

Guyana – A Timeless Paradise (with Trinidad extension)

Naturetrek Tour Report

3rd – 21st November 2022



Pied Plover



Black Curassow



Fork-tailed Flycatcher



Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock

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Day 1

Thursday 3rd November

UK to Georgetown via Trinidad and St Lucia

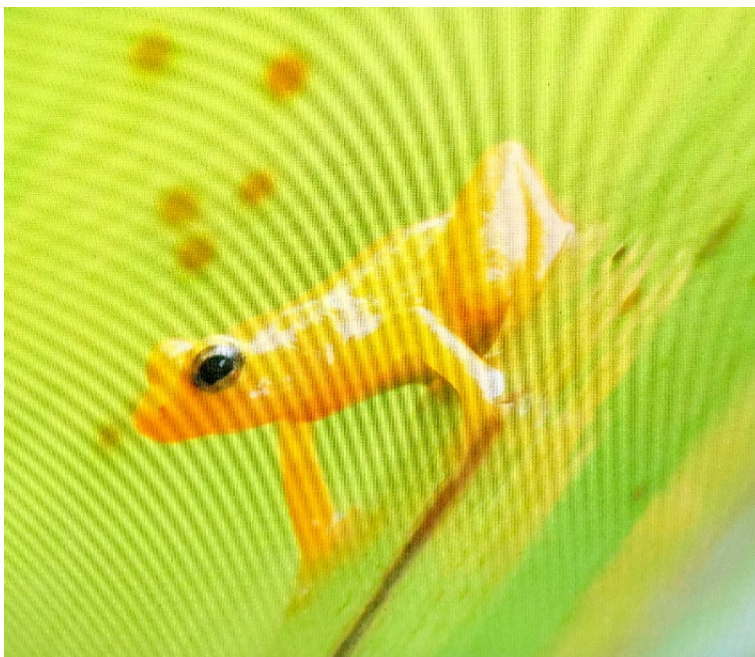
Only a few hours' sleep before our 1am taxi ride to catch the 2:10am coach to Gatwick South terminal. Our 10am BA flight to Port of Spain, Trinidad via St Lucia departed and arrived on time. We then collected our luggage, checked in at the Caribbean airways desk and had about four hours to kill before our turbo prop flight to Georgetown. We arrived at 12:30am and were met by our driver for the 40-minute drive to our Georgetown hotel. Overnight Cara hotel.

Day 2

Friday 4th November

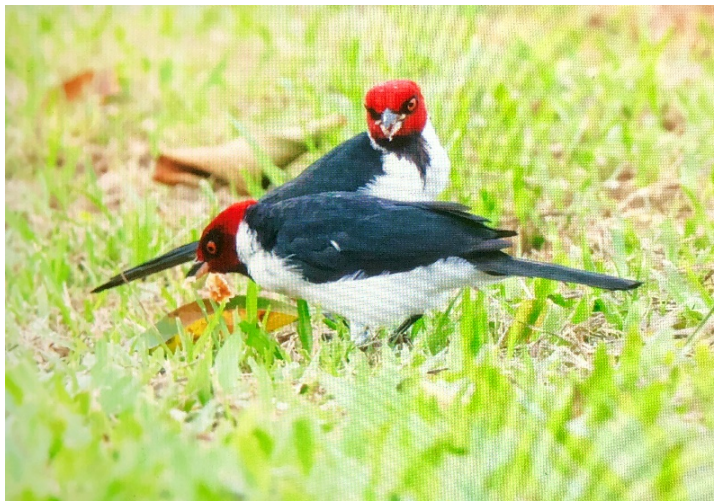
Georgetown to Iwokrama via Kaieteur Falls

We had about four hours sleep at the Cara hotel - an impressive colonial period hotel in the suburbs of Georgetown. We made 9am breakfast, meeting up with Wally our guide for the Guyana leg of the trip, and eight fellow intrepid travellers. We then used a small 11-seater plus single pilot plane from a more local "international airport" to take us to our lodge. The plan was to flyover Kaieteur falls for aerial views of the waterfall with the World's longest drop, at 822 feet (5 times that of Niagara), however the weather intervened and all we had was low cloud and rain. Our first stop was Kaieteur National Park for lunch and a walk to several views of the falls. Unfortunately, the low cloud prevented good views and we only had occasional brief glimpses of this dramatic highlight of the trip. We also dipped on the Cock of the Rock here because of the weather. We did however get good views of the endangered tiny Golden Rocket Frog which spends its life in a giant tank bromeliad.



A shorter flight followed to another airstrip where we were collected by three 4WD vehicles and a short journey to Iwokrama River Lodge in the Rupununi region, our home for the next two nights. We were welcomed by our hosts Alex & Marcia, both Amerindian Makushi tribe descent. They were to be our lodge guides for our stay. A brief walk in the lodge grounds close to the river revealed little of note except for common tanagers including Silver-beaked Tanager, Red-capped Cardinals, and a group of resident Pied Plovers. Dinner followed of chicken and rice and the last of their Bank's beer (a local beer not as good as the real UK ale). The day ended with night scoping for an hour on the river with sleeping Black-chinned Antbird the highlight.

Overnight Iwokrama.



Day 3

Saturday 5th November

Iwokrama, Turtle Mountain

An early 5:45 start with another river excursion, this time in early daylight with Black Skimmer the highlight.



We then landed on a riverbank for our trek up Turtle Mountain. We stopped briefly at a deserted old camp nearby whilst a rain episode passed through. It took us until after midday to reach the 300m top, a steep climb at times thankfully helped by wooden rails. It took two hours to get back to the river and we got back to the lodge at three for lunch. Sandra meanwhile had taken a river cruise to some lakes, giving the trudge up the hill a miss. We did a local walk at 4:15 along the access road until it got dark. A pair of Scarlet Macaws were the highlight.

Dinner at 7:30 completed an exhausting day.

Overnight Iwokrama.

Day 4

Sunday 6th November

Iwokrama to Atta Rainforest lodge

A 4:15am start for a short 4WD to a road off the main road to Georgetown which took us to a logging “sawmill” area. All sawing done using chainsaws. Irreplaceable 500-year-old Golden heart trees sawn in half and then sawn expertly by hand into planks. We returned in the light after fruitless attempts to coax into view several of the noisy skulking birds including antpitta. Breakfast at 7:30 and off 50km southwest with luggage to our next lodge - Atta Rainforest Canopy lodge. We stopped on the way at a hardwood bridge that had seen better days over a stream. Here we soon got our target an adult male Crimson-topaz Hummingbird and added a bonus juvenile Black Hawk.

We arrived at the lodges in time for lunch after several more Black Hawk sightings. We were met by a gathering of Black Vultures and a very confiding pair of Black Currasow. Whilst we were eating, we were interrupted by Dylan our lodge guide who had spotted a spectacular, rarely seen, Crimson Fruitcrow & soon added a close adult male Howler Monkey.

Lunch was beef stew, BBQ chicken and more rice. After lunch I did the first 100 metres of a trail where we had seen the monkey. Although quiet, I did get great views of Red-necked Woodpecker. We had coffee at 3:30pm ready for a 4pm walk of approximately half mile and 150 steps to the canopy walkway 90 feet up. Limited and

distant but quality sightings included Spotted Tanager, Channel-billed and White-throated Toucans, Black-necked and Green Aracaris and our first Spider Monkey of the trip.

Back in the dark and dinner at 7:30. Overnight Atta Canopy lodge.



Day 5

Monday 7th November

Atta lodge

Up for coffee at 5:30. We decided to return to the canopy with three extreme birders from Michigan and Ron, their guide before breakfast. We started by birding in the lodge grounds as birds came to feast on the fruit of a cecropia tree. We added a number of new birds including Marail Guan, Guianan Toucanet, Purple-throated Fruitcrow and Guianan Tyrannulet before the rain came. This curtailed pre breakfast birding. We then split with Sandra and the rest of the group doing the access road whilst I joined the Americans for the canopy. This proved eventful and whilst we saw some good birds including Todd's Antwren the main group had great views of a female adult Harpy Eagle.



Despite making our way to the sighting as fast as humanly possible, we missed the bird by just a minute or two and had to make do with the others photos. I returned with three rather gloomy men from Michigan. But their spirits were raised later by great views of the more difficult Crimson Fruitcrow we had seen on the first day at the lodge. The group birding in the late afternoon was along the main road in a more open marshy area. I defied health and safety and joined Dylan on the roof of the minibus. Seated on the spare wheel and clinging onto the luggage rack, along the way I had better views of a perched Bat Falcon, and in the mangrove like swampy area, both male and female Green Kingfisher, a Black Caiman, and our first for the trip, Solitary Sandpiper.



Our twilight target, White-winged Potoo had to be called in, as we laid in wait in the enveloping darkness at 6pm once the noisy and brightly lit bridge repair vehicles left the scene. A Rufescent Tiger Heron was first to be seen as the potoo took a lot of coaxing. But this was eventually located by its eye shine. Satisfied with our sightings we returned to the lodge for a late dinner. Overnight Atta lodge.

Day 6

Tuesday 8th November

Atta lodge

We started with a 6am early morning walk. A choice between one of the trails or a revisit to the canopy walkway. We chose the former. This was largely quiet with the usual difficult rainforest birding along the way. It turned out to be more of a naturalist walk, for example stopping for footprints of Tapir and deer, Wally's many anecdotes and descriptions of the uses of the various trees and vines. We did get glimpses of an Agouti as it crossed our path, a Pygmy Gecko and a few good birds including Cayenne Jay. After breakfast I left the group and joined John a recently left school trainee lodge guide while the rest did another trail walk. We walked to the main road and located a tree with a number of species including Black Nunbird and several Golden-winged Parakeets. We got no further

as the rain returned and we returned to the lodge. Despite a pause in the rain and Dylan's hard work including a taping of an owl to liven up proceedings, we only got brief views of a Fulvous-crested Tanager, a female White-crowned Manikin, and Green and Purple Honeycreepers in the grounds. Lunch followed and the rain returned, this time more persistent. At this point in the trip the group was getting restless, almost despondent. Things could only get better. We took an early lunch and finally the rain eased. Dylan found me an apparently unhappy soaked Tawny-breasted Screech Owl on the access road before we departed in the van for some night spotting on the main road. Almost immediately we were brought to a halt by the same bird in full view on the track. A great start. This was followed by a perched Great Potoo, a Blackish Nightjar, a slithering Garden Tree Boa and a Geographical Frog. A successful end to the day.

Overnight Atta lodge.

Day 7

Wednesday 9th November

Atta to Surama

Up for a 6am drive to a white sandy area on the main road for Bronzed Jacamar. We almost immediately had both male and female Green-backed Trogon and an insect catching Paradise Jacamar. More rewarding birding followed as Dylan then added Warbling Antbird and both male and female yellow Golden-headed Manakin before finding four Bronzed Jacamars in one bare dead tree.



A nearby tiny Rufous-breasted Seedeater was also added. Back for breakfast, packing and paying our drinks and laundry bill. We then said our goodbyes to lodge staff and left for Surama ecolodge our home for the next two nights. Dylan joined us for part of the way to the Cock of the Rock site. This required a well-trodden walk through the jungle with a steep rise for the last 50 metres into a rocky boulder strewn area. Almost immediately the amazing male bird was seen perched in front of us. Thirty minutes of paparazzi followed with the bird seemingly unconcerned strutting it's stuff.

On the way back to the vehicle we had the bonus of the relatively drab female on a nearby nest built into a rocky crevasse. We then continued southwest towards the Brazilian border and passed through Surama village reaching our lodge being greeted by a perched Savannah Hawk and Neil our new local guide in time for a welcome drink of blended banana and guava followed by lunch. An afternoon visit to Surama village was next with an indigenous population of 360 largely living a very basic communal life and yet the government was in the process of providing them with a free internet hub in the central square. Neil then took us to see a roosting Great Potoo in one of his favourite trees as daylight faded. After dinner we had a night walk in the Savannah nearby and added good views of a single White-tailed nightjar and several Common Pauraque camouflaged on the ground, and many pauraque flying in their erratic bat like manner. A memorable end to a special birding day.

Overnight Surama ecolodge.

Day 8

Thursday 10th November

Surama

6am breakfast for 6.45 departure, walking to the river three miles away followed by a two hour Surama burro burro river cruise and another three mile walk back returning for lunch at 12:30. This morning was relatively slow birdwise and very tiring. However, we did get good fleeting views of our target bird, a very shy Rufous-winged Ground Cuckoo. Neil managed to coax this chachalaca-like bird to walk past us whilst the bird was keeping to the edge of a road in front of us. Other highlights included another day roosting Great Potoo along the way, and Lineated woodpecker & Black-collared and Grey-lined Hawks along the river. Back for lunch and rest before a 4pm walk around the grounds. Highlights were White-chested and Glittering-throated Emeralds and Lesser Nighthawk, a Common Tody Flycatcher, Black-tailed Tityra, and Cinereous Becard. Back for dinner.

Overnight Surama lodge.

Day 9

Friday 11th November

Surama to Karanambu lodge

Up early for a 5am walk with Wally and Neil for a circular walk around the grounds. Our target species the Common Potoo was soon spotted in the distance perched in the light of the torch. It was quite a productive session, including Red-throated Caracara, Spotted Puffbird, and Lesser Elaenia, ending with great views of a pair of Pearl Kite, the smallest of the kites.



Back for breakfast and packing, departing with luggage at 8:15 through the Savannah, stopping off at Simoni pond for Wattled Jacana, a male Vermilion Flycatcher, a splendid Yellow-chinned Spinetail and Pied Water Tyrant, before reaching Ginep landing where our boats were waiting for a 2.5-hour river trip to our next and final lodge at Karanambu. We stopped several times for various reasons including Howler Monkey, Smooth-billed Ani, Crested Caracara, both Large-billed and the much smaller Yellow-billed Tern, a pair of Crimson-crested Woodpecker, a Little Blue Heron, several Great Egrets, and a Striated Heron.

We arrived at 1pm in time for lunch and a pair of Common Ground Dove. After lunch and a rest had another Rapununi river cruise at 4pm. Not as productive as one would expect presumably because the river was over fished by the local indigenous communities and the river level has high covering the shoreline due to the unseasonal rainfall. Indeed, we had evidence of this as the propellers of our boats became snagged with fishing nets. However, several new species were added in good light including the large Ringed Kingfisher, a Jabiru Stork on its nest, a Green-tailed Jacamar on a horizontal branch in a creek, and perhaps the highlight, the bizarre Bare-necked Fruitcrow. We ended the cruise in fading light watching the national flower, a Victoria Amazonia water lily transform, unfurling its leaves and attracting the local beetles, and a Black-crowned Night Heron on one of the lily pads, whilst above, Band-tailed Nighthawk and the smaller high flying Lesser Nighthawk zipped across the sky. Of course, this was capped by a refreshing glass of rum punch. Dinner at 8:30. Overnight Karanambu lodge.

Day 10

Saturday 12th November

Karanambu river lodge

We started with a 5:30 coffee just as it was getting light then 6am start river cruise in the other direction in the three small boats. All the usual birds with some extras including, Pale-vented and Scaly Pigeons, Southern Rough-winged Swallow, Yellow-headed Parrot, Turkey Vulture, Zone-tailed Hawk, Crane Hawk, and an extra special Sunbittern hiding on the bank.



We returned to the camp for 8:15 breakfast. Melanie, head of the family who owns the lodge had returned from Georgetown overnight, recounted stories of when various lords had visited as had Mick Jagger and a rather stuck up, Jerry Hall, just for the day, as it was deemed that the overnight accommodation was unsuitable. (Perhaps not surprising as our accommodation was made of clay brick with a thatched roof and a barn door. It had plenty of spaces open to the air attracting many strange looking insects. Indeed, we were told that the building contained a menagerie), how Jerry had been attacked by one of her domestic cats. After breakfast just John, a keen birder, and I, joined Wally for birding near the lodge grounds. Starting on the way down to the boats Wally managed to bring in a male Blue-backed Manakin and a great view of a White-fringed Antwren.



The diminutive Pygmy Tyrant proved much more elusive, but we did manage to get brief views of this dark hummer like bird. We then moved to another spot and played a Ferruginous Pygmy Owl call which brought in several species including both male and female Grey Seedeater, a Southern Bearded Tyrannulet and a female Blue Dacnis. A long break then ensued before our next birding session, only broken by lunch at 1pm and time birding a single tree containing Blue-gray and Palm Tanagers, several House Wrens, a Tody Flycatcher, a very small tyrannulet and an unknown warbler like bird.



Another river cruise at 4pm gave us a memorable few hours' relaxation. A special mix of birds and amazing sunset. We were able to access a lake via a creek that was only available because of the high-water level. So we added some cracking birds including American Pygmy Kingfisher, Boat-billed Heron, Black Caracara, Little Blue Heron, Limpkin, White-headed Marsh Tyrant, a whole clan of White-tailed Goldentthroat, and perhaps the best was kept until last as both a Black and White Hawk Eagle and a dazzling Yellow Oriole were seen in optimum light before the sunset. Back for dinner at 8pm.



Day 11**Sunday 13th November****Karanambu**

4:15 coffee for 4:30 departure. This morning required a 30 minute walk to the bank of a flooded trail. We then used a small boat to the other end where we were collected by two pickup trucks. Seated in the back in the open air, we then travelled through the savannah birding along the way. The Rapununi region savannah encompasses some 5000 sq miles of grassland with the occasional grazing cattle and ranch settlements and is split north and south by the Kanuku mountains. We viewed a good number of new birds for the trip including Eastern Meadowlark, three Burrowing Owl, Bi-coloured Wren, Fork-tailed Flycatcher, Yellowish Pipit, Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture, White-tailed Hawk, two pairs of Double-banded Thick-knee and a perched pair of Aplomada Falcon.





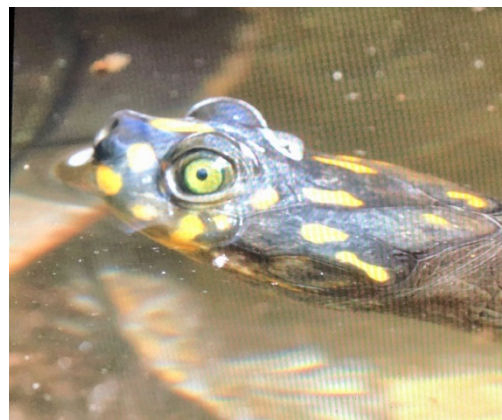
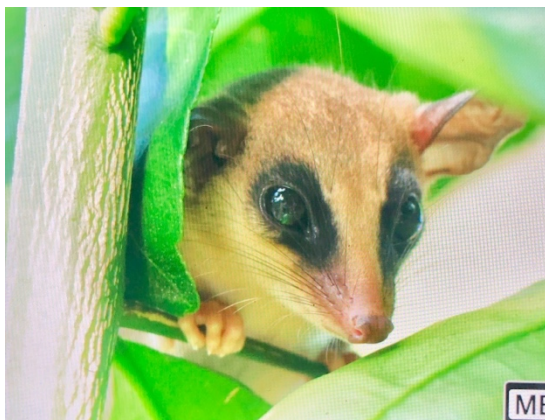
News then came of our target for the morning, a Giant Anteater sighting by one of the vaqueiros via walkie-talkie, so we moved at pace to join him. What followed was great views of a “teenager” being herded towards us by this cowboy on horseback, the anteater getting to within a metre or so before running off. We then returned via the runway we will be using tomorrow, otherwise the same way as before for breakfast. After breakfast Wally and two local guides Marvis and Kenneth took us on a local forest trail and we once again had views of the Blue-backed Manakin, Spotted Puffbird, and Pale-faced Pygmy Tyrant. The only new bird was a stunning White-bellied Antbird although another highlight was a Pygmy Gecko, the so-called Jesus bird, as this one can walk on water. Back for lunch of freshly caught this morning battered fish and potato chips and a well-earned rest before another evening river cruise starting at 4pm. Aimed to see the River Otters however a combination of the high water levels and their shyness meant all we could get was a glimpse of a young family as they dived and made a break for the impenetrable, nearby creek. From then on all we could get was the characteristic sounds of adult and young. Only one new bird seen, an Orange-breasted Falcon, originally mistaken for a more common Bat Falcon. This falcon is more commonly found on a rocky cliff so to see it on the river was a surprise. Only other new fauna was a Green Iguana found whilst spotlighting on our return. Back for a BBQ dinner. Overnight Karanambu.

Day 12

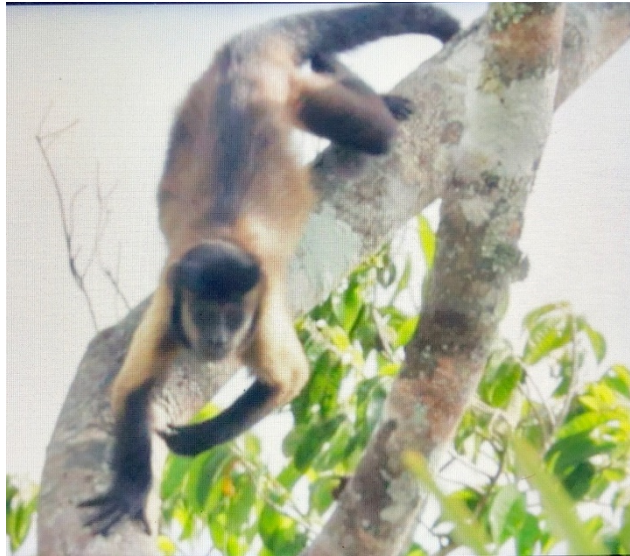
Monday 14th November

Karanambu to Georgetown

Up with the cock crowing at 5:15. Packed after a cold shower. Wally pointed out a very small, cute possum in one of the trees.



Then a leisurely breakfast before gathering for our one hour river transfer to the open air back of a truck to take us to the local airstrip and our 10 seater return one and a half hour flight to Georgetown. We stopped off at Caiman house, another lodge for a short viewing of their craft making which included making decorative weave patterned panels for IKEA kitchen cupboards using a special local reed, and their farming of Spotted River Turtles for reintroduction of the species in the local rivers. Along the river we had a Brown-tufted Capuchin Monkey swinging through the trees, and a few bird highlights of Western Osprey, another Jabiru Stork on nest and a Zone-tailed Hawk eating a lizard.



Sandra and I had the two seats directly behind the pilot so could see all the dials and screens in the cockpit and every button and switch he used to fly the plane. Take-off and landing were reminiscent of the exploits of Biggles and quite exhilarating. We arrived at the “international” airport shortly after midday and surprisingly carried our luggage from the plane tarmac directly to the awaiting minibus. We then had a meal in a restaurant adjacent to all the embassies and then returned to the Cara hotel. The change from the tranquillity of Karanambu to the bustle of Georgetown was a shock, so the calm of Cara was appreciated. Overnight Cara hotel.

Day 13

Tuesday 15th November

Our last full day started early at 4:30 travelling east of Georgetown to the Mahaica river and avoiding the Georgetown traffic. Our target here was to see Guyana’s national bird the peculiar Hoatzin. We had a boat that seated all of us and we set out just as it was getting light. Thankfully the boat had a canopy as it also started to rain. Despite the occasional shower it was a successful cruise along the river with great views of this bird, one that would have been at home with the dinosaurs. Along the way we also observed a female Black-throated Mango, Wing-barred Seedeater, Little Cuckoo, a Wood Stork flyover, a Long-winged Harrier, Yellow-bellied Elaenia, Black-capped Donacobius, excellent view of a Green-tailed Jacamar and both male and female Black-crested Antshrike. We also had our first clear views of Giant River Otter for the trip, many Green Iguanas and a Monitor Lizard. We then returned to Georgetown and visited the mangrove and mudflats along the coast. Here we added several prized birds including Rufous Crab Hawk, Carib Grackle, Hudsonian Whimbrel and the amazing Scarlet Ibis. After a Guianan meal for our last lunch (complete with mating tortoises and a Pale-breasted Thrush) at the popular Backyard Café, each course laced with rum, starting with a fresh coconut and straw we moved on to our final birding destination, the Botanical Gardens. Our last group of birds included further sightings of Blood-coloured Woodpecker, four Toco Toucans in one tree (the Guinness bird), a Red and Green Macaw, Spotted Tody

Flycatcher, Cinnamon Attila, Boat-billed Flycatcher and a poor view of White-bellied Piculet and Festive Amazon Parrot. We returned to the Cara for our last checklisting, checked in for our flight to Trinidad and had dinner. Overnight Cara Hotel.

Day 14

Wednesday 16th November

Depart Georgetown for Port of Spain, Trinidad

Up for 4:15. Said our goodbyes to Wally. Left the Cara at five with Jamal, same taxi service & driver as when we arrived almost two weeks ago. 40 minute drive to the Cheddi Jagan International airport for our 8:15 Caribbean airways flight to Port of Spain. The plane left just over an hour late as it had arrived late from JFK New York at 9:25. We were able to see the rest of the group in the departure lounge because of the delay. They were catching the Barbados flight at 10am. We said our goodbyes again and the Guyana leg of the trip was complete.

TRINIDAD (extension)

Hacienda Jacana ecolodge, Port of Spain

We arrived in Port of Spain at 10:20, cleared immigration, collected our luggage and met up with Lester, our guide for the stay in Trinidad in the arrivals' hall. Trinidad is just 10 miles from Venezuela on the South American mainland. We decided to do some birding from the car at a local golf course, visit a supermarket for some beers, and have lunch before transferring to the Hacienda Jacana ecolodge. A few more birds (or better views) for the trip recorded along the way including Purple Gallinule, Saffron Finch, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Black-winged Stilt and a star bird, Red-breasted Meadowlark. The car helped for good photos as it acted as a hide. Lunch was a local dish of a Dahl roti with curried potato and chicken, and a coke. On arrival we were introduced to Ezra who would be looking after us at the ecolodge.

Accommodation was best described as a rustic chalet in a rainforest setting with a pond view below. The rest of the day was left for us to acclimatise (seemingly we had brought torrential stormy rain with us) and explore the grounds (we appeared to be their only guests). I walked the nearest paths before continuous heavy rain intervened, encountering a variety of wildlife along the way, including various thrushes, notably Spectacled (aka bare eyed) and Cocoa, hummingbirds and seedeaters, Blue-black Grassquit, a Northern Waterthrush (a North American migrant, a fine Monitor Lizard and surprisingly, a rather large, adult Caiman who jumped in the water creating a big splash as soon as he saw me. Ezra delivered our dinners (chicken and sweetcorn soup, followed by beef chow mien) at 6:30 in our "cabin" which we downed with the local stag lager. And we had an early night for once.

Overnight Hacienda Jacana.

Day 15

Thursday 17th November

Blanchisseuse Road, North Trinidad

Up at 5 for a 6:30 departure after a local vegetarian breakfast brought by Lester. We were delayed by a few minutes as we watched the hummingbirds on the flowers along the lodge road. They included White-chested Emerald,

Copper-rumped Hummingbird, Rufous-breasted Hermit and a highly sought after Tufted Coquette (female only seen). We didn't get far before we added both Green-backed and Guianan Trogons, and a Channel-billed Toucan.



The heavy rain in the night had caused several landslides and breaks in the road tarmac, and we had to make a detour as the road we were on was impassable. This led to a traffic jam until we got out of the built up area. Birding from then on also included regular downpours and poor visibility so was slow as we headed north into the mountains and the Blanchisseuse Road. Along the way we passed the entrance to the Asa Wright resort and could view the famous verandah from the road. This special place has been closed since covid hit and there are plans to reopen next Spring. When the weather allowed, we birded along the road either from the car or on foot. Surprisingly this was quite successful, and we added several new species for the trip. These included a distant Bearded Bellbird, Purple Honeycreeper, male and female White-lined Tanager, male and female Green Honeycreeper, and Violaceous Euphonia. It also included a Morpho butterfly on a leaf with its wings open. A very rare sighting. We had an early packed lunch which included a ham, tomato, and cheese roll near the top whilst another shower passed through.

On resumption we headed down to Mome La Croix and here birding became even more spectacular with fine views of Blue-headed Parrot, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, a female White-bearded Manakin and a splendid male Golden-headed Manakin and last but not least White-bellied Antbird. Other birds included Yellow-rumped Cacique, White-necked Thrush, and Southern Rough-winged Swallow.



We then retraced our way back to the lodge, dodging an Agouti on the way, arriving in the rain at 6pm in time for dinner and a beer. Only a few target species were missed, Trinidad Motmot (much more common in Tobago) and Rufous-breasted Wren perhaps being the most desired.

Overnight Hacienda Jacana.

Day 16

Friday 18th November

Aripo Savannah & Nariva Swamp, East Trinidad

Breakfast at 7, so some time to look for more birds in the lodge grounds. It had rained heavily in the night and the rain continued off and on, now and for most of the day to come. Only a pair of Southern Lapwings were new. We left at 8 and started by birding open country and semi wild pastures at lower elevations in the foothills of the Northern mountains at the Aripo Agri station. This was difficult birding, but we were successful in adding Green-tailed Parrotlet, Olive-grey Saltator and Yellow-bellied Elaenia. After a sit-down lunch (fried rice and BBQ chicken) we continued to the East coast to Nariva swamp and birded the mangrove and agricultural fields along the coast road. Here we had flight views of a pair of Blue and Yellow macaws and the back of a Pinnated Bittern, a Bicolored Conebill, a Yellow-hooded Blackbird, Magnificent Frigatebird and Grey-lined Hawk. On the way back we gained a back view of a perched Squirrel Cuckoo and a fine view of a Merlin, but dipped on our target, roosting Red-bellied Macaws at dusk. We saw a Trinidad Squirrel, dodged the potholes in the road and returned to the lodge shortly after 6. Ezra duly delivered our evening meals at 6:30 with bed by 9.

Overnight Hacienda Jacana.

Day 17

Saturday 19th November

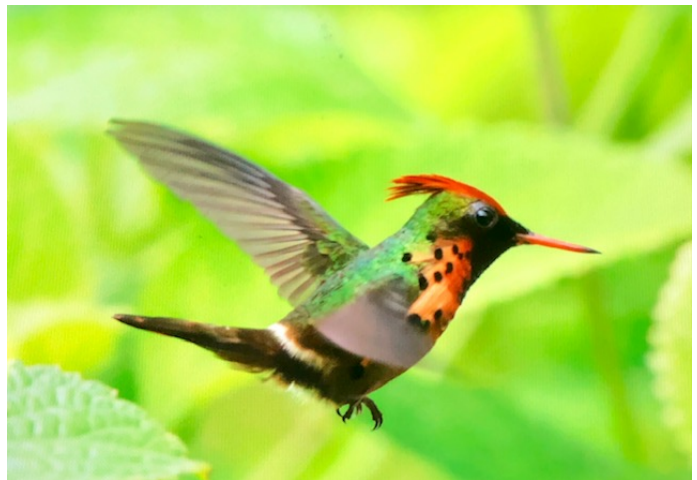
Our last full day of guided birding, including hummingbird feeders, and Caroni swamp boat tour

Early 5:30 departure as Lester had added an extra session to the planned itinerary. Just as well as we added more new birds taking only a short time out for a calorie rich street food breakfast along the way to the Savannah of the

south west of the island. Birds included introduced species; Common Waxbill and juvenile Tricolored Munia, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Masked Yellowthroat, what later turned out to be a one in a million leucistic Limpkin looking very much like a white stork, and a Pale-breasted Spinetail.



A good two and a half hours was then spent in the afternoon in the “professor”, Theo Ferguson, and his wife Gloria’s hillside garden at Yerette, home of the hummingbird in the Maracas Valley. This must be one of the most impressive hummingbird feeder settings in the world as we counted 13 different hummingbird species including the sought-after Ruby Topaz and the stunning Tufted Coquette.



Little time was lost as we curtailed an impressive spread provided by Gloria for our lunch and declined Theo’s slide show (much to his disappointment) to get the maximum benefit from the live hummer display.

We arrived early at the Caroni River mooring, just before 3pm. Just as well, as Lester and his brother were also in charge of the Nanan Caroni Swamp tours. They had seven full boat loads of clients setting off by 4pm for the cruise into the Caroni Bird Sanctuary to see the spectacle of thousands of Scarlet Ibis come into roost for the night along with herons and egrets. As guests of Lester, we had the privilege of prime position next to him as he identified the species observed and gave the history of the conservation work started by his grandfather, continued by his father and which he now carried the mantle.



Birding was spectacular starting with, new for the trip Masked Cardinal, the bird we had failed to see earlier in the day, several Yellow-crowned Night Herons, a perched American Pygmy Kingfisher, a Straight-billed Woodcreeper, a single American Flamingo and ending with a Boat-billed Heron and Common Potoo. We also had several amazing camouflaged, coiled, sleeping boas overhead in the mangrove roots. The Scarlet Ibis display as the light faded had been witnessed by all the boats lined up at a nonintrusive distance from their island roost. Some passengers enjoying their dinner with wine, whilst we had our rum punch sundowner.

But the day's entertainment was not finished yet as Lester then drove us to his sister's house where our dinner was waiting for us and we joined their other guests for some Indian drumming and dancing. The former was unusual as a large leaf was used instead of a plate and the latter was unusual because the dancer in the saree was a male! Sandra of course couldn't resist the temptation of joining Lester for her infamous "Albanian" dancing.

Lester drove us back to the lodge for 9pm. And we said our goodbyes. We had had a great time with him. I think he enjoyed it just as much as we did.

Day 18

Sunday 20th November

Return to UK via St Lucia

Up at 5am for final solo pre breakfast walk in the grounds. Greeted by all the usual suspects including the trogon. However finally managed to see the Gray-cowled (aka necked) Wood Rail after it had a skirmish with a Purple Gallinule. Bacon and egg breakfast with Ezra at 8am followed by a walk up the entry road before the heavens opened once again. Thankfully I was able to shelter and return for more hummingbird feeder views without getting wet.

Sandra meanwhile took the downtime advantage to use the swimming pool. Lunch at 1:30 with Ezra, followed by packing, taxi at 3pm and it was time to return to Port of Spain airport for our 6:40 BA flight to Gatwick.

After a short stop in St Lucia for the bulk of the passengers we were then on our way to London.

Day 19

Monday 21st November

Arrival in Gatwick and National Express coach to Newport. Taxi home.

End of another memorable trip.

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

Common name	Scientific name	November 2022													
		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Great Tinamou	<i>Tinamus major</i>				H										
Muscovy Duck	<i>Cairina moschata</i>			✓				✓				✓			
Little Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis motmot</i>											✓			
Marail Guan	<i>Penelope marail</i>					✓									
Spix's Guan	<i>Penelope jacquacu</i>				H	✓				H					
Blue-throated Piping Guan	<i>Pipile cumanensis</i>														
Black Curassow	<i>Crax alector</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Lesser Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles acutipennis</i>								✓	✓	✓				
Band-tailed Nighthawk	<i>Nyctiprogne leucopyga</i>									✓	✓	✓			
Blackish Nightjar	<i>Nyctipolus nigrescens</i>						✓								
Common Pauraque	<i>Nyctidromus albicollis</i>							✓				✓			
White-tailed Nightjar	<i>Hydrosalis cayennensis</i>							✓							
Ladder-tailed Nightjar	<i>Hydrosalis climacocerca</i>		✓	✓											
Great Potoo	<i>Nyctibius grandis</i>						✓	✓	✓						
Long-tailed Potoo	<i>Nyctibius aethereus</i>					?									
Common Potoo	<i>Nyctibius griseus</i>									✓		H			
White-winged Potoo	<i>Nyctibius leucopterus</i>					✓									
Grey-rumped Swift	<i>Chaetura cinereiventris</i>		?												
Band-rumped Swift	<i>Chaetura spinicaudus</i>		?			?	✓		✓						
Crimson Topaz	<i>Topaza pella</i>				✓	✓ f									
White-necked Jacobin	<i>Florisuga mellivora</i>				✓			✓							
Reddish Hermit	<i>Phaethornis ruber</i>					✓									
Long-tailed Hermit	<i>Phaethornis superciliosus</i>					✓						✓			
Black-eared Fairy	<i>Heliophryx auritus</i>						✓	✓							
White-tailed Goldenthrout	<i>Polytmus guainumbi</i>										✓	✓			
Black-throated Mango	<i>Anthracothonax nigricollis</i>													✓	
Grey-breasted Sabrewing	<i>Campylopterus largipennis</i>				✓										
Fork-tailed Woodnymph	<i>Thalurania furcata</i>						✓ f								
White-chested Emerald	<i>Chrysuronia brevirostris</i>								✓						

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Glittering-throated Emerald	<i>Chionomesa fimbriata</i>								✓						
Rufous-throated Sapphire	<i>Hylocharis sapphirina</i>					✓ f	✓								
White-chinned Sapphire	<i>Chlorestes cyanus</i>			✓											
Greater Ani	<i>Crotophaga major</i>								✓						✓
Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Rufous-winged Ground Cuckoo	<i>Neomorphus rufipennis</i>								✓						
Little Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzua minuta</i>														✓
Squirrel Cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana</i>						✓		✓						
Scaled Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas speciosa</i>					?			✓		✓				
Pale-vented Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas cayennensis</i>			✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Plumbeous Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas plumbea</i>			H		H	H								
Rock Pigeon (Dove)	<i>Columba livia</i>													✓	
Common Ground Dove	<i>Columbina passerina</i>									✓					
Ruddy Ground Dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>										✓			✓	
White-tipped Dove	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>							✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Eared Dove	<i>Zenaidura macroura</i>											✓			
Sungrebe	<i>Heliornis fulica</i>			✓											
Purple Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio martinica</i>									✓					
Grey-winged Trumpeter	<i>Psophia crepitans</i>				✓		H	✓							
Limpkin	<i>Aramus guarauna</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓	
Double-striped Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus bistriatus</i>											✓			
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>													✓	
Pied Plover	<i>Hoploxypterus cayanus</i>		✓	✓	✓					✓					
Wattled Jacana	<i>Jacana jacana</i>									✓	✓	✓		✓	
Hudsonian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius hudsonicus</i>													✓	
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularia</i>			✓	✓								✓		
Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>					✓				✓					
Black Skimmer	<i>Rynchops niger</i>			✓											
Yellow-billed Tern	<i>Sternula superciliosa</i>									✓					
Large-billed Tern	<i>Phaetusa simplex</i>			✓						✓	✓				
Sunbittern	<i>Eurypyga helias</i>										✓				
Wood Stork	<i>Mycteria americana</i>													✓	

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Jabiru	<i>Jabiru mycteria</i>									On nest		✓	On nest		
Magnificent Frigatebird	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>												✓	✓	
Anhinga	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>			✓						✓	✓		✓		
Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Nannopterum brasilianum</i>										✓	✓			
Green Ibis	<i>Mesembrinibis cayennensis</i>									✓	✓				
Scarlet Ibis	<i>Eudocimus ruber</i>													✓	
Rufescent Tiger Heron	<i>Tigrisoma lineatum</i>					✓									
Boat-billed Heron	<i>Cochlearius cochlearius</i>										✓	✓			
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>									✓	✓			✓	
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>			✓									✓	✓	
Cocoi Heron	<i>Ardea cocoi</i>			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓		
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓		
Capped Heron	<i>Pilherodius pileatus</i>				✓	✓							✓	✓	
Tricolored Heron	<i>Egretta tricolor</i>												✓		
Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>									✓	✓		✓	✓	
Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>		✓											✓	
Hoatzin	<i>Opisthocomus hoazin</i>													✓	
King Vulture	<i>Sarcoramphus papa</i>			✓					✓	✓					
Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>									✓	✓			✓	
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture	<i>Cathartes burrovianus</i>											✓		✓	
Greater Yellow-headed Vulture	<i>Cathartes melambrotus</i>			✓		✓			✓						
Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>			✓						✓	✓	✓	✓		
Pearl Kite	<i>Gampsonyx swainsonii</i>									✓	✓		✓		
Harpy Eagle	<i>Harpia harpyja</i>					✓ f									
Black Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus tyrannus</i>								✓						
Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus melanoleucus</i>										✓				
Ornate Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus ornatus</i>					✓									
Long-winged Harrier	<i>Circus buffoni</i>													✓	
Black-collared Hawk	<i>Busarellus nigricollis</i>										✓			✓	
Snail Kite	<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i>										✓	✓		✓	

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Crane Hawk	<i>Geranospiza caerulescens</i>										✓				
Rufous Crab Hawk	<i>Buteogallus aequinoctialis</i>													✓	
Savanna Hawk	<i>Buteogallus meridionalis</i>							✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Great Black Hawk	<i>Buteogallus urubitinga</i>				✓	✓			✓	✓					
Roadside Hawk	<i>Rupornis magnirostris</i>							✓		✓				✓	
White-tailed Hawk	<i>Geranoaetus albicaudatus</i>											✓			
Grey-lined Hawk	<i>Buteo nitidus</i>								✓		✓				
Zone-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo albonotatus</i>									✓	✓		✓	✓	
Burrowing Owl	<i>Athene cunicularia</i>											✓			
Tawny-bellied Screech Owl	<i>Megascops watsonii</i>						✓			H					
Green-backed (White-tailed) Trogon	<i>Trogon viridis</i>			✓ f		✓		✓							
Amazon Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle amazona</i>			✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
American Pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle aenea</i>										✓				
Green Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle americana</i>			✓ f		✓			✓		✓				
Green-and-rufous Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle inda</i>								✓						
Ringed Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle torquata</i>			✓							✓	✓	✓	✓	
Amazonian Motmot	<i>Momotus momota</i>			H											
Green-tailed Jacamar	<i>Galbula galbula</i>					H				✓				✓	
Bronzy Jacamar	<i>Galbula leucogastra</i>							✓							
Paradise Jacamar	<i>Galbula dea</i>			✓		✓		✓							
Spotted Puffbird	<i>Bucco tamatia</i>									✓		✓			
Collared Puffbird	<i>Bucco capensis</i>			✓											
Black Nunbird	<i>Monasa atra</i>			✓		✓		✓			✓				
Swallow-winged Puffbird	<i>Chelidoptera tenebrosa</i>		?	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Green Aracari	<i>Pteroglossus viridis</i>			✓	✓										
Black-necked Aracari	<i>Pteroglossus aracari</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓							
Guianan Toucanet	<i>Selenidera piperivora</i>					✓									
Channel-billed Toucan	<i>Ramphastos vitellinus</i>			H	✓	✓	✓		✓						
Toco Toucan	<i>Ramphastos toco</i>													✓	
White-throated Toucan	<i>Ramphastos tucanus</i>			H	✓	✓	✓	✓							
White-bellied Piculet	<i>Picumnus spilogaster</i>													✓	
Blood-colored Woodpecker	<i>Veniliornis sanguineus</i>													✓	

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Yellow-throated Woodpecker	<i>Piculus flavigula</i>					✓									
Ringed Woodpecker	<i>Celeus torquatus</i>						H								
Lineated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>									✓					
Red-necked Woodpecker	<i>Campephilus rubicollis</i>				✓										
Crimson-crested Woodpecker	<i>Campephilus melanoleucos</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Black Caracara	<i>Daptrius ater</i>										✓				
Red-throated Caracara	<i>Ibycter americanus</i>			H	✓	✓		✓		✓					
Crested Caracara	<i>Caracara plancus</i>									✓	✓	✓		✓	
Yellow-headed Caracara	<i>Milvago chimachima</i>								✓		✓			✓	
Collared Forest Falcon	<i>Micrastur semitorquatus</i>									H					
Aplomado Falcon	<i>Falco femoralis</i>											✓			
Bat Falcon	<i>Falco ruficularis</i>			✓		✓									
Orange-breasted Falcon	<i>Falco deiroleucus</i>											✓			
Golden-winged Parakeet	<i>Brotogeris chrysoptera</i>					✓	✓	✓		✓					
Caica Parrot	<i>Pyrilia caica</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓								
Dusky Parrot	<i>Pionus fuscus</i>			✓	✓		✓								
Blue-headed Parrot	<i>Pionus menstruus</i>		?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Festive Amazon	<i>Amazona festiva</i>													✓	
Yellow-crowned Amazon	<i>Amazona ochrocephala</i>							H	✓		✓			✓	
Southern Mealy Amazon	<i>Amazona farinosa</i>		?	✓		✓	✓								
Orange-winged Amazon	<i>Amazona amazonica</i>		?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	
Red-fan Parrot	<i>Derophtus accipitrinus</i>					✓									
Painted Parakeet	<i>Pyrrhura picta</i>			✓	✓	✓									
Brown-throated Parakeet	<i>Eupsittula pertinax</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Blue-and-yellow Macaw	<i>Ara ararauna</i>		?												
Scarlet Macaw	<i>Ara macao</i>			✓		✓		✓							
Red-and-green Macaw	<i>Ara chloropterus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Red-shouldered Macaw	<i>Diopsittaca nobilis</i>				✓				✓					✓	
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Glyphorhynchus spirurus</i>						✓								
Striped Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus obsoletus</i>										✓			✓	
Chestnut-rumped Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus pardalotus</i>				✓										
Buff-throated Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus guttatus</i>											✓			

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Yellow-chinned Spinetail	<i>Certhiaxis cinnamomeus</i>									✓					
Guianan Streaked Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula surinamensis</i>								✓						
White-flanked Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula axillaris</i>									✓					
Southern White-fringed Antwren	<i>Formicivora grisea</i>									✓	✓				
Dusky-throated Antshrike	<i>Thamnomanes ardesiacus</i>								✓						
Todd's Antwren	<i>Herpsilochmus stictocephalus</i>					✓									
Northern Slaty Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus punctatus</i>									✓					
Black-crested Antshrike	<i>Sakesphorus canadensis</i>													✓	
White-plumed Antbird	<i>Pithys albifrons</i>			✓											
Rufous-throated Antbird	<i>Gymnopithys rufigula</i>			H											
Guianan Warbling Antbird	<i>Hypocnemis cantator</i>				✓			✓							
Ferruginous-backed Antbird	<i>Myrmoderus ferrugineus</i>						✓		✓						
Black-chinned Antbird	<i>Hypocnemoides melanopogon</i>		✓						✓						
White-bellied Antbird	<i>Myrmeciza longipes</i>											✓			
White-browed Antbird	<i>Myrmoborus leucophrys</i>									H					
Spotted Antpitta	<i>Hylopezus macularius</i>				H										
Yellow-bellied Elaenia	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>													✓	
Lesser Elaenia	<i>Elaenia chiriquensis</i>									✓					
White-lored Tyrannulet	<i>Ornithion inerme</i>					✓									
Southern Beardless Tyrannulet	<i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i>										✓				
Guianan Tyrannulet	<i>Zimmerius acer</i>					✓	✓								
Pale-eyed Pygmy Tyrant	<i>Atalotriccus pilaris</i>											✓			
Spotted Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum maculatum</i>													✓	
Common Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>								✓		✓			✓	
Vermilion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus obscurus</i>									✓					
Drab Water Tyrant	<i>Ochthornis littoralis</i>			✓											
Pied Water Tyrant	<i>Fluvicola pica</i>									✓	✓			✓	
White-headed Marsh Tyrant	<i>Arundinicola leucocephala</i>										✓	✓			
Rusty-margined Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes cayanensis</i>		?	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>		?	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Lesser Kiskadee	<i>Philohydor lictor</i>									✓	✓		✓	✓	

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Boat-billed Flycatcher	<i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>								✓					✓	
Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>		?			✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Fork-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannus savana</i>											✓	✓		
Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Terenotriccus erythrurus</i>							✓							
Yellow-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Tolmomyias flaviventris</i>										✓				
Greyish Mourner	<i>Rhytipterna simplex</i>						✓								
Short-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus ferox</i>								✓						
Brown-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i>											✓			
Cinnamon Attila	<i>Attila cinnamomeus</i>													✓	
Bright-rumped Attila	<i>Attila spadiceus</i>			H											
Guianan Cock-of-the-rock	<i>Rupicola rupicola</i>							✓							
Guianan Red Cotinga	<i>Phoenicircus carnifex</i>							✓							
Crimson Fruitcrow	<i>Haematoderus militaris</i>				✓		✓								
Purple-throated Fruitcrow	<i>Querula purpurata</i>					✓	✓								
Screaming Piha	<i>Lipaugus vociferans</i>			✓	H	✓	✓	✓	✓			H			
Spangled Cotinga	<i>Cotinga cayana</i>					✓	✓								
Purple-breasted Cotinga	<i>Cotinga cotinga</i>			✓		?									
Bare-necked Fruitcrow	<i>Gymnoderus foetidus</i>									✓		✓			
Pompadour Cotinga	<i>Xipholena punicea</i>					✓ f									
Blue-backed Manakin	<i>Chiroxiphia pareola</i>										✓	✓	✓		
White-throated Manakin	<i>Corapipo gutturalis</i>			H		✓									
Black Manakin	<i>Xenopipo atronitens</i>						✓								
White-crowned Manakin	<i>Pseudopipra pipra</i>						✓								
Golden-headed Manakin	<i>Ceratopipra erythrocephala</i>							✓							
Black-tailed Tityra	<i>Tityra cayana</i>					✓			✓						
Cinereous Becard	<i>Pachyramphus rufus</i>								✓						
Lemon-chested Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus thoracicus</i>					✓									
Cayenne Jay	<i>Cyanocorax cayanus</i>						✓								
White-winged Swallow	<i>Tachycineta albiventer</i>			✓				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
White-banded Swallow	<i>Atticora fasciata</i>								✓						
Southern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>									✓					
Grey-breasted Martin	<i>Progne chalybea</i>					✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	

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Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>										✓			✓	
Black-capped Donacobius	<i>Donacobius atricapilla</i>													✓	
Bicolored Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus griseus</i>											✓			
Buff-breasted Wren	<i>Cantorchilus leucotis</i>								H						
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>										✓			✓	
Trilling Gnatwren	<i>Ramphocaenus melanurus</i>		?												
Tropical Gnatcatcher	<i>Poliophtila plumbea</i>										✓				
Tropical Mockingbird	<i>Mimus gilvus</i>							✓	✓	✓		✓			
Pale-breasted Thrush	<i>Turdus leucomelas</i>													✓	
Cocoa Thrush	<i>Turdus fumigatus</i>			H											
Yellowish Pipit	<i>Anthus lutescens</i>											✓			
Finsch's Euphonia	<i>Euphonia finschi</i>								✓	✓		✓			
Grassland Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus humeralis</i>								✓			✓			
Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>											✓			
Crested Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius decumanus</i>		?							✓		✓			
Green Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius viridis</i>		?			✓	✓								
Yellow-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus cela</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓			✓			
Yellow Oriole	<i>Icterus nigrogularis</i>										✓			✓	
Giant Cowbird	<i>Molothrus oryzivorus</i>		✓	✓	✓										
Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>									✓		✓		✓	
Carib Grackle	<i>Quiscalus lugubris</i>													✓	
Wedge-tailed Grass Finch	<i>Emberizoides herbicola</i>									✓					
Green Honeycreeper	<i>Chlorophanes spiza</i>		✓		✓ f	✓	✓								
Yellow-backed Tanager	<i>Hemithraupis flavicollis</i>					✓									
Purple Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes caeruleus</i>		✓			✓	✓								
Blue Dacnis	<i>Dacnis cayana</i>					✓			✓	✓	✓				
Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaveola</i>		✓												
Fulvous-crested Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus surinamus</i>						✓								
Silver-beaked Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus carbo</i>		?	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓				✓	
Grey Seedeater	<i>Sporophila intermedia</i>										✓				
Wing-barred Seedeater	<i>Sporophila americana</i>													✓	
Chestnut-bellied Seed Finch	<i>Sporophila angolensis</i>							✓							

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Ruddy-breasted Seedeater	<i>Sporophila minuta</i>							✓		✓					
Red-capped Cardinal	<i>Paroaria gularis</i>		?	✓						✓		✓		✓	
Spotted Tanager	<i>Ixothraupis punctata</i>				✓										
Blue-grey Tanager	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>		?	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Palm Tanager	<i>Thraupis palmarum</i>		?	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Burnished-buff Tanager	<i>Stilpnia cayana</i>		✓												

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		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Mammals															
Giant Anteater	<i>Myrmecophaga tridactyla</i>											✓			
Giant Otter	<i>Pteronura brasiliensis</i>											H		✓	
Red Brocket	<i>Mazama americana</i>					✓									
Lesser Bulldog Bat (fish-eating)	<i>Noctilio albiventris</i>									✓	✓	✓			
Greater Bulldog Bat (fish-eating)	<i>Noctilio leporinus</i>		✓												
Greater White-lined Bat	<i>Saccopteryx bilineata</i>									✓					
Pallas's Mastiff Bat	<i>Molossus molossus</i>		✓	✓	✓										
Weeper Capuchin (Brown)	<i>Cebus olivaceus</i>			✓											
Tufted Capuchin	<i>Sapajus apella</i>												✓		
Golden-faced Saki	<i>Pithecia pithecia</i>								✓						
Guianan Red Howler Monkey	<i>Alouatta macconnelli</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			✓	
Red-faced Spider Monkey	<i>Ateles paniscus</i>				✓			✓							
Orange-rumped Agouti	<i>Dasyprocta leporina</i>				✓		✓								
Tree Rat				✓											
Brown Bearded Saki	<i>Chiropotes israelita</i>									✓		✓			
Tayra (cf large weasel)	<i>Eira barbara</i>										✓				
Possum													✓		

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Reptiles and Amphibians															
Common Caiman (Spectacled)	Caiman crocodilus					✓			✓						
Black Caiman	Melanosuchus niger		✓	✓						✓		✓			
Garden Tree Boa	Corallus hortulana		✓				✓			✓					
Green Sipo Snake										✓					
Beebe's Rocket Frog - E	Anomaloglossus beebei		✓												
Gladiator Tree Frog	Hypsiboas rosenbergi		✓												
Geographical Frog							✓								
Cane Toad	Rhinellaa marina				✓	✓	✓					✓			
Crested-headed Toad				✓	✓										
Skink Lizard				✓											
Forest Anole Lizard				✓											
Forest Racer Lizard				✓											
Green Garden Lizard				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓						
Chameleon (sp. polychurus)						✓									
Black coloured Lizard								✓	✓						
Jesus (walk on water) Lizard									✓						
Green Iguana												✓		✓	
Pygmy Gecko (Jesus)												✓			
T E G Monitor Lizard														✓	

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Black-bellied Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>				✓	
American Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>				✓	
Scarlet Ibis	<i>Eudocimus ruber</i>				✓	
Boat-billed Heron	<i>Cochlearius cochlearius</i>				✓	
Pinnated Bittern	<i>Botaurus pinnatus</i>			✓		
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>				✓	
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>		✓	✓	✓	
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	✓		✓	
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Tricolored Heron	<i>Egretta tricolor</i>		✓			
Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>			✓	✓	
Magnificent Frigatebird	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>			✓		
Anhinga	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	✓	✓			
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	✓	✓	✓		
Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	✓	✓		✓	
Long-winged Harrier	<i>Circus buffoni</i>		✓		✓	
Common Black Hawk	<i>Buteogallus anthracinus</i>		✓	✓		
Savanna Hawk	<i>Buteogallus meridionalis</i>			✓	✓	
Grey-lined Hawk	<i>Buteo nitidus</i>			✓	✓	
Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>		✓			
Zone-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo albonotatus</i>			✓		
Grey-necked Wood Rail	<i>Aramides cajaneus</i>					✓
Purple Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio martinica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Grey-breasted Crake	<i>Laterallus exilis</i>				H	
Limpkin	<i>Aramus guarauna</i>				✓	
Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>	✓	✓			
Southern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus chilensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wattled Jacana	<i>Jacana jacana</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	✓	✓		✓	
Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	✓	✓			
Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>		✓		✓	
Rock Dove - I	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓
Scaled Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas speciosa</i>		✓			
Pale-vented Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas cayennensis</i>		✓	✓		
Ruddy Ground Dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓
White-tipped Dove	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>		✓	✓	✓	
Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
Squirrel Cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana</i>			✓		
Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>				✓	
Common Potoo	<i>Nyctibius griseus</i>				✓	
Pauraque	<i>Nyctidromus albicollis</i>				✓	
Short-tailed Swift	<i>Chaetura brachyura</i>		✓			
Rufous-breasted Hermit	<i>Glaucis hirsutus</i>	✓	✓		✓	
Green Hermit	<i>Phaethornis guy</i>		✓			
Little Hermit	<i>Phaethornis longuemareus</i>	✓	✓			
White-necked Jacobin	<i>Florisuga mellivora</i>				✓	
Brown Violetear	<i>Colibri delphinae</i>				✓	
Black-throated Mango	<i>Anthracothonax nigricollis</i>				✓	
Ruby-topaz Hummingbird	<i>Chrysolampis mosquitus</i>				✓	
Long-billed Starthroat	<i>Helimaster longirostris</i>				✓	
Tufted Coquette	<i>Lophornis ornatus</i>		✓ f		✓ m	
Blue-chinned Sapphire	<i>Chlorestes notata</i>	✓	✓		✓	
White-chested Emerald	<i>Amazilia brevirostris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Copper-rumped Hummingbird - N	<i>Amazilia tobaci</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Green-backed Trogon	<i>Trogon viridis</i>		✓			
Guianan Trogon	<i>Trogon violaceus</i>		✓			
American Pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle aenea</i>				✓	
Ringed Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle torquata</i>	✓	✓	✓		
Rufous-tailed Jacamar	<i>Galbula ruficauda</i>		✓			
Channel-billed Toucan	<i>Ramphastos vitellinus</i>		✓	✓		

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Lineated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>		✓		✓	
Crimson-crested Woodpecker	<i>Campephilus melanoleucos</i>		✓			
Yellow-headed Caracara	<i>Milvago chimachima</i>			✓	✓	
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>			✓		
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		✓			
Blue-headed Parrot	<i>Pionus menstruus</i>		✓			
Orange-winged Amazon	<i>Amazona amazonica</i>	✓	✓	✓		
Blue and Yellow Macaw	<i>Ara ararauna</i>			✓		
Green-rumped Parrotlet	<i>Forpus passerinus</i>			✓	✓	
Pale-breasted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis albescens</i>				✓	
Yellow-chinned Spinetail	<i>Certhiaxis cinnamomeus</i>				✓	
Straight-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Dendroplex picus</i>				✓	
Streak-headed Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes souleyetii</i>		✓			
Black-crested Antshrike	<i>Sakesphorus canadensis</i>			✓		
Barred Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus doliatus</i>		✓	✓		
Plain Antvireo	<i>Dysithamnus mentalis</i>		✓			
White-bellied Antbird	<i>Myrmeciza longipes</i>		✓			
Forest Elaenia	<i>Myiopagis gaimardii</i>		✓		H	
Yellow-bellied Elaenia	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>			✓		
Lesser Elaenia	<i>Elaenia chiriquensis</i>		✓			
Southern Beardless Tyrannulet	<i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i>			✓		
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes oleagineus</i>		✓			
Euler's Flycatcher	<i>Lathrotriccus euleri</i>		✓			
Pied Water Tyrant	<i>Fluvicola pica</i>			✓	✓	
White-headed Marsh Tyrant	<i>Arundinicola leucocephala</i>		✓	✓	✓	
Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
Boat-billed Flycatcher	<i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>		✓			
Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>		✓		✓	✓
Bearded Bellbird	<i>Procnias averano</i>		✓			
White-bearded Manakin	<i>Manacus manacus</i>		✓ f			
Golden-headed Manakin	<i>Ceratopipra erythrocephala</i>		✓			
Rufous-browed Peppershrike	<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>		✓			

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White-winged Swallow	<i>Tachycineta albiventer</i>		✓	✓	✓	
Grey-breasted Martin	<i>Progne chalybea</i>			✓		
Southern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>		✓	✓		
Rufous-breasted Wren	<i>Pheugopedius rutilus</i>		✓	✓		
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>		✓	✓		
Long-billed Gnatwren	<i>Ramphocaenus melanurus</i>		✓			
Tropical Mockingbird	<i>Mimus gilvus</i>		✓	✓		
Cocoa Thrush	<i>Turdus fumigatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spectacled (Bare-eyed) Thrush	<i>Turdus nudigenis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
White-necked Thrush	<i>Turdus albicollis</i>		✓			
Violaceous Euphonia	<i>Euphonia violacea</i>		✓			
Northern Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>	✓	✓			
Masked Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis aequinoctialis</i>				✓	
American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>		✓			
American Yellow Warbler	<i>Setophaga aestiva</i>			✓		
Golden-fronted Greenlet	<i>Pachysylvia aurantiifrons</i>		✓			
Red-breasted Blackbird (Meadowlark)	<i>Sturnella militaris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Crested Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius decumanus</i>		✓		✓	✓
Yellow-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus cela</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
Yellow Oriole	<i>Icterus nigrogularis</i>		✓	✓	✓	
Carib Grackle	<i>Quiscalus lugubris</i>		✓			
Yellow-hooded Blackbird	<i>Chrysomus icterocephalus</i>			✓	✓	
Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaveola</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
White-lined Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus rufus</i>	✓	✓	✓		
Silver-beaked Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus carbo</i>		✓	✓		
Blue-grey Tanager	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>		✓		✓	✓
Palm Tanager	<i>Thraupis palmarum</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓
Bay-headed Tanager	<i>Tangara gyrola</i>		✓			
Olive-gray Saltator	<i>Saltator olivascens</i>		✓	✓		
Blue Dacnis	<i>Dacnis cayana</i>		✓	✓		
Purple Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes caeruleus</i>		✓		✓	
Green Honeycreeper	<i>Chlorophanes spiza</i>		✓			

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Bicolored Conebill	<i>Conirostrum bicolor</i>			✓		
Saffron Finch	<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>		✓			
Tricolored Munia	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>				✓	
Blue-black Grassquit	<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>	✓	✓			
Sooty Grassquit	<i>Tiaris fuliginosus</i>		✓			
Masked Cardinal	<i>Paroaria nigrogenis</i>				✓	

Others

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Mammals	
Red-rumped Agouti	<i>Dasyprocta leporina</i>
Common Opossum	<i>Didelphis marsupialis</i>
Red-tailed Squirrel	<i>Sciurus granatensis</i>
Silky Anteater	<i>Cyclopes didactyla</i>
Greater White-lined Bat	<i>Saccopteryx bilineata</i>
Common Long-tongued Bat	<i>Glossophaga soricina</i>
Proboscis Bat	<i>Rhynchonycteris naso</i>
Reptiles and Amphibians	
Cryptic Golden Tegu	<i>Tupinambis cryptus</i>
Caribbean Treerunner / Spiny Tree Lizard	<i>Plica caribea</i>
Variegated Gecko	<i>Gonatodes ceciliae</i>
Zandolie / Giant Ameiva	<i>Ameiva atrigularis</i>
Audubon's Multicoloured Lizard	<i>Polychrus auduboni</i>
Greater Windward Skink	<i>Copeoglossum aurae</i>
Cane Toad	<i>Bufo marinus</i>
Trinidad Stream Frog (Yellow-throated Frog)	<i>Mannophryne trinitatis</i>
Green Iguana	<i>Iguana iguana</i>
House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>
Ruschenberger's Treeboa	<i>Corallus ruschenbergerii</i>
Boa Constrictor	<i>Boa constrictor ssp.</i>

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Fer-de-lance	<i>Bothrops atrox</i>
Spectacled Cayman	<i>Caiman crocodilus</i>
Leatherback Turtle	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>
Hawksbill Turtle	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>
Butterflies	
Postman	<i>Heliconius melpomene</i>
Monarch	<i>Danaus plexippus</i>
Flambeau or Julia Butterfly	<i>Dryas julia</i> ,
White Peacock	<i>Anartia jatrophe</i> ,
Scarlet Peacock / Coolie	<i>Anartia amathea</i>
West Indian Buckeye	<i>Junonia evarete</i>
Blue Morpho	<i>Morpho peleides</i>
Cabbage White	<i>Ascia monuste</i>
89 Butterfly	<i>Diaethria marchalii</i>
Brown Longtail	<i>Urbanus procne</i>
Gray Cracker Butterfly	<i>Hamadryas februa</i>
Hermes Satyr	<i>Hermeuptychia hermes</i>
Cloudless Sulphur,	<i>Phoebis sennae</i>
Tiger-striped Butterfly	<i>Heliconius ismenius</i>
Small Blue Grecian	<i>Heliconius sara</i>
Blue Transparent	<i>Ithomia pellucida</i>
King Page	<i>Papilio thoas</i>
Cattle Heart	<i>Parides anchises</i>
Gold-Rim	<i>Battus polydamas</i>
White-tailed Page	<i>Urania leilus</i>
White Lycid / Aetolus Stripebreak	<i>Arawacus aetolus</i>
Smooth Banded Sister	<i>Adelpha cytherea</i>
Iphiclus Sister / Four Continent	<i>Adelphas iphicus</i>
Illioneus Giant Owl	<i>Caligo illioneus</i>
Renata Satyr	<i>Yphthimoides renata</i>

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Others	
Trinidad Chevron Tarantula	<i>Psalmopoeus cambridgei</i>
Tail-less Whip Scorpion	<i>Phrynus pulchripes</i>
Pink-toed Tarantula	<i>Avicularia versicolor</i>
Four-eyed Fish,	<i>Anableps anableps</i>
Portuguese Man O' War	<i>Physalia physalis</i>
Mountain Crab	<i>Eudaniela garmani</i>
Fiddler Crabs	<i>Uca maracoani</i>