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A wetter-than-normal fall/winter in the months preceding our visit had a noticeable impact on the flowering and fruiting cycles of a number of shrubs and trees in the Canal Zone, and probably impacted insect reproductive cycles as well. On top of this, we experienced unusually windy conditions on several days. The end result was that many Canal Zone birds that are normally vocal and easy to see during our January/February visits were strangely silent, unresponsive to tape, and generally inconspicuous, and had seemingly bred early. In fact, dawn choruses were largely unremarkable, and but a pale shadow of what I am used to hearing at this time. At the same time, we found out that the corporations that own the land at Tocumen Marsh had decided to deny any further entry to birders, including locals. Not surprisingly, our species list took a big hit from previous years, but we still managed to experience a wonderful cross section of tropical birds and mammals in just one week's time.

Our first dawn vigil atop the tower produced the requisite point-blank views of Green Shrike-Vireo, that persistent (some would say annoying) voice from the canopy. It also netted us fine views of a tree-full of outrageous Keel-billed Toucans (16 at one time!), a close Black-breasted Puffbird, lively Golden-hooded and Plain-colored tanagers, and canopy-feeding Blue-chested and Violet-bellied hummingbirds. After breakfast we headed down Semaphore Hill, where we spent the rest of the morning enjoying a nice selection of typical Canal Zone birds, among them, close, perched Broad-billed Motmots, Rufous Motmot, White-necked Puffbird, and Slaty-tailed Trogons (excavating a nest cavity). Audio playback brought in a stunning male Red-capped Manakin and an ornate male Spotted Antbird, as well as more subtly plumaged treats like Checker-throated Antwren and Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher.

Our afternoon excursion started with a visit to some feeders in Gamboa, where colorful tanagers and honeycreepers went bananas for bananas, and where multiple goofy agoutis battled one another over stale slices of white bread. The nearby Ammo Dump produced nicely, including eye level, up-close studies of a diminutive Olivaceous Piculet and the much flashier Cinnamon Woodpecker, as well as Rufescent Tiger-Heron, Barred Antshrike, and a nice variety of other open-country and marsh inhabiting species.

We spent the next day on famed Pipeline Road, one of the premier birding tracks in the Neotropics. Sadly, dawn arrived not with the usual bang, but with more of a whimper as regards bird vocalization. Given the general lack of vocalization, we opted to try for a "project bird" early on. We bushwhacked a bit off the main track for a Streak-chested Antpitta, eventually scoring superb views of this endearing little "egg with legs." Nice

looks at a variety of avian eye-candy soon followed, as we enjoyed killer studies of Great Jacamar, Black-tailed Trogon, White-tailed Trogon, and a most confiding male Blue-crowned Manakin. A Tiny Hawk at a staked-out nest site was an unexpected treat, and sat patiently while we enjoyed rare scope views of this widespread, but seldom-seen raptor. We also enjoyed nice views of the world's smallest passerine, the diminutive Black-capped Pygmy-Tyrant, which looked more like a large beetle or bee floating from perch to perch in the midstory. A Gray Elaenia taped down nicely to manageable heights, as did a Moustached Antwren. Totally unexpected was our close encounter with a northern tamandua (or lesser anteater), which bolted from the side of the jeep track, but then allowed a subsequent close approach and study by several in our group.

Cerro Azul was unusually devoid of bird activity (¿Cómo se dice “morgue” en Español?), although we did manage some nice studies of a number of hummingbirds, (among them, Bronze-tailed Plumeleeter, Green Hermit, and Snowy-bellied Hummingbird), a vocal pair of Bay Wrens, Hepatic Tanager (probably a separate biological species from our populations in the southwestern U.S.), and a flashy Yellow-eared Toucanet.

Achiote Road stood in stark contrast to Cerro Azul. From the moment that we stepped off the bus, birds were coming fast and furiously. One minute we were sorting out stunning Yellow-tailed Orioles from similarly colored but differently patterned Yellow-backed Orioles, and the next we were swinging our scopes from Flame-rumped Tanagers to Black-headed Saltators to Spot-crowned Barbets. A stunning White Hawk sailed overhead, White-tailed Trogons posed sedately in front of us, and a responsive pair of Northern Barred-Woodcreepers nearly landed on me in response to playback. After a bit of work we taped a group of White-headed Wrens into a spot where they could be studied in the scopes. These canopy-dwelling relatives of our Cactus Wren are easily missed in a short trip, and our views were unusually good. A distant blue bird spotted by Leigh proved to be a lovely male Blue Cotinga that showed off nicely in the scopes—another good pick-up that we frequently get from the Canopy Tower itself. A short walk down a sidetrack turned up a noisy group of Black-chested Jays, as well as a pair of little Pied Puffbirds that actually landed on a low wire in plain sight. For most participants, the best was saved for last, when we visited an active lek of Golden-collared Manakins (ultimately voted favorite bird of the trip in a landslide). When we arrived at the lek, we found multiple male manakins in full display mode, with their golden beards flared out, and wings snapping like dozens of firecrackers going off at once. Manakins were excitedly ping-ponging back and forth between perches at a pace that occasionally reached frenzied proportions. We spent some time here, soaking up the sights and sounds of the displaying birds. Then, it was on to the train station in Colón, followed by a relaxing ride back through the Canal Zone, highlighted by good numbers of Snail Kites seen en route.

The following day we returned to Pipeline Road, but this time we focused our attention on the recently opened Panama Rainforest Discovery Center. The feeders attracted a nice variety of hummingbirds, including gorgeous male Violet-bellieds, and a mixed-species flock along one of the trails brought birds such as Brown-capped Tyrannulet, Cinnamon Becard, and Fasciated Antshrike down nearly to eye level. We also scored a Golden-

winged Warbler (rare in the Canal Zone), nice looks at a pair of secretive Black-bellied Wrens, another pair of Black-tailed Trogons, and a cooperative pair of Black-faced Antthrushes. After lunch, I birded alone down Semaphore Hill and turned up a White-whiskered Puffbird, a species that we typically see in the Canal Zone, but one that had eluded us to this point. Knowing that José and the group were going to pick me up along the road en route to our afternoon excursion, I stayed with the puffbird for nearly 30 minutes, only to have it fly just minutes before the group arrived. Fortunately, it was still within earshot, and tape brought it back for nice studies. Old Gamboa Road was our spot for filling in a lot of the gaps from previous days, with highlights such as Geoffroy's tamarin (a truly beautiful little primate), Panama Flycatcher, roosting Boat-billed Herons, an impressively large Crimson-crested Woodpecker, and scope-filling views of a day-roosting Spectacled Owl.

Our final day found us exploring semi-deciduous forest at Metropolitan Park, which featured brief looks at the improbable and nearly incandescent Rosy Thrush-Tanager, point-blank studies of a skulking White-bellied Antbird, and, after some effort, excellent studies of our last holdout trogon, the Black-throated. The spritely Yellow-green Tyrannulet didn't elicit nearly as many gasps of delight from our group, but it was, after all, a Panamanian endemic, and one that is often missed. That afternoon we enjoyed a visit to Miraflores Locks where, in addition to the fine Canal Museum, we were able to enjoy the spectacle of some behemoth container ships passing through the locks.

All in all, a great group of birders enjoyed a wonderful introduction to the natural riches of the Canal Zone, and had a lot of fun doing it. Thank you all for your good humor and good companionship, and I hope to cross paths with each and every one of you on another trip to some birdy corner of the world!

Itinerary:

January 31 – arrival in Panama City; transfer to Canopy Tower

February 1 – 0600–0730 tower watch from atop the Canopy Tower; 0830–1200 birding along Semaphore Hill; 1500–1800 hours at Gamboa feeders and Ammo Dump Ponds.

February 2 – 0530 breakfast and 0600 departure for Pipeline Road, where we spent the entire day, with lunch in the field. Return to Canopy Tower at 1700 hours.

February 3 – 0400 breakfast and 0430 departure for Cerro Azul and Rosabel's house (arriving at 0630 hours); birded vicinity, including Maipo Trail and Cerro Jefe until 1415 hours, when we drove to Costa del Este, where we spent about 1 hour looking at shorebirds before returning to the Canopy Lodge.

February 4 – 0430 departure for Colon, Gatún Locks, and Achiote Road, where we birded until ca. 1530 hours; 1700 ride across the Isthmus on the PanAm Train.

February 5 – 0700 breakfast, with 0815 departure for Panama Rainforest Discovery Center (on Pipeline Road), where we birded until 1230. Returned to Canopy Tower for lunch and break, then birded Old Gamboa Road from 1500–1830 hours. Post-dinner night excursion along Semaphore Hill and the Gamboa area.

February 6 – 0530 departure for Metropolitan Park, where we birded until about 1100 hours; return to Canopy Tower for lunch and break; 1430 hours departure for Miraflores Locks & Canal Museum until 1700 hours; late afternoon tower watch atop Canopy Tower until 1830 hours.

February 7 – departure for home for many; or continue on to El Valle and the Canopy Lodge for others.

Key:

A = Achote Road and vicinity, including Gatún Locks & Spillway area

CA = Cerro Azul

CE = Costa del Este

G = Gamboa area, including Canopy Tower, Semaphore Hill, Old Gamboa Road, Gamboa feeders, and Ammo Dump Ponds

ML = Miraflores Locks

MP = Metropolitan Park

PR = Pipeline Road & Panama Rainforest Discovery Center

* = heard only

NOTE: The following list follows (for the most part) the taxonomy and nomenclature employed by Ridgely & Gwynne 1989 (*A guide to the birds of Panama*), as modified by the American Ornithologists Union Checklist Committee (7th edition and subsequent supplements). Any exceptions are clarified in the list.

Bird of the Trip (as voted on by the group):

1. Golden-collared Manakin (the runaway favorite)
2. 5-way tie for second, between Spectacled Owl, Blue Dacnis, Streak-cheded Antpitta, Crimson-crested Woodpecker and Keel-billed Toucan.

Birds:

Great Tinamou (*Tinamus major*) - G, PR*, CA* (Heard almost daily: one in the road along Semaphore Hill flushed before anyone in back could get on it.)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) - PR

Gray-headed Chachalaca (*Ortalis cinereiceps*) - G, PR, A

Least Grebe (*Tachybaptus dominicus*) - PR

Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) - ML, CE, G, Panama City

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) - CE

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) - PR

Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*) - daily

Rufescent Tiger-Heron (*Tigrisoma lineatum*) - G

Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*) - G, CE, A, Panama City

Cocoi Heron (*Ardea cocoi*) - CE (Also known as “White-necked Heron”)

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*) - daily

Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*) - CE, A
Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*) - CE, PR
Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) - daily
Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*) - G
Boat-billed Heron (*Cochlearius cochlearius*) - G
White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*) - CE
Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) - everywhere
Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*) - everywhere
Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) - CE, A (train ride), PR, MP
Gray-headed Kite (*Leptodon cayanensis*) - PR
Snail Kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*) - 20+ seen from the train, G
Tiny Hawk (*Accipiter superciliosus*) - PR (Rare scope views of a perched bird at a nest.)
White Hawk (*Leucopternis albicollis*) - A
Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*) - A, PR
Short-tailed Hawk (*Buteo brachyurus*) - A, G
Barred Forest-Falcon (*Micrastur ruficollis*)* - G* (heard from the tower at dawn)
Yellow-headed Caracara (*Milvago chimachima*) - G, A
Bat Falcon (*Falco rufigularis*) - G
White-throated Crake (*Laterallus albigularis*) - G (glimpsed by 1 or 2 folks), A*
Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinica*) - G
Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*) - PR
Southern Lapwing (*Vanellus chilensis*) - CE, ML
Black-bellied Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*) - CE
Wattled Jacana (*Jacana jacana*) - G, A, PR
Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularius*) - CE
Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*) - CE
Willet (*Tringa semipalmatus*) - CE
Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*) - CE
Western Sandpiper (*Calidris mauri*) - CE
Short-billed Dowitcher (*Limnodromus griseus*) - CE
Laughing Gull (*Larus atricilla*) - CE, ML
Ring-billed Gull (*Larus delawarensis*) - CE
Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus*) - CE
Royal Tern (*Thalasseus maxima*) - A (from the train)
Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*) - Panama City & Colon
Pale-vented Pigeon (*Patagioenas cayennensis*) - seen on virtually every commute
Scaled Pigeon (*Patagioenas speciosa*) - G, CA
Short-billed Pigeon (*Patagioenas nigrirostris*)* - PR*
Ruddy Ground-Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*) - G, A
White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*) - daily
Gray-chested Dove (*Leptotila cassini*) - G, A
Orange-chinned Parakeet (*Brotogeris jugularis*) - G, A, PR, MP
Blue-headed Parrot (*Pionus menstruus*) - PR, A, G, MP
Red-lore Parrot (*Amazona autumnalis*) - G, PR, A
Mealy Parrot (*Amazona farinosa*) - G, PR, A*

Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*) - PR, A, G, MP
Greater Ani (*Crotophaga major*) - PR
Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*) - G, A
Spectacled Owl (*Pulsatrix perspicillata*) - G (Scope views of a day-roosting bird.)
Short-tailed Swift (*Chaetura brachyura*) - G
Band-rumped Swift (*Chaetura spinicauda*) - G, A, PR
Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift (*Panyptila cayennensis*) - G (Nice repeat looks at a lone bird from the Tower.)
Band-tailed Barbthroat (*Threnetes ruckeri*) - A
Green Hermit (*Phaethornis guy*) - CA
Long-billed Hermit (*Phaethornis longirostris*) - PR, A (Also known as “Western Long-tailed Hermit”.)
Stripe-throated Hermit (*Phaethornis strigularis*) - PR, MP (Split from “Little Hermit”)
White-necked Jacobin (*Florisuga mellivora*) - G, CA, PR
Black-throated Mango (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*) - G, PR
Violet-crowned Woodnymph (*Thalurania colombica*) - CA, PR
Violet-bellied Hummingbird (*Damophila julie*) - G, MP, PR
Blue-chested Hummingbird (*Amazilia amabilis*) - G, CA, PR
Snowy-bellied Hummingbird (*Amazilia edward*) - MP, CA, PR (Nearly a Panama endemic.)
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird (*Amazilia tzacatl*) - G, MP, A, CA, PR
White-vented Plumeleteer (*Chalybura buffonii*) - MP, PR
Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer (*Chalybura urochrysis*) - CA (called “Red-footed Plumeleteer” by Stiles & Skutch in *A guide to the birds of Costa Rica*.)
Purple-crowned Fairy (*Heliothryx barroti*) - PR, G, A
White-tailed Trogon (*Trogon viridis*) - PR, AR (Lisa spotted our first one.)
Violaceous Trogon (*Trogon violaceus*) - G, CA*, A, PR*
Black-throated Trogon (*Trogon rufus*) - G*, CA*, MP (We finally caught up with one at MP, after just hearing it at a couple of other stops.)
Black-tailed Trogon (*Trogon melanurus*) - PR (Exceptionally good studies of this trogon, which is typically the most difficult one to find here.)
Slaty-tailed Trogon (*Trogon Massena*) - G, PR, MP
Blue-crowned Motmot (*Momotus momota*) - MP
Rufous Motmot (*Baryphthengus martii*) - G
Broad-billed Motmot (*Electron platyrhynchum*) - G, PR (Several particularly obliging individuals.)
Ringed Kingfisher (*Ceryle torquatus*) - G
Amazon Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle amazona*) - G
Green Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle americana*) - G
White-necked Puffbird (*Notharchus macrorhynchos*) - G, PR
Black-breasted Puffbird (*Notharchus pectoralis*) - G
Pied Puffbird (*Notharchus tectus*) - A (Fabulous views of a pair.)
White-whiskered Puffbird (*Malacoptila panamensis*) - G (We finally caught up with a nice one on Semaphore Hill.)
Great Jacamar (*Jacamerops aureus*) - PR (Spectacular, prolonged views!)

Spot-crowned Barbet (*Capito maculicoronatus*) - A
Collared Aracari (*Pteroglossis torquatus*) - PR, A
Yellow-eared Toucanet (*Selenidera spectabilis*) - CA (A quick fly-by was all we got this time.)
Keel-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos sulfuratus*) - daily
Chestnut-mandibled Toucan (*Ramphastos swainsoni*) - G*, PR*, A
Olivaceous Piculet (*Picumnus olivaceus*) - G (Outstanding eye-level studies of a foraging male.)
Black-cheeked Woodpecker (*Melanerpes pucherani*) - A, PR*
Red-crowned Woodpecker (*Melanerpes rubricapillus*) - G, PR, A, MP
Cinnamon Woodpecker (*Celeus loricatus*) - G (Nice pair taped in.), PR*, A
Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*) - G, PR, A*, MP
Crimson-crested Woodpecker (*Campephilus melanoleucos*) - G
Plain Xenops (*Xenops minutus*) - A*, PR, MP
Scaly-throated Leaf-tosser (*Sclerurus guatemalensis*)* - G*
Plain-brown Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*) - G, PR
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*) - CA (leader only)
Northern Barred-Woodcreeper (*Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae*) - A (A pair that taped in nicely.) {Split from “Barred Woodcreeper” *D. certhia*.}
Cocoa Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus susurrans*) - G, PR, CA*, A (Split from “Buff-throated Woodcreeper”.)
Black-striped Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus lachrymosus*) - PR (Spectacular views of this very attractive woodcreeper.), CA, A*
Fasciated Antshrike (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*) - G, P, A*, MP
Barred Antshrike (*Thamnophilus doliatus*) - G, A
Western Slaty-Antshrike (*Thamnophilus atrinucha*) - daily
Checker-throated Antwren (*Epinecrophylla fulviventris*) - G, PR, A
White-flanked Antwren (*Myrmotherula axillaries*) - PR
Dot-winged Antwren (*Microrhophias quixensis*) - G, PR, A*, MP
Dusky Antbird (*Cercomacra tyrannina*) - G, PR, MP
Jet Antbird (*Cercomacra nigricans*)* - G* (It sang back, but just wouldn’t come in.)
White-bellied Antbird (*Myrmeciza longipes*) - PR, MP (Nice looks!)
Chestnut-backed Antbird (*Myrmeciza exsul*) - G, PR, A
Spotted Antbird (*Hylophylax naevioides*) - G, CA (The male is a real beauty!)
Bicolored Antbird (*Gymnopithys leucaspis*) - G*, PR (Nothing more than a fleeting glimpse this year. You need an army ant swarm to pin these guys down, and we couldn’t find one this trip.)
Black-faced Antthrush (*Formicarius analis*) - PR (Nice looks.)
Streak-chested Antpitta (*Hylopezus perspicillatus*) - PR (This one took some work, but we were rewarded with terrific views. Antpittas rock!) {Also known as “Spectacled Antpitta”.}
Brown-capped Tyrannulet (*Ornithion brunneicapillus*) - G, PR (Nice views of a bird that was unusually low.), A*, MP*
Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma obsoletum*) - A, MP
Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet (*Tyrannulus elatus*) - PR*, A, MP*
Forest Elaenia (*Myiopagis gaimardii*) - PR, MP

Gray Elaenia (*Myiopagis caniceps*) - PR (Pretty good looks at this canopy species.)
Greenish Elaenia (*Myiopagis viridicata*) - MP
Yellow-bellied Elaenia (*Elaenia flavogaster*) - A
Yellow-green Tyrannulet (*Phylloscartes flavovirens*) - MP (A Panamanian endemic!)
Paltry Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius vilissimus*) - G, PR, CA, A*
Black-capped Pygmy-Tyrant (*Myiornis atricapillus*) - PR (Nice studies of this little sprite!)
Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant (*Lophotriccus pileatus*)* - CA*
Southern Bentbill (*Oncostoma olivaceum*)* - G*, MP*, PR*, A*
Common Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum cinereum*) - A
Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum nigriceps*)* - G*, MP*
Olivaceous Flatbill (*Rhynchocyclus olivaceus*) - PR*, G
Yellow-olive Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens*) - MP
Yellow-margined Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias assimilis*)* - PR*
Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher (*Terenotriccus erythrurus*) - G, PR, MP
Acadian Flycatcher (*Empidonax virescens*) - PR*, A, MP
Black Phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*) - CA
Bright-rumped Attila (*Attila spadiceus*) - G*, PR*, A
Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*) -
Panama Flycatcher (*Myiarchus panamensis*) - G
Great Crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus crinitus*)* - PR*, G*
Lesser Kiskadee (*Pitangus lictor*) - A, PR
Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*) - G, PR, A
Boat-billed Flycatcher (*Megarynchus pitangua*) - A
Rusty-margined Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes cayanensis*) - G, PR
Social Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes similis*) - G, MP
Gray-capped Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes granadensis*) - A
Streaked Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes maculatus*) - G, A, MP
Piratic Flycatcher (*Legatus leucophaeus*) - G
Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) - everywhere
Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savanna*) - CA, A
Cinnamon Becard (*Pachyramphus cinnamomeus*) - PR
White-winged Becard (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*)* - MP
Masked Tityra (*Tityra semifasciata*) - G, PR, A
Blue Cotinga (*Cotinga nattererii*) - A (Good spotting by Leigh!)
Purple-throated Fruitcrow (*Querula purpurata*) - PR
Golden-collared Manakin (*Manacus vitellinus*) - G*, PR, A (Our visit to a lek of these stunning little birds was one of the trip highlights! Voted Bird of the Trip by the group.)
Lance-tailed Manakin (*Chiroxiphia lanceolata*) - MP, G*
Blue-crowned Manakin (*Pipra coronata*) - PR, CA
Red-capped Manakin (*Pipra mentalis*) - G (A gorgeous male.), PR*
Yellow-throated Vireo (*Vireo flavifrons*) - G
Yellow-green Vireo (*Vireo flavoviridis*) - G
Scrub Greenlet (*Hylophilus flavipes*) - G, MP
Golden-fronted Greenlet (*Hylophilus aurantiifrons*) - G, MP

Lesser Greenlet (*Hylophilus decurtatus*) - G, PR, CA, MP
Green Shrike-Vireo (*Vireolanius pulchellus*) - G, PR*, CA*, A*, MP* (Heard daily, but seen exceptionally well from the tower.)
Black-chested Jay (*Cyanocorax affinis*) - A
Gray-breasted Martin (*Progne chalybea*) - daily
Mangrove Swallow (*Tachycineta albilinea*) - G, PR, A (from the train)
Northern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*) - G, PR, A
Southern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*) - G, CA
White-headed Wren (*Campylorhynchus albobrunneus*) - A (Nice scope views of this often difficult bird.)
Black-bellied Wren (*Thryothorus fasciatoventris*) - G, PR
Bay Wren (*Thryothorus nigricapillus*) - CA, A
Rufous-breasted Wren (*Thryothorus rutilus*) - G, PR, MP
Rufous-and-white Wren (*Thryothorus rufalbus*) - MP
Buff-breasted Wren (*Thryothorus leucotis*) - G, A*
Plain Wren (*Thryothorus modestus*) - G*, A, MP
House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) - G, CA, A
White-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucosticta*)* - G*, PR*, CA*
Scaly-breasted Wren (*Microcerculus marginatus*)* - CA*
Long-billed Gnatwren (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*) - G*, PR*, A*, MP
Tropical Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila plumbea*) - G, MP, PR
Clay-colored Robin (*Turdus grayi*) - everywhere
Tropical Mockingbird (*Mimus gilvus*) - G, CA, A
Golden-winged Warbler (*Vermivora chrysoptera*) - PR (A female first spotted by José was a good bird in the Canal Zone. More expected in the mountains of western Panama.)
Tennessee Warbler (*Vermivora peregrina*) - G, PR
Yellow Warbler (*Dendroica petechia aestiva*) - G, MP (These are migrants that breed in the U.S. and Canada.)
Chestnut-sided Warbler (*Dendroica pensylvanica*) - G, PR, MP
Magnolia Warbler (*Dendroica magnolia*) - MP
Bay-breasted Warbler (*Dendroica castanea*) - G, PR, MP
Black-and-white Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*) - CA, A, G, MP
Northern Waterthrush (*Seiurus noveboracensis*) - G
Mourning Warbler (*Oporornis Philadelphia*) - A
Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*) - CA, A
Rosy Thrush-Tanager (*Rhodinocichla rosea*) - MP
Gray-headed Tanager (*Eucometis penicillata*) - PR (leaders only)
White-shouldered Tanager (*Tachyphonus luctuosus*) - G, PR, A, MP
White-lined Tanager (*Tachyphonus rufus*) - A
Red-crowned Ant-Tanager (*Habia rubica*) - MP
Red-throated Ant-Tanager (*Habia fuscicauda*) - PR
Hepatic Tanager (*Piranga flava*) - CA
Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*) - MP
Crimson-backed Tanager (*Ramphocelus dimidiatus*) - G, A
Flame-rumped Tanager (*Ramphocelus flammigerus*) - A (Subspecies *icteronotus*, the form found from Panama to southwest Ecuador, is often treated as a distinct species,

“Lemon-rumped Tanager”. There is apparently some intergradation between it and nominate *flammigerus* where the ranges of the two forms meet in Colombia. The AOU still treats them as conspecific on this basis, but this one seems ripe for a potential split.)

Blue-gray Tanager (*Thraupis episcopus*) - G, PR, A
Palm Tanager (*Thraupis palmarum*) - G, CA, A, PR
Plain-colored Tanager (*Tangara inornata*) - G, A, PR
Golden-hooded Tanager (*Tangara larvata*) - G, CA, A, MP
Blue Dacnis (*Dacnis cayana*) - daily
Green Honeycreeper (*Chlorophanes spiza*) - G, PR, CA
Red-legged Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*) - G, MP
Variable Seedeater (*Sporophila americana*) - G, CA, A, MP
Thick-billed Seed-Finch (*Oryzoborus funereus*) - A
Yellow-faced Grassquit (*Tiaris olivaceus*) - CA
Orange-billed Sparrow (*Arremon aurantirostris*) - A*, MP
Black-striped Sparrow (*Arremonops conirostris*) - G
Buff-throated Saltator (*Saltator maximus*) - G, A, MP
Black-headed Saltator (*Saltator atriceps*) - A
Slate-colored Grosbeak (*Saltator grossus*) - G
Blue-black Grosbeak (*Cyanocompsa cyanoides*) - G
Red-breasted Blackbird (*Sturnella militaris*) - A
Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*) - everywhere
Shiny Cowbird (*Molothrus bonariensis*) - A
Yellow-backed Oriole (*Icterus chrysater*) - PR*, A
Yellow-tailed Oriole (*Icterus mesomelas*) - G, A
Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*) - G
Yellow-billed Cacique (*Amblycercus holosericeus*) - G
Yellow-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus cela*) - G, PR, A
Scarlet-rumped Cacique (*Cacicus uropygialis*) - G, PR, A, MP
Crested Oropendola (*Psarocolius decumanus*) - A
Chestnut-headed Oropendola (*Psarocolius wagleri*) - PR, CA
Yellow-crowned Euphonia (*Euphonia luteicapilla*) - G, MP*
Thick-billed Euphonia (*Euphonia laniirostris*) - A, G
Fulvous-vented Euphonia (*Euphonia fulvicrissa*) - G, PR, A

Mammals:

Northern Tamandua (*Tamandua mexicana*) - PR
Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth (*Bradypus variegatus*) - A
Hoffmann's Two-toed Sloth (*Cholepus hoffmanni*) - G
Geoffroy's (Red-naped) Tamarin (*Saguinus geoffroyi*) - A, G
White-faced Capuchin (*Cebus capucinus*) - G, PR
Mantled Howler Monkey (*Alouatta pallidata*) - G, CA*, PR, A
Variiegated Squirrel (*Sciurus variegatoides*) - G, PR, MP
Red-tailed Squirrel (*Sciurus granatensis*) - PR, CA, A
Central American Agouti (*Dasyprocta punctata*) - G
White-nosed Coatimundi (*Nasua narica*) - G, MP

Common Opossum (*Didelphus marsupialis*) - G
Kinkajou (*Potos flavus*) - G (Exceptionally good views.)
Forest Rabbit (*Sylvilagus brasiliensis*) - G

Significant Others:

Slender Anole

American Crocodile

Iguana

Leaf mimic toad

And various butterflies, including several morpho species and Guatemalan Cleartip