

GRAND BELIZE

**CROOKED TREE, HIDDEN VALLEY, &
CHAN CHICH**

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We were nearing the conclusion of our very successful morning boat trip at Crooked Tree Lagoon and were heading back for lunch when Leonard, our boatman, suddenly pulled back on the motor. I was sure he must have spotted something, but he said nothing as we circled back a short distance and he tucked the boat in under the canopy of the forest edge. We had spent the better part of the last two hours searching for the highly-prized and rarely seen Agami Heron without luck. Unusually high waters had made this year's search more difficult than usual, and although the morning was filled with incredible highlights, we were still without an Agami. Suddenly a member of our group, Barbara, alerted us to a motionless bird amidst the branches and root tangles in a still pool of water at the river's edge. There, in full breeding plumage, with its wispy, powder-blue neck plumes, long head plumes, and its outrageously long bill, was a magnificent Agami Heron! Leonard had spotted it out of the corner of his eye in literally the last patch of trees before we hit the open lagoon. With some skillful maneuvering and patience, everyone was able to get a good look at this special bird. High fives and cheers filled the boat as we headed on to lunch. Not only had we experienced the thrill of the last-minute find of the Agami, but we had also seen several Bare-throated Tiger-Herons at ridiculously close range, comical Boat-billed Herons at 20 feet, magnificent Black-collared Hawks, perched Gray-headed Kite, two Great Black-Hawks, several Bat Falcons, Snail Kites, Lesser Yellow-headed Vultures, countless Limpkins, a good variety of kingfishers, and Yellow-tailed Orioles to name just a few. A wildly successful morning by any account!

Of course this was just one of many successful days on our recent Grand Belize tour. The Crooked Tree area also yielded an amazing Jabiru on a nest (with three babies!), an uncommon Aplomado Falcon, Gray-necked Wood-Rails, American Pygmy Kingfisher, Yellow-headed Parrot, Rufous-breasted Spinetail, and the regionally endemic Yucatan Woodpecker and Yucatan Jay—the latter in an impressive group of 22 birds that put on quite a show! Vermilion Flycatchers seemed to be on every fence post and Northern Jacanas in every small pool of water. This area is truly a birder's paradise.

An afternoon plane ride to Caye Caulker produced not only the spectacle of 15 (!) Rufous-necked Wood-Rails at one time, but also up-close views of Black Catbird, Yucatan Vireo, and Mangrove Warbler.

Our other two main destinations were Hidden Valley, located in the Mountain Pine Ridge region, and world renowned Chan Chich Lodge. At Hidden Valley we marveled at a stunning array of birds at the feeders just outside the dining room, including Yellow-tailed and Yellow-backed

orioles, Hepatic Tanager, Red-throated Ant-Tanager, Green and Brown jays, and Melodious Blackbird to name a few. The grounds of the lodge also yielded Golden-olive Woodpecker, Rufous-capped Warbler, Gray-crowned Yellowthroat, Rusty Sparrow, and Yellow-faced Grassquit. Short drives to spectacular Thousand Foot Falls and King Vulture Falls produced fantastic views of two very rare Orange-breasted Falcons, in addition to bathing King Vultures, White Hawk, Black-and-white Hawk-Eagles at a nest, Plain Wren, Golden-hooded Tanagers, and Black-headed Siskins. A roosting Stygian Owl (one of the hardest-to-see New World owls anywhere) provided the icing on the cake to our Hidden Valley stay.

The first four days of the trip would be a hard act to follow, but I knew Chan Chich Lodge and its surrounding seasonal rainforests would be up to the challenge. We had five full days to savor this incredibly rich area and we took full advantage of our time. Crested Guans and Ocellated Turkeys were common sights around our rooms. A cacophony of parrots (mostly Red-lored and Mealy) filled the lodge clearing every dawn and dusk. Keel-billed Toucans croaked from the nearby trees. Stripe-throated and Long-billed hermits buzzed about the garden *Heliconias*. Lineated and Pale-billed woodpeckers hammered away on dying trees. Montezuma Oropendolas continued their parade of going to and from the nest tree behind the bar with accompanying gurgling and acrobatic displaying. These were just some of the common sights right around our rooms. Other Chan Chich highlights included Ornate Hawk-Eagle on a nest, a pair of Black-and-white Hawk-Eagles right overhead for at least ten minutes, another Agami Heron, Pinnated Bittern, Great Curassow, Sungrebe, Northern Potoo at 20 feet, Blue-crowned and Tody motmots, Purple-crowned Fairies bathing in the creek, four species of trogons, Strong-billed Woodcreeper, White-whiskered and White-necked puffbirds, the wild Chestnut-colored Woodpecker, Red-capped and White-collared manakins, Barred Antshrike, Gray-throated Chat, and Rose-throated Tanager are just a small sampling of the highlights. All this and I haven't even mentioned perhaps the coolest experience of all—four ocelot sightings with everyone getting fabulous views of at least one!

I could go on and on about our great trip and this fabulous country. We tallied over 300 species of birds (including many of the most highly sought of all Central American species, and myriad colorful tropical birds), monkeys, wild cats, and stunning butterflies. This tour is a must experience for anyone with an interest in the Tropics!

Itinerary:

February 11 - arrival in Belize City

February 12 - land birding around Crooked Tree all morning; Northern Highway; afternoon flight to Caye Caulker (130 species; 130 total)

February 13 - boat trip to south lagoon and Spanish Creek at Crooked Tree in the morning; drive to Hidden Valley via Western Hwy (93 species; 157 total)

February 14 - Hidden Valley area all day including Thousand Foot Falls, King Vulture Falls and areas around the lodge (49 species; 179 total)

February 15 - brief morning walk around Hidden Valley; charter flights to Gallon Jug; afternoon birding at Chan chich Lodge down to suspension bridge (79 species; 213 total)

February 16 - lodge clearing, walk to suspension bridge, & Back Plaza in am; archeological tour (woodcreeper group); afternoon Logger's Trail (motmot group), Sac Be trail (woodcreeper group) (98 species; 244 total)

February 17 - Silvester Village & River trails (woodcreeper group); Xaxe Venic & Bajo trails (motmot group); afternoon to Gallon Jug; night walk (132 species; 275 total)

February 18 - morning drive to Cedar crossing & Laguna Seca; afternoon Sac Be Trail (motmots) or Logger's (woodcreepers); night drive (135 species; 291 total)

February 19 - Xaxe Venic & Bajo trails (woodcreepers) or Silvester Village & River trails (motmots); afternoon to Laguna Seca (120 species; 296 total)

February 20 - morning to escarpment; afternoon to Back Plaza, Temple Loop, and Logger's Trail or Silvester Village Road (116 species; 301 total)

February 21 - optional morning walk around lodge clearing; charter flight to Belize City; departures for home (303 total species)

Key:

H = Hidden Valley

C = Chan Chich and surrounding areas

T = Crooked Tree Sanctuary and surrounding areas

B = Belize City, Caye Caulker, and surrounding areas

bold-faced species indicate birds of rare, casual, or accidental occurrence or species rarely seen even though they occur regularly

underlined species indicate birds of very uncommon occurrence or species which occur regularly but in such low densities as to be easily missed

Birds:

Great Tinamou (*Tinamus major*) C---this species was actually **seen** by a few; normally heard only

Slaty-breasted Tinamou (*Tinamus boucardi*) C--- heard only as is often the case

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

Blue-winged Teal (*Anas discors*) T

Plain Chachalaca (*Ortalis vetula*) T,H,C

Crested Guan (*Penelope purpurascens*) C---superb views; our first spotted by Debbi; daily right around rooms!

Great Curassow (*Crax rubra*) C---a total of 8 seen!

Ocellated Turkey (*Meleagris ocellata*) C---very common right around the cabanas, including displaying males

Pied-billed Grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps*) T

Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) B

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) T---400 in a day

Double-crested Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax auritus*) B

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) T,C

Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*) B

Pinnated Bittern (*Botaurus pinnatus*) C---unexpected was one at Laguna Seca

Bare-throated Tiger-Heron (*Tigrisoma mexicanum*) T,C---exceptional views, especially on the boat trip at Crooked Tree; tied for second favorite bird of the tour

Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*) T,C---unusual was one along Chan Chich Creek

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*) T,B,C

Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*) T,B

Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*) T,B,C

Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*) T,B

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) T,B,C

Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*) T,C

Agami Heron T---nice views of one on our Crooked Tree boat trip at the last possible minute (thanks Leonard & Barbara); another even better view along the Logger's trail for motmot group; thoroughly and completely "punished"; voted the favorite bird of the tour

Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) T

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (*Nyctanassa violacea*) B,T,C

Boat-billed Heron (*Cochlearius cochlearius*) T---exceptional views of these comical birds

White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*) T,B

Roseate Spoonbill (*Platalea ajaja*) T---unusual were two at Crooked Tree

Jabiru (*Jabiru mycteria*) B,C---adult on nest (three babies) outside of Belize City was spectacular; mate was on nearby marsh; superb studies; another distantly at Laguna Seca was a real surprise; sometimes missed entirely

Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*) T

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) daily

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*) daily

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture (*Cathartes burrovianus*) T---about five on our boat trip

King Vulture (*Sarcoramphus papa*) H,C---a total of **32** seen including excellent scope views of perched birds at King Vulture Falls and wonderfully close flyovers

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) T,B---nest with young at Caye Caulker runway

Gray-headed Kite (*Leptodon cayanensis*) T,C---uncommon

Hook-billed Kite (*Chondrohierax uncinatus*) C---a very **rare black morph** for motmot group along Silvester Village Road and a female from escarpment; very uncommon

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*) H---just arriving migrants; two near King Vulture Falls

White-tailed Kite (*Elanus leucurus*) C

Snail Kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*) T---nice views, but unusually scarce this year with only five seen

Black-collared Hawk (*Busarellus nigricollis*) B,T---stunning!; an impressive six seen including one right next to the international airport!

White Hawk (*Leucopternis albicollis*) H,C---one at King Vulture Falls and five at Chan Chich, including one perched in open country at Gallon Jug from 40 feet away for over five minutes!!!

Common Black-Hawk (*Buteogallus anthracinus*) B---nice scope study at Belize Municipal airport

Great Black-Hawk (*Buteogallus urubitinga*) T,C---an impressive six total

Roadside Hawk (*Buteo magnirostris*) T,C---many great views

Gray Hawk (*Asturina nitida*) T,C

Short-tailed Hawk (*Buteo brachyurus*) C---oddly only two distant birds seen

White-tailed Hawk (*Buteo albicaudatus*) C---adult and immature at Gallon Jug where rare; thanks to Karen

Black-and-white Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus melanoleucus*) H,C---extremely distant views of pair at nest at King Vulture Falls; much better views of pair flying over the escarpment for about 15 minutes!; rare

Black Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus tyrannus*) C---overhead in display flight for woodcreeper group along Silvester Village Road

Ornate Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus ornatus*) C---perched adult for woodcreeper group along Silvester Village Road and nice scope views of female on nest for all near escarpment

Collared Forest-Falcon (*Micrastur semitorquatus*) C---heard only

Laughing Falcon (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*) H,C---nice scope studies

Merlin (*Falco columbarius*) BT---very uncommon

Apomado Falcon (*Falco femoralis*) T---great looks at one on road into Crooked Tree; rare

Bat Falcon (*Falco ruficularis*) T,C---nice studies from boat; seen/ heard daily at Chan Chich with a pair almost constantly around the lodge

Orange-breasted Falcon (*Falco deiroleucus*) H---prolonged, close scope study of one at King Vulture Falls; another more distant bird at 1000 Foot Falls; generally rare & local everywhere!

Ruddy Crake (*Laterallus ruber*) C---heard only, as is usually the case

Rufous-necked Wood-Rail (*Aramides axillaris*) B---a truly amazing sight with about 15 birds in view at once, some as close as 15 feet away!

Gray-necked Wood-Rail (*Aramides cajanea*) T---great views around the town

Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinica*) C---uncommon

Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*) C---uncommon

American Coot (*Fulica americana*) T---only three seen

Sungrebe (*Heliornis fulica*) C---one somewhat distant and shy bird at Laguna Seca seen well by all; always a treat!

Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) T---about ten

Black-bellied Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*) B

Semipalmated Plover (*Charadrius semipalmatus*) B

Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferus*) T,C

Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*) T---one

Northern Jacana (*Jacana spinosa*) T,C---wonderfully common

Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularia*) T,B,C

Solitary Sandpiper (*Tringa solitaria*) T---uncommon

Willet (*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*) B

Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*) B---nice views

Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*) B

Sanderling (*Calidris alba*) B
 Semipalmated Sandpiper (*Calidris pusilla*) B---early migrant
 Western Sandpiper (*Calidris mauri*) B
 Least Sandpiper (*Calidris minutilla*) T,B
Wilson's Snipe (*Gallinago delicata*) T---unexpected was one at Crooked Tree
 Laughing Gull (*Larus atricilla*) B
 Gull-billed Tern (*Sterna nilotica*) T
 Caspian Tern (*Sterna caspia*) T
 Royal Tern (*Sterna maxima*) B
 Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*) B---only a few seen
 Pale-vented Pigeon (*Patagioenas cayennensis*) T
 Scaled Pigeon (*Patagioenas speciosa*) H,C
White-crowned Pigeon (*Patagioenas leucocephala*) B---good views on Caye Caulker;
 uncommon this early
 Red-billed Pigeon (*Patagioenas flavirostris*) C---this species has become common right
 around the lodge at Chan Chich
 Short-billed Pigeon (*Patagioenas nigrirostris*) C--- nice studies
 White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*) B---only on Caye Caulker
 Ruddy Ground-Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*) T,C
 Blue Ground-Dove C---quick views for some at Chan Chich; uncommon
 White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*) T,H,C---heard more often than seen
 Gray-headed Dove (*Leptotila plumbeiceps*) C---seen well by some
 Ruddy Quail-Dove (*Geotrygon montana*) C---good views for some
 Olive-throated Parakeet (*Aratinga nana*) T,C---subspecies *astec*
 White-crowned Parrot (*Pionus senilis*) H,C---our first thanks to Wayne
 White-fronted Parrot (*Amazona albifrons*) T,C
Yellow-lored Parrot (*Amazona xantholora*) C---pair seen briefly and into poor light along
 Xaxe Venic; very uncommon
 Red-lored Parrot (*Amazona autumnalis*) T,H,C---daily; abundant at Chan Chich
 Mealy Parrot (*Amazona farinosa*) C---more numerous than usual
Yellow-headed Parrot (*Amazona oratrix*) T---a nice bonus!
 Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*) T,C---subspecies *thermophila*
 Groove-billed Ani (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*) T,C
 Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*) C
Central American Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium griseiceps*) C---heard only
 Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum*) H---surprisingly this species was also
 heard only
Stygian Owl (*Asio stygius*) H---roosting bird near Hidden Valley from about 100 feet thanks
 to Rick; rarely seen anywhere
 Common Pauraque (*Nyctidromus albicollis*) C---wonderful views right next to Cabana 2
Northern Potoo (*Nyctibius jamaicensis*) C---best views ever from about 20 feet
 White-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne zonaris*) H---big flock over King Vulture Falls
Chestnut-collared Swift (*Cypseloides natterii*) H---flock of about 16 birds over Hidden
 Valley parking in perfect late afternoon light represented one of only a handful of country
 records ever!
 Vaux's Swift (*Chaetura vauxi*) C

Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift (*Panyptila cayennensis*) C
 Long-billed Hermit (*Phaethornis longirostris*) C---formerly Western Long-tailed Hermit; a daily sighting around Chan Chich
 Stripe-throated Hermit (*Phaethornis striigularis*) C---formerly Little Hermit
 Scaly-breasted Hummingbird (*Phaeochroa cuvierii*) C---nice scope study
 White-necked Jacobin (*Florisuga mellivora*) C---stunning
 Green-breasted Mango (*Anthracothorax prevostii*) T,C----especially nice scope views of male in Gallon Jug
 White-bellied Emerald (*Agyrtria candida*) C---more numerous than usual
 Azure-crowned Hummingbird (*Amazilia cyanocephala*) H---common at the lodge feeders
 Rufous-tailed Hummingbird (*Amazilia tzacatl*) T,C---the most common hummer in the area; interesting studies of female feeding a young bird on the ground
 Cinnamon Hummingbird (*Amazilia rutila*) B---seen by some around our hotel
 Purple-crowned Fairy (*Heliophryx barroti*) C---amazing bathing display for the motmot group along the creek; several seen well; tied for second favorite bird of the tour
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*) T
 Black-headed Trogon (*Trogon melanocephalus*) T,C
 Violaceous Trogon (*Trogon violaceus*) C---many nice views
Collared Trogon (*Trogon collaris*) C---female at Laguna Seca was a treat; very uncommon
 Slaty-tailed Trogon (*Trogon massena*) C---many excellent views
Tody Motmot (*Hylomanes momotula*) C---great views on the last afternoon, after much effort, of this uncommon species
 Blue-crowned Motmot (*Momotus momota*) H---nice scope study thanks to Bill; *lessonii*
 Ringed Kingfisher (*Ceryle torquata*) T,C
 Belted Kingfisher (*Ceryle alcyon*) T,B,C
 Green Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle americana*) T,H,C---fantastic views
American Pygmy Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle aenea*) T---always a treat!
White-necked Puffbird (*Notharchus macrorhynchos*) C---very uncommon; thanks to Raul
White-whiskered Puffbird (*Malacoptila panamensis*) C---a somewhat surprising total of seven seen
 Rufous-tailed Jacamar (*Galbula ruficauda*) C---always spectacular
 Collared Aracari (*Pteroglossus torquatus*) C---many good views
 Keel-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos sulfuratus*) C--- the essence of the tropics!
 Acorn Woodpecker (*Melanerpes formicivorus*) T,H---southern race *lineatus*
 Black-cheeked Woodpecker (*Melanerpes pucherani*) C
Yucatan (Red-vented) Woodpecker (*Melanerpes pygmaeus*) T---wonderful study; subspecies *rubricomus*
 Golden-fronted Woodpecker (*Melanerpes aurifrons*) B,C---subspecies *dubius*; especially noteworthy was pair at Silvester Village where I have never seen them
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus varius*) B,H,C---uncommon winterer
 Smoky-brown Woodpecker (*Veniliornis fumigatus*) C---not seen by all
 Golden-olive Woodpecker (*Piculus rubiginosus*) H---best study ever!
 Chestnut-colored Woodpecker (*Ceelus castaneus*) C---great views for all of this spectacular woodpecker
 Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*) H,C

Pale-billed Woodpecker (*Campephilus guatemalensis*) C---spectacular; more common than usual with 13 seen
 Rufous-breasted Spinetail (*Synallaxis erythrothorax*) T
 Plain Xenops (*Xenops minutus*) C
 Tawny-winged Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla anabatina*) C---not seen by all
Ruddy Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla homochroa*) C---ditto
 Olivaceous Woodcreeper (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*) C---the most common woodcreeper in this area
Strong-billed Woodcreeper (*Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus*) C---excellent close views of pair right in lodge clearing; very uncommon
 Northern Barred Woodcreeper (*Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae*) C---by some during archeological tour and by motmot group along the Sac Be trail
 Ivory-billed Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus flavigaster*) C
 Streak-headed Woodcreeper T---uncommon
 Barred Antshrike (*Thamnophilus doliatus*) C---fantastic looks at this comical species; tied for second favorite bird of the tour
Plain Antvireo C---the last afternoon; uncommon
 Dot-winged Antwren (*Microrhoppias quixensis*) C---close studies for both groups
 Dusky Antbird (*Cercomacra tyrannina*) C
 Yellow-bellied Tyrannulet (*Ornithon semiflavum*) C---nice views at the escarpment
 Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet T---heard only
 Greenish Elaenia (*Myiopagis viridicata*) C
 Yellow-bellied Elaenia (*Elaenia martinica*) H,C
 Ochre-bellied Flycatcher (*Mionectes oleagineus*) H,C
 Sepia-capped Flycatcher (*Leptopogon amaurocephalus*) C---uncommon; not seen by all
 Northern Bentbill (*Oncostoma cinereigulare*) C---heard only
 Common Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum cinerum*) T
 Eye-ringed Flatbill (*Rhynchocyclus brevirostris*) C
 Yellow-olive Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens*) C---heard only
 Stub-tailed Spadebill (*Platyrinchus canrominus*) C---actually seen well by both groups (often just heard)
 Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher (*Terentriacus erythrurus*) C
 Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher (*Myiobius sulphureipygius*) C---especially well at bathing pools
 Tropical Pewee (*Contopus cinereus*) T
 Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (*Empidonax flaviventris*) C---heard only
 Least Flycatcher (*Empidonax minimus*) T,H,C
 Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*) T---up to 30 in one day!
 Bright-rumped Attila (*Attila spadiceus*) C---good studies; subspecies *gaumeri* for woodcreeper group
 Rufous Mourner (*Rhytipterna holerythra*) C---scope views
Yucatan Flycatcher (*Myiarchus yucatanensis*) C---seen well by all
 Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*) T,C---subspecies *lawrencei*
 Great Crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus crinitus*) C
 Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*) T,B,H
 Social Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes similis*) T,B,H,C---common; seen daily
 Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) T,B,H,C

Couch's Kingbird (*Tyrannus couchii*) C---many of the kingbirds heard around Chan Chich were of this species

Western Kingbird (*Tyrannus verticalis*) B---seen by a few in with large Scissor-tailed Flycatcher roost; stakeout that represents one of very few county records

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*) B,C---over 120 in hotel area roost!

Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savana*) T,C---spectacular

Thrush-like Schiffornis (*Schiffornis turdinus*) C---punished by all

Rufous Piha (*Lipaugus unirufus*) C---seen mostly in flight by motmots

Cinnamon Becard (*Pachyramphus*) C---uncommon

Rose-throated Becard (*Pachyramphus aglaiae*) T---uncommon though we had a surprising four in one day; subspecies *sumichrasti*

Masked Tityra (*Tityra semifasciata*) C---Wayne's bird?

White-collared Manakin (*Manacus candei*) C---finally an adult male seen the last morning; oddly scarce this trip

Red-capped Manakin (*Pipra mentalis*) C---stunning males seen several places

White-eyed Vireo (*Vireo griseus*) T,H,C

Mangrove Vireo (*Vireo pallens*) T,C---best from the boat

Yellow-throated Vireo (*Vireo flavifrons*) C---best on the night drive!

Yucatan Vireo (*Vireo magister*) B---up close on Caye Caulker

Tawny-crowned Greenlet (*Hylophilus ochraceiceps*) C

Lesser Greenlet (*Hylophilus decurtatus*) C

Green Shrike-Vireo (*Vireolanius pulchellus*) C---mostly heard, but actually seen well by motmots along the Xaxe Venic trail

Green Jay (*Cyanocorax yncas*) H---common around Hidden Valley; the yellow-eyed race *maya*

Brown Jay (*Cyanocorax morio*) T,H,C---daily; the southern race *fulginosus*

Yucatan Jay (*Cyanocorax yucatanensis*) T---perhaps the best views ever of this often difficult and shy species

Purple Martin (*Progne subis*) C

Gray-breasted Martin (*Progne chalybea*) T,C

Tree Swallow (*Tachycineta bicolor*) T

Mangrove Swallow (*Tachycineta albilinea*) T,C

Northern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*) T,C

Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) C---our last new bird at the airstrip

Spot-breasted Wren (*Thryothorus maculipectus*) T,C---extraordinary views of this skulker at Crooked Tree

Plain Wren (*Thryothorus modestus*) H---localized

House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) C---the "Southern" House Wren of some authors (*T.musculus*)

White-bellied Wren (*Uropsila leucogastra*) C---nice views of another skulker

White-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucosticta*) C---finally, good views for all

Long-billed Gnatwren (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*) C

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila caerulea*) T,H,C

Tropical Gnatcatcher (*Poioptila plumbea*) C

Wood Thrush (*Hylocichla mustelina*) T,C---numbers seemed up this year for first time in awhile

Clay-colored Thrush (*Turdus grayi*) T,H,C---subspecies *grayi*
 White-throated Thrush (*Turdus assimilis*) C---the southern race *leucauchen*
 Gray Catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*) T,H,C
 Black Catbird (*Melanoptila glabrirostris*) B---great views on Caye Caulker
 Tropical Mockingbird (*Mimus gilvus*) T,B
Blue-winged Warbler (*Vermivora pinus*) T,C---three seen; very uncommon
Golden-winged Warbler (*Vermivora chrysoptera*) C---by a few only
 Tennessee Warbler (*Vermivora peregrina*) C
 Northern Parula (*Parula americana*) C---one at Chan Chich where uncommon
 Yellow Warbler (*Dendroica petechia*) B,T,C---including the stunning “Mangrove” Warblers on Caye Caulker
 Chestnut-sided Warbler (*Dendroica pensylvanica*) C
 Magnolia Warbler (*Dendroica magnolia*) T,H,C---daily
 Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Dendroica coronata*) T---Myrtle types
 Black-throated Green Warbler (*Dendroica virens*) H,C
 Yellow-throated Warbler (*Dendroica dominica*) T,H,C
 Grace’s Warbler (*Dendroica graciae*) T,H---great studies
 Black-and-white Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*) T,B,H,C
 American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*) T,B,H,C
 Prothonotary Warbler (*Protonotaria citrea*) T---close, prolonged study from the boat
 Worm-eating Warbler (*Helmitheros vermivorus*) C
 Ovenbird (*Seiurus aurocapilla*) B,C---more numerous than in recent years
 Northern Waterthrush (*Seiurus noveboracensis*) T,B,C
 Louisiana Waterthrush (*Seiurus motacilla*) C---more numerous than Northerns this year at Chan Chich
 Kentucky Warbler (*Oporornis formosus*) C---superb views at bathing pools
 Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*) T,C
 Gray-crowned Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis poliocephala*) H---great scope views
 Hooded Warbler (*Wilsonia citrina*) C---numbers way up from recent years with at least a dozen birds seen
 Wilson’s Warbler (*Wilsonia pusilla*) C---by some
 Golden-crowned Warbler (*Basileuterus culicivorus*) C---several nice encounters
 Rufous-capped Warbler (*Basileuterus rufifrons*) H
 Yellow-breasted Chat (*Icteria virens*) T---only one this year
Gray-throated Chat (*Granatellus sallaei*) C---great views of this regional specialty
Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*) B---uncommon
 Gray-headed Tanager (*Eucometis penicillata*) C
 Black-throated Shrike-Tanager (*Lanio auranitus*) C---the flock leader; several great views
 Red-crowned Ant-Tanager (*Habia rubica*) C
 Red-throated Ant-Tanager (*Habia fuscicauda*) H,C
Rose-throated Tanager (*Piranga roseogularis*) C---another regional specialty; seen very well by woodcreepers in the bajo forest
 Hepatic Tanager (*Piranga flava*) H---the southern race *figlina*
 Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*) T,C
 Blue-gray Tanager (*Thraupis episcopus*) T,C
 Yellow-winged Tanager (*Thraupis abbas*) C---much scarcer than usual; not seen by all

Golden-hooded Tanager (*Tangara larvata*) H---pair at 1000 Foot Falls were our only ones
Green Honeycreeper (*Chlorophanes spiza*) C---uncommon
 Red-legged Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*) C---stunning!
 Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina*) T,C
 White-collared Seedeater (*Sporophila torqueola*) T,B,H,C---daily; *moreletti*
 Yellow-faced Grassquit (*Tiaris olivacea*) H
 Green-backed Sparrow (*Arremonops chloronotus*) C---a skulky one near Cedar crossing for all and a cooperative one for the motmots along the Silvester Village Road
 Rusty Sparrow (*Aimophila rufescens*) H---big, hulking *Aimophila*, some might say burly; subspecies *pyrgatoides*
 Chipping Sparrow (*Spizella passerina*) T
 Black-headed Saltator (*Saltator atriceps*) H,C
 Black-faced Grosbeak (*Caryothraustes poliogaster*) C
 Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*) T
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*) B---in fruiting ficus on Caye Caulker
 Blue-black Grosbeak (*Cyanocompsa cyanoides*) C
Blue Bunting (*Cyanocompsa parcellina*) C---by motmot group in the short forest
Blue Grosbeak (*Passerina caerulea*) C
 Indigo Bunting (*Passerina cyanea*) C---scarce this year
 Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*) B,T
 Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*) C---a recent invader to Gallon Jug
 Melodious Blackbird (*Dives dives*) B,T,H,C---seen daily
 Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*) B,T,H,C
 Bronzed Cowbird (*Molothrus aeneus*) C
 Giant Cowbird (*Molothrus oryzivorus*) C
 Black-cowled Oriole (*Icterus prothemelas*) T,C
 Orchard Oriole (*Icterus spurius*) T,C
 Hooded Oriole (*Icterus cucullatus*) B,T
 Yellow-backed Oriole (*Icterus chrysater*) H---superb views
 Yellow-tailed Oriole (*Icterus mesomelas*) T,H---ditto
 Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*) T,C
 Yellow-billed Cacicque (*Amblycercus holosericeus*) T---heard only
 Montezuma Oropendola (*Gymnostinops montezuma*) C---large nesting colony behind the bar at Chan Chich
 Scrub Euphonia (*Euphonia affinis*) C---uncommon
 Yellow-throated Euphonia (*Euphonia hirundinacea*) C
 Olive-backed Euphonia (*Euphonia gouldi*) H,C
 Black-headed Siskin (*Carduelis notata*) H

total species - 303 (a new tour record)

Leader only birds:

Thicket Tinamou---by BM along Silvester Village Road
 Ring-billed Gull---both BM & BZ at municipal airport

Black-faced (Mexican) Antthrush---heard only by BZ during run
Slate-headed Tody-Flycatcher---by BM

Mammals:

Central American Spider Monkey---repeated, excellent views
Mexican Black Howler Monkey---one of the great sounds of Central America; great views
White-nosed Coati---one lone male on our night drive
Kinkajou---one on our nightwalk briefly
Gray Fox
Deppe's Squirrel
Yucatan Squirrel---Crooked Tree
Central American Agouti
Ocelot---an amazing **four sightings** with superb views on both our night walk and night drive;
only seen about 35% of the trips
White-tailed Deer
Manatee---leader only from plane
various bat species left unidentified (one of which was possibly Great Fruit-eating Bat)

total species - 12+

Reptiles & Amphibians:

Striped Basilisk
Spiny-tailed (Black) Iguana
Green Iguana
Brown Anole
anole species
Mediterranean or House Gecko
Turniptail Gecko
Mussurana---big snake at Crooked Tree
Coral Snake
Yucatan Whiptail
Gulf Coast Toad
Marine Toad
Common Slider
Morelet's Crocodile

total species - 14

Butterflies:

Red-sided Swallowtail
Giant or Thoas Swallowtail
Black Swallowtail
Cloudless Sulphur

Large Orange Sulphur
Yellow Angled Sulphur
small unidentified yellow sulphur with dark borders (not Dainty)
Great Southern White
Florida White
Julia
Banded Peacock
White Peacock
Monarch
Queen
Ceraunus Blue
gemmed-satyr species (genus Cyllopsis)
satyr species (genus Cissia)
White Satyr
patch species
crescent/ checkerspot species
Zebra Longwing (Heliconian)
Erato Heliconian
Dark Purplewing
Mexican Cycadian
Mexican Fritillary
Ruddy Daggerwing
Gray Cracker
Yellow-bordered Owl Butterfly---scope views
Tropical Checkered Skipper
unidentified long tailed skipper species
plus many others left unidentified

total species - 30+

Significant others:

Wet Indian Curry Lamb
Cashew Wine
Mangrove Crab
Hermit Crab
Bullhorn Acacia Ant
army ants
leafcutter ants
tarantula
woodcreeper & motmot dances, songs, & anthems