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Venezuela, as always, offers visitors a wide variety of bird and wildlife experiences. In birding jargon, it is simply a “birdy” place with an exceptional diversity and many species that are relatively easy to see, at least when compared to heavily forested regions such as Amazonia. Hato Cedral, a vast sprawling ranch in the central plains or grasslands, is undeniably a highlight in itself, but a boat excursion into the enormous wetlands of the ranch exceeded even our highest expectations.

Motoring in a small flat-bottomed boat across a ruler-flat wetland extending as far as the eye could see, we viewed a spectacle of waders and waterfowl that brought to mind images of what planet Earth might have been like eons ago. Wave after wave of whistling-ducks, teal, herons, egrets, tiger-herons, terns, and skimmers erupted into the air as our skiff passed. Noisy jacanas, dozens at a time, fluttered away like bright butterflies, while more stolid bitterns watched our passage with crossed eyes and sky-pointing bills. Hundreds of slow-moving capybaras with lumbering movements and listless eyes watched too, although they seemed only dimly aware of our presence. We motored past caiman too, dozens and dozens lined up like poorly aligned cordwood along water hyacinth-crowded shores. With mouths agape revealing toothy grins and skin smooth and shiny like old Naugahyde, a few slithered quietly off the banks and into the murky water. Most stared with unblinking eyes, as if frozen in time, more like bad plastic imitations at a Florida curio shop than the wily predators they really were.

Later in the morning we entered a river system teeming with hoatzins, wood-rails, and sharp-eyed raptors, then poled our way up a narrow serpentine creek canopied by a Tolkienesque swamp of small, twisted trees, black spreading roots, and dark vines. During the next two hours we spotted five Agami Herons and a Zigzag Heron perched stoically about two meters from our boat (and later a second one farther away). We also found Pygmy, Green-and-rufous, Green, and Amazon kingfishers; three shy Wire-tailed Manakins in a fruiting Ficus tree; and a mixed species flock containing antshrikes, jacamars, woodpeckers, tyrannulets, and gnatcatchers. But our day did not end there. A giant anteater was spotted in the afternoon and we obtained photographs from only a few meters away before it swam out into a canal. It was the second of a record three giant anteaters noted in as many days. We returned to this slow winding creek again late the next afternoon and watched our boatman pull piranha from the water as fast as he could bait his hook, and then toss them to alert hawks, herons, and wood-rails that waited nearby. Returning home after dark we passed thousands of egrets and ibises roosting and arguing in noisy confusion, while on this new nighttime stage, night-herons, Boat-billed Herons, potoos, and nightjars were now principal players.

Venezuela, however, is much more than a birding experience at a large ranch. It offers mountains, seacoasts, deserts, and a wide range of habitats for birds and birders alike. With good roads, good lodging and food, a well-illustrated bird guide with detailed text, and generally easy travel, it

remains a perennial birding favorite. Despite increasingly strident rhetoric between international heads of state and an increase in government-sponsored political slogans (Uh! Ah! Chavez Si Va!), Venezuela remains friendly, business is booming, and it is a delightful place for a birding vacation. Now it is our turn to say...Uh! Ah! Tell your friends.

Key:

Boldface = uncommon, or of interest because species is rare, local, or difficult to observe.

BOLD CAPITAL = endemic to Venezuela.

Asterisk (*) = heard only (also written as - hd.); [] brackets=seen/hd only by guide

LIST OF SPECIES

This list contains the birds and mammals seen on the 2009 Grand Venezuela Part II tour. This trip was unusual for the excessive amount of foggy and rainy weather we encountered in the Andes. We even experienced a hard rain in the llanos at a time of the year when it virtually “never” rains. This wet weather system is widespread this year, extending southward through the Andes to Colombia and at least as far south as Peru. Birding during non-foggy periods in the mountains was, however, quite productive.

Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>
Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax olivaceus</i>
Anhinga	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>
Whistling Heron	<i>Syrigma sibilatrix</i>
Capped Heron	<i>Pilherodius pileatus</i>
Cocoi Heron	<i>Ardea cocoi</i>
Great Egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>
Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>
Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>
Cattle Egret	<i>Bulbulcus ibis</i>
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>
Agami Heron	<i>Agami agami</i>
Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>
Boat-billed Heron	<i>Cochlearius cochlearius</i>
Rufescent Tiger-Heron	<i>Tigrisoma lineatus</i>
Zigzag Heron	<i>Zebrilus undulatus</i>
Pinneated Bittern	<i>Botaurus pinnatus</i>
Wood Stork	<i>Mycteria americana</i>
Maguari Stork	<i>Euxenura maguari</i>
Jabiru	<i>Jabiru mycteria</i>
Buff-necked Ibis	<i>Theristicus caudatus</i>
Sharp-tailed Ibis	<i>Cercibis oxycerca</i>
Green Ibis	<i>Mesembrinibis cayennensis</i>
Bare-faced Ibis	<i>Phimosus infuscatus</i>
White Ibis	<i>Eudocimus albus</i>
Scarlet Ibis	<i>Eudocimus ruber</i>
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
Roseate Spoonbill	<i>Ajaia ajaja</i>

Fulvous Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>
White-faced Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>
<u>Orinoco Goose</u>	<i>Neochen jubata</i>
Brazilian Duck	<i>Amazonetta brasiliensis</i>
<u>Torrent Duck</u>	<i>Merganetta armata</i>
Andean Teal	<i>Anus andium</i>
Blue-winged Teal	<i>Anas discors</i>
Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture	<i>Cathartes burrovianus</i>
King Vulture	<i>Sarcoramphus papa</i>
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
Swallow-tailed Kite	<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>
White-tailed Kite	<i>Elanus leucurus</i>
Snail Kite	<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i>
Plumbeous Kite	<i>Ictinia plumbea</i>
Crane Hawk	<i>Geranospiza caerulescens</i>
Great Black-Hawk	<i>Buteogallus urubitinga</i>
Savanna Hawk	<i>Buteogallus meridionalis</i>
Harris' Hawk	<i>Parabuteo uncinatus</i>
Black-collared Hawk	<i>Busarellus nigricollis</i>
Black-chested Buzzard-Eagle	<i>Geranoaetus melanoleucus</i>
Roadside Hawk	<i>Buteo magnirostris</i>
Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>
Gray Hawk	<i>Buteo nitidus</i>
White-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo albicaudatus</i>
Northern Crested-Caracara	<i>Polyborus cheriway</i>
Yellow-headed Caracara	<i>Milvago chimachima</i>
Laughing Falcon	<i>Herpetotheres cachinnans</i>
Barred Forest-Falcon	<i>Micrastur ruficollis</i>
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
Rufous-vented Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis ruficauda</i>
*Band-tailed Guan	<i>Penelope argyrotis</i>
Andean Guan	<i>Penelope montagnii</i>
Crested Bobwhite	<i>Colinus cristatus</i>
Hoatzin	<i>Opisthocomus hoazin</i>
Limpkin	<i>Aramus guarauna</i>
Gray-necked Wood-Rail	<i>Aramides axillaries</i>
Purple Gallinule	<i>Porphyryla martinica</i>
<u>Sunbittern</u>	<i>Eurypyga helias</i>
Wattled Jacana	<i>Jacana jacana</i>
Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>
Double-striped Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus bistriatus</i>
Pied Plover	<i>Hoploxypterus cayanus</i>
Southern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus chilensis</i>

[Collared Plover	<i>Charadrius collaris</i>
South American Snipe	<i>Gallinago paraguaiiae</i>
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularia</i>
Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>
[Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>
Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>
Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>
Stilt Sandpiper	<i>Calidris himantopus</i>
Yellow-billed Tern	<i>Sterna superciliaris</i>
Large-billed Tern	<i>Phaetusa simplex</i>
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Sterna nilotica</i>
Black Skimmer	<i>Rynchops niger</i>
Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>
Scaled Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas speciosa</i>
[Bare-eyed Pigeon	<i>Columba corensis</i>
Band-tailed Pigeon	<i>Columba fasciata</i>
Pale-vented Pigeon	<i>Columba cayennensis</i>
Ruddy Pigeon	<i>Columba subvinacea</i>
Eared Dove	<i>Zenaida auriculata</i>
Common Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina passerina</i>
Plain-breasted Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina minuta</i>
Ruddy Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>
Scaled Dove	<i>Scardafella squammata</i>
Blue Ground-Dove	<i>Claravis pretiosa</i>
White-tipped Dove	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>
*Lined Quail-Dove	<i>Geotrygon linearis</i>
*Military Macaw	<i>Ara militaris</i>
Scarlet Macaw	<i>Ara macao</i>
Chestnut-fronted Macaw	<i>Ara severa</i>
Scarlet-fronted Parakeet	<i>Aratinga wagleri</i>
Brown-throated Parakeet	<i>Aratinga pertinax</i>
ROSE-CROWNED PARAKEET	<i>Pyrrhura rhodoccephalus</i>
Green-rumped Parrotlet	<i>Forpus passerinus</i>
Orange-chinned Parakeet	<i>Forpus jugularis</i>
Saffron-headed Parrot	<i>Pionopsitta pyrilia</i>
Red-billed Parrot	<i>Pionus sordidus</i>
Speckle-faced Parrot	<i>Pionus tumultuosus</i>
Red-lored Parrot	<i>Amazona autumnalis</i>
Yellow-crowned Parrot	<i>Amazona ochrocephala</i>
Orange-winged Parrot	<i>Amazona amazonica</i>
Squirrel Cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana</i>
Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>
Groove-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga sulcirostris</i>
*Striped Cuckoo	<i>Tapera naevia</i>
Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>
Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl	<i>Glaucidium brasilianum</i>

Burrowing Owl	<i>Speotyto cunicularia</i>
Great Potoo	<i>Nyctibius grandis</i>
Band-tailed Nighthawk	<i>Nyctiprogne leucopyga</i>
Pauraque	<i>Caprimulgus albicollis</i>
[?Northern Little Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus parvulus</i>
PYGMY PALM-SWIFT	<i>Tachornis furcata</i>
Sooty-capped Hermit	<i>Phaethornis augusti</i>
Green Violetear	<i>Colibri thalassinus</i>
Black-throated Mango	<i>Anthracothorax nigricollis</i>
Blue-tailed Emerald	<i>Chlorostilbon mellisugus</i>
Violet-crowned Woodnymph	<i>Thalurania furcata</i>
<u>Buffy Hummingbird</u>	<i>Leucippus fallax</i>
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia tzacatl</i>
Glittering-throated Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia fimbriata</i>
Steely-vented Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia saucerrottei</i>
Speckled Hummingbird	<i>Adelomyia melanogenys</i>
<u>Buff-tailed Coronet</u>	<i>Boissonneaua flavescens</i>
Collared Inca	<i>Coeligena torquata</i>
Golden-tailed Starfrontlet	<i>Coeligena eos</i>
LONGUEMARE'S (MERIDA) SUNANGEL	<i>Heliangelus clarisse</i> (or Mérida Sunangel, <i>H. spencei</i>)
<u>Orange-throated Sunangel</u>	<i>Heliangelus mavors</i>
Long-tailed Sylph	<i>Agelaiocercus kingi</i>
<u>Wedge-billed Hummingbird</u>	<i>Schistes geoffroyi</i>
<u>Rufous-shafted Woodstar</u>	<i>Chaetocercus jourdani</i>
Violaceous Trogon	<i>Trogon violaceus</i>
Masked Trogon	<i>Trogon personatus</i>
Ringed Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle torquata</i>
Amazon Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle amazona</i>
Green Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle americana</i>
Green-and-rufous Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle inda</i>
American Pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle aenea</i>
PALE-HEADED JACAMAR	<i>Brachygalba goeringi</i>
Rufous-tailed Jacamar	<i>Galbula ruficauda</i>
*Russet-throated Puffbird	<i>Bucco ruficollis</i>
Emerald Toucanet	<i>Aulacorhynchus prasinus</i>
Yellow-billed Toucanet	<i>Aulacorhynchus calorhynchus</i>
<u>Black-mandibled Toucan</u>	<i>Ramphastos tucanus</i>
Scaled Piculet	<i>Picumnus squamulatus</i>
[Olivaceous Piculet	<i>Picumnus olivaceus</i>
Red-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes rubricapillus</i>
Yellow-tufted Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes cruentatus</i>
Smoky-brown Woodpecker	<i>Veniliornis fumigatus</i>
Red-rumped Woodpecker	<i>Veniliornis kirkii</i>
*Golden-olive Woodpecker	<i>Piculus rubiginosus</i>
Spot-breasted Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes punctigula</i>
Lineated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>

Crimson-crested Woodpecker	<i>Campephilus melanoleucos</i>
OCHRE-BROWED THISTLETAIL	<i>Schizoeaca coryi</i>
Pale-breasted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis albescens</i>
Stripe-breasted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis cinnamomea</i>
<u>White-whiskered Spinetail</u>	<i>Poecilurus candei</i>
Rusty-backed Spinetail	<i>Cranioleuca vulpine</i>
Crested Spinetail	<i>Cranioleuca subcristata</i>
Yellow-chinned Spinetail	<i>Certhiaxis cinnamomea</i>
Common (Plain) Thornbird	<i>Phacellodomus rufifrons</i>
Olive-backed Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus triangularis</i>
Straight-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus picus</i>
Montane Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes lacrymiger</i>
Streak-headed Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes souleyetii</i>
Red-billed Scythebill	<i>Campylorhamphus trochilirostris</i>
Black-crested Antshrike	<i>Sakesphorus canadensis</i>
Barred Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus doliatus</i>
(Northern) White-fringed Antwren	<i>Formicivora grisea</i>
Jet Antbird	<i>Cercomacra nigricans</i>
White-browed Antbird	<i>Myrmoborus leucophrys</i>
*Immaculate Antbird	<i>Myrmeciza immaculata</i>
*Short-tailed Antthrush	<i>Chamaeza campanisona</i>
*Scaled Antpitta	<i>Grallaria guatimalensis</i>
*Chestnut-crowned Antpitta	<i>Grallaria ruficapilla</i>
*Rusty-breasted Antpitta	<i>Grallaria ferruginepectus</i>
Slate-crowned Antpitta	<i>Grallaricula nana</i>
*Mérida Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus meridanus</i>
<u>Andean Cock-of-the-Rock</u>	<i>Rupicola peruviana</i>
Wire-tailed Manakin	<i>Pipra filicauda</i>
Golden-winged Manakin	<i>Masius chrysopterus</i>
Rough-legged Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias burmeisteri</i>
Sooty-headed Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias griseiceps</i>
Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet	<i>Tyrannulus elatus</i>
Forest Elaenia	<i>Myiopagis gaimardii</i>
Yellow-bellied Elaenia	<i>Elaenia flavogaster</i>
Mountain Elaenia	<i>Elaenia frantzii</i>
Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet	<i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i>
[*Tawny-crowned Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Euscarthmus meloryphus</i>
White-throated Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus stictopterus</i>
Torrent Tyrannulet	<i>Serpophaga cinerea</i>
River Tyrannulet	<i>Serpophaga hypoleuca</i>
Yellow Tyrannulet	<i>Capsiempis flaveola</i> HC
Venezuelan Tyrannulet	<i>Zimmerius improbus</i>
*Golden-faced Tyrannulet	<i>Zimmerius chrysops</i>
Marble-faced Bristle-Tyrant	<i>Pogonotriccus ophthalmicus</i>
Slaty-capped Flycatcher	<i>Leptopogon superciliaris</i>
<i>Mionectes sp</i>	unidentified
Northern Scrub-Flycatcher	<i>Sublegatus arenarum</i>

Slender-billed (Tyrannulet) Inezia	<i>Inezia tenuirostris</i>
Pale-tipped (Tyrannulet) Inezia	<i>Inezia subflava</i>
Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Lophotriccus pileatus</i>
Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Lophotriccus</i>
Common Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>
Yellow-breasted Flycatcher (Ochre-colored Flatbill)	<i>Tolmomyias flaviventris</i>
Flavescent Flycatcher	<i>Myiophobus flavicans</i>
Cliff Flycatcher	<i>Hirundinea ferruginea</i>
Fuscous Flycatcher	<i>Cnemotriccus fuscatus</i>
Smoke-colored Pewee	<i>Contopus fumigatus</i>
Tropical Pewee	<i>Contopus cinereus</i>
Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>
Vermilion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>
Amazonian Black-Tyrant	<i>Knipolegus poecilocercus</i>
Riverside Tyrant	<i>Knipolegus orenocensis</i>
Brown-backed Chat-Tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca fumicolor</i>
Yellow-browed Tyrant	<i>Satrapa icterophrys</i>
Pied Water-Tyrant	<i>Fluvicola pica</i>
White-headed Marsh-Tyrant	<i>Arundinicola leucocephala</i>
Cattle Tyrant	<i>Machetornis rixosus</i>
Piratic Flycatcher	<i>Legatus leucophaeus</i>
Rusty-margined Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes cayanensis</i>
Social Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>
WHITE-BEARDED FLYCATCHER	<i>Phelpsia inornata</i>
Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>
Golden-crowned Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes chrysocephalus</i>
Streaked Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes maculates</i>
Boat-billed Flycatcher	<i>Megarynchus pitangua</i>
Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>
Gray Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus dominicensis</i>
Fork-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannus savana</i>
*Dusky-capped Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>
Brown-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tyrannulus</i>
Black-crowned Tityra	<i>Tityra inquisitor</i>
Black-tailed Tityra	<i>Tityra cayana</i> Altamira
White-naped Xenopsaris	<i>Xenopsaris albinucha</i> HC
Cinereous Becard	<i>Pachyramphus rufus</i>
Cinnamon Becard	<i>Pachyramphus cinnamomeus</i>
White-winged Becard	<i>Pachyramphus polychopterus</i>
White-winged Swallow	<i>Tachycineta albiventer</i>
Gray-breasted Martin	<i>Progne chalybea</i>
Brown-chested Martin	<i>Progne tapera</i>
Brown-bellied Swallow	<i>Notiochelidon murina</i>
Blue-and-white Swallow	<i>Notiochelidon cyanoleuca</i>
Southern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>

Yellowish Pipit	<i>Anthus lutescens</i>
Páramo Pipit	<i>Anthus bogotensis</i>
White-capped Dipper	<i>Cinclus leucocephalus</i>
Black-capped Donacobius	<i>Donacobius atricapillus</i>
Bicolored Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus griseus</i>
Stripe-backed Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus nuchalis</i>
Whiskered Wren	<i>Thryothorus mystacalis</i>
Rufous-breasted Wren	<i>Thryothorus rutilus</i>
Rufous-and-white Wren	<i>Thryothorus rufalbus</i>
*Buff-breasted Wren	<i>Thryothorus leucotis</i>
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>
Mountain Wren	<i>Troglodytes solstitialis</i>
MÉRIDA (PÁRAMO) WREN	<i>Cistothorus meridae</i>
Gray-breasted Wood-Wren	<i>Henicorhina leucophrys</i>
*Scaly-breasted (Southern Nightingale-) Wren	<i>Microcerculus marginatus</i>
Tropical Mockingbird	<i>Mimus gilvus</i>
Andean Solitaire	<i>Myadestes ralloides</i>
*Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush	<i>Catharus fuscater</i>
Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>
Yellow-legged Thrush	<i>Platycichla flavipes</i>
Great Thrush	<i>Turdus fuscater</i>
Black-hooded Thrush	<i>Turdus olivater</i>
Pale-breasted Thrush	<i>Turdus leucomelas</i>
Black-billed Thrush	<i>Turdus ignobilis</i>
Bare-eyed Thrush	<i>Turdus nudigenis</i>
Tropical Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila plumbea</i>
Green (Inca) Jay	<i>Cyanocorax yncas</i>
Brown-capped Vireo	<i>Vireo leucophrys</i>
Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>
Golden-fronted Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus aurantiifrons</i>
Rufous-browed Peppershrike	<i>Cyclarhis gujanensis</i>
Trinidad Euphonia	<i>Euphonia trinitatis</i>
Thick-billed Euphonia	<i>Euphonia lanirostris</i>
Orange-bellied Euphonia	<i>Euphonia xanthogaster</i>
Blue-naped Chlorophonia	<i>Chlorophonia cyanea</i>
Red Siskin	<i>Carduelis cucullata</i>
Lesser Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis psaltria</i>
Tennessee Warbler	<i>Vermivora peregrina</i>
Tropical Parula	<i>Parula pitiayumi</i>
Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica aestiva</i>
Blackburnian Warbler	<i>Dendroica fusca</i>
Cerulean Warbler	<i>Dendroica cerulea</i>
Black-and-white Warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>
American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>
Northern Waterthrush	<i>Seiurus noveboracensis</i>
Mourning Warbler	<i>Oporornis philadelphia</i>

Masked Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis aequinoctialis</i>
Canada Warbler	<i>Wilsonia canadensis</i>
Slate-throated Whitestart	<i>Myioborus miniatus</i>
Black-crested Warbler	<i>Basileuterus nigrocristatus</i>
Russet-crowned Warbler	<i>Basileuterus coronatus</i>
Golden-crowned Warbler	<i>Basileuterus culicivorus</i>
Three-striped Warbler	<i>Basileuterus tristriatus</i>
Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaveola</i>
Capped Conebill	<i>Conirostrum albifrons</i>
Black-faced Tanager	<i>Schistochlamys melanopis</i>
Magpie Tanager	<i>Cissopis leveriana</i>
Common Bush-Tanager	<i>Chlorospingus ophthalmicus</i>
Guira Tanager	<i>Hemithraupis guira</i>
White-shouldered Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus luctuosus</i>
White-lined Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus rufus</i>
Summer Tanager	<i>Piranga rubra</i>
White-winged Tanager	<i>Piranga leucoptera</i>
Crimson-backed Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus dimidiatus</i>
Silver-beaked Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus carbo</i>
Blue-gray Tanager	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>
Glaucous Tanager	<i>Thraupis glaucocolpa</i>
Blue-capped Tanager	<i>Thraupis cyanocephala</i>
Palm Tanager	<i>Thraupis palmarum</i>
Lacrimose Mt.-Tanager	<i>Anisognathus lacrymosus</i>
Golden Tanager	<i>Tangara arthus</i>
Saffron-crowned Tanager	<i>Tangara xanthocephala</i>
Speckled Tanager	<i>Tangara guttata</i>
Bay-headed Tanager	<i>Tangara gyrola</i>
Burnished-buff Tanager	<i>Tangara cayana</i>
Blue-necked Tanager	<i>Tangara nigricollis</i>
Beryl-spangled Tanager	<i>Tangara nigroviridis</i>
Blue-and-black Tanager	<i>Tangara vassorii</i>
Swallow-Tanager	<i>Tersina viridis</i>
Blue-black Grassquit	<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>
Gray Seedeater	<i>Sporophila intermedia</i>
Black-and-white Seedeater	<i>Sporophila luctuosa</i>
Yellow-bellied Seedeater	<i>Sporophila nigricollis</i>
Ruddy-breasted Seedeater	<i>Sporophila minuta</i>
Large-billed Seed-Finch	<i>Oryzoborus crassirostris</i>
Chestnut-bellied Seed-Finch	<i>Oryzoborus angolensis</i>
MÉRIDA FLOWERPIERCER	<i>Diglossa gloriosa</i>
Bluish Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa caerulea</i>
Masked Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa cyanea</i>
Saffron Finch	<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>
Grassland Yellow-Finch	<i>Sicalis luteola</i>
Orange-fronted Yellow-Finch	<i>Sicalis columbiana</i>
Red-capped Cardinal	<i>Paroaria gularis</i>

Slaty Brush-Finch	<i>Atlapetes schistaceus</i>
Moustached Brush-Finch	<i>Atlapetes albofrenatus</i>
Black-striped Sparrow	<i>Arremon conirostris</i>
Yellow-browed Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus aurifrons</i>
Rufous-collared Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>
Streaked Saltator	<i>Saltator striatipectus</i>
Grayish Saltator	<i>Saltator coerulescens</i>
Buff-throated Saltator	<i>Saltator maximus</i>
Orinocan Saltator	<i>Saltator orinocensis</i>
*Blue-black Grosbeak	<i>Cyanocompsa cyanooides</i>
Red-breasted Blackbird	<i>Sturnella militaris</i>
Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>
Carib Grackle	<i>Quiscalus lugubris</i>
Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>
Giant Cowbird	<i>Molothrus oryzivorus</i>
Yellow-backed Oriole	<i>Icterus chrysater</i>
Yellow Oriole	<i>Icterus nigrogularis</i>
Orange-crowned Oriole	<i>Icterus auricapillus</i>
Venezuelan Troupial	<i>Icterus icterus</i>
Yellow-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus cela</i>
Russet-backed Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius angustifrons</i>
Crested Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius decumanus</i>
Oriole Blackbird	<i>Gymnomystax mexicanus</i>

LIST OF MAMMALS:

Giant Anteater, *Myrmecophaga tridactyla*, HC (a record 3 separate animals seen!)

Giant Otter, *Pteronura brasiliensis*, HC (3 in creek on Caño Matiyure)

Red Howler Monkey, *Alouatta seniculus*, Hato Cedral

Savanna (Crab-eating) Fox, *Cerdocyon thous*, HC (several including pair by entrance gate)

White-tailed Deer, *Odocoileus virginianus*, HC (many)

Capybara, *Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris*, HC (ca. 10,000+)

Red-tailed Squirrel, *Sciurus granadensis*, Andes

Tayra, 1 ran across road above La Azulita

Armadillo sp, 1 seen by part of group last a.m. at HC

LIST OF REPTILES:

Orinoco Crocodile, *Crododylus intermedius*, HC (three guarding nests);

Spectacled Cayman, *Caiman crocodylus*, HC (100s)

Iguana, *Iguana iguana*, abundant at HC

Tegu Lizard, *Tupinambis sp.*, One at Hato Cedral (west road; seen by SH)

Llanos Side-necked Turtle, *Podocnemis sp.*, HC (100s)

Anaconda, we saw one at Hato Cedral