

# **EL TRIUNFO**

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## Itinerary:

March 15 – Late afternoon arrival at Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas, Mexico.

March 16 – Morning birding at Sumidero Canyon, then drove to Jaltenango with a few birding stops enroute.

March 17 – After breakfast we rode trucks to Finca Prusia, a coffee growing area on the Atlantic slope of the mountains. From Finca Prusia we hiked to El Triunfo.

March 18-20 – Birded the El Triunfo cloud forest. A number of different trails available for birding here allowed us to thoroughly explore the area.

March 21 – Hiked from El Triunfo to Cañada Honda birding enroute. After leaving the cloud forest, we passed through pine-cypress forest before descending into the humid subtropical vegetation of Cañada Honda.

March 22 – Birded Canada Honda in the morning, then birded our way to Limonal in the afternoon.

March 23 – Birded the Limonal area in the early morning, then hiked down to Paval. The hike down took us along a series of ridge through a distinctive zone of oaks. The oaks were just leafing out, loaded with catkins, and crowded with hummingbirds and migrating warblers. The transition into tropical deciduous forest closer to Paval brought us to the rich lowland avifauna of the coastal foothills of Chiapas.

March 24 – Birded near Paval in the early morning, then took the short hike to the dirt road where our truck met us. Ate lunch with our horsemen the Argueta brothers, and their families, and continued on by truck to Mapastepec where we transferred to vans for the final ride to our hotel in Tapachula. Birded the hotel grounds in the late afternoon

March 25 – Departure for home

Site codes:

- S – Sumidero Canyon near Tuxtla Gutierrez (tropical and montane dry forest, with bamboo; from 2500-4000 feet elevation)
- J – Jaltenango and nearby Rio Grijalva valley; includes stops along highways (tropical dry forest; 2100 feet and lower) and ride up to Finca Prusia
- ET – El Triunfo cloud forest (about 6500 feet elevation; summit of Cerro El Triunfo is 8000 feet)
- H – Cañada Honda and area; includes pine-cypress forest above H (montane moist forest; 4500 feet elevation at H)
- L – Limonal (montane dry forest; 4200 feet elevation)
- P – Paval (tropical dry to moist forest; 1600 feet elevation)
- T – Tapachula, mainly at the Hotel Loma Real (near sea level); also includes birds seen along highway

BIRDS OBSERVED

Common names in **bold** are species endemic to Mexico and northern Central America, as defined in Howell & Webb 1995 (A Guide to the Birds of Mexico and Northern Central America). This definition includes species ranging as far south as extreme northern Nicaragua, and, in a few cases, as far north as extreme SW USA. Common names in **bold italics** are narrow endemics, restricted almost entirely to Chiapas and adjacent Guatemala. Underlined species are rare or unusual for the area of the tour.

TINAMOUS (Tinamidae)

Thicket Tinamou (*Crypturellus cinnamomeus*) – heard occasionally from H to P.

GREBES (Podicipedidae)

Least grebe (*Tachybaptus dominicus*) – in a roadside pond on the way to Jaltenango. A first for the tour.

CHACHALACAS & GUANS (Cracidae)

**White-bellied Chachalaca** (*Ortalis leucogastra*) – T. On the hotel grounds at T on our last afternoon. Found only along the Pacific coast from Chiapas to northwestern Nicaragua.

Crested Guan (*Penelope purpurascens*) – P. Heard on 2 previous tours but never before seen on this tour. Rare in this region of Chiapas due to over-hunting.

**Highland Guan** (*Penelopina nigra*) – A signature sound of the Chiapas highlands: a slow ascending whistle, followed by the sound of “ripping sailcloth” as the male dives from a high perch. Ripping sound is made with the flight feathers. Ranges from the highlands of Chiapas and Guatemala to northern Nicaragua.

**Horned Guan** (*Oreophaps derbianus*) – Incredible close-up views along the Palo Gordo trail. One of the rarest and strangest of all Cracids.

#### NEW WORLD QUAILS (Odontophoridae)

**Singing Quail** (*Dactylortyx thoracicus*) – ET. The rollicking call of this species is one characteristic sound of the Mexican highlands.

#### CORMORANTS (Phalacrocoracidae)

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) – far below in reservoir at S.

#### HERONS, EGRETS & BITTERNES (Ardeidae)

Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*) – P

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*) – J, P, T

Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*) – S, J

Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*) – S. Far below along the shores of Rio Grijalva Reservoir.

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*) – S, J, T, mostly in fields along the highways

Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*) – T

Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) – S. Far below along the shores of Rio Grijalva Reservoir.

#### STORKS (Ciconiidae)

Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*) – S. On the way to Jaltenango.

#### SWANS, GEESE & DUCKS (Anatidae)

Muscovy Duck (*Cairina moschata*) – J, P. Not one but two sightings. A first for the tour.

#### AMERICAN VULTURES (Cathartidae)

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) – widespread, at all locations

Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*) – widespread, at all locations

#### HAWKS, EAGLES & KITES (Accipitridae)

White-tailed Kite (*Elanus leucurus*) – S

Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus*) – S

White Hawk (*Leucopternis albicollis*) – P. Seen by some during hike down to P

Great Black-Hawk (*Buteogallus urubitinga*) – P, Seen and heard during hike down to P

Roadside Hawk (*Buteo magnirostris*) – T. Heard only on hotel grounds at T.

Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*) – Seen at many locations.

Gray Hawk (*Asturina nitida*) – J. During drive to Jaltenango.

White-tailed Hawk (*Buteo albicaudatus*) – S

Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*) – ET. One sighted over the ET clearing.

Black Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus tyrannus*) – P. Sighted high overhead during our drive from P to our lunch stop at the Argueta home.

#### CARACARAS & FALCONS (Falconidae)

Barred Forest-Falcon (*Micrastur ruficollis*) – ET. Heard only in the clearing at ET.

Crested Caracara (*Caracara cheriway*) – S  
Laughing Falcon (*Herpetotheres cachinnans*) – P, T. Heard at P, and seen by some during drive to our hotel at T.  
American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*) – ET. Seen daily around the clearing at ET.  
Merlin (*Falco columbarius*) – J. Seen during the drive to P. A first for the tour.

#### JACANAS (Jacanidae)

Northern Jacana (*Jacana spinosa*) – J

#### PIGEONS & DOVES (Columbidae)

Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*) – S, J, T. Widespread in cities and towns  
Red-billed Pigeon (*Columba flavirostris*) – S, J, P, T.  
Band-tailed Pigeon (*Columba fasciata*) – ET  
White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*) – S, J  
Inca Dove (*Columbina inca*) – Widespread, including around the clearing at ET  
Common Ground-Dove (*Columbina passerina*) – S  
White-tipped Dove (*Leptotila verreauxi*) – S, J, P  
**White-faced Quail-Dove** (*Geotrygon albifacies*) – ET

#### PARROTS (Psittacidae)

**Green Parakeet** (*Aratinga holochlora*) – J; a small group flew overhead during our drive to Finca Prusia.  
**Pacific Parakeet** (*Aratinga strenua*) – P  
Orange-fronted Parakeet (*Aratinga canicularis*) – Common at P, T  
Orange-chinned Parakeet (*Brotogeris jugularis*) – P, T.  
White-crowned Parrot (*Pionus senilis*) – J. A small group flew overhead during our drive to Finca Prusia.  
White-fronted Parrot (*Amazona albifrons*) – P, T.

#### CUCKOOS (Cuculidae)

Squirrel Cuckoo (*Piaya cayana*) – J, P, T  
Striped Cuckoo (*Tapera naevia*) – J, H, L, P. Heard occasionally, then seen finally as we were leaving P  
Pheasant Cuckoo (*Dromococcyx phasianellus*) – L, P. Heard only.  
**Lesser Roadrunner** (*Geococcyx velox*) – S.  
Groove-billed Ani (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*) – S, T; widespread in small numbers in lowlands

#### TYPICAL OWLS (Strigidae)

Pacific Screech-Owl (*Otus cooperi*) – Fabulous scope views of two in the mango trees behind our hotel in T  
Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum*) – S, J, T  
Mottled Owl (*Ciccaba virgata*) – H, L, P. Seen at H.  
Black-and-white Owl (*Ciccaba nigrolineata*) – P. Heard in early evening at our last campsite.

**Fulvous Owl** (*Strix fulvescens*)– Excellent close-up views at ET. Restricted to the cloud forests of Chiapas, Guatemala, and Honduras.

#### NIGHTJARS AND ALLIES (Caprimulgidae)

Common Pauraque (*Nyctidromus albicollis*) – heard only at P

Whip-poor-will (*Caprimulgus vociferus*) – heard only at ET

#### SWIFTS (Apodidae)

Chestnut-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne rutila*) – J, heard at ET

White-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne zonaris*) – seen from ET to P

Vaux's Swift (*Chaetura vauxi*) – widespread at many locations

White-throated Swift (*Aeronautes saxatalis*) – P

#### HUMMINGBIRDS (Trochilidae)

**Rufous Sabrewing** (*Campylopterus rufus*) – During hike from L to P. A narrow endemic restricted to mid-elevation montane forest along the Pacific slope of the Sierra Madre of Chiapas and Guatemala.

Violet Sabrewing (*Campylopterus hemileucurus*) – Hike from Finca Prusia to ET, also H-to L and L to P.

Green Violet-ear (*Colibri thalassinus*) – ET

**Emerald-chinned Hummingbird** (*Abeillia abeillei*) – J, H, L; mostly in drier mid-motane forests

Black-crested Coquette (*Lophornis helenae*) – ET. Along the Sendero Bandera trail.

**Canivet's Emerald** (*Chlorostilbon canivetii*) – S, J; formerly known as Fork-tailed Emerald

Blue-throated Goldentail (*Hylocharis eliciae*) – One seen during hike from H to L.

**White-eared Hummingbird** (*Hylocharis leucotis*) – Seen during hike up from Finca Prusia to ET.

**Azure-crowned Hummingbird** (*Agyrtria cyanocephala*) – S, J

**Berylline Hummingbird** (*Saucerottia beryllina*) – S, J, L, P, T

Blue-tailed Hummingbird (*Saucerottia cyanura*) – In oak zone, during hike from L to P. A very local species, seen usually in this habitat on less than half of previous tours.

**Green-throated Mountain-Gem** (*Lampornis viridipallens*) – ET; the common cloud forest hummingbird at ET

**Garnet-throated Hummingbird** (*Lamprolaima rhami*) – ET; a single individual seen briefly feeding at canopy bromeliads along the Cerro Bandera trail.

Magnificent Hummingbird (*Eugenes fulgens*) – ET

Long-billed Starthroat (*Heliomaster longirostris*) – P. Seen at camp.

Plain-capped Starthroat (*Heliomaster constantii*) – S. At our first stop at Canon Sumidero.

**Sparkling-tailed Hummingbird** (*Tilmatura dupontii*) – L. One female, seen by some people during hike from L to P.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird (*Archilochus colubris*) – S, T.

**Wine-throated Hummingbird** (*Atthis ellioti*) – ET

## TROGONS (Trogonidae)

Violaceous Trogon (*Trogon violaceus*) – J

**Mountain Trogon** (*Trogon mexicanus*) – ET

Collared Trogon (*Trogon collaris*) – ET, L, P

Resplendent Quetzal (*Pharomachrus mocinno subsp. mocinno*) – ET

## MOTMOTS (Momotidae)

Tody Motmot (*Hylomanes momotula*) – J, L, P

**Blue-throated Motmot** (*Aspatha gularis*) – Seen briefly during hike up to ET, otherwise heard only at higher elevations.

**Russet-crowned Motmot** (*Momotus mexicanus*) – S, J

Blue-crowned Motmot (*Momotus momota*) – J, L, P

Turquoise-browed Motmot (*Eumomota superciliosa*) – Seen well by most people at P.

## KINGFISHERS (Alcedinidae)

Ringed Kingfisher (*Ceryle torquatus*) – P

Green Kingfisher (*Chloroceryle americana*) – P

## TOUCANS (Ramphastidae)

Emerald Toucanet (*Aulacorhynchus prasinus*) – J, ET

Collared Aracari (*Pteroglossus torquatus*) – P

## WOODPECKERS (Picidae)

Acorn Woodpecker (*Melanerpes formicivorus*) – J; seen by some above Finca Prusia

Golden-fronted Woodpecker (*Melanerpes aurifrons*) – lowland areas: S, J, P

Hairy Woodpecker (*Picoides villosus*) – ET

Smoky-brown Woodpecker (*Veniliornis fumigatus*) – a pair seen at P

Golden-olive Woodpecker (*Piculus rubiginosus*) – S, J, ET, L

Lineated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus lineatus*) – Seen well on our hotel grounds at T.

## OVENBIRDS & WOODCREEPERS (Furnariidae)

Scaly-throated (Spectacled) Foliage-gleaner (*Anabacerthia variegaticeps*) – J, ET, H

Ruddy Foliage-gleaner (*Automolus rubiginosus*) – ET

Tawny-throated Leaf-tosser (*Sclerurus mexicanus*) – Extraordinary views of one ransacking the leaf litter during the hike from Finca Prusica to ET; also seen again at L.

Olivaceous Woodcreeper (*Sittasomus griseicapillus*) – J, P

Ivory-billed Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus flavigaster*) – P

Spotted Woodcreeper (*Xiphorhynchus erythropygius*) – ET. Unusually common this year.

Streak-headed Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes souleyetii*) – During hike from L to P.

Spot-crowned Woodcreeper (*Lepidocolaptes affinis*) – ET

## TYPICAL ANT BIRDS (Thamnophilidae)

Barred Antshrike (*Thamnophilus doliatus*) – S, heard also near P

## TYRANT FLYCATCHERS (Tyrannidae)

Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet (*Camptostoma imberbe*) – S, T

Greenish Elaenia (*Myiopagis viridicata*) – J; seen during ride to Finca Prusia

Paltry Tyrannulet (*Zimmerius vilissimus*) – ET, H, L, P. Heard commonly in the cloud forest, several people were finally able to observe this diminutive canopy-foraging flycatcher during our hike down the Pacific slope.

Northern Bentbill (*Oncostoma cinereigulare*) – Heard only, during hike down to P.

Common Tody-Flycatcher (*Todirostrum cinereum*) – T

Eye-ringed Flatbill (*Rhynchocyclus brevirostris*) – J

Yellow-olive Flycatcher (*Tolmomyias sulphurescens*) – J, also heard during hike to P

Stub-tailed Spadebill (*Platyrrinchus cancrominus*) – Seen by some during hike from L to P

Tufted Flycatcher (*Mitrephanes phaeocercus*) – ET; seen daily in the cloud forest

**Belted Flycatcher** (*Xenotriccus callizonus*) – S; this very local habitat specialist forages close to the ground in mid-elevation forests with an abundance of the bamboo *Chusquea*. Restricted to drier parts of the Guatemala-Chiapas highlands.

Olive-sided Flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*) – During hike to P.

Greater Pewee (*Contopus pertinax*) – J, H, L.

Willow Flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii*) – Near stream in clearing at ET.

Least Flycatcher (*Empidonax minimus*) – S, J, P, T.

Hammond's Flycatcher (*Empidonax hammondi*) – ET; seen daily in small numbers in the cloud forest; also L.

**Yellowish Flycatcher** (*Empidonax flavescens*) – the common forest flycatcher at ET

Black Phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*) – J; near streams; before J, also during drive up to Finca Prusia

Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*) – S

Dusky-capped Flycatcher (*Myiarchus tuberculifer*) – heard commonly at middle and lower elevations; finally seen by many people near L & P.

Nutting's Flycatcher (*Myiarchus nuttingi*) – S

Great Kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*) – common in lowlands at S, J, P, and T

Boat-billed Flycatcher (*Megarynchus pitangua*) – S, J, P, T

Social Flycatcher (*Myiozetetes similis*) – S, J, P, T

Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher (*Myiodynastes luteiventris*) – J, P, T

Piratic Flycatcher (*Legatus leucophaeus*) – P

Tropical Kingbird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) – S, J, P, T

Couch's Kingbird (*Tyrannus couchii*) – S. Almost indistinguishable in appearance from Tropical Kingbird; we were fortunate to observe this species vocalizing on more than one occasion. Normally restricted to the Gulf-slope in Mexico, with very few records from interior and Pacific slope Chiapas.

Cassin's Kingbird (*Tyrannus vociferans*) – During the drive to J. A first for the tour.

Fork-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus savana*) – in fields alongside the road on the drive to J

Rose-throated Becard (*Pachyramphus aglaiae*) – Heard at ET, later seen near P

Masked Tityra (*Tityra semifasciata*) – S, J, P, T

## MANAKINS (Pipridae)

Long-tailed Manakin (*Chiroxiphia linearis*) – the “toledo” call made by duetting males is one of the characteristic sounds of the drier forests from H down to P. We had several excellent views of handsome males.

## VIREOS & ALLIES (Vireonidae)

Plumbeous Vireo (*Vireo plumbeus*) – During hike down to P. The subspecies in this part of Chiapas is more similar in appearance to Cassin’s Vireo than to the pale gray subspecies which breeds in western North America.

Blue-headed Vireo (*Vireo solitarius*) – J, H

Warbling Vireo (*Vireo gilvus*) – S, J, L

Brown-capped Vireo (*Vireo leucophrys*) – H, L

Yellow-green Vireo (*Vireo flavoviridis*) – common at P

Green Shrike-Vireo (*Vireolanius pulchellus*) – Heard only, J, L.

Rufous-browed Peppershrike (*Cyclarhis gujanensis*) – Heard at S, J, finally seen just above P

## JAYS (Corvidae)

White-throated Magpie-Jay (*Calocitta formosa*) – S, J, P, T

Green Jay (*Cyanocorax yncas*) – S, J, above and near P

**Black-throated Jay** (*Cyanolyca pumilo*) – this shy *Cyanolyca* jay was heard commonly and seen occasionally during our stay in the cloud forest ast ET

**Unicolored Jay** (*Aphelocoma unicolor*) – ET; larger, noisier and easier to observe than the Black-throated Jay

## SWALLOWS (Hirundinidae)

Violet-green Swallow (*Tachycineta thalassina*) – S, J

**Black-capped Swallow** (*Notiochelidon pileata*) – ET. Endemic to the highlands of Chiapas & Guatemala.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*) – S, J

**Ridgeway’s Rough-winged Swallow** (*S. serripennis ridgewayi*, or *S. ridgewayi*) – S. This Mexican resident is probably a separate species, closely related to the migrant Northern Rough-winged Swallow. Distinguished from the latter species primarily by the dark crissum.

Bank Swallow (*Riparia riparia*) – S

Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) – S, J, P

## WRENS (Troglodytidae)

**Giant Wren** (*Campylorhynchus chiapensis*) – Seen on our hotel grounds at T. This large, noisy wren is restricted entirely to the coastal plain of Chiapas

Rufous-naped Wren (*Campylorhynchus rufinucha*) – P.

Spot-breasted Wren (*Thryothorus maculipectus*) – Heard at J (above Finca Prusia), H, H, finally seen by some people near P.

Rufous-and-white Wren (*Thryothorus rufalbus*) – One of the beautiful bird songs of the world. Heard during hike up to ET, and hike down to H, L; finally seen by many during hike down to P.

Banded Wren (*Thryothorus pleurostictus*) – S, P

Plain Wren (*Thryothorus modestus*) – S, J, P, T

(Southern) House Wren (*Thryothorus aedon*) – J

**Rufous-browed Wren** (*Troglodytes rufociliatus*) – ET.

White-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucosticta*) – J (hike to Finca Prusia), P.  
Heard only.

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren (*Henicorhina leucophrys*) – ET; heard daily in the cloud forest, and seen well by most people

GNATCATCHERS (Polioptilidae)

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila caerulea*) – ET

White-lored Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila albilorus*) – S; restricted to the arid thorn forests of southern Mexico and Central America. Only the second time this species has been seen on this tour.

THRUSHES (Turdidae)

**Brown-backed Solitaire** (*Myadestes occidentalis*) – heard and seen from ET down to P; the strange, jumbled song of this species is a characteristic sound of the Mexican highlands

**Orange-billed Nightingale-Thrush** (*Catharus aurantiirostris*) – Heard only, near L and above P

Ruddy-capped Nightingale-Thrush (*Catharus frantzii*) – ET

**Spotted Nightingale-Thrush** (*Catharus dryas*) – ET

Swainson's Thrush (*Catharus ustulatus*) – J, ET, H, L, P; the common migrant thrush from H down to the Pacific foothills.

Hermit Thrush (*Catharus guttatus*) – ET

**Black Robin** (*Turdus infuscatus*) – ET

Clay-colored Robin (*Turdus grayi*) – seen at all locations, including the clearing at ET

White-throated Robin (*Turdus assimilis*) – H, L, P

MOCKINGBIRDS & THRASHERS (Mimidae)

Tropical Mockingbird (*Mimus gilvus*) – During drive to J.

**Blue-and-white Mockingbird** (*Melanotus hypoleucus*) – ET. Endemic to highlands of Chiapas, Guatemala and Honduras.

SILKY-FLYCATCHERS (Ptilgonatidae)

**Gray Silky-flycatcher** (*Ptilogonys cinereus*) – seen daily at ET

WOOD-WARBLERS (Parulidae)

Blue-winged Warbler (*Vermivora pinus*) – H. One seen. A rare migrant on the Pacific slope.

Tennessee Warbler (*Vermivora peregrina*) – J, H to P; a common migrant at middle elevations on the Pacific slope

Nashville Warbler (*Vermivora ruficapilla*) – S, P

**Crescent-chested Warbler** (*Parula superciliosa*) – ET. A characteristic warbler of the Mexican highlands

Yellow Warbler (*Dendroica petechia*) – J. Heard only.  
 Magnolia Warbler (*Dendroica magnolia*) – S, J, P T.  
 Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Dendroica coronata*) – L  
 Black-throated Green Warbler (*Dendroica virens*) – S, J, H, L, P  
 Townsend's Warbler (*Dendroica townsendi*) – S, J, ET, H, L, P  
 Grace's Warbler (*Dendroica graciae*) – heard in pines above the road during the drive up to Finca Prusia; seen on hike down to H.  
 Black-and-white Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*) – S, J, H, L, P  
 American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*) – one seen near P  
Mourning Warbler (*Oporornis philadelphia*) – seen near P. A first for the tour.  
 MacGillivray's Warbler (*Oporornis tolmiei*) – J, ET, H, L  
 Gray-crowned Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis poliocephala*) – one near P  
 Wilson's Warbler (*Wilsonia pusilla*) – ET, H – common at nearly all locations.  
 Slate-throated Redstart (*Myioborus miniatus*) – ET, H, L; common at middle and higher elevations  
**Fan-tailed Warbler** (*Euthlypis lachrymosa*) – L to P, also during hike up to ET, where several individuals were observed foraging at an ant swarm.  
 Golden-crowned Warbler (*Basileuterus culicivorus*) – L, P, also during hike up to ET.  
 This is the common *Basileuterus* warbler at middle elevations below cloud forest.  
**Golden-browed Warbler** (*Basileuterus belli*) – daily in the cloud forest at ET  
 Rufous-capped Warbler (*Basileuterus rufifrons*) – during hike from Finca Prusia, also from H to L.  
 Chestnut-capped Warbler (*Basileuterus delatrii*) – several of us had splendid views of one singing during the hike down to P. Generally regarded as a subspecies of the Rufous-capped Warbler; distinct plumage, song and habitat suggest this is a separate species.

#### TANAGERS & ALLIES (Thraupidae)

Common Bush-Tanager (*Chlorospingus ophthalmicus*) – common at ET with some down to L  
 Red-crowned Ant-Tanager (*Habia rubica*) – on flock during hike up to ET; also heard at several locations at middle elevations.  
 Red-throated Ant-Tanager (*Habia fuscicauda*) – H, L  
 Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*) – S, P  
 Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*) – S, J, P  
 Flame-colored Tanager (*Piranga bidentata*) – fairly common at ET  
 White-winged Tanager (*Piranga leucoptera*) – this striking species was seen during the hike from Finca Prusia to ET, from ET to H, also in the dry oak zone during the hike down to P  
 Blue-gray Tanager (*Thraupis episcopus*) – P  
 Yellow-winged Tanager (*Thraupis abbas*) – S, ET, P, T  
**Azure-rumped Tanager** (*Tangara cabanisi*) – H, L; Much harder to see than in all previous years due to the lack of fruiting fig trees. A narrow endemic, restricted to moist, middle elevation canyons along the Pacific slope of Chiapas and nearby Guatemala

Red-legged Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*) – J, H, L, P; seen at several locations from mid to low elevations

#### BUNTINGS, SPARROWS & SEEDEATERS (Emberizidae)

Blue-black Grassquit (*Volatinia jacarina*) – S, P

White-collared Seedeater (*Sporophila torqueola*) – S, P

**Cinnamon-bellied Flowerpiercer** (*Diglossa baritula*) – ET

White-naped (Yellow-throated) Brush-Finch (*Atlapetes albinucha*) – ET

Chestnut-capped Brush-Finch (*Buarremon brunneinucha*) – ET, H

Olive Sparrow (*Arremonops rufivirgatus*) – common at S

**Prevost's Ground-Sparrow** (*Melospiza biarcuatum*) – we saw this little known sparrow during our morning at P

White-eared Ground-Sparrow (*Melospiza leucotis*) – H, L, P

Rusty Sparrow (*Aimophila rufescens*) – Seen during ride up to Finca Prusia.

Lincoln's Sparrow (*Melospiza lincolni*) – ET.

Rufous-collared Sparrow (*Zonotrichia capensis*) – in the clearing at ET

#### SALTATORS, GROSBEAKS, & BUNTINGS (Cardinalidae)

Grayish Saltator (*Saltator coerulescens*) – P, T

Black-headed Saltator (*Saltator atriceps*) – Hike up to ET, also P

Yellow Grosbeak (*Pheucticus chrysopleus*) – common in the clearing at ET

Rose-breasted Grosbeak (*Pheucticus ludovicianus*) – S, J, L, P

Blue Grosbeak (*Passerina caerulea*) – S

Indigo Bunting (*Passerina cyanea*) – S, H, P

Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*) – S, J

#### ORIOLES, BLACKBIRDS, & ALLIES (Icteridae)

Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*) – several, on way to J

Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*) – Heard only, on way to J

Melodious Blackbird (*Dives dives*) – J, ET, T.

Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*) – S, J, P, T; throughout in the lowlands, especially in towns and cities.

Bronzed Cowbird (*Molothrus aeneus*) – S, J, T

Orchard Oriole (*Icterus spurius*) – S, ET, P

Streak-backed Oriole (*Icterus pustulatus*) – several seen from S to J

Spot-breasted Oriole (*Icterus pectoralis*) – a few seen at P, T

Altamira Oriole (*Icterus gularis*) – P

Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*) – P

Yellow-billed Cacique (*Amblycercus holosericeus*) – During drive to Finca Prusia.

**Yellow-winged Cacique** (*Cacicus melanicterus*) – S, P

#### SISKINS, CROSSBILLS & ALLIES (Fringillidae)

Scrub Euphonia (*Euphonia affinis*) – J (on way to Finca Prusia), L, P.

Yellow-throated Euphonia (*Euphonia hirundinacea*) – S, J, heard near P.

Elegant Euphonia (*Euphonia elegantissima*) – ET, H

**Blue-crowned Chlorophonia** (*Chlorophonia occipitalis*) – Mainly ET, down to L

**Black-headed Siskin** (*Carduelis notata*) – See by some on ride to Finca Prusia.  
Lesser Goldfinch (*Carduelis psaltria*) – S

OLD WORLD SPARROWS (Passeridae)

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) – S; towns and cities

244 bird species seen

10 species head only

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254 species total (a NEW record for this tour!)

OTHER OBSERVATIONS OF INTEREST:

REPTILES

Godman's Pit-viper (*Cerrophidion godmani*) – ET. This small, rather placid cloud forest viper ranges from southern Mexico to Costa Rica.

MAMMALS

Mexican Gray Squirrel (*Sciurus aureogaster*) – S. The common large squirrel of lowland areas in southern Mexico.

Deppe's Squirrel (*Sciurus deppei*) – ET. The common small squirrel of the cloud forest at ET

Cacomixtle, or Southern Ring-tailed Cat (*Bassariscus sumichrasti*) ET, L. The strange cries of this tropical relative of the racoon were heard at night by some people.

Gray Fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*) – Twice seen out in the open behind the comedor at ET

Red Brocket Deer (*Mazama americana*) – One sighting from the truck near Finca Prusia, another seen near the clearing by some people up at ET.