

## PANAMA: CHIRIQUI HIGHLANDS

7-13 February 2005

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**Day 1, 7 February:** late evening arrival at Canopy Tower (hereafter CT)

**Day 2, 8 February:** morning birding atop the CT with hike down Semaphore Hill thereafter; delayed flight finally departed at 4:30 p.m. from Albrook Airport to David airport; late afternoon birding around David Airport; transfer to Los Quetzales hotel in Guadalupe.

**Day 3, 9 February:** 6:00 departure for morning birding around cabañas #2 and #3, with a later walk to cabaña #4. Lunch at cabaña #2 followed by a walk down the hill. Late afternoon excursion to Respingo (15:30-18:00).

**Day 4, 10 February:** morning departure (5:30) for Finca Hartman (hereafter FH) shade coffee plantation where we encountered good bird activity all day. We started around the residences (6:45-9:00) and then made our way to higher elevations eventually returning to have a buffet lunch and receive a tour of the coffee making facilities. We did some final birding around the residences before heading back. Afternoon birding at the lodge.

**Day 5, 11 February:** morning departure at 6:00 for Macho de Monte (hereafter MM). Late morning visit to Cielito Sur (11:00-11:45). Our afternoon birding visited the Finca Dracula orchid farm, followed by a trip to the ranger house at Respingo. Evening nightjar prowling by a few.

**Day 6, 12 February:** morning departure at 6:00 for Bajo Frio, where we birded until 11:00. Lunch at trout place in Volcán, followed by a visit to Volcán Lakes for Fiery-billed Aracari (success!).

**Day 7, 13 February:** departure for home for some, day 1 of Panama Revisited tour for others

The inauspicious start to the tour (flight delayed 6 hours) was, in retrospect, the best thing that could have happened to us. For starters, it ensured that Black-crowned Night-Heron would not appear on our trip list, which we all would agree was integral to making the trip run smoothly. It also allowed some of us to experience more of the Canopy Tower birding, or to review the birds we had come to know in the previous week. In any event, it was a great morning of birding at the tower, and was a major contributing factor to the record-high tour list that we posted on this trip (many CT species are not found in Chiriquí). Some folks got to visit Miraflores Locks and the Panama Canal museum – an experience not to be missed on a Canal Zone visit.

Once in Chiriquí the birding was immediately excellent. A stop at the airport ponds produced some new hummingbirds and one familiar one (a rare for Panama Ruby-throated!). Northern Jacanas and several parrots and parakeets added to the excitement. The real excitement would begin the next morning, where our breakfast and lunch at cabaña #2 was eaten on the patio where the view was unsurpassed in the morning light and the numbers and variety of birds scarcely gave us a chance to sip our coffee (or hot

chocolate!). Among the many highlights that morning were: male and female quetzals within 50 feet; a cooperative Black Guan that perched for scope views; Prong-billed Barbets and Chestnut-capped Brush-Finches; a spritely little White-fronted Tyrannulet and perky Tufted Flycatchers; flocks of Ruddy Treerunners and Sooty-capped Bush-Tanagers that hosted Flame-throated Warblers, Yellow-winged Vireos, Black-cheeked Warblers, and several other species; and hummingbird feeders with swarms of sabrewings, mountain-gems, Magnificents, and at least 3 other species. A surprise was a single mountain-gem with a grayish throat, that later turned towards us and revealed a bright magenta-purple throat. I have not yet heard back from experts on the identity of this bird, but will let the group know when I do. We closed our day in the highlands at Respingo, where additional species included VolcanoHummingbird, Orange-bellied Trogon, and Large-footed Finch.

On the next day we headed to a bird-friendly shade coffee plantation (where we later got a tour of the coffee works) for a morning of birding at Finca Hartmann. After getting great sunlit views of Turquoise Cotinga as a start to our day we took a walk in the woods along the stream where activity seemed disappointingly low. An open area nearby had Swallow-tailed Kites migrating overhead and Boat-billed Flycatchers, so we turned and headed back. Amazingly, this time the woods were alive with birds and we must have had 35 species or more in a single stretch of trail where we birded for over an hour. Highlights from this single flock included Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant, Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher, Spotted Barbtail, Golden-winged Warbler, and Bay-headed Tanager. We then boarded the pickup trucks for the rough ride to a higher elevation portion of the Finca. The morning had grown hot, but we managed to eke out some special birds, including Blue-throated Toucanet, White-winged Tanager, Spotted Woodcreeper, and a Golden-browed Chlorophonia that just didn't want to be seen. Kudos to Eduardo for his whistling though – I still hear it in my sleep. On our return trip we found a Torrent Tyrannulet along a rushing mountain stream, for a fitting end to the day.

Macho de Monte was birdy the next morning as well, with a perched Barred Forest-Falcon, a Squirrel Cuckoo, a Garden Emerald, energetic Buff-rumped Warblers, and the views of the gushing stream in the gorge vying for best find. A stop at the bed and breakfast of Cielito Sur was a relaxing way to enjoy the 10 (!) species of hummingbirds, each with its own flashing colors, that they had visiting their feeders. In the afternoon we took a tour of the orchid farm at Finca Dracula, and added a few birds to our list in the process. Their 10,000 orchids included some really interesting ones – sweets smelling ones and foul-smelling ones, dracula orchids, fringed orchids, miniature ones and oversized ones, and about everything in between.

Our final morning was a cleanup day, and we started at Bajo Frio where a long walk downhill netted us some high quality birds including Elegant Euphonia, Slaty Spinetail, Common Tody-Flycatcher, and a vocal Lesser Elaenia. Several Crested Guans were a surprise highlight, with Rufous-tailed Jacamar, Blue-black Grosbeak, and a Black-hooded Antshrike pair rounding out the other highlights. After a delectable trout lunch in Volcán, we visited Volcán Lakes to bat cleanup on a couple species. Fiery-billed Aracari was our primary target, a beautiful small toucan endemic to this region which we had missed at other reliable locations earlier on the trip. Luck was on our side, and in short order we rounded up the aracari, which posed for stunning scope looks, as well as Smoky-brown Woodpecker and a few other species. It was a fitting finale to an excellent trip.

The below list includes all species seen by our group during the tour 7-13 February 2002. I provide some general comments for all species. Locations are listed for as many species as was practical, and I give some general comments on the abundance of each species on the tour. Dates are listed only when the date seen is not clear from the location (e.g., all Respingo sightings will be from 9 Feb). Special highlights, rare or

unusual species, and sightings that were particularly special are in ALL CAPS; regionally rare species are underlined. References to the “Panama book” are of course Robert S. Ridgely and John A. Gwynn’s 1989 A Guide to the Birds of Panama, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Nomenclature follows the J.F. Clements’ 2000 Birds of the World: A Checklist, 5<sup>th</sup> edition and where the names differ from those used in Ridgely & Gwynn (1989)

the name used in the latter is given in parentheses. Regional endemics are marked (RE) and species seen only from CT are marked with an asterisk (\*). Note also the following abbreviations: Canopy Tower (CT), Finca Hartman (FH), and Macho de Monte (MM)

Since elevation is so important in bird distribution the below list contains some comment on the elevations at which we found certain species. Roughly speaking, low elevations, below 1000m were visited only on our final day and included birding at Bajo Frio (about 950-850m) and around David (about 20m). Mid-elevations are considered to be those between 1000m and 1600m, and include Macho de Monte (1200m), Volcán Lakes (1300m), Cielito Sur, and Finca Hartman (1275m at residence, 1500m at Ojos de Agua). Higher elevations are considered to be those above 1600m, including Guadalupe (Los Quetzales hotel - 1975m), Los Quetzales cabañas (2269m (cabaña #2) to 2350m (cabaña #4), and Respingo (2500m).

\* = at Canopy Tower only

**\*Great Tinamou** - at CT

**Least Grebe** - 2 at Volcán Lakes

**\*Neotropic Cormorant** - 10 at Miraflores Locks by some

**\*Magnificent Frigatebird** - 15 at Miraflores Locks by some

**\*Brown Pelican** - 10 at Miraflores Locks by some

**Great Egret** - seen twice

**Little Blue Heron** - 1 at Volcán Lakes

**Snowy Egret** - 1 at Volcán

**Cattle Egret** - seen almost daily

**Wood Stork** - one seen over David airport pond

**Black Vulture** - abundant; seen daily

**Turkey Vulture** - common; seen almost daily; the subspecies here, *ruficollis*, looks quite different from those in the United States

**SWALLOW-TAILED KITE** - 35 at Finca Hartman (hereafter FH); E for Elegant.

**White-tailed Kite** - one at David airport pond

**Hook-billed Kite** - two at FH

**Double-toothed Kite** - one at CT, one soaring over FH, and one at Bajo Frio

**Roadside Hawk** - singles at FH, MM, and four at Bajo Frio

**Broad-winged Hawk** - one at FH

**Short-tailed Hawk** - one dark morph soaring over FH

**Red-tailed Hawk** - one over Respingo was apparently of the locally resident subspecies *costaricensis*

**Yellow-headed Caracara** - seen most days

**Laughing Falcon** (h) - two heard at Bajo Frio

**BARRED FOREST-FALCON** - Seen extremely well at Bajo Frio; S for Stunning.

**Collared Forest-Falcon** (h) - from CT our first morning

**Gray-headed Chachalaca** - seven at FH

**CRESTED GUAN** - brief but good looks at Bajo Frio

**BLACK GUAN** (RE) - one seen near cabaña #2

**White-throated Crake** (h) - at David Airport pond  
**Gray-necked Wood-Rail** (h) - heard at FH  
**Common Moorhen** - 10 at Volcán Lakes  
**American Coot** - two at Volcán Lakes seemed not to cause real excitement  
**Northern Jacana** - several at David Airport and one at Volcán Lakes  
**Greater Yellowlegs** - one at MM seen by some  
**Rock Pigeon** - seen commonly in larger towns  
**Scaled Pigeon** - 4 at Bajo Frio; great scope looks; E for Exquisite  
**Band-tailed Pigeon** - several at FH  
**Pale-vented Pigeon** - 15 seen on two dates  
**Mourning Dove** - several around Gaudeloupe  
**Ruddy Ground-Dove** - seen in lowlands on two dates  
**White-tipped Dove** - seen most days  
**Gray-chested Dove** (h) - one at CT; also one possibly heard at FH by Marshall, though this species is rare in western Chiriquí  
**Brown-throated Parakeet** - 75 in David Airport area; this form, *ocularis*, has sometimes been treated as a separate species (Veraguan Parakeet) according to the Panama book  
**Crimson-fronted Parakeet** - flyovers at David Airport and MM  
**Sulphur-winged Parakeet** (RE) - several flocks ripped past us at Respingo  
**Orange-chinned Parakeet** - 2 at David Airport  
**Blue-headed Parrot** - seen on a few dates, including in the scope at MM; I for Incandescent.  
**White-crowned Parrot** - 10 flybys at FH  
**\*Red-lored Parrot** - seen from CT  
**MANGROVE CUCKOO** - one at David Airport and one at Bajo Frio were both surprising, especially the latter at 950m elevation  
**Squirrel Cuckoo** - seen well on several dates  
**Smooth-billed Ani** - 5 around David Airport  
**Tropical Screech-Owl** (h) - one heard by a few around Los Quetzales  
**\*Mottled Owl** (h) - at CT by some  
**Costa Rican Pygmy-Owl** (h) (RE) - a bird tape-recorded at Respingo could only have been this species, although the calls were single notes rather than the double-notes that are reported for this species  
**\*Great Potoo** (h) - heard by David at CT  
**DUSKY NIGHTJAR** (RE) - one heard and seen very well at Guadalupe was amazing to find in the drizzling rain; A for Adorable.  
**Pauraque** - one flushed at MM  
**White-collared Swift** - great looks at FH and on several other dates  
**\*Band-rumped Swift** - common at CT  
**Vaux's Swift** - flock of 120 at FH, with others on two other dates  
**Green Hermit** - one at FH  
**\*Western Long-tailed Hermit** - one at CT  
**\*Stripe-throated (Little) Hermit** - one at CT  
**Scaly-breasted Hummingbird** - 3 at David Airport and 2 at FH  
**VIOLET SABREWING** - abundant, especially in Guadalupe; S for Spectacular!  
**White-necked Jacobin** - at CT feeders, but also one male at MM  
**Green Violet-Ear** - common; seen daily at higher elevations; R for Resplendent.  
**VERAGUAN MANGO** (RE) - 3 at David Airport were a first for this tour and an exciting Panama endemic to pick up  
**Garden Emerald** - several at Bajo Frio  
**White-tailed Emerald** - 3 at FH  
**Stripe-tailed Hummingbird** - great looks at cabañas and Cielito Sur

**Violet-crowned Woodnymph** - 1 at FH

\***Violet-bellied Hummingbird** - at CT feeders

**Rufous-tailed Hummingbird** - several seen at lower elevations; one at Cielito Sur was the highest

**Snowy-bellied Hummingbird** - seen almost daily; also at CT

**White-throated Mountain-Gem** (RE) - common at higher elevations; the endemic Panama species was formerly lumped with Costa Rican Gray-tailed Mountain-Gem (*Lampornis cinereicauda*). A mountain-gem with a purple-magenta throat at cabaña #4 may have been the endemic species Purple-throated Mountain-Gem. I am still awaiting word from experts on the identity of this bird, specifically regarding the line in the Panama book that mentions that "some White-throated Mountain-Gems have purple throats".

**Green-crowned Brilliant** - one female at cabaña #4 and one at Cielito Sur

**Magnificent Hummingbird** - common at higher elevations; M for, I dunno, Magnificent.

**Purple-crowned Fairy** - one at FH

**Long-billed Starthroat** - one at FH

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** - a female at David Airport was among very few records for Panama.

**Scintillant Hummingbird** - female in Guadalupe and another at Cielito Sur

**Volcano Hummingbird** (RE) - several males at Respingo

\***Slaty-tailed Trogon** (h) - at CT

\***Black-throated Trogon** (h) - at CT

**Violaceous Trogon** (h) - two heard at FH

**ORANGE-BELLIED TROGON** (RE) - one seen well at Respingo

**RESPLENDENT QUETZAL** - we had excellent looks at first a female, then a male, coming to fruit at cabaña #2; Q for Queen-like, U for Unbelievable, E for Exquisite, T for Titillating, Z for Zinger, A for Amazing, and L for Lifer!

\***Broad-billed Motmot** - at CT

**Blue-crowned Motmot** - seen well at FH

**RUFIOUS-TAILED JACAMAR** - great looks at Bajo Frio

**Prong-billed Barbet** (RE) - great looks at FH

**BLUE-THROATED (EMERALD) TOUCANET**(RE) - one at cabaña #2 and one in the scope at FH; in a 15 Jul 2003 supplement, Clements split Emerald Toucanet into 7 species: Wagler's Toucanet (highlands of sw. Mexico), Emerald Toucanet (e. Mexico to El Salvador), Blue-throated (Costa Rica and w. Panama), and Violet-throated (e. Panama to Colombia), plus three others in South America.

\***Collared Aracari** - at CT

**FIERY-BILLED ARACARI** (RE) - last minute save at Volcán Lakes; P for Precious.

\***Keel-billed Toucan** - the "croaker" at CT

\***Chestnut-mandibled Toucan** - the "yelper" at CT

**Olivaceous Piculet** - two at Bajo Frio

**Acorn Woodpecker** - one at Los Quetzales

**Red-crowned Woodpecker** - common at lower elevations

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** - one at Bajo Frio by Nancy and Cheryl; I have yet to see one in Panama, as they are a scarce winter visitor

**Hairy Woodpecker** - four at cabañas; this subspecies *extimus* is much smaller than U.S.A. birds and has a dusky gray chest

**Smoky-brown Woodpecker** - one at Volcán Lakes gave us a very animated response, though he rarely sat still in the heavy wind!

**Lineated Woodpecker** - one seen well at Baja Frio

\***Crimson-crested Woodpecker** - one seen by some from CT

**Pale-breasted Spinetail** - seen well at MM

**Slaty Spinetail** - good scope views at Bajo Frio

**Red-faced Spinetail** - one at Los Quetzales by some

**SPOTTED BARBTAIL** - good looks on three dates, with the best views at FH; this species was a treat to encounter

**Ruddy Treerunner** - common at cabañas, with several seen at Respingo on two dates as well

**Plain Xenops** - at CT, but also at FH and MM

**Scaly-throated (Spectacled) Foliage-Gleaner** - seen by a few at FH

**Lineated Foliage-Gleaner** - seen well by cabaña #2

\***Plain-brown Woodcreeper** - one at CT; this species was not seen during the previous week at CT

**Spotted Woodcreeper** - one at FH

**Streak-headed Woodcreeper** - singles at FH and Bajo Frio

**Spot-crowned Woodcreeper** - two at cabañas

**Great Antshrike** (h) - at Bajo Frio; this was the strained song that we enjoyed so much

**Black-hooded Antshrike** (RE) - pair at Bajo Frio; good spotting by David

\***Western Slaty-Antshrike** - at CT

\***Fasciated Antshrike** - at CT

\***Dot-winged Antwren** - at CT

\***Checker-throated Antwren** - at CT

**Silvery-fronted Tapaculo** (RE) - a sneaky bird, but one gave us brief looks at Respingo; several others heard

**TURQUOISE COTINGA** (RE) - absolutely amazing looks at 2 males and 3 females at FH; Capital P for Precious.

**Three-wattled Bellbird** (h) - heard only at FH

\***Red-capped Manakin** - at lek at CT

**White-ruffed Manakin** - several males at FH

**Blue-crowned Manakin** - great look at female at MM; also at CT

**Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet** (h) - heard at Bajo Frio

**Yellow Tyrannulet** - great looks at several at MM

**Yellow-bellied Elaenia** - fairly common in lowlands (including Bajo Frio)

\***Forest Elaenia** - several at CT

**Lesser Elaenia** - one seen well and taped at Bajo Frio; David Wolf instantly confirmed the identification from the tape of this cryptic species

**Mountain Elaenia** - seen several times around Guadalupe and Respingo, and one fairly low at MM

**TORRENT TYRANNULET** - one at Chiriquí Viejo (River) on 10 Feb; one of my favorites!

**Paltry Tyrannulet** - seen or heard most days

\***Ochre-bellied Flycatcher** - one at CT

\***Southern Bentbill** (h) - at CT

**White-fronted Tyrannulet** - one at cabaña #2 gave a good response; this species is scarce and poorly known in Panama, but may be more widespread than was once thought. The subspecies we saw, *zeledoni*, is restricted to Costa Rica and western Panama

**Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant** - fantastic looks for most at FH

**Common Tody-Flycatcher** - good looks at Bajo Frio

**Eye-ringed Flatbill** - one at MM

\***Olivaceous Flatbill** - at CT

\***Yellow-margined Flycatcher** - 3 at CT

**Yellow-olive Flycatcher** (h) - one at Bajo Frio

**Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher** - one at FH; the Panama book indicates no prior reports from this part of Panama, but expected it to occur.

**Tufted Flycatcher** - cooperative birds at cabaña #2

**Dark Pewee** (RE) - one at cabaña #2

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** - Gretchen spotted one at FH and another was calling at MM

**Acadian Flycatcher** - several seen, especially at FH

**Yellowish Flycatcher** - several good looks  
**Black Phoebe** - common; seen daily; these Panamanian birds have less white on the belly than U.S. birds  
**Bright-rumped Attila** (h) - one at FH  
**Dusky-capped Flycatcher** - 5 at CT and 2 at FH; this is subspecies *nigricapillus*, different from the subspecies *olivaceous* which reaches the U.S.A. in Arizona  
**Great Kiskadee** (h) - two at MM  
**Boat-billed Flycatcher** - two at FH and two at Bajo Frio  
**Social Flycatcher** - just one seen, at FH  
**Piratic Flycatcher** - one at FH  
**Tropical Kingbird** - seen almost daily; not at highest elevations  
**Fork-tailed Flycatcher** - 3 at David Airport  
**White-winged Becard** - scope views of a male at David Airport  
**Barred Becard** - 4 at cabaña #2  
**Masked Tityra** - several at FH and one at Bajo Frio  
**Gray-breasted Martin** - one at Volcán Lakes  
**Blue-and-white Swallow** - small numbers almost daily  
**Southern Rough-winged Swallow** - two at Bajo Frio  
**Barn Swallow** - singles on two dates  
**LONG-TAILED SILKY-FLYCATCHER** (RE) - Ito knew of a location for this species in Guadalupe for 11 Feb; P was definitely for Precious for this one.  
**\*Black-bellied Wren** - two at CT  
**Rufous-breasted Wren** - seen on several dates at middle elevations  
**Plain Wren** - heard at David Airport and two seen at Bajo Frio  
**House Wren** - common, seen almost daily; this subspecies *inquietus* is very different from U.S.A. House Wrens, both in song and appearance. Some authors split birds south of southern Mexico as Southern House Wren (*T. musculus*), though the AOU has not adopted this.  
**Ochraceous Wren** (RE) - excellent looks at this canopy wren at the cabañas and Finca Dracula  
**Gray-breasted Wood-Wren** - brief looks at cabaña #2  
**\*White-breasted Wood-Wren** - 1 at CT  
**BLACK-FACED SOLITAIRE** (RE) - Gretchen spotted one at cabaña #2, and later we had great looks at the Respingo entry station; W for Wow.  
**Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush** (h) - heard-only at Bajo Frio  
**Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush** - multiple good views at higher elevations  
**Swainson's Thrush** - 1 seen at FH  
**Mountain Robin** - fairly common around Guadalupe and cabañas  
**Clay-colored Robin (Thrush)** - common; seen daily as high as Guadalupe  
**White-throated Robin (Thrush)** - good looks at Macho de Monte  
**Long-billed Gnatwren** - at CT and heard at David Airport  
**Tropical Gnatcatcher** - 4 at FH; also CT  
**Black-chested Jay** - one at MM by Gretchen and others  
**Yellow-throated Vireo** - 8 at FH  
**Yellow-winged Vireo** (RE) - great looks around cabañas  
**Brown-capped Vireo** - one near cabañas and another at Los Quetzales by some  
**Philadelphia Vireo** - two at MM  
**Lesser Greenlet** - several seen and heard  
**\*GREEN SHRIKE-VIREO** - seen well from CT  
**RUFIOUS-BROWED PEPPERSHRIKE** - seen very well from cabaña #2;.  
**Yellow-bellied Siskin** - seen well from cabaña #2  
**Lesser Goldfinch** - seen on two dates  
**Golden-winged Warbler** - one at cabañas and 3 at FH

**Tennessee Warbler** - extremely common; seen almost daily  
**FLAME-THROATED WARBLER (RE)** - excellent looks at cabañas (bathing at our feet!) and also at Respingo; V for Vibrant.  
**Tropical Parula** - four seen at FH  
**Yellow Warbler** - 10 around David Airport pond  
**Chestnut-sided Warbler** - fairly common; seen most days  
**Black-throated Green Warbler** - a couple among mixed flocks  
**Blackburnian Warbler** - fairly common among mixed flocks at FH  
**\*Bay-breasted Warbler** - one from CT  
**Black-and-white Warbler** - seen almost daily in small numbers  
**American Redstart** - one male at FH  
**Louisiana Waterthrush** - one at cabaña #4 and one at FH; scarce winterer this far south  
**Wilson's Warbler** - very common; many seen almost daily  
**Slate-throated Redstart** - fairly common at FH and several other locations; this subspecies *aurantiacus* is very yellowish below and quite unlike northern Mexico birds that sometimes reach the United States.  
**COLLARED REDSTART (RE)** - common among mixed flocks at Guadalupe, cabañas, Respingo. Impressive bird!  
**Golden-crowned Warbler** - David got on one at Volcán Lakes  
**Rufous-capped Warbler** - seen by a few at Bajo Frio  
**BLACK-CHEEKED WARBLER (RE)** - great looks at cabañas and at Respingo  
**BUFF-RUMPED WARBLER** - we were treated to a frenetic game of tag by two singing Buff-rumps at MM  
**Bananaquit** - two at FH and one at Bajo Frio; seen engaged in rites of spring at FH, the letter that Suzie gave to this one are not repeatable here, but comes between "E" and "G".  
**Common Bush-Tanager** - several at Finca Dracula; the western Chiriquí subspecies we saw is *personata*  
**Sooty-capped Bush-Tanager (RE)** - common at cabañas and Respingo  
**Gray-headed Tanager** - two at CT and two at FH  
**\*White-shouldered Tanager** - at CT  
**Summer Tanager** - seen almost daily  
**Flame-colored Tanager** - a few seen very well at Guadalupe and Cielito Sur  
**White-winged Tanager** - a pair at FH  
**Cherrie's Tanager** - seen commonly at mid- to low elevations; this species was formerly lumped with Passerini's Tanager under Scarlet-rumped Tanager. P for Precious.  
**Blue-gray Tanager** - common; seen almost daily, especially at lower elevations  
**\*Palm Tanager** - common at CT  
**\*Fulvous-vented Euphonia** - one at CT by David and Gretchen  
**Thick-billed Euphonia** - two at Bajo Frio; a dark-throated euphonia seen by some at Bajo Frio was another species, but was not identified for sure – it could have been Spot-crowned Euphonia  
**ELEGANT (BLUE-HODED) EUPHONIA** - fantastic looks at four at Bajo Frio  
**Golden-browed Chlorophonia (RE) (h)** - Eduardo called to this one for what seemed like hours; F for Frustrating.  
**\*Plain-colored Tanager** - several from CT  
**Silver-throated Tanager** - fairly common and seen well at MM and FH  
**Bay-headed Tanager** - fairly common at mid-elevations  
**Golden-hooded Tanager** - several at mid-elevations  
**SCARLET-THIGHED DACNIS** - nice males at MM and an interestingly-plumaged immature male at Bajo Frio  
**Blue Dacnis** - at CT, with two also at FH  
**Green Honeycreeper** - several at mid to low elevations, the best was a male in the scope from CT  
**Red-legged Honeycreeper** - 4 at MM and 5 at Bajo Frio

**Blue-black Grassquit** - one male at Bajo Frio  
**Variable Seedeater** - several at MM and Bajo Frio; many subspecies occur, the ones in western Chiriquí (*hoffmanni*) which we saw have a dark throat, unlike Canal Zone *hicksii*  
**Yellow-faced Grassquit** - common, especially at FH  
**Slaty Finch** - one female at Finca Dracula; a very rarely seen species anywhere  
**Slaty Flowerpiercer** (RE) - fairly common at higher elevations, as low as FH and Guadalupe; one of my personal favorites  
**Yellow-thighed Finch** (RE) - seen well at cabañas and Respingo  
**Large-footed Finch** (RE) - several seen well at Respingo  
**Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch** - 2 seen at cabaña #2  
**Black-striped Sparrow** - mid-elevations; heard at FH and seen at Bajo Frio and MM  
**Rufous-collared Sparrow** - very common; as low as Bajo Frio  
**Buff-throated Saltator** - common at mid-elevations; seen most days  
**Rose-breasted Grosbeak** - 6 at cabañas, one at Bajo Frio, and 6 at MM  
**\*Slate-colored Grosbeak** - Sandy spotted one that was seen in prolonged scope view at CT  
**Blue-black Grosbeak** - responsive pair at Bajo Frio  
**Eastern Meadowlark** - one in Guadalupe 11 Feb and one at Volcán airport 12 Feb  
**Great-tailed Grackle** - abundant; seen daily  
**Baltimore Oriole** - small numbers seen almost daily  
**Crested Oropendola** - 10 seen at MM along with nearby nest tree  
**\*Chestnut-headed Oropendola** - one at CT by some

#### LEADER-ONLY BIRDS

**Chestnut-collared Swift** - MM  
**Green Kingfisher** - FH  
**Buffy Tuftedcheek** - one at cabaña #2  
**Slaty Antwren** - two at FH  
**Riverside Wren** (RE) - one at MM  
**Streaked Saltator** - three at Bajo Frio

**Total** - 256 + 6 leader only (Tour record!)

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#### MAMMALS AND HERPS

**Mantled Howler Monkey** (h) - heard at CT and Bajo Frio  
**\*Geoffrey's Tamarin** - 3 at CT  
**Red-tailed Squirrel** - 3 on 9 Feb and 1 on 10 Feb  
**\*Central American Agouti** - one at CT

**Striped Basilisk** - one near FH; possibly leader-only  
**Amieva sp.** - one at CT

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