

**PANAMA: FALL AT
EL VALLE'S CANOPY
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Julio's phone rang (our driver), and he quickly passed it to me. "Barry, this is Moyo. We've found ground-cuckoos at an ant swarm just above the Canopy Adventure. Pick me up along the road and we'll go straight there!"

The group and I were coming from Panama City to the Canopy Lodge to begin our weeklong birding adventure. I had told them that we likely wouldn't be birding en route and that we would get to the lodge and leisurely enjoy the feeders and grounds before lunch and settling into our rooms. Now things had changed. The Rufous-vented Ground-Cuckoo is one of the most highly sought birds in all of Central America, a nearly mythical creature that is seldom seen even by veteran birders to the Neotropics. We found Moyo (my co-leader and full-time Canopy Lodge guide) standing along the main road and quickly picked him up. A short five-minute ride uphill brought us to the trailhead where the ground-cuckoos had been seen earlier in the morning. We could hear the chatters of Black-chested Jays and calls of attendant woodcreepers at the swarm as we poured down the trail. The front of the swarm seemed to be centered right on the trail itself, so we got into place and waited. Within moments, one of the ground-cuckoos darted out and paused on the trail. If not for the jay that was perched a few feet to the left, this would have been our first bird of the trip! The iridescent purplish back shimmered in the patchy sunlight and the bird slowly raised and lowered its tawny crest in the fashion of a roadrunner. Then, as quickly as it appeared, it vanished to the right. Moments later another appeared chasing, and capturing, a small snake that was fleeing the ants. For the next 30 minutes we marveled at three of these very special birds foraging and posing amongst the raiding ants. What an incredible beginning to our tour—certainly one of the most exciting starts to any trip in my 27 years of leading tours!

It was to be a week filled with special birds and special moments. On Altos del Maria, we enjoyed scope views (after considerable effort) of Streak-chested Antpitta, studied male and female Snowcaps perched, and tallied many other great birds including Orange-bellied Trogon, a very rare Smoky-brown Woodpecker, Spotted Woodcreeper, Chestnut-backed Antbird, Plain and Spot-crowned antvireos, Red-faced Spinetail, Long-tailed Tyrant, Bran-colored Flycatcher, Tufted Flycatcher, Ochraceous Wren, Black-faced Grosbeak, and a parade of tanagers that included the magnificent Black-and-yellow, Golden-hooded, Tawny-crested, Bay-headed, and Silver-throated. Nearer to the Lodge itself on La Mesa we added Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch and Common Bush-Tanager among others.

Down in the Pacific lowlands we enjoyed a great day with the likes of Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture, Savanna Hawk, a locally rare White-tailed Hawk, Aplomado Falcon, Bat

Falcon, Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl, the endemic Veraguan Mango, Yellow-crowned Parrots, Straight-billed Woodcreeper, Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant, and more.

On another day we ventured to El Cope (Omar Torrijos National Park), where the star of the day was an incredible Black-crowned Antpitta that circled us several times and afforded excellent views. White-flanked Antwren, Stripe-breasted Wren, Long-billed Gnatwren, Buff-rumped Warbler, and Emerald and Speckled tanagers rounded out the list. On the way back to the lodge, a couple of roadside stops yielded Brown-throated Parakeets and Rufous-browed Peppershrike.

The Cara Iguana Trail in the town of El Valle produced a great list that included Tody, Blue-crowned, and Rufous motmots within minutes of each other, a pair of roosting Tropical Screech-Owls, and a very active three-toed sloth.

All of this excitement, and yet the best birding of all may have been right at the Canopy Lodge itself. Feeders in the garden adjacent to the dining area teemed with birds throughout the day. Glorious Crimson-backed and Flame-rumped tanagers joined the more common Blue-gray and Palms. Buff-throated and Streaked saltators, Bananaquit, Collared Aracari, Barred Antshrike, Thick-billed Euphonias, White-lined Tanager, Red-crowned Ant-Tanager, and the king of the feeders, the Rufous Motmot, all made regular appearances. Brilliant Orange-billed Sparrows furtively visited the garden as well, and Snowy-bellied, Rufous-tailed, and Violet-headed hummingbirds danced about the many flowers. Central American agoutis ran under the feeders looking for scraps. A White Hawk sailed overhead and perched in a nearby *cecropia*. Gray-headed Chachalacas sunned themselves in a thicket across the stream. It was hard to know where to look first!

Our final great moment came during the last morning when a member of the group spotted a male Rufous-crested Coquette feeding on the fire bush outside of her room. This rarely seen species makes periodic appearances on the lodge grounds, but none had been seen here in quite some time. We all enjoyed fantastic views of this tiny and truly stunning species right before lunch on our last day.

In all we netted 240 species of birds for the tour, including several of the most highly sought species of Central America. In addition, we saw wonderful butterflies (nearly 50 species) and good mammals and reptiles as well. This is truly a naturalist's paradise!

Itinerary:

November 5 – arrivals in Panama City

November 6 – drive from Panama City to El Valle with arrival at the Canopy Lodge around 10:30 am, followed by an immediate trip to trail above Canopy Adventure; birding on grounds of Canopy Lodge and road up toward Canopy Adventure (84 species)

November 7 – La Mesa (Las Minas Road); Cara Iguana in afternoon (84 species; 118 total)

November 8 – Altos del Maria all day (96 species; 1582 total)

November 9 – El Cope (Omar Torrijos National Park), areas around Penonome (90 species; 180 total)

November 10 – Juan Hombron, Santa Clara, El Chiru (99 species; 232 total)

November 11 – lodge feeders & grounds, drive to Canopy Tower, with brief afternoon birding there (52 species; 238 total species)

November 12 – departures for home (240 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 at Cara Iguana

Blue-winged Teal (*Anas discors*) Juan Hombron

Lesser Scaup (*Aythya affinis*) rare in Panama

Gray-headed Chachalaca (*Ortalis cinereiceps*) great views at the lodge

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

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

Blue-footed Booby (*Sula nebouxii*) about ten at 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*)

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)

Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*)

Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) spotted by Keith at the final dinner

White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*) Juan Hombron

Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*) somewhat rare were two at 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*) seen by seven of us on way to airport the last day
White-tailed Kite (*Elanus leucurus*)
Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*) a few migrants at Juan Hombron
White Hawk (*Leucopternis albicollis*) a total of four seen (our first thanks to Jackie), including scope views of perched birds
Common Black-Hawk (*Buteogallus anthracinus*) the “Mangrove Black-Hawk subspecies, *subtilis*)
Savannah Hawk (*Buteogallus meridionalis*) an impressive seven at Juan Hombron
Roadside Hawk (*Buteo magnirostris*) our first spotted by Stephanie
Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*) a few migrants
Short-tailed Hawk (*Buteo brachyurus*) four total including a pair of light morphs right overhead at the Canopy Tower
Swainson’s Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*) migrants over Panama City the first morning and a few more at El Cope
White-tailed Hawk (*Buteo albicaudatus*) immature bird at Juan Hombron was a Panamanian first for me!
Black Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus tyrannus*) heard only at El Cope
Crested Caracara (*Caracara cheriway*)
Yellow-headed Caracara (*Milvago chimachima*) widespread
American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*)
Aplomado Falcon (*Falco femoralis*) two (one at Juan Hombron chasing Peregrines & another perched at El Chiru) were a bonus
Bat Falcon (*Falco ruficularis*) one at Juan Hombron
Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) following the tractors at Juan Hombron
Southern Lapwing (*Vanellus chilensis*) seen best at Juan Hombron
Black-bellied Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*) Juan Hombron
Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*) about 100 at Juan Hombron
Wattled Jacana (*Jacana jacana*) near Penonome and at Juan Hombron
Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularius*)
Solitary Sandpiper (*Tringa solitaria*)
Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*)
Willet (*Tringa semipalmata*) beaches of Santa Clara
Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*)
Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*) beaches of Santa Clara
Sanderling (*Calidris alba*) distant flock at Santa Clara
Western Sandpiper (*Calidris mauri*) big flocks on mudflats of Panama Viejo seen by seven of us on way to airport the last morning
Least Sandpiper (*Calidris minutilla*) one at Juan Hombron in with Pectorals
Pectoral Sandpiper (*Calidris melanotos*) seven in flooded rice field at Juan Hombron
Stilt Sandpiper (*Calidris Himantopus*) six at Juan Hombron were late & rare
Short-billed Dowitcher (*Limnodromus griseus*)
Laughing Gull (*Larus atricilla*)
Common Tern (*Sterna Hirundo*) a few at Santa Clara; uncommon
Royal Tern (*Thalasseus maxima*) Santa Clara

Sandwich Tern (*Thalasseus sandvicensis*) Santa Clara
Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*)
Pale-vented Pigeon (*Patagioenas cayennensis*) Panama City
Short-billed Pigeon (*Patagioenas nigrirostris*) heard only at El Cope thanks to Keith
Ruddy Ground-Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*)
White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*) daily
Brown-throated Parakeet (*Aratinga pertinax*) nice views of about thirty near Penonome; uncommon
Orange-chinned Parakeet (*Brotogeris jugularis*) a pair attacked the lodge erythrina tree daily
Brown-hooded Parrot (*Pyrilia haematotis*) great scope views of perched birds on Altos del Maria
Blue-headed Parrot (*Pionus menstruus*) a few perched on Altos del Maria
Yellow-crowned Parrot (*Amazona ochrocephala*) four perched on road into Juan Hombron; very uncommon
Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*) several good views of this striking species
Striped Cuckoo (*Tapera naevia*) one singing bird perched on wire at Juan Hombron; very uncommon

Rufous-vented Ground-Cuckoo (*Neomorphus geoffroyi*)

three of these rarely seen and nearly mythical birds at an ant swarm upon our arrival at the lodge; we watched them coming in and out of the trail for over thirty minutes from about thirty feet away; voted the favorite bird of the tour!!!!

Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*) three on road into Juan Hombron
Groove-billed Ani (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*) more common than preceding species
Tropical Screech-Owl (*Megascops choliba*) prolonged scope views of roosting pair from about fifteen feet!!!!
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum*) nice scope views
White-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne zonaris*) flock of about fifty over El Cope, some quite close
Chaetura species two small swifts of this genus at El Cope were probably Band-rumpeds
Rufous-breasted Hermit (*Glaucis hirsutus*) by a few at El Cope
Green Hermit (*Phaethornis guy*)
Stripe-throated Hermit (*Phaethornis striigularis*)
Scaly-breasted Hummingbird (*Phaeochroa cuvierii*) by some at Juan Hombron; very uncommon
White-necked Jacobin (*Florisuga mellivora*) Canopy Tower; stunning
Black-throated Mango (*Anthracothorax nigricollis*) by some at the hotel the first morning
Veraguan Mango (*Anthracothorax veraguensis*) superb views of a male at blooming tree at Juan Hombron; a Panamanian endemic
Violet-headed Hummingbird (*Klais guimeti*) uncommon; feeding on vervain at lodge on a couple of days
Rufous-crested Coquette (*Lophornis delattrei*) thanks to Ellen this incredible & rare species was seen very well at a firebush next to single rooms the last morning; voted the second favorite bird of the tour!

Garden Emerald (*Chlorostilbon assimilis*) Juan Hombron
 Violet-crowned Woodnymph (*Thalurania colombica*)
 Sapphire-throated Hummingbird (*Lepidopyga coeruleogularis*) Juan Hombron (nest) & Santa Clara
 Blue-chested Hummingbird (*Amazilia amabilis*) three at Canopy Tower feeders
 Snowy-bellied Hummingbird (*Amazilia Edward*) almost always one around the Lodge
 Rufous-tailed Hummingbird (*Amazilia tzacatl*) common & widespread
Snowcap (*Microchera albocoronata*) adult male & female on Altos; stunning
 White-vented Plumleteer (*Chalybura buffonii*)
 Bronze-tailed Plumleteer (*Chalybura urochrysa*) one seen perched so the pink feet were visible on La Mesa
 Purple-crowned Fairy (*Heliostyris barroti*) one seen briefly by a few near the Adventure
Long-billed Starthroat (*Heliomaster longirostris*) one over bridge into the lodge and two more fighting at Cara Iguana
 Orange-bellied Trogon (*Trogon aurantiiventris*) fantastic views of pair on Altos del Maria thanks to Keith and another lone female later on
Tody Motmot (*Hylomanes momotula*) great study, after some effort, along the Cara Iguana trail; always tough
 Blue-crowned Motmot (*Momotus momota*) two at Cara Iguana
 Rufous Motmot (*Baryphthengus martii*) a regular (and spectacular) visitor to the lodge feeders
 Broad-billed Motmot (*Electron platyrhynchum*) completing our “motmot slam”; uncommon around El Valle
 Amazon Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle amazona*) one over lodge pond regularly
 Green Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle americana*) at the lodge pond regularly
 Collared Aracari (*Pteroglossus torquatus*) group coming in to lodge feeders on some days; tied for third favorite bird of the tour!
 Keel-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos sulfuratus*) always spectacular; four total
 Red-crowned Woodpecker (*Melanerpes rubricapillus*) seen daily; a regular feeder visitor at the Lodge
Smoky-brown Woodpecker (*Veniliornis fumigatus*) unprecedented this far east was a male on Altos del Maria for some; a tour first
 Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*) our first thanks to Jackie near the Canopy Adventure; another seen well en route to El Cope
Red-faced Spintail (*Cranioleuca erythropis*) responsive bird on Altos del Maria; uncommon
Spotted Barbtail (*Premnoplex brunnescens*) uncommon; Altos del Maria
 Plain Xenops (*Xenops minutus*)
Plain-brown Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla fuliginosa*) at the ant swarm the first morning; uncommon
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*) Altos del Maria & El Cope; uncommon
Straight-billed Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus picus*) nice study near Juan Hombron; uncommon & local

Cocoa Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus susurrans*) six total
 Spotted Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus erythropygius*) seen best at Altos del Maria & El Cope
 Barred Antshrike (*Thamnophilus doliatus*) fantastic views on many occasions, including coming in to bananas at lodge feeders!
 Western Slaty-Antshrike (*Thamnophilus atrinucha*) El Cope
 Russet Antshrike (*Thamnistes anabatinus*) heard only on Altos del Maria
Plain Antvireo (*Dysithamnus mentalis*) two on Altos del Mari by Keith, Jackie, and I; uncommon
Spot-crowned Antvireo (*Dysithamnus puncticeps*) one at Altos del Maria for some; uncommon
 White-flanked Antwren (*Myrmotherula axillaris*) El Cope; uncommon
 Chestnut-backed Antbird (*Myrmeciza exsul*) good views for most on Altos del Maria
 Dull-mantled Antbird (*Myrmeciza laemosticta*) heard only at El Cope
Streak-chested Antpitta (*Hylopezus perspicillatus*) scope views for all but two of us of this secretive & special bird
Black-crowned Antpitta (*Pittasoma michleri*) great study at El Cope of this highly-sought species; the “attack antpitta”; tied for third favorite bird of the tour!
 Mouse-colored Tyrannulet (*Phaeomyias murina*) Juan Hombron; scope views
 Yellow-bellied Elaenia (*Elaenia flavogaster*)
 Olive-striped Flycatcher (*Mionectes olivaceus*)
 Ochre-bellied Flycatcher (*Mionectes oleagineus*)
 Sepia-capped Flycatcher (*Leptopogon amaurocephalus*)
 Paltry Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius vilissimus*) quite numerous
 Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant (*Lophotriccus pileatus*)
Pale-eyed Pygmy-Tyrant (*Lophotriccus pilaris*) Juan Hombron; good views; uncommon
 Common Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum cinereum*) perhaps by Keith only
 Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher (*Terenotriccus erythrus*) El Cope by some
 Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher (*Myiobius sulphureipygius*) Keith, Jackie, and I on Altos del Maria
Bran-colored Flycatcher (*Myiophobus fasciatus*) seen well on Altos del Maria; uncommon & local
 Tufted Flycatcher (*Mitrephanes phaeocercus*) several good views on Altos del Maria
 Olive-sided Flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*)
 Eastern Wood-Pewee (*Contopus virens*) seen daily in numbers
 Acadian Flycatcher (*Empidonax virescens*)
Long-tailed Tyrant (*Colonia colonus*) nice studies on Altos del Maria; uncommon
 Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*)
 Panama Flycatcher (*Myiarchus panamensis*) Juan Hombron
 Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*)
 Boat-billed Flycatcher (*Megarhynchus pitangua*)
 Social Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes similis*) widespread & common
 Streaked Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes maculatus*) two at Juan Hombron, one of which was spotted by Sue
 Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) abundant in open country

Gray Kingbird (*Tyrannus dominicensis*) one at Juan Hombron
Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savanna*) nice views near Juan Hombron & Penonome
Thrushlike Schiffornis (*Schiffornis turdina*) Altos del Maria
White-ruffed Manakin (*Corapipo altera*) excellent looks at males and females
Lance-tailed Manakin (*Chiroxiphia lanceolata*) one female
Blue-crowned Manakin (*Pipra coronata*) female at the Canopy Tower
Red-capped Manakin (*Pipra mentalis*) two males at the Tower from the bathroom!!
Yellow-throated Vireo (*Vireo flavifrons*) scope views
Lesser Greenlet (*Hylophilus decurtatus*) El Cope
Green Shrike-Vireo (*Vireolanius pulchellus*) heard only
Rufous-browed Peppershrike (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*) wonderful scope study at Penonome
Black-chested Jay (*Cyanocorax affinis*) many nice studies, including at the ant swarm; our first bird!
Gray-breasted Martin (*Progne subis*)
Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)
Rufous-breasted Wren (*Thryothorus rutilus*) one seen at Cara Iguana
Plain Wren (*thryothorus modestus*) heard only
Bay Wren (*Thryothorus nigricapillus*) good views of this stunning species
House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) seen daily; this is the “Southern House Wren”, *T. musculus*, of some authors
Ochraceous Wren (*Troglodytes ochraceus*) nice views on Altos del Maria
White-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucosticta*) seen by Keith & I; heard only by others
Gray-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucophrys*) heard only; another skulker
Scaly-breasted Wren (*Microcerculus marginatus*) heard only
Long-billed Gnatwren (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*) seen well at El Cope
Tropical Gnatcatcher (*Poiloptila plumbea*) El Cope; scope view of singing male
Swainson’s Thrush (*Catharus ustulatus*)
Pale-vented Thrush (*Turdus obsoletus*) three total; uncommon
Clay-colored Thrush (*Turdus grayi*) abundant
White-throated Thrush (*Turdus assimilis*) two on Altos del Maria; very uncommon
Tropical Mockingbird (*Mimus gilvus*) Penonome (thanks to Keith) & Juan Hombron
Golden-winged Warbler (*Vermivora chrysoptera*) one on La Mesa
Tennessee Warbler (*Vermivora peregrina*) seen daily in numbers; common at feeders
Yellow Warbler (*Dendroica petechia*)
Chestnut-sided Warbler (*Dendroica pensylvanica*) eight total
Blackburnian Warbler (*Dendroica fusca*) three total; our first thanks to Keith
Bay-breasted Warbler (*Dendroica castanea*) four total
Black-and-white Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*) three seen
American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*) one at Cara Iguana
Louisiana Waterthrush (*Seiurus motacilla*)
Mourning Warbler (*Oporornis philadelphia*) two seen
Canada Warbler (*Wilsonia Canadensis*) only one
Rufous-capped Warbler (*Basileuterus rufifrons*) quite common

Buff-rumped Warbler (*Phaeothlypis fulvicauda*) good views at El Cope; uncommon
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*) flocks on Alto del Maria & El Cope; very striking; uncommon
Rosy Thrush-Tanager (*Rhodinocichla rosea*) unfortunately, heard only
Tawny-crested Tanager (*Tachyphonus delatrii*) Altos del Maria
White-lined Tanager (*Tachyphonus rufus*) a pair at the lodge of feeders the last morning
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*)
Emerald Tanager (*Tangara florida*) one at El Cope for a couple of us
Silver-throated Tanager (*Tangara icterocephala*) common in the upper elevations
Speckled Tanager (*Tangara guttata*) two at El Cope; uncommon
Bay-headed Tanager (*Tangara gyrola*) another beauty; up to twelve in a day
Golden-hooded Tanager (*Tangara larvata*) also very striking
Green Honeycreeper (*Chlorophanes spiza*) nine total
Shining Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes lucidus*) one at El Cope
Red-legged Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*) one female only; unusually scarce
Streaked Saltator (*Saltator striatipectus*) Juan Hombron & at the lodge feeders
Buff-throated Saltator (*Saltator maximus*) regular at lodge feeders
Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina*) Juan Hombron
Variable Seedeater (*Sporophila americana*)
Yellow-bellied Seedeater (*Sporophila nigricollis*) by some at Panama City hotel
Thick-billed Seed-Finch (*Oryzoborus funereus*)
Yellow-faced Grassquit (*Tiaris olivaceus*) common
Saffron Finch (*Sicalis flaveola*) by some at Panama City hotel
Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch (*Arremon brunneinucha*) nice views of this uber-skulker on Altos del Maria
Orange-billed Sparrow (*Arremon aurantirostris*) another stunner that made daily
Wedge-tailed Grass-Finch this skulky species was seen by some on the Las Minas; a tour first Road (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*)
Red-crowned Ant-Tanager (*Habia rubica*) often visiting the feeders
Carmioli's Tanager (*Chlorothraupis carmioli*) furtive flock at El Cope for some
Black-faced Grosbeak (*Caryothraustes poliogaster*) flock on Altos del Maria; uncommon
Rose-breasted Grosbeak (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*) Panama City

Dickcissel (*Spiza americana*) Panama City for some
Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*)
Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*) abundant in open country
Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*)
Yellow-billed Caticue (*Amblycercus holosericeus*) one near the lodge the first
afternoon
Crested Oropendola (*Psarocolius decumanus*)
Chestnut-headed Oropendola (*Psarocolius wagleri*) scope views for some near El
Cope
Yellow-crowned Euphonia (*Euphonia luteicapilla*) nice scope view at Juan Hombron
Thick-billed Euphonia (*Euphonia lanirostris*) abundant at lodge feeders
Tawny-capped Euphonia (*Euphonia anae*) mostly on Altos del Maria
House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) by Keith & I at Juan Hombron; very uncommon
& localized

Total species – **241** (a tour record)

Leader only birds:

Crested Bobwhite---heard only
White-tipped Sicklebill---El Cope

Mammals:

Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth---three total; great studies of an active one at Cara
Iguana
Mantled Howler Monkey---troop of six or more at the Tower from fifteen feet away!!!
Variegated Squirrel
Red-tailed Squirrel---the banana thieves!
Pygmy squirrel species (either Central American or Western)---Altos del Maria
Central American Agouti---daily at the feeders
Orange Nectar Bat---at the lodge hummingbird feeders!

Total species – 7

Reptiles & Amphibians:

Central American Whip-tailed Lizard
Striped Basilisk
Celestus adercus---a recently discovered species of galliwasp found by Ellen in El Cope;
very cool & rare
Snake species
Tree frog species---on the tripod!
Marine Toad---heard only

Total species – 6

Butterflies:

Cattleheart species (possibly Emerald-patched) (Parides sp.)
Thoas Swallowtail (Papilio thoas)
Large Orange Sulphur (Phoebis agarithe)
Cloudless Sulphur (Phoebis sennae)
Yellow species---possibly Little Yellow
Eastern Tailed Blue (Everes comyntas)---Keith & Jackie
Northern Clearmark (Chorinea bogota)---spectacular species found the last morning at the lodge
Cloaked Scintillant (Detritivora barnesi)---Keith & Jackie
Brilliant Greenmark (Caria mantinea)---on the ceiling of the dining room
Striated Emesis (emesis lacrimas)---orange & white one at El Cope
Doubleday's (Anteas) Actinote (Actinote anteas)---mating group near bridge at lodge
Banded Orange Heliconian (Dryadula phaetusa)
Erato Heliconian (Heliconius erato)
Heliconius species---possibly Five-spotted
Cydno (Grinning) Heliconian (Heliconius cydno)
Sara Heliconian (Heliconius sara)
Three-banded Crescent (Eresia alsina)---Keith & Jackie
Banded Peacock (Anartia fatima)
White Peacock (Anartia jatrophae)
Orange Mapwing (Hypanartia lethe)
Rusty-tipped Page (Siptoeta epaphus)
Malachite (Siproeta stelenes)
Rayed Sister (Adelpha lycorias)
Lost Sister (Adelpha salus)
Blomfield's Beauty (Smyrna blomfieldia)---Cara Iguana trail
Two-spotted Prepona (Archaeoprepona demophoon)---also on the ceiling of the dining room
Common Morpho (Morpho helenor)
Short-tailed Morpho (Morpho theseus)
Owl butterfly species (Caligo species)
Common Ur-Satyr (Taygetis thamyra)---Keith & Jackie
White Satyr (Pareuptychia ocirrhoe)
White-banded Satyr (Pareuptychia metaleuca)---Keith & Jackie
Blue-gray Satyr (Magenuptychia libye)
Red-washed Satyr (Pierella helvina)---also called Helvina Diaph
Confused Satyr (Cissia confusa)---Keith & Jackie
Monarch (Danaus plexippus)
Tiger Mimic-Queen (Lycorea cleobaea)---Keith & Jackie
Confusa Tigerwing (Methona confusa)
Diasia Clearwing (Ithomia diasia hippocrensis)
Two-barred Flasher (Astraptes fulgerator)
Brown Longtail (Urbanus procne)
Longtail skipper species (Urbanus species)

Stoll's Flat (*Celaenorrhinus eligius*)---Keith & Jackie
Golden-headed Bolla (*Bolla cupreiceps*)---Keith & Jackie
Scallopwing species (*Staphylus* species)
Radiant-brown Skipper (*Callimormous radiola*)---Keith & Jackie
Unidentified skipper that looked like Dunn Skipper which does not occur here
Narrow-banded Skipper Keith & Jackie

Total species – **48** (plus many others left completely unidentified and some with identification still pending; butterfly list greatly enhanced by the constant searching of Keith & Jackie)

Significant others:

Leafcutter ants
Army ants
Walking stick