

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

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A frantic knock on my door was followed by the two words I had hoped to hear all week, “ground-cuckoos!” Moyo, our local guide, had just been informed that one of the lodge employees had found an ant swarm with two Rufous-vented Ground-Cuckoos less than five minutes away! This nearly mythical species is so highly sought, even by veteran birders of the Tropics, that it has become sort of the Holy Grail of Central America. I had seen only one previously. Many have made countless trips to the Tropics without ever seeing one. However, nowhere on Earth can one have as good a chance of seeing a ground-cuckoo as here at the Canopy Lodge.

We had just finished a wildly successful morning of birding (our last day of the tour) to the Caribbean slope forests of Jordanal and Rio Indio. A pair of Barred Puffbirds, two Green Thorntails, a White-winged Becard, a completely unexpected Slate-colored Seedeater, a flock of Sulphur-rumped Tanagers, and a sleeping northern tamandua (lesser anteater) topped the list. Despite this being my seventeenth trip to Panama, the seedeater and tanager were life birds for me. Such are the possibilities here! We had decided to head back to the lodge a little early to have a few minutes to pack up before lunch and our return drive to Panama City. That is when Moyo knocked on my door. I quickly rounded up the group, and we piled into the lodge van for the short ride to the spot where the ground-cuckoos had been seen. The ant swarm was about 20 yards downhill from us and we could hear the calls of attendant Black-chested Jays and Plain-brown Woodcreepers. Quietly, we scanned the forest floor, and suddenly one of the ground-cuckoos darted out after prey. The vegetation was thick and some of the group had an angle on the bird, while some did not. A few tense moments ensued before everyone in the group had a scope view of one of these amazing birds. What an incredible ending to an already fabulous trip!

Over five days we had scoured a variety of habitats in and around El Valle and the Canopy Lodge. In the nearby highlands of Altos del Maria we had enjoyed such highlights as White Hawk, the incomparable Snowcap, Emerald (Blue-throated) Toucanet, Red-faced Spinetail, a Spotted Barbtail building a nest, Spotted Woodcreeper, Spot-crowned Antvireo, Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant, White-throated and Pale-vented thrushes, Common Bush-Tanager, and the brilliant Black-and-yellow Tanager, among others. In the forests of La Mesa, we tallied an unexpected Ornate Hawk-Eagle, a pair of Orange-bellied Trogons, Plain Antvireo, Tufted Flycatcher, Silver-throated Tanager, Scarlet-thighed Dacnis, and a host of spectacular butterflies. The Pacific lowlands of Juan Hombron and El Chiru yielded the likes of Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture, Common Black-Hawk, Savannah Hawk, Aplomado Falcon, Crested Bobwhite, Yellow-crowned Parrot, Brown-throated Parakeet, Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl, the endemic Veraguan

Mango, Sapphire-throated Hummingbird, Barred Antshrike, Straight-billed Woodcreeper, and Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant. Along the Cara Iguana Trail we had Tody Motmot (always a prized find), Blue-crowned Motmot, roosting Tropical Screech-Owls, and Lance-tailed Manakin, while a nearby residence produced a pair of roosting Common Potoos. On trails in the Canopy Adventure we had Mottled Owl and the shy Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush.

Finally, of course, there was the wonderful birding right on the grounds of the lodge itself. Feeders stocked with bananas drew the likes of Rufous Motmot; Red-crowned Woodpecker; Blue-gray, Palm, Crimson-backed, and Flame-rumped tanagers; Red-crowned Ant-Tanager; Streaked and Buff-throated saltators; and the occasional Orange-chinned Parakeet and Chestnut-headed Oropendola. Brilliant Orange-billed Sparrows came in for bread, while a Long-billed Starthroat frequently visited the coral bean and a Snowy-bellied Hummingbird patrolled the garden. In the open-air dining area, meals were frequently interrupted for Lineated Woodpecker, Amazon Kingfisher, Bay-headed and Golden-hooded tanagers, and much more. In short, this place is a birder's paradise! We tallied 229 species on this extension, 78 of which were species we had not seen on the main Canopy Tower tour.

Itinerary:

October 22 – arrival in El Valle around noon; birding on grounds of Canopy Lodge and up to trails of Canopy Adventure (50 species)

October 23 – lodge feeders, La Mesa (including Las Minas Road), Canopy Adventure, Cara Iguana (Cariguana) Trail in afternoon (90 species; 107 total)

October 24 – all day on Altos del Maria (88 species; 140 total)

October 25 – Juan Hombron, Santa Clara, El Chiru; late afternoon feeder watching (111 species; 202 total)

October 26 – Rio Indio, Jordanal, area above Canopy Adventure, lodge feeders, drive to Panama City (90 species; 229 total)

October 27 – departures for home (229 total species)

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:

Little Tinamou (*Crypturellus soui*) heard only near Rio Indio
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*)
Crested Bobwhite (*Colinus cristatus*) nice scope study of pair on road into Juan Hombron
Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*) close perched birds in Santa Clara
Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)
Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*)
Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*)
Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)
Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*)
Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*) by the hundreds at Juan Hombron
Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*)
Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)
Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*)
White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*)
Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*) one at Juan Hombron; very uncommon
Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) daily in numbers
Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*)
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture (*Cathartes burrovianus*) best views ever of perched birds at Juan Hombron
White-tailed Kite (*Elanus leucurus*)
White Hawk (*Leucopternis albicollis*) distant perched bird on Altos del Maria and a pair at Rio Indio
Common Black-Hawk (*Buteogallus anthracinus*) great views from fifteen feet; formerly considered to be a separate species the Mangrove Black-Hawk (*Buteogallus subtilis*)
Savannah Hawk (*Buteogallus meridionalis*) superb studies at Juan Hombron of this handsome raptor
Roadside Hawk (*Buteo magnirostris*) one at Juan Hombron
Gray Hawk (*Buteo nitidus*)
Short-tailed Hawk (*Buteo brachyurus*) especially well at Jordanal
Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*)
Zone-tailed Hawk (*Buteo albonotatus*) one at Juan Hombron
Black Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus tyrannus*) heard at Rio Indio
Ornate Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus ornatus*) nice scope views of distantly perched adult bird along the Las Minas Road; rare; voted the third favorite bird of the tour
Crested Caracara (*Caracara cheriway*) many in Juan Hombron rice fields
Yellow-headed Caracara (*Milvago chimachima*) many good views
American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*) along Pan-American Hwy
Aplomado Falcon (*Falco femoralis*) distant but quite good scope views of adult at El Chiru; very uncommon
Bat Falcon (*Falco ruficularis*)
Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)
Gray-necked Wood-Rail (*Aramides cajanea*) heard by group, but only seen by me

Southern Lapwing (*Vanellus chilensis*) 69 in one flock
Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicana*)
Wattled Jacana (*Jacana jacana*)
Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularius*)
Solitary Sandpiper (*Tringa solitaria*)
Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*)
Willet (*Tringa semipalmata*)
Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*)
Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*) on beach at Santa Clara
Sanderling (*Calidris alba*) spotted on the beach by Rusty
Least Sandpiper (*Calidris minutilla*)
Royal Tern (*Thalasseus maxima*)
Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*)
Mourning Dove (*Zenaida macroura*) one at Juan Hombron
Ruddy Ground-Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*)
Blue Ground-Dove (*Claravis pretiosa*) heard only
White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*)
Brown-throated Parakeet (*Aratinga pertinax*) scope studies of three around El Chiru
Orange-chinned Parakeet (*Brotogeris jugularis*) feeding in Coral Bean right next to dining room
Blue-headed Parrot (*Pionus menstruus*) perched birds investigating nest hole
Yellow-crowned Parrot (*Amazona ochrocephala*) fly by pair at Juan Hombron
Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*) several nice views

Rufous-vented Ground-Cuckoo (*Neomorphus geoffroyi*) incredible last minute find by a lodge employee above the Canopy Adventure just before we were about to leave; two birds at ant swarm; nearly mythical and certainly one of the most sought-after birds of all of Central America; only the second time I have ever seen this species

Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*) a few on Altos del Maria

Groove-billed Ani (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*) common around Juan Hombron

Tropical Screech-Owl (*Megascops choliba*) incredible daytime study of roosting pair at Cariguana

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

Mottled Owl (*Ciccaba virgata*) fantastic daytime study

Common Potoo (*Nyctibius griseus*) two roosting birds that we encountered through incredible luck of meeting a man on a bicycle who had them in his yard!

Chimney Swift (*Chaetura pelagica*)

Green Hermit (*Phaethornis guy*)

Stripe-throated Hermit (*Phaethornis striigularis*) one seen particularly well on the lodge grounds

Scaly-breasted Hummingbird (*Phaeochroa cuvierii*) one in the heliconias at Juan Hombron; very uncommon

Veraguan Mango (*Anthracothorax veraguensis*) great, close views of a male at Juan Hombron; a Panama endemic

Green Thorntail (*Discosura conversii*) two near Rio Indio were a surprise; very uncommon to rare

Violet-crowned Woodnymph (*Thalurania colombica*)

Violet-bellied Hummingbird (*Damophila julie*)
Sapphire-throated Hummingbird (*Lepidopyga coeruleogularis*)
Blue-chested Hummingbird (*Amazilia amabilis*)
Snowy-bellied Hummingbird (*Amazilia edward*) regular on the lodge grounds
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird (*Amazilia tzacatl*) common
Snowcap (*Microchera albocoronata*) stunning scope views of female from about fifteen feet; also nice views of male feeding on an Inga tree
White-vented Plumeleteer (*Chalybura buffonii*)
Purple-crowned Fairy (*Heliostyris barroti*) scope views near Jordanal
Long-billed Starthroat (*Heliomaster longirostris*) gorgeous male on the lodge grounds; very uncommon
Orange-bellied Trogon (*Trogon aurantiiventris*) pair along Las Minas
Tody Motmot (*Hylomanes momotula*) after much effort, we had nice looks at a pair at Cariguana; can be very hard to find
Blue-crowned Motmot (*Momotus momota*) based on the two note call given at Cariguana, these birds are still Blue-crowned Motmots and not the Whooping Motmots of the Canal Zone; six total
Rufous Motmot (*Baryphthengus martii*) a regular (and spectacular) visitor to the lodge feeders!
Broad-billed Motmot (*Electron platyrhynchum*) one near the Canopy Adventure
Ringed Kingfisher (*Megaceryle torquatus*)
Belted Kingfisher (*Megaceryle alcyon*)
Amazon Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle amazona*) one regular at the pond on the lodge grounds and visible from the dining area
Green Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle americana*)
Barred Puffbird (*Nystalus radiatus*) a pair near Rio Indio was a real treat!; voted the second favorite bird of the tour
Emerald (Blue-throated) Toucanet (*Aulacorhynchus prasinus*) wonderful views of a pair; a likely future split to be called Blue-throated Toucanet (would become *A. caeruleogularis*)
Keel-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos sulfuratus*)
Black-cheeked Woodpecker (*Melanerpes pucherani*) near Rio Indio
Red-crowned Woodpecker (*Melanerpes rubricapillus*) seen daily; a regular feeder visitor at the lodge
Smoky-brown Woodpecker (*Veniliornis fumigatus*) unknown from this area and presumably the easternmost record ever in Panama; seen by myself & Eliazar and heard only by the group
Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*) prolonged scope study from the dining room!
Pale-breasted Spintail (*Synallaxis albescens*) heard only
Red-faced Spinetail (*Cranioleuca erythropis*) nice views on Altos del Maria
Spotted Barbtail (*Premnoplex brunnescens*) wonderful study of one building a nest on Altos del Maria
Plain Xenops (*Xenops minutus*)
Plain-brown Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*) a few at the ant swarm the last day

Wedge-billed Woodcreeper (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*) nice scope views at Jordanal
Straight-billed Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus picus*) cooperative bird at Juan Hombron
 Cocoa Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus susurrans*) daily
 Spotted Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus erythropygius*) a couple on Altos del Maria
Brown-billed Scythebill (*Campylorhamphus pusillus*) heard only
 Barred Antshrike (*Thamnophilus doliatus*) many great views, including right on the lodge grounds
 Western Slaty-Antshrike (*Thamnophilus atrinucha*) heard only near Jordanal
Russet Antshrike (*Thamnistes anabatinus*) two on Altos del Maria were lucky finds
Plain Antvireo (*Dysithamnus mentalis*) pair on La Mesa; uncommon
Spot-crowned Antvireo (*Dysithamnus puncticeps*) prolonged scope study on Altos del Maria
 Dusky Antbird (*Cercomacra tyrannina*) heard only
 Chestnut-backed Antbird (*Myrmeciza exsul*) heard only, painfully close
 Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma obsoletum*)
 Mouse-colored Tyrannulet (*Phaeomyias murina*) brief views at Juan Hombron
 Yellow-bellied Elaenia (*Elaenia flavogaster*)
 Olive-striped Flycatcher (*Mionectes olivaceus*)
Rufous-browed Tyrannulet (*Phylloscartes superciliaris*) very uncommon
Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant (*Lophotriccus pilaris*) Juan Hombron; uncommon
 Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant (*Lophotriccus pileatus*) best views ever at Altos del Maria
 Common Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum cinereum*) seen best at Juan Hombron
 Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher (*Myiobius sulphureipygius*) Altos del Maria & Jordanal
Bran-colored Flycatcher (*Myiophobus fasciatus*)
 Tufted Flycatcher (*Mitrephanes phaeocercus*) several good views
 Olive-sided Flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*) three total
 Eastern Wood-Pewee (*Contopus virens*) abundant
 Acadian Flycatcher (*Empidonax virescens*)
 "Trail's" Flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii*) probably Willow, but Alder also occurs as a migrant
 Long-tailed Tyrant (*Colonia colonus*) Altos del Maria & Rio Indio
 Bright-rumped Attila (*Attila spadiceus*) seen near Rio Indio, heard elsewhere
 Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*)
 Panama Flycatcher (*Myiarchus panamensis*) four at Juan Hombron/ El Chiru
 Great Crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus crinitus*)
 Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)
 Boat-billed Flycatcher (*Megarhynchus pitangua*)
 Rusty-margined Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes cayanensis*)
 Social Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes similes*) widespread & common
 Streaked Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes maculatus*)
 Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes luteiventris*) one from the dining room
 Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) abundant in open country
 Eastern Kingbird (*Tyrannus tyrannus*)
 Gray Kingbird (*Tyrannus dominicensis*) four at Juan Hombron

Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savanna*) an estimated 35 at Juan Hombron; stunning!

Thrushlike Schiffornis (*Schiffornis turdina*) heard only

White-winged Becard (*Pachyramphus polychopterus*) male near Jordanal; uncommon

White-ruffed Manakin (*Corapipo altera*) nice looks at immature male

Lance-tailed Manakin (*Chiroxiphia lanceolata*) one at Cariguana

Red-eyed Vireo (*Vireo olivaceus*)

Scrub Greenlet (*Hylophilus flavipes*) Juan Hombron

Golden-fronted Greenlet (*Hylophilus aurantiifrons*) Juan Hombron & El Chiru

Lesser Greenlet (*Hylophilus decurtatus*)

Black-chested Jay (*Cyanocorax affinis*) best at the ant swarm

Gray-breasted Martin (*Progne subis*)

Blue-and-white Swallow (*Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*) in El Valle

Bank Swallow (*Riparia riparia*)

Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)

Black-bellied wren (*Thryothorus fasciatoventris*) heard only

Rufous-breasted Wren (*Thryothorus rutilus*) heard only

Rufous-and-white wren (*Thryothorus rufalbus*) heard only; an uber-skulker

Plain Wren (*Thryothorus modestus*) heard only

Bay Wren (*Thryothorus nigricapillus*) good views; often right around the rooms

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

Ochraceous Wren (*Troglodytes ochraceus*) scope views near Altos del Maria

White-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucosticta*) one near the Mottled Owl roost

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucophrys*) glimpsed, but mostly heard

Scaly-breasted Wren (*Microcerculus marginatus*) heard only

Long-billed Gnatwren (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*)

Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush (*Catharus aurantiirostris*) very good views our first evening; uncommon & secretive

Swainson’s Thrush (*Catharus ustulatus*) migrants every day

Pale-vented Thrush (*Turdus obsoletus*) four on Altos del Maria; very uncommon

Clay-colored Thrush (*Turdus grayi*) abundant

White-throated Thrush (*Turdus assimilis*) one on Altos del Maria; very uncommon

Golden-winged Warbler (*Vermivora chrysoptera*) a couple

Tennessee Warbler (*Vermivora peregrina*) seen daily

Yellow Warbler (*Dendroica petechia*) Juan Hombron & El Chiru

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

Blackburnian Warbler (*Dendroica fusca*) five total

Black-and-white Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*)

Prothonotary Warbler (*Protonotaria citrea*) Juan Hombron

Northern Waterthrush (*Parkesia noveboracensis*) one on lodge grounds the first afternoon

Louisiana Waterthrush (*Seiurus motacilla*) one at the lodge and another on La Mesa seen very well

Mourning Warbler (*Oporornis philadelphia*) seven total

Canada Warbler (*Wilsonia Canadensis*) six total
Rufous-capped Warbler (*Basileuterus rufifrons*) many good views; seen daily
Buff-rumped Warbler (*Phaeothlypis fulvicauda*) heard only; uncommon
Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*) common around feeders
Common Bush-Tanager (*Chlorospingus ophthalmicus*) Altos de Maria; the distinctive subspecies *punctulatus*
Black-and-yellow Tanager (*Chryothlypis chrysomelas*) Altos de Maria; stunning
Dusky-faced Tanager (*Mitrospingus cassinii*) not at the feeders this year, but we had a small flock at Jordanal
Sulphur-rumped Tanager (*Heterospingus rubrifrons*) five at Jordanal were a life bird for me!!!
White-shouldered Tanager (*Tachyphonus luctuosus*) one the first afternoon
White-lined Tanager (*Tachyphonus rufus*) female sporadically came in to lodge feeders; uncommon
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, especially at the feeders
Palm Tanager (*Thraupis palmarum*) regular at feeders
Plain-colored Tanager (*Tangara inornata*)
Silver-throated Tanager (*Tangara icterocephala*) in the upper elevations
Bay-headed Tanager (*Tangara gyrola*) another beauty; hanging around fruiting tree at lodge
Golden-hooded Tanager (*Tangara larvata*) several superb views of these gems right at the lodge
Scarlet-thighed Dacnis (*Dacnis venusta*) gorgeous male at Las Minas
Green Honeycreeper (*Chlorophanes spiza*)
Shining Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes lucidus*) pair near Jordanal
Streaked Saltator (*Saltator striatipectus*) coming in to the lodge feeders regularly
Buff-throated Saltator (*Saltator maximus*) common at lodge feeder
Slate-colored Grosbeak (*Saltator grossus*) pair on Altos del Maria by some
Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina*) El Chiru
Slate-colored Seedeater (*Sporophila schistacea*) totally unexpected was a male near Rio Indio; a second life bird for me in the same morning!!!; a nomadic species that follows seeding bamboo; voted the favorite bird of the tour!
Variable Seedeater (*Sporophila Americana*)
Yellow-faced Grassquit (*Tiaris olivaceus*)
Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch (*Arremon brunneinucha*) this very skulky species was heard only
Orange-billed Sparrow (*Arremon aurantillostris*) early morning appearances near the dining area; another stunner
Black-striped Sparrow (*Arremonops conirostris*) heard only
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*)

Red-crowned Ant-Tanager (*Habia rubica*) almost daily, often visiting the feeders
Rose-breasted Grosbeak (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*) a few migrants
Dickcissel (*Spiza americana*)
Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*)
Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*) abundant in open country
Orchard Oriole (*Icterus spurius*) spotted by Linda
Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*)
Crested Oropendola (*Psarocolius decumanus*) one seen well at Rio Indio
Chestnut-headed Oropendola (*Psarocolius wagleri*)
Yellow-crowned Euphonia (*Euphonia luteicapilla*) Juan Hombron
Thick-billed Euphonia (*Euphonia lanirostris*) abundant at lodge feeders
Fulvous-vented Euphonia (*Euphonia fulvicrissa*) one at Jordanal
Tawny-capped Euphonia (*Euphonia anae*) several in the foothills

Total species – **229** (including 78 species not seen on the main Canopy Tower tour;
grand total for both tours was 373 species!)

Leader only birds:

Broad-winged Hawk
Ochre-bellied Flycatcher
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Tropical Mockingbird
Thick-billed Seed-Finch

Mammals:

Northern Tamandua---one sleeping in a tree near Jordanal!
Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth
Red-tailed Squirrel---banana thief!
pygmy-squirrel species---apparently both Central American and Western both occur and
are nearly inseparable in the field; based on lack of ear spots in photos taken we believe
this was Western
Central American Agouti
Orange Nectar Bat---nightly visitors to the hummingbird feeders!

Total species – 6

Reptiles & Amphibians:

Central American Whip-tailed Lizard
Striped Basilisk
Mediterranean Gecko
Green Iguana
unidentified snake species, possibly a racer

Total species – 5

Butterflies:

Emerald-patched Cattleheart (*Parides sesotris*)
Thoas Swallowtail (*Papilio thoas*)
Painted White (*Pierriballia viardi*)
Cloudless Sulphur (*Phoebis sennae*)
Large Orange Sulphur (*Phoebis agarithe*)
Mexican Yellow (*Eurema mexicana*)
Metalmark species (the dark blue one with white trim found by Sandy on La Mesa)---
believed to be White-dashed Metalmark (*Necyria duellona*), but ID is tentative
Lamplite Actinote (*Altinote ozomene*)
Least Heliconian (*Euiedes aliphera*)
Heart-spotted Heliconian (*Heliconius hecale*)
Erato Heliconian (*Heliconius erato*)
Sara Heliconian (*Heliconius sara*)
Cydno Heliconian (*Heliconius cydno*)
Smudged Crescent (*Castilia eranites*)
Mayan Crescent (*Castilia myia*)
Banded Peacock (*Anartia fatima*)
White Peacock (*Anartia jatrophae*)
Rusty-tipped Page (*Siptoeata epaphus*)
Malachite (*Siproeta stelenes*)
Smooth-banded Sister (*Adelpha cytherea*)
Variable Cracker (*Hamadryas feronia*)
Two-spotted Prepona (*Archaeoprepona demophon*)
Common Morpho (*Morpho helenor*)
Yellow-bordered Owl Butterfly (*Caligo uranus*)
Unidentified butterfly, possibly a satyr seen on the Las Minas Road---large dark brown
with spectacular red & white vertical stripe above and bold eye spot below; identification
still pending
Blue-gray Satyr (*Magneptychia libye*)
White Satyr (*Pareptychia ocirrhoe*)
Carolina Satyr (*Hermeptychia sosybius*)
Monarch (*Danaus plexippus*)
Queen or Soldier (*Danaus species*)
Brown Longtail (*Urbanus procne*)
Tropical Checkered Skipper (*Pyrgus oileus*)
Two unidentified grass skippers
Saliana species (skipper with pale base to underwing on La Mesa; possibly Shy Saliana)

Total species –35 (plus many, many others left completely unidentified)

Significant others:

Leafcutter ants

Army ants

Dead leaf moth

Giant unidentified moth on Canopy Lodge

Strange grasshoppers

Walking stick species

Mantis species