

# Ecuador & the Galapagos Islands - including Sacha Lodge Extension

Naturetrek Tour Report

10 August – 1 September 2015

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Galapagos Penguin



Marbled Ray



Tortoise

Giant Tortoise



Sally Lightfoot Crab

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This report has been compiled by tour participants Margaret and Malcolm Rittman. Fifteen of us were on the Galapagos trip, and eight took the extension to Sacha Lodge. The daily details record highlights of the day, and a full sightings list, excluding marine life and plants, can be found at the end of the report.

## Day 1

Monday 10th August

### UK to Quito

After the long journey from home to Quito, we were met by Esteban, our Quito guide, who took us to the Hotel Dann Carlton. On the journey he told us about the social and economic history of the country and how it had made a u-turn from the brink of bankruptcy, although there was still much poverty to be seen.

## Day 2

Tuesday 11th August

### Quito Weather: Hot and mostly sunny

After a good night's sleep and a good breakfast, Esteban met us with a bus and took us for a cultural trip around Quito, visiting a number of churches and cathedrals, the Presidential Palace and the main plaza. We had free time in the afternoon and options included staying in the city, going even higher on the cable car, or visiting the botanical gardens or a cultural museum. Those of us suffering altitude sickness didn't relish the cable car trip!

## Day 3

Wednesday 12th August

### Quito to Galapagos, Weather: Sunny

The day began with a 6am breakfast and a bus journey to the airport. As we landed on Baltra in the Galapagos Islands I became quite emotional because, for me, it was a 50-year dream come true. There were forms to complete and baggage checks to be made; not to check how much liquid we were carrying, but to ensure we weren't taking any organic material such as fruit or vegetables onto the islands. We met Juan, a local naturalist, whose knowledge and enthusiasm were equally shared throughout the whole fortnight. We set off on a bus journey through the island of Santa Cruz to our first destination, a Giant Tortoise reserve.

As we neared the sanctuary, we saw our first Giant Tortoise ambling slowly towards us along the roadside. Amazing creatures. All of them here were domed as this is the sub-species to be found on this island – we quickly learned that the different islands provide habitats for different sub-species of plants and animals in order to keep the balance of ecology in the region. On our return from the reserve we visited a lava tunnel which ran for a considerable distance into the island, although we only went in a few metres.

We continued to Punta Ayora where we boarded the Cachalote – our home for the next two weeks. Accommodation was basic but clean and comfortable, and the food, all fresh ingredients, was excellent. The harbour was rather bumpy and a number of the group suffered from this, so our first meal on board was sparsely attended. However, the sight of Elliot's Storm-petrel, Lava Gull, Magnificent Frigatebird and Yellow Warbler, amongst others, caused much excitement.

## Day 4

Thursday 13th August

Weather: Cloudy

Our first activity was to visit Sombrero Chino: only a 600 metre walk, but so much to see. On the beautiful white sands were coral, shells and materials washed up by the ocean. We saw a pair of Galapagos Penguins, Sally Lightfoot Crabs, Galapagos Hawk, Galapagos Sea Lions and Marine Iguanas.

After fruit and a drink we were off again, this time snorkelling. I'd never snorkelled before and am not a confident swimmer, but with support from other members of the group, and Juan, I literally took the plunge and never regretted the decision. It was like swimming in an aquarium with King Angel Fish, Yellow-tailed Damsel Fish, Bicolor Parrotfish and long slender Trumpet Fish, to name but a few. A White-tipped Shark swam lazily beneath us, and settled on the sandy seabed were three incredibly beautiful Starfishes and a Chocolate Chip Sea Star.

After an excellent lunch, our next excursion was to Rabida, an island with red, volcanic sand. A brackish lake was home to American Flamingoes, and the paths were strewn with a wide variety of plants and trees, home to many birds, including the Yellow Warbler.

## Day 5

Friday 14th August

Weather: Cloudy and damp; cold in the afternoon

Today's visit was to Sierra Negra, a volcano with a 12 kilometre wide crater and a depth of about 60 metres. It was a bumpy bus ride to the highlands, but fascinating to pass through villages on our way. As we got higher the clouds came down and light rain took over. The path to the top of the volcano was long and very muddy, with a few slips on the way up. When we reached the top, the cloud obscured any sign of the volcano (which can happen in August) so we slithered back down to the bus and returned to a very welcome lunch onboard Cachalote. Angel Trees graced the sides of many roads. They have beautiful lemon trumpet flowers, about 30 centimetres long, but extremely toxic and hallucinogenic.

At 3.30pm we were off again, on a journey through the town to another brackish lagoon where we were very surprised to find Moorhen, Black-necked Stilt, Whimbrel and Turnstone; all seen around our home shores but in a very different climate. The flock of Brown Pelicans around the fishing boats and Galapagos Sea Lions resting on benches and beaches reminded us that we were not in England though. Did I mention the Yellow Warblers!

## Day 6

Saturday 15th August

Weather: Cloudy and windy with a sunny afternoon

After a night sailing round the island of Isabela, we reached Punta Moreno with its black lava formation. The last eruption here was in 1998. The recent lava was black and barren, yet edged by an oasis of green surrounding an inland pool. The pool was created by the tidal flow through lava tunnels and was home to American Flamingo, Green Sea Turtle, Moorhen, Mullet, trees, ferns, and of course, the Yellow Warbler. This tiny but distinctive bird made its presence known each day of the trip and became our mascot – a day would not have been the same without one!

Our second excursion to the island was underwater as we snorkelled amongst shoals of tiny colourful fish and large Parrotfish with a massive nasal bone. Turtles ignored us as they glided along, grazing vegetation growing on the rocks. Two Flightless Cormorants, Galapagos Penguins and an Eagle Ray were spotted on our way back to the Cachalote for lunch.

After a couple of hours rest we set off again in the panga (zodiac) to visit the mangroves at Elizabeth Bay. On reaching the mangroves the engine was switched off and we were rowed silently through the magical waters, watching Great Blue Heron, Galapagos Sea Lion, Brown Pelican, and small finches on the land and in the trees. In the water Green Sea Turtles swam, whilst Marbled Ray and Eagle Ray were spotted 'flying' through the water, flicking the surface with the tips of their wings.

## Day 7

Sunday 16th August

Weather: Sunny and windy

Back to Isabela Island with six Land Iguanas, two Land Tortoises, a Blue Whale flume and a Humpback Whale; all spotted before lunch - what else can I say! The morning was spent in Urbina Bay and the afternoon in Tagas Cove where we snorkelled amongst tiny krill and metre-long Wahoo fish. After lunch we walked on land again, in the footsteps of Darwin, seeing a tuff lake which he thought would hold freshwater but was actually at sea level and fed from the cove through a lava tunnel. The walk to the top of the island produced a magnificent view of the cove and island.

## Day 8

Monday 17th August

Weather: Cloudy and damp in the morning; sunny and hot in the afternoon

The day began with sightings of Bottlenose Dolphin and a pod of Humpback Whales, followed by the vertical leap of a large Blackfin Tuna - what a start to the day! The morning was spent on the lava flow of Fernandina Island at Punta Espinoza, littered with Lava Cacti which flower at night in order that pollination can be enabled by moths. Masses of Marine Iguanas littered the rocks and water, and Lava Lizards scurried across the land.

Snorkelling took place along a shallow ledge with Green Sea Turtles and Iguanas grazing the foliage, whilst bright coloured fish swam in and out around them.

We crossed the equator at 5.30pm and celebrated with a peppermint cocktail and a singsong on the upper deck.

## Day 9

Tuesday 18th August

Weather: Cloudy and damp; windy and sunny later

Even before breakfast the excitement began. A shoal of small fish were settled along the hull of the Cachalote with Brown Pelicans and Blue-footed Boobies frantically feeding – and then the sharks appeared – two Galapagos Sharks and three or four White-tipped Sharks swam nonchalantly beneath the feeding birds.

The day continued with a walk on another volcanic island (Santiago), this time surrounded in black volcanic sand and providing a home for Galapagos Fur Seals. The excitement of snorkelling continued with new sightings of Blue Sea Star, Barber Fish, Yellowfin Tuna and Galapagos Fiddler Crabs.

As we motored from St James' Bay to Bartolomé a pod of dolphins joined us, racing alongside the bow and periodically leaping out of the way – awesome! The afternoon walk up Bartolomé was good exercise with 365 steps rising to 120 metres above sea level. Some kind person had dated some of the steps with the beginning and the end of months so that we could celebrate Christmas and New Year as we reached the top. The view from the top was of a black lunar moonscape covered in a fine black sand, with sightings of spent volcanoes and volcanic plugs, including the Pinnacle Rock.

## Day 10

Wednesday 19th August

Weather: Cloudy and damp morning; sunny and hot afternoon

We had an early start at 6.30am to North Seymour where we saw Blue-footed Boobies with their peculiar mating dance, and male Great and Magnificent Frigatebirds displaying for the females with red balloons billowing from their throats, and hatched chicks waiting in their nests to be fed.

After breakfast we motored to Santa Cruz where we saw enormous twin sink holes, still sinking by millimetres each day and lined by a plethora of trees and plants. The afternoon was spent at the Darwin Research Centre, and then in the town of Punto Ayora where we were able to do some souvenir shopping.

## Day 11

Thursday 20th August

Weather: Cloudy morning; sunny and cloudy afternoon

Today started with a good breakfast and a good walk ashore on South Plaza. Magnificent Frigatebirds, Swallow-tailed Gulls and elegant Red-billed Tropicbirds soared above whilst smaller shearwaters skimmed the waves below. A shoal of King Angel Fish swam close to shore, potential food for Brown Pelicans and Nazca Boobies.

The water here was much clearer for snorkelling in the caldera (collapsed volcano crater) and we even saw a couple of Stingrays on the sandy bed being bombarded by other fish. The Sabertooth Blenny are ugly creatures, well camouflaged against the rocks where long and translucent Cornet Fish swam like elongated pieces of string.

On the afternoon walk on Santa Fe there was a colony of Galapagos Sea Lions stretched along the sandy beach, and we saw the musty yellow Santa Fe Land Iguana, and a Lava Lizard eating a Painted Locust half its size.

## Day 12

Friday 21st August

Weather: Overcast but clear; breezy, cool and damp later

We arrived at Kicker Rock just after breakfast and snorkelled around the boat. Coral, Urchins, Starfish, Turtles, and Black-tipped and Galapagos Sharks inhabited the 12-metre depths: so little to see above the waves, but so much see below.

We landed on the long white beach of San Cristobal Island and saw indigenous species of Mockingbird and Marine Iguana. Ghost Crabs busily dug their tunnels in the sand and disappeared in a flash as we got nearer.

In the afternoon we walked up a volcano to a freshwater lagoon. We spotted a pod of Minke Whales on the return journey round the island.

## Day 13

Saturday 22nd August

Weather: Overcast

Espanola Island is on a tectonic plate and gradually sinking as it moves towards Peru at a rate of two to ten centimetres a year. However, it is the only place, along with Isla de la Plata, where Waved Albatross breed. The island is 61 square kilometres in size with 12,000 breeding pairs each season, returning to breed from all across the southern ocean. It was amazing to stand a few metres away from a pair of large albatross clacking beaks and nodding heads in their noisy mating ritual. The list of indigenous species, specific to this island, is impressive – a Mockingbird which prefers running to flying, the red and black Marina Iguana, and the red marked Lava Lizard. Whilst snorkelling we encountered two enormous Lobsters, three graceful Sea Lions, a shoal of incredible Damsel Fish, some gorgeous green Blenny, and numerous black Starfish.

Back on land we were privileged to see a Galapagos Hawk feeding its young chick, the indigenous constrictor Hood Racer Snake, and an amazing blow hole spouting water high into the air.

## Day 14

Sunday 23rd August

Weather: Cloudy and sunny

Today we visited Floreana Island with a Great Blue Heron perched on the nearby rocks waiting for a tasty meal. We walked to the lagoon and saw American Flamingo and Black-necked Stilt stalking the water's edge whilst Wilson's Phalarope swam in and out of the undergrowth. The Floreana Lava Lizard is the smallest in the islands but its colourful markings stood out against the dark rocks. A spotless ladybird hitched a lift on a camera, and tiny blue butterflies and bees flitted amongst the flora.

Snorkelling took place along the Devils Crown rock, an area home to thousands of fish of all sizes and colours. A short visit to Post Office Bay completed our morning. There wasn't much post to pick up, but we all placed ours in the box in hopeful anticipation that a passing tourist would return them to us by hand delivery.

The afternoon was baking hot as we motored back to Santa Cruz, and again we were accompanied for a short time by an active pod of Bottlenose Dolphins.

## Day 15

Monday 24th August

Weather: Sunny

We began the day walking on Santa Cruz in an area known as Natural Garden. We walked through a covering of Carpet Sedge with Prickly Pear cactus and Galapagos Croton growing on either side. The lagoon provided habitat for Wilson's Phalarope, Lesser Yellowlegs and White-cheeked Pintail. The walk took us through lowland

Land Iguana territory to a highpoint with magnificent views over the island. On returning to the boat some brave souls took the plunge by jumping from the top deck for a refreshing swim.

The snorkelling was great with good views of underwater lava flows. Although there were not so many fish species, lots of colourful shoals swam around and below us.

Our final visit of the day was a walk on a lava flow dating from 1902. It was incredibly beautiful, but barren with one Lava Lizard spotted, and a single Lava Cactus amongst the spindly scattering of carpet weed providing food to the few animals which had begun to colonise the area. We lay down on a platform of Rope Lava to rest our backs on the warm rock and gaze at the clear blue sky.

## Day 16

Tuesday 25th August

Weather: Sunny and hot

We anchored in the caldera of Genovesa Island, the empty centre of an extinct volcano. Towering cliffs were home to numerous nesting birds, and the walk along the top gave us close views of some of the larger birds, and the little vampire finches (Sharp-beaked Ground-finch) which fed off the chicks. Snorkelling introduced us to the beautiful Moorish Idle fish with its glamorous yellow and black stripes and its long fin trailing behind.

Our final walk ashore was along a sandy beach where we found, at even closer quarters, birds and chick species seen nesting on the cliff top: Red-footed Booby, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Swallow-tailed Gull, and finches. The night was spent sailing back from this beautiful paradise to begin another adventure.

## Day 17

Wednesday 26th August

Weather: Sunny

We were given one last treat before leaving the islands. After an early start we had a panga ride to Black Turtle Cove on Santa Cruz; a truly magical place in the early morning stillness. Brown Pelicans and Blue-footed Boobies perched on the entrance rocks of black lava – an almost Jurassic scene. Once we entered the mangrove, the water was like a millpond. Small fish broke the surface in an effort to avoid the hungry Tuna below, but making easier pickings for the Common Noddy skirting the waters from above. Cattle Egret prepared to leave their roost for the day, and Green Sea Turtles accompanied us on every side. When the engines were switched off, the silence was beautiful and we were treated to a final view of a Yellow Warbler; the day wouldn't have been same without him.

The rest of the day involved travel, at the end of which we reached The Garden Hotel in Quito.

## Day 18

Thursday 27th August

Weather: Sunny

The group split into two as some visited a local market and village, and others visited a volcano and saw variety of birds including Giant Hummingbird, Andean Condor and Black-faced Ibis.

## Day 19-23

## Friday 28th August – Tuesday 1st September

Weather: Sunny and wet

The final few days were spent in the rain forest around Lake Pilchicocha and Sacha Lodge where we saw numerous bird species, monkeys and a giant otter which had only recently taken up residence in the lake. Travel was by canoe and by foot along duckboards which, generally, allowed smooth pathways for us. We climbed the 43-metre high tower up the Kapok Tree, and even managed the 275-metre long canopy walk, 36 metres high and above the tree canopy. It was scary but worth the achievement.

### Final thoughts

The whole experience was amazing and our guide on the Galapagos was particularly inspiring and knowledgeable. We heard many stories interspersed the natural history and factual information on the islands such as: The baroness with her three sex slaves; the naked, toothless, vegetarian dentist; the cadets who went mad trying to cross one of the islands; the sailor who was murdered in a foolish game of duelling and whose body was never found; the captains of the Beagle who committed suicide – who needs holiday reading when you have a guide like Juan!



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## Species List

Birds (✓ = recorded but not counted; H = heard only)

### Antisana volcano, 27th August

|    | Common name               | Scientific name                   | Antisana |
|----|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| 1  | Andean Teal               | <i>Anas andium</i>                | ✓        |
| 2  | Andean Ruddy Duck         | <i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>         | ✓        |
| 3  | Silvery Grebe             | <i>Podiceps occipitalis</i>       | ✓        |
| 4  | Andean Condor             | <i>Vultur gryphus</i>             | ✓        |
| 5  | Black-faced (Andean) Ibis | <i>Theristicus branickii</i>      | ✓        |
| 6  | Variable Hawk             | <i>Buteo poecilochrous</i>        | ✓        |
| 7  | Carunculated Caracara     | <i>Phalcooboenus carunculatus</i> | ✓        |
| 8  | Andean Coot               | <i>Fulica ardesiaca</i>           | ✓        |
| 9  | Andean Lapwing            | <i>Vanellus resplendens</i>       | ✓        |
| 10 | Andean Gull               | <i>Chroicocephalus serranus</i>   | ✓        |
| 11 | Black-winged Ground-Dove  | <i>Metriopelia melanoptera</i>    | ✓        |
| 12 | Giant Hummingbird         | <i>Patagona gigas</i>             | ✓        |
| 13 | Black-tailed Trainbearer  | <i>Lesbia victoriae</i>           | ✓        |
| 14 | Stout-billed Cinclodes    | <i>Cinclodes excelsior</i>        | ✓        |
| 15 | Tawny Antpitta            | <i>Grallaria quitensis</i>        | ✓        |
| 16 | Great Thrush              | <i>Turdus fuscater</i>            | ✓        |
| 17 | Plumbeous Sierra-Finch    | <i>Phrygilus unicolor</i>         | ✓        |
| 18 | Rufous-collared Sparrow   | <i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>       | ✓        |
| 19 | Yellow Warbler            | <i>Setophaga petechia</i>         | ✓        |
| 20 | Yellow-billed Pintail     | <i>Anas georgica</i>              | ✓        |
| 21 | Tyrian Metaltail          | <i>Metallura tyrianthina</i>      | ✓        |

## Galapagos Main Tour

## Birds

|    | Common name                | Scientific name                    | August |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|    |                            |                                    | 12     | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 1  | Galapagos Penguin          | <i>Spheniscus mendiculus</i>       |        | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    |    |
| 2  | Galapagos Shearwater       | <i>Puffinus iherminieri</i>        |        | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    |
| 3  | Sooty Shearwater           | <i>Puffinus griseus</i>            |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 4  | Elliot's Storm-petrel      | <i>Oceanites gracilis</i>          | ✓      | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    |
| 5  | Wedge-rumped Storm-petrel  | <i>Oceanodroma Tethys</i>          |        |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    |    |    | ✓  |    | ✓  |    | ✓  |    |
| 6  | Madeiran Storm-petrel      | <i>Oceanodroma castro</i>          |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    | ✓  | ✓  |    | ✓  |    |
| 7  | Red-billed Tropicbird      | <i>Phaethon aethereus</i>          |        |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    | ✓  | ✓  |    | ✓  |    |    | ✓  |    |
| 8  | Magnificent Frigatebird    | <i>Fregata magnificens</i>         | ✓      | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    |    |
| 9  | Great Frigatebird          | <i>Fregata minor</i>               |        |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    |
| 10 | Blue-footed Booby          | <i>Sula nebouxii</i>               | ✓      | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    | ✓  |
| 11 | Nazca Booby                | <i>Sula granti</i>                 | ✓      | ✓  |    |    |    |    | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    | ✓  |    |
| 12 | Red-footed Booby           | <i>Sula sula</i>                   |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    |
| 13 | Flightless Cormorant       | <i>Nannopterum harrisi</i>         |        |    |    | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 14 | Brown Pelican              | <i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>      | ✓      | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |
| 15 | White-cheeked Pintail      | <i>Anas bahamensis</i>             | ✓      | ✓  | ✓  |    |    |    | ✓  |    | ✓  |    |    | ✓  | ✓  |    |    |
| 16 | Blue-winged Teal           | <i>Anas discors</i>                |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 17 | American Flamingo          | <i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>        |        | ✓  |    | ✓  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  | ✓  |    |    |
| 18 | Great Blue Heron           | <i>Ardea herodias</i>              | ✓      |    | ✓  | ✓  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    |    | ✓  |
| 19 | Cattle Egret               | <i>Bulbulcus ibis</i>              | ✓      |    | ✓  |    |    |    |    | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    | ✓  |    |    | ✓  |
| 20 | Striated Heron             | <i>Butorides striatus striatus</i> |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 21 | Lava Heron                 | <i>Butorides sundevalli</i>        |        | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    |    | ✓  |    |    | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    |    |
| 22 | Yellow-crowned Night Heron | <i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>         |        |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    |    | ✓  |    |    |    | ✓  | ✓  |
| 23 | Galapagos Hawk             | <i>Buteo galapagoensis</i>         |        | ✓  |    |    | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    |    |    | ✓  |    |    |    |    |
| 24 | Galapagos Rail             | <i>Laterallus galapagoensis</i>    |        |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 25 | Common Gallinule           | <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>         |        |    | ✓  | ✓  |    |    |    | ✓  |    | ✓  |    |    |    |    |    |
| 26 | American Coot              | <i>Fulica Americana</i>            |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    |    |    |    |    |
| 27 | Whimbrel                   | <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>           | ✓      |    | ✓  |    |    |    | ✓  | ✓  |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    |
| 28 | Lesser Yellowlegs          | <i>Tringa flavipes</i>             |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    |

|    | Common name                 | Scientific name                    | August |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |
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|    |                             |                                    | 12     | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |   |
| 29 | Wandering Tattler           | <i>Heteroscelus incanum</i>        |        | ✓  |    |    |    |    | ✓  | ✓  |    | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    | ✓  | ✓  |   |
| 30 | Ruddy Turnstone             | <i>Arenaria interpres</i>          |        |    | ✓  |    |    |    | ✓  |    | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    | ✓  | ✓  |   |
| 31 | Sanderling                  | <i>Calidris alba</i>               |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |
| 32 | Western Sandpiper           | <i>Calidris mauri</i>              |        |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |
| 33 | Least Sandpiper             | <i>Calidris minutilla</i>          |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  | ✓  |    |    |   |
| 34 | Red-necked Phalarope        | <i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>          |        |    |    | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    |    |    |   |
| 35 | American Oystercatcher      | <i>Haematopus palliatus</i>        |        |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  | ✓  |    | ✓  |    |    |    | ✓  |    |   |
| 36 | Black-necked Stilt          | <i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>        |        |    | ✓  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  | ✓  |    |    |   |
| 37 | Black-bellied (Grey) Plover | <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>        |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    |    |    |   |
| 38 | Semipalmated Plover         | <i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>     |        |    | ✓  |    |    |    | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |   |
| 39 | Lava Gull                   | <i>Larus fuliginosus</i>           | ✓      |    | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    |    |    |    | ✓  | ✓  |    |    | ✓  | ✓  |   |
| 40 | Laughing Gull               | <i>Larus atricilla</i>             |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    |    |    |   |
| 41 | Franklin's Gull             | <i>Larus pipixcan</i>              |        |    | ✓  | ✓  |    |    | ✓  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |
| 42 | Swallow-tailed Gull         | <i>Larus furcatus</i>              |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  | ✓  |    | ✓  |    |    | ✓  |   |
| 43 | Common Noddy                | <i>Anous stolidus</i>              |        | ✓  |    |    | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    | ✓ |
| 44 | Galapagos Dove              | <i>Zenaida galapagoensis</i>       |        | ✓  |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    | ✓  |    | ✓  |    | ✓  | ✓  |   |
| 45 | Smooth-billed Ani           | <i>Crotophaga ani</i>              | ✓      |    | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    |    | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    | ✓  | ✓  |    |   |
| 46 | Short-eared Owl             | <i>Asio flammeus galapagoensis</i> |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  |   |
| 47 | Barn Owl                    | <i>Tyto alba</i>                   |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |
| 48 | Vermillion Flycatcher       | <i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>        |        |    | ✓  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |
| 49 | Galapagos Flycatcher        | <i>Myiarchus magnirostris</i>      |        | ✓  |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  | ✓  |    | ✓  | ✓  |    |    |    |   |
| 50 | Galapagos Mockingbird       | <i>Nesomimus parvulus</i>          | ✓      | ✓  |    | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    |    |    |    | ✓  | ✓  |   |
| 51 | Hood Mockingbird            | <i>Nesomimus macdonaldi</i>        |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    |    |    |    |   |
| 52 | Chatham Mockingbird         | <i>Nesomimus melanotis</i>         |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    |    |    |    |    |   |
| 53 | Galapagos Martin            | <i>Progne modesta</i>              |        |    |    |    | ✓  | ✓  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |
| 54 | Large Ground Finch          | <i>Geospiza magnirostris</i>       |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  |   |
| 55 | Medium Ground Finch         | <i>Geospiza fortis</i>             | ✓      |    |    |    | ✓  |    | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    |    | ✓  | ✓  |    |    |   |
| 56 | Small Ground Finch          | <i>Geospiza fuliginosa</i>         | ✓      | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    |    |   |
| 57 | Sharp-beaked Ground-finch   | <i>Geospiza difficilis</i>         |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  |   |
| 58 | Common Cactus-finch         | <i>Geospiza scandens</i>           |        | ✓  |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  | ✓  |    |    |    |    |    |   |
| 59 | Large Cactus-finch          | <i>Geospiza conirostris</i>        |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    |    |    | ✓  |   |
| 60 | Small Tree-finch            | <i>Camarhynchus parvulus</i>       |        |    | ✓  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |

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|    |                    |                                 | 12     | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 61 | Woodpecker Finch   | <i>Cactospiza pallida</i>       | ✓      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 62 | Warbler Finch      | <i>Certhidia olivacea</i>       |        |    | ✓  |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |    |    | ✓  |    |
| 63 | Yellow Warbler     | <i>Setophaga petechia</i>       | ✓      | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |
| 64 | Galapagos Petrel   | <i>Pterodroma phaeopygia</i>    | ✓      | ✓  |    | ✓  |    |    | ✓  |    |    | ✓  |    | ✓  |    | ✓  |    |
| 65 | Spotted Sandpiper  | <i>Actitis macularia</i>        |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    | ✓  |    |    |
| 66 | Wilson's Phalarope | <i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>      |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  | ✓  |    |    |
| 67 | Vegetarian Finch   | <i>Platyspiza crassirostris</i> |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 68 | Purple Gallinule   | <i>Porphyrio martinicus</i>     |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 69 | Waved Albatross    | <i>Phoebastria irrorata</i>     |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    |    |    |    |

## Mammals &amp; Reptiles

|    |                                  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|----|----------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1  | Galapagos Sea Lion               | <i>Zalophus wollebacki</i>               |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓ |   |
| 2  | Galapagos Fur Seal               | <i>Arctocephalus galapagoensis</i>       |   |   |   |   |   |   | ✓ |   |   |   |   | ✓ |   | ✓ |   |
| 3  | Bottlenose Dolphin               | <i>Tursiops truncatus</i>                |   |   |   |   |   | ✓ | ✓ |   |   |   |   | ✓ |   |   |   |
| 4  | Common Dolphin                   | <i>Delphinus delphis</i>                 |   |   |   |   |   |   | ✓ |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 5  | Minke Whale                      | <i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | ✓ |   |   |   |   |   |
| 6  | Giant Tortoise Santa Cruz sub-sp | <i>Geochelone elephantopus porter</i>    | ✓ |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | ✓ |   |   |   | ✓ |   |   |
| 7  | Alcedo "                         | <i>G. e. Vandenburgi</i>                 |   |   |   |   | ✓ |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 8  | Sierra Negra "                   | <i>G. e. guntheri</i>                    |   |   | ✓ |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 9  | Cerro Azul "                     | <i>G. e. vicina</i>                      |   |   | ✓ |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 10 | Green Sea Turtle                 | <i>Chelonia mydas agassissi</i>          |   | ✓ |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 11 | Galapagos Racer (skin)           | <i>Alsophis biserialis</i>               |   |   |   | ✓ |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 12 | Fernandina Snake                 | <i>Alsophis dorsalis occidentalis</i>    |   |   |   |   |   | ✓ |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 13 | Lava lizard (S. Cristobal)       | <i>Microlophus bivittatus</i>            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | ✓ |   |   |   |   |   |
| 14 | Lava lizard (Floreaana)          | <i>Microlophus grayi</i>                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | ✓ |   |   |   |
| 15 | Lava lizard (Espanola)           | <i>Microlophus delanonis</i>             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | ✓ |   |   |   |   |
| 16 | Lava lizard (W & central)        | <i>Microlophus albemarlensis</i>         |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   |   | ✓ |   |   |   |
| 17 | Galapagos Land Iguana            | <i>Conolophus subcristatus</i>           |   |   |   |   | ✓ |   |   | ✓ | ✓ |   |   | ✓ |   |   |   |
| 18 | Santa Fe Land Iguana             | <i>Conolophus pallidus</i>               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | ✓ |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 19 | Marine Iguana Fernandina sub-sp  | <i>Amblyrhynchus cristatus cristatus</i> |   |   |   |   |   | ✓ |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 20 | Santa Cruz "                     | <i>A. c. hassi</i>                       | ✓ |   |   |   |   |   |   | ✓ | ✓ |   |   | ✓ |   |   |   |
| 21 | Isabela "                        | <i>A. c. Albemarlensis</i>               |   |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 22 | Santiago/S Cristobal "           | <i>A. c. Mertensis</i>                   |   | ✓ |   |   |   |   |   | ✓ |   | ✓ |   |   |   |   |   |

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|    |                    |                               | 12     | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 23 | Espanola "         | <i>A. c. Venustissimus</i>    |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    |    |    |    |
| 24 | Genovesa "         | <i>A. c. Nanus</i>            |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    |
| 25 | Humpback Whale     | <i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i> |        |    |    |    | ✓  | ✓  |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    |    |    |    |
| 26 | Blue Whale (spout) | <i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>  |        |    |    |    | ✓  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 27 | Hood Racer Snake   | <i>Philodryas hoddensis</i>   |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | ✓  |    |    |    |    |