

EL TRIUNFO

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Itinerary:

March 19 – Late afternoon arrival at Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas, Mexico.

March 20 – Morning birding at Sumidero Canyon, then drove to Jaltenango with a few birding stops enroute.

March 21 – After breakfast we rode trucks to Finca Prusia, a coffee growing area on the Atlantic slope of the mountains. From Finca Prusia we hiked to El Triunfo.

March 22-24 – Birded the El Triunfo cloud forest. A number of different trails available for birding here allowed us to thoroughly explore the area.

March 25 – Hiked from El Triunfo to Cañada Honda birding enroute. After leaving the cloud forest, we passed through pine-cypress forest before descending into the humid subtropical vegetation of Cañada Honda.

March 26 – Birded Cañada Honda in the morning, then birded our way to Limonal in the afternoon.

March 27 – Birded the Limonal area in the early morning, then hiked down to Paval. The hike down took us along a series of ridge through a distinctive zone of oaks. The oaks were just leafing out, loaded with catkins, and crowded with hummingbirds and migrating warblers. The transition into tropical deciduous forest closer to Paval brought us to the rich lowland avifauna of the coastal foothills of Chiapas.

March 28 – Birded near Paval in the early morning, then took the short hike to the dirt road where our truck met us. Ate lunch with our horsemen and their families, and continued on by truck to Mapastepec where we transferred to vans for the final ride to our hotel in Tapachula. Birded the hotel grounds in the late afternoon

March 29 – Departure for home

Site codes:

- S – Sumidero Canyon near Tuxtla Gutierrez (tropical and montane dry forest, with bamboo; from 2500-4000 feet elevation)
- J – Jaltenango and nearby Rio Grijalva valley; includes stops along highways (tropical dry forest; 2100 feet and lower) and ride up to Finca Prusia
- ET – El Triunfo cloud forest (about 6500 feet elevation; summit of Cerro El Triunfo is 8000 feet)
- H – Cañada Honda and area; includes pine-cypress forest above H (montane moist forest; 4500 feet elevation at H)
- L – Limonal (montane dry forest; 4200 feet elevation)
- P – Paval (tropical dry to moist forest; 1600 feet elevation)
- T – Tapachula, mainly at the Hotel Loma Real (near sea level); also includes birds seen along highway

BIRDS OBSERVED

Common names in **bold** are species endemic to Mexico and northern Central America, as defined in Howell & Webb 1995 (A Guide to the Birds of Mexico and Northern Central America). This definition includes a few species ranging as far south as extreme northern Nicaragua, and, in a few cases, as far north as extreme SW USA. Common names in ***bold italics*** are narrow endemics, restricted almost entirely to Chiapas and adjacent Guatemala. Underlined species are rare or unusual for the area of the tour.

TINAMOUS (Tinamidae)

Thicket Tinamou (*Crypturellus cinnamomeus*) – heard from L to P

PELICANS (Pelecanidae)

Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) – one flew over the ET clearing! An amazing first for this tour.

CORMORANTS (Phalacrocoracidae)

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) – far below in reservoir at S, also alongside road on way to J

HERONS, EGRETS & BITTERNES (Ardeidae)

Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*) – J, T

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*) – J, T

Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*) – along road on way to J

Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*) – J, T

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) – along the highways and a few near P

Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*) – on way to J

AMERICAN VULTURES (Cathartidae)

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) – widespread in all areas

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*) – widespread in all areas

King Vulture (*Sarcoramphus papa*) – one soaring high overhead during our hike to L

HAWKS, EAGLES & KITES (Accipitridae)

White Hawk (*Leucopternis albicollis*) – L, P

Great Black-Hawk (*Buteogallus urubitinga*) – L, P; we heard one calling repeatedly as we hiked through the dry oak zone on our way to P

Gray Hawk (*Asturina nitida*) – S, ET, P, T; the individual seen circling over the clearing at ET was unusual

Roadside Hawk (*Buteo magnirostris*) – heard at T

Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*) – ET, P, T; including dark morph individual at P

Short-tailed Hawk (*Buteo brachyurus*) – ET, T

Zone-tailed Hawk (*Buteo albonotatus*) – one at P

Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*) – P

CARACARAS & FALCONS (Falconidae)

Crested Caracara (*Caracara cheriway*) – S, J

Laughing Falcon (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*) – heard above J; seen at T

Barred Forest-Falcon (*Micrastur ruficollis*) – heard repeatedly around the clearing at ET

Collared Forest-Falcon (*Micrastur semitorquatus*) – seen at P; this species has been heard before on the tour but never seen

American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*) – S, J, ET

Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) – one near P

CHACHALACAS & GUANS (Cracidae)

Plain Chachalaca (*Ortalis vetula*) – J; a noisy flock was in the field where we stopped during the drive up to Finca Prusia

White-bellied Chachalaca (*Ortalis leucogastra*) – on the hotel grounds at T on our last afternoon. Found only along the Pacific coast from Chiapas to northwestern Nicaragua.

Crested Guan (*Penelope purpurascens*) – S, L, P, T; close up views of a pair on the trail just above our camp at Limonal

Highland Guan (*Penelopina nigra*) – this species was heard daily from ET to P, most got good looks at this elusive bird at ET. Another “signature sound” of the Chiapas highlands: a slow ascending whistle, followed by the sound of “ripping sailcloth” as the male dives from a high perch. Ripping sound is made with the flight feathers. Ranges from the highlands of Chiapas and Guatemala to northern Nicaragua.

Horned Guan (*Oreophasis derbianus*) – Incredible views, including some close encounters and spectacular “fly-overs”. We had multiple sightings of a minimum of 13-14 separate individuals in the vicinity of the El Triunfo station; by far the record for Horned Guan sightings since VENT began visiting this area over 20 years ago. Let’s hope this is a sign that populations of one of the rarest and strangest of all Cracids are recovering.

QUAIL (Odontophoridae)

Northern Bobwhite (*Colinus virginianus*) – great views of a covey of the black-faced *coyolcos* subspecies alongside the road on our way to J

Singing Quail (*Dactylortyx thoracicus*) – ET; the rollicking call of this species is another characteristic sound of the Mexican highlands

RAILS, GALLINULES & ALLIES (Rallidae)

Spotted Rail (*Pardirallus maculatus*) – “spotted” by Ted as it leapt briefly into view in a roadside reed bed on the way to J. A first for the tour.

JACANAS (Jacanidae)

Northern Jacana (*Jacana spinosa*) – in pond alongside road on way to J

SANDPIPERS & ALLIES (Scolopacidae)

Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularia*) – on way to J

PIGEONS & DOVES (Columbidae)

Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*) – widespread in cities and towns, also at P

Band-tailed Pigeon (*Columba fasciata*) – on way to Finca Prusia and at ET

Red-billed Pigeon (*Columba flavirostris*) – S, J, T, P; also a few around the clearing at ET

Mourning Dove (*Zenaida macroura*) – S, J, L

White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*) – S, J

Common Ground-Dove (*Columbina passerina*) – J

Ruddy Ground-Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*) – S, J, P, T

Inca Dove (*Columbina inca*) – S, J, P, T

White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*) – this somewhat secretive terrestrial dry forest dove was heard commonly at S, J, also along trail from H to P. Mostly glimpsed while flushing down the trail.

White-faced Quail-Dove (*Geotrygon albifacies*) – several were seen at ET, also during our hike from L to P

Ruddy Quail-Dove (*Geotrygon montana*) – one near P

PARROTS (Psittacidae)

Green Parakeet (*Aratinga holochlora*) – far below in the canyon at S

Orange-fronted Parakeet (*Aratinga canicularis*) – common at P, T

White-crowned Parrot (*Pionus senilis*) – on way to Finca Prusia

White-fronted Parrot (*Amazona albifrons*) – J; common at P, T

CUCKOOS (Cuculidae)

Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*) – seen sporadically at most locations from J to T, including up at ET

Groove-billed Ani (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*) – S, J, P, T; widespread in small numbers in lowland areas

Striped Cuckoo (*Tapera naevia*) – J, P, T; heard only

Pheasant Cuckoo (*Dromococcyx phasianellus*) – heard only, between H and L

TYPICAL OWLS (Strigidae)

Pacific Screech-Owl (*Otus cooperi*) – Fabulous scope views of a pair roosting in the mango trees behind our hotel in T

Fulvous Owl (*Strix fulvescens*) – Excellent close-up views at ET. Restricted to the cloud forests of Chiapas, Guatemala, and Honduras.

Mottled Owl (*Ciccaba virgata*) – seen well both at H and by some at our hotel grounds in T; also heard at L and during our early morning owl walk at P

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum*) – seen well at T

NIGHTJARS AND ALLIES (Caprimulgidae)

Pauraque (*Nyctidromus albicollis*) – heard only at P

SWIFTS (Apodidae)

Chestnut-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne rutila*) – heard only above the forest at ET

White-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne zonaris*) – seen from J to T

Vaux's Swift (*Chaetura vauxi*) – widespread at many locations

Chimney Swift (*Chaetura pelagica*) – the distinctive calls of a large flock of *Chaetura* swifts seen just above our camp at L strongly suggested this species. Although Chimney Swift is believed to migrate only along the Gulf slope of Mexico, the distributions of *Chaetura* swifts in southern Mexico are poorly known due to lack of observers and difficulties of identification.

White-throated Swift (*Aeronautes saxatalis*) – S, T

HUMMINGBIRDS (Trochilidae)

Rufous Sabrewing (*Campylopterus rufus*) – ET, H, L, and just above P

Violet Sabrewing (*Campylopterus hemileucurus*) – ET, H, L; both this and the preceding species visited a large flowering Turk's Cap shrub in the clearing at ET

Green Violet-ear (*Colibri thalassinus*) – one near L

Green-breasted Mango (*Anthracothorax prevostii*) – excellent views at a roadside stop on our way to J; only the second sighting on this tour

Emerald-chinned Hummingbird (*Abeillia abeillei*) – seen during the hike up to ET, also near L

Black-crested Coquette (*Lophornis helenae*) – ET; great views of a lone female visiting the tree fuchsias (*Fuchsia paniculata*) in the clearing at ET

Canivet's Emerald (*Chlorostilbon canivetii*) – J, on the way up to ET; formerly known as Fork-tailed Emerald

White-eared Hummingbird (*Hylocharis leucotis*) – one in the clearing at ET

Cinnamon Hummingbird (*Amazilia rutila*) – T

Azure-crowned Hummingbird (*Agyrtria cyanocephala*) – S, P

Berylline Hummingbird (*Saucerottia beryllina*) – S, L, P, T

Green-throated Mountain-Gem (*Lampornis viridipallens*) – seen daily at ET

Magnificent Hummingbird (*Eugenes fulgens*) – seen at the hibiscus at the start of the Cerro El Triunfo trail

Plain-capped Starthroat (*Heliomaster constantii*) – at the river stop on our way to J

Long-billed Starthroat (*Heliomaster longirostris*) – the *Heliomaster* seen briefly at P with darkish sides and chest was probably this species

Sparkling-tailed Hummingbird (*Tilmatura dupontii*) – several people got great looks at a female during the hike from H to L

Ruby-throated Hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*) – a few seen at S, L, and P

Wine-throated Hummingbird (*Atthis ellioti*) – one sighting on the Finca Prusia trail at ET

TROGONS (Trogonidae)

Violaceous Trogon (*Trogon violaceus*) – seen at and near P

Mountain Trogon (*Trogon mexicanus*) – several excellent views at ET

Collared Trogon (*Trogon collaris*) – mostly heard at ET, seen by several people near P

Resplendent Quetzal (*Pharomachrus mocinno*) – spectacular views of this long-tailed subspecies. Seen frequently in the cloud forest at ET

KINGFISHERS (Alcedinidae)

Ringed Kingfisher (*Ceryle torquata*) – seen on the way to T

Amazon Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle amazona*) – on the way to J

MOTMOTS (Momotidae)

Tody Motmot (*Hylomanes momotula*) – seen near the start of our hike up to ET, also on our way to P

Blue-throated Motmot (*Aspatha gularis*) – heard occasionally at ET, and finally seen by several participants; much less common than in previous years

Russet-crowned Motmot (*Momotus mexicanus*) – S, also seen well on the way to Finca Prusia

Blue-crowned Motmot (*Momotus momota*) – S, J

Turquoise-browed Motmot (*Eumomota superciliosa*) – P

TOUCANS (Ramphastidae)

Emerald Toucanet (*Aulacorhynchus prasinus*) – seen at ET, and at various locations down to below L

Collared Aracari (*Pteroglossus torquatus*) – seen by some during the hike from L to P, also near P

WOODPECKERS (Picidae)

Acorn Woodpecker (*Melanerpes formicivorus*) – seen by some above Finca Prusia

Golden-fronted Woodpecker (*Melanerpes aurifrons*) – lowland areas: S, J, P, and T

Hairy Woodpecker (*Picoides villosus*) – heard frequently at ET, and seen by a few people

Smoky-brown Woodpecker (*Veniliornis fumigatus*) – one near P

Golden-olive Woodpecker (*Piculus rubiginosus*) – seen by a few people at ET

Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*) – S

Pale-billed Woodpecker (*Campephilus guatemalensis*) – T

OVENBIRDS (Furnariidae)

Rufous-breasted Spinetail (*Synallaxis erythrothorax*) – seen well at P

Scaly-throated (Spectacled) Foliage-gleaner (*Anabacerthia variegaticeps*) – heard commonly, and occasionally seen at ET, down as far as H, and L

Ruddy Foliage-gleaner (*Automolus rubiginosus*) – finally seen by most at ET

Tawny-throated Leaf-tosser (*Sclerurus mexicanus*) – seen on a couple of occasions at ET

WOODCREEPERS (Dendrocolaptidae)

Olivaceous Woodcreeper (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*) – near P

Ivory-billed Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus flavigaster*) – seen on a few occasions at S, H and P

Spotted Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus erythropygius*) – fairly common at ET

Streak-headed Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*) – one during hike up to ET

Spot-crowned Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes affinis*) – ET

TYPICAL ANTBIRDS (Thamnophilidae)

Barred Antshrike (*Thamnophilus doliatus*) – P

MANAKINS (Pipridae)

Long-tailed Manakin (*Chiroxiphia linearis*) – the “toledo” call made by duetting males is one of the characteristic sounds of the drier forests from H down to P. We had several excellent views of handsome males.

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS (Tyrannidae)

Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma imberbe*) – one at P

Paltry Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius vilissimus*) – several seen at ET, also near H

Common Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum cinereum*) – P

Yellow-olive Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens*) – several seen at P

Tufted Flycatcher (*Mitrephanes phaeocercus*) – seen daily in the cloud forest at ET

Western Wood-Pewee (*Contopus sordidulus*) – one seen vocalizing on our hike from L to P

Eastern Wood-Pewee (*Contopus virens*) – one heard during the hike from ET to H

Tropical Pewee (*Contopus cinereus*) – P

Willow Flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii*) – J, P; one very pale individual at P was likely the "Southwestern" subspecies

Least Flycatcher (*Empidonax minimus*) – J

Hammond's Flycatcher (*Empidonax hammondii*) – S, also seen daily in small numbers at ET, and as far down as H

Cordilleran Flycatcher (*Empidonax occidentalis*) – one individual heard only, during the hike from L to P

Yellowish Flycatcher (*Empidonax flavescens*) – the common forest flycatcher at ET

Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*) – S, J

Bright-rumped Attila (*Attila spadiceus*) – H to L

Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*) – heard commonly at middle and lower elevations; a few seen at S, J, L, and P

Nutting's Flycatcher (*Myiarchus nuttingi*) – near L

Brown-crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*) – near P

Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*) – throughout lowlands, at S, J, P, T

Boat-billed Flycatcher (*Megarynchus pitangua*) – S, P, T

Social Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes similis*) – S, J, P, T

Streaked Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes maculatus*) – near P

Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes luteiventris*) – on the way up to Finca Prusia; also near P, T

Piratic Flycatcher (*Legatus leucophaeus*) – near P; this austral migrant flies up from the Amazon Basin to breed in southern Mexico

Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) – S, J, P

Western Kingbird (*Tyrannus verticalis*) – S, P, T

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*) – several along the highway near J, also seen migrating high overhead at ET and T

Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savana*) – in fields alongside the road on the drive to P

Gray-collared Becard (*Pachyramphus major*) – at our lunch spot on the hike from L to P. This enigmatic species ranges throughout Mexico in a wide variety of habitats, but is rarely seen.

Rose-throated Becard (*Pachyramphus aglaiae*) – common this year at ET, also near H,
P

Masked Tityra (*Tityra semifasciata*) – several around P

SWALLOWS (Hirundinidae)

Gray-breasted Martin (*Progne chalybea*) – S

Violet-green Swallow (*Tachycineta thalassina*) – near J

Black-capped Swallow (*Notiochelidon pileata*) – seen on a couple of occasions at ET;
a cloud forest swallow endemic to the highlands of Chiapas & Guatemala

Northern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*) – S, and several near J, T.

Those seen at S were Ridgeway's Rough-winged Swallow (*S. serripennis
ridewayi*), possibly a separate species.

Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) – S, J, P

KINGLETS (Regulidae)

Ruby-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus calendula*) – the individual seen near the Turk's Cap
shrub in the clearing at ET was only the second record for this tour; this species
is rare in southern Mexico and Guatemala.

SILKY-FLYCATCHERS (Ptilgonatidae)

Gray Silky-flycatcher (*Ptilogonys cinereus*) – seen daily at ET

WAXWINGS (Bombycillidae)

Cedar Waxwing (*Bombycilla cedrorum*) – S, also daily at ET and heard as far down as
L. Unusually common this year; many years not recorded at all

DIPPERS (Cinclidae)

American Dipper (*Cinclus mexicanus*) – in the stream just below Finca Prusia

WRENS (Troglodytidae)

Giant Wren (*Campylorhynchus chiapensis*) – seen on our hotel grounds at T. This
largest of all wrens has an equally big voice. Restricted entirely to the coastal
plain of Chiapas

Rufous-naped Wren (*Campylorhynchus rufinucha*) – P

Spot-breasted Wren (*Thryothorus maculipectus*) – S, H

Banded Wren (*Thryothorus pleurostictus*) – S

Rufous-and-white Wren (*Thryothorus rufalbus*) – one of the beautiful bird songs of the
world, common in mid-elevation forest of Pacific slope; seen between H and P

Plain Wren (*Thryothorus modestus*) – S, J, P, T

Rufous-browed Wren (*Troglodytes rufociliatus*) – common at ET, but often hard to see;
most finally got good views

White-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucosticta*) – heard only, on way up to ET
and near L

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucophrys*) – common from ET to H

MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS (Mimidae)

Tropical Mockingbird (*Mimus gilvus*) – on the way to J

Blue-and-white Mockingbird (*Melanotis hypoleucus*) – seen by some at S, also heard at ET

THRUSHES (Turdidae)

Brown-backed Solitaire (*Myadestes occidentalis*) – heard and frequently seen from ET down to P; the strange but lovely song of this species is another characteristic sound of the Mexican highlands

Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush (*Catharus aurantiirostris*) – seen near L and above P

Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush (*Catharus frantzii*) – seen by a few people at ET; much less common than in previous years

Spotted Nightingale-Thrush (*Catharus dryas*) – excellent views at ET; one of the most beautiful thrushes

Swainson's Thrush (*Catharus ustulatus*) – a common migrant from ET down to the Pacific foothills

Black Robin (*Turdus infuscatus*) – common at ET, it's North American Robin-like song was heard throughout our stay in the cloud forest

Mountain Robin (*Turdus plebejus*) – several seen at ET

Clay-colored Robin (*Turdus grayi*) – seen at all locations, including the clearing at ET

White-throated Robin (*Turdus assimilis*) – L, P

GNATCATCHERS (Poliioptilidae)

Long-billed Gnatwren (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*) – heard only, above P

JAYS (Corvidae)

White-throated Magpie-Jay (*Calocitta formosa*) – S, J, P

Green Jay (*Cyanocorax yncas*) – S, J, above and near P

Black-throated Jay (*Cyanolyca pumilo*) – this shy *Cyanolyca* jay was heard commonly and occasionally during our stay in the cloud forest at ET

Unicolored Jay (*Aphelocoma unicolor*) – seen daily in small numbers at ET

OLD WORLD SPARROWS (Passeridae)

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) – S, J, P, T; towns and cities

VIREOS & ALLIES (Vireonidae)

Yellow-throated Vireo (*Vireo flavifrons*) – P; uncommon in this part of Chiapas

Plumbeous Vireo (*Vireo plumbeus*) – between L and P

Cassin's Vireo (*Vireo cassinii*) – S, in ET clearing, and below L

Blue-headed Vireo (*Vireo solitarius*) – one at ET

Warbling Vireo (*Vireo gilvus*) – J, L, P

Brown-capped Vireo (*Vireo leucophrys*) – from ET to L; heard commonly at ET

Yellow-green Vireo (*Vireo flavoviridis*) – common at P

Chestnut-sided Shrike-Vireo (*Vireolanius melitophrys*) – we finally called a couple into view on the hike down to H

Green Shrike-Vireo (*Vireolanius pulchellus*) – heard only, far off, during the hike down to P

Rufous-browed Peppershrike (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*) – heard at S, J, finally seen by some at P

SISKINS, CROSSBILLS & ALLIES (Fringillidae)

Black-headed Siskin (*Carduelis notata*) – on our way to Finca Prusia

Lesser Goldfinch (*Carduelis psaltria*) – on our way to J

Hooded Grosbeak (*Coccothraustes abeillei*) – heard far off in the canopy on a couple of occasions at ET, but never seen

WOOD-WARBLERS (Parulidae)

Tennessee Warbler (*Vermivora peregrina*) – above J, also H to P; a common migrant at most locations below cloud forest

Nashville Warbler (*Vermivora ruficapilla*) – S, P

Crescent-chested Warbler (*Parula superciliosa*) – ET

Yellow Warbler (*Dendroica petechia*) – S, J, P

Magnolia Warbler (*Dendroica magnolia*) – S, J, L, P

Black-throated Green Warbler (*Dendroica virens*) – seen at most locations, including around the clearing at ET

Townsend's Warbler (*Dendroica townsendi*) – seen at most locations except S

Hermit Warbler (*Dendroica occidentalis*) – below ET in the pine-cypress forest

Blackpoll Warbler (*Dendroica striata*) – seen by Bernie during the hike from L to P. A first for this tour.

Black-and-white Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*) – S, J, P

American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*) – S, J, P

Ovenbird (*Seiurus aurocapillus*) – one near P

Northern Waterthrush (*Seiurus noveboracensis*) – one heard near H

MacGillivray's Warbler (*Oporornis tolmiei*) – above J, near P, also heard at ET

Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*) – on way to J, also at P

Gray-crowned Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis poliocephala*) – in the field where we stopped on our way up to Finca Prusia

Wilson's Warbler (*Wilsonia pusilla*) – common throughout, except at S

Canada Warbler (*Wilsonia canadensis*) – one seen by Beverly at ET

Slate-throated Redstart (*Myioborus miniatus*) – common at middle and higher elevations

Fan-tailed Warbler (*Euthlypis lachrymosa*) – from H to P

Golden-crowned Warbler (*Basileuterus culicivorus*) – L, P

Rufous-capped (Chestnut-capped) Warbler (*Basileuterus rufifrons*) – Rufous-capped subspecies was seen at S; Chestnut-capped subspecies (*B. rufifrons delatrii*) was seen on Pacific slope from L down to P. Chestnut-capped Warbler considered by some to be a separate species.

Golden-browed Warbler (*Basileuterus belli*) – daily in the cloud forest at ET

Yellow-breasted Chat (*Icteria virens*) – S

TANAGERS & ALLIES (Thraupidae)

Common Bush-Tanager (*Chlorospingus ophthalmicus*) – common at ET with some down to L

Red-crowned Ant-Tanager (*Habia rubica*) – seen a couple of times from L to P

Red-throated Ant-Tanager (*Habia fuscicauda*) – above P

Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*) – S, J, L, P

Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*) – common migrant at S, also above Finca Prusia and at mid to low elevations on Pacific slope

Flame-colored Tanager (*Piranga bidentata*) – fairly common at ET, down to L

White-winged Tanager (*Piranga leucoptera*) – on way to J, at Et, and above J

Blue-gray Tanager (*Thraupis episcopus*) – S, J, P, T

Yellow-winged Tanager (*Thraupis abbas*) – seen occasionally at most locations

Scrub Euphonia (*Euphonia affinis*) – S, L, P, T, also on way to Finca Prusia

Yellow-throated Euphonia (*Euphonia hirundinacea*) – S, P

Elegant Euphonia (*Euphonia elegantissima*) – ET, H, L

Blue-crowned Chlorophonia (*Chlorophonia occipitalis*) – several people had great views at ET, also down to L

Azure-rumped Tanager (*Tangara cabanisi*) – H, also down to L; a few were sighted during hike up from Finca Prusia to ET; mostly restricted to moist, middle elevation canyons along the Pacific slope of Chiapas and nearby Guatemala

Red-legged Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*) – seen at several locations from mid to low elevations: J, L, P

SPARROWS & SEEDEATERS (Emberizidae)

Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina*) – alongside road on way to J, also P

White-collared Seedeater (*Sporophila torqueola*) – on way to J, also P

Ruddy-breasted Seedeater (*Sporophila minuta*) – one alternate plumage male, seen by Bernie at P

Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer (*Diglossa baritula*) – seen by some at ET. This remarkable species uses its hooked upper bill and sharp lower bill to extract nectar by puncturing the bases of tubular flowers. May be more closely related to tanagers.

White-naped (Yellow-throated) Brush-Finch (*Atlapetes albinucha*) – ET

Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch (*Buarremon brunneinucha*) – ET

Olive Sparrow (*Arremonops rufivirgatus*) – common at S

Prevost's Ground-Sparrow (*Melospiza biarcuatum*) – nice looks at this little known sparrow at P

White-eared Ground-Sparrow (*Melospiza leucotis*) – seen by some during the hike up to Et, also H, L and above P

Botteri's Sparrow (*Aimophila botterii*) – S, seen by Ted. A first for the tour.

Rufous-collared Sparrow (*Zonotrichia capensis*) – daily in the clearing at ET

SALTATORS, GROSBEAKS, & BUNTINGS (Cardinalidae)

Grayish Saltator (*Saltator coerulescens*) – P

Black-headed Saltator (*Saltator atriceps*) – S, J, P, and T

Yellow Grosbeak (*Pheucticus chrysopheplus*) – common in the clearing at ET

Rose-breasted Grosbeak (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*) – seen in small numbers at various locations
Black-headed Grosbeak (*Pheucticus melanocephalus*) – J; one individual
Indigo Bunting (*Passerina cyanea*) – S, J, ET, P
Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*) – one, above P
Dickcissel (*Spiza americana*) – a small group by the road on our way to J. A first for the tour.

ORIOLES, BLACKBIRDS, & ALLIES (Icteridae)

Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*) – several, on way to J
Melodious Blackbird (*Dives dives*) – fairly common at J and P, also in the ET clearing daily
Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*) – common S, J, P, T
Bronzed Cowbird (*Molothrus aeneus*) – J
Yellow-backed Oriole (*Icterus chrysater*) – S
Spot-breasted Oriole (*Icterus pectoralis*) – a couple seen at P
Altamira Oriole (*Icterus gularis*) – S, P
Streak-backed Oriole (*Icterus pustulatus*) – several seen from S to J
Hooded Oriole (*Icterus cucullatus*) – S
Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*) – S, J, ET
Bullock's Oriole (*Icterus bullockii*) – one near P
Orchard Oriole (*Icterus spurius*) – S, J
Black-vented Oriole (*Icterus wagleri*) – S
Bar-winged Oriole (*Icterus maculialatus*) – S
Yellow-billed Cacique (*Amblycercus holosericeus*) – J
Yellow-winged Cacique (*Cacicus melanicterus*) – T

260 bird species seen
11 species head only

271 species total (a record for this tour!)

OTHER OBSERVATIONS OF INTEREST:

Godman's Pit-viper (*Cerrophidion godmani*) – one at ET. This small, rather placid cloud forest viper ranges from southern Mexico to Costa Rica.
Jumping Pit-Viper, Nauyaca (*Atropoides nummifer*) – one seen near the end of the Palo Gordo trail at ET. An unusually high elevation record for this species.
Mexican Gray Squirrel (*Sciurus aureogaster*) – S
Deppe's Squirrel (*Sciurus deppei*) – the common small squirrel of the cloud forest at ET

Red Brocket (*Mazama americana*) – this shy, diminutive deer was seen in the clearing at ET

Cacomixtle, or Southern Ring-tailed Cat (*Bassariscus sumichrasti*) – heard frequently around ET clearing, down to L. A nocturnal, long-tailed relative of the racoon.

Central American Spider Monkey (*Ateles geoffreyi*) – heard grumbling down in the valley during the hike from H to L

Puma (*Felis concolor*) – a deep guttural growl, constantly repeated, heard near the Palo Gordo trail at ET

Baird's Tapir (*Tapirus bairdii*) – track along Palo Gordo trail at ET

Gray Fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*) – seen at dusk near the hotel in T