

Naturalist Journeys, LLC Panama Species List 2012

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Bird, Mammal, and Herp Species List

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Quick summary – What a place, this PANAMA! Every year we add to our cumulative list, but more importantly, every year we get cracking looks at some of the best the New World tropics has to offer – while being incredibly comfortable and well-looked after. The variety of habitat, quality of sightings was high. We delighted in seeing 7 parrot-family members, 20 hummingbird species, 5 trogons, 4 puffbirds, 4 toucan-family members, 30 flycatchers, and so many colorful passerines – wow! The Spectacled Owl was a nice bonus, as was the raptor show at the rice fields. We'll be back!

Checklist order is that of the current Canopy Lodge / Canopy Tower checklist.

Birds

Great Tinamou – heard from Canopy Tower, evening and dawn daily.

Little Tinamou – heard from Canopy Tower, one morning

Black-bellied Whistling Duck – Fairly common, seen at the Ammo Ponds, and in good number on our Jungle Boat Trip, where we had close views of pairs, and groups of thirty or more. Also seen on the small lake we hiked to after the Discovery Tower.

Blue-winged Teal – Several pair were seen on the Jungle Boat trip, often with the whistling-ducks.

Gray-headed Chachalaca – somehow we did not see these from the Tower, but Sharon found four immediately as we crossed the bridge to the Lodge. They flew through the feeding area a couple of times, but we finally saw them very well as we departed the grounds of the small zoo and frog conservation facility in El Valle. The last morning of our trip we had great looks in the open branches of Cecropia trees just across the bridge at the Lodge.

Crested Bobwhite – heard only, late afternoon, as we walked through an area of agriculture – grazing pastures and rice fields at Juan Hombron.

Wood Stork – Several seen circling above rice fields.

Magnificent Frigatebird – Seen regularly in small numbers soaring over the Canal, occasionally above the forests that surround Pipeline Road and the Canopy Tower observation deck and very close overhead as we enjoyed a picnic lunch at Santa Clara.

Neotropic Cormorant – Peg, Ed and Beth added this species as they drove to the airport, wings spread as they rested along side pelicans on rocks and mudflats of the city.

Anhinga – Close-up views flying and perched from the Jungle Boat trip, males and females.

Brown Pelican – Panama City, Miraflores Locks, Panama Canal on the Jungle Boat trip and many at the beach at Santa Clara, lounging on boats and crowding one end of the small island off shore, also a long line of perhaps 1000 or more off the island

Rufescent Tiger-Heron – Beautiful adults seen at the Ammo Ponds, mating! We watched the male repeated venture out for sticks and return for his rewards, Another was seen feeding in lush vegetation around the ponds that day, and the following morning en route to the Discovery Tower. We also sightings while on the Jungle Boat trip.

Great Blue Heron – Seen in flight on our Ammo Ponds and Summit Ponds day.

Great Egret – Fairly common, seen numerous places along the Canal and MANY at the rice fields along the Pacific Coast, bold as they waited for the combines and tractors to pass by, feeding voraciously on frogs.

Snowy Egret – Seen in the deeper canals lining the route into the Rice Fields and a few other wetland locations.

Little Blue Heron – Seen in all wetland areas, in good numbers at the rice fields and on the Jungle Boat trip.

Tri-colored Heron – One individual, flying over Ammo Ponds.

Cattle Egret – Seen in small numbers as we drove to our birding locations, on the first half of our tour at the Tower, and each day while at the Lodge, abundant in the rice fields where an active harvest was happening. Many seen were in breeding plumage, marvelous photo opportunities.

Green Heron – Seen regularly, bright plumage, often at close range in the smaller ponds, many at the rice fields though not as abundant as the other heron species.

Striated Heron – One individual seen at the Ammo Ponds.

Capped Heron – Great to see this species fly across one of the Summit Ponds, then land for us to inspect in our scopes, wow.

Black-crowned Night-Heron – Summit Ponds.

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron – An immature, rice fields.

Boat-billed Heron – Fabulous views of several nesting at Summit Ponds, where large begging chicks caused a stir, and several adults came out in the open at dusk for great scope viewing.

White Ibis – Abundant in the rice fields.

Black Vulture – Abundant, seen daily

Turkey Vulture – Abundant, seen daily.

Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture – Great looks for all, of birds in flight along the rural areas of the Pacific Coast side and the region's rice fields.

Osprey – Seen on several days as we drove to and fro around the Canal, and great close views while on the Jungle Boat trip.

Gray-headed Kite – A leader-only sighting, a quick look as it flew at the bottom of Semaphore Hill at the Tower.

Swallow-tailed Kite – We had sightings of at least a few individuals on most days, and watching 200 or more pass overhead in a kettle was very exciting at Fort San Lorenzo.

Snail Kite – First seen as we made merry on the Panama Canal Railroad, where we passed over a large expanse of Gatun Lake with water on both sides of the train. But we then had fabulous views, of all aspects of their harvesting snails, during our Jungle Boat trip, on which we had great looks at this beautiful hawk – adult and immature – in marshes on the far side of Gatun Lake.

Common Black Hawk – First seen perched on the road out of Fort San Lorenzo, then an acrobatic individual that flew fancy circles above combines at the rice fields, at one time landing right above our heads, ignoring us as it was so engrossed in taking advantage of this marvelous feeding opportunity.

Savanna Hawk – This raptor amazed us all, seeing several individuals at the rice fields, hunt successfully for frogs. Bud said they may have been his favorite photo subject of the trip, with so much color, and prey dangling so obviously from their bills, seen at close range. Bold, stunning raptors!

Roadside Hawk – Seen in rural and residential areas on several days near El Valle.

Broad-winged Hawk – We watched scattered but regular individuals above the forest, and one kettle of 30 or so birds, a bit past peak for their transit.

Gray Hawk – Santa Clara area and near town by the Lodge.

Short-tailed Hawk – Seen in the scope at very long range, a dark chocolate morph, and then a light morph circling above us on the Sunday morning walk at Cara Iguana.

Swainson's Hawk – A few individuals seen on our days in and around Canopy Tower.

Red-tailed Hawk – an unusual sighting, circling overhead with other raptors at the rice fields, an immature.

Black Hawk Eagle – *heard only, calling from dense forest as we walked down Semaphore Hill that second day morning.*

Slaty-backed Forest Falcon – *heard only, from Canopy Tower.*

Collared Forest Falcon – *heard only, from Canopy Tower and Discovery Tower.*

Barred Forest Falcon – *heard only, a pair at very close range while on the thick forest trail at La Mesa, our last afternoon trip from the Canopy Lodge.*

Crested Caracara – Seen in lowlands of the Pacific Coast area, several at the rice fields feeding frenzy and a few near the beach.

Yellow-headed Caracara – seen on several days, first at Fort San Lorenzo where they were quite vocal and tame.

Laughing Falcon – Carlos drew to a stop on the busy road leading along the canal as we left the Tower one day, voila, a great bird perched, and then in flight for us to see!

American Kestrel – Much a home near the office and vehicle area near the rice fields, our day to the Pacific Coast.

Peregrine Falcon – Seen on our first early morning from the Tower, and then again at the rice fields, with some dramatic flights but no captures.

Sunbittern – *heard on two mornings below the road we walked, along the same creek that runs by the Canopy Lodge.*

White-throated Crake – Lynn scored big points finding this elusive species feeding quite near a Capybara, in a small pond named “Ammo Pond” by Pipeline Road. We all got scope looks, wonderful!

Gray-breasted Crake – *heard only, also at Ammo Ponds.*

Gray-necked Wood Rail – Summit Ponds, scope views for quite some time as it fed at the far end of the pond. Heard again on the Jungle Boat trip and at the rice fields.

Purple Gallinule – Seen in marsh vegetation at the start of our Jungle Boat trip, near Gamboa Rainforest Lodge’s riverside restaurant, and again, walking on the road at the rice fields later in the week.

Common Moorhen – Seen in wetlands, on Gatun Lake, and at the rice fields.

American Coot – Just a single bird, on the Jungle Boat ride.

Limpkin – Several seen well on our boat trip on Gatun Lake, and we spied a couple from the train ride.

Southern Lapwing – Seen in grassy areas approaching the station of the Panama Canal Railroad yards, then good numbers in fields around the chicken farms at Las Minas and La Mesa.

Black-bellied Plover – Peg and Beth got lighting quick looks among Willets and Whimbrels, as we raced by mud flats near Panama City en route to the airport.

Wattled Jacana – Close and far views while birding at the Ammo Dump Ponds and other wetland areas near Gamboa, and good numbers at the rice fields. Only a few immatures seen, greatly outnumbered by adults.

Spotted Sandpiper – Seen in small ponds, and at the beach at Santa Clara.

Willet – Several individuals on the beach near Santa Clara, and on the mudflats by Panama City en route to the airport.

Whimbrel – One individual greeted us as we got to the beach at Santa Clara, and several on the mud flats of Panama City.

Ruddy Turnstone – Gingly spied one in winter plumage at the far end of the beach at Santa Clara near the beach and rock interface.

Laughing Gull – Seen at the beach at Santa Clara, and again near Panama City.

Royal Tern – One, near the locks en route to Fort San Lorenzo.

Rock Pigeon – Seen in urban, rural, and agricultural areas, on several days.

Pale-vented Pigeon – Seen on several days while at the Tower, and on wires as we climbed the grade up to El Valle, from the car.

Scaled Pigeon – Great scope and near views from the both Canopy Lodge and Canopy Tower vicinities, a stunning patterned dove.

Mourning Dove – seen in arid lands of the Pacific Coast day.

Ruddy Ground Dove – Seen on several days of the journey, best seen while in agricultural areas below El Valle.

Blue Ground Dove – seen on day four, at the Fort San Lorenzo.

White-tipped Dove – Very common, seen on most days, and seen at close range in and around the feeders at the Canopy Lodge.

Brown-throated Parakeet – We found them with ease on our day at xxxx xxxx first views were rapid, of birds in flight, but we finally got them to sit for close views in the afternoon.

Orange-chinned Parakeet – best views of this little member of the large parrot clan were at the Canopy Bed and Breakfast in the gardens, seen in flight several other locations.

Brown-hooded Parrot – We had a quick flyby at canopy-level, calling, from the Discovery Tower of Pipeline Road, Soberania National Park. Seen again on our walk the first afternoon at the Lodge, near the Canopy Adventure station near the road.

Blue-headed Parrot – Canopy Tower and the Discovery Tower, at eye-level though much less numerous than the other parrots.

Red-lored Parrot (Amazon) – Canopy Tower and vicinity, great scope views and many in flight, their raucous calls heard often – the most common parrot we saw.

Mealy Parrot (Amazon) – Seen from the Canopy Tower and Discovery Tower.

Yellow-crowned Parrot (Amazon) – perched and seen well from the road when we first got out to explore the drier areas near the Pacific coast.

Squirrel Cuckoo – A beautiful bird, seen on many of our days, from the first morning walk onward. We often heard it first, then with some focus could find it and watch it fly and feed.

Striped Cuckoo – *heard only (repeatedly!, Juan Hombron).*

Pheasant Cuckoo – We made an effort to see this often secretive bird, finding it by its call as we drove up Pipeline Road, jumping out to get scope views for all, and photographs, wow!

Greater Ani – First seen at the Ammo Ponds, and then very well on our Jungle Boat trip.

Smooth-billed Ani – Seen very well near Fort San Lorenzo and on several days in the wetlands around the Canal.

Groove-billed Ani – Seen on our day in the drier forests near Santa Clara and the rice fields.

Tropical Screech Owl – *Heard by Carla at the Canopy Lodge.*

Spectacled Owl – Great scope views near dusk, near Summit Ponds.

Ferruginous Pygmy Owl – *Heard only this year, in a residential area near Santa Clara. Being a Saturday afternoon, it had a lot of competition by music blaring, dogs barking and other local fun!*

Common Parakeet – Summit Gardens

Great Potoo – Carlos gave us a gift of seeing this marvelous bird on a roost tree, stopping on a busy road to give us great scope views.

Common Potoo – Carlos stopped at the start of the Plantation Trail near Canopy Tower to give us great looks, just before going on to show off Great Potoo, a one-two slam dunk success!

Short-tailed Swift – Seen above Pipeline Road.

Band-rumped Swift – Seen on our first morning well, from the Canopy Tower, then again from Discovery Tower, where being at eye-level could help with identification. **Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift** – Seen from the train above Gatun Lake near dusk.

Rufous-breasted Hermit – Seen feeding in Heliconia blossoms on an outing from Canopy Lodge.

Green Hermit – *Heard only, forest trails near Canopy Lodge.*

Long-billed Hermit – Seen at the feeders of Discovery Tower.

Stripe-throated Hermit – Seen well on our walk from Semaphore Hill, near Canopy Lodge and again at La Mesa, where agile Danielo got it in the scope.

White-tipped Sicklebill – rather extraordinary looks at this beauty on our final afternoon jaunt up La Mesa, in dark understory vegetation.

White-necked Jacobin – Seen every day while at the Tower, and on several of the field trips from there.

Black-throated Mango – A female was seen at Ammo Ponds, and later a beautiful male seen in blue flowering shrub on our final afternoon field trip at La Mesa.

(E) Veraguan Mango – Seen feeding in trees along the road as we ended our morning at Juan Hombron, a confusing individual with rust color in the throat and on one side, a young male coming into plumage. We were glad when it vocalized to confirm it.

Violet-headed Hummingbird – Seen at feeders at the Canopy Lodge and in flowering shrubs of the garden – a beauty.

Rufous-crested Coquette – One quick look our first day at Canopy Lodge in purple flowers near the feeders.

Garden Emerald – coming in to the feeders at Canopy Lodge and observed several days from there in the field.

Violet-crowned Woodnymph – seen on two days of the journey, what a stunning species.

Violet-bellied Hummingbird – Canopy Tower and Discovery Center of Pipeline road at feeders

Sapphire-throated Hummingbird – Seen on one day, near Canopy Lodge at at lower elevations near Juan Hombron.

Blue-chested Hummingbird – Seen in the field and at feeders, male and females.

Snowy-bellied Hummingbird – Regular at the feeders and gardens of Canopy Lodge, and attracted in good number to the blue flowering shrubs of the chicken farm areas at La Mesa.

Rufous-tailed Hummingbird – One of our more common hummingbirds, seen on most days of the journey. One at the bed and breakfast really posed for our photos.

White-vented Plumleteer – Seen on several days, mainly at the feeder at Canopy Tower, but also from Pipeline Road.

Purple-crowned Fairy – Just one quick look, while we were focused on finding a puffbird, high in the canopy from Pipeline Road.

Long-billed Starthroat – Seen well at the end of our afternoon trip taken by part of the group after time at the beach house, in a thin row of trees lining a ranch road.

Slaty-tailed Trogon – Good views at several locations, including a drive up from Canopy Lodge where we had a young one pose quite close to the road, just ahead of seeing toucans and aracarís.

Black-tailed Trogon – Good views on one day of our journey.

Gartered (Violaceous) Trogon – Scope views on one day from the Tower.

White-tailed Trogon – heard only, on day three- precluded our typical “trogon-slam” or this year...

Black-throated Trogon – Great views by all on our first morning walk down Semaphore Hill.

Orange-bellied Trogon – We first found this bird to be quite elusive from the road at Las Minas, where it was visible to only a few, despite Tino running back to bring some up the road by truck. But on La Mesa, we had cracking views of both the male, and female which both posed for our photos.

Whooping (Blue-crowned) Motmot – Good views of a pair as we walked down Semaphore Hill, heard or seen on several other days.

Rufous Motmot – Seen on several days and at several locations, but the best views were on the feeders in the early morning from Canopy Lodge. Coffee in hand – pretty fine!

Broad-billed Motmot – Wonderful views and photo opportunity on our walk from Semaphore Hill, heard on several other days.

Ringed Kingfisher – First seen on a bridge as we returned from Fort San Lorenzo to catch the train. Then seen at several locations during our Jungle Boat tour and then near the pond at Canopy Lodge.

Belted Kingfisher – heard only, though several of us lifed our heads and bins a the same time when we heard this familiar rattle in a canal off the rice fields.

Amazon Kingfisher – Seen on our day at Gatun Lake, and in a couple of the smaller ponds, notably Ammo Ponds.

Green Kingfisher – Summit Ponds.

Pygmy Kingfisher – Wonderful looks at very close range of this stunning little bird at Ammo Ponds.

White-necked Puffbird – Peg and Lynn spied this species on a second walk down Semaphore Hill.

Black-breasted Puffbird – Heard calling and seen subsequently in high canopy above the Pipeline Road, as we left the Discovery Tower.

Pied Puffbird – Park spotted this elusive little cutie perched up for all to see from the Discovery Tower.

White-whiskered Puffbird – Beth spotted this quiet, seductive species as we descended Semaphore Hill and we enjoyed scope views for some time!

Blue-throated (Emerald) Toucanet – We missed this on Las Minas, but the intrepid four that went out our final afternoon got looks at one individual with some work, not good light but great views as it flew from perch to perch in the high canopy.

Collared Aracari – This species was quite common this year, seen on most days from the Lodge, the road up to Las Minas, the Cara Iguana day, and right at the lodge, for some quite close views near the feeders.

Keel-billed Toucan – What a great bird to say “very common” and “seen daily.”

Chestnut-mandibled Toucan – Seen from the Discovery Tower.

Black-cheeked Woodpecker – seen on our first two days – one great view down on all its fine colors from the Discovery Tower, great for photo opportunity.

Red-crowned Woodpecker – A versatile bird, seen in both mountains and lowlands, quite common.

Cinnamon Woodpecker – Great views from the Discovery Tower, with opportunity to photograph from above. Seen also as we drove out Pipeline Road, and on the walk into the small lake of that vicinity.

Lineated Woodpecker – Seen on several days, including one calling and flying over to perch on that final day field trip to Las Minas.

Crimson-crested Woodpecker – Carla spied this one and we made a quick stop on Pipeline for all to hop out and see a pair well.

Plain Xenops – One seen in a small mixed flock as we walked down Semaphore Hill, then on two additional days.

Northern Barred Woodcreeper – great views on our second day out, scope views and photos walking down Semaphore Hill.

Cocoa Woodcreeper – Seen finally in the scopes at Cara Iguana, and heard commonly, throughout the journey.

Spotted Woodcreeper – seen on the drive up to Las Minas Road, where we stopped near a small pond and oropendola colony.

Fasciated Antshrike – Seen on two days of our journey, middle and lower elevations.

Barred Antshrike – Great views at Ammo Ponds of male and female, then again excellent looks for all as we walked the Bouganvilla-clad residential area of El Valle

Western Slaty Antshrike – Semaphore Hill, and Pipeline Rd.

Plain Antvireo – We found this in the thick forest our final outing to La Mesa.

Spot-crowned Antvireo – *heard only, day three.*

Checker-throated Antwren – Semaphore Hill, and on the trail into the small pond by the Discovery Tower, both in mixed flocks.

White-flanked Antwren – seen on day two with other antwrens.

Dot-winged Antwren – Seen in mixed flocks on both Semaphore Hill and Pipeline Road, the most common of the active small shrub-associated antbirds.

Dusky Antbird – Seen on our first walk down Semaphore Hill, heard on Pipeline Rd.

Chestnut-backed Antbird – Seen on the last day outing to La Mesa, and heard from Canopy Lodge vicinity and Pipeline Road.

Spotted Antbird – With Danielo’s patient encouragement, this bird came in for us to get good views and photographs on our final outing at La Mesa.

Black-faced Antthrush – Seen strutting alongside a La Mesa area side road, in thick vegetation, our little “chicken”. Heard at several other locations, including the Lodge.

Brown-capped Tyrannulet – Seen on our first morning from the Canopy Tower; and heard elsewhere.

Southern Beardless Tyrannulet – Seen at several locations.

Mouse-colored Tyrannulet – Pacific drier lowlands.

Forest Elaenia – seen on several days.

Yellow-bellied Elaenia – Fairly common, seen or heard most days of our journey.

Lesser Elaenia – First seen well in drier woodlands near Santa Clara, Then seen at higher elevation near La Mesa.

Paltry Tyrannulet – Good views our first morning walk down Semaphore Hill, heard other days.

Scale-crested Pygmy Tyrant – Las Minas Road, we worked for good views but got them.

Southern Bentbill – Seen on Pipeline Road, heard on other days.

Common Tody Flycatcher – One of the group’s favorites, seen on many days and one building a nest our walk through residential areas at Cara Iguana is memorable.

Olivaceous Flatbill – Semaphore Hill, scope views.

Yellow-olive Flycatcher – seen on day four near the lodge.

Yellow-margined Flycatcher – Canopy Lodge

Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher – Seen on two days, we dubbed it “diminutive cuteness!”

Bran-colored Flycatcher – Perched on fence wires en route to the chicken farms and higher country of La Mesa.

Eastern Wood Pewee – town area near Juan Hombron.

Acadian Flycatcher – scope views on Semaphore Hill.

Bright-rumped Attila – Wonderful views down on this bird, from the Discovery Tower, heard on several other days.

Dusky-capped Flycatcher – Heard several days, seen well at La Mesa, catching large insects.

Panama Flycatcher – Seen and heard on several days, from the Tower area and also from the Pacific lowlands.

Lesser Kiskadee – Seen on the Jungle Boat trip on Gatun Lake, and later at Summit Ponds.

Great Kiskadee – Very common throughout.

Boat-billed Flycatcher – First seen at the Ammo Ponds, then at Summit Ponds, and at Cara Iguana, beautiful sighting as a pair called above us in flowering trees.

Rusty-margined Flycatcher – Summit Ponds, and a very tame one on the fence going up to Las Minas Road, near the oropendola colony.

Social Flycatcher – Seen daily.

Streaked Flycatcher – Seen on many days, at Ammo Ponds onward.

Piratic Flycatcher – Seen in residential area of Cara Iguana and near the oropendola colony going to Las Minas.

Tropical Kingbird – Seen daily, often vocal.

Eastern Kingbird – Seen on several days, often several individuals.

Fork-tailed Flycatcher – Sharon spotted the first one near the bridge over the Chagras River, and then we had several on our day in the Pacific lowlands.

Thrush-like Schiffornis – *Las Minas road, heard only at the end of the day, when it was getting dark and we were just out of time...*

White-winged Becard – Good views for all where we stopped by the pond and oropendola colony going higher in elevation from the Lodge.

Masked Tityra – Seen in the Canopy Tower area, then at a stop on the road above Canopy Lodge, a bird on Beth's "wish list."

Purple-throated Fruitcrow – Seen from the Discovery Center, then a few on Pipeline Road, including scope views of one on a nest.

Blue Cotinga – Seen well from the Discovery Tower, scope views, first a female, then a very bright male, though distant it was electric.

Golden-collared Manakin – Heard only, bottom of Semaphore Hill.

Lance-tailed Manakin – Good views in the Juan Hombron area at the start of our birding, a green-backed immature male.

Blue-crowned Manakin – Fort San Lorenzo

Red-capped Manakin – Quick views from Canopy Tower and from Semaphore Hill, **Philadelphia Vireo** – Seen at close range from the Canopy Tower.

Red-eyed Vireo – Seen on Pipeline Road near the visitor center.

Yellow-green Vireo – Seen at several locations in the El Valle area.

Scrub Greenlet – Pacific lowlands day.

Lesser Greenlet – Seen on the agricultural roads, lower elevation near Santa Clara.

Green Shrike Vireo – Success this year, seen several mornings from the observation deck at the Canopy Tower, and several heard from Discovery Tower and on Pipeline

Rufous-browed Peppershrike – Great views in agricultural areas of the Pacific lowlands, including a close one seen by Carla at the beach house.

Black-chested Jay – Canopy Lodge, quite common in tall trees around the feeders for good views, also seen more elusively from the Canopy and Discovery Towers.

Gray-breasted Martin – Very common throughout – look up and they were there.

Mangrove Swallow – Common in lowlands along the Canal, best seen from the Jungle Boat tour.

Blue-and-white Swallow – Las Minas Road and above the rice fields.

Northern Rough-winged Swallow – A couple individuals scoped at Ammo Pond.

Southern Rough-winged Swallow – Seen throughout the journey, numerous.

Barn Swallow – Very common, most locations where swallows were present.

White-headed Wren – *heard only on day three.*

Black-bellied Wren – *Heard only, several times along Semaphore Hill Road.*

Bay Wren – Seen twice with a LOT of work at first on outings near Canopy Lodge, then one popped up right in front of us one morning as we waited to spy the hopeful Sunbittern...

Rufous-breasted Wren – bold and inquisitive, seen on two days.

Plain Wren – *heard only, day three.*

Rufous-and-White Wren – Seen and photographed by Carla at the Lodge, for the rest of us it remained heard only, in the El Valle Zoo area, and walking up Cara Iguana.

Buff-breasted Wren – Seen and photographed in a lovely moss-and-epiphyte-covered tree on the road above Canopy Lodge, across from the pond and oropendola colony.

House Wren – Very common, seen on all days from Canopy Lodge and in Gamboa.

White-breasted Wood-Wren – *heard only, Semaphore Hill.*

Gray-breasted Wood-Wren – *heard only, when walking the Las Minas Road*

Song Wren – Great views of this elusive species, on both days we were at Pipeline Road.

Long-billed Gnatwren – Semaphore Hill and several other days.

Tropical Gnatcatcher – Seen on day four.

Swainson's Thrush – great views of this migratory species.

Clay-colored Robin – very common, seen most days and at the feeders of the Lodge.

Tropical Mockingbird – Seen in an open field as we exited Fort San Lorenzo.

Tennessee Warbler – Seen daily at the feeders at Canopy Lodge, and good numbers in small flocks in forests along roads by the lodge, also at Summit Gardens and the Tower.

Yellow Warbler – El Valle area, and Pacific lowlands.

Chestnut-sided Warbler – Bright males seen from Canopy Tower.

Bay-breasted Warbler – Just one seen, a bright male on the Las Minas Road, one Ed had really hoped to see.

Black-and-white Warbler – One seen near the bat sightings, rice fields day.

American Redstart – *heard only, but a familiar song, from the Tower.*

Prothonotary Warbler – This year a pair was seen regularly, feeding on bananas at the feeders at Canopy Lodge, wow!

Northern Waterthrush – Single birds seen on several days, Ammo Ponds and then in the creek by Canopy Lodge..

Canada Warbler – Seen in a mixed flock on the road between the Canopy Lodge and Canopy Adventure.

Rufous-capped Warbler – Lynn spied one from her porch at Canopy Lodge and the rest of us caught up with good views at the oropendola colony.

Bananaquit – Seen several days while at Canopy Lodge and vicinity, seen at feeders and in mixed flocks.

Common Bush Tanager – Seen in a flock on the Las Minas road.

Rosy Thrush-Tanager – We had super views once getting BACK out of the van we'd just loaded into for an afternoon outing, right at the parking lot of Canopy Lodge, great views.

Dusky-faced Tanager – Seen first in flocks along Las Minas Road, then at feeders at the Canopy Lodge occasionally, including our last morning, a nice "good-bye" bird.

Gray-headed Tanager – Pipeline, near the Pheasant Cuckoo, which upstaged it!

White-shouldered Tanager – Seen from the Canopy Tower, and while walking Pipeline Road, the male and female feeding in vine tangles.

Tawny-crested Tanager – Good looks on two day, higher elevations above Canopy Lodge, always in noisy flocks.

White-lined Tanager – Seen on excursions from Canopy Lodge and occasionally at the feeders there.

Crimson-backed Tanager – A favorite, seen regularly at both locations, but especially on the road at Cara Iguana.

Flame (Lemon)-rumped Tanager – Seen in Gamboa and on all days at Canopy Lodge.

Blue-gray Tanager – Common, seen daily

Palm Tanager – Common throughout and quite tame atop the Canopy Tower.

Golden-hooded Tanager – Just one sighting, near the oropendola colony.

Plain-colored Tanager – Common in many locations and one seen in a nest at the bridge at Canopy Lodge.

Bay-headed Tanager – Seen on several days, small numbers, in mixed flocks near Canopy Lodge on our outings, one view at feeders.

Silver-throated Tanager – Las Minas Road and Las Mesa Road, in mixed flocks.

Blue Dacnis – Discovery Tower, and Canopy Tower – a bright pair close enough for photographs, gleaming in morning light once again!

Green Honeycreeper – Far less common this year, seen near the oropendola colony above Canopy Lodge.

Shining Honeycreeper – Pipeline

Red-legged Honeycreeper – First seen at the Discovery Tower, then seen daily at the Canopy Lodge feeders, and on field trips to El Valle and the Pacific lowlands.

Streaked Saltator – Seen in the residential area we visited near the beach, and also on our walk in El Valle, Cara Iguana.

Buff-throated Saltator – Canopy Lodge feeders and on a few outings.

Black-headed Saltator – Seen on day six.

Slate-colored Grosbeak – Seen on two days, and heard on Pipeline Road and Semaphore Hill.

Blue-black Grassquit – Seen in open areas near Gamboa and near the rice fields near Santa Clara.

Variable Seedeater – Seen at Ammo Dump, Summit Ponds, the Zoo at El Valle and other locations – in all its variable forms!

Yellow-faced Grassquit – Las Minas area, road margins on excursions from Canopy Lodge, often heard.

Wedge-tailed Grass-finch – We all heard this species on a very windy day on Las Minas, Peg walked on to get a view and some photographs in a sheltered little swale.

Orange-billed Sparrow – Seen very well just off the porch of the dining area at Canopy Lodge.

Black-striped Sparrow – El Valle, Cara Iguana walk.

Chestnut-capped Brush Finch – a pair in dense vegetation near the Las Minas Road.

Summer Tanager – Seen often in good number.

Scarlet Tanager – Moving through in good number, often seen six or eight at a time at both the Tower and Lodge and surrounding areas.

Red-crowned Ant Tanager – A real treat was one seen at the feeders at the Lodge, seen from above its red crown showed iridescent. Also seen walking Pipeline Road.

Red-throated Ant Tanager – seen two days on field trips from the Tower.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak – Summit Gardens and the Santa Clara area – bright males.

Blue-black Grosbeak – Excellent looks as we walked down Semaphore Hill, often singing in the forest around Canopy Lodge.

Indigo Bunting – Summit Gardens.

Red-breasted Blackbird – Seen very well in grassy area as we drove from Fort San Lorenzo to the train.

Eastern Meadowlark – Agricultural areas of the Pacific lowlands, so nice to hear this call!

Great-tailed Grackle – Seen daily at almost all locations

Shiny Cowbird – Seen on field trips two days from the Tower.

Giant Cowbird – Seen on both days at higher elevations near the chicken farms.

Yellow-backed Oriole – Seen on one day field trip from the Tower, heard as well.

Yellow-tailed Oriole – A quick look in trees near Ammo Ponds was our only sighting.

Baltimore Oriole – Seen at the feeders on two days at Canopy Lodge, and one on our walk in El Valle on market day.

Yellow-billed Cacique – Good views for all near the oropendola colony going to Las Minas Road.

Scarlet-rumped Cacique – Seen on five days, including a nest right by Canopy Lodge, one low enough to worry the van would hit it coming and going. Seen also along Pipeline Road.

Yellow-rumped Cacique – Two different colonies seen on the Jungle Boat trip. **Chestnut-headed Oropendola** – Seen on all days from the Lodge, in El Valle, at Canopy Lodge and also first seen in the Gamboa area.

Yellow-crowned Euphonia – Seen or heard in and around the Lodge and on field trips from there.

Thick-billed Euphonia – One of the most common feeder birds at Canopy Lodge and on our outings from there.

Tawny-capped Euphonia – Good views, Las Minas Road.

Mammals

Virginia Opossum – Most of us missed this but one ran across the bridge while we were dining at Canopy Lodge one evening.

Hoffman's Two-toed Sloth – Seen on several occasions, one great view right from the Tower.

Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth – First seen on Semaphore Hill, then several other times.

Lesser White-lined (Sac-winged) Bat – roosting group on Semaphore Hill

Geoffrey's Tamarin – Sharon called to use to come see them right outside the Tower. Several had seen them the day previous but now the whole group got a view. Seen again but poorly on an outing from the Lodge.

Western Night Monkey – Amazing views of two of these peeking out a tree hole near Discovery Tower, WAY too cute.

White-faced Capuchin – Best looks from Jungle Boat ride, marred by seeing other tourist boats feeding them, inviting them to jump on their boats.

Mantled Howler Monkey – Seen on several days, from Canopy Tower, and then another troop near Fort San Lorenzo.

White-nosed Coati – Vicinity of the Tower.

Central American Agouti – Gamboa, Pipeline and the Lodge.

Variiegated Squirrel – several locations including the zoo and residential area by the beach.

Red-tailed Squirrel – feeders by the Lodge and outings at that elevation.

Reptiles and Amphibians

American Crocodile – Jungle Boat trip.

Neotropical Bird Snake – Amazing to see this large snake laid out on a large palm leaf, waiting...

Green Iguana – Great views on several occasions.

Basiliscus Lizard – Jungle Boat trip and in the steam by the Lodge.

Orange-headed Gecko – Canopy Tower and atop the Discovery Tower.

Yellow-eared Slider – Jungle Boat trip.