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A rainbow of colors swirled around the feeders in front of us. Powder-blue Blue-gray Tanagers were everywhere (over 40 at one time). Unbelievably red Crimson-backed Tanagers with their silvery bills provided stunning contrast, as did the velvety-black and yellow of the Flame-rumped Tanagers. Tiny Thick-billed Euphonias decked out in indigo and egg yolk-yellow flitted about every tray. Red-legged Honeycreepers, Streaked and Buff-throated saltators, Palm and Dusky-faced tanagers, Red-crowned Ant-Tanagers, a pair of Red-crowned Woodpeckers, Bananaquits, and Clay-colored Thrushes—where to look first? Two Chestnut-headed Oropendolas with their improbable bills glided in and disrupted things a bit. Suddenly, a flash of rufous and emerald, and the would-be king of the feeders, the Rufous Motmot, had arrived. Other birds gave way and let the motmot have at the bananas. It has always been the dominant feeder bird at the Canopy Lodge...until now. A flock of Collared Aracaris descended on the feeders and even the motmot had to yield to the newcomers. This same scene played out several times each day and all in view from the dining area of the lodge.

Of course, a trip to the Canopy Lodge is about much more than the incredible feeder display, no matter how hard it is to tear oneself away from the lodge grounds. Did I mention the Orange-chinned Parakeets that regularly visited the *Erythrina* tree right off the patio? This same *Erythrina* tree had daily visits from an uncommon Long-billed Starthroat. Or the Snowy-bellied Hummingbird that patrolled the garden, and the incredible Orange-billed Sparrows that came in for bread?

Over the course of a week we scoured a variety of habitats from the dry Pacific lowlands near El Chiru to the upper elevation forest of Altos del Maria, tallying nearly 240 species of birds in the process. In the lowlands we enjoyed such treats as Savanna Hawk, Bat Falcon, Aplomado Falcon, Crested Bobwhite, Southern Lapwing (47 in one group), Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl, Sapphire-throated Hummingbird, the endemic Veraguan Mango, Brown-throated Parakeet, Blue-crowned Motmot, Barred Antshrike, Rufous-browed Peppershrike, and a very aseasonal Piratic Flycatcher among others. In and around the town of El Valle itself we added a roosting pair of Tropical Screech-Owls, prolonged studies of a Tody Motmot (giving us four motmots for the trip), Common Potoo, and stunning male Lance-tailed Manakins.

Forests in the vicinity of the lodge itself harbored White Hawk, Sunbittern (a fantastic fly-by from 15 feet away), Mottled Owl (a roosting pair from about 20 feet), Broad-billed Motmot, and Tawny-crested Tanagers. A few miles uphill in the area called La Mesa we tallied Emerald Toucanet, Orange-bellied Trogon, Green-crowned Brilliant, Spotted Woodcreeper, Dull-mantled and Chestnut-backed antbirds, Spot-crowned Ant-Vireo,

Masked Tityra, Bran-colored Flycatcher, Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant, Thrushlike Schiffornis, Scarlet-thighed Dacnis, and Black-faced Grosbeak.

Our final area covered was the higher elevation forests of Altos del Maria. Hummingbirds were much in evidence here with the likes of Snowcap, White-tailed Emerald, Purple-throated Mountain-gem, and Brown Violetear added to our list. At our lunch stop, a rarely seen White-tipped Sicklebill visited *Heliconia* flowers right next to the road! Other goodies included another perched White Hawk, Tufted Flycatcher, Plain Antvireo, Bicolored Antbird, White-ruffed Manakin, Ochraceous Wren, Scaly-breasted Wren, Common Bush-Tanager, and the incomparable Black-and-yellow Tanager.

In all we had an amazing 25 species of hummingbirds and 22 species of tanagers for the trip. The fabulous Sunbittern and the two perched White Hawks were tied for the favorite birds of the tour. Another successful visit to the wonderful Canopy Lodge!

Itinerary:

November 6 – arrivals in Panama City

November 7 – 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 (62 species)

November 8 – El Chiru, Santa Clara, Juan Hombron (88 species; 128 total)

November 9 – Cara Iguana (Cariguana) Trail, road to Canopy Adventure, lodge feeders & grounds, La Mesa (Las Minas Road) (87 species; 158 total)

November 10 – lodge feeders & grounds, La Mesa, Cerro Gaital (95 species; 188 total)

November 11 – Altos del Maria all day (101 species; 214 total)

November 12 – lodge feeders & grounds, Canopy Adventure, drive to Canopy Tower, with brief birding there, Miraflores Locks (86 species; 234 total species)

November 13 – 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:

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) one at Juan Hombron leading the lapwing flock!

Gray-headed Chachalaca (*Ortalis cinereiceps*) a few near the lodge

Crested Bobwhite (*Colinus cristatus*) flock of about ten crossing road at El Chiru

Blue-footed Booby (*Sula nebouxii*) about a dozen on channel marker at Santa Clara

Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*)

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) female on pond near El Valle

Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*) mostly around Santa Clara & Juan Hombron; incredible views of perched female at Raul's beach house

Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*)

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)

Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*)

Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*)

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)

Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*) spotted by Ed on pond next to lodge

Striated Heron (*Butorides striata*) Ed only along stream in front of lodge

White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*) two spotted by Nina at the locks

Wood Stork (*Mycteria Americana*) one over Juan Hombron

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) daily in numbers

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*) ditto

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture (*Cathartes burrovianus*) about ten around Juan Hombron; nice views

Osprey (*Pandion halietus*) not seen by all

White-tailed Kite (*Elanus leucurus*) four total

White Hawk (*Leucopternis albicollis*) a total of four seen including scope views of two perched birds; tied for favorite bird of the tour!

Savannah Hawk (*Buteogallus meridionalis*) Juan Hombron

Roadside Hawk (*Buteo magnirostris*)

Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*) a few migrants

Short-tailed Hawk (*Buteo brachyurus*) four total including one light morph right overhead at the Canopy Tower

Zone-tailed Hawk (*Buteo albonotatus*) one briefly at Juan Hombron

Black Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus tyrannus*) heard only

Barred Forest-Falcon (*Micrastur ruficollis*) nice perched views for some of this elusive raptor and good flight views for the rest; rarely seen

Crested Caracara (*Caracara cheriway*)

Yellow-headed Caracara (*Milvago chimachima*)

American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*)

Aplomado Falcon (*Falco femoralis*) two at El Chiru were a bonus

Bat Falcon (*Falco ruficularis*) three total; especially well at Juan Hombron

Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) perched over the locks

Gray-necked Wood-Rail (*Aramides cajanea*) heard only

Sunbittern (*Eurypyga helias*) great views at the Canopy Adventure; tied for favorite bird of the tour!

Southern Lapwing (*Vanellus chilensis*) an impressive 46 in one flock at Juan Hombron

Wattled Jacana (*Jacana jacana*) about 5 at Juan Hombron

Willet (*Tringa semipalmata*) beaches of Santa Clara

Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*) beaches of Santa Clara

Calidris species flock of peeps flushed distantly at Juan Hombron but could not be identified to species

Laughing Gull (*Larus atricilla*)

Franklin's Gull (*Larus pipixcan*) one in with Laughing Gulls at the locks

Caspian Tern (*Hydroprogne caspia*) rare was one at the locks the last afternoon

Common Tern (*Sterna Hirundo*) four on the beach at Santa Clara; uncommon

Royal Tern (*Thalasseus maxima*)

Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*)

Pale-vented Pigeon (*Patagioenas cayennensis*) by some at hotel in Panama City

Plain-breasted Ground-Dove (*Columbina minuta*) fleeting views at El Chiru

Ruddy Ground-Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*) seen daily

White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*) daily

Brown-throated Parakeet (*Aratinga pertinax*) nice views of about six at El Chiru

Orange-chinned Parakeet (*Brotogeris jugularis*) a pair attacked the lodge erythrina tree daily

Blue-headed Parrot (*Pionus menstruus*) a few on Altos del Maria

Yellow-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*) Juan Hombron

Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*) several good views of this striking species

Groove-billed Ani (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*) mostly at El Chiru & Juan Hombron

Tropical Screech-Owl (*Megascops choliba*) prolonged scope views of roosting pair from about fifteen feet!!!!

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum*) nice scope views

Mottled Owl (*Ciccaba virgata*) roosting pair near the canopy Adventure provided superb studies; tied for second favorite bird of the tour!

Common Potoo (*Nyctibius griseus*) prolonged scope study of roosting bird at Cara Iguana

Rufous-breasted Hermit (*Glaucis hirsutus*) by ed only near the lodge

Band-tailed Barbthroat (*Threnetes ruckeri*) one at the heliconia blossoms briefly at the lodge

Green Hermit (*Phaethornis guy*)

Long-billed Hermit (*Phaethornis longirostris*) one each at Canopy Tower

Stripe-throated Hermit (*Phaethornis striigularis*)

White-tipped Sicklebill (*Eutoxeres aquila*) exceptional views at the heliconia blossoms for eight members of the group during lunch

White-necked Jacobin (*Florisuga mellivora*) Canopy Tower; stunning

Brown Violet-ear (*Colibri delphinae*) we had wonderful scope views of this rarity on Altos del Maria

Veraguan Mango (*Anthracothorax veraguensis*) superb views at blooming erythrina tree at Juan Hombron; a Panamanian endemic

Rufous-crested Coquette (*Lophornis delattrei*) female near the lodge by Ed only
Violet-headed Hummingbird (*Klais guimeti*) at the lodge our last morning
Garden Emerald (*Chlorostilbon assimilis*) one at El Chiru
Violet-crowned Woodnymph (*Thalurania colombica*)
Violet-bellied Hummingbird (*Damophila julie*) a few at the Canopy Tower feeders; striking
Sapphire-throated Hummingbird (*Lepidopyga coeruleogularis*) around El Chiru
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
White-tailed Emerald (*Elvira chionura*) male on Altos del Maria
Snowcap (*Microchera albocoronata*) one immature male and two females on Los Altos
White-vented Plumleteer (*Chalybura buffonii*) best at the Tower feeders
Bronze-tailed Plumleteer (*Chalybura urochrysa*) one seen perched so the pink feet were visible
Purple-throated Mountain-Gem (*Lampornis calolaema*) a tour first!
Green-crowned Brilliant (*Heliodoxa jacula*) Cerro Gaital trail
Purple-crowned Fairy (*Heliostyris barroti*) one seen briefly by a few near the Adventure
Long-billed Starthroat (*Heliomaster longirostris*) seen almost daily in the erythrina at the lodge
Violaceous Trogon (*Trogon violaceus*) female near the lodge
Orange-bellied Trogon (*Trogon aurantiiventris*) fantastic views of lone males on La Mesa & Los Altos
Tody Motmot (*Hylomanes momotula*) superb study along the Cariguana Trail; always tough; tied for second favorite bird of the tour
Blue-crowned Motmot (*Momotus momota*) two at El Chiru
Rufous Motmot (*Baryphthengus martii*) a regular (and spectacular) visitor to the lodge feeders!; tied for second favorite bird of the tour
Broad-billed Motmot (*Electron platyrhynchum*) completing our “motmot slam”; uncommon around El Valle
Ringed Kingfisher (*Ceryle torquatus*) quick views at Miraflores Locks
Green Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle americana*) pair hung around the lodge pond regularly
Emerald Toucanet (*Aulacorhynchus prasinus*) prolonged scope study on Las Minas plus two more on Altos del Maria; likely to be split into the Blue-throated Toucanet (*A. caeruleogularis*)
Collared Aracari (*Pteroglossus torquatus*) for the first time this species has become a regular visitor to the lodge feeders!
Keel-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos sulfuratus*) always spectacular
Red-crowned Woodpecker (*Melanerpes rubricapillus*) seen daily; a regular feeder visitor at the Lodge
Pale-breasted Spinetail (*Synallaxis albescens*) very brief views at Juan Hombron for some; heard well and close
Plain Xenops (*Xenops minutus*)

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*) Altos del Maria; uncommon
Cocoa Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus susurrans*) seven total
Spotted Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus erythropygius*)
Fasciated Antshrike (*Cymbilaimus lineatus*) heard only
Barred Antshrike (*Thamnophilus doliatus*) fantastic views on a few occasions; tied for the second favorite bird of the tour!
Plain Antvireo (*Dysithamnus mentalis*) two on Altos del Maria; uncommon
Spot-crowned Antvireo (*Dysithamnus puncticeps*) one each at La Mesa & Altos del Maria; uncommon
Dusky Antbird (*Cercomacra tyrannina*) female near the canopy Adventure for some
Chestnut-backed Antbird (*Myrmeciza exsul*) great views at Cerro Gaital
Dull-mantled Antbird (*Myrmeciza laemosticta*) good views for some and fleeting views for others on La Mesa; uncommon
Bicolored Antbird (*Gymnopithys leucaspis*) lengthy scope views on Altos del Maria; uncommon
Black-faced Antthrush (*Formicarius analis*) heard only (except for Ed), as is often the case
Streak-chested Antpitta (*Hylopezus perspicillatus*) seen only by a few and heard painfully close by the rest of us
Black-crowned Antpitta (*Pittasoma michleri*) heard only, unfortunately
Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)
Yellow-bellied Elaenia (*Elaenia flavogaster*)
Olive-striped Flycatcher (*Mionectes olivaceus*)
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher (*Mionectes oleagineus*)
Sepia-capped Flycatcher (*Leptopogon amaurocephalus*)
Rufous-browed Tyrannulet (*Phylloscartes superciliaris*) heard only
Paltry Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius vilissimus*)
Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant (*Lophotriccus pileatus*) good views
Common Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum cinereum*)
Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum nigriceps*) one just above the lodge the last morning was a surprise find!
White-throated Spadebill (*Platyrinchus mystaceus*) heard only
Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher (*Terenotriccus erythrurus*) by Danilo & Bill
Bran-colored Flycatcher (*Myiophobus fasciatus*) seen well on La Mesa
Tufted Flycatcher (*Mitrephanes phaeocercus*) several good views on Los Altos
Olive-sided Flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*)
Eastern Wood-Pewee (*Contopus virens*) seen daily in numbers
Acadian Flycatcher (*Empidonax virescens*)
Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*)
Panama Flycatcher (*Myiarchus panamensis*) about a half dozen around El Chiru
Great Crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus crinitus*)
Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)
Boat-billed Flycatcher (*Megarhynchus pitangua*)
Social Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes similis*) widespread & common
Streaked Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes maculatus*) one at El Chiru

Piratic Flycatcher (*Legatus leucophaeus*) one photographed at Santa Clara may be the first ever documented for Panama in November!!

Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) abundant in open country

Eastern Kingbird (*Tyrannus tyrannus*) one at Juan Hombron

Gray Kingbird (*Tyrannus dominicensis*) five at Juan Hombron

Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savanna*) nice views near El Chiru & Juan Hombron

Thrushlike Schiffornis (*Schiffornis turdina*) great views at Cerro Gaital

Masked Tityra (*Tityra semifasciata*) a male on La Mesa in with Black-faced grosbeaks at fruiting tree

Golden-collared Manakin (*Manacus vitellinus*) one female on La Mesa

White-ruffed Manakin (*Corapipo altera*) excellent looks at males and females

Lance-tailed Manakin (*Chiroxiphia lanceolata*) several nice studies of males

Blue-crowned Manakin (*Pipra coronata*) female at the Canopy Tower

Yellow-throated Vireo (*Vireo flavifrons*)

Red-eyed Vireo (*vireo olivaceus*) one or two daily

Scrub Greenlet (*Hylophilus flavipes*) pair at El Chiru

Golden-fronted Greenlet (*Hylophilus aurantiifrons*) El Chiru

Rufous-browed Peppershrike (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*) El Chiru

Black-chested Jay (*Cyanocorax affinis*) many nice studies

Gray-breasted Martin (*Progne subis*)

Southern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*)

Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)

Bay Wren (*Thryothorus nigricapillus*) good views of this stunning species

Rufous-breasted Wren (*Thryothorus rutilus*)

Rufous-and-white Wren (*Thryothorus rufalbus*) heard only; a super skulker

Plain Wren (*thryothorus modestus*) great views on La Mesa from a few feet away!

House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) seen daily; this is the "Southern House Wren", *T. musculus*, of some authors

Ochraceous Wren (*Troglodytes ochraceus*) wonderful scope views on Los Altos

White-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucosticta*) heard only

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucophrys*) seen well by most

Scaly-breasted Wren (*Microcerculus marginatus*) seen by the folks looking for the antpitta

Song Wren (*Cyphorhinus phaeocephalus*) heard only

Tawny-faced Gnatwren (*Microbates cinereiventris*) La Mesa

Long-billed Gnatwren (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*) by a few only

Gray-cheeked Thrush (*Catharus minimus*) by Ed only near the lodge

Swainson's Thrush (*Catharus ustulatus*)

Pale-vented Thrush (*Turdus obsoletus*) five total; uncommon

Clay-colored Thrush (*Turdus grayi*) abundant

Tropical Mockingbird (*Mimus gilvus*) one in Panama City

Golden-winged Warbler (*Vermivora chrysoptera*) four total

Tennessee Warbler (*Vermivora peregrina*) seen daily in numbers; common at feeders

Yellow Warbler (*Dendroica petechia*)

Chestnut-sided Warbler (*Dendroica pensylvanica*) six total

Blackburnian Warbler (*Dendroica fusca*) three total
Bay-breasted Warbler (*Dendroica castanea*) six total
Black-and-white Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*) two seen
Northern Waterthrush (*Seiurus noveboracensis*)
Louisiana Waterthrush (*Seiurus motacilla*)
Mourning Warbler (*Oporornis philadelphia*)
Canada Warbler (*Wilsonia Canadensis*) three total
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 (*Chryothlypis chrysomelas*) three on Los Altos; very striking; uncommon
Dusky-faced Tanager (*Mitrospingus cassinii*) this often skulky forest species comes in regularly to the lodge feeders now
White-shouldered Tanager (*Tachyphonus luctuosus*) one immature male near the Canopy Adventure
Tawny-crested Tanager (*Tachyphonus delatrii*) many great views
White-lined Tanager (*Tachyphonus rufus*) a pair frequented the lodge of feeders
Crimson-backed Tanager (*Ramphocelus dimidiatus*) in numbers daily, especially at the feeders; spectacular!
Flame-rumped Tanager (*Ramphocelus flammigerus*) like the preceding species, common at the lodge feeders and truly stunning
Blue-gray Tanager (*Thraupis episcopus*) abundant (40 in view at once), especially at the feeders
Palm Tanager (*Thraupis palmarum*) regular at feeders
Silver-throated Tanager (*Tangara icterocephala*) common in the upper elevations
Bay-headed Tanager (*Tangara gyrola*) another beauty
Golden-hooded Tanager (*Tangara larvata*) also striking
Scarlet-thighed Dacnis (*Dacnis venusta*) male spotted by Cindy on La Mesa was a real highlight; scope views for several minutes of this stunning beauty
Green Honeycreeper (*Chlorophanes spiza*) about four total
Shining Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes lucidus*) two bright males
Red-legged Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*) regular at the lodge feeders (though no adult males)
Streaked Saltator (*Saltator striatipectus*) our first spotted by Ed
Buff-throated Saltator (*Saltator maximus*) regular at lodge feeders
Black-headed Saltator (*Saltator atriceps*) heard only
Slate-colored Grosbeak (*Saltator grossus*) by most of the group on Cerro Gaital
Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina*) El Chiru
Variable Seedeater (*Sporophila Americana*)
Thick-billed Seed-Finch (*Oryzoborus funereus*)
Yellow-faced Grassquit (*Tiaris olivaceus*) common
Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch (*Arremon brunneinucha*) La Mesa & Cerro Gaital; always skulky

Orange-billed Sparrow (*Arremon aurantillostris*) another stunner that made daily (though always early) appearances at the lodge; is that bill for real?
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*)
Scarlet Tanager (*Piranga olivacea*)
Red-crowned Ant-Tanager (*Habia rubica*) seen daily, often visiting the feeders
Red-throated Ant-Tanager (*Habia fuscicauda*) one female for a few on La Mesa
Black-faced Grosbeak (*Caryothraustes poliogaster*) flock of a dozen or so on La Mesa in fruiting tree; uncommon
Rose-breasted Grosbeak (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*) two in El Chiru thanks to Nance
Blue-black Grosbeak (*Cyanocompsa cyanoides*) glimpsed by some, heard by others
Indigo Bunting (*Passerina cyanea*)
Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*)
Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*) abundant in open country
Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*)
Chestnut-headed Oropendola (*Psarocolius wagleri*) regular at the feeders
Yellow-crowned Euphonia (*Euphonia luteicapilla*) nice scope view
Thick-billed Euphonia (*Euphonia lanirostris*) abundant at lodge feeders
Tawny-capped Euphonia (*Euphonia anae*) several nice views on La Mesa & Los Altos; also one female down low at lodge feeders
Lesser Goldfinch (*Carduelis psaltria*)

Total species – **234** (one short of tour record)

Leader only birds:

Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher
Black-throated Green Warbler
Black-striped Sparrow

Mammals:

Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth---one or two daily; great studies
Variegated Squirrel---leader only
Red-tailed Squirrel---the banana thieves!
Pygmy squirrel species (either Central American or Western)---pair on Altos del Maria & another above the lodge
Central American Agouti
Orange Nectar Bat---at the lodge hummingbird feeders!
Sac-winged bat species (probably White-lined)---on tree trunk at Raul's beach house

Total species – 7

Reptiles & Amphibians:

Green Iguana
Central American Whip-tailed Lizard
Striped Basilisk
Coral Snake---by part of group on Cerro Gaital
Rat snake species----Cerro Gaital in tree
Marine Toad---heard only
Turtle species---possibly a mud turtle of some sort; not a slider

Total species – 7

Butterflies:

Cattleheart species (possibly Pink-checked) (Parides sp.)
Large Orange Sulphur (Phoebis agarithe)
Cloudless Sulphur (Phoebis sennae)
Erato Heliconian (Heliconius erato)
Heliconius species (blue-and-white type)
Banded Peacock (Anartia fatima)
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)
Veined White Skipper
Black Crescent---seen & identified by Ed

Total species – 14 (plus many others left completely unidentified; butterfly list greatly hampered by unusually drizzly weather)

Significant others:

Leafcutter ants
Army ants
Helicopter (Giant) Damselfly