

Trinidad & Tobago: Incredible Birds & Wildlife Species List | June 20 – 29, 2024 with Naturalist Journeys



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This tour started at Hacienda Jacana and worked our way around the northern part of Trinidad with birding stops in both Nariva Swamp and Caroni Swamp. Some highlights here included a fantastic look at a low perching Snail Kite as well as over 500 Scalet Ibis and a 25 plus American Flamingos at Caroni Swamp. Our few nights at Asa Wright were memorable as well with two out of the three Manakin species seen as well as the fantastic hummingbird display. We can't forget the daily chorus from the Bearded Bellbird as well. Our time on Trinidad ended with fantastic looks at 3 different Trinidad Piping Guans and a fantastic night spent with both young and adult Leatherback Sea Turtles!

We moved on to spend a few nights on the neighboring Tobago where wildlife was equally good. We had some fantastic looks at Blue-backed Manakin in the oldest forest reserve in the new world. As well as great looks at a Little Egret, Golden Olive Woodpecker and many Trinidad Motmots. We ended the trip with a fantastic trip out to Little Tobago—seeing nesting boobies, Frigatebirds and Red-billed Tropicbirds.

BIRDS: 194 species were recorded of which 11 were heard only, 2 were endemic and 2 were introduced. Details are included below.

The eBird link below details the 194 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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Following is a list of the birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians we were fortunate to observe during the trip.

BIRDS (194): The (# after species) is how many days of the trip the species was seen, the (number) after the family is how many of that group were seen.

Family or Species Common Name Scientific Name

TINAMOUS: Tinamidae (1)

Little Tinamou *Crypturellus soui* (2)— This mournful calling bird was heard only on the 3rd and 5th day—once on the road to Brasso Seco and the other while looking for the Trinidad Piping Guan.

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae (4)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis* (2)— A few small groups flew over while coming back from observing the Scarlet Ibis. They were seen much better on the first day in Tobago while birding the sewage treatment ponds.

Blue-winged Teal *Spatula discors* (1)— Rare for this time of year, 2 non adult males were seen while birding the Centre

Street Ponds in Tobago.

White-cheeked Pintail *Anas bahamensis* (1)— Only seen on one day, these handsome white cheeked and red billed ducks were quite numerous while birding the Centre Street ponds. There were multiple family groups on the pond itself.

Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris* (1) – Strange duck, unusual for this time of year, was seen trying to “blend in” with a family group of White-cheeked Pintails at the Centre Street Ponds on Tobago.

GUANS AND CHACHALACAS: Cracidae (2)

Rufous-vented Chachalaca *Ortalis ruficauda* (3)— Only seen and heard while on Tobago, where it was somewhat common, especially at Cuffie River Nature Retreat. The last full day, there seemed to be a dawn chorus of them calling all at once.

Trinidad Piping-Guan *Pipile pipile* (1)— Fantastic find, we had 3+ of this endemic bird, all on the last full day while birding Trinidad. One was at the hummingbird center, one in the way back of Grand Riveria and the last perched on the fence right by the hotel!

FLAMINGOS: Phoenicopteridae (1)

American Flamingo *Phoenicopterus ruber* (1)— Only seen on the boat trip out of Caroni Swamp. There were 35+ of these long legged, pink birds. Mostly standing in the water, but some were flying overhead.

GREBES: Podicipedidae (1)

Least Grebe *Tachybaptus dominicus* (1)— These small, yellow eyed grebes were only seen on the first day on Tobago at the sewage treatment ponds.

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae (7)

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia* (5) — This bird was a common sight in the urban areas, seen most days of the trip.

Pale-vented Pigeon *Patagioenas cayennensis* (3)— This pale looking dove was only seen and heard on the Tobago portion of the trip, was a common bird here.

Scaled Pigeon *Patagioenas speciosa* (2)— Always seen from a distance, the local guides were able to get this dark looking pigeon in the spotting scope a few times during our stay at Asa Wright Nature Center.

Scaly-naped Pigeon *Patagioenas squamosa* (1)— These large pigeons were only seen flying back and forth in the distance while birding Little Tobago Island on the last day.

Ruddy Ground Dove *Columbina talpacoti* (6)— These small reddish were a common sight most days.

White-tipped Dove *Leptotila verreauxi* (3)— This shy dove was seen by the Centre Street Ponds and at Cuffie a few times while on Tobago.

Eared Dove *Zenaida auriculata* (2)— This mourning dove looking bird was only seen while birding on Tobago, the best looks were at the Bon Accord Sewage treatment ponds.

CUCKOOS: Cuculidae (4)

Smooth-billed Ani *Crotophaga ani* (4) — Common birds in the non-forested habitat, seen half the days of the trip in small groups.

Striped Cuckoo *Tapera naevia* (2)— This birds soft whistled call was heard while birding the Kernaham Village Road and was also seen perched on a telephone wire while birding the Blanchisseuse Road!

Squirrel Cuckoo *Piaya cayana* (1)— We only saw this bird once but had good views of it, while observing birds from the Veranda at Asa Wright Nature Center.

Mangrove Cuckoo *Coccyzus minor* (1) – Very fleeting glimpse of this cuckoo flying away while birding the Bon Accord Sewage Treatment ponds!

NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae (2)

Common Pauraque *Nyctidromus albicollis* (1)— Two camouflaged birds flushed while looking for the Trinidad Piping Gunas at Grand Riviera.

White-tailed Nightjar *Hydropsalis cayennensis* (2)— Brief looks at this white headed and tailed Nightjar as we were arriving at Cuffie River. We also had amazing scope views of a day roosting bird while coming down the trail on Little Tobago Island.

POTOOS: Nyctibiidae (1)

Common Potoo *Nyctibius griseus* (1)— This bird was heard only while staying at Cuffie River Nature Retreat.

SWIFTS: Apodidae (2)

Gray-rumped Swift *Chaetura spinicaudus* (1)— A number of these swifts were zooming around overhead at our first stop as we drove the road to Brasso Seco.

Short-tailed Swift *Chaetura brachyura* (4) — These paddle winged birds were seen infrequently throughout the trip, with decent looks at Cuffie River Nature Retreat.

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae (15)

White-necked Jacobin *Florisuga Mellivora* (6)— A very common hummingbird, seen most days. One memorable sighting was coming upon them at Asa Wright for the first time; it was pouring rain, and they had all their feathers spread out to bathe.

Rufous-breasted Hermit *Glaucis hirsutus* (3)— Seen infrequently throughout the trip and seemingly more common at the Cuffie Nature retreat on Tobago. One memorable sighting was when Tom spotted one on the ground inside the Cuffie retreat downstairs.

Green Hermit *Phaethornis guy* (2)— Only seen at Asa Wright, both were brief looks in the rainforest of this green, curved billed Hermit.

Little Hermit *Phaethornis longuemareus* (1) — Only seen once, a brief look at this curved billed, white eyebrowed hermit in the morning at Hacienda Jacana.

Brown Violetear *Colibri delphinae* (3)— A common hummingbird only seen at Asa Wright, stunning views of this brown hummingbird with a violet ear patch as it bathed in the rain.

Ruby-topaz Hummingbird *Chrysolampis mosquitus* (6)—This hummingbird with a red tail and brilliant reddish throat was first seen in the morning while waiting for breakfast at the Hacienda Jacana. Seen on most days of the trip.

Black-throated Mango *Anthracothorax nigricollis* (7)— A common hummingbird throughout the trip, one of the more memorable sightings was of a nest with young while at Bhagnath Hummingbird Estate.

Green-throated Mango *Anthracothorax viridigula* (1)— This large hummingbird was only seen once, perched as we headed out to view the Scarlet Ibis while at Caroni Swamp.

Tufted Coquette *Lophornis ornatus* (4)— A common hummingbird, on Trinidad only. The best views were of multiple views of this hummingbird feeding while at the Bhagnath Hummingbird Estate.

Long-billed Starthroat *Heliomaster longirostris* (3)— This large hummingbird with white facial stripes and a whitish back was only seen while watching the feeders at Asa Wright Nature Center.

White-tailed Sabrewing *Campylopterus curvipennis* (2)— This large hummingbird with a blue throat and white undertail coverts was only seen while on Tobago while feeder watching at Cuffie River Nature Retreat.

Copper-rumped Hummingbird *Saucerottia tobaci* (6)— This greenish hummingbird with a brownish rump was seen at most of the feeders we visited on Trinidad.

White-chested Emerald *Chrysuronia brevirostris* (5)— A common hummingbird while on Trinidad, this white chested hummingbird was best seen coming into the feeders at the Hacienda Jacana after breakfast.

Blue-chinned Sapphire *Chlorestes notata* (4)— A common hummingbird on Trinidad only. The group had great looks at this green hummingbird with a reddish lower bill at Asa Wright Nature Center.

Rufous-vented Woodstar *Chaetocercus jourdani* (1) — A very brief look at this small hummingbird perched high up in the

top of a tree on the road to Brasso Seco.

RAILS, CRAKES, AND ALLIES: Rallidae (3)

Gray-cowled Wood-Rail *Aramides cajaneus* (2)— This laughing call was heard a few times during meals at hacienda Jacana. It was only also seen once on the last morning on Trinidad at Grande Riveria.

Common Gallinule *Gallinula galeata* (2)— Only seen in two spots, once on the pond at the estate park on Trinidad, and at the Bon Accord Sewage ponds on Tobago.

Purple Gallinule *Porphyrio martinica* (1) — This colorful marsh bird was only seen while birding at the Bon Accord Sewage Ponds on Tobago.

LIMPKIN: Aramidae (1)

Limpkin *Aramus guarauna* (1)— Multiple birds were seen along the wetter areas of the Kernaham Village Road.

STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae (1)

Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus* (1)— One bird seen flying away while heading to Caroni Swamp.

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae (1)

Southern Lapwing *Vanellus chilensis* (6)— A common bird, this gray backed bird was present at most of the open fields during each day of the trip.

JACANAS: Jacanidae(1)

Wattled Jacana *Jacana jacana* (3)— A common bird in the wetter areas. We saw both brown backed males and white eye browed immature birds.

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae (3)

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus* (1)— Multiple birds seen within the first 2 hours of being on Tobago, not seen anywhere else.

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* (1)— This bird was only seen on the last day on the beach as we were heading back from Little Tobago Island.

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* — Only seen on the boat trip out to Little Tobago Island, working the shoreline.

GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae (8)

Laughing Gull *Leucophaeus atricilla* (3)— A common bird seen everyday while on Tobago.

Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus* (1)— Only seen once, walking on the beach as we scanned for shorebirds on the first day in Tobago.

Brown Noddy *Anous stolidus* (1)— These large white-capped tropical terns were only seen on the boat trip heading out too Little Tobago Island.

Sooty Tern *Onychoprion fuscatus* (1)— These large dark terns were seen from the lookout on Little Tobago Island.

Bridled Tern *Onychoprion anaethetus* (1)— These large dark terns were only seen while heading to and from Little Tobago Island.

Roseate Tern *Sterna dougallii* (1)— These light-colored terns were only seen as they foraged around Little Tobago Island.

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo* (2)— A few were seen roosting on a pier from Fort James on Tobago.

Royal Tern *Thalasseus maximus* (1)— One was seen flying down the beach as we were scanning for birds while at Fort James on Trinidad.

TROPICBIRDS: Phaethontidae (1)

Red-billed Tropicbird *Phaethon aethereus* (1)— Up to 6 of these graceful, long tailed birds were seen flying back and

forth from the lookout on Little Tobago Island.

FRIGATEBIRDS: Fregatidae (1)

Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens* (6)— These large birds that seem to soar effortlessly on the wind, a few were seen closer to the coast and while birding the Nariva Swamp as well seen trying to steal food from the Tropicbirds while on Little Tobago Island.

BOOBIES AND GANNETS: Sulidae (2)

Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster* (1)— Multiple birds seen nesting on Little Tobago, they seemed to prefer roosting on the rocks closer to the water's edge.

Red-footed Booby *Sula sula* (1)— Very common on Little Tobago; all three morphs seen (light, dark, and dark with white tail).

ANHINGAS: Anhingidae (1)

Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga* (1)— Multiple birds seen roosting at the Bon Accord Sewage Ponds on Tobago.

PELICANS: Pelecanidae (1)

Brown Pelican *Pelecanus occidentalis* (4)— Seen on the first day flying above the water while everyone was eating watermelon.

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae (10)

Great Egret *Ardea alba* (3)— Seen sporadically on both Islands.

Snowy Egret *Egretta thula* (3)— Seen flying and at most wet areas throughout the day.

Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* (2)— A few adult birds seen as we were leaving the docks at the Caroni Swamp.

Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor* (2)— Were also seen on the boat trip in the Caroni Swamp, with some birds seen on the road to the Bon Accord Sewage ponds.

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* (5)— Seen while driving between birding areas, mostly on short grassy areas.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* (1) — This rare European visitor was seen hunting right next to a Snowy Egret to give all a great comparison of the subtle differences in structure—along with the gray lores vs. yellow lores.

Green Heron *Butorides virescens* (3)— Very common on Tobago only.

Striated Heron *Butorides striata* (1)— A few were seen on Trinidad and absent on Tobago.

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* (1)— Less common than the Yellow-crowned Night Heron, this bird was only seen once at the bridge right next to the estate park.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *Nyctanassa violacea* (3)— Seen a few times, with them being most common at the Bon Accord Sewage Treatment ponds in Tobago.

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae (1)

Scarlet Ibis *Eudocimus ruber* (1)— Only seen at Caroni Swamp—but here we had huge flocks moving from their feeding areas to their nests for the night. Easily over 500 birds!

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae (1)

Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* (6)— Common Bird, seen most days, except for Tobago-where there are none.

Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* (5)— Common Bird, seen most days except for Tobago-where there are none.

OSPREY: Pandionidae (1)

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* (1)—Heard only while birding the bridge by the estate park on Trinidad.

HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae (10)

Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus* (1)— Three of these graceful birds were seen soaring over Hacienda Jacana while waiting to leave for the day.

Snail Kite *Rostrhamus sociabilis* (1) – A single perched bird seen while we were birding the Nariva Swamp.

Plumbeous Kite *Ictinia plumbea* (2)— These grayish kites with rufous in the wings were seen multiple places while on Trinidad. The most memorable sighting was on the 25th, where we had an adult feeding a fledging that was perched on the wire.

Common Black Hawk *Buteogallus anthracinus* (2)— This all-black bird with a yellow beak and one tail band was seen a few times, mostly perched in trees while birding the Nariva Swamp.

Savanna Hawk *Buteogallus meridionalis* (1)— Only seen while birding the Aripo Livestock station fields and the Nariva Swamp.

Great Black Hawk *Buteogallus urubitinga* (1)— Only seen once, and that was a low individual seen flying close to the horizon while heading to lunch from birding the Main Ridge Forest reservoir on Tobago.

Gray-lined Hawk *Buteo nitidus* (2)— This gray hawk was only seen twice, once while perched on a branch while leaving Asa Wright and once perched and circling by Grand Riveria as we were coming back from seeing the piping guan.

Broad-winged Hawk *Buteo platypterus* (1)— Only seen once, an adult circling as we were doing the morning bird walk at Cuffie River Nature Retreat.

Short-tailed Hawk *Buteo brachyurus* (1)— Seen a few times, with our best looks at Grand Riveria as a light morph bird was circling with some vultures and Plumbeous Kites.

Zone-tailed Hawk *Buteo albonotatus* (2)— A decently common bird on Trinidad and absent on Tobago, usually found soaring in the sky.

OWLS: Strigidae (2)

Tropical Screech-Owl *Megascops choliba* (1)— These small owls were only seen on the boat trip into the Caroni Swamp. We had a single owl by itself right at the start and then 5 roosting together later.

Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl *Glaucidium brasilianum* (2)— Heard way more often than seen. We had some looks at this bird at Brasso Seco after lunch as it tried to stay hidden among the leaves.

TROGONS: Trogonidae (3)

Green-backed Trogon *Trogon viridis* (2)— This yellow-bellied trogon with a blue eye ring was seen and heard after eating breakfast at Hacienda Jacana.

Guianan Trogon *Trogon violaceus* (4)— We stopped to observe a Jacamar and during that time, this yellow-bellied trogon with a yellow eye ring was observed sitting in a tree overhead, giving fantastic views.

Collared Trogon *Trogon collaris* (1)— We got great views of this red-bellied Trogon once, while birding the road to Brasso Seco.

MOTMOTS: Momotidae (1)

Trinidad Motmot (E) *Momotus bahamensis* (3)— Only heard while on Trinidad. Very common on Tobago, with some excellent looks as it came in for bananas while birding the Adventure Farm.

KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae (3)

Ringed Kingfisher *Megaceryle torquata* (1)— Seen in the morning at the Grande Riveria only.

American Pygmy Kingfisher *Chloroceryle aenea* (2)— Very brief views of this small, orange bellied kingfisher as it darted in the dense red mangroves while birding the Narvia Swamp. Also seen/heard on the boat trip into Caroni Swamp.

Green Kingfisher *Chloroceryle americana* (1) – This bird was only seen once while at the Hacienda Jacana.

JACAMARS: Galbulidae (1)

Rufous-tailed Jacamar *Galbula ruficauda* (3)— A common bird, the best views were a few birds perched on the wires while we were driving to Mourn La Croix.

TOUCANS: Ramphastidae (1)

Channel-billed Toucan *Ramphastos vitellinus* (4)— Large billed, large bird with white breast and massive bill that made a brief appearance after breakfast at Hacienda Jacana. Heard and seen briefly elsewhere on the trip.

WOODPECKERS: Picidae (5)

Red-crowned Woodpecker *Melanerpes rubricapillus* (1)— Only seen a few times while on Tobago; best seen as it came into the hummingbird feeders at the Adventure Farm.

Red-rumped Woodpecker *Dryobates kirkii* (1)— This small woodpecker with a red rump was well seen while stopped to look for the American Pygmy Kingfisher in the Narvia Swamp.

Crimson-crested Woodpecker *Campephilus melanoleucos* (1)— This large dark woodpecker with a white v on the back was seen flying/being mobbed by other birds just after breakfast at the Hacienda Jacana.

Lineated Woodpecker *Dryocopus lineatus* (3)— Large woodpecker with pale bill and red crest seen a few times with good views while looking for the Piping Guans at Grande Riveria.

Golden-olive Woodpecker *Colaptes rubiginosus* (1)— This stunning woodpecker was seen well while stopped at the Main Forest Reserve visitor center.

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae (2)

Crested Caracara *Caracara plancus* (2)— 2 of these birds were seen (adult and young) on the first day while birding the Aripo Livestock station. The adult was teaching the young bird how to hunt.

Yellow-headed Caracara *Daptrius chimachima* (2)— Seen in multiple places, with the best views coming while birding the Centre Street Ponds.

PARROTS: Psittacidae (3)

Orange-winged Parrot *Amazona amazonica* (7)— Very common fly over most days. Mostly first detected by its screeching as it flew over.

Green-rumped Parrotlet *Forpus passerines* (3)— These small green Parrotlets were seen a few times, with the best views coming on the 21st, as one was seen perched on the pipe while another peered out from said pipe.

Blue and Gold Macaw *Ara ararauna* (1) – 8 of these huge Macaws were seen at towards the end of birding the Kernaham Village Road. These huge birds seemed to be going down to some trees and coming back to perch in the palm trees.

ANTBIRDS: Thamnophilidae (7)

Great Antshrike *Taraba major* (1) — This bird was mostly a heard only, with it playing hide and seek in the dense vegetation while birding the road to Brasso Seco.

Black-crested Antshrike *Sakesphorus canadensis* (1)— Another bird that was a heard only while leaving the Hacienda Jacana.

Barred Antshrike *Thamnophilus doliatus* (7)— Very common bird, the stuttering call was heard most days and the black and white plumage demonstrated why this bird got the nickname Jailbird by the locals.

Plain Antvireo *Dysithamnus mentalis* (2)— Only seen twice, this small plain bird gave decent looks both times seen at Asa Wright and the Main Ridge Forest Reserve.

White-fringed Antwren *Formicivora grisea* (1)— Heard and very briefly seen while on the morning walk led by the local guide at Cuffie River Nature Retreat.

Silvered Antbird *Sclateria naevia* (1)— Fantastic view of this incredibly shy black and white bird on the Monte Video Road on the way back from seeing a piping guan.

White-bellied Antbird *Myrmeciza longipes* (1)— Heard only while on the guided walk at Asa Wright Nature Center.

OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS: Furnariidae (7)

Gray-throated Leaf-tosser *Sclerurus albigularis* (1)— This dull, shy bird was only seen once, but seen decently as it foraged briefly on the side of the road while on the morning guided walk at Asa Wright.

Cocoa Woodcreeper *Xiphorhynchus susurrans* (3)— This was the most common of the woodcreepers, seen and heard multiple times with some good views coming from the Bhagnath Hummingbird estate.

Straight-billed Woodcreeper *Dendroplex picus* (1)— Only seen once, this mangrove specialty was seen while birding before the boat trip out to Caroni Swamp. This large billed woodcreeper gave fantastic views as it climbed around the Mangrove trees.

Streak-headed Woodcreeper *Lepidocolaptes souleyetii* (1)— Seen while birding the Nariva swamp, was hard to decide what to look at as both this bird and the American Pygmy Kingfisher played hide and seek around our group.

Streaked Xenops *Xenops rutilans* (1)— This bird was heard more often but only seen once, as it climbed around some trees by the road on the way to Brasso Seco.

Yellow-chinned Spinetail *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus* (2)— Seen two different times, each giving great views of this rufous brown backed bird with a white breast. The best looks were on the way into the Caroni Swamp.

Stripe-breasted Spinetail *Synallaxis cinnamomea* (2)— Extremely brief views of this bird as it flew over and around us as we were birding the Adventure farm on Tobago.

MANAKINS: Pipridae (3)

Blue-backed Manakin *Chiroxiphia pareola* (2)— Seen twice, both times, the male showed with a stunning black plumage, blue back and red crown as we were birding Cuffie River Nature Retreat and the Main Ridge Forest reserve.

White-bearded Manakin *Manacus manacus* (2)— Heard a few times and see dancing and snapping their wings on their lek at Asa Wright!!

Golden-headed Manakin *Ceratopira erythrocephala* (1)— This small golden headed manakin was seen as we walked down the path at Asa Wright to the White-bearded Manakin lek.

COTINGAS: Cotingidae (1)

Bearded Bellbird *Procnias averano* (4)— This extremely loud bird was only seen and heard while on Trinidad. They were common and heard every morning while staying at Asa Wright.

TITYRAS AND BECARDS: Tityridae (2)

Black-tailed Tityra *Tityra cayana* (2)— This bird was only seen twice, with decent views in the spotting scope at Asa Wright, but also seen on the first stop while heading to Brasso Seco.

White-winged Becard *Pachyrampus polychopterus* (2)— Seen twice, one bird that gave great views at Asa Wright and a second time when one was spotted by Tom while sitting on the porch at Cuffie River Nature Retreat.

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae (18)

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher *Mionectes oleagineus* (1)— This dull yellow flycatcher was seen in a mixed flock at a stop on the way to the Bhagnath Hummingbird house.

Slaty-capped Flycatcher *Leptopogon superciliaris* (1)— Only seen once, in a large flock of birds, seen while birding the road that led to Brasseco.

Ochre-lored Flycatcher *Tolmomyias flaviventris* (1)— Seen while birding the Main Forest ridge reserve on Tobago.

Forest Elaenia *Myiopagis gaimardii* (3)— This plain flycatcher was seen a few times, mainly told by the obvious crest. Seen on the Road to Brasso Seco, Grand Riviera and while birding the watermelon fields on the first full day.

Yellow-bellied Elaenia *Elaenia flavogaster* (1)— The 2nd species of Elaenia seen, the best views we got of this bird was before breakfast at Cuffie River Nature Retreat.

Northern Tropical Pewee *Contopus bogotensis* (1)— This large pewee was only seen once, hawking to and from a perch

while birding the road to Brasseco.

Fuscous Flycatcher *Cnemotriccus fuscatus* (1)—This bird was only heard on the morning bird walk at Cuffie River Nature Retreat.

White-headed Marsh-Tyrant *Arundinicola leucocephala* (1)—Only seen once while birding the park around the estates. Fantastic find by Barb!

Pied Water-Tyrant *Fluvicola pica* (2)— Really common bird seen while birding the Kernaham Village Road

Venezuelan Flycatcher *Myiarchus venezuelensis* (1)— Only heard and seen while birding Tobago. We had good looks at this myiarchus flycatcher while on the morning bird walk at Cuffie River Nature Retreat.

Brown-crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus tyrannulus* (2)— The only other myiarchus flycatcher heard and seen. Also, only at Cuffie River Nature Retreat on the morning bird walk.

Great Kiskadee *Pitangus sulphuratus* (3)— Common bird on Trinidad, the raucous call was heard as well as seen most days.

Boat-billed Flycatcher *Megarynchus pitangua* (1)— This Kiskadee like bird with a huge bill was see only once, perched up in the canopy while birding the road to Brasso Seco.

Streaked Flycatcher *Myiodynastes maculatus* (3)— Seen on both Trinidad and Tobago- a relatively uncommon flycatcher. The best views were from Cuffie River where Frank found a nesting pair.

Piratic Flycatcher *Legatus leucophaeus* (4)— This small, billed flycatcher was a few times throughout the trip, with decent views of one both singing and hanging out by the feeders at the Cuffie River Nature retreat.

Tropical Kingbird *Tyrannus melancholicus* (7)— Common bird in the open areas, seen on both Trinidad and Tobago.

Gray Kingbird *Tyrannus dominicensis* (2)— Only seen a few times and only on Tobago. We had a few in town while birding the Bon Accord Sewage Ponds and one later before breakfast at Cuffie River.

Fork-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus savana* (3)— Several were seen in the open habitats. Multiple birds were seen well at the Centre Street ponds on Tobago.

VIREOS: Vireonidae (4)

Rufous-browed Peppershrike *Cyclarhis gujanensis* (4)— This bird was heard 4 days of the trip but wasn't seen.

Scrub Greenlet *Hylophilus flavipes* (2)—This bird is only found on Tobago and was a heard only while birding the Main Ridge Reserve on Tobago.

Golden-fronted Greenlet *Pachysylvia aurantiifrons* (1)— Seen a few times on the trip, best views were on the road to Brasso Seco.

Chivi Vireo *Vireo chivi* (4)— Common bird heard most days, but not seen that often.

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae (5)

Caribbean Martin *Progne dominicensis* (3)— This large martin was only seen while on Tobago, with decent views of them flying past and perched on the wire at lunch before heading to Little Tobago.

Gray-breasted Martin *Progne chalybea* (1)— This large Martin was only seen on Trinidad, mainly on the first day while birding the lowlands around Nariva Swamp, Manzanilla Beach and the Kernaham Village Road.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis* (1) – Seen while birding the lowlands on the first day only.

White-winged Swallow *Tachycineta albiventer* (3)— Seen a few times sporadically while birding the lower areas. Seen on both Trinidad and Tobago.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* (1)— Only seen one time while birding the Kernaham Village Road.

GNATCATCHERS AND GNATWRENS: Polioptilidae (1)

Long-billed Gnatwren *Ramphocaenus melanurus* (1)— This bird was heard only while on the morning walk at Asa Wright Nature Center.

WRENS: Troglodytidae (2)

House Wren *Troglodytes aedon* (7)— Common bird throughout the trip. Heard more often than seen.

Rufous-breasted Wren *Pheugopedius rutilus* (5)— Another common bird throughout the trip, only seen once while birding the Main Ridge Reserve on Tobago.

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae (1)

Tropical Mockingbird *Mimus gilvus* (7)— A common bird, mostly seen while birding the lowlands but also seen at Cuffie River Nature Retreat as well.

THRUSHES: Turdidae (4)

Cocoa Thrush *Turdus fumigatus* (4)— A somewhat common thrush, seen and heard 3 days of the trip.

Yellow-legged Thrush *Turdus flavipes* (1)— This yellow-legged dark colored thrush was only seen while birding the Main Forest reserve on Tobago.

White-necked Thrush *Turdus albicollis* (4)— Seen mostly while birding in the interior of the forests. Mainly seen always in front of our group walking away as we walked trails.

Spectacled Thrush *Turdus nudigenis* (3)— A common Thrush, best views were on the 22nd.

WAXBILLS: Estrildidae (1)

Common Waxbill (I) *Estrilda astrild* (1)— Only seen briefly as a few flew away while heading out on the boat trip to Caroni Swamp.

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae (2)

Trinidad Euphonia *Euphonia trinitatis* (1)— We only heard this bird once while watching the feeders at Asa Wright.

Violaceous Euphonia *Euphonia violacea* (5)— Common bird at the feeders at Asa Wright, one was attempting to build a nest right next to one of the feeders.

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae (8)

Red-breasted Meadowlark *Leistes militaris* (1)— We stopped at a field on the way to the Caroni Swamp and watched as these red-breasted meadowlarks flew around the field.

Crested Oropendola *Psarocolius decumanus* (5)— Large numbers of these birds were seen while birding the forested areas. There were especially common at Asa Wright and Hacienda Jacana.

Yellow-rumped Cacique *Cacicus cela* (1)— These birds were seen mainly flying overhead in the forested areas on Trinidad.

Yellow Oriole *Icterus nigrogularis* (4)— This bright yellow bird was mainly seen while birding in the lowlands, best views were as we were looking at Yellow-chinned Spinetails on the Kernaham village road.

Shiny Cowbird *Molothrus bonariensis* (4)— A Common bird in the more urban areas, seemed to be more common on Tobago than on Trinidad but we had them in both places. Nice close looks at them while birding the bon accord sewage treatment ponds on Tobago.

Giant Cowbird *Molothrus oryzivorus* (1)— An uncommon bird, we were able to turn up two of these birds as we were heading to the Main ridge forest reserve. The younger cowbird seemed to be begging from a Crested Oropendola while an adult later appeared nearby.

Carib Grackle *Quiscalus lugubris* (4)— Common bird, seen most often in the urban areas as we were driving from birding spot to birding spot.

Yellow-hooded Blackbird *Chrysomus icterocephalus* (2)— Only seen on Trinidad, mostly in agriculture fields. Although a nest of this blackbird was found right next to a pond while birding the estate park.

NEW WORLD WARBLERS: Parulidae (2)

Tropical Parula *Setophaga pitaiyumi* (1) – Only seen once while sorting through a mixed flock of birds just outside Hacienda Jacana.

Golden-crowned Warbler *Basileuterus culicivorus* (1)— A forest bird we had to work hard to get good looks at, but

eventually this shy warbler popped out giving everyone great looks while birding the road to Brasso Seco.

TANAGERS: Thraupidae (19)

Masked Cardinal *Paroaria nigrogenis* (1)— This red and white bird was only seen on the boat trip into Caroni Swamp but afforded us great close looks as it hopped around in the mangroves.

White-shouldered Tanager *Loriotus luctuosus* (2)— Only seen twice on this trip, the first one was in a mixed flock as we were leaving Hacienda Jacana.

White-lined Tanager *Tachyphonus rufus* (5)— Very common tanager on both Islands. Great looks at both male and females at all the feeders we visited throughout the trip.

Silver-beaked Tanager *Ramphocelus carbo* (5)— Another very common Tanager that was also seen at many of the feeders we visited.

Blue-gray Tanager *Thraupis episcopus* (5)— Very common at feeders and in the surrounding forests of both Islands.

Palm Tanager *Thraupis palmarum* (6)— Very common tanager, seen at most feeders we visited throughout the trip.

Turquoise Tanager *Tangara Mexicana* (3)— An uncommon tanager that was mainly seen in the forests, best views were on the edge of the road while heading to Brasso Seco.

Bay-headed Tanager *Tangara gyrola* (2)— Only seen a few times, we had great views of both the red-headed male and female at the first stop as we headed to Brasso Seco.

Blue Dacnis *Dacnis cayana* (1)— Seen a few times, with the best looks in a mixed flock at our first stop as we drove the road to Brasso Seco.

Purple Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes caeruleus* (3)— Seen multiple times both at feeders at Asa Wright and while birding the surrounding forests. Was also a mixed flock at the first stop as we drove the road to Brasso Seco.

Red-legged Honeycreeper *Cyanerpes cyaneus* (3)— This bright red legged honeycreeper was seen twice, with decent looks at a bird on the Monte Video Road on the way to the piping guans. Also seen on Tobago while birding the Main Ridge Forest reserve.

Green Honeycreeper *Chlorophanes spiza* (5)— Seen multiple times at both feeders and while birding the surrounding forests. Nice looks as one came into the feeders at Asa Wright a few times.

Bicolored Conebill *Conirostrum bicolor* (2)— A few of these light blue tanagers were seen while birding both swamps with some great looks at the Nariva Swamp.

Saffron Finch *Sicalis flaveola* (1)— 27 of these yellow finches were seen as we were birding the estate park.

Blue-black Grassquit *Volatinia jacarina* (7)— These grassquits were common and we all got to witness the males display which gets them the name “Johnny Jump Ups”.

Yellow-bellied Seedeater *Sporophila nigricollis* (1) – This uncommon seedeater was only seen once while birding the road to Brasso Seco.

Bananaquit *Coereba flaveola* (8)— Very common, one of the few birds we had every day of the trip.

Black-faced Grassquit *Melanospiza bicolor* (1)— Only seen on Tobago, but great views of this small dark headed grassquit while birding the Bon Accord Sewage ponds.

Olive-gray Saltator *Saltator olivascens* (3)— A few of these tanager-like birds were seen, mostly on the first couple days of the trip at Hacienda Jacana and Kernaham Viillage Road.

MAMMALS: (3)

Proboscis Bat *Rhynchonycteris naso* (1) — Only seen on the morning walk at Asa Wright, roosting underneath the eaves of a building.

Red-tailed Squirrel *Sciurus granatensis* (4)— Seen on both Trinidad and Tobago, only in the more forested areas.

Dolphin species *Odontoceti sp.* (1) — A few seen playing in the ocean while at Grand Riveria. Not seen well enough to put to one of the 8 species that occur off Trinidad and Tobago.

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS: (9)

Ocellated Gecko *Sphaerodactylus argus* (1) — Only seen on the base of a tree while hiking up to the Overlook on Little

Tobago Island.

Spectacled Caiman *Caiman crocodilus* (2) — Only seen the first two days of the trip, not seen by everyone.

Cane Toad *Rhinella marina* (3) — Only seen the first couple of days of the trip, one very massive toad was seen at night on the walkways at Asa Wright.

Bloody Bay Poison Frog (E) *Mannophryne olmonae* (1)— This endemic frog was only heard while birding the Forest Ridge Nature Preserve on Tobago.

Leatherback Sea Turtle *Dermochelys coriacea* — We saw many of these turtles on the beach at Grand Riveria, waiting to be released after being saved from predators. Later that night, we had 2 adults seen digging and laying their eggs on the beach!

Common Tree Boa *Corallus ruschenbergerii* — Spotted by Lester, only seen on the boat trip out to the Caroni Swamp.

Horsewhip Snake *Oxybelis rutherfordi* — This yellow-bellied snake was only seen while looking for the piping guan in Grand Riveria.

Trinidad Coffee snake *Ninia francisoci* (1) — This snake was only seen on the night walk at Asa Wright Nature Center.

Garden Lizard *Anolis aeneus* (2) — Only seen loafing in the area by where we ate breakfast while at Hacienda Jacana.

Crustaceans (5):

Hermit Crab *Coenobita clypeatus* (1) — Seen on the last day while on the coast on Tobago.

Red Land Crab *Gecarcinus lateralis* (2) — Only seen while birding the forests of Asa Wright. We got good looks at a large individual while on the night walk at Asa Wright.

Mangrove Crab (1) — A crab species seen while birding Nariva Swamp. A group of crabs that we couldn't put to an exact species.

Mud Crabs (1) — A crab species seen while on the way to the Bon Accord Sewage ponds. A group of crabs that we couldn't put to an exact species.

Fiddler Crab *Leptuca cumulanta* (1) — These crabs were seen while watching 2 Whimbrels on the way to the Bon Accord Sewage Ponds while on Tobago.

Butterflies (7):

Postman *Heliconius Melpomene* (2) — This dark butterfly with red on the wings was seen at both at two out of the three days at the Asa Wright feeders.

Flambeau *Dryas iulia* (1) — This orange butterfly was seen once feeding on flowers while birding the Nariva Swamp.

White Peacock *Anartia jatrophae* (1) — This white butterfly was only seen while birding the Nariva Swamp.

Peleides Blue Morpho *Morpho peleides* (2) — Only seen coming into the fruit feeders at the Asa Wright feeders.

Orange-barred Sulphur *Phoebis philea* (1) — Only seen flying around the Asa Wright bird feeding station.

Cattleheart *Parides eurimedes* (1) — This dark butterfly was also only seen while birding the Asa Wright Nature center bird feeders.

Monarch Butterfly *Danaus Plexippus* (1) — Only seen while birding on Tobago.

Locations and Notes:

Day 1: Hacienda Jacana— Aripo Livestock fields--Coconut Alley—Nariva Swamp—Manzailla (lunch)—Kernahan Village Road

Day 2: Hacienda Jacana—Asa Wright Nature Center

Day 3: Asa Wright Nature Center—Road to Brasso Seco—Brasso Seco—Road to Mourn La Croix—Mourn La Croix

Day 4: Asa Wright Nature Center—Lakeview Estate—Caroni Savannah Road—Caroni Swamp

Day 5: Asa Wright Nature Center—Road to Bhagnath Hummingbird Estate—Bhagnath Hummingbird Estate—Grand Riveria

Day 6: Grand Riveria—(Tobago) Bon Accord Sewage Ponds—Centre Street Ponds—Cuffie River Nature Retreat

Day 7: Cuffie River Nature Retreat—Adventure Farm—Fort James

Day 8: Cuffie River Nature Retreat—Tobago Main Ridge Forest Reserve—Little Tobago