

Venezuela - Off the Beaten Track

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Day 1

Saturday 16th February

Weather: Partly cloudy

Upon arrival at the international airport of Caracas, we set off to Maracay city to overnight at Posada El Limón.

Day 2

Sunday 17th February

Weather: Clear

We took the Ocumare road and had breakfast before we reached the entrance of the Biological Station Rancho Grande. Our breakfast was accompanied by a pair of the regional endemic (r.e.) Band-tailed Guan feeding on a near by tree, a group of Blood-eared Parakeet feeding on an *Heliocarpus* sp. Tree, and around a mixed species tanager flock, Bay-headed Tanager, Blue-grey, Black-headed and Golden Tanager, as well as a beautiful Collared Trogon, the endemic (e) Groove-billed Toucanet, a Boat-billed Flycatcher, the common Pale-breasted Thrush and the local migrants Swallow Tanagers. We walked towards the station and briefly saw a Blue-black Grosbeak but also had a good view of a Golden-crowned Warbler.

At the entrance we had great views of Red-billed Parrots, Chestnut-crown Becards, the north migrant Blackpoll Warbler, a beautiful Long-tailed Sylph, Slaty-capped and Dusky-capped Flycatcher, Crested-spine Tail (r.e.), and Golden-olive Woodpecker amongst others.

We went to the Andrew Field trail. The first thing we saw was a Strong-billed Woodcreeper. Not far away a Moustache Puffbird. We heard a Black-faced Anthrush and started calling it, and after a while most of the group saw it.

Higher up, near the top of the trail, a small mixed species flock of Slaty Antwren and Plain Antvireo were foraging around. At the top we had great views of the tiny Scaled-crested Pygmy-tyrant.

On the way down we hit a flock of Common-bush Tanagers and Slate-throated Whitestarts. Nearly at the end of the trail we met with an ant swarm where we saw several Plain-brown Woodcreeper, Grey-headed Tanager (an ant swarm follower) and again the Strong-billed Woodcreeper.

Back at the station we went to the top floor to the bird table. There we enjoyed close views of Speckled, White-lined, Blue-grey and Bay-headed Tanager, Pale-breasted Thrush, Violet-fronted Brilliant, Green Honeycreepers female, Orange-bellied Euphonia, and Red-crowned Woodpecker. On a fruiting Persea sp. tree (a wild type of avocado), four Mask Tityras were feeding, and near by a Chestnut-capped Becard. Above us and soaring was a Black Hawk-Eagle.

After our picnic lunch we took off to our next destination, the charming Posada El Encanto near Sanare town. In its garden we saw Sooty-capped Hermit, Rufous-collared Sparrow, Blue-tailed Emerald, Bicolored Wren and Lesser Goldfinch. At a pond behind the Posada, there were Common Gallinule, Least Grebe, Green Kingfisher and one of our target birds, the endemic Rusty-flank Crake. What an ending for our first full day!

Day 3

Monday 18th February

Weather: The morning was a bit foggy and with light rain. Clearer in the afternoon.

This morning we set off to Yacambú N.P. We stop in a higher section, heard a Merida Tapaculo but it was too dark to see anything. We continue further and at the entrance of the Park we saw a family of Band-tailed Guan. The morning was slow. It was still drizzling. The only birds feeding around were hummingbirds, mainly Violet-fronted Brilliants. We continue to the rangers' station. Around it again we saw Band-tailed Guan. After a while the light rain stopped. Then we began to see a lot of activity. Tanagers as Black-headed, Black-capped, Speckled, Bay-headed, Fulvous-headed (r.e) had started to feed around. We had a brief look at a Red-headed Barbet too.

Calling down near the road were Long-tailed Antwren and Stripe-breasted Spinetail. And although we tried hard to see them we only had a glimpse hear and there. They would not stay still for more than 1 second!

Behind us at the same spot, we saw a juvenile Highland Hepatic Tanager, Brown-capped Vireo, and a Rufous-browed Peppershrike was trying to swallow a huge grass hopper, it was a funny sight! Lots of humming birds were buzzing around; Violet-fronted Brilliant, Long-tailed Sylph, Sparkling Violetear and Booted-racket Tailed. Blackburnian Warbler and American Redstart were all over the place. Other migrant warblers were Tennessee and Black and White.

Inside the forest at the edge of the road was a Black-faced Antthrush calling. It was our second chance to have a better view. And we did.

We went back to the shrine spot to call the Crested Quetzal. It answered back but way far. We called for the rare Scaled Fruiteater and after a while it came in! We had great scope views!!!

We went to El Blanquito Lagoon, our lunch spot. A very nice and peaceful spot, with lots to see! Around the pond were Lesser Kiskadees as well of Great Kiskadees, Oriole Black bird. In the pond were Wattle Jacana, Caribbean Coot, Least Grebe and several pairs of Rusty-flank Crake.

On a fallen Araucaria sp. tree very close to us there was a pair of Golden-rumped Euphonia and Thick-billed Euphonia. Lots of tanagers and warblers again and a juvenile Rose-breasted Grosbeak and after a while we saw a pair of adults. On the trail behind the pond we saw several Ruddy Pigeon and a Collared Trogon.

On our way back we stopped at the Golden-winged Manakin spot, which never showed up, but saw Mountain Elaenia, Orange-bellied Euphonia, Speckled Hummingbird and Andean Solitaire.

Then we went back to El Encanto for a delightful dinner!

Day 4

Tuesday 19th February

Weather: Morning overcast and fresh. Afternoon partly cloudy.

This morning we went to the low lands, desert scrub and thorn woodland, many cactuses and acacias trees. Quite a contrast with the lush cloud forest we had been birding.

Walking down the road we got to see Bicoloured Wren, Mouse-coloured Tyrannulet, Pearly-vented Tody-tyrant, Sooty-capped Hermit, and had a poor view of Ultramarine Grosbeak. Down at the ravine a group of Inca Jay were flying around as well as Rufous-vented Chachalacas.

Further ahead in a nearby low bush we saw Tocuyo Sparrow (r.e.) a lifer for me!! Everybody was exited! Then we saw Barred Antshrike, Black-faced Grassquit, Yellow Oriole, Tropical Gnatcatcher, and Green-rumped Parrotlet amongst others.

We stopped at the quarry and Orinocan Saltator (r.e.) were calling - we found a pair. Around the quarry office, where we had a coffee break, we saw Streaked Saltator and Glaucous Tanager (r.e.).

Back on the road we stopped at a bend to check the valley down to our right. We saw at the top of a tree 4 Stripe-Backed Wren, perched on a fence 2 Russet-throated Puffbird (r.e.), Yellow Oriole, two beautiful Pearl Kite at the top of a near tree, and Brown-throated Parakeet.

Then we continued to San Miguel road looking for some of the dry area specialists. We stopped at a point and played the tape of Slender-billed Inezia and the other regional endemic White-whiskered!

After lunch we went back to Yacambú N.P. We went to the highest section. Crested Quetzal was calling, I played back the tape and several times it crossed the road high up, but we never had a really good view.

We continued to ride further and we stopped at a certain spot and managed to see a Merida Tapaculo! We went to the manakin spot, no manakin, but we did see Grey-breasted Woodwren, Three-striped Warbler, Common Bush-Tanager, Saffron-crowned Tanager and others.

Then back to the guest house.

Day 5

Wednesday 20th February

Weather: Partly clear.

After an early breakfast we set off to the Yacambú. Our first stop was again the manakin spot, but no manakin this time either. We continued to the shrine spot. We parked and continue walking, with not much activity at first. Then when we got to the next bend and lots of birds were feeding, a mixed species flock! Of course lots of tanagers, but the new one and really new was the Orange-cheeked Tanager, another lifer for me! Besides that there were Yellow-billed Toucan, Variegated Bristle-tyrant, Olive-stripe Flycatcher, a colony of Russet-throated Oropendula building nests up high in the canopy, and neck breakingly high was a Pearled Treerunner. Two Crested Quetzal also showed up, the beautiful White-winged Tanager, amongst others. It was a feast!

We drove to the ranger station to go to the trail which was nearby. On the way to the trail we saw Dusky-capped and Slaty-capped Flycatcher, Brown-capped Vireo, Emerald Toucanet, Golden-olive Woodpecker, and Crested Oropendula.

In the trail we saw again Plain Antvireo and Slaty Antwren but not good views though. We reached the waterfall and there we enjoyed watching the butterflies around, but the trail it self was quite unproductive for birds.

We went for lunch at our usual spot at El Blanquito lagoon. Beside the same residents we saw Swallow Tanagers, three Magpie Tanagers, Blue-necked Tanager, and lots of Blood-ear Parakeets (r.e.).

After lunch we went toward the Yacambu Dam. Our first stop produced Collared Trogon, better view of Red-headed Barbet and great view of the skulker Southern Nightingale Wren! Near the road a Broad-wing Hawk was perched. We continued towards the dam where the vegetation is secondary growth. We stopped at a blooming Erythrina sp. tree where two Black-face Tanagers were feeding, Blue-necked Tanager and Silver-beaked Tanager. Beautiful sight!

At the dam look out, we were searching the tops of Erythrina sp. trees in bloom, and as we were looking at them, we saw Yellow-backed Oriole, more Black-face Tanager and what at first appeared to look like White-lined Tanager but later on we figured it was the less common White-shouldered Tanager!

Day 6

Thursday 21st February

Weather: Clear with some clouds.

After breakfast we departed to our next destination, the coastal national park Morrocoy. After settling in and having lunch we set off to Cuares fauna refuge, not before noting the birds in the grounds of our new Inn. Lots of Carib Grackles were around, Scaled and Eared Dove, Burnished-buff Tanager, Great Kiskadees, Rusty-margined and Social Flycatcher.

At Cuares, our first stop was in a marshy area which produced Wattle Jacana, Limpkin, Blue-winged Teal, Striated Heron, Green Heron, Lesser and Greater Yellow Legs, Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, Yellow-hooded Blackbird and a Common Black Hawk perched on a fence post.

Further along in the large mud flat areas of the refuge we could see thousands of American Flamingo and perched on low wooden post close to us were quite few Royal Terns and lurking around some Least Sandpipers. Further back near some mangroves was a Reddish Egret and Tricoloured Heron. Behind us on the other side of the road we could see several Roseate Spoonbill and two Great Blue Heron.

Near the town of Chicirivichi, in the mangroves, were lots of Scarlet Ibis, and in the mud flats immature Little-blue Heron, Snowy and Great Egret. On a small little patch of green grass was an Eastern Meadowlark and Double-stripe Thicknee. Above us four Bare-eye Pigeon passed, an Osprey and a Ringed Kingfisher.

As we turned around we stopped again on another marshy spot where we saw quite few White-cheeked Pintail some of which were displaying, more Lesser and Greater Yellowleg and in the distance Stilt Sandpiper, Short-billed Dowitcher and Grey Plover.

Day 7

Friday 22nd February

Weather: Clear with some clouds.

This morning we went to the mudflats of Morrocoy N.P. Lots of Great and Lesser Yellow-legs, and Black-necked Stilt, Tricolored Heron, Snowy and Great Egret, American Flamingo, White-cheeked Pintail, Cocoi Heron, Great-blue Heron, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Stilt Sandpiper, and Blue-winged Teal amongst others.

In the small Cassia sp. trees that border the mudflats we saw the north migrant Prothonotary Warbler, Northern Scrub Flycatcher, Southern Beardless Tyrannulet, Pale-tipped Inezia and Pale-breasted Spintail. In a small mangrove in the near mudflat a pair of Bicolored Conebill showed up. Then we went to another spot to look for the endemic and shy Plain-flanked Rail. It took us a while to see it but in the end everybody succeeded in seeing it!

Along the road and in the dry forest next to it we saw Rufous-breasted Wren, Scaled Piculet, Ochre-lore Flatbill in the nest feeding young, Scrub and Golden-fronted Greenlet, Lance-tailed Manakin, Russet-throated Puffbird, Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Black-crested Antshrike, Black-backed Antshrike (r.e.), and Red-bill Scythbill amongst others.

In the afternoon we went to Cerro La Misión. In the cattle fields around we saw Savanna Hack, Whistling Heron, Limpkins, Eastern Meadowlark, and in a marsh a family of Black-capped Donacobious. Flying above were lots of Yellow-crowned Parrots, some Orange-winged Parrots and a few Blue-headed Parrots.

On a blooming *Erythrina* tree were several Chestnut-fronted Macaw, one Orange-crowned Oriole and bright red Vermilion Flycatcher. In huge Royal Palms near the foothills, we saw a pair of Red & Green Macaws which were preparing to roost. It was a beautiful afternoon!

Day 8

Saturday 23 February

Weather: Light rain in the morning. At mid morning it clear up.

This morning we head to the ranch land of Agua Linda, there we had great views of three Caribbean Horneros (r.e.), Yellow Warbler, Straight-billed Woodcreeper amongst other common birds.

As we drove further along the dirt road we saw Glossy Ibis which we haven't seen before. We were looking for the Lesser-yellow headed Vulture but not one was seen, instead we saw a Gray-necked Wood-Rail cross the road.

As it start raining, and the dirt road was becoming very slippery, we turned back After a while it stopped raining so we stopped again and walked the patch of forest ahead. Here we saw Bicoloured Conebill, Hooded Tanager, Forest Elaenia and Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher that proved very skulky to see.

By now it was time to go, but we left with the satisfaction that a great and productive trip leaves with us!!

Total number of bird species seen: 317

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Species Lists

Birds

	Common name	Scientific name	February						
			17	18	19	20	21	22	23
1	Little Tinamou	<i>Crypturellus soui</i>		h					
2	Brown Tinamou	<i>Crypturellus obsoletus</i>			h	h			
3	Least Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus dominicus</i>	x	x	x	x			
4	Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>					x	x	x
5	Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	
6	Magnificent Frigatebird	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>	x				x	x	x
7	Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>					x		
8	Blue-winged Teal	<i>Anas discors</i>					x	x	
9	White-cheeked Pintail	<i>Anas bahamensis</i>					x	x	
10	American Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>					x	x	
11	Cocoi Heron	<i>Ardea cocoi</i>					x	x	
12	Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>					x	x	
13	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
14	Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	x		x	x	x	x	
15	Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>					x	x	x
16	Reddish Egret	<i>Egretta rufescens</i>					x	x	
17	Tricoloured Heron	<i>Egretta tricolour</i>					x	x	
18	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
19	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>			x		x	x	
20	Green Heron	<i>Butorides virescens</i>					x		
21	Whistling Heron	<i>Syrigma sibilatrix</i>						x	x
22	Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>					x		
23	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>					x		
24	Bare-faced Ibis	<i>Phimosus infuscatus</i>	x				x	x	x
25	Scarlet Ibis	<i>Eudocimus ruber</i>					x	x	
26	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>					x	x	
27	Roseate Spoonbill	<i>Ajaia ajaja</i>					x	x	
28	Wood Stork	<i>Mycteria americana</i>						x	
29	Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
30	Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
31	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>					x		
32	Grey-headed Kite	<i>Leptodon cayanensis</i>						x	
33	Hook-billed Kite	<i>Chondrohierax uncinatus</i>						x	
34	Pearl Kite	<i>Gampsonyx swainsonii</i>			x				
35	White-tailed Kite	<i>Elanus leucurus</i>	x		x		x		
36	Snail Kite	<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i>					x	x	
37	Crane Hawk	<i>Geranospiza caeruleascens</i>	x		x			x	x
38	Savanna Hawk	<i>Buteogallus meridionalis</i>						x	x
39	Common Black-Hawk	<i>Buteogallus anthracinus</i>				x	x	x	
40	Harris's Hawk	<i>Parabuteo unicinctus</i>						x	
41	Grey Hawk	<i>Asturina nitidus</i>				x			
42	Roadside Hawk	<i>Buteo magnirostris</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
43	Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>		x	x	x			
44	Short-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo brachyurus</i>			x	x			
45	Black Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus tyrannus</i>	x						
46	White-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo albicaudatus</i>							x
47	Northern Crested Caracara	<i>Caracara cheriway</i>	x		x	x	x	x	x

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48	Yellow-headed Caracara	<i>Milvago chimachima</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
49	Laughing Falcon	<i>Herpetotheres cachinans</i>			x			x	
50	American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>			x		x	x	x
51	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>						x	
52	Rufous-vented Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis ruficauda</i>		x	x	x		h	
53	Band-tailed Guan	<i>Penelope argyrotis</i>	x	x	x	x			
54	Northern Helmeted Curassow	<i>Pauxi pauxi</i>				h			
55	Crested Bobwhite	<i>Colinus cristatus</i>		x			x		
56	Sora	<i>Porzana carolina</i>	x	x	x	x			
57	Rusty-flanked Crake	<i>Laterallus levraudi</i>	x	x	x	h			
58	Plain-flanked Rail	<i>Rallus wetmorei</i>						x	
59	Grey-necked Wood-Rail	<i>Aramides cajanea</i>							x
60	Purple Gallinule	<i>Porphyryla martinica</i>					x		juv
61	Common Gallinule	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	x	x	x	x	x		
62	Caribbean Coot	<i>Fulica caribaea</i>		x		x			
63	Limpkin	<i>Aramus guarauna</i>					x	x	
64	Double-striped Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus bistriatus</i>					x		
65	Southern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus chilensis</i>			x		x	x	x
66	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>					x		
67	Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>					x	x	
68	Willet	<i>Catoptrophorus semipalmatus</i>						x	
69	Wattled Jacana	<i>Jacana jacana</i>		x		x	x	x	x
70	Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>					x	x	
71	Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>					x	x	
72	Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>					x	x	
73	Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularia</i>					x		
74	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>					x	x	
75	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>					x		
76	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>					x		
77	Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>					x	x	
78	Stilt Sandpiper	<i>Calidris himantopus</i>					x	x	
79	Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>					x		
80	Royal Tern	<i>Sterna maxima</i>					x	x	
81	Cayenne /Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis eurygnatha</i>					x	x	
82	Feral/Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	x		x	x	x	x	
83	Bare-eyed Pigeon	<i>Columba corensis</i>					x		
84	Pale-vented Pigeon	<i>Columba cayennensis</i>			x			x	
85	Ruddy Pigeon	<i>Columba subvinacea</i>	h	x		x			
86	Eared Dove	<i>Zenaida auriculata</i>				x	x	x	x
87	Common Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina passerina</i>						x	
88	Ruddy Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>			x	x	x	x	x
89	Scaled Dove	<i>Columbina squammata</i>		x	x		x	x	x
90	White-tipped Dove	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
91	Lined Quail-Dove	<i>Geotrygon linearis</i>		h		h			
92	Red-and-green Macaw	<i>Ara chloroptera</i>						x	
93	Chestnut-fronted Macaw	<i>Ara severa</i>	x					x	x
94	Brown-throated Parakeet	<i>Aratinga pertinax</i>			x		x	x	x
95	Blood-eared Parakeet	<i>Pyrrhura hoematotis</i>	x	x		x			
96	Green-rumped Parrotlet	<i>Forpus passerinus</i>					x	x	
97	Orange-chinned Parakeet	<i>Brotogeris jugularis</i>						h	
98	Blue-headed Parrot	<i>Pionus menstruus</i>						x	

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99	Red-billed Parrot	<i>Pionus sordidus</i>	x						
100	Yellow-crowned Parrot	<i>Amazona ochrocephala</i>						x	x
101	Orange-winged Parrot	<i>Amazona amazonica</i>						x	
102	Squirrel Cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana</i>	x		x			x	
103	Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>	x	x	x			x	x
104	Groove-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga sulcirostris</i>			x		x		x
105	Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>				x			
106	Tropical Screech-Owl	<i>Otus choliba</i>				h			
107	Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl	<i>Glaucidium brasilianum</i>		h					
108	Pauraque	<i>Nyctidromus albicollis</i>							x
109	Rufous Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus rufus</i>		x	h	h			
110	White-collared Swift	<i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>		x	x	x			
111	White-tipped Swift	<i>Aeronautes montivagus</i>	x		x				
112	Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift	<i>Panyptila cayennensis</i>		x					
113	Neotropical Palm-Swift	<i>Tachornis squamata</i>	x			x	x		
114	Sooty-capped Hermit	<i>Phaethornis augusti</i>	x	x	x	x	x		
115	Sparkling Violetear	<i>Colibri coruscans</i>		x					
116	Black-throated Mango	<i>Anthracothonax nigricollis</i>		x		x			
117	Blue-tailed Emerald	<i>Chlorostilbon mellisugus</i>	x	x	x	x	x		
118	Glittering-throated Emerald	<i>Amazilia fimbriata</i>					x	x	
119	White-vented Plumeleteer	<i>Chalybura buffonii</i>				x			
120	Speckled Hummingbird	<i>Adelomyias melanogenys</i>		x	x	x			
121	Violet-fronted Brilliant	<i>Heliodoxa leadbeateri</i>	x	x	x	x			
122	Bronzy Inca	<i>Coeligena coeligena</i>		x		x			
123	Booted Racket-tail	<i>Ocreatus underwoodii</i>		x	x				
124	Long-tailed Sylph	<i>Agelaiocercus kingi</i>	x	x		x			
125	Crested Quetzal	<i>Phaomachrus antisianus</i>		h	x	x			
126	Masked Trogon	<i>Trogon personatus</i>				x			
127	Collared Trogon	<i>Trogon collaris</i>	x	x		x			
128	Ringed Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle torquata</i>					x	x	
129	Amazon Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle amazona</i>	x						
130	Green Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle americana</i>	x		x	x		x	
131	Rufous-tailed Jacamar	<i>Galbula ruficauda</i>					x	x	
132	Russet-throated Puffbird	<i>Hypnelus ruficollis</i>			x			x	x
133	Moustached Puffbird	<i>Malacoptila mystacalis</i>	x						
134	Red-headed Barbet	<i>Eubucco bourcierii</i>		John		x			
135	Groove-billed Toucanet	<i>Aulacorhynchus sulcatus</i>	x						
136	Emerald Toucanet	<i>Aulacorhynchus prasinus</i>		x		x			
137	Yellow-billed Toucanet	<i>Aulacorhynchus calorhynchus</i>				x			
138	Scaled Piculet	<i>Picumnus squamulatus</i>				h		x	
139	Golden-olive Woodpecker	<i>Piculus rubiginosus</i>	x	x		x			
140	Lineated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>							h
141	Red-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes rubricapillus</i>	x	x	x	x		x	x
142	Smoky-brown Woodpecker	<i>Veniliornis fumigatus</i>	x	x		x			
143	Caribbean Hornero	<i>Fumarius longirostris</i>						x	x
144	Pale-breasted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis albescent</i>						x	
145	Stripe-breasted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis cinnamomea</i>		x		h			
146	White-whiskered Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis candei</i>			x				
147	Crested Spinetail	<i>Craniolaema subcristata</i>	x	x	x				
148	Plain Thornbird	<i>Phacellodomus inornatus</i>						h	
149	Pearled Treerunner	<i>Margarornis squamiger</i>				x			

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150	Montane Foliage-gleaner	<i>Anabacerthia striaticollis</i>	x	x					
151	Plain Xenops	<i>Xenops minutus</i>		x				x	
152	Plain-brown Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocincla fuliginosa</i>	x						
153	Olivaceous Woodcreeper	<i>Sittasomus griseicapillus</i>	x	x					
154	Strong-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus</i>	x						
155	Straight-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus picus</i>						x	x
156	Red-billed Scythebill	<i>Campylorhamphus trochilirostris</i>		x				x	
157	Black-crested Antshrike	<i>Sakesphorus canadensis</i>						x	x
158	Black-backed Antshrike	<i>Sakesphorus melanonotus</i>						x	
159	Barred Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus doliatus</i>			x			x	
160	Plain Antwren	<i>Dysithamnus mentalis</i>	x	x		x			
161	Slaty Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula schisticolour</i>	x	x		x			
162	Rufous-winged Antwren	<i>Herpsilochmus rufimarginatus</i>						x	
163	Northern White-fringed Antwren	<i>Formicivora intermedia</i>			x			x	
164	Long-tailed Antbird	<i>Drymophila caudata</i>		x					
165	White-bellied Antbird	<i>Myrmeciza longipes</i>						h	
166	Black-faced Antthrush	<i>Formicarius analis</i>	x	x		h			
167	Merida Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus meridanus</i>		h	x	x			
168	Black-capped Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias nigrocapillus</i>		h		x			
169	Golden-faced Tyrannulet	<i>Zimmerius chrysops</i>		x		x			
170	Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet	<i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i>						x	x
171	Mouse-coloured Tyrannulet	<i>Phaeomyias murina</i>			x				
172	Forest Elaenia	<i>Elaenia ruficeps</i>	x						x
173	Yellow-bellied Elaenia	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>			x	x	x	x	x
174	Mountain Elaenia	<i>Elaenia frantzii</i>		x	x	x			
175	Northern Scrub-Flycatcher	<i>Sublegatus arenarum</i>						x	
176	White-throated Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus leucophrys</i>		x	x				
177	Pale-tipped Inezia	<i>Inezia caudata</i>						G & D	
178	Slender-billed Inezia	<i>Inezia tenuirostris</i>			x				
179	Olive-striped Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes olivaceus</i>		x		x			
180	Slaty-capped Flycatcher	<i>Leptopogon superciliaris</i>	x			x			
181	Venezuelan Bristle-Tyrant	<i>Phylloscartes venezuelanus</i>	x						
182	Variegated Bristle-Tyrant	<i>Pogonotriccus poecilotis</i>				x			
183	Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Lophotriccus pileatus</i>	x						
184	Pearly-vented Tody-tyrant	<i>Hemitriccus margaritaceiventer</i>			x				
185	Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Poecilatriccus sylvia</i>		x					x
186	Common Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>	x	h		x		x	x
187	Ochre-ored Flatbill	<i>Tolmomyias flaviventris</i>						x	
188	Cinnamon Flycatcher	<i>Pyrrhomyias cinnamomea</i>	x	x		x			
189	Smoke-coloured Pewee	<i>Contopus fumigatus</i>	x			x			
190	Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Contopus cooperi</i>		x					
191	Euler's Flycatcher	<i>Lathrotriccus euleri</i>	h						
192	Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>		x		x			
193	Vermilion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>						x	
194	Cattle Tyrant	<i>Machetornis rixosus</i>			x	x	x	x	
195	Pied Water-Tyrant	<i>Fluvicola pica</i>			x	x		x	x
196	Dusky-capped Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>	x			x		x	
197	Brown-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i>	x		x				
198	Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
199	Lesser Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus [Philohydor] lictor</i>	x	x		x		x	x
200	Boat-billed Flycatcher	<i>Megarhynchus pitangua</i>	x			x			

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201	Social Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>		x	x	x	x	x	x
202	Rusty-margined Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes cayanensis</i>			x	x	x	x	x
203	Golden-crowned Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes chrysocephalus</i>	x		x	x			
204	Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
205	Grey Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus dominicensis</i>						x	
206	Chestnut-crowned Becard	<i>Pachyrhamphus castaneus</i>	x						
207	Golden-breasted Fruiteater	<i>Pipreola aureopectus</i>		x					
208	Scaled Fruiteater	<i>Ampelioides tschudii</i>			x				
209	Lance-tailed Manakin	<i>Chiroxiphia lanceolata</i>						x	
210	Rufous-browed Peppershrike	<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>	x	x				x	
211	Brown-capped Vireo	<i>Vireo leucophrys</i>	x	x		x			
212	Scrub Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus flavipes</i>						x	x
213	Golden-fronted Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus aurantiifrons</i>	h	x		x		x	x
214	Inca Jay	<i>Cyanocorax yncas</i>			x				
215	Grey-breasted Martin	<i>Progne chalybea</i>					x		
216	White-winged Swallow	<i>Tachycineta albiventer</i>					x	x	
217	Blue-and-white Swallow	<i>Notiochelidon cyanoleuca</i>	x	x	x	x	x		
218	Southern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	
219	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>				x			
220	Black-capped Donacobius	<i>Donacobius atricapillus</i>						x	
221	Bicoloured Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus griseus</i>	x	x	x	x	x		
222	Stripe-backed Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus nuchalis</i>			x				
223	Whiskered Wren	<i>Thryothorus mystacalis</i>		h					
224	Rufous-breasted Wren	<i>Thryothorus rutilus</i>						x	
225	Buff-breasted Wren	<i>Thryothorus leucotis</i>						h	
226	House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>		x		x	x	x	x
227	Grey-breasted Wood-Wren	<i>Henicorhina leucophrys</i>	h	h	x	h			
228	Southern Nightingale Wren	<i>Microcerculus marginatus</i>				x			
229	Tropical Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila plumbea</i>			x		x	x	
230	Andean Solitaire	<i>Myadestes raloides</i>		x		h			
231	Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush	<i>Catharus aurantiirostris</i>	x		x	x	x		
232	Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush	<i>Catharus fuscater</i>		h					
233	Yellow-legged Thrush	<i>Platycichla flavipes</i>		x		x			
234	Glossy-black Thrush	<i>Turdus serranus</i>		x					
235	Black-hooded Thrush	<i>Turdus olivater</i>	x	x					
236	Bare-eyed Thrush	<i>Turdus nudigenis</i>		x	x	x			
237	Pale-breasted Thrush	<i>Turdus leucomelas</i>	x				x		
238	White-necked Thrush	<i>Turdus albicollis</i>	x						
239	Tropical Mockingbird	<i>Mimus gilvus</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
240	Tennessee Warbler	<i>Vermivora peregrina</i>		x		x			
241	Tropical Parula	<i>Parula pitiayumi</i>	x		x				
242	Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>						x	x
243	Blackpoll Warbler	<i>Dendroica striata</i>	x						
244	Blackburnian Warbler	<i>Dendroica fusca</i>	x	x		x			
245	Black-and-white Warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>		x		x			
246	American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	x	x		x			
247	Northern Waterthrush	<i>Seiurus noveboracensis</i>							
248	Prothonotary Warbler	<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>						x	
249	Northern Waterthrush	<i>Seiurus noveboracensis</i>		x		x	x	x	
250	Slate-throated Whitestart	<i>Myioborus miniatus</i>	x	x		x			
251	Three-striped Warbler	<i>Basileuterus tristriatus</i>		h	x	x			

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252	Flavescent Warbler	<i>Basileuterus flaveolus</i>						John	
253	Golden-crowned Warbler	<i>Basileuterus</i>	x						
254	Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaveola</i>	x	x		x	x	x	x
255	White-eared Conebill	<i>Conirostrum leucogenys</i>							x
256	Bicoloured Conebill	<i>Conirostrum bicolor</i>						x	
257	Black-faced Tanager	<i>Schistochlamys melanopis</i>				x			
258	Magpie Tanager	<i>Cissopis leveriana</i>				x			
259	Common Bush-Tanager	<i>Chlorospingus ophthalmicus</i>	x	x	x	x			
260	Fulvous-headed Tanager	<i>Thlypopsis fulviceps</i>		x					
261	Guira Tanager	<i>Hemithraupis guira</i>		x		x			
262	Hooded Tanager	<i>Nemosia pileata</i>							x
263	Grey-headed Tanager	<i>Eucometis penicillata</i>	x						
264	White-lined Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus rufus</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
265	White-shouldered Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus luctuosus</i>				x			
266	White-winged Tanager	<i>Piranga leucoptera</i>	x	x		x			
267	Silver-beaked Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus carbo</i>	x	x		x	x	x	x
268	Blue-grey Tanager	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
269	Glaucous Tanager	<i>Thraupis glaucocolpa</i>			x			x	
270	Palm Tanager	<i>Thraupis palmarum</i>	x	x		x		x	
271	Golden-rumped Euphonia	<i>Euphonia cyanocephala</i>		x					
272	Thick-billed Euphonia	<i>Euphonia lanirostris</i>		x		x			
273	Orange-bellied Euphonia	<i>Euphonia xanthogaster</i>	x	x	x	x			
274	Trinidad Euphonia	<i>Euphonia trinitatis</i>							x
275	Golden Tanager	<i>Tangara arthus</i>	x	x		x			
276	Saffron-crowned Tanager	<i>Tangara xanthocephala</i>		x	x	x			
277	Beryl-spangled Tanager	<i>Tangara nigroviridis</i>		x		x			
278	Black-headed Tanager	<i>Tangara cyanoptera</i>	x	x	x				
279	Black-capped Tanager	<i>Tangara heinei</i>	x	x		x			
280	Burnished-buff Tanager	<i>Tangara cayana</i>		x	x	x	x	x	
281	Blue-necked Tanager	<i>Tangara cyanicollis</i>		x		x			
282	Speckled Tanager	<i>Tangara guttata</i>	x	x		x			
283	Bay-headed Tanager	<i>Tangara gyrola</i>	x	x		x			
284	Green Honeycreeper	<i>Chlorophanes spiza</i>	x	x					
285	Rusty Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa sittoides</i>							
286	Swallow Tanager	<i>Tersina viridis</i>	x	x		x			
287	Grayish Saltator	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>		x	x		x	h	
288	Buff-throated Saltator	<i>Saltator maximus</i>	x	x					
289	Streaked Saltator	<i>Saltator striatipectus</i>			x			juv.	
290	Orinocan Saltator	<i>Saltator orinocensis</i>			x				
291	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>		x		x			
292	Blue-black Grosbeak	<i>Cyanocopsa cyanoides</i>	x						
293	Ultramarine Grosbeak	<i>Cyanocopsa brissonii</i>	x		x		x		
294	Black-faced Grassquit	<i>Tiaris bicolor</i>			x				
295	Lesser Seed-Finch	<i>Oryzoborus angolensis</i>							
296	Grey Seedeater	<i>Sporophila americana</i>						x	
297	Yellow-bellied Seedeater	<i>Sporophila nigricollis</i>		x					
298	Ruddy-breasted Seedeater	<i>Sporophila minuta</i>						x	
299	Saffron Finch	<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
300	Ochre-breasted Brush-Finch	<i>Atlappetes semirufus</i>		x	x				
301	Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch	<i>Buarremon brunneinucha</i>		h					
302	Stripe-headed Brush-Finch	<i>Buarremon torquatus</i>				x			

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303	Tocuyo Sparrow	<i>Arremonops tocuyensis</i>			x				
304	Grassland Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus humeralis</i>				x			
305	Rufous-collared Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>	x	x	x	x			
306	Yellow-hooded Blackbird	<i>Agelaius icterocephalus</i>					x	x	
307	Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>			x		x	x	
308	Carib Grackle	<i>Quiscalus lugubris</i>	x		x		x	x	x
309	Yellow-backed Oriole	<i>Icterus chrysater</i>				x			
310	Yellow Oriole	<i>Icterus nigrogularis</i>			x	x		x	
311	Orange-crowned Oriole	<i>Icterus auricapillus</i>						x	
312	Oriole Blackbird	<i>Gymnomystax mexicanus</i>		x	x	x		x	
313	Stripe-headed Brush-Finch	<i>Buarremon torquatus</i>					x		
314	Crested Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius decumanus</i>		x	x	x	x		
315	Russet-backed Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius angustifrons</i>	x	x		x			
316	Yellow-bellied Siskin	<i>Carduelis xanthogastra</i>	x						
317	Lesser Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis psaltria</i>	x		x	x			

Mammals

	Red Howlers Monkeey		x					5	
	Red -tailed Squirrel		x			x	1		
	Spectacle Caiman				x				

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