

HIDDEN VALLEY PRE-TRIP

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BELIZE: CHAN CHICH & CROOKED TREE

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TOUR REPORT
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We arrived at Chan Chich Lodge in the early afternoon, having come north from a very successful couple of days in the Pine Ridge region of Belize. Still fresh in our minds were the images of a close roosting pair of Stygian Owls and two different Orange-breasted Falcons (one at about 50 feet for over ten minutes!), not to mention other goodies such as Tody Motmot, Collared Trogon, six King Vultures bathing at one time, a displaying pair of Gray-headed Kites, perched White Hawk and Great Black-Hawk, comical Barred Antshrikes, and Black-headed Siskin. The owl and the falcon are rarely seen anywhere in their respective ranges, and we had killer looks at both. I had told people, however, that the best part of the trip still lay ahead at Chan Chich.

We settled in to lunch on the outdoor veranda, and had no sooner ordered when a stunning male Red-capped Manakin appeared at the firebush just feet away. He entertained us during the entire meal, gobbling up the small purple berries on the tree and posing for myriad photographs. About 20 Ocellated Turkeys strolled by, including one amazing displaying male. Shortly, a Stripe-throated Hermit buzzed into a *Heliconia* patch just off the porch, and was followed by a Long-billed Hermit just moments later. A Rufous-tailed Hummingbird chased off a White-bellied Emerald from another flowering plant, and then a troop of Central American spider monkeys came swinging through the edge of the lodge clearing to reach a fruiting ficus—all this before our food arrived! Welcome to Chan Chich Lodge!

Eager to begin birding, we quickly consumed our food with the intention of walking to the suspension bridge about three quarters of a mile away. As we congregated near the bar and enjoyed more views of the spider monkeys and a gorgeous pair of Bat Falcons, a troop of Mexican black howler monkeys suddenly cut loose with their terrifying roars from the upper temple area just above us. Suddenly they were in full view, including a mother with a tiny baby. The unbelievably loud calls reverberated throughout the main plaza area, as we soaked in this fabulous tropical experience. Attempts to begin our walk toward the bridge continued to be sidetracked by a parade of exotic species: several Red-ored Parrots perched conspicuously overhead; a flock of Olive-throated Parakeets buzzed quickly by; strange grunting calls announced the presence of a pair of Masked Tityras; a breeding colony of Montezuma Oropendolas just behind the bar provided more entertainment; a huge Crested Guan sailed into the fruiting tree that harbored the spider monkeys, and was quickly followed by a Keel-billed Toucan; and King Vultures and Lesser Swallow-tailed Swifts soared overhead. One hour passed, and we had not moved from the area where we had started!

Our five days at the lodge produced a plethora of highlights. Some of the more memorable included prolonged views of a perched Bicolored Hawk; an adult Black-collared Hawk hunting along the lakeshore; a pair of Crane Hawks sunning themselves in

the early morning light; nice flyovers of both Black and Ornate hawk-eagles; six Great Curassows; unbeatable studies of Yellow-lored Parrot; a perched Northern Potoo at about 15 feet; bathing Purple-crowned Fairies; four species of trogons; great views of Blue-crowned Motmot; a pair of White-necked Puffbirds from as close as ten feet (!); a nice array of impressive woodpeckers including the incomparable Chestnut-colored and striking Pale-billed; an active lek of White-collared Manakins; a lineup of six Fork-tailed and one Scissor-tailed flycatcher within feet of each other; many great views of Black-throated Shrike-Tanagers; excellent views of Rose-throated Tanager and Gray-throated Chat (two short forest specialties); and spectacular Green and Red-legged honeycreepers. For a variety of reasons, this lodge continues to be my favorite place to visit anywhere.

We followed up Chan Chich with an afternoon excursion to Caye Caulker off of Belize City. Here we witnessed an incredible sight of 20 Rufous-necked Wood-Rails (another rarely seen species) at once, as well as regional specialties such as Black Catbird and Yucatan Vireo. Our trip concluded at Crooked Tree Sanctuary where high water levels thwarted our attempts to see some of the rarer targets, but we still enjoyed such goodies as Boat-billed Heron, Bare-throated Tiger-Heron, numerous Snail Kites, Limpkin, Rufous-breasted Spinetail, and incredible Yucatan Jays at an ant swarm. In all we totaled 295 species, including an amazing 30 species of raptors (including vultures). Great birds, wonderful Mayan ruins, superb accommodations, and much unspoiled, protected forest combine for an unbeatable experience in Belize.

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Grand Belize

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Leaders: Barry Zimmer & Victor Emanuel

Itinerary:

February 16 - drive from Belize City to Hidden Valley with very brief birding around Cheers (27 species)

February 17 - Hidden Valley Lodge, Thousand Foot Falls, King Vulture Falls, Tiger Creek Falls (43 species; 62 total)

February 18 - Caracol, Rio Frio Caves, Hidden Valley (73 species; 114 total)

February 19 - Hidden Valley area, drive to Chan Chich via the Yalbac property with arrival at Chan Chich around 1 pm; afternoon birding around lodge (76 species; 145 total)

February 20 - lodge clearing, walk to suspension bridge, back & upper plaza trails, Gallon Jug area, Xibal (101 species; 178 total)

February 21 - road to Gallon Jug, Logger's Trail, Sac Be (spinetail group); Sylvester Village road, River Trail, Logger's Trail (foliage-gleaners group); night walk (105 species; 205 total)

February 22 - Xaxe Venic, Logger's Trail, Sac Be (foliage-gleaners); Silvester Village Road, River Trail, Logger's Trail (Spinetails); night walk (112 species; 216 total)

February 23 - Blue Creek Road to Cedar Crossing, Laguna Seca; afternoon to Punta de cacao or return to Sac Be (113 species; 231 total)

February 24 - Xaxe Venic, Bajo, and River trails; flights back to Belize City, afternoon excursion to Caye Caulker (114 species; 260 total)

February 25 - Crooked Tree North Lagoon to Spanish Creek on boat, afternoon land birding around Crooked Tree (117 species; 293 total)

February 26 - morning walk around hotel; departures for home (294 total species)

Key:

H = Hidden Valley, Caracol

C = Chan Chich and surrounding areas

T = Crooked Tree Sanctuary and surrounding areas

B = Belize City, Caye Caulker, and surrounding areas

bold-faced species indicate birds of rare, casual, or accidental occurrence or species rarely seen even though they occur regularly

underlined species indicate birds of very uncommon occurrence or species which occur regularly but in such low densities as to be easily missed

Birds:

Great Tinamou (*Tinamus major*) C---head only
Slaty-breasted Tinamou (*Tinamus boucardi*) C---actually seen briefly by a few folks on the Logger's trail
Pied-billed Grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps*) T
Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) B
Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) T
Double-crested Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax auritus*) B
Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*) C,T
Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*) B
Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*) B,T
Great Egret (*Ardea alba*) C,T,B
Reddish Egret (*Egretta rufescens*) B---white morph at Caye Caulker
Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*) T,B
Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*) T,B
Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*) T,B
Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) H,C,T,B
Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*) C,T
Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) T
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax violacea*) T,B
Boat-billed Heron (*Cochlearius cochlearius*) T---great views of these comical birds
Bare-throated Tiger-Heron (*Tigrisoma mexicanum*) B,T---immature bird spotted in a pine (!) by Chris and an adult on our way to the airport the last day
Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*) T
White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*) T
Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*) T---uncommon
Roseate Spoonbill (*Ajaia ajaja*) T---not seen by all
Blue-winged Teal (*Anas discors*) T
Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) daily
Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*) daily
Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture (*Cathartes burrovianus*) B,T
King Vulture (*Sarcoramphus papa*) H,C,T---a total of 22 seen including six bathing in King Vulture Falls at once!
Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) C,T,B
Gray-headed Kite (*Leptodon cayanensis*) H---pair in display flight over the temples
Hook-billed Kite (*Chondrohierax uncinatus*) C
Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*) H,C---migrants; always spectacular
White-tailed Kite (*Elanus leucurus*) B,C---only two seen
Snail Kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*) T
Double-toothed Kite (*Harpagus bidentatus*) H,C
Bicolored Hawk (*Accipiter bicolor*) C---thanks to Darragh; rarely seen
Black-collared Hawk (*Busarellus nigricollis*) C,T---stunning!
Crane Hawk (*Geranospiza caerulescens*) C---perched pair along road to Cedar Crossing; gorgeous!
White Hawk (*Leucopternis albicollis*) H---only one seen the entire trip at King vulture Falls thanks to Darragh
Common Black-Hawk (*Buteogallus anthracinus*) B
Great Black-Hawk (*Buteogallus urubitinga*) C,T---great studies near Caracol (immature) & Cedar crossing (adult)
Gray Hawk (*Asturina nitida*) C
Roadside Hawk (*Buteo magnirostris*) H,C,T
Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*) H
Short-tailed Hawk (*Buteo brachyurus*) C--- light & dark morphs
Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*) H---uncommon

Black Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus tyrannus*) C---wonderful flyover in Gallon Jug
Ornate Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus ornatus*) C---nice flyover at the lodge our last morning there
 Laughing Falcon (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*) H,C---nice scope study on Pine Ridge
 American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*) C
 Bat Falcon (*Falco ruficularis*) H,C,T---seen daily at Chan Chich with a pair almost constantly around the lodge
Orange-breasted Falcon (*Falco deiroleucus*) H---prolonged, close scope study at King Vulture Falls of this very rare raptor; another distant bird at 1000 Foot Falls spotted by Don
 Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) T---immature spotted by Mike
 Plain Chachalaca (*Ortalis vetula*) H,C---more numerous than usual
 Crested Guan (*Penelope purpurascens*) H,C---several great views
Great Curassow (*Crax rubra*) C---somewhat scarce this year with only six seen
 Ocellated Turkey (*Meleagris ocellata*) H,C---very common right around the cabanas, including displaying males
 Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) T
 Ruddy Crane (*Laterallus ruber*) C,T---heard only, as is usually the case
Rufous-necked Wood-Rail (*Aramides axillaris*) B---a truly amazing sight with about 20 birds in view at once, some as close as 15 feet away!
 Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinica*) T---uncommon
 Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*) T
 American Coot (*Fulica americana*) T
 Northern Jacana (*Jacana spinosa*) C,T---wonderfully common
Southern Lapwing T---present since November 2004; this individual represents the only record ever for the country
 Black-bellied Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*) B
 Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferus*) C,T
 Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularia*) H, T
 Willet (*Catoptrophorus semipalmatus*) B
 Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*) B
 Sanderling (*Calidris alba*) B
 Least Sandpiper (*Calidris minutilla*) T
 Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*) B
Marbled Godwit (*Limosa fedoa*) B---this scarce species was a first for both Victor & I in Belize
 Short-billed Dowitcher (*Limnodromus griseus*) B
 Laughing Gull (*Larus atricilla*) B
 Gull-billed Tern (*Sterna nilotica*) T---not seen by all
 Caspian Tern (*Sterna caspia*) T
 Royal Tern (*Sterna maxima*) B
 Sandwich Tern (*Sterna sandvicensis*) B
 Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*) B,H
 Scaled Pigeon (*Patagioenas speciosa*) H,C
 Pale-vented Pigeon (*Patagioenas cayennensis*) C,T
 Red-billed Pigeon (*Patagioenas flavirostris*) H,C---this species has become common right around the lodge at Chan Chich
 Short-billed Pigeon (*Patagioenas nigrirostris*) H,C---several nice studies
 White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*) B
 Common Ground-Dove (*Columbina passerina*) T
 Ruddy Ground-Dove (*Columbina talpacoti*) H,C,T,B
 Blue Ground-Dove (*Claravis pretiosa*) C---heard only
 White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*) H
 Gray-headed (Gray-fronted) Dove (*Leptotila plumbeiceps*) C---heard only; *L. rufaxilla* of some authors
 Olive-throated Parakeet (*Aratinga nana*) C,T
 Brown-hooded Parrot (*Pionopsitta haematotis*) C---only one fly-by
 White-crowned Parrot (*Pionus senilis*) H,C---superb scope views at Caracol
Yellow-lored (Yucatan) Parrot (*Amazona xantholora*) C---fantastic views along Xaxe Venic;

tied for second favorite bird of the trip
 White-fronted Parrot (*Amazona albifrons*) C,T
 Red-lored Parrot (*Amazona autumnalis*) H,C,T---almost daily
 Mealy Parrot (*Amazona farinosa*) C
 Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*) H,C,T
 Groove-billed Ani (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*) H,C,T
 Barn Owl C---nice view by the airstrip
 Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum*) H---close pair at Hidden Valley
Stygian Owl (*Asio stygius*) H---two roosting birds near Hidden Valley from about 60 feet; rarely seen anywhere
 Northern Potoo (*Nyctibius jamaicensis*) C---best views ever; tied for second favorite bird of the tour; "Furbie"
 Pauraque (*Nyctidromus albicollis*) C
 White-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne zonaris*) H---good views of flock coming in to roost
 Vaux's Swift (*Chaetura vauxi*) H,C
 Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift (*Panyptila cayennensis*) H,C
 Long-billed Hermit (*Phaethornis longirstris*) C---formerly Western Long-tailed Hermit
 Stripe-throated Hermit (*Phaethornis striigularis*) C
 Scaly-breasted Hummingbird (*Phaeochroa cuvierii*) C---on leks
 Wedge-tailed Sabrewing (*Campylopterus curvipennis*) C---only one seen
 White-necked Jacobin (*Florisuga mellivora*) C---stunning
 Green-breasted Mango (*Anthracothorax prevostii*) near San Ygnacio,T,B
 Rufous-tailed Hummingbird (*Amazilia tzacatl*) H,C,T---the most common hummer in the area
 Buff-bellied Hummingbird (*Amazilia yucatanensis*) T---by a few only
 Cinnamon Hummingbird (*Amazilia rutila*) B---common around our hotel
 White-bellied Emerald (*Agyrtia candida*) C
 Azure-crowned Hummingbird (*Agyrtia cyanocephala*) H---common at the lodge feeders
 Purple-crowned Fairy (*Heliothryx barroti*) C---spectacular views of bathing birds
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*) T
 Black-headed Trogon (*Trogon melanocephalus*) H,C
 Violaceous Trogon (*Trogon violaceus*) H,C
Collared Trogon (*Trogon collaris*) H,C---two males at Caracol and a pair along the River Trail; very uncommon
 Slaty-tailed Trogon (*Trogon massena*) C
 Belted Kingfisher (*Ceryle alcyon*) B,C,T
 Ringed Kingfisher (*Ceryle torquata*) B,C,T
 Amazon Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle amazona*) C---at Cedar Crossing
 Green Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle americana*) T---unusually scarce
Tody Motmot (*Hylomanes momotula*) H---great views of this uncommon species
 Blue-crowned Motmot (*Momotus momota*) H,C---wonderful study in the Upper Plaza
 Rufous-tailed Jacamar (*Galbula ruficauda*) C---always spectacular
White-necked Puffbird (*Notharchus macrorhynchos*) C---very uncommon; lengthy study from about 15 feet!
White-whiskered Puffbird (*Malacoptila panamensis*) H---thanks to Victor
 Collared Aracari (*Pteroglossus torquatus*) H,C---much scarcer than usual
 Keel-billed Toucan (*Ramphastos sulfuratus*) H,C--- the essence of the tropics!
 Acorn Woodpecker (*Melanerpes formicivorus*) H,T---southern race *lineatus*
 Black-cheeked Woodpecker (*Melanerpes pucherani*) H,C
Yucatan (Red-vented) Woodpecker (*Melanerpes pygmaeus*) T
 Golden-fronted Woodpecker (*Melanerpes aurifrons*) H,T,B---the southern, red-capped race *dubius*
 Smoky-brown Woodpecker (*Veniliornis fumigatus*) C
 Golden-olive Woodpecker (*Piculus rubiginosus*) H,C
 Chestnut-colored Woodpecker (*Celeus castaneus*) C---great views for all; voted the third favorite bird of the tour
 Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*) C

Pale-billed Woodpecker (*Campephilus guatemalensis*) H,C---especially nice views of birds at nest found by Darragh
 Rufous-breasted Spinetail (*Synallaxis erythrothorax*) T---best views ever of this skulker
 Plain Xenops (*Xenops minutus*) C
 Scaly-throated Leaf-tosser (*Sclerurus guatemalensis*) C---for one group at Norman's Temple
 Tawny-winged Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla anabatina*) C
Ruddy Woodcreeper (*Dendrocincla homochroa*) C---uncommon
 Olivaceous Woodcreeper (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*) H,C
Wedge-billed Woodcreeper (*Glyphorhynchus spirurus*) H,C
 Northern Barred Woodcreeper (*Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae*) C---superb studies
 Ivory-billed Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus flavigaster*) C
 Barred Antshrike (*Thamnophilus doliatus*) H,C---fantastic looks at this comical species
 Dot-winged Antwren (*Microrhopias quixensis*) H,C
 Dusky Antbird (*Cercomacra tyrannina*) H,C
 Black-faced (Mexican) Antthrush (*Formicarius analis*) C---split by some authors as *F. moniliger*
 Rufous Piha (*Lipaugus unirufus*) C
 White-collared Manakin (*Manacus candei*) C---active lek near the bridge; tied for second favorite bird of the tour
 Red-capped Manakin (*Pipra mentalis*) C--- in the firebush next to the restaurant; stunning
 Yellow-bellied Tyrannulet (*Ornithon semiflavum*) C
Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma imberbe*) C---uncommon
 Greenish Elaenia (*Myiopagis viridicata*) C---much scarcer than usual
 Yellow-bellied Elaenia (*Elaenia martinica*) H,C,T
 Ochre-bellied Flycatcher (*Mionectes oleagineus*) C
Sepia-capped Flycatcher (*Leptopogon amaurocephalus*) C---very uncommon
 Common Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum cinerum*) T,B
 Eye-ringed Flatbill (*Rhynchocyclus brevirostris*) H,C
 Yellow-olive Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens*) H,C
 Stub-tailed Spadebill (*Platyrinchus cancrinus*) H,C---actually seen by some
 Northern Royal Flycatcher (*Onychorhynchus mexicanus*) C
 Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher (*Terentriacus erythrus*) C
 Sulphur-rumped Flycatcher (*Myiobius sulphureipygius*) H,C
 Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (*Empidonax flaviventris*) H,C
 Least Flycatcher (*Empidonax minimus*) C,T
 Black Phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*) H---pair at Guacamayo bridge
 Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*) T,B---up to 20 in one day
 Bright-rumped Attila (*Attila spadiceus*) H,C
 Rufous Mourner (*Rhytipterna holerythra*) C
Yucatan Flycatcher (*Myiarchus yucatanensis*) C---nice views for one group along the Sylvester Village trail; also on Blue Creek Road
 Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*) H,C,T
 Great Crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus crinitus*) H,C,T
 Brown-crested Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tyrannulus*) C---uncommon
 Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*) H,C,T,B
 Boat-billed Flycatcher (*Megarhynchus pitangua*) H,C
 Social Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes similis*) H,C,T,B---abundant; seen every day
 Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) H,C,T,B
 Couch's Kingbird (*Tyrannus couchii*) C
 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*) C,B
 Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savana*) B,C,T---spectacular
 Thrush-like Schiffornis (*Schiffornis turdinus*) C
Gray-collared Becard (*Pachyramphus major*) C---male along Silvester Village road; very uncommon
Rose-throated Becard (*Pachyramphus aglaiae*) H---by George at Caracol; uncommon
 Masked Tityra (*Tityra semifasciata*) H,C

Black-crowned Tityra (*Tityra inquisitor*) H---generally uncommon; best views ever thanks to chris
 Purple Martin (*Progne subis*) H,C
 Gray-breasted Martin (*Progne chalybea*) C,T---much scarcer than usual
 Mangrove Swallow (*Tachycineta albilinea*) C,T,B
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*) C,T
 Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) C
 Spot-breasted Wren (*Thryothorus maculipectus*) H,C,T
 House Wren (*Troglodytes aedon*) C,T---the "Southern" House Wren of some authors (*T. musculus*)
 White-bellied Wren (*Uropsila leucogastra*) C
 White-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucosticta*) H,C
 Gray Catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*) H,C,T,B---seen daily
 Tropical Mockingbird (*Mimus gilvus*) T,B---the first bird of the tour
 Wood Thrush (*Hylocichla mustelina*) C
 Clay-colored Robin (*Turdus grayi*) C,T
 White-throated Robin (*Turdus assimilis*) C---heard only
 Long-billed Gnatwren (*Ramphocaenus melanurus*) C
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (*Poliophtila caerulea*) T
 Tropical Gnatcatcher (*Poliophtila plumbea*) C
 Green Jay (*Cyanocorax yncas*) H,C,T---common around Hidden Valley; the yellow-eyed race *maya*
 Brown Jay (*Cyanocorax morio*) H,C,T--- daily; southern race *fuliginosus*
Yucatan Jay (*Cyanocorax yucatanensis*) T---after much effort, excellent views of a group of ten or so at an ant swarm; voted the favorite bird of the tour
 White-eyed Vireo (*Vireo griseus*) H,C,T---heard only
 Mangrove Vireo (*Vireopallens*) C,T
 Yellow-throated Vireo (*Vireo flavifrons*) H,C
 Yucatan Vireo B---great views of this regional specialty at Caye Caulker
 Tawny-crowned Greenlet (*Hylophilus ochraceiceps*) C
 Lesser Greenlet (*Hylophilus decurtatus*) H,C
 Green Shrike-Vireo (*Vireolanius pulchellus*) C---mostly heard, but seen fairly well by some on the Silvester Village Road
 Blue-winged Warbler (*Vermivora pinus*) C---uncommon
Golden-winged Warbler (*Vermivora chrysoptera*) H---spotted by George; very uncommon
 Northern Parula (*Parula americana*) C---unusually scarce
 Yellow Warbler (*Dendroica petechia*) B,C,T---including the stunning "Mangrove" Warblers on Caye Caulker
 Chestnut-sided Warbler (*Dendroica penslyvanica*) C
 Magnolia Warbler (*Dendroica magnolia*) H,C,T
 Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Dendroica coronata*) H,C,T---Myrtle types
 Black-throated Green Warbler (*Dendroica virens*) H,C,T
 Yellow-throated Warbler (*Dendroica dominica*) T,B
 Grace's Warbler (*Dendroica graciae*) H,T
 Black-and-white Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*) H,C,T,B
 American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*) H,C,T,B
 Worm-eating Warbler (*Helmitheros vermivorus*) C
 Ovenbird (*Seiurus aurocapilla*) H
 Northern Waterthrush (*Seiurus noveboracensis*) C,T---somewhat scarce
 Louisiana Waterthrush (*Seiurus motacilla*) H,C
 Kentucky Warbler (*Oporornis formosus*) C---five at once bathing!
 Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*) H,T
Gray-crowned Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis poliocephala*) H---great views of singing bird at Hidden Valley
 Hooded Warbler (*Wilsonia citrina*) H,C
 Wilson's Warbler (*Wilsonia pusilla*) H,C

Golden-crowned Warbler (*Basileuterus culicivorus*) C
 Rufous-capped Warbler (*Basileuterus rufifrons*) H---exceptional views
Gray-throated Chat (*Granatellus sallaei*) C---great views of this regional specialty
Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*) B---uncommon
 Gray-headed Tanager (*Eucometis penicillata*) C---Chris only
 Black-throated Shrike-Tanager (*Lanio auranitus*) C---the flock leader; more numerous than usual
 Red-crowned Ant-Tanager (*Habia rubica*) C
 Red-throated Ant-Tanager (*Habia fuscicauda*) H,C
Rose-throated Tanager (*Piranga roseogularis*) C---another regional specialty; seen by both groups in the bajo forest
 Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*) C,T,B
 Hepatic Tanager (*Piranga flava*) H---the southern race *albifacies*
 Blue-gray Tanager (*Thraupis episcopus*) C,T---unbelievably scarce this year
 Yellow-winged Tanager (*Thraupis abbas*) H,C
 Yellow-throated Euphonia (*Euphonia hirundinacea*) C---only three seen the whole trip
 Olive-backed Euphonia (*Euphonia gouldi*) C
 Golden-hooded Tanager (*Tangara larvata*) H---at 1000 Foot Falls
Green Honeycreeper (*Chlorophanes spiza*) C---a surprise find thanks to Jane
Red-legged Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*) H,C---stunning!
 Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina*) C
 Variable Seedeater (*Sporophila corvina*) C---seen by George only; unexpected
 White-collared Seedeater (*Sporophila torqueola*) B,H,C,T---daily
 Yellow-faced Grassquit (*Tiaris olivacea*) H
 Green-backed Sparrow (*Arremonops chloronotus*) C
 Rusty Sparrow (*Aimophila rufescens*) H---big, hulking *Aimophila*
 Grayish Saltator (*Saltator coerulescens*) near San Ygnacio, T,B
 Black-headed Saltator (*Saltator atriceps*) H,C
 Black-faced Grosbeak (*Caryothraustes polioaster*) C---more numerous than usual
 Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*) T---uncommon
 Blue-black Grosbeak (*Cyanocompsa cyanoides*) C---less numerous than usual with only seen
 Indigo Bunting (*Passerina cyanea*) H,C,T,B
 Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*) C,T---not usually seen around Gallon Jug
 Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*) C,T
 Melodious Blackbird (*Dives dives*) H,C,T,B---seen daily
 Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*) B,C,T
 Bronzed Cowbird (*Molothrus aeneus*) C
 Giant Cowbird (*Molothrus oryzivorus*) C
 Yellow-backed Oriole (*Icterus chrysater*) H---nice views
 Yellow-tailed Oriole (*Icterus mesomelas*) H,T---ditto
Altamira Oriole (*Icterus gularis*) C---a first record for the Gallon Jug region!
 Hooded Oriole (*Icterus cucullatus*) T,B
 Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*) C,T
 Orchard Oriole (*Icterus spurius*) C,T,B
 Black-cowled Oriole (*Icterus prothemelas*) C,T
 Yellow-billed Cacique (*Amblycercus holosericeus*) T
 Montezuma Oropendola (*Gymnostinops montezuma*) H,C,T---large nesting colony behind the bar at Chan Chich
 Black-headed Siskin (*Carduelis notata*) H---nice views

total species - 294

Leader only birds:

Collared Forest-Falcon heard only
Spectacled Owl heard only; unexpected
Strong-billed Woodcreeper heard only
Prothonotary Warbler by Victor
Scrub Euphonia
Blue Grosbeak

Mammals:

Central American Spider Monkey---repeated, excellent views
Mexican Black Howler Monkey---one of the great sounds of Central America; many great views
Tayra---amazingly three were seen
Central American Agouti
Raccoon---five young ones in one tree!
Opossum
Collared Peccary
Deppe's Squirrel
Gray Fox
White-tailed Deer
various bat species left unidentified

total species - 11+

Reptiles & Amphibians:

Striped Basilisk
Spiny-tailed Iguana
Green Iguana
sceloporus species
anole species
gecko species
toad species---Bufo valliceps?
Tropical Rat Snake
Fer-de-lance
Morelet's Crocodile

total species – 10

Significant others:

Bullhorn Acacia Ant
army ants
leafcutter ants
Tarantula
various gorgeous butterflies including Zebra & Crimson-patched longwings, Julia, sulphur species, Owl-eyed Butterfly, Fatima, cracker species, plus many, many more
the corn nut fairy
George Hamilton briefly visiting the group?
many chocho sightings