

# **PANAMA: FALL AT EL VALLE'S CANOPY LODGE**

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The scene upon arriving at the Canopy Lodge for the first time is one not soon forgotten, and this year was certainly no different. Four tray feeders scattered about the garden and adjacent to the dining room were literally swarming with birds. Powder-blue Blue-gray Tanagers were perhaps the most common visitors (we had 35 in view at once!), followed closely by Clay-colored Thrushes. A burst of velvety-crimson revealed the presence of a pair of resplendent Crimson-backed Tanagers which immediately drew a chorus of oohs and aahs from the crowd. Very quickly a small flock of Red-crowned Ant-Tanagers ventured out of the forest to one of the feeders. A Chestnut-headed Oropendola swooped in, and then came a troop of Dusky-faced Tanagers, followed by a Red-legged Honeycreeper, a Buff-throated Saltator, and a Black-striped Sparrow. Where to look next? A stunning male Flame-rumped Tanager demanded our attention, only to be ignored seconds later when the real show-stopper, a Rufous Motmot, arrived with a flourish. The incredible combination of emerald, rufous, violet, and black of this bird is truly breathtaking. A Snowy-bellied Hummingbird buzzed about the garden, at one point chasing a Bananaquit who dared to feed from "his" flowers. Tennessee Warblers hit the feeders and were followed by a pair of Red-crowned Woodpeckers. Someone spotted an Amazon Kingfisher across the garden perched over a small pond visible from the dining area. A noisy group of Black-chested Jays wandered through the nearby *Cecropias*. We tried to pause and catch our breath, but quickly a line of migrating raptors was seen overhead—Swainson's Hawks and Turkey Vultures heading to South America with the odd Broad-winged thrown in. My co-leader Danilo spied another raptor soaring over the peak to our east—a Black Hawk-Eagle! We had been at the Canopy Lodge for 30 minutes. It seemed we had found paradise.

In one action-packed week we scoured the foothills and Pacific lowlands in the vicinity of El Valle and the Canopy Lodge, tallying an impressive 235 species of birds. Although it was hard to tear ourselves away from the lodge feeders and grounds, other areas beckoned. Along the road above the lodge on our first afternoon we added such gems as Purple-crowned Fairy (one of 21 hummingbird species for the tour), Spot-crowned Barbet, Emerald Toucanet, Keel-billed Toucan, and Bay Wren. That night following dinner a Tropical Screech-Owl sat right next to the dining area about ten feet off the ground for over ten minutes. We had frame-filling scope views and even watched him catch and devour a giant katydid!

The next day at La Mesa, a slightly higher elevation just a few miles away, we saw Orange-bellied Trogon, Band-tailed Barbthroat, Spotted Woodcreeper, Plain and Spot-crowned ant-vireos, Slaty Antwren, Dull-mantled and Chestnut-backed antbirds, and Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch among others. The nearby Cerro Gaital trail yielded Green-

crowned Brilliant, Tawny-faced Gnatwren, Thrush-like Schiffornis, Pale-vented and White-throated thrushes, and a crowd-pleasing three-toed sloth.

An even higher locale known as Los Altos del Maria produced perhaps our best day overall. Topping the list was a very rarely seen silky anteater less than 20 feet away! Bird highlights were not far behind with White Hawk, a Snowcap, a Black-crowned Antpitta hopping on a dead log, several Bicolored Antbirds and a pair of Gray-breasted Wood-Wrens at an ant swarm that gave us spectacularly close views, Rufous-browed Tyrannulet, Red-faced Spinetail, Song Wren, and Black-and-yellow and Bay-headed tanagers (among 22 tanager species seen).

Drier forests near the town of El Valle also proved productive with Tody and Blue-crowned motmots (we would have four motmot species for the tour), Golden-collared Manakin, and our rarest bird of the trip, a Rose-throated Becard (providing the easternmost record ever for this species!). We also enjoyed two close two-toed sloths here. We visited the Pacific lowlands near El Chiru and Santa Clara where highlights included 1,000+ Blue-footed Boobies, Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl in the scope for 15 minutes, Straight-billed Woodcreeper, Veraguan Mango, Brown-throated Parakeet, and Rufous-browed Peppershrike.

On our final day we headed for the Canal Zone and a brief visit to the Canopy Tower. King Vulture, a pair of White Hawks, White-whiskered Puffbird, and a troop of mantled howler monkeys topped the list. We concluded with a visit to the Miraflores Locks and Visitor Center which provided a fitting ending to our journey.

### **Itinerary:**

November 7 – arrivals in Panama City

November 8 – drive from Panama City to El Valle with arrival at the Canopy Lodge around 10:30 am; birding on grounds of Canopy Lodge and up to Canopy Adventure (79 species)

November 9 – La Mesa , Cariguana (Cara iguana) Trail (94 species; 129 total)

November 10 – La Mesa, Cerro Gaital & Las Mozas (110 species; 159 total)

November 11 – Los Altos del Maria (92 species; 180 total)

November 12 – El Chiru, Santa Clara, Juan Hombron (83 species; 210 total)

November 13 – lodge feeders & grounds, drive to Canopy Tower, Canopy Tower and Semaphore Hill, Miraflores Locks (82 species; 235 total species)

November 14 – departures for home

## Key:

Underlined species represent birds of very uncommon occurrence or species that occur regularly but in such low densities as to be easily missed

**Bold-faced species** indicate birds of rare, casual, or accidental occurrence

## Birds:

Great Tinamou (*Tinamus major*) heard only on Semaphore Hill  
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) two at Juan Hombron  
Gray-headed Chachalaca (*Ortalis cinereiceps*) a few on La Mesa  
Crested Bobwhite (*Colinus cristatus*) heard only near El Chiru  
Blue-footed Booby (*Sula nebouxii*) over a thousand near Santa Clara  
Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*)  
Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)  
Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*) 300+ around Santa Clara & Juan Hombron  
Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*) one at Miraflores Locks  
Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)  
Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*)  
Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*)  
Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)  
Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*) spotted by Gary at Juan Hombron  
Wood Stork (*Mycteria Americana*) flock of 44 over the locks  
Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) daily in numbers  
Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*)  
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture (*Cathartes burrovianus*) a couple around Juan Hombron  
King Vulture (*Sarcoramphus papa*) two from the Canopy Tower  
Osprey (*Pandion halietus*)  
**Sharp-shinned Hawk** (*Accipiter striatus*) a somewhat rare find this far south  
White Hawk (*Leucopternis albicollis*) a total of five seen; always stunning!  
Great Black-Hawk (*Buteogallus urubitinga*) spotted by Gary over the Tower  
Savannah Hawk (*Buteogallus meridionalis*) El Chiru  
Roadside Hawk (*Buteo magnirostris*) our first one thanks to Tom  
Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*) a few migrants  
Short-tailed Hawk (*Buteo brachyurus*) six total  
Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*) flight of about 350 over the Lodge our first afternoon  
Zone-tailed Hawk (*Buteo albonotatus*) one over our picnic at Los Altos  
Black Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus tyrannus*) sailing over the peak above the Lodge  
Crested Caracara (*Caracara cheriway*) El Chiru & Pan-American Hwy.  
Yellow-headed Caracara (*Milvago chimachima*)  
American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*)  
Merlin (*Falco columbarius*) one over the Mercado for some

Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) over the Canopy Tower  
Gray-necked Wood-Rail (*Aramides cajanea*) seen very well on La Mesa and by some near the Lodge  
Southern Lapwing (*Vanellus chilensis*) a few almost daily  
Wattled Jacana (*Jacana jacana*) about 12 at Juan Hombron  
Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularius*)  
Solitary Sandpiper (*Tringa solitaria*) one at Juan Hombron  
Willet (*Tringa semipalmata*) beaches of Santa Clara  
Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*) beaches of Santa Clara  
Sanderling (*Calidris alba*) ditto  
Laughing Gull (*Larus atricilla*)  
Royal Tern (*Thalasseus maxima*)  
Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*)  
Pale-vented Pigeon (*Patagioenas cayennensis*) seen best at hotel in Panama City  
Plain-breasted Ground-Dove (*Columbina minuta*) pair at El Chiru  
Ruddy Ground-Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*) seen daily  
White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*) daily  
Brown-throated Parakeet (*Aratinga pertinax*) scope studies of close pair at El Chiru, plus a few others in Pacific lowlands  
Orange-chinned Parakeet (*Brotogeris jugularis*)  
Brown-hooded Parrot (*Pionopsitta haematotis*) heard only by most on Los Altos  
Blue-headed Parrot (*Pionus menstruus*)  
Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*) several good views of this striking species  
Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*) seen mostly around La Mesa  
Groove-billed Ani (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*) El Chiru  
Tropical Screech-Owl (*Megascops choliba*) prolonged views of bird right outside my room after dinner from about fifteen feet!; several even watched it catch and eat a large katydid; voted the favorite bird of the tour!  
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum*) spotted by Bob at El Chiru; we finally walked away from this bird!  
White-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne zonaris*) flocks over the Lodge & Los Altos  
Chimney Swift (*Chaetura pelagica*) Canopy Tower  
Band-rumped Swift (*Chaetura spinicaudus*) by some at the Tower  
Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift (*Panyptila cayennensis*) two low down over the Tower  
Band-tailed Barbthroat (*Threnetes ruckeri*) one at the heliconia blossom for the sicklebill watchers  
Green Hermit (*Phaethornis guy*)  
Long-billed Hermit (*Phaethornis longirostris*) one each at La Mesa & Canopy Tower  
Stripe-throated Hermit (*Phaethornis striigularis*) prolonged scope views of perched bird on Los Altos, plus a few others  
**White-tipped Sicklebill** (*Eutoxeres aquila*) unfortunately seen only by Danilo & Christina  
White-necked Jacobin (*Florisuga mellivora*) Canopy Tower; hummingbird species #100 for Paul!  
Veraguan Mango (*Anthracothorax veraguensis*) at blooming erythrina tree at Juan Hombron; a Panamanian endemic

Violet-headed Hummingbird (*Klais guimeti*) at the lodge our last morning  
Green Thorntail (*Discosura conversii*) male seen only by Danilo & Me the first afternoon and presumably the same individual seen by Amy & Tom the last morning; very uncommon  
 Garden Emerald (*Chlorostilbon assimilis*) four total  
 Violet-crowned Woodnymph (*Thalurania colombica*) especially nice was a male on the Cerro Gaital trail at about six feet!  
 Violet-bellied Hummingbird (*Damophila julie*) a few at the Canopy Tower feeders  
 Sapphire-throated Hummingbird (*Lepidopyga coeruleogularis*) about a half dozen around El Chiru including one particularly cooperative male that posed for pictures  
 Blue-chested Hummingbird (*Amazilia amabilis*) Canopy Tower feeders  
 Snowy-bellied Hummingbird (*Amazilia Edward*) almost always one around the Lodge  
 Rufous-tailed Hummingbird (*Amazilia tzacatl*) common & widespread  
Snowcap (*Microchera albocoronata*) one female on Los Altos  
 White-vented Plumleteer (*Chalybura buffonii*) best at the Tower feeders  
 Bronze-tailed Plumleteer (*Chalybura urochrysa*) one seen perched by the sicklebill vigil group  
Green-crowned Brilliant (*Heliodoxa jacula*) male & female on the Cerro Gaital trail; scope views  
 Purple-crowned Fairy (*Heliostyris barroti*) Canopy Adventure and in lodge garden; one of the most stunning hummingbirds anywhere  
 Orange-bellied Trogon (*Trogon aurantiiventris*) scope views on La Mesa & Los Altos  
Tody Motmot (*Hylomanes momotula*) two along the Cariguana Trail; always tough  
 Blue-crowned Motmot (*Momotus momota*) four total  
 Rufous Motmot (*Baryphthengus martii*) a regular (and spectacular) visitor to the lodge feeders!  
 Broad-billed Motmot (*Electron platyrhynchum*) completing our “motmot slam” the last day on Semaphore Hill  
 Ringed Kingfisher (*Ceryle torquatus*) Miraflores Locks  
 Amazon Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle amazona*) one frequently around the Lodge pond  
White-whiskered Puffbird (*Malacoptila panamensis*) a pair on Semaphore Hill at very close range  
**Spot-crowned Barbet** (*Capito maculicoronatus*) a surprise find (thanks to David) were three barbets at a fruiting tree just above the Lodge  
Emerald Toucanet (*Aulacorhynchus prasinus*) good views of four total; likely to be split into the Blue-throated Toucanet (*A. caeruleogularis*)  
 Collared Aracari (*Pteroglossus torquatus*)  
 Keel-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos sulfuratus*) a few almost daily  
 Red-crowned Woodpecker (*Melanerpes rubricapillus*) seen daily; a regular feeder visitor at the Lodge  
 Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*) five total  
Red-faced Spinetail (*Cranioleuca erythroptera*) one on Los Altos; uncommon  
Spotted Barbtail (*Premnoplex brunnescens*) heard only on Los Altos  
 Plain Xenops (*Xenops minutus*)  
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*) La Mesa; uncommon

Northern Barred Woodcreeper (*Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae*) one at the Los Altos ant swarm

Straight-billed Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus picus*) pair at Juan Hombron were a real treat

Cocoa Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus susurrans*)

Spotted Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus erythropygius*) ten total

Fasciated Antshrike (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*) heard only

Barred Antshrike (*Thamnophilus doliatus*) fantastic views on a few occasions; voted the second favorite bird of the tour!

Western Slaty-Antshrike (*Thamnophilus atrinucha*) heard only below Canopy Tower

Plain Antvireo (*Dysithamnus mentalis*) pair on La Mesa; uncommon

Spot-crowned Antvireo (*Dysithamnus puncticeps*) one at La Mesa; uncommon

Checker-throated Antwren (*Epinecrophylla fulviventris*) one each at La Mesa and Semaphore Hill

Slaty Antwren (*Myrmotherula schisticolor*) three on La Mesa; uncommon

Dot-winged Antwren (*Microrhopias quixensis*) four on Semaphore Hill

White-bellied Antbird (*Myrmeciza longipes*) heard only at Cariguana & Las Mozas

Chestnut-backed Antbird (*Myrmeciza exsul*) great views on La Mesa & Cerro Gaital

Dull-mantled Antbird (*Myrmeciza laemosticta*) stunning views of this uncommon and local species on La Mesa and Los Altos

Bicolored Antbird (*Gymnopithys leucaspis*) several very close at the Los Altos ant swarm

Black-faced Antthrush (*Formicarius analis*) heard only as is often the case

Streak-chested Antpitta (*Hylopezus perspicillatus*) seen by Danilo & Tom and heard painfully close by the rest of us

Black-crowned Antpitta (*Pittasoma michleri*) after some effort we had good looks for almost everyone on Los Altos; always a highlight

Brown-capped Tyrannulet (*Ornithion brunneicapillus*) Canopy Tower

Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)

Mouse-colored Tyrannulet (*Phaeomyias murina*) one briefly by some from the bus at Juan Hombron

Yellow Tyrannulet (*Capsiempis flaveola*) good views on the way up to Los Altos

Yellow-bellied Elaenia (*Elaenia flavogaster*)

Olive-striped Flycatcher (*Mionectes olivaceus*)

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher (*Mionectes oleagineus*)

Sepia-capped Flycatcher (*Leptopogon amaurocephalus*) La Mesa

Rufous-browed Tyrannulet (*Phylloscartes superciliaris*) one on Los Altos late in the afternoon; very uncommon

Paltry Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius vilissimus*) one or two most days

Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant (*Lophotriccus pileatus*) good views on Cerro Gaital

Common Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum cinereum*)

Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher (*Terenotriccus erythrus*) Semaphore Hill

Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher (*Myiobius sulphureipygius*) La Mesa

Tufted Flycatcher (*Mitrephanes phaeocercus*) several good views on Los Altos

Olive-sided Flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*) four or five scattered about

Eastern Wood-Pewee (*Contopus virens*) seen daily in numbers; Bob's favorite bird?

Acadian Flycatcher (*Empidonax virescens*)  
Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*)  
Panama Flycatcher (*Myiarchus panamensis*) Las Mozas & El Chiru  
Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)  
Boat-billed Flycatcher (*Megarhynchus pitangua*) Los Altos & El Chiru  
Social Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes similis*) widespread & common  
Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) abundant in open country  
Gray Kingbird (*Tyrannus dominicensis*) a dozen or so at Juan Hombron  
Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savanna*) nice views near El Chiru & Juan Hombron  
Thrushlike Schiffornis (*Schiffornis turdina*) great views at Cerro Gaital  
**Rose-throated Becard** (*Pachyrhamphus aglaiae*) a female found at Las Mozas may represent the southernmost record ever for this species!!!; a first for Cocle  
Golden-collared Manakin (*Manacus vitellinus*) two at Las Mozas; stunning  
White-ruffed Manakin (*Corapipo altera*) excellent looks at males and females  
Lance-tailed Manakin (*Chiroxiphia lanceolata*) by some at Cariguana  
Yellow-throated Vireo (*Vireo flavifrons*) spotted by Tom  
Scrub Greenlet (*Hylophilus flavipes*) pair at El Chiru  
Golden-fronted Greenlet (*Hylophilus aurantiifrons*) one mobbing the Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl!  
Lesser Greenlet (*Hylophilus decurtatus*) one on La Mesa  
Green Shrike-Vireo (*Vireolanius pulchellus*) by some from the Canopy Tower  
Rufous-browed Peppershrike (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*) superb scope views at El Chiru  
Black-chested Jay (*Cyanocorax affinis*) many nice studies  
Gray-breasted Martin (*Progne subis*)  
Blue-and-white Swallow (*Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*) by one vehicle in El Valle  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*) one at Juan Hombron  
Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)  
Bay Wren (*Thryothorus nigricapillus*) good views of this stunning species  
Rufous-breasted Wren (*Thryothorus rutilus*) seen best at Las Mozas  
Rufous-and-white Wren (*Thryothorus rufalbus*) heard only; a super skulker  
Plain Wren (*Thryothorus modestus*) heard only  
House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) seen daily; this is the “Southern House Wren”, *T. musculus*, of some authors  
Ochraceous Wren (*Troglodytes ochraceus*) heard only on two occasions on Los Altos  
White-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucosticta*)  
Gray-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucophrys*) unbelievably close views at the ant swarm---literally within a foot or two for several folks; my personal favorite bird of the tour  
Scaly-breasted Wren (*Microcerculus marginatus*) heard only on three different days  
Song Wren (*Cyphorhinus phaeocephalus*) great views near the silky ant eater  
Tawny-faced Gnatwren (*Microbates cinereiventris*) great studies on Cerro Gaital  
Long-billed Gnatwren (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*) heard only on four days  
Swainson’s Thrush (*Catharus ustulatus*)  
Pale-vented Thrush (*Turdus obsoletus*) scope views on Cerro Gaital; uncommon  
Clay-colored Thrush (*Turdus grayi*) abundant

White-throated Thrush (*Turdus assimilis*) scope views on Cerro Gaital; uncommon  
Tropical Mockingbird (*Mimus gilvus*) one in Panama City  
Golden-winged Warbler (*Vermivora chrysoptera*) one on Los Altos  
Tennessee Warbler (*Vermivora peregrina*) seen daily in numbers; common at feeders  
Yellow Warbler (*Dendroica petechia*)  
Chestnut-sided Warbler (*Dendroica pensylvanica*) most days  
Blackburnian Warbler (*Dendroica fusca*) several good views  
Bay-breasted Warbler (*Dendroica castanea*) three total  
Black-and-white Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*)  
Northern Waterthrush (*Seiurus noveboracensis*)  
Mourning Warbler (*Oporornis philadelphia*) only one  
Canada Warbler (*Wilsonia Canadensis*)  
Rufous-capped Warbler (*Basileuterus rufifrons*) quite common  
Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*) daily; common on Lodge grounds  
Common Bush-Tanager (*Chlorospingus ophthalmicus*) numerous on Los Altos; the distinctive subspecies *punctulatus*  
Black-and-yellow Tanager (*Chrythlypis chrysomelas*) six on Los Altos; very striking; uncommon  
Rosy Thrush-Tanager (*Rhodinocichla rosea*) heard only by most folks, but seen by a few; a frustrating species  
Dusky-faced Tanager (*Mitrospingus cassinii*) this often skulky forest species comes in regularly to the Lodge feeders now  
White-shouldered Tanager (*Tachyphonus luctuosus*) group of eight just above the lodge and another on Semaphore Hill  
Tawny-crested Tanager (*Tachyphonus delatrii*) seventeen birds scattered over three days  
White-lined Tanager (*Tachyphonus rufus*) a pair frequented the lodge of feeders  
Red-crowned Ant-Tanager (*Habia rubica*) seen daily, often visiting the feeders  
Hepatic Tanager (*Piranga flava*) the Panamanian race *testacea* which is almost certainly a different species than the one found in the United States  
Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*) only a few  
Crimson-backed Tanager (*Ramphocelus dimidiatus*) in numbers daily, especially at the feeders; spectacular!; voted the third favorite bird of the tour  
Flame-rumped Tanager (*Ramphocelus flammigerus*) like the preceding species, common at the lodge feeders and truly stunning  
Blue-gray Tanager (*Thraupis episcopus*) abundant, especially at the feeders  
Palm Tanager (*Thraupis palmarum*) regular at feeders  
Plain-colored Tanager (*Tangara inornata*)  
Silver-throated Tanager (*Tangara icterocephala*) common in the upper elevations  
Bay-headed Tanager (*Tangara gyrola*) another beauty  
Golden-hooded Tanager (*Tangara larvata*) ten total; also striking  
Blue Dacnis (*Dacnis cayana*) pair at the Canopy Tower for a few  
Green Honeycreeper (*Chlorophanes spiza*) best from the Canopy Tower  
Red-legged Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*) regular at the lodge feeders (though no adult males)  
Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina*) El Chiru

Variable Seedeater (*Sporophila Americana*) daily  
Thick-billed Seed-Finch (*Oryzoborus funereus*) pair at base of Cerro Gaital  
Yellow-faced Grassquit (*Tiaris olivaceus*) common  
Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch (*Arremon brunneinucha*) La Mesa & Cerro Gaital;  
always skulky  
Orange-billed Sparrow (*Arremon aurantirostris*) another stunner that made daily  
(though always early) appearances at the lodge feeders; is that bill for real?  
Black-striped Sparrow (*Arremonops conirostris*) at the lodge feeders  
Streaked Saltator (*Saltator striatipectus*)  
Buff-throated Saltator (*Saltator maximus*) regular at lodge feeders  
Slate-colored Grosbeak (*Saltator grossus*) heard only on Los Altos & Cerro Gaital  
Red-breasted Blackbird (*Sturnella militaris*) El Chiru; our best ones thanks to Bob  
Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*) El Chiru  
Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*) abundant in open country  
Giant Cowbird (*Molothrus oryzivorus*) big flock in afternoon at Las Mozas  
Yellow-backed Oriole (*Icterus chrysater*) one at our picnic lunch on Los Altos  
Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*)  
Chestnut-headed Oropendola (*Psarocolius wagleri*) one or two regular at the feeders  
Yellow-crowned Euphonia (*Euphonia luteicapilla*)  
Thick-billed Euphonia (*Euphonia lanirostris*) abundant at lodge feeders  
White-vented Euphonia (*Euphonia minuta*) Los Altos; uncommon  
Tawny-capped Euphonia (*Euphonia anae*) several nice views on La Mesa & Los  
Altos  
Lesser Goldfinch (*Carduelis psaltria*)

Total species – 235 (apparently a tour record)

### **Leader only birds:**

White-tailed Kite  
Bat Falcon  
Common Tern  
Black-throated Trogon---heard only  
Buff-rumped Warbler

### **Mammals:**

**Silky Anteater**----an incredible find by Danilo; this species is rarely seen anywhere  
in its range and we had superb views including the face and snout; a real highlight  
Hoffman's Two-toed Sloth---two along the Cariguana Trail  
Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth---great views including two very active individuals  
(Cerro Gaital & the Canopy Tower)  
Geoffroy's Tamarin---seen by half the group on Los Altos  
Mantled Howler Monkey---thanks to Christina we had fantastic studies of a troop  
(including a baby) on Semaphore Hill  
Variegated Squirrel

Red-tailed Squirrel---the banana thieves!  
Pygmy squirrel species (either Central American or Western)---on Los Altos  
Central American Agouti  
Orange Nectar Bat---at the Lodge hummingbird feeders!  
Jamaican(?) Fruit-eating Bat---four roosting in a cluster at Raul's beach house  
Sac-winged bat species---on tree trunk at Raul's beach house

Total species – 12

### **Reptiles & Amphibians:**

Central American Whip-tailed Lizard  
Striped Basilisk  
Slender Anole  
Green iguana  
Tiger Rat Snake  
Frog species---tiny one found by Tom on Cerro Gaital

Total species – 6

### **Butterflies:**

Cattleheart species (possibly Pink-checked) (Parides sp.)  
Great Kite-Swallowtail (Eurytides protesilaus)---Canopy Tower parking lot  
Thoas Swallowtail (Papilio thoas)  
Large Orange Sulphur (Phoebis agarithe)  
Cloudless Sulphur (Phoebis sennae)  
Mimic-white species (Enantia sp.) (possibly Costa-spotted---E. albania)  
Eyemark species (Mesosemia sp.) (possibly Violet-washed---M. telegone)  
Blue-and-yellow Beautymark (Inca Metalmark) (Ancyluris inca)  
Dark Tanmark (Emesis ocyopore)  
Tanmark species (Emesis sp.) (possibly White-patched Tanmark (Emesis)—E. Lucinda)  
Orange-striped Tanmark (Emesis cypria)  
Lemmark species (Juditha caucana?)  
Lamplite Actinote (Altinote ozomene)  
Least Heliconian (Euiedes aliphera)  
Heart-spotted Heliconian (Heliconius hecale)  
Erato Heliconian (Heliconius erato)  
Heliconius species (blue-and-white type)  
Crescent species (Phycoides sp.---possibly Pale-banded P. tulcis)  
Banded Peacock (Anartia fatima)  
Rusty-tipped Page (Siptoeta epaphus)  
Malachite (Siproeta stelenes)  
Sister species (Adelpha sp.)  
Tiger Beauty (Tigridia acesa)  
Prepona species (Prepona sp.)

Common Morpho (Morpho helenor)  
All-blue Morpho  
Yellow-bordered Owl-Butterfly (Caligo Uranus)  
Diasia Clearwing (Ithomia diasia hippocrensis)  
Variegated Ticlear (Clearwing) (Godyris zavaleta)  
Brown Longtail (Urbanus procne)  
Grass skipper species

Total species – 31 (plus many others left completely unidentified)

**Significant others:**

Leafcutter ants  
Army ants  
Helicopter (Giant) Damselfly  
Walking stick  
Katydid species  
Moth species (Cecropia type)