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## NATURALIST JOURNEYS & INTERNATIONAL EXPEDITIONS

### CUBA: People to People

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### BIRD LIST Feb. 5 – 15, 2014

(E) = Endemic to Cuba

**Least Grebe** – Best looks were on our first day in Cayo Coco  
**Brown Pelican** – Scattered, even on inland waters  
**Neotropic Cormorant** – Seen in abundance in the treasured bay  
**Double-crested Cormorant** – The most common cormorant anywhere  
**Anhinga** – Not common, but seen on some of the inland waters  
**Magnificent Frigate** – A few were seen on the causeway to Cayo Coco  
**Great Blue Heron** – Scattered everywhere  
**Great Egret** – The same as the Great Blue Heron  
**Snowy Egret** – Not very common anywhere, we saw maybe a dozen  
**Little Blue Heron** – This species seemed to frequent shaded streams  
**Tricolored Heron** – Not a common bird at this time of year  
**Cattle Egret** – The most common egret, seen almost everywhere  
**Green Heron** – Our best look was in the treasured bay  
**White Ibis** – Sporadic at best, and usually in flocks  
**Glossy Ibis** – Only one at the beginning of the trip in Cayo Coco  
**Roseate Spoonbill** – Not seen anywhere but on the causeway to Cayo Coco  
**Turkey Vulture** – Ubiquitous everywhere  
**Greater Flamingo** – Nice sized flocks on Cayo Guillermo  
**Muscovy Duck** – Seen on our very first day heading to Cayo Coco  
**White-cheeked Pintail** – Seen by two on the tour at Cayo Guillermo  
**Blue-winged Teal** – Most all were seen on Cayo Guillermo  
**Northern Shoveler** – Mostly on Cayo Coco

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**American Wigeon** – Three were seen all in the NE  
**Red-breasted Merganser** – Two were seen from the Cayo Coco causeway  
**Osprey** – Surprising how uncommon given all the water and fish in Cuba  
**(E) Cuban Black Hawk** – We got good looks at some the six along the coast  
**Broad-winged Hawk** – The few we saw early on were all adults  
**Red-tailed Hawk** – Only a couple were seen & they were close to Cayo Coco  
**Crested Caracara** – Two different birds flew over the bus for most of us  
**American Kestrel** – The white-breasted form was common everywhere  
**Helmeted Guineafowl** – We saw six and then two of this feral species  
**Purple Gallinule** – Great sightings of this colorful bird at treasure of the bay  
**Common Moorhen** – The second most common water bird on freshwater  
**American Coot** – The most common water bird on freshwater  
**Limpkin** – Four different birds feeding the farms of Los Helechos  
**Killdeer** – Scattered in fields and near water  
**Black-necked Stilt** – A large flock at Cayo Guillermo mixed w/the flamingos  
**Lesser Yellowlegs** – Three were the largest group at Cayo Guillermo  
**Ruddy Turnstone** – One flying along the causeway to Cayo Coco  
**Stilt Sandpiper** – One was mixed in with the dowitchers at Cayo Guillermo  
**Short-billed Dowitcher** – A large flock was at Playa Guillermo  
**Laughing Gull** – Not common, but seen in very small numbers on the ocean  
**Ring-billed Gull** – One was seen from the Malecon in Havana  
**Herring Gull** – About a dozen were seen from the Malecon in Havana  
**Royal Tern** – Most were seen in the Cayo Coco area  
**C. Ground Dove** – Scattered throughout the countryside  
**Rock Pigeon** – Lots in most town and cities  
**Scaly-naped Pigeon** – Occasional sightings with good looks @ Villa Soroa  
**Eur. Collared-Dove** – Not as common as in the U.S, but around  
**White-winged Dove** – Only three or four were seen  
**Zenaida Dove** – Good looks at one individual on Cayo Coco  
**Mourning Dove** – Everywhere, the most common dove  
**Ruddy Quail Dove** – Two people got to this brother to the Blue-headed  
**(E) Blue Headed Quail Dove** – A nice adult feeding behind the restaurant @  
**(E) Cuban Parakeet** – A flock shown to us by Orlando at Los Brummeles  
**Cuban Parrot** – Best looks at this stunning parrot were @  
**Great Lizard Cuckoo** – We had three individuals posing a Playa Larga  
**Smooth-billed Ani** – Everyday near transitions zones of trees and pasture  
**Barn Owl** – Heard calling over Villa Soroa  
**(E) Cuban Pygmy Owl** – A female owl on the prowl was seen at Playa Larga  
**Stygian Owl** – We finally chased this one down at Villa Soroa  
**White-collared Swift** – A pair was seen overhead at Los Helechos

**Antillean Palm Swift** – Our first lunch stop on our first day had dozens  
**Cuban Emerald** – The common hummingbird in Cuba  
**(E) Bee Hummingbird** – A lone females was seen at Los Brumelles  
**(E) Cuban Trogon** – Lots of good looks everywhere  
**(E) Cuban Tody** – Best looks at this gawdy tody were at the Wild Boar Cave  
**Belted Kingfisher** – Not uncommon around freshwater  
**West Indian Woodpecker** – Great looks at various locations  
**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** – Seen well at Los Helechos  
**(E) Cuban Green Woodpecker** – Great look @ a pair nesting in a termite nest  
**Northern Flicker** – We saw about twenty scattered through different habitats  
**(E) Fernandina Flicker** – A male gave us a distant look at Villa Soroa  
**Cuban Pewee** – Lots of close views of this pewee feeding low in the vegetation  
**La Sagra's Flycatcher** – Not too many of these around but satisfying views  
**Loggerhead Kingbird** – Common and rowdy  
**(E) Cuban Vireo** – Hard to view at the beginning, but gradually got easier  
**Yellow-throated Vireo** – Two, but the best look was in our large warbler flock  
**Cuban Crow** – Only one was seen at Palya Larga  
**Cuban Martin** – Two folks got a look at the martin at one of our rest stops  
**Tree Swallow** – Small flocks were very infrequent  
**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher** – Usually in mixed flocks of migrant warblers  
**(E) Cuban Gnatcatcher** – Out along the road at Cayo Coco  
**Cuban Solitaire** – Heard at the limestone cave boat ride location  
**Red-legged Thrush** – Common and absolutely drop-dead gorgeous  
**Gray Catbird** – Common and absolutely secretive  
**Northern Mockingbird** – Even more common than the thrush and always singing  
**Bahama Mockingbird** – Only seen at that was at the W. end of Cayo Guillermo  
**Northern Parula** – One of the more common warblers we saw  
**Yellow Warbler** – Not as numerous as we would've expected  
**Cape May Warbler** – Not too many, but enough for all to get good looks  
**Black-throated Blue** – Another very common warbler that we saw  
**Yellow-rumped Warbler** – Only two on the trip, definitely not common  
**Black-throated Gr Warbler** – Again, only two seen on the trip  
**Yellow-throated Warbler** – Best look was during our first lunch  
**Prairie Warbler** – Seen daily in various habitats  
**Palm Warbler** – Usually seen in small feeding flocks - often  
**Black-and-White Warbler** – There was always one when we found a warbler flock  
**American Redstart** – Scattered throughout the country & different habitats  
**Worm-eating Warbler** – Only saw one of these spike-bills, but great looks  
**Ovenbird** – Brief looks in the same warbler flock as the Worm-eating  
**Northern Waterthrush** – Not very many of this common warbler

**Louisiana Waterthrush** – Lots of good looks @ this more common waterthrush  
**Common Yellowthroat** – We always seemed to find one anytime around water  
**(E) Yellow-headed Warbler** – We saw a few of these, best look was at Zapata  
**(E) Oriente Warbler** – On our very first day at Cayo Coco  
**Red-legged Honeycreeper** – Best wet look was the day before Havana  
**Stripe-headed Tanager** – Very good looks on Cayo Coco  
**Cuban Bullfinch** – Seen regularly on most roadsides  
**(E) Cuban Grassquit** – It took a while, but we found a pair in the rain  
**Yellow-faced Grassquit** – Fairly common along roadside grasses  
**Indigo Bunting** – Definitely not common, but all were coming into bright blues  
**(E) Cuban Blackbird** – One of our first endemics, lunch on our first day  
**(E) Cuban Oriole** – Not common, but our first was within 16 hours @ Cayo Coco  
**House Sparrow** – Fortunately not common...

**TOTAL = 115**