



Cuba People to People Tour
16 – 25 February, 2017
Tour Species List
Compiled by guide Greg Smith

- (RE) West Indian Whistling Duck** (*Dendrocygna arborea*) – A flock of fifteen on the roof at Cayo Coco
- 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
- Northern Pintail** (*Anas*) – On Cayo Guillermo at the wastewater treatment plant
- Red-breasted Merganser** (*Mergus serrator*) – A few were out along the causeway to Cayo Coco
- Pied-billed Grebe** (*Podilymbus podiceps*) – One seen crocodile farm outside of Playa Larga
- Greater Flamingo** (*Phoenicopterus ruber*) – Huge flock on Cayo Coco causeway, also Cayo Guillermo
- Magnificent Frigatebird** (*Fregata magnificens*) – A few were seen on the causeway out at Cayo Guillermo
- Neotropic Cormorant** – Two were busy fluttering their gular pouches at the crocodile farm
- Double-crested Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax auritus*) – A few were seen anytime we were near salt water
- American White Pelican** – Only a few seen on the causeway out to Cayo Coco
- Brown Pelican** (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) – Scattered, along the Cayo shores on the north side of Cuba
- 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 sighting was of three individuals on Cayo Paredon Grande
- Tricolored Heron** (*Egretta tricolor*) – Best look was at an adult on Cayo Paredon Grande
- 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 our morning walk at Playa Larga
- Black-crowned Night-Heron** (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) – Heard near Soroa while owling
- Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** (*Nyctanassa violacea*) – Seen on Cayo Coco on our first day
- White Ibis** (*Eudocimus albus*) – Sporadic at best, and usually in flocks
- Glossy Ibis** (*Plegadis falcinellus*) – A few were seen at the wastewater treatment plant on Cayo Coco
- Roseate Spoonbill** (*Ajaia ajaja*) – Not seen anywhere but on Cayo Coco
- Turkey Vulture** (*Cathartes aura*) – Ubiquitous
- Osprey** (*Pandion haliaetus*) – Surprising how uncommon given all the water & fish in Cuba. Seen on Coco
- Swallow-tailed Kite** (*Elanoides forficatus*) – What a treat have 20 soar over us while looking at Snail Kite
- Snail Kite** (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*) – We saw at least four at the fish farm on the National Highway
- (E) Cuban Black Hawk** (*Buteogallus gundlachi*) – Good looks at two perched near the road

Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*) – An immature were soaring overhead at Topes de Collantes
Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*) – Seen soaring over Topes de Collantes
Purple Gallinule (*Porphyryla martinica*) – A solo bird at the pond across from the crocodile farm
Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*) – Four were seen at the crocodile farm
American Coot (*Fulica americana*) – Not at all common, but definitely present
Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) – Four were in the field across the highway from the kite ponds
Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*) – A dozen at the wastewater treatment plant on Cayo Coco
Black-bellied Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*) – – Two seen flying and calling at Cayo Guillermo
Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferous*) - Only two pairs were seen, one at Cayo Coco and one at Playa Larga
Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*) – Seen flying away on the Hemingway Bridge at Cayo Guillermo
Stilt Sandpiper (*Calidris himantopus*) – One seen in the ponds at the wastewater treatment plant
Short-billed Dowitcher (*Limnodromus griseus*) – Heard, then seen flying at the Cayo Coco wastewater
Long-billed Dowitcher (*Limnodromus scolopaceus*) – Seen at Cayo Coco wastewater treatment ponds
Spotted Sandpiper (*Actitis macularia*) – At least two were seen along Cayo Coco
Greater Yellowlegs (*Tringa melanoleuca*) – Seen roosting at Cayo Guillermo
Willet (*Catoptophorus semipalmatus*) – A couple were seen at at Cayo Guillermo
Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*) – Seen at the wastewater treatment ponds on Cayo Coco
Laughing Gull (*Larus atricilla*) – Not common, but seen in very small numbers along the coast
Ring-billed Gull (*Larus delawarensis*) – One was seen from the Cayo Coco causeway
Caspian Tern (*Hydroprogne caspia*)- Seen sporadically and mostly around saltwater lagoons
Royal Tern (*Sterna maxima*) – Most were seen in the Cayo Coco area and along the causeway
Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*) – Best looks were at Motesino's tobacco farm
(RE) Scaly-naped Pigeon (*Columba squaosia*) – We saw about a twenty in around Topes de Collantes
(RE) White-crowned Pigeon (*Columba leucocephala*) – Topes de Collantes
Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*) – Not as common as in the U.S, but around habitations
Common Ground Dove (*Columbina passerina*) – Best looks were at a pair with the Key West Quail-Doves
(E) Blue-headed Quail Dove (*Starnoenas cyanocephala*) – Seen at the Cueva de la Pesca restaurant
(RE) Key West Quail Dove (*Geotrygon chrysie*) – Good looks at two pairs on Cayo Coco
White-winged Dove (*Enaida asiatica*) – Scattered throughout the country
(RE) Zenaida Dove (*Enaida aurita*) - Good looks at two pairs on Cayo Coco
Mourning Dove (*Enaida macroura*) – Good looks at two pairs on Cayo Coco
Smooth-billed Ani (*Crotophaga ani*) – Everytime we were near transition zones of trees and pasture
Mangrove Cuckoo (*Coccyzus minor*) - One was heard calling out on Cayo Coco
(NE) Great Lizard Cuckoo (*Saurothera merlini*) – Great looks numerous times during the tour
(E) Cuban (Bare-legged) Screech Owl (*Otus lawrencii*) – Orlando showed us one in a palm tree
(E) Cuban Pygmy Owl (*Glaucidium siju*) – At Playa Larga with Frank, sitting forty-feet away in the open
(RE) Cuban Nightjar (*Antrostomus cubanensis*) – F ive or six seen on our night drive to Cayo Coco
(RE) Antillean Palm-Swift (*Tachornis phoenicobia*) – Seen flying around Topes de Collantes
(E) Bee Hummingbird (*Mellisuga helenae*) – Orlando showed us two of the smallest bird in the world
(NE) Cuban Emerald (*Chlorostilbon ricordii*) – The common hummingbird in Cuba
(E) Cuban Trogon (*Priotelus temnurus*) – Lots of good looks everywhere, especially Topes de Collantes
(E) Cuban Tody (*Todus multicolor*) – Best looks at this gawdy tody were on the road to Wild Boar Cave
Belted Kingfisher (*Ceryle alcyon*) – Seen along the Bay of Pigs at two locations
(NE) West Indian Woodpecker (*Melanerpes superciliaris*) – At a nesting cavity next to our Cayo C resort
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus varius*) – Seen well around our hotel at Topes de Collantes

(E) Cuban Green Woodpecker (*Xiphidiopicus percussus*) – Great looks at Cueva de Pasces
Northern Flicker (*Colaptes auratus*) – We had a number of these this year at Topes de Collantes
Crested Caracara (*Caracara plancus*) – different birds flew and perched along the road to Cayo Guillermo
American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*) – The Cuban white-breasted form was common everywhere
(E) Cuban Parakeet (*Aratinga euops*) – A flock of about fifteen were seen at Las Bermejas
(NE) Cuban Parrot (*Amazona leucocephala*) – Good looks at two pairs on Cayo Coco
(NE) Cuban Pewee (*Contopus caribaeus*) – Lots of close views of this pewee feeding low in vegetation
(NE) La Sagra's Flycatcher (*Myiarchus sagrae*) – Only one seen was at Las Bermejas
(RE) Loggerhead Kingbird (*Tyrannus caudifasciatus*) – Common and rowdy and in most habitats
(RE) Thick-billed Vireo (*Vireo crassirostris*) – Great looks at calling birds out on Cayo Paredon Grande
(E) Cuban Vireo (*Vireo gundlachii*) – Came out to the edge of the road on our first day at Cayo Coco
Yellow-throated Vireo (*Vireo flavifrons*) – Seen twice on the trip at Topes de Collantes & Soroa
(NE) Cuban Crow (*Corvus nasicus*) – A small group of four were seen at Topes de Collantes
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila caerulea*) – Seen on our Topes de Collantes hike
(E) Cuban Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila lembeyi*) – Seen well along the coast on Cayo Romano
(E) Cuban Solitaire (*Myadestes elisabeth*) – Great looks at a bird outside of Cuevas de Los Indios
(RE) Red-legged Thrush (*Turdus plumbeus*) – Common in all areas of the country
Gray Catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*) – Not very common, but seen a number of days
(RE) Bahama Mockingbird (*Mimus gundlachii*) – Saw two different birds out on Cayo Guillermo
Northern Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*) – Everywhere and very vocal
Ovenbird (*Seiurus aurocapilla*) – Seen in the understory of Los Bermejas
Worm-eating Warbler (*Helmitheros vermivorum*) – Three different birds gave everyone good looks
Louisiana Waterthrush (*Parkesia motacilla*) – Good looks at an individual in Topes de Collantes
Northern Waterthrush (*Parkesia noveboracensis*) – Seen on a couple of days during the trip
Black-and-White Warbler (*Mniotilt varia*) – Never get tired of looking at these striped tree crawlers
Swainson's Warbler (*Limnothlypis swainsonii*) – Seen by two folks in the group at Los Helechos
Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*) – Best look was probably in the bee hummingbird back yard
American Redstart (*Septophaga ruticilla*) – Probably the second most common warbler of the trip
Cape May Warbler (*Setophaga tigrina*) – Mostly at Topes de Collantes, but a stunning male at Soroa
Northern Parula (*Setophaga americana*) – One of the more common warblers on the trip
Yellow Warbler (*Setophaga petechial*) – Only a few were seen, and mostly on the Cayos
Black-throated Blue Warbler (*Setophaga caerulescens*) – Another fairly common warbler, and stunning
Palm Warbler (*Setophaga palmarum*) – Maybe the most common warbler on our trip
(NE) Olive-capped Warbler (*Setophaga pityophila*) – Great looks after our organic farm lunch in Vinales
Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Setophaga coronata*) – Only one was seen and that was at Topes de Collantes
Yellow-throated Warbler (*Setophaga dominica*) – Another striking warbler that was seen almost daily
Prairie Warbler (*Setophaga discolor*) – Seen in Topes de Collantes near the coffee demonstration plant
Black-throated Green Warbler (*Setophaga virens*) – Seen on our day's lunch before heading into Havana
(E) Yellow-headed Warbler (*Teretistris fernandinae*) – We saw a few of these at Los Bermejas, and at
(E) Oriente Warbler (*Teretistris fornsi*) – On our very first day at Cayo Coco, of course
Red-legged Honeycreeper (*Cyanerpes cyaneus*) – Seen in Topes de Collantes and a few other locations
(E) Cuban Grassquit (*Tiaris canora*) – Great looks at the ranch just before heading into Havana
Yellow-faced Grassquit (*Tiaris olivacea*) – Seen most day on the main island of Cuba
(NE) Cuban Bullfinch (*Melopyrrha nigra*) – Vary common out on Cayo Coco

(RE) Stripe-headed Tanager (Western Spindalis) (*Spindalis zena*) – Best looks after lunch before Havana
(E) Cuban (Zapata) Sparrow (*Torreocornis inexpectata*) – Outstanding looks at a pair on Cayo Coco
Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*) – An adult female was very patient and confiding at the orchid house
(NE) Tawny Shouldered Blackbird (*Agelaius humeralis*) – In a mixed blackbird flock at Topes de Collantes
(E) Cuban Blackbird (*Dives atrovioacea*) – Seen most every day of the trip while on the big island
(RE) Greater Antillean Grackle (*Quiscalus niger*) – Seen every day of the trip except in Havana
(E) Cuban (Black-cowled) Oriole (*Icterus melanopsis*) – Best looks were at the crocodile farm
Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*) – Seen out on Cayo Coco and at Topes de Collantes
House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) – Not overly common, but still too many

(E) Endemic, found only in Cuba

(NE) Near-endemic, found in Cuba and one or two other islands

(RE) Regional endemic, found in Caribbean

TOTAL: 128 Species – 18 Endemics