour's birding in the hotel grounds where Indigo Buntings and Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were highlights and several warblers were seen. Before returning to the autopiste we stopped for a few minutes to take photos at Santa Clara's Revolution Square where a large and imposing statue of Che Guevara is the centrepiece.

Pressing on towards Zapata we reached an open marshy area east of Bermejas at 16.00 and spent 30 minutes there seeing perched Northern Crested Caracaras but not the hoped-for Red-shouldered Blackbirds or Gundlach's Hawk. Any disappointment was short-lived as 15 minutes later we were watching up to five superb Bee Hummingbirds along a flowering hedge at Bermejas, birds were almost constantly on view during our 30 minute visit with males posing beautifully for the scope at times.

Fifteen minutes later we were checking-in at the Playa Giron Hotel on the shores of the Bay of Pigs for a four night stay. We were surprised to find that we had all inclusive status here which meant the bar was very well patronised on this and subsequent evenings...indeed some members of the group became expert at identifying those bar staff who made the best Daiquiris....

Day 8

Saturday 10th March

Zapata: Bermejas; Soplillar

Weather: fine throughout

Breakfast at 05.15 preceded our 05.30 departure to Bermejas, though some enjoyed fine views of a torch-lit Stygian Owl as they made their way to breakfast. Once at Bermejas we had a short and unsuccessful try for Cuban Nightjars before taking up positions at a viewing area overlooking a trail baited with rice by local guide Orlando. During the next few hours we had repeated excellent views of two or more Key West Quail-doves plus numerous Zenaida Doves. Yellow-headed Warbler and White-eyed Vireo were both new as we waited to see if any other Quail-doves would appear.

Heading out onto the trails we eventually found a brief Grey-fronted Quail Dove and after a bit of scrambling through undergrowth enjoyed prolonged scope views of a calling Blue-headed Quail-dove perched on a branch. A little later we were watching a Bare-legged Owl in the top of a Palm stump and shortly after that our first Cuban Pygmy Owl put on a good show. With rising temperatures the bird activity started to decline though we saw several previously seen species before returning briefly to have another look at the Bee Hummingbirds before returning to the hotel at 11.45.

An afternoon excursion to a forest trail at Soplillar produced a brief Grey-headed Quail Dove for some plus a couple of Swainson's Warblers for all as well as a good selection of commoner woodland species. Acting on a tip off from a local fisherman we concluded our diurnal activities with good scope views of

West Indian Whistling Ducks on a secluded forest lake. After dinner a fine Stygian Owl, one of a pair in the area, showed very well near our rooms.

Day 9

Sunday 11th March

Zapata: La Turba; La Salinas

Weather: mostly fine and sunny, a little breezy after 09.00 and rather hot in the afternoon

By 05.15 we had breakfasted and were on our way to the sawgrass swamp at La Turba. Stopping along the approach road in the half-light we managed to coax a single Greater Antillean Nightjar (a very likely split as Cuban Nightjar *A. cubensis* and already accepted as such by some) into a brief fly-past view.

On arrival at the swamp we soon heard a Zapata Wren singing in the distance but it showed no interest at all in coming any closer so we contented ourselves with various warblers in the trailside trees and bushes and Christine managed a brief view of a Spotted Rail in flight. A nearby area also produced a blank on the Wren though Cuban Trogons showed well. Having heard Red-shouldered Blackbirds calling in the distance earlier we eventually tracked down an obliging pair. The journey back towards Playa Giron was broken by a quick stop to view a Northern Jacana on a roadside pond while a longer stop at the car park of a Crocodile Farm produced a nice selection of commoner species plus some ice creams.

After a 14.30 departure from the hotel the afternoon was spent at the vast expanse of coastal lagoons on the opposite side of the Bay of Pigs at La Salinas. Numerous wetland birds here included many American Flamingos, various terns, including our only Gull-billeds, and waders; our only American White Pelicans, Peregrine and Dunlin (a rarity in Cuba) were found here and Cuban Black Hawks showed well.

Day 10

Monday 12th March

Zapata: La Turba; Molina; Bermejas

Weather: mostly fine throughout though a little breezy for a while after 09.00 and more overcast with a few spots of rain late afternoon

A 05.15 return to La Turba saw us undertaking a prolonged dual with a singing Zapata Wren which finally gave itself up to most of the groups after a two-and-a half hour vigil. Other bits and pieces seen while we waited were various warblers, a couple of Red-shouldered Blackbirds, a Merlin and mixed flocks of hirundines mainly containing Tree and Northern Rough-winged Swallows. A short stop at Molina before we returned to the hotel gave us a fleeting Grey-fronted Quail Dove, a Worm-eating Warbler and others along the forest trail there.

After an extended siesta we returned to Bermejas at 16.00 where we enjoyed more excellent views of several Bee-hummingbirds plus good scope views of a Grey-fronted Quail-dove on the trail. A Grey Kingbird on overhead wires here was the only one seen. At dusk we drove a short distance and after 30 minutes enjoyed good spotlight views of a flying and briefly perched Greater Antillean Nightjar.

Day 11

Tuesday 12th March

Zapata: Bermejas; en route to Havana; inbound to UK

Weather: fine throughout though a little breezy after 09.00

After a bit of a lie-in we returned to Bermejas at 07.30 where Orlando greeted us with the news that a pair of Blue-headed Quail Doves were feeding on the trail, a moment later we were enjoying prolonged views of these stunning birds at very close range. Also on the trail was a single Key West Quail Dove while trees above the viewing area held our only Yellow-throated Vireo and others. A short walk along the trail then produced Blue-winged and the even rarer Golden-winged Warbler, a Cuban Pygmy Owl posed for the scope and a Grey-fronted Quail Dove was seen briefly.

A 15 minute drive took us back to the stake-out for Gundlach's Hawk and before leaving there 45 minutes later we'd had one brief view and one more prolonged view of flying birds along with a few other raptors and our only Wood Stork.

By 10.15 we were back at the hotel to finish packing and to freshen-up in anticipation of the long journey home. By 13.20 we had finished lunch, checked-out and were on our way to Havana. Arriving at the Cathedral Square around 16.00 we had time for an hour's exploration of this most characterful of cities which also included a final new bird in the shape of Cabot's Tern patrolling over the harbour.

By 17.30 we were in the check-in queue for our Air France flight to Paris which left about an hour late at 21.15

Day 12

Wednesday 13th March

We arrived at Paris CDG about an hour late at noon but still had time to catch our onward flight to London which left on time at 13.30, arriving at Heathrow 10 minutes later when the time change was taken into account.

After collecting our bags we said our goodbyes at the carousel and dispersed to our respective corners of the UK at the end of a very successful and enjoyable tour.

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Systematic Bird List

Birds

Species order, nomenclature and taxonomy follows the IOC list of the birds of the world (v2.11) which is available online at: <http://www.worldbirdnames.org/>

Numbers given are generally rough approximations, 'H' refers to a species that was heard but not seen. E signifies a Cuban endemic species. ✓ = recorded in good numbers but not specifically counted

	Common name	Scientific name	March										
			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
1	West Indian Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna arborea</i>								10			
2	American Wigeon	<i>Anas americana</i>			2	10					100		
3	Blue-winged Teal	<i>Anas discors</i>	1		50	30					40		
4	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>		10	50								
5	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>			10								
6	Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas carolinensis</i>			2								
7	Ring-necked Duck	<i>Aythya collaris</i>		✓									
8	Lesser Scaup	<i>Aythya affinis</i>		✓									
9	Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>			200	100							
10	Ruddy Duck	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>		100									
11	Least Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus dominicus</i>	1			1							
12	Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	1	1	1	2							
13	American Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>			50	100					200		
14	Wood Stork	<i>Mycteria americana</i>											1
15	American White Ibis	<i>Eudocimus albus</i>			20	10					100		
16	Roseate Spoonbill	<i>Platalea ajaja</i>			1	10					2		
17	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>					1	1		1	4		
18	Yellow-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>				1				2			
19	Green Heron	<i>Butorides virescens</i>	6	3		1	1	1		1			
20	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	100	100	20	50	50	✓	15	10	10	30	
21	Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	4	1	6	3		3		10	2		
22	Western Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	6	20	4	10	2	6	1	40	6	4	
23	Reddish Egret	<i>Egretta rufescens</i>			3	40				6			
24	Tricolored Heron	<i>Egretta tricolor</i>			2	4				4			
25	Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	4	1	6	6	1	2		6	2		
26	Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	5	8	10					20		1	
27	American White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>								20			
28	Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	8	20	20	10				20		10	
29	Magnificent Frigatebird	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>	1		30	30				4		4	
30	Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>			1								
31	Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>	3	3	4	✓				100	10		
32	Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>				10							
33	Anhinga	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>											1
34	Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	✓	✓	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	30	100	
35	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>				3	1			4		1	
36	Swallow-tailed Kite	<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>				1							
37	Snail Kite	<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i>	5			6						1	
38	Northern Harrier	<i>Circus hudsonius</i>		1		2		2		1			
39	Gundlach's Hawk E	<i>Accipiter gundlachi</i>		1	1	1							2

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			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
40	Cuban Black Hawk E	<i>Buteogallus gundlachii</i>			2	3			1	3		
41	Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	2									
42	Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	2	1				2				6
43	Northern Crested Caracara	<i>Caracara cheriway</i>		2	4	2		2	1			3
44	American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	20	10	4	4	10	10	6	6	4	4
45	Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>			1	1			1		1	
46	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>								2		
47	Clapper Rail	<i>Rallus longirostris</i>			3							
48	Spotted Rail	<i>Pardirallus maculatus</i>								1		
49	Purple Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio martinica</i>	2							4	2	
50	Common Gallinule	<i>Gallinula galeata</i>	3		1			h	1	8	6	
51	American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>		100	50	✓			6	30		
52	Limpkin	<i>Aramus guarauna</i>				1						
53	Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>			40	3				1		
54	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>			20	4				50		
55	Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>			1							
56	Wilson's Plover	<i>Charadrius wilsonia</i>						1	5	3	2	
57	Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	10					20	10	4	12	4
58	Piping Plover	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>			2							
59	Northern Jacana	<i>Jacana spinosa</i>								1		
60	Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>			30					50		
61	Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>			1	20				30		
62	Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>			10	1				10		
63	Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	1									
64	Willet	<i>Tringa semipalmata</i>			3					2		
65	Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>	1			1		3	1	1	1	
66	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>			50			5	6	6	3	2
67	Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>								1		
68	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>			40							
69	Semipalmated Sandpiper	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>			1							
70	Western Sandpiper	<i>Calidris mauri</i>			1							
71	Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>			50					?		
72	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>								2		
73	Stilt Sandpiper	<i>Calidris himantopus</i>			2							
74	Laughing Gull	<i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i>			30	100				3		10
75	American Herring Gull	<i>Larus smithsonianus</i>			1							
76	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>				4						
77	Gull-billed tern	<i>Gelocheidon nilotica</i>								2		
78	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	4		2	2				40		
79	Royal Tern	<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>			4	100				15		8
80	Cabot's Tern	<i>Thalasseus acutiflavus</i>										4
81	Forster's Tern	<i>Sterna forsteri</i>		4								
82	White-crowned Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas leucocephala</i>		2		1				2	2	
83	Scaly-naped Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas squamosa</i>		3								
84	Plain Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas inornata</i>					4					
85	Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	10	100	30	✓	100	50	10	20	10	10
86	Zenaida Dove	<i>Zenaida aurita</i>		1	4	2		2	15	1	3	4
87	White-winged Dove	<i>Zenaida asiatica</i>	4			2	2		2		2	
88	Common Ground Dove	<i>Columbina passerina</i>	1	4	10	30	15	10	2	6	4	2
89	Grey-fronted Quail-Dove E	<i>Geotrygon caniceps</i>							1		3	1

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90	Key West Quail-Dove	<i>Geotrygon chrysis</i>				2			2			
91	Blue-headed Quail-Dove E	<i>Starnoenas cyanocephala</i>							1			2
92	Cuban Parakeet E	<i>Aratinga euops</i>					8				10	
93	Cuban Amazon	<i>Amazona leucocephala</i>					12		4		2	
94	Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>	6	4	2	20	20	10	2	2	20	4
95	Great Lizard Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus merlini</i>	1	1	H	H	3	1	10		2	1
96	Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	x							1	2	
97	Bare-legged Owl E	<i>Gymnoglaux lawrencii</i>							1			
98	Cuban Pygmy Owl E	<i>Glaucidium siju</i>	H	H			H		1		H	1
99	Stygian Owl	<i>Asio stygius</i>							2	1	1	
100	Greater Antillean Nightjar	<i>Antrostomus cubanensis</i>								1	1	
101	Antillean Palm Swift	<i>Tachornis phoenicobia</i>	10	20				30		1	1	
102	Cuban Emerald	<i>Chlorostilbon ricordii</i>	3	1	4	4		6	5	1	6	2
103	Bee Hummingbird E	<i>Mellisuga helenae</i>						5	3		5	
104	Cuban Trogon E	<i>Priotelus temnurus</i>	2	H			2		3	2	H	2
105	Belted Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>	2		1	2		1		4	1	
106	Cuban Tody E	<i>Todus multicolor</i>	1		H	2	H		2	2	H	1
107	West Indian Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes superciliaris</i>	2	2	2	1	6	3	2	8	1	2
108	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	1	1			H	2		3		
109	Cuban Green Woodpecker E	<i>Xiphidiopicus percussus</i>			2	1	2		2	4	2	
110	Fernandina's Flicker E	<i>Colaptes fernandinae</i>					3		1			
111	Cuban Pewee	<i>Contopus caribaeus</i>			3	2		2	H	4	2	2
112	Grey Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus dominicensis</i>									1	
113	Giant Kingbird E	<i>Tyrannus cubensis</i>					5					
114	Loggerhead Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus caudifasciatus</i>	4	1	2	2	5	1	2	2	2	2
115	La Sagra's Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus sagrae</i>				1			8	6	3	1
116	White-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo griseus</i>				H			1			
117	Thick-billed Vireo	<i>Vireo crassirostris</i>				3						
118	Cuban Vireo E	<i>Vireo gundlachii</i>	1		1				1	1		
119	Yellow-throated Vireo	<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>										1
120	Black-whiskered Vireo	<i>Vireo altiloquus</i>	1									
121	Cuban Palm Crow E	<i>Corvus minutus</i>					10					
122	Cuban Crow E	<i>Corvus nasicus</i>					40					
123	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>								2		
124	Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>			10			10		100	50	20
125	Cuban Martin E	<i>Progne cryptoleuca</i>	10	1		3		4				
126	N. Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>					10	6		50	30	20
127	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>								8		
128	Cave Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon fulva</i>		10				3			4	
129	Zapata Wren E	<i>Ferminia cerverai</i>								H	1	
130	Blue-grey Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila caerulea</i>						1				
131	Cuban Gnatcatcher E	<i>Polioptila lembeyei</i>			1	1						
132	Grey Catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>		2	1	1		2	2	2	2	6
133	Northern Mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	10	20	20	20	20	10	10	15	8	10
134	Bahama Mockingbird	<i>Mimus gundlachii</i>			1							
135	Cuban Solitaire E	<i>Myadestes elisabeth</i>		2								
136	Red-legged Thrush	<i>Turdus plumbeus</i>	4	6	4	8		6	6	4	4	4
137	Ovenbird	<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	1		1	1		2	3		1	1
138	Worm-eating Warbler	<i>Helmitheros vermivorum</i>							1		1	1
139	Louisiana Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>	1	1		1		1			1	

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			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
140	Northern Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>			3	6		1	2	2	4	1
141	Golden-winged Warbler	<i>Vermivora chryso11ptera</i>										1
142	Blue-winged Warbler	<i>Vermivora cyanoptera</i>							1			1
143	Black-and-white Warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>		1	2	2		2	2	2	2	2
144	Swainson's Warbler	<i>Limnothlypis swainsonii</i>							2			
145	Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>			2			2	2	4	6	
146	American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	2	1	4	6	3	6	6	15	10	2
147	Cape May Warbler	<i>Setophaga tigrina</i>			2	5		1				
148	Northern Parula	<i>Setophaga americana</i>	1		2	3		1	4		2	
149	Magnolia Warbler	<i>Setophaga magnolia</i>			1				1		1	1
150	Mangrove Warbler	<i>Setophaga petechia</i>			2					2		
151	Black-throated Blue Warbler	<i>Setophaga caerulescens</i>		1	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2
152	Palm Warbler	<i>Setophaga palmarum</i>	3	10	10	10	6	10	8	15	10	2
153	Olive-capped Warbler	<i>Setophaga pityophila</i>	4									
154	Yellow-throated Warbler	<i>Setophaga dominica</i>			6	2		3	1	2	1	1
155	Prairie Warbler	<i>Setophaga discolor</i>				2		1	1	4	3	
156	Black-throated Green Warbler	<i>Setophaga virens</i>	1				1		4			
157	Yellow-headed Warbler E	<i>Teretistris fernandinae</i>						2	2	4	6	1
158	Oriente Warbler E	<i>Teretistris fornsi</i>			6	4						
159	Hooded Warbler	<i>Wilsonia citrina</i>			1							
160	Cuban Oriole E	<i>Icterus melanopsis</i>	5	4		2			2	4		
161	Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>					30					
162	Cuban Blackbird E	<i>Dives atrovioleaceus</i>	10	4		2	4	20		20	4	20
163	Red-shouldered Blackbird E	<i>Agelaius assimilis</i>								2	2	
164	Tawny-shouldered Blackbird	<i>Agelaius humeralis</i>	10	10			✓	40	2	40		50
165	Greater Antillean Grackle	<i>Quiscalus niger</i>	4	2	100	50	40	20	20	100	30	50
166	Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>	2			8	3			H	H	1
167	Zapata Sparrow E	<i>Torreornis inexpectata</i>			2	2						
168	Red-legged Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes cyaneus</i>	2					5				
169	Cuban Bullfinch	<i>Melopyrrha nigra</i>	6		10	4				1	1	
170	Cuban Grassquit E	<i>Tiaris canorus</i>	2									
171	Yellow-faced Grassquit	<i>Tiaris olivaceus</i>			2	2	50	4	2		2	2
172	Summer Tanager	<i>Piranga rubra</i>							H			
173	Western Spindalis	<i>Spindalis zena</i>	8	2	4	6						4
174	Indigo Bunting	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>	1					15			1	
Non-native species												
1	Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	✓					✓				
2	Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaoto</i>			8	6						2
4	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓		✓						✓
5	Chestnut Munia	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>					✓					

Other species

Non avian features of the tour included a single White-tailed Deer near Bermejas, some introduced Nilgai at La Belen, an introduced Small Indian Mongoose and a few reptiles including a couple of Anolis Lizards, a large Cuban Iguana and a couple of Terrapins.

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Cuban Trogon