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## Trinidad and Tobago Caligo Ventures Ten-day Classic Two-Island Tour Bird Species List

**February 20 - March 1**

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 Desmond Wright (Cuffie River Nature Retreat),**

**With Caligo Ventures escort Dodie Logue, and 13 participants: Fred, Margie, Sharon, David,  
 Lorinda, Edmund, Steven, Linda, Joe, Linda, Dora, George, and Linda**

### *Annotated Bird Species List*

*Sites visited on Trinidad included: Asa Wright Nature Centre, Blanchisseuse Road of the Northern Range, Brasso Seco, the Aripo Agricultural Station, Arena Forest, Nariva Swamp, the abandoned Waller Field airstrip, Caroni National Park, and Yerette Hummingbird Garden. On Tobago, three sites were featured: Cuffie River Nature Retreat, Gilpin Trace on the Main Ridge Preserve, and Little Tobago Island.*

- Black-bellied Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna autumnalis* – A few seen en-route to Nariva Swamp
- Rufous-vented Chachalaca** *Ortalis ruficauda* – Abundant at Cuffie River Retreat, Tobago
- Trinidad Piping-Guan** *Pipile pipile* - One seen near the Scatter station on the Blanchisseuse road
- Audubon's Shearwater (nest only)** *Puffinus lherminieri* - Our guide "Z" pointed out the nest-hole in a bank on Little Tobago Island
- Red-billed Tropicbird** *Phaethon aethereus* – Hundreds on cliffs of Little Tobago Island
- Brown Booby** *Sula leucogaster* – Abundant all around Little Tobago Island
- Red-footed Booby** *Sula sula* – A few nesting on cliffs of Little Tobago Island
- Brown Pelican** *Pelicanus occidentalis* – Seen in coastal Tobago
- Neotropic Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* – Seen at the Caroni Marsh
- Anhinga** *Anhinga anhinga* - Seen on the way to Nariva Swamp
- Magnificent Frigatebird** *Fregata magnificens* – First one seen at the Aripo Livestock Station; many over Tobago - especially on Little Tobago Island harassing Red-billed Tropic Birds
- Great Blue Heron** *Ardea herodias* – Seen on the wetlands before Caroni Marsh
- Great Egret** *Ardea alba* – Several seen in wetland areas on Trinidad
- Snowy Egret** *Egretta thula* – Common in Caroni National park
- Little Blue Heron** *Egretta caerulea* – On both islands
- Tricolored Heron** *Egretta tricolor* – Hundreds heading to roost with Scarlet Ibis at Caroni National Park
- Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis* – Common roadside bird and denizen of agricultural areas
- Striated Heron** *Butorides striata* - One hunting at just before Nariva Swamp area

**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** *Nyctanassa violacea* – Caroni National Park

**Boat-billed Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax* – Two flew over just as we got off the boat at Caroni National Park

**Scarlet Ibis** *Eudocimus ruber* – Thousands in spectacular roosting display at Caroni N.P.

**Black Vulture** *Coragyps atratus* – Many seen most days on Trinidad

**Turkey Vulture** *Cathartes aura* – Common on Trinidad

**Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus* – At Caroni National Park and at Little Tobago Island

**Double-toothed Kite** *Harpagus bidentatus* – One in the scope at AWNC in the morning of second day

**Long-winged Harrier** *Circus buffoni* – At wetland area before Caroni Marsh

**Gray-lined (Gray) Hawk** *Buteo nitida* – Several seen on Trinidad

**Common Black Hawk** *Buteogallus anthracinus* – Seen most days on Trinidad – even on verandah at AWNC

**Savanna Hawk** *Buteogallus meridionalis* – Several on Trinidad , especially at Aripo Livestock Station

**Broad-winged Hawk** *Buteo platypterus* – One seen at the Tropicbird overlook on Little Tobago

**Zone-tailed Hawk** *Buteo albonotatus* – One seen at close range on savannah over Trinidad

**Ornate Hawk Eagle** *Spizaetus ornatus* – Soaring over Northern Range, Trinidad

**Yellow-headed Caracara** *Milvago chimachima* –A few seen at Aripo Livestock Station, also on Cocanut Alley on the way to Nariva Swamp

**Merlin** *Falco columbarius* – One at Aripo Livestock Station

**Aplomado Falcon** *Falco femoralis* - One at Aripo Livestock Station

**Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus* – One seen roosting at Aripo Livestock Station at night

**Gray-necked Wood-Rail** *Aramides cajaneus* - Two seen in the dark roosting at Caroni

**Southern Lapwing** *Vanellus chilensis* – Common in wet agricultural fields on Trinidad

**Wattled Jacana** *Jacana jacana* – Common in wetlands on Trinidad, Especially at Aripo Livestock Station

**Solitary Sandpiper** *Tringa solitaria* – Several in moist agricultural fields, Trinidad

**Spotted Sandpiper** *Actitis macularius* – Common in wetlands and along shorelines - both islands

**Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres* - On the beach at Blue Waters Inn, Tobago

**Least Sandpiper** *Calidris minutilla* – On sandbar at Caroni Marsh

**Laughing Gull** *Leucophaeus atricilla* - At a coastal pullover on Tobago

**Royal Tern** *Thalasseus maximus* – Several dozen seen off dock in Atlantic Ocean, Tobago

**Rock (Feral) Pigeon** *Columba livia* – Urban areas on Trinidad

**Pale-vented Pigeon** *Patagioenas cayennensis* - Many seen on Tobago

**Scaled Pigeon** *Patagioenas speciosa* - Seen at the Scatter Station on Trinidad's Northern Range

**Eared Dove** *Zenaida auriculata* - Several seen on Tobago

**Ruddy Ground Dove** *Columbina talpacoti* – Common in urban and rural areas of Trinidad

**White-tipped Dove** *Leptotila verreauxi* – Common in forested areas of Tobago

**Gray-fronted Dove** *Leptotila rufaxilla* –Under feeders at AWNC the first day, Trinidad

**Red-bellied Macaw** *Orthopsittaca manilata* - Two seen roosting at the abandoned airstrip, Trinidad

**Green-rumped Parrolet** *Forpus passerines* – Several in tree top at agricultural station, also in metal pole on Savannah

**Orange-winged Parrot** *Amazona amazonica* – Seen and heard daily on both islands

**Squirrel Cuckoo** *Playa cayana* – One seen at the Scatter Station off the Blanchisseuse Road

**Striped Cuckoo** *Tapera naevia*- At Nariva Swamp

**Smooth-billed Ani** *Crotophaga ani* – Common road and trailside bird on both islands

**Tropical Screech Owl** *Megascops choliba* – One in a tree at the Aripo Livestock Station, Trinidad

**Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl** *Glaucidium brasilianum* – Calling at AWNC and on the Blanchisseuse Road

**Striped Owl** *Pseudoscops clamator* - One heard then seen by a few as it flew over Cuffie R. R. at dusk

**Common Pauraque** *Nyctidromus albicollis* – Along road at night at Aripo Livestock Station, Trinidad

**White-tailed Nightjar** *Caprimulgus cayennensis* – Livestock station on Trinidad; Cuffie River Retreat

**Common Potoo** *Nyctibius griseus* –Livestock Station, Caroni National Park, and Cuffie River Retreat

**Oilbird** *Steatornis caripensis* – in Dunston Cave behind AWNC

Short-tailed Swift *Chaetura brachyuran* – Flocks seen on both islands over wetlands and streams

**Band-rumped Swift** *Chaetura spinicaudus* – Seen off the verandah at AWNC

**Gray-rumped Swift** *Chaetura cinereiventris* – Common, seen on both islands

**Fork-tailed Palm-Swift** *Tachornis squamata* - A few seen at the abandoned airstrip on Trinidad

**Rufous-breasted Hermit** *Glaucis hirsutus* – Seen at feeders at AWNC

**Green Hermit** *Phaethornis guy* – On feeders and in Trinidad forests

**Little Hermit** *Phaethornis longuemareus* - Seen at AWNC feeders

**White-tailed Saberwing** *Campylopterus ensipennis* – Cuffie R.R. feeders and on Gilpen Trace Trail

**White-necked Jacobin** *Florisuga mellivora* – Ever-present on feeders on both islands

**Green-throated Mango** *Anthracothorax viridigula* – At Caroni Marsh

**Black-throated Mango** *Anthracothorax nigricollis* – On feeders and countryside of Trinidad

**Ruby-topaz Hummingbird** *Chrysolampis mosquitos* - At AWNC and at Yurette Hummingbird Sanctuary

**Tufted Coquette** *Lophornis ornatus* – AWNC feeders and flowers; Yurette Hummingbird Sanctuary

**Blue-chinned Sapphire** *Chlorestes notata* – Common at AWNC and Yurette feeders

**White-chested Emerald** *Amazilia brevirostris* – Most common hummingbird seen on Trinidad

**Copper-rumped Hummingbird** *Amazilia tobaci* – Most common hummingbird on Tobago, also common on Trinidad

**Long-billed Starthroat** *Heliomaster longirostris* –Visitor to AWNC feeders and surrounds

**Green-backed Trogon** *Trogon viridis* – One seen along the Blanchisseuse Road in Trinidad

**Collared Trogon** *Trogon collaris* – On the way up the Northern Range, Trinidad

**Trinidad (Blue-crowned) Motmot** *Momotus (momota) bahamensis* – Common around both lodges: AWNC and Cuffie River, plus in rainforest areas on both islands

**Ringed Kingfisher** *Megaceryle torquata* – Roadside bird seen on way to Caroni Marsh

**Green Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle americana* - Brief view at river near Nariva Swamp; some saw at Cuffie River NR

**American Pygmy Kingfisher** *Chloroceryle aenea* – Low in Mangroves, Caroni N.P. Also by Nariva at river

**Rufous-tailed Jacamar** *Galbula ruficauda* – At Brasso Seco; more at Cuffie River Retreat

**Channel-billed Toucan** *Ramphastos vitellinus* – In tree tops behind AWNC

**Red-crowned Woodpecker** *Melanerpes rubricapillus* – On hummingbird feeders at Cuffie River NR

**Red-rumped Woodpecker** *Verniliornis kirkii* - Along Blanchisseuse Rd. and at Gilpen Trace, Tobago

**Golden-Olive Woodpecker** *Colaptes rubiginosus* –On AWNC grounds

**Lineated Woodpecker** *Dryocopus lineatus* – On AWNC grounds

**Stripe-breasted Spinetail** *Synallaxis cinnamomea* – AWNC Discovery trail

**Yellow-chinned Spinetail** *Certhiaxis cinnamomeus* – Arima Agriculture Station, Trinidad

**Streaked Xenops** *Xenops rutilans* – Along the Blanchisseuse Rd, Trinidad

**Gray-throated Leaf-tosser** *Sclerurus albigularis* – On hike up hill at Cuffie R.R., Tobago, nest

**Straight-billed Woodcreeper** *Dendroplex picus* –Caroni Marsh, Trinidad

**Cocoa Woodcreeper** *Xiphorhynchus susurrans* - Along the Blanchisseuse Rd, Trinidad

**Great Antshrike** *Taraba major* - One at the Scatter Station and one right at AWNC along driveway

**Black-crested Antshrike** *Sakesphorus canadensis* – near Nariva Swamp, Trinidad

**Barred Antshrike** *Thamnophilus doliatus* – Common at AWNC and other places

**Plain Antwireo** *Dysithamnus mentalis* – Brief looks along Blanchisseuse Rd

**White-flanked Antwren** *Myrmotherula axillaris* – Savannah, Trinidad  
**White-fringed Antwren** *Formicivora grisea* – Cuffie River Retreat, Tobago  
**White-bellied Antbird** *Myrmeciza longpipes* – Along the Discovery trail, AWNC, Trinidad  
**Black-faced Antthrush** *Formicarius analis* – Northern Range, Trinidad  
**Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet** *Camptostoma obsoletum* – Aripo Livestock Station, Trinidad  
**Yellow-bellied Elaenia** *Elaenia flavogaster* – Seen at a few spots both on Trinidad and Tobago  
**Olive-striped Flycatcher** *Mionectes strepera* - brief view along the Blanchisseuse Rd, Trinidad  
**Ochre-bellied Flycatcher** *Mionectes oleagineus* – AWNC, Northern Range, Trinidad  
**Slaty-capped Flycatcher** *Leptopogon superciliaris* - One seen along the Blanchisseuse Rd.  
**Yellow-breasted Flycatcher** *Empidonax flaviventris* – Along the road near Cuffie R. R.  
**Euler's Flycatcher** *Lathrotriccus euleri* – AWNC, Trinidad  
**Tropical Pewee** *Contopus cinereus* – Along the road down from AWNC, Trinidad  
**Pied Water-Tyrant** *Fluvicola pica* – Arima Agriculture Station, Trinidad  
**White-headed Marsh Tyrant** *Arundinicola leucocephala* – Arima Agriculture Station, Trinidad  
**Brown-crested Flycatcher** *Myiarchus tyrannulus* – Cuffie River Retreat  
**Venezuelan Flycatcher** *Myiarchus venezuelensis* - one seen just as we were leaving the Gilpen Trace, Tobago  
**Great Kiskadee** *Pitangus sulphuratus* – Almost a daily species  
**Boat-billed Flycatcher** *Megarynchus pitangua* – At AWNC  
**Piratic Flycatcher** *Legatus leucophaeus* – At AWNC  
**Variiegated Flycatcher** *Empidonomus varius* - At the Arena Forest while we had a picnic lunch  
**Sulphury Flycatcher** *Tyrannopus sulphurea* - At the abandoned airstrip on Trinidad  
**Tropical Kingbird** *Tyrannus melancholicus* – Seen most days on both islands  
**Gray Kingbird** *Tyrannus dominicensis* – Brief view in Nariva Swamp, guide only?  
**White-winged Becard** *Pachyramphus polychopterus* – At Cuffie R. R., pair building nest  
**Black-tailed Tityra** *Tityra cayana* - seen at Brasso Seco  
**Bearded Bellbird** *Procnia averano* – Seen and heard at AWNC  
**White-bearded Manakin** *Manacus manacus* – Seen in AWNC vicinity  
**Blue-backed Manakin** *Chiroxiphia pareola* – Gilpin Rainforest Trail and trail near Cuffie R. R.  
**Golden-headed Manakin** *Pipra erythrocephala* – Rainforest behind AWNC  
**Red-eyed (Chivi) Vireo** *Vireo olivaceus (chivi)* - Heard many and saw on road by Cuffie R. R.  
**Golden-fronted Greenlet** *Hylophilus qurantifrons* – rain forest along Blanchisseuse Rd  
**Rufous-browed Peppershrike** *Cyclarhis gujanensis* – Aripo Savannah  
**Gray-breasted Martin** *Progne chalybea* – Northern Range, Trinidad  
**White-winged Swallow** *Tachycineta albiventer* – Seen on a few days around Savannah, Trinidad  
**Southern Rough-winged Swallow** *Steigidopteryx ruficollis* – Aripo Savannah, Trinidad  
**Rufous-breasted Wren** *Pheugopedius rutilus* – Common bird in AWNC rain forest  
**House Wren** *Troglodytes aedon* – Common near both lodges on both islands  
**Yellow-legged Thrush** *Platycichia flavipes* – Gilpin Rainforest, Tobago  
**Cocoa Thrush** *Turdus fumigates* – AWNC grounds, Northern Range, Trinidad  
**Spectacled Thrush** *Turdus nudigenis* – Almost daily visitor at feeders, both islands  
**White-necked Thrush** *Turdus albicollis* – Common rainforest bird on both islands  
**Tropical Mockingbird** *Mimus gilvus* – Seen and heard daily on both islands  
**Tropical Parula** *Parula pitaiayumi* – AW rainforest, Northern Range  
**Yellow Warbler** *Dendroica petechia* - Arena Forest while we were having a picnic lunch

**American Redstart** *Setophaga ruticilla* – Northern Range, Trinidad

**Northern Waterthrush** *Parkesia noveboracensis* – Brief view in Savannah wetland, guide only?  
**Masked Yellowthroat** *Geothlypis aequinoctialis* – Aripo Savannah, Trinidad  
**Golden-crowned Warbler** *Basileuterus culicivorus* – AWNC rainforest, Northern Range, Trinidad  
**Bananaquit** *Coereba flaveola* – One of most common birds of trip in most habitats and always on feeders  
**Bicolored Conebill** *Conirostrum bicolor* – by stream on way to Nariva Swamp, Trinidad  
**White-lined Tanager** *Tachyphonus rufus* – Almost daily forest bird on both islands  
**Red-crowned Ant-Tanager** *Habia rubica* - in Northern Range and Savanna on Trinidad  
**Hepatic Tanager** *Piranga flava* - Northern Range, Trinidad  
**Silver-beaked Tanager** *Ramphocelus carbo* – Common forest bird on Trinidad  
**Blue-gray Tanager** *Thraupis episcopus* – Seen daily in most habitats on both islands  
**Palm Tanager** *Thraupis palmarum* – Daily birds perching in tree tops on both islands  
**Turquoise Tanager** *Tangara mexicana* – Northern Range forest canopy, Trinidad  
**Speckled Tanager** *Tangara guttata* – Northern Range forest, Trinidad  
**Bay-headed Tanager** *Tangara gyrola* – AWNC grounds and Northern Range, Trinidad  
**Blue Dacnis** *Dacnis cayana* – Seen on Trinidad in multiple habitats  
**Green Honeycreeper** *Chlorophanes spiza* – Daily feeder bird at AWNC  
**Purple Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes caeruleus* – Daily AWNC feeder visitor  
**Red-legged Honeycreeper** *Cyanerpes cyaneus* – At AWNC and wayside stop on Tobago  
**Blue-black Grassquit** *Volatinia jacarina* – Nariva Swamp on Trinidad  
**Sooty Grassquit** *Tiaris fuliginosus* - Savannah on Trinidad  
**Black-faced Grassquit** *Tiaris bicolor* – In grassy tufts and fence alongside road on Tobago  
**Grassland Yellow-Finch** *Sicalis luteola* – Arima Agricultural Station, Trinidad  
**Grayish Saltator** *Saltator coerulescens* – Aripo Savannah, Trinidad  
**Yellow-hooded Blackbird** *Chrysomus icterocephalus* – Nariva Swamp, Trinidad  
**Red-breasted Blackbird** *Sturnella militaris* – Arima Agricultural Station, Trinidad  
**Carib Grackle** *Quiscalus lugubris* – Common roadside bird, Trinidad  
**Shiny Cowbird** *Molothrus bonariensis* – Arima Agricultural Station, Trinidad  
**Giant Cowbird** *Molothrus oryzivorus* - On trail near Cuffie R. R.  
**Yellow Oriole** *Icterus nigrogularis* – on AWNC grounds  
**Yellow-rumped Cacique** *Cacicus cela* – Brasso Secco, Trinidad  
**Crested Oropendola** *Psarocolius decumanus* – Common bird, seen daily on both islands  
**Trinidad Euphonia** *Euphonia trinitatis* – Savanna, Trinidad  
**Violaceous Euphonia** *Euphonia violacea* – Common bird seen near both lodges

182 species

*List compiled by Dodie Logue.*

*This ten-day Classic Two Island tour was organized by Caligo Ventures and led by expert local guide David Ramlal from the Asa Wright Nature Centre (AWNC), on Trinidad and by Gladwyn James and Cuffie River's lead guide, Desmond, on Tobago. Six nights at AWNC allowed for field trips around the island. Tour escort Dodie Logue provides a lively narrative which can be found on caligo.com. 182 species were recorded.*

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