

# Panama: Three Great Lodges Species List | July 8 – 17, 2024 with Naturalist Journeys



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This was a fabulous “Green Season” tour of Panama that visited all three of the Canopy Family’s great facilities: the Canopy Camp in the Darién, the Canopy Tower in the former Canal Zone outside Panama City, and the Canopy Lodge in the mountains near the lovely town of El Valle de Antón. The accommodations were excellent, all the meals were great (and went down fast!), and we had nothing but compliments for our hard-working local guides. Igua and Carlos at Darién were amazing in their ability to find and locate birds, even when completely hidden to us, and Ele was a great companion with his knowledge of birds by sight and sound at the Lodge. We recorded 275 species of birds, many mammals, a bunch of herps, and more than a few butterflies, among many other critters, including many lifers for all in the group.

It is hard to pick a highlight of this amazing tour. Our epic adventure to see a Harpy Eagle (involving travel by car, boat, horse, and foot) will not soon be forgotten. The birding trips in the open “birdmobiles” at the Camp and Tower were a unique (and cooling!) way to travel around. The Canopy Tower is probably the most unique ecolodge anywhere in the Americas and sunrise from its top level is a magical moment and hard to replicate anywhere else in the tropics. Repeated, close views of Geoffroy’s Tamarins were a great experience and being able to watch Kinkajous and Olingos after dark was a special treat. The mountains of Coclé Province near the Lodge provided excellent birding, including some of the best mixed species flocks of the entire tour. A super tour, highly recommended by all, that I think most of us would repeat in a heartbeat.

The eBird link below details the 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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(H) = Heard only

(G) = Found by guide only

(I) = Introduced

**BIRDS (275 species recorded, of which 15 were heard only and 2 were seen by the guides only):**

## **Tinamidae: Tinamous (2)**

**Great Tinamou** *Tinamus major*—Seen briefly by some at Panama Rainforest Discovery Center

**Little Tinamou** *Crypturellus soui*—(H) Heard on 2 outings from Canopy Camp

## **Anatidae: Ducks, Geese and Swans (2)**

**Black-bellied Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna autumnalis*—Found on 4 days at various wetlands visited: Yaviza

Wetlands, on the Río Tuquesa, in Gatún Lake, and at the pond at the Rainforest Discovery Center  
**Muscovy Duck** *Cairina moschata*—Several at Yaviza Wetlands and on the Río Tuquesa

#### **Cracidae: Guans and Curassows (1)**

**Gray-headed Chachalaca** *Ortalis cinereiceps*—Recorded on 8 days of the tour at many sites; most regularly at or near Canopy Lodge

#### **Columbidae: Pigeons and Doves (7)**

**Rock Pigeon** *Columba livia*—(1) Recorded on 6 days when in or passing through various towns

**Pale-vented Pigeon** *Patagioenas cayennensis*—The common large pigeon of Panama City and the Canal Zone, we recorded these on 6 days of the tour

**Scaled Pigeon** *Patagioenas speciosa*—A forest pigeon, we found these at the Rainforest Discovery Center tower, Canopy Tower, and Mata Ahogado

**Short-billed Pigeon** *Patagioenas nigrirostris*—Hard and seen at Pipeline Road

**Ruddy Ground-Dove** *Columbina talpacoti*—Commonly encountered throughout the tour

**Blue Ground-Dove** *Claravis pretiosa*—Two of these lovely doves were seen on the second visit to Quebrada Felix

**White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi*—Recorded on 10 days throughout the tour, sometimes heard-only

#### **Cuculidae: Cuckoos and Anis (4)**

**Greater Ani** *Crotophaga major*—Found on 5 days in or near various wetlands, including rivers and lakes

**Smooth-billed Ani** *Crotophaga ani*—Commonly encountered throughout the tour

**Striped Cuckoo** *Tapera naevia*—One perched very nicely for views at the “Donacobius wetland” near the Camp; heard again at las Mozas

**Squirrel Cuckoo** *Piaya cayana*—Encountered on 4 days at the Camp, Tower area, and Lodge area

#### **Nyctibiidae: Potoos (1)**

**Great Potoo** *Nyctibius grandis*—A “stakeout” bird seen on 2 days at the same spot in its roost tree along the road between Canopy Tower and Gamboa

#### **Apodidae: Swifts (2)**

**Band-rumped Swift** *Chaetura spinicaudus*—Notoriously hard to identify, these were recorded on 4 days; it is the “default” small swift species on the tour

**Short-tailed Swift** *Chaetura brachyura*—Recorded on 4 days of the tour

#### **Trochilidae: Hummingbirds (21)**

**White-necked Jacobin** *Florisuga mellivora*—Recorded 6 days of the tour, but after being seen every day at Canopy Camp and on both visits to the Portal Avícar, it was only seen once again at the Rainforest Discovery Center

**Rufous-breasted Hermit** *Glaucis hirsutus*—Only found at Nuevo Vigía

**Band-tailed Barbthroat** *Threnetes ruckeri*—Only found at Nuevo Vigía

**Green Hermit** *Phaethornis guy*—Seen on our visit to La Mesa and the Las Minas Road

**Long-billed Hermit** *Phaethornis longirostris*—Seen at the Canopy Tower and Rainforest Discovery Center feeders

**Pale-bellied Hermit** *Phaethornis anthophilus*—The large hermit of eastern Panama, we saw these every day at the Camp

**Stripe-throated Hermit** *Phaethornis strigularis*—Seen on 3 days when at or near Canopy Tower; visited the feeders there

**Purple-crowned Fairy** *Heliathryx barroti*—Recorded twice at Canopy Tower

**Black-throated Mango** *Anthracothorax nigricollis*—Very common at the feeders at the Portal Restaurant in Tortí, but not found elsewhere on the tour

**Long-billed Starthroat** *Heliomaster longirostris*—Found once at our stop in Valle de Antón

**Garden Emerald** *Chlorostilbon assimilis*—Seen in the garden of the house we visited in Mata Ahogado

**Violet-headed Hummingbird** *Klais guimeti*—Seen near Canopy Lodge feeding on vervains while driving out for birding

**Bronze-tailed Plumeleteer** *Chalybura urochrysis*—Only found on the Las Minas Road above the Canopy Tower

**White-vented Plumeleteer** *Chalybura buffonii*—Seen almost every day at both Canopy Camp and Tower

**Crowned Woodnymph** *Thalurania colombica*—Observed on the Las Minas Road

**Scaly-breasted Hummingbird** *Phaeochroa cuvierii*—Seen at the feeders at the Portal Avicar Restaurant in Tortí

**Snowy-bellied Hummingbird** *Amazilia edward*—Observed on several days at the Tower feeders

**Rufous-tailed Hummingbird** *Amazilia tzacatl*—Seen at many sites visited and lodges throughout the tour

**Sapphire-throated Hummingbird** *Lepidopyga coeruleogularis*—Recorded on 6 days at the Camp and Tower

**Blue-chested Hummingbird** *Amazilia amabilis*—Found on every day at Canopy Camp and Tower

**Violet-bellied Hummingbird** *Juliomyia julie*—Easy to overlook, these were recorded on 7 days at the Camp and Tower

#### **Rallidae: Rails, Crakes, and Coots (4)**

**White-throated Crake** *Laterallus albigularis*—(H) A very difficult species to see, these were heard at Ammo Dump Ponds and the Rainforest Discovery Center pond

**Gray-cowled Wood-Rail** *Aramides cajaneus*—Heard on one outing at Canopy Camp, seen briefly at Canopy Lodge, and a last one seen well at Cara Iguana

**Purple Gallinule** *Porphyrio martinica*—One at the Yaviza Wetlands in Darién, several on the Gatún Lake boat tour, and a few more in the pond at the Rainforest Discovery Center

**Common Gallinule** *Gallinula galeata*—Several were in the pond at the Rainforest Discovery Center

#### **Aramidae: Limpkins (1)**

**Limpkin** *Aramus guarauna*—Found at the Lake Bayano Bridge, Yaviza Wetlands, and on the Gatún Lake boat tour

#### **Charadriidae: Plovers and Lapwings (1)**

**Southern Lapwing** *Vanellus chilensis*—Seen on 8 days of the tour at various sites throughout; the largest aggregation was in the bare dirt fields at the end of the Quebrada Félix road

#### **Jacanidae: Jacanas (1)**

**Wattled Jacana** *Jacana jacana*—Seen in various wetlands in the Darién and near Canopy Tower

#### **Ciconiidae: Storks (1)**

**Wood Stork** *Mycteria americana*—Seen at the Lake Bayano Bridge and Yaviza Wetlands

#### **Fregatidae: Frigatebirds (1)**

**Magnificent Frigatebird** *Fregata magnificens*—Recorded on 3 days when on or near the Panama Canal

#### **Anhingidae: Anhingas (1)**

**Anhinga** *Anhinga anhinga*—Recorded on 7 days of the tour at various sites, but only when near the Camp and Tower; sometimes observed soaring high in the sky

#### **Phalacrocoracidae: Cormorants (1)**

**Neotropic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax brasilianus*—Found on 3 days at the Lake Bayano Bridge, on the boat trip to Nuevo Vigía, and in Gatún Lake

#### **Pelecanidae: Pelicans (1)**

**Brown Pelican** *Pelecanus occidentalis*—Seen on the Gatún Lake boat trip

#### **Ardeidae: Herons and Egrets (9)**

**Rufescent Tiger-Heron** *Tigrisoma lineatum*—Observed on 3 days at Yaviza Wetlands, Ammo Dump Ponds, and on the Gatún Lake boat trip

**Cocoi Heron** *Ardea cocoi*—Found at the Bayano Lake Bridge and at Yaviza Wetlands

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba*—Recorded on 3 days of the tour; a large number were in the bare dirt fields at Quebrada Félix

**Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula*—Seen on the first 2 days of the tour, including in the Yaviza Wetlands, but not again

**Western Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*—Seen on every day when near Canopy Camp, but only found on 2 other days; a good drive-by bird!

**Green Heron** *Butorides virescens*—Most commonly found in Panama from the old Canal Zone west, these were seen on the last 5 days of the tour at wetlands near the Tower and Lodge

**Striated Heron** *Butorides virescens*—Encountered at Yaviza Wetlands, Gatún Lake, and Summit Ponds

**Capped Heron** *Pilherodius pileatus*—This unique heron was seen at Yaviza Wetlands and the Rainforest Discovery Center pond

**Boat-billed Heron** *Cochlearius cochlearius*—One picked out by Igua while very concealed at Summit Ponds

### **Threskiornithidae: Ibis and Spoonbills (2)**

**White Ibis** *Eudocimus albus*—Seen in the Yaviza Wetlands

**Green Ibis** *Mesembrinibis cayennensis*—This forest ibis was seen twice in one day on the trip to Nuevo Vigía; from the boat and again on the forest walk, where one individual was calling loudly and consistently

### **Cathartidae: New World Vultures (4)**

**King Vulture** *Sarcoramphus papa*—At least two seen on the El Salto Road outing from the Camp

**Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus*—Probably the most frequently encountered species of the tour, recorded on every day

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura*—Recorded on almost every day of the tour; birds we saw were of the Tropical subspecies which has a distinct white collar on the hind neck

**Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture** *Coragyps burrovianus*—Detected at Yaviza Wetlands and when returning from the Nuevo Vigía morning hike

### **Pandionidae: Osprey (1)**

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*—Seen on the very first day at the Lake Bayano Bridge

### **Accipitridae: Hawks, Eagles, and Kites (12)**

**Snail Kite** *Rostrhamus sociabilis*—Several seen during the Gatún Lake boat tour in the Chagres River; seen again the next day at the pond at the Panama Rainforest Discovery Center

**Swallow-tailed Kite** *Elanoides forficatus*—Several seen just before we left the harpy viewing site on the Gonzalez Farm

**Harpy Eagle** *Harpia harpyja*—One of the birds of the tour, a pair was near their nest at the Gonzalez Farm property

**Black Hawk-Eagle** *Spizaetus tyrannus*—(G) Seen by Igua and Dave as they returned on horseback from the Harpy nest to the Gonzalez Farm

**Double-toothed Kite** *Harpagus bidentatus*—A pair found building a nest on the paved road by the Canopy Tower at the Potoo spot

**Plumbeous Kite** *Ictinia plumbea*—Seen on 5 days of the tour, including on every day at Canopy Camp and once while at the Tower

**Crane Hawk** *Geranospiza caerulescens*—Recorded on 4 days on the Harpy trek, on the boat trip to Nuevo Vigía, Pipeline Road, and on the Gatún Lake boat trip

**Common Black Hawk** *Buteogallus anthracinus*—Only found at the Lake Bayano Bridge, where one was perching in a tree

**Savanna Hawk** *Buteogallus meridionalis*—One flying bird spotted on the second visit to Quebrada Felix over the cleared forest fields

**Roadside Hawk** *Rupornis magnirostris*—Only recorded on 4 days of the tour, strangely, all when at or near the Camp

**Semiplumbeous Hawk** *Leucopternis semiplumbeus*—An amazing sighting, one perched high in a tree and was very visible, though at a distance, from the Canopy Tower roof on our last morning there

**Gray-lined Hawk** *Buteo nitidus*—Only seen once at the San Francisco Reserve

### Strigidae: Owls (3)

**Spectacled Owl** *Pulsatrix perspicillata*—A pair of adults with one fledged young seen at Las Mozas

**Mottled Owl** *Ciccaba virgata*—One well seen, if mostly hidden by branches, at Chorro Macho near Canopy Camp

**Black-and-white Owl** *Ciccaba nigrolineata*—(H) Heard one night at Canopy Camp

### Trogonidae: Trogons (5)

**Slaty-tailed Trogon** *Trogon massena*—Recorded on 4 days when at or near the Canopy Tower and again on the road up to La Mesa when at the Lodge

**Black-tailed Trogon** *Trogon melanurus*—Seen or heard on 5 days when at the Camp and Tower

**Gartered Trogon** *Trogon caligatus*—Seen at the Canopy Camp on the last morning and at the Rainforest Discovery Center

**Northern Black-throated Trogon** *Trogon tenellus*—Encountered at Gamboa Resort and at the Rainforest Discovery Center

**Collared Trogon** *Trogon collaris*—Found on the trip to La Mesa

### Momotidae: Motmots (5)

**Tody Motmot** *Hylomanes momotula*—Seen on the road up to La Mesa and the following day at Mata Ahogado

**Lesson's Motmot** *Momotus lessonii*—Found on our last field day near Mata Ahogado; this is the split of the former Blue-crowned Motmot complex that from Mexico, south throughout Central America, to western Panama

**Whooping Motmot** *Momotus subrufescens*—Seen or heard on 6 days when at or near the Camp and Tower; this is the split of the former Blue-crowned Motmot complex that occurs from Central Panama east

**Rufous Motmot** *Baryphthengus martii*—We had continual and amazing great views of this spectacular motmot on our tour, including many times at close range when at or near the Lodge and once on the road up to the Tower

**Broad-billed Motmot** *Electron platyrhynchum*—Seen on our trips to Pipeline Road and the Rainforest Discovery Center

### Alcedinidae: Kingfishers (5)

**Ringed Kingfisher** *Megaceryle torquata*—Recorded on 5 days of the tour at various sites throughout

**Amazon Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle amazona*—Seen at Yaviza Wetlands, on the boat trip to Nuevo Vigía, and at Summit Ponds

**American Pygmy Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle aenea*—Although difficult to see well on some tours, we had great views of this species at the pond at Nuevo Vigía and at Summit Ponds

**Green Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle americana*—Found at Summit Ponds near the Tower and once flying up the stream at the Lodge

**Green-and-rufous Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle inda*—A highlight bird of the tour, great views were had of one of these at the first pond at Nuevo Vigía

### Bucconidae: Puffbirds (5)

**Barred Puffbird** *Nystatus radiatus*—A pair were well seen on the second trip to Quebrada Felix

**White-necked Puffbird** *Notharchus hyperrhynchus*—Seen at El Salto Road

**Black-breasted Puffbird** *Notharchus pectoralis*—Seen at a great distance from the top of the tower at Panama Rainforest Discovery Center; excellent views at close range from the Canopy Tower roof on our last morning there

**Pied Puffbird** *Notharchus tectus*—Found on the outing to the El Salto Road and from the boat on the trip to Nuevo Vigía

**Gray-cheeked Nunlet** *Nonnula frontalis*—Heard on the El Salto Road and seen on the hike at Nuevo Vigía

### Galbulidae: Jacamars (2)

**Rufous-tailed Jacamar** *Galbula ruficauda*—Recorded on 2 days while at Canopy Camp

**Great Jacamar** *Jacamerops aureus*—Excellent views of a perching bird on Pipeline Road

### Capitonidae: New World Barbets (1)

**Spot-crowned Barbet** *Capito maculicoronatus*—A pair were found on our very first walk at Canopy Camp and a small flock was seen at Canopy Lodge

### Ramphastidae: Toucans (3)

**Collared Aracari** *Pteroglossus torquatus*—Recorded on 7 days; while seen at multiple sites while in the Darién, we only found it on the Gatún Lake boat trip while at the Tower and then again on our 2 field days at the Lodge

**Yellow-throated Toucan** *Ramphastos ambiguus*—Seen on multiple days at Canopy Camp, but only seen again on the Gatún Lake boat trip

**Keel-billed Toucan** *Ramphastos sulfuratus*—Recorded on 8 days at a few sites near the Camp and Tower, but on every day at multiple places at the Lodge

### Picidae: Woodpeckers (9)

**Olivaceous Piculet** *Picumnus olivaceus*—Seen on the forest walk at Nuevo Vigía

**Black-cheeked Woodpecker** *Melanerpes pucherani*—Seen on 4 days at or near Canopy Camp

**Red-crowned Woodpecker** *Melanerpes rubricapillus*—The most regularly encountered species of woodpecker on our tour, these were found on 9 days at multiple sites throughout

**Red-rumped Woodpecker** *Dryobates kirkii*—A Darién specialty, we saw these on the El Salto Road and from the boat on the way to Nuevo Vigía

**Golden-green Woodpecker** *Piculus chrysochloros*—Seen on the walk through the woods at Nuevo Vigía

**Spot-breasted Woodpecker** *Colaptes punctigula*—(H) Heard on one outing while at Canopy Camp

**Cinnamon Woodpecker** *Celeus loricatus*—Seen or heard on 7 days of the tour, we had multiple great views of this large and spectacular woodpecker

**Lineated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus lineatus*—This relative of the northern Pileated Woodpecker was seen or heard on 7 days at sites near the Camp, Tower, and Lodge

**Crimson-crested Woodpecker** *Campephilus melanoleucos*—Seen on the El Salto Road and from the boat on the way to Nuevo Vigía

### Falconidae: Falcons and Caracaras (5)

**Laughing Falcon** *Herpetotheres cachinnans*—Heard on the El Salto Road and seen by the walkers at the Gonzalez Farm

**Red-throated Caracara** *Ibycter americanus*—Seen by some in the group one of the days at Canopy Camp

**Yellow-headed Caracara** *Milvago chimachima*—Recorded on 5 days when at the Camp and Tower

**American Kestrel** *Falco sparverius*—One seen at the deforested fields on the second visit to Quebrada Felix

**Bat Falcon** *Falco rufigularis*—Seen on 4 days, including at our very first birding stop of the tour at the Lake Bayano Bridge; one also appeared in a tree at the Canopy Lodge the morning we left, so it apparently is our “bookend bird”!

### Psittacidae: Parrots (6)

**Spectacled Parrotlet** *Forpus conspicillatus*—A pair at the Yaviza Wetlands; becoming scarcer in eastern Panama  
**Orange-chinned Parakeet** *Brotogeris jugularis*—Widespread and fairly numerous, these were seen every day of the tour

**Brown-hooded Parrot** *Pionopsitta haematotis*—Seen twice, first at the Canopy Tower and again at Mata Ahogado; always flying overhead

**Blue-headed Parrot** *Pionus menstruus*—Regularly seen on various outings from the Camp; found again near La Mesa

**Red-lored Parrot** *Amazona autumnalis*—Recorded on 6 days, most commonly on outings from the Camp, but also near the Tower

**Mealy Parrot** *Amazona farinosa*—Seen on 5 days when at or near the Camp and Tower

### **Thamnophilidae: Antbirds (18)**

**Fasciated Antshrike** *Cymbilaimus lineatus*—Seen or heard on 3 days at Pipeline Road, Rainforest Discovery Center, and Summit Ponds

**Great Antshrike** *Taraba major*—Heard by the walkers on the Harpy Eagle trek and seen at Quebrada Felix

**Barred Antshrike** *Thamnophilus doliatus*—Seen or heard on 5 days at or near Canopy Camp, La Mesa, Mata Ahogado, and Cara Iguana

**Black Antshrike** *Thamnophilus nigriceps*—Found on the walk to the first pond at Nuevo Vigía

**Black-crowned Antshrike** *Thamnophilus atrinucha*—Found on Pipeline Road and at the Rainforest Discovery Center

**Plain Antvireo** *Dysithamnus mentalis*—Seen on the Las Minas Road

**Spot-crowned Antvireo** *Dysithamnus puncticeps*—One found alongside the road on our way to La Mesa in a mixed-species flock.

**Moustached Antwren** *Myrmotherula ignota*—(H) Heard at the Rainforest Discovery Center

**White-flanked Antwren** *Myrmotherula axillaris*—Found on the Las Minas Road

**Slaty Antwren** *Myrmotherula schisticolor*—Found on the Las Minas Road

**Checker-throated Stipplethroat** *Epinecophylla fulviventris*—We had great views of this small antbird, usually in pairs, at Pipeline Road, Rainforest Discovery Center, on the road to La Mesa, and on Las Minas Road

**Dot-winged Antwren** *Microrhopias quixensis*—Seen on the forest trails at Rainforest Discovery Center

**Dusky Antbird** *Cercomacroides tyrannina*—Seen on the forest trails at Rainforest Discovery Center

**Jet Antbird** *Cercomacra nigricans*—Found at Summit Ponds

**Bare-crowned Antbird** *Gymnocichla nudiceps*—Decent views of a pair of these across the water at the pond in Nuevo Vigía

**White-bellied Antbird** *Myrmeciza longipes*—(H) Heard on 5 days on many trips from the Camp and at Mata Ahogado, but never was seen

**Chestnut-backed Antbird** *Poliocrania exsul*—Heard at the San Francisco Reserve and then seen with great views at the Rainforest Discovery Center

**Spotted Antbird** *Hylophylax naevioides*—Super views of this species at Nuevo Vigía and on Pipeline Road

### **Grallariidae: Antpittas (1)**

**Streak-chested Antpitta** *Hylopezus perspicillatus*—We had incredible views of this species (at least for an antpitta!) on the Pipeline Road birding trip; Iguana was able to spot it somehow on the forest floor

### **Formicariidae: Antthrushes (1)**

**Black-faced Antthrush** *Formicarius analis*—Seen on the trails at Panama Rainforest Discovery Center

### **Furnariidae: Ovenbirds, Woodcreepers, and Allies (8)**

**Olivaceous Woodcreeper** *Sittasomus griseicapillus*—One seen from the Tower roof on our last morning of birding there

**Northern Barred-Woodcreeper** *Dendrocolaptes sanctithomae*—Great views of this handsome woodcreeper were had on the trail to the first pond at Nuevo Vigía

**Cocoa Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus susurrans*—By far the most commonly found woodcreeper of the tour, these were recorded on 10 days at many sites and around Canopy Camp

**Black-striped Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus lachrymosus*—A pair nicely viewed on Pipeline Road

**Spotted Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus erythropygius*—Great views of a pair of these in the mist on Las Minas Road

**Streak-headed Woodcreeper** *Lepidocolaptes souleytii*—Seen on 2 days at Canopy Camp

**Plain Xenops** *Xenops minutus*—Found at Nuevo Vigía and on the Las Minas Road

**Double-banded Graytail** *Xenerpestes miniosi*—This very interesting Chocó endemic was found on the El Salto Road

### Pipridae: Manakins (5)

**Lance-tailed Manakin** *Chiroxiphia lanceolata*—(H) Heard on our last walk of the tour at Cara Iguana

**White-ruffed Manakin** *Corapipo altera*—Female found on the Las Minas Road

**Velvety Manakin** *Lepidothrix velutina*—We had great views of a cooperatively perching female on Pipeline Road

**Golden-collared Manakin** *Manacus vitellinus*—Great views of a male on the Las Minas Road

**Red-capped Manakin** *Ceratopipra mentalis*—A female was found on our Pipeline Road outing

### Cotingidae: Cotingas and Allies (2)

**Purple-throated Fruitcrow** *Querula purpurata*—Encountered on 2 days from the Camp and 2 from the Tower

**Blue Cotinga** *Cotinga nattererii*—One of the most stunning species of the tour, we found males of these at the El Salto Road, at Canopy Camp, and from the Rainforest Discovery Center tower

### Tityridae: Becards and Tityras (5)

**Russet-winged Schiffornis** *Schiffornis stenorhyncha*—(H) Heard at the San Francisco Reserve, but could not be lured into view

**Masked Tityra** *Tityra semifasciata*—Recorded on 3 days at Canopy Camp, El Salto Road, and Cara Iguana

**Black-crowned Tityra** *Tityra inquisitor*—Also found on 3 days, but at the Panamerican Highway “Donacobius wetland,” Quebrada Félix, and Ammo Dump Ponds

**Cinnamon Becard** *Pachyramphus cinnamomeus*—Noted on 5 days of the tour, they were regulars at the Camp; also seen at Quebrada Félix and Gamboa Resort

**White-winged Becard** *Pachyramphus polychopterus*—Recorded on 6 days, primarily at the Camp and near the Lodge

### Onychorhynchidae: Royal Flycatchers (3)

**Tropical Royal Flycatcher** *Onychorhynchus coronatus*—(H) Heard on our walk through the forest at Nuevo Vigía near the first pond

**Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher** *Terenotriccus erythrurus*—Seen on the El Salto Road near the Camp and on two days from the Tower

**Black-tailed Flycatcher** *Myiobius atricaudus*—One very nicely seen on the trail at Nuevo Vigía

### Tyrannidae: Tyrant Flycatchers (29)

**Ochre-bellied Flycatcher** *Mionectes oleagineus*—Recorded on 3 days at Gamboa Reserve (where a small flock was eating fruits high in a tree), Rainforest Discovery Center, and Mata Ahogado

**Sepia-capped Flycatcher** *Leptopogon amaurocephalus*—Found on the Las Minas Road

**Forest Elaenia** *Myiopagis gaimardii*—Observed 3 days at Nuevo Vigía, Rainforest Discovery Center, and the last morning at the Canopy Tower

**Yellow-bellied Elaenia** *Elaenia flavogaster*—Seen on the first two and last two days of our tour at the Hotel Riande, Bayano Lake Bridge, Yaviza Wetlands, near La Mesa, and Mata Ahogado

**Lesser Elaenia** *Elaenia chiriquensis*—A single bird perched in a tree at our first stop in Mata Ahogado



**Sooty-headed Tyrannulet** *Phyllomyias griseiceps*—(H) Heard by Iguá on the first day of the tour as we traveled to the Camp

**Mistletoe Tyrannulet** *Zimmerius parvus*—Seen multiple times on the 2 days when based at the Lodge

**Southern Bentbill** *Oncostoma olivaceum*—Recorded on 2 days at Rainforest Discovery Center and Canopy Tower

**Common Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum cinereum*—Found on 4 days at Bayano Lake Bridge, Ammo Dump Ponds, near La Mesa, Mata Ahogado, and Cara Iguana

**Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher** *Todirostrum nigriceps*—Seen the first 3 days of the tour at Canopy Camp, El Salto Road, and Gonzalez Farm

**Western Olivaceous Flatbill** *Rhynchocyclus aequinoctialis*—Seen once on the Semaphore Hill Road as we returned to the Tower from a morning outing; this is a recent split from Olivaceous Flatbill

**Yellow-olive Flatbill** *Tolmomyias sulphurescens*—Seen or heard at the end of the tour at Canopy Lodge, Las Minas Road, and Cara Iguana

**Yellow-winged Flatbill** *Tolmomyias flavotectus*—Recorded on 5 days across the tour; a recent split from Yellow-margined Flatbill/Flycatcher

**Ochre-lore'd Flatbill** *Tolmomyias flaviventris*—A recent split from Yellow-breasted Flatbill/Flycatcher, one was seen on the hike at Nuevo Vigía and heard the day before

**Brown-capped Tyrannulet** *Ornithion brunneicapillus*—Observed 3 times at the Camp, Rainforest Discovery Center, and Tower

**Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet** *Camptostoma obsoletum*—Seen at Gamboa Resort, Canopy Lodge, and Mata Ahogado

**Yellow-crowned Tyrannulet** *Tyrannulus elatus*—Heard or seen on 4 days at Gonzalez Farm, Nuevo Vigía, Ammo Dump Ponds, and Summit Ponds

**Pied Water-Tyrant** *Fluvicola pica*—Only seen at Yaviza Wetlands

**Long-tailed Tyrant** *Colonia colonus*—Found at Mata Ahogado

**Dusky-capped Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tuberculifer*—(H) Heard at El Salto Road

**Lesser Kiskadee** *Pitangus lektor*—Seen at Nuevo Vigía, Gatún Lake, and Summit Ponds

**Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus*—Surprisingly, only recorded on 3 days of the tour at Yaviza Wetlands, Las Minas Road, and Cara Iguana

**Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua*—Seen on 2 days at the Lodge

**Rusty-margined Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes cayanensis*—Recorded on 7 days, but only from the Camp and Tower areas

**Social Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes similis*—Not found near the Camp; seen on 3 days near the Tower and on every day when near the Lodge

**Gray-capped Flycatcher** *Myiozetetes granadensis*—(H) Heard on one day while birding from the Lodge

**Streaked Flycatcher** *Myiodynastes maculatus*—Recorded on 5 days: many times at Canopy Camp, Gamboa Resort, and Rainforest Discovery Center

**Piratic Flycatcher** *Legatus leucophaeus*—Seen at the Gonzalez Farm, Quebrada Félix, San Francisco Reserve, and Cara Iguana

**Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus*—As is typically the case on neotropical tours, “TKs” were found on every day of the tour at almost all sites visited

#### **Vireonidae: Vireos (4)**

**Scrub Greenlet** *Hylophilus flavipes*—Seen twice near the Tower at Ammo Dump Ponds and Gamboa Resort

**Green Shrike-Vireo** *Vireolanius pulchellus*—A pair of these were very well seen while foraging at the Rainforest Discovery Center

**Lesser Greenlet** *Pachysylvia decurtata*—Found at Gamboa Resort and from the Tower one morning

**Yellow-green Vireo** *Vireo flavoviridis*—Heard at Yaviza Wetlands and seen at Cara Iguana

#### **Corvidae: Crows and Jays (1)**

**Black-chested Jay** *Cyanocorax affinis*—Recorded on 2 days while at Canopy Camp but seen on all days and at most

sites when at or near Canopy Lodge

### **Donacobiidae: Donacobius (1)**

**Black-capped Donacobius** *Donacobius atricapilla*—Found at a wetland on the Panamerican Highway near the Canopy Camp

### **Hirundinidae: Swallows and Martins (4)**

**Mangrove Swallow** *Tachycineta albilinea*—Only seen on the Rio Chucunaque/Tuquesa boat trip, at Ammo Dump Ponds, and on Gatún Lake; quite abundant when found, however

**Blue-and-white Swallow** *Pygochelidon cyanoleuca*—We found 4 of these perching on a phone wire at El Hato in Valle de Antón, a regular spot for them near the Lodge

**Southern Rough-winged Swallow** *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*—Recorded on 3 days on the Rio Chucunaque/Tuquesa boat trip, at Ammo Dump Ponds, and near Gatún Lake

**Gray-breasted Martin** *Progne chalybea*—By far the most commonly encountered swallow; recorded on 8 days at sites throughout the tour

### **Poliptilidae: Gnatcatchers (2)**

**Long-billed Gnatwren** *Ramphocelus melanurus*—Seen or heard on 3 days at the Rainforest Discovery Center, Las Mozas, and at the Canopy Lodge

**White-browed Gnatcatcher** *Poliptila bilineata*—Formerly part of the Tropical Gnatcatcher complex, we found this one on the Gonzalez Farm eagle trek, at the potoo spot near Canopy Tower, and one morning from the Tower itself

### **Troglodytidae: Wrens (10)**

**Southern House Wren** *Troglodytes musculus*—Recorded throughout the tour at many sites, though more often heard than seen; as a result of a split recognized by the American Ornithological Society in July 2024, all the house wrens observed on this tour are now considered a separate species, the Southern House Wren

**White-headed Wren** *Campylorhynchus albobrunneus*—One seen at the conclusion of the morning walk at Nuevo Vigía

**Rufous-breasted Wren** *Pheugopedius rutilus*—Found on 3 days on almost all trips from Canopy Lodge and at the Lodge itself, but not seen elsewhere

**Black-bellied Wren** *Pheugopedius fasciatoventris*—Recorded on 4 days at various sites near the Camp; a truly frustrating bird to see well!

**Rufous-and-white Wren** *Thryophilus rufalbus*—Seen or heard at many sites on 2 days near the Lodge

**Isthmian Wren** *Cantorchilus modestus*—Found at several sites on our 2 full field days from the Lodge

**Bay Wren** *Cantorchilus nigricapillus*—This elegant wren was seen or heard at most places visited while at the Lodge; one was seen several times near the bridge right at the Lodge

**Buff-breasted Wren** *Cantorchilus leucotis*—Heard on 3 days and seen once on various trips from the Camp

**White-breasted Wood-wren** *Henicorhina leucosticte*—(H) Heard on 2 days of the tour, once at the Camp and again at the Lodge

**Song Wren** *Cyphorhinus phaeocephalus*—(H) Heard on our walk on the Las Minas Road

### **Mimidae: Mockingbirds and Thrashers (1)**

**Tropical Mockingbird** *Mimus gilvus*—Only seen on 3 days; 2 near Canopy Tower and at Mata Ahogado

### **Turdidae: Thrushes (1)**

**Clay-colored Thrush** *Turdus grayi*—Commonly encountered throughout the tour at all lodges and many sites

### **Fringillidae: Finches and Euphonias (5)**

**Yellow-crowned Euphonia** *Euphonia luteicapilla*—Seen on 4 days at the “Donacobius wetland” off the

Panamerican Highway, Nuevo Vigía, and Cara Iguana

**Thick-billed Euphonia** *Euphonia laniirostris*—Recorded on 11 days of the tour, one of our most familiar birds; often seen at fruit feeders in the various places that had them

**Fulvous-vented Euphonia** *Euphonia fulvicrissa*—Seen on 2 days right at the Tower

**Tawny-capped Euphonia** *Euphonia anneae*—Only found on 1 day at La Mesa and Las Minas Road

**Lesser Goldfinch** *Spinus psaltria*—Seen by the group at Cara Iguana

### **Rhodinocichlidae: Thrush-Tanagers (1)**

**Rosy Thrush-Tanager** *Rhodinocichla rosea*—This unique species was seen (after an incredible job by Igua in finding it in dense understory) along the trail at Gamboa Resort; also heard on our first walk at the Lodge

### **Passerellidae: New World Sparrows (2)**

**Black-striped Sparrow** *Arremonops conirostris*—Heard on our trip to La Mesa and seen multiple times the following day around Mata Ahogado

**Orange-billed Sparrow** *Arremon aurantirostris*—One seen at Summit Ponds after much effort

### **Icteridae: New World Blackbirds (9)**

**Crested Oropendola** *Psarocolius decumanus*—Found on 3 days near the Camp and heard on one trip from the Lodge

**Chestnut-headed Oropendola** *Psarocolius wagleri*—Seen on the El Salto Road and once at Canopy Camp; encountered every day at many sites near the Lodge, where this species was quite numerous

**Scarlet-rumped Cacique** *Cacicus uropygialis*—Seen every day when at or near the Tower, where a pair had a nest over the hummingbird viewing platform

**Yellow-rumped Cacique** *Cacicus cela*—Only seen twice, first at the El Salto Road and then on the boat trip to Nuevo Vigía

**Yellow-backed Oriole** *Icterus chrysater*—Encountered at Gamboa Reserve

**Yellow-tailed Oriole** *Icterus mesomelas*—Easily observed at Ammo Dump Ponds and at the pond at the Rainforest Discovery Center

**Shiny Cowbird** *Molothrus bonariensis*—This tropical nest parasite was seen on the boat trip to Nuevo Vigía and again at La Mesa and Mata Ahogado

**Giant Cowbird** *Molothrus oryzivorus*—Seen on the boat trip to Nuevo Vigía and once at the Lodge

**Great-tailed Grackle** *Quiscalus mexicanus*—Recorded on 6 days of the tour, but not on any in the Darién

### **Parulidae: New World Warblers (2)**

**Buff-rumped Warbler** *Basileuterus fulvicauda*—Recorded on 2 days at the Lodge in the river

**Chestnut-capped Warbler** *Basileuterus delatrii*—Only seen at various sites around the Lodge on both full days there

### **Mitrospingidae: Mitrospingid Tanagers (1)**

**Dusky-faced Tanager** *Mitrospingus cassinii*—Found on 2 days at or near Canopy Lodge

### **Cardinalidae: Cardinals and Grosbeaks (2)**

**Red-crowned Ant-Tanager** *Habia rubica*—(H) Heard along the road at Mata Ahogado

**Red-throated Ant-Tanager** *Habia fuscicauda*—Seen on 3 days on the Pipeline Road, Gamboa, and the Panama Rainforest Discovery Center

### **Thraupidae: Tanagers and Allies (28)**

**Blue-gray Tanager** *Thraupis episcopus*—Recorded on 9 days at sites throughout the tour

**Palm Tanager** *Thraupis palmarum*—Recorded on 10 days at sites throughout the tour

**Golden-hooded Tanager** *Stilpnia larvata*—Seen on 5 days scattered throughout the tour: Canopy Camp, Gonzalez Farm, Rainforest Discovery Center, Canopy Lodge, and Cara Iguana

**Plain-colored Tanager** *Tangara inorata*—This appropriately names tanager was recorded on 8 days throughout the tour from our first stop (Lake Bayano Bridge) to our last (Cara Iguana)

**Bay-headed Tanager** *Tangara gyrola*—Seen on 2 days at the Lodge and Mata Ahogado

**Silver-throated Tanager** *Tangara icterocephala*—This mountain tanager was found on the Las Minas Road

**Green Honeycreeper** *Chlorophanes spiza*—Only seen once on our first afternoon walk at the Lodge

**Saffron Finch** *Sicalis flaveola*—(I) Seen at Riande Hotel before departing for the Darién

**Blue-black Grassquit** *Volatinia jacarina*—Though ordinarily a very commonly found bird, we only saw this on 4 days at the “Donacobius wetland,” Quebrada Félix, Ammo Dump Ponds, and Summit Ponds

**Gray-headed Tanager** *Eucometis penicillata*—Found on the El Salto Road, Nuevo Vigía, San Francisco Reserve, and Gamboa Resort

**White-shouldered Tanager** *Loriotus luctuosus*—Recorded on 5 days at various sites throughout the tour

**Tawny-crested Tanager** *Tachyphonus delatrii*—Seen several times on one day at or near La Mesa

**White-lined Tanager** *Tachyphonus rufus*—Found on the Las Minas Road, La Mesa, Mata Ahogado, and Cara Iguana

**Flame-rumped Tanager** *Ramphocelus flammigerus*—Seen at the Gamboa Reserve and on most outings from the Lodge; all our birds were of the Lemon-rumped form

**Crimson-backed Tanager** *Ramphocelus dimidiatus*—Seen on most birding trips from the Tower and Lodge; also on the boat trip to Nuevo Vigía

**Red-legged Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes cyaneus*—Found every day and on most field trips from the Lodge; great views of birds coming to the fruit at the private house in Mata Ahogado

**Scarlet-thighed Dacnis** *Dacnis venusta*—(G) Seen by Dave on the Las Minas Road

**Blue Dacnis** *Dacnis cayana*—Seen on 6 days of the tour at multiple sites visited from the Camp and Tower

**Bananaquit** *Coereba flaveola*—Recorded on every day at Canopy Camp, at the Portal Avicar, and at and near the Lodge

**Yellow-faced Grassquit** *Tiaris olivaceus*—Only seen near the Lodge at La Mesa and Mata Ahogado

**Thick-billed Seedfinch** *Sporophila funerea*—Seen on 5 days at the Gonzalez Farm, Quebrada Félix, Ammo Dump and Summit Ponds, and near La Mesa

**Variable Seedeater** *Sporophila corvina*—Recorded on 7 days at sites throughout the tour

**Yellow-bellied Seedeater** *Sporophila nigricollis*—Seen at the Hotel Riande before we started the tour and again at Mata Ahogado

**Ruddy-breasted Seedeater** *Sporophila minuta*—Pair found at Yaviza Wetlands

**Black-headed Saltator** *Saltator atriceps*—Found on our day birding near Mata Ahogado

**Buff-throated Saltator** *Saltator maximus*—Seen on almost every day when at the Tower and Lodge; only recorded on the Nuevo Vigía boat trip when at the Camp

**Slate-colored Grosbeak** *Saltator grossus*—(H) Heard on the trails at the Rainforest Discovery Center

**Streaked Saltator** *Saltator striatipectus*—Found on 2 days near the Lodge at La Mesa, Las Mozas, and Cara Iguana

#### **MAMMALS (19 species recorded):**

**Central American Woolly Opossum** *Caluromys derbianus*—One appeared on our last day at Canopy Lodge, trying to break into the banana stash

**Hoffman’s Two-toed Sloth** *Choloepus hoffmanni*—Recorded on 4 days at Canopy Camp, on the Gatún Lake trip, at the Rainforest Discovery Center, and Cara Iguana

**Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth** *Bradypus variegatus*—Seen on at least 6 days of the tour when at Canopy Camp and Tower

**Proboscis Bat** *Rhynchonycteris naso*—A large group were roosting on the underside of a tree at the edge of Gatún Lake

**Greater White-lined Bat** *Saccopteryx bilineata*—Seen at the Rainforest Discovery Center

**Chestnut Sac-winged Bat** *Cormura brevirostris*—Seen at the Rainforest Discovery Center

**Seba's Short-tailed Bat** *Corolla perspicillata*—Seen at the Rainforest Discovery Center

**Geoffroy's Tamarin** *Sanguinus geoffroyi*—This very elegantly pelaged primate was recorded on 6 days at the Camp and Tower, many times at quite close range

**Western Night Monkey** *Aotus zonalis*—A small family group seen peeking out of a tree cavity at Gamboa Resort

**White-faced Capuchin** *Cebus capuchinus*—Seen on the Gatún Lake boat trip and at Summit Ponds

**Mantled Howler** *Alouatta palliate*—Seen or typically heard on 9 days of the tour when at the Camp and Tower

**Variegated Squirrel** *Sciurus variegatoides*—Seen on 2 days on outings from Canopy Lodge

**Red-tailed Squirrel** *Sciurus granatensis*—Recorded on 6 days at various places throughout the tour

**Lesser Capybara** *Hydrochaerus isthmius*—A small group seen on the banks of Gatún Lake during the boat trip

**Central American Agouti** *Dasyprocta punctata*—Seen on every day when at or near the Tower and Camp; sometimes quite oblivious to us

**Forest Rabbit** *Sylvilagus gabbi*—Found on the night drive at Canopy Tower

**White-nosed Coati** *Nasua narica*—Encountered on 2 outings from the Tower

**Allen's Olingo** *Bassaricyon alleni*—Appeared on 2 evenings at the Tower, coming to eat bananas

**Kinkajou** *Potos flavus*—Seen in the trees outside the Tower on at least 2 evenings, coming for bananas; there was also a pet one at the Gonzalez Farm house

#### **REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS (9 species recorded):**

**Mediterranean House Gecko** *Hemidactylus turcius*—(1) Heard at several of the lodges

**Yellow-headed Gecko** *Gonatodes albogularis*—Found at the Camp

**Mourning Gecko** *Lepidodactylus lugubris*—Photographed by Dave at the Camp

**Brown Anole** *Anolis sagrei*— Found at the Camp

**Green Iguana** *Iguana iguana*—Various sizes and sexes encountered during the tour, usually near water

**Spiny-tailed Iguana** *Ctenosaura similis*—

**Common Basilisk** *Basiliscus basiliscus*—Seen several times on the tour, but most regularly at the Lodge, where they caught rays on the rocks in the stream

**Cat-eyed Snake** *Leptodeira* sp.—Seen one day at the Camp

**Cane Toad** *Rhinella marina*—Found at the Camp

#### **INSECTS (30 species recorded):**

**Apricot Sulphur** *Phoebis argante*

**Banded Peacock** *Anartia fatima*

**Common Morpho** *Morpho helenor*

**Confusa Tigerwing** *Methona confusa*

**Dusky Owl-Butterfly** *Caligo ilioneus*

**Golden-snouted Sootywing** *Stapylus vulgate*

**Gulf Fritillary** *Dione vanilla*

**Julia Heliconian** *Dryas iulia*

**Long-tailed Skipper** *Urbanus proteus*

**Mexican Fritillary** *Euptoieta hegesia*

**Molpe Metalmark** *Juditha caucana*

**One-spotted Prepona** *Archaeoprepona Demophon*

**Orange-washed Sister** *Adelpha cocala*

**Orcus Checkered-Skipper** *Burnsius orcus*

**Orion Cercropian** *Historis odius*

**Pointed Sister** *Adelpha iphiclus*

**Sapho Longwing** *Heliconius sapho*

**Sara Longwing** *Heliconius sara*

**Southern Sicklewing** *Eantis thraso*

**Starry Night Cracker** *Hamadryas laodamia*

**Tailed Orange** *Pyrisitia proterpia*  
**Tanna Longtail** *Spicauda tanna*  
**Tiger Ithomia** *Ithomia iphianassa*  
**Tiger Longwing** *Heliconius hecale*  
**Tropical Checkered-Skipper** *Burnsius oileus*  
**White Peacock** *Anartia jatrophae*  
**Whitened Bluewing** *Myscela cyaniris*  
**White-striped Longtail** *Chioides albofasciatus*  
**Katydid** (*Mimetica* sp.)  
**Bird Grasshopper** (*Schistocerca* sp.)

#### **LOCATIONS AND NOTES:**

Day 1: Sunday, July 7, 2024; Hotel Riande, Lake Bayano Bridge, Icandi Road, Portal Avicar Restaurant (Tortí), Canopy Camp  
Day 2: Monday, July 8, 2024; El Salto Road, Canopy Camp, Panamerican Highway, Yaviza Wetland  
Day 3: Tuesday, July 9, 2024; Yaviza; Gonzalez Farm, Canopy Camp, Quebrada Félix  
Day 4: Wednesday, July 10, 2024; boat trip on Chucunaque and Tuquesa Rivers, Nueva Vigía, Quebrada Félix, Canopy Camp  
Day 5: Thursday, July 11, 2024; Canopy Camp, San Francisco Reserve, Portal Avicar Restaurant (Tortí), Canopy Tower  
Day 6: Friday, July 12, 2024; Canopy Tower, Pipeline Road, Ammo Dump Ponds  
Day 7: Saturday, July 13, 2024; Canopy Tower, Gatún Lake, Gamboa Resort  
Day 8: Sunday, July 14, 2024; Canopy Tower, Panama Rainforest Discovery Center, Summit Ponds  
Day 10: Monday, July 15, 2024; Canopy Tower, Canopy Lodge, Chorro Macho Trail  
Day 11: Tuesday, July 16, 2024; Canopy Lodge, La Mesa, Las Minas Road, La Mesa to Río Indio road, EVACC (frog conservation facility), Las Mozas  
Day 12: Wednesday, July 17, 2024; Mata Ahogado, El Hato, Cara Iguana  
Day 13: Thursday, July 18, 2024; departures