

Western Panama: Tranquilo Bay | Species Report

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Our group saw 220 species plus eight heard only during our 7.5 days of birding, an average of 30 new birds each day. Highlights were many and depends on which of us is asked. Most would agree the Great Potoo and the Central American boa hanging from a branch swallowing a large Green Iguana were two of them. A perched King Vulture also stands out, along with Golden-collared Manakin and Snowy Cotinga. Our long-staying Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth mother with her infant would also be at the top of the list. Finally, the daily spectacle of honeycreepers, tanagers and warblers at the fruit feeder, to be replaced at night by Derby's woolly opossum, Panamanian night monkeys and a Black-and-white Owl also won't be forgotten.

The eBird link below details the 220 species of birds our group observed during the tour. If you're new to eBird, be sure to click "Show All Details" on the right side of the list to expand the report and reveal where and when each of the birds were seen and how many.

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PC: Panama City

TB: Tranquilo Bay Lodge

CC: Cotinga Channel

CPR: Punta Róbal road

PRD: Punta Róbal Dock

CR: Changuinola River

SC: Snyder Canal

CA: Cañazas Road

SL: Supermarket Lagoon

GA: Green Acres Chocolate Farm

CDC: Camino de la Divisoria Continental (Continental Divide road)

TINAMOUS: Tinamidae — (1)

Great Tinamou *Tinamus major* — (1) One heard while from CC.

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae — (5)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis* — (5) In the wetlands of CPR and a flock of 12 on the CR.

Muscovy Duck *Cairina moschata* — (2) CR.

Blue-winged Teal *Spatula discors* — (27) A good-sized flock on CR.

Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata* — (2) CR. A rather uncommon bird on the Caribbean slope with just a few birds seen annually.

American Wigeon *Mareca americana* — (4) CR.

GUANS AND CURASSOWS: Cracidae — (1)

Gray-headed Chachalaca *Ortalis cinereiceps* — (4) In a group along CPR.

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae — (7)

Rock Pigeon (I) *Columba livia* — Common in PC.

Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis* — Seen most days when in lower elevations, especially on water.

Scaled Pigeon *Patagioenas speciosa* — (2) Seen along CA. A surprisingly pretty pigeon when seen well.

White-crowned Pigeon *Patagioenas leucocephala* — (2) A distinctively-voiced pigeon and usually solitary, a couple were seen along CC.

Red-billed Pigeon *Patagioenas flavirostris* — Seen daily at TB.

Short-billed Pigeon *Patagioenas nigrirostris* — (3) CPR.

Ruddy Ground-Dove *Columbina talpacoti* — A few seen along CP.

Blue Ground-Dove *Claravis pretiosa* — (10) I think the most beautiful ground-dove; we were lucky to see this many along CP, most in one loose group.

CUCKOOS: Cuculidae — (3)

Groove-billed Ani *Crotophaga sulcirostris* — (17) Seen all days we were on the mainland.

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana* — (2) Stunning cuckoo, seen along SC.

Mangrove Cuckoo *Coccyzus minor* — (1) Found by another guide in the mangroves in across the bay from the lodge. After a bit of patience well seen by all.

NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae — (1)

Short-tailed Nighthawk *Lurocalis semitorquatus* — (3) Seen flying around the bay at dawn.

POTOOS: Nyctibiidae — (1)

Great Potoo *Nyctibius grandis* — (1) One well-spotted by guide along SC.

SWIFTS: Apodidae — (3)

Spot-fronted Swift *Cypseloides niger* — (4) This uncommon swift seen in a small group along SC.

Chestnut-collared Swift *Streptoprocne rutila* — (10) Only seen along SC.

Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift *Panyptila cayennensis* — (8) Most commonly seen swift, at the lodge and CC.

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae — (12)

White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga mellivora* — (4) Four seen at SL.

Bronzy Hermit *Glaucis aeneus* — (2) One each at TB and SC.

Long-billed Hermit *Phaethornis longirostris* — (1) Only seen once, at GA. Always a wonderful hummer to see.

Stripe-throated Hermit *Phaethornis striigularis* — (1) TB.

Green-fronted Lancebill *Doryfera ludovicae* — (1) Uncommon hummer seen at altitude at lunch stop on the CDC.

Green-breasted Mango *Anthracothorax prevostii* — (1) SL.

Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer *Chalybura urochrysis* — (1) Another uncommon hummer generally, we were fortunate to see this one.

Crowned Woodnymph *Thalurania colombica* — (8) Along with Blue-chested the most common hummer, seen every day.

Snowcap *Microchera albocoronata* — (2) A tiny, but striking, hummingbird and a target species for the tour. Both a male and a female feeding on a small bush; we stopped at this site specifically in hopes of seeing this bird.

White-tailed Emerald (RE) *Microchera chionura* — (1) Another high-altitude bird seen on the CDC.

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird *Amazilia tzacatl* — (7) The most common and widespread hummer in Central America, the number belies how often we saw this as many were seen when no list was being kept. Seen multiple times daily.

Blue-chested Hummingbird *Polyerata amabilis* — (9) Another undercounted hummer, seen daily at TB and along SC.

RAILS, COOTS, AND ALLIES: Rallidae — (5)

Gray-cowled Wood-Rail *Aramides cajaneus* — (5) Four in the wet areas of CPR and one SC.

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata* — (3) In a wet field CR.

American Coot *Fulica americana* — (2) In a snaggy area of CR.

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinica* — (2) One each CPR and wet are along SC.

White-throated Crake *Laterallus albigularis* — (2) One each CPR and CR, heard only.

Limpkin Aramidae (1)

Limpkin *Aramus guarauna* — (1) One in wet field along CR.

STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae — (1)

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus* — (6) CR.

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae — (2)

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis* — (7) CR and CPR.

Collared Plover *Charadrius collaris* — (1) A sought after bird well seen at the mouth of CR.

JACANAS: Jacanidae — (1)

Northern Jacana *Jacana spinosa* — (8) Wetlands along both CPR and CR.

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae — (7)

Whimbrel *Numerius phaeopus* — (7) Two small flocks on different days flying over water between TB and PRD.

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* — (5) In wrack at the mouth of CR.

Wilson's Snipe *Gallinago delicata* — (2) Well picked out of grassy vegetation by Roger, it took a while, even through the scope, for everyone to get on them.

Sanderling *Calidris alba* — (3) On the beach at the mouth of CR.

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla* — (1) At PRD.

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* — (2) One at PRD and one CA.

Willet *Tringa semipalmata* — (2) At the mouth of CR.

SKUAS AND JAEGARS: Stercorariidae — (1)

Parasitic Jaeger *Stercorarius parasiticus* — (1) One flying over water between TB and PRD.

GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae — (5)

Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla* — (4) PRD and mouth of CR.

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia* — (1) At the mouth of CR.

Forster's Tern *Sterna forsteri* — (1) At the mouth of CR.

Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus* — (96) Widespread throughout the waters of Boca del Toro and at the mouth of CR.

Sandwich Tern *Thalasseus sandvicensis* — (7) At the mouth of CR.

FRIGATEBIRDS: Fregatidae — (1)

Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens* — (8) Common over water throughout Boca del Toro.

GANNETS AND BOOBIES: Sulidae — (1)

Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster* — (1) Only one seen at PRD.

CORMORANTS: Phalacrocoracidae — (1)

Neotropic Cormorant *Nannopterum brasilianum* — (6) PRD and CR.

PELICANS: Pelecanidae — (1)

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis* — (8) One or two seen daily.

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae — (10)

Bare-throated Tiger-Heron *Tigrisoma mexicanum* — (1) Nicely seen at SC.

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias* — (4) Singles dotted around - PRD, CPR, SC, CR.

Great Egret *Ardea alba* — (2) Two at CR and one CPR.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula* — (15) A few on the CR, but most, 11, at the mouth.

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* — (8) Punta Robalo Dock, CPR, SC, CR.

Western Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* — (11) With water buffalo at CPR and in cattle fields CR.

Green Heron *Butorides virescens* — (2) In the trees at SL.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *Nyctanassa violacea* — (2) SC.

Boat-billed Heron *Cochlearius cochlearius* — (3) SL, and this bird was our main reason for being at the lagoon.

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae — (1)

Green Ibis *Mesembrinibis cayennensis* — (9) We did well with this often hard-to-find bird with five along CPR, two CC and two SC.

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae — (3)

King Vulture *Sarcoramphus papa* — (1) A wanted bird seen perched, SC.

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* — (31) Both this and TVs were seen pretty much everywhere except over water.

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* — (30)

OSPREY: Pandionidae — (1)

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* — (3) One seen flying along CC.

HAWKS, KITES AND EAGLES: Accipitridae — (11)

Gray-headed Kite *Leptodon cayanensis* — (1) One perched on CPR.

Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis* — (2) Fewer seen than I expected, just two along CR.

Double-toothed Kite *Harpagus bidentatus* — (3) Two at TB and one along the lower part of the road to the CDC.

Mississippi Kite *Ictinia mississippiensis* — (25) A migrating flock seen while on CA.

Common Black Hawk *Buteogallus anthracinus* — (3) The lowland and water-frequenting counterpart to inland Great Black Hawk, these were seen at PRD, CC and CR.

Barred Hawk *Morphnarchus princeps* — (1) This was a lifer for most, including me. Seen flying overhead.

Roadside Hawk *Rupornis magnirostris* — (6) The most ubiquitous hawk in Central and South America, this is a low count as several were seen driving and not put on a list.

White Hawk *Pseudastur albicollis* — (1) A beautiful hawk, one was seen CA.

Gray Hawk *Buteo plagiatus* — (1)

Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus* — (2) One CDC and one CA.

Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyurus* — (1) Flying over the CC.

OWLS: Strigidae — (1)

Black-and-white Owl *Ciccaba nigrolineata* — (1) One visited the fruit feeder on a couple of nights.

TROGONS: Trogonidae — (2)

Slaty-tailed Trogon *Trogon massena* — (3) All along CC.
Gartered Trogon *Trogon caligatus* — (1) One heard along SC.

KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae — (5)

Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata* — (2) One each CC and SC.
Belted Kingfisher *Megaceryle alcyon* — (2) One each CC and SC.
Amazon Kingfisher *Chloroceryle amazona* — (2) One each CC and SC.
American Pygmy Kingfisher *Chloroceryle aenea* — (2) One CC and one TB. A beautiful and well-named kingfisher.
Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana* — (1) Seen along SC.

PUFFBIRDS: Bucconidae — (1)

Pied Puffbird *Notharchus tectus* — (1) In a tree at PRD.

TOUCANS: Ramphastidae — (3)

Collared Aracari *Pteroglossus torquatus* — (8) While common throughout Central America, always an enjoyable bird to see. One along CC, four along SC and three CA.
Yellow-throated Toucan *Ramphastos ambiguus* — (5) All in the relatively small area near the western mainland with four along CC and one at GA.
Keel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos sulfuratus* — (8) You know you're in the wet tropical lowlands when this is a common bird. CC, SC, GA.

WOODPECKERS: Picidae — (4)

Black-cheeked Woodpecker *Melanerpes pucherani* — (4) Widespread and common in Central America, this was daily at TB and one in similar habitat on the mainland.
Red-crowned Woodpecker *Merlanerpes rubricapillus* — (1) Usually common but just one seen at SL.
Pale-billed Woodpecker *Campephilus guatemalensis* — (4) One of the several tropical Piliated look-alikes, there was one see CC and three at GA, a distribution similar to Yellow-throated Toucan. Three were at a nest hole GA.
Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus* — (2) The most widespread of this woodpecker group, ranging and common from southern Mexico to central South America, for us just two were seen at CPR.

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae — (3)

Yellow-headed Caracara *Milvago chimachima* — (10) Typically the most common falconid from Nicaragua to Uruguay, we saw them in most of our low-elevation mainland locations.
Laughing Falcon *Herpetotheres cachinnans* — (3) A striking falcon almost always seen perched on top of a snag in open fields. CPR, CC, CA.
Bat Falcon *Falco ruficularis* — (1) Possibly most people's favorite falcon after Peregrine, one was seen CA.

PARROTS: Psittacidae — (5)

Brown-hooded Parrot *Pyrilia haematotis* — (5) All seen the same day at CC.
Blue-headed Parrot *Pionus menstruus* — (22) An undercount of sightings as they were seen streaming from the west each evening along with Red-lore Parrots to the roost on the east side of the bay. Also seen at CC, SC, CR, GA.
Red-lore Parrot *Amazona autumnalis* — (29) Also an undercount for the same reason as above, this was the most commonly seen parrot. TB, CPR, CC, SC.
Mealy Parrot *Amazona farinosa* — (6) Only seen along SC.
Yellow-crowned Parrot *Amazona ochrocephala* — (3) Only at our hotel in PC.
Crimson-fronted Parakeet *Psittacara finschi* — (25) Known for traveling in groups, 18 were along CR and five together in a tree at SL.

ANTBIRDS: Thamnophilidae — (6)

Great Antshrike *Taraba major* — (1) Just one heard only of this large and stocky antshrike on CPR.

Black-crowned Antshrike *Thamnophilus atrinucha* — (7) One of the more common, and more commonly seen, of this group of skulkers, both males and females were seen on several occasions at TB.

White-flanked Antwren *Myrmotherula axillaris* — (1) Always hard to get a good look at, one of this species was well seen by most at TB.

Dot-winged Antwren *Microrhophias quixensis* — (3) In my mind the archetypal antwren – ant-anything in fact – small, black, various white marks on wings. Three were seen at TB.

Chestnut-backed Antbird *Polioecrania exsul* — (3) One of the larger species, one of these was seen at TB and a pair at GA.

Zeledon's Antbird *Hafferia zeledoni* — (1) A large, stocky and plain-colored antbird with both the black male and brown female devoid of any plumage marks, one was seen at CDC by a few, unfortunately not me!

TAPACULOS: Rhinocryptidae — (1)

Silvery-fronted Tapaculo (RE) *Scytalopus argentifrons* — (1) One of these extreme skulkers heard and some shadowy movement glimpsed by a few at CDC. Considered a Heard Only.

OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS: Furnariidae — (6)

Northern Barred-Woodcreeper *Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae* — (1) One at GA.

Cocoa Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus susurrans* — (3) All seen on trunks along SC.

Spotted Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus erythropygius* — (1) Well seen CDC.

Streak-headed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii* — (2) One of the more common and widespread woodcreepers, one was seen CC and another CR.

Plain Xenops *Xenops minutus* — (1) One of this rather odd woodcreeper seen along the SC.

MANAKINS: Pipridae — (2)

Golden-collared Manakin *Manacus vitellinus* — (11) The common, resident species at TB, where all these sightings were made; active, noisy and out in the open more often than other manakins I am familiar with. Stunning bird.

White-collared x Golden-collared Manakin hybrid — (1) One of these hybrids found in a small area known for this hybrid SC.

Red-capped Manakin *Ceratopipra mentalis* — (3) A group of three were heard at TB, but despite searching, they would not show themselves other than a quick look in flight by one that showed no ID features.

COTINGAS: Cotingidae — (2)

Purple-throated Fruitcrow *Querula purpurata* — (1) Nicely seen at GA.

Snowy Cotinga *Carpodectes nitidus* — (1) On our second try at CC, just as we were turning back empty handed our boat captain saw one and everyone got on it.

BECARDS AND TITYRAS: Tityridae — (3)

Black-crowned Tityra *Tityra inquisitor* — (1) One only at TB.

Masked Tityra *Tityra semifasciata* — (10) An undercount. Seen daily at least by somebody at TB and a group of four together CA.

White-winged Becard *Pachyramphus polychopterus* — (1) On a trail TB.

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae — (12)

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus* — (1) An attractive flycatcher, one was seen TB.

Common Tody-Flycatcher *Todirostrum cinereum* — (2) These active flycatchers were seen along SC.

Brown-capped Tyrannulet *Ornithion brunneicapillus* — (1) One of this small but chunky flycatcher with a surprisingly heavy bill for a flycatcher was seen GA.

Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster* — (5) The most commonly seen elaenia throughout Central America. Seen at TB, PRD, CPR.

Mistletoe Tyrannulet *Zimmerius parvus* — (1) One on the way to the Continental Divide.

Long-tailed Tyrant *Colonia colonus* — (2) Two of this popular species were seen at CA.

Panama Flycatcher *Myiarchus panamensis* — (1) At our hotel at PC.

Dusky-capped Flycatcher *Myiarchus tuberculifer* — (1) One of this small but otherwise standard issue *Myiarchus* was seen on the way to the Continental Divide.

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus* — (6) An undercount. As expected, seen daily at most lower elevation locations.

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua* — (3) This large-billed kiskadee-lookalike was seen at TB and CC.

Social Flycatcher *Myiozetetes similis* — (7) The opposite of the Boat-billed, this small and small-billed version of a kiskadee was seen at CC and along CA.

Gray-capped Flycatcher *Myiozetetes granadensis* — (1) Another bright, yellow-bellied flycatcher but lacking the head stripes of its relatives. One only seen SC.

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* — (13) Widespread, at most locations.

VIREOS: Vireonidae — (1)

Lesser Greenlet *Pachysylvia decurtata* — (2) One each at TB and SC.

CROWS AND JAYS: Corvidae — (1)

Brown Jay *Psilorhinus morio* — (1) Oddly just one of this usually gregarious bird seen CPR.

Black-chested Jay *Cyanocorax affinis* — (8) Groups of four seen at CA and GA.

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae — (4)

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* — (7) All seen along CA.

Gray-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea* — (1) One along CA.

Mangrove Swallow *Tachycineta albilinea* — (1) Likely an undercount, just one recorded, SC.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* — (4) All seen in the open areas along CPR.

GNATCATCHERS: Polioptilidae — (2)

Long-billed Gnatwren *Ramphocaenus melanurus* — (1) One of this desirable bird, often, as this time, hard to see well, so heard only despite partial glimpses by some. SC.

White-browed Gnatcatcher *Polioptila bilineata* — (2) Heard and seen TB and CC.

WRENS: Troglodytidae — (5)

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon* — (1) More than this were present, but only recorded at TB.

Black-throated Wren *Pheugopedius atrogularis* — (1) A large handsome wren heard more often than seen. SC.

Bay Wren *Cantorchilus nigricapillus* — (3) Unusual sightings in that all three times seen it was just an individual. CC, TB.

White-breasted Wood-Wren *Henicorhina leucosticta* — (1) One of the noisiest wrens, one was seen and heard at TB.

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren *Henicorhina leucophrys* — (1) One skulking around CDC.

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae — (2)

Gray Catbird *Dumetella carolinensis* — (2) A couple along CPR.

Tropical Mockingbird *Mimus gilvus* — (1) Just one along CPR.

THRUSHES: Turdidae — (2)

Slaty-backed Nightingale-Thrush *Catharus fuscater* — (1) CDC .

Clay-colored Thrush *Turdus grayi* — (1) CDC.

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae — (3)

Olive-backed Euphonia *Euphonia gouldi* — (3) Only seen along SC.

White-vented Euphonia *Euphonia minuta* — (4) Common at TB.

Tawny-capped Euphonia *Euphonia anaeae* — (2) Up at CDC.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS: Passerellidae — (3)

Yellow-throated Chlorospingus *Chlorospingus flavigularis* — (1) Along the road to CDC.

Common Chlorospingus *Chlorospingus flavopectus* — (1) CDC.

Black-striped Sparrow *Arremonops conirostris* — (1) A species with several very similar look-alikes from South America to the U.S., this one was seen at CPR.

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae — (6)

Red-breasted Meadowlark *Leistes militaris* — (1) In a field at CR.

Montezuma Oropendola *Psarocolius montezuma* — (99) Groups seen everywhere in the lowlands.

Black-cowled Oriole *Icterus prothemelas* — (1) A life bird for everyone.

Orchard Oriole *Icterus spurius* — (1) One of this migrant species seen at CPR.

Baltimore Oriole *Icterus galbula* — (2) This stunning oriole looks quite at home with, and is not outshone by, the colorful tropical resident species. One each at TB and SC.

Bronzed Cowbird *Molothrus aeneus* — (6) Four along CPR and 2 CA.

Melodious Blackbird *Dives dives* — (2) Strangely named as its songs and calls are far from melodious. A couple along CPR.

Great-tailed Grackle *Quiscalus mexicanus* — (13) As expected, common in wetter areas in the wild, but our hotel in PC was awash with them. PC,CPR, CR, SL, CA.

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae — (12)

Northern Waterthrush *Parkesia noveboracensis* — (2) Both along CR.

Black-and-white Warbler *Mniotilta varia* — (1) Seen at TB.

Prothonotary Warbler *Protonotaria citrea* — (17) Seen daily TB and a couple SC.

Tennessee Warbler *Oreothlypis peregrina* — (13) The most common warbler seen anywhere in Central America where there were flowering or insect-friendly shrubs or hummingbird feeders. All were seen at TB.

Mourning Warbler *Geothlypis philadelphia* — (1) One briefly seen CPR.

Olive-crowned Yellowthroat *Geothlypis semiflava* — (2) A couple seen and heard at our lunch spot CR.

Yellow Warbler *Setophaga petechia* — (7) Four of the brown-headed mangrove subspecies at CC and all yellow birds at CA and TB.

Chestnut-sided Warbler *Setophaga pensylvanica* — (4) Not uncommon at TB though our first one, a first winter female, presented an ID challenge for most. Also one on the lower part of the road to CDC.

Yellow-rumped Warbler *Setophaga coronata* — (4) CA.

Chestnut-capped Warbler *Basileuterus delatarii* — (1) A recent split from Rufous-capped. One at SC.

Costa Rican Warbler (RE) *Basileuterus melanotis* — (1) A lifer for many. Two at CDC.

Slate-throated Redstart *Myioborus miniatus* — (1) Here the yellow-throated, not the rich, tan-throated form. CA

MITROSPINGID TANAGERS: Mitrospingidae — (1)

Dusky-faced Tanager *Mitrospingus cassinii* — (5) An interesting bird whose taxonomic placement is pondered but called

a tanager for now. All seen along the road to CDC.

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND ALLIES: Cardinalidae — (4)

Hepatic Tanager *Piranga flava* — (2)

Summer Tanager *Piranga rubra* — (5) A few at TB and individuals at CC and CA. Mostly female/imm. male types.

Red-throated Ant-Tanager *Habia fuscicauda* — (3) All along SC.

Blue-black Grosbeak *Cyanoloxia cyanoides* — (4) CC and TB.

Indigo Bunting — *Passerina cyanea* (1) A bit of a surprise CBR.

TANAGERS AND ALLIES: Thraupidae — (21)

Tawny-crested Tanager *Tachyphonus delatrii* — (9) This attractive bird was common at TB.

White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus* — (5) Two at CPR and three CA.

Crimson-collared Tanager *Ramphocelus sanguinolentus* — (1) Across the road from PC hotel.

Scarlet-rumped Tanager *Ramphocelus passerinii* — (22) Not a problem having to put up with this common bird! CPR, CDC, SC, CA.

Flame-rumped x Scarlet-rumped Tanager hybrid — (1) One of these was seen in a known area at CA.

Blue-and-gold Tanager (RE) *Bangsia arcaei* — (1) A wanted bird by all, including me, and finally seen at CDC.

Blue-gray Tanager *Thraupis episcopus* — (17) More seen than recorded, as usual. Although often not paid attention to, this is a stunning tanager when observed closely in good light. Seen pretty much everywhere at lower elevations.

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum* — (10) Also an underappreciated tanager, and more seen than recorded. If there are Blue-grays, there are probably Palm Tanagers nearby.

Speckled Tanager *Ixothraupis guttata* — (6) A very pretty bird admired by all in the group. All on the way to CDC.

Golden-hooded Tanager *Tangara larvata* — (10) A hard-to-ignore tanager, 10 is a good number. CC, SC, CA.

Plain-colored Tanager *Tangara inornata* — (24) Well-named bird, basically a washed-out version of a Palm Tanager. The most common tanager of the tour, seen pretty much everywhere at lower elevations.

Silver-throated Tanager *Tangara icterocephala* — (2) Just a couple of these on the road to CDC.

Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana* — (2) Both at TB.

Shining Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes lucidus* — (3) Along with the next species, one of the most stunning birds. All at TB.

Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyaneus* — (2) Just pips shining in the wow! department. Both at PRD.

Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza* — (2) A male and a female at TB.

Sulphur-rumped Tanager *Heterospingus rubifrons* — (6) Another new bird for everyone. Having now seen this bird, I cannot fathom the scientific name – I did not see a hint of red anywhere on the bird. Maybe the original discovery was shot and bleeding... All along CA.

Black-and-yellow Tanager (RE) *Chrysothlypis chrysomelas* — (1) A new bird for everyone, at the same spot along the CDC road that many other species were seen.

Thick-billed Seed-Finch *Sporophila funerea* — (2) CPR.

Nicaraguan Seed-Finch (RE) *Sporophila nuttingi* — (3) Despite the name, Costa Rica is the center for this Central American regional endemic, with the Bocas del Tora area its southern and easternmost limits of distribution. We searched for this in weedy grass at the start of SC, and three were found; the larger and paler bill separating it from Thick-billed Seed-Finch.

Variable Seedeater *Sporophila corvina* — (9) Common in grassy, weedy areas anywhere at lower elevation.

Morelet's Seedeater *Sporophila moreletii* — (5) At our hotel in PC.

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola* — (26) Very common TB and a few also seen SC.

Buff-throated Saltator *Saltator maximus* — (6) CC and CA.

MAMMALS: — (11)

Gray Four-eyed Opossum *Philander opossum* — (1) Just one seen on night walk TB.

Derby's Woolly Opossum *Caluromys derbianus* — (2) Likely the same individual on two nights at TB fruit feeder.

Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth *Bradypus variegatus* — (3) A female with her infant stayed in the same tree for most of our visit, while the father moved around not far away. The best sloth photo op for everybody I'm sure.

Hoffmann's Toe-toed Sloth *Choloepus hoffmanni* — (1) Chris and Dan found one behind their cabin which hung (!) around for a couple of days.

Red-tailed Squirrel *Sciurus granatensis* — (2) GA.

White-throated Capuchin *Cebus capucinus* — (several) Seen on four days in several sites including TB.

Mantled Howler Monkey *Alouatta palliata* — (1) Heard only on last day.

Panamanian Night Monkey *Aotus zonalis* — (3) A group came to the veranda on a couple of nights for bananas.

Common Raccoon *Procyon lotor* — (2) Feeding in a fruiting tree just off the lodge veranda.

Greater White-lined Bat *Saccopteryx bilineata* — (5) Seen roosting TB.

Seba's Short-tailed Bat *Carollia perspicillata* — (3) Seen flying near TB.

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS: — (8)

Spectacled Caiman *Caiman crocodilus* — (2) One hidden in a field PBR.

Green Iguana *Iguana iguana* — (3) Includes one mostly down a boa's throat hanging from a tree in SC.

Brown Basilisk *Basiliscus vittatus* — (2)

Anole sp. — (1) Very pretty yellow, a black anole.

Neotropical Green Anole *Anolis biporcatus* — (several) Seen at GA and TB.

Central American Boa *Boa imperator* — (1) One hanging from a tree with a large green iguana mostly swallowed.

Striped Rocket Frog *Allobates talamancae* — (5) Seen and heard at a few sites.

Strawberry Poison Dart Frog *Oophaga pumilio* — (4) In leaf litter at a house in CC.

Green-and-black Poison Dart Frog *Dendrobates auratus* — (1)