



## Cuba Species List March 10-19, 2016

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### BIRDS

- West Indian Whistling Duck (*Dendrocygna arborea*)** – Seen in the Cayo Coco area
- Muscovy Duck (*Cairina moschata*)** – Seen on our very first day heading to Cayo Coco
- American Wigeon (*Anas americana*)** – A solo female in the water near our Cuban Black Hawk on Cayo Guillermo
- Blue-winged Teal (*Anas discors*)** – Most all were seen on Cayo Guillermo
- Northern Shoveler (*Anas clypeata*)** – Mostly on Cayo Guillermo in the same lagoon as the teal
- Green-winged Teal (*Anas crecca*)** – One seen near the Blue-winged teal flock at Cayo Guillermo
- Lesser Scaup (*Aythya affinis*)** – Seen along the Cayo Coco causeway
- Red-breasted Merganser (*Mergus serrator*)** – Six were seen from the Cayo Coco causeway
- Ruddy Duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*)** – A single individual on a pond on the drive up to Topas de Collantes
- Helmeted Guineafowl (*Numida meleagris*)** – We saw six and then two of this feral species
- Pied-billed Grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps*)** – One seen on the Cayo Coco causeway
- American Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber*)** – Nice-sized flocks on Cayo Coco causeway
- Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*)** – One seen flying over the lagoon at La Salina de Brito
- Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*)** – A few were seen on the causeway to Cayo Coco
- Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*)** – Seen on the reservoir constructed for the Pan-American rowing events
- Double-crested Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax auritus*)** – The most common cormorant everywhere
- Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*)** – A nice male was seen with wings spread at the crocodile farm
- American White Pelican (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*)** – Seen with Frank out on La Salina de Brito
- Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*)** – Scattered, really only about a half-dozen were seen
- Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*)** – Scattered everywhere, and a few Great White Herons
- Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)** – Same as the Great Blue Heron
- Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*)** – Not very common anywhere, our first was on Cayo Coco
- Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*)** – Our first were three individuals out on Cayo Guillermo
- Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*)** – Common bird at this time of year, especially out on Cayo Coco
- Reddish Egret (*Egretta rufescens*)** – We saw three (including one white phase) at Cayo Guillermo
- Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)** – The most common egret, seen almost everywhere
- Green Heron (*Butorides virescens*)** – Our best look was in the on our hike in Topes de Collantes

**White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*)** – Sporadic at best, and usually in flocks

**Roseate Spoonbill (*Platalea ajaja*)** – Not seen anywhere but on the causeway to Cayo Coco

**Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*)** – Ubiquitous everywhere

**Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)** – Surprising how uncommon given all the water and fish in Cuba. Seen on Cayo Coco

**(E) Gundlach’s Hawk (*Accipiter gundlachi*)** – All of us got to see at least two birds soaring overhead at Topas de Collantes

**(E) Cuban Black Hawk (*Buteogallus gundlachi*)** – We got good looks at one perched close to the road on Cayo Guillermo

**Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*)** – An adult and an immature were soaring overhead at Topas de Collantes

**Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*)** – First was seen with the above two Broad-winged Hawks

**Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinicus*)** – A couple at the pond across from the crocodile farm

**Common Gallinule (*Gallinula galeata*)** – One seen in the roadside drainage channel just off of the causeway

**American Coot (*Fulica americana*)** – The most common water bird on freshwater

**Black-bellied Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*)** – Two seen flying and calling at Cayo Guillermo

**Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferus*)** – Only two seen, one at Cayo Coco and one at Playa Larga

**Northern Jacana (*Jacana spinosa*)** – A very cooperative bird at the crocodile farm

**Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularius*)** – At least two were seen along the Cayo Coco causeway

**Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*)** - Seen seen roosting at Cayo Guillermo

**Willet (*Tringa semipalmata*)** – A couple were seen at at Cayo Guillermo

**Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*)** – Seen along La Salina Brito Road

**Least Sandpiper (*Calidris minutilla*)** – The small peep found along the Malecon

**Laughing Gull (*Leucophaeus atricilla*)** – Not common, but seen in very small numbers on the ocean

**Ring-billed Gull (*Larus delawarensis*)** – One was seen from the Cayo Coco causeway

**Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus*)** – First one was seen as we drove the Cayo Coco causeway

**Caspian Tern (*Hydroprogne caspia*)** – Seen sporadically and mostly around saltwater lagoons

**Royal Tern (*Thalasseus maximus*)** – Most were seen in the Cayo Coco area and along the causeway

**Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*)** – Lots in most town and cities

**Scaly-naped Pigeon (*Patagioenas squamosa*)** – We saw about a dozen in our hike in the Topas de Collantes

**White-crowned Pigeon (*Patagioenas leucocephala*)** – Seen by a few at Soroa on our second night

**Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*)** – Not as common as in the U.S, but around habitations

**Common Ground Dove (*Columbina passerina*)** – Scattered throughout the countryside

**Ruddy Quail Dove (*Geotrygon montana*)** – Seen at Soroa by a couple in our group

**Key West Quail Dove (*Geotrygon chrysia*)** – Two different individuals at the “Cave” on Cayo Coco

**White-winged Dove (*Zenaida asiatica*)** – Scattered throughout the island

**Zenaida Dove (*Zenaida aurita*)** – Good looks at two pairs on Cayo Coco

**Mourning Dove (*Zenaida macroura*)** – Everywhere, the most common dove

**Mangrove Cuckoo (*Coccyzus minor*)** – One was seen flying across La Salina Brito Road

**Great Lizard-Cuckoo (*Coccyzus merlini*)** – Great looks numerous times during the tour

**Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*)** – Everyday near transitions zones of trees and pasture

**Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*)** – Seen flying across the road on our late night drive to Cayo Coco

**(E) Bare-legged Owl (*Margarobyas lawrencii*)** – Orlando showed us one that popped its head out of a palm tree

**(E) Cuban Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium siju*)** – At Playa Larga with Frank, sitting twenty-feet away in the open

**Stygian Owl (*Asio stygius*)** – Called over our heads for ten minutes but epiphytes blocked our view

**White-collared Swift (*Streptoprocne zonaris*)** – Three soaring overhead at Topas de Collantes

**Antillean Palm-Swift (*Tachornis phoenicobia*)** – Seen flying around Cueva del Indios

**(E) Bee Hummingbird (*Mellisuga helenae*)** – Orlando showed us about four of the smallest bird in the world

**Cuban Emerald (*Chlorostilbon ricordii*)** – The common hummingbird in Cuba

**(E) Cuban Trogon (*Priotelus temnurus*)** – Lots of good looks everywhere, especially Topas de Collantes 47

**(E) Cuban Tody (*Todus multicolor*)** – Best looks at this gawdy tody were on the road to the Wild Boar Cave

**Belted Kingfisher (*Megaceryle alcyon*)** – Seen at an rr break along the highway to Havana

**West Indian Woodpecker (*Melanerpes superciliaris*)** – Seen at its nesting cavity along La Salina de Brito Road

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus varius*)** – Seen well at Seen around our hotel at Topas de Collantes

**(E) Cuban Green Woodpecker (*Xiphidiopicus percussus*)** – Great looks at Cueva de Pasces

**Northern Flicker (*Colaptes auratus*)** – We one this year at Topes de Collantes

**(E) Fernandina’s Flicker (*Colaptes fernandinae*)** – Heard during our orchid garden tour, never able to find it

**Crested Caracara (*Caracara cheriway*)** – Two different birds flew and perched along the road to Cayo Guillermo

**American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*)** – The white-breasted form was common everywhere

**Pergrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)** -- Seen perched on the tallest dead tree on La Salina de Brito

**Cuban Parrot (*Amazona leucocephala*)** – Seen very well at our Playa Larga lodging

**(E) Cuban Parakeet (*Psittacara euops*)** – First flock was seen during lunch at Mi Rietro

**Eastern Wood-Pewee (*Contopus virens*)** – Seen in Los Brejemes with Orlando

**Cuban Pewee (*Contopus caribaeus*)** – Lots of close views of this pewee feeding low in the vegetation

**La Sagra’s Flycatcher (*Myiarchus sagrae*)** – Not too many, but the best look was on Cayo Coco

**Gray Kingbird (*Tyrannus dominicensis*)** – Seen by the bar at Las Terrazas

**Loggerhead Kingbird (*Tyrannus caudifasciatus*)** – Common and rowdy

**(E) Cuban Vireo (*Vireo gundlachii*)** – Came out to the edge of the road on our first day at Cayo Coco

**Black-whiskered Vireo (*Vireo altiloquus*)** – Seen very well at our rr stop between Cayo Coco and Trinidad

**(E)Cuban Crow (*Corvus nasicus*)** – Only one was seen on the drive to Playa Larga

**Cuban Martin (*Progne cryptoleuca*)** – All of us got looks at the martins flying and perched at Cayo Coco

**Tree Swallow (*Tachycineta bicolor*)** – Small flocks were very infrequent

**Cave Swallow (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*)** – Numerous individuals seen flying out of Cueva del Indios

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila caerulea*)** – Seen on Cayo Coco with a flock near the Cuban Gnatcatcher

**(E) Cuban Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila lembeyi*)** – Out along the road at Cayo Coco

**(E) Cuban Solitaire (*Myadestes elisabeth*)** – It took a while, but we finally saw one at Cueva del Indios

**Swainson's Thrush (*Catharus ustulatus*)** – We had three or four while looking for the Cuban Solitaire at Cueva del Indios

**Red-legged Thrush (*Turdus plumbeus*)** – Common and absolutely drop-dead gorgeous

**Gray Catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*)** – Common and absolutely secretive

**Northern Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*)** – Even more common than the thrush and always singing

**Ovenbird (*Seiurus aurocapilla*)** – Good looks at various locations with lots of understory

**Worm-eating Warbler (*Helmitheros vermivorum*)** – Seen by a few on our return to Soroa

**Louisiana Waterthrush (*Parkesia motacilla*)** – Great looks at the one up Topas de Collantes

**Northern Waterthrush (*Parkesia noveboracensis*)** – One was seen on our day in Cayo Coco

**Black-and-white Warbler (*Mniotilta varia*)** – Seen at Cueva de Pesces

**Tennessee Warbler (*Oreothlypis peregrina*)** – Seen at Hemingway's Vinca Vieja

**Nashville Warbler (*Oreothlypis ruficapilla*)** – Seen with Orlando at Bermejas

**Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*)** – On our first day in Cayo Coco with a mixed warbler flock

**American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*)** – On our Cuban Screech Owl walk with Orlando

**Cape May Warbler (*Setophaga tigrina*)** – Not too many, but enough for all to get good looks

**Northern Parula (*Setophaga americana*)** – One of the more common warblers we saw

**Yellow Warbler (*Setophaga petechia*)** – Seen in a mixed flock on Cayo Coco

**Black-throated Blue Warbler (*Setophaga caerulescens*)** – One of the more common warblers, seen well at the cave drip

**Palm Warbler (*Setophaga palmarum*)** – Common usually seen in small feeding flocks

**Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Setophaga coronata*)** – One was seen in the mixed warbler flock on Cayo Coco

**Yellow-throated Warbler (*Setophaga dominica*)** – Seen at the crocodile farm feeding in the palms

**Prairie Warbler (*Setophaga discolor*)** – Seen every other day in various habitats

**Black-throated Green Warbler (*Setophaga virens*)** – Seen on our return to our lodging at Soroa

**(E) Yellow-headed Warbler (*Teretistris fernandinae*)** – We saw a few of these at Los Brummeles

**(E) Oriente Warbler (*Teretistris fornsi*)** – On our very first day at Cayo Coco

**Bananaquit (*Coereba flaveola*)** – Seen at the swimming hole in Topas de Collantes

**(E) Cuban Grassquit (*Tiaris canorus*)** – We saw about twenty at a hog farm near Las Terrazas

**Yellow-faced Grassquit (*Tiaris olivaceus*)** – Fairly common along roadside grasses

**Cuban Bullfinch (*Melopyrrha nigra*)** – Seen regularly on most roadsides

**Western Spindalis (*Spindalis zena*)** – Very good looks on Cayo Coco

**Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*)** – Seen at Hemingway's Vinca Vieja

**(E) Red-shouldered Blackbird (*Agelaius assimilis*)** – In a mixed flock of blackbirds at Topas de Collantes

**Tawny Shouldered Blackbird (*Agelaius humeralis*)** – In a mixed flock of blackbirds at Topas de Collantes

**Eastern Meadowlark (*Sturnella magna*)** – Two birds at the hog farm near Las Terrazas

**(E) Cuban Blackbird (*Dives atrovioleceus*)** – In a mixed flock of blackbirds at Topas de Collantes

**Greater Antillean Grackle (*Quiscalus niger*)** – Everywhere!

**Shiny Cowbird (*Molothrus bonariensis*)** – A few individuals at the hog farm near Las Terrazas

**(E) Cuban Oriole (*Icterus melanopsis*)** – First seen at Topes de Collantes

**House Sparrow** – Fortunately, not common...

## HERPS

**Common Brown Anole (*Anolis sagrei*)** – A native here in Cuba, widespread.