

Trinidad's Biodiversity and Animal Behavior Species List | June 20 - 29, 2025 With Naturalist Journeys



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Our ten day journey was enjoyed by all, for many different reasons. This was a biodiversity tour and we looked at everything living. We did have expert bird guides with us, of course, and expert birders. Our main guide on Trinidad was Dave. Here we stayed at the very accommodating and comfortable Hacienda Jacana, the newly renovated Mt. Plaisir Hotel in Grand Riviere and the iconic Asa Wright Nature Centre. On Tobago Jason was our primary guide and we stayed at the Cuffie River Nature Retreat. Highlights of the trips included the Piping Guan, the Oilbirds, all the manakins and, of course, the giant, egg-laying Leatherback Turtles. Each of us had our own favorites. Who couldn't love a bird called a Double-striped Thick-Knee and a guide who jumped up and down when he saw it!

BIRDS (183)

TINAMOUS: Timamidae

Little Tinamou (H), *Crypturellus soui*

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS: Anatidae

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck, *Dendrocygna autumnalis*

Blue-winged Teal, *Spatula discors*

White-cheeked Pintail, *Anas bahamensis*

GUANS AND CHACHALACAS: Cracidae

Rufous-vented Chachalaca, *Ortalis ruficauda*

Trinidad Piping-Guan (E), *Pipile pipile*

FLAMINGOS: Phoenicopteridae

American Flamingo, *Phoenicopterus ruber*

STONE CURLEWS: Burhinidae

Double-striped Thick-knees, *Hesperoburhinus bistratus*

GREBES: Podicipedidae

Least Grebe, *Tachybaptus dominicus*

PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae

Rock Pigeon (I), *Columba livia*

Pale-vented Pigeon, *Patagioenas cayennensis*

Scaly-naped Pigeon, *Patagioenas squamosa*
Ruddy Ground Dove, *Columbina talpacoti*
White tipped Dove, *Leptotila rufaxilla*
Eared Dove, *Zenaida auriculata*

CUCKOOS: Cuculidae

Greater Ani, *Crotophaga major*
Smooth-billed Ani, *Crotophaga ani*
Squirrel Cuckoo, *Piaya cayana*

NIGHTJARS: Caprimulgidae

Common Pauraque, *Nyctidromus albigollis*
White-tailed Nightjar, *Hydropsalis cayennensis*

POTOOS: Nyctibiidae

Common Potoo, *Nyctibius griseus*

OILBIRDS: Steatornithidae

Oilbird, *Steatornis caripensis*

SWIFTS: Apodidae

Gray-rumped Swift, *Chaetura cinereiventris*
Short-tailed Swift, *Chaetura brachyura*
Fork-tailed Palm Swift, *Tachornis squamata*

HUMMINGBIRDS: Trochilidae

White-necked Jacobin, *Florisuga mellivora*
Rufous-breasted Hermit, *Glaucis hirsutus*
Green Hermit, *Phaethornis guy*
Little Hermit, *Phaethornis longuemareus*
Brown Violetear, *Colibri delphinae*
White-tailed Goldenthrout, *Polytmus guainumbi*
Ruby-topaz Hummingbird, *Chrysolampis mosquitos*
Black-throated Mango, *Anthracothorax nigricollis*
Green-throated Mango, *Anthracothorax viridigula*
Tufted Coquette, *Lophornis ornatus*
Long-billed Starthroat, *Heliomaster longirostris*
White-tailed Sabrewing, *Campylopterus curvipennis*
Copper-rumped Hummingbird, *Saucerottia tobaci*
White-chested Emerald, *Chrysura brevirostris*
Blue-chinned Sapphire, *Chlorestes notata*

RAILS, CRAKES, AND ALLIES: Rallidae

Common Gallinule, *Gallinula galeata*
Mangrove Rail, *Rallus longirostris*

LIMPKIN: Aramidae

Limpkin, *Aramus guarauna*

STILTS AND AVOCETS: Recurvirostridae

Black-necked Stilt, *Himantopus mexicanus*

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS: Charadriidae

Southern Lapwing, *Vanellus chilensis*

JACANAS: Jacanidae

Wattled Jacana, *Jacana jacana*

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES: Scolopacidae

Whimbrel, *Numenius phaeopus*

Short-billed Dowitcher, *Limnodromus griseus*

Greater Yellowlegs, *Tringa melanoleuca*

GULLS AND TERNS: Laridae,

Laughing Gull, *Leucophaeus atricilla*

Lesser Black-backed Gull, *Larus fuscus*

Brown Noddy, *Anous stolidus*

Sooty Tern, *Onychoprion fuscatus*

Bridled Tern, *Onychoprion anaethetus*

Roseate Tern, *Sterna dougallii*

Sandwich Tern, *Thalasseus sandvicensis*

Royal Tern, *Thalasseus maximus*

TROPICBIRDS: Phaethontidae

Red-billed Tropicbird, *Phaethon aethereus*

FRIGATEBIRDS: Fregatidae

Magnificent Frigatebird, *Fregata magnificens*

BOOBIES AND GANNETS: Sulidae

Brown Booby, *Sula leucogaster*

Red-footed Booby, *Sula sula*

ANHINGAS: Anhingidae

Anhinga, *Anhinga anhinga*

CORMORANTS:

Neotropic Cormorant, *Nannopterum brasilianum*

PELICANS: Pelecanidae

Brown Pelican, *Pelecanus occidentalis*

HERONS AND EGRETS: Ardeidae

Pinneated Bittern, *Botaurus pinnatus*

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, *Nyctanassa violacea*

Black-crowned Night-Heron, *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Little Blue Heron, *Egretta caerulea*

Tricolored Heron, *Egretta tricolor*

Snowy Egret, *Egretta thula*

Green Heron, *Butorides virescens*

Striated Heron, *Butorides striata*

Western Cattle Egret, *Bubulcus ibis*

Great Egret, *Ardea alba*

Great Blue Heron, *Ardea herodias*

IBIS AND SPOONBILLS: Threskiornithidae

Scarlet Ibis, *Eudocimus ruber*

NEW WORLD VULTURES: Cathartidae

Black Vulture, *Coragyps atratus*

Turkey Vulture, *Cathartes aura*

OSPREY: Pandionidae

Osprey, *Pandion haliaetus*

HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES: Accipitridae

Pearl Kite, *Gampsonyx swainsonii*

Plumbeous Kite, *Ictinia plumbea*

Long-winged Harrier, *Circus buffoni*

Common Black Hawk, *Buteogallus anthracinus*

Savanna Hawk, *Buteogallus meridionalis*

Gray-lined Hawk, *Buteo nitidus*

Zone-tailed Hawk, *Buteo albonotatus*

TROGONS: Trogonidae

Green-backed Trogon, *Trogon viridis*

Guianan Trogon, *Trogon violaceus*

Collared Trogon, *Trogon collaris*

MOTMOT: Momotidae

Trinidad Motmot (E), *Momotus bahamensis*

KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae

Ringed Kingfisher, *Megaceryle torquata*

American Pygmy Kingfisher, *Chloroceryle aenea*

Green Kingfisher, *Chloroceryle americana*

JACAMARS: Galbulidae

Rufous-tailed Jacamar, *Galbula ruficauda*

TOUCANS: Ramphastidae

Channel-billed Toucan, *Ramphastos vitellinus*

WOODPECKERS: Picidae

Red-crowned Woodpecker, *Melanerpes rubricapillus*

Crimson-crested Woodpecker, *Campephilus melanoleucos*

Linneated Woodpecker, *Dryocopus lineatus*

Chestnut Woodpecker, *Celeus elegans*

Golden-olive Woodpecker *Colaptes rubiginosus*

FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconidae

Crested Caracara, *Caracara plancus*

Yellow-headed Caracara, *Daptrius chimachima*

PARROTS: Psittacidae

Orange-winged Parrot, *Amazona amazonica*

Green-rumped Parrotlet, *Forpus passerines*

ANTBIRDS: Thamnophilidae

Great Antshrike, *Taraba major*

Black-crested Antshrike, *Sakesphorus canadensis*

Barred Antshrike, *Thamnophilus doliatus*

Plain Antwren, *Dysitamnus mentalis*

White-flanked Antwren, *Myrmotherula axillaris*

White-fringed Antwren, *Formicivora grisea*

White-bellied Antbird, *Myrmeciza longipes*

OVENBIRDS AND WOODCREEPERS: Furnariidae

Olivaceous Woodcreeper, *Sittasomus griseicapillus*

Cocoa Woodcreeper, *Xiphorhynchus susurrans*

Straight-billed Woodcreeper, *Dendroplex picus*

Streaked Xenops, *Xenops rutilans*

Yellow-chinned Spinetail, *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus*

MANAKINS: Pipridae

Blue-backed Manakin, *Chiroxiphia pareola*

White-bearded Manakin, *Manacus manacus*

Golden-headed Manakin, *Ceratopipra erythrocephala*

COTINGAS: Cotingidae

Bearded Bellbird, *Procnias averano*

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS: Tyrannidae

Ochre-bellied Flycatcher, *Mionectes oleagineus*

Ochre-ored Flycatcher, *Tolmomyias flaviventris*

Forest Elania, *Myiopagis gaimardii*

Yellow-bellied Elaenia, *Elaenia flavogaster*

Northern Tropical Pewee, *Contopus bogotensis*

Fuscous Flycatcher, *Cnemotriccus fuscatus*

Northern Scrub-Flycatcher, *Sublegatus arenarum*

White-headed Marsh-Tyrant, *Arundinicola leucocephala*

Pied Water-Tyrant, *Fluvicola pica*

Brown-crested Flycatcher, *Myiarchus tyrannulus*

Great Kiskadee, *Pitangus sulphuratus*

Boat-billed Flycatcher, *Megarynchus pitangua*

Streaked Flycatcher, *Myiodynastes maculatus*

Piratic Flycatcher, *Legatus leucophaeus*

Variegated Flycatcher, *Empidonomus varius*

Sulphury Flycatcher, *Tyrannopsis sulphurea*

Tropical Kingbird, *Tyrannus melancholicus*

Gray Kingbird, *Tyrannus dominicensis*

Fork-tailed Flycatcher, *Tyrannus savana*

VIREOS: Vireonidae

Scrub Greenlet, *Hylophilus flavipes*

Golden-fronted Greenlet, *Pachysylvia aurantiifrons*

Chivi Vireo, *Vireo chivi*

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS: Hirundinidae

White-winged Swallow, *Tachycineta albiventer*

Caribbean Martin, *Progne dominicensis*

Gray-breasted Martin, *Progne chalybea*

Southern Rough-winged Swallow, *Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*

Barn swallow, *Hirundo rustica*

WRENS: Troglodytidae

Southern House Wren, *Troglodytes musculus*

Rufous-breasted Wren, *Pheugopedius rutilus*

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS: Mimidae

Tropical Mockingbird, *Mimus gilvus*

THRUSHES: Turdidae

Cocoa Thrush, *Turdus fumigatus*

Yellow-legged Thrush, *Turdus flavipes*

White-necked Thrush, *Turdus albicollis*

Spectacled Thrush, *Turdus nudigenis*

WAXBILLS: Estrildidae

Tricolored Munia, *Euphonia trinitatis*

Violaceous Euphonia, *Euphonia violacea*

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS: Fringillidae

Trinidad Euphonia, *Euphonia trinitatis*

Violaceous Euphonia, *Euphonia violacea*

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS: Icteridae

Red-breasted Meadowlark, *Leistes militaris*

Crested Oropendola, *Psarocolius decumanus*

Yellow-rumped Cacique, *Cacicus cela*

Yellow Oriole, *Icterus nigrogularis*

Shiny Cowbird, *Molothrus bonariensis*

Giant Cowbird, *Molothrus oryzivorus*

Carib Grackle, *Quiscalus lugubris*

Yellow-hooded Blackbird, *Chrysomus icterocephalus*

NEW WORK WARBLERS: Parulidae

Golden-crowned Warbler, *Basileuterus culicivorus*

TANAGERS and Allies: Thraupidae

Masked Cardinal, *Paroaria nigroenis*

White-lined Tanager, *Tachyphonus rufus*

Silver-beaked Tanager, *Ramphocelus carbo*

Blue-gray Tanager, *Thraupis episcopus*

Palm Tanager, *Thraupis palmarum*
Turquoise Tanager, *Tangara mexicana*
Bay-headed Tanager, *Tangara gyrola*
Swallow Tanager, *Tersina viridis*
Blue Dacnis, *Dacnis cayana*
Purple Honeycreeper, *Cyanerpes cyaneus*
Red-legged Honeycreeper, *Cyanerpes cyaneus*
Green Honeycreeper, *Chlorophanes spiza*
Bicolored Conebill, *Conirostrum bicolor*
Saffron Finch, *Sicalis flaveola*
Blue-black Grassquit, *Volatinia jacarina*
Bananaquit, *Coereba flaveola*
Black-faced Grassquit, *Melanoospiza bicolor*
Olive-gray Saltator, *Saltator olivascens*

MAMMALS:

OPOSSUMS: Didelphidae

Common (Southern) Opossum, *Didelphis marsupialis*

SAC-WINGED BATS: Emballonuridae

Proboscis Bat, *Rhynchonycteris naso*

SQUIRRELS: Sciuridae

Red-tailed Squirrel, *Sciurus granatensis*

AGOUTIS : Dasyproctidae

Red-rumped Agouti, *Dasyprocta leporina*

MONGOOSES: Herpestidae

Small Indian Mongoose (I), *Herpestes auropunctatus*

CAPYBARA: Hydrochoeridae

Capybara (I), *Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris*

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS:

TRUE TOADS: Bufonidae

Cane Toad, *Rhinella marina*

LEATHERBACK SEA TURTLES: Dermochelyidea

Leatherback Sea Turtle, *Dermochelys coriacea*

ANOLES: Dactylodidae

Crested Anole, *Anolis cristatellus*

IGUANAS: Iguanidae

Green Iguana, *Iguana iguana*

BUSH ANOLES: Polycrotidae

Audubon's Multi-colored Lizard, *Polychrus auduboni*

GECKOS: Geckonidae

Variegated Gecko, *Gonatodes ceciliae*
Tropical House Gecko (I), *Hemidactylus mabouia*

WHIPTAILS AND TEGUS: Teiidae

Trinidad Ameiva, *Ameiva atrigularis*
Beachrunner, *Cnemidophorus cf lemniscatus*
Cryptic Golden Tegu, *Tupinambis cryptus*

NEOTROPICAL GROUND LIZARDS: Tropiduridae

Caribbean Treerunner, *Plica caribena*

BOAS: Boidae

Ruschenbergerii's Tree Boa, *Corallus ruschenbergerii*

COLUBRID SNAKES: Colubridae

Rutherford's Vine Snake, *Oxybelis rutherfordi*
Trinidad Black-backed Snake, *Erythrolamprus melanotus*

ALLIGATORS AND CAIMANS: Alligatoridae

Spectacled Caiman, *Caiman crocodilus*