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Ecuador (1 day-pre-trip) & Galapagos Species List

January 7 – January 16, 2012

Greg Smith, Guide, with 15 participants

BIRDS, Galapagos

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| Galapagos Penguin | - Isabel and Bartolome, we like them! |
| Waved Albatross | - Eight juvs on the ground & five adults flying on Espanola |
| Galapagos Petrel | - One as we motored towards Something Rock |
| Galapagos Shearwater | - Numerous, especially close to cliffs. Best look, Genovesa |
| Galapagos Storm Petrel
(Wedge-rumped) | - One of many over Genovesa |
| Maderian Storm Petrel
(Band-rumped) | - Hard to pick out, but they were off of San Cristobal |
| Elliot's Storm Petrel
(White-vented) | - Seen at various locations, mostly in the east |
| Red-billed Tropicbird | - On Genovesa we got great looks |
| Magnificent Frigatebird | - Mostly around San Cristobal, but a few in other areas |
| Great Frigatebird | - On Genovesa, it was the most common as expected |
| Blue-footed Booby | - First seen around San Cristobal. Shallow water divers |
| Nazca Booby | - Primarily on Genovesa, but scattered on other islands |
| Red-footed Booby | - Primarily seen on Genovesa in both color morphs |
| Flightless Cormorant | - On Isabel & Fernandina nesting, loafing, feeding & mating |
| Brown Pelican | - On all islands that we visited |
| Greater Flamingo | - Sixteen in a small caldera on Bainbridge Rocas |
| Great Blue Heron | - On the beach at Bartolome and other locales |
| Striated Heron | - Both an adult and a juvenile along the beach at Santiago |
| Lava Heron | - A few seen on Bartolome and Santiago (James) |
| Yellow-crowned Night Heron | - Immatures and a couple of adults on Genovesa |
| Cattle Egret | - All over the highlands of Santa Cruz |
| White-cheeked Pintail | - Good looks at the tortoise finca on Santa Cruz |
| Galapagos Hawk | - Seen on every island where they were resident |
| Semipalmated Plover | - Not common, but seen on three islands |
| Black-bellied Plover | - On Fernandina with a group of Ruddy Turnstones |
| American Oystercatcher | - On Genovesa, Santiago and on Fernandina |

Black-necked Stilt	- One seen on Darwin Lake on Isla Isabella
Wandering Tattler	- On rocky shoreline at Santiago and other islands
Whimbrel	- On the beach at Playa Ochoa
Willet	- One on the beach at San Christobal
Ruddy Turnstone	- On the beach at Genovesa & other islands
Sanderling	- On the beach at Playa Ochoa
Red Phalarope	- A few of us on the bow saw a flock of about fifteen
Swallow-tailed Gull	- All over the place, very common on Genovesa
Lava Gull	- Only 400 pair & we saw at least three of them, Genovesa
Franklin Gull	- Seen on two islands and in multiple numbers
Brown Noddy	- First seen in a feeding frenzies off of San Cristobal
Galapagos Dove	- The dove species in the Galapagos
Smooth-billed Ani	- Common on Santa Cruz in the highlands
Short-eared Owl	- Four on Genovesa, all looking for a petrel dinner
Dark-billed Cuckoo	- Seen well on Norte Seymour and less so on Santa Cruz
Vermilion Flycatcher	- Just below the twin craters on Santa Cruz Island.
Galapagos Flycatcher	- Seen on just about all eight islands we visited
Galapagos Mockingbird	- On a number of islands where it was common
Espanola Mockingbird	- On Espanola where they were constantly trying for H2o
San Christobal Mockingbird	- Only one pair on our very first stop @ Playa Ochoa
Mangrove Yellow Warbler	- First seen at Playa Ochoa and then everywhere else
Green Warbler Finch	- On Genovesa and other islands in the early morning
Vegetarian Finch	- On the walk through the Darwin Research Center
Woodpecker Finch	- On our morning Twin Craters walk
Large Tree Finch	- Seen in the Darwin Research Center
Medium Tree Finch	- Seen a couple of times on the Darwin RC walk
Small Tree Finch	- Seen wen we walked the loop on Norte Seymour
Small Ground-Finch	- On San Chritobal walking between the beaches
Medium Ground-Finch	- On San Christobal as soon as we landed
Large Ground-Finch	- On Genovesa, cracks the goat's head seeds
Sharp-beaked Ground Finch	- On Genovesa in the morning walk
Common Cactus-Finch	- On Daphne Major as we circumnavigated
Common Cactus Finch	- Genovesa on the early morning walk at Prince Phillips
Large Cactus Finch	- A gorgeous male along Gardener on Espanola

Total 106

Galapagos Islands 60

Other Wildlife, Galapagos

Galapagos Sea Lion	- On every island we visited
Galapagos Fur Sea Lion	- First seen on Genovese, not as common as above
Galapagos Rice Rat	- Seen at the entrance to the lava tube on Santa Cruz
Marine Iguana	- On every island with Espanola being Xmas-tree color

- Land Iguana - On Norte Seymour where they were all sizes
- Lava Lizard - On every island we visited
- Galapagos Snake - Seen on Santiago
- Green Sea Turtle - Saw the Black form in many areas nesting on Bartolome
- Galapagos Tortoise - These giants were everywhere in the Santa Cruz highlands
- Black-tipped Reef Shark - We saw at least two swimming on the surface
- White-tipped Reef Shark - Snorkelers saw a few of these swimming below them
- Spotted Eagle Ray - Seen in the bay at Genovese
- Golden Cow-nosed Ray - Two were seen at our anchorage at Espanola
- Manta Ray - Seen a few times jumping out of the water

Ecuador (1 day-pre-trip) to Alambi and Bella Vista

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- Turkey Vulture - Seen flying over Alambi
- Black Vulture - Seen flying over Alambi
- Variable Hawk - A nice juvenile was perched on an agave stalk
- Black-chested-Buzzard Eagle- Seen soaring over the bano break on the way to Alambi
- Eared Dove - All over Quito
- White-tipped Dove - Again, all over Quito
- Tawny Bellied Hermit - Feeding at some of the Alambi Reserve feeders
- Purple-bibbed Whitetip - Feeding at some of the Bella Vista Reserve feeders
- Speckled Hummingbird - Feeding at some of the Bella Vista Reserve feeders
- Purple-throated Woodstar- Feeding at some of the Alambi Reserve feeders
- White-necked Jacobin - Feeding at some of the Alambi Reserve feeders
- Brown Violetear - Feeding at some of the Alambi Reserve feeders
- Green Violetear - Feeding at some of the Alambi Reserve feeders
- Sparkling Violetear - Feeding at some of the Alambi Reserve feeders
- Fawn-breasted Brilliant - Feeding at some of the Alambi Reserve feeders
- Green-crowned Brilliant - Feeding at some of the Alambi Reserve feeders
- Empress Brilliant - Feeding at some of the Alambi Reserve feeders
- Rufous-tailed Hummingbird- Feeding at some of the Alambi Reserve feeders
- Andean Emerald - Feeding at some of the Alambi Reserve feeders
- Western Emerald - Feeding at some of the Alambi Reserve feeders
- Collared Inca - Feeding at some of the Bella Vista Reserve feeders
- Violet-tailed Sylph - Feeding at some of the Bella Vista Reserve feeders
- Booted Raquettail - Feeding at some of the Alambi Reserve feeders
- Buff-tailed Coronet - Feeding at some of the Bella Vista Reserve feeders
- Gorgeted Sunangel - Feeding at some of the Bella Vista Reserve feeders
- Green-crown Wood Nymph- Feeding at some of the Alambi Reserve feeders
- Red-headed Barbet - Feeding in some trees at Alambi Reserve
- Toucan Barbet - Feeding in the trees at Bella Vista
- Azare's Spintail - Heard during our outing to the cloud forest
- Chestnut-crown Antpitta - Heard during our outing to the cloud forest

Tropical Kingbird - Two on a wire around Alambi
Purple Martin - Numerous individuals carousing around our plane in Manta
Brown-bellied Swallow - A couple of flocks at Pululahua Valley
Blue and White Swallow - Mixed in with the Brown-bellied Swallow flocks
House Wren - Seen and heard at Alambi Reserve
Gray-breasted Wood Wren- Heard at Alambi Reserve
Great Thrush - Seen flying and perched at Pululahua Valley
Masked Flower Piercer - Feeding at some of the Bella Vista Reserve feeders
Thick-billed Euphonia - Feeding on bananas at Alambi Reserve
Golden Tanager - Feeding on bananas at Alambi Reserve
Blue-Gray Tanager - Feeding on bananas at Alambi Reserve
Lemon-rumped Tanager - Feeding on bananas at Alambi Reserve
Buff-throated Saltator - Feeding on bananas at Alambi Reserve
Southern Yellow Grosbeak- Feeding on the hillside at the Equator Monument
Rufous-naped Brush Finch- Feeding on the ground at Pululahua Valley
Rufous-collared Sparrow - All over Quito and the outlying areas

Our Galapagos 2013 journey is scheduled for February 18-28, 2013

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