

Go Slow... in Trinidad (Asa Wright)

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Busy Feeders at Asa Wright Centre



Scarlet Ibis at Caroni



Ruschenberger's Tree Boa (Cooks Tree Boa)



Oilbirds in Dunston Cave

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Summary

This was a 'Go Slow' birdwatching and natural history holiday to the beautiful Caribbean island of Trinidad, where we stayed at the world-renowned Asa Wright Centre. Located only 15 kilometres from the coast of Venezuela, the small island of Trinidad boasts an incredible variety of wildlife, and a good proportion of it could be seen from the amazing veranda at the centre. Each morning some would greet the dawn and watch the procession of tanagers, hummingbirds and thrushes visit the feeders. During the week we supplemented this excitement with visits to Caroni Swamp for the amazing Scarlet Ibis, and Nariva Swamp and Wallerfield for lowland birds.

Day 1

Sunday 2nd April

In flight - Gatwick to Trinidad via St Lucia

As it was extremely busy at the check-in desk with school parties everywhere, Peter met all the group members at the gate prior to boarding. The flight left on time and completed the long leg (eight hours) to St Lucia smoothly and on time. There was then a quick changeover of staff and passengers for the short 1+ hour hop to Trinidad. Once through immigration and customs, we were greeted by the ever-smiling Dave. The main bags were loaded into the Asa Wright vehicle while we watched out first Grey-breasted Martin, Great Kiskadee and Tropical Mockingbird. We then loaded into two maxi-taxis for the 45-minute drive to the centre, passing through Arima on the way. En route we saw our first Oropendolas, Palm Tanagers and Orange-winged Parrots.

Arriving at Asa Wright, we were allocated our rooms and then met on the veranda for rum punches, where Peter outlined some of the next day's activities. However action around the feeders kept most people's attention elsewhere with the bullish White-necked Jacobins chasing the White-chested Emeralds, while both Black-throated Mango and Blue-chinned Sapphires sneaked in to feed. As the light faded the birds were replaced by Lesser Long-tongued Bats coming to the hummingbird feeders.

The dinner bell rang at 7pm and we made a brave effort to eat the evening meal before retiring to bed as our body clocks told us it was after midnight.

Day 2

Monday 3rd April

Asa Wright Nature Centre

As with all tours to Trinidad, the first morning on the veranda was hard to take in. White-necked this, palm that, and purple others was the conversation. In fact everyone was on the veranda before breakfast and most saw the honeycreepers, tanagers and hummingbirds at close quarters. Bonuses were a Black Hawk-Eagle which soared over the valley and a pair of Swallow Tanagers high in the trees: a great start to the holiday!

After our buffet breakfast we met Dave on the veranda and he and Peter outlined the plans for the week, the use of 'bug' repellent and the need to keep hydrated. Armed with this information, Dave and Peter led the group down the discovery trail for a familiarisation walk. Dave spoke about the plants and flowers; important food

source for the birds, insects and butterflies such as the Golden Line and Orange Sulphurs we saw feeding. A pair of Streaked Xenops was watched near the oilbird trail and a Guianan Trogon showed well in a tree close by. We continued to a White-bearded Manakin lek where two males loafed about, awaiting a female to spur them into action. A White-bellied Antbird refused to show itself but we all eventually got a good view of a calling Bearded Bellbird. On the return walk we managed to see the other two trogons that occur in Trinidad, Collared and Green-backed Trogons, before we arrived back at the veranda, just in time for lunch. What a great start!

After lunch there was leisure time on the veranda and some walked into the gardens to look for butterflies. Later in the afternoon some joined Peter on a walk along the entrance road. At the checklist in the evening, over a rum punch, we recorded Yellow Oriole, Squirrel Cuckoo, two species of hermit, Trinidad Motmot and Barred Antshrike, to add to all the tanagers and hummingbirds we had seen earlier in the day. Even then it did not end because as it got dark, the Lesser Long-tongued Bats came to the hummingbird feeders to drink again.

Another buffet dinner was served and we all went to bed happy with our first 'slow going' day on Trinidad.

Day 3

Tuesday 4th April

Northern Rainforest from the Blanchisseuse Road.

Some met again at dawn on the veranda to see the start of the tanager and hummingbird festivities around the feeders where, amongst others, a male Blue-chinned Sapphire and a female Tufted Coquette posed for us. Orange-winged Parrots came down low to feed and two Squirrel Cuckoos chased about in a tree. A pair of Bay-headed Tanagers were new for the trip, and one of the centre guides brought in a huge locust.

After breakfast we gathered to meet Dave who was joined by his dad Roodal, another famous guide, and together we set off up the Blanchisseuse Road, heading to higher altitudes. We made a number of stops on the road up, each producing new species or great views. A Plumbeous Kite sat in a tree was first, and at the same spot a Lineated Woodpecker stuck his head out of its nesting hole to see what was going on. A tiger moth species was a nice find. It decided to land on the shorts worn by one of the group, making the resulting team photograph look very suspicious!

We called at Morne Bleu cell mast but it was quiet; just some brief views of toucans and both Grey-breasted Martin and Southern Rough-winged Swallow flying around the mast. Another large locust was found here.

Carrying on, further stops brought us both Black and Ornate Hawk-Eagles, a nice male Swallow Tanager, Cocoa Woodcreeper and an obliging Ferruginous Pygmy Owl. We then headed to Brasso Seco for lunch where we used the bar for shade, the rest rooms and also some bought drinks.

We continued down to the village of Morne La Croix, pausing at one spot where the imitation of a Pygmy Owl call produced chaotic behaviour from the smaller birds and we were able to pick out both Southern House and Rufous-breasted Wrens, Bay-headed Tanager for those who missed the earlier ones, and a female Blue Dacnis.

In the village of Morne La Croix, three target species were easily seen: Blue-headed Parrot, Yellow-rumped Cacique and Rufous-tailed Jacamar. In addition, more Blue Dacnis were seen together with Smooth-billed Ani and Carib Crackle.

We arrive back at the centre just before 4pm, giving plenty of time to freshen up and relax back on the veranda before we met over a rum punch to do the daily checklist.

Day 4

Wednesday 5th April

Asa Wight Centre and night birding

It was another glorious day on the veranda, where most were now getting to grips with the tanagers, hummingbirds, thrushes and orioles. The toucans appeared again in their favourite tree after the Scaled Pigeon vacated it, and the bellbird followed the toucans!

After breakfast the head conservationist gardener, Mukesh, took some of the group around the gardens and explained about the plants, their usage and future plans. He also pointed out Tegu Lizards and a Guianan Trogon anting site, amongst other wildlife. Peter took a group along the main driveway where Piratic Flycatcher was found. It was then quiet before we stumbled across marauding Army Ants crossing the driveway. We then spent a good half hour watching the spectacle as insects, spiders, lizards and frogs tried to avoid them, and a few that didn't were enveloped. Alongside the ants were a party of Pale-brown Woodcreepers and a Great Antshrike, picking off the lucky insects that escaped. Even small damselflies were cashing in and catching escaping insects.

We all met up back at the centre for lunch and a siesta until about 2pm, when a few went with Peter to look at the manakin lek. A Little Hermit showed briefly. We called at the Golden-headed Manakin lek but although we could hear calls, we could not find any. However a White-bellied Antbird started to call close by and eventually all managed to see it thanks to some great directions by Brian. On our return the hermit showed again to a couple and we then enjoyed some savouries for afternoon tea, while we waited for Dave and Roodal to take us night birding.

The usual site for night birding was an experimental farm but that was now closed to the public, so we went straight to Wallerfield, a disused American airbase which is now a university and race track. On arrival we were amazed by the number of Black Vultures around the university building and we could hear some high powered vehicles practicing on the race track, preparing for a big race at the weekend.

We stopped alongside a stand of Moriche Palms and immediately had a Peregrine overhead and a pair of Sulphury Flycatchers in the trees. After a short wait, parties of Red-bellied Macaws came into the palms for all to enjoy, and a pair of sort-after Epaulet (Moriche) Orioles paid a visit. Rum punch and dinner was served here whilst a Short-tailed Hawk soared overhead.

As the light faded, fireflies were obvious around all the grass areas and soon the first Pauraque called. Dave soon had it pinned down in his light beam for people to see through their binoculars as it made short forays for insects, at one point chasing an insect right over our heads. We then got into the maxi-taxis and patrolled the old airfield looking for the many calling White-tailed Nightjars. Some brief but unsatisfactory views followed before we found a very territorial male who put on a great show in front of us all. The icing on the cake was not one but two Common Potoos, the first sitting on top of a small tree, its eyes shining like red beacons, being chased off by a second. It was picked up again a bit further down and all had telescope views. Finally, as we left, we saw a pair of Southern Lapwings on the grass.

The journey back was quick. The first vehicle flushed another Pauraque from the Blanchisseuse Road and we were back at the centre for around 8.30pm, where everyone headed for their rooms after a varied and wildlife packed day.

Day 5

Thursday 6th April

Asa Wright Centre; Oilbirds and night walk

It was a slower start to the day as people arrived to view from the veranda - more fitting to the name of the tour. All the usual suspects were at the feeders and in the trees, and group members were starting to show their new found experience in identifying species for newcomers.

After breakfast we visited Dunston Cave, famous for the Oilbirds. Barry, the centre's guide, accompanied us and en route we saw a Broad-winged Hawk overhead and a female Swallow Tanager in the trees. Down through the forest we found Owl Butterfly and saw Black-faced Ant-thrush before we made the final decent to the cave. In groups of three or four we entered the cave and Barry illuminated a few birds which were sat on nests close to the mouth, allowing some 'natural' light photography. Occasional birds flew in the depth of the cave showing their huge wingspan, and their 'devil-hissing' could be heard. It was one of the highlights of the tour for many. The return journey was taken at our own pace and Barry took a few quick climbers to see the Golden-headed Manakin lek.

After lunch and a short siesta, Peter took some of the group back to the manakin lek and en route he saw a motmot fly across the track into some giant bamboo. Before he could show the group it dropped out of the tree and appeared to have gone. However, as we set off, Dave, who had hung back, called us back as a large bird had reappeared in the bamboo and we then had a good view of the endemic Trinidad Motmot, a split from the Blue-crowned Motmot from South America. It was a great start and to add to this, a male Golden-headed Manakin also showed well on the lek.

We returned for refreshments and then a few joined Barry for a walk along the entrance drive to search for Trinidad Motmot, especially those who had missed one earlier. We had to wait until we were three-quarters of the way up before a bird was located. Also two nice Red-crowned Ant-tanagers were seen well. The Motmot was relocated a few times and each time the views got better.

After rum punches, our checklist and dinner, a few joined Kenny on a night walk along the entrance drive to search for night creatures. They saw a number of spider species and a nice Trinidad Chevron Tarantula.

Day 6

Friday 7th April

Waterloo and Caroni Swamp

After a morning vigil on the veranda again, where the stars were Piratic Flycatcher, Squirrel Cuckoo and a Red-tailed Squirrel, and following breakfast, we gathered outside for our day trip to the western coast alongside the Caribbean sea.

The journey took us through Arima, past Piarco Airport and alongside some rice fields. People in both vehicles saw Savannah Hawk in the field and one vehicle had brief views of a Long-winged Harrier. We continued to

Waterloo, travelling the north-south highway, and stopped at the Playboy Recreation Club for a rest stop and some bought refreshment; then it was down to the sea. In a small fishing commune were hundreds of 'laughing' Laughing Gulls, and careful checking found Royal and Long-billed Terns amongst them. An adult Lesser Black-backed Gull was easy to identify but a bigger juvenile looked the size of Great Black-backed Gull but the plumage did seem to fit - thoughts of juvenile Kelp Gull? The jury's out on this bird at the moment until more research has been carried out. However there were plenty of waders (shorebirds) including both Western and Semipalmated Sandpipers, Semipalmated and Grey Plovers, Black-necked Stilt, Willet and Greater Yellowlegs. Out on the edges of the mangroves we saw Little Blue, Snowy and Great Egrets and a Yellow-crowned Night Heron, and just before we left some Short-billed Dowitchers arrived and two Ospreys flew over.

We made quick photographic stops at the temple in the sea and the giant muti (an 85 feet tall Hanuman statue) at the inland temple before heading for Caroni where we had our lunch. Before getting on the boat we used the rest rooms at the visitor centre and found a sleeping Tropical Screech Owl, and three Masked Cardinals were near the gate house.

We had a comfortable big boat for our swamp visit with Lester Nannan driving. He comes from a long line of boat owners who also help protect and monitor the swamp, in fact the swamp had been renamed the Winston Nannan Caroni Swamp in honour of his father. With Lester, Dave and Peter calling out wildlife sightings it was difficult to know which way to look. In the first half a mile we had seen Green-throated Hermit, Boat-billed Heron, Silky Anteater and Cook's Tree Boa to name but a few. We found more roosting screech owls, marvelled at the mangrove crabs and Long-nosed Bats and even saw some feeding Scarlet Ibis, like red beacons in the shade of the mangroves. Soon it was time to head to the roost and the first spot was slow, however we did pass by nine nice adult American Flamingoes. When we arrived at a second site, two other boats had moored. Here we enjoyed the spectacle of Scarlet Ibis, egrets and herons coming in to roost; making it all the more enjoyable after a couple of rum punches and some cake!

Alas it was soon time to head back, pausing to watch an Anteater wake up from his slumber and scratch himself. After thanking Lester in the usual way, we did battle with the traffic to arrive back at Asa Wright around 8pm where our dinner awaited. All agreed it had been well worth doing the trip. We decided to leave our checklist until tomorrow morning and we all made our way to our rooms.

Day 7

Saturday 8th April

Nariva Swamp

The itinerary was to be an evening trip to see turtles on the beach, but we had news during the week of very few turtles on the beach and to see those that did arrive needed a walk of anywhere between half and two miles. Therefore the group unanimously voted to do a day tour and were tempted with a trip down the east Atlantic coast, ending at Nariva Swamp.

After the pre-breakfast veranda and breakfast itself, ten opted for the Nariva tour whilst three chose to catch up with some of the local birds at Asa Wright. The Nariva group headed down the hill and shortly after the outskirts of Arima, turned into a short road where Dave knew of two species we had not seen. A Yellow-breasted Seedeater was singing as we arrived. Then a Masked Yellowthroat was enticed out and stood in full glory for all to admire, whilst overhead Neotropical Palm Swifts wheeled about.

We continued on, spying a Zone-tailed Hawk (one of four this day) and turned along a road at the side of the Aripo Experimental Station which can no longer be visited. It was a great stop with Red-breasted Blackbird, Greyish Saltator and Green-rumped Parrotlets, together with singing Black-crested Antshrike and a Yellow-bellied Elaenia.

We by-passed Valencia which saved lots of time, went through Sangre Grande and had a comfort stop for fuel and drink. Another small rural road produced Giant Cowbird, Northern Waterthrush and Golden-olive Woodpecker before we headed to the beach at Manzanilla for lunch: a splendid place with cool sea breezes and clean rest rooms.

After lunch we drove the coastal road south, spying both Northern Crested and Yellow-headed Caracaras, Savannah Hawk, and a small pool held a Black-bellied Whistling Duck, our only waterfowl for the tour. We spent the afternoon riding around the cultivated fields which once held rice but were now dry, but the ditches still attracted birds. Pied Water-Tyrants and Wattled Jacanas were common and we came across small flocks of Yellow-hooded Blackbirds. A nice male Long-winged Harrier caused the vehicles to stop, but the best birds came at our rum punch stop. Peter found a White-tailed Goldenthrout hummingbird for all to see in the telescope, Dave found a very close Pinnated Bittern which did its best to hide by standing still, and a Striped Cuckoo was viewed calling in a bush.

This had been a 'full on' last day and we headed back to Asa Wright, arriving about 5.15pm, where the three who had remained told us of good views of motmot, trogons, antthrushes and Red-legged Honeycreeper, so a good day was had by all.

We left our checklist for the next day and had a nice evening meal and chatted about the success of the first ever Go Slow in Trinidad.

Day 8

Sunday 9th April

Morning at leisure; afternoon flight to the UK

The morning was spent taking our last photographs from the veranda or trails. We had our final checklist and meeting after breakfast where Peter outlined the plans for getting back to the UK, and also talked through the week and what had been achieved. However the birds also gave the group a good send off when an immature male Scarlet Tanager appeared in a tree close to the veranda, a rare appearance, and the Scaled Pigeons and Bearded Bellbirds came much closer. An amazing last morning!

After lunch, bags were packed into a vehicle whilst the group got into Roodal and Dave's maxi-taxis for the last journey down the hill to Piarco airport. We gave thanks to Dave and Roodal for their guiding and driving; a sterling effort enhancing our enjoyment of this tropical island close to South America, and we also said goodbye to Peter who was meeting another group from our incoming plane.

The return flight was unfortunately delayed in St Lucia for a technical fault, but was eventually successfully fixed and we made it safely over the Atlantic.

Day 9

Monday 10th April

Arrival back in the UK

The overnight flight arrived back in the UK, although a little delayed, where the tour ended with great memories of Trinidad, its culture and wildlife.

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Green Honeycreeper



Purple Honeycreeper



Plain-brown Woodcreeper



Masked Cardinal

Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	April								
			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
1	Little Tinamou	<i>Crypturellus soui</i>				H		H			
2	Black-bellied Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>							1		
3	American Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>						9			
4	Scarlet Ibis	<i>Eudocimus ruber</i>						200			
5	Boat-billed Heron	<i>Cochlearius cochlearius</i>						1			
6	Pinnated Bittern	<i>Botaurus pinnatus</i>							1		
7	Yellow-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>						2			
8	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	1					1			
9	Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	2			1		✓	✓	✓	
10	Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>						1			
11	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>						5	2		
12	Tricolored Heron	<i>Egretta tricolor</i>						✓			
13	Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>						✓			
14	Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>						✓			
15	Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>						✓	1		
16	Magnificent Frigatebird	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>						1	✓		
17	Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>						1			
18	Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
19	Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
20	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>						3			
21	Black Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus tyrannus</i>		1	1						
22	Ornate Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus ornatus</i>			2						
23	Double-toothed Kite	<i>Harpagus bidentatus</i>				1					
24	Long-winged Harrier	<i>Circus buffoni</i>						1	1		
25	Plumbeous Kite	<i>Ictinia plumbea</i>		1	1				1		
26	Common Black Hawk	<i>Buteogallus anthracinus</i>		1	2	1	1	2		1	
27	Savanna Hawk	<i>Buteogallus meridionalis</i>						1	1		
28	White Hawk	<i>Pseudastur albicollis</i>		1		1					
29	Grey-lined Hawk	<i>Buteo nitidus</i>						1			
30	Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>					1				
31	Short-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo brachyurus</i>			1	1			1		
32	Zone-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo albonotatus</i>							4	1	
33	Limpkin	<i>Aramus guarauna</i>						1	1		
34	Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>						10		1	
35	Southern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus chilensis</i>				3		✓	6		
36	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>						✓			
37	Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>						✓			
38	Wattled Jacana	<i>Jacana jacana</i>							✓	1	
39	Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>						5			
40	Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>						6		✓	
41	Willet	<i>Tringa semipalmata</i>						✓			
42	Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>						5			
43	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>						✓			
44	Semipalmated Sandpiper	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>						✓			
45	Western Sandpiper	<i>Calidris mauri</i>						✓			
46	Black Skimmer	<i>Rynchops niger</i>						✓			
47	Laughing Gull	<i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i>						✓			

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			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	Large juv gull sp (poss Kelp)	<i>Larus sp</i>							1		
48	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>							1		
49	Royal Tern	<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>							8		
50	Large-billed Tern	<i>Phaetusa simplex</i>							30		
51	Rock Dove (Feral)	<i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	
52	Scaled Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas speciosa</i>		1		1	1				3
53	Ruddy Ground Dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓		
54	Grey-fronted Dove	<i>Leptotila rufaxilla</i>		2	2	2	2	✓	1	2	
55	Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>			6	2		2	✓		
56	Striped Cuckoo	<i>Tapera naevia</i>								1	
57	Squirrel Cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana</i>		1	2	1	1	2			1
58	Tropical Screech Owl	<i>Megascops choliba</i>						4			
59	Ferruginous Pygmy Owl	<i>Glaucidium brasilianum</i>		H	1	H					H
60	Oilbird	<i>Steatornis caripensis</i>					7				
61	Common Potoo	<i>Nyctibius griseus</i>				2					
62	Pauraque	<i>Nyctidromus albicollis</i>				6					
63	White-tailed Nightjar	<i>Hydropsalis cayennensis</i>				6					
64	Band-rumped Swift	<i>Chaetura spinicaudus</i>			✓						1
65	Grey-rumped Swift	<i>Chaetura cinereiventris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
66	Short-tailed Swift	<i>Chaetura brachyura</i>								✓	
67	Neotropical Palm Swift	<i>Tachornis squamata</i>						1	10		
68	Rufous-breasted Hermit	<i>Glaucis hirsutus</i>		1		1	1				
69	Green Hermit	<i>Phaethornis guy</i>		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
70	Little Hermit	<i>Phaethornis longuemareus</i>				1	1				
71	White-necked Jacobin	<i>Florisuga mellivora</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
72	Brown Violetear	<i>Colibri delphinae</i>						1			
73	Green-throated Mango	<i>Anthracothorax viridigula</i>						1			
74	Black-throated Mango	<i>Anthracothorax nigricollis</i>	1	3	3	3	3	3	2	✓	
75	Ruby-topaz Hummingbird	<i>Chrysolampis mosquitus</i>					1		1		
76	Tufted Coquette	<i>Lophornis ornatus</i>	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
77	Blue-chinned Sapphire	<i>Chlorestes notata</i>	1		1	1	1				1
78	White-tailed Goldenthrout	<i>Polytmus guainumbi</i>								1	
79	White-chested Emerald	<i>Amazilia brevirostris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
80	Copper-rumped Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia tobaci</i>	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
81	Long-billed Starthroat	<i>Heliopteryx longirostris</i>			1	1	1				
82	Green-backed Trogon	<i>Trogon viridis</i>		2							
83	Guianan Trogon	<i>Trogon violaceus</i>		1	1	2	2				
84	Collared Trogon	<i>Trogon collaris</i>		1			1				
85	American Pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle aenea</i>						1			
86	Green Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle americana</i>						1	1		
87	Trinidad Motmot	<i>Momotus bahamensis</i>		1			2		1		
88	Rufous-tailed Jacamar	<i>Galbula ruficauda</i>			1						
89	Channel-billed Toucan	<i>Ramphastos vitellinus</i>		5	10	4	3	3	3	3	3
90	Golden-olive Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes rubiginosus</i>		H		H			1		
91	Lineated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>		H	1						
92	Northern Crested Caracara	<i>Caracara cheriway</i>							4		
93	Yellow-headed Caracara	<i>Milvago chimachima</i>				1			2		
94	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>				1		1			
95	Blue-headed Parrot	<i>Pionus menstruus</i>			20						
96	Orange-winged Amazon	<i>Amazona amazonica</i>	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
97	Green-rumped Parrotlet	<i>Forpus passerinus</i>								✓	

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98	Red-bellied Macaw	<i>Orthopsittaca manilatus</i>				20				
99	Pale-breasted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis albescens</i>			1					
100	Yellow-chinned Spinetail	<i>Certhiaxis cinnamomeus</i>							2	
101	Plain-brown Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocicla fuliginosa</i>				5				
103	Cocoa Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus susurrans</i>	H	H	1	H	H	H	1	H
104	Great Antshrike	<i>Taraba major</i>		H	H	1	2			
106	Black-crested Antshrike	<i>Sakesphorus canadensis</i>						3	2	
107	Barred Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus doliatus</i>		4	2	2	2		2	
108	White-flanked Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula axillaris</i>					2			
109	White-bellied Antbird	<i>Myrmeciza longipes</i>		H	H	1	H	H	H	H
110	Black-faced Antthrush	<i>Formicarius analis</i>			1		1			
111	Forest Elaenia	<i>Myiopagis gaimardii</i>		2						
112	Yellow-bellied Elaenia	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>							5	
114	Northern Scrub Flycatcher	<i>Sublegatus arenarum</i>						1		
115	Ochre-ored Flatbill	<i>Tolmomyias flaviventris</i>						H	1	
116	Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Contopus cooperi</i>								1
117	Tropical Pewee	<i>Contopus cinereus</i>			1			1		
118	Pied Water Tyrant	<i>Fluvicola pica</i>							6	
119	Piratic Flycatcher	<i>Legatus leucophaeus</i>		H	2	2	2	2	2	2
120	Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	2	✓	✓	✓
121	Streaked Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>			1					
122	Boat-billed Flycatcher	<i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>		1	4	2	2	2	2	2
123	Sulphury Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannopsis sulphurea</i>				2				
124	Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>		2	✓	1	2	✓	✓	✓
126	Bearded Bellbird	<i>Procnias averano</i>		✓	1	1	1			3
127	White-bearded Manakin	<i>Manacus manacus</i>		✓		9	✓		✓	1
128	Golden-headed Manakin	<i>Ceratopira erythrocephala</i>				H	5		✓	
129	Black-tailed Tityra	<i>Tityra cayana</i>		1	2		1			
130	Rufous-browed Peppershrike	<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>						2	H	
131	Golden-fronted Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus aurantiifrons</i>			2	2	2			
132	White-winged Swallow	<i>Tachycineta albiventer</i>						✓	✓	
133	Grey-breasted Martin	<i>Progne chalybea</i>	1		✓			✓	✓	
134	Southern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>			✓	2			✓	
135	Rufous-breasted Wren	<i>Pheugopedius rutilus</i>			1	H	H			
136	House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>		H	2	2	2	2	✓	2
137	Long-billed Gnatwren	<i>Ramphocaenus melanurus</i>			H	H	H			
138	Tropical Mockingbird	<i>Mimus gilvus</i>	1	✓	✓	✓	2		✓	
139	Cocoa Thrush	<i>Turdus fumigatus</i>	1	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
140	Spectacled Thrush	<i>Turdus nudigenis</i>	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
141	White-necked Thrush	<i>Turdus albicollis</i>		1	1	1	1		1	
142	Trinidad Euphonia	<i>Euphonia trinitatis</i>		1	2	H				
143	Violaceous Euphonia	<i>Euphonia violacea</i>		4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
144	Northern Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>			1		1		1	
145	Masked Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis aequinoctialis</i>							2	
146	Golden-crowned Warbler	<i>Basileuterus culicivorus</i>			H					
147	Red-breasted Blackbird	<i>Sturnella militaris</i>							2	
148	Crested Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius decumanus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
149	Yellow-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus cela</i>			✓				6	
150	Yellow Oriole	<i>Icterus nigrogularis</i>		1	3	1	1	2	4	
151	Epaulet (Moriche) Oriole	<i>Icterus cayanensis chrysocephalus</i>				2				
152	Giant Cowbird	<i>Molothrus oryzivorus</i>							1	

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153	Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>		1	1	1				
154	Carib Grackle	<i>Quiscalus lugubris</i>	1		✓	✓		✓	✓	
155	Yellow-hooded Blackbird	<i>Chrysomus icterocephalus</i>							10	
156	Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaveola</i>	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
157	Masked Cardinal	<i>Paroaria nigrogenis</i>						3		
158	White-lined Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus rufus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
159	Silver-beaked Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus carbo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
160	Blue-grey Tanager	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
161	Palm Tanager	<i>Thraupis palmarum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
162	Turquoise Tanager	<i>Tangara mexicana</i>		1	✓				1	
163	Bay-headed Tanager	<i>Tangara gyrola</i>		2	✓		1			
164	Swallow Tanager	<i>Tersina viridis</i>		2	1		1			
165	Blue Dacnis	<i>Dacnis cayana</i>			3				1	
166	Purple Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes caeruleus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
167	Red-legged Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes cyaneus</i>			2	1			1	
168	Green Honeycreeper	<i>Chlorophanes spiza</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
169	Bicolored Conebill	<i>Conirostrum bicolor</i>						4		
170	Greyish Saltator	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>							4	
171	Blue-black Grassquit	<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>			2				✓	
172	Yellow-bellied Seedeater	<i>Sporophila nigricollis</i>							2	
173	Scarlet Tanager	<i>Piranga olivacea</i>								1
174	Red-crowned Ant Tanager	<i>Habia rubica</i>					2			

Other Taxa (with thanks to Brian West for his help in compiling the following)

Dragonflies

Racquet-tipped Rubyspot, *Hetaerina occisa*
 Pin-tailed Pondhawk, *Erythemis plebeja*
 Red-faced Dragonlet, *Erythrodiplax fusca*
 Orange-bellied Skimmer, *Orthemis discolour*

Flame-tailed Pondhawk, *Erythemis peruviana*
 Great Pondhawk, *Erythemis vesiculosa*
 Band-winged Dragonlet, *Erythrodiplax umbrata*
 Ornate Helicopter, *Mecistogaster ornata*

Reptiles & Amphibians

Caribbean Tree Runner, *Plica caribea*
 Beachrunner, *Cnemidophorus lemniscatus*
 Ruschenberger's Tree Boa (Cooks Tree Boa), *Corallus
 ruschenbergerii*

Common Ameiva, *Ameiva atrigularis*
 Golden Tegu, *Tupinambis teguixin*
 Trinidad Stream Frog, *Mannophryne trinitatis*

Mammals

Silky Anteater, *Cyclopes didactylus*
 Lesser Long-tongued Bat, *Choeroniscus minor*
 Red-rumped Agouti, *Dasyprocta leporine*

Red-tailed Squirrel, *Sciurus granatensis*
 Curacaoan Long-nosed Bat, *Leptonycteris curasoae*

Butterflies

Red-spotted Hairstreak, *Tmolus echion*
 Long-tailed Skipper, *Urbanus proteus*
 Whirlabout, *Polites vibex*
 Monarch, *Danaus plexippus*
 White Peacock, *Anartia jatrophae*,

Malachite, *Siproeta stelenes*
 Plain Longtail, *Urbanus simplicius*
 Postman, *Heliconius melpomene*
 Flambeau (aka Julia Butterfly), *Dryas iulia*
 West Indian Buckeye, *Junonia evarete*

Blue Morpho, *Morpho peleides*
 Brown Longtail, *Urbanus procne*
 Cloudless Sulphur, *Phoebis sennae*
 Cattle Heart, *Parides anchises*
 Molpe Metalmark, *Juditha molpe*
 Staphylus Skipper, *Staphylus kyei*
 Terrestrial Satyr, *Cissia terrestria*
 Red-crescent Hairstreak, *Strymon rufofusca*
 Small White, *Eurema albula*
 Orange-barred Sulphur, *Phoebis philea*

Cabbage White, *Ascia monuste*
 Hermes Satyr, *Hermeuptychia hermes*
 Blue Transparent, *Ithomia pellucida*
 Gold-Rim, *Battus polydamas*
 Small Flambeau, *Eueides aliphera*
 Smooth Banded Sister, *Adelpha cytheraea*
 Confused Satyr, *Cissia confusa*
 Forest Giant Owl Butterfly, *Caligo eurilochus*
 Doris Longwing, *Heliconius doris*
 Scarlet Peacock aka Coolie, *Anartia amathea*

Moths

'Dave's trouser moth', *Rhipha Sp*

a mimic moth, *Correbia Lycoides*

Other invertebrates

Locust sp.
 a katydid sp.
 Army Ants, *Eciton burchellii*
 Pink-toed Tarantula, *Avicularia versicolor*
 Mangrove Crab, *Ucides cordatus*

a Kissing Bug, *Triatomine sp*
 Leaf Cutter Ants, *Atta cephalotes*
 Trinidad Chevron Tarantula, *Psalmopoeus cambridgei*
 Golden Orb Weaver, *Nephila clavipes*.



A migrant Scarlet Tanager



Red-rumped Agouti



White-bearded Manakin



Male Black-throated Mango