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## Naturalist Journeys Costa Rica Tour Species List

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### Birds – MAIN TOUR ONLY, compiled by Woody Wheeler

1. **Great Tinamou** (heard by Willy)
2. **Gray-headed Chachalaca** – abundant at Rancho Naturalista
3. **Crested Guan** – put on a family show at La Selva
4. **Black Guan** – hung out at Avocado tree at Savegre Mountain resort
5. **Great Curassow** – posed conspicuously on down log, clearly visible on boat trip
6. **Neotropic Cormorant** – Heliconia Island, spotted by Sylvia
7. **Anhinga** – Heliconia Island, also spotted by Sylvia
8. **Rufescent Tiger Heron** – Heliconia Island
9. **Little Blue Heron** – Spotted by Lori on road from Rancho Naturalista to Saraquipi
10. **Green Heron** – On Saraquipi River boat trip
11. **Bare-throated Tiger Heron** – also conspicuous on Saraquipi River boat trip
12. **Great Egret** – In agricultural fields near Rancho Naturalista
13. **Boat-billed Heron** – Roosting on shore, visible on boat trip
14. **Black Vulture** – Abundant everywhere, but especially at Savegre fish hatchery
15. **Turkey Vulture** – Mixed in with Black vultures in many locations
16. **Osprey** – Over Savegre Mountain resort and its fish hatchery
17. **Swallow-tailed Kite** – Nine soaring on drive from Savegre to Rancho Naturalista
18. **Bicolored Hawk** – Attempted several ambushes on birds at Rancho Naturalista feeders
19. **Roadside Hawk** – In nest at Rancho Naturalista and elsewhere along the road
20. **Broad-winged Hawk** – Mirador del Quetzales
21. **Zone-tailed Hawk** – Above jardin at Hotel Bouganvillea
22. **Red-tailed Hawk** – Soaring above Mirador del Quetzales and Savegre Mountain Resort
23. **Laughing Falcon** – Heard by Willy at La Selva
24. **Sunbittern** – with young along mountain stream near Rancho Naturalista
25. **White-throated Crake** – Heard by Willy in moist fields near Rancho Naturalista
26. **Gray-necked Wood Rail** – Heard by Willy near Rancho Naturalista
27. **Sungrebe** – Seen clearly in shallows along shore of Puerto Viejo River from boat
28. **Southern Lapwing** – Spotted by Matt with young in pasture along road to Saraquipi
29. **Spotted Sandpiper** – Spotted by Sarah on Heliconia Island – the only shorebird seen on trip.

30. **Rock Pigeon** – Seen on the streets of San Jose and Cartago
31. **Red-billed Pigeon** – Seen at Bouganvillia jardin and at Rancho Naturalista
32. **Band-tailed Pigeon** – Seen and heard at Mirador del Quetzales
33. **Ruddy Pigeon** – Seen at Savegre Mountain Resort
34. **White-winged Dove** – Bouganvillia jardin
35. **Short-billed Pigeon** – At Saraquipi Hotel grounds
36. **White-tipped Dove** – Also at Saraquipi Hotel grounds
37. **Gray-chested Dove** – Rancho Naturalista
38. **Sulfur-winged Parakeet** – Both days at Savegre Mountain Lodge and vicinity
39. **Crimson-fronted Parakeet** – Noisy visitor at Bouganvillia jardin, Savegre and Rancho Naturalista
40. **Olive-throated Parakeet** – At La Selva
41. **Great Green Macaw** – Two of these endangered birds flew overhead at La Selva
42. **Orange-chinned Parakeet** – La Selva
43. **Brown-hooded Parrot** – At Rancho Naturalista and vicinity
44. **White-crowned Parrot** – At Savegre and Rancho Naturalista
45. **Red-lored Parrot** – At La Selva
46. **Mealy Parrot** - At Rancho Naturalista
47. **Squirrel Cuckoo** – Perched in full view at Rancho Naturalista
48. **Mottled Owl** – Heard repeatedly during owl prowl at Rancho Naturalista
49. **White-collared Swift** – Large-winged swifts seen in groups with vultures at Savegre
50. **Gray-rumped Swift** – Smaller swifts seen above La Selva
51. **Green Hermit** – At feeders at Rancho Naturalista
52. **Stripe-throated Hermit** – At feeders at Rancho Naturalista
53. **Violet Sabrewing** – At feeders at Savegre and Rancho Naturalista
54. **White-necked Jacobin** – Common visitor to Rancho Naturalista feeders
55. **Brown Violetear** – At feeders at Rancho Naturalista
56. **Green Violetear** – Common visitor to Savegre feeders
57. **Green breasted Mango** – Occasional visitor at Rancho Naturalista feeders
58. **Green Thorntail** – At Rancho Naturalista
59. **Canivet's Emerald** – At jardin at Hotel Bouganvillia
60. **Garden Emerald** – At feeders at Mirador del Quetzales
61. **Violet-crowned Woodnymph** – At feeders at Rancho Naturalista
62. **Fiery-throated Hummingbird** – At feeders at Mirador del Quetzales
63. **Rufous-tailed Hummingbird** – At Bouganvillia jardin and at Rancho Naturalista
64. **Stripe-tailed Hummingbird** – At Savegre feeders
65. **Snowcap** – At Rancho Naturalista hedge row and bathing in river pools
66. **White-throated Mountain Gem** – Prominent visitor at Savegre feeders
67. **Magnificent Hummingbird** – Dominant visitor at Mirador del Quetzales and Savegre feeders
68. **Volcano Hummingbird** – Small but feisty visitor at Mirador del Quetzales and Savegre feeders
69. **Scintillant Hummingbird** – At Savegre Mountain Resort
70. **Slaty-tailed Trogon** – Great look from boat on Saraquipi and Puerto Viejo Rivers
71. **Violaceous Trogon** – On Rancho Naturalista grounds
72. **Collared Trogon** – Several good looks at Savegre Mountain Resort
73. **Resplendent Quetzal** – A total of six seen well at Mirador del Quetzales and Savegre
74. **Blue-crowned Motmot** – At least one, maybe several at Bouganvillia jardin
75. **Rufous Motmot** – Nice looks at perched birds at Rancho Naturalista and La Selva
76. **Broad-billed Motmot** – Called persistently and finally seen at Saraquipi Hotel grounds
77. **Ringed Kingfisher** – On stream near Rancho Naturalista and on boat trip at La Selva
78. **Amazon Kingfisher** – Along river enroute to Rancho Naturalista and on La Selva boat trip
79. **Green Kingfisher** – Rancho Naturalista vicinity and on rivers in La Selva
80. **Rufous-tailed Jacamar** – Pair seen by entire group on bridge railing at Heliconia Island

81. ***Emerald Toucanet*** – Frequented Savegre area, especially Avocado trees
82. ***Collared Aracari*** – Spectacular look above ruins at Guayabo National Monument
83. ***Keel-billed Toucan*** – Nice look at one flying into canopy on Saraquipi Hotel grounds
84. ***Black-mandibled Toucan*** – Fairly common at Saraquipi Hotel grounds
85. ***Acorn Woodpecker*** – Common, charismatic visitor at Mirador del Qutzales and Savegre
86. ***Black-cheeked Woodpecker*** – Fairly common at Rancho Naturalista
87. ***Hoffman's Woodpecker*** – Several seen at Bouganvillia Hotel jardin
88. ***Hairy Woodpecker*** – Seen in forest habitat at Mirador del Quetzales and Savegre
89. ***Rufous-winged Woodpecker*** – At La Selva
90. ***Plain Antvireo*** – At bug trap at Rancho Naturalista
91. ***Chestnut-backed Antbird*** – In Savegre forested area
92. ***Dull-mantled Antbird*** – At bug trap, Rancho Naturalista
93. ***Immaculate Antbird*** – Savegre Mountain Resort
94. ***Spotted Antbird*** – Savegre Mountain Resort
95. ***Rufous-breasted Antthrush*** – Savegre Mountain Resort
96. ***Tawny-throated Leaf-tosser*** – Bathing in river pools near Rancho Naturalista
97. ***Ruddy Treerunner*** – Mirador del Quetzales - two in mixed flock
98. ***Plain Xenops*** – Rancho Naturalista
99. ***Streaked Xenops*** – Savegre Mountain Resort
100. ***Ruddy Woodcreeper*** – Savegre Mountain Resort
101. ***Northern-barred Woodcreeper*** – at open field near La Selva research station
102. ***Cocoa Woodcreeper*** – Rancho Naturalista grounds
103. ***Spot-crowned Woodcreeper*** – Several seen at Savegre Mountain Resort
104. ***Greenish Elaenia*** – Rancho Naturalista
105. ***Mountain Elaenia*** – At Mirador del Quetzales and at Savegre Mountain Resort
106. ***Paltry Tyrannulet*** – Seen at Savegre Mountain Resort and Rancho Naturalista
107. ***Common Tody Flycatcher*** – At Rancho Naturalista
108. ***Black-headed Tody Flycatcher*** – At Rancho Naturalista
109. ***Yellow-olive Flycatcher*** – At Savegre Mountain Resort
110. ***Tawny-chested Flycatcher*** – Seen and heard several times at Rancho Naturalista
111. ***Tufted Flycatcher*** – At Mirador del Quetzales
112. ***Dark Pewee*** – At Mirador del Quetzales and Savegre Mountain Resort
113. ***Yellowish Flycatcher*** – Savegre Mountain Resort
114. ***Black-capped Flycatcher*** – Rancho Naturalista
115. ***Long-tailed Tyrant*** – Numerous good looks and photos at Rancho Naturalista
116. ***Bright-rumped Attila*** – Rancho Naturalista
117. ***Dusky-capped Flycatcher*** – At Mirador del Quetzales and Rancho Naturalista
118. ***Great Kiskadee*** – Large, vocal resident at Rancho Naturalista and La Selva
119. ***Boat-billed Flycatcher*** – Seen both days at Savegre Mountain Resort
120. ***Social Flycatcher*** – Common at Rancho Naturalista
121. ***Gray-capped Flycatcher*** – Rancho Naturalista
122. ***White-winged Flycatcher*** – La Selva
123. ***Piratic Flycatcher*** – Seen and heard at Rancho Naturalista
124. ***Tropical Kingbird*** – At Mirador del Quetzales and Savegre Mountain Resort
125. ***Western Kingbird*** – At Hotel Bouganvillia jardin
126. ***Masked Tityra*** – Seen at nest hole, Rancho Naturalista
127. ***Black-crowned Tityra*** – Seen high up on snag on river trip through La Selva
128. ***Cinnamon Becard*** – Great look in open area of La Selva
129. ***White-collared Manakin*** – At Savegre Mountain Resort
130. ***Yellow-winged Vireo*** – Savegre Mountain Resort
131. ***Brown-capped Vireo*** – Savegre

132. **Philadelphia Vireo** – Bouganvillia jardin and Savegre Mountain Resort
133. **Yellow-green Vireo** – Bouganvillia jardin
134. **Lesser Greenlet** – La Selva
135. **Rufous-browed Peppershrike** – Savegre Mountain Resort
136. **Silvery-throated Jay** – Life bird for Willy! Seen at Mirador del Quetzales
137. **Azure-hooded Jay** – Mirador del Quetzales
138. **Brown Jay** – Seen and noisily Heard at Bouganvillia jardin and Savegre
139. **Mangrove Swallow** – First seen at Heliconia Island, then on river trip through La Selva
140. **Blue-and-white Swallow** – Common at Bouganvillia jardin and Savegre
141. **Southern Rough-winged Swallow**- River corridors near Savegre
142. **Band-backed Wren** – Rancho Naturalista
143. **Rufous-naped Wren** – Bouganvillia jardin
144. **Bay Wren** – Rancho Naturalista
145. **Stripe-breasted Wren** – Savegre Mountain Resort
146. **House Wren** – Bouganvillia Jardin and Rancho Naturalista
147. **White-breasted Wood-Wren** – Loud singer and visitor to bug trap at Rancho Naturalista
148. **Gray-breasted Wood Wren** – Mirador del Quetzales and Savegre Mountain Resort
149. **Scaly-breasted Wren** – Rancho Naturalista, including inside of nest burrow
150. **Long-billed Gnatwren** – Rancho Naturalista visitor to bug trap
151. **Tropical Gnatcatcher** – Rancho Naturalista
152. **American Dipper** – In Savegre River
153. **Black-faced Solitaire** – First heard “swinging gate song” then saw clearly at Savegre.
154. **Black-billed Nightingale Thrush** – Mirador del Quetzales
155. **Ruddy-capped Nightingale Thrush** – Mirador del Quetzales
156. **Black-headed Nightingale Thrush** – Bathing at pools near Rancho Naturalista
157. **Swainson’s Thrush** – In forest at Savegre, then bathing at Rancho Naturalista pools
158. **Wood Thrush** – On stream beds along Savegre River and near Rancho Naturalista
159. **Sooty Thrush** – At Mirador del Quetzales and at Savegre Mountain Resort
160. **Mountain Thrush** – At Savegre Mountain Resort
161. **Clay-colored Thrush** – Costa Rica’s ubiquitous National bird seen at every location
162. **Gray Catbird** – Savegre Mountain Resort
163. **Black and Yellow Silky Flycatcher** – Mirador del Quetzales
164. **Long-tailed Silky Flycatcher** – Savegre Mountain Resort
165. **Louisiana Waterthrush** – Under bridge entrance to Savegre Mountain Resort
166. **Black and White Warbler** – Savegre Mountain Resort
167. **Flame-throated Warbler** – Mirador del Quetzales and Savegre Mountain Resort
168. **Tennessee Warbler** – Savegre Mountain Resort, Rancho Naturalista
169. **Mourning Warbler** – Savegre Mountain Resort, Rancho Naturalista
170. **Olive-crowned Yellowthroat** – In roadside wetlands near Rancho Naturalista
171. **Bay-breasted Warbler** – Savegre Mountain Resort
172. **Yellow Warbler** – Bouganvillia jardin and Savegre Mountain Resort
173. **Chestnut-sided Warbler** – Common at Rancho Naturalista
174. **Black-throated Green Warbler** – Savegre Mountain Resort
175. **Buff-rumped Warbler** – Highly visible on muddy stream beds near Savegre
176. **Rufous-capped Warbler** – Bouganvillia jardin
177. **Black-cheeked Warbler** – Savegre Mountain Resort
178. **Golden-crowned Warbler** – Rancho Naturalista
179. **Three-striped Warbler** – Savegre Mountain Resort and Rancho Naturalista
180. **Wilson’s Warbler** – Common migrant around Savegre Mountain Resort
181. **Slate-throated Redstart** – Mirador del Quetzales
182. **Collared Redstart** – Tame, abundant “amigo” at Mirador del Quetzales and Savegre

183. **Dusky-faced Tanager** - Savegre
184. **White-lined Tanager** – At feeders at Rancho Naturalista
185. **Passerini's Tanager** – Flaming red-rumped bird hard to miss at Rancho Naturalista
186. **Blue-gray Tanager** – Perhaps most common tanager seen at most, if not all, locations
187. **Palm Tanager** – At feeders at Rancho Naturalista
188. **Golden-hooded Tanager** – Colorful species seen at Rancho Naturalista, La Selva
189. **Speckled Tanager** – Rancho Naturalista
190. **Spangle-cheeked Tanager** – Had close encounter with several at Savegre
191. **Silver-throated Tanager** – Savegre Mountain Resort
192. **Green Honeycreeper** – Rancho Naturalista
193. **Red-legged Honeycreeper** – La Selva
194. **Grayish Saltator** – Near Hotel Bouganvillia at entrance to jardin
195. **Buff-throated Saltator** – Common at feeders at Rancho Naturalista
196. **Black-headed Saltator** – Rancho Naturalista
197. **Blue-black Grassquit** – Mirador del Quetzales
198. **Variable Seedeater** – Savegre and Rancho Naturalista
199. **Yellow-faced Grassquit** – Rancho Naturalista
200. **Slaty Flowerpiercer** – Mirador del Quetzales
201. **Yellow-thighed Finch** – Mirador del Quetzales and Savegre
202. **Large-footed Finch** – at Mirador del Quetzales and mashing banana at Savegre feeder
203. **Orange-billed Sparrow** – Ground bird seen on edges of vegetation at Rancho Naturalista
204. **Chestnut-capped Brush Finch** – Savegre Mountain Resort
205. **Black-striped Sparrow** – Rancho Naturalista
206. **White-eared Ground Sparrow** – Small flock on ground at Bouganvillia jardin
207. **Rufous-collared Sparrow** – Ubiquitous: Bouganvillia, Mirador del Quetzales, Savegre
208. **Common Bush-Tanager** – At Mirador del Quetzales
209. **Sooty-capped Bush-Tanager** – Common at Bouganvillia, Mirador del Quetzales, Savegre
210. **Summer Tanager** – At Bouganvillia jardin, scenic coffee shop on Savegre River
211. **Flame-colored Tanager** – At Mirador del Quetzales, and common at Savegre
212. **Red-throated Ant Tanager** - Rancho Naturalista
213. **Black-faced Grosbeak** – Savegre Mountain Lodge
214. **Black-thighed Grosbeak** – Savegre Mountain Lodge
215. **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** – Savegre and Rancho Naturalista
216. **Red-winged Blackbird** – In pasture between Rancho Naturalista and Saraquipi
217. **Red-breasted Blackbird** – Rancho Naturalista
218. **Melodius Blackbird** – Savegre
219. **Great-tailed Grackle** – Common road bird seen in towns throughout route
220. **Bronzed Cowbird** – Rancho Naturalista
221. **Black-cowled Oriole** – Heliconia Island and La Selva
222. **Baltimore Oriole** – Bouganvillia jardin, Mirador del Quetzales and Savegre
223. **Scarlet-rumped Cacique** – Savegre Mountain Resort
224. **Chestnut-headed Oropendola** – Rancho Naturalista
225. **Montezuma Oropendola** – Loud and abundant at Guayaba Ntl. Monument , Rancho N.
226. **Thick-billed Euphonia** – Rancho Naturalista
227. **Olive-backed Euphonia** – Rancho Naturalista
228. **Golden-browed Chlorophonia** – Mirador del Quetzales
229. **Yellow-bellied Siskin** – Mirador del Quetzales and scenic coffee shop at Savegre
230. **House Sparrow** – Bouganvillia Hotel jardin, Mirador del Quetzales, various towns

## **Reptiles**

Basilisk Lizard – Heliconia Island

Bird-eating Snake – found and photographed at Rancho Naturalista by Judi

Caiman – La Selva Boat tour in Saraquipi and Puerto Viejo Rivers

Central American Whiptail – La Selva

Eyelash Palm Pit Viper – La Selva

Green Iguana – Heliconia Island, La Selva and two nearby rivers

Green Spiny Lizard – On rock near Savegre Mountain Resort

## **Mammals**

Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth – Heliconia Island, Saraquipi

Collared Peccary – La Selva

Hoffman's Two-toed Sloth – La Selva

Kinkajou – Heard during owl prowling at Rancho Naturalista – a rhythmic scratching sound

Mantled Howler Monkey – Rancho Naturalista, Heliconia Island, La Selva

Short-tailed Fruit Bat – Rancho Naturalista – flew inches from us on owl prowling

Variiegated Squirrel – Savegre, Rancho Naturalista