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TOUR REPORT
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What a wonderful way to start the new year—birding at Panama's Canopy Tower, one of the premier birding destinations of the Neotropics. We started our adventure looking out over the canopy of Soberania National Park, from our strategic perch atop the balcony/roof of the Canopy Tower. This morning proved to be as rewarding as all previous tours. We were delighted to see a Crane Hawk circling the tower at eye level. A Scaled Pigeon sat perched out in the open as all scopes focused on its breast feathers with white central spots and prominent black edging, giving it a scaled appearance. Red-ored Parrots also perched out in the morning sun. Band-rumped Swift, Short-tailed Swift, and Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift all flew around the tower giving us studied views. A Keel-billed Toucan flew in and perched in a bare dead tree, rocking back and forth as it croaked like a frog. The highlight of our early morning was a Green Shrike-Vireo that perched out in the open just meters away and sang as everyone looked on in awe.

After breakfast we made our way down to the bottom floor and out into a more familiar setting, that is, looking at the forest from the ground up. At the hummingbird feeders around the tower we watched Western Long-tailed Hermit, White-necked Jacobin, Violet-bellied Hummingbird, Blue-chested Hummingbird, and Snowy-bellied Hummingbird. After carefully studying each species' brilliant plumage, we were ready to make our way down the entrance road. No sooner had we turned around than a Black-breasted Puffbird flew in and perched low under the canopy long enough for all to view it in the scope. As we began to slowly make our way down the road, a pair of Broad-billed Motmots flew in and began their honk-like calls. Then we had the pleasure of spotting a White-whiskered Puffbird lazily looking around just a few meters away. A flock passed over the road with Fasciated Antshrike, Western Slaty-Antshrike, Checkered-throated Antwren, Dot-winged Antwren, Dusky Antbird, and Plain Xenops, as well as various other species. A pair of Brown-capped Tyrannulets moved low and slow for all to see, as a Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher hawked for insects nearby. An Orange-billed Sparrow fed along the ground, as a pair of Long-billed Gnatwrens fed overhead. At the bottom of the road a Great Potoo sat on a day perch. Needless to say, it was a wonderful start for our tour.

After lunch we headed to Carmen's House in Gamboa where she maintains fruit, seed, and hummingbird feeders. Here we had plenty of opportunity to sort through a few species: Blue-gray Tanager, Palm Tanager, Crimson-backed Tanager, Green Honeycreeper, Shining Honeycreeper, and Red-legged Honeycreeper all came to feast on the bananas and oranges. Ruddy Ground-Dove, Variable Seedeater, and Yellow-bellied Seedeater were gorging themselves on seed, while Snowy-bellied Hummingbird, Rufous-tailed Hummingbird, and White-necked Jacobin competed for sugar water. After a thorough study of these and other species, we drove a short distance to the Ammo Dump Ponds. Along with numerous wetland species, the highlight here was a distant male Blue Cotinga in the scope and an American Pygmy-Kingfisher just meters away perched above the water.

On a day-trip over to the Caribbean side of Panama we explored Gatun Locks, Achiote Road, and Fort San Lorenzo. While stopped at Gatun Locks to let ships pass through, we saw Streaked Flycatcher, Plain Wren, Tropical Mockingbird, Saffron Finch, Streaked Saltator, Orchard Oriole, and Baltimore Oriole feeding beside the road, while Brown Pelican, Magnificent Frigatebird, Osprey, Laughing Gull, and Royal Tern circled around the ships going through the locks. As we crossed the locks to the field beside Gatun Lake, we saw Red-breasted Blackbird and Eastern Meadowlark. From here we drove to Achiote Road which winds through Caribbean lowland rainforest. A Plumbeous Kite and a Great Black-Hawk were seen on the wing, while a Yellow-headed Caracara ate carrion on the road. A Little Cuckoo was seen down low in a tree, but then a pair of White-headed Wrens and Spot-crowned Barbets flew in to divert our attention. A Cinnamon Woodpecker made an appearance, as did a group of Purple-throated Fruitcrows. Along with various flycatchers too numerous to mention, and an abundance of tanagers, were Yellow-billed Cacique and Montezuma Oropendola. For lunch we drove to Fort San Lorenzo, situated at the mouth of the Chagres River. Here we explored the fort and history of earlier times while watching shorebirds. We also walked in the forest near the fort and saw Golden-collared Manakin, Black-chested Jay, Common Black-Hawk, Broad-billed Motmot, Western Slaty-Antshrike, Chestnut-backed Antbird, and others. The day ended on a leisurely train ride back to the Pacific side of Panama along the Panama Canal, where numerous Snail Kites flew between the many islands of tropical forest rising out of the waters of the canal.

The next day was spent at the infamous Pipeline Road. Using 4 x 4 vehicles we made our way deep into the forest of Soberania National Park. This day seemed to be dominated by trogons. We saw White-tailed, Violaceous, Black-throated, Black-tailed, and Slaty-tailed trogons. Next came the motmots: Blue-crowned, Rufous, and Broad-billed. Woodpeckers included Black-cheeked, Lineated, and Crimson-crested. But amid all the tanagers, flycatchers, and other species, the highlight was the ant swarm where we had numerous antshrikes and antwrens, along with Bicolored Antbird, Spotted Antbird, and the outrageous Ocellated Antbird.

The following morning at Tocumen Marsh we saw various waterfowl such as Pied-billed Grebe, Neotropic Cormorant, Anhinga, and numerous herons including Cooi Heron and Boat-billed Heron. Wood Stork, Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture, Grey-headed Kite, White-tailed Kite, Mangrove Black-Hawk, Savanna Hawk, and others were seen soaring, circling, and sitting in the marsh. Windows were opened and cameras were aimed for a long extended view of a Pearl Kite perched next to the bus. A Merlin raced overhead as we coaxed a Pale-breasted Spinetail out of the brush. A Yellow-crowned Parrot briefly perched in a tree while a Black-throated Mango constructed her nest. Ringed, Amazon, and Green kingfishers hunted in the small ponds along with Southern Lapwings and Pied Water-Tyrant. These and many other species made the morning memorable indeed. For lunch we drove to the foothills of Cerro Azul where highlights included Speckled, Emerald, and Rufous-winged tanagers.

After another early morning up on the tower looking out over the canopy, we birded along Plantation Road where we enjoyed various mixed species flocks, along with antbirds at our feet. The afternoon was spent at Summit Ponds and Old Gamboa Road

where we stayed past dark for night birding. The highlight of this day was a family group of Spectacled Owls on a day roost.

Our last full day of birding began at Metropolitan Park. Here we had a Bat Falcon hunting from a crane used to study the canopy. A Stripe-throated Hermit fed along the path, while we watched a White-bellied Antbird in the understory. A Yellow-green Tyrannulet fed down low in the trees, where everyone was able to see up close this Pan-American endemic. Besides the abundance of other species seen this morning, Rosy Thrush-Tanager and Blue-headed Parrots perched in the morning sunlight were among the many highlights. After lunch we viewed the three-story exhibits of the Miraflores Locks museum, and watched a few ships make their way through the locks. That evening we birded along the entrance road to the Canopy Tower.

Although I could go on and on, one must actually experience this tour to understand how the exciting moments seem to occur continually. Any participant on this New Year's tour can confirm the fact that Panama remains one of the premier birding destinations of the Neotropics.

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- 27 Dec. Arrival at Canopy Tower
28 Dec. A.M. Canopy Tower and Entrance Road
 P.M. Carmen's House and Ammo Dump Ponds
29 Dec. Day Trip Gatun Locks, Achote Road, San Lorenzo Fort and
 train ride back to Canopy Tower
30 Dec. A.M. Pipeline Road
 P.M. Pipeline Road
31 Dec. Day Trip Tocumen Marsh and Cerro Azul
01 Jan. A.M. Canopy Tower and Plantation Road
 P.M. Summit Ponds, Old Gamboa Road and Nightbirding
02 Jan. A.M. Metropolitan Park
 P.M. Miraflores Locks, Canopy Tower and Entrance Road
03 Jan A.M Canopy Tower and departure for home

BIRDLIST

Tinamous	Tinamidae
Great Tinamou	Tinamus major
Little Tinamou	Crypturellus soui (heard only)
Grebes	Podicipedidae
Least Grebe	Tachybaptus dominicus
Pied-billed Grebe	Podilymbus podiceps

Pelicans	Pelecanidae
Brown Pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>
Cormorants	Phalacrocoracidae
Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>
Aningas & Darters	Anhingidae
Anhinga	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>
Frigatebirds	Fregatidae
Magnificent Frigatebird	<i>Fregata magnificens</i>
Hérons, Egrets & Bitterns	Ardeidae
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>
Cocoi Heron	<i>Ardea cocoi</i>
Great Heron	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Tricolored Heron	<i>Egretta tricolor</i>
Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>
Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
Green Egret	<i>Butorides virescens</i>
Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>
Boat-billed Heron	<i>Cochlearius cochlearius</i>
Storks	Ciconiidae
Wood Stork	<i>Mycteria americana</i>
Ibises & Spoonbills	Threskiornithidae
White Ibis	<i>Eudocimus albus</i>
Ducks, Geese & Swans	Anatidae
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>
New World Vultures	Cathartidae
Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture	<i>Cathartes burrovianus</i>
King Vulture	<i>Sarcorampus papa</i>
Osprey	Pandionidae
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
Hawks, Eagles & Kites	Accipitridae
Gray-headed Kite	<i>Leptodon cayanensis</i>
Pearl Kite	<i>Gampsonyx swainsoni</i>
White-tailed Kite	<i>Elanus leucurus</i>
Snail Kite	<i>Rostrhamus sociabilis</i>
Double-toothed Kite	<i>Harpagus bidentatus</i>

Plumbeous Kite	<i>Ictinia plumbea</i>	
Crane Hawk	<i>Geranospiza caerulescens</i>	
Common Black-Hawk	<i>Buteogallus anthracinus</i>	
Mangrove Black-Hawk	<i>Buteogallus subtilis</i>	
Great Black-Hawk	<i>Buteogallus urubitinga</i>	
Savanna Hawk	<i>Buteogallus meridionalis</i>	
Roadside Hawk	<i>Buteo magnirostris</i>	
Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	
Short-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>	
Zone-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo albonotatus</i>	
Black Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus tyrannus</i>	
Caracaras & Falcons	Falconidae	
Crested Caracara	<i>Caracara cheriway</i>	
Yellow-headed Caracara	<i>Milvago chimachima</i>	
Slaty-backed Forest-Falcon	<i>Micrastur mirandollei</i>	(heard only)
Collared Forest-Falcon	<i>Micrastur semitorquatus</i>	(heard only)
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	
Bat Falcon	<i>Falco ruficularis</i>	
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	
Guans, Chachalacas & Allies	Cracidae	
Gray-headed Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis cinereiceps</i>	
Rails, Gallinules & Coots	Rallidae	
White-throated Crake	<i>Laterallus albigularis</i>	
Gray-necked Wood-Rail	<i>Aramides cajanea</i>	(heard only)
Purple Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio martinica</i>	
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	
Jacanas	Jacanidae	
Wattled Jacana	<i>Jacana jacana</i>	
Stilts & Avocets	Recurvirostridae	
Black-necked Stilt	<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>	
Plovers & Lapwings	Charadriidae	
Southern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus chilensis</i>	
Sandpipers and Allies	Scolopacidae	
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	
Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularia</i>	
Willet	<i>Catoptrophorus semipalmatus</i>	
Gulls	Laridae	
Laughing Gull	<i>Larus atricilla</i>	
Terns	Sternidae	

Gull-billed Tern	<i>Sterna nilotica</i>	
Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicencis</i>	
Royal Tern	<i>Sterna maxima</i>	
Pigeons & Doves	Columbidae	
Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	
Scaled Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas speciosa</i>	
Pale-vented Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas cayannensis</i>	
Short-billed Pigeon	<i>Patagioenas nigrirostris</i>	
Ruddy Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	
White-tipped Dove	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>	
Gray-chested Dove	<i>Leptotila cassini</i>	
Parrots, Macaws & Allies	Psittacidae	
Orange-chinned Parakeet	<i>Brotogeris jugularis</i>	
Blue-headed Parrot	<i>Pionus menstruus</i>	
Red-lored Parrot	<i>Amazona autumnalis</i>	
Yellow-crowned Parrot	<i>Amazona ochrocephala</i>	
Mealy Parrot	<i>Amazona farinosa</i>	
Cuckoos	Cuculidae	
Squirrel Cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana</i>	
Little Cuckoo	<i>Piaya minuta</i>	
Greater Ani	<i>Crotophaga major</i>	
Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>	
Typical Owls	Strigidae	
Mottled Owl	<i>Ciccaba virgata</i>	(heard only)
Crested Owl	<i>Lophostrix cristata</i>	(guide only)
Spectacled Owl	<i>Pulsatrix perspicillata</i>	
Potoos	Nyctibiidae	
Great Potoo	<i>Nyctibius grandis</i>	
Common Potoo	<i>Nyctibius griseus</i>	(heard only)
Nightjars & Allies	Caprimulgidae	
Pauraque	<i>Nyctidromus albicollis</i>	
Rufous Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus rufus</i>	(heard only)
Swifts	Apodidae	
Band-rumped Swift	<i>Chaetura spinicaudus</i>	
Short-tailed Swift	<i>Chaetura brachyura</i>	
Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift	<i>Panyptila cayennensis</i>	
Hummingbirds	Trochilidae	
White-tipped Sicklebill	<i>Eutoxeres aquila</i>	(heard only)
Band-tailed Barbthroat	<i>Threnetes ruckeri</i>	
Green Hermit	<i>Phaethornis guy</i>	
Western Long-tailed Hermit	<i>Phaethornis longirostris</i>	
Stripe-throated Hermit	<i>Phaethornis striigularis</i>	
White-necked Jacobin	<i>Florisuga mellivora</i>	

Black-throated Mango	<i>Anthracothorax nigricollis</i>	
Violet-capped Hummingbird	<i>Goldmania violiceps</i>	
Violet-crowned Woodnymph	<i>Thalurania colombica</i>	
Violet-bellied Hummingbird	<i>Damophila julie</i>	
Sapphire-throated Hummingbird	<i>Lepidopyga coeruleogularis</i>	
Rufous-tailed Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia tzacatl</i>	
Blue-chested Hummingbird	<i>Polyerata amabilis</i>	
Snowy-bellied Hummingbird	<i>Saucerottia edward</i>	
White-vented Plumeteer	<i>Chalybura buffoni</i>	
Bronze-tailed Plumeteer	<i>Chalybura urochrysis</i>	
Purple-crowned Fairy	<i>Heliathryx barroti</i>	
Trogons	Trogonidae	
White-tailed Trogon	<i>Trogon viridis</i>	
Violaceous Trogon	<i>Trogon violaceus</i>	
Black-throated Trogon	<i>Trogon rufus</i>	
Black-tailed Trogon	<i>Trogon melanurus</i>	
Slaty-tailed Trogon	<i>Trogon massena</i>	
Kingfishers	Alcedinidae	
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>	
Ringed Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle torquata</i>	
Amazon Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle amazona</i>	
Green Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle americana</i>	
American Pygmy-Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle aenea</i>	
Motmots	Momotidae	
Blue-crowned Motmot	<i>Momotus momota</i>	
Rufous Motmot	<i>Baryphtengus martii</i>	
Broad-billed Motmot	<i>Electron platyrhynchum</i>	
Jacamars	Galbulidae	
Great Jacamar	<i>Jacamerops aureus</i>	(heard only)
Puffbirds	Bucconidae	
White-necked Puffbird	<i>Notharchus macrorhynchos</i>	
Black-breasted Puffbird	<i>Notharchus pectoralis</i>	
Pied Puffbird	<i>Notharchus tectus</i>	(heard only)
White-whiskered Puffbird	<i>Malacoptila panamensis</i>	
Barbets	Capitonidae	
Spot-crowned Barbet	<i>Capito maculicoronatus</i>	
Toucans	Ramphastidae	
Collared Araçari	<i>Pteroglossus torquatus</i>	
Keel-billed Toucan	<i>Ramphastos sulfuratus</i>	
Chestnut-mandibled Toucan	<i>Ramphastos (a.) swainsoni</i>	
Woodpeckers & Allies	Picidae	
Black-cheeked Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes pucherani</i>	

Red-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes rubricapillus</i>	
Stripe-cheeked Woodpecker (E)	<i>Piculus callopterus</i>	
Cinnamon Woodpecker	<i>Celeus loricatus</i>	
Lineated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>	
Crimson-crested Woodpecker	<i>Campephilus melanoleucos</i>	
Ovenbirds	Furnariidae	
Pale-breasted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis albescens</i>	
Plain Xenops	<i>Xenops minutus</i>	
Woodcreepers	Dendrocolaptidae	
Plain-brown Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocincla fuliginosa</i>	
Olivaceous Woodcreeper	<i>Sittasomus griseicapillus</i>	
Northern Barred-Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae</i>	
Cocoa Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus susurrans</i>	
Black-striped Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus lachrymosus</i>	
Straight-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Dendroplex picus</i>	
Typical Antbirds	Thamnophilidae	
Fasciated Antshrike	<i>Cymbilaimus lineatus</i>	
Barred Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus doliatus</i>	
Western Slaty-Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus atrinucha</i>	
Plain Antvireo	<i>Dysithamnus mentalis</i>	
Checker-throated Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula fulviventris</i>	
White-flanked Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula axillaris</i>	
Dot-winged Antwren	<i>Microrhophias quixensis</i>	
Dusky Antbird	<i>Cercomacra tyrannina</i>	
Jet Antbird	<i>Cercomacra nigricans</i>	
White-bellied Antbird	<i>Myrmeciza longipes</i>	
Chestnut-backed Antbird	<i>Myrmeciza exsul</i>	
Bicolored Antbird	<i>Gymnopithys leucaspis</i>	
Spotted Antbird	<i>Hylophylax naevioides</i>	
Ocellated Antbird	<i>Phaenostictus mcleannani</i>	
Antthrushes & Antpittas	Formicariidae	
Black-faced Antthrush	<i>Formicarius analis</i>	
Streak-chested Antpitta	<i>Hylopezus perspicillatus</i>	
Cotingas	Cotingidae	
Blue Cotinga	<i>Cotinga nattererii</i>	
Purple-throated Fruitcrow	<i>Querula purpurata</i>	
Manakins	Pipridae	
Golden-collared Manakin	<i>Manacus vitellinus</i>	
White-ruffed Manakin	<i>Corapipo altera</i>	(guide only)
Lance-tailed Manakin	<i>Chiroxiphia lanceolata</i>	(heard only)
Blue-crowned Manakin	<i>Lepidothrix coronata</i>	
Red-capped Manakin	<i>Pipra mentalis</i>	

Tyrant Flycatchers	Tyrannidae	
Brown-capped Tyrannulet	Ornithion brunneicapillus	
Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet	Camptostoma obsoletum	
Yellow Tyrannulet	Capsiempis flaveola	(heard only)
Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet	Tyrannulus elatus	
Forest Elaenia	Myiopagis gaimardii	
Yellow-bellied Elaenia	Elaenia flavogaster	
Yellow-green Elaenia (E)	Phylloscartes flavovirens	
Paltry Tyrannulet	Zimmerius vilissimus	
Northern Scrub-Flycatcher	Sublegatus arenarum	
Black-capped Pygmy-Tyrant	Myiornis atricapillus	
Southern Bentbill	Oncostoma olivaceum	
Common Tody-Flycatcher	Todirostrum cinereum	
Olivaceous Flatbill	Rhynchocyclus olivaceus	
Yellow-olive Flycatcher	Tolmomyias sulphurescens	
Yellow-margined Flycatcher	Tolmomyias assimilis	
Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher	Terenotriccus erythrurus	
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Contopus cooperi	
Black Phoebe	Sayornis nigricans	
Pied Water-Tyrant	Fluvicola pica	
Bright-rumped Attila	Attila spadiceus	
Rufous Mourner	Rhytipterna holerythra	
Dusky-capped Flycatcher	Myiarchus tuberculifer	
Panama Flycatcher	Myiarchus panamensis	
Great Crested Flycatcher	Myiarchus crinitus	
Lesser Kiskadee	Philohydor lictor	
Great Kiskadee	Pitangus sulphuratus	
Boat-billed Flycatcher	Megarynchus pitangua	
Rusty-margined Flycatcher	Myiozetetes cayanensis	
Social Flycatcher	Myiozetetes similes	
Gray-capped Flycatcher	Myiozetetes granadensis	
Streaked Flycatcher	Myiodynastes maculatus	
Tropical Kingbird	Tyrannus melancholicus	
Gray Kingbird	Tyrannus dominicensis	
Fork-tailed Flycatcher	Tyrannus savana	
Masked Tityra	Tityra semifasciata	
Swallows	Hirundinidae	
Gray-breasted Martin	Progne chalybea	
Mangrove Swallow	Tachycineta albilinea	
Southern Rough-winged Swallow	Stelgidopteryx ruficollis	
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	
Wrens	Troglodytidae	
White-headed Wren	Campylorhynchus albobrunneus	
Black-bellied Wren	Thryothorus fasciatoventris	
Rufous-breasted Wren	Thryothorus rutilus	
Bay Wren	Thryothorus nigricapillus	
Rufous-and-white Wren	Thryothorus rufalbus	
Plain Wren	Thryothorus modestus	

Buff-breasted Wren	<i>Thryotorus leucotis</i>	
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	
White-breasted Wood-Wren	<i>Henicorhina leucosticta</i>	
Song Wren	<i>Cyphorhinus phaeocephalus</i>	
Mockingbirds & Thrashers	Mimidae	
Tropical Mockingbird (I)	<i>Mimus gilvus</i>	
Thrushes & Allies	Turdidae	
Clay-colored Robin	<i>Turdus grayi</i>	
Gnatcatchers	Poliptilidae	
Tawny-faced Gnatwren	<i>Microbates cinereiventris</i>	
Long-billed Gnatwren	<i>Ramphocaenus melanurus</i>	
Tropical Gnatcatcher	<i>Poliptila plumbea</i>	
Crows, Jays & Magpies	Corvidae	
Black-chested Jay	<i>Cyanocorax affinis</i>	
Vireos & Allies	Vireonidae	
Yellow-throated Vireo	<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	
Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	
Scrub Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus flavipes</i>	
Golden-fronted Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus aurantiifrons</i>	
Lesser Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus decurtatus</i>	
Green Shrike-Vireo	<i>Vireolanius pulchellus</i>	
Siskins, Crossbills & Allies	Fringillidae	
Lesser Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis psaltria</i>	
New World Warblers	Parulidae	
Golden-winged Warbler	<i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>	
Tennessee Warbler	<i>Vermivora peregrina</i>	
Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	<i>Dendroica pensylvanica</i>	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Dendroica coronata</i>	
Bay-breasted Warbler	<i>Dendroica castanea</i>	
Black-and-white Warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	
Prothonotary Warbler	<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>	
Northern Waterthrush	<i>Seiurus noveboracensis</i>	
Bananaquit	Coerebidae	
Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaveola</i>	
Tanagers & Allies	Thraupidae	
Black-and-yellow Tanager	<i>Chrysothlypis chrysomelaena</i>	(heard only)
Rosy Thrush-Tanager	<i>Rhodinocichla rosea</i>	
Gray-headed Tanager	<i>Eucometis penicillata</i>	
White-shouldered Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus luctuosus</i>	
White-lined Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus rufus</i>	

Red-throated Ant-Tanager	<i>Habia fuscicauda</i>
Summer Tanager	<i>Piranga rubra</i>
Crimson-backed Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus dimidiatus</i>
Flame-rumped Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus flammigerus</i>
Blue-gray Tanager	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>
Palm Tanager	<i>Thraupis palmarum</i>
Yellow-crowned Euphonia	<i>Euphonia luteicapilla</i>
Thick-billed Euphonia	<i>Euphonia laniirostris</i>
Fulvous-vented Euphonia	<i>Euphonia fluvicrissa</i>
Plain-colored Tanager	<i>Tangara inornata</i>
Emerald Tanager	<i>Tangara florida</i>
Speckled Tanager	<i>Tangara guttata</i>
Rufous-winged Tanager	<i>Tangara lavinia</i>
Blue Dacnis	<i>Dacnis cayana</i>
Green Honeycreeper	<i>Chlorophanes spiza</i>
Shining Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes lucidus</i>
Red-legged Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes cyaneus</i>

Buntings, Sparrows & Seedeaters	Emberizidae
Blue-black Grassquit	<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>
Variable Seedeater	<i>Sporophila corvina</i>
Yellow-bellied Seedeater	<i>Sporophila nigricollis</i>
Ruddy-breasted Seedeater	<i>Sporophila minuta</i>
Thick-billed Seed-Finch	<i>Oryzoborus funereus</i>
Yellow-faced Grassquit	<i>Tiaris olivacea</i>
Saffron Finch (I)	<i>Sicalis flaveola</i>
Orange-billed Sparrow	<i>Arremon aurantirostris</i>
Black-striped Sparrow	<i>Arremonops conirostris</i>

Saltators, Cardinals & Allies	Cardinalidae
Streaked Saltator	<i>Saltator striatipectus</i>
Buff-throated Saltator	<i>Saltator maximus</i>
Slate-colored Grosbeak	<i>Saltator grossus</i>
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>
Dickcissel	<i>Spiza americana</i>

Troupials & Allies (Icterids)	Icteridae
Red-breasted Blackbird	<i>Sturnella militaris</i>
Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>
Great-tailed Grackle	<i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>
Shiny Cowbird	<i>Molothrus bonariensis</i>
Giant Cowbird	<i>Molothrus oryzivorus</i>
Yellow-backed Oriole	<i>Icterus chrysater</i>
Yellow-tailed Oriole	<i>Icterus mesomelas</i>
Baltimore Oriole	<i>Icterus galbula</i>
Orchard Oriole	<i>Icterus spurius</i>
Yellow-billed Cacique	<i>Amblycercus holosericeus</i>
Yellow-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus cela</i>
Scarlet-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus uropygialis</i>

Chestnut-headed Oropendula
Montezuma Oropendula

Psarocolis wagleri
Gymnostinops montezuma

MAMMAL LIST

Red-tailed Squirrel
Varigated Squirrel
Central American Agouti
White-nosed Coatimundi
Northern Tamandua (Collared Anteater)
Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth
Greater Fishing Bat
Common Tent-making Bat
White-faced Capuchin Monkey
Mantled Howler Monkey
Capybara
Paca – first time seen on Vent Tour
Forest Rabbit
Common Opossum
False Vampire Bat (heard only)
White-lined Bat
Collared Peccaries

REPTILE LIST

Green Iguana
Spiny-tailed Iguana
Basilisk (Jesus Christ Lizard)
American Crocodile
Spectacled Caiman
Asian Gecko (introduced)
Orange-headed Gecko
Golfo Dulce Anole
Common Slider (Mick removed a fish hook from his throat)
Central American Whiptail